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NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

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Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

What a term it has been! COVID 19 has had a widespread effect and influenced all aspects of college life. We can no longer wait until we “get back to normal”, but instead, having realised that we will never return to exactly what it was like preCOVID, our focus has been on adapting to the alert level we are in.

Finding a balance has been most important - providing activities and opportunities at college, while adhering to conditions of the alert level we are in. Our resilience has been challenged and this applies to students and adults alike. In assemblies this term we have talked about “being able to control what you can control, and accepting what you can't”. This has been a common theme communicated by people in different situations and it certainly relates to our students and staff.

So how have we managed ourselves and our COVID influenced circumstances this term? There is no one answer because every student and staff member has their own unique response. But what I can say is that I am immensely proud of our students and staff at their resilience, the way they have controlled what they can control, and the focus and progress achieved throughout the term.

This newsletter highlights just some of these achievements. I hope this finds you well and safe. Our students and staff are taking a well earned break and we will be back ready for the final term of 2020 and all that it has to offer.

Ngā mihi, Tofa soifua, Kind regards

Grant Congdon

Principal



A Word from the Board Chair

Kia ora koutou

It has been another busy term despite fewer activities than we would have normally had as a consequence of level 2 restrictions. We still had a very successful Open Night and College Day for prospective Year 9 students and it is great to see the enrolments coming in for 2021. We always enjoy welcoming new students to our college, and year on year work to improve the academic offer and college experience for our students.

It has been a tough year for many of our students and their whānau, and we are seeing the impacts of COVID-19 on learning. As a board, we continue to receive data on student achievement, including NCEA updates and predictions. Staff are using the traffic light system to identify students who may require more support, and many hours are going into extra tuition and help.

It is great to be back in level one, and good to see more social, cultural and sports events being able to be held this term. It will be wonderful for senior students to be able to participate in our annual school ball, albeit at a later point in the year than it normally is. We are also hoping in Term 4 to have our usual ceremonies and events to celebrate our students' academic, sporting, cultural and service achievements.

As well as monitoring student achievement, the board has signed off on new health and safety procedures this term. This has been a significant amount of work, and the procedures have been developed by the senior leadership team and our health and safety management and governance committees. We want to ensure we have these right and that they are fit for purpose for a range of situations. At our last meeting, we welcomed Misipeka Ana, our new student representative to the board. We are always delighted to have our student reps at the board table and so appreciate the perspectives they bring. Outgoing representative Sam Anderson was unable to attend our last meeting but will come to the next one so that we can thank him properly for all he has contributed in the role over the last two years.

I do hope for those of you able to have a break these school holidays, that you get some time out to do some things you enjoy. We look forward to seeing our students back for Term 4.

Ngā mihi

Juliana Mansvelt
Board of Trustees Chair

Student Representative BOT

Congratulations to Misipeka Ana who was voted onto the Horowhenua College Board of Trustees as the Student Representative for the 2020-2021 term.





Boat Building



Year 13's trialling their boat designs in a very green pool!

The Year 13 Design Students were tasked with building a one person boat with very few materials over a very short period of time. It was all about managing resources under pressure and every one of them made it to the end with a final winning time of 18 seconds!

Mr Brewerton
TIC Engineering





Rangatahi Ora

Tēnā koutou katoa

This term has been really busy for our Rangatahi Ora whānau. These activities could not have been possible without the enthusiasm and commitment from our rangatahi who give up their own time for our kaupapa as they strive for success as Māori at Horowhenua College.



Tuakana Haerenga

A highlight for our tuakana students was travelling to Mt Maunganui and Waikato this term to visit a range of tertiary providers. Spending a day at WINTEC, NZ School of Tourism and Waikato University was an invaluable experience for our rangatahi as they explore their options beyond college life. What made the trip even more special was meeting up with our ex-students who took the time to show us around and share their insights about University.

Hāngi

Our two hāngi this term involved lots of preparation and hardwork by our rangatahi and our kaiako. As always, we are very appreciative of the support from our whānau, our iwi and our community. The first hāngi was prepared by our tuakana for the Matariki Celebrations at Te Tākeretanga o Kurahaupo, and the other was organised by our teina acknowledging Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Despite torrential rain, our hāngi was a success and well enjoyed by many.





Rangatahi Ora Continued



Wānanga Wednesday

During the last week of the term we celebrated the graduation of Wānanga Wednesday at Fairfield School. A group of their Māori students have completed our 10 week tikanga Māori programme with our tuakana who have lead them through karakia, waiata, pepeha, karanga and whaikōrero. It was such an awesome occasion acknowledging their commitment to the kaupapa and strengthening whanaungatanga within our kāhui ako (community of learning).

Ngā Wai o Mana Whenua

Our combined colleges kapahaka group Ngā Wai o Mana Whenua were excited to finally gather together for the first time this year. With all three colleges working collaboratively it is an amazing opportunity to share our resources and to stand as one. Practices move around each college and have focussed on developing confidence to perform and learning new waiata as we build towards regional competitions in 2021.



*“Rangatahi tū, Rangatahi ora; Rangatahi noho, Rangatahi mate”
Active rangatahi will live healthy lives while lazy ones will not do well.*

Chris Wilton and Dylan Kiriona
Māori Deans / Rangatahi Ora Co-ordinators



Get - Go

The following is an article published in the Horowhenua Chronicle:

Horowhenua's first Futures Day connects students with employers and careers

A new initiative to showcase employment pathways in Horowhenua was launched today, with every Year 10 student in Horowhenua visiting two different employers to explore employment options in the district.

The Futures Day event was delivered by the new employment platform, Get-Go, in partnership with Horowhenua College, Manawatu College and Waiopahu College.

Get-Go and Horowhenua New Zealand Trust trustee Sarah Ryan said the event was created to give students the chance to apply their classroom learning in a real world environment. "It's often hard for young people to see how what they have learnt at school can be applied to jobs like operating GPS self-steering tractors, social media management, or logistics. By getting to visit these employers and see some of the diversity of the roles that are out there, we want to inspire young people to get excited about their future careers".

Six local businesses participated in the event and covered a variety of industries, Genoese Foods, Woodhaven Gardens, Techlam, Lewis Farms, Turks and Speldhurst Country Estate.





Get - Go Continued



Techlam Managing Director, Brett Hamilton, said the Get-Go Futures Day enabled Techlam to showcase the many employment opportunities our future workforce have locally. “We were able to show the students that our products are manufactured right here in Levin by locals, distributed across NZ and exported globally”.

Managing Director of Lewis Farms, Cam Lewis, said its common for Horowhenua businesses to feel like they can’t find the people they need for specialist roles. “Sometimes there can be a

perception that certain industries only require a certain set of skills, but we all need so much more than that. For us, we employ people with skills that range from agronomists, to robotics specialists and engineers. We believe that if we can show this to people before they leave school, then they will know that there are opportunities for them to stay and grow in Horowhenua”.

Students were guided through three ‘adventures’ with each employer to show them how their learning can be applied across different industries and roles.

Ryan said this is just one of many initiatives that Get-Go intends to support. “This is the start for us. Ultimately, we want to deliver activities across all age groups, sectors and demographics. We have all the skills and talent we need right there in Horowhenua, and the job opportunities, so we’re here to help people and employers make those connections.”





Education Perfect Science & Maths Competitions



From an academic perspective, the third school term demands a direct and focused approach to schoolwork more so than the two previous terms. Despite the increased focus on derived grades and end of year exam preparation and study, many students devoted time and effort to learning new skills and refining knowledge in both the Education Perfect Mathematics and Education Perfect Science competitions. These competitions saw students from our college compete at a global level against tens of thousands of competitors in each respective competition.

Between the Science and Maths Championships, there were 9 Emerald Certificates awarded to our students for answering over 10,000 questions each. This is an outstanding achievement and we would like to congratulate Emma Yang, Heer Patel, Gavin Sue, Ethan Roentgen and Zoe Roentgen for receiving these awards and placing in the top 1% of the competitors from around the world!

Ethan Roentgen and Brianna Chow
2020 Academic Prefects





Hon. Jenny Salesa

On Tuesday 8 September, our Pasifika students had the privilege of meeting and listening to Hon. Jenny Salesa and the local Labour candidate for Otaki, Terisa Ngobi. Hon. Jenny Salesa, Minister for Building and Construction, Ethnic Communities and Customs talked about her life experiences when migrating to New Zealand. Migrating from Tonga to Auckland was a struggle for her because of the language barrier and the school system was not the same as it was back in Tonga. Hon. Jenny Salesa's schooling career ended before she could finish Year 13. In spite of this barrier, she ended up going to university and completing a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Law. To get into politics, her motivation was her values that she grew up with: To love everyone and to be kind. Hon. Jenny Salesa's talk has inspired the Pasifika Students to dream big and to never give up no matter what obstacles are in the way.

Caroline Vehikite
Cultural Prefect





Social Science Faculty Term 3 Social Action



The Level 1 Studies of Society students took Social Action in the Amnesty International Freedom Challenge. This year students chose between 2 focus areas: 'Lives Hanging in the Balance' that looks at the 90 child offenders who are currently on death row in Iran or 'Nowhere to hide' that investigates the human rights abuses suffered by the Uyghurs in China.



Level 2 Social Studies students concentrated their Social Action on the issue of Family Violence and teamed up with 2 groups that work in our local community – Women's Refuge and HALT (Horowhenua Abuse Liaison Team)





Social Science continued



Level 3 Sociology students focused their social action on 'influencing a Government policy' – The policies chosen were wide and varied including changes to Immunisation, improvements in Youth Mental Health Funding, and the push to make Matariki a Public Holiday.

Miss Grey
Head of Faculty
Social Science





Business Studies

In Week 3 the Year 11 Business Studies class had their annual food fair market day.

Mostly all groups sold out of products and all made a significant profit. They showed awesome customer service and had put all their weeks of planning into practice for a successful event. From nachos and burritos, to fried rice and cookie dough balls, there was something on offer for all students and staff.

We are looking forward to seeing what next year's Year 11's can come up with!

Miss Kelly, Teacher of Business Studies





Jandal Jam

This year's Jandal Jam saw Pasifika students from Waiopahu and Horowhenua College come together for a day of whakawhanaungatanga with students and Pasifika professionals working in various sectors of the community. Students were inspired to work hard and chase their dreams by various guest speakers, notably the Pasifika dean at Massey University, Dr Palatasa Havea. They gained vital insight into different professions, provided by Q&A panel. The day came to a close with students learning a group dance and performing it together. This wonderful experience was organized by Fale Pasifika who provided students with a great day of fun and learning.

Miss Foster
TIC He Vaka Moana

Fiafia Night

On Saturday 8 August, we had our annual Fiafia night. We would normally use this night as an opportunity to share our offerings for Pasifika Fusion with our fanau. However, this year we lost Pasifika Fusion. Our students took on the challenge to produce an evening to celebrate our Pasifika peoples within Horowhenua College. The result was an evening following the journey of intrepid explorers as they journeyed through the islands of the Pacific. As the explorers arrived at each location, a group produced a traditional piece to showcase who they are. The evening was fantastically executed, and it was enjoyed by all present. If the performances didn't rock your boat, the food on offer certainly did. For now, we look forward to next year, and we hope that Pasifika Fusion will be part of 2021.

Mr Samson
Dean of Pasifika Students







Senior Art Trip

The year 12 and 13 art students visited Wellington in September to visit the Creative School of Art at Massey University, and look at all the art courses on offer. We also went to Pataka Art Gallery and Te Papa to view the art collections. We did also try to see the Van Gogh night time exhibition on the waterfront, but due to COVID-19 and level 2 restrictions, we couldn't enter with our group. This was frustrating, but we still enjoyed our day, finishing our trip with pizzas and choccy sundaes at One Red Dog on the waterfront .

Mrs Gilroy
Head of Faculty Art





Senior Drama Trip



On Friday, 11 September some of the Year 12 and 13 Drama students headed down to Whitireia to check out what they have on offer. Some students stopped off in Porirua to experience a range of cultural dance workshops, while the other group headed into town to the acting seminars.

Mrs Wehipeihana
TIC Drama





Year 10 High Performance Sports Class



This term we were fortunate to have several visitors to our class to talk to our students on a variety of subjects. These included:

Keeping Athletes Safe and Competition Ready:

ACC Sport Smart workshop

Nicholas Chong from NZ Football reiterated the importance of warming up using the ACC warm up to help reduce the chance of knee and hamstring injuries.

Drug Free Sport NZ workshop

Tracy Lambrechts from DFSNZ stressed to always check nutrition labels and watch for prohibited substances. She also educated students that they may need to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for a variety of medications and the

students were shocked that the recommended daily intake of caffeine for U18 year olds is only 95mg!

Different Training Methods:

ZUU workout

Brandon Rennie owner of The Rec Room took the students through their paces teaching them a range of animal primal movements.

Olympic Weightlifting

Hayden Pritchard (UCOL lecturer, PNWC president) and Manaaki Todd (UCOL student) taught the students some snatch basics using a fancy broomstick. They were taught how to muscle snatch and power snatch.





DVC

In Design & Visual Communication, we always start the design process with research and often use the work of famous and influential designers as inspiration. Architecture and design history has largely been shaped by European and American designers but we would like to see young New Zealand designers helping to shape the future. This year we studied the work of well known Hawke's Bay-based designer David Trubridge, who is best known for his stunning Rotorua Nightwalk installation. The Year 10's designed laser cut flatpack furniture and sent photos and descriptions of their work to David to thank him for being a homegrown designer, inspiring the next generation. We were delighted to receive the following response from him: *"Kia ora Donna, Thanks so much for sending this through. It is amazing to think that this is the work of high school students — it is better than much of what I have seen from tertiary! Well done to you and to the students! Please keep up the great journey."*

Miss Elliott
DVC Teacher



Science

Mrs Davies working with students in A5 doing a practical.





Creative Catering

The senior class has worked hard this year to learn about all the different cookery methods and hone their skills.

We hosted a buffet lunch for invited guests at the end of Term 3.

The presentation and variety of dishes on offer were a credit to the students and their dedication to honing their skills throughout the year. The guests thoroughly enjoyed the banquet fit for a king!

Mrs Petterson
TIC Creative Catering





Equine Therapy

This term a group of Year 9 students and myself travelled down to Waikanae to participate in Equine Therapy. The girls had a great time!

Here are some of their comments...

"Being with the horses gave me more confidence in myself. While I was with the horses my breathing was much more calm than usual. I felt that the horses helped with my depression and anxiety".

"I think I gained more confidence and can trust people more now and I'm not so scared"

"Equine therapy helped me gain more confidence and learn more about myself"

Mrs Duncan
Guidance Counsellor



Steffani Midores

Steffani is a Year 9 student who showed exceptional talent in her first DVC option rotation. She was invited to do another 12 weeks of DVC and run parallel with the Level 1 Smart Shoe project.



She has just finished an outstanding portfolio of work and is the first Year 9 student to be awarded 13 NCEA credits at L1. Steffani worked totally independently and showed outstanding self management, creativity and design maturity well beyond her years.

Miss Elliott
DVC Teacher



Winter Tournament Week

Due to COVID the majority of winter tournament week didn't go ahead but the Horowhenua 1st XI football team were lucky enough to be invited to the Lindisfarne College tournament in Hawkes Bay. Injuries to captain Jared Davis and keeper Isaac Bishop on the first day's games made the rest of the week a bit harder. But stand out play during the whole tournament from players Ollie James, Stasson Collings, Hemish Patel and Sora Miyamoto kept the team going. The team battled hard all week long, narrowly losing out to some stiff opposition from schools twice our size, and finishing 11th overall. Big thanks to our Year 13 players whom this was their last tournament with the school.

A big thank you to Southern Trust for contributing towards accommodation and travel costs for the football secondary tournament week. Your support is very much appreciated.

Mr Justin Tate, 1st XI Manager



Girls 1st XI Hockey

Well done to the Girls 1st XI Hockey who came second in Division 1 for the season.





Girls 1st XI vs Teachers



On Wednesday the 16th of September, the Girls 1st XI Football team played a team of teachers at lunchtime. Many students and staff flocked to the school field to support and cheer both teams on. With only 15 minutes a half, both teams were pushed to work hard in that short amount of time. From both teams, there was plenty of pushing and nudging, intentional trip-ups (thanks Coxy) and a few collisions. The game was most certainly tough, and by halftime, it was 0-0. Unfortunately, after half time the teachers lifted their game and scored a couple of goals against the girls. Mr Ferzli scored the first goal from an awesome corner kick from Miss Davidson by heading the ball into the goal. The teachers then scored another goal. Mr Congdon had attempted to take a shot at goal, but the goalie managed to deflect the ball out of the box. This, however, set up an opportunity for Miss Davidson to shoot and score a worthy goal. Overall, the game was fun and the result at the end of the game was 2-0 to the teachers.

Tonga Ngaluafe
Girls 1st XI Football Team Captain





Wearable Arts Competition

On the last day of term the Wearable Arts Competition was held in our school hall. The four houses battled against each other to devise the most creative design with the various materials provided, ranging from pipe cleaners, to tin foil, to newspaper.

The theme for this year was 'COVID' and there were many different interpretations on show, including essential workers, testing staff and the virus itself. After a quick verdict, Ngaio emerged victorious, followed by Kōwhai, then Rātā, and finally Hīnau. All houses excelled in fulfilling the judges criteria and were all highly praised for their creativity. We would like to thank Mrs McIntosh for judging our students' vibrant works.

Oliver Bau & Shyla Hendry
Arts Prefects



Reader/Writers

A big part of our role in the Learning Extension department is to ensure our students have the support and resources to achieve optimal success with assessment and learning tasks. To that end I would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful team of reader/writers. These volunteers come in and work with our students reading assessment tasks and writing responses. This allows students who might struggle with such assessments due to



challenges like dyslexia the ability to achieve success. Our volunteers are real champions for our students. I would also like to acknowledge Gay Congdon, Lisa Paxton who have set up this valuable support and co-ordinate this wonderful service.

Mr McElwee
SENCO



Year 9 Enrolments for 2021



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