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## NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

December 2019

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

2019 has been an amazing year. Every year is busy, exciting, challenging and fulfilling...and 2019 was no different. There have been many highlights throughout the year and in recent prizegivings and ceremonies it has been an opportunity to reflect on many of these occasions and achievements.

Ultimately it all comes down to our students - what they achieve and how they are growing into successful young adults.

In this regard I am extremely proud of what has been achieved throughout 2019. Working with teenagers is satisfying and fulfilling, but it is also full of challenges. Our staff have worked extremely hard to draw the best out of our students to encourage them towards fulfilling their goals. I fully appreciate our staff for all of their work throughout 2019.

I am also very appreciative of our Board of Trustees who have provided amazing governance for our college.

We look forward to 2020 and all of the challenges and celebrations that are ahead of us.

Merry Christmas everybody and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Ngā mihi

Grant Congdon

Principal



## A Word from the Board Chair

Kia ora koutou

The school term has ended and the Board is almost at the end of its work plan for 2019. We have the 2020 budget to sign off, and that finishes what has been another busy year. I would like to acknowledge again the wonderful job done by our amazing group of trustees: Garry Good (Deputy Chair), Bob Slade, Nikki Simpson, Dylan Kiriona (Parent Elected Trustees), Hanchen Johnson (Staff Representative), Sam Anderson (Student Representative) and our Tumuaki, Grant Congdon. We farewell Dylan from the Board in the New Year as he joins the staff of Horowhenua College in the position of Dean of Māori students. Dylan has made a significant contribution to the board during his years of service with his understanding of Te Ao Māori and his expertise in finance, and his will be a very hard position to fill. However we are delighted that Dylan is not really leaving us, and our loss as a board will definitely be a gain for the education of our taura at Horowhenua College! Our sincere thanks also goes to Kate Searle who does a tremendous amount to facilitate the work of the board and myself as chair as our Board of Trustees secretary. To have such a capable support person is a real blessing and we are very grateful for all that she does, not just in this role but in supporting the running of the college!

Signing off the budget is not simply an economic exercise but one which reflects a great amount of effort and time by our finance committee (Dylan Kiriona, Bob Slade, Mr Congdon and our Executive Officer, Leanne Phillips). Leanne proficiently provides all the financial information and reports that the board need to make good decisions - decisions we couldn't make without this valuable financial oversight. Our financial decisions also reflect the board and management priorities for 2020 in relation to academic goals and curriculum development, and in relation to our other pillars; arts and culture, service and sport. As a board we are aware that there is always something we can do better and progress to be made, so balancing our aspirations against budget realities is always a challenge. However we are delighted that we will have a little extra thanks to Government funding for property development over the next two years, and that we will be able to take advantage of the support for 'fees free' for curriculum activities for 2020.

It was wonderful to acknowledge the achievements of so many of our students at recent prizegivings and events. Celebrating the myriad of ways in which our young people grow and succeed is one of the favourite parts of my job as Board Chair - as a board our heart is to see our students thrive and leave school with the skills and education they need to embark on their chosen pathways, whether this be straight into employment, work based training or onto tertiary education. This is a task the board could never achieve on our own and for which we appreciate your support as parents and whānau. A job that also is dependent on the significant efforts and commitment of the Senior Leadership Team, Deans and Heads of Faculties, and all our teaching and support staff. Thank you all for partnering with us in this!

Keep safe and well over the summer, and I look forward to another great year of learning and growing for us as a college in 2020.

Ngā manaakitanga  
Juliana Mansvelt  
Chairperson  
Board of Trustees





## Senior Prizegiving 2019



Our Senior Prizegiving is always a highlight of the year as it celebrates a year of hard work. At the start of the year we encourage our students to set goals for themselves so that at the end of the year it is very fulfilling for our students when they see these goals achieved.

At our Senior Prizegiving it is also the opportunity to introduce our Prefect Team for 2020 and announce our Head Boy and Head Girl, and Deputies. You will see their photos below.

Congratulations to all of our students who were acknowledged during this Prizegiving. A special note of congratulations to Jemma Baines who was awarded the Dux prize for 2019.







## Senior Prizegiving 2019



Top Year 12 Student - Ethan Roentgen

2020 Head Prefects - Jared Davis (Deputy Head Boy), Tonga Ngaluafé (Head Girl), Jamie Harper (Head Boy), Renee Smith (Deputy Head Girl)







## Junior Prizegiving



Top Year 10 student: Anand Ranchhod and Italy Collings, Top Year 9 student: Nathan Eyles







## Outgoing Staff



Rob Cox

Colin Taylor

Carol Adams

Luciana Abriata

Polly Joice

Dee Ngarepa

At the end of 2019 we have 9 staff departing our college. Their time with us ranges from 1 year through to 30 years. Their time with us at Horowhenua College is greatly valued by everybody and everyone of them has made an investment into the lives of our students. We wish them all the very best.

The leaving staff are:

Richard Maclean	Mathematics
Jennifer Brodie	Social Studies
Tracie Pile	English/Te Reo Maori
Dee Ngarepa	PE & Health
Polly Joice	English
Luciana Abriata	Mathematics
Carol Adams	Head of Faculty Technology
Colin Taylor	Mathematics, Business Studies
Rob Cox	Outdoor Education



Tracie Pile



Above: Jennifer Brodie

Below: Richard Maclean







## HDC Youth Excellence Scholarship



Each year the Horowhenua District Council award scholarships to students from the three colleges.

Congratulations to our four students who were acknowledged. We are very proud of them!

Art & Culture: Oliver Parrant, Christina Cameron

Academia: Josh Madgwick, Abbey Smale







## Art Portfolios

The senior art students really impressed us this year with their dedication and commitment to the Visual Arts subjects. The quality of work submitted for their external portfolios was outstanding, and we hope they receive the grades they deserve when their results come out in January. They have all been a pleasure to teach, and we wish the Year 13's all the best with their endeavours next year.











## Samoan Appeal

When the opportunity from the Horowhenua District Council arose to donate towards helping families in Samoa who have been affected by the measles epidemic, our 2020 Head Girl, Tonga Ngaluafe, jumped at it. With her sidekick aka Jamie Harper, Head Boy 2020, they put the word out to the college and community.

Well done everybody on the generosity shown. Your contributions will go a long way towards helping some of the families in Samoa.

...and well done Tonga and Jamie.



## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This is the third year that students from Horowhenua College have been involved in the Shoe Box for Christmas Social Action.

This year 10 CD took control of the fundraising and along with a Mufti Day raised over \$1500. The students were able to present to Therase Apatu at Oranga Tamariki 60 boxes of gifts as well as 2 bags of extra gift items and \$50 cash.







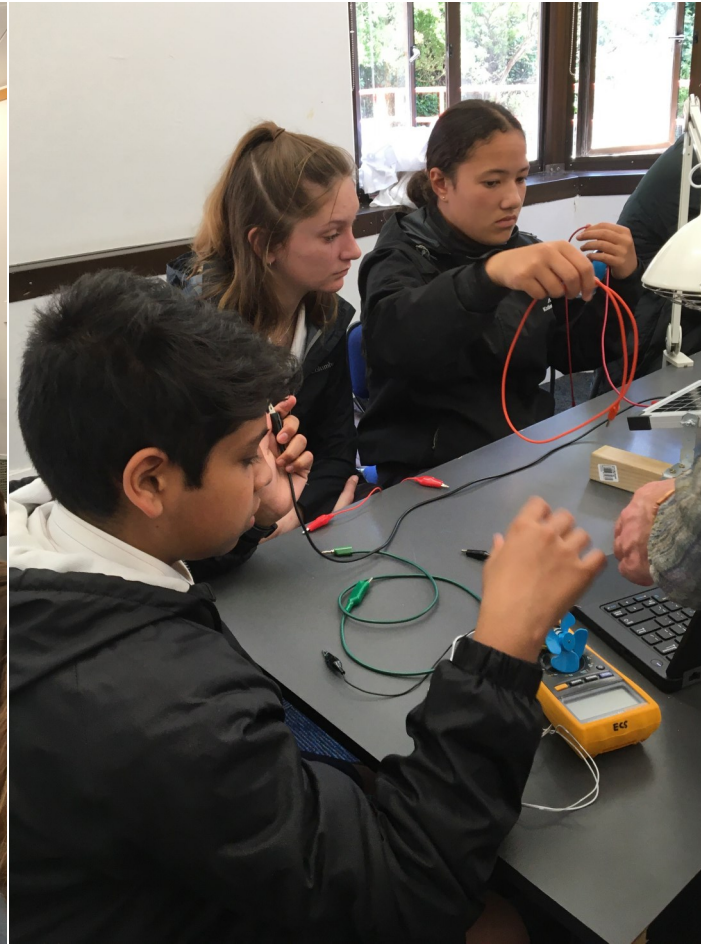
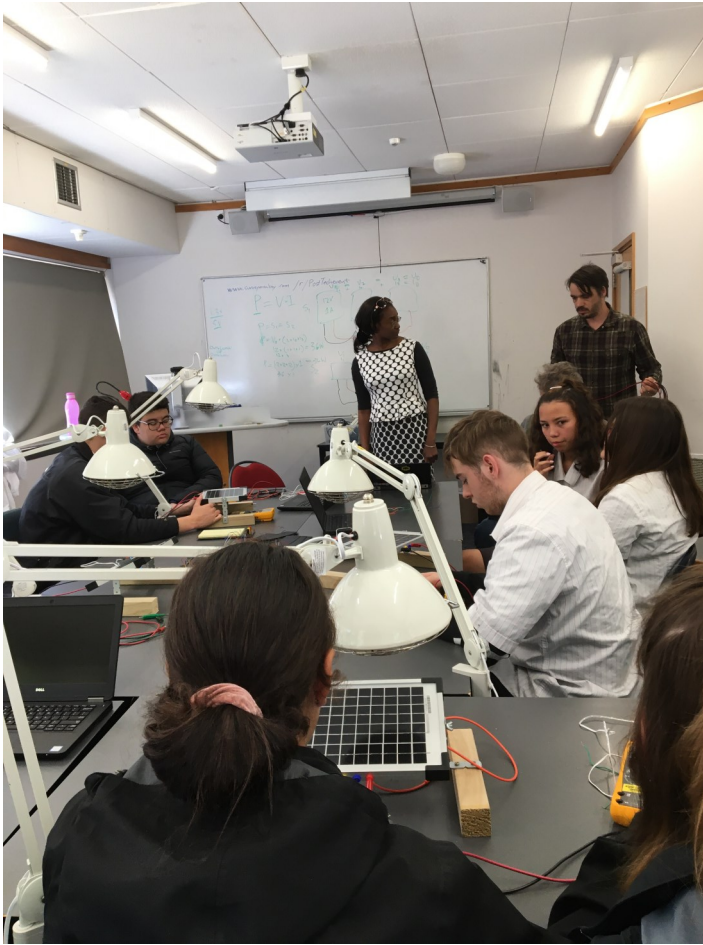
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## PTC Trust Trip to Victoria University



A group of Year 10 students accompanied by Mrs Adams, Mrs Lewis and Lauren Collette from the Partnership Through Collaboration (PTC) visited the Renewable Energy division of the School of Engineering. This division is a new area that the University is developing and the staff from Victoria are keen to get school students involved in an outreach programme.

The students programmed some robots to draw different shapes and used solar panels to investigate how the angle to the sun affects the electrical energy produced. The students got the chance to use equipment not available to them at college and interacted with a number of undergraduates who assisted the students.

It is envisaged that next year the university will work with approximately 30 of our students to study renewable energy by bringing staff and equipment from the university to college.

The recent trip was the culmination of a year long initiative between the Science and Technology Faculties at the college. We really appreciate the financial support from the PTC Trust that enabled the students to have this experience at Victoria University.

Mrs Lewis  
Head of Faculty Science







## Year 13 Design Technology



The Year 13 Design Technology class designed and built a chicken coop and compost system in Partnership with Parihaka Marae in Taranaki. The class went to install the chicken coop system late November.







## Sports Write Up

### **Touch - Senior Mixed Team**

This was our first year participating in the strongly contested weekly touch competition held at Queen Elizabeth College in Palmerston North. Big thanks to Krishla Beckham and Lance Hanson for their continued support in coaching and transport for this team. It was disappointing that some players choose not to turn up to training, resulting in the last two games being defaulted.

Reminder: ALL UNIFORMS need to be returned to the school to avoid an invoice being sent home.



### **Volleyball - Junior Girls**

An 8 week schedule saw Matua Dee and Miss Holloway continue building this code with the junior girls competing in the Monday night competition. It was great to see our girls holding their own with games against Waiopahu and Manawatu Colleges, in preparation for their teams travelling to Volleyball Nationals. This was a great platform for our girls to work towards in 2020. Thank you to Jenny Holloway (Marika's mum) for her help transporting our girls to their games.

### **Cricket**

Our 1st X1 boys cricket team are well into the summer competition thanks to the continued support of Gary & Jacob O'Brien and Matty Good in collaboration with Levin Old Boys Cricket Club. Congratulations to both Hemish Patel and Sam Anderson with your recent tons.





## Sports Write Up



### Futsal

Students Tonga Ngaluafe and Jaymie Evans-Walsh organised these girls to compete with 7 other schools in the weekly futsal competition being played at Massey University. Sitting at 4th place with 6 points, our girls have one more game scheduled for the 16th December. Good Luck - thank you to Jaymie's mum, Donelle, for driving the school van, and to all our parents that help with transport.

Please, if your sons or daughters are participating in any sporting event outside of regular school competition, it would be great to acknowledge their participation/achievements. Email me: [sport@horowhenua.school.nz](mailto:sport@horowhenua.school.nz)

A massive thank you to all our parents, caregivers and staff that help with transport, coaching and supporting our Nua teams. Keep safe and enjoy a well deserved holiday.

Ngā mihi

Andi Hirini  
Sports Coordinator





## Duke of Ed Term 4



In the second to last weekend of Term 4, the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award participants completed their qualifying adventurous journey in the Ruahine Ranges. This was an opportunity for the students to put into practice all the skills they had learnt throughout the year as they flew solo and worked together as a group to complete a 2-day journey independently. They vlogged their way through gear and route planning to food preparation and hut protocol, even catching a few humorous episodes of sleep talking during the night. Despite getting very little sleep, a 3am wakeup and fast 2.45hr head torch hike in the dark to Sunrise Hut on the top ridge, we were rewarded by a breathtaking fiery ball ascending from the horizon and casting the rugged landscape in pastel light. The students showed skill, leadership, enthusiasm and commitment, demonstrating the real spirit of the programme and a fantastic weekend was had by all.







## Services Academy Prizegiving

Well, what a year it has been! December has come upon us fairly quick and Christmas is around the corner.

December has been busy for the Services Academy with Year 10 activity week, prizegiving, end of year parade and the clean up.

The Year 10 activity week for the academy was from the 1st to the 3rd of December. Some Year 10 and I went off on an exchange with Naenae College and Queen Elizabeth College (QEC). We were all hosted by QEC and also stayed at their school where. The exchange was more of a get together between the academies, where we all conducted visits to military establishments like Ohakea Air Base and Linton Military Camp. We also did various sports activities, team building activities with an Army unit and finally a drill competition against the academies. It was an enjoyable 3 days for the Year 10 students to meet and mingle with the other students from different colleges, and to form a bond and make friends. The students enjoyed it.

The end of year parade was conducted on the 5th of December. It was a parade to showcase the academy and recognise the efforts and hard work the students had put in and achieved throughout the year. It was also a parade where the Year 10s, Year 11s and senior class all came together.

There was a pleasing turnout of guests and whānau. The following guests were invited to view the parade: Board of Trustees Chair, Dr Juliana Mansvelt, Education Adviser, Māori Engagement Sector Enablement and Support, Mr Terence Hikawai, and Youth Development Platoon Commander for the Central Region, Staff Sergeant Pat Cooney.

At the Junior Prize giving held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December Jesse Parker (Terms 1&2) and Calais Murray (Terms 3&4) received the Services Academy Excellence awards. Well done to them both.

I would like to thank our Principal Grant Congdon for giving me this opportunity to manage the Academy, and the staff for being a great bunch of supporters.

Until next year, have a very merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. Reflect, recharge, and return with a positive attitude and lots of aroha for our rangatahi.

Be safe and safe travels. See you all in the new year.

Staff Ray Hunia  
Services Academy Director











## College Information

# HOROWHENUA COLLEGE

## BEGINNING OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS 2020



The College Office will open from 9.00 am - 3.30 pm as from Wednesday 22 January. Senior Management and Deans will be available for enrolments. Please phone the college office for enquiries or to make an appointment.

### **Tuesday 28 January**

8.40am - 3.10pm Year 9 Students Orientation Day 1 with Peer Support Leaders. Bring device, pen, paper and lunch. Gather at 8.40am for the Year 9 Pōwhiri. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. Students to be in uniform.

11am - 1pm Senior students with subject clashes or who wish to change subjects please meet in the hall with Deans.

### **Wednesday 29 January**

8.40am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 2 with Peer Support Leaders.

### **Thursday 30 January**

School closed for tuition.

### **Friday 31 January**

8.40am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 3 with Peer Support Leaders.

### **Monday 3 February**

8.40am - 3.10pm Classes start for all year levels.

Buses will be running at the normal times from Tuesday 28 January.

**Grant Congdon**  
Principal

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