



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a fantastic night. Wonderful to see our Poly Club on the stage. Nice to see new faces in Kapa Haka. The musical and dancing talent of our students is seriously good! It was lovely to see a full hall. Thanks to the many students and staff who attended and helped to make the event so successful. Special thanks to Jill Skinner for guiding the student leaders and spearheading the event, also to Grace Davey and Wayne Rutherford for their support during the evening.

I would also like to acknowledge Helena and Lavinia who dedicated their song to the victims of the Ariana Grande concert explosion, many of whom were teens. Comprehending such a hideous act is difficult. I know many of you will have family and relatives in the UK - I do too. Our thoughts go out to everyone affected by this terror attack.

As part of Cultural Week, staff debated against the premier student debate team. The moot was *There should be zero tolerance for violence in school* and the winner was the Teachers; Bernard Beckett, Ioanna Koroniadis and Jasmine Novak the affirmative team.



Congratulations to the 1st XV for winning their way to the Premier 1 Division of College Rugby. They won a hard fought game vs. Bishop Viard College. There was a massive defensive effort - led by Mitchell Stringer and Tai Misa-Bryce, accurate kicking by Piri Bradshaw and several breakaway tries from speedy Nick Smith. Well done coaches and managers for leading the team in such a positive way.

The Social Sciences department is in the spotlight this newsletter. This department engages in a lot of education outside the classroom (EOTC) learning opportunities. To date this year, students have visited the 'Scale of our War' and 'Great War Exhibition' exhibition at Te Papa and travelled to the West Coast of the South Island to study the impact of the gold rush era and coal mining. A group are off to the Taranaki battlefields to better understand the New Zealand Wars and a group completed the Tongariro crossing as part of their study of volcanic environments in March. Business students are getting ready for Market Day at the Dowse on June 18, and a team entered the Monetary Policy Challenge, organised by the Reserve Bank. They find out if they reached the National finals in June.

This year 40 Hour Famine is about a generation of young New Zealanders uniting, standing side by side with the children of Syria, giving them a chance to piece their worlds back together. The money raised will continue to be used to fund World Vision's Child-friendly Spaces in Jordan. Our student leaders are encouraging HVHS students to be global citizens and support this cause. Students are sponsored to 'go without for 40hours' - e.g. turn your phone off for 40 hours, go without TV, go without fizzy drinks, etc. Last year our World Vision team raised around \$6,000, they are hoping to better that total this year. Your support would be appreciated.

A reminder to you that 2 June is a Teacher Only Day. Our whole staff will be joining staff from 13 other Wellington Schools at the LoopEd Conference. One of the keynote speakers is Judge Andrew Becroft who was the Principal Youth Court Judge of New Zealand, until last year when he was appointed the Children's Commissioner. The theme of the conference is Connection, Collaboration, Courage. Staff are learners too, and we do appreciate the support our community give us so that we can attend professional development opportunities like this.

Denise Johnson, Acting Principal



Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to Vivien Ren who competed in the Wellington Region's Secondary Schoolgirls' Foil competition 2017 and was placed 3rd.
- ★ Congratulations to the following players who have been named in the Capital Futsal Youth Teams heading to the Futsal Youth National Championships in Palmerston North (14-16 July). Well done guys!

Boys

Beauyn Goochwood 12IC
Emerik Wallace 12IC
Brayan Heredia Santamaria 12MO

Girls

Ariana Gray 9WSML
Macey Caughley 10HLYN
Eleanor Humphrey 10GLTS
Madison Nydam 13KN

Free Legal Advice for Students

Mr Eugene Collins, Partner of Collins and May Law firm will be available to give free legal advice to Year 12 and 13 students each Thursday during lunch time (1.30 pm – 2.15 pm).

Please book an appointment with the HVHS Office.

Open Evening

Will be held for all parents/caregivers and their students, who are interested in attending Hutt Valley High School in 2018.

Hutt Valley High School Hall Thursday 1 June 2017 at 6.00 pm.

There will be introductions and brief addresses plus guided tours of the school and advice on programmes. Enrolment packs will be available.

Kamar Parent Portal Payments

This is also an easy way to pay for fees and donations using a credit card. You can select which items you would like to pay for.

Office and Resource Centre closure

The Office and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 31 May between 8.30 and 9.30 am due to whole school professional development.

Looking Ahead

May

- 26** **Pink Shirt Day**
- 26 Year 11 and 13 Tough Guy Challenge
- 26** **Year 13 PE Orongorongo Valley Trip**
- 31 Year 13 Outdoor Education Trip
- 31** **Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm**

June

- 1 Open Evening, 6.00 pm
- 2** **Teacher Only Day (no classes)**
- 5 Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 5-8** **Year 13 Geography Trip**
- 6 Year 11 Life Skills Trip
- 7-8** **Big Sing**
- 7 Victoria University Maori and Pasifika Outreach Parents Evening, 6.30 pm
- 10-11** **Chamber Music Contest**
- 12 Year 11 Drama Production
- 12** **Year 13 Art Trip**
- 13 Year 11 Ohomauri, Pasifika and Victoria Juniors Day
- 14** **Wanganui High School Sports Exchange**
- 15 LSU Trip to Space Place
- 16** **Mufti Day**
- 16 Japanese Trivia Championship
- 17** **Rockquest Regional Heats**
- 18-20 Year 12 History Trip
- 19-21** **Year 13 PE Tararua Ranges Trip**
- 20 Whanau Steering Group, 6.00 pm
- 21** **St Marks lunchtime concert**
- 23 Business Studies Market Day
- 23** **Rockquest Regional Finals**

Australian Mathematics Competition

Competition Date: Thursday 27 July 2017
 (Listen to daily notices for more information)

Entries Accepted: Until Wednesday 7 June 2017

Entry Fee: \$10.00 which must be paid with entry to the Resource Centre

This is open to all students and is the largest and most popular Mathematics Competition in Australasia. The first few questions are very easy and the questions get progressively more difficult until the end. Most questions are multi-choice. This competition is suited for students of average or above ability.