



Network News

The Newsletter of the HVHS Past Pupils & Friends Association Inc.

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HVHS 80th Anniversary year

COMING EVENTS for 2006

- 29 March AGM
14 May Bridge Run/Walk
30 June Music Festival (current pupils)
12 August Dinner Past Pupils 1946-1965
Important
Please note the change of date for the dinner.
September Lunch Past Pupils 1926-1945

Your committee would love to hear about events that you have organised to celebrate the HVHS 80th Anniversary. Please let us know if you are getting YOUR group/years together so we can advertise for you through the web site, Network News or email and put past pupils in touch. Our contact details are as above or HVHS PP&FA, Private Bag 31909 Lower Hutt.

HVHSPP&FA AGM

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 7.30pm.
HVHS School Pavilion - overlooking the playing fields

Brief AGM followed by:

"WHAT GOES ON TOUR MAY NOT STAY ON TOUR"

ALLAN HEWSON
(former pupil and All Black)
will speak about the All Black supporters' tours he organises, especially the last GRAND SLAM TOUR in NOV 2005
Allan not only has excellent ball skills but is also a very entertaining speaker.
SUPPER PROVIDED

HVHS BRIDGE RUN & WALK

SUNDAY 14 MAY FROM 9AM

Two distances, 5.5k and 10k, run or walk
\$10 entry – proceeds towards purchasing chairs for the school hall.

Entry forms available from school office, Hutt Swimming Pools or our website.

This is a fun event with spot prizes and a sausage sizzle after the event

MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 30 JUNE 7.00PM

Showcases the enormous and varied musical talent of the present day pupils.

Tickets available from the school office.

Includes supper provided by HVHS PP&FA

All proceeds from supper go towards maintaining the school's music equipment.

DINNER – PAST PUPILS 1946 - 1965

Please note change of date

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST

Sit down dinner in the HVHS School Hall with entertainment, archives and reminiscing

We hope you are contacting your "old school mates" and planning groups to attend. The school hall will hold 200 people at tables.

LUNCH – PAST PUPILS 1926-1945

END SEPTEMBER. Date to be finalised

Special Lunch in School Hall

Background music of old school songs.

Archive displays.

Plan to be in the Wellington area to join the reminiscing and fun

PRINCIPALS REPORT

I hope the new year has started well for you all. I was delighted to catch up with old classmates at a friend's house recently, and also to receive a visit at school from two past pupils who are planning a reunion in 2008! There is a vast network of interest and support throughout the country and in every corner of the world.

I am pleased to be able to reassure you that the current school continues to produce interesting and stimulating young people who are in the forefront of their fields. Since I last wrote, **Daphne Cohen** (Year 13, 2005) has won not only the Royal Society national GenEthics competition, but also NZBio's essay competition, and gained a prize in the Massey University Chemistry essay competition; **Karlo Margetic** (year 13 2005) had a special request from the NZ String Quartet to perform his prize-winning composition at a concert; **Year 10 enrichment students** won a Climate Change Prediction competition, their presentation was videoed for presentation at the Meteorological Society Conference; **Year 10 Economics students** were top team in the Wellington Region in the BP Community Enterprise Project competition; and on February 13, a group of **Year 12 Drama students** worked with Dr Peter O'Connor, of Applied Theatre Consultants, as part of the Australasian Colloquium "Keeping Kids Safer Everyday" – the feedback was outstanding.

At the start of December all Year 9 and 10 students took part in "zoning out", a programme of activities over three days that encompassed tramping, fishing, photography, journalism, visits, wearable art, rock climbing, chemistry, beading – a huge variety to please (nearly) all tastes. As part of this week, 10 students were able to go to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre as "David Kaye Scholars" – the first beneficiaries of the generous bequest of George and Elizabeth Kaye. It was an outstanding opportunity for them, and a privilege they appreciate and value.

The senior uniform is now being worn by Years 11 to 13, and looks extremely smart. Year 13 students are each given an oval badge, with the wings and current year, and

they wear this so they can access certain privileges. It is also something they will bring with them when they come to reunions in the future! They also this year have a "tie of difference", so they are recognisably the most senior students.

As ever, there is a standing invitation for past pupils who are in the vicinity to come and visit – I will always be happy to show you around.
Sylvia Burch

HVHS past pupils

LIVES OF NOTE

The deaths occurred recently of two old pupils who both achieved distinction in widely differing careers.

W.B. (Bryce) Harland (1931-2006) had a distinguished record at Hutt Valley High School before going on to Victoria University whence he graduated MA (Hons) in 1954. He also studied at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston in 1955.

He joined the External Affairs Department and made diplomacy his career. In a long career he held the positions of High Commissioner in London, ambassador to the United Nations and was New Zealand's first ambassador to China. All these posts required the highest skills. He was an expert in all fields.

J.P.(John) Carter achieved fame in the world of horse racing. At HVHS he was a fine rugby player and left school to become a jockey. He was a fearless rider in jumping events and later became a trainer, training the winner of the Melbourne Cup in 1964. He later became a racecourse manager.

Alan Whiteman

In the news

Nick Willis broke Peter Snell's record for the mile at Wanganui recently. He donated the \$10,000 prize money to charity. Watch for Nick in the Commonwealth Games.

ARCHIVES REPORT

The 1953 Board of Governors photo has been reframed, complete with watermarks that were a legacy of the 1986 fire. This photo includes Chairman, Sir David Ewen; Principal, F S Ransom; Former Principal, J N Millard and Board Members, J McDonald, R Warham, H Flux, H Robinson, W Dyer, C Burnard, L Hall & A Spencer. You may recognise these names.

We now have a rotating display of Board of Governors photos in the Boardroom. This room is well used for various meetings and the photos are of great interest. Photos of Past Principals are displayed in the adjacent corridor.

The last Archive display featured the Marae and its new carvings. Head of Maori studies, Hine Amoamo, was approached to help and given some ideas of what we would like to include. When our Archivist came into school the next week to mount this display she found that Hine and one of her year 9 classes had already completed an excellent display, they were very pleased with their efforts.



Panda mascot 1960's

Susan Grant-Taylor remembers that the girl's hockey team had a furry cloth Panda mascot. Marion Hawkins knitted him a scarf and shared the carer role with Heather Milne.

Pat Winslade (capt) also made sure he attended matches and team photos.

Janet Andrews, Patsy Taylor and Heather McInnes took over Panda duties later.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Database Manager - to take over maintaining the Past Pupils database and produce an address list for the Network News. Not time consuming. Need computer with capacity for MS Access programme. Training available.

Contact hvhspffa@paradise.net.nz

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following \$1,000 scholarships towards tertiary education costs were awarded in 2005

Keesing McLeod Law Scholarship

Georgina Leslie

Chris MacKay Financial Planning Scholarship

Sandy Lim

HVHSPP&FA Scholarship

Daphne Cohen

David Kaye Memorial Fund

George and Elizabeth Kaye's generous legacy has established this fund for the promotion and encouragement of education at HVHS.

Each year the school will select David Kaye Scholars for opportunities in four fields: outdoors, academic, leadership and national representation. The students who are selected as scholars will in turn enrich the community through their deeds and accomplishments.

The school is very grateful for the generosity of the Kayes, Keesing McLeod, Chris MacKay and HVHS PP&FA.

A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME PLEASE

My name is Richard Newdick. I was at HVHS during the mid-sixties. I left the valley but returned in the mid-nineties with my family. My two sons attended HVHS. For the past 10 years I have been associated with the school through sport, especially rugby. In the main the roles of coach/manager of sports teams are filled by parents, friends of the school and those who do it purely for the love of the sport. Every year however the staff struggle to fill these positions. I would ask that any ex-pupils or anyone else who would like to help out in any capacity with sports teams please contact the sports dept.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my recent involvement with the school, I have met and befriended many wonderful people, pupils, parents etc. I would recommend the experience to anyone.

If you would like to become involved, or to find out more, Gary Murphy (Head of Sports Dept) would love to hear from you. 5664584 or email: gary.murphy@hvhs.school.nz

HVHSPPFA Committee 2005-06

Chairperson: Rosemary Thompson

Vice Chairperson: Paul Giles

Secretary: Judi Witcher

Treasurer: Geoff Kiddle

Celia Andrews, Carol Barker, Pat Blades, Katriona MacDonald, Pat Manning, Graeme Marshall, Pauline Patchett, John Stanton, Pam Stevenson, Ken Stevenson,

Welcome to new committee member, Betty Hennes (Corson)