



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I had the pleasure on Tuesday of attending a short but significant ceremony at the Lower Hutt Hospital. It was an awards ceremony recognising the national Merit Award given to a team of our Year 10 students in the competition run by the Young Enterprise Trust. The students, supervised by Ms Kiely, had produced a competition entry where they designed and produced a DVD appealing to students of their age to work as volunteers in Hutt Hospital. Tasks such as helping in the Children's Ward or with behind the scenes jobs can be done, and the students' services are welcomed by the hospital staff. The energy and effort of our students were obvious, but so too was the service ethos that we want to inculcate in all our students. If our students can offer their help to others, they automatically engage in a process where thoughtfulness and care of others assume a high priority. In that kind of atmosphere, a school flourishes.

Service to others is a key message of Christmas, just as it is a message within other faiths around the world. As we approach the holiday season I want to thank the students, parents/caregivers and staff for all the hundreds of hours that have been given to assist others this year. We are the size of a small town, and like a town we have a huge range of activities that are entirely dependent on people's willingness to contribute extra. It begins with the Board of Trustees, all of whom are volunteers. The Past Pupils and Friends Association members take an active and practical role in assisting current students. Archives preserves our history and makes it accessible to all. In the academic field teachers and teacher aides are involved in additional classes, tutoring, opening facilities for hours before and after school, field trips, offering rehearsals and practices and a total engagement with helping our students to gain the qualifications and skills they need. In the sports areas there are managers, coaches, captains, drivers, people who help with gear, sponsors and supporters. In the cultural area directors, stage managers, lighting and sound crew, conductors, props and sets people, choreographers and cherishers all work huge unpaid hours to make performances happen with standards and style. In the wider school there are grounds staff working to present the school well, there are office and behind the scenes staff and technicians often going well beyond their core jobs in order to provide the special extras that make a school thrive. Deans and form teachers spend many hours, often in their own time, contacting homes on an array of matters to work to advance the interests of our students. This entire complex organisation only works through the

organising efforts of a senior administration - supported by the staff - that is completely focused on success. Thank you to you all and best wishes for a superb and restful break over the Christmas holidays.

Ross Sinclair, **Principal**

Congratulations

Hutt Valley High School congratulates the following students on their success at the senior prizegiving held recently.

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We congratulate the following students selected as Year 13 leaders for 2010

Head Boy:	Reuben Bennett
Head Girl:	Audrey Waugh
Deputy Head Boy:	Mac Leesburg
Deputy Head Girl:	Karianne Chalmers
Cultural Captains:	Riley Harter, Sean Powell
Sports Captains:	Matthew Murdoch, Shinead Williams de Bique
BOT Student Representative:	Steven Xie

Te Reo Māori class for fluent students—2010

The Languages Department wishes to advise all interested parents that in 2010 there will be a tutorial-style Te Reo Māori class for advanced students who will communicate mainly in the Māori language.

Students will be timetabled to attend lessons in Hotuwaipara (F1).

This class will enable students of any level with significant skills in Te Reo to complete NCEA L1-3 Te Reo Māori and/or Scholarship prior to Year 13.

Please email Mrs Amoamo hineamoamo@hotmail.com if your child is a potential candidate for this class.



Our Coaches—Profiles

In any extra-curricular areas of school life, teachers involvement is essential, and the HVHS Sports department would like to thank ALL those teachers involved in delivering our sport program. We have profiled just a few of these wonderfully giving staff members who have convened, coached, or managed certain sports throughout their time here at HVHS, and hope to bring you regular profiles of those involved. We hope you enjoy the read, and THANK YOU again to all staff involved in sport!!



Name: Gary Murphy

Teacher: HOD Physical Education

Roles at HVHS: 21 years as HOD PE (2006 – present); Assistant HOD PE; Mathematics.

Sports involvement: Table Tennis Convenor, Staff Soccer, Coach/Manager Table Tennis, First X1 Cricket coach and coach/manager of many other cricket teams prior.

How involved: I am fully involved with Table Tennis at present, organising tournaments, teams, travel, coaches, managers and students.

What do you enjoy about your sport involvement? I enjoy seeing the enthusiasm of the students and their success. This builds positive relationships that reflects respect and good rapport with students in and out of the classroom.

Why do it: I really enjoy sports.

Team achievements: Table Tennis – **National Champions '88, '89, '90, '94, 2003 and 2006.**

Yours own sporting/ extra curricular interests: Playing Tennis, Golf and Indoor Soccer.



Name: Bronwyn Davies

Role at HVHS: Yr 13 Dean, English Teacher

Roles & Time HVHS: Seven years as a Dean, Teacher and Sports Convenor.

Sports involvement: **Volleyball Convenor '07 '08 '09, Netball, Soccer, Basketball Manager and Croquet Convenor** in prior years.

How involved: Volleyball Convenor, advertise trials, recruit coaches, recruit managers, attend trials, publish team lists, organise tournaments teams and travel. Chase up registration payments, organise coaches/managers/players prior to games, attend and support games when possible.

What do you enjoy about your sport involvement? Team achievements – **WINNING!!** Students coming together from different backgrounds and playing as a team.

Why do it: Request from students and an interest in them participating in extra curricular physical activities to represent the school.

Team achievements: **Senior Girls' Volleyball team qualified for premier regional competition Term 4 '09 under coach Andrew Hart**

Yours own sporting/ extra curricular interests: Have run two half marathons slowly.

Did you know: **Great at organising Volleyball but have never played. Can't really hit the ball! Will study next year to complete Masters Degree so will need a new Convenor.**



Name: Angus Devine.

Teacher: PE Teacher & Dean

Roles & Time at HVHS: Three years as a PE Teacher & Yr 11—13 Dean.

Sports involvement: Cricket Coach for 3rd XI & 5th XI, Indoor Cricket Manager.

How Involved: Organise teams, travel and trainings. Fully involved in Cricket because of my passion for the game.

What do you enjoy about your sport involvement? I enjoy seeing students getting involved in sport and developing skills.

Why do it? Satisfaction of seeing students playing sports and seeing their own satisfaction and enjoyment at being involved.

Team achievements: Indoor Cricket team won North Island Champs in August 2009.

Your own sporting/ extra curricular interests: Saturday is Cricket all day, and I enjoy Tennis and Golf. I also enjoy following American Football.

Did you know: I have recently been appointed to be the Liaison Officer for the ICC under 19 World Cup in Christchurch in January 2010. It will be great to be involved with Cricket at this level.



Name: George Ichim

Teacher: Science and Physics teacher

How long at HVHS & Roles: Four years as a Science/Physics teacher and Football Convener.

Sports involvement: Football (Soccer) Convener and HVHS Football Committee Member.

How involved: I liaise with parents, teachers, coaches and managers to organise trials, and support the competition. We use networking with clubs to find support. Football Convener this year and have coached for the last **three years. We had 5 boys' teams and 4 girls' teams this year.**

What do you enjoy about your sport involvement? I enjoy Football and the positive interaction with the players/students.

Why do it? I have a passion for Football and the health and wellbeing benefits.

Team achievements: At Tournament Week in Palmerston North our **1st XI Boys' finished in 5th place**, losing only one game in the quarter-final. **Our Youth Boys' 3rd XI** who played the final against one of the group favourites came runner up. **Our 1st XI Girls' were Runner Up in the Wellington College Sport Premier Competition.**

Your own sporting/ extra curricular interests: Gardening, Reading and Watching Sport.

Did you know: Before teaching I was an electronics engineer for 20 years in Transylvania. I have always played Football in any position until my **knees said "enough is enough"**.

Name: Jenny Rippon

Teacher: Biology teacher, responsible for Junior Science

How long at HVHS & Role: 22 years as a Science teacher and Sports Convener

Sports involvement: **Badminton, Water Polo, Soccer, and Cricket because of my own children's involvement.**

How involved: Badminton convener/manager for Terms 2 and 3 (22 teams) and Water Polo Convener, for 4 teams all year round. Manage and assist other managers, organise and accompany trips, fundraise, attend trainings, organise uniforms etc.

What do you enjoy about your sport involvement? I enjoy the interaction with the students and families in a relaxed environment and building relationships with students that are reflected in a positive way in the classroom.

Why do it? I am interested in sports and feel it is important to contribute to the school community. I have a sense of pride in belonging to the school community.

Team achievements: Water Polo- 2009 senior boys won the Southern Region Division 2 Championship. Badminton 2009 came 9th at the National Champs.

Yours own sporting/ extra curricular interests: Before children I played Netball, Hockey and competitive Tennis. I enjoyed tramping and then followed my own three children's sporting interests at HVHS and continue to support the HVHS sporting community.

Did you know: In Auckland I can find my way from our favourite motel to all the main pools, tournaments and supermarket but can not divert off the track.

Ontrack Sports Academy 2009

On the 2, 3 & 4 of December 50 Year 10 students were involved in the 'Ontrack' programme. These students were selected by the Physical Education Department based on the criteria of being gifted and talented.

The programme, run by Ignite Sport, offered a range of activities and workshops which focussed on developing the students' athletic skills as well as their character. Some of the highlights were a visit to Billy Graham's boxing gym and the indoor sports tournament on Friday. The PE department would like to congratulate those students who participated. We would also like to express our appreciation to the Ignite team for putting together a fantastic programme.



Robotics Boot Camp Success

Five HVHS students attended the Wellington Region Robotics Boot Camp at Massey University last week, where they assembled robots to compete in a contest on the second day. Steven Xie, Dominik Schmid, Cheyaanthan Haran, Dominic Belsham and Shaun Lindsay spent two days learning about the VEX robotics world wide competition and having a taster of what is involved. Four of our boys teamed up with three students from Naenae College and were thwarted at the end by a flat battery! Dominic Schmid, who is part of the Massey University MARS Robotics group formed part of the winning team, who beat all the other robots on the day. We look forward to competing in the national competition next year.



Starting Information for all students 2010

Tuesday 2 February

11.00 am Year 12 course confirmation, Hall
 12.30-1.00 pm Lunch
 1.00 pm Year 13 course confirmation, Hall
 All day Liaison training

Wednesday 3 February

10.00 am Year 10 assembly
 10.00-11.00 am Liaison students meet with their Yr 9 form teachers
 11.00 am Break
 11.35 am Year 11 assembly
 1.00 pm Assembly—Yr 12 (Hall) & 13 (Gym)
 2.00 pm Students finish for day

Thursday 4 February

8.45 am Year 9 only
 8.45 am All **new** International students
 9.00 am Powhiri for all students (Yr9-13) **new** to the school

Friday 5 February—all year levels

8.45—3.15 pm Full school time table

Term dates—2010

Term 1 Tuesday 2 February—Thursday 1 April
Term 2 Monday 19 April—Friday 2 July
Term 3 Monday 19 July—Friday 24 September
Term 4 Monday 11 October—Tuesday 14 December

Uniform Shop/Resource Centre

Normal Hours

Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.00 pm

Closed each day from

10—10.30am and Noon—1.00 pm

The Resource Centre will close at midday on 11 December 2009

2010

Tuesday 19 January to Friday 22 January
 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Closed Monday 25 January—(Wellington Anniversary)

Tuesday 26 February to Saturday 30 January
 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Monday 1 February to Wednesday 3 February
 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Thursday 4 February
 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 5 February – normal hours resume



HVHS Adult Community Education

A final farewell from the staff and tutors of Community Education

E noto ra / Adios / Tofa / Auf Wiedersehen
 Aere ra / Ciao / Au se lako mada
 Au revoir / Itte Kimasu

Canteen—Thank You

The canteen staff would like to thank all of our volunteers, both parents and students, for all the wonderful help you have given us this year.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again next year.