



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last weekend I had the pleasure of attending a 20:20 cricket match at Basin Reserve between the Wanderers – a team made up of former New Zealand and Wellington representatives, as well as a few club cricket stalwarts – and the Governor General's XI, a team of selected high school players which included Aaron Curtis of 12TS. The match was a wonderful event and a great chance for young cricketers with talent to play on a surface which has seen great test moments, including some featuring the likes of Stephen Fleming and Gavin Larsen, both of whom played in the Wanderers team. The "oldies" won the game, but the significant thing was a reminder both of the talent within our school, but also of the huge number of people who are actively engaged in encouraging young people to get involved and to have fun while striving to excel.

Another such event happened at school here on Thursday, with the Ignite Sports "On Track" programme aimed at Year 10 students showing promise in sport. Their guests, three New Zealand representatives, spoke to a Y10 assembly and worked with the selected group. Rebecca Wardell is a heptathlete who suffered a crippling injury while competing at the Delhi Games. The other two are ex-students of Hutt Valley High School; Lucy Doolan who plays English county cricket and for the New Zealand Women's Cricket Team (the White Ferns) and Stephen Jenness, who won a Delhi Commonwealth Games bronze medal with the New Zealand Hockey Team. It was a real thrill for the students to talk to these athletes about diet, training, highs and lows, motivation, competition and the like. I suspect that sparks of ambition have been re-energised within the students and we look forward to them achieving significant milestones of their own in the future.

Next week we will be moving in the last week of term, when the T4X programme will run, offering

students a range of activities from which to select, in order to have experiences outside the regular classroom fare. Students have been given key information regarding the week. There are details in this newsletter regarding the times for prizegivings on the last day of school.

A key event before the year's end occurs this Sunday at 8.00 pm in the school hall. The Carol Service is a lovely tradition here; echoes of another age perhaps in its simple beauty. It marks our shift of gaze towards Christmas and whether one is a Christian or not, there is pleasure to be found in this ceremony which centres around a series of readings and musical performances that trace the nativity message. The service takes around an hour and we welcome any member of our community – student, staff member, parent, caregiver, friend – to attend. It is well worth your time.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Carol Service
Sunday 5 December
at 8.00 pm
in the School Hall



Congratulations to:

★ Hanesha Govind
10 UN, won Junior
Golf Best Girls
Rookie 2010 at the
CSW Golf
Championships last
week. Thank you
also to Mr Mirkin for
taking and
supporting the team.



We congratulate the following students selected as Year 13 leaders for 2010

Head Boy: Sam Murch
Head Girl: Dipti Patel
Deputy Head Boy: Devin Glover
Deputy Head Girl: Michaela O'Connor
Cultural Captains: Jasmine Tso, Hayden Richardson
Sports Captains: Emma Smith, Jacob Paul
BOT Student Representative: Dane Rolton

Liaison Students: Madison McGee, Ruby McGruddy, Emily Stotter, Nicole Hawke, Jasmin Maaka, Carly Armstrong, Ashleigh Armstrong, Shan McGuinness, Ashley Fry, Izzy Baarspul, Ashleigh Kinnear, Lucy Naik, Anna Cotterill, Emma Rowell, Heather Trudgen, Ashley Keenan, Mark Congdon, David Coetzee, Tom Burke, Tim Fox, Patrick Wiggins, Josh Joe-McIndoe, Dominic Belsham, Josh Dunstan-Brown, Chris McIroy, Stephen Evans, Tyler McBride, Hayden Yee, Brandon O'Donnell, Matthew Shepherd

Year 13 Council: Judy Chu
Euan Wong
Jigna Chhika
Tegan Slater
Belinda Bui
Paige Lunnon
Jennifer Turner
Chris Collins
Samantha Edwards
Thomas Murray

Looking Ahead

December

- 3** Last day for book return Y9-10
- 5** Christmas Carol Service - 8.00 pm
- 7** Year 9 Explore Day
Year 10 Curriculum Day
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Year 9 Curriculum Day
- 9** Normal Classes
- 10** Year 10 Prize giving (spell 1)
Year 9 Prize giving (spell 2)

Holidays

February

- 1** Course confirmation for seniors
10.00 am - Year 12
1.00 pm - Year 13
- 3** Year 9 Only Day
Powhiri for all new students - 9.00 am
- 4** Full school timetable

Finishing Times for 2010

- Year 10** Prizegiving - 9.00 am
Students finish approximately 10.30 am
- Year 9** Prizegiving - 10.30 am
Students finish approximately 11.30 am

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the prizegivings which will be held in the School Hall.

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Term dates - 2011

- Term 1** Thursday 3 February - Friday 15 April
- Term 2** Monday 2 May - Friday 15 July
- Term 3** Monday 1 August - Friday 7 October
- Term 4** Monday 25 October - Friday 9 December