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NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

July 2016

Kia ora koutou,

Term 2 has been a very full and productive term. In this newsletter you will read about some of the amazing achievements gained and opportunities experienced by our students at Horowhenua College.

Academic achievement is our core business and our students have been working with a focus to achieve their academic goals. Our senior students are into the second half of their academic year with senior assessment week in week 5 of term 3. Results in these assessments indicate how students are tracking towards their external exams in November so good preparation for these assessments is very important.

As well as the pursuit of academic excellence students have busied themselves with all sorts of sports competitions, cultural experiences and service opportunities. Many of these achievements were acknowledged recently at our Term 2 Badge Assembly. At this assembly students receive:

- Performance certificate for achievement at a local level
- Honours badge for achievement at a regional level.
- NUA badge for achievement at a national or international level.

Amazingly we presented 92 Performance certificates, 33 Honours badges and 13 NUA badges at the Term 2 assembly. This reflects the high level of achievement from students at Horowhenua College.

We have a long serving colleague retiring at the end of Term 2. Pauline Waite, our Executive Officer, has managed the college finances for the past 26.5 years. Over this time Pauline has worked hard to ensure sound



A Word from the Principal



Left: Mrs
Pauline Waite

Right: Mrs
Leanne Phillips



Financial decisions are made and that Horowhenua College is financially secure. We are so appreciative of all that Pauline has done for the good of our college and our students.

As we farewell Pauline, we welcome Leanne Phillips as our new Executive Officer. We look forward to getting to know Leanne and know she will make a significant contribution to our college.

Enough from me! I wish you all well and leave you to enjoy this newsletter. I am extremely proud of the students at Horowhenua College. Being involved in them growing into successful young men and young women is a pleasure and a privilege.

Ngā mihi
Grant Congdon
Principal o Tumuaki





Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent Representative votes:

18 Month Term

GOOD, Garry	78
MCKENZIE, Ian	72
SIMPSON-TUKAPUA, Nikki	73

3 Year Term

CAMERON, Craig	55
HARTWELL, Chris	69
IMRIE, Janine	46
KIRIONA, Dylan	77
MANSVELT, Juliana	90

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Garry GOOD	Nikki SIMPSON-TUKAPUA	Chris HARTWELL
Dylan KIRIONA	Juliana MANSVELT	

Staff Representative:

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare:
TATE, David duly elected

K Searle
Returning Officer

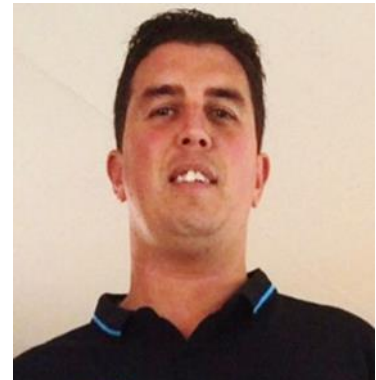
Board of Trustees 2016-2019



Juliana Mansvelt
Garry Goode



Chris Hartwell
Nikki Simpson-Tukapua



Dylan Kiriona
David Tate





Shakespeare Regional Festival



What an awesome night!

Thanks to our audience for coming and supporting this festival. A huge thank you to all of the wonderful teachers who helped backstage and front of house – what a great host team. We could not have done it without you!

Finally thanks to our cast and crew of very talented Nua Drama students – as always you rock.

Miss Perry
Teacher in Charge of Drama





Shakespeare Nationals

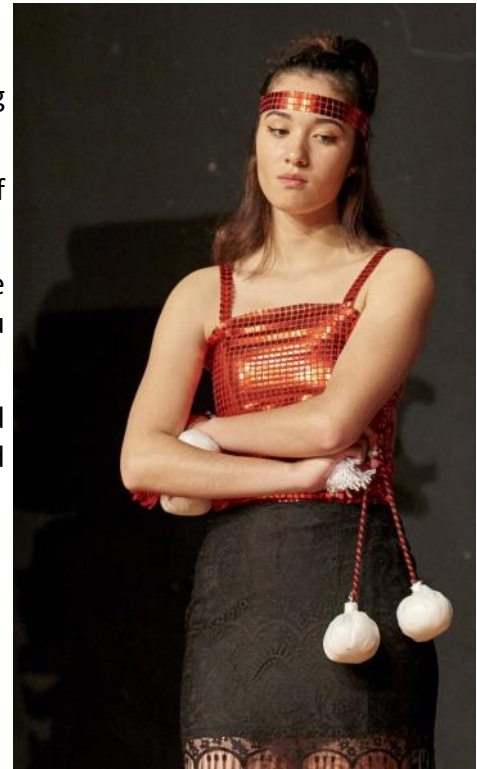
Team Shakespeare won over the crowd with our winning multi-cultural interpretation of 'Much Ado About Nothing'.

The trip went exceptionally well and everyone had a lot of fun.

Ayvran Mackie (pictured right) has been selected for the National Shakespeare Schools Production, and Pauline Finau is currently shortlisted.

Thanks to Mr Steve Parrant for being our parent helper and co-supervisor and to all of the very kind individuals and organisations who helped us get to Wellington.

Miss Perry
Teacher in Charge Shakespeare





Stage Challenge



Stage Challenge 2016 was again successful for Horowhenua College with our team winning second place in the regional competition as well as Awards of Excellence in a number of categories.

The talented students on the creative team, led by director Stephanie Tarrant, started work in November 2015 to develop the performance which highlighted the issue of teenage mental illness. Everything from the original concept and choreography, through to set and costume design and production, was the result of hard work from the creative team.

We are extremely proud of all of the students involved who put in hours of rehearsal time to polish the performance and we know that they will all have learnt important skills from their Stage Challenge experience.







Library News

Our library remains a place where paper books are valued and serious study is encouraged, but we have evolved into something much more than this. We enjoy a flexible, multidimensional space that aims to bring together the best of the physical and digital and create a welcoming place that encourages exploration, creation and collaboration.

What does this look like? We have had 18,000 visits to our library this term. Every period is booked with one or two classes using books, computers and multimedia.

We see students huddled together in productive little groups, students practicing speeches and drama sketches, seniors learning to navigate our amazing databases for research, prefects meeting to discuss and develop ideas, students finding quiet corners to read for pleasure, students in bean-bags with a 'chromebook' or graphic novel. Visitors often use the small AV room and sometimes the shelves are moved to make room for large group meetings.



During breaks students study, read for pleasure, play board games and relax with computer games while other parts of the library have been used for meetings, quizzes, celebrations and farewells.

This term students have been recording their reading for the **'2016 Olympic Reading Challenge'** on the library website - developing their literacy skills and earning house points at the same time!

We have also had a bit of fun introducing **'Think about it Thursday'** where students are invited to respond to certain questions on the library whiteboard.

Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you next term – perhaps you have some good ideas about what you would like to see happening in your library?

Mrs Pearson, Librarian





Academic Quizz



Senior Academic Quiz

On the 16th of May the Academic Committee lead by Dhanisha and myself ran the Senior Academic Quiz in the school library. This was a fun filled event which challenged the minds of many of our senior students who participated for their respective houses. With a total of 55 questions over 11 different categories the eventual winners were jointly Rata and Kowhai who each answered a total of 35 correct questions.

Junior Academic Quiz

The Junior Academic Quiz was held on the 29th of June and the 1st of July. We had seven teams try their luck to see what house contained the smartest team. This was a very enjoyable event run by the Academic Committee where teams had to answer a total of 33 questions over 11 different categories. Congratulations to Ngaio who answered a total of 28 questions correctly to win.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Pearson for the help and the use of the library during these lunchtimes and also a big congratulations to those who participated and the winning teams!

We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Samuel Morris
Academic Prefect



Art News



The Art Department has been busy again this term. Our artists have all been working very hard. Rachel Sue (above) has entered the Parkin Drawing prize in Wellington with this original drawing. We look forward to the results and can't wait to see how her talent progresses.

11 of our Year 12 and 13 students were asked to contribute to the Chorus Box scheme in Levin.

Stephanie Tarrant has weathered the cold this month and already completed her painting. It is of a peacock with an abstract mandala design and fuchsia flowers. Stephanie is one of our top art students and will receive an excellence in her achievement standard for this painting.

Nua continues to support and encourage our creatives.

Mrs Gilroy
Head of Faculty Arts





Dance Workshop



On 18th May dance students from Horowhenua and Waiopahu Colleges participated in a dance workshop that was run by The New Zealand Dance Company. It was a very fun and energetic afternoon and the students had a great time. It was a great privilege to have them here as they were busy with their current dance tour Lumina.

We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future.

Mrs Croad

Teacher In Charge Dance





Y13 Accounting Trip to Massey

Year 13 Accounting Trip to Massey University

This was a fabulous day where the Level 3 Accounting students found out all about Sanford Ltd - the scholarship company for this year, and the company the students need to write a report on to recommend/not recommend investment in for their 5 credit internal.

The students heard from Economists - Derek Gill (NZIER) and Dr Sam Richardson (Massey University) in relation to the fishing industry's place in the world and sustainability, Malcolm Osborne, a marketing employee of Sanford Ltd, Professor Paul Dunmore for the financial analysis of Sanford Ltd and Ewan Westergaard (Craig's Investment Partners) from the perspective of investing in Sanford Ltd.

The 250 students from Taranaki, Hawkes Bay and Manawatu were treated to a subway lunch and tour of Massey University in the lunch break.

Horowhenua College stood out with Hayley Donaldson being the student to answer the most questions and Olive Penetekoso-Faumuina winning the lucky draw for a \$50 prezzie card.

Mrs Staples
Teacher in Charge Accounting

English Scholarship Workshop



A number of our students had the opportunity to go to an English Scholarship Workshop in Palmerston North run by Professor O'Connor. We were fortunate to be invited to this exclusive event. The workshop enabled students to develop their ability to answer scholarship questions, build a strong argument using literary text and apply a critical lens.

Mrs Northern
English Teacher



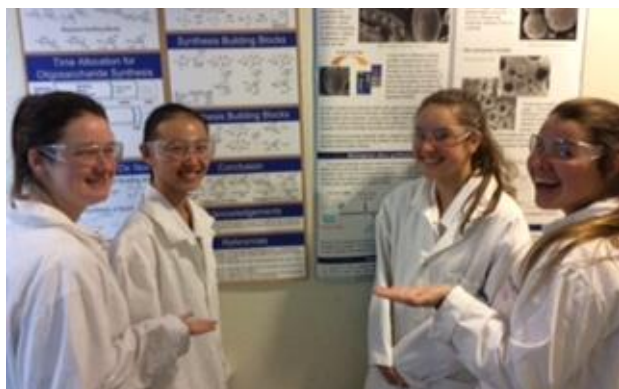
Year 12 and 13 Trip to Victoria University

Our Year 12 and 13 Chemistry and Physics students had the opportunity to visit the School of Science at Victoria in Wellington.

They made fragrant esters in the Chemistry lab and got to see and use the high tech equipment available and in the Physics lab they experimented with radio activity.

These visits enable students to realise the possibilities out there as they look towards future choice with their careers.

Miss Lewis
Teacher in Charge Chemistry



Māori and Pasifika Student Trip to Victoria University

This trip to Victoria encourages students to consider tertiary/university as a pathway option. The students spent the day in interactive lectures and workshops and were encouraged to step out of their comfort zones and spend the day with students.

Our students were all fantastic and represented the school well.

Our Māori students finished the day doing our school haka on the street and received a t-shirt for their efforts.

Whaea Vicki
Hinai House Dean



Designing and Printing T-Shirts at Kapinua



The Year 10 Fashion Design students had a fabulous trip to Kapinua this term to watch the sublimation printing of the 'T' shirts they had designed.

Kapinua have an online interactive design programme where you can design all the parts of the 'T' shirt (front, back and sleeves). The students could choose from the images, colour and text provided in the programme to create their designs or import their own ideas that they had created in photoshop.

The students enthusiastically took their designs as they came out of the heat transfer process and watched the new laser cutter quickly cut out their pattern pieces. They tried cutting out themselves and all agreed the laser cutter was much 'easier'.

They have been very pleased to see their concepts on a finished product and have worked hard to sew the 'T' shirts as quickly as possible so they could wear them.

Many thanks to Ingo at Kapinua for his continued support of our Fashion Design programme.

Mrs Adams
Head of Faculty Technology





Dragons Den - Enterprise NZ



Above: Custom Kiwi



Above: Orb

Bottom Left: Transcend

Bottom Right: Serenity



As an integral part of the Year 13 Business Studies programme, Enterprise NZ and BCC (Build Clever Companies) hosted this years local Dragon's Den at Te Takere on Monday 13th June.

Four groups from Horowhenua College competed. There was a cash prize should a group go through to the finals on June 23rd, and subsequently win a placing. Manawatu College and Waiopehu College also sent groups to compete.

In front of a panel of local Business leaders, each group presented their pitch, and then received comments and suggestions from the panel. The experience was of huge benefit to the students in that it clarified and focused their business plan and made it more likely to succeed.

Students must complete a Dragons Den to be assessed for AS91384, a 9 credit Business Activity assignment.

Well done to these students. It takes guts and poise to complete a Dragons Den successfully and they can stand tall.

Mr Taylor

Teacher in Charge Business Studies



Year 11 Business Studies Market Day



The day did not dawn clear, and there was some fear that our carefully planned Market Day could be ruined by a rainstorm. Luckily this was not the case, and the skies cleared miraculously over the lunch break with all stalls in place and ready to sell. Students had priced their products with a view to a healthy profit, and indeed that is what every stall saw in the 25 minutes or so they had to sell to a hungry student (and staff) body.

On show were pizza (compliments of Domino's), butter chicken, ice cream sundaes and spiders, and some very tasty burgers.

The benefit of a Market Day such as this was obvious. Not only do the students themselves get a real taste of life in the cut throat business world, they also learn to plan and develop a business from scratch - and keep the profits!

Market Day is part of AS90384 (Business Activity) and is worth a total of 6 credits at Level 1.

Mr Taylor
Teacher in Charge Business Studies



Pink Shirt Day



Students at Horowhenua College participated in National “Pink Shirt Day”. Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

The students wanted to send a clear message to the student body and grab the attention of the community in order to take a stand against bullying. They wanted to raise awareness of the issue of bullying and the drastic effect that bullying has on someone’s life. The students also want to send a clear message to everyone that we as a school do not tolerate bullying. The students released pink balloons as a symbol for the fight against bullying in schools across New Zealand. Each balloon had an inspirational message of a personal nature.

Social Action Prefect, Megan McKenzie said, “It’s fantastic to see the positive response that we had from the school and our fellow pupils. We wanted to send a clear message to everyone that we as a school do not and will not tolerate bullying of any form. It’s inspiring to see the amount of support that we did receive for this social issue.” Social Action Committee member Sarah Benseman said, “We thought this cause was one that everyone could relate to as it is still a problem within society and schools today”.

A big thank you to Party Hire Levin for donating the balloons.





Service Academy Bushcraft



On the 30th of May our Services Academy left Horowhenua College to travel to Santoff Forest where we would be living in tents for a week. It was no ordinary camp in the forest, we were under the charge of army, navy and airforce staff!

We were joined on the adventure by six other academies. All together there were about 48 of us on camp. We all got split into two platoons (groups), and each platoon had two sections (smaller group of people within the large group). In our section we had some students from Wanganui, so we got to know them and became good friends.



Each morning we would have to get up and pack everything from our tent into our pack as quickly as possible and do our morning routine. Our morning routine would include things like, wiping ourselves down with baby wipes because we couldn't have showers out there. We would also eat breakfast and prepare for the day ahead of us.



When we had first arrived we were handed two ration packs each which included the meals that would keep us going throughout the week. Each day we had a 'country quiz' meal for breakfast and lunch, then would have a BBQ for dinner. The 'country quiz' meals are food that is dehydrated and just need a cup of hot water put into it. It is then left for a few minutes until it is ready to eat. They were meals like Roast Chicken, Sweet and Sour Lamb, Thai Curry Chicken, and a whole bunch of other flavours. We also got to go eeling on the second to last night and for dinner on the last night we got to eat smoked eel and some possum the army Staff had fried up. The eeling was really fun. It was a beautiful starry night, and everyone was really positive. We didn't catch much but that's fine, we had a good time trying to catch big ones and we managed to

catch some small ones, but we released them. It was really cold so you could see your breath every time you breathed out and I think it made the whole experience more fun.

During the week we had to do a three day tramp. We walked through large forest tracks surrounded by a lot of really big pine trees. There were a lot of rotten brown tree branches lying all over the place also. We would walk approximately 20 kilometres a day with our packs on. We would take turns leading and navigating the group, under the supervision of the army staff.

On the second day of tramping our section put camo concealment on our faces (camouflage face concealment) and picked up sticks pretending they were guns. We then walked around the forest trying to watch out for other sections and if we saw someone we had to sneak up on them and pretend to ambush them. We also stopped off and did an activity called 'day stalk', where there would be two staff sitting with a board next to them with something on it and we had to figure out what it was without them spotting us. It was so hard; we had to crawl super slowly along the ground and hide behind trees and be super quiet. It was a lot of fun. At one point I crawled along the damp forest ground over dead logs for about 20 metres, then had to sit and wait until the staff were looking in the opposite direction before I could make a dash to safely hide behind a tree. I really enjoyed the tramping because being outdoors with other people is one of my favorite things to do. I got really sore shoulders from the pack but it wasn't too bad. The most challenging part for me was probably trying not to complain about sore shoulders and sore feet.

On the last day we had more of a serious competition day. We had to see what section could get to all of the grid references given to us and back to camp first, and who could decode a code we were given the fastest. We also had to hide away from other sections, and army staff. There was a white ute driving around with two army staff in it and if we saw it coming we had to run and hide. If we were spotted by the staff driving the ute they would get out of their ute and yell at us, trying to scare us. It was all fun and games but it made the day more exciting.

It was a really good week packed with lots of activities and lessons. I would really recommend it to anyone that has the chance to do it! I just want to say a big thank you to everyone who made it possible such as Staff T and Staff H, also all of the other staff from the army, airforce and navy.

Rebekah Hancox
Y12 Academy Student





International News

Term 2 has been both exciting and saddening on the international front. Firstly on June the 7th Horowhenua College welcomed five Vietnamese students: Nam Hai Dao, Quang Phu Nguyen, Dan Khanh Dinh, Long Hai Nguyen, and Thu Khanh Dinh. Four of them were with us for four weeks, and Quang will be with us for a year. They really enjoyed their time here, taking part in activities such as a trip to Wellington where they visited Weta workshop and Te Papa. We are very thankful to have met such wonderful students, even if it was only for a short period, and we wish them all well.

On a sad note we have also had to farewell three long term international students who have been with us since July of 2015. Tommaso Zingoni (Italy), Peppina Zimmermann (Switzerland) and Florian Hisbergues (France) have flourished in school life here at Horowhenua College, taking part in an array of school groups such as Stage Challenge and sports teams. Their unique personalities will be deeply missed by many students and staff and we wish them all the best for their future.

At the beginning of next term we will be welcoming two new students: Francesco Todeschini (Italy) and Sara Gasser (Switzerland.) We will also be welcoming 22 Japanese students from Namiki secondary school who will be with us from the 31st of July until the 9th of August.

We encourage all staff and students to go the extra mile to make all of these students feel extremely welcome and provide a helpful hand in making their transition into a new environment as smooth and friendly as possible.

Ella Robinson, International Prefect



Left to Right: Florian, Peppina and Tommaso



Study Support

Arts

Art rooms are open every lunchtime and interval and Wednesdays period 5 until 5.00pm
Music room and practice rooms are open for rehearsal and practice times each day at interval and lunchtimes and Wednesdays period 5
Drama room is available by arrangement for rehearsal and practices

Accounting

N8 is open on Tuesdays and Fridays at lunchtime

English

T3 is open every lunchtime except Wednesdays (or your English teacher's room by arrangement with them)
T3 Wednesdays period 5 for internal assessment re-submissions or re-assessments

Languages

All Languages teachers offer their support every lunchtime in their offices

Mathematics

Help is available for Year 11 students at lunchtimes in the following rooms:

- Monday - N8
- Tuesday - N12
- Wednesday - N10
- Thursday - N7
- Friday - N11

N10 Wednesdays period 5 for internal assessment re-assessments

Sciences

Help is available everyday at lunchtimes. Please check with your science teacher as to which rooms these catch ups will be in.

Scholarship Biology: Wednesday lunchtime

Scholarship Physics: Thursday 6.00-8.00pm

Scholarship Chemistry: Every second Monday 3.05-4.00pm

Social Sciences

Tuesday - Thursday lunchtimes in N4, N6, N13

Wednesdays period 5 Week B N6 & N13

Technology

Every lunchtime in the relevant S Block classroom

Wednesdays period 5 by arrangement with your Technology teacher

Library

Wednesdays lunchtime and period 5 for independent study or referral by a subject teacher



Year 13 Creative Catering Trip

The Year 13 Creative Catering class took a trip to Genoese in Levin. We were given a guided tour around the factory and shown the process that the basil takes from delivery from Fiji through to packaging and boxing up ready for the consumer.



The students were particularly looking at how the HACCP plan works in a food industry as part of their study of a Level 3 Food Safety unit. They now have a clear understanding of the strict laws and regulations around the whole food manufacturing industry.

The highlight of the field trip was our very informative tour guides, Jackie Mulholland and Ron Parkin. The students also enjoyed the tasting session of all the lovely fresh pesto's made in the factory. Thank you very much, Genoese, for giving up your time.

Mrs Petterson

Teacher in Charge Food Technology

Spelling Bee

We had several Year 9 entries into this year's Spelling Bee. If you can spell "peregrination", "crustacean" and "impecunious", then the Spelling Bee is for you. The break-off point this year was 75 out of 100 and two of our students gained 78 and 79. This means that Oliver Bau and Isaac Bishop have qualified for the regional finals to be held in Wellington later in August.



Success there would mean entry to the Grand Final in October and the winner of this will represent New Zealand in the USA Spelling Bee next year.

We wish them good luck for their next round.

Mr Smith (the senior)
English Teacher



Taekwon Do Nationals

This year the International Taekwon Do Nationals were held in Tauranga and also doubled as the Oceania Invitational. There were over 400 competitors for this two day event including a strong team from Australia.

Horowhenua College were well represented with Michael Searle, Timothy Searle, Kees Hooper-Whiti, Bree Hooper-Whiti, Shaniah Whakarau and Iosefara Fereti-Boot.



Results as follows:

Shaniah Whakarau

Gold, 8-5 Gup Sparring; Bronze 7-8 Gup Patterns

Kees Hooper-Whiti

Bronze, Junior Male 1-3 Dan Sparring Light/Heavy; Bronze, Junior Male 1-3 Dan Patterns; Gold, Junior Male Team Patterns

Tim Searle (left) on his way to winning gold in the Light/Middleweight Blackbelt Sparring Division.



Tim Searle

Gold, Junior Male 1-3 Dan Sparring Light/Middle; Gold, Junior Male Team Speciality Gold, Junior Male Team Sparring

Mike Searle

Gold Junior Male Team Power Breaking; Gold, Junior Male Team Sparring

Iosefara Fereti-Boot

Silver, 8-5 Gup Sparring

Mike, Tim and Kees were three out of a 10 man Central Districts Junior Team who won their all the events in the team division becoming the Best Overall Junior Male Blackbelt Team.

Great results from everyone.

Iosefara and Shaniah with their gold and silver for their sparring division.



School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Dates are added to our school calendar throughout the term.

July

Monday	25	First day of Term 3
Mon-Thur	25-28	Rangatahi Ora Tuakana Trip
Wednesday	27	Open Day for contributing schools Year 11 Independent Study Day

August

Tuesday	2	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm College Staffroom Y12&13 Art Trip
Thursday	4	Jandal Jam
Wednesday	10	Grade Reports sent home with students
Friday	12	Mathex Trip
Friday	19	Hort Academy Tractor Training
Mon-Fri	22-26	Senior Assessment Week Services Academy Advanced Leaders Course
Thursday	25	Calculus Workshop, Massey, Palmerston North
Monday	29	Dance NZ Made Competition
Mon-Tue	29-30	NZ Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls Competition
Mon-Fri	29-2nd	Tournament Week

September

Mon-Fri	5-9	Y10 Work Week Group 2
Fri	9	Pae Rangatahi
Wed	14	Parent Conferences
Thur	15	MCAT—Level 1 Maths
Wed-Fri	21-23	Y13 OUED Tramp
Fri	23	Winter Sports (TBC) Last day of Term 3

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