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NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

December 2016

Kia ora koutou,
Talofa lava,
Greetings Everyone

Welcome to the last NUA News for 2016... and what a year it has been. The year has been full of activities and opportunities for students to pursue their chosen career pathway and to participate in the process of what we do here, which is growing successful young men and young women.

We are very excited about our anticipated academic results. Academic achievement is our core business, and staff and students have been working extremely hard towards achieving the best results possible. In regards to this I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to our hard working staff, to whānau and family and all those in the community who have partnered with us to achieve these results.

A number of staff are leaving at the end of this year. We have acknowledged these staff at our prizegivings and in our staffroom.





A Word from the Principal

Donna Peters, teacher of Spanish, is about to enter her well earned retirement. John Ridge, teacher of Mathematics, is also about to retire after a long successful career of teaching. Ross Bland, teacher of Science has gained a position at Freyberg High School. Denis Buckley, Carpentry teacher, is entering retirement. Denis is



another long serving staff member who has had a significant investment into the lives of many students. Jo Jensen, teacher of Science, has gained a position at St Bernards in Wellington. Mark Smith, teacher of PE and Outdoor Education, has won a position as teacher in charge of the Outdoor Ed programme at Cashmere High School in Christchurch. Sally Kerr, Head of Mathematics, is retiring and is yet another of our staff who has had a wonderful career in the teaching profession. Daryl Warburton, Deputy Principal, has gained the position of Principal of Waitara High School. Daryl starts his position in Term 1 of next year.

To all of these staff, I wish them all the very best for their next step, be that to another teaching position within education or into their retirement. Thank you for all you have done for our students at Horowhenua College.

The inter house competition went to a new level throughout 2016. House spirit is alive and well with staff and student house pride very evident. Numerous inter-house competitions were run throughout the year with Rata House taking away the Todd Shield as the winning house.

There are many other highlights of 2016 which I could go on and on and on about. Better for me to finish here and let you read this NUA News. Having read all that has been achieved by our students I am sure you will be as proud of them as I am.

Happy Christmas to you. All the best to you and your family and whānau as we head towards another exciting year of growing successful young men and young women at Horowhenua College.

Ngā mihi
Grant Congdon





Board of Trustees

Tēnā koutou katoa

Our final Nua News report for 2016! Term 4 is always a busy term in school calendar for staff and students alike, with a considerable amount of assessment and numerous school activities. Thank you to all those parents/caregivers, friends and whanau that came along to one of our recent awards ceremonies: for sport, arts and culture, service academy, gateway graduation and/or our academic prizegivings. These occasions are opportunities not only to celebrate the success of our students but provide moments to reflect on the learning opportunities and culture of our College. This was my first experience of attending all of these celebrations, and it was exciting to see the values which comprise the NUA way (being responsible, successful and building relationships) endorsed at all these events. The values are also at the core of our School Charter, a document which the board will be revising in consultation with our stakeholders during 2017. We do hope that staff, students, parents/caregivers and the various communities we serve will have input into the future strategic direction of Horowhenua College through this charter review process.

In Term 4 we continued our major revision of our school policies and procedures. This is a huge task, and the Board are really grateful for all the work undertaken by Mr Congdon and Miss Moerkerk on altering the Horowhenua College procedures. Major revision of our policies and procedures will also occur during 2017, and these will be reviewed regularly. This term we have created a Children and Young Person's protection policy, and a revised Health and Safety Policy (both of which are available from Mrs Searle). We intend to post these up on the school website along with our other governance and National Administration Guideline policies.

Thanks for the time and effort of Finance Committee members, Dylan Kiriona, Mr Congdon, and Leanne Phillips (the school's Executive Officer) we have revised the format of the finance reports received at board meetings. These reports are clear and concise and enable us to track our income and expenditure in line with our budget. The build of the new science labs is progressing and we look forward to the completion of these in 2017. During Term 4 we also had reports from the Health and Safety Governance committee, which brings to the Board any health and safety matters we need to consider.





Board of Trustees

Substantial progress has been made this term with tracking student attendance, and early indications suggest that the range of strategies in place to identify and assist those students at risk of not achieving has been successful. A considerable amount of staff time has been invested in this and it is very exciting to know that this year's NCEA results are predicted to be the best yet!

We received news a couple of weeks ago that the Education Review Office (ERO) will be visiting Horowhenua College during the week of the 6th of March. While we have self-review processes in place and are reviewing our governance practices as a Board of Trustees, we appreciate ERO reviews are an important part of growing professionally as a school. Accordingly, we welcome the chance to talk with the ERO officers about how we are doing and to get their reflections on the next steps we should take as a Board and Management on our learning journeys!

I'd like to take this opportunity again to thank our wonderful Board of Trustees team: Garry Good (deputy chair), David Tate (Staff Rep), Toni Baker (Student Rep), Nikki Simpson-Tukapua and Dylan Kirona (Parent Representatives), our Principal/Tumuaki, Mr Congdon, and Mrs Searle for fantastic support as Board Secretary.

Wishing all our staff, students and their families a blessed and enjoyable Christmas and New Year!

Ngā mihi

Juliana Mansvelt, (Chair)

Horowhenua College Board of Trustees





Prefects 2017



Congratulations to the 2017 Prefect Team.

Back Row: James Atkinson (Academic Prefect), Fraser Bartholomew (Sport Prefect), William Tuttiett (Academic Prefect), Jimi Aungiers (Deputy Head Boy, Sport Prefect), Connor Parker (Art/Culture Prefect),

Middle Row: Jaimee Harris-Woolston (Social Prefect), Lily Dowd (Pastoral Prefect), Marianne Hyslop (International Prefect), Danielle De Burgh (Social Action Prefect), Jamie Lynn (Sport Prefect), Jotham Harris (Head Boy)

Front Row: Toni Baker (Student Representative Board of Trustees, Chairperson Student Council), Alexa Bryant (Deputy Head Girl, Academic Prefect), Poppy Antonsen (Head Girl), Makayla Parata (Social Prefect), Mr Congdon

Insert: Raiha Kiriona (Art/Culture Prefect)



Sports Awards



The Horowhenua College Sports Awards evening for 2016 was held in October highlighting and recognising our many talented athletes. Every year more and more students are putting themselves in a position to be recognised as our school's top athletes which is great to see.

For the first time, this year students were able to gain “Sports Certificates and Badges” throughout the year. This allowed them to be recognised for their sporting successes as they were achieved. Those reaching the highest level and gaining a NUA badge were able to wear them on their uniform.

Our guest speaker for this year was Kate Bolton an ex-student who is in the NZ women's canoe polo team that won a world title in Italy earlier this year. It was great to have someone who has sat in our students’ position not so long ago and to listen to her speak about how she has got to be in the position she is in today. Kate has made a lot of sacrifices to reach the top and I know all students gained a message or two about what they need to do.

Our two top team awards this year were thoroughly deserved by the winners and had tough competition for the honours. The first was for the “Team of the Season”. This went to the Senior A Netball team. This team had an outstanding season highlighted by been runners up at the Lower North Island Secondary School Netball Champs in B grade which promotes them to A grade in 2017. We have not had a team in A grade for 17 years.

The second team award is for a “one off” performance from a team. This year the clear winners were the Junior Girls Canoe Polo team who won a NZ title. We have a very promising group of young ladies in this team who I am sure will go far.



Sports Awards



Left: Q&A time with guest speaker Kate Bolton and MC Gary O'Brien

The major individual awards went to Tim Searle (Best All Round Sports Boy) and Caitlin Huria (Best All Round Sports Girl). Tim's awards recognised his achievements in Hockey, Cross Country, Swimming

and especially Taekwondo where he won three Oceania Gold medals. Caitlin was recognised for her accomplishments in Netball, Basketball, Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming where she qualified and swam at the Rio Olympic trials.

Our highest sporting achievement award went to Sophie Bloxham. Sophie is an accomplished cyclist competing regularly all over NZ. Sophie is a current NZ U19 champion. Just as school finished Sophie was off to compete at the Oceania Championships in Australia.

It is always great to reward and see the high calibre of athletes Horowhenua College has. There are many students who do not get recognised on this evening but have committed themselves to a sport and training for hours day in day out. We encourage all of you to not give up and continue to set and achieve your goals. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year for another year of sport at Horowhenua College.

Melissa Signal
Head of Faculty PE & Health





Cultural Awards



The Cultural Awards were held in October to acknowledge the achievements of our students in a wide range of cultural activities. The evening was an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the cultural life of the school. We created a gallery atmosphere in our Hall with highlights of the school's visual arts, performing arts and creative endeavours on display. The awards were interspersed with performances from our amazingly talented students including Nga Wai O Manawhenua kapa haka, our Poly Group, the Shakespeare Festival performers, the Stage Challenge group, musicians, dancers and junior speech winners. Congratulations and well done to the 140 students who received awards on the night.





Senior Prizegiving



Nga Wai O Manawhenua, the combined colleges kapa haka, opened our Senior Prizegiving with a rousing haka pōwhiri. This was a fabulous way to start this very important evening where we acknowledged the academic achievements of our senior students. There were many significant achievements announced including a number of tertiary scholarships. In total, over \$100,000 worth of scholarships and prizes were awarded and we are extremely grateful to the large number of community organisations who supported our students by donating these scholarships and prizes. Congratulations and well done to all the recipients. Academic success is our core business at Horowhenua College and we enjoy celebrating when this is achieved.

Above: Dux, Hayden Young. Below: Promima Accessit, Keiran Batten Below Right: Geordie Parrant





Junior Prizegiving

Junior prizegiving this year was held on a very warm morning which was ironic given the weather we had to endure for most of Term 4.

Two guests attended this year: Mr Campbell from the Horowhenua Council, and Mr Rollinson representing Levin Rotary. Dr Mansvelt spoke outlining her first year as Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees; the Principal summarised achievements of the year, and the departing head students - Jordan Sue and Anna Newman - spoke of their recollections of their junior years at college. The ceremony itself was hosted by Patrick Galea representing the speech finalists of 2016, Te Ariki Graham representing Rangatahi Ora, Margiana Fonoti representing the Pasifika students and Jaymie Evans-Walsh who had been a Year 10 representative on Student Council this year. The musical interlude was delivered by Faith Cole-Sullivan (accompanied by Mr Taylor) singing the Elvis Presley song "Can't help falling in love with you."

The Supreme Awards saw six students lined up on stage: the Blenkhorn Memorial Awards were won by Te Ariki Graham and Carla Brick; the runner up at Year 9 was Isaac Bishop with the top Year 9 student being Ethan Roentgen of 9CH (he won the Old Pupils' trophy). Year 10's runner up was Jaymie Evans-Walsh and that left Christina Cameron of 10MA to accept the Old Pupils' Association cup and the \$150 cheque from Rotary for top Year 10 student.

This was followed by a Rangatahi Ora inspired haka, and an enthusiastic and energetic rendition of the National Anthem. The students were told they had all advanced a year so they went to get their reports and the staff went upstairs for a final staff meeting. And that ended the 6th Junior prizegiving that Mr Smith had organised since 2010. Sooner or later, everyone went home to contemplate a long year and to mentally prepare for 2017.

Mr S Smith - Junior prizegiving convenor.





Activities Week

Rotorua Trip

This year we took 38 students, 4 teachers and one intrepid bus driver - Ellen - up to the land of sulphur and tourism for four days of fun, excitement, and the unexpected. We got all those - and more. Mr Smith, Whaea Pani, Mrs Northern and Mrs Gilroy had oversight for a throng of eager juniors who were not disappointed.

New this year was our stop at the Aratiatia Rapids north of the Huka Falls, where they release the waters of the Waikato River every two hours in summer; the torrent was spectacular, and it was free. Also new this year was the Motion Entertainment Centre in East Rotorua where we discovered many attractions including trampoline arenas, ten-pin bowling, a 3D reality ride involving shooting werewolves, minigolf and more. This complex had only opened two weeks earlier.

Normal activities included the luge down Mt Ngongotaha, the Big Splash at Rainbow Springs; jet boating at Agroventures where we went bungy swinging, bicycle-capsule riding and jet engine free flying. There was shopping, a walk through Ohinemutu, swimming in the big lake, dining hall duties, a dog which punctured our football, a teacher with a migraine, and even an ambulance one evening. We shared the camp with students from Massey High School in West Auckland and Wairere School near Morrinsville

The weather was hot and everyone agreed that it was great fun. This was Mr Smith's 7th trip and next year will probably be his last before he hands it over to a new generation of thrill-seekers. This trip has real value for students; they get to see tourism in action, an unfamiliar part of the country, the chance to hang out together away from Levin, and the opportunity to see their teachers outside the classroom. Isaac Winchcombe won the luge trophy despite a leg in plaster.

My thanks to the staff, driver and students who helped make this a memorable four days.
Mr S Smith





Activities Week



Surfing at Mount Maunganui 2016

A team of 12 students signed up to take on the surf at Mount Maunganui. We travelled up on Monday to Papamoa where we stayed at Pacific Park Christian Holiday camp. Tuesday dawned bright and sunny with the waves looking excellent for the girls to try out their skills on the surf board. All managed to stand up, some for longer than others. Learning to master those waves is harder than the pros make it look. Wednesday was spent practising some more and by the end of the session, the girls really were starting to get the hang of it. My thanks go to Mr O'Brien for his excellent catering and to the girls, you were all great company.

Happy Surfing
Mrs Petterson





Activities Week

Cupcake Competition!!



Variety Trips

A team of approximately 45 Junior students embarked on the 4 day, 8 activities challenge of Variety Trips 2016. Our trip saw us visit Himatangi for paintballing, Palmerston North for LazerTag, Daytona Raceway and the Lido, Porirua to the Adrenalin Forest, Kapiti Ten Pin Bowling and Focal Point Movies in Levin.

A good time was had by all and the students were a pleasure to be with and were a credit to the college with their behaviour.

Mr Fearon





Gateway Graduation



The Gateway Programme supports senior students to access structured workplace learning. The achievements of the students involved in the Gateway programme this year were acknowledged at the Gateway Graduation ceremony which was well attended by parents, staff and employers. Whaea Pani, the Gateway teacher, summarised the workplace experiences of the students then they were presented with their Gateway graduation certificates. Some of the students entertained us

with presentations in which they reported on the skills and knowledge they had gained in their workplaces. Whaea Pani also acknowledged the contribution of the employers who had provided placements for our students. Without their support the programme cannot run and we are very fortunate to have many employers who have been part of the programme for a number of years now. Congratulations to all the Gateway students and many thanks to the employers who supported them.

Service Academy Graduation



Our Service Academy students have completed another successful year which culminated in a well attended graduation ceremony in front of our flagpole. Thank you very much to our Board of Trustee members who were able to attend as well as representatives from the War Veterans Home and the District Council. Thank you also to the many family members who attended. Together we were able to celebrate the achievements of our Service Academy students.

The interest from students to be part of our Service Academy is high with a large number of enrolments being processed. We look forward to another full and successful year with our Service Academy students in



Careers Day Ohakea



Six of the Services Academy Students were privileged to attend a careers day at the RNZAF Base Ohakea. It is one of the three Air Force bases in New Zealand and is also New Zealand's third largest airfield. There are over 1,000 people employed at the base which incorporates both Military and civilian roles and it is home to Base HQ Ohakea. The students got a good insight into the career opportunities available within the air force which included the flying squadrons and technical



support and trade related units. The visit included an induction into the base fire service and their operational equipment. The Airforce offers a stimulating and interesting work environment with an understanding of the necessity for work/life balance along with excellent remuneration packages.

Robin Hudepohl
Service Academy Assistant to the Director





Year 10 Speech Results



Year 10 speech winners left to right:
1st Brooke Burns, 2nd = Grace Fuauli, Lesieli Tuifua, 3rd Alina Croad

Art News

Congratulations to Hannah Wedlock (right) who won the top prize at the Arts Society exhibition. Students from Waiopahu and Horowhenua Colleges were invited to display their work at the two day event. The Horowhenua College Art department entered over 50 folios alone, and we in the department are thrilled that Hannah has received the top



prize. She is one of our most talented art students, and this year she completed three art folios, in Painting, Design and Photography. This is a huge achievement. Well done to you, Hannah.

This is Stephanie Tarrant (right) with her winning Chorus Box design. Her art work has been selected to be in the Chorus Box calendar for 2017. 12 paintings out of 25 have been chosen nationwide. She has also completed her chorus box on site, situated on Queen street. This is a stunning result from our Art Department.

Mrs Gilroy
Head of Faculty Arts



Uniform Requirements 2017

We appreciate the expense and effort that parents and caregivers make in order to have students meet the College's uniform standards. To assist us in maintaining this high standard please go through the uniform requirements below with your child to check that what they are wearing as uniform is acceptable. Remember skirts must be knee length so please help us to enforce this.

Uniform is only available from **Clarks Clothing** on Oxford Street in Levin.

Junior Uniform - To be worn by Year 9 and 10

Girls	Grey college skirt with monogram knee length or longer White striped college blouse with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Black tights or black anklet socks with shoes
Boys	Grey college shorts or trousers with monogram White striped college shirt with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Grey with red stripe college knee length socks with shorts; short plain black socks with trousers
Shoes	Black polishable shoes Black roman sandals
Jacket	Black monogrammed college jacket or plain black jacket
PE Uniform	Navy blue college PE top with monogram. Plain black shorts

Senior Uniform – To be worn by Years 11-13

Girls	Black college skirt with monogram knee length or longer White short sleeved blouse with monogram Ruby red college jersey or cardigan with monogram Black tights or black anklet socks with shoes
Boys	Black college shorts with monogram to be worn with college knee length socks Black college dress trousers with monogram White long sleeved shirt with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Grey with red stripe college knee length socks with shorts; short plain black socks with trousers Ruby red Horowhenua College tie (optional Term 1, compulsory Terms 2-4)
Shoes	Black polishable shoes Black roman sandals
College Blazer	Ruby red blazer with monogram
Jacket	Black monogrammed college jacket or plain black jacket



Uniform Requirements 2017

NB

For formal occasions ie prize givings, representing the college, sports trips etc senior boys will be required to wear college trousers.

All Students

Boys must be clean shaven.

Excessive makeup, unnatural hair colour and coloured nail polish (on fingernails or toenails) is not permitted.

Correct uniform is to be worn by all students when they are:

- Attending school
- Travelling to and from school
- Representing the College on sports, cultural and educational trips
- Attending College functions

Jewellery

One or two small, plain studs or sleepers in each ear.

A watch.

One necklace/pendant/taonga, one ring, one bracelet: all of these to be small and unobtrusive.

Any facial piercing should be “invisible” (ie. a clear plastic retainer).

Spacers are not acceptable. Students who already have spacers must see their Dean.

Hats

No hats are permitted to be worn.

Uniform Passes

If a uniform pass is required due to a short term issue please write a note to the Whānau teacher giving the date by which they can expect your son/daughter to be back in uniform.

If the issue is longstanding you will need to contact the Dean to discuss ways of addressing the matter.



Year 9 and 10





Uniform Requirements 2017



Year 11-13 Uniform





School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Dates are added to our school calendar throughout the term. Please refer to our website www.horowhenua.school.nz for updates.

January 2017

Tuesday	24	College Office will be open from 9am-3.30pm.
Wednesday	25	Year 11 - 13 subject confirmation day in the hall 9am Students with surnames from A-G 10am Students with surnames from H-P 11am Students with surnames from Q-Z
Friday	27	2017 Prefect Leadership Training. Meet at 9am in the Whare
Monday	30	8.40-3pm Peer Support Leaders Training
Tuesday	31	No school

February

Wednesday	1	8.40am-3pm Year 9 Student Induction Day with Peer Support Buddies. Bring pen, paper and lunch. Gather at 8.40am for the Year 9 Powhiri. Parents are welcome to attend. 8.15am Service Academy students start.
Thursday	2	8.40am-3.10pm All students in.
Monday	6	Waitangi Day - School closed for tuition
Thursday	9	Year 9 Parent Sausage Sizzle 5pm in the quad
Thur-Fri	16-17	Year 13 Camp
Thursday	23	Parent NCEA Information Evening
Friday	24	Swimming Sports

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