



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Mid Term Break - Monday 3 September

School is closed

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Reminder: Monday is mid-term break. Classes resume on Tuesday 4 September

Yesterday was the due deadline for acceptances for out of zone students into the 2019 Year 9. The day has become ever more significant for a number of families seeking to enrol students in the school, as in recent years we have moved to limit our roll growth. In past years we took out-of-zone students into Years 10-13 where they had tried another school and wished to change. In the last two years we haven't been able to do that, and have not taken any out-of-zone outside the entry Year 9 cohort and the number there has decreased dramatically. Trend lines suggest a continuing enrolment pressure, reinforced by changes in housing patterns in Petone and more widely in the Valley. As a school we are grateful for the interest in enrolling here and we are thankful to families for the support they offer to help us maintain the level of opportunities available to students.

Next week we see such support in vivid action, as 115 students and 40 coaches/managers head away for the winter sports week regional and national tournaments. In many instances coaches and managers are taking annual leave in order to be with their teams and the week has significant personal sacrifice in time, energy, finances and their own family time. On behalf of the students, I want to thank all those who are making the week possible. It's also a huge week for the Sports Department here at school, and I thank them for all the work that goes in behind the scenes. Teams away next week include:

- Basketball Junior Boys - Napier
- Basketball Senior Girls - Palmerston North
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- Football Girls - Taupo
- Football Boys - Napier
- Hockey Boys - Timaru
- Netball - Palmerston North
- Underwater Hockey Junior Girls - Rotorua
- Underwater Hockey Senior Girls - Rotorua
- Gymnastics - Auckland

- Golf - Palmerston North
- Fencing - Christchurch.

Tournament dates are from 1 to 8 September and we wish all our athletes the best as they represent us in elite level competition.

Yesterday was also a day for a new sporting event. Teacher and coach George Ichim has pushed for the establishment of a "traditional" football match between us and St Bernard's and the first such match was held yesterday. While the weather didn't co-operate, it was an event enjoyed by a large group of supporters including past students of both schools. The football fraternity are keen to see the match become an annual event, and the timing also allows it to serve as a pre-nationals match for the players.

Football also scored - excuse the pun - at another level this week. I received a really encouraging message, as follows:

I am the coach of the junior football team at St. Bernard's College. I thought I would just drop you an email to let you know how high the level of sportsmanship was from your boys and managers at the game at St. Bernard's on Saturday. They were all really respectful, friendly and played an incredibly fair game. We have come up against some pretty poor sportsmanship this season and I thought it was worth celebrating a team that is doing it right!

Thank you to our players for understanding that sport is about competition, yes, and also about our core school values. Thank you for representing us so well.

Before I leave the sports subject, congratulations to our Senior Netball team for their come-from-behind win in the Prem 2 finals. Best wishes, too, to the Senior Girls' Basketball for their finals match this Friday night.

Our school community will be aware that we are in the latter stages of the Strategic Plan review exercise, and the feedback is in the collation and report to the Board

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stage. Thank you to all who have taken the time to attend one of the cafe events and/or complete the digital survey. The responses are ultimately the fuel for the discussion that the Board has as it positions the school for what is officially the next three years, but of course also extends beyond that in the impact of decisions taken. We are all aware that this exercise is running against a backdrop of the Ministry of Education's series of (I am told) 18 reviews of different elements of the education system, one of which is the Tomorrow's Schools governance model. It will be interesting to see what changes emerge from the process. Being on a Board of Trustees is a considerable act of good citizenship, as it means a commitment to a significant workload on behalf of others; such as the current work being undertaken by our Board. It's great to have the energy and skills of such a group made available to the school. Right across our activities we just cannot function without the goodwill, support, energy and practical commitment of a huge number of people, including well over 200 parent/caregiver and student volunteers. And if it's not too political at this point of pending negotiations around various collective agreements, at the core of that good will is a great group of staff who do far more than that which is their classroom programme, and they do that day after day so that students here have the best possible chance to explore who they are and what they can accomplish. It's great to work in such a place.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Raegan Pine 10OCCO** who won Tennis Central's Regional Performance Tournament over last weekend.
- ★ The HVHS Speech Competition was held last week.
Sarah Gullery 12BE won the Senior category, with **Lisa Philipsen 13FX** as runner-up.
Eloise Edmonds 9TADN won the Junior category.
Thank you to Ginny Andersen who judged.
- ★ Our **Premier Girls Netball Team** won their Division 2 final against Paraparaumu on Monday night 32-30 in overtime!
- ★ At the Wellington 'Maatangi Whenua' Inter-school Geography Quiz held this week we had the follow results:
HVHS Team 1 (**Tasneem Aung 11SC**, **Mitchell Bass 11DY** and **Sophie Beattie 11TS** - 2nd place
HVHS Team 2 (**Finn Davenport 11MS**, **Oliver Gawn 11TH** and **Thijs Turner 11MS** - 3rd place.

Office and Resource Centre closures

The Office and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 12 September and 26 September, between 8.30 and 9.30 am due to professional development.

HVHS School Triathlon is coming!

This popular event is going to be held on Friday 21 September (Week 9).

The triathlon is Run 4.2km; Bike 13km; Swim 300m. There is also an aquathon option available which is Run 4.2km; Swim 300m.

People can enter as individuals, or in a team. Family members and ex-students are welcome to enter, with a \$10 entry fee that is donated to Martin Charitable Trust.

Deadline: Entries close at 3.00 pm 19 September - no entries will be accepted after this date.

To enter click [here](#).

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

**SENIOR
ART SHOW**

TUESDAY NOV. 6
TERM 4, WEEK 4
5 - 6.30 PM

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)

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/>

He Hui Mātauranga

Earlier this year, the Minister of Education announced a major programme of review and reform across the education sector (the "Education Work Programme"). This work is designed to ensure New Zealand has an education system that is fit-for-purpose for the 21st century.

The Government has been clear that issues and opportunities for Māori education must be addressed across the entire system. In addition, it has commissioned work to refresh and update Ka Hikitia (the Māori Education Strategy) and Tau Mai Te Reo (the Māori Language in Education Strategy).

As part of our work to engage with whānau, hapū and iwi, we are planning a series of wānanga in communities across New Zealand. Through these wānanga, we would like to hear from people about what is important to you: what you like about the current education system; what frustrates you; what you would like to change and how you would change it. We have not prepared a consultation document or any other material because we want to hear from you.

We would like to invite you to be a part of these conversations at wānanga being held in the Wellington region:

Tuesday 4 September, Lower Hutt Events Centre (Lower Hutt), 6:00pm to 9:00pm;

These are open events. For further information, please contact: Tempell.Wi@education.govt.nz or naina.west@education.govt.nz

Looking Ahead

September

3	Mid Term Break - school closed
3-7	Winter Tournament Week
4	Got a Trade Day in the Hall
4	Year 12/13 Trip to Te Auaha
10-11	Year 12 PE Cycle Trip 1
10-11	EPro8 Competition
13	PE & Sports Activities Day
13-14	Year 12 PE Cycle Trip 2
14	Maori Leadership Day 3
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

Reader/writers wanted

Term time for October and November exams

The school is looking for large numbers of volunteers to support senior students with their internal assessments, practice and external exams.

A small donation will be given for the October exams. NZQA will pay for your services in the NCEA exams.

Very good reading and writing skills required as well as clear spoken English.

Training will be provided and acceptance is subject to a satisfactory Police check.

Please contact:

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