



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week has been one where we have had some lovely messages about our students' personal values. I have told assemblies of the actions of two students who found a laptop left leaning against a car wheel. The boys doorknocked and found the absent-minded owner, returning the laptop to a very grateful teacher from another Hutt school. Then yesterday, a lady came in to pass on her thanks to one of our Year 13 students who had rendered assistance to her husband who had crashed his bike, knocking himself out and breaking his collarbone. It is great to hear of these deeds, and they are important reminders of the good things that teenagers do. So often our media are guilty of generalising and stereotyping to produce a view of teenagers as selfish and self-absorbed. The actions of these three students show a very different view.

That different view is reinforced so often around the school. On Tuesday, we saw "Last Dance", the feature film made by Mr Beckett's senior drama students. As mentioned before, it is made for the fun of making it, without any assessment spin-offs or reward. Congratulations to all those involved; the film was extremely well received by a large audience at the Paramount Theatre.

On Wednesday Yoyo (Johanna) Chipp 12GM completed her Shave for a Cure cancer fundraiser, where at lunchtime in the hall she lost her long tresses in the process of raising over \$3000. Passing that amount meant that her form teacher Mr Grams submitted to a mullet haircut as his part of the incentive to raise funds. The pair of them did very well during a good natured event enjoyed by a highly amused crowd.

I have spoken to assemblies this week about how close we are to NCEA finals, and as part of that I urged seniors to understand that the holidays cannot be, for them, two weeks. The second week must be one where there is a full study programme operating in preparation for the examinations which commence five weeks from today, Thursday. In the intervening period, there needs to be a very deliberate self-discipline around minimising the impact of any distractions from academic work, whether those are sports, work, or social in origin. The next few weeks are too important to students' futures to be other than absolutely ruthless with themselves in focusing

clearly on making the kind of effort that allows them next January to say – irrespective of results – "I did the best I could".

Thank you to our school community for all the work and all the magic this term. It has been a long and challenging term, and it is great to see this week's final flurry of events in evening drama shows, in sports evenings, in the triathlon of Thursday and most importantly in the classrooms.

Finally, congratulations to our latest national representative, Jordan Mueller 12MH, who is this week in Auckland as a member of the New Zealand U20 AFL Team.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Johanna Chipp's Head Shave

If you would like to donate please follow the link below:

http://www.shaveforacure.co.nz/view_event_profile/5444



Hutt Valley High School Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of 2011 Student Election Results

Lily NG	257
Joshua WARNER	263

I hereby declare Joshua Warner duly elected.

Beth Kearney
Returning Officer

HVHS Congratulates the following nominations in the College Sport Wellington Sportsperson of the Year Awards for 2011. Finalists will not be known until closer to the event on Sunday 6 November, but for all the following nominees we wish you the best of luck – go HVHS!!

HVHS Premier Girls Basketball Team	Team of the Year - Female
HVHS Premier Boys Basketball Team	Team of the Year - Male
Brian Yee	Coach of the Year (Premier Girls Basketball)
Vicki Trudgen	Volunteer of the Year (Premier Girls Football)
Jonty Wealleans	Official of the Year
Emily Stotter	All Rounder of the Year Athletics – Female Football - Female
Michaela Hargreaves	Athletes with a Disability
Shaun Baxter	Athletics - Male
Calvina Deng	Badminton - Female
Elliot Pike	Badminton - Male
Milomilo Nanai	Basketball - Female & Netball
Stella Beck	Basketball - Female
Nico Buckrell	Basketball - Male
Aaron Curtis	Cricket Indoor Cricket
Josh Dunstan-Brown	Cross Country & Road Racing
Sam Pickering	Football - Male
Taylor Belsham	Golf
Jigna Chhika	Hockey - Female
Mitchell Carey	Hockey - Male
Euan Wong	Lawn Bowls
Kurt Robinson	Rugby League
Francis Tanuvasa	Rugby Union - Male
Rosie Stirling	Rugby Union - Female
Jonathan Barnett	Squash - Male
Rebecca Barnett	Squash - Female
Alex Pampalone	Swimming - Female
Delano Lam	Table Tennis - Male
Ellen Xiong	Table Tennis - Female
Kieran Casbolt	Tennis - Male
Rebecca Clarke	Tennis - Female
Devin Glover	Underwater Hockey - Male
Rachel McJorow	Underwater Hockey - Female
Lucy Naik	Waterpolo - Female
Rory McJorow	Waterpolo - Male
Jordan Mueller	AFL
Anthony Jellicoe	Gymnastics
Patrick Davy	Karting
Staci Knox	Taekwondo
Anita Trudgen	Yachting
Heather Trudgen	Yachting

Looking Ahead

October

- 7 Last day of Term 3
24 Labour Day Holiday
 25 First day of Term 4

November

- 4 Out of Zone applications close
 Years 10-13 for 2012
7 Year 12 Prizegiving - 9.00 am
 Year 11 Prizegiving - 11.45 pm
8 Year 13 Prizegiving - 7.00 pm
 10 NCEA Exams begin
24-29 Year 9 and 10 exams

Congratulations to:

- ★ **Jordan Mueller** 12MH, has been named in the Under-20 Hawks AFL team (Australian Football League). He will be travelling with the team to Auckland in early October to play a visiting Australian team – the Victoria Under 18 Amateurs.
- ★ Congratulations to **Dexter Tauvao** 12IN, for winning a scholarship to attend the Deutsch Olympiade in Germany next August.

Barrels for Growing Herbs needed

The HVHS Horticulture Department students would like to grow a variety of herbs that will be grown and donated back to our school community.

If you are able to donate any suitable large containers please contact either: Geraldine Smart : geraldine.smart@hvhs.school.nz or Amanda Gibbs: amanda.gibbs@hvhs.school.nz

NCEA Level 1 Science Revision Classes

For students in all 11 Science classes
 Every Tuesday and Thursday 3.30-4.30pm
 Weeks 1 -4 in Term 4
 Genetics (B10) Acids & Bases (A3) Physics (B6)

School Office Holiday Hours

The school office will be open during the holidays with reduced hours of 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday 25 October.

