



# Hutt Valley High School News

## Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

This has been a week where the focus has broadened from the imperatives of the senior school in the form of NCEA and scholarship - and there are plenty of students still coming in to gain additional help - to the experiences of our current and next generation Year 9 students. It's been a real pleasure to be part of the interviews of the Year 8 students who will be joining us next year. There's a great deal of talent, a good dollop of nervousness and an excitement that is lovely to see. We're looking forward to seeing them become part of our community next year.

While that's the looking forward, the present sequence is the Year 9 Camps that have been running this week and continue through to next week. The first camps had co-operative weather but that steadily drifted as this week continued. We'll hope for better in the first half of next week. I do want to thank staff who disrupt their own domestic routines in order to accompany the students. It's another example of the way teachers give so much of themselves in the service of those they teach and we're grateful to them, as the camps broaden the experience of school in ways that the classroom simply cannot.

Along the way, there will be memories being shaped that will endure. A group of our ex-students are assembling this weekend to share their version of such memories. They are from the class of 2008 and are holding a one decade on reunion that they have organised. The fact they are doing so is a reminder of how enduring these moments are.

That lasting connection with the school has motivated one of our ex-students to memorialise members of her family by providing us this week with the funds to establish an enduring fund to provide recognition to one student from each of Year 11, 12 and 13 for the demonstration of outstanding citizenship within the life of the school. These are awards where character and commitment to a social conscience and service to others are the key factors. A connection with the visual arts is a desirable extra component. The school will also have "opening doors" fund that we will use to remove financial barriers to students who would be prevented from taking up an opportunity through a lack of financial means. The fund will open doors where they might otherwise be closed. I think this is brilliant. I won't say more now because we'll do that at the school prizegivings, but the example here of reaching across time to help today's students is a perfect example of our school's deceptively simple message: "Always help the person beside you whether you know them or not." For some

students, our having this fund will be life-changing. Our donor has set the fund so that it will endure into the future. It's a lovely gift both in the practical sense and in the sense of the service spirit that it celebrates.

Ross Sinclair  
Principal

**Victoria University Tangiwai Scholarship \$5,000**  
Lulu Harkness 13DB

**Go Canterbury Scholarship \$5,000**  
Ahash Sivasith 13TA, Caleb Emmens 13LB, Saliya Dissanayake 13NS, Scott Syder 13VY, Sid Dhaliwal 13FX, Billy Stratford 13KE

**Helen MacMillan Brown Bursary (University of Canterbury) \$2,500**  
Lydia Smith 13WL

**University of Canterbury Engineering High Achievers Award \$3,000**  
Lydia Smith 13WL

**College Sport Wellington Sportsperson of the Year 2018**

Leah Mafua 13KE Basketball **Winner**  
Maya Hahn 13FX Football **Winner**  
Ryan Kelly 13MN Football  
Poppy Newall 13NI Rowing  
Charlotte Galloway 12DA Squash **Winner**  
Diana Galloway 9NSBC Squash  
Hillary Sheridan 13DN Ultimate  
Russell Syder 13FX Ultimate **Winner**  
Charlotte Wilson 12RG Underwater Hockey **Winner**  
Caitlyn Lewin 12OA Softball **Winner**  
Hadley Beech 12VE Skating (Roller/In-Line)  
Premier Girls' Basketball Team of the Year **Winner**  
Brian Yee Coach of the Year (Premier Girls' Basketball)  
Safari Hynes 13FX Student Official of the Year **Winner**

There are four Premier Pennants for winning Premier Competitions:

Basketball - Girls' Premier Team  
Cricket - Girls' 1st XI Team  
Dragon Boating - Mixed Team  
Touch Rugby - Mixed Team



## Looking Ahead

### November

- 3-15** Year 9 Camps  
 12-16 International Student Trip  
**13** PPTA Union Meeting - early closure at 12.15 pm  
 13-15 Year 10 Science Trip  
**22-27** Year 10 Exams  
 28, 29 Year 9 Water Safety Days  
**28** Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

### December

- 3 Year 9 Water Safety Day  
**3** Year 13 Graduation Prizegiving, 7.00 pm  
 4 Year 12 and 11 Prizegiving, 10.00 am  
**5** SLC End of Year Concert  
 5 Wellington Young Scientist Tournament  
**6** Music Tour to contributing schools  
 7 Year 10 PE Day  
**11** Term 4 Learning Conversations  
 13 Year 10 Prizegiving, 9.00 am  
**13** Year 9 Prizegiving, 10.30 am  
 13 Last day for Year 9 and 10 students



### SCHOOL DOCS

The school is scheduled to review the policy for - Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori Students.

Please follow these instructions if you would like to review this document and give feedback.

1. Log into School Docs - <http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>
2. Search for HVHS ( Username hvhs; Password Adalta)
3. Click on Policy Review
4. Click on Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori Students
5. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear
6. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the [review form](#).

## Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Jared Eglinton 9KGOV** and **Joshua Apaapa-Preston 9KGOV** have been selected to represent Wellington at the National Age Group Football tournament held in December.

## Canteen closed on Tuesday 13 November

Due to the Post Primary Teachers' Association union meeting on Tuesday, the canteen will not be open at all on Tuesday.

## Derived Grade for the NCEA November exams

Applications for Derived Grades 2018 are now open. A derived grade is for a student that cannot complete the November NCEA exams, or is disadvantaged in the exams. The following are approved reasons: a temporary acute non-recurring illness, a sudden and significant change to long term illness, trauma, misadventure or other exceptional circumstances that have occurred within a month of, and during the exams.

The process (whether sitting the exam or not) is to contact Nick Larkin ([nick.larkin@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:nick.larkin@hvhs.school.nz)) for a Derived Grade Application, or collect a Derived Grade Application from the Student Office.

For a medical reason a doctor's appointment will need to be made and they will need to sign the application form. In non medical events an appointment with the school guidance team is needed - they will sign off on the relevant paper work.

To be sure that an application is likely to be accepted contact Nick Larkin with any questions.

The grades that the school puts to NZQA are based on the recently sat School Derived Grade Exams. If the student sits the NCEA exams and applies for a Derived Grade and is accepted, then the best of the School Exam and November exam grades is taken. All applications need to be completed, signed by the relevant people and handed to Nick Larkin or the school

## HVHS Facebook Page

Here is the link to our school facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/hvhs.school.nz/>

or go to the school website and click on the FB link <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/about-us/student-online-services/>