



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week the junior athletics sports have been held, with a really positive and exuberant atmosphere marking the occasion. Thank you to the PE staff in particular, and the teachers in general, for the effort involved, and a special thank you to the senior students and Y9 student liaisons who did such a brilliant job of generating enthusiasm. The seniors are showing a genuine leadership based on energy and example. It is lovely to see.

I was telephoned by a Dominion Post reporter yesterday, with her question one that sought the reasons for our academic success. She knew, but I did not, that NZQA had announced the top scholar awards for the 2010 New Zealand Scholarship Examinations. There were four awards in the Wellington region for top in one of the 33 subjects examined, and two of them were won by our students. Erica Cai won Top Scholar in Visual Arts – Design, and Hamiora Ormsby won Top Scholar in Te Reo Rangatira. Congratulations to both those students for their academic success, and to their teachers Ms Reichert (Art) and Mrs Amoamo (Te Reo Maori) for their role in helping the students succeed.

The school's students won 30 scholarships and 6 Outstanding Scholarships in eighteen different subjects. The wide range is testimony to the quality in depth of the programmes offered here, and the Outstanding Scholarships, which represent success in approximately the top half to one percent of the country, attest to the ability of staff to take students with high potential and help them to reach the level need to thrive at the very top academic level. It doesn't happen by accident and it occurs only with hard and focused effort.

We have put a lot of energy into the scholarship endeavours of our students, in what are typically out of class tuition sessions held in students' and teachers' own time. It is lovely to see the rewards.

Hutt Valley High School 2010 New Zealand Scholarship Results:

23 students won 30 Scholarships and 6 Outstanding Scholarships in eighteen different subjects.

Erica Cai Visual Arts – Design Outstanding Scholarship
Top in subject

Hamiora Ormsby Te Reo Rangatira Outstanding Scholarship
Top in subject
(*Haami was in Year 12 when undertaking this examination*)

Outstanding Scholarships:

Rhiannon Bertaud-Gandar Art History Outstanding Scholarship

Jeannie Kang Visual Arts - Art Design Outstanding Scholarship

Brian Ng Statistics and Modelling Outstanding Scholarship
(*Brian was in Year 11 when undertaking this examination*)

Hamiora Ormsby Te Reo Maori Outstanding Scholarship
(*Haami was in Year 12 when undertaking this examination*)

Scholarships:

Amanda Au	Geography
Rhiannon Bertaud-Gandar	English
Simon Boedeker	German
Robert Bruce	English
Robert Bruce	Media Studies
Simon Chau	Biology
Simon Chau	Statistics and Modelling
Kayleigh Cotter	Geography
Praneeth Dantanarayana	Accounting
Praneeth Dantanarayana	Economics
Jesse Hwang	Mathematics with Calculus (<i>Jesse was in Year 12 when</i>

undertaking this examination)

Mariam Khmaladze	Chemistry
Mariam Khmaladze	Physics
Mariam Khmaladze	Statistics and Modelling
Gerald Lee	Economics
Gerald Lee	History
Valyn McCawe	Physics
James McLay	Physics
Brian Ng	Mathematics with Calculus (<i>Brian was in Year 11 when</i>

undertaking this examination)

Lauren Murray	Media Studies
Craig Parker	Classical Studies
Craig Parker	History
Katherine Starling	History
Matthew Steele	English
Matthew Steele	Music
Lauren Vinnell	Classical Studies
Xia Chenxin (Cindy)	Music
Xia Chenxin (Cindy)	Statistics and Modelling
Xie Zhuo (Steven)	Mathematics with Calculus
Xie Zhuo (Steven)	Statistics and Modelling

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The total of 36 scholarships ranks us third in the wider Wellington region behind Wellington College and Wellington Girls' College, and places us 24th nationally of the 470+ secondary schools in the country. It is lovely to see the state system providing such a strong academic performance in the scholarship examinations.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Robotics team in the national competition again!

Last weekend 12 HVHS students from **Team Improvisation** went to Palmerston North to enter the Lower North Island Vex Robotics competition, along with 17 other teams from around the region. Asil Khan 13VY, Simon Pinfeld 12NS and Danielle 12IN and Juliet Stevens 9WM went up on Saturday for the training day and were up until 2.00 am making modifications to the robot and were joined on the Sunday by Hanesha 11HK and Sanjay Govind 9EE, Chris Higginson 10KE, Shawn Taylor 10DS, David Sik 10DS, Josh Hood 13HU, Richard 13GS and James Blick 9RP and William Hargan 9EE. It was a long hot day and the robot was competed in over ten practice and real heats, including the semi finals. The team have made it into the national competition in three weeks, so well done guys. One of the HVHS Robotics Club founders, Dominic Schmid, a Year 13 student last year won a place in the world competition to be hosted in Florida next year! Thanks to Ruth Gilbert for the help with supervising and supporting the students over the weekend.



Looking Ahead

February

- 22 Senior Athletics Day
- 22 **Year 9 Meet 'n Greet, 4.00 pm**
- 23 Early Finish for PPTA Meeting
- 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 class photos
- 14-16 **Year 12 Geography Trip**
- 17-18 Year 13 Tourism Trip
- 17 **Year 9 Social**

Class Photographs

Are being taken for all year levels on
Thursday 3 and Friday 4 March
in the Hall.

Order forms have been handed out. Please return these with payment to the Resource Centre.

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

HVHS Athletics Championships

Tuesday 22 February
(Thursday if postponed for rain)
9:00 am - 3:00 pm - HVHS Lower Field

Year 9 Meet 'n Greet

Tuesday 22 February
School Hall, 4.00 - 5.00 pm
Beginning in the school hall

PPTA MEETING

Wednesday 23 February 2011

The Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA) will be holding a meeting for its members on 23 February 2011. An early closure will be in place and an altered timetable will operate:

Late start 9.45 am
Spell 1 9.45 am - 10.30 am
Spell 2 10.30 am - 11.15 am
Interval 11.15 am - 11.30 am
Spell 3 11.30 am - 12.15 pm
Students released for the day at 12.15 pm.

Provision will be made for those students who wish to remain at school.

Book Review

"August" by Bernard Beckett

This book reminded me of The Bridge of San Luis Rey because it starts with an accident and then tells the story of how the people involved came to be in that place at that time. Was it random circumstances? Was it predetermined 'fate'? Or was it the result of a series of choices those people (or others) made? Could it have been otherwise? August is a gripping story about Tristan and Grace and how they came to end up seriously injured and trapped in a car dangling upside down part way down a steep hill. It will appeal to anyone who has ever wondered about life's 'big questions' – who are we? Who or what determines our actions and our destinies? What do we need to do to be in control?

Congratulations to:

★ Emily Stotter 13LV who was in the New Zealand Secondary School Girls Football Team tour to Australia. This team created history by being the first NZ team to uplift the Trans Tasman trophy by beating Australia in a full test series.



Absence Line

All absences should be reported to our **Absence Line on 560 1568**. This should then be followed up with a note to the form teacher on their return. Please state clearly their name, form, date/s absent and the reason why.



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.

Homework Diary

Year 9 and 10 students have received a homework diary. We encourage full use of this. All students receive homework and it should be recorded in this diary. If you have concerns about homework please contact your child's form teacher.

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Wanted!

Lemons for the Canteen for their famous Lemonade.

If you have extra lemons please leave drop them to the canteen or the school office.



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