



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The second term concluded on Friday with unrelenting pace. The term has seen a number of new high levels of performance for the school, both academically and outside the classroom. A piece of late news in that respect was hearing of the selection of Tararua House Captain Max Watene 13JD to the full New Zealand Senior Taekwondo team to the Gold Coast Open in July, and the President's Cup and Oceania Championships 2-7 August. These competitions provide important ranking points for broader international competitions, and we wish Max the best for what will be a very busy few weeks.

We also have a group of students preparing their entry for the new Show Quest Dance Competition to be held at the Opera House on 7 August. This event is the replacement for Stage Challenge and runs on a similar basis with themed pieces, student-devised, performed and directed and operating within a specified time frame. Stage Challenge has been a great spur to student creativity over the years and its replacement will be no different. Given the school's recent run of success in the performing arts, it is clear that we have a pool of special talent in the student body, and it is good to see that Show Quest will provide the opportunity for student imagination and performance that for a while appeared to be in jeopardy.

In the previous newsletter we congratulated several language students for their successes. The Languages Essential Learning Area is on a high at present, and this week we also congratulate three winners of their year groups in the Japanese Regional Speech Competition. We were thrilled with the results - our best ever - as Lisa Dao 10MZAN won 1st Place Year 10, Imali De Silva 11NB 1st Place Year 11 and Rebecca Voong 13IC 1st Place Year 13. That completed a very successful term in external competitions for languages. Congratulations to the students and to the staff involved.

During assemblies last week, students were introduced to the online 2019 options system and the steps needed to consider what is available and make selections. Deans will be helping with the process in one-on-one meetings beginning in week one of next term. Option selections close in week two of next term. Material is being sent by Mr Fox to all students' homes, including instructions for the steps needed and the login codes for students in case they have lost them. As far as is possible we seek to accommodate students' choices rather than insisting they comply with a pre-existing template of classes. To achieve that flexibility we do need to have options entered by the due date so we can see the overall staffing picture that emerges for 2019. There are times when smaller subjects' restricted number of classes can produce clashes, so the sooner we can see the big picture the better. The deans' conversations will help to check whether individual students have the necessary courses for their intended courses or a broad range of

courses where future choices remain uncertain. The annual NCEA and Subject selection Evening for parents will be on Tuesday of week two, 31 July. This is set for a 6.00 pm start. Representatives from Learning areas will be available to talk with parents for any subject specific queries.

I outlined last week some preliminary details of the Board of Trustees' Strategic Plan process. Parents and caregivers will have three consultations opportunities, two at the school and - a new step for us - one in Wellington to try to provide access for the many parents and caregivers who work in Wellington and whose availability for school events is increasingly restricted by traffic congestion. That session will be a lunchtime one using a room in the Ministry of Education buildings in Mātauranga House, 33 Bowen Street, Wellington at 12.30 pm on 23 August. The other two parent/caregiver events are a Maori whanau event (although anyone can attend) in Hotuwaipara on Thursday 2 August at 6.30 pm, and a session a week later on 9 August at 6.30 pm in the Staffroom. We will also be having a business breakfast consultation here at school on 16 August from 6.30 am. Two student sessions will occur on 21 August here at school (juniors 9.30 am and seniors 1.30 pm). The whole exercise will begin on the first Thursday of next term with a full staff session on 26 July, beginning at 1.30 pm. In order that the entire staff, including our 50 plus support staff can be part of the strategic plan exercise, the Board has decided that school will finish classes early on that day. The Board also plan an online survey that will go out in late July. This is the key planning exercise for the school and the Board has made these arrangements so that everyone in our community has the opportunity, should they elect to use it, to contribute their views on the next steps for the school. These details will be sent out to all homes, along with a link to a booking system that will allow people to let us know they plan to attend a particular session.

In this long message, there is another element to cover; the government's NCEA review. There has been a fair bit of coverage in the media already, not all of it helpful. The simple version is that six opportunities have been identified associated with the review, and they provide the basis for a conversation. There is also room for blue sky thinking, where other thoughts can be suggested to add to the mix of ideas. Click on the Ministry website www.education.govt.nz/ and you will find extensive material on the current reviews, with the links to make your own views known. The reviews are a major exercise and early feedback on the NCEA component is that there is plenty of adult comment but a significant lack of comment from those who know the system from the users' perspective; the students. It would be great if our Year 11 to 13 students took up the challenge to offer their views. We will

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also be running a student session here at school to discuss the review on Friday 10 August, as well as using staff meetings to work through material so that we can make a student group response and one from staff. There is plenty of time for individual responses, too, as submissions close on 16 September.

It's a busy time for the school and for education generally. The holiday break provides a chance to refresh and relax before we resume what will be an interesting part of the 2018 school year. In the meantime, thank you to the many, many volunteers who helped energise and guide the events of term two. It's been a particularly successful time and that is rewarding of course, but of even more significance is often the door opened for a single student's future, and the better pathway that results from an increased sense of personal strength and potential. It's what we do, and it couldn't be more important. Thank you all for the generosity of your help for our students.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Looking Ahead

July

6	Last Day of Term 2
7-22	School Holidays
17	French Trip Returns
23	First Day of Term 3
31	NCEA and Subject Selection Evening, 6.00 pm

August

1	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
2	Year 13 Otago University Visit
3	CSW Table Tennis Individual Champs
6-10	Service Week
6-10	Year 12 Production
7	Show Quest Dance Competition
9	Australian Mathematics Competition
9	Mufti Day - Cancer Society
10	CSW Table Tennis Team Champs
10	Shave for a Cure

School office hours during holidays

Please note the school office will be open from Monday 9 July to Friday 13 July, then closed Monday 16 to Friday 20 July.

Normal office hours will resume on Monday 23 July.

Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Antonia Hamilton** 10WORB who won the Junior Badminton Championships on Wednesday 27 June.
- ★ Good luck to **Emily Jones** 9TADN who is travelling to Copenhagen, Denmark over the school holidays, to represent New Zealand in the World Pairs Mounted Equestrian Games Championships. Emily will be competing with an English rider and riding a Danish pony.
- ★ The Stokes Valley Dance competition was held last weekend where the HVHS Dance Academy students were battling it out against local dance studios. Here are the results:
Ellie Cotton - Solo Jazz 4th and VHC
Anais Walton-France - Solo Lyrical 2nd
Group Division 13yrs and Over. Any genre.
 1st Place - **Body Love** with a perfect score of 100.
 2nd Place - **Not About Angels** with a score of 95
 3rd Place - **Eat Sleep Rave Repeat** with a score of 93
Special Awards:
 Outstanding Choreography for teacher **Catherine Lambert**'s choreography of Body Love.
 Most Appealing Dance - Body Love
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Japanese Regional Speech Competition on Friday 29 June. Their speeches were outstanding and they received great results:
Lisa Dao 10MZAN 1st Place Year 10
Imali De Silva 11NB 1st Place Year 11
Rebecca Voong 13IC 1st Place Year 13
- ★ The HVHS Emergency Support Crew (ESC) Team entered the "Valley Shield" competition held at the former Wainuiomata College site. HVHS ESC Team won the "Valley Shield". The team members are **Nathan Cartmell** 11HY, **Luan Danh** 11SP, **Hannah Cartmell** 10KIPA, **Molly Kowalczyk** 11EL, **Olivia Lu** 11TM, **Heather Darby** 10OCCO, **Hannah Scott** 11HY, **Billie Halford** 13KO and **Tasneem Aung** 11HR. As well, Nathan Cartmell 11HY was one of two team leaders recognised by the tutors as a 'Team Leader who performed with Distinction'.

Year 9 and 10 Awards - Term 2

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 2 we have focused on significant improvement in academic learning. Congratulations to the following students on receiving an award.

Year 9	Name	Year 10	Name
9AVIN	Michael Hunkin Jiya Anand	10CVCW	Gemma Bennion Ejay Reid
9BKHH	Charisma Bell Tim Wildash	10GELY	Scarlett Underwood Anton Wilson
9DBMO	Sophie Waters Jaidyn Anderson	10HKGU	Camryn Morresey William Bui
9GAKS	Jerry Chen Halina Smith	10KIPA	Lea Pummer Hamiora Taiapa
9GFMN	Molly Mathewson Taeyeon Ryu	10MCCA	Sam Doornbos Ashley Smith
9GOGL	Molly Sneddon Regan O'Hagan	10MZAN	Joshua Crowley-Nepia Delta Sproston
9HAVY	Luke Thompson Tom Chen	10OCCO	Joel Kajendraseelan Phuong Ngo
9HEWH	Liv Hepworth Sophie Nelson	10ROMR	Josh Anderson Ethan Goddard
9KGOV	Abbie Taylor Lily Trompetter	10WORB	Jack Gullery Tomissa Mackie
9PINS	Lara Pennington Elliott Sims	10WSWG	Stacey McGregor Amy Poynter
9TAPN	Eloise Edmonds Angus Flynn	10YMHD	Tara Lomax Amil Ravji
9WLBU	Flika Sandeman Logan Curtis	10ZIFY	Briar Sorenson Matthew Taylor
9YUPL	Angela Liang Corey Curran	SLC	Damon Allen Raquiel Toman Te Kawa

Year 9 Enrolments for 2019

The closing date for out of zone applications for students in Year 9 in 2019 is Monday 30 July at 4.00 pm.

If you currently live out of zone and wish to enrol a student for next year, you must apply in the out of zone ballot (even if there are older siblings currently attending).

We would appreciate any in zone applications being made by this date also.

Year 13 University Visits in Term 3

Otago University Course Planning (Heath Sciences First Year - Thursday 2 August, 11.30 am - 1.30 pm in the Library Seminar Room

Otago University Course Planning 'Other' courses - Tuesday 28 August 8.45 - 9.45 am

Tertiary Open Day - Friday 31 August, all day

Term 2 Reports

Reports were emailed out to all families on Friday. For those without internet services they will be posted. They can also be accessed from the Kamar Parent Portal from early next term.

Changes to Metlink school bus routes and timetables

From Sunday 15 July 2018, fares and the ticket types will change, and Snapper will be the better way to pay on all Metlink buses across the region. We're also making changes to Metlink train, school and public bus services across the region, including big changes to bus routes and timetables in Wellington city.

From the start of **Term 3, Monday 23 July 2018**, school term passes will be discontinued and students using Metlink services will need to pay using a Snapper card with a Child Concession for Metlink buses, or use Metlink rail 10-Trip Tickets and Monthly Passes on trains.