



Upper Hutt College

June 2011

Kia ora tatou

It has been wonderful to see the number of students involved in extra curricular activities this term. We have a full complement of sports teams representing the school, including Netball, Hockey, Rugby, Basketball, Football and Badminton and I thank our parents, caregivers and volunteer helpers for their time and energy in coaching, managing and supporting our students.

We are also fortunate to have a wide variety of non-sporting activities in which students can participate and talented and enthusiastic students have been involved in Drama productions, the Voices for Christchurch Rocks concert and the 48 Hour Film Festival.

Our new Sports Centre opened earlier in the term, the first of several projects in the rebuilding of our school. Already, the Centre is heavily used, and when the Astroturf and surrounding areas are completed, I expect to see even more students using the hockey, netball, basketball and volleyball courts. Construction of the new Administration Block has started and when that is completed, the present Admin-Hall-Staffroom area will be transformed into the Creative Arts Centre.

It has been a busy few weeks and for the seniors, the pressure does not ease up with ongoing assessments and Exam Week. While we are proud of the accomplishments of our students in their extra-curricular activities, these are still the 'icing on the cake'; the core business of our school is teaching and learning and all students are expected to be focussing firstly on their learning in the classroom and secondly on the 'other' activities. To this end, a number of students will have been reminded of the attendance requirement – 85% attendance at school is needed to be eligible to participate in any activity outside the classroom.

The end of Exam Week will be the half way point in the senior students' academic year with 17 weeks gone and 17 weeks to go – a sobering thought for students and staff! In order to maximise learning opportunities for the rest of the year, it is extremely important that students are attending and punctual to class, that they are completing the learning tasks set in class (and asking if unsure), and using time at

home for revision and reviewing classroom learning if there is no set homework. I am very keen for students to build on the excellent work of last year, where our Year 11 students achieved a 75% pass rate in NCEA Level 1, the third-best result of any co-ed school in the Wellington area.

If there are any questions, problems or concerns that you may have about the progress of your child, please contact their formteacher, subject teacher or dean.

Kind regards

Judith Taylor
Principal

OPENING EVENING

Wednesday 15 June 2011
Assembly Hall
6.30 - 8.30pm

An invitation is extended to all Year 8 students interested in attending the college in 2012, along with their parents/caregivers, to the Upper Hutt College Open Evening.

You will be guided around the school by senior students, visiting several Year 9 subject areas where you will have plenty of opportunities to ask questions of teachers and students at the school.

If you have any queries about your child attending the school, please do not hesitate to contact Judith Taylor, Principal or Viv Hullena, Assistant Principal.

We look forward to meeting you.

*Upper Hutt College is a community, passionate about learning
that encourages pride, participation and excellence.*

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following girls who qualified for Hutt Valley Netball representative teams.



Emily Patterson
U15 Team



Charlie Vailini
U15 Development



Eden Hepi
U17 Team



Alisha Cameron
U15 Development



Ezekiel Waring has been selected for the NZ Youth handball team to compete in the 2011 world championships in Argentina in August.

Young Achievers Award

Ten current Upper Hutt College students and 5 former students were amongst nominations for the Upper Hutt City 2011 Young Achievers Awards, presented at the Civic Centre on May the 24th. In the five categories awarded, Amber Whitnall (Year 13) won the Culture Award; Rochelle Harrison (ex-pupil) was runner up in the Service Award; Lee Tukukino (Year 13) won the Leadership Award; Zeke Waring (Year 13) won the Recreation/Events Award; and Sam Twomey (ex-pupil) won the Supreme Award for Outstanding Leadership.



Amber Whitnall



Lee Tukukino



Ezekiel Waring

Go Global with a Career in Tourism and Hotel Management

Join us for an informal evening, where you will find out about the world-class hospitality training offered at the Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS) Monday 27 June 2011, 7.00pm, Intercontinental Hotel, Wellington

To find out more, come along to our free Hospitality and Tourism information evening. or to register, call 0800 100 331 or text 5849

We look forward to meeting you!

Enjoy refreshments as you hear about the programmes of study on offer, learn more about our unique hotel learning environment and find out about paid industry placements.

With a qualification from PIHMS you can work anywhere in the world.

College Sport Wellington Secondary Schools Netball Tournament

The Premier Netball team attended a Netball Tournament at Taita Netball courts on Thursday 19 May. Twenty four of the top secondary school netball teams from all over Wellington region attended. With 4 pools of 6, UHC played 5 pool games, winning 3 of the games against Tawa, Wainuiomata, Wellington High School. Unfortunately we lost to St Marys College and Newlands College who were in the finals at the end of the day. We went on to play Hutt Valley High School in the crossovers and beat them, which meant we played Paraparaumu for 9th and 10th. Unfortunately we were unable to keep the score on our side, but still finished off an impressive 10th place out of the Wellington region.



Senior Ball 2011



On Wednesday 4 May the Senior Ball Committee went and had a scouting trip to view the proposed venue for the 2011 Senior Ball. We can confirm that the venue is the Westpac Stadium and will be held on Saturday 20 August.

We were excited to have a look from our function centre down onto the well manicured turf under preparation for the Rugby World Cup which will be played at the same stadium no more than 2 weeks after the Upper Hutt College Senior Ball.

We are currently developing our ideas for theme, decorations and all those other little touches that will contribute towards this awesome evening.

Now is a good time to remind Year 12 and 13 students to make sure their attendance is under control as every year there are some who are not allowed to attend the Ball if they don't get to class often enough!

Check out the Facebook page for more discussion and details.

The 2011 Senior Ball Committee

Furniture Making Class visit Expressions

On Thursday 12 May the Year 12 Furniture Making class took a field trip to the local Expressions Gallery to watch a presentation on local instrument makers. The presentation was taken by three of the most talented New Zealand instrument makers, Richard Ralston, Bernie Breslin and Malcolm Collins. These master craftsmen specialize in making the most unique stringed instruments ranging from violins to electric guitars. The time and skills that go in to making these instruments require a vast knowledge of wood and tools. It also involves basic science to get the instrument sounding just right. Hopefully, some of the skills and techniques shown to the year 12 Furniture making class can be incorporated into future projects.

By Conor McMahon, Sam Frankish and Brandon Godfrey



Photo of local craftsman Richard Ralston who is an ex student of UHC.

Leadership Through League

For the month of May, the 13 Community Sports and Leaderships very own 'Green Machines' have been out and about Upper Hutt, coaching Flag League to 6 Primary Schools in the area. This programme has been an initiative ably driven by the Wellington Rugby League. The schools involved have been Oxford Crescent, Trentham, St Joseph's, Birchville, Upper Hutt and Totara Park. At each of these schools the UHC students have been coaching up to 100 students each time in the dark arts of Flag League.

The UHC students have been superb and although some were wary of coaching children at the start, they have all got involved and thrived in their new roles. Some even found a new admiration for teaching!

At the end of this programme they organised and ran a Flag Festival at UHC which was completely student led. It was a most successful event.

Well done 13CSL.



Rescue Team Training

On Thursday 19 May the Upper Hutt College Rescue Team attended a training day at Wainuiomata College along with ten other secondary school teams from the Hutt Valley. Training for the teams was co-ordinated by Hutt Valley Emergency Management, using trainers from Urban Search and Rescue (Upper and Lower Hutt), and Devereux – Blum Training and Development, all of whom had been in Christchurch providing support after the February earthquake.

Team members honed their skills in stretcher roping and recovery, reconnaissance in hazardous environments, rapid movement of victims using simple carry procedures and rope knots. After the exertions of the morning, lunch was provided for the teams by the Salvation Army.

Positive attitudes, team work and real support for each other characterised the work of the Upper Hutt team during this training. Everyone realised, particularly after Christchurch, how important this training was, and that the skills being taught may one day need to be used in a Wellington scenario.

From a teacher's perspective it was a pleasure to accompany such a fantastic group of students around the various training activities and to observe the manner in which everyone became involved and contributed.



Upper Hutt College 50th Jubilee Reunion Easter 2012

Organisation is well under way and we would still welcome volunteers for the Organising Committee. Please contact Helen Hepburn at the school office or email hepburnh@upperhutt.school.nz.



Health 9A

As part of the International anti-bullying day on Thursday 5 May, 9A decorated a pink balloon each in support of the message against bullying.



Highlights of Term 1 and 2 2011



Year 9 Students - First Day



Shakespeare Day



Dragonboating 2011



Athletics Day 2011



Cross Country Day



Staff Concert held in Library



Voices for Christchurch



Dawn Ceremony for New Gymnasium



Music Concert in Library



Fire Service visit Ms Hofstedes English Class



Shibuya Makuhari Junior High School Visit Upper Hutt College



The Royal Wedding

Sports

Heretaunga Exchange

The results from this recent exchange are as follows;

Hockey	-1 win, 1 draw
Badminton	-1 win, 3 losses
Basketball	-2 wins, 2 losses
Netball	-1 win, 1 loss
Football	-1 win, 1 loss
Rugby	-2 wins

Overall- 8 wins to UHC, 7 Heretaunga with 1 draw.

Cross Country

The UHC cross-country recently took place with 427 participants, 251 of whom beat the designated cut-off time.

House placings were as follows in this event-Blake-1st, Jackson 2nd, Hillary 3rd, Te Kanawa 4th

Housepoints Update

After Athletics, UHC Week and the School Cross Country the house point totals are as follows;

Blake	135 pts
Hillary	105 pts
Jackson	80 pts
Te Kanawa	50 pts.

Still to come are the House singing competition, Olympics of the Mind and the Interhouse Sport week.

Premier 1 Netball Tournament

At the annual CSW Premier Netball tournament, UHC finished 10th out of 24 teams. The team is pushing hard for a playoff berth in the always tough Premier 1 school competition held every Monday at St. Orans. Come out and watch if you get a chance! Well done girls!



Brad Marshall
Sports Coordinator



Touch

Senior Girls Central Districts Touch Tournament.

The senior Girls touch team travelled to Palmerston North to compete against the top school touch players in the Central Districts. After a very early start on Sunday morning, they headed off to play. With some team members playing in a Netball tournament the previous day, other members catching an overnight bus from the dragon boating nationals to make it onto the field on time, the team started off nursing injuries and tired eyes. The girls played exceptionally well, showing off their practised plays, and beating their opposition to the line many times. Morale was high and team spirit was outstanding. The weather was not kind, with heavy downpours for the entire day and spasmodic fine spells. This did not dampen spirits as the girls played their hearts out till the final whistle. They represented Upper Hutt College exceptionally well and wore the uniform with pride.

Financial Assistance for NCEA Qualifications

Who Can Apply For Financial Assistance?

Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees to National Secondary Schools Qualifications. To be eligible to apply (normally the parent or guardian of the candidate) you must be the fee payer and meet at least **one** of the following criteria:

- * Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link Benefit.
- * Have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card.
- * Have more than one child undertaking these qualifications in the same year, irrespective of income, and the total fees are higher than \$200.

How do I apply for financial assistance?

Complete one application form for all candidates for whom you are seeking financial assistance. The school will process the application.

Forms are available from the school office. For more information or forms they are also available from the NZQA website at: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/secondary/forms.html>.

You will be invoiced and sent the NZQA fees in July. In 2011 the fee payment will be \$76.70 per student. Payment of these fees need to be paid to school by 19 August 2011.

Career Notices

On Tuesday 17 May, WorkChoice day, a number of Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit workplaces in Wellington. The objective was to advance their knowledge of the workplaces and see what possibilities are out there.



Pictured is one group which visited a work site in Karori where new water reservoirs are being built. It was interesting to see the range of jobs and the conditions in which they work.

Coming Up:

Thursday 16 June	- Lincoln University Liaison
Tuesday 21 June	- Primary Industries
Tuesday 28 June	- Careers Expo (Yr 12)
	- Work Place visit (Yr 11)
Thursday 30 June	- Waikato University Liaison

Dates to Remember

8 - 10 June	Senior Exams
15 June	UHC Year 8 Open Evening
16 June	Media Night Preview
27 June	Teacher only day
28 June	Year 12 Careers Expo Evening
6 - 8 July	Year 13 Drama Production
13 July	Senior Parent/Teacher Evening
15 July	Term 2 Ends
16 - 17 July	Cut Film Festival



NZ Music Month 2011 at Upper Hutt College

NZ Music Month has come to an end for this year but what a massive performance packed month it has been! This month UHC really came to the party with a variety of shows given both at the college as well as a bunch of public performances by many of our budding musicians outside of school too. Let's take stock of what happened this month...

It all started with the library concerts that spanned the entire month of May and featured many of our talented vocalists and instrumentalists who sang and played their hearts out. The Pacifika Band did their thing, we rocked out with Blood Stained Chains and the legendary Teachers Concert was a crowd pleaser.

We were also fortunate enough to have professional singers and musicians Lukas, Matt Pyke, Nikita Tu-Bryant and Waylon Edwards, come and perform for us in the Library and also as part of the Voices for Christchurch Concert Series, which was held at the school hall

Outside of school, our students performed at The Grind at Ascot Cinema, attended an open day at STL Recording Studios in Wellington and played at the Mainly Acoustic Concert at the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club which was headlined by NZ music legend, Wayne Mason, who penned the song "Nature" right here in Upper Hutt. That song has recently been awarded the honour of NZ's Best Song Ever.

Our Cloud 9 Barbershop Quartet also performed their own show in the Library and on the final day of NZ Music Month 2011 they sang in the Young Singers in Harmony Regional Competition at the Wellington Town Hall. Good luck girls!

So, all in all a very successful NZ Music Month, it's great to see so many of our students out there playing and performing and so many of you attending the concerts and supporting our talented musicians!!

Thanks to all of those who got involved, students and teachers who gave their time and to YOU for coming along! We have a great music culture here at UHC and it will only get better the more we support it.

See you next year!!



48 Hour Film Festival

Students from our senior Media Studies classes took part over the weekend 20-22 May in the annual 48 hour film making competition. Several staff also assisted. Entries have been sent off and we await the judges' verdicts!

Upper Hutt PARENTING EXPO

Presented by Upper Hutt City Council, on Thursday 16 June at Expressions. A fun day with 33 exhibitors and speakers. Find out who is near to help you.

Exhibitors include Careers NZ and Study Link - be informed so you can guide your children. For more info see www.upperhuttcity.com/parentingexpo or ring 5272794

U15 New Zealand Youth Softball Team – Australian Tour April 2011

On Monday 18 April I travelled with the U15 New Zealand International Softball Academy team to play a two day tournament in Sydney. There were 15 boys in the team who came from all parts of New Zealand. We had 3 days of training and a game of softball in the evenings before the tournament.

On the first day we played five games, lost the first game and won the rest. On the second day we played three games, lost the first two then won the last game. Overall we came third in the tournament.

On Monday 25 April we played in a one day tournament in Canberra. We played ACT U15 three times, won twice and drew the other game. We lost two games against ACT U17.

We had a spare day to go shopping and have a look around Sydney – Bondi Beach and the shopping malls. Earlier, we got to go to an NRL game which was the Tigers versus the Broncos at ANZ stadium.

My personal highlights for the trip were putting on the New Zealand jersey for the first time, learning new things from the coaches, playing my first game overseas and being able to go to different places in Sydney.

I'd also like to thank the following people for their support and helping me fundraise.

Trentham Army Presidents Softball/Demons Softball Club
Catering Staff (Ladies) at Hospitality Platoon, TRSB
Wellington Area Sports Club, WO1 Dave De Lautour and all the fellow supporters.

By Caleb White-Hodge

Caleb with Australia's Fastest Pitcher, Adam Folkard





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