



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week I thanked individual students who were heavily involved in Stage Challenge, noting that it is always dangerous to name people as it raises the spectre of omitting someone who should have been acknowledged. So it proved, and I neglected to thank Caitlin Brigden 13/9GO, who was the choreographer for one of the larger groups. Caitlin and the senior student group did a brilliant job.

The big event here at school this week is our Open Night tonight. This is the time when we welcome prospective students to the school and show them a range of elements of school life here at Hutt Valley High School. The school is producing strong and improving results, and we need to get that message very firmly out to our community. In my view, there should be no need for any parents in Lower Hutt City to pay for a private education. They should be confident that here at Hutt Valley High School their sons and daughters will receive a first-rate state education in a strong academic environment that also looks after the vital human dimensions of a robust all-round upbringing. To that end, the wider development of sporting, cultural and personal talents are always very much part of the wider pattern of learning we seek to achieve. It is a shame that our best choirs are away on Thursday at the regional Big Sing event, but their absence illustrates the heavy continuing commitment of our students to the fun and disciplines of public performance in a variety of areas. Meanwhile, individual departments will have displays of student work as well as groups of students engaged in a range of activities that are characteristic of junior programmes. Tour groups will be led by existing students, who will guide our visitors as well as act as ambassadors for the school.

Thank you to all the staff and students who are contributing to Open Night. It is a fun evening, where those here at the school convey the excitement they feel about their specialist areas of learning, and about teaching and learning in general. There is a great deal of work involved in such an evening and I am grateful for the good will and energy offered.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Fees - National Qualifications (NCEA)

Please ensure that fees are paid at the school Resource Centre by **20 August 2010**.

Please note that NZQA will not issue a Record of Achievement or Certificates without payment of fees.

NEW WEBSITE

Have you checked out our new website?
Go to www.hvhs.school.nz.

You can sign up to receive our weekly newsletter by email.

Absence Line 560 1568

If your child will be absent from school, please call our absence line and leave a message stating their name, form class and the reason why. This should then be followed up with a note to the form teacher on their return.



Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to Devin Glover 12TS, who has been selected for the NZ Under-17 Mens Underwater Hockey Team. The team will travel to Auckland in the upcoming school holidays for a training camp and then onto Hobart, Australia to compete in the Trans-Tasman Underwater Hockey Championships. Good luck Devin!
- ★ Well done to the Girls Football First team. They won their last game for grading by 7-2. Their results put them at the top of the table. They have won all 5 games of grading scoring 35 goals and only 3 against them. They have now have been placed in Regional Premier 1 division. Great effort and commitment from the coach, manager, players and their supportive parents.
- ★ Two bands with HVHS students in have made it to the finals of the Wellington Regional Rockquest. From Sublux are students Tom Burke 12KE, Logan Davies 12GM, Ben Harrison 12GM, Henry Muru Paenga 12MS. From another band, Urban Legends, Taylor Hemson 11DY, has also successfully made it through to the finals. Taylor and Urban Legends also recently won the Wellington Region Battle of the Bands, a competition available to all youth aged bands. As winners Taylor and Urban Legends get to go to Auckland and spend a couple of days recording at Zeal's recording studio. They also won dog-shaped pens. The HVHS Stage Band went to the Manawatu Jazz and Blues Festival in Palmerston North during Queen's Birthday weekend, where Matt Steele 13TG, won Best Pianist for the second year in a row.

Canteen Notices

The Canteen desperately needs lemons to make lemon cordial.
If you have feijoas please send these to school as the students love the feijoa and apple cake and the school tree is very bare!
Please drop in to the canteen or the main office.

Looking Ahead

June

- 10 Open Evening for 2011 enrolments
6.00 pm
Big Sing Event
- 11 **Y13 Pricewaterhouse Coopers visit**
- 13-15 Y13 History Trip
- 15 **Year 12 Tourism Day**
- 16 Horowhenua Sports Exchange
Y13 Chemistry Trip, Victoria University
- 17 Y12 Biology First Aid Assessment
- 17-18 **Winter Sport Photos**
- 18 Second Gardasil Immunisation (day 2)
- 18 Y13 Fashion/Art students to Massey University
- 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
- 29 Wairarapa Sports Exchange - away

CIVIL DEFENCE TEAM

Congratulations to this year's civil defence team. Sam Murch 12RC, Danielle Stevens 11DY, Ruby McGruddy 12TJ, Firas Al Tamimi 11MH, Natasha Murden 13MR, Tegan Slater 12HA, Tasha Short 11BL, Lizzie Davies 11DY and Jasmine Tso 12TF



have successfully completed the Hutt City Council's rescue training. All members were presented with certificates by the Majors of Lower and Upper Hutt at a prizegiving last week.