



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the new term.

In the holidays I received a lovely letter from a woman praising the efforts of one of our Year 13 students who had – as a complete stranger – sprung to her assistance by lifting a heavy desk into a skip. She wrote to tell how she was, “appreciative of his manner and assistance. He is a credit to his parents and to your college. As I approach the age of 80, it’s good that we must not despair of the youngsters of today – those of (his) ilk give me hope for the future.”

It is significant that she has taken the time and trouble to write to the school. Clearly, the student made a major impression. It is great to see him representing himself, his family and the school in such a positive light. Our school – any school – needs its students to make such a positive impact so that those outside see what happens here as contributing to producing thoughtful and vibrant young people who make real contributions to their world.

This Sunday’s ANZAC Day will see our senior students presenting a wreath on behalf of the school to acknowledge the youth of another time. The ceremony is at the war memorial adjacent to the Hutt Library, at 9 -30 on Sunday, and I have invited students at this week’s assemblies to attend, not to glorify war, for that is not what is happening. The ceremony invites us to reflect on the sacrifices of others of another time and it also alerts us to the fact that, no matter how peaceful our society may be, we must always guard against that part of human nature that presents itself as war. The ceremony becomes an affirmation of camaraderie, of citizenship and of links across generations that are enduring emblems of what society is all about. For the older generation, the sight of today’s young people at the ceremony is an absolute affirmation of them and of our students’ wider sense of community.

That desire to contribute is very much a part of this school. Our senior students are currently planning

activities for this year’s World Vision fund-raiser in May, as well as at least two other significant projects for which planning is in the early stages. Their efforts are supported by staff and caregivers, of course, and I do want to thank those of our community who have offered to stand for election to the next Board of Trustees. Nominations close on Friday at noon, and we continue to encourage additional new nominations, as well as those from existing members whose willingness to continue their very substantial contribution is very heartening.

I shall also take the opportunity to thank parents and caregivers who have, in addition to fixed charges, been able to pay the school’s donation component, whether as a lump sum or by instalments. For schools the challenge of funding is greater this year than ever. The willingness of our parents to continue to contribute the donations levy is extraordinarily important. We thank you for your support.

That there is such support is clear. Just this week I had a visit from Joe Whelan, a parent who owns the Petone Lone Star, offering a sponsored monthly award of \$50 plus a Lone Star tee shirt to go to a student at any level who has contributed to the school in the academic, sporting, cultural or community support areas. The first such award was given yesterday to Praneeth Dantanarayana of 13VY for his outstanding leadership and effort. It is great to receive by the sponsorship a message which offers support to both our students and staff for what we do here, for our goals are unashamedly focused on encouraging students to succeed, and to do so while presenting the qualities of good citizenship that contribute to our society.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Congratulations to:

- ★ Ms Reid who attended the Dance Excellence Competition in Los Angeles in the last week of term and in the holidays. Ms Reid took part with a troupe of 22 from the Hutt City Dance Centre. The group produced a 15 minute performance intertwining Kiwiana, poi, haka and contemporary dance. In the competition finale, Hutt City won the top overall Excellence Award. The group also performed in Disneyland and took part in a variety of dance classes for seven hours per day BEFORE night time dance performances. The group competed against dancers from each US state, Japan, Australia, UK and another New Zealand team from Auckland.
- ★ The NZ Open Championships for Taekwondo were held recently in Auckland. Teams from Tonga, Australia, New Caledonia and New Zealand competed, and four Hutt Valley High Students competed and did very well. Congratulations to the following:
 Joshua Styche (11MH): Won Gold in his Fighting Division, Won Gold in the coloured belt individual division for Poomsae, Won Gold in the coloured belt Pairs division with his sister Tayla Styche for Poomsae
 Tayla Styche (9SO): Won Silver in the coloured belt individual division for Poomsae, plus the Pairs as above with her brother.
 Staci Knox (12TS) & Sam (13SR): Staci Won Gold in the Black Belt Individuals in Poomsae, Staci and Sam won Gold in the Black Belt Team Poomsae, Staci and Sam won Gold in the Black Belt Creative Poomsae.

Looking Ahead

April

- 27 Yr 12/13 Parents Evening
- 28 Yr 12 Human Bio First Aid Course
- 29 **Civil Defence Training Day 2**
Massey University Visit
Sport Volunteers Info Evening

May

- 4 Otago University Visit
- 5 **BOT Candidate Meeting**
- 7 BOT Elections
- 13 **Yr 13 Biology Zoo Trip**
- 14 Multicultural Evening
- 18 **Work Choice Day**
- 23-26 Yr 13 Geography Trip
- 27 **Civil Defence Training Day 3**
- 27-28 Stage Challenge

June

- 3 **Civil Defence Awards**
- 7 Queen's Birthday Holiday

Year 12/13 Parent Evening

Tuesday 27 April
 School Hall, 3.45-6.30 pm
 Booking forms with instructions
 have been issued to students today.

Canteen Notices

Lemons - urgently needed!

Needed - do you have a kitchen wizz taking up space and you no longer need it? It would be very welcome at the School Canteen.

Please drop in to the canteen or main office.

PINKIES FOR POLIO

Thank you to everyone who got involved with the Pinkies for Polio campaign that was held at school on the last day of term. The event was very successful and we managed to raise **\$615.40** for the campaign. Rotary will use this to help vaccinate children against Polio and hopefully eradicate it entirely. Thanks again for your support.



LIBRARY

Thank you very much to the parents who have returned forms indicating availability to assist in the school library. I received one reply in black ink indicating that the sender would like to be contacted by return mail, but without a name or address. Could that parent please phone Ms Stephenson on 566 4584 ext 8815? Thank you.

HVHS SPORT VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION EVENING

For ALL sports coaches/managers/officials/
convenors

THURSDAY 29 APRIL
6.00 pm-7.30 pm (Nibbles provided)

We will cover:

- School Sport Philosophy
- Coaching Young People and Problem Solving
- Processes - including Incident Reporting, Fundraising, Trips Away etc.

We will issue our new Volunteer Info Packs – your guide to volunteering and HVHS.

Please RSVP (for catering purposes) to:
jude.glenny@hvhs.school.nz

Scholarship Exams

Entry forms can be obtained from subject teachers. All entries must be into Mr Larkin by Friday 18 June.

NCEA Fees

An invoice and letter will be posted home over the next few weeks explaining how to pay your \$75 NCEA fees. If you do not receive a letter/invoice by 7 May please see Mr Larkin.

Science Opportunities

There are some fantastic opportunities in Science for students this term, so make sure you come and see Miss Larkins in the Head of Science office asap if you are interested in any of the following:

Australian Science Competition – compete against other students in Australia and New Zealand to show off your Science knowledge! Entries close 12 May – all year levels can enter.

Te Papa science careers day – if you are in Years 11, 12 or 13 and are interested in a career in Science then come to Te Papa to talk to a range of professionals about what their job entails, including Biologists, Entomologists, Volcanologists, Botanists and Geologists! Cost is \$5.

Victoria Outreach Programme – if you are in Year 12 or 13 and have a keen interest in Chemistry, Physics or Electronics then you could attend a workshop at Victoria University in June to have a go at some hands on Science using some of their amazing equipment.

Edna Waddell Undergraduate Scholarships for Women – this is open to female Year 12 and 13 students thinking about tertiary education in Technology and Engineering.

Science badges – these are open to anyone, especially year nine and ten students. Those who signed up last term – keep it up as we've got a badge waiting to present to you! Those interested in signing up come and see Miss Larkins.

YEAR 9 AND 10 AWARDS - TERM 1

We enjoy acknowledging the successes of students as they strive to achieve their best. Each term we present awards to two students from each form class to reward them for certain aspects of their learning.

For Term 1 we were focusing on demonstrating desirable work habits. Congratulations to the following students on receiving an award for displaying consistent, desirable work habits.

Year 9		Year 10	
9CC	Jennifer Lee, Hema Govind	10CN	Prashant Bhikhu, Aaron Frawley
9FD	Billie Bishop-Ash, Taylor Schrijvers	10CR	Emily Fitzmaurice, Morgan Laing
9GO	Chris Gaskell, Lena Danh	10DN	Sarah Pells, Karan Gandhi
9IC	Mitra Homolja, Ruth Meo	10DO	Katie Watson, Steve Harlen
9LW	Jordan Musgrave, Dalje Baker-Chantung	10EG	Cam Yee, Katie Mahn
9MI	Courtenay Lacey, Nanda Ardianto	10GB	Natasha Crawford, Taylor de Vries
9MM	Asha Mamgain, Umaiyan Haran	10GJ	Ryan Harvey, Andrew Takao
9RI	Rachael Hainsworth, Kate Lawlor	10HK	Alex Stevenson, Amanda Walker
9SK	Anca Sandulescu, Oliver Powell	10OS	Terina Ausage, Georgia Dunstan-Brown
9SO	Casper Kneale, Michaela Robertson	10RD	Cassandra Severin, Jenna Reddy
9TI	Simran Reddy, Yorik Janssens	10RP	Callum Gates, Nipuni Perera
9WG	Nina Winitana, Lochlain McDonald	10UN	Hari Krishnamoorthy, Alyse Hansen
9WM	Jian-Wei Chong, Lucy Stotter	10WL	Rawiri Kapea, Alex Weir
LSU	Michaela Hargreaves, Samuel Bishop		