



## Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

### Mid Term Break - Monday 29 August

School is closed for the day

#### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations this week to Chenchen Huang 12OV who was first equal in the Otago Science Quiz 2016. That's an impressive result in this national competition. It's great to see one of our students doing so well in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) field.

Congratulations, too, to the Girls' 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football who won their premier grade competition last week. Football is strong in the school at present, and as both the boys' (Tauranga) and girls' (Nelson) teams head away to nationals we look forward to a strong showing.

Best wishes to all our teams travelling next week: Boys' Senior Badminton (Hamilton); Junior Boys' Basketball (New Plymouth); Senior Boys' Basketball (Palmerston North); Senior Girls' Basketball (Palmerston North); Senior Girls' Hockey (Auckland); Senior Boys' Hockey (Pukekohe) U19 Golf (Nelson), Senior Netball (Whanganui) and Fencing (Auckland). We also have teams competing locally: U15 Rugby; Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' Underwater Hockey. These teams can only compete because of the volunteers involved, many of whom are parents/caregivers sacrificing part of their annual leave and a good deal of their own money to make these events happen. Thank you to all those involved – staff, students and parents/caregivers – for helping to sustain the great Kiwi tradition that national sports week is. Best of luck to all involved.

I also offer a quick reminder. College Sport Wellington and similar organisations throughout the country have promoted all year the notions of fair play in sports and fair play from spectators watching sports. Our record here has been brilliant at points of this season and much less so on at least two occasions this year. We need to act as a school in these matters. Just as our school ethos is to look after the person beside you whether you know them or not, in sports we need a similar style of understanding. We do expect all our players and all our coaches and all our supporters to behave and speak in a manner that is constantly aware that the connection with Hutt Valley High School means you carry all our reputations with you. We hope to see our teams giving of their best, and winning with grace or losing with grace as the occasion demands. The manner of our

participation is as important as the outcome on the scoreboard. Most of our community understands that and we hope that next week all of our people do us proud.

On a completely different note, last week we sent on a message from the District Health people about measles. There have been instances across the country where schools have had outbreaks and these have led to serious health issues as well as two week stand-down periods for those affected; both students and staff. We are told that there have been three instances of measles in the greater Wellington region. As a school we are taking steps to offer vaccination to staff through the help of District Health. I write this to remind our families that if you or your children have not been vaccinated against measles, this is a simple process, and that vaccinations are free from your local doctor. It is possible to take the steps to reduce the likelihood that this disease can affect you or your family.

A few years ago we took the step of adding a mid term break to each of the winter terms as a way of reducing winter ailments in the school. This coming Monday is that mid term break for Term 3 and so there are no classes. While this year has been so far a very mild winter, there is a steady number of students absent, ill. The extra day on allows a little respite and the chance to clear some of those coughs and colds from classrooms. That's one step we take each year and will continue in the future. I urge families to consider measles vaccination as a step you might take to ensure that what is a dangerous disease remains far from our school.

Best wishes for the short break on Monday and again, good luck to our tournament teams next week.

Ross Sinclair  
Principal



## Congratulations to:

- ★ **Charlotte Coulson** 9HSHR who recently competed in the semi-finals of the National Spelling Bee and has gained a place in the finals of this competition.
- ★ **Hamish Horan** 12HF came second in the Indoor Archery Nationals competition in Palmerston North last weekend. He was competing in the cadet mens category.

## Triathlon/ duathlon/ aquathon entries are still open!

You can compete individually, or get a team together  
*Triathlon* is 4.2km run, 14km bike, 300m swim  
*Duathlon* is 4.2km run, 14km bike, 2km run  
*Aquathon* is 4.2km run, 300m swim

Click on the link below to complete your entry:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/v3slbyNLnHdM4XL52>

The event is now on Friday 9 September - races starting at 11.00 am

## Cultural Evening

On 9 September, Hutt Valley High School is holding its annual Cultural Evening! It is a fun night of cultural celebration, and a chance to show off your talents whatever they may be.

If you would like to be a part of this awesome event and perform, or know somebody who might, please contact either Jerry Paku or Abby Barclay via email or on facebook.

Abby Barclay: [12052ab@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:12052ab@hvhs.school.nz)

Jerry Paku: [12383jp@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:12383jp@hvhs.school.nz)

## Hire of Sports Uniforms

These are now due back unless you are attending Tournament Week.

Please return clean hired sports uniform to the Resource Centre asap for your cash refund.

## Entertainment Books are now on sale

Support Hutt Valley High School by buying through this link <http://www.entbook.co.nz/9a27709> or by contacting Suzanne Edwards, [suzanne\\_edwards@xtra.co.nz](mailto:suzanne_edwards@xtra.co.nz). All profits made go directly to the school!

## Looking Ahead

### August

- 28-2 Sept Winter Sports Tournament Week**
- 29 Mid Term Break - school closed
- 30 Mathswell Competition Year 9**
- 31 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

### September

- 1 Mathswell Competition Year 11**
- 1-2 All Blacks Trophy Tournament
- 6-10 Year 12 Fashion Exhibition - Dowse**
- 7 Year 13 Tough Guy and Girl Challenge
- 8 PPTA/NZEI Union Meeting - classes cease at 12.15 pm**
- 9 School Triathlon
- 9 Cultural Evening**
- 13 MCAT Mathematics Exam
- 13-16 Musical Performances**
- 15 Speech Competition, 7.00 pm
- 17 Year 13 School Formal**
- 20 Perth Sports Exchange
- 23 Last Day of Term 3**

### October

- 10 First Day of Term 4
- 10-18 Senior Exams**

## HVHS Facebook Page

Here is the link to our new school facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hvhs.school.nz/> or go to the school website and click on the FB link <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/about-us/student-online-services/>

## Knowledge Shop NCEA Holiday Programme Enrolments are now open

Knowledge Shop will be holding its highly successful NCEA Exam Preparation Programme from Monday 26 September to Friday 30 September 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](http://www.knowledgeshopnz.co.nz) for the full programme. All bookings can be made online. Limited spaces so please book early.