



# Hutt Valley High School News

## Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week I stressed how important term three attendance and regular work patterns are to academic success. We are currently working with various groups to build opportunities to offer students further support, and those steps will be helpful. However, nothing can replace the efforts of the individual in working towards gaining mastery of subject content.

Last year, we trialled a catch-up programme at Level 1 called Year 11 Boost. This offered an extra class outside the main timetable for selected students in an effort to ensure that they succeeded in gaining the 8 credits in English and the 8 credits in Mathematics that are required so that an 80 credit total at Level 1 gains NCEA. Of the 18 students who completed an extra standard, using their own time but with the help of Hutt Valley High School staff, 12 gained the full Level 1 Certificate. One student got 81 credits, so the 3 credits he got in Year 11 Boost were the difference between failure and success. We will offer a similar programme this year, and are in the process of identifying students who would benefit by such support.

The idea of targeted goals is a key to progress and we are keen to see students at all levels focused on the work that will open doors for their future.

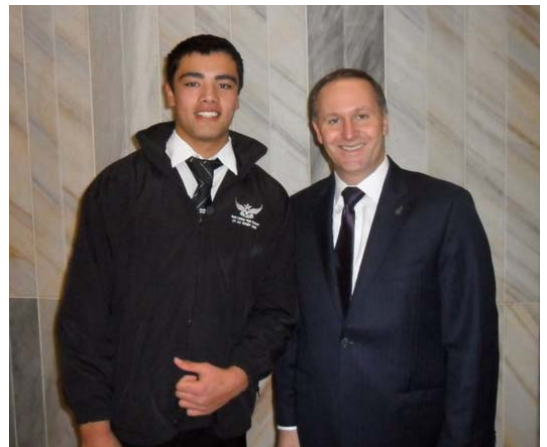
I have heard students say at the end of the year, "I wish they'd made me work harder" and find that one of the most frustrating things to hear, as it suggests the teacher's role is to coerce and hurray, rather than to support, guide and extend. Ultimately, each individual student in the school has to stand beside his or her record and "own" it. It is not the record of anyone else, even though our staff are vitally interested in what is achieved and certainly ride the highs and lows along the way. The record is that of the individual student, and it is other people's judgments about that record that will shape what happens to our students well into the future.

My point is a simple one. Each student should use enlightened self-interest as the guide to their schooling. If they do, then they will attend all classes, will work steadily and well, they will push themselves to explore their boundaries and to discover new talents, they will treat others as they would be treated themselves, they will engage in sports and cultural pursuits that broaden their sense of themselves, they will realise that creating a positive environment - both academically and personally - works to serve their own interests, and they will view the entire exercise as a stage in their lives where personal growth occurs at a staggering rate and if harnessed positively sets up a future that is full of expanding opportunity.

Yes, we will do our best to see our students succeed, but the real commitment is that which comes from within each person to do their part. Then, together, we can create triumphs.

Ross Sinclair  
**Principal**

**Zac Bradley-Fox, our First XV Rugby Captain, meeting John Key at a Parliamentary Function with the All Blacks and the Springboks.**



## Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to Luke Boden 13WI, who has been selected for the Cook Island U19 Team. He will be travelling to the Under 19 Tournament in Samoa in August. If they win they will qualify for the Under 19 World Cup next year.

## Teamworks Term 3

Kia ora. Our focus in Teamworks for Term 3 is on **Learning**. We are working on identifying at what stage we are in the learning cycle and what we need to do to move to the next stage. The cycle is made up of **Doing, Feeling, Looking and Thinking**. Students have been asked to reflect on which step they know they get stuck on when learning something new. Teamworks students have also been asked to think about what their motivation to learn is and to try and identify how they know when they have learned something.

## Year 12 Science

### The Rotary National Science and Technology Forum 15 -29 January 2011

Spend 14 days in Auckland, over the summer holidays, living in a student hostel with 144 other keen science students. You'll have lectures and labs in Food Science, Psychology, Microbiology, Applied Maths, Robotics. You'll have field trips to places like ESR Forensics and Living Cell Technology.

See your Science teacher for more details and then collect an application form from Ms Gibbs. Applications must be completed and returned to school by 20 August.

## 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.**

## Looking Ahead

### July

25-2 Aug Minot High School Visit

### 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

## Science Focus Club

A group of Hutt Valley scientists are starting the Science Focus Club to give extra help in physics and maths.

**Who:** Year 13 Physics and Mathematics students

**Where:** Café, Knox Church, 574 High Street

**When:** 3.30-5.00 pm Thursdays - starts 5 August

**Cost:** Free

Contact Amanda Gibbs at school for more information.

## Speech Finals

Wednesday 4 August  
at 7.00 pm in the school library

## David Kaye Scholars Evening

Thursday 5 August at 7.00 pm

David Kaye scholars and their families are invited to this year's special evening in the Seminar Room of the library. There will be some presentations by students with supper to follow. If you are interested in attending please contact Francie Bengé ph 566 4584 or email [francie.benge@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:francie.benge@hvhs.school.nz)

Spot prizes include:

- \* A Naite Sony Ericsson Mobile phone (valued at \$400)
- \* An Imation Apollo II portable hard drive (valued at \$160)
- \* Petone Lone Star meal voucher for \$50.00
- \* A Wondercap gift bag
- \* Movie tickets, plus many, many more prizes

**Ph: Jackie on 586 4848**



**HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**UNDERWATER HOCKEY**

## \$20

# MOVIE FUNDRAISER

## INCEPTION

MONDAY 9TH AUGUST 6.30PM START

SPOT PRIZES | RAFFLE DRAWN AFTER MOVIE

EVENTS CINEMA (FORMERLY SKY CITY CINEMA)

WESTFIELD QUEENSGATE

TICKET PRINTING KINDLY SPONSORED BY LIFE PHARMACY QUEENSGATE