



# Hutt Valley High School News

## Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

This is a complex time of year. We are in a phase where senior students have completed their derived grade examinations and are in a revision/tutorial period as we move through the last scheduled classes before their examination leave for externals begins. For some, we will be making individual arrangements to do Boost work to help them secure additional credits to try to ensure their success. For many students – and not just at Year 13 – the activity is overlaid with an approaching time when they will leave Hutt Valley High School. That affects different people in different ways, from the wistful and nostalgic to a burgeoning sense of readiness for the next phase of life, whether that is the workplace or – as for most – further study at a Polytech, training institute or University. In parallel with those emotions is a series of messages celebrating success, even as students prepare for challenges to some. Some of those successes are recorded in this newsletter, as students receive news of scholarships and awards from outside the school, mainly from universities. It's great to see the academic talent here recognised by those outside the school. Each of those scholarships rewards sustained endeavour and the academic rigour that will lead to future further success. In the school itself, we enjoy a series of awards events where we celebrate the strength of our students.

This week there were the Media Department's HOSCARS, a great evening where short films are screened in an atmosphere of premiere style dress-up, with a strong competitive stance accompanied by a jovial and mutually supportive eye for each other's films. It's a fun night and one that is all about creativity and talent. Then last night we held the third Te Whanau a Hotuwaipara Awards. This was a terrific evening celebrating Maori success, and the momentum the event has created is brilliant. Many of the awards we present have been donated to us by people who have attended one of the two previous events and been struck by the raw power of an evening that recognises national-level success across school activity in sports, culture

and the academic. Guest speaker Joe Williams, a High Court judge, told me how he felt that power and it's great to see that it affects those outside the school as much as it does those of us who work here.

Next week we move to three more events celebrating success. One of those is the Gateway evening where we recognise about 65 students who have thrived this year in the Gateway programme. Another is the Art Department's display afternoon on Thursday 5.00 to 6.00 pm where the folios of student work are displayed. Those who have attended previous years' displays will know just how interesting and compelling the work is. The third event is the Hutt Valley High School Sports Awards, which we instituted last year as a separate evening. We did so because the sheer talent here is incredible and we could not do it justice by including sports in wider prizegivings; there is just too much that needs to be recognised and it needs to be given the space to be properly appreciated. The Sports Awards are on Tuesday at 6.30 pm.

After those events we move to our formal prizegivings, beginning with Year 11 and Year 12 ceremonies on Friday 4 November. Because of the size of the year groups we have one ceremony for each separate year level, and parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend. These are the culminating moments of the academic year, where we recognise, congratulate and celebrate those whose examples provide the academic role models for the school. It's a time of year that we can truly enjoy, as it offers the chance to celebrate who we are and what we do.

Ross Sinclair  
Principal



## Congratulations to:

- ★ HVHS Speech Competition 2016:  
Junior winner was **Eva Oliver** 9SPPF.  
Intermediate winner was **Meli Pitolua** 11SR  
Senior winner was **Bonnie Jansen** 13KN
- ★ **Bonnie** also represented HVHS in the Stockley Cup - the Wellington Secondary Schools Speech finals held at Parliament.
- ★ Congratulations to **Troix Kokich** 13FX who has been awarded a Massey University High Achiever Scholarship in both Art and Academic for 2017 worth \$3,000 each.
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who have received a Victoria University Excellence Scholarship for 2017 worth \$5,000:  
**Mary-Florence Bleasdale** 13LR  
**Eireanne Millikin** 13BA  
**Matthew Nocete** 13SI  
**Briar Pawson** 13LN  
**Adam Xiong** 13HO
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who have received a Victoria University Achiever Scholarship for 2017 worth \$5,000:  
**Maraea Iwikau** 13JD  
**Ashleigh Watson** 13DD
- ★ **Elise Matthews** 9HLYN placed second (silver medal) in her age group and division in both Kata and Kumite (sparing) at the GKR Karate National championship last weekend.
- ★ Congratulations to **Hazel Sisson** 13FX who has been selected for an Auckland University 2017 Faculty of Science Entry Level Undergraduate Scholarship worth \$3,000.
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who have gained a Victoria University Outreach Scholarship for 2017 worth \$1600:  
**Maraea Iwikau** 13JD  
**Loveaiya Smith** 13JD

## HVHS APP

HVHS now have a Mobile App for notices, events and other important School messages. To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link. <http://onelink.to/w5btdp>



## Looking Ahead

### October

- 24 Labour Day Holiday
- 25-26 Level 2 Health and Safety Course**
- 25 HVHS Sports Awards, 6.30 pm
- 26 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm**
- 26 HVHS Rock Concert, 7.00 pm
- 27-28 Level 2 Health and Safety Course**
- 27 HVHS Art Show, 5.00 pm
- 27 HVHS Gateway Function, 6.30 pm**
- 31-1 Nov Level 3 Health and Safety Course

### November

- 2-3 Level 2 Health and Safety Course**
- 3 Last day for Year 13 students
- 4 Year 12 Prizegiving, 9.00 am**
- 4 Year 11 Prizegiving, 11.45 am
- 7-11 International Student Camp**
- 8 Year 9-10 Maori and Pasifika Science Trip
- 10 NCEA Exams begin**
- 11 Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations
- 14-22 Year 9 Camps**
- 24-29 Year 10 Exams
- 28, 30 Year 9 Water Safety Days**
- 30 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

### December

- 1 Year 9 Water Safety Day
- 5 Year 13 Prizegiving**
- 6-7 Year 12 Student Leaders Camp
- 6 Year 10 Sports Tournament**
- 6 LSU End of Year Show
- 7-8 Year 11 Leadership Course**
- 7-9 Year 10 Production
- 8-13 Contributing school music tour**

## Parents Learning Difficulty Support Group

Does your child have dyslexia? Or any other Specific Learning Difficulty that makes learning a challenge for them?

You are welcome to come along to the next Parents Learning Difficulty Support Group meeting, Tuesday 2 October at 7.00 pm in the HVHS Staffroom.

For any further information please contact Kirsten Edie on [kirsten.edie@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:kirsten.edie@hvhs.school.nz)

## End of Year details for Senior Students

**Wednesday 19 October to Wednesday 2 November**  
Normal classes for all senior students

**Thursday 3 November**

Year 11 and 12 students - normal classes  
Year 13 students - final day with a student led assembly in Spell 3 and Principal's BBQ

**Friday 4 November**

Year 12 Prizegiving - 9.00 am, school hall  
Year 11 Prizegiving - 11.45 am, school hall

**Monday 5 December**

Year 13 Graduation Ceremony - 7.00 pm, Hutt City Church

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## Te Hotuwaipara Maori Awards Evening

*Hakinakina Sportsperson of the Year:*

**Mikayla Lewin** 12CV

*Toi Whakaari Performing Arts person of the Year:*

**Zane Taylor** 13JD

*Outstanding Maori Student Awards:*

Junior - **Jhansi Hawkins** 10OA and **Tyson Kingi** 10WS  
Senior – **Maraea Iwikau** 13JD and **Vidal McEwan** 13JD

*Top Academic Students:*

Year 9 - **Donnelle Walker** 9BKTS and **Oliver Pickering** 9HABL

Year 10 - **Alani Sherrard** 10HU and **Elijah Schwamm** 10FR

Year 11 - **Safari Hynes** 11SR and **Ruby Burley-Smith** 11ME

Year 12 - **Finn Neely** 12DN and **Mikayla Lewin** 12CV

Year 13 - **Tayah King** 13SI and **Jasper Ford** 13SI

Thanks to our Kapa Haka students for their wonderful performance: **Sophia Ali, Nanaia Himona, Safari Hynes, Maraea Iwikau, Mikayla Lewin, Jahdina Matagi, Logan Matete, Vidal McEwan, Sithmi Nambukarawasam Maha Sarangu Hewage, Paris Nicholson, Pearl Paranihi-Nuku, Mason Pope, Joshua Roberts, Tane Rolfe, William Rua, Khushboo Singh, Wiremu Trass and Donnelle Walker.**

The winner of the raffle was Hugh Williams.

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## Office and Resource Centre closure

The Office and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 26 October between 8.30 and 9.30 am due to whole school professional development.

## Maths Help Room

Do you need help with getting ready for the end of year exams? The Maths Help Room has teachers available to help students of all year levels covering work from Achieved up to Excellence. We have Chromebooks available for MyMaths homework or other work online. The help room runs every Wednesday after school in B21.

Email [jill.skinner@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:jill.skinner@hvhs.school.nz) if you have any questions.

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## Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations

These will take place on Friday 11 November. The online booking system is now open for parents and caregivers to book their appointments.

To book your Learning Conversation online go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>, enter the event code q3zrc and follow the instructions. Alternatively please contact Jill Wheeler who will book the appointment for you - [jill.wheeler@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:jill.wheeler@hvhs.school.nz) or phone 566 4584 ext 8819.

Please note that there will be no regular subject classes run on this day. Students in Year 9 and 10 will come in for their Learning Conversation, but will not be required for the rest of the day.

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## 2016 NZQA Information

*NCEA fee payment direct to NZQA*

- Payment of NCEA fees via the school had closed
- NZQA will accept 2016 fees directly from candidates. Candidates can log in to the NZQA website and pay their 2016 fees online using the learner login.

*Late fees and reminders*

- Any NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship payments made after 1 December 2016 will incur a late fee of \$50
- NZQA will send a letter to all affected candidates by late October reminding them they have unpaid 2016 fees.

*Admission Slips to the Nov-Dec NCEA Exams*

- Students will receive their NCEA Exam Admission Slips after they complete their school exams in weeks 1-2 of Term 4
- These slips will have the exams that students are entered into, the date and the time.

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## Term dates - 2017

- Term 1** Monday 30 January - Thursday 13 April
- Term 2** Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July
- Term 3** Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September
- Term 4** Monday 16 October - Tuesday 12 December