



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week's Winter Tournament Week activity saw nearly 10% of our students competing at national level in a variety of sports. That is a huge commitment, not just from the students, but from the many parents and caregivers, as well as staff, who accompanied them and made the whole week possible. The contribution of our parent group in this respect is huge. It is a considerable undertaking to take leave from workplaces to coach, cherish and manage the activities of fiercely competitive teenagers across a week of exhausting competition. Thank you all, from the entire school community, for what you do.

A particular delight last week was the school's strong showing in Basketball. The boys' team, 17th last year, played with a pace and enthusiasm that clearly marked them as top contenders in 2011. They lost a close quarter-final by two points, which sent them to the 5th to 8th playoffs, and eventually placed 5th in the country. That is an excellent achievement in a very competitive championship. Nico Buckrell 12GM was named in the Men's Tournament Team.

The top performance was that of the girls, who retained their national title, defeating Fraser High School in the final after being behind at half time. The team's captain Milomilo Nanai 13MR, Kimberly Goodearl 13NB and Stella Beck 11WG were named in the Women's Tournament Team, with Milo named Most Valuable Player for the second year in succession. The team is unbeaten in any competition since 2009 and the players have worked incredibly hard to achieve that level of dominance, including many early morning gruelling fitness sessions.

To have our two top teams in the top five nationally is a brilliant result, and reflects a huge amount of work behind the scenes and in early morning starts. Girls' coach Brian Yee and Seth Weakley for the boys have been helped by a truly dedicated team who have given a huge amount of time to the teams, and to the sport, and it is lovely to see their efforts being rewarded with such success.

On Tuesday night, our Junior Boys' Basketball added the regional title to the school's successes, beating St Patrick's by a single point 80 to 79 in the final. The girls were not so fortunate, losing their final to a strong

Newlands College team. The basketball fraternity can be well pleased with the great results of 2011.

In another sphere, one of our students has continued his fine record. Brian Ng 12GM has been advised that he is to receive the medal for top New Zealand student in the ICAFS Science Competition run by the University of New South Wales. This will be Brian's second medal as top in Science, to go with his five separate medals as the top Mathematics scholar in the ICAFS Mathematics Competitions in five different years. Brian is an outstanding student who is able to maintain this brilliant level of success while taking part in a full range of school activities. We congratulate him for effort and the success that he has enjoyed.

Another success I want to mention came via an e-mail from Wilford School, reporting that one of our students came in to that school and handed in a sum of money and school notice that he had found. "What a wonderful and honest young man he is," said the writer. "He made my day." I have passed on to this young man's mother the message any parent loves to receive, and is a very reassuring confirmation of the good citizenship that is within our school.

As we gear up for the business end of the senior programme, I remind all parents and caregivers that senior examinations begin next Monday. The examination programme has been issued to all students, and is posted on the school website. Finally, a reminder that this Friday 2nd September has no scheduled classes, as it is a staff-only day. The staff will be working on restorative practices, continuing efforts to embed the best possible systems for dealing with situations where harm has been done, so that the lessons learned are those that ensure key lessons are learned in ways that allow offenders to understand the impact of what they did and how they can avoid problems in the future. Restorative practices are a very demanding exercise in holding individuals to account, and they have an impact that offers a pathway to genuine learning around social issues and those affecting relationships and behaviour.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Congratulations to:

★ **Brian Ng** 12Gm, has achieved an ICAS Science medal, which is awarded the highest score of this subject in New Zealand by the University of New South Wales. This is the 7th ICAS award achieved by Brian.

★ Last Thursday the HVHS Junior Girls underwater hockey team won the Wellington regional



competition. **Iman Holden** 9MT, scored the winning goal.

★ The Junior A Boys basketball team won the final against St Patricks Wellington by one point, HVHS 80, St Pats 79. The Junior A Girls basketball team lost in the final to Newlands College 74 points to 22.

Looking Ahead

September

- 1 Speech Finals - 7.00pm
- 2 **Teacher Only Day - school closed**
- 5-9 Senior Exams
- 16 **Year 13 Auckland University visit**
- 17 Year 13 Leavers Ball
- 19 **Music Festival**
- 20 School Talent Quest
- 21 **Victoria University Scholarship Workshop**
- 22 Interschool Talent Quest
- 30 **Year 13 Geography Trip**

October

- 4 School Film: Last Dance, 6.30pm - Paramount Theatre
- 6 **School Triathlon**
- 7 Last day of Term 3
- 25 **First day of Term 4**

Winter Tournament Results

Congratulations to our Premier Basketball Girls on winning the New Zealand Secondary Schools Basketball Championship for the second year running. Special congratulations to **Milomilo Nanai** 13MR - named MVP of the tournament. **Milomilo, Kimberly Goodall** 12NB and **Stella Beck** 11WG were also named in the Tournament Team - well done girls!

Badminton	Senior Boys	7th NZ Secondary Champs
Basketball	Senior A Boys	5th NZ Secondary Champs
Basketball	Senior A Girls	1st NZ Secondary Champs
Football	First XI Boys	9th Trident Tournament
Football	First XI Girls	17th Premier National Tournament
Hockey	First XI Boys	14th India Cup Tournament
Hockey	First XI Girls	3rd= Jenny Hair Tournament
Netball	Premier Girls	15th Lower North Island Champs
Table Tennis	Senior Boys	6th National Secondary Schools
Table Tennis	Senior Girls	3rd National Secondary Schools
Underwater Hockey	Junior Open	10th NZ Secondary Champs
Underwater Hockey	Junior Girls	10th NZ Secondary Champs
Underwater Hockey	Senior Girls	7th NZ Secondary Champs
Underwater Hockey	Senior Open	8th NZ Secondary Champs
Rugby	First XV Boys	3rd Quad Tournament
Rugby	Under 15 Boys	1st Quad Tournament