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NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

September 2019

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

Term 3 has been yet another full on, busy, productive and enjoyable term. There have been many highlights, some of which you will read about in this newsletter.

The winter sports competitions are always eagerly anticipated. Many of our students began their fitness preparation by attending NUA FIT from early Term 1. NUA FIT is a fitness programme that runs before school for two mornings a week in our college gym. This brought a significant advantage for these students as their improved fitness enabled them to enjoy their sport more and reduce the possibility of injury. NUA FIT proved to be so successful that we will run it again in 2020 from the start of Term 1.

During this term students sat their Derived Grade Exams. These exams enable our students to get a sense of how well they are progressing towards achieving in their end of year exams. Some students received pleasing results and feel confident they are on track. Other students received a wakeup call and realise they need to improve their focus and work output. There is still enough time for students to improve in this area if needed, although when students arrive back at school for Term 4, there will only be 17 school days until NCEA exams start.

If any students are needing extra support or tuition, there are numerous opportunities provided by their teachers at interval, lunch or after school to receive this. They just have to ask.

Thank you everyone for continuing to partner with us in our mission of growing successful young men and young women. We have enjoyed the term just gone. I hope you enjoy reading about some of what happened during it.

Ngā mihi
Grant Congdon



A Word from the Board Chair

Kia ora Koutou

By the time you read this we are well into the school holidays. I am sure this is a welcome break for both students and staff before we begin Term 4 and the run down to end of year and NCEA Exams. During Term 4 we celebrate through a variety of events the achievements of our students but also we recognise the additional pressures on our students in completing term work, assessments, portfolios and exams, so again will be doing our best to support them through this period.

Term 3 has been a busy one for the Board. We are looking at further property work to update and modernise parts of the school, and have continued to review our health and safety procedures, including discussing preparedness for any Measles cases, and developing a Traumatic Incident Response Plan. We have decided to take up the Ministry of Education's support for fees relief for parents, as we realise school fees can be a significant burden on our whānau. The Senior Leadership Team has spent considerable time reviewing our procedures to ensure they align with board policies and current practices in the school and it is fantastic to have these all up to date. We recently had elections in the College for the student representative on the board and are delighted we have Sam Anderson back again for another term. We certainly appreciate the perspective that our student and staff representatives bring to the board table.

As usual this term we have been getting regular reporting on the academic achievement of our students, and are very grateful for all the extra time staff are giving to support students to achieve their goals. Thank you to all those parents who provided responses to the survey on the curriculum conducted earlier in the year. At Board meetings we have been discussing the changes to our curriculum which Staff have been involved in the planning of for the last 18 months. We are looking forward to seeing these changes implemented in 2020 – with lots of innovation and differentiation in terms of curriculum occurring within a structure we know works well. During Term 4 we will be assessing progress on our annual goals and reviewing our activities as a board over the last year. It is always exciting to be looking forward, and to be considering our goals for 2020, and how we can best facilitate them through the setting of a budget.

Meanwhile I look forward to meeting many of you at our end of year school activities and events – it is so great to celebrate growing successful young men and women together!

Ngā mihi nui

Juliana Mansvelt
BOT Chair
Horowhenua College

Sam Anderson
Student Representative
Horowhenua College Board of Trustees
September 2019 – September 2020





Jimmy Carter Quiz



On August 28 our quiz team competed in the annual Jimmy Carter Quiz held in Palmerston North where we were to defend our title of 2018 Champions against 11 other colleges.

Each team has five members with one from each year group. Our team for 2019 was Nathan Eyles, Robert Wylie, Jasmine Beach, Oliver Bau and Jesse Dahya (Captain).

There were seven rounds consisting of 10 questions each round. As the quiz progressed it quickly became apparent that the two top teams were PNBHS and NUA. We did not do well relative to PNBHS in the first round and consequently spent the rest of the evening in catch-up mode. While we gradually closed the gap PNBHS (64 points) narrowly beat us by just 3 points and therefore are the 2019 champions. We were runners up, 16 points ahead of the third placed team.



Overall a commendable result for our team who worked extremely well together, displayed great composure and resilience, and were great ambassadors for our College. Well done team. Looking forward to 2020.

Mr Tate
Social Sciences
Teacher



Namiki High School



For just over a week at the start of Term 3, a group of students from Namiki High School in Japan had their annual visit to our college.



They participated in a range of activities including cooking, rock climbing, and a trip to Foxton Beach. It was a pleasure spending time with them and sharing our cultures, and we look forward to receiving another group of Namiki students again next year.

Christina Cameron
International Prefect

Youth MP



Jamie Harper is Nathan Guy's Youth MP. In this role Jamie represents student voice at community events and Youth Parliament.

Jamie recently had the opportunity to explain his role at the recent Rotary Club meeting.



9cB Bottle Rockets



What happens when you increase the pressure in a bottle so much that it explodes?...you get a bottle rocket.

Year 12 Creative Catering

The Year 12 Creative Catering students had the opportunity to do a coffee appreciation course at Horowhenua Learning Centre in the last week of term. This was a great opportunity for our students who received a certificate on completion of the course.





Senior Art Classes



Students in the senior school are working with high motivation this term on their folio paintings. The pressure is on to complete to the deadlines. All the senior art students are Level 1, 2 and 3 and the folio is their external standard worth 12 or 14 credits. Many art students are doing two folios this year.

Folio completion dates are:

Level 1	18 October
Level 2	25 October
Level 3	4 November

The work this year is stunning and the students are very talented and highly motivated. I am thrilled with their progress.

Mrs Gilroy
Head of Faculty Arts





Outdoor Education



The Year 11 Outdoor Education group training in the Foxton Mountain Bike Park. What a great day it was to be outside and getting fitter.

Mr Cox
TIC Outdoor Education

Mr Gary O'Brien—QSM





Eureka Young Science Leaders Forum



Last month we had the opportunity to attend the Eureka Young Science Leaders Forum at Government House in Wellington.

We started our day by mingling with other students until we were asked the question of the day 'How can we build resilience in the four areas of: inner resilience; community resilience; economic resilience and infrastructural resilience'. We worked alongside students, teachers, scientists and Her Excellency Dame Patsy Reddy.

After we had collaborated within our groups, it was time to present our findings. We both represented our groups and established how we can build resilience. All the groups shared the common idea that communication and working together as a community is the key to recovering after a catastrophic event.

The day was an eye-opening experience and gave us an opportunity to meet Generation Z's change makers which inspired us to become more proactive within our community.

Renee Smith &
Brianna Chow
Year 12





Te Wiki o te Reo Māori



The annual whanaungatanga day between Waiopahu, Horowhenua and Manawatu Colleges was held for the 4th year running and this year was hosted by Manawatu. This is a fantastic day for the rangatahi from all three colleges to get together and get to know one another in a friendly sporting environment. This is also a way for us to celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

Traditionally Manawatu started this off with “Horohopu” a traditional game using a large poi. In the second year Waiopahu hosted “Kī o Rahi” which was fantastic. Last year our college hosted with the expert help of Matua Tipi and played “Ariki”.

Manawatu College elected to do Kī o Rahi which the students all enjoyed playing. We were treated with a fantastic hākari at the end of the day in a great show of manaakitanga. We look forward to going to Waiopahu next year.

Matua Chris
Māori Dean





St Joseph's Design Technology

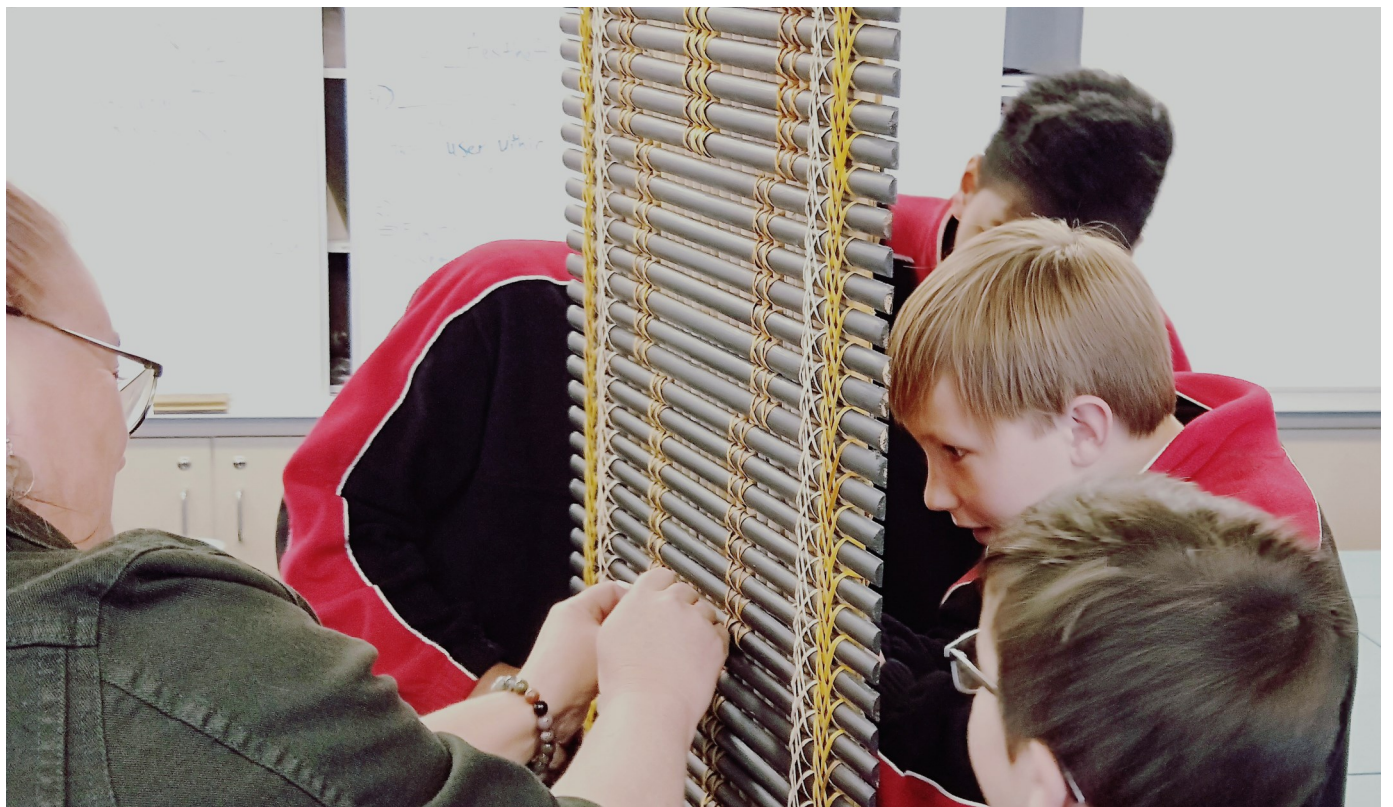


This term we were really lucky to have a special guest speaker, Pip from Te Wānanga o Raukawa to teach our St Joseph's Design Technology class about the art of tuku tuku panels.

They learnt about the original materials, meanings and methods behind the commonly recognisable traditional Māori art form.

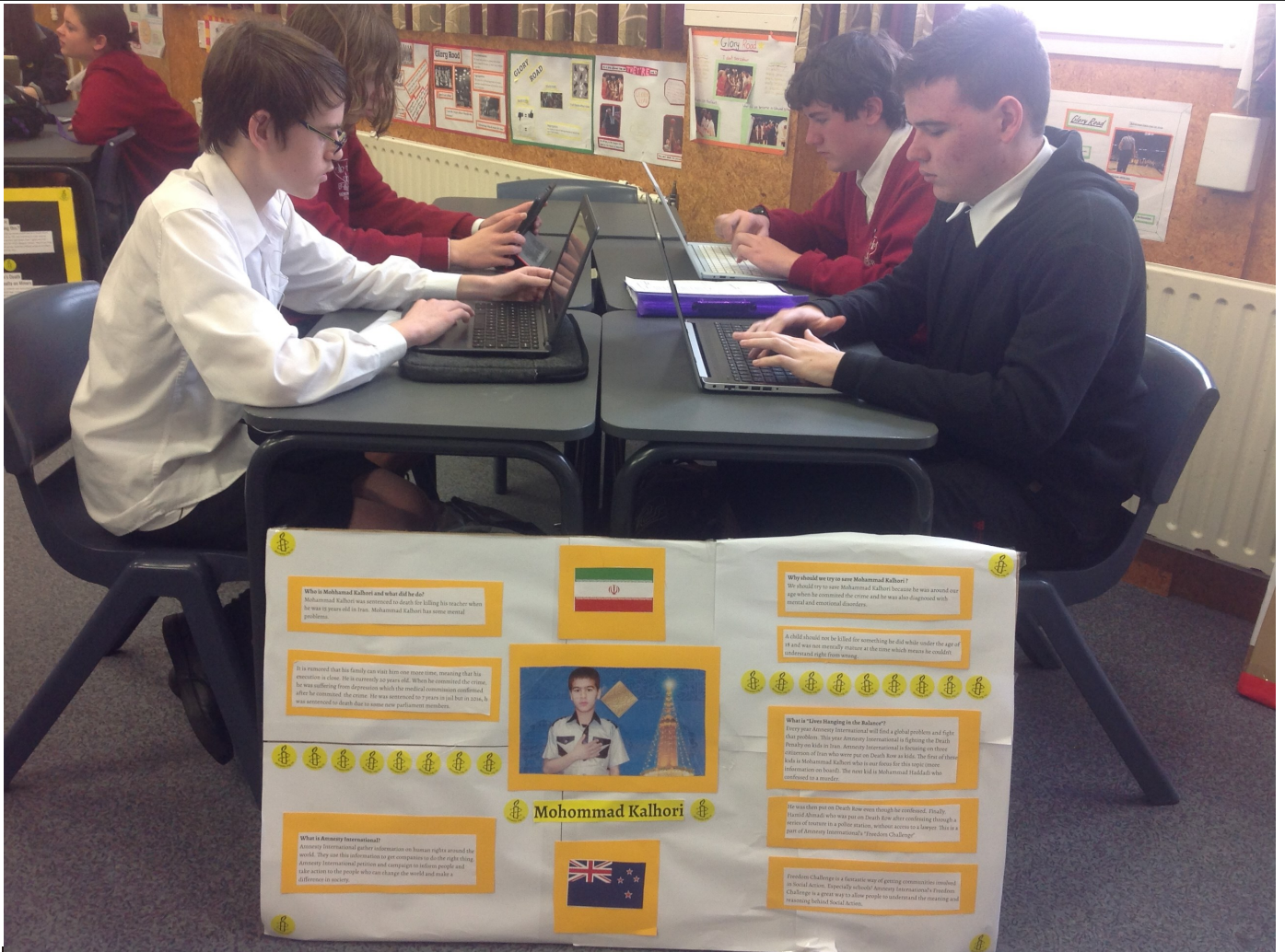
The students really enjoyed contributing to the partially finished panel Pip brought in to show them before they got back to their own mini version of poutama that was being woven to go on their reusable shopping bag project.

Miss Elliott
DVC Teacher





Level 1 Studies of Society



Each year the Level 1 students take part in the Amnesty International Freedom Challenge. The focus for 2019 was 'Lives Hanging in the Balance'. This focused on the 90 juveniles who are currently on Death Row in Iran.

The students worked in groups to raise awareness of this Human Rights issue - petitions were signed and letters sent to the Iranian Government and Embassy.

Ms Grey
Head of Faculty Social Sciences



Level 2 Social Studies

This year the Level 2 students chose either the Salvation Army Foodbank or KidsCan as the focus for their personal social action. Poverty is a real issue in our local community and by supporting these two groups Horowhenua College students are helping the more vulnerable members of our community.

Ms Grey
Head of Faculty Social
Sciences





Level 2 Chemistry at work. Studying the Iodine Clock reaction





Sports Roundup

Winter Sports Team Results

Basketball - Senior Boys

So proud of the handful of boys that consistently fronted up each Friday. Great skills, resilience and, at times, patience shown by the team when the officiating whistle did not go their way.

Basketball - Junior Boys

A great campaign to learn and build with this great bunch of boys who competed in the Junior Premier Grade with 10 other teams. Over the 12 rounds the boys came out with 3 wins.

Football - U14 Boys

Winners with 7 wins from 7 games in their 9 teams, division 2 grade

Football - U16 Boys

2nd place with 9 wins and 2 losses in their 8 teams, division 1 grade

Football - 2nd X1 Boys

4th place with 4 wins and 6 losses in their 8 teams, division 2, U18 grade

Football - 1st X1 Boys

Winners with 9 wins from 9 games in their 7 teams, division 1, U18 grade

Football - 1st X1 Girls

Placed 5th in round one with 3 wins and 5 losses, missing out on advancing to the Premiership Grade, but eventual Championship Grade winners in round 2 with 4 wins from 4 games.

Football - 2nd X1 Girls

4th placing with 4 wins and 8 losses in their 12 teams, Conference Grade

Hockey – Boys

Great to have these boys hang in there & see out the season. 4th place with 5 wins and 4 losses in their 8 team, division 2 grade.

Hockey – Girls

Middle of the table finish for our girls. 4th place with 3 wins, 3 losses & 2 draws in their 8 team, division 1 grade.

Netball

Nua A – 1st Premier 2 Group B

Nua Development – 5th Collegiate 1 grade

Nua White – 7th Collegiate 1 grade

Nua Social – 4th Collegiate 1 grade

Nua Red – 6th Collegiate 1 grade

Nua Black – 5th Collegiate 2 grade

Rugby – Girls

Te Waiwhenua U15

Placed 3rd in the competition.

Te Waiwhenua U18

Placed 2nd in the competition

Rugby – Boys U15

5th place - Youth 1 grade.



Sports Roundup



Annual Week vs. Waiopahu College

As hosts, it was great to see support from both colleges at all fixtures. This annual sporting rivalry saw some fierce competition and close games. Waiopahu were the overall winners 5 / 3.

Results from each game:

Boys Basketball - 87-74 loss

Girls Hockey - 1-1 draw

Boys Hockey 1-5 loss

Boys U14 Football - 1-0 loss

Boys 1st X1 Football - 4-0 win

Girls 1st X1 Football - 2-1 win

Netball - 35-20 loss

Rugby - 24-29 loss



Summer Sports

Girls Volleyball

A double header kicked off the season for our junior girls team, who unfortunately went down in both matches. Term 4 may see the inclusion of a boys team.

Cricket

Cricket will start in Term 4 with our 1st XI Boys team.





Sports Roundup



If your student is participating at sporting events outside regular school competition it would be great to acknowledge their participation/achievements. Please email me on sport@horowhenua.school.nz

Lastly a huge thank you to all our parents and caregivers that help with transport, coaching and supporting our NUA teams.

Keep safe and enjoy the holidays.

Andi Hirini
Sport Coordinator

Right: Sam and Racharn at the NZ Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls Competition





Netball Tournament Week

This year our Nua A team travelled to Wellington for the annual Lower North Island Secondary School Netball Tournament. This was the first time that the tournament was played inside at the ASB stadium in Kilbirnie.

We played a total of nine games with 3 wins and 6 loses over the span of 5 days. I would like to commend the team on the way they not only represented themselves but also their families and our school. We finished 22nd which was an improvement from last year. We bid farewell to our Year 13 student Jemma Baines who led her team well on and off the court.

We have a young team and look forward to competing again next year.

Ngā mihi

Whaea Vicki

TIC Netball



Pulse player Maddy Gordon taking the Nua A Team for their warm up



Careers News

Once again we have had a really busy term in the Careers Department. We started the term in a new space. We said goodbye to the Careers Centre and moved into A8. A8 is a cosy little space with great views and is nice and warm. As it is a smaller room we think 'Careers Hub' is an appropriate title. There are also plans to have a dedicated 'Uni' section in the school library, so watch this space for that.

Universities returned this term to help students with applications and course planning. We also took buses to the Massey, UCOL and Victoria open days. Our students are very lucky to be in a position to visit these tertiary institutions.

Gateway students have been completing work placements in many varied workplaces. They are working on unit standards and starting to plan for their future directions.



First aid courses are continuing with a mixture of staff and students. This is really worthwhile training and something that every workplace requires.

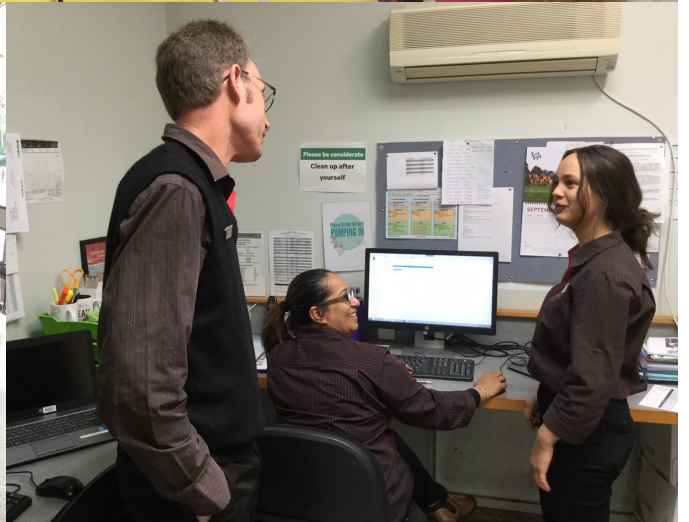
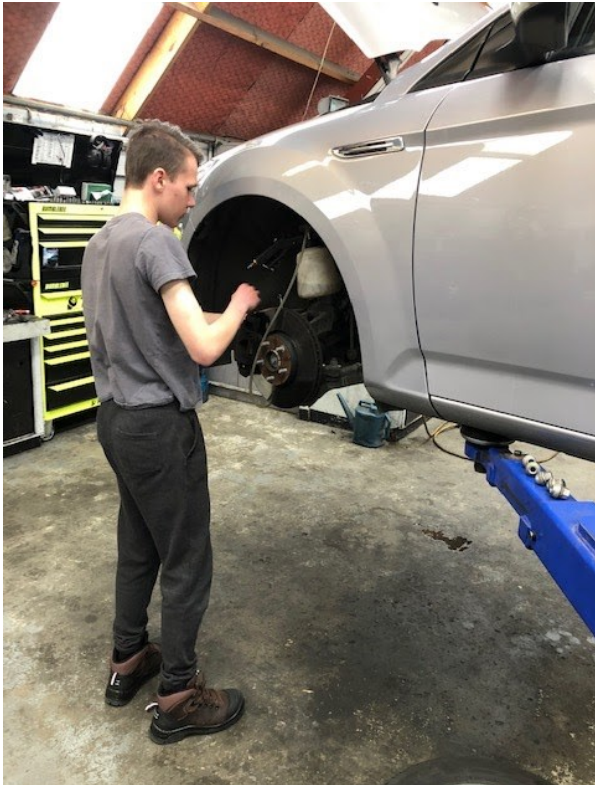


Driving lessons have been progressing well and more students this term have taken the opportunity to get on the programme. Currently we have 27 students that are taking lessons and we have had 12 students achieve their restricted licence. Employers tell us that having a minimum of a restricted licence is essential. This programme will continue throughout Term 4. For more information about this programme students need to see Ms Hale in the Careers Hub.

Year 10 Work Week is unique to our school in our region. We feel it's important for our students to learn about the world of work. Some of the skills and knowledge they get can only come from being in the workplace and we are grateful to the business community that support this valuable programme by hosting our students for a week.



Careers News



Thank you to the students, parents, Horowhenua business community and Horowhenua College staff for supporting the Careers Department and helping our students to have another successful term.

Ms Hale
Careers Advisor/Gateway Coordinator



Services Academy

This term the Horowhenua College Services Academy has had a number of events happen. Over the week 12-16 Aug, Tipene Murray and Kiara Jeffery ventured off to attend the New Zealand Defence Force structured Advanced Leaders course in the Kaitoke Recreational area, Upper Hutt.

They were joined by selected students from the other Services Academies in the Central Region. These students were selected due to their good leadership skills and recommendations from the Basic Leaders course earlier this year. They both enjoyed themselves and came away with good skills in leadership and team work. I hope they apply these skills at school and with their peers. Well done.



During the month of September we have seen the departure of a number of academy students to the real world of employment and adulthood. The leavers from the academy are: Aaliyah McMahon, Zander Rowan, Piahana White and Gabriel Woolston. I wish them all the very best on their new journey ahead and the future.

The Year 10 Academy option has boosted its numbers from eight to nineteen students. A good mixture of the quiet, the mischievous and the keen learner, these students are doing well. They are learning military oriented activities and basic life skills. The Year 10's are a good class to work with and teach.

The Year 11 Academy students are progressing very well with their life skills unit standards and health and safety. The Senior Academy is preparing for its last NZDF course in October. On Monday the 21st of October the academy will travel to Waiouru to compete in an Adventure Challenge race against twelve other Services Academies from the Central Region. This is a three day race of challenging team activities, resilience, leadership and determination. It will be a good race that all the students and staff will enjoy.

No rēira tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

He tauira, he tauira, he tauira.

What is the most important thing in this world?

It is students, it is students, it is students.

Ngā mihi

Raymond Hunia

Services Academy Director



CHOGM

If you think waking up at 5am every morning is a struggle, spare a thought for those who have to catch the morning train to Wellington. For two chilly, wintry days, that was my reality. I was joined by Samuel Hanson and Deputy Principal Mr Jason White. Together, we took part in the School CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting), held at Parliament on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th August this year. Following a lengthy application process, Sam and I were chosen as delegates to represent a country currently within the Commonwealth, with the intention of becoming delegates for that country; in other words, their Prime Minister and their Government. That country was Jamaica. We had six weeks to research facts of Jamaica. We also had to know our government's position on migration, human rights, cyber security and economic policies inside-out. I had always assumed the only things Jamaica offered the world were Bob Marley, Cool Runnings and rum.

Sitting down at the grand table between India and Kiribati was an interesting start to proceedings. There were students from all over the country present, from as far away as Auckland and Dunedin. I felt some of the delegates were under prepared, but I was happy with how the newly appointed 'Jamaican Ambassadors' stepped up to the plate.

As a delegate, you have to decide on your verdict based on what your government and your people believe. As such, we had to stand in opposition to gay rights. During the meeting, we were told that if just one country ruled against a motion made, it would fail, and Jamaica was the only country to outwardly oppose a motion on making gay rights mandatory. This led to a deafening debate. I stood there, making quick comments on the issue, while Sam skimmed through our fact file, to give our argument more ammunition. He researched, I spoke. Following a ten minute debate, the motion was voted on, and out of the 30 countries present, three voted against. We were then hammered during the mock press conference about our country's stance on the issue. Again, we came back with a strong argument and they backed down.

Overall, the two days were an amazing experience in a setting I hadn't experienced before. There were many other highlights, such as the state dinner, which was cooked by Parliamentary staff, and the photo opportunity with former Governor-General Sir Anand Satyanand, but a lot was learned from this opportunity, such as the communication skills we needed to get our point across. I'd like to thank Samuel Hanson for taking part in the School CHOGM with me and Mr White, for organising our transport over the two days, and for looking after us while we were there. This is an opportunity I would love to take up again if given the chance, and would deeply encourage anyone to take part in.

Oliver Bau
Year 12





Duke of Edinburgh



The Duke of Edinburgh award programme for 2019 started in Term 2 with students developing fitness and outdoor education skills on Friday afternoons after school. A group of 5 students just completed their Bronze Adventurous practice journey to Field Hut on the last weekend of Term 3 - a good test of resilience for the majority who had never been tramping before. It was a long 3 hour climb up through the misty forest canopy to the historic hut which we shared with Manawatu College's Duke of Ed group, playing endless games of mafia in our sleeping bags and listening to the rain on the roof while the fire struggled to get going on wet wood.

The next day we bundled up in our wet weather gear for a sodden descent down slippery moss covered rocks and tree roots and were relieved when we finally crossed the swing bridge and jumped into the cars headed for civilisation and hot showers, leaving the trauma of smelly long drops and heavy packs behind!

Miss Elliott
TIC Duke of Edinburgh





Level 3 Biology Trip



The Year 13 Biology class enjoyed an educational day out at the zoo. The educators focused on evolution and then animal behaviour. Both were extremely interesting and useful preparation for the upcoming external exams. We all especially enjoyed the antics of the otter brothers who are very cute!

Mrs Prentice
Assistant Head of Faculty Science





Inter House Competitions



It took a while for the weather to be just right but eventually the Inter House Chalk Challenge went ahead!!





School Strike for Climate



Kaitiakitanga is a term which represents how connected we humans are with the planet around us. Many Māori see themselves as kaitiaki and practise kaitiakitanga by looking after our environment and increasing awareness of 'giving back to the land'. On the 27th of September, 35 members of Horowhenua College went to Palmerston North to participate in the climate strike. The essence of this strike was to make global companies aware of their role as kaitiaki (guardians) to our beautiful planet. However, for me it was more than that. Many of our young people are ignored by politicians and at the end of the day it will be their generation who is left with the previous generations' right and wrong doings. Therefore, to allow our students to participate in this strike gave them a voice, a view of positive social action and the drive to become more empowered.

A special thanks to Mr Congdon for permitting our rangatahi to promote their voices and their roles of kaitiaki. Another special thank you to Ms Thomson who organised the whole trip. I hope the political action will continue to allow our wonderful students to express their viewpoints about their future and the impact of climate change.

To the students, always persist and do not give up increasing the awareness of kaitiakitanga and the importance of your future.

Mauria te pono
Miss Joice
English Teacher





School Strike for Climate





Winter House Sports and W.O.W





Parliament Visit



On the 24th of July, 36 students from Horowhenua, Waiopahu and Manawatu Colleges travelled down to Parliament in Wellington, for an inside look at the political process that governs our country. Students were given a tour of the Parliament buildings, which included the Debating Chamber, Select Committee Meeting Rooms, and Parliamentary Library, followed by a Q+A session with MP's Hon. Nathan Guy and Hon. Nikki Kaye from the National Party within the National Caucus Room.

Students had the opportunity to ask various questions about education and youth issues, which were both intuitive and well articulated. The group then had lunch at National House. Here, they were greeted by fellow National MP's Chris Bishop and Nicola Willis, who engaged in deep political conversations about their pathways into politics.

At 2pm, the students returned to Parliament to watch Question Time from the Gallery, before coming home. Overall, the trip was a fantastic insight into the workings of Parliament and the National Party. Students are already looking to engage further, many of them looking into joining political institutions, whilst others are considering taking political courses at university.

I would like to thank the yEP, (Youth Empowerment Project) for gathering students from Waiopahu and Manawatu College; Anne Rogers and Nathan Guy, for organising all other aspects of this trip; and Mr David Tate, the teacher from our school who looked over us for the day.

Oliver Bau
Year 12



Dates for your calendar

Dates are added to our school calendar throughout the term. Please refer to the parent portal for updates.

October

Monday	14	Term 4 starts
Tuesday	15	Year 10 Speech Finals
Friday	18	Year 13 Mufti Day Level 1 Art Folio Day Biology Scholarship Workshop Prefect candidates training day
Monday	21	Services Academy Adventure Challenge (All week)
Tuesday	22	Mufti Day - Full school
Thursday	24	College Sports Awards
Friday	25	Level 2 Art Folio Day
Monday	28	Labour Day - School closed for tuition
Wednesday	30	Board of Trustees Meeting Manawatu Sports Awards Prefect speech assembly
Thursday	31	Cultural Awards

November

Monday	4	Level 3 Art Folio Day
Wednesday	6	Final full assembly
Friday	8	NCEA Exams start
Wednesday	27	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday	28	Leavers Dinner
Friday	29	Senior Prizegiving

December

Monday	2	Activities Week (Monday 2 - Thursday 5)
Tuesday	3	NCEA Exams finish
Friday	6	Junior Prizegiving

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