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# NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

Term 1 2017

Kia ora koutou,  
Talofa lava  
Greetings everyone

I can hardly believe it ... Term 1 is over already!. It doesn't seem that long ago we were welcoming our new students and staff to college with a powhiri.

2017 started with our whole college celebrating our NCEA results from 2016. Here is a summary of what was achieved:

	Horowhenua College	National Average
Passes at Level 1	78.3%	86.5%
Passes at Level 2	81.0%	89.9%
Passes at Level 3	89.0%	83.4%
Passes at University Entrance	63.4%	62.9%

Our passes at Levels 2 and 3 are the best our college has ever achieved at NCEA. This represents a huge amount of work from our students and our staff. We are very proud of what was achieved and are focused on building on these very pleasing results.

It has been a real pleasure to welcome a number of new staff to Horowhenua College. We are enjoying having them on the team as we work together with our students. You will meet them as you read on.



## A Word from the Principal

There have been many highlights, achievements, challenges and successes throughout the term. I am grateful to everyone who has contributed to our most important work of growing successful young men and young women. Rather than hearing more from me I encourage you to read on, where you will find information on some of the amazing things our students have been up to.

Enjoy reading...and celebrating with us. We are very proud of our students and our staff, and we look forward to a busy and productive Term 2 ahead.

Ngā mihi  
Grant Congdon  
Principal

## Year 9 Pōwhiri





## A Word from the Board Chair

Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome again to any families new to the school in 2017! If you are interested in knowing more about what the Board of Trustees does, just check out the Horowhenua College website (under the 'About' Tab, then 'Board of Trustees') and you will find updates on our work, written after each board meeting. We began the year with a reflection on the analysis of our achievement results from 2017. It was great to celebrate our best results at NCEA level 2 and 3 ever. You can also find our annual report on the school website. The annual report provides a summary of our academic goals from 2016 and reflects on the extent to which we achieved them. This year we are aiming to sustain our excellent academic results looking to extend what we did well across the school, but also directing our attention to areas in need of improvement. We have five specific goals for 2017: to raise the academic results of boys at NCEA Levels 1, 2, 3; to increase the use of IT teaching to facilitate student learning; to increase levels of culturally responsive teaching and relationships within the school; to identify and respond to the learning needs of our students who are at risk of not achieving and to implement an effective reward system at college. At each Board of Trustees meeting our tumuaki Mr Congdon gives us a report on the progress being made in relation to these goals.

It has been a busy term for the Board and management with a visit from the Education Review Office (ERO), and the appointment of a new Deputy Principal. Officers from the Education Review Office come into the school on regular cycle in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the education our students receive. We had a positive and productive visit with the ERO reviewers so are looking forward to receiving the report. Approximately two months after their visit the Education Review Office (ERO) makes its report public so we are hopeful this will be released by the end of May. The ERO report should highlight what we are doing well, and also the next steps for us as a school.

Last month we had spent a considerable amount of time shortlisting candidates and interviewing for our new Deputy Principal. We are delighted that Mr Jason White (currently Deputy Principal at Ruapehu College, Ohakune) has accepted the position of Deputy Principal. We will be holding a pōwhiri to welcome Jason into the college on the first day of Term 2. We are very grateful to Ms Louise Mattheus for the great job she has done as Acting DP during Term 1, and to all our teaching and support staff for their hard work during this 11 week term.

Work on the science labs continues and at the moment things are on track for their completion mid year. It is only Term 1 and it is wonderful that we are already getting reports of student successes in sports, culture and the arts. It is so good to celebrate not only the academic achievements of our students, but also all the other facets of school life which help grow successful young men and women.

Wishing you all a blessed and relaxing Easter Holiday break.

Ngā mihi  
Juliana Mansvelt  
Board Chair





## New Staff for 2017



Misbah Sadat  
Head of Faculty Mathematics



Tobias Meyer  
Mathematics Teacher



Bethany Nicholas  
Mathematics Teacher



Alicea Brosnan  
Mathematics Teacher



Bhavik Patel  
Science Teacher



Polly Joice  
English Teacher



Kelly Oldridge  
Outdoor Education Teacher



David Brewerton  
Technology Teacher



Karen McCall  
Relieving for Mr Cox while  
he is on sabbatical.



## New Staff for 2017



Carole Brungar  
Librarian



Shauna Kauri  
Sports Coordinator



Rochelle Pratt  
Technology Assistant



Yvonne Lane  
Administration Assistant

## KCP Physio

KCP Physio have a physio at the Student Centre on Monday's 1-3pm and Fridays 9am - 12pm.

This is an ACC free service for all students and teachers at the college.

To make an appointment please contact KCP Physio on 021 668703 or 3688280. If texting please put in your name and college. You must make an appointment to be able to use this service. Please note it is only free at the college.







## 2017 Prefect Team

This year Poppy and I have the privilege of leading an enthusiastic and effective group of sixteen young adults known as the Horowhenua College Prefects. The personal and professional growth we have seen among the team in the first term has exceeded our expectations and we are very optimistic for the challenges ahead.



Alexa Bryant  
Academic



William Tuttiett  
Academic



James Atkinson  
Academic



Jotham Harris  
Head Boy



Poppy Antonsen  
Head Girl

The prefect team is divided into 8 portfolios;

In the academic portfolio we have Alexa Bryant, William Tuttiett, and James Atkinson. They are responsible for academic events such as house quizzes and university visits.



Jimi Aungiers  
Sports



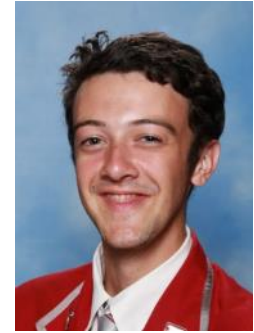
Jamie Lynn  
Sports



Fraser Bartholomew  
Sports



Makayla Parata  
Social



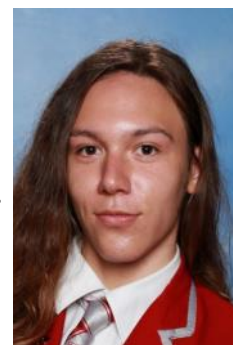
Jamiee Harris-Woolston  
Social

In the sports portfolio we have Jimi Aungiers, Jamie Lynn, and Fraser Bartholomew. They have been heavily involved in the organisation and facilitation of school wide sports events such as athletics day and swimming sports.

In the social portfolio we have Makayla Parata and Jamiee Harris-Woolston. They work actively to establish relationships and interactions between all year groups and parts of the school.



Raiha Kiriona (pictured left) and Connor Parker (pictured right) fill the Arts and Cultural portfolio. Both work for the expansion of opportunities and involvement in these areas which often do not get the same attention as academics but are equally important in developing well-rounded individuals.



In charge of Social Action is Danielle De Burgh, who has a number of activities well underway including the 40 Hour Famine, and Shave for a Cure.

Lily Dowd is in charge of the Pastoral role, which aims to train students for peer mediation of conflicts, and encourage them to use these skills in real life situations.

Marianne Hyslop is our International prefect. She manages students from overseas on both long-term and short-term exchanges to ensure they experience the best New Zealand has to offer.

Toni Baker is simultaneously the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees and the Chairperson of the Student Council, a multifaceted role which requires a lot of hard work and commitment.



**Danielle De Burgh**  
**Social Action**



**Lily Dowd**  
**Pastoral**



**Marianne Hyslop**  
**International**



**Toni Baker**  
**BOT Student Rep**

So far, our prefect team has managed to successfully organise a number of events including a Year 9 and 13 dance: a pool party and disco designed for both year groups to bond. This was a great opportunity to establish a fun and lasting relationship between these cohorts. A few of our team were also involved in the interview process of the new Deputy Principal, who we are excited to welcome at the beginning of Term 2. This allowed us to experience what it was like to be asking the questions as opposed to answering them. Additionally, we had the pleasure of meeting Year 9's and their parents at a Welcome BBQ. This allowed the team to represent the college seniors as a year group and help our Year 9's settle into college life the best we could.

In the future we hope to increase participation in school-wide events such as cross-country, in order to encourage house spirit and engagement within the school. An important part of Horowhenua College's culture is the competition between our four school houses and, as a prefect team, we aspire to embody the NUA way in all that we do; house events, sporting, the arts, and academic achievement - our core business.

An upcoming event we are all looking forward to is the Horowhenua College School Ball. Social prefects Makayla and Jamiee are currently working very hard with their committee to ensure this evening is a great success.

We are extremely proud of each and every member the team. We look forward to the terms ahead and watching the team come together as both colleagues and friends.



## 2016 NCEA Results

Late in Term 1, the NCEA results for 2016 were confirmed by NZQA. For Horowhenua College those results represent a significant improvement, especially in Levels 2 and 3, where they are the best NCEA results the college has ever achieved.

As well as celebrating these results, we are working hard to ensure our levels of academic achievement remain high .... And to continue to improve even further.

Here is a summary of our results. National results are added as a comparison. Results are 'participation based' data from NZQA.

Numbers in %	Horowhenua College	National Average
NCEA Level 1	78.3	86.5
NCEA Level 2	81.0	89.9
NCEA Level 3	89.0	83.4
NCEA Level 1 Literacy	93.2	91.4
NCEA Level 1 Numeracy	88.6	90.1
NCEA Level 1 Endorsed with Excellence	12.8	19.8
NCEA Level 2 Endorsed with Excellence	17.6	16.1
NCEA Level 3 Endorsed with Excellence	20.5	14.7

Each term we celebrate our students success with a Badge Assembly. In Term 1 we celebrated our Academic Success after the release of the NCEA results. Congratulations to all our students who achieved so well. It is always a pleasure to watch these young men and women achieving at a high level.

We would also like to congratulate our 2016 NCEA Scholarship recipients: Karen Ryan, Painting; Hayden Young, Biology and Chemistry; Jotham Harris, English; Jordan Sue, Accounting and Elle Young, Accounting.







## Year 13 Camp

In week 3 of Term 1, the Year 13 students were given the opportunity to go and stay at Matau Marae. Over the three days, we shared an endless amount of laughter, our interests and the goals that we have for when we leave college. It gave us the chance to grow relationships and bond with each other, and set us up as a successful Year 13 group who start together strongly and finish together strongly. To say we made lifelong memories is an understatement, as I'm sure none of us will be able to forget the voices we heard at our karaoke night - for both good and bad reasons. A personal highlight for us included the beach sprint competition, where our wrestling skills over the winning baton were put to the test in the finals (Danielle came away with the win in the end).

At the end of our trip away we had Massey University come to visit, and give us information that definitely broadened our horizons in regards to career paths we could pursue after finishing this year. The importance of goal-setting and achieving Level 3 was also reinforced, and we left with a refreshed mind on how we want this year to go and our ambitions for next year.

Thank you to those that made this camp such a fun and memorable one. To Mr O'Brien, Mrs Northern, Whaea Pani, and all the staff that were involved in making this camp happen, we thank you. Your time and effort that you put into us didn't go unnoticed, and we really do appreciate it. A huge thank you also to Matua Chris, Whaea Kawa and Rangatahi Ora for inviting us to stay at your marae. Your warm welcome set the tone for the whole camp, and we were extremely thankful for everything you did - from the friendly smiles to the delicious food. The camp was a complete success and we walked away with new memories and friendships that will last years from now.

Last but definitely not least, we want to give a shout out to our new friend Tyrin who joined us in the beginning of this year, and who hopefully no longer feels like the 'new kid from Upper Hutt'. Tyrin you are an amazing sport for handling the constant jokes and puns you had thrown your way.

Marianne Hyslop and Danielle de Burgh.







## Swimming Sports

On Friday 26th March we held our annual school swimming sports at Horowhenua College. In the morning we had our senior school swim, then in the afternoon we had the juniors. This day was very successful in getting students to step out of their comfort zones and into the pool. The programme included four competitive races and many fun events. This variety gave all of our students, sporty and not, a chance to get into the pool and have some fun. As well as an opportunity to have and race, it was also a chance for houses to earn some precious house points. The results from the day left Hinau on top. Overall it was a great day, lots of participation and great attitudes made for a really fun day.

Jimi Aungiers  
Sports Prefect







## Year 9 Tabloids

The annual Tabloid Sports was another great success. It continues to be a great introduction for the Year 9's to showcase all of our college's facilities and strengthen their bond with their Peer Support leaders. The a variety of fun team building exercises for the new wave of incoming students and enabled them to get to know each other and enjoy themselves while doing so. Throughout the day, both the teachers and the Year 12/13's in Peer Support helped to set up equipment and ensure everything was in order for the afternoon to run without a hitch. The events in which the Year 9's participated included kicking a football into mini goals, canoe races across the widths of the pool, running/diving across the waterslide, medicine ball circuits, gumboot tosses and walking with a golf ball on spoon and trying to keep it afloat. Throughout the hour they spent participating in the events, they were also gathering points for their houses for each student that had a go in each event. Ultimately, Hinau emerged the victors with Rata closely following in second place. Kowhai managed a hard fought third and Ngaio were dragged into 4th at the event's conclusion. The weather on the day was also beautiful with the sun out and the temperatures high, making it a great day to get active outside and have a quick dip into the pool in between. The Peer Support leaders and the Year 9's both equally enjoyed the occasion as they were able to develop stronger relationships with one another that transfer over into their respective weekly peer support sessions. The Tabloid Sports of 2017 was a big success and even the teachers were able to join in on the fun and help their house group in gathering as many points as possible.

Fraser Bartholomew  
Sport Prefect







## Year 9 Welcome Dance



On Wednesday the 8th of March the school held its first social event, the Year 9 pool party and welcome dance. This was a really enjoyable night for all who went and it helped build new relationships between the Year 9's and the Year 13's. Highlights from the night would have to be all the Year 9's trying to show up the Year 13's in their dance moves, and of course the mannequin challenge. I'd like to thank everyone that helped the social prefects organise this amazing event that I'm sure will be a night to remember.

Jamiee Harris Woolston, Social Prefect







## Athletics

Our school Athletics day ended up being an awesome turn out even though we expected to be washed away by rain.

The participation level from all houses was impressive and the quality of the competition in each event was high. We also saw a good effort in costumes which made the day so much more exciting for us all.

I'd like to thank all the teachers and helpers who set up super early on Friday and to everyone else who made the day and events run smoothly.

And let's not forget a huge thank you to the students who participated, grabbed some points for their houses and made the most out of Athletics day 2017.

Jimi Aungiers  
Sports Prefect





## Cricket

The 2017 season was a relatively successful one for Horowhenua college cricket. With the majority of the 1st XI boys team having been in the side since Year 10 we thought we had a good chance of competing with the big schools and we were finally looking forward to the challenge of national knockout Gillette Cup cricket for the first time in 7 years.

Our challenge started off well with a convincing win against Paraparaumu College. Batting first the innings got off to a bad start with us losing two wickets in quick succession. However we found a hero in the form of Horowhenua Kapiti Junior Player of the Year, Bailey Te Tomo, who hit an elegant 82 dispatching the ball to all parts of the ground and looking totally untroubled until his dismissal. Te Tomo found support in the form of Fraser Bartholomew (32) and Caleb O'Connell (30) but a lower order collapse lead to the side being bowled out just shy of their 50 overs for 192. Things started well for the Horowhenua side with Horowhenua Kapiti Senior Player of the Year, Fraser Bartholomew, clean bowling the 2 openers in quick succession and after Caleb O'Connell bowled Paraparaumu college's danger man Yannick Van Deburg for just 17 the win was never in doubt. The strong bowling attack rolled over Paraparaumu for 112 with leg spinner Kobe Monk and Bartholomew bagging 3 wickets each.

After being crowned Horowhenua Kapiti champions from the Paraparaumu match the boys moved on to their biggest challenge when they faced the Manawatu champions Palmerston North Boys High School 1st XI. The day started positively as Captain Bartholomew won the toss and elected to bat on what appeared to be a wicket perfect for batting. After a switch around in the batting order Kobe Monk and Ben Watson started off slowly but well enough until Kobe Monk was bowled in the 7th over. Soon after disaster struck as star batsmen Bailey Te Tomo missed a straight one third ball to send him back to the sheds for a duck. There was not much left to talk about in the innings after that. Opener Ben Watson and Fraser Bartholomew tried their best to repair the damage but after Watson departed after nearly an hour and a half for a determined 13 the Palmerston North spinners were too much for our inexperienced batting line up which featured 7 ducks. Bartholomew batted with the tail for nearly 2 hours farming the strike to graft through to a high score of 23 before being bowled trying to up the scoring rate and soon the rest of the team followed for just 63. The very strong Palmerston side knocked off the 64 to win without loss and went on to win the Central Districts tournament.

Fraser  
Bartholomew  
Sport Prefect







## Ugly Shakespeare

This year's visit from the Ugly Shakespeare Company was the best ever according to many of the 170 students who paid \$3 to watch.

The play being mocked was "Macbeth" and they took it apart with music (rap), a dangerous banana, some of the best tap dancing ever seen in



the Horowhenua region, and references to certain bodily functions. As was usual in Elizabethan times all the roles were played by males, with the three thespians taking many different parts. It was interesting to see Lady Macbeth resurrected as Banquo, then as a ghost, and then as Malcolm the new king at the end.

So skilful were they, that they covered the whole play in 40 minutes, added some Donald Trump and Lord of the Rings jokes and found time at the end to pose for a whole lot of selfie photos. This annual visit has developed into something of a College tradition as it also supports our focus on Shakespearean drama and our entries into various Shakespearean competitions.

At the end of Macbeth in traditional productions more or less everyone dies; this production left



cast and audience just that much livelier. And then everyone went off to period 2 so full of life.

Mr Smith  
English Teacher





## Year 13 Biology Trip



The Level 3 Biology students set off on the 21<sup>st</sup> March for the annual trip to the Manawatu Estuary to carry out their practical investigations involving the mud crab *Helice crassa*. They were supported by Mrs Susie Prentice, Mrs Helen Given and myself.

For many students it was their first visit to this area and their first encounter with mud crabs. The weather was very obliging and the students spent a very productive day investigating the effect of different environmental factors on the crabs by observing their interactions or measuring their Respiratory rates. The students gained a real appreciation for the habitat of a number of species in the area including the Godwits who were preparing for their annual

migration. The students now are busy writing up their results and applying the knowledge and skills they have learnt in the classroom.



Mrs Lewis  
Head of  
Faculty Science





## Service Academy Induction



On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 thirteen students from The Horowhenua College Services Academy graduated from the YDU two week induction course which was based at Waiouru Army Camp and is a military focused programme. There were eleven other Service Academies from around the Central District who also attended the course. The students found all of the activities throughout the duration of the course exciting and challenging and worked well together as a team where they helped and supported each other which is what the prime focus of the course was about. The content of the course was a mixture of both indoor and outdoor activities and gave the students an insight into the Army lifestyle along with career options they could consider within any of the armed services.

Mr Hudepohl

Service Academy Assistant Director







## Canoe Polo Regionals/Nationals



On the 11th and 12th of March we had three teams competing in the regional canoe polo tournament against teams from Palmerston North and Feilding. Our Senior Girls team played very well and won all but one of their pool games which they drew. This placed them in the finals against Palmerston North Girls High School and after a very close game the end result was 6 - 4 to Palmy Girls, placing the Horowhenua College Senior Girls team second in the central region. The Junior Girls team played very well the entire tournament and played against Fielding High School in the final which they won. Our Senior Boys team fought very hard in all their games with outstanding performances from a number of the players. Unfortunately they were left in the 5th and 6th play off against St Peter's which they lost 6 - 5.

From regionals both the Senior and Junior Girls teams qualified to compete at Nationals in Feilding over three days at the end of March. Overall the Senior Girls played a total of five games, three were pool play, the crossovers and finals. Unfortunately we lost the first three but won the last two which placed us fifth in New Zealand out of approximately 15 senior girls teams that had qualified for nationals. Our Junior Girls played an amazing tournament winning all their pool games convincingly which placed them in the finals against Napier Girls High School. After a very close and hard fought game the end score was 6 - 4 to Napier Girls, placing our Junior Girls 2nd in the Junior Girls division. Congratulations to all the girls that competed over the three days, and a huge thank you to our coaches Mrs Johnson, Miss Bolton, Johnny Baker and Mr Cox.

Toni Baker  
Captain Senior Girls Canoe Polo Team



## Rugby

Kia ora!

Rugby this year has started off quickly and it is great to say that we have 3 Horowhenua College teams this year!

We also welcome on our new coaches this year: the 1st XV is coached by Jono Johnson and Whetu Tahau, the U15 team is coached by Ramon Diamond and Nico Etimani, and our girls team is coached by Krishla Beckham and Olive Faumuina. A big thank you goes out to these people for supporting rugby and their time and efforts.

It has been a very busy term, starting the season off with rugby 7's. The U15 team was lucky enough to be invited to the Sir Gordon Tietjen's tournament, where Tupou Tosi made it into the tournament team.

Our teams have also done events to fundraise to get new equipment which will be a great asset to our teams. Thanks to all that have come and watched our games and also to the parents that have helped and supported us in such a busy term.

Whaea April  
TIC Rugby



Tupou Tosi (far right) pictured with the tournament team.

First XV pictured above



Left: Girls Rugby Team





## Equestrian

Equestrian is alive and well at Horowhenua College with our team growing this year. We had five girls competing at Nga Tawa Diocesan School at Marton: Megan Davies, Brooke Burns, Laike Moes and this year two new girls Rachel Hucker and Samantha Killiner joined us.

The day was not kind to us weather wise and it rained for most of the morning making

conditions very testing. Riders are a tough lot though and with 45 teams competing and 180 horses/ponies the day started early and finished late. Our girls all rode very well, rarely dropping a rail over the three rounds each they did, with Megan picking up some placings and the team finishing 10th.

The next event was at Waikanae Park for Paraparaumu College interschool event, another well run and supported event with 80 riders in the junior ring and 60 in the senior ring. This time we added another rider Anna Daley to the team. The competition was fierce and again we picked up placings for our riders with the team finishing 9th overall. This day the weather was fabulous, sunshine all day.

These days are extremely long and busy we often leave at 6am in the morning to get to the event and do not get home until late, but they are awesome team events especially as some of these riders don't play any other team sport. It is character building and you learn invaluable skills. Thank you to the parents for allowing your children to participate.

Mrs Davies  
TIC Equestrian







## New Zealand Representatives



Congratulations to Toni Baker who was selected for the New Zealand U21 B Canoe Polo Team to compete in the Oceania's in Palmerston North during the holidays.

Also to Michael Searle who was selected for the New Zealand International Taekwon Do Team who will be competing at the World Championships in Dublin in October.

## Manawatu Secondary Athletic Championships

On Saturday the 25th of March a group of athletes from Horowhenua College were selected to represent us at the Manawatu Secondary School Athletics Championships. All students represented our school with pride and many gained personal best results. The following students gained top 4 placings places: Jessica Stokes 3rd Junior girls 1500m and 4th Junior girls High Jump, Megan Phillips 3rd Senior Girl Discuss and 4th Senior Girls Shot Put, Sune Haasbroek 3rd Senior Girls Javelin and Kurtis Goullet 3rd Senior Boys 200m, 2nd Senior Boys 400m and 2nd Senior Boys 800m. Kurtis and Megan were both selected to be part of the Manawatu team to travel to Taranaki for the North Island Secondary School event.

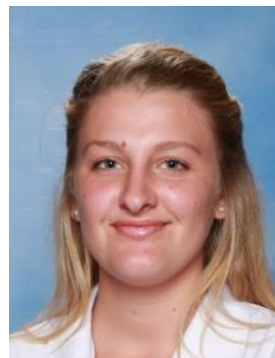
Jessica Stokes



Megan Phillips



Sune Haasbroek



Kurtis Goullet





## Automotive Exploration

Senior automotive students had the opportunity to meet with representatives from MITO and Collision Repair who gave a presentation followed by visits to three local automotive workshops.

This experience gave our students more of an insight into the Automotive industry highlighting the diversity of careers within it. It was also great to meet two NUA old boys who are owners of two of the workshops visited who are putting our little town on the map with multi million dollar contracts and great role models for the possibilities of where you can be when you do well in your trade.



Thanks to the students for your interest and thanks to Gerry for coming to ask for the trip to happen.

Whaea Pani  
Careers Advisor





## Senior Photography



Senior Design, Painting and Photography students went to Wellington to see the very iconic exhibition of works by American photographer, Cindy Sherman. The exhibition was at City Gallery in Wellington, where the students were also treated to a talk by senior Photography lecturers from Massey University. It was very informative, and they explained a lot of the cool techniques Sherman uses in her photographs.

We all agreed, we were very lucky to see this exhibition, as she is one of the most influential artists alive today who made us think about photography and its role in shaping personal and collective identities. Thank you to the wonderful senior art students for a great day out.

Ms Parkin  
TIC Photography





## Meijo Visitors



On the 27th of March, a group of 31 students from Meijo High School in Japan arrived in Levin, accompanied by two of their teachers, Mr Oka and Keiko. The next day they were welcomed into Horowhenua College with a pōwhiri, and were then given a tour of our town. Over the couple of days that followed they went on to experience life as a Horowhenua College student, by meeting both our teachers and peers, joining some of our classes, and even learning the school haka. The students were given the opportunity to have a day trip out to Palmerston North and Foxton Beach, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Unfortunately, they were only able to spend 4 days with us, and we farewelled them on the Thursday afternoon, where a lot of laughs were shared between students from both Meijo and Horowhenua, as well as the host families. We thank everyone who was involved in any part of their visit here, particularly the International Students Manager Nancy Jones, the buddies, and the host families that allowed them to be a part of their family for the short time they were with us.

Marianne Hyslop  
International Prefect







## Regional Shakespeare Festival



On Saturday the 8th of April, 44 students and 5 adults attended the Regional Shakespeare Festival held at Kapiti College this year. The turnout from our community was incredible, which just went to show how much support we had. On behalf of all the performers we are truly grateful for the time given to cheer us on.

This year Horowhenua College entered the most entries ever, 10 out of 24, which is almost triple the amount of previous years. This is thanks to our amazing Drama teacher and Shakespeare enthusiast, Miss Perry, who greatly encouraged all the students this year, as well as directing a Junior Shakespeare group of first time performers. With hard work and dedication it paid off as our school was awarded two trophies that night. I received the cup for 'Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role', and Miss Thomson's and Miss Joice's 15 minute performance won a 'Special Award' which acknowledges a performance that is not covered by the other award criteria. This was a great result for our college and will only push us harder for the future.

For many students this was their first time performing in the Shakespeare Festival, and for a lot of other students it was their first time directing as well. In the end all our students displayed great use of the NUA way, as we were all responsible, built relationships with other teams and amongst ourselves, and then we were finally successful! Congratulations to all the amazing performers, and a thank you

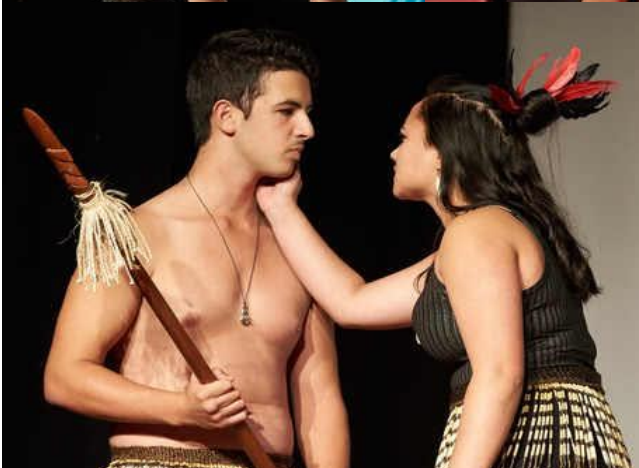


to our community, our staff, and our families for coming along to support us. A special thank you to Geordie Parrant, winning Shakespeare student 2016, for coming back to co-direct Junior Shakespeare - thank you for this service to the school.



Also a very special thank you to Miss Thomson and Miss Joice for being great teachers and directors. I specially acknowledge them for their first time directing in the Shakespeare Festival and for the success they achieved. A special thank you to Mrs Corbett for coming along as support staff for all of us and making sure we were cool, calm and collected before we went on stage. Thank you to the staff who came to watch, your support made us perform all the better, and to the staff who helped in supplying us costumes, set and other key features to many of our performances. And finally a massive thank you to Miss Perry, who made all of this possible as Teacher in Charge. Your commitment and drive to push us all to do our best certainly helped, you gave us the confidence to be true Shakespearean performers! For students to come, I wish you all the best and hope you achieve your goals and go big in hopes of winning at the Shakespeare Festival for many years to come.

Connor Parker, Arts Prefect







## Science, Technology, PCT and the Ohau River

During March the Science and Technology Faculties have been working together with the Partnership Through Collaboration Trust. PTC has a vision to create a distinctive platform that twins the pursuits of science and technology with the awareness of culture, language and the value of indigenous people.

A group of Year 10 students had the opportunity to learn about water quality and how to use technology to record their learning. After the students discovered the best way to use the video recorder and how to make a good documentary, they visited two places on the Ohau River to test the water quality.



Our first stop was at the Gladstone Reserve where we carried out our first set of tests and then we went further down the river to the Ohau overbridge, to discover what effects humans and animals were having on the river. Lindsay Poutama, Education Manager for Te iwi o Ngati Tukorehe Trust, provided an excellent cultural context and explained the significance of this scientific engagement in strengthening youth to competently express kaitiakitanga. He was interviewed by the students and he told them of the interconnectedness of the river, the land and the people who use it. The students also learnt how important it was for them to respect the river and be its guardians. Dr Storey, Scientist, Freshwater Ecology Group, NIWA-National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research Ltd, worked with the students to find out how to compare the macro invertebrate life in the water, and investigate the physical and chemical properties at both sites. We found the water had deteriorated at the second site but overall, was still in a good condition. The students have worked on completing their documentaries to show what they have learnt.

The next stop for our students is a visit to Victoria University Science Laboratories where they will be examining water samples under the microscope.

Mrs Adams  
Head of Faculty Technology



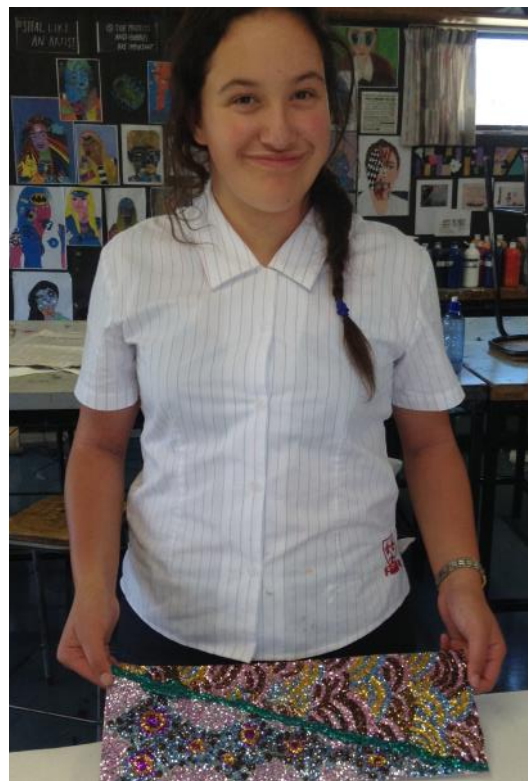




## From the Art Department



These 3 murals are from a selection painted by the Year 13 Art Painting students this term. These are by Hannah Wedlock, Ebeney Russell and Bailey Mitchell. Also Year 10 Art student Aly Atara with her finished art work.







## Futsal Nationals

March 29 - 31st Horowhenua College entered two teams in the Futsal Nationals held at the ASB Centre in Kilbirnie, Wellington.

Our Senior Boys were in a pool that included schools such as Otago Boys High, Rathkeale, Selwyn College and St Paul's Collegiate. While they finished pool play in 5th place, with a little luck they could easily have finished two places higher. A highlight was taking on the very strong St Paul's Collegiate in the first game and coming out with a very good 4-2 win. They also drew 0-0 with Selwyn College.

In post section play the highlight would have been a win against Mt Albert Grammar, who finished 3rd in last years Nationals. With scores tied at 3-3 at full time, the teams went to penalties and Horowhenua came out on top 3-1. We finished a very credible 26th out of 37 teams. There were a number of stand out performances from the boy's especially Connor Finlayson in goal. They can all be proud of the effort they put in during the week.



Our Junior Boys did not live up to our own expectations. While they never gave up, they found the week very hard. They were outplayed at times but were then able to push much stronger teams all the way. In pool play we came up against St Andrews College, Rongotai College, Long Bay College, Lincoln High and Wellington High. While we finished down the ladder things do look bright for the future with over half the team being able to play in this division next year.

As always the boys were a pleasure to take away and did the school proud both on and off the court.

Mr O'Brien  
TIC Soccer





## 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 ankle 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 ankle 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 2016



**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](http://www.horowhenua.school.nz) for updates.

#### April

Saturday 29 College Senior Ball

#### May

Monday 1 First day of term and pōwhiri for Jason White, Deputy Principal

Thursday 4 Shave for a Cure

Friday 5 Cross Country - whole school

Monday 8-10 Year 12 Outdoor Education Tramp

8-12 Services Academy Basic Leaders Course

8 Inzone Careers Bus

Wednesday 10 Heretaunga Exchange

Thursday 11 Senior Academic Quiz

Saturday 13-14 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Hike

Wednesday 17 Manawatu Cross Country

Business Studies L3 Dragons Den

17-19 Year 11 Outdoor Education Tramp

Monday 22 Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm - Staffroom

#### June

Thursday 1 Business Studies L1 Market Day

Monday 5 Queens Birthday - school closed for tuition

Tuesday 6 Blood Drive

Thursday 8 Mufti Day

Monday 12-16 Year 10 Work Week

Tuesday 13 Year 11 Victoria University Trip

Wednesday 14 Badge Assembly

Thursday 15 Year 11 Gateway to Careers Trip

Monday 19-23 Services Academy Bushcraft

Wednesday 21 Open Evening

Thursday 22 Community Open Day

Friday 23 Manu Korero

Monday 26 Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm - Staffroom

Wednesday 28 Flag Assembly

Thursday 29 Report Evening

#### July

Monday 3 Kapa Haka Regionals

Friday 7 Last day of Term 2

Monday 24 First day of Term 3



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