



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Monday's opening to Samoan Language Week was a brilliant day of song, dance and speeches. Thanks to our Samoan parents and students, who did a great deal of work in preparation for our guests from around the region, and worked hard on the day to act as ushers, guides, cooks and servers. A key product of the day was a vibrant sense of community spirit, centred around the language and song. The day was a reminder to our Samoan students that they have a language which is studied around the country as an academic subject, and one in which they can do extraordinarily well. I would certainly like to see the numbers of students, – and not just Samoans – who are taking academic Samoan grow. Samoan is the third most spoken language in New Zealand, and learning it to a high level certainly offers opportunities to our students both in school, and beyond as they move into the workplace.

There are other congratulations to offer this week. Firstly, well done to the Stage Challenge cast and crew for their wonderful efforts on Friday night. It is always a risk naming individuals in such a large group, but it would be wrong not to acknowledge the huge effort of co-ordination and cherishing done by Karianne Chalmers 13AO, and the choreography of Kayleigh Cotter 13GW and Sophie Ruthven 13/9EE. The performance gained five awards: Excellence in Student Achievement; in Concept; in Set Design, in Sound Track and Costuming Character. Thank you to all those involved, including the staff who gave freely of their time to ensure that the project happened.

Congratulations, too, to our junior cross-country runners. On Wednesday of last week, the College Sport Wellington Cross-Country Championships were held, and our junior boys won both the three man and six man titles. The three man team of Logan Wylie 9WM, Tim McCafferty 9IC and Jordan

Maguren 9MI did a great job in beating Wellington College and St Patrick's to claim the title. Joined by Taylor Schrijvers 9FD, Sam Griffith 9RI and David Silcock 9EE, they also claimed the junior six man title. The junior girls also did very well, placing second in the six woman race. Jenna Reddy 10RD, Danielle Stevens 11DY, Miia Korpela 10CR, Charlotte Edwards 10WL, Eleanor O'Toole 10CR and Nicole Allan 10UN were the team members. The senior girls (Emily Stotter 12KE, Victoria Taylor 12HU and Lizzie Kelly 11AB) placed fourth in the three woman 4KM event, and the senior boys (Josh Dunstan-Brown 12TJ, Cameron Murdoch 11LK and Chris McIlroy 12TU) were 5th in the three man 6KM race. The intermediate girls (Jenna Reddy, Danielle Stevens and Miia Korpela) were fourth in the three woman 3KM race.

Top ten individual placings in the large fields were gained by Emily Stotter (10th Senior 4KM); Lucy Stotter 9WM (8th Junior 3KM); Logan Wylie (4th Junior 3KM, a race with 126 finishers); Tim McCafferty (9th Junior 3KM); Jordan Maguren (10th Junior 3KM) and Michaela Hargreaves (5th AWD 2KM).

In both the team and individual results there are brilliant results. The event is always fiercely competitive, and schools and the students take a great deal of pride in success. It is clear that cross country is in very good heart. Congratulations to the athletes and coaches involved.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Sports Notices:

- ★ Winter Sports Cancellations
These will be posted on the sports notice boards around the school. Please go to www.college-sports.org.nz for all draws, results and cancellations. Cancellations are also on Newstalk 2ZB (1035AM) or The Breeze (94/98FM or 891AM)
- ★ Winter Sports photographs will be taken on 17 and 18 June. Order forms are available from the Resource Centre. Timetable to follow.

GIFTED AND TALENTED CONFERENCE

41 HVHS students attended a Gifted and Talented conference at Newlands College on Thursday last week. There were seven other Wellington colleges in attendance and the students minds were definitely stimulated by university style lectures on topics such as 'Justice, Truth, Beauty and Mathematics; Nanotechnology; Subjective reality and Sex in the 21st Century'. There was also an afternoon debate surrounding the moral right to kill people, to which several of our students made some extremely well thought out arguments both for and against. The buzz on the bus on the way back to school reflected the energy of the day at large.



HEADLICE

There are a number of schools around the district experiencing an outbreak of head lice including HVHS. We ask parents/caregivers to be vigilant and to please check and treat their children's hair for head lice. There are a number of products available and I am sure the pharmacies will be more than happy to help find the best solution for you.

Looking Ahead

June

- 3** Civil Defence Awards
- 4 Lincoln University Visit
- 7** **Queen's Birthday Holiday - school closed**
- 9 Second Gardasil Immunisation (day 1)
- 10** **School Swimming Sports**
Open Evening for 2011 enrolments
6.00 pm
- 11** **Y13 Pricewaterhouse Coopers visit**
- 13-15 Y13 History Trip
- 15** **Year 12 Tourism Day**
- 16 Horowhenua Sports Exchange
- 17-18** **Winter Sport Photos**
- 18 Second Gardasil Immunisation (day 2)
- 21-22** **Dance Benefit Show**
- 22 Y13 Waikato University visit
- 30** **Victoria University Year 12 Event**

July

- 3-18 School Holidays
- 19** **First day for Term 3**
- 27 Y9 & 10 Core Parents Evening

Student Exchange Australia

Information Evening is to be held on

Thursday 10 June 2010
at James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor,
147 The Terrace, Wellington at 7:30pm.

Register online at <http://studentexchange.org.nz/info-evenings/>

Upper Hutt Parents Expo

Tuesday 8 June - 2.00 pm to 9.00pm

With guest speaker NIGEL LATTA
Speaking in two sessions on: Parenting for 0-10
years & Revenge Of The Teens

For more information or to book on the Nigel Latta talk please contact 04 527 2794 or community@uhcc.govt.nz