



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This is a wonderful time of the year. As we approach the issue of senior reports, days are spent reading of the progress students are making towards gaining the qualifications that really will set up the parameters of life in the next five to ten years. That is such a rewarding confirmation of the impact of what we as teachers contribute to the lives of the young people entrusted to us. True, there are also some comments that focus on what needs to be remedied if success is to be achieved, and for those students the key thing is to absorb the advice and then act constructively to turn things around. A particular challenge for some is to look at days absent and resolve to aim for perfect attendance for the rest of the year. It really is a truism that you can't be learning if you aren't in class.

Class contact, then, is essential. In fact, the Art Department is going even further by starting sessions aimed at students who do not take curriculum art, so that such students can experience the pleasures of the subject. Thursday of last week saw the first Art Club day, aimed at education in the good old-fashioned broadening sense, unrelated to formal assessment. It is a lovely idea, and I thank the teachers for their generosity with both time and energy.

Members of our community will have seen the notice outside the front of the school congratulating our 2010 New Zealand Underwater Hockey Representatives: Sammy Henderson 13LA (U18 Women), Devin Glover 12TS (U17 Men) and Rachel McJorrow 11AB (U18 Women). Sammy and Rachel are about to travel to the Underwater Hockey Trans-Tasman Championships, to be held in Hobart, Australia, from Monday 5 to Sunday 11 July. In the lead-up they have been completing up to 12 hours per week in training and games, as well as attending a number of tournaments and training camps. We wish all three well for their national duties and congratulate them for their success.

Another recent success is Kate Starling 13NS. Kate is the first recipient this year of a Victoria Excellence Scholarship for 2011. The scholarship is valued at \$5000, with the possibility of extension for up to three years, meaning that the award could be worth as much as \$15000. These awards recognise elite academic performance in the Level 2 NCEA of 2009, and Kate is one of several outstanding students who are eligible. We congratulate her for her success.

A sporting success is Kurt Robinson 12LV who has been contracted to the New Zealand Warriors U20 Development

Squad for rugby league. The Warriors are keen to send signals that education is the key for the modern professional sportsman or woman and Kurt will remain at Hutt Valley High School to further his qualifications during this and next year, before moving to the next stage of the club's development programme. We wish him well in this exciting new phase of his school and sporting career.

Our final congratulations go to Brian Ng 11PN who is one of fifteen national finalists – from 1200 entries - in the prestigious Eton Press Senior Mathematics Competition for this year. He will travel to Christchurch for the competition, to be held on August 19th. We wish Brian well as he seeks to extend his outstanding record of national Mathematics success.

A different style of positive today was created by a Year 9 student who found a wallet in the grounds and handed it in. The owner was immensely grateful to retrieve the large amount of money the wallet contained. I have telephoned the finder's mother to tell her of this wonderful testimony to her son's honesty. It's good to see that people do care, and that they do the right thing.

On a sadder note, as the term ends we say goodbye to a teacher who is very much part of the fabric of Hutt Valley High School. Ms Lorraine Andrews is our Assistant Head of Social Sciences, the Staff Representative on the Board of Trustees, a past Specialist Classroom Teacher, and a member of the staff for 25 years. Lorraine leaves us to further her curriculum management career, taking up a role as a senior teacher at the Correspondence School, where she will work on developing programmes around the new curriculum which is being introduced in 2011.

We also farewell Ms Rebecca Edmonds of the English Department as she takes up a position at Wellington College next term. Rebecca, who began here in 2004, is an outstanding teacher and leaves us having fashioned an enviable reputation as a first rate teacher whose classes are enjoyable and immensely productive. We wish her well as she takes up a new phase of her career.

It has been an extremely busy term and one filled with an amazing variety of events and successes. Thank you to the staff and students, and the many parents and caregivers who are involved in supporting school activities for all that you have done in these past eleven weeks. Best wishes for a relaxing break.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Congratulations to:

★ College Sport Wellington - Squash
 HVHS entered three girls and 10 boys in the secondary schools squash champs. This was held at ClubK on 24 June in Kelburn, Wellington.

Results were:

Boys Competitive Draw

Winner - Jonathan Barnett 11TH
 5th Place - Myles Price Moor 10CR

Girls Competitive Draw

Winner - Rebecca Barnett 11PN
 5th Place - Sophia Gambitsis 12RC

Congratulations to all students for their participation:
 Regan Publitz-Connell 10HK, Angelos Gambitsis 12TF, Tony Gill 12GM, Hema Govind 9EE, Logan James 11HW, Jordon Maguren 9MI, Tyler McBride 12JS, Peter Newman 12Ms, Matthew Shepherd 12KE. Thank you to Mrs Barnett for her support on the day.

★ The Wellington Secondary School Badminton Championships were held yesterday. In a closely fought out final Elliot Pike, 11HW won over Yao Lik Chun 11PN: 22-20 and 21-19.

Looking Ahead

June

28-1 Y12 Drama Production 'Antigone'
30 Victoria University Year 12 Event

July

2 Senior Reports Issued
 3-18 School Holidays
19 First day for Term 3
 27 Y9 & 10 Parents Evening (all subjects)
29 Wairarapa Sports Exchange - away

August

16-20 Careers Week

NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY!

Fang by James Patterson

6th book in the Maximum Ride thriller series. Max is the leader of a group of teenagers who are all a bit 'different'. All have something in common as well as their own special talents. Max and Fang continue the relationship they started previously but will this cause a problem in the group? Whilst on a mercy mission in Chad a new member becomes part of the group which changes the dynamics. Once again Max has to use all her skills to try to sort things out, while also having to deal with issues of her own.

This is a hard-to-put-down, fast-paced title in a gripping series. Full of twists and turns, you are never quite sure where things will lead next. Will have broad general appeal.

RESERVE NOW IN THE LIBRARY

Year 12 Drama Production

28 June –1 July 'Antigone'
 Tickets from the Resource Centre
 Students \$8, Public \$10
 HVHS School Hall

Yr 9 & 10 Parents Evening (all subjects)

Tuesday 27 July 3.45-6.30 pm
 Interview sheets will be bought home by your child next term.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be open over the holidays but with reduced hours of 10.00 am to 3.30 pm.

Please note: Staffing may necessitate short periods of closure during these hours.

Normal office hours will resume on Monday 19 July.



NOTICE - NCEA CANDIDATES

Over the coming weeks all students who are sitting NCEA standards will receive a card from NZQA. This will contain address details and a National Student Number (NSN).

The cards will be passed out by your Form Teacher. Use the card to register online at NZQA. The NSN number is used at exam time and should be recorded elsewhere for safe keeping. If there are errors on the card please see Mr Larkin ASAP.