



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 3. This term is extremely important to students' chances of academic success, as they consolidate on knowledge gained to this point and start to refine and extend their understanding. For senior students, the term represents much more than one third of their progress and so it is absolutely vital that full attendance is maintained. Last term our excused absences rate was 8.4%. That is far too high, and is well beyond what the Ministry of Education expects as a reasonable figure to allow for illness. We do need both students and caregivers to give school attendance the absolute priority that it requires in order for our students to thrive.

That there is serious academic intent here is made clear by our Year 13 students' 2010 Scholarship Examination entries. Over one third of the year group (100 students) have entered for 221 individual examinations. It is wonderful to see such commitment to compete against the best Year 13 students that the country has to offer. The reality, of course, is that we have within the school an extraordinarily talented senior group, as was evidenced by their performance as Year 12 NCEA candidates, and I look forward to considerable success from this year's examinations.

One student who has already enjoyed top national success this year is David Sik of 9SK. David is a 2010 University of New South Wales ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Computer Skills Medal Winner, representing the award of top or top equal for his age group in New Zealand. It is exciting to see such success within the school.

Elsewhere in this newsletter there are significant other successes detailed. Congratulations to Umaiyan Haran 9MM, Vanujan Jayanathan 9SK, Igor Bujanja 10CR, Hariharan Krishnamoorthy 10UN, Liam McGruddy 10CR and Brian Ng 11PN who were all winners of Distinction Awards in the 2010 Australian Science Competition (top 10% of their age group in New Zealand).

In sport, Sarasa Minoya 11RA has continued her impressive karate career with a gold in the Female Kata and a silver in the Female Kumite (both 14/15 years) within the 2010 New Zealand National Karate

Championships, held on the 10 July. Johnny Barnett 11TH and Rebecca Barnett 11PN have both won regional titles and then gone on to success in North and South Island U17 championships, with Rebecca winning titles in both islands, and Johnny gaining runner-up positions. Luke Boden 13WI has been selected for the Wellington Cook Islands Secondary Schools Rugby Team to tour Rarotonga in late November 2010, after the NCEA examinations. Congratulations to all these students.

While successes are lovely to celebrate, we also need to acknowledge the support that underpins such performances. It is the sort of support that is exemplified by our Past Pupils and Friends Association, who over the holidays voted to provide \$7500 for book purchases for the library, as well as \$2000 to provide for archival costs associated with keeping alive the school's historical records and displays, plus another \$1000 for year boards. That practical support is outstanding and we are very grateful for our ex-students' continuing active engagement with the school.

I met three of our ex-students in another guise today, as several are in prominent positions in science and medicine in the wider Hutt Valley. The meeting was convened by the mayors of Upper and Lower Hutt, and sought to examine the labour force opportunities and to project the success message about science in the Hutt Valley. A wide array of science technical and support careers are available locally. Many local companies are having to recruit from overseas when they would like to recruit here. While it is early days in this exercise, I am hopeful that we will be able to offer our students practical "taster" work experiences that will encourage them to see the range of science careers that are available, and to recognise the desirability of retaining sciences when they make option choices in the senior school.

Best wishes to all students and teachers for a stimulating and successful term.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Congratulations to:

- ★ Sarasa Minoya 11RA won a gold medal at Female Kata (14/15 yrs), and a silver medal at Female Kumite (14/15 yrs -55kg) in the 2010 New Zealand National Karate Championships on 10 July.
- ★ Sammy Henderson 13LA and Rachel McJorrow 11AB are members of the New Zealand Under 18 Women's Underwater Hockey Team. During the holidays the team won the Junior Trans-Tasman Championships played in Hobart.
- ★ **AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE COMPETITION 2010 RESULTS**

High Distinction	Top 1% of NZ entrants
Distinction	Top 10% of NZ entrants
Credit	Top 25% of NZ entrants

Distinction: Brian Ng 11PN, Umaiyan Haran 9MM, Vanujan Jayananthan 9SK, Igor Bubanja 10CR, Hariharan Krishnamoorthy 10UN and Liam McGruddy 10CR

Credit: Steven Xie 13GU, Stephanie Cho 9WG, Brandon Ngan 9SK and Ian Wang 9MM.
- ★ Johnny Barnett 11TH, and Rebecca Barnett 11PN both won the College Sport Wellington individual squash titles in June. Rebecca then went on to win the South Island and North Island U17 titles. Johnny was runner up in the U17 titles for both competitions.
- ★ David Sik won a medal in the University of New South Wales Computer Skills Competition. This means that David is first or first equal in his age group in New Zealand.

Speech Finals
Wednesday 4 August
at 7.00 pm in the school library

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.

Looking Ahead

July

- 25-2 Aug Minot High School Visit
- 27 Y9 parents evening (core subjects) & Y10 parents evening (all subjects)**
- 29 Wairarapa Sports Exchange - away

August

- 2 Year 9 2011 Out of Zone Applications Close**
- 4 Speech Finals, 7.00 pm
- 16-20 Careers Week**
- 20 Third Gardasil Immunisation (Day 1)
- 21 Year 13 Senior Ball**
- 28-5 Sept Winter Sports Tournament Week
- 31 Y13 Geography Trip**
- 31-1 Sept Y13 Tourism Trip

COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hutt Valley High School entered four Boys teams and one Girls team in these Championships. After five weeks of competition our Girls team, consisting of Ellen Xiong 10UN, Philippa Morris 9SO and Shannon Fitzgerald 9LW, won the Premier Title without registering a loss. They combined well together in all aspects of their play and Ellen, in particular, was outstanding winning all her matches.

Our Boys teams also fared well with our A and B teams finishing second and fifth respectively in the Boys Premier Division. Our A team, Matt Sheppard 11GI, Delano Lam 11SA and Craig Morgan 11SA, all had their moments and lost only the one game throughout their campaign. In the B team both Luke Falvey 10RP and Callum Gates 10RP registered some good wins and were well supported by Ian Wang 9MM. In Premier Division 2, our teams finished third and fourth with our D team (Gareth Telfer 9FD, Regan Bublitz-Connell 10HK and Matt Kaczorowski 10RP) defeating our C team (Matiu Chase 10RP, Daniel Blair 9LW and Ali Almozani 10RP) in a close encounter.

This Championship was the first of its kind in Wellington and bids well for the future of Secondary Table Tennis both in the school and in the region.

YEAR 9 AND 10 AWARDS - TERM 2

We enjoy acknowledging the successes of students as they strive to achieve their best. Each term we present awards to two students from each form class to reward them for certain aspects of their learning.

For Term 2 we were focusing on significant improvement in all aspects of work in the classroom.

Congratulations to the following students on receiving an award.

Year 9		Year 10	
9EE	Akanesi Peaua, MingCong Su	10CN	Joshua Glasgow, Gabbi Ranford
9FD	Peter Ly, Gareth Telfer	10CR	Myles Price Moor, Eleanor O'Toole
9GO	Gareth Eves, Elakkiya Kumar	10DN	Ilona Ganich, Tireina Walker
9IC	Naomi Tiatia, Connor Narasy	10DO	Fabian Elliott, Victoria Miller
9LW	Olivia Callaghan, Breann Reynolds	10EG	Maddi McTavish, Hunter Shearer
9MI	Jordan Maguren, Lauren Fraser	10GB	Thomas Williams, Angelynna Tonise
9MM	Adnan Abdullahi, Emma Gough	10GJ	Kelvin Littleford, Jordan Whibley
9RI	Sam Griffith, Ahrabie Yogarajah	10HK	Riley Hemson, Daniel Griffith
9SK	Leon Falvey, Erica Hatton	10OS	Anthony Davies, Emily Campbell
9SO	Angel Cash, Luke Small	10RD	Emmah Ward, Kurt McGuinness
9TI	Eilish Austin, Patrick Burns	10RP	Sergio Castro Aburto, Sian Jennings
9WG	Oliver Hutton, Nina Winitana	10UN	Ellen Xiong, Simon Gough
9WM	Conor Coulson, Patrick Murray	10WL	Charlotte Edwards, Kishok Rajenthiran
LSU	Matthew Graham, Ben Hollis		

Volunteers Needed

The school is looking for volunteers to act as reader/writers for our senior exams from 8 September to the 17 September, and then again in the second half of November, early December. NZQA will pay you for your services in the November/December exams. The school will be able to make a donation in the September exams.

If you are able to help, please contact Robyn Deverall, HOD Special programmes on 566 4584 x8887 or robyn.deverall@hvhs.school.nz.

NCEA Fees Reminder

NCEA fees are due by **20 August 2010**. Please pay at the Resource Centre. Financial Assistance Forms are available.

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

Parents Evening Year 9 (core subjects) & Year 10 (all subjects)

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

Reading Log woes?

Spent too long on Google in the holidays? Sick of schoolwork and in need a laugh? Want to know what a googlewhack is? Then try:

Dave Gorman's Googlehacking Adventure (by Dave Gorman.)

A random email introduces Dave Gorman to 'googlehacking' and an equally random friend dares him to pursue it. This leads him on a very random adventure indeed, with indelible consequences on his left arm! Very entertaining reading, lots of laughs and crazy adventures in a variety of countries with decidedly unique people. This book will appeal especially to senior boys, geeks and nerds, the insatiably curious and anyone with a whacky sense of humour.

Canteen Notices

Thank you to the kind people who send us lemons for the lemonade. Students will have noticed that we now have queuing rails in the Canteen Courtyard, it will speed up the serving for us and the waiting time for students.

We are sorry that our hot chocolate machine has to go as the company that supplied does not make that product anymore. We will continue to make soup on cold days to warm you up.