



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we have been pleased to see students settle in to purposeful work as they prepare for their examinations. These commence today, Thursday for Year 10 and begin tomorrow for Year 9. This is a high pressure time for both staff and students, and it is encouraging to see the continued strong relationships that allow us to get through the stress of examinations, the marking involved, the reporting and the preparation of the programme for the last weeks of the year.

Students' attitudes to this work are important, and the signs are that Year 9 and 10 are engaged.

The kind of positive attitude we seek was presented by a group of our Maori and Pasifika students who recently attended an event run by Otago University. Mrs Arrowsmith, who took the group, received some lovely feedback regarding our students: "Thank you once again for bringing some great students along to the programme. I was very delighted to have each of your students come up to me at the end of the programme, and say thank you. This is good practice, and rarely do I have the opportunity to receive this form of acknowledgement, in the capacity that I did. I am very privileged to have met such pleasant and humble young men and young women."

That is a great message, as the sender has taken the trouble to act on the impression created and pass it on to the school. Thank you to those who went; you did us proud.

Another event that never fails to make me proud is the lovely Carol Service that Mr Murphy - Head of Physical Education - organises each year. It is to be held this year on Friday of next week, 2 December, commencing at 8.00 pm. This is a traditional English carol service, with lovely words and music, and a simple yet powerful visual symbolism. It is a religious event, of course, and will certainly appeal to those of the Christian faith. It also has, in my view, a wider appeal as a ceremony to celebrate Christmas, and I think it deserves a wide audience. I encourage the school community to join us for this year's event. It really is worth the effort.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Carol Service

Friday 2 December

at 8.00 pm
in the School Hall



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Congratulations to:

★ Eight of our Year 9 and 10 players represented the School recently at the College Sport Wellington Regional Junior Tennis Champs at the Renouf Tennis Centre.

Those who achieved particular success were:

Josh Chuah 9UN who reached the Semi-finals of the Boys Singles;

David Silcock 10MS and **Jordan Musgrave** 10KE who won the Boys Doubles.

Year 10 Nanotechnology Trip to Victoria University

The trip was a fun-filled day of heading down to Victoria University to participate in a three part workshop on different aspects of nanotechnology.

As groups we moved around stations with demonstrative experiments in chemistry, physics and biology. I really enjoyed the hands on approach and the opportunity to hear a student's point of view on studying at VUW.

The highlight was making plastic slime in the laboratory and silicone lenses to refract light. The workshop raised our awareness on the importance of choosing all the right subjects if we want to pursue a career in science.



Looking Ahead

November

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 10.30am

January

30 Course confirmation for seniors

11.00 am - Year 12

1.00 pm - Year 13

February

1 Year 9 Only Day

2 Full school timetable

HVHS Year 9 and 10 AWHINA WHANAU 2011

The Science of Harakeke

The HVHS Awhina Whanau invite you to attend their 2011 Science Award Presentations

Spells 1 & 2 - Monday 5 December
(8.45 - 11.00 am)



Year 9 and 10 Exams 2011

| DAY | SPELL | YEAR 9 | YEAR 10 |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Thursday 24 November | Spells 1 & 2 | No exam | Science |
| Friday 25 November | Spells 1 & 2 | English | Social Studies |
| Friday 25 November | Spells 3 & 4 | Mathematics | Line 81/85 Option |
| Friday 25 November | Spell 5 | No exam | Physical Education |
| Monday 28 November | Spells 1 & 2 | Social Studies | Mathematics |
| Monday 28 November | Spells 3 & 4 | No exam | Line 82/86 Option |
| Monday 28 November | Spell 5 | Physical Education | No exam |
| Tuesday 29 November | Spells A, 1 & 2 | Science | English |