



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Hutt City Council has launched its STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Manufacturing) Festival. The festival runs from May 6-21. The following website link will give you more information: <http://www.huttstemm.nz/about-the-festival/>

The Hutt STEMM Festival aims to promote and celebrate the innovative and future-focussed work of businesses and people right here in the Hutt City. I had the privilege of going on a Principal's tour of local STEMM businesses. The theme of the tour was food technology, but the message was very much that science and business are a strong mix, that the Hutt Valley is an exciting hub of innovation and industry, and that there are multiple and varied opportunities for our students right here on our doorstep. We met a passionate, knowledgeable and discerning coffee roaster. Several scientists from Callaghan Innovation explained how they helped start-up businesses from all around NZ transform biological resources into high-value products. We toured a manufacturing factory and saw a sensible mix of manual labour and high-end technology. Besides the obvious science, math and manufacturing skills required to work in this area, each of the employers mentioned the importance of workers being able to communicate effectively to diverse groups of people. As was said today, "The science is no good if you can not explain it in terms that the consumers or quality assurance staff understand. A similar message was received at the cafe we visited - "This cafe relies on teamwork and workers getting along and communicating with each other". The theme of the importance of communication was evident throughout the day and reinforces for me one of the reasons why we stress, time and time again, the importance of participating and contributing to events, sports and cultural activities while at school. In doing this students learn to work with and alongside others who are different from themselves, and they learn how to communicate appropriately in various settings.

One of the other places we visited on tour was 1st ASSEMBLY on High Street. This is a collaborative, innovative space for hardware inventors and start-up businesses. What an exciting place to have right in the heart of the Hutt City. Anyone can utilise this space, and they have several events coming up soon that may be of interest to you. On May 20 you can put your engineering skills, knowledge and creativity to the test by repurposing everyday household items. They have 3D printers and other high-end tools and equipment. Our Technology department is already at the cutting edge of this technology. The school now has three Laser Cutters and a 3D printer. The picture to the left



shows a charging station built by Scott Syder in his Year 12 Technology class. Scott printed the Lego bricks on the 3D printer to make the sides of his stand.

Last week, I shared with you some of what is happening in the Drama and Dance Learning Area. This week it is the learning area of Music that I would like to showcase. We have a massive music programme where students learn to communicate and work in harmony with each other.

"The Music Department is gearing up for regional Festival season and is a hive of activity with bands coming out of the woodwork in a mad dash with final entries for Rockquest and Pacifica Beats. In this coming week, there is a workshop with The Aroha String Quartet with 10 school chamber music ensembles, a workshop with touring band The Jac for three jazz ensembles and a few classes, and then the first of the full choir rehearsals for The Big Sing regional choral festival. Most of these events are not just a chance for students to perform publicly but also to present their original compositions. At The Big Sing this year the c.100 voice all-comers choir is performing an arrangement from Mrs Davey, and one from Year 13 student Annabelle Sik, and an original school waiata composed by students Tane Rolfe, Grace Tafili, Meli Pitolua and Gian Domdom. The students are excited that they will be presenting a programme on the Michael Fowler Centre stage that is uniquely ours, exemplifying our belief in student creativity and leadership through musical endeavour. Wish us well for all our rehearsals and preparations, of which there are plenty, and even go along and see an event or two."
(Grace Davey - HOD Music)

On a more serious note. The Netflix series, '13 Reasons Why' has gained a lot of media attention and in some ways is controversial. Claire Ross, Head of Guidance and I thought that it seemed a good time to remind our families and whanau of some of the online resources and sites available if you are concerned about your child. The HVHS website - Guidance area - has a list of helpful sites (<http://www.hvhs.school.nz/learning-hvhs/guidance-team/>). The page includes a link to a recent publication "Help for the Tough Times". Our guidance staff and youth workers are also available to have a chat if you have concerns. Just ring or email Claire Ross, Grant Shearer, or Carolyn England.

Denise Johnson
Acting Principal



Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Henry Griffiths 13KS** who has been selected in the New Zealand Men's U19 Underwater Hockey Team going to Australia for the World Underwater Hockey Championships in July.
- ★ Congratulations to the following players who competed in the Wellington Y team that won the U20 NZ Youth Ultimate Championships, held in New Plymouth at the end of April:
William Foster 13OC, Angus Horan 12MO, Daniel Pye 12VY, Tane Rolfe 13KN, Benjamin Swanson 12CR, Regan Titov-Smith 10TANB and Jackson Zhou 10TANB. Great to see ex HVHS students Ryan Sheridan and Tyler Titov-Smith coaching the team.
- ★ Congratulations to our Cross Country Relay teams for Wednesday's efforts!
Senior Girls placed 2nd and **Senior Boys** placed 3rd (2nd Placed Wellington team)
 Fastest (2 km):
 1st Senior Girls **Phoebe McKnight 11BE** 7 mins 12 secs
 3rd Senior Girls **Jayme Maxwell 12CR** 7 mins 42 secs
 3rd Intermediate Boys **Jonathon Roberts** 7 mins 13 secs
- ★ Congratulations to the following netball players named in the Hutt Valley Representative teams this week:
Jaime Belsham 13NS U17
Jemima Jansen 12LO U17
Olivia Thompson 12LB U17
Lucy Schrijvers 10BLMS U15
Ruth Sopoaga 10HYGW U15

Presentation on The Teenage Brain Wednesday 17 May, 7.00 - 8.30pm In the School Hall

Kathryn Berkett from Engage Training will be holding a presentation on 'The Teenage Brain'. This is a unique opportunity to hear from an entertaining and engaging expert talk about the reasons for many teenage behaviours and what you can do about it.

RSVP to nick.larkin@hvhs.school.nz if you are interested in coming along.

Please note that due to demand we are holding this presentation in the School Hall.

Looking Ahead

May

- 15-19 Year 12 CPR Week
- 16 **Whanau Hui - NCEA focus**
- 17 Jazz Competition Workshop
- 22-26 **Cultural Week**
- 22 Civil Defence Team Training
- 22 **Drama Day**
- 23 Multi-Cultural Evening Celebration
- 26 **Pink Shirt Day**
- 26 Year 11 and 13 Tough Guy Challenge
- 26 **Year 13 PE Orongorongo Valley Trip**
- 31 Year 13 Outdoor Ed Trip
- 31 **Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm**

June

- 1 Open Evening, 6.00 pm
- 2 **Teacher Only Day (no classes)**
- 5 Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 5-8 **Year 13 Geography Trip**
- 7 Big Sing

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**MEET
JAKE
BAILEY**

BOOK LAUNCH BREAKFAST
 Jake Bailey shares his inspirational journey
 overcoming cancer

Monday, 22 May, 2017
 7.30am-9am

Tickets \$60pp (includes breakfast and a signed copy of
Jake Bailey: What cancer taught me). Available from
 Paper Plus 228 High Street Lower Hutt or Michelle Simpson,
 0272572602 or michellesimpson50@hotmail.com

Venue: Hutt Valley High School Assembly Hall, Woburn Rd, Lower Hutt





