



# Hutt Valley High School News

## Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

In this week's newsletter, I want to focus on repeating the invitation to contribute to the process of developing the Strategic Plan for 2011-2015. There is a survey available on the school website that invites responses on a range of issues and has a section where other aspects can be noted and/or discussed. The survey takes around ten minutes to complete, and is open until Monday 8 November. The results of the survey, once collated, are fed through to the Board of Trustees as a major part of their information, alongside the results of focus groups, several of which met off-site last Friday. Two more focus groups sessions are planned for Friday 12 November, one at 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm, and another at 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm. If you would like to take part in one of those sessions, which will be held at the school, please contact Mrs Murden, Principal's PA. The Board will then work with the senior management of the school in a weekend session where the plan for the next five years will be devised.

Clearly, the process is absolutely dependent on having a clear sense of what our community wants this school to aspire to in the next years. Your views, whether you be student, caregiver, staff member, past pupil or friend of the school, are essential to giving this process the breadth of information it needs. Please do take the time to complete the survey, the site address for which is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QCBPMLZ>. Thank you to those who have already made their views known.

I also want to congratulate our latest national representative. Mitchell Blucher of 10EG was selected during the holidays to represent New Zealand in the NZ under 15 Junior Action Indoor cricket team to play South Africa in July of next year. The tournament will be played in Wellington and the team is made up of boys from around New

Zealand.

Our elite sportsmen and women will this Sunday be attending the College Sport Awards for 2010, where we have fifteen individuals, coaches or teams short-listed for the ceremony. That is an outstanding testimony to the quality of performances seen this year. Congratulations to those short-listed.

As we approach next week's examination leave for Years 11-13, there is a great deal of work going in to the completion and/or revision of the year's work. On behalf of the teaching staff, I wish our students the best possible outcomes for their external examinations. It is an incredibly important time and we hope that what has been learned will be used to advantage so that students' opportunities for the future are everything they would want them to be.

Ross Sinclair  
Principal

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## Year 13 Prizegiving and Leavers' Supper

Prizegiving for our Year 13 students is on Tuesday 9 November, 7.00 pm at the Lower Hutt Town Hall.

All family members of senior students leaving are welcome to attend this function, which is a celebration of achievement and an opportunity to look back on the last five years at Hutt Valley High School. Students are expected to wear correct school uniform. The Prizegiving, and following supper, is a special occasion and we look forward to sharing this with you.



## Notices from the Resource Centre

NCEA Study guides are available now - Levels 1, 2 and 3 in many different subjects.

ALL sport uniforms no longer required for 2010 MUST be returned to the Resource Centre ASAP.

You will receive your CASH REFUND on its return.

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH

The Science Department wishes to thank CLEARVIEW PACKAGING in Alicetown for their continued generous donation of cardboard in 2010.



## Basketball Coaches Wanted

After the success of our 2010 teams we are seeking coaches to build on these successes and help build a strong and enduring basketball programme at HVHS.

If you are keen to be a part of our programme, please email a letter of interest together with a resume of your basketball experience to - [melony@xtra.co.nz](mailto:melony@xtra.co.nz).

## Looking Ahead

### November

- 4** Sports Volunteers Evening
- 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
- 14-19** International OPC Trip
- 25-30 Year 9 and 10 exams

### December

- 2 Last day for book return Y11-13
- 3 Last day for book return Y9-10
- 7** Year 9 Explore Day
- 8 Year 10 Explore Day
- 10** Year 10 Prize giving (spell 1)
- Year 9 Prize giving (spell 2)

## Sports Photo Competition

Last term Hutt High had 14 sports teams travel around NZ for the national Tournament Week. As a way of embracing and celebrating our peers on the sports field, the HVHS Sports Committee came up with the idea of running a photo competition for those involved. The aim was to rake in as many action and team shots as possible so that they can then be displayed and used at school. As this was a new competition we didn't have a huge number of entries, but next year with a higher profile it is sure to be more successful. Out of all the photos we have had we selected two winners. Mr Gary Murphy (above) snapped the best action shot of our junior girls playing table tennis. The best team photo was taken by the coach of our senior girls basketball team, Brian Yee. Thank you to all those who entered photos, and for you at home who have quality pictures from the sports field over tournament week, be sure to send your next years snaps in - cool prizes are up for grabs.

