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NUA NEWS

Kia ora koutou

September 2016

We have progressed quickly through Term 3, so it is timely to keep you up to date with some of the things our students at Horowhenua College have been up to.

As I have said on numerous occasions, academic achievement is our core business. Our senior students have recently completed their practice exams. The results from these exams will provide a good indication to our students on how they are progressing towards achieving success in the external exams in November.

Once a term we are holding our "Badge Assembly". This is the opportunity to recognise the achievement of our students in relation to academia, sport, culture and service. It was very pleasing to see such a large number of students being acknowledged for their hard work and commitment.

Our recent Open Day saw a large number of parents and prospective Year 9's attend. We are proud of our college and the academic results achieved by our students. We are always looking for ways to further develop learning opportunities for our students. Enrolments are open for 2017 and we are presently busy with enrolment interviews for students into Year 9 for 2017.

Enough from me. Enjoy reading about some of what our fabulous students have been up to as we continue to grow successful young men and young women.

Grant Congdon

Board of Trustees

Tēnā koutou katoa

Thank you to everyone who voted in the June Board of Trustees (BOT) elections, it is a privilege to serve you in this capacity! Your board members are: Dylan Kiriona, Nikki Simpson-Tukapua, David Tate (staff rep), Toni Baker (student rep), Garry Good (Deputy Chair), Grant Congdon (Principal/Tumuaki) and myself, Juliana Mansvelt (Chairperson). Chris Hartwell was also elected to the board, but resigned after returning from overseas on 6th September. The Board have accepted Chris's resignation, and would like to acknowledge the substantial contribution he has made to the school over many years in his role as trustee and Chair. Thank you Chris, and we wish you all the best for your future endeavours!

We are also very grateful to have the assistance of Kate Searle who is our incredibly efficient BOT Secretary! The current board has a nice mix of new and experienced Horowhenua College BOT members with governance experience derived from a variety of backgrounds. This provides a strong foundation for us to work together to support our Principal, his management team and staff, and to see our students experience success in all areas of their school life.

The BOT meets every five weeks to discuss issues which are necessary to the successful governance of the school. Our key focus is ensuring we have plans and policies in place to promote the wellbeing and achievement of all our students. We have a number of sub-committees too: finance, property, health and safety, and policy. Each BOT meeting we discuss the reports and/or recommendations of these sub-committees, and examine key strategic issues related to the goals in our school charter. In our first few meetings we have covered progress in relation to NCEA, and pathways and achievement for students in mathematics and literacy. We also had a great session at our board meeting on 6th September where Heads of Faculties met with us to discuss student achievement and the initiatives and programmes they are involved in to ensure all our students are making progress. All the data we see at BOT meetings on student achievement is aggregated which means it enables us to see general trends without identifying individual students. We have adopted a new structure for all our policies and procedures which aligns them with the Government's National Administration Guidelines (<http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/legislation/nags/>), so over the coming months will be revising them all, and hope to get them up on the college website for you to view in due course.

The Board also has responsibility for property and we are delighted the Ministry of Education has signed off on Phase 1 of the new science laboratories. Phase 1 of the development includes 3 labs, a staff workroom, Head of Faculty office, chemical preparation room and storage room, with two further labs to be constructed in Phase 2 of the project. These new labs have been in process for a number of years, and we are looking forward to hearing confirmation of the start-date for construction. The new labs will be a significant attribute to the school, providing our science students with 21st century, well-equipped learning spaces.

At the last board meeting we voted to join the Horowhenua Community of Learning (COL). This is a government funded initiative which involves schools in the region working together to solve key achievement challenges by sharing knowledge and teacher expertise. Many of the details are yet to be worked out, but as a member of the COL, Horowhenua College will have a role in shaping the form and direction of this collaborative learning community. We will keep you updated as this moves forward!

Ngā mihi

Juliana Mansvelt, Chairperson, Horowhenua College Board of Trustees

Pasifika Fusion



On Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 July, a group of 32 students plus parents, tutors and teachers went to Palmerston North to compete in the regional Pasifika Fusion Competition. This competition includes twelve categories and Horowhenua College Pasifika students competed in eleven of these. The aim of this competition is to 'fuse' the students of different Pacific Islands into a cohesive group to celebrate their different cultures and encourage pride. The confidence gained carries over into higher expectations of educational success. The theme this year was Pacific Leadership.

Eighteen colleges competed and Horowhenua College came second overall!! This was incredibly exciting. Results:

3rd= Senior Speech - English
2nd Cinematography
2nd Senior Speech - English
2nd Senior Speech - Samoan
2nd Wearable Arts
2nd Quiz Team

1st Junior Poetry
1st Talent - Choir

Sina Crichton
Felix Ulu Kini
Paul Sao
Olive Penetekoso-Faumuina
Mele'Ofa Finau
Olive Penetekoso-Faumuina, Belinda Crichton, Paul
Sao, Talia Tatana, Faustina Toleafoa
Patricia Feaveai-I'u
Whole Cultural Group

SECOND OVERALL!!!

Mrs Northern
Pasifika Dean

Jandal Jam



PE Department



The PE department had a very full Term 3. Students enjoyed the new challenges brought about with the new teaching units. These saw the Year 9 students partaking in a movement unit which consists of gymnastics and parkour. Students learnt a range of skills from jumping and landing on and off objects to cat leaps, headstands, pyramids and rolls. It was good to see students gain confidence in and around movement throughout the term.

The Year 10 students started a circus unit, where they worked hard to master a number of circus skills; gutter board, skipping, hacky, uni cycling, juggling and cup stacking. These skills tested students' hand

eye coordination as well as their physical skills meaning all students were challenged in some way. There was great improvement over the term.

Senior students have been working hard to gain credits in various units. From analysing the biomechanics of skills, through to looking at contemporary leadership skills, implementing strategies to improve performance and evaluating training programmes. Some of these students have realised how close the end of year is for some and are working hard to achieve to the best of their ability.

Students are currently making decisions about subjects for 2017 and we have three subjects in the PE department students can choose from: Physical Education, Sport Science and Outdoor Education. These subjects cater for both academic and practical based learners and lead into a number of careers in a growing career industry. If students are wishing to pursue a career in any related subject from physiotherapy, sports analysis, personal trainer, sport development, PE/outdoor education teacher, sports marketing and media and many more they are welcome to come and talk to the PE staff who can answer any questions.

Miss Signal
Head of Faculty Physical Education



Winter Sports



Winter sport is now complete. Again this year the Netball courts have had a large number of Horowhenua College teams participating on a Saturday. The Senior A team were in the premier grade and finished third on the points table. Our Junior A and Snr Red did extremely well both making the finals and finishing 2nd and 1st respectively.

Congratulations to the following girls who have made Horowhenua rep teams Danielle De Burgh, Tayla Welch, Phoenix Huriwai and Gemma Baines. We have also had a number make development teams, well done to them.

Our two Hockey teams participated in the Manawatu School competition and both headed away to tournament week.

Our U15 boys rugby team trained hard under the guidance of Ramon. They had some bad luck with teams being unable to play them. However recently have had a good win over Wanganui High School.

Football was again a very strong and popular sport represented at Horowhenua College with 4 boys teams and 2 girls teams. Our boys 1stXI finished first on the table. We have a strong squad heading to Australia these holidays and these boys have all trained hard under the guidance of Gary O'Brien. We wish them all the best for their tour.

We had two Basketball teams competing in Palmerston North. It is great to see the boys team back playing in this competition. Our girls were committed and trained before and after school. They finished 5th on the table.

All teams that went on Tournament Week represented our school well with some great results.

Miss Signal, Head of Faculty Physical Education

Year 12 & 13 Art Trip



On the 2 August the Senior Year 12 and 13 Art students had a very special day out in Wellington. 40 Arts students in Painting, Design and Photography went to tour the Massey University creative department. Our tour guide showed us the fashion studios, industrial design and textile studios plus a tour of many other parts of the Uni, where we saw students at work, and felt the creative vibe of this exciting place.



Then we were off on foot to Cuba Street, where we looked at some local galleries and on-trend shops, while we ate our lunch. The City Gallery was our next planned stop and we saw the works of two extraordinary artists: a nun called Sister Corita, who worked in a pop art style with typography, and a sculptor artist, called Frances Upritchard who made quirky models and installations with fur, and found objects and 'sculpy'- which is a material that weta workshop uses to make the models in their films. This was so interesting and most of us were intrigued with the interesting and strange creations we saw at the City Gallery.



Then we were off to Lambton Quay to check out new displays and ideas for design. We completed our day with dinner in town together and we were home by 8pm. It was an inspiring day, full of new ideas, career pathways and artiness bonding.

Jeanette Gilroy
Head of Faculty Arts

Youth Voice

Kia Ora, my name is Jotham Harris. I am 16 years old and currently attending Horowhenua College. I have had the privilege of being the chair of Youth Voice in 2015, and again being a member in 2016. Youth Voice is the Horowhenua District Youth Council. As the name suggests we act as a 'Voice' for the youth of the Horowhenua; an indispensable communication platform between the council and the younger members of the public, providing input to the council on relevant issues. However, this is not an exhaustive description of our responsibilities or opportunities.

In our previous term, Youth Voice was also involved in projects and events including the White Ribbon Day run, Long Term Plan consultations with council, the Waka Walls artwork outside Te Takere and the 'Fill the stores' Christmas project. With only a few previous members re-elected this year, due to rules stipulating a maximum of two terms sitting on the council, we have welcomed many new faces in 2016 - bringing with them ideas along with renewed enthusiasm and drive, setting us up for a great term. Youth Voice was recommended to me by a social studies teacher at Horowhenua College, and currently there are five members of our college on this council. Each of the colleges in the district has at least three students sitting on the council, and we have a number of past members working in an advisory capacity – including past and present students of Horowhenua College - ensuring we have input and discussion from a diverse range of sources. I am genuinely enjoying working with each of these people, and seeing what we are able to accomplish this year.

Jotham Harris

Year 12



Rangatahi Ora Tuakana



Tena Koutou e te whanau

After many hours and days of hard work our Tuakana group had raised enough putea to go on our annual university trip to Canterbury University and Te Ara Educational Institute in Christchurch. This was an exciting prospect for many of our students as a large number of them had never been on the ferry or to the South Island.

We left on the last Sunday of the Term 2 holidays as a group of 24 students and 3 adults. After a night in Picton we travelled to Tuahiwi Marae (30 mins from Christchurch). We then had a fantastic powhiri and settled into this very modern (flash as) marae. Needless to say we were very happy to be staying together at such a beautiful marae.

The next day was spent at Canterbury University and Te Ara Institute. This was a real eye opener for the students and a great experience to have a look at career pathways. We



Rangatahi Ora Tuakana



were able to meet some amazing people including Dr James Graham from Ngati Kahungunu as well as a truly inspirational speaker, Sela, from Te Ara. Sela had a true passion for wanting our rangatahi to succeed to the point where our students felt compelled to do a haka for her followed by a group hug! We were also able to spend some time together as a whānau visiting Hanmer Springs and other sites of the city.

Out of the 24 senior students that were on the trip there was a large majority of Year 13s all of whom have been totally committed to Rangatahi Ora since Year 9. A big mihi must go out to these students for being the role models that they are and the academic success they have achieved while here at Horowhenua College (among other things).

Myself, Whaea Kawa and Matua Anaru were absolutely thrilled with how this trip went and are sure this was a life experience that will not be forgotten by all. As a teacher it is sometimes easy to forget how valuable these trips are for our students. This trip was able to really get our students thinking about how to continue their learning journey and have success after they leave school.

Ka nui te aroha

Naku na

Chris Wilton

Maori Dean



Horticulture Academy

10 students participated in a tractor safety course in Fielding on the last day of Term 2. The students were instructed by Aghort accredited tutor, Sarah Poppleton. She took the whole group through safety and talked us through a number of situations in driving a tractor.

The students were taken through individually and for most it was the first time they had driven a tractor. All students were buzzing after the experience and many that were not initially confident discovered themselves to be naturals.

The students will return to be assessed on tractor safety. All have been diligently reviewing their tractor manual. As individuals are assessed the rest of the group will be doing some work experience at Manawatu District Council nurseries. The students really benefitted from the experience and are only sorry we don't have tractors on site in the school to practice on!

Mrs Prentice
Teacher in Charge Horticulture Academy



Gateway to Careers

The weather was very wet and miserable but that didn't dampen the spirits of the students. Eight students travelled in our new van to attend the UCOL Open Day so that meant four seats were free to fill with Year 13 students attending the Massey University Open Day. Miss Moerkerk drove another school van and filled it with Year 13 students going to Massey.

The Gateway to Careers students, who are all Year 11 were able to visit their areas of interest, ask questions, observe various courses, gather information, listen to live sounds from the UCOL performing arts students and just watch and soak up the atmosphere at the action packed UCOL Open Day.

Our boys were given a personal tour of the Trades Academy thanks to a UCOL colleague who was once closely associated with our college. This tour left a huge impression that one student is seriously planning to continue his learning at UCOL.

The UCOL Principal hosted Careers Advisors and teachers for lunch. Information about new courses was shared and there was an opportunity to meet UCOL Heads of Faculties and staff.

We left UCOL and returned to collect the Year 13's at Massey and had to wait for a lecture to finish which was an opportunity for the Year 11's to see Massey. For all of them it was the first time. Unfortunately the weather didn't allow us to get out of the van and have a closer look.

The van soon filled up with very talkative Year 13's and the feedback of their recent experiences was positive and for most the reality of having to make life decisions is here now so this was a real wake up call.

It was a very valuable trip for both staff and students even though the weather was horrendous.

Whaea Pani
Careers Advisor



Ngā Manu Kōrero

Throughout Term 1 and Term 2 I worked hard on my Ngā Manu Kōrero speech. The topic I selected was “It’s your attitude not your aptitude that determines your altitude”. At first this topic made it rather difficult for me to come up with an idea to talk about until I was asked, “Kim what do you think when you hear attitude over aptitude” and I thought “Kapa Haka”. It’s a difficult art to master which I take a very strong interest in. I was then asked, “What about Kapa Haka is hard?” and straight away I thought of the poi. I was then asked, “What do you think when you hear attitude over aptitude for poi?” Straight away I thought Hato Paora. I decided to base my speech on Hato Paora College and their attitude to learning the poi.



The experience at Ngā Manu Kōrero was amazing. Being surrounded by people who love doing the kapa just as much as you do is really special. You know when you first step on stage and look at your fellow competitors that you are all on the same waka, doing something most Rangatahi are afraid to do and that in itself is the greatest achievement!! It would be satisfying to take it out, but representing your kura, your whānau and yourself is probably more satisfying than winning. I am so glad I have been able to experience Ngā Manu Kōrero for four years of my college life and I hope more young Māori students take up this opportunity just like I did.

Next year my goal will not be to represent Horowhenua College again, but to encourage more of our Māori students to take up this wero (challenge). Public speaking is not that easy, but what is easy is saying, “Nah I won’t do that. It’s too hard!” Our Rangatahi of Horowhenua College have the potential to do great things such as Manu Kōrero. We need to encourage Year 9 and 10 Māori students to take up this opportunity simply because Ngā Manu Kōrero creates young leaders who will in time better the future of this college.

Kim Kerehoma
Year 12

International Mufti Day



Mathex



On Friday the 12th of August, 4 Year 9s and 7 Year 10s travelled to Palmerston North to represent our school in the annual Manawatu Mathex competition.

The Year 9 team, which consisted of Isaac Bishop, Samantha Egnew, Jack Keene and Ethan Roentgen, placed 11th equal out of 21 teams. Jemma Baines, Megan Davies, Jaymie Evans-Walsh and Chloe Kemp thoroughly enjoyed themselves and showed great competitive spirit in the Year 10 division. Despite lacking their fourth team member, the second Year 10 team consisting of Christina Cameron, Josh Madgwick and Hannah Wharehoka managed to score 14th equal out of 25 teams.

Overall, the event was a great challenge for these keen mathematicians, and they relished the chance to compete against like-minded students from across the region.

Mr Stevens
Mathematics Teacher



OUASSA

For one week during the January summer holidays and the July winter holidays, we had the opportunity to attend OUASSA (Otago University Advanced School Sciences Academy) in Dunedin. This was a great experience and one that we both thoroughly enjoyed. We were part of a group of 58 Year 13 students selected from nationwide to attend. During this time we participated in various projects, which lasted between two to six hours a day, including chemistry, sports and exercise science, anatomy and physiology, zoology, psychology, problem solving and pharmacology.

During our stay in Dunedin, we were able to do a variety of different things besides science. We went ice skating, on a wildlife cruise, to the Cadbury factory, dining in the dark, had a formal dinner and were able to present at the International Science Festival.

The other Year 13 students and green shirt leaders (including Mrs Northern's son!) made the camp unforgettable. Great friendships were made and we both still keep in touch with the tight knit group.

Aimee Dustin and Anna Newman
Year 13



SERVICE

At Horowhenua College we grow successful young men and young women. Academic achievement is our core business but to grow teenagers into the best they can be we also focus on culture and sport. The one extra ingredient which is very significant to grow successful young men and young women is service. This provides opportunities for students to look beyond their own circumstances and consider the needs of others. To participate in acts of service helps develop them into well rounded productive members of society.



We actively encourage our students to participate in acts of service and are proud of the way they not only engage with opportunities presented to them but also show initiative and introduce opportunities themselves.

Mr Congdon
Principal



SNIPPETS



Left: All the best to Phoenix Huriwai who along with Whaea Vicki is on her way to San Francisco for the Maori to the Valley programme. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return!

Below: Aimee Dustin reffing the New South Wales game against Waiopahu this week.



Below: The Prefects were invited to speak at the Horowhenua and Districts Friendship Club during the holidays. Pictured are: Danisha Harshad (Deputy Head Prefect), Megan McKenzie (Social Action Prefect), Anna Newman (Head Girl) and Jordan Sue (Head Boy) with club members.



SNIPPETS



Two of our teams on the Australian Football Tour with Mr O'Brien. More photos to come!!

Below:
Year 13 Super Hero Day!



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Dates For Your Calendar

Dates are added to our school calendar throughout the term.

October

Monday	10	First day of Term 4 Prefect nominations due 3pm
Tuesday	11	Service Academy Spread your Wings Tour
Friday	14	Prefect Leadership Training day with Mr O'Brien
Monday	17	Level 3 Zoo Trip Level 1 Folio Day
Mon-Fri	17-21	Services Academy Adventure Challenge
Wednesday	19	Sports Awards, College Hall
Friday	21	Level 2 Folio Day
Monday	24	Labour Day - School closed for tuition
Tuesday	25	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm College Staffroom
Wednesday	26	Drama Trip to Toi Whakaari
Thursday	27	Cultural Awards - College Hall
Friday	28	Prefect Speech Assembly

November

Tuesday	1	Level 3 Folio Day
Thursday	3	Gateway Graduation 6pm Careers Centre
Wednesday	9	NCEA Exams start
Tuesday	22	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm College Staffroom
Mon-Tues	28-29	Year 10 Exams

December

Friday	2	Senior Prizegiving - College Hall
Mon-Thur	5-8	Activities Week - Years 9&10
Tuesday	6	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm College Staffroom
Wednesday	7	Services Academy Graduation Year 8 Information Evening
Friday	9	Junior Prizegiving Last day of term!!



NEW WORLD

SCHOOL INFORMATION



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