



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the new school year. Welcome to the 349 new Year 9 students, plus 16 new staff, 28 new International Students, and 19 other in zone students who are entering the school at Years 10-13. Altogether, including staff, we have 412 people new to our community in 2018. Welcome to you all.

Yesterday, the formal powhiri welcomed those who were manuhiri and celebrated their transition to tangata whenua. Thank you to the large number of parents and whanau who were present. Such a gathering highlights the inadequacy of the hall in terms of capacity and I'm grateful for people's good-humoured tolerance of the squeezed circumstances. I also want to thank Hutt Central, who loaned us their four large pedestal fans so we could ensure some decent air flow.

Recent days have been slightly challenging, and not just because of the series of warm days. In 2017/18 we have been experiencing very strong demand for places in the school and while this is a good problem to have at one level - as an indicator that families value the programme and style of the school - it also creates challenges. Two days ago we added a 13th Year 9 class, following 15 additional in-zone Year 9 enrolments in the last week. People will have read in the media of teacher shortages and that is absolutely the case, but we have been incredibly fortunate that among our teachers we have part time staff whose family arrangements mean they prefer not to teach a full load, yet who have been willing to take on the additional hours the new class has generated. At this moment we are fully staffed.

As we launch the year we are very keen to see our students take on responsibility and leadership. One project under way with Year 13 students is the Subject Ambassador role. This has appeared in a

lighter form in the last two years and we are looking to expand and formalise it. We are seeking Year 13 volunteers to link with a favourite subject area and offer support to students and staff in the events and processes of the subject. This can range from helping teachers decorate rooms, to assisting with lunchtime events, running clubs or activities, tutoring younger students who need help, supporting the subject's Open Evening presentations and offering "insider" advice to students contemplating taking a subject in the senior school. Interested students should contact the Year 13 deans.

Year 9 students have already seen the displays for some of the many clubs, societies, activities and sports in the school. While our focus in these early days is very much on getting new students connected with wider school life, it's also a point where I hope existing students reconsider their involvement in sports and other activities. Taking on a new interest, sport or activity is a great way to meet a different set of people and to expand the daily school experience. We'd love to see every student taking part in a sport or sports, as well as joining in the wider range of activities and clubs that are offered by our large number of volunteers. And to those volunteers - thank you so much for making these opportunities possible. We'd be a much poorer school without your help.

To all our students: best wishes for a great 2018 school year.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Looking Ahead

February

- 6** Waitangi Day Holiday
7, 8 Year 11 and 12 Maths Information Evenings, 6.00pm in the Hall
8 Year 9 Meet and Compete
8-9 ID Photos taken
13, 15, 16 Year 13 PE Trip
14 Year 9 Meet and Greet, 7.00 pm
16 Full School Assembly
19 HVHS Athletics Day
20-21 Gateway Health and Safety Course
20 Whanau Hui, 6.00 pm
26 Year 11 Geography Trip
27 Year 11 PE Activity Day
28-1 Mar Gateway Health and Safety Course
28 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

March

- 1** Year 11 PE Activity Day
4-7 Year 12 Tongariro Trip
5 Civil Defence Training Day
6 Gateway Site Safe Course
7 Wanderers Cricket Match
8 Hutt Zone Athletics
13-16 Gateway First Aid Courses
15 School Cross Country
18-23 Year 12 PE Catchpool Camps
19-23 Summer Sports Tournament Week

Holidays in 2018

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| Tuesday 6 February | Waitangi Day Holiday |
| Friday 30 March | Good Friday Holiday |
| Monday 2 April | Easter Monday Holiday |
| Tuesday 3 April | Ministry of Education mandated closure for Easter Tuesday |
| Friday 1 June | Teacher Only Day, school closed |
| Monday 4 June | Queens Birthday Holiday |
| Monday 3 September | Mid Term Break |

Term dates - 2018

- Term 1** Thursday 1 February - Friday 13 April
Term 2 Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July
Term 3 Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September
Term 4 Monday 15 October - Thursday 13 December

Return of external exam papers, reconsideration and review applications for 2017 NCEA and Scholarship external examination results

All NCEA material should be returned to candidates by mid February. DVC and Technology portfolios might be returned to schools (contact your Technology teacher for these)

Scholarship booklets will be returned after the release of results in February.

Review and Reconsideration applications for 2017 external examination results

Reviews and re considerations are done through learner logins. It is advisable for students to talk to their teachers prior to applying for a review or reconsideration.

The original answer booklet must accompany any application for a review or reconsideration except for eMCAT and digitally submitted Technology standards (91371 and 91636).

Review application process:

In a review all sections of a booklet or portfolio are checked to make sure they have been marked and results correctly recorded and transferred. A review does not involve re-marking and there is no charge. Students should go on line and print off a copy of the personalised review form from their Learner Login.

Applications for reviews of NCEA externally assessed standards close on **Friday 16 February and for Scholarship on Friday 2 March.**

Reconsideration application process:

A reconsideration involves re-marking all answers in the answer booklet. It also involves checking mechanical processes, like transferring grades. NCEA reconsiderations cost \$20.40 for each standard. The fee for Design and Visual Communication (DVC) and Technology portfolios is \$20.40 for each external achievement standard, not each portfolio. The fee for Scholarship reconsiderations is \$30.70 per standard (subject).

Students must apply for reconsideration through their Learner Login. Payment may also be made online. **Where the reconsideration leads to a change of final grade the fee is refunded.**

Applications for reconsideration of Level 3 and Scholarship Visual Arts can also be made online. For Level 3, three high-quality A4 coloured photographs, one for each panel of the portfolio, are to be sent. Scholarship applications must include both photographs and workbook. In addition, an authenticity declaration must be completed by a candidate's school and sent with any application. No portfolios are to be sent to NZQA.

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Welcome new staff

We welcome the following new and returning staff:

New Teachers:

Taylor Hughson - English
 Brianna Zinyk - Mathematics and Technology
 Nichole Devine - Technology
 Ann Garry - Literacy Specialist
 Shani Pittams - English
 Chloe Yuile - English
 Nicola Blacklaws - PE/Health
 Christelle Deba - Languages
 Laurel Hewetson - English and Social Sciences
 Kasper Griffith - Mathematics
 Evelyn Burgos - Mathematics
 Kirsty Hall - Mathematics and Technology
 Kylie Miller - Mathematics
 Loes Reitsma - Mathematics
 Janine Roberts - Mathematics
 Madeleine Dean - Languages

Support Staff:

Beckie Mather - Resource Centre Assistant
 Emma Heath - Science Technician
 Cara Maidment - Teacher Aide
 Jo-Anne Mcasey - Teacher Aide
 Erin Baron - Teacher Aide

Basketball Player Development Days

These sessions are an opportunity for students to come along and develop some of the basic key skills needed in Basketball prior to the HVHS trials.

All in HVHS Main Gym

Senior Boys: Wednesday 7 February - 7.30-9.00am

Junior Boys: Thursday 8 February - 6.45-8.15 am

All Girls: Friday 9 February - 6.45-8.15 am

Basketball Trial dates:

All in Main Gym

Junior Boys A + B Trials: Sunday 11 and 18 February 8.30-11.30 am

Senior Boys A + B Trials: Sunday 11 and 18 February 12.00-3.00 pm

Junior Boys C + D Trials: Sunday 25 February and 4 March 8.30-11.30 am

Senior Boys A + B Trials: Sunday 25 February and 4 March 12.00-3.00 pm

Junior Girls: Saturday 10 and 17 February 12.00-2.00 pm

Senior Girls: Saturday 10 and 17 February 9.00-11.00 am

Head Students 2018

We congratulate the following students selected as Year 13 leaders for 2018

Head Boy: Safari Hynes
Head Girl: Jemima Jansen
Deputy Head Boy: Emerik Wallace
Deputy Head Girl: Samantha Chapman
Cultural Captains: Ben Hubmann and Lisa Philipsen
Sports Captains: Matariki Kapea and Maya Hahn
Service Captains: Sidamjit Dhaliwal and Bhaavya Mylavarpu
Junior School: Russell Syder and Emma Kelly

House Captains

Pukeariki Quintyn Matagi and Mahinarangi Warbrick-Ellison
Remutaka Reuben Neely and Olivia Thompson
Pukeatua Altar Nua and Nicola Rudge
Tararua Maxwell Watene and Nydia Salmon
Matairangi Alexander Scott-Billing and Erin Monckton
Orongorongo Kade Muru and Haylee Scoble

Liaison Students 2018:

Tom Blair	Angus Horan
Tai Misa-Bryce	Leilani Smith
Dorrie Brennan	Sophie Hughes
Harriet Mitchell	Lydia Smith
Luca Crampton	Alice Ihaka
Danyelle Nocete	Scott Syder
Saliya Dissanayake	Laura Kelly
Peter Roberts	Micah Tofilau
Benjamin Doornbos	Ryan Kelly
Trinity Rodger	Kamla Waila
Isabel Farrell	Josie Kroger
Hilary Sheridan	Eric Zhou
Rishabh Gandhi	Kathleen Laurence
Ahhash Sivasith	Louise Harkness

Uniform Donations

We are looking for donations of uniform items.

As our community knows, this is a very expensive time for families. We like to try and help families straddle this time of year with loan uniform items.

We would welcome any donations, including shoes.

School Timetable -

Please ensure that your child is attending ALL classes **ON TIME**—including form spell.

Monday, Thursday, Friday

Spell 1	8.45 am - 9.45 am
Mentor Spell	9.45 am - 10.00 am
Spell 2	10.00 am - 11.00 am
Interval	11.00 am - 11.30 am
Spell 3	11.30 am - 12.30 pm
Spell 4	12.30 pm - 1.30 pm
Lunchtime	1.30 pm - 2.15 pm
Spell 5	2.15 pm - 3.15 pm

Tuesday

Spell A	8.45 am - 9.35 am
Spell 1	9.35 am - 10.25 am
Mentor Spell	10.25 am - 10.40 am
Spell 2	10.40 am - 11.30 am
Interval	11.30 am - 12 noon
Spell 3	12 noon - 12.50 pm
Spell 4	12.50 pm - 1.40 pm
Lunchtime	1.40 pm - 2.25 pm
Spell 5	2.25 pm - 3.15 pm

Please note:

Spell A on Tuesdays is an NCEA callback for Years 11, 12 and 13. Friday Spell 1 is an NCEA callback spell for Years 12 and 13.

Wednesday

Spell 1	9.50 am - 10.40 am
Spell 2	10.40 am - 11.30 am
Interval	11.30 am - 12 noon
Spell 3	12 noon - 12.50 pm
Spell 4	12.50 pm - 1.40 pm
Lunchtime	1.40 pm - 2.25 pm
Spell 5	2.25 pm - 3.15 pm

Student ID Cards

ID cards assist us in the safe and efficient running of the school. Students will need to have their cards with them at school every day. They are used by the school library and Resource Centre to issue books.

ID photos will be taken next week and the new cards will be distributed when they are delivered.

ID cards are valid until the student leaves school. If you would like to order a Snapper version, they can be ordered at the Resource Centre for \$25.00.

The first basic card will be issued for free. Replacement cards will cost \$10.00.

Whanau Hui

The date for the first Whanau Hui this year is Tuesday 20 February at 6.00 pm in Hotuwaipara.

We welcome all whanau to a shared BBQ and mix and mingle. More information will be emailed out shortly.

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.

Emails have been sent today with your username and password. If you have not received this, 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 card. You can select exactly how much you want to pay against each charge.

Student Contact Details

Did your contact details or paradise/clear email address change over the holidays?

Its easy to forget to advise the school when you move house, change cell phones etc, but parents/caregivers are asked to contact the school and advise us of any changes to caregivers/address/phone/email/emergency contact details. Please update us either by phone or on the email address below:

Phone: 566 4584 or

Email: to principal@hvhs.school.nz

Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Caitlin Thomas-Riley**, 13BR, placed third in the Jnr Women's division in both the 145m clout shoot and the individual 70m target shoot at the New Zealand National Archery Championships at Massey University in Palmerston North in January.
 - ★ Congratulations to the following HVHS pupils selected in the NZ U20 Ultimate Frisbee teams:
Helena Cvitanovich 11TS, **Bridget Forsyth** 11PF, **Hillary Sheridan** 13DN, **Georgia Taylor** 13LO, **Jack Doile** 12ED, **Angus Horan** 13MO, **Russell Syder** 13FX
- Congratulations to our past pupils who also made it into these teams:
Beth Thompson, Emma Doile, Tane Rolfe

Year 9 Meet & Greet Evening

Wednesday 14 February 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to our Year 9 Meet and Greet to be held on Wednesday 14 February from 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm. The purpose of the evening is for staff, parents and caregivers to meet each other, put names to faces and establish an important connection between home and school. Working together will be important in ensuring your son/daughters success at HVHS.

Mentor teachers will introduce some of the processes and systems important in the school. You will meet most of your child's core subject teachers, as some are Year 9 mentors and will be hosting their own mentor class on this evening.

This parents evening begins with a welcome from the Principal in the school hall at 7.00 pm. From there you will go with your child's mentor teacher to the room that your child's form class meets in.

Please note this is not an event for students.

HVHS Facebook Page

Here is the link to our new 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/>

HVHS APP

HVHS have a Mobile App for notices, events and other important school messages. You must update the Year level you wish to receive notifications for each year.

To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link. <http://onelink.to/w5btdp>



Absence Line

All absences should be reported to **the HVHS APP (details above)**, Absence Line on 560 1568 or emailed to

absences.notification@hvhs.school.nz. Phone calls should then be followed up with a note to the form teacher on the students return. Please state clearly their name, form, date/s absent and the reason why.



Resource Centre Hours (uniform shop)

Opening Hours - 2017

Monday 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Tuesday 10.30 am – 4.00 pm
Wednesday 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Thursday 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Friday 10.30 am – 4.00 pm

Uniform prices can be found on our school website www.hvhs.school.nz.

Please feel free to call on 570 3551 or email resource.centre@hvhs.school.nz.

Office and Resource Centre closure

The Office and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 7 February, 21 February, 21 March and 11 April between 8.30 and 9.30 am due to whole school professional development.

There will be three closures at this time during each term.

Cars on School Grounds

There is no parking on school grounds for students and only a small amount for visitors.

We ask that you do not drive into the school to drop off or pick up students. It is a very busy site with many people. Access before and after school is only for those students in the SLC requiring taxi collection.

Thank you for your help in keeping the site safe for our students.