



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

These are the last few school days before students commence examination leave. Year 11 and 12 finish on Monday, with prizegivings in the school hall at 9am (Year 12) and 11am (Year 11). Year 13 finish with their student-organised final assembly on Tuesday at noon, then have their formal graduation prizegiving on Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Lower Hutt Town Hall. Parents are welcome to all three ceremonies.

The final few days of lessons for the seniors have been highly focused for most, but there is also a clear need for others to concern themselves with study rather than a premature celebration of the end of a year that is far from finished.

We had further good news on the scholarships front this week, with the award of Victoria Achiever Scholarships to Anna Muru Paenga 13AO, Henry Muru Paenga 13GW and Callum Aldiss 13BT. Congratulations to these three, each of whom receives \$5000 towards the first year of study at Victoria University.

Congratulations also to Josh Styche 12BL, who is our latest national champion. Josh took the title in his division at the New Zealand Taekwondo Black Belt Championship held in Auckland last weekend.

While the seniors have their pathway clearly laid out, there is a parallel academic focus for Years 9 and 10 as they approach their examinations, which begin in just under three weeks' time. Those examinations are important for refining the skills that are involved in performing under pressure, and also provide data to guide class selections for some subjects in 2012.

It is at this time of year that we most depend on the positive relationships that have been built during the year, so that students are working to improve,

working to succeed, and working towards securing their own futures in a very practical way.

As our seniors focus on their examinations and move into the NCEA and Scholarship cycle, we wish them all possible success. As I have said at their recent assemblies, this is a time for clarity of purpose and focus. A few short weeks of absolutely disciplined study can hold the key to access or deny opportunities in the next 5 to 10 years of their lives. These days are far too important to do anything other than take them as the crucial phase they are. Best wishes to the students of Years 11, 12 and 13 for a focused and productive next few days and weeks.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

PRIZEGIVINGS 2011

Monday 7 November

Year 12 Prizegiving - 9.00 am, school hall
Year 11 Prizegiving - 11.45 pm, school hall

Tuesday 8 November

Year 13 Prizegiving - 7.00 pm, Lower Hutt Town Hall

Students are expected to wear correct school uniform and parents are welcome to attend.

The Year 13 Prizegiving is followed by a supper to which students are asked to bring a plate. These are special occasions and we look forward to sharing them with you.

Congratulations to:

- ★ **Euan Wong** 13VY is representing Hutt Valley High School in the 2011 National Secondary Schools Championships being held in Christchurch in December. He is defending his National Individual title from 2010.
- ★ Congratulations to the following Victoria Achievers Scholarship winners:
Anna Muru Paenga 13AO, **Henry Muru Paenga** 13GW and **Callum Aldiss** 13BT.
- ★ Congratulations to **Nathan Reddy** 13RK and **Kyle Berkland** 13SR who have been selected for the Wellington Under 19 Futsal team. They are going to compete at the Australian FFA Nationals U19s in January in Canberra. This was the first year Futsal was offered to Wellington schools in a structured competition and the boys were identified through participating in the HVHS Futsal team.

Australian Mathematics Competition Top Results

Year 9

High Distinction - **Priyanka Rajakumaran** 9EE
Distinction - **Gavin Zhou** 9UN, **Kevin Yan** 9UN,
Taylor Belsham 9UN, **Howe Deng** 9EE

Year 10

High Distinction - **Louis Thie** 10DS
Distinction - **Sam Stannard** 10DS, **Brandon Ngan**
10DS, **Vanujan Jayanathan** 10DS

Year 11

High Distinction - **Juanying Hu** 11TM, **Edwin Phaise** 11HK
Distinction - **Igor Bubanja** 11DY

Year 12

High Distinction - **Brian Ng** 12GM
Distinction - **Nirojan Jayanathan** 12GM, **Leo Zhu**
12GI

Student Successes

Is your child a representative (regional or national), have they received an award, completed a major achievement?

Please let us know we would love to celebrate their successes here at school.

Email details to: principal@hvhs.school.nz.

Looking Ahead

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
- 13-18 **International OPC Trip**
- 14 NCEA Support Day - no junior classes
- 24-29 **Year 9 and 10 exams**

December

- 2 Year 12 Leadership Day
- 9 **Year 10 Prizegiving - 9.00 am**
Year 9 Prizegiving - 10.30 am

Notices from the Resource Centre

All students must be signed out at the end of the school year. Please return all school text books and library books. Those lost must be paid for. If this is not done, you will not be issued any further books next year. If you are leaving you cannot collect your certificates or Yearbook.

Please return books as you have finished with them. Yearbooks and certificates can be collected up to midday Friday 9 December when the Resource Centre closes for the year.

Senior Course Confirmation Day 2012

All current Year 11 and 12 returning students must come in to school on Monday 30 January 2012 to confirm their subjects for 2012. Please bring your results slip from the NCEA examinations.

Times are as follows:

- Year 12 2012 - 10.00 am in the school hall
- Year 13 2012 - 1.00 pm in the school hall

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)

Science Focus Club

A group of scientists from Industrial Research Ltd and other science organisations with the help of local high schools are running the Science Focus Club to give extra help in physics and maths to students. The club will primarily be tutoring for NCEA Level 3.

On Thursdays from 3.30-5.00pm until after exams. BNZ Business Centre, Level 2, Westfield Tower, 45 Knights Road. For more information contact Laurie on 027 485 2085 or Annette on 021 049 7577.

Airforce Proms

This show is staged annually by the Central Band of the RNZAF. Ten talented music students join the band in the second half of the concert.

Our students **Hayden** and **Jeremy Richardson** will be playing. It is on this Sunday 6 November at 2.30 pm in the Michael Fowler Centre. Tickets available from ticketek.

Are you wanting to carpool?

Father of a Year 11 student is willing to share car pooling. From the Johnsonville, Newlands, Grenada Village or Tawa areas.

Please contact Michael on 027 277 0714.

Study tour to Argentina and Chile for students of Spanish 2012

We are planning an 18 day study tour to Argentina and Chile. The trip will depart one week before the end of Term 2 next year, 2012. Places on the trip are being offered firstly to senior students of Spanish. If there are insufficient numbers to make the trip possible, then places will be offered to students taking Spanish in Year 10 next year.

This is a wonderful opportunity which includes a home stay, Spanish language classes and visits of cultural interest.

We are intending to keep the overall cost to \$5,300. This is a totally inclusive price. Further information, including a copy of the proposed itinerary, can be obtained from the Languages Department. Firm expressions of interest, in the form of a \$500 deposit, are required by 25 November.

ART DISPLAY

The annual folio night runs this coming Monday, 7 November in G block from 6-7.30pm. All welcome. Folios on display include -Y11, 12 and 13 Art students, plus work from the Y10 Enrichment class.

SPORT CONVENERS PROFILE

Name: Fiona Howat **Teacher:** Japanese

How long at HVHS and Role: 6 years, Mountain bike and Road cycling convenor

How involved: These days I am more of a convenor than a coach. Students seem to like to train on their own so I give out information about races, upcoming events, arrange transport if needed eg at the Nationals in Levin every year, I go along and whoop for everyone.

What do you enjoy about your sport involvement? I enjoy talking bike "stuff" with the students and seeing their faces at the end of a race. It's a nice balance with academia.

Why do it? Because if you keep the rubber side down, you never get down.

Team achievements: Sarah Atkin (2010) Sports Person of the Year award in Wellington, gained scholarship for NZ Institute of Sport and is still racing in the worlds - she just came 3rd in World Junior Downhill. You go girl!

Yours own sporting and extra curricular interests: Raced X/C and downhill nationally for 5 years - now recreational rider, road riding, completed 8 half and 2 full marathons, twice weekly Body Pump classes at Les Mills.

Did you know: I once ripped my cycle shorts in a X/C race when I came off into a bush. I didn't notice until the end of the race. At the prize giving at the end of the race, my name was drawn for a clothing voucher (guess what for? Yes, cycle shorts) but since I had already gone home, I didn't get the prize.

