



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2011.

To those new to the school – students, teachers and parents/caregivers alike – we welcome you to our community and hope that your time here is truly rewarding.

Our formal welcome to students occurred last week with the powhiri to welcome Year 9, new students from Years 10-13 and new staff. Parent Asher Hauwaho spoke for the tangata whenua (those of us within the school community) and Mike Ross, husband of counsellor Claire Ross spoke for the manuhiri (visitors, or those new to the school). They welcomed a total of 412 new students and 10 new staff.

At the front of the hall was a carving done by Terry Deverall, a teacher aide on the staff. Terry's carving is a reproduction of one that was in a swamp near Te Reo Maori teacher Hine Amoamo's home 40 years ago and which was badly water damaged. The carving is done in macrocarpa, and represents a parent and child. The imagery of care and nurture was particularly apt for the ceremony of welcome.

Last year, when the Board of Trustees completed the Strategic Plan for 2011-2015, the agreed vision was one that took a line from our school motto "Ad Alta". The vision is "Aim high – be the best you can be." The goal is simply expressed, but its implications are huge. As the Board worked on the feedback from students, parents/caregivers and our wider community, it established goals that will drive all our activity. Everything we do is designed to create the circumstances that encourage our students to flourish.

A major part of that exercise is gaining the full contribution of our students' talents to the progress of themselves and their peers. Already, our seniors are planning a range of activities, many of them new to the school. They plan to expand and develop what is done here, exemplifying the service ethos that underpins any successful school. As the year group councils get established, we will be looking to each year group for leadership within the school and for a full engagement with school life.

There are substantial changes this year. We have introduced a new more flexible school administration package, and while it will – and is – creating some teething problems, it will give us much more flexibility in tracking and reporting on student success. The new national curriculum is introduced this year, and that has led to an entirely new timetable format in Years 9 and 10, with 26 spells per week to accommodate the eight essential learning areas that are required of national programmes. At the same time, we

have changed the seniors' timetables to reflect the realities of the increasing use of internal assessment. Tuesday starts with a Spell A, which is a teaching spell for juniors but an NCEA call-back spell for Years 11,12,13. They are not required at school unless specifically requested to attend an internal assessment time. Friday Spell 1 is a call-back for Y12 and Y13, but for Y11 is used for extension teaching in social and employment matters (eg study skills, CV preparation). That leaves 24 spells for seniors' regular programmes.

This year we are not encouraging all Y12 students to attempt 6 subjects, although students functioning at high levels will continue to do so. Instead, students will have an NCEA Internal Spell (or study) where they work on the assignment-based material that is required for internal assessments. The structure is intended to enhance students' ability to not just pass NCEA but to do well. With Victoria and other universities setting Guaranteed Entry Scores that are in advance of the requirements of the NZQA University Entrance, students have to focus on Merit and Achieved passes. The fact that individual subject endorsements are available for the first time this year should act as an additional spur to the students.

So, the environment is changing rapidly and the school's changes reflect that. As we make these changes, there will be challenges as we adjust school routines. We are grateful for the goodwill of the school community as these more complex new patterns are bedded in.

This newsletter contains commentary telling of many students' successes during the holiday break. We congratulate them for their outstanding efforts. Next week, at a full school assembly we will recognise and congratulate those who have achieved outstanding academic success in last year's NCEA and we will formally install our 2011 school leaders. That will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the talents of our students. I shall report on NCEA results in a future newsletter.

Best wishes to everyone involved with our community this year. We look forward to a year of fun, effort and achievement.

Ross Sinclair, **Principal**

Congratulations to:

★ The National Secondary School Bowls Championships were held in Dunedin from 12-14 December. Euan Wong, 13VY was competing in the boys singles, and was second favourite behind last years runner up from Kaitaia. The first day consisted of five one hour rounds of section play at St Clair. Windy and tricky conditions throughout meant Euan had to beat the favourite in the final round to qualify, which he did comfortably 21-11. With Euan easily winning his semi-final 16-6, it became a showdown between the two favourites for the title, which required an extra end to be played as the scores were 10 all after the hour was up. However, Euan held his nerve, prevailing with the shot to win his first National title.

★ In December 2010, Staci and Samantha Knox went to New Caledonia for the 4th Oceania Taekwondo Championships. Staci, Samantha and team mate Zoe Fountain competed against the Oceania region and came first in the Womens Team Poomsae, each gaining a Gold medal. Samantha, who competed in the Individual Poomsae won a Silver medal. Staci, who was selected for both Team Poomsae and Fighting gained a Bronze medal in her division of fighting. Overall the New Zealand team did well coming home with over twenty medals. Staci and Samantha retain their Bi Yearly Title of Oceania Champions (2008 & 2010) and will be competing in the Worlds this year in Russia.

★ At the end of last year a team of nine athletes headed to the National Secondary School athletics Champs in Hastings. The weather was great and so was the results with several athletes progressing to the semi-finals. Shaun Baxter finished a great 5th in the Junior Boys Long Jump followed the next day by an amazing effort by Josh Dunstan-Brown, Chris McIlroy and Cameron Murdoch who won a bronze medal in the road race, HVHS's first National Athletics medal in a few years. Thank you to Brig Murdoch who supervised this successful trip and also to German exchange student Oliver Schenk who put in a solid effort in the senior boys 4x400 helping us to 12th.

★ Andrew Grubb who attended an Air Training Corps Course at RNZAF Base Woodbourne. Andrew was one of 14 cadets nationally who completed their first solo flights. Students interested in joining the Air Training Corps in Petone are welcome to attend Monday parades, ph 568 5414 anytime for details.

★ Congratulations to Jeremy Richardson 11, who was selected for the National Youth Brass Band. The band's membership is primarily adults under 23 years.

Best wishes to the following elite athletes:

- ★ Sam Ashforth who has been selected from 160 students for a trial with the Glasgow Rangers in Scotland. Sam is holding a Horse Racing fundraising evening on 26 February at the Petone Football Clubrooms, 7.00pm. Contact Allison on 566 7882 or aashforth@msn.com.
- ★ Danielle Jellicoe 11RO, will be in Chicago 9-19 February representing New Zealand in gymnastics.
- ★ Anita and Heather Trudgen are competing in National and International yachting events in coming weeks culminating in the Harken Women's International in Sydney from 21-25 March.
- ★ Kimberly Goodearl has been selected to trial for the New Zealand Secondary School Netball team from 16-18 April.
- ★ Congratulations to Kahupikake Salzmann who has qualified for 6 NZ Junior swimming titles. The finals will be held at Kilbirnie Pool on the 19-20 February.

Student Leaders - 2010

Head Boy	Sam Murch
Head Girl	Dipti Patel
Deputy Head Boy	Devin Glover
Deputy Head Girl	Michaela O'Connor
Cultural Captains	Jasmine Tso & Hayden Richardson
Sports Captains	Jacob Paul & Emma Smith
BOT Student Representative	Dane Rolton

Liaison Students

Madison McGee	Mark Congdon
Ruby McGruddy	David Coetzee
Emily Stotter	Tom Burke
Nicole Hawke	Tim Fox
Jasmin Maaka	Patrick Wiggins
Carly Armstrong	Josh Joe-McIndoe
Ashleigh Armstrong	Dominic Belsham
Shan McGuinness	Josh Dunstan-Brown
Ashley Fry	Chris McIlroy
Izzy Baarspul	Stephen Evans
Ashleigh Kinear	Tyler McBride
Lucy Naik	Hayden Yee
Anna Cotterill	Brandon O'Donnell
Emma Rowell	Matthew Shepherd
Heather Trudgen	
Ashley Keenan	

Year 13 Council

Judy Chu, Euan Wong, Jigna Chhika, Tegan Slater, Belinda Bui, Paige Lunnon, Jennifer Turner, Chris Collins, Samantha Edwards and Thomas Murray.

We congratulate these students and thank them for volunteering for leadership roles within the school.

School Timetable -

Please ensure that your child is attending ALL classes **ON TIME**—including form spell.

Monday, Thursday

Spell 1	8.45 am - 9.45 am
Form Spell	9.45 am - 10.00 am
Spell 2	10.00 am - 11.00 am
Interval	11.00 am - 11.30 am
Spell 3	11.30 am - 12.30 pm
Spell 4	12.30 pm - 1.30 pm
Lunchtime	1.30 pm - 2.15 pm
Spell 5	2.15 pm - 3.15 pm

Wednesday

Spell 1	9.50 am - 10.40 am
Spell 2	10.40 am - 11.30 am
Interval	11.30 am - 12 noon
Spell 3	12 noon - 12.50 pm
Spell 4	12.50 pm - 1.40 pm
Lunchtime	1.40 pm - 2.25 pm
Spell 5	2.25 pm - 3.15 pm

Class Photographs

Are being taken for all year levels on Wednesday and Thursday **9 and 10 March** in the Hall.

Remember to bring your form, wear correct uniform and big smiles.



Welcome new staff

We welcome the following new staff:

Teaching:

Tim Fox - Deputy Principal
 John Mitchell - Assistant HOD Maths
 Siobhan Haley - Assistant HOD Maths
 David Elkin - Mathematics
 Rhiannon Edmonds and Rebecca Dunn - PE
 Jenna Owen - Social Sciences

Administration:

Gail Nicholson - Administration
 Shauna Gratton - Library Assistant

Spell A on Tuesdays is an NCEA callback for Years 11, 12 and 13. Friday Spell 1 is an NCEA callback spell for Years 12 and 13.

Tuesday

Spell A	8.45 am - 9.35 am
Form Spell	9.35 am - 9.50 am
Spell 1	9.50 am - 10.40 am
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Spell 5	2.25 pm - 3.15 pm

Friday

Spell 1	8.45 am - 9.45 am
Form Spell	9.45 am - 10.00 am
Spell 2	10.00 am - 11.00 am
Interval	11.00 am - 11.30 am
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NCEA Results 2010

If you wish to have papers reconsidered the last day to send in an application is 18 February. An application form would have been sent with your results notice.

NCEA - All you need to know

A copy of the HVHS NCEA Student booklet can be found on our website: <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/2011-NCEA-Student-Booklet.pdf>. All students should have received a copy of this booklet.

Please also look to see if you have subject exam clashes. The 2011 timetable is on pages 17 and 18 on the NCEA booklet, or by following this link: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/2011-timetable.pdf>

If you have a clash of two subjects do not worry this will be accommodated. **If you have a clash of three subjects see Mr Larkin immediately.**

Please Remember . . .

Cellphones/MP3's/CD Players - these are not to be used or to be in sight during form spell and lesson times. Students who disregard this rule will have these items confiscated. "In the building, in the bag".

Notes - when writing a note for a student, please include the **form class**.

Messages—please only contact the school with a message for a student if it is **urgent**. We do not have time to act as a general message service.

NCEA STUDY

StudyCards - \$13.50 (rrp \$18.50). Written and edited by experienced teachers. A year's work on a keyring.

Revision Guides - \$14.50 (rrp19.50). Include worked answers and full 2009 and 2010 exam papers.

Buy direct.

To order: Online @ rur.co.nz or txt 021 825 273.

The Science Department needs lots of.....

2L ice cream containers and
small yoghurt pots

Please check the cupboards at home and
bring any of these containers along to a
Science teacher.

Canteen

The canteen staff welcome new students and staff. It is so nice to see so many of you trying our food.

Our lemonade is very popular at present and if you have lemons to spare we can give them a good home. Deliver to the canteen direct or to the school office. Thank you.



Resource Centre

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.00 pm

Looking Ahead

February

11	Senior Chemistry Trip
14	Teamworks Assembly, all welcome, 9am
15	Junior Athletics Day
17	Junior Athletics postponement day
22	Senior Athletics Day
22	Year 9 Meet 'n Greet, 7.00 pm
24	Senior Athletics postponement day
25, 28	Year 11 Ropes Course
28	Year 9 Speed Careers

March

1, 2, 3, 4	Year 11 Ropes Course
1, 2, 3, 4	Year 9 Speed Careers
3, 4	Year 12 Biology Trip
9-10	School photos
14-16	Year 12 Geography Trip
17-18	Year 13 Tourism Trip
17	Year 9 Social

Term Dates 2011

Term 1	Thursday 3 February - Friday 15 April
Term 2	Monday 2 May - Friday 15 July
Term 3	Monday 1 August - Friday 7 October
Term 4	Monday 25 October - Friday 9 December

Holidays

Good Friday	22 April (in school holidays)
Easter Monday	25 April (in school holidays)
ANZAC Day	Sunday 25 April
Queens Birthday	Monday 6 June
Mid Term Break	Tuesday 7 June

Cars in School Grounds

Parents are reminded that cars are not permitted in the school grounds before or after school. Please arrange to pick your child up outside the school grounds, well away from the bus stops and pedestrian lights. The safety of our students is paramount, and congestion may lead to accidents.

