



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations to two significant groups of students whose names are listed in this newsletter. The first group are our student leaders for 2017. The students chosen are very strong and we are confident they will do a great job for the school next year. During their selection interviews, a recurring theme was that we needed to extend the house colours system trialled at the full school athletics day earlier this year and we have accepted that view and appointed students to head up what will be a new programme in 2017. The student leaders argued persuasively that a house system would allow a vertical grouping in the school, linking Year 9 through to Year 13 in a way that was to everyone's advantage as a next unifying step in the school and one that should allow fun and enthusiasm as well.

The second group of students to congratulate are the six code winners in the 2016 College Sport Wellington Sportsperson of the Year Awards. These are the best of the best across the 44 schools taking part in College Sport Wellington competitions. That's a brilliant accomplishment; well done to you all.

This week has seen the major shift of Term 4, as Year 11, 12 and 13 students enter their NCEA and Scholarship examinations and Year 9 and 10 complete the second part of their Learning Conversations today. The focus for one group is on summative assessment while for the other it is a much broader focus working through what has gone well across a range of fronts – academic, sporting, cultural, personal – and thinking through what lies next on the pathway through this phase of students' education. At their best, the Learning Conversations are strongly motivational moments and ones where shared family moments can be very powerful.

During the next weeks, we have a programme of Water Safety days for Year 9. The programme is timed to anticipate the coming summer months, when many New Zealanders adopt a lifestyle focused on the beaches, rivers and lakes that abound. We know that

each year, there are instances where people lose their lives by drowning and the programme is aimed at making the best possible effort to reduce the risks of extended time around water. Students learn resuscitation skills, how to signal they are in trouble, water safety around kayaking, snorkelling and swimming. They learn about life jacket safety, boat rescues and tows and for some these are pivotal sessions that will make a difference to how they will operate in water and a direct increase in safety will result. There is also space in the day for some leisure time where students can have some fun alongside the more serious learning moments. These are important sessions and I thank the Physical Education Department and their helpers for the substantial workload that lies behind the days.

The underlying idea of the programme is wellness; students' increasing ability to live a safe, healthy and positive life. In next year's annual plan goals for the school, the central idea of wellness will be one of five major targets for the school to work on. Along with other schools in the Hutt Valley we have formed a Wellness Cluster where we aim to increase the co-operation between schools and agencies to make sure that we are doing everything we can to promote the wider well-being of both students and staff. It's clear from national and local surveys that core health remains a key aspect of young people's growth. Their elders are just as much involved in the challenge to lead balanced, dynamic, enjoyable and successful lives. Next year we will work with our student leaders – who have signalled their interest in the wider idea of student health – to offer significant opportunities that extend the notion behind Water Safety Day to a broader set of opportunities designed to ensure that we do all we can to promote good health. It should be fun; fun with an absolutely serious intent.

Ross Sinclair, Principal



Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Vivien Ren** 9HSHR who won a gold medal at the Wellington Central Fencing competition.
- ★ Congratulations to **Ryan Kelly** 11KO who has been named in the Capital Football U15 National Age Group Tournament team.
- ★ At the Wgtn Province Sir Walter Nash Memorial Archery Competition over the weekend, **Caitlin Thomas-Riley** 11SU, was named Junior Women's Recurve Champion. She scored over 1000 points each day earning herself a World Archery Federation badge as well as the Junior Women's trophy.

Resource Centre Hours

Normal hours till Friday 25 November

Mon/Wed/Thurs 8.00 am - 1.00 pm
Tues/Thurs 10.30 am - 4.00 pm

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

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Tuesday 24 January - Wednesday 1 February

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Thursday 2 February - Friday 10 February

8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Monday 13 February - back to normal hours

International Farewell

Hutt Valley High School said farewell to 25 students at a wonderful function. Students leaving were all presented with a special certificate to recognise their time here at Hutt Valley High School.

Eric Zhi 13EL received a special award - he has been with us for four years. Over 60 students all enjoyed the dinner and then danced the night away.

It is always sad to say goodbye to such wonderful students. Thank you for choosing Hutt Valley High School.



Looking Ahead

November

- 14-22 Year 9 Camps
- 16 AFL Hawks Cup**
- 24-29 Year 10 Exams
- 28, 30 Year 9 Water Safety Days**
- 30 Year 10 Plunket Babysitting Course
- 30 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm**

December

- 1 Year 9 Water Safety Day**
- 2 Year 10 Plunket Babysitting Course
- 5 Year 13 Prizegiving**
- 6-7 Year 12 Student Leaders Camp
- 6 Year 10 Sports Tournament**
- 6 LSU End of Year Show
- 7-8 Year 11 Leadership Course**
- 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

Year 9 Camp

Next week sees the beginning of Year 9 Camp Week. Students have chosen between an away camp in the Marlborough Sounds and a Wellington based 3-day activity rotation.

The Marlborough Sounds Camp students meet at the Ferry Terminal as instructed. The Wellington Activity Group meet in the Student Centre each morning.

All students and families have been sent information and timetables. If for some reason it has not reached you, please contact Denise Johnson on email denise.johnson@hvhs.school.nz

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

Scabies

A case of scabies has been reported to the school. If you are concerned, please contact your doctor.

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	Robin Sejwal and Sade Putu

New positions for 2017

House Captains	Paige Hansen, Bryn Yates, Kyra Tombs, James Hazeldine, Honestly Morete and Jonathan Fox
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Liaison Students 2017:

Lik De Chun	Saajan Damania
Mary Tanuvasa Tutogi	Brooke Taylor
Hamish Horan	Gus Reece
Anjuli Langdale	Alex Ingham
Tim Hay	Jess Pritchard
Emma Doile	Alliyah Samson
Hamish McArthur	Shania Warren
Alex Hanaray	Hollie Ung
Dhanajay Rathore	Petra Sele
Anita Manickavasagar	Aini Fayaz Mansoor
Riley Allen	Dion Grace
Beth Thompson	Kayleigh Fraser
Will Foster	Sarah Parish
Jahnvi Ghandi	Natasha Porter
Chenchen Huang	Jayden Symes

Netball Manager Position

We are seeking expressions of interest for the position of Manager of our Premier 1 Netball team for 2017. This is a position which will not be confirmed until after team selection which takes place in Term 1 2017.

Please follow this link for more information on our website: [Netball Manager](#)

Contact Jacinta Keenan - sport@hvhs.school.nz

College Sport Wellington 2016 Sportsperson of the Year

Congratulations from the Hutt Valley High School Community to the 6 winners

Lucy Bird 13PF	Rowing
Lik De Chun 12EE	Badminton
Amber-Marea Crawford Lamb Platt LSU	Athlete with a disability
Charlotte Galloway 10GEKL	Squash
Nicholas Smith 12RO	Athletics
Hannah Taylor 13DD	Ultimate Frisbee

Italian Earthquake Fundraiser

After the hugely destructive earthquake in Amatrice Italy in August the International staff and students decided to move into action. We currently have 5 wonderful International students from Italy; one of them from the area badly affected. We contacted her Mother to ask what they needed. They asked us to raise money to purchase a wheelchair. The students baked and had coffee/baking stalls over a week and we raised over \$600.

With the new shaking and devastation we would like to send a further contribution. Firstly we are running a wine and cheese for the staff. Countdown Lower Hutt have provided all the cheese and the family all the wine.

LA BELLA ITALIA have been hugely generous and donated a gift voucher for 2 people to attend their hands on dinner demonstration. This has a value of \$160. We want to offer this to the highest bidder. All money raised will be sent on to Italy.

Please place your bids to lyn.house@hvhs.school.nz by Friday 18 November.

LA BELLA ITALIA have also offered to host a lunch with the Italian Ambassador for 20 people. We are investigating the possibility of a fund-raising dinner for 20 with seats at a proposed cost of \$100.

Thanks to the generosity of our local community; we might be able to pay for 5 further wheelchairs.

Office and Resource Centre closure

The Office and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 16 November between 8.30 and 9.30 am due to whole school professional development.