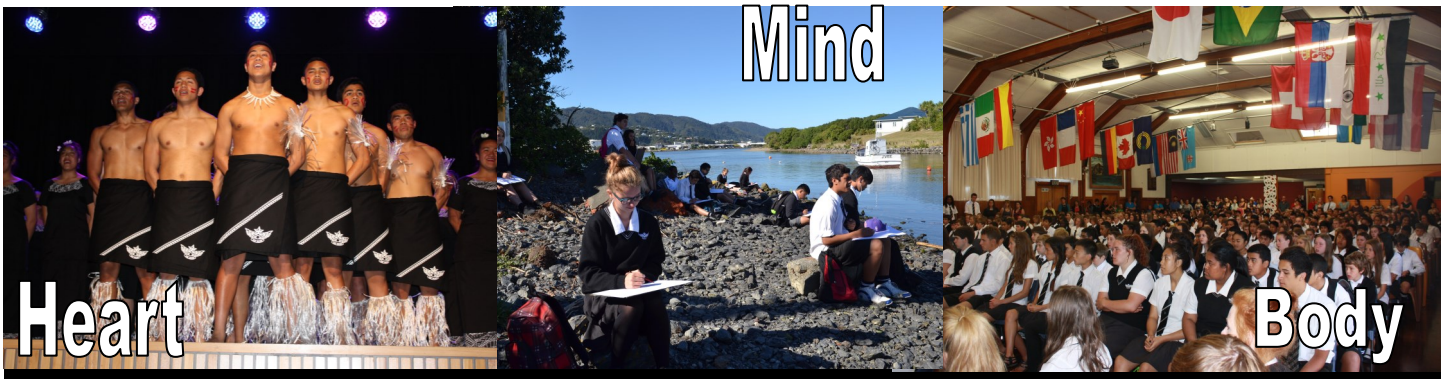

Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the new term. It's always something of a race in Term 4 as we complete school derived grade examinations, NCEA assessments for seniors, do our planning for 2017, congratulate our students via prizegivings, carry out a battery of leadership activities for students leaders across the school's levels, and farewell staff and students for whom 2016 is their final year with us.

This year, in addition to the Water Safety Day for Year 9 there is also a new offering of school camps. This is a major exercise, and the planning by the deans Mrs Arnell and Mr Devine has been considerable. Initially, we were unsure as to whether there would be sufficient demand, but our surveys quickly confirmed that there was plenty. A large group of students will attend the camps, which begin in the week of 14 November. For those who wish to remain at school a parallel set of local activities is being developed so that nobody missed out on the opportunities to explore those parts of learning that cannot be accommodated within the classroom.

That wider view of education – as exemplified in the "front end" of the New Zealand Curriculum – is focused on producing good citizens who have a variety of experiences that test and challenge their abilities to co-operate with others and to explore their own potential. Our students are well into that kind of development already, and one such was recognised during the holidays in the Hutt City Youth Awards. Michaela Judson 12PL won the WelTec Hutt City Youth Award for Service to the community, a wonderful recognition of her personal strength and the service ethos that she demonstrates so consistently. It is an ethos that we try to develop in our students, on the basis that if each of us looks after the person beside us, we build a compelling and vigorous society. Michaela won her award for her service as a St John Cadet, during which she has been selected as the District Cadet of the Year, has achieved Grand Prior status, taught first aid to children, and logged more than 200 hours of community service with retirement homes and charities such as Te Omanga Hospice. She also represented New Zealand at a St John Youth event in Hong Kong, at which she won every event she competed in. She is making a real difference.

Another student whose service is outstanding is Safari Hynes 11SR, re-elected as the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees, and the only student to date who has ever served more than one term. Safari is working on the Board's Campus of the Future Committee and so is having a direct role not just in what the school is now but what it will become. He is also helping the Board to extend its cultural grasp. Safari, as a young, talented Maori male currently studying Te Reo at Level 3 (Year 13 level) is helping to ensure that we build a community here that is truly representative of a modern New Zealand. That's important, and I congratulate him on his re-election, while also noting with a fair degree of pride that the student community are savvy enough to recognise his strengths and appreciate what he offers to the school.

The two students I have noted here will be embarrassed that I have said what I have. It's important to note such role models, but just as important are those less conspicuous but also doing things that help us to be a better society. One such was advised to me at the end of last term, when an elderly gentleman phoned to say that he had been struggling to juggle his wheelie bin, mail and milk, and a passer-by, a young man in Hutt Halley High uniform, stopped to help him. Our student took the wheelie bin up the driveway, then went on his way. It was a simple thing, and it made our caller's day. In its way it was just as important as the sustained service I've already mentioned, for in its directness and simplicity this moment shouted out that here was a young person who cares.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Congratulations to:

- **Shea Stapleton** 12WL has been selected for Team Wellington to play in the Youth National Football League.
- **Candria Andriatovoaritsoa** 9PMDM achieved Distinction for her RAD Vocational ballet exam (Royal Academy of Dance) last term.

Office closure

The Office will be closed on Wednesday 19 October between 8.30 and 9.30 am due to whole school professional development.

2016 NZQA Information

NCEA fee payment direct to NZQA
- Payment of NCEA fees via the school had closed
- NZQA will accept 2016 fees directly from candidates. Candidates can log in to the NZQA website and pay their 2016 fees online using the learner login.

Late fees and reminders
- Any NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship payments made after 1 December 2016 will incur a late fee of $50
- NZQA will send a letter to all affected candidates by late October reminding them they have unpaid 2016 fees.

Admission Slips to the Nov-Dec NCEA Exams
- Students will receive their NCEA Exam Admission Slips after they complete their school exams in weeks 1-2 of Term 4
- These slips will have the exams that students are entered into, the date and the time.

End of Year details for Senior Students

Wednesday 19 October to Wednesday 2 November
Normal classes for all senior students

Thursday 3 November
Year 11 and 12 students - normal classes
Year 13 students - final day with a student led assembly in Spell 3 and Principal's BBQ

Friday 4 November
Year 12 Prizegiving - 9.00 am, school hall
Year 11 Prizegiving - 11.45 am, school hall

Monday 5 December
Year 13 Graduation Ceremony - 7.00 pm, Hutt City Church

Looking Ahead

October

10-18	**Senior Exams**
19	HVHS Hoscars, 6.30 pm
20	**Hotuwaipara Maori Awards Evening, 6.00 pm**
24	Labour Day Holiday
25-26	**Level 2 Health and Safety Course**
25	HVHS Sports Awards, 6.30 pm
26	**Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm**
26	HVHS Rock Concert, 7.00 pm
27-28	**Level 2 Health and Safety Course**
27	HVHS Art Show, 5.00 pm
27	**HVHS Gateway Function, 6.30 pm**
31-1 Nov	Level 3 Health and Safety Course

November

2-3	**Level 2 Health and Safety Course**
3	Last day for Year 13 students
4	**Year 12 Prizegiving, 9.00 am**
4	Year 11 Prizegiving, 11.45 am
10	**NCEA Exams begin**
11	Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations

Board of Trustees Election Declaration of Student Election Results

James Hazeldine	136
Sithmi Nambukarawasam Maha Sarangu Hewage	78
Safari Hynes	**243**
Chenchen Huang	65
Alec Lun	41
Hamish McArthur	21
Zion Snowden	24
Cameron Wash	57

I hereby declare the following duly elected:
Safari Hynes

Raewyn Kerr
Returning Officer