



Upper Hutt College Newsletter

JUNE 2017

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We are well into Term 2 and students have been productively busy in and out of the classroom. We have completed several surveys recently, including two on student wellbeing and student perceptions of the school, and we have participated in the international PISA tests, looking at literacy and numeracy skills world-wide.

A recent newsletter shows just how busy our students are - involved in UHC Week preparations including UHC's Got Talent and the Drag Off, assessment resits, tutorials, sports practices, senior leadership responsibilities, preparations for assemblies, opportunities for junior leadership, involvement in NZ Spelling Bee, Japan Club, Art Workshops... the list goes on and on.

The winter sports codes are in full swing and we thank parents and caregivers for their part in coaching, managing, transport and simply supporting their children – it's great to see you on the sidelines as your involvement is a key element in a student's success at school.

Judith Taylor
Principal

Upper Hutt City Young Achievers Awards 2017

The Upper Hutt Young Achievers Awards recognise young people who live in Upper Hutt for their contributions in the areas of Arts, Sport, Leadership and Resilience. Upper Hutt College congratulates the following students who received Awards:



- **Ethan Murtagh** who won the Sporting category with his success in Tae Kwon Do – Ethan will travel to Ireland to represent New Zealand in the World Champs.
- **Riley Dick** won the Arts category for his outstanding achievements and contributions to Music and Drama in activities outside of the school
- **Caiden Jacobson** came second in the Leadership category for all the inspiring events he is involved in with our school community.

Past pupils Carlo Lim and Michael Teague were joint winners of the Leadership award for setting up a budgeting advice service for young people in Upper Hutt. Other Upper Hutt College nominees included Maxine Perno, Abi Evans, Shannyn Harris, Jordan Lum and Ryan Hooper Smith. A huge well done to everyone involved.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 14 June

Open Evening

Friday 16 June

Careers Expo (for seniors)

Monday 19 – 23 June

Upper Hutt College Week

Thursday 22 June

Mufti Day

Tuesday 27 June

Sports Exchange with Heretaunga College

Monday 3 July – Friday 7 July

Maori Language Week

Year 13 Drama Production

Friday 7 July

Kapa Haka Regional Competition

Friday 7 July

Last day of Term 2

Senior Reports sent home

Monday 24 July

First day of Term 3

Monday 4 September

Teacher Only Day

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Upper Hutt College Classics Trip to Europe April 9 - April 30 2017



On the 9th of April, a group of 48 students and 5 teachers got the chance to travel on the Upper Hutt College Europe Tour 2017. We began our trip in London, England, then Ypres, Belgium, Paris, France, and finished in Italy, through Venice, Florence, Naples, Sorrento and Rome.

We got to experience different cultures, visit some of the most fabulous landmarks and places of historical significance like the Eiffel Tower and the Colosseum. A highlight for most people on the trip, without a doubt, was the food as it was exquisite and there was an extensive variety of different flavours and tastes. Although I would have to say Italian Gelato was probably the trip favourite!!.

Our 3 week journey for everyone was a life changing experience and wouldn't have been possible without Ms Mulholland, Ms Higgins, Ms Van Maren, Mr Pierre and Mr Towersey. On behalf of all of the students, thank you to the staff, parents and everyone else who contributed to making this trip possible.

To see more information about our trip, check out the daily blog of the trip-
<https://sites.google.com/upperhutt.school.nz/europe2017/trip-photos-and-blog>

What's happening at Upper Hutt College?

We are about to introduce a number of new ways in which we can communicate with our community of students, parents and caregivers, and interested supporters of the school.

The revamped Upper Hutt College website will be launching within the week – www.upperhutt.school.nz. We will also have the official Upper Hutt College Facebook page online, joining our Sports Facebook page and UHCLibrary Facebook page.

Another exciting addition will be the Upper Hutt College App, which will allow the school to have instant contact with students and parents around events in the school and other notifications. It will also enable parents and caregivers to quickly inform the school about student absences, catch up on notices and access the parent portal. If there are any urgent messages to get across to parents, this can be done via the School App.

Upper Hutt College Library Week



Week 3 of this term was the annual Library Week and what a week it was! Our theme was *Because of You, Libraries Transform*. Each day our Library was transformed with fun activities and competitions where students and staff from all areas of the school got involved.



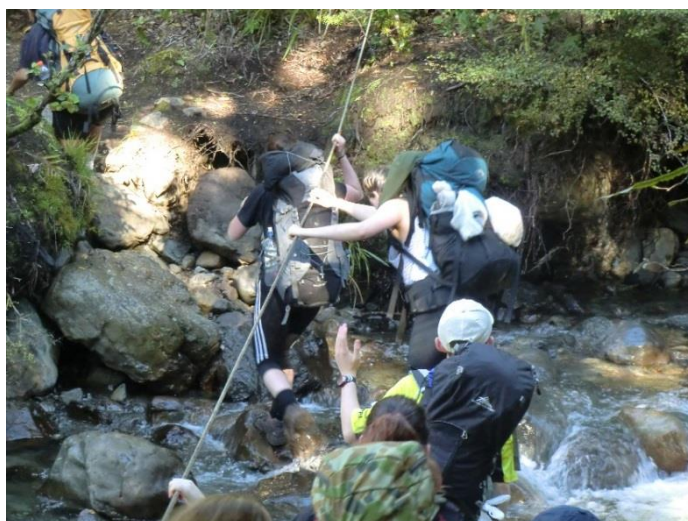
There was a Lego building competition where students had to build the best structure they could with only 6000 blue Lego bricks all the same size and shape. Jack Blackwell and Tim Andrews were worthy winners of the challenge and totally amazed everyone with their tower. The Book Character Mufti Day was great fun and there were some fabulous and creative costumes. There were the usual popular competitions such as guessing how many lollies there were in the jar and finding Wally, then the week was wrapped up with Hot Chips and Hit Tunes on Friday at lunchtime to celebrate music month. The chips went fast, but the hits performed by students and staff kept rolling out until the bell went.

We would like to particularly thank Monterey Cinemas and Hell's Pizza Upper Hutt for donating gift vouchers to use as prizes.

We also used Library Week to launch our ePlatform where students can access digital books and read them on any device. To access the ePlatform students can download the Wheeler's App from their Apple or Android store. Search for Upper Hutt College Library then login using the same username as their school email (firstname.lastname) and the password, libraryuhc. If you like our Facebook page and/or UHCLibrary you will get regular updates of new books and upcoming events at the Library.



Duke of Edinburgh Tramp to Tararua Hut



Student Achievements



Alex Little (Year 12) has this year finished his first full season racing in the New Zealand Super Truck Championship. He races a 5 Ton truck with 1500 horsepower and is the youngest ever person to hold a license for racing Super Trucks.

Alex won several races during the rounds this year and finished the season as Runner-up in the Championship.

At age seventeen he is the youngest ever person to come 2nd in the history of Super Truck racing. His success has been at the expense and to the detriment of a number of long time veteran drivers. He has a big career ahead of him in Super Truck racing. Congratulations Alex.



Lauren May (Year 13) was one of only 10 secondary school students nationwide selected to attend Zealand's largest Astronomy Conference. Lauren's attendance at the Conference is all the more special as the Royal Astronomical Society has waived her Conference fees. The Conference attracts presenters from both around New Zealand and around the world.

Sports

Congratulations to the following students for their recent sporting accomplishments:

- Ethan Murtagh - selected to represent New Zealand in Tae Kwon Do at the World Champs in Ireland in October
- Brad Carson – Softball Junior Black Sox Member 2017
- Liam McGee - Cricket – Wellington Under 17s
- Rogan Vekony - Cricket – Wellington Under 17s
- Forbes Nyatsanza – Football – Lower Hutt Under 17s
- Jordan Vailini – Netball – Wellington Under 17s
- Amiria Toehiri – Netball - Wellington Under 15s

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