



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations in two completely different areas this week, to students who represent different aspects of the spirit of a school. Firstly, congratulations to the Girls' First XI Football Team whose efforts and manner at nationals earned them the tournament Fair Play Award. That was some solace for a tournament where they struggled with injury and circumstance and yet played with a style and attitude that was much commented on by the officiating group. The second congratulations are to Usanthini Sasikumar 13WG who has been awarded a 2017 Sir Robert Jones Refugee Daughter Scholarship. The scholarship - the second won by one of our students in recent years - fully funds Usanthini for up to four years of university study, covering all her costs. It's a life-changing award, and is very much in the spirit of education's capacity to open doors for students who are willing to work hard to achieve their goals.

We are entering a very busy phase of the year for seniors, as NCEA internals reach their climax. For Year 11 Mathematics students, next week sees their MCAT external assessment, done here at school. For others, it is a time of year with a fair degree of stress as academic pressure mounts. It's important, therefore, to be balanced in terms of exercise, sport, activities and friendships all getting their space and energy.

There's certainly plenty happening in the school as several core events also occur. First up is Saturday's Year 13 Leavers' Ball at Te Papa, which will be attended by over 300 students and partners. It's a special time for the students and an event to which they look forward each year. As in previous years, this will be an alcohol-free event, and we thank families for helping us in that respect by ensuring that any pre-ball gatherings do not involve alcohol. Attendees will be breath-tested on entry and we have never had to turn a student away. We'd like to keep it that way. The process ensures that students are safe, and that peer pressure does not create circumstances that prevent people from enjoying themselves. Thank you to the student organising committee for the many hours of planning and work done to ensure it's a good night.

On Thursday next week at 6.30 pm the English Department hold the annual HVHS Speech Competition. The event is held in the library and all are welcome. This is the event where students discover or confirm their ability to speak entertainingly and with conviction. It's a really good night and one I recommend to those who are interested

in the persuasive power of language.

Then on Friday the Physical Education Department hold the annual school Triathlon. The event is part of assessment for the PE students, both in its organisation and in their (compulsory) participation. Each year there are many, many others who volunteer to take part and the school struggles to run as normal because about 300 students and staff are driving themselves on in either the full triathlon or in a team where they are doing one of the run/bike/swim legs. It is also a time where the super-competitive reveal themselves; both staff and students. Secret training regimes cease and the competition, while always full of laughter and fun, is fierce. Best wishes to all who are taking part.

If that is not enough, there are Year 13 Drama curriculum productions running this week, national Under 20 Frisbee Training Squad on site in the weekend (including eight of our students), the SLC students compete next week at Te Rauparaha Stadium and on Wednesday next week the Gateway students have their end of year evening event.

It's a busy place.

Finally, a word on Maori Language Week, Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori 2017. There have been events held each day this week to celebrate and promote Te Reo Māori. Included in that was the staff professional learning session on Wednesday when several students acted as very patient tutors to staff in a language learning session. Students, staff and whanau have also been busy each lunchtime this week, with a series of different events. It's been a fun time with a very real underlying purpose. As a school we still have some way to go in respect of our practices around presenting thoroughly as an exemplar of our national identity, but we're making progress. Our community very much reflects the diversity of our country and our large sprawling mix is a thing most staff and students love. Thank you to all those who this week have nudged us further down the path to celebrate who we are.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Congratulations to:

★ Congratulations to the following HVHS students who have been selected in the provisional 20 players for the Capital Football relevant age group squads which will be taking part in the National Age Group Tournament (NAGT) on 13-17 December in Wellington.

Ethan Claridge 10GLTS, **Brendan Gee** 11BE, **Jessica Kincaid** 11TJ, **Genevieve Berry** 11VE, **Maya Hahn** 12WH, **Macey Caughley** 10HLYN (selected in reserves for squad), **Ariana Gray** 9WSML, **Abby Nicholson** 10DPDY, **Lea Pummer** 9KIPA and **Nea Blackham** (Wa Ora student who plays for HVHS Girls 1st XI)

★ Congratulations to **Jayme Maxwell** 12CR who won the U18 NZ Road Race Running Championships!!!

★ Congratulations to the **Junior Girls Underwater Hockey Team** who beat Wellington Girl's 6 nil in the final for the Wellington competition. They remain unbeaten in this competition and took gold at the central competition.



★ Congratulations to **Annabelle Sik** 13SI, **Aaron Nocete** 11ST, **Sam Zhu** 12WH and **Tobias Bauer** 11BE who received fee scholarships to participate in the Hutt Valley Orchestra's 2017 workshop held at HVHS last weekend.

HVHS School Triathlon is coming!

This popular event is going to be held on Friday 22 September - next Friday!

The triathlon is Run: 4.2km; Bike 13km; Swim 300m. There is also an aquathon option available which is Run 4.2km; Swim 300m.

People can enter as individuals, or in a team (a triathlon team requires 3 people, an aquathon team requires 2 people). All welcome.

Enter via the google form link - <https://goo.gl/forms/YM6RMe9VJhms9ZDa2>

Looking Ahead

September

16	Year 13 Leavers Ball
19	Year 11 MCAT Exam
20	Gateway End of Year Function
21	HVHS Speech Competition, 6.30 pm
22	School Triathlon
25	Japan Trip departs
27	Board of Trustee Meeting, 5.30 pm
29	Last day of Term 3

October

10	Japan Trip Returns
16	First day of Term 4
16-25	Senior Derived Grade Exams
17-20	Year 8 2018 Interviews
23	Labour Day Holiday
24	Maori Achievement Awards, 6.00 pm
25	HVHS Hoscars, 6.30 pm
27	Last day for Year 13 students
30	Senior Art Show
31	Sports Awards Ceremony, 6.00 pm

Movie Fundraiser - Thor: Ragnarok

Money raised will contribute towards activities supporting the Māori whānau and school marae at Hutt Valley High School. Tickets are available now.

All tickets sold include a bag of sweet treats on the night!

Email Kirsten @ kirsteng@paradise.net.nz to book your tickets or call her on 021 337 457.

KNOWLEDGE SHOP NCEA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Knowledge Shop will be holding its highly successful **NCEA Exam Preparation Programme** from **Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October** at **Hutt Valley High School**. Subjects include English, science, maths and study skills. This is an excellent opportunity to revise the most important areas of the curriculum to ensure you are prepared for upcoming NCEA exams. Visit our website at www.knowledgeshopnz.co.nz/campaign/ for the full programme. All bookings can be made online. Limited spaces so please book early.

Student Contact Details

Are your contact details changing due to Vodafone closing their email service? Please update us either by phone or on the email address below:

Phone: 566 4584 or **Email:** principal@hvhs.school.nz

School Office, Library and Resource Centre Closure

The School Office, Library and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 20 and 27 September until 9.30am due to professional development.

Derived Grade Examinations October 2017

Exams start at 8.45am and 1.30pm every day

Catch up sessions on Wednesday 25 October start at 8.45 am and 12.15 pm

Practical sessions for Arts and Technology subjects will be running most days, check with your subject teacher for details.

Date	NCEA L1	NCEA L2	NCEA L3
Monday 16/10 8.45 am start	Geography	Mathematics Mathematics & Statistics	Art History Calculus
Monday 16/10 1.30 pm start	English	Biology	Classics Accounting
Tuesday 17/10 8.45 am start	History	History Maori	Geography Maori
Tuesday 17/10 1.30 pm start	Science	Chemistry	French Media Studies Physics
Wednesday 18/10 8.45 am start	Mathematics	Dance Economics	Dance Drama
Wednesday 18/10 1.30 pm start	Economics	English	Business Studies Japanese
Thursday 19/10 8.45 am start	Classics	Geography Media Studies	Statistics
Thursday 19/10 1.30 pm start	Spanish	Physics	English
Friday 20/10 8.45am start	Drama Music	Accounting Classics	History
Friday 20/10 1.30 pm start	Business Studies	Business Studies French Japanese	Biology Spanish
Tuesday 24/10 8.45 am start	Accounting Media Studies	Te Awakairangi	Economics
Tuesday 24/10 1.30 pm start	French Japanese Maori	Drama Spanish	Chemistry
Wednesday 25/10 8.45 am start and 12.15 pm start	Catch ups	Catch ups	Catch ups