

# Hutt Valley High School News

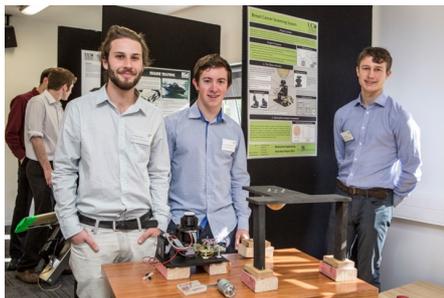
## Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2. It is encouraging to note that attendance at all year levels last term was higher than in the previous year. While I don't doubt that the sustained period of good weather and the consequential absence of ill and chills is part of that, the fact that more students are in more classes on more days can only be good. Currently 403 students have a 100% attendance record, and just over 700 have had a day or less of absence. That bodes well for the academic success of students.

From time to time we hear lovely stories of the success of former students. During the holiday break one such tale was from the University of Canterbury where ex-student William Roser is graduating with honours from the School of Engineering. William's research has been centred on advanced procedures for screening against cancers. Instead of using x-rays, the system uses nearly undetectable vibrations to identify types of tumours which are often invisible to x-rays. William's team has worked with biomedical researchers at Canterbury on the vibration mechanisms and data analysing systems, and while there is some way to go, the work is promising real gains in a major health area.

William, with the team he has worked with on his research project: Left to Right - William Roser, Reuben Olorenshaw and Zane Ormsby.



William's success is a reminder of New Zealand's need for students to follow pathways in the STEM subjects: Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology. Between 2014 and 2015 there was an appreciable increase in the national percentage of tertiary graduates in the area – in the region of 5% across the disciplines – and there are many more needed. The Hutt Valley has an incredible science and technology industry and each year the local council organises tours of the area for school principals and heads

of departments to increase awareness of the opportunities nearby, both in a job sense and in the sense of work containing exciting intellectual challenges. It's great to see former students and existing students taking up the challenges of that kind of future.

On a completely different topic, parents and caregivers will have received this week nomination forms for the next three year term of the Board of Trustees. We are very keen to gain the services of those willing to bring their skills to the service of the school and its community. This year, three of our existing Board will stand down as their children no longer attend Hutt Valley High. They have done us proud, and I shall thank them in a future newsletter once we have a new Board in place. They leave a gap, of course, and like any Board in the country we are keen to recruit additional talent with a variety of the skills that make for experience in depth and wise decision-making. Such skills include the core areas of property and construction, finance, personnel, legal and planning strengths within the wider group, but underpinning them all is the core of a desire to commit to the school's service ethos, where everything we do is in the interests of each student here. In turn everything that students do includes an understanding that for a healthy and robust society, a school needs to serve its wider community, locally, nationally and internationally.

We take seriously the New Zealand Curriculum's commitment to hauora – loosely, a whole person healthiness – as a core goal of what we do. If you are willing to help us in that effort and feel that you have skills that might be useful to offer, please do allow your name to go forward as a nominee for the Board elections. For anyone who wishes to discuss what is involved in service on the Board, please feel free to contact a current Board member, or contact the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Mrs Jodie Murden.

Ross Sinclair, Principal



## Congratulations to:

- ★ We congratulate the following students on their results from the New Zealand U15 and U17 Fencing Championships held in Auckland over Anzac weekend:  
**Vivien Ren** 9HSHR - 17th Under 15 Women's Foil  
**Nicholas Henderson** 13KN - 2nd Under 17 Men's Foil, 3rd Under 17 Men's Epee
- ★ Congratulations to **Jessie Manning** 12PL who has been selected to play for the U18 Capital Womens' Hockey squad and
- ★ **Allan Carson** 13KN who has been selected for the U18 Capital Mens' Hockey squad.
- ★ Also to **Patrick Langley** 12CV who has been selected for the U18 Wellington Hockey squad.
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who swam at the NZ National Age Group Swimming Championships in the holidays.  
**Helena Cvitanovich** 9HLYN - 12th in 13yr old 50m Breast, 11th in 100m and 200m Breast - 11th  
**Patrick Langley** 12CV - 6th in 17-18 yr old 50m Fly, 13th 50m Free, 22nd in 100m Fly and 27th in 100m Free  
**Anton Piters** 12NS - 14th in 16yr old 50m Breast, 14th in 100m Breast and 13th 200m Breast  
**Alexander Unstead-Joss** 9MXTM - 7th in 13yr old 50m Breast, 5th in 100m Breast, 12th in 200m Individual medley, 4th in 200m Breast and 22nd in 100m Free.
- ★ Congratulations to the **Football Boys First XI** team (pictured below) who won the Scots College pre season tournament in the holidays.



## Looking Ahead

### May

- 8** Kapa Haka Trip to Manawatu College
- 9** Year 12 Economics Trip
- 10-12** Year 12 Sport Camp 1
- 12** Senior Parent/Teacher interviews, M-Z
- 12-13** Student Mediator Training Days
- 13** Art Design Trip to Massey University
- 16-18** Year 12 Sport Camp 2
- 16-17** Level 3 Health and Safety Course
- 17** Whanau Hui, 6.00 pm
- 18** Year 12 Dance Trip to Porirua
- 25** Year 13 Business Studies Dragons Den
- 25** Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
- 26** Year 13 Sport Trip

### June

- 2-3** Stage Challenge
- 3** Staff Only Day - no classes
- 6** Queens Birthday holiday
- 6-9** Year 13 Geography Trip
- 8** Year 12 and 13 Art Design Trip
- 8, 10** The Jazz Project
- 9** The Big Sing

## Rugby Fundraiser

Tuesday 17 May  
6.30 pm

Lighthouse Petone  
"Hunt for the Wilderpeople"

Tickets from Wendy Manson on 027 562 8287 or email [wendyeastbourne@gmail.com](mailto:wendyeastbourne@gmail.com)

## Victoria University Year 13 Information Evening

Victoria University of Wellington is holding an information evening on Tuesday 10 May at the Kelburn Campus starting from 6.00 pm.

The aim of these evenings is to help students, parents, whanau find out more about studying at Victoria University and what sets Victoria apart.

There will be a faculty and student services expo, campus tours and a Pasifika and Maori students drop-in space. If you have any queries please call 0800 VICTORIA (842864) or email [info@victoria.ac.nz](mailto:info@victoria.ac.nz).

## Board of Trustee Election 2016

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

Nomination forms have been sent to all eligible voters. Complete the nomination form, including the necessary signatures and post or hand deliver the form to:

Jodie Murden  
Returning Officer  
Hutt Valley High School  
Private Bag 31 909, Lower Hutt

## Movie Fundraiser at the Lighthouse, Petone

The HVHS PPFA is running a movie fundraiser to provide a number of scholarships to HVHS students at the end-of-year prizegiving.

The movie is on Monday 30 May from 7.30 pm for nibbles, then 8.00 pm screening. Tickets are only \$20 each.

The movie is called "Florence Foster Jenkins".

Please contact Christine Barnett (ph 570 1422) and let her know how many tickets you would like.

## Tech•to•Tech

**Tech•to•Tech** is for engineers, technicians, innovators, entrepreneurs, and students.

This is an opportunity to meet each other and talk about technology without having to dumb it down.

**Come to the Meetup! 17 May 2016**

- **MAS Zengrange (NZ) Ltd** General Manager Mr Greg Marsden and Engineering Manager Mr Adam Holdaway will discuss how high-resolution 3D printing accelerated and supported the development of the **Mini-DRFD POP π M4.0 Float**, which is used for remote initiation of surface and sub-surface explosive events in marine environments. 
- There'll be plenty of time to meet your fellow technologists.
- **Light refreshments.**

If you're doing commercial R&D, if you want to get into it, or if you've been there, done that, and loved it, **Tech•to•Tech** is for you!

5.45 p.m., Tuesday, 17 May 2016

C Block Lobby, Weltec, 33 Kensington Avenue, Petone

Free Entry!

Please RSVP to [Tekkie0010@kevincudby.com](mailto:Tekkie0010@kevincudby.com)  
Join the Meetup group at <http://techtotech.net>  
May 2016 Meetup sponsors:

**ACME ENGINEERING LTD**



## Senior Parent/Teacher Interviews

The second parent teacher interview evening will be running on Thursday 12 May from 3.45 pm to 6.30 pm.

Bookings can be made online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the code vmbyn.

Alternatively please call the school office on 566 4584.

## Winter Sports

**Winter sports have started**

**Please make sure your sports registrations are completed and payments have been made to the Resource Centre.**

## Cultural Photographs 2016

Cultural photographs are now available online! They sit in a separate category next to the Summer Sports. Please head to the store page at [inphotography.co.nz](http://inphotography.co.nz) The password is !CULTURAL!

This year we have selected a different approach and service from INphotography for our cultural photographs. (In line with the Summer Sports package). This is of great value to students that participate in multiple groups. This year, (at the expense of the various cultural departments) all group photographs will be made available as digital files online (full resolution) for your own sharing and printing purposes. Electronic record keeping is becoming a lot more popular and we are pleased to introduce this new service to you. If you prefer to receive hard copies these will also be available (and delivered directly to you, so please ensure you enter your mailing address when ordering).

## Full School Photo for sale

HVHS get the big picture by portrait photographer Simon Hoyle of Southlight.

A unique historic photo of the whole school. You can see every face... all 1900! Check out the display photos at the main office.

Order by tomorrow, Friday 6 May to ensure your special price.

Wood frame and safety glass 254x1038mm - \$100 (easypay 5 x \$20). Will be \$130.  
Print in tube - \$60 (easypay 5 x \$12). Will be \$90.

Order at [www.southlight.co.nz](http://www.southlight.co.nz)

Special prices only until Friday 6 May