



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week is, as we all must know by now, Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori - Maori Language Week. There have been activities here at school, including tutorials booked in to classes to do a little work on Te Reo Maori and tikanga. It's interesting to reflect on how both the school and the country have shifted in respect of Te Ao Maori. I've mentioned in a previous newsletter that we have had 60 staff this year learning elementary Te Reo, as well as a wait list for future sessions. That kind of interest appears to be common throughout the country as people understand that this is the language of our land and something to be shared by all, whether Maori or not. To see Te Reo Maori as a unifying force in New Zealand is a remarkable commentary on how our society has changed. It is not so very long ago that a switchboard operator was disciplined by her employer for using the greeting "kia ora", triggering a fierce national debate. Now, a national discussion on the possibility of compulsory Maori in schools is part of our national fabric. That still presents considerable resourcing challenges, but I suspect it is not so many years away. If and perhaps when that occurs, there will grow a generation of New Zealanders whose perspective on who and what we are will be melded into the history and development of our country, with viewpoints potentially quite different from the received history we see today. That's quite an exciting prospect, as our history becomes truly of this place rather than travelling through the lens of a different land.

For senior students this week presents a moment that is part of the graduation process for the Year 13 of 2018. The Leavers' Ball is highly anticipated each year and is definitely a highlight for many. This is our largest event ever, as our largest ever cohort at this level moves towards its graduation. We've sent out guidelines to homes, and these contain steps that ensure the evening works for all. It's an alcohol-free event and we do breath tests on entry. We have never had to turn away anyone and we would like that to continue to be the case. This is a school event and the usual rules apply just as if the event were

here on site. In practice, we find the students present brilliantly and for their teachers and especially the deans, the evening is a surreal overlay of the young adult in their full finery with the visage of their younger Year 9 self who arrived at school nearly five years ago. It is a special moment when they travel up the Te Papa escalator to be greeted formally by their head prefects, deans and senior staff. We hope it's a terrific night for everyone.

As ever with our busy school, there is plenty happening. I want to congratulate one of our international students, Koki Endo who last weekend won the national title in the men's foil competition in the NZ Secondary Schools Fencing Championships. I can't recall a national title winner from within the international group, so suspect that Koki might be our first to travel home with an accolade of this type. Well done!

While Koki was doing that, we had a completely different group working hard in an Auckland recording studio. Smokey Blokes, one of six bands selected for the finals of the Smokefree Challenge, were recording music as part of the competition. They, and the two other bands who were place-getters in the regional competition earlier this year presented a lunchtime concert in the hall today. These are seriously good musicians, and musicians serious about playing good music. It's brilliant to have such talent in the school, and as I have noted before, it's talent shared in two instances, in that two members of Smokey Blokes are from local girls' schools Sacred Heart and Chilton. The finals are in Auckland on Saturday 22 September and we wish them the best for an evening that will carry their talent to a new level of audience.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Looking Ahead

September

14	Year 12 Economics Treasury Talk
15	Year 13 Leavers Ball
17-21	Year 13 Production
19	Sports Awards Evening, 6.00 pm
20	Winter Sports Photos
21	School Triathlon
22-23	Performing Arts Festival
24-28	Year 13 Production
25	St Mary's Perth Sports Exchange
26	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
28	Last Day of Term 3

October

15	First Day of Term 4
15-24	Senior Exams
22	Labour Day Holiday
24	Board of Trustees Meeting
25	Gateway End of Year Function
26	Last day for Year 13 students
29-2 Nov	Year 13 Tutorial Week
29	Hotuwaipara Awards Evening 6.00pm

November

2	Last Day for Year 11 and 12 students
5-15	Year 9 Camps
5-9	Year 9 Enrolment Interviews
6	Senior Art Show, 5.00 pm

Office and Resource Centre closures

The Office and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 26 September, between 8.30 and 9.30 am due to professional development.

Gateway 2019 Applications are now open

Gateway is a premier programme because it is Government funded to support Year 12 or 13 students on their career journey. This is a timetabled but flexible course designed to meet student needs both in the classroom and in the workplace.

Application are due by 28 September and guidelines are available on the school website by following this link: <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/news-events-successes/gateway-2019-applications-are-open/>

Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to the following students who competed in this years New Zealand Economics competition against 2,426 students from 89 schools:

Distinction (top 15%)

Peter Hazeldine 12OA

Gabriel King 12OA

Thomas Baty 12VE

Credit (top 30%)

Alaap Elias 12TJ

Ariana Ruck 12BE

James Thompson 11PR

Todd Wellwood 12ST

- ★ One of our international students, **Koki Endo** 12PN, competed in the NZ Secondary Schools Fencing Champs in the weekend. Koki won the men's foil competition.

- ★ **Daniel Follett** 9WLBU achieved 3rd Place in the All Round Mens Artistic Gymnastics B Grade open at the NZSS Gymnastics Championships 2018. Daniel placed 1st in the Vault 3rd place in High Bar and Parallel Bars. Well done Daniel!

- ★ Congratulations to the following 4 students whose team placed first in the Hutt Valley Region EPro8 competition held this week. They have now qualified for the semi-final at Onslow College in week 10. Well done to **Flynn Cook** 9BKHH, **Ming Bao** 9YUPL, **Tai van der Bar** 9BKHH and **Dan Walker** 9BKHH.

Homestay for Assistant Teacher of Japanese

We are looking for a family who would be able to host an Assistant Teacher from Japan for Term 4, 2018.

If you are able to assist please send an email to: sarah.langley@hvhs.school.nz

Return of Sports Uniforms

Winter sports uniforms are due before the end of Term 3 to receive your bond back. The bond is refunded if there are no outstanding compulsory fees owing.

The Resource Centre will be open longer hours on Thursday 20 September so they can be returned after photographs.



Kamar Parent Portal Logon

This is a website that provides a window into our Student Management System. By accessing the KAMAR portal you will be able to view the daily notices, student contact details, student timetables and attendance, results, etc.

If you no longer have your username and password please email principal@hvhs.school.nz.

We will check your email is one we have on our system and then send your logon and password through.

The best way to access the portal is to go to our website: www.hvhs.school.nz and use the Kamar Parent Portal link on the quick links drop down menu on the top right hand corner.

Kamar Parent Portal Payments

This is also an easy way to pay for fees and donations using a credit/debit card. You can select exactly how much you want to pay against each charge.

School Textbooks

The Resource Centre is currently completing a textbook stock-take in preparation for the 2019 school year. There are a number of students have overdue books from 2017.

It would be helpful if parents and students alike could have a really good look and get any returned to the school by 28 September.

2018 NZQA/NCEA Information

NCEA fee payment direct to NZQA

- Payment of NCEA fees via the school has closed
- NZQA will accept 2018 fees directly from candidates. Candidates can log in to the NZQA website (through their Learner Login) and pay their 2018 fees online directly to NZQA

Late fees and payments

- Any NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship payments made after 1 December 2018 will incur a late fee of \$50
- Failure to pay for any Scholarship Exams that a student has entered into will also mean that NZQA will withhold results from all NCEA exams
- Financial Assistance forms can still be processed through the Resource Centre to reduce the payments to \$20. Then the fee is still paid through the NZQA website

Admission Slips to the November NCEA Exams

- Students will receive their NCEA Exam Admission Slips after they complete their school Derived Grade Exams in Weeks 1-2 of Term 4
- These slips will have the exams that students are entered into, the date and the time.
- Students who have been entered late into an external standard will need to get a new admission slip reprinted from the office in Week 3-4. If a slip is lost a new slip can be obtained from the student office as well.

Derived Grades for November NCEA Exams

- If a student misses the November Exams they can apply for a Derived Grade. The school exams are used for this grade. There are strict rules around what circumstances count for a Derived Grade

Students should have received the following attachment which covers all they need to know about the up coming School and NCEA Exams - http://www.hvhs.school.nz/files/8015/3687/0237/HVHS_Derived_Grade_Exams_and_NCEA_Exams_2018.pdf

ART FOLIO

DUE DATES

PAINTING - PHOTOGRAPHY - DESIGN

LEVEL ONE

Friday 19 October
Term 4, Week 1

LEVEL TWO

Monday 29 October
Term 4, Week 3

LEVEL THREE

Thursday 1 November
Term 4, Week 3



ART DEPT. OPEN HOURS

TUESDAYS (3.15pm onwards)
WEDNESDAYS (3.15pm onwards)

SAT 22 SEPT. (10-2 pm)
SAT 27 OCT. (10-2 pm)
SUN 28 OCT. (10-2 pm)

Term dates - 2019

- Term 1 Thursday 31 January - Friday 12 April
- Term 2 Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
- Term 3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
- Term 4 Monday 14 October - Tuesday 10 December