



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the new term. As we issue this newsletter, there are less than four weeks of class time remaining for seniors prior to examination leave. It is a very busy period of the year, as we all work to focus on gaining Year 11-13 students the best possible chances of success. For many, these weeks will be the crucial final qualifications before they move into the workforce, and that makes the exercise all the more real.

Since last term our students have continued with a trail of successes, many of which are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations in particular to the Senior Girls' Basketball Team for their national title winning effort in Palmerston North. These girls have trained in 6am conditioning sessions to be ready to compete at the very peak of the country's basketball competition and their commitment showed as they twice came from behind to win in the latter stages of the event. They were superb.

Others were superb in a different way. I received a lovely e-mail describing how "last night five Year 12 students came to speak to us, in their holidays, at the Women's Fellowship, St Paul's. We wanted to know what life is like for teenagers today compared with our experiences as teens. They were Nicole Hawke, Dalisle Marshall, Sam Murch, Chris Collins and Devin Glover. We were all very impressed by their delightful manner with us 'oldies' and their delightful manners. They were polite, confident and honest. We really enjoyed having them and enjoyed their sense of humour. Many of us have various connections with the school and felt very proud of these present day students whom we are happy to assume reflect the cheerful, positive attitude of the wider school. They were outstanding." That is a wonderful message, and I thank both the students and Mrs Benge, who organised the visit.

Our students continue to produce outstanding academic success, as well. Congratulations to Haami Ormsby 12HU for his national fourth place in the Manu Korero competition. This continues Haami's proud record of achievement in Te Reo Maori, adding to the national scholarship award he won last year as a Year 11 student competing against the country's Year 13 students.

We also received advice in the holidays that Mariam Khmaladze 13LA has been awarded a Victoria University

Excellence Scholarship for 2011, valued at \$5000, with the possibility of extension for up to three years, and we congratulate her for her outstanding effort and success.

Last year we ran a programme called Year 11 Boost aimed at helping selected students achieve the 8 credits in English that are necessary for a Level 1 NCEA to be awarded. Of the 18 students who completed the extra work involved in 2010, 12 got their Level 1 certificate. This was a significant result and so we are running a similar programme this year, beginning next Tuesday, before school. At a time when we have an industrial climate that is somewhat tense, I am extremely grateful for the offers of additional help from members of the English Department willing to give their free time to try to help students succeed.

In order to emphasise our core messages that students must be in class, the businesses in Westfield Mall are co-operating with all schools in the Hutt Valley, and with the police, in the "See you after three" campaign. This is an agreement that shops in the mall will not serve students in uniform within school hours. That is a very helpful stance, and a real reminder to all that they should be in school, for truancy can only lead to missing the core work needed for academic and vocational success.

Finally, members of the school community will next week be asked to provide feedback on views about the school as the Board of Trustees sets about the production of the Strategic Plan for 2011-2015. An on-line survey will be posted on the school website next Tuesday inviting views from staff, students, caregivers and our wider community. The responses will be fed into a process that includes responses from focus groups, and the product of work done by staff in this year's Professional Development sessions, to provide a full view of the school which will allow the Board to plan how we will ensure that the next five years are marked by continuous progress in what we do. We look forward to receiving your input.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements in the Australian Mathematics Competition:

Oliver Powell, 9SK - High Distinction Prudence Award
Kayla Fry, 9SK - Distinction
Umaiyar Haran, 9MM - Distinction
Vanujan Jayanathan, 9SK - Distinction
April Lim, 9SK - Distinction
David Sik, 9SK - Distinction
Samuel Stannard, 9SK - Distinction
Louis Thie, 9SK - Distinction
Edwin Phese, 10UN - Distinction
Stefan Vrecic, 10CR - Distinction
Brian Ng, 11PN - High Distinction
Peter Lamborn, 11GI - Distinction
Nirojan Jayanathan, 11PN - Distinction
Steven Xie, 13GU - Distinction

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

More congratulations:

- ★ Well done to **Haami Ormsby**, 12HU, who gained 4th place in the Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech Competition held in Dunedin from 21-24 September.



YEAR 11 SCIENCE REVISION CLASS:

Need to start your Science revision?
 Want to practice some old exam papers?
 Need help writing chemical equations.....punnett squares.....calculating acceleration.....



**For all Year 11 students on
 Thursdays in B6 after school
 3.30pm-4.30pm**

YEAR 9 AND 10 AWARDS - TERM 3

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 Three we focused on the most valuable form class member. Congratulations to the following students on receiving an award.

Year 9		Year 10	
9EE	Olivia Follett, Kate Isberg	10CN	Joshua Glasgow, Liam Wake
9FD	Rhylee Fidow, Peter Ly	10CR	Samantha Chalmers, Jay Evett
9GO	Hannah Brennan, Chris Gaskell	10DN	Sarah Pells, Alex Hammatt
9IC	Mitra Homolja, Ned Gredfell	10DO	Mitchell Gray, Sepi Tatafu
9LW	Jordan Musgrave, Shannon Fitzgerald	10EG	Sarah Burton, Lazar Nikolic
9MI	Tayla Reid, Jordan Maguren	10GB	Tevin Bradley-Fox, Shannen Reynolds
9MM	Niall Yates, Hayley Adcock	10GJ	Ryan Harvey, Shanelle Maaka
9RI	Jeffrey Evans, Dante Tilley	10HK	Daniel Griffith, Sandi Sirikhanchai
9SK	Rebecca Luu, Jordan Pickering	10OS	Kaitlin Burns, Jerry Galuefa
9SO	Natalya Moresi, Tayla Styche	10RD	Cassandra Severin, Sonia Lata
9TI	Tyra Raumati, Dorothy Tanuvasa Tutogi	10RP	Rosie Stirling, Luke Falvey
9WG	Lochlain McDonald, Diana Lai	10UN	Hari Krishnamoorthy, Alyse Hansen
9WM	Ann Washbourne, Lilly Binns	10WL	Courtnee Cropp, Pritesh Patel
LSU	Bradley Stubbins, Crystal Reynolds		

National Title Winners – Senior Girls Basketball!!

Well done to our Premier Girls Basketball team who are now the New Zealand secondary schools champions!! A very exciting final in Palmerston North in the school holidays took place with some very nervous and well wishing HVHS staff, families and friends in the crowd!! The girls did themselves and the school proud in the way they conducted themselves throughout the final, and indeed throughout the Nationals Tournament – a well deserved result girls!!

For those who have also read up on this news in both the Dom Post and Hutt News, this team has performed extremely well throughout the whole season – undefeated right through the season - no losses in the local Wellington Sec School competition, the Regional qualifying tournament, and now the Nationals Tournament – an extraordinary result!!!!

Congratulations to **Milomilo Nanai 13MR, Paige Rolton 12LV, Kimberley Goodearl 12LV, Renee Yee 11BL, Shontelle Weston 12KE, Stella Beck 10WL, Tiana Thompson 12LV, Tyler Yee 11BL, Alisha Kingi 11BL, Emily Campbell 10OS and Rebecca Barnett 11PN.**

A HUGE thank you must also go to the coach Brian Yee as well as the assistants and managing crew of Sindy McRae, Shawn Beck, Wendy Snopko. Brian has coached this team now for 4 years and has done a great job in building a strong team dynamic and guiding these girls to reach this level – thanks Brian!!

Congratulations also to Stella Beck and Milomilo Nanai who were named in the 'Tournament Team' and to Milomilo – named MVP of the tournament!! This is an awesome achievement girls – well done.



**Senior Girls Basketball Team
New Zealand Secondary Schools Champions**

National Tournament – Boys Basketball

Further to the success in basketball for HVHS – our boys team also qualified for the Nationals after a great season for them. For the first time in NINE years our boys reached the final of the Wellington secondary schools Premier Boys Champs and met Mana in the final (extremely strong competitors).

Our boys then qualified at the regional championships to attend the National tournament which in itself was a great challenge, and at the Nationals tournament they finished 17th overall – but its important to note that Mana finished Runners Up at the nationals – so perhaps that is an indication of how 'close' the boys teams really were this year.

Congratulations to **Harris Stephen13TG, Nico Buckrell 11TH, Joe Ferriso13MM, Richard Hall 13VY, James Mahn 13VY, Michael Ngan Kee 13MR, Chris Porteous 11SA, Elliot Stubbins 11GI, Jackson Stubbins 11LK, Keota Warren 11GI and Hayden Yee 12TF.**

And a huge thanks again to the Uteleia Antipas (coach) and Tania Buckrell (Manager) for all their effort, support and time given to these boys!!

Junior Girls – Basketball

Congratulations also to our Girls Junior Division 4 team who WON their division for the season – well done to **Katherine King 10GB, Lena Tufele 10EG, Courtney Tainui 10CN, Emmily Whittington 10OS, Sarah Chin 10DN, Harmony Kubiack10EG and Alex Weir 10WL.**

Free entry to ZEALANDIA this weekend



Admission to Wellington's world-first wildlife sanctuary, ZEALANDIA, is FREE for locals between 11.00 am and 5.00 pm this Saturday and Sunday! There will also be FREE boat rides, FREE ranger talks, FREE tours of the weta cave and FREE kids' activity packs all day.

FREE PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd, a not-for-profit organisation which is registered with the New Zealand Ministry of Education, is pleased to extend an invitation for Hutt Valley High School students to attend an information evening in Wellington on Thursday, 28 October at the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, 147 The Terrace, Wellington.

The session starts at 7:30pm and will be the final information session held in Wellington this year.

Other Sports Awards

The following awards/certificates were presented at the Year 9 and 10 final Term 3 assemblies, and congratulations to the following recipients:



Athletics/Cross Country

Devesh Awmee 10CN WINNER - Junior boys Long Jump, North Island School Champs

Stella Beck 10WL 2nd Intermediate Girls 100m, Wellington Secondary school champs

David Silcock 9EE, Taylor Schrijvers 9FD, Tim McCafferty 9IC, Sam Griffith 9RI, Jordan Maguren 9MI, Logan Wylie 9WM WINNER – Wellington Secondary schools x-country champs, Junior 6-man Team

Tim McCafferty 9IC, Jordan Maguren 9MI, Logan Wylie 9WM WINNER – Wellington Secondary Schools x-country champs, Junior 3-man Team.

Badminton

Steven Carter 10OS, Luke Falvey 10RP WINNERS – Wellington Secondary Schools Doubles Champs

Vicky Tong 10OS, Kris Ann Viray 10UN Runners Up – Wellington Secondary Schools Doubles Champs

Table Tennis

Philippa Morris 9SO, Ellen Xiong 10UN, Shannon Fitzgerald 9LW WINNERS – Premier Girls Wellington Secondary school champs – Teams

Ian Wang 9MM, Callum Gates 10RP WINNERS – Division 2 Wellington Secondary School Champs – Teams

Football

Junior Boys Div 1 RUNNERS UP – Wellington Secondary School Junior Div 1 regional competition:
Jacob Forrester 10HK, Taylor De Vries 10GB, Harry Bruce 10UN, James McCartan 10DN, James Cox 10CN, Robert Salisbury 10RP, Liam O'Neil 10CN, Ali Almozani 10RP, Shaun Baxter 10GB, Daniel Shirtliff 10RP, Josh Manson 10OS, Cameron May 10EG, Henrik Waiker 11LK and Morgan Blair 11SA

Junior Boys Div 3 WINNERS – Wellington Secondary School Junior Div 3 regional competition:
Luke Jennings 11MT, Steven Webby 11PN, Nikola Lukovic 11GI, Zubair Adam 10CN, Caleb Bowater 10RD, Taylor Edmundson 10GB, Angus Julian-Lillas 10UN, Aidan Pringle 10DN, Ben Rose 10CN, Erin Schoonderwoerd 10RD, Wei Tan 10RD, Max Teasdale-Robinson 10UN, Law Thuang 9GO and Jonathan Webb 10CR.

Looking Ahead

October

- 15 Y13 Massey University Visit
- 18 Y13 Otago University Visit
- 20 Senior Reports Issued
- 22 Y13 Geography Trip
- 25 Labour Day - school closed
- 29 **Out of Zone Applications close Years 10-13 for 2011**

November

- 7-12 Year 10 OPC Trip
- 9 **Year 13 Prize giving**
- 10 Year 12 Prize giving (spell 1)
- Year 11 Prize giving (spell 3)**
- 13 NCEA Exams begin
- 14 **International OPC Trip**
- 25-30 Year 9 and 10 exams

December

- 2 Book return day
- 7-8 **Year 9 and 10 Explore Days**
- 10 Year 10 Prize giving (spell 1)
- Year 9 Prize giving (spell 2)**

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Exam Excellence Seminar for Parents

Patrick Sherratt will be presenting a 90-minute seminar for parents. You can still offer valuable assistance if you understand some of the tips and techniques for the *process* of revising.

Tuesday 19th October - 7.00pm(sharp) to 8.30pm
Queen Margaret College Hall, 53 Hobson Street, Thorndon, Wellington.

\$20 per person or \$30 for a couple. Pay at the door.

Interested in joining the Navy?

ANZAC Class frigate HMNZS Te Kaha will be in port this weekend and will be open to the Public and a recruitment officer will be also be available.

The hours will be:

Saturday 16 Oct 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Sunday 17 Oct 11.00 am - 3.00 pm