



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I write this on Wednesday, and reflect on activities happening yesterday that are well worth recording.

One is the Learning Support Unit's annual production; this year Alice in Wonderland. This was a great effort by students for whom memorising script is often an enormous challenge, and it was captivating to see how they concentrated, how they supplied each other with cues as necessary, how they reminded others of where they should be standing, how they gave their best possible effort and took absolute pleasure in the audience response they generated. The staff of the LSU each year take on this massive amount of work, along with the preparation of the costumes and scenery, and their patience and tenacity and sheer love are evident in what the students produce for them and for their families. It really is remarkable.

Another activity yesterday was a new project undertaken by the Physical Education Department. Fresh off a major role in Year 9 Camps, and then running the Year 9 Water Safety Days, the PE staff have worked on offering a major leadership opportunity for Year 10. Class work in both Year 9 and Year 10 has focused on the New Zealand Curriculum's Key Competencies (particularly participating and contributing; managing self; thinking; and relating to others) and yesterday was an extension of that work for Year 10. The day was the Big 10 Challenge, a day where a series of sporting events was organised and run by Year 10 themselves. Every Year 10 student had a role of some kind in organising the whole year group into a sports tournament, within which were a series of mini tournaments. The students sorted out the draw, the teams, the officiating, and the participation of a staff team as well. This was, effectively, a whole day leadership exercise where the PE staff were present but "standing back" while the students made it happen. It was a new event for the school, and it resulted in a high participation day with lots of energy and smiling faces. The PE staff are wilting a little, but their work has been brilliant.

Elsewhere yesterday, next year's Year 13 leadership group of students have been away for an overnight camp where in addition to seeing themselves in the leadership light, they have worked through activities centred on leadership and how they will lead both their peers and the school in 2017. In each year we try to challenge the students to consider ways the school can be a stronger and better place, and the conversation energises and transforms. The more we can license those at the heart of the school to develop "how and who we are", the stronger will be the experience here for others. Thanks to Deputy Principal Tim Fox, who has taken on the role of assisting the 2017 student leaders' efforts.

Meanwhile staff are recovering from finishing the marking of Year 10 examination scripts under tight time pressure. These

examinations were, in addition to being a summative exercise for the year's work, a precursor to next year's NCEA examinations. We've all seen in recent times how crucial school examinations are in leading in to students' ability to be successful in NCEA, so the exercise is very much a key step in the academic programme. Meanwhile, Year 10 Drama students are staging their end of year productions. We might be close to the year's end, but there is still a great deal of learning activity. At the same time, I'm sure Year 10 have enjoyed the relative release of Big 10 Challenge Day following the indoor-and-sit-still focus of examinations.

Thank you to staff for the work in behind recent school events. One of our staff who is leaving us this year said today that he has taught in many schools in New Zealand and the UK and this is certainly the busiest. The staff goodwill involved in developing new opportunities is huge and we are very lucky to have people so willing to work hard at a time of year when they are exhausted, so that students can have engaging learning as well as a whole lot of fun.

Fun, and the celebration of a shared sense of community was a strong part of the atmosphere on Monday evening, when we held our second Year 13 Graduation Prizegiving. Last year we moved the timing of the Year 13 prizegiving from pre-exams to post-exams so that the event truly marked the end of five years' secondary education. As part of the ceremony each student receives a small leavers' badge to mark their graduation, and the idea is that the badge will be worn to school reunion events well into the future, as the Campus of the Future Plan develops its alumni events side. It's always quite an emotional time to say goodbye to students who have been so much part of our lives for five years. This year's graduating group have been new record-setters academically in both their Year 11 and Year 12 programmes, and have contributed ideas that have fuelled the whole school Athletics Day early in the year, as well as the house colours trial. In addition, their feedback around stress and how they perceived their Year 12 year has led to work in that area, modifying assessment for this year's Year 12 group and setting in place work on wellness that will be one of four major school goal areas for 2017. Inevitably, it hasn't all been smooth sailing, but the positive legacy will be considerable, when in future years we look back on the Class of 2016.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Candria Andriatovoaritsoa** 9PMDM who has retained her place on the Scholar/Associate programme to level 5 for 2017 at the New Zealand School of Dance.
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Athletics Nationals:
 - Nicholas Smith** 12RO - 100 and 200m Champ, new 100m PB of 10.71
 - Ellen Homstad** 12EE - Senior Girls 100m 18th, Senior Girls Long Jump 14th
 - Phoebe McKnight** 10BEPA - 4th Junior Girls 3000m
 - Jack Hammond** 12MM - semi finals of the Senior boys 800m
- ★ At the recent Wellington Hockey Prizegiving, **Jack Follet** 12OV was awarded 'The Most Improved Umpire' by Wellington Hockey.

Resource Centre Hours

Monday 28 November - Tuesday 13 December 2016

Monday to Friday 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Resource Centre closes at midday on Wednesday 14 December for holidays

2017

Tuesday 24 January - Wednesday 1 February

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Thursday 2 February - Friday 10 February

8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Bus Service - 14 December

Please note that due to the staggered finish of junior students on Wednesday 14 December, there will be no buses after final prizegivings. Normal bus services will run from the Library and Queensgate Mall.

Book Return 2016

All students need to return all school books borrowed during the year.

Year 9 - 10 can then collect their yearbook if applicable.

Year 11- 12 can collect any certificate and yearbook if applicable.

Year 13 students can then collect their Year 13 pack and yearbook if they have purchased one.

The last day for the Resource Centre is Wednesday 14 December 2016 until midday.

Looking Ahead

December

- 7-9 Year 10 Production
- 8-13 Contributing school music tour**
- 14 Year 10 Prizegiving, 9.00 am
- 14 Year 9 Prizegiving, 10.30 am**
- 14 Last day of the year

Holidays

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

NCEA Results Publication January 2017

- Results notices show NCEA results from previous years.
- Students can order their own results documents from their Learner Login by the end of December 2016 to receive in mid January 2017.
- NCEA results notices will only be sent to those who order one.
- Students who will not have computer access at the time results are released in January and require one, can order a printed result notice (for NCEAs) from their Learner Login.
- Scholarship result notices will be sent to all students.

Reconsideration and review applications for 2016 NCEA and Scholarship external examination results

- Candidates will be able to apply online for NCEA and Scholarship re considerations using their Learner Login. Students who do not have access to a computer should contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 for a copy of the reconsideration application form.
- There are no changes to the review application process. Students should go online and print off a copy of the NCEA or Scholarship review form from their Learner Login.
- Access to the reconsideration and review forms will become available shortly after the return of examination booklets.

Change of address and return of examination booklets

Student who have a permanent change of address after 6 December need to contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 before 31 December to update their details, to ensure their booklets are sent to the correct address. Students need to also inform the school so details are up to date.

Congratulations

Hutt Valley High School congratulates the following students on their success at the senior prizegiving held on Monday evening:



Dux
Sera Rawson



Proxime Accessit
Tama Austin

3rd in Year 13 - Adam Xiong

4th in Year 13 - Henry Broadbent

5th in Year 13 - Matthew Nocete

Head Students 2017

We congratulate the following students selected as Year 13 leaders for 2017

Head Boy:	Patrick Langley
Head Girl:	Jacqueline Valentine-Ramsden
Deputy Head Boy:	Tom Walsh
Deputy Head Girl:	Paris Nicholson
Cultural Captains:	William Rua and Grace Tafili
Sports Captains:	Tane Rolfe and Mikayla Lewin
Service Captains:	Jack Wellwood and Michaela Judson
Junior School Captains:	Robin Sejwal and Sade Putu

New positions for 2017

House Captains:

Paige Hansen, Bryn Yates, Kyra Tombs, James Hazeldine, Honestly Morete and Jonathan Fox.

Finishing Times for 2016 Wednesday 14 December

- Year 10** Prizegiving - 9.00 am
Students finish approximately 10.15 am
- Year 9** Prizegiving - 10.30 am
Students finish approximately 12.00 pm

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the prizegivings which will be held in the School Hall.

Resource Centre Farewells

Mary Hart and Wendy Davis are retiring from their positions in the Resource Centre at the end of this year.

We would like to celebrate their time here and will be having a open morning tea on Tuesday 13 December between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm.

If you would like to pop by and say goodbye - please do.



We would like to thank all the businesses that have supported our Gateway Programme in 2017:

Acme engineering, Aero Club - Kapiti and Wgtn, Graeme Houston, Horokiwi Quarry, Angus Inn, ANZ Bank - Queensgate, Sergio and Sons, Avalon Beauty Shoppe, Janus Bakery, Backpackers - Worldwide, Ataahua Day Spa, BNZ Bank - Petone, Billy Graham, BCITO, Youth Beauty, Builders on Board, Ken Leong, Steven Robertson, Midnight Contractors LTD, Matt Palmer, Rob Maughan, Ezra Builders, Spice Builders, Lawrence McEvoy, Hutt City Builders, BC Topp, Ezra Builders, Hamish Bryan, Brett Fastier, Fowler Homes, Johnny Studd, Carly Harris, Caci Clinic, Canine Solutions, M & T Hospitality/Dunlop, Dogs R Us, Eastern Hutt School, Advance, Evett Electrical, Millars Electrical, Peak Electrical, Electrical and Security (WGTN), Allan Martin, Rack Power, Enliven Woburn Home, ETCO, Flowers Et Cetera, Sharon Moore, Warren Bradshaw, Vivo, Indulgence, Harcourts - Eastbourne, Hutt Pet Centre, Ignite Sports, I-site - Wgtn, Jaqui Tutt, Tile Trends, Jenkins Gym, Jets Gym, Joinery Productions Ltd, Kelly Sport, Menzshed, Les Mills, Life Care Consultants Ltd, Lone Star, Maungaraki School, Metal Art Ltd, McDonalds - Lower Hutt, Mesh Coatings, Moorelands Fabrics, NZIS, Paperbag Princess, Pac n Save - Lower Hutt, Competenz, Brady Dwyer Photography, Playcentre - Lower Hutt, Bruce Thomson Panelbeater, Quest Hotel, Randwick School, Ripe Café, Stevens Ford, Taratahi, The Pet Centre, The Warehouse, Victoria University(Radio) Salient, Vibe, Vivid Photography, Vogel Motors, Wellington Rugby League, Weltec, Whitireia, Worldwide backpackers/Quest, Yahzoo.

If you are able to provide work experience one day a week for a student please contact Penny Clarke on penny.clarke@hvhs.school.nz.