



HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We farewelled Mr Stuart Prosser from the English department recently, and wish him well in his new venture. He was offered the opportunity to teach at an English language school in Pisa, Italy, and we are looking forward to hearing of his experiences. We are fortunate that Ms Sunita Bhim was able to step in for the rest of the term, and Mr Barry Empson will start in week 2 of term 4.

We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Lower Hutt for organising a successful careers evening here at school. A wide range of careers and professions were represented, and there was ample opportunity for students and parents to talk to people currently working in these areas. I was delighted to see a number of former students of Hutt Valley High School amongst the contributors; it was rather daunting to see how far they have come in what seems a very short time, but great to be able to welcome them back. Fifth form students also had the opportunity to visit the Careers Expo in Wellington, so hopefully they will be making subject choices based on a realistic awareness of requirements.

The process of choosing subjects for 2001 is going on at present, with Deans interviewing students and advising them according to their areas of strength. Parents are an important part of this process too, and I would urge you to discuss the matter with your children, using the prospectus and information booklets which each student has received. If you wish to know more, please contact the relevant Dean in the first instance. Very few of our students leave school with no qualifications, and I am sure that this is due in no small measure to the time and individual attention that goes into subject choice.

It has been an achievement bonanza recently for Hutt Valley High School. Since the last newsletter we have had sports teams participating in national and regional finals (details elsewhere in the newsletter), Science Fair successes and 4th form Economics and Japanese teams winning local competitions. It is a great reflection of the diversity of our areas of strength and of the talents and effort of both staff and students. I am glad I cleaned out the trophy cabinet last holidays – it will soon be bulging with cups, once the engraving is done!

ENROLMENTS: The first round of balloting for places in 2001 is over. We were, in the end, able to offer places to 24 out of zone siblings for year 9 which means we are still unable to accommodate all the demand from this group. The process was very transparent and thorough, and it was a real help to be able to work closely with other schools on this.

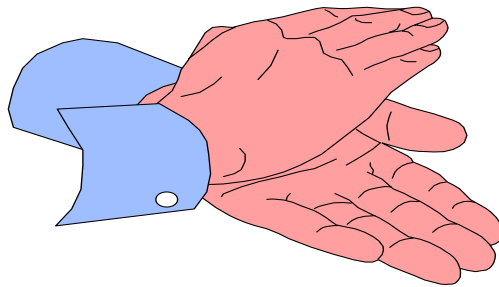
Applications for out of zone for students at years 10-13 for 2001 close on November 6, and if a ballot is needed it will be held on 13 November. There will be an advertisement in the paper nearer the time, indicating the likely number of places. We do not want the total roll to exceed this year's, so the whole process does, in fact, work in our favour.

I would like to think that all those parents who have contacted me, either by letter or 'phone over the past few weeks about issues concerning the school. I appreciate the opportunity to hear your views and discuss matters with you. As there has been little dissent, we will go ahead with a starting date of 30 January, 2001, and details of term/end of year/holiday dates will be in the next newsletter in week 1, term 4.

Until then, may I wish you a happy and safe holiday.

Yours sincerely

Sylvia Burch
Principal



CONGRATULATIONS :

our **4th Form Economics** students participated in the bi-ennial Quiz for Commerce students in the Wellington region and won the competition (and trophy). This competition has been run three times and Hutt Valley High School Economics students have won each time. The winning team was Joanna Wilson, Sarah Ng, Michael McKay and Daniel Fung.

our **4th Form Mathswell** team were placed fifth. They were: Joanne Lu, Simon Jackson, Daniel Fung, Sarah Leslie, Sarah Bradbury, Morgan Sissons and Sharon Sung.

the **New Zealand Institute of Chemistry Quiz team** were placed fourth. They were: Ryan Kim, Sam Flewett, Ian Gao and Jonathan Cohen.

our **German students** competed in the Goethe Society's German Language Oral Competiton:

2nd Prize: Mahmoud Amer;

3rd Prize: Stefan Kotze; Emily McColl

Distinctions: Simeon Alcorn; Isabella Clarke; Sarah Leslie

Merits: Amy McLennan; Edward Hunt; Vaudin Cole; Annette Goguel; Michael Kelly; William Hainsworth; Roisin Bradley; Jonathan Stephenson; Georgina Robbins; Eamon Lui; Joanne Lu; Ryan Maddock

Credits: Bernie Grushchow; James Williams

our **Crater to Lake team** came third in the secondary school section. Our overall placing was 24th out of 58 teams from New Zealand.

our **Boys' and Girls' Table Tennis teams** continue their run of success with victories in the Wellington Regional Championships held at Empire clubrooms recently. Team members are: Girls: Lisa Boaden, Natalie Barton, Rosie Wilson, Renee Reriti and Mia Miao. Boys: Ian Loubachevskii, Vance Kelly, and Simon Buchanan.

Simon Jackson, 4ET, overall winner of the NIWA Wellington Regional Science and Technology Fair. This is a prestigious award as many hundreds enter Science Fairs and it is remarkable for a fourth form student to be the overall winner. Simon goes on to the National Final, and is the recipient of :

- . the Victoria University of Wellington Faculty of Science Prize
- . the NZ Association of Radio Transmitters Prize
- . the A J Park and Son Prize
- . the Broadcast Communications Ltd Prize
- . the Lantech Prize.

Matthew Webby, 3GL, was second overall in the NIWA Wellington Region Science and Technology Fair. (first in his class). Matthew wins:

- . the First in Grade Prize
- . the Industrial Research Ltd Prize
- . the Wellington Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand Prize

Again, a wonderful achievement by both students.

Japanese Regional Roleplay Competition Results

Congratulations to the following students who came first out of 12 schools in the Year 10 Japanese Regional Roleplay Competition: Judith Ati, 4MM, Sophie Taupau, 4MM, Kavita Kumar, 4RP, Sharon Sung, 4RH. Hutt Valley High School students also took second and third place in the Year 12 section of the same competition: **2nd Place Winners:** Tim Fieldes, 6TA, David Bunting, 6SI, David Lai, 6LE, Melanie Maharaj, 6TU.

3rd Place Winners: Kirsten Bolton, 6MD, Katy Angus, 6LE, Tom Irving, 6MD, Daniel Lensen, 6TU

Nick Willis, 7PO, was chosen as a member of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross-country team. He also has won the National Junior (Under 18) Cross-country Championship held recently in Auckland.

Glen Goodall, 7BK competed in the Rock 'n Roll World Championships in Australia and who won both the Junior Section and the Young Adults section.

Ivan Magoch, 6SI was in the New Zealand Judo Federation team competing at the New South Wales International Open and Victorian International Open Competition winning bronze medals in both events.

Adam Vink, 6HN has been selected to contest the final of the Smokefree Rockquest in Auckland this weekend.

our **Junior Boys Waterpolo team** beat St. Patrick's 13-1 in the Regional Finals and the **Senior Boys** who beat St. Bernards 4-3.

our **Underwater Hockey Junior Girls' team** were placed fifth in New Zealand at the National Tournament recently. Our **Senior Open Boys' team** were also placed fifth. Adela May was the Most Valuable Player in the Junior Girls and Neil White for the Senior Open Boys.

four teams competed in two **BP Technology challenges** recently. One of our teams won 'the unknown challenge'. Congratulations to Sharon Isles, Kiri van Stratum, Jeremy Robson and Colin Christiansen.

THE PAK 'N SAVE KILBIRNIE ROAD RELAY

Our teams were of mixed ages in both the Senior Girls' and Senior Boys' events but still each team managed a second place. The spirit and courageous attitude of the cross-country runners was reflected in the fact that Sarah Lynskey contributed to a fine team effort in spite of two toes still bandaged after a recent operation and Nick Willis ran twice after a team member pulled out at the last minute.



WANGANUI ROAD RACE

Over 150 teams from 44 schools provided strong competition in this superbly organised event. Our highlight was the Senior Boys' team gaining third place, only just missing out on second.

We were all amazed at the huge lead Nick Willis managed to gain on the second runner over such a short distance to win the prize for the first Senior Boy home.

The **ARTHUR REEVE CUP FOR U75kg RUGBY** was won by Hutt Valley High School when they defeated long-time rivals Wellington College in the final at school on Saturday 2nd. We lost the cup in 1996 and Wellington College have held it since then.

U15 OPEN QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Hutt Valley High School won the tournament cup in Levin recently when they defeated Horowhenua College 17-10. They earlier defeated Dannevirke High School 25-17.

Well done to both teams.

BASKETBALL NEWS - its time to show off our results this year.

3rd form girls – Hutt Valley Champs

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Junior Girls – 4th place in Wellington Region

Junior Boys – Runner's up in Wellington Region

Senior Boys: Winner of Wellington Region title for the first time in the competition's 41 year history. Only the second Hutt Valley region team to win the title and it was the first time a final has been contested between two Hutt Valley sides. We defeated St Bernards 64 – 45. The Senior Boys squad achieved 5th place in New Zealand at nationals winning six games and losing only two to the 2nd and 3rd ranked sides in the country. This is the best result achieved by a Hutt Valley High School Basketball team at Nationals.

Senior boys' Basketball Squad: Tu Marshall, Jason Schrijvers, Amir Morgan, Dael Skilton, Darryl Jones, Lyle Chetty, Lindsay Strik, Ohwen Yong, Jaysen Eveleigh, Sam Keenan, Daniel Gibb, Calum Macleod, Zeljko Milovanovic, Richard Burney, Coach Natu Taufale, Assistant Coach, Jonathan Martin, Manager Shane Kuiti.

Junior Boys' Basketball:

The 3rd and 4th Form Boys' Basketball team have won the Central and Lower North Island Tournament held in Wanganui 8-10th September.

They defeated Tawa by 47 points, Wanganui by 55, Onslow by 43, Ruapehu by 100, New Plymouth by 33 and Francis Douglas by 67. They won the semi-final by 33 points against St. Patrick's Kilbirnie and the final by 24 points over New Plymouth.

Most valuable player was Darryl Jones who now rates as the best Under 16 player in New Zealand. Vallance Te Ratana and Johnny Studd also made the tournament team.

TRAIN TRAVEL

Tranz Metro have advised that if they have unacceptable behaviour from students from any school, that they may put the student off the train. This is not something they wish to do but feel it may be necessary to improve student behaviour. If a student misuses their term pass it may be confiscated. If students do not have a pass or the correct fare they may be put off at the next station. If students continue to behave in an unacceptable manner they may be issued with a trespass notice and disqualified from travelling on all Tranz Rail services for a period of up to two years.

NEW ERGONOMIC CHAIRS

A big thank you to the Wellington Community Trust who have provided us with 30 brand new chairs at a cost of \$3,000. The Parents Association have paid for some second hand chairs so our text and information management classes are sitting more comfortably and ergonomically correctly.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION GARAGE SALE – 28th OCTOBER – SCHOOL HALL

Don't forget to keep your 'goodies' for this worthwhile cause. All proceeds come back to the school. If you have any donations too heavy to drop in to the school office, please telephone Murray Isdale on 971-0156. School holidays are a good time for 'clearing out' those unwanted items!

AD ALTA APPAREL – UNIFORM/STATIONERY SHOP

The Uniform Shop will close on Friday 22nd September and will re-open on Thursday 5th October from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m. and Friday 6th October 10 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Normal hours resume on Monday 9th October:

Monday – Friday	8.15 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
Monday/Wednesday/Friday	2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Thursday evenings	6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

New Item of Uniform: *BLACK CANTERBURY POLARFLEECE SCHOOL VESTS*

These Canterbury vests will be available to purchase from the start of Term 4. They can be worn as an **alternative** to the school jersey with the school poloshirt or white shirt and tie. Price: \$85.00 each.

Any enquiries please do not hesitate to 'phone during shop hours: 570-3551.

UNIFORM HIRE

The school hires out to students sports uniforms, blazers and ties. It is now the end of winter sports and we would like these uniforms returned as soon as possible to the Uniform Shop. Blazers and ties hired out to all sixth formers over Term 3 and all the boys in the 1st XV Rugby team need to be returned. These items are always in demand so please return them promptly.

END OF TERM

School closes at 1.30 p.m. on Friday 22nd September. Cityline will provide the usual one Maungaraki and one Eastbourne buses. For other buses students will need to catch normal scheduled buses.

WEB BUILDER WORKSHOP

Would you like to learn how to develop a web page, where you can find cool graphics to go on it, and how to post it to web? Come along to a great fun, hands-on session where you can create your very own web page. This workshop is ideal for students aged 10-13 years, lasts for 3 hours and is hosted by the National Science-Technology Roadshow in Kaiwharawhara. Sessions start at either 9 a.m. or 12.30 p.m. and cost \$15. Phone 499-7865 to make a booking or for more details.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 20	Music Festival 2000
Thursday 21	Pacific Island Fashion Show
Friday 22	Form 6 reports issued; End of Term 3
Saturday 23	Rockquest National Finals

OCTOBER

Monday 9	Term 4 commences
Friday 20 th	Form 5 reports issued
Monday 30 – Tuesday 14 Nov.	Form 6 examinations

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 14	Form 7 Senior Prizegiving – Town Hall 7 p.m. Leavers supper afterwards
Thursday 16	Last day for Bursary students Form 3 and 4 exams commence – continue until 21 November
Wednesday 22	Sixth Form Certificate course completion School Certificate commences
Thursday 23	University Bursary commences
Thursday 30	Wanganui sports exchange

DECEMBER

Friday 8	Forms 3 and 4 reports issued Forms 3 (9.45 am) and 4 (11.20 am) prizegivings – all parents welcome End of Term
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