



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This newsletter is written within a very quiet school, with just a few staff - mainly office and property - working to wrap up 2017 and set up systems for the new year.

We offer our thanks and best wishes to Year 13 students who have left school recently. As I said at the graduation prize-giving, the 2017 Year 13 cohort has been a group that have shown respect for themselves and for others, and I thank them for their five years at school and for the manner of their leaving us; we have not had issues such as have bedevilled other schools. Thank you all. Many of the now ex-students are already in their first job, or are working in holiday positions to pay the bills that will occur as they move to tertiary education at polytechs, universities or private providers. We've been very fortunate that our senior students have created a good reputation and that has led to requests from a variety of firms that we nominate students to take up an apprenticeship with them. Apprenticeships are gold dust, so it's great that we are able to match student with employer in such a win-win situation.

Thank you to all those who have supported the school this year. Each year well over 200 volunteers pitch in to make the school work, offering help in sports (we could not possibly have a thousand students playing sport without huge help), cultural events such as drama, music, dance, kapa haka, service events, clubs, activities, reader-writers, library, guidance, whanau activities, tramps and outdoor pursuits, and the latest pro bono steps involving specialist services such as legal support. We are enormously lucky that our community "gets" the state school ethos of pitching in to make our wider community hum.

Thank you to those who have made financial support a commitment, even against competing demands in your lives. For principals such as me, the financial pressure of the current settings is probably the single greatest grinding pressure of the job. Our school is fortunate that despite a ministry set on preaching that education is free, while operating a funding regimen that is always tough and sometimes nearly capricious (I'm thinking about property on that one), the community remains willing to donate so that we can offer a level of event well

beyond the bare bones that would otherwise occur. A special thanks, too, to those who responded for my request to help Women's Refuge and a small group of our families who are in real trouble. We've been able to help in those instances and your efforts have truly made a difference.

For those who provided infrastructure donations this year, there is work you have funded happening right now, and the interval and lunch areas used by students will soon have water fountains and more litter points in parts of the grounds identified by students as needing more beatification and more services. The infrastructure donations are paying for that work, and it is part of our desire to lift the overall presentation of student spaces so that they speak to our valuation of our students; over time we will build an environment that is an increasingly better place to be.

This newsletter will also go to the homes of those who will join the school as the Year 9 of 2018. You are entering a school that is working to create structures that fit the student, rather than expecting the student to fit the school. We are confident you will find a good place here; one with clear values centred on good citizenship and working for others, and one where the diversity of a large and varied community is valued as being reflective of wider New Zealand society. We hope that students experience a school life that is happy and productive, where success is celebrated and acclaimed, and where wellness is more than just a slogan, underpinning all that we do. Welcome to you and your families.

Meri Kirihimete!

Ross Sinclair
Principal



School Office Holiday Hours

The School Office will be closed from Friday 15 December.

We will reopen on Tuesday 23 January and will resume normal office hours of 8.00 am - 4.30 pm.



HVHS APP

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



Student Contact Details

Are your contact details changing over the holidays?

Its easy to forget to advise the school when you move house, change cell phones etc, but parents/caregivers are asked to contact the school and advise us of any changes to caregivers/address/phone/emergency contact details. As we move to more use of email, it is important we have your correct email address. Please update us either by phone or on the email address below:

Phone: 566 4584 or

Email: to principal@hvhs.school.nz

Teacher Aide Vacancy

Teacher Aide, permanent part time. This position is working with teenage students with a range of learning and/or behaviour difficulties. This position is permanent, up to 27 hours per week during term time only.

A position description and application form can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/about-us/vacancies/>

Applications close on 19 January 2018 and can be emailed to rachel.stevenson@hvhs.school.nz or posted to: Teacher Aide Application, Hutt Valley High School, Private Bag 31909, Lower Hutt 5040.

Uniform Costs - help available

Ministry of Social Development clients can now use MyMSD to apply online quickly and easily for help with school uniform and stationery costs.

A quote from the supplier needs to be uploaded and if the cost is approved text or email notification will be received. MSD will arrange a repayment plan.

Looking Ahead - 2018

January

- 30 Course Confirmation Day - Hall
Year 12 2018 - 11.00 am
Year 13 2018 - 1.00 pm
- 31 **Liaison Students Training Day**

February

- 1 Year 9 Only Day - buses resume
- 1 **New student Powhiri - 9.00 am**
- 1 Cultural and Sports Info Displays
- 2 **Full School Timetable**
Year 9 - 8.45 am start
Years 10-13 - 11.30 am start
- 6 Waitangi Day Holiday
- 9 **Year 9 Meet and Compete**
- 12-13 Year 13 PE Trip
- 14 **Year 9 Meet and Greet, 7.00 pm**
- 15-16 Year 13 PE Trip
- 16 **Full School Assembly**
- 19 **HVHS Athletics Day**

Term dates - 2018

- Term 1** Thursday 1 February - 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

Resource Centre Hours (Uniform Shop)

Resource Centre has closed for the holidays.

2018 Hours

Tuesday 23 January - Wednesday 31 January
10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Thursday 1 February - Friday 16 February
8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Monday 19 February - back to normal hours
Monday 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Tuesday 10.30 am – 4.00 pm
Wednesday 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Thursday 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Friday 10.30 am – 4.00 pm

Payment can be made using cash, cheque, Eftpos and credit cards. Prices can be found on our school website: <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/joining-hvhs/uniform/>

Please feel free to call on 570 3551 or email resourcecentre@hvhs.school.nz.

Congratulations

- ★ Congratulations, to **Leroy Paton-Goldsbury** 10HRR1 who has been offered a place as one of the MUSIC 2018 New Zealand Festival Student Ambassadors.
- ★ Congratulations to **Sam Zhu** 12WH who has been selected into the 2018 New Zealand Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra on Tuba.

Top Academic Students 2017

YEAR 13

Dux and 1st - Nisal Jayaneththi
Proxime Accessit and 2nd - Annabelle Sik
3rd - Chenchen Huang
4th - Andrea Clark
5th - Jack Wellwood

YEAR 12

1st - Jayme Maxwell
2nd - Rishabh Gandhi
3rd - Lydia Smith
4th - Nivran Bose
5th - Ronia Ibrahim

YEAR 11

1st - Peter Hazeldine
2nd - Ellie Pennington
3rd - Simon Buxton
4th - Sarah Codyre
5th - Maggie Tu

YEAR 10

Top Scholar Male - William Berry
Top Scholar Female - Nina Simmons
Top 10 - Tasneem Aung, William Berry, Claire Brownlie, Charlotte Coulson, Emma Hanson, Eleanor Humphrey, Alyssa Koo, Vivien Ren, Nina Simmons, Kieran Smith

YEAR 9

Top Scholar Male - Alistair Fox
Top Scholar Female - Molly Fairfield
Top 10 - Greta Burchell, Molly Fairfield, Rebecca George, Sakura Gregory, Charlotte Leach, Kate Luey, Brianna McKenzie, Shandin Neilson, Lea Pummer and Milla Walton-France

NCEA Notices 2017

Change of address and return of examination booklets

Students who have a permanent change of address after 5 December 2017 need to contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 before 31 December in order to update their details, to ensure their booklets get sent to the correct address.

Students will also need to contact the school so we can update our systems as well.

New Zealand Record of Achievement (NZRoA)

The NZRoA for students will not be updated with 2017 results until mid-January 2018. It will then be available in electronic format through the Learner login. Students are entitled to one hard copy free of charge, with further copies costing \$15.30 each.

Reviews and Reconsiderations

Applications for a review or a reconsideration of the 2017 external examination results close on 16 February 2018.

Further details are available [here](#), or search reviews and re considerations on the NZQA site.

Senior Course Confirmation Day 2018

Tuesday 30 January

Current Year 11 and 12 returning students who receive an email from the school in January 2018, or want to make changes to their course, must come to the hall to meet with Deans during the times below. Please bring your results slip from the NCEA examinations. Students do not need to be in uniform.

If you are happy with your courses and do not need to make any changes, you do not need to come in for course confirmation.

Times are as follows:

Year 12 2018 - 11.00 am in the school hall
 Year 13 2018 - 1.00 pm in the school hall

Stationery Lists

Stationery lists are on the website for Years 9 to 13 and the Supported Learning Centre. Please follow this link: <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/joining-hvhs/course-booklets1/>

Students will find out their options when they receive their timetable on their first day. Just a refill and pen is enough to bring along on the first day.