



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Mid Term Break - Monday 4 September

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As many teams complete their local winter sports competitions, including several teams with finals, many students are also preparing for next week's national Winter Sports Week. There are 168 students out of school next week at locations around the country, along with a number of staff and, most crucially, a number of parent/caregiver coaches, managers and "cherishers". The week of activity simply could not happen without the huge support from families/whanau. Thank you to those who are taking unpaid time from work, taking annual leave days that they will not see replaced, and who are incurring considerable personal expense, all in the interests of sport, their children, the school, and the wider reward that is the sense of community spirit that national tournament play generates. Best of luck to travelling teams as you set out to offer vigorous, hard-nosed but always fair competition to schools across New Zealand.

For those wanting to see sport tonight, our teams in competition are:

Basketball Seniors (All games 6pm) at ASB Kilbirnie
HVHS Premier Girls vs St Mary's - Court 3 - Premier FINAL
HVHS 3 Girls vs St Catherines - Court 2 - Div 3 FINAL
HVHS 2 Boys vs St Pat's Silverstream - Court 6 - Div 5 FINAL

Under Water Hockey Juniors at Kilbirnie Pool
Junior Open vs HIBS Div 1 FINAL 8.42pm
Junior Girls vs Wellington Girls - Div 1 FINAL 8.20pm

Next week's teams are:

Badminton	Napier
Junior Boys' Basketball	New Plymouth
Senior Boys' Basketball	Palmerston North
Girls' Football	Taupo
Boys' Football	Palmerston North
Golf	Napier
Gymnastics	Auckland
Girls' Hockey	Blenheim
Boys' Hockey	Whanganui
Netball	New Plymouth
Rugby	Dannevirke
Underwater Hockey	Mount Maunganui

That is a huge commitment from a great number of people. Best wishes as you represent Hutt Valley High School in elite sporting competition.

And finally, a reminder that Monday 4 September is a holiday for mid-term break. School and the school office will be closed for the day. We hope you have a relaxing break and take the opportunity to shake off some of those winter ailments.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Term dates - 2018

Term 1 Monday 29 January (TOD) - Friday 13 April
Term 2 Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July
Term 3 Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September
Term 4 Monday 15 October - Thursday 13 December

Facebook Page for Tautoko

The Tautoko Supported Learning Centre (SLC) has a new facebook page.

Please search HVHS Tautoko– Supported Learning Centre or follow this link: [Facebook page for Tautoko](#)



Congratulations to:

★ Congratulations to **Gabriel King** 11OA, **Adam Bruce** 11OA and **Ethan Maxwell** 11OA who won the Maatangi Whenua - Year 11 Inter-school Geography Competition - held regionally; (an annual event); Title holders (2016 and again) in 2017.

Aroha String Quartet

On Tuesday of this week the Aroha String Quartet held their third and final day of the 2017 Chamber Music Residency by work-shopping and performing new compositions by HVHS students. This professional quartet (members of the NZSO) worked hard to play an amazing 26 composition written by Year 9 to 13 students.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for students to hear the notes they imagine and write down on paper come to life with perfect sound, tuning and articulation. Students creations really come to life in this situation. The Aroha String Quartet were impressed with the pieces and are thinking of taking some to China in the near future.

Free Legal Advice for Students

Mr Eugene Collins, Partner of Collins and May Law firm will be available to give free legal advice to Year 12 and 13 students each Thursday during lunch time (1.30 pm – 2.15 pm).

Please book an appointment with the HVHS Office.

Apps for NCEA

Twitter - @NCEAexams

The official NZQA Twitter profile, updating students on NCEA exams, and more.

Two App recommendations

1. NCEAGuide

NCEA Guide includes key content about the structure of NCEA, how the qualification is used after studying, how credits work, and how endorsements are earned. Users can also choose to view the content in English or Te Reo.

2. NCEAstudent

It complements the NCEA Guide App launched by NZQA last year to assist parents and employers to understand NCEA.

The free NCEA Student App has been developed to help students track their NCEA credit progress and set goals for further achievement.

Looking Ahead

September

3-8	Winter Sports Tournament Week
4	Mid Term Break - school closed
5	Dance Trip to DanceNZMade
6	Year 11 and 12 Geography Trip
7-11	Tactile Design Showcase - Dowse Museum
7-8, 11-12	Senior student course interviews
9	Poly Group Performing to Salvation Army
11-15	Year 13 Drama Production
14	Winter Sports Photos
16	Year 13 Leavers Ball
19	Year 11 MCAT Exam
20	Gateway End of Year Function
22	School Triathlon
25	Japan Trip departs
26	Sports Awards Ceremony
27	Board of Trustee Meeting, 5.30 pm

Winter Sports Photographs

Thursday 14 September

Times have been emailed out.

Scribblers Writing Club NZ Poetry Day

On Friday 25 August four students, plus a supporting audience of three, went to the Hutt Library to recite and perform their original poetry. These students: Billie Angus, Imali de Silva, Claudia Ingham, and Bailey Kilmartin gave poetry readings that wowed the appreciative audience of students from other schools and the general public.

The convener of the event had this to say about our students: *"Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to all of your students for their wonderful poetry readings today. There were some emotional, powerful and thought provoking moments for many of those in the audience, and these students poetry were part of this. It was lovely to have them contribute, and they each found a voice that sat well with the other young people's voices. There was a strong sense of support for each other, and of a collaborative sharing. I am sure you were as proud of each of them as we were"*.

This is the second year we have participated in this event and it promises to become an annual event.