



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Today we have had the entire Year 12 of the school heading off to the Careers Expo. It's quite an exercise, but one that can be crucial as students start to firm up their sense of where they are heading. While it is true that many students have clear goals and know exactly what field they see themselves working in, for others the future is a somewhat shapeless and scary after the continuity and security of high school. As we work towards the later point of the year when students will be choosing their options, the more information about possibilities that fit them, the better. The school provides a strong careers service – we were one of EROs best practice schools in their recent publication on careers – but for some students there is always room for more discussion. Students who want to know more about particular jobs, qualifications or courses should make contact with the careers staff, who will help.

One group of our students last weekend were promoting science at the Hutt Science Discovery Day at the Dowse. We had a lovely message from Dr Anne Ryan the Director of Hutt Science thanking them: “Just a quick email to let you know how amazing the senior student volunteers were yesterday. Zaq, Riley, Anjuli, Anita, Hollie and Thushayini were so enthusiastic engaging with the hundreds of kids, parents and grandparents who came through the Dowse for Hutt Science Discovery Day. A big part of the success of the event was due to their fantastic approach to helping showcase science to our community.”

Meanwhile those who like to see student creativity might like to check out our school foyer, which continues to feature some brilliant garments made in Fashion Technology. The display item changes weekly. If you happen to be travelling further afield, as part of the forthcoming World Refugee Week, there is a Youth Art Exhibition in the Wellington Central Library from the 15-22 June. Art Work from four of our refugee students, Tharshan Kajenthiran, Vathshan Kajenthiran,

Daveensan Rajachettiar and Ahmad Morad will be included in this exhibition. This work was completed at a youth workshop run at Queen Margaret College in conjunction with the Refugee Trauma Recovery Agency.

This week we had an induction session for the new Board of Trustees. The Board is very keen to continue work on the Campus of the Future plan, and to work to further the strategic plan goals, with a very clear focus that everything they do is calculated to extend student success. That is not a surprise, of course, but to have their full and passionate commitment bodes well for the work we will do in coming months and years. The school is engaged in quite a substantial development programme, and all of it aimed at ensuring that we cater to the individual. That can be a challenge, but it is a core part of who we are. If we can also accompany that work with progress across the physical site, that would be of real benefit to students' sense of belonging and their ability to thrive here.

This week we have also seen the development of a school karakia. It's a small but significant step as we move our school culture to one that embraces the breadth of New Zealand society. Our diversity as a school is one of our greatest strengths, and each step we take that embraces that range and that extends our ability to respect each other's culture is that one small step closer to producing a safe and tolerant country.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Stacey Rodley** 13EL and **Nathan Cartmell** 9TANB for placing 1st in First Aid, 1st in Caregivers and 2nd in Pairs 3 and 4 and 3rd in Improvisation and 3rd in Communication which placed them 2nd overall in the recent St John's Competition.
- ★ **Dillon Nickel** 11NI got through to the final of the Wellington Regional Chamber Music Festival.
- ★ Two bands have been selected for the Wellington Rockquest Finals:
Dissimilar - **Luca Crampton** 11CR, **Zane Green** 11KG and **Eran de Silva** 11NI
City Talk - **Harrison Pratt** 11SR, **Ben Hubmann** 11SR and **Alex Scott-Billing** 11HK

Looking Ahead

June

- 19 Pacifica Beats Finals
- 19 **Coffee, Commerce and Culture at the Dowse**
- 22 St Marks lunchtime music concert
- 22 **Year 13 Chemistry Trip**
- 22 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
- 23 **Wanganui Sports Exchange - away**
- 24 Business Studies Market Day
- 24 **Rockquest Finals**
- 27-29 Year 13 Sport Trip 1
- 29-1 July **Year 13 Sport Trip 2**

July

- 4-8 Year 9 Eye Testing
- 8 **Last Day of Term 2**
- 9-24 School Holidays
- 25 **First Day of Term 3**
- 25-29 Year 11 Eye Testing
- 28 **Australian Mathematics Competition**

August

- 1 Closing date for Year 9 2017 out of zone enrolment applications
- 1-5 **Careers Week**
- 3 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
- 4 **Winter Sports Photos**
- 5 Year 13 Sport Mud Run
- 8-12 **Year 12 Drama Production**
- 10 **Young Enterprise Exam**

Year 9 and 11 Eyesight Screening

The Wellington Keratoconus Study (WELKS) is carrying out testing to find out how common an eye disease called Keratoconus is in secondary school children.

This study is being carried out by Capital Vision Research Trust with a grant from the Lions Clubs of New Zealand. Students in Year 9 & Year 11 are being offered free eye screening. This eye test is quick and painless and takes only 5 minutes. The testing may also find other eye issues.

Information has been emailed home and copies of the consent form given to students. Consent forms must be returned by Thursday 30 June. Only students who have parental consent are able to be screened.

Year 9's will be screened from 4-8 July and Year 11's from 25-29 July.

Entertainment Books are now on sale

Support Hutt Valley High School by buying through this link <http://www.entbook.co.nz/9a27709> or by contacting Suzanne Edwards, suzanne_edwards@xtra.co.nz.

All profits made go directly to the school!



OR



HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Business Studies

Market Day

Sun 19 June, 10am - 12pm

@ the Dowse Museum



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