



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE TEACHER ONLY DAY ON MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week, we congratulate our sportsmen and women. In the College Sport Wellington Awards on Sunday night, our 19 nominated representatives received awards in 14 categories. This means that each was judged to be the finest student in their sport in the wider Wellington area. The evening was an absolute triumph for our students; congratulations to you all.

It is especially worth noting that one of those winners was Alex Pampalone 9OW, who was recognised as the top female swimmer in the College Sport area. It is highly unusual for a Year 9 student to win one of these awards and her recognition caps a truly impressive sporting year.

We have another junior student who is a national representative. Scott Galloway 9MT, is an outstanding squash player who is the reigning national U15 champion, as well as the holder of the Wellington and North Island U15 titles. He is in the NZ development squad as well as the Wellington elite squad and plays with the Wellington Senior B Team. In local club competition Scott was the B Grade winner in the senior championships and the Boys B Grade winner.

Scott gained a world U13 ranking last year of 4, and has had an outstanding international record in 2011: winner of the Scottish Junior Open; 4th in the British Junior Open; number 4 in the World European Federation rankings; won the Australian U13 and U15 Junior Series; won the Special Plate in the Malaysian Junior Open, placed 8th in the Penang Junior Open and was 3rd in the Australian Junior Nationals. That is a stunning record and we congratulate him for his outstanding achievements.

On the wider sporting front there is also good news. Our students take part in 45 different sports. This year our participation by students in regular sport representing the school has increased by 4%. The increase over the last two years is 7.1%. It is wonderful to see that sport is thriving throughout: in social participation, regular competition and in elite performance. The school currently has twenty national champions or members of national teams. At all levels, sport in the school is doing

well.

It is not the only area of success this week. An Auckland University project is exploring exemplary careers education practices in New Zealand schools, and Hutt Valley High School has been nominated to the researchers by one of the three national careers development associations/entities as possessing an exemplary career programme. That is very heartening news and an absolute endorsement of the staff who work in this area, led by Mrs Lyn House and Ms Penny Clarke. Together, they oversee a range of very effective programmes that seek to find a best fit for our students' courses and personal ambitions.

As the school moves into a different phase of the year, I want to signal in advance a very special event. It is the school Christmas Carol Service, which will be held this year on Friday 2 December at 8.00 pm in the school hall. It is a rather beautiful service that has been organised by our Head of PE Gary Murphy for some years now. It combines readings and music in a celebration of the Christmas story. Parents/caregivers and students, as well as friends of the school are most welcome to attend.

Finally, on Friday we will be visited by Past Pupils and Friends Association members whose school days were between 1956 and 1961. Seventy ex-students will have a day of activities and memories, plus a social event off site. Here, they will recapture school days, singing "Jerusalem", having a roll call, a lesson, and some fun and laughter. It is lovely to see the enduring bonds established in school days being so clearly shown fifty years and more after they were established. The visitors bring with them the very clear affirmation of school days as a powerful and permanent force in all of our lives. We welcome them and wish them the best as they celebrate their connections with Hutt Valley High School.

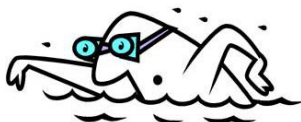
Ross Sinclair
Principal

Congratulations to:

★ **Daniel Ryan** 9EK won the U15 boys category (Matt Dryden Memorial Cup) for the Hutt City Triathlon on Sunday 6 November. Out of 230 competitors, Daniel came 3rd overall.

Swimming Lessons

Want to learn to swim or increase your confidence in the water before the summer starts? Then see Miss Edmonds about swimming lessons, starting Monday 21 November at McKenzie pool, Petone, 4-5pm.



Prizewinners from 2011 Sport Person of the Year Awards

Congratulations to all those who were nominated and to the following category winners. Special mention must go to Alex Pampalone who won the best swimmer category and she is a Year 9 student.

Brian Yee – Coach of the Year
Girls Basketball – Team of the Year
Elliot Pike – Badminton
Stella Beck – Basketball (Finalist Top Supreme Award)
Euan Wong – Bowls
Kurt Robinson – Rugby League
Rebecca Barnett – Squash (Finalist Top Supreme Award)
Jonathan Barnett – Squash
Alex Pampalone – Swimming
Rachel McJorow – Underwater Hockey
Devin Glover – Underwater Hockey
Rory McJorow – Water Polo (Finalist Top Supreme Award)
Staci Knox – Tae Kwon Do

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.

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.

Looking Ahead

November

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
Christmas Carol Service, 8.00 pm
9 Year 10 Prizegiving - 9.00 am
Year 9 Prizegiving - 10.30 am

Congratulations

Hutt Valley High School congratulates the following students on their success at the senior prizegiving held on Tuesday evening:

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Judy Chu (pictured)

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Laura Gaudin



We congratulate the following students selected as Year 13 leaders for 2011

Head Boy: Chris Porteous
 Head Girl: Lily Ng
 Deputy Head Boy: Leo Zhu
 Deputy Head Girl: Johanna Chipp
 Cultural Captains: Danielle Stevens, Tom Walls
 Sports Captains: Rachel McJorow, Mitchell Carey
 BOT Student Representative: Joshua Warner

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.