



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we move into senior examinations this week, a key part of the school year arrives. While the school is focused on providing the widest possible range of opportunities in cultural pursuits and sporting interests - there has been much activity in those areas last week and this – the fundamentals are about our students gaining the qualifications that will allow them access to the kind of futures they would wish for themselves. That requires hard work and focus, and a clear commitment to long-term goals.

The move of the country's universities this year to increase the standard demanded for entry is the signal of a tougher environment for our graduating students. As the flow on effect of students being turned away from university creates greater pressure for places elsewhere, it is inevitable the entry criteria for polytechs will also increase. In effect, the environment is shifting from a credit-gathering focus to one where the quality of the credits, not the quantum is the key. That shift has already been under way with the move to NCEA awards endorsed with Merit or Excellence and with next year's shift to individual subject Merit and Excellence endorsement.

Alongside that shift is the introduction of a new curriculum in 2011, with a heightened focus on eight essential learning areas and on the key competencies that underpin the philosophy and substance of the curriculum.

Together, these changes signal a substantial shift in what is done at secondary school. The eternal verities remain: the acquisition of knowledge and skills, along with the values of good citizenship that underpin a healthy society. The style and methods of education change, and with those changes so too will our structures alter. Next year, our timetable will be somewhat different from 2010. The junior school will have a 26 contact week, in a pattern that allows us to do justice to the eight essential learning areas. The senior school will remain on the existing timetable, but with the majority of Year 12 taking five subjects, focusing on producing higher performance in fewer subjects rather than an average performance in six. The extra line will be in supervised NCEA Work spells, where Year 12s will work on the internal assignments that are an increasing part of their overall assessment. Some students will still do six full subjects, by application to the

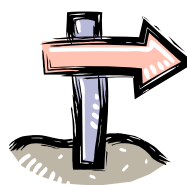
senior dean. Such students will need to have a demonstrated ability to work within a Merit to Excellence level, need the sixth subject to ensure particular pathways remain viable, or require it to allow the continuation of a subject such as a foreign language alongside other choices.

The focus is unashamedly on academic performance to the highest possible level. That is what our students need to access the best possible range of choices as they move into their post-school lives, whether they are heading for further education or employment.

As we move into this crucial part of the year, our thoughts are with family, friends and colleagues in Christchurch, suffering the realities of dealing with massive disruption to their lives and dreams. At this stage we do not plan any formal school fundraising response to the emergency, as the existing national appeals are already co-ordinating the substantial generosity of those outside Canterbury who wish to help. If there are any practical steps we can take to assist, we will certainly do so.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

School Closure Next Week



Please note that the school will be closed for regular classes on **Wednesday 15 September 2010** due to PPTA strike action. Senior exams will continue as scheduled and will be supervised by non-union staff.

School Office Holiday Hours

The school office will be closed for the first week of the holidays.

We will reopen on Monday 4 October with reduced hours of 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. Normal office hours will resume on Monday 11 October.



Congratulations to:

- ★ Sarah Atkin, 13AO, was 5th in the Junior World Downhill Mountain Biking event this week in Canada.

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Victoria University Enrolments for 2011

The Enrolment time is between 1 October and 10 December 2010.

You must have enrolled for your courses by 10 December or you risk missing out on your chosen subjects.

Senior Exams

Reminder that the senior exams begin on Thursday 9 September until Friday 17 September. Students will be on study leave for this period.

Please remember that full uniform should be worn when attending examinations. Details of examinations are posted on the school website.



To the parents of Year 9 students

Some students are currently covering Health in their Year 9 option class. The upcoming topic is Sexuality Education. During these lessons we will be covering the following topics:

Definitions of sexuality, puberty, reproductive systems, healthy/inhealthy relationships, physical intimacy, assertive behaviours, methods of contraception and sexually transmitted diseases. A consent letter will be sent home via your child, for you to agree or disagree to allowing you child to participate in these lessons.

Please ensure you read the letter and/or contact me if you have any further questions regarding this topic. Amanda Wilson (Assistant HOD PE and In Charge of Health), amanda.wilson@hvhs.school.nz.

Year 11-13 Science

Science Study Cards - Use your ipod, phone or mp3 player to study Science.

Go to www.sciencestudycards.co.nz or see your Science teacher for more details.

Looking Ahead

September

- 9-17 Senior Exams, with leave for Y11-13
19-2 Oct **Japan Trip**
21 Film "Lip Service" Screening at Paramount Theatre
23 **School Triathlon**
24 Last Day of Term 3
25-10 Oct **School Holidays**

October

- 11 First day for Term 4
20 **Senior Reports Issued**
25 Labour Day - school closed
29 **Out of Zone Applications close Years 10-13 for 2011**

November

- 9 Year 13 Prize giving
10 **Year 12 Prize giving (spell 1)**
Year 11 Prize giving (spell 3)
13 NCEA Exams begin
25-30 **Year 9 and 10 exams**

December

- 2 Book return day
10 **Year 10 Prize giving (spell 1)**
10 Year 9 Prize giving (spell 2)

Book Review from the Library

Word Nerd by Susin Nielsen

Ambrose just wants to be a normal kid in a normal family. Instead, his father died before he was born and he lives with his overprotective overanxious mother, has a life-threatening peanut allergy, is bullied at school and, because money is always tight, has to wear really awful clothes. Just when Ambrose thinks things can't get any worse, his mother finds out about his only friend (recently released from prison), the only thing he is good at (Scrabble) and the only places he feels accepted (Scrabble Club) which she has banned him from attending over safety concerns.

This is a great read and would appeal to junior students who've ever felt bullied or overprotected, as well as seniors or adults who enjoyed "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time".

2010 Winter Sport Finals – Summary

HVHS has performed very well in the College Sport 2010 Winter Secondary schools season, with the following results finishing off the season on a high for the following teams especially:

Premier Girls Basketball	Winners	Sharp cup Retained title from 2010!!
Senior Boys Div 2 Basketball	Winners	Club 55 Cup Won final in Extra Time!
Premier Boys Basketball	Runners Up	First time HVHS in this final for 9 years.
Premier Netball Girls	Runners Up	Hutt Valley Netball Schools Champs
Netball HVHS 11	Winners	Collegiate 6, Hutt Valley Netball Champs
Netball HVHS 12	Winners	Collegiate 9, Hutt Valley Netball Champs
Netball HVHS 4	Runners Up	Collegiate 2, Hutt Valley Netball Champs
Netball HVHS 15	Runners Up	Collegiate 8, Hutt Valley Netball Champs
Girls Football HVHS 2	Runners Up	Hutt Valley Zone – Division 2
Girls Football HVHS 3	Runners Up	Hutt Valley Zone – Division 3
Boys Football - Junior HVHS 1	Runners Up	Junior Division 1 Championship
Boys Football - Junior HVHS 3	Winners	Junior Division 3 Championship
Table Tennis – Girls	Winners	Wellington Sec Schools Champs – Premier Grade
Table Tennis – Boys HVHS 2	Winners	Wellington Sec School Champs – Premier 2
Table Tennis – Boys HVHS 3	2 nd Equal	Wellington Sec School Champs – Premier 2
Table Tennis – Boys HVHS 5	2 nd Equal	Wellington Sec School Champs – Premier 4
Underwater Hockey Snr Girls	Winners	Wellington Sec School Champs
Water Polo – Senior Boys 1	Winners	Hutt Water Polo Schools League – Senior Secondary
Badminton – Premier Boys	Winners	Wellington Sec School Champs
Badminton – Junior Girls	Winners	Wellington Sec School Champs – Jnr Division Two
Rugby – Under 15	Runners Up	Wellington Under 15 Division 2
Rugby – Under 65kg	Runners Up	Wellington Under 65kg Division 2
Rugby – Under 55kg	Runners Up	Wellington Under 55kg Division 2

There were countless other achievements throughout our hundreds of teams competing in the Wellington Secondary School Winter Sport season across the region and we congratulate all of those teams for getting out there and representing HVHS in 2010!!

Congratulations to the whole 3rd XI Boys Junior football team and their coaches Mr Williamson, Joe Wesselingh and managers Karen Hall and Rosemary Webby!



Our 1st XI Football Boys came 5th in the "JIM WISHART" Tournament, winning 4-2 against Wairarapa College in the play-offs.



2009 SPORTS CUPS AND TROPHIES



All recipients of the 2009 Sports Awards please return your Cups and Trophies to the sports office.

Thank you!!!

Term Dates for 2011

Term 1 Tuesday 1 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

2010 TOURNAMENT WEEK RESULTS

Another extremely 'busy' tournament week had by HVHS teams!! The summary of results are below and overall a very pleasing outcome across the board. Particular congratulations must go to our Basketball girls who WON the regionals, and who along with our Senior Boys basketball will attend the New Zealand Secondary Schools Basketball Nationals in Palmerston North in 3 weeks time. There were various other achievements throughout the tournament including some of our students being named in The Tournament Team of their respective sports (this is a 'paper' team that is selected from the performance of the athletes throughout the tournament so a great achievement for them also!). Well done to all our teams and a HUGE thanks to ALL the parents and staff who do the work which gets these teams to these tournaments. This work is done behind the scenes and therefore sometimes not acknowledged as highly as is deserved – so THANK YOU all so very much from HVHS!!!!

BADMINTON	NZ Sec Schools Teams National Champs	9 th
BASKETBALL – SENIOR GIRLS	Regional Champs - Lower North Island	1 st
BASKETBALL – SENIOR BOYS	Regional Champs - Lower North Island	4 th
BASKETBALL – JUNIOR BOYS	Regional Champs - Lower North Island	5 th
FOOTBALL – GIRLS 1 st XI	NZ Secondary Schools Nationals	22 nd
FOOTBALL – BOYS 1 st XI	Jim Wishart Cup Tournament	5 th
HOCKEY – GIRLS 1 st XI	Kate Trolove Tournament	15 th
HOCKEY – BOYS 1 st XI	Rankin Cup - NZ Sec School champs	16 th
NETBALL	Regional Champs – Lower NI – B's	6 th
TABLE TENNIS – BOYS	NZ Sec School Teams Champs	3 rd
TABLE TENNIS – GIRLS	NZ Sec School Teams Champs	4 th
RUGBY – UNDER 15	Annual Quadrangular Tournament	1 st
RUGBY – 1 st XV	All Blacks Captains' Cup	3 rd
UNDERWATER HOCKEY – SENIOR OPENNZ	Sec School National Champs	8 th
UNDERWATER HOCKEY – SENIOR GIRLS	NZ Sec School National Champs	3 rd
UNDERWATER HOCKEY – JUNIOR OPEN	NZ Sec School National Champs	10 th

Congratulations To:

Devin Glover	Tournament Team	Underwater Hockey Senior Boys
Tiana Thompson	Tournament Team	Netball

TABLE TENNIS

On August 30 we sent a Boys team consisting of Delano Lam, Matt Sheppard and Luke Falvey and a Girls team of Helen Wu, Ellen Xiong and Philippa Morris, up to Auckland to compete in the National Secondary School's Championships.

Our Boys team had some great moments and managed to beat the winning Hutt International Boys team. However, they lost two other crucial close games and at the end of 3 days of intense play finished third in the B Grade.

Our Girls, rebuilding as a result of losing last year's top player Diana Levinzon, finished a creditable fourth in the country.

There were two highlights of the week:

Firstly, Delano Lam, playing a very positive brand of Table Tennis, went through the B Grade Championship undefeated in 14 singles matches. That was an outstanding effort.

Secondly, in the Individuals, Ellen Xiong won the bronze medal in the under 15 Girls. Her play in the third and fourth contest was all quality and she looks to have a bright future in the sport.

