



Upper Hutt College

July 2011

Kia ora tatou

Students and staff will be breathing a sigh of relief that the end of the term has come. The school year has been reconfigured around the Rugby World Cup, and has resulted in two longer terms of 11 weeks each in the first half of the year and a shorter term 4. There has been a lot of pressure to fit the required learning, assessments, exams and reporting into two terms, but teachers and students have coped admirably with this workload.

The efforts of students have been reported on in senior and junior reports, and discussed at the Senior Parent Teacher Interviews this week. It was pleasing to read the many positive comments from teachers on student learning and progress in these reports. For a large number of students, these comments affirm that they are on the right path and are well on track for meeting their academic goals. For others, the reports are a wake up call – there is still time to heed the advice of teachers and put things right if a concerted and genuine effort is made in term 3.

It is worthwhile again, to mention the importance of good attendance. There is a very strong correlation between those students who are achieving well in the classroom and their excellent attendance. The recent reports included attendance summaries and there may well be a few surprises in there for parents and caregivers. Persistent lateness to school and class, and days off for various minor ailments all add up to missed learning time for students. If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please contact their form teacher.

The holidays will see the beginning of some very visible changes in the next stage of our rebuilding programme. The Main Gym will be demolished – fittings are being re-used and recycled where possible and we will be using rimu wood from the flooring as a feature in the new Administration block reception areas. Delivery and erection of the prefabricated concrete panels for the new block will commence in the holidays (weather permitting!) and is sure to generate a lot of interest in the transportation from Otaki to Upper Hutt.

Finally, a big thank you to those parents and caregivers who continue to support their child and the school with their presence and involvement in the many extra-curricular activities that are on offer. Quality drama productions, a media studies evening, musical performances, as well as the usual range of sporting events held in some challenging weather, continue to highlight the talent, skills and commitment of our students. It is great to see so many people enjoying our students' efforts.

Kind regards

Judith Taylor
Principal

Out of Zone Enrolments 2012

Families are reminded that the deadline for out-of-zone enrolments in 2012 is Monday 8 August. Enrolments received by this date have a high probability of success. Enrolment packs are available from the college office.

Reports

Senior reports were posted out on Friday 8 July and you may have had a report that was spoilt by the rain the following day. If that is the case, please contact the school and we will send you a copy.

Dates to Remember

1 Aug	Term 3 Begins
3 Aug	Junior Parent/Teacher Evening 5.30 - 8pm
12 Aug	Teacher Only Day
15 Aug	VUW Liaison visit
15-19 Aug	International Language Week
17 Aug	Excel Performing Arts
20 Aug	UHC Senior Ball
26 Aug	VUW & Massey Open Day
29-30 Aug	Yr 12 Drama Production

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

Congratulations

Many of our senior students are well on their way to achieving the credits they need for NCEA. The number of credits achieved at this stage depends partly on the course selected as well as the success rate in attempting credits. At the time of writing, our highest credit tallies are from:

Year 11		Year 12	
Aliza Ellis	70	Lara-Rose Moeahu	57
Danica Sanders	67	Hayley Wano	57
Ashleigh Williams	64	Luanna Philips	54
Megan Eckery	61		
Year 13			
Shayla Haimona	64		
Amy Fonsavanh	56		
Crystal Pearce	53		

Success in Learning Languages!



Daniel Chenery of Year 13 is to be congratulated for an outstanding performance in the recent Wellington Regional Japanese Speech Contest. Daniel won 1st place in the Year 13 division. Daniel, whose speech was about the recent earthquakes in Christchurch and Tohoku, spoke about the truly moving efforts of certain individuals in the affected areas,

and the effect that these events have had on strengthening the relationship between Japan and New Zealand. Daniel was also recently awarded an Excellence Certificate from the New Zealand Language Teachers Association for gaining 6 Excellence Grades in Level 2 Japanese. Jason Cole, Erin Reale-Key, Alex Stopforth, Jayshiela Arrasappan and Kayla Griffin were also awarded Certificates of Excellence for their high achievement in their chosen second language.

Young Singers in Harmony Wellington Regional Competition 2011

On Tuesday 31st May, our Cloud 9 barbershop group travelled to Wellington Town Hall to take part in the Young Singers in Harmony Wellington Regional Competition. This also marked the final day of New Zealand Music Month for 2011 and was a great way to end another successful music month at Upper Hutt College.

The group, featuring Amber Whitnall, sisters, Merivi and Soreka Tiai and Rachel Higham, faced the traditionally tough Wellington competitors and took out sixth place, an encouraging result as they only formed the group this year.

They managed to amass enough points to be selected as a wild card group for the finals, which are to be held in Wellington, later this year.

The regional competition was won by Aotea College group, The Fource, who are the World Champions for their age group. Cloud 9 have done exceptionally well against such strong competition. Well done girls!

Mike Jensen

Sports

YMCA Sponsorship

A big thank-you to the Upper Valley YMCA for their recent sponsorship of training tops/jackets for both the girls rugby team and the girls 1st XI football team at Upper Hutt College.

Aerobics

Competitive Sport Aerobics-Watch out for this sport having more of a presence at UHC in 2012 and beyond! Does this sound like you?

Lunchtime Sport

The new gyms, astroturf and asphalt courts(Basketball and Netball) are open for a variety of lunchtime sport at UHC. Basketball, football, dodgeball, handball, tabletennis, touch... it's all happening!

More Exercise=More Oxygen=Brain functions better=life success!

Winter Tournaments

Plans are well underway for the following teams to take part in these National/Regional tournaments in late August;

- Football Boys-Ashburton
- Football Girls-Whanganui
- Hockey Boys-New Plymouth
- Netball Girls-Wellington
- Basketball Girls-Wellington Regionals

UHC Sport Volunteers

Thank you to all who are stepping forward to support the students of UHC in their sporting endeavours. You are the foundation of sport at UHC and we salute you!

For full information on college sport draws and results please refer to www.collegesport.org.nz

Music Department News

Over the last few weeks our Music students have been very busy. After all of the performances at the Library for NZ Music month we followed up with a Grind special. This involved 2 hours of Upper Hutt College music students performing at the Ascot Cinema cafe on Wednesday afternoon of the 23rd of May. This was followed by a concert at the Cossie club which had another 4 performances from UHC students.

On Tuesday 14 June, senior students performed for an hour at the Mayfair cafe as part of the monthly Acoustic Music evening. Open Evening bought more opportunities to showcase our musical talent and this was added to by 4 more performances at the Upper Hutt City Council Parents' Expo on the 16th of June.

Big thanks to: Fa'a Tuuina, Martin Walker-Waaka, Tyler Rodda- Rapana, Grant Leilua -Toilolo, Karina and Cheyenne Murray- Dodd, Joshua Herangi, Joshua Chamberlain, Aiden Nicol, Aidan Flemmer, Michael Badart, Steven Stern, Gemma Ji, Jeremy Hailwood, Jade Pope, Rianne Turipa, Ariana Paki, Danielle Teddy, Fraser Hoyland, Natasha Newberry and Rachel Higham.

Learning Connections Trip to City

Year 10 Learning Connections travelled to the City and Sea Museum and the Wellington Waterfront on Friday 10 June. The Learning Connections option class spent a day on the Wellington Waterfront exploring the history of the area, particularly the adventures of 'Paddy the Wanderer', a dog that lived on the wharves in the 1930's. The afternoon was spent in Te Papa where we visited the Matariki exhibition and participated in some of the activities such as drumming and making flowers from flax.



Everything You Need to Know About the World Quiz

On a freezing and rainy May 18th morning, four Year 9 students and four Year 10 students from the accelerate classes were warm and cozy in the Upper Hutt City Library. But it wasn't time to relax with a book and have a cup of tea, no; they were there for one reason, and one reason only, to win an 'Everything You Need to Know About the World' quiz. There were eight rounds, all with different categories, ranging from 'Science and Technology' to 'Where in the World is... 'and our points were soon piling up. Unfortunately, so were the other teams'. Heretaunga College, HIBS and Fergusson Intermediate teams were hot on our trail and in the end the Fergusson Year 8 team took it out, while our Year 9 team: Jacob Woods, Bethany Walker, Shaun Roberts and Toby Pringle took 2nd and our Year 10 team: Ryan Malin-Curry, Campbell May, Lyssa Coates and Jeli Mendoza came in at 3rd. Despite the loss, we still won a bag full of books to bring back to our library and a couple to keep for ourselves. Win it next year for us, Year Nines!

Jeli Mendoza



Year 9 Team



Year 10 Team

From Baroque to Broadway and Beyond

The "Baroque" is Pepe Becker. Direct from her season in Argentina, New Zealand's top Baroque soprano is bringing her unique, gentle, pure soprano voice to Upper Hutt in this final *Voices for Christchurch* Concert for 2011.

Voices for Christchurch

The "Broadway" is Wellington's finest musical theatre talent. Matthew Pike, internationally recognised vocalist and musician is well known to audiences right around the country. Currently in Jesus Christ Superstar in Invercargill he recently toured the country in a leading role in Starlight Express, starred in Wellington in Miss Saigon, Cabaret, Whole Lotta Led and the Christchurch production of Miss Saigon and Sparks in the Park. Chris Crowe is another nationally recognised talent who has delighted audiences in the 2010 season of Miss Saigon in Wellington, Dunedin, and Palmerston North. Among the 25 other artists, known from recent Wellington appearances, are Ivy Padilla (Miss Saigon), Jo Hodgson (CATS), and Upper Hutt College's own Chris Green (CATS, Little Shop of Horrors, Cabaret).

"Beyond" includes musical comedian Matt Mulholland winner of "Best Local Show" in Auckland and Wellington and "Best Newcomer" at the recent Comedy Festival with his show Beyond Emotion.

Upper Hutt College is proud to be providing administrative support to the Voices for Christchurch concerts. We urge you to get a group together and book tickets to From Baroque to Broadway and Beyond – Expressions Arts and Entertainment Centre – Saturday 13 August. Bookings are available at Expressions through ticketdirect.

WelTec Visit UHC

Recently all senior Food classes were fortunate to have a class taken by 2 chefs from WelTec. The chefs demonstrated knife and cutting skills followed by the students trying their best to prepare and cook a vegetable stirfry. The students worked well with no cuts to fingers during the class.



GATEWAY 2011

Gateway 2011 is now full steam ahead with all of the students placed within their chosen career path. We have students placed in a variety of different areas of Industry from Veterinary, Zoo, Electrical and Motor Mechanics to Cooking, Hairdressing, Hotel, Physical Education, Travel Agency and Barista.

All of the students who are placed with Gateway are also completing Industry Specific Unit Standards, so are still gaining credits towards their NCEA while experiencing what it is like in the "real world" of working.

In term 3 the selection process for the 2011 Gateway Class will commence. This is a fantastic opportunity and one not to be missed! See the Transition Department (B11) for an enrolment form or alternatively we will also be doing a Gateway Presentation in a term 3 assembly with forms of interest available.



Some photos of this year's class while at their place of work.

Young Driver Education and Enforcement Campaign

The above campaign is currently taking place over the next few months in the Wellington region. Young people aged 16 – 18 are 'high risk road users' and the New Zealand Police want to ensure they are doing as much as they can to prevent road trauma in this age bracket.

They are deploying traffic staff to areas in and around local high schools and colleges before and after school and during lunch hours, and they will be conducting routine passive breath testing and checking drivers' licenses to ensure young drivers are adhering to the conditions of their licenses.

They will also be educating young drivers about upcoming changes in legislation that come into effect on 1 August 2011 which will see the breath alcohol limit for under-20 year olds reduced to zero.

The school supports the campaign and was pleased to see police checking our students during a recent lunch time. There are a number of UHC students who bring cars to school and the great majority of them are sensible and responsible young drivers. It would be useful for parents and caregivers to remind their own young drivers of the conditions of their licences, especially the requirements around carrying passengers on a restricted license.

Financial Assistance for NCEA Qualifications Who Can Apply For Financial Assistance?

Financial assistance is available to help 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 must be in to school by 19 August 2011.

Hospitality & Catering

Hospitality and Catering students have been busy catering for meals which are a part of their assessments. At the end of Term two the Dragon Boating team and the Student Council enjoyed meals cooked by the Year 13 Hospitality class and the PE Dept and some of the School support staff were treated to a meal courtesy of the Year 12 Hospitality class.

