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NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

July 2018

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava and Greetings Everybody

Term 2 in the college year is traditionally a term of solid academic progress as students work towards their academic goals. Certainly with winter setting in the focus on academics becomes more evident as the opportunity to get outside is reduced. This has been the case for us at Horowhenua College for the term just completed.

We continually say that to fulfil our vision of “growing successful young men and young women” that we focus on four pillars – academic, culture, sport and service. Academic achievement continues to be tracked for each individual student. Students who are at risk of not achieving their academic goals are supported in numerous ways and mentored by staff who get along side these students. Students who show evidence of significant academic ability are progressed through engagement in extension activities. These have been happening throughout the faculties for numerous students. At the end of the term a significant number of assessments were completed. During the holidays teachers are marking and moderating these so students will be able to receive their results early next term.

The term finished with a number of significant cultural events. The Kapa Haka finals in Palmerston North enabled some of our students from Nga Wai ō Manawhenua to be involved in the powhiri to welcome all participants to the festival. In lead up to the Pasifika Fusion Festival our Pasifika students hosted their Fiafia Night which was well attended and well received by our community. At the Pasifika Fusion Festival our students performed extremely well. Further details are included in the newsletter.



A Word from the Principal

Term 2 has seen the beginning of winter sports. Many of our students are actively engaged and committed to their sport. The end of term sees a welcome break from regular competition and a chance to prepare for the remainder of their games during Term 3. With a focus on raising participation levels in sport we are very pleased to see many of our students picking up this challenge and enjoying participating in their chosen sports.

There have been many opportunities to participate in acts of service – 40 Hour Famine, Blood Drive, Shave for a Cure and collections for worthy causes. All of these have provided opportunities for our students to engage in social action which brings about a benefit to other people. This is something we encourage in our students as it helps to develop the whole person and builds a community conscience within them.

Thank you very much to our parents, whanau, social agencies, business people and community for partnering with us as we continue to work towards our vision of growing successful young men and young women. Your partnership is much appreciated and we look forward to continuing with this next term.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of what has been achieved at Horowhenua College this term. I am certainly proud of our students and the young adults they are growing into.

Grant Congdon
Principal





A Word from the Board Chair

Kia ora koutou katoa

Winter seems to have struck with a vengeance and I do hope you are keeping warm these holidays. It has been another busy term and it is always good to take time to stop, so we wish our staff and students a really enjoyable holiday break. In addition to our winter sports matches and exchanges, we have had a number cultural events this last term including the CYN concert, FiaFia night and Pasifika Fusion. It is great to see our young people growing and experiencing success through sports, the arts and culture, and in service in our community, but we are mindful as a Board of how much parent, community and staff support is involved. It certainly does “take a village to raise a child” – so thank you to all those involved in the numerous activities you see mentioned in this newsletter!

As a Board we continue to be focused on our core business of student achievement and have received regular updates at our meetings this term. The old gym has now been demolished and we anticipate further renovation of our college buildings during term 3. We continue our review of procedures and our health and safety, property and finance committees deal with the day to day oversight of each of these areas.

It was wonderful to welcome Year 8 students and their parents at our recent Open Night and a number of our board members were in attendance. We enjoy the opportunity to talk with parents and to get a feel for what is important in terms of the future education of young people at Horowhenua College.

A current focus for us as a Board and a College is on developing pathways - supporting all our students through their learning journeys (including subject choices) and building on students' interests and aspirations to help them prepare for future employment, workplace training and/or tertiary education.

I hope you enjoy catching up on this term's events and activities in this newsletter. Wishing you all a relaxing term break.

Juliana Mansvelt
Board of Trustees
Chair





Level 1 Business Studies

The Level 1 Business Studies students had their annual Market Day on June 28 in the quad at lunchtime. The weather gods once again smiled, and sunshine and tasty food greeted the hungry students and staff at the lunch time bell. Stalls were beautifully presented this year, and all of the students involved enjoyed the process of marketing, selling and achieving credits at the same time.

Colin Taylor
TIC Business Studies





Careers Department Update

University Visits

Early in Term 2 we had Massey visit. There was a lot of interest and the options the students have are wide and varied.

Past pupils currently attending Victoria and Otago Universities visited and talked with Year 13's about life at university. It was great for our students to ask all the questions they needed to and get a student insight into what they need to prepare for.



Sort It Careers Expo

We took the Year 11's to the Sort It Careers Expo in Palmerston North this term. There were a varied array of training providers, universities, and business' there to share information and advice with the students. It really showcased the opportunities our students have going forward. It was also great to catch up with a past pupil who has recently qualified as a pilot.

Job Fest

We took a small group of students to 'Job Fest' in Palmerston North. This was organised by Talent Central. They had over a 100 jobs on offer on the day. Our students took CV's and talked to many businesses in the civil infrastructure and transport industries. Talent Central is looking to hold more of these days with other industries in the future.





Careers Department Update

Weltec & Whitireia

We were visited by the liaison staff from Weltec and Whitireia. They have a great variety of trades and academic courses for our students and transport links to both organisations are getting easier.

First Aid

We held First Aid courses for students and staff this term. Gateway students participated in a 2 day full course and gained a Certificate in Workplace First Aid. Staff members also completed a refresher course.



Work Week

52 Year 10 students participated in Year 10 Work Week this term. They all completed a programme during the term in Careers called The Real Game where they learn about careers and life. 85% completed the work experience component where they worked for a week out in the community. Those students now have the opportunity to gain Level 1 and Level 2 unit standard credits for completing the programme. It's a fantastic programme and we thank all the





Careers Department Update

What's coming up in Term 3?

- Universities will be back in to have planning sessions with the Year 13's. This is where our students will get expert help with planning their university studies.
- We will be taking Year 13 students to the Victoria, Massey and UCOL open days in August.
- Our second group of Year 10's will be completing the Work Week programme.
- Scholarships are becoming available for Year 13's heading on to study in 2019. Students should be checking the school notices or visiting the Careers Centre for help. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding scholarship information.

Ms Hale

Careers Advisor

careers@horowhenua.school.nz

Dragons Den



Top left - Level 3 Business Group "Spoilt Rotten"
Top right - Level 3 Business Group "Terra Potta"

Level 3 Business Studies presenting in the "Dragons Den". A special thank you to our panel - Michelle Williamson (Turks Poultry Farm), Sharee Harper (Swazi Apparel), Tania Kauri (ANZ) and Chris Fearon (Teacher representative)





Term 2 Sports Roundup

Heretaunga Sports Exchange

The second week of Term 2 featured the annual Heretaunga exchange with 120 students travelling by bus to participate in five different codes: basketball, football, hockey, netball and rugby. The final result saw Nua with 3 wins and 7 losses so the shield headed back down to Heretaunga.





Term 2 Sports Roundup

Manawatu Interschool Cross Country

We had a great effort from our five competitors—Bennett Collings, Nicole Parata, Alison Parata, Jessica Stokes and Oliver Bau. Oliver just missed out on a top 10 finish in the intermediate boys grade—placing 12th.



Horowhenua College Cross Country

Rain did not deter just under 300 students fronting up to gain valuable house points for the 3km walk or 4.6km run. First place honours for each grade went to:

Juniors	Jessica Leota and Oliver James
Intermediate	Nicole Parata and Oliver Bau
Senior	Michelle Meyer and Bennett Collings





Term 2 Sports Roundup

Hockey Boys

Through pure perseverance from coach, Jordan Macartney, along with the help of a couple more players, our boys are sitting fifth on the table in the division two round robin stage.



Hockey Girls

Pool play saw our girls sneak through on point's differential to make the top eight teams in Division 1. With three rounds completed in round robin our girls are sitting 2nd on the table with two wins and a draw.





Term 2 Sports Roundup

Basketball

Standings to date for our teams are as follows:

Girls - second on table with 12 points: 4 wins and 1 loss

Boys - second on table with 13 points: 4 wins and 1 loss

Football Boys

Standings to date for our teams are as follows:

U14 Second on table with 9 points
3 wins from 3 games

U16 Second on table with 15 points
5 wins and 2 losses

2nd XI Fourth on table with 9 points
3 wins and 4 losses

1st XI Top of the table with 15 points
5 wins from 5 games



Football Girls

Both girls football teams have made a great start to the season. We are just over half way through and both teams are sitting second in their grades.

The 1st XI have not lost a game to date but have drawn 2. The 2nd XI have been playing well only losing to Tararua College. Girls football continues to grow at Horowhenua College and the girls continue to represent us with pride.





Term 2 Sports Roundup

Netball

Points table as at 30 June 2018

Senior A

6th with 18 points: 3 wins, 2 losses and a draw

Senior B

9th and ready for their first win

Junior A

3rd with 24 points: 4 wins, 1 loss, 1 draw and 1 IB3

Junior Black

2nd with 26 points: 5 wins, 2 losses and 1 IB3

Junior Red

5th with 10 points: 2 wins and 4 losses

Junior White

6th with 8 points: 1 win, 4 losses and 1 draw



Rugby Girls

Te Waiwhenua U15

Placed 4th in the competition and throughout the season each player persevered and showed great leadership and commitment. The majority have all successfully developed excellent rugby skill and technique in the seven week competition.

Te Waiwhenua U18

The U18's have had a great season led by coaches Krishla Beckham and Aleni Feagaiga. They secured the Horowhenua Kapiti Secondary Schools Girls competition shield and championship leading on the points table by a large margin giving them the winning advantage.





Term 2 Sports Roundup

Students competing over the holidays

Karen Horn

North Island School Track Cycle Championships 8-9 July, Cambridge

Kees Hooper-Whiti, Isofara Fereti-Boot, Abbey Smale and Brenna Greene

New Zealand Taekwon Do National Championships 14-16 July, Wellington

Paris Armstrong, Glenda Armstrong and Byron Clements

National Junior Darts Competition 14-15 July

A message from our Sport Coordinator

Please if your son or daughter is participating at sporting events outside of regular school competition, it would be great to acknowledge their participation/achievements. You can email me at sport@horowhenua.school.nz

Also a big thank you to all our parents who help with transport, coaching and supporting of our Nua teams. Thank you to our hockey umpires - Raiha Kiriona, Gwennisha Kid and Jaz McKay. Many thanks to land owner Geoff Kane and farmhand Mark for allowing access through property for our college cross country.

Keep safe and enjoy the holidays

Andi Hirini

Sport Coordinator





Hort Academy Tractor Training

The Horticulture Academy students embarked on tractor training over several weeks to help them become more work ready. As well as learning the skills and safety aspects of driving a tractor, the students really grew in confidence and had a lot of fun while doing it. A big thank you to David Skiffington who is our registered and qualified trainer.



Year 10 Design and Visual Communication

Year 10 DVC students studied the designs of influential furniture designers and used the inspiration to create their own laser cut wooden flatpack chairs using a Design Process.





Smokefree Rockquest Regionals

A great result from our talented musicians. Age of Steel came third and Ethan Roentgen, with the band Daybreak who only formed in February and are made up of members from both Waiopahu and Horowhenua Colleges, finished second!



Big Sing 2018

Five of our students who were part of the Sine Nomine combined Waiopahu/Horowhenua students choir recently performed at the Big Sing 2018.

Sine Nomine were awarded the Renaissance Singers Trophy for the Best A Cappella Performance at the festival.





Year 9 Waiwiri Stream Science Trip

Three classes of Year 9 students participated in a number of activities that looked at riparian planting and maintaining a healthy ecosystem with our soil, and water quality. We learned what causes problems and what can be done to improve our soil and waterways. It was a fantastic day with hands on activities and an awesome group of scientists that showed students that real life Science does not always mean lab coats.

A big thank you to Jacqui Horswell, Hamish Lowe, Sian Cass, Vikki Ambrose, Jen Prosser and Logan Brown.

Mrs Prentice
Science Teacher





Service

World Vision Leadership Conference

The World Vision Leadership Conference was held in Petone this year. Six senior students and Miss Lewis attended. The day kicked off with an early start driving to Waikanae to catch the train. Once we got to Petone, we made our way to where the conference was held. During the day we listened to multiple guest



speakers such as Chloe Swarbrick, the youngest MP in NZ and various World Vision ambassadors talk about their experience with helping the refugees in Uganda. One thing that stuck with me was the ambassadors sharing the story about Victor who had to flee his home with his younger brothers. We also took part in some exciting games including a paper, scissors, rock competition and interacted with the other colleges. This day was very inspiring and helped us bring back new and exciting ideas to help raise money for this great cause.

Savanna Mabey
Year 13

World Visions 40 Hour Famine.

One of our roles this year as Social Action Prefects was organising World Vision's 40 Hour Famine. This year the 40 Hour Famine was focusing on the thousands of children in South Sudan as they have been affected by conflict, drought and famine. The money raised was helping the South Sudanese refugees in Uganda with nutritious food, clean water, toilets, a place to live and an education. We had a World Vision Youth Ambassador come and speak to the school during assembly about the problem and how we could help.

Well done to the students who participated this year. Your involvement is going to make an immense difference in people's lives.

Shave for a Cure

Another event we organised was Shave for a Cure which occurred on the 22nd of June. The money raised for Shave for a Cure goes to Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC), the national charity dedicated to supporting patients and their families living with blood cancer.

We had many participants this year who were willing to undergo 'the shave'. A big thank you to the 13 students who participated in this: Brock Dobbin, Dariyn McAdam, Gabe Woolston, John Stratton, Johnson Mendoza, Kesha Andrew, Patrick Galea, Sam Anderson, Sam Paxton, Sean O'Sullivan, Tabokai Tausi, Warren Heihei, William Hines.

Angeleen Masoe and Hayley Palmer, Social Action Prefects





Blood Drive

On the 19th of June the blood drive was held at our school. We had over 40 participants, and with the help of Waiiopehu College, they managed to collect 42 units of blood. We want to give our thanks to everyone who donated or tried to donate as one blood donation can save up to 3 lives.

Angeleen Masoe and Hayley Palmer
Social Action Prefects.





Rangatahi Tuakana Trip

Tēnā koutou katoa

After a lot of hard mahi including hangi, ringawera duties and waitressing our Rangatahi Ora Tuakana group made it to Tamaki Makaurau. This trip was about looking at pathways and giving us a chance to celebrate our Year 13 students who have been active participants in our whānau for 5 years.



After leaving early on Sunday morning we arrived at East Tamaki for our pōwhiri and settled in for our first “hui o te pō” where our students shared their pepeha, waiata and kōrero. This is always a special time in both our tuakana and teina excursions.

On Monday we went to AUT to meet other Māori professionals, students and mentors. This was a great day where the students were given a number of tasks including an amazing race around the campus, making an advert for the university and looking at courses. For our students to be greeted with such an awesome pōwhiri and shown such great manaakitanga was truly motivating and motivated a lot of our tuakana to enter tertiary education.

We also went to the Fortuna Buffet restaurant at Sky City for dinner, the movies and Rainbow's End. Rangatahi Ora gives the students the reality of “if you work hard enough you get benefits from your effort” or in Rangatahi language, “Do the mahi, get the treats”!

A huge mihi goes out to firstly Whaea Kawa who works tirelessly on the organisation of these trips and makes them happen and also to our Deputy Principal, Whaea Sharon, who came on the trip and this was appreciated by all our students and whānau.

Matua Chris
Maori Dean





Rangatahi Symposium

On Friday 29th June students had the opportunity to attend the Rangatahi Health Symposium held jointly by Ngāti Raukawa Whānau Ora and the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority.

This was a great day that was well run and offered a lot to our students. Our college took a large group of close to 40 students. At the beginning of the day our students performed the haka pōwhiri for the Iwi and also our college haka Te Whero as a haka tautoko for the paepae. This was also a great day for all our Māori students to network with their peers from other colleges and many friendships were forged which was great to see.

There were many different stalls and occupations to discover for our rangatahi and it was impressive to see how they all engaged in the day and how they conducted themselves.

Our students performed a waiata ā-ringa, Āta Whakarongo, at the end of the day to all the other schools. This song is about “The Nua Way” something that they had definitely role modelled.

Tena koutou katoa
Matua Chris
Maori Dean

Minister for Pasific Peoples

Our senior Pasifika Student leaders had the privilege of meeting the Hon Aupito William Sio at the Horowhenua District Council to talk about issues relating to Pasific Island students.





Senior/Junior Quiz

The academic prefects and the academic committee held the junior quiz which was a great success with an increasing amount of participation. It was thrilling to see all the juniors excited to participate. Ngaio, in the end, came out on top getting first place. The winning team consisted of Oliver James, Jason Sue, Denzil Viper Tatana, Terenz Viernes and Tainui Baker.



We had a lot of keen seniors come to participate in the senior quiz the following week. Two houses came first equal being Ngaio with Hayley Palmer, Leewon Kim, Morgan Hucker, Phoenix Xie and Talia Tatana and Kowhai with Jemma Baines, Darren Ryan, Joshua Madgwick and Isaac Bishop. These house competitions created by the academic prefects and academic committee boosted the academic rivalry between students.

Levi Haub and Bably Negi
Academic Prefects





Vietnamese Visit



This term we welcomed eleven students from Vietnam to study at our college for a month. Four younger siblings also came to New Zealand with this group and attended Ohau and Koputaroa Schools

All students joined in with our regular classes from Years 10-12. The main focus was immersion in the English language.

The students came from 40 degrees in Vietnam to a low of 2 degrees in New Zealand! They have now returned with happy memories of their visit and we may expect to see some of them study here in the future.

Thank you to our homestay families that made their stay so enjoyable.

Mrs Jones
International Student Manager





Farewell!



Michelle Meyer



Marta Brunero



Mirkan Alpaslan

This term we farewelled three exchange students. Michelle from Switzerland, Marta from Italy and Mirkan from Germany. We have enjoyed having them at Horowhenua College for the year and wish them all the best for their return home. They will all be missed!





9cS Science Dissection





Manfield Cycle Challenge

During the term we had two staff teams enter the Manfield 6 Hour Challenge. This involved cycling around the Manfield track for a total of 6 hours. Cyclists were allowed to tag in and out as long as they had one member on the track for the whole 6 hours. Our teams were Low, Slow and Give us a Tow - Mr Congdon, Mr White, Miss Moerkerk and Team Awesome - Miss Elliott, Miss Signal and Mr Samson.





Te Hakari Wetlands

Some of the Year 10 Technology and Science students recently visited the Te Hakari Wetlands at Kuku Beach, sponsored by the Partnership Through Collaboration Trust.

They were able to see first hand how the low quality farmland has been restored as a conservation area to improve the quality of its surrounding waterways. The students measured the quality of the water to see how it changed throughout the wetlands and were able to see how this affected the life that existed in it. A number of different types of birds were observed. The quantities and variety of birds has improved over the life of the Wetlands. The students really enjoyed planting a range of native shrubs and trees which will help protect the wetlands once they are grown.

Mrs Adams
Head of Faculty Technology





Victoria University: River Science Microbiology

Technology and Science joined together with Naenae College to visit Victoria University's new Biological Science laboratories as part of our testing of the water quality of New Zealand rivers and wetlands.

The students were introduced to the strict safety requirements of working in a laboratory and the dangers of cross contamination. We then looked at the elements that affect our water quality. The students made swabs to grow coliform bacteria from animal intestines which contaminate other animals and plants in the water. They had a great deal of fun checking out the shapes and colours of the bacteria under the microscope.

Students dissected freshwater mussels to see how the filtration system works to take up the bacteria. They saw how these elements are absorbed and removed from our waterways and realised how you can get sick if you eat the contaminated kūtai. The students also did a variety of tests to check river water levels of acidity, nitrates, phosphate and the turbidity in order to understand how they interrelate and affect the quality of our water.

The university staff and student helpers made a great day for our students who really appreciated the efforts they went to to provide a unique experience.

Mrs Adams and Mrs Lewis
Head of Faculty Technology and Head of Faculty Science





LED News

Michelle and Joshua enjoy their community outings, especially swimming at the Aquatic Centre.



Varnya and Abbey enjoying their music lessons.



Ngawari and Jahrome are busy in the carpentry workshop as well as working hard on their English and maths in LED.





Pasifika Fusion

The results from Pasifika Fusion are as follows:

3rd Place Drama and Media

3rd Place Poetry - Caroline Afemui

2nd Place Culture

1st Place Quiz

1st Place Senior Speech - Sina Crichton





Haka House Competition



Results for Haka House Competition:
1st Hīnau, 2nd Ngaio, 3rd Kōwhai, 4th Rātā

Well done to all the students and a big thank you to
our judges: Chanel Williams, Omar Hurunui, Riria
Hepi and Kameria Biddle





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.

July

Monday	23	Karaoke Sign up
Thursday	26	Levels 1&2 DVC Trip Levels 1&2 Drama Trip
Saturday	27	DIGI3 Robocup Competition
Monday	30	Namiki visit Karaoke competition Heats
Tuesday	31	10DVC Trip

August

Thursday	2	Pasifika Youth Jandal Jam
Friday	3	Self Defence Course for Years 10-13 Girls
Monday	6	Board of Trustee Meeting
Wednesday	8	Level 1 Creative Catering Trip
Thursday	9	Karaoke Competition Finals
Friday	10	Year 12 Loves Me Not Programme
Mon	13	Services Academy Advance Leaders Course (whole week)
Thursday	16	Level 2 & 3 Business Studies Trip
Monday	27	Derived Grade Exam Week

September

Monday	3	Winter Tournament Week
Monday	10	Board of Trustees Meeting Sports week vs Waiopahu
Thursday	20	Parent Conferences
Friday	28	Winter House Sports Last day of Term 3

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