



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to the students and staff who ran through the night last week in the Relay for Life fund-raiser. There was a lovely atmosphere early on Sunday morning, with a very tired group of students, several of whom had been up all night or had snatched a bare hour's sleep in the HVHS tent all exuding fellowship and warmth. Hamish McArthur 13HD completed 100 laps of the 520 metre track in an impressive feat of commitment to a target and our Service Captains Michaela Judson and Jack Wellwood were brilliant in both their organisation of the event and more particularly their "cherishing"; the manner of their example in good humour, ability to hang in there and to welcome and applaud students from across the school. It was a very special feeling, and the event raised \$5,771.10 for the Cancer Society. Great job.

Thanks also to the 1149 people who responded to the digital uniform survey run last week. There were also 200 who made comments. Today, we've spoken with students to allow for comments and thoughts outside the restrictions imposed by set questions. Our starting point in this exercise is not any predisposition to change, but merely the fact that we haven't asked about this issue for several years and we're due to do so. The feedback at first glance doesn't shriek "Give us change!" but there are some emerging themes, including aspects that are about improving what exists in terms of design or style or quality. We'll do some more work on the collation of the responses, will publish the summary, and then work through what changes might reflect the broad feeling in the survey.

Meanwhile, in the school this week a group of senior Maori students have launched a new project to share their knowledge of Tikanga Maori more widely with the school. The project welcomes each Year 9 class to Hotuwaipara, the school marae. Each mentor class in these visits experiences a whakatau (welcome), an introduction to the history of the marae, tikanga and school kawa, and of course some kai. The experience is led by the senior students, and they in turn are shadowed by some junior students who we see as having leadership potential. Safari Hynes 12SR (Ngati Kahungunu) and Tuauri Fata-Meafou 12MO (Tuhoe) are the lead males, supported by Wiremu Trass 10BLMS (Ngati Porou) and Piriongia Elliott 11FR (Tainui). Arihia Himona 12SR (Ngati

Porou) and Pearl Paranihi-Nuku 11SK (Tuhoe) are the lead females, supported by Nanaia Himona 10GLTS (Ngati Porou) and Te Wai Adds 10LANV (Ngati Ranginui). This is one of those projects that is likely to have a much wider impact than the students themselves suspect, in my view.

I have already mentioned the generosity of Hutt Rotary in giving us ten Chromebooks for families whose circumstances are such that purchasing such an expensive item is impossible. Now I'd like to thank the lovely family who gave us \$3000 to buy more Chromebooks to help families in need. The family don't want to be identified and don't want any fuss. I've probably already gone too far in writing this, but what they are doing is the essence of "helping someone alongside you even if you don't know them". Their generosity will allow nine or ten students to have access to BYOD like lots of other students. We've already seen the impact of such gifts and in some instances it is genuinely life-changing. I have seen a time in the past where such a gift sent the recipient on a path determined to show the gift was a first step to a future where they, in turn, might be able to offer such support to others. Thank you to Rotary and to our anonymous school family.

I'd also like to thank a newly co-opted member of the Board of Trustees for allowing herself to be recruited to help the school. Meegan Hall is a parent who is already helping us with work with staff, and on the Whanau Steering Group. Dr Hall is a senior lecturer at Victoria University and her speciality is Maori education in the tertiary setting. Her willingness to help the school despite a busy and demanding job is brilliant. We're very fortunate to have the level of professional and personal skills seen on our Board and Meegan adds to a highly talented team who are very generous with their time.

And finally, good luck to our sportspeople heading off to summer tournaments.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Wellington Athletics Results:

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed in the Wellington Regional Athletic Champs at Newtown Park on Thursday.

The following achieved top 3 spots:

Nick Smith 13KN - 1st Senior Boys 100m , Senior Boys 200m

Jack Hammond 13RS - 1st Senior Boys 800m, 2nd Senior Boys 1500m

Jayne Maxwell 12CR - 1st Senior Girls 3000m, 3rd Senior Girls 1500m

Honestly Morete 13JD - 2nd - Senior Girls High Jump

Reuben Goldingham-Newsom 12SU - 2nd Intermediate Boys 3000m

Devron Harding LSU - 2nd AWD Boys Shot Put

Nicholas Baldwin LSU - 2nd AWD Boys Discus

Ellen Homstad 13RS - 3rd Senior Girls 100m

Paris Nicholson 13JD - 3rd Senior Girls 200m

Peter Roberts 12KG - 3rd Senior Boys 3000m

Reupena Elliot-Harrison LSU - 3rd AWD Boys Shot Put

Kade Muru 12SR - 3rd Intermediate Boys Javelin

Nina Simmons 10GLTS - 3rd Intermediate 3000m

Charlotte Wilson 11RG- 3rd Intermediate Girls Long Jump

Tasmyn Grindlay LSU - 3rd AWD Girls Discus

Mikayla Lewin 13KN - 3rd Senior Girls Javelin

HVHS Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay - 3rd

Congratulations to the following who have been named in the Wellington Team for North Island Secondary School Championships on 8 and 9 April in Inglewood:

Reuben Goldingham-Newsom 12SU,

Jack Hammond 13RS

Ellen Homstad 13RS

Phoebe McKnight 11BE

Finn Neely 13CK

Kaleb Sola 9CLAE

Jared Taylor 12LO

Summer Sports, Groups and Club Photos

5 March 2017
School Hall

Timetable will be posted at the Sports Office

Looking Ahead

March

26-31	Summer Sports Tournament Week
27	Past Pupils AGM, 7.30 pm
29	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
30	Media Studies Trip to Cinema

April

3	Civil Defence Team Training
4-7	Year 12 Outdoor Education Camps
5	Junior Mathematics Competiton
5	Summer Sports Team Photos
11	Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations
13	Last day of Term 1

Uniform Survey - Reminders

Thank you to the many parents and caregivers who responded to our uniform survey. I am currently collating responses and will share the results with you in due course.

I would like to clarify a few things that were commented on in the survey, as they may affect your decisions for keeping students warm in the winter months.

1. Girls are allowed to wear plain black tailored straight-legged trousers, no jeans.(able to be purchased from any supplier)
2. Girls are allowed to wear a white thermal under their blouses.
3. Students are allowed to wear a plain black (rain) outer layer type jacket (from any supplier)
4. Students are allowed to wear plain black black beanies, scarves, sun hats or caps.

The full list of uniform expectations can be found on the website under the 'Joining HVHS' tab:

<http://www.hvhs.school.nz/joining-hvhs/uniform/>

Denise Johnson
Associate Principal

Sports Notices - Wanted

Netball Umpires for College games on a Saturday during Term 2 and the first half of Term 3. Umpires will be paid according to level of their experience. On-going training will be provided.

Netball Coaches/Managers for College games on a Saturday during Term 2 and the first half of Term 3. We welcome any interest from students or caregivers. Some training courses will be available.

Please contact the Sports Office if you are interested.