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## NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

December 2020

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

2020 will forever be known as the year of the COVID pandemic. This has brought with it all sorts of challenges and opportunities and because of this 2020 was a unique year.

Having got to the end of the academic year the opportunity to stop and reflect on the year that has been always allows highlights to rise to the surface. The way in which our students and teachers responded to the challenge of online learning was certainly a highlight. It came about out of necessity but the result was that teachers had the opportunity to post innovative and creative learning programmes online, students had the opportunity to engage with their learning online, students were required to draw on their internal motivation and to be accountable to themselves for their own learning, and personal wellbeing was a major focus. In all these aspects students and staff rose to the challenge to achieve some remarkable results. For this I am very grateful and extremely proud.

Innovations in teaching and learning have been developed throughout the year. These have arisen out of identifying student need and in response to student voice. These developments are exciting and have resulted in increased student engagement as well as improved learning outcomes and achievements.

To those of you who are reading this I express my gratitude to you for partnering with us throughout 2020 as we work together to achieve our common vision of growing successful young men and young women. I am constantly impressed by the quality and maturity of our students and am absolutely convinced that as they finish their time at NUA and make their way along their chosen career path that they will not just be successful in their chosen career but will be positive, contributing members of society.



## A word from the Principal....

All the very best to you for a very happy Christmas, safe travel, enjoy family, whānau and friends, and I look forward to connecting again in 2021.

Ngā mihi, Tofa soifua, Kind regards  
Grant Congdon  
Principal

## Head Students for 2021



L-R: Ake Tarawa - Deputy Head Boy, Caroline Hyslop - Deputy Head Girl, Ellee Gilmore - Head Girl, Joel Paxton - Head Boy

## Staff Leavers 2020

Sue Meredith  
HOF Technology



Krishna Rangi  
Learning Support Coordinator



Misbah Sadat  
Head of Faculty Mathematics







## A Word from the Board Chair

Kia ora koutou

As I write this school has just finished for the term, and our NCEA students are completing their final examinations. It has definitely been a roller coaster of a year for the Board of Trustees, management, teaching and support staff, and of course for our students and their whānau. As I mentioned at our recent prize-giving ceremonies I am very grateful for all our staff have done to mount their teaching online and to support our tauira in 2020. We realise the lockdown and the adjustment to fully online teaching was particularly challenging for some of our students and their whānau. In Term 4 the Board was presented with tracking data on the academic achievement of our students, and are confident that our teachers have done their utmost to follow up on those students who may have fallen behind and to provide extra learning support where needed.

We continue to work in partnership with our Tumuaki, Mr Congdon, and the Senior Leadership Team and it is great that we are united in our actions to secure continuous improvement in all areas of the school. As a board, it has been a year of endeavouring to manage the college well through the various events we have faced and while the normal work of managing and reviewing academic achievement, building and property, health and safety, and finances has continued, we are looking forward to beginning some new strategic initiatives in 2021. Nevertheless we have been busy and spent considerable time producing new health and safety procedures which provide clarity across all levels of the operation of the school. We have also continued our property development which saw the demolition of N Block and many improvements to classrooms. Early 2021 will result in a new outdoor student area which has been designed with input from a student survey. As a board, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Jono Johnson for all his work around the college, but particularly for his oversight of the numerous contractors we have had on-site during the year. We have also sought to manage our finances well with the assistance of our College Executive Officer, Leanne Phillips. Leanne has had a significant job this year looking after the finances despite numerous variances associated with Covid. Thank you to our Board of Trustee members for their service, care and all their work on the finance, health and safety, property, discipline and policy committees.

They are an exceptionally talented group of people: Mr Garry Good (Deputy Chair), Megan Bolton, Nicki Simpson and Bob Slade (Parent Representatives), Hanchen Johnson (Staff Representative) and Misipeka Ana (our new Student Representative).

Our former Student Representative, Sam Anderson, leaves next year to take up university studies, so we wish him all the very best for the future.

Mr Congdon, as our Tumuaki, also serves on the board and does an incredible job, as does our Board Secretary, Kate Searle, who enables us to function so efficiently.





## A Word from the Board Cont...

It was just delightful to attend so many events in recent weeks where we could celebrate the talents and success of students across our four pillars of academic, sport, arts and culture and service. I am always amazed at the many and varied achievements of our students. To our Year 13 graduating students – well done on completing five years at college. It was wonderful to see you all receive your graduating certificates and prizes at Senior Prizegiving and I wish you well in all your journies beyond secondary school. By the time you read this the majority of our staff will also be on their summer holiday break. A huge thank you again to all our teaching and support staff for your commitment and hard work this year. Thanks also to our Senior Leadership Team, to Whaea Vicki and Miss Signal who have served as Assistant Principals in 2020, to Miss Moerkerk and Mr White our Deputy Principals, and of course, Mr Congdon.

It is an absolute privilege to serve you, the school community, with our trustees and to be part of a team who have a genuine desire to see our students succeed in all aspects of their lives. I suspect everyone will be feeling ready for the busyness of the year to stop and I wish you all a relaxing Christmas break. Thank you for your support. I am looking forward to an exciting (and perhaps less eventful) year in 2021.

Mere Kirihimete

Ngā manaakitanga

Juliana Mansvelt

Board of Trustees Chair

## Outward Bound

Recently two of our students, Ake Tarawa and Soane Kilioni, had the opportunity to attend Outward Bound for two and a half week. On returning they were invited to speak to the Horowhenua District Council about their experiences at Outward Bound. Consequently they were also asked to speak to a group of mayors in Wellington about their experiences. This opportunity came through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Scheme. The support from our Mayor, Bernie Wandon, as well as Sue Hori Te Pa and other council staff was significant and greatly appreciated.

We would also like to say a big thank you to our community for helping these student get to Outward Bound.







## Senior Prizegiving



Senior Prizegiving was a fabulous occasion and enjoyed by all. During the evening we had the opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our students in their pursuits of academic excellence, sport endeavours, cultural expression and acts of service. Congratulations to all of our prize winners and thank you to everyone who supported us on this night. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2020.

### Top Senior Awards for 2020

Ethan Roentgen	Dux
Jamie Harper	Proxime Accessit
Callum Baines	Top Academic Student in Year 12
Anand Ranchhod	Top Academic Student in Year 11
Sam Anderson	Simpson Cup - Top all round sports boy
Tonga Ngaluafe	Foster Cup - Top all round sports girl



Right: Ethan Roentgen, 2020 Dux

Middle: Jamie Harper, Proxime Accessit









## Junior Prizegiving



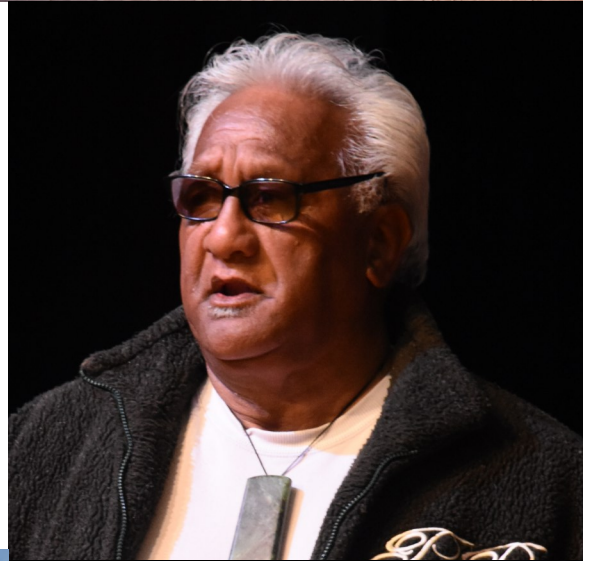
Congratulations to our prize winners who were acknowledged at our junior prizegiving.

Our Top Year 9 student was Gavin Sue and Top Year 10 student was Nathan Eyles.

A special thanks to Marokopa Matakatea who attended not just our junior prizegiving but our senior prizegiving also. Having Marokopa begin and finish our prizegivings with karakia was greatly appreciated.

Year 10 Nathan Eyles

Year 9 Gavin Sue







## Exams

Due to COVID 19 the exams started 10 days later than originally planned. This year we had 46 different exam sessions covering Levels 1-3. We also had 5 different Scholarship subjects being sat. Students had the opportunity to sit 6 exams either digitally or on paper. There were 30 SAC students who had the opportunity for either Reader/writers, separate accommodation or the use of a computer. Sally Kerr was our Exam Centre Manager and along with her supervisors made sure our students had a stress free and relaxed experience. Students are reminded that they need to ensure they can log-on to the NZQA website to check their results in mid January.



Ms Grey  
Principal's Nominee



NZQA website - <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/login/>



**Set up your login  
to access your  
exam results?**





## Future Links



It is important to make links to the future so that students can see a real-life application to their current learning at College. At the end of Term 4, the Technology Department invited past students Mayville Wootton (first year studying Architecture at Victoria) and Tasman Bruce (first year studying Computer Science) to speak to seniors—in particular those thinking of a career pathway in the Design and Digital related fields.

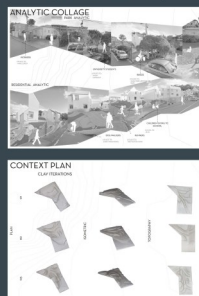
It was very helpful for the students to hear from ex-peers about university life and expectations, fees and living costs, the secondary/tertiary link and how to

prepare for life after school as well as grappling with COVID distance learning. Tasman found that the most applicable things he took from school were the ability to collaborate with others, adaptive learning and time management skills. Mayville inspired us with some work from her project portfolios and talked about the different skills needed for Architecture and how school had helped prepare her for that. Overall, the students found their talk very candid and interesting and will be a good preparatory supplement to our field trip to the Schools of Design and Architecture in 2021.

Donna Elliott  
Design & Visual Communication Teacher

### SARC 112 - DESIGN PROCESSES

PROJECT 01 - A PARK  
(LANDSCAPE)



PROJECT 02 - BATCH  
(ARCHITECTURE)



PROJECT 03 - STORE  
(INTERIOR)

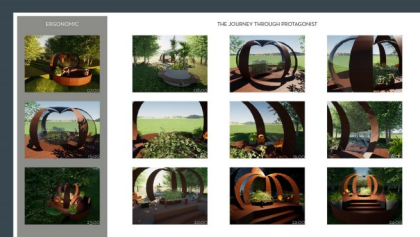
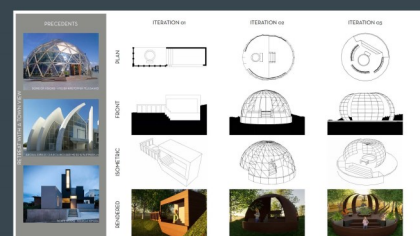


### SARC 111 - DESIGN PROCESS

PROJECT 02 - RETREAT



PROJECT 03 - PAVILION







# Debating



This year the Horowhenua College Debating Club made a return to the cultural circuit, and the students involved showed how incredible their ability to pick up and run with an activity is. With little to no training at the beginning of the year, the students were engaging in fully fledged debates with each other throughout their lunchtimes before the end of Term 1.

The year of effort and determination culminated in Term 4 with a voracious debate against their cross-town counterparts, Waiopahu College. The students performed extremely well and did themselves proud, a special mention going to Shyla Hendry, Oliver Bau and Amber Rollinson who spoke on the day.



While the Year 13's in the club may be saying goodbye soon, the imprint they have left on the younger members will not be forgotten, and the future is looking bright for the HCDC.

Nick Stachurski  
TIC Debating





## Services Academy Term 4



The Academy started the term off with a visit from the Army Reserves recruiter. He gave a presentation on how individuals can work their normal job on civilian streets and still work part time with an army unit. It was interesting for the students who have current employment.

Term 4 also saw staff members from the Youth Development Unit (YDU), who organize and conduct our Academy courses, came to school to take the students over lessons in preparation for the Bush Craft course. These classes were great for the students. They prepared the students with instruction on packing a backpack, sizing the backpack to the person, meal packs, using a gas stove and gas, hyperthermia/hypothermia, a lesson on wearing clothing for the conditions and a general visit.



The Academy went on the Bush Craft course which was conducted by the NZ Defence Force. They learnt navigation skills, knowledge about the flora and fauna, building improvised shelters and overnight camping. The course was held in the Whirinaki Forest Park in the Te Urewera National Park in Murupara/Minginui. The camps have been a good experience for the students who have never camped out before or even walked in our beautiful native bush.

Term 4 finished with exams and our Service Academy Prizegiving which was a nice way to end the school year.

I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Enjoy your break and we will see you next year.

Ray Hunia  
Services Academy Director



## Civic Honours

Our College community celebrated as nine of our students recently received Civic Awards. This was a wonderful acknowledgement on what these students have achieved and our thanks go to the Horowhenua District Council and Mayor Bernie Wanden for organising this event.

Our honours recipients were:



Left - Right: Renee Smith - Academia, Carter Maddock - Academia, Jamie Harper - Community Service, Tonga Ngaluafe - Community Service, Samuel Anderson - Sport, Caroline Vehikete - Arts and Culture, Aaliyah Wicks - Arts and Culture, Ethan Roentgen - Academia, Rihara Norgorove-Rangihuna - Arts and Culture

We also congratulate Garry Good, our Deputy Board Chairperson of the Board of Trustees who was also recognised with a Civic Honour. Garry received a Civic Honour for Community Affairs and Services to Education.







# Rangatahi Ora Update

Tēnā koutou katoa

Term 4 has been another full on term for the students in Rangatahi Ora.

## Ki ō Rahi - Annuals Week

Our annual Whakawhānaungatanga Day during Te Wiki o te Reo Māori was called off due to the weather, so we were excited at the opportunity to come together and play Kī ō Rahi during our sporting annuals week. Our teina team, for many of whom it was their first time playing, performed well keeping up with Waiopehu in a high scoring game that ended in a draw. Our tuakana team on the other hand, showed their experience outrunning and outscoring to take the win. Despite the results, the wairua in which the games were played and how the teams expressed whānaungatanga made the day a memorable occasion.



## Graduation

On Monday 23 November we held our Rangatahi Ora Graduation to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students for the year. The whare overflowed with whānau as each student delivered their mihi and pepeha to the crowd, and despite the anxiousness, there was an overwhelming sense of accomplishment and pride for the rangatahi. Certificates were presented and in particular, our 'Rangatira mō Apōpō' award for the most outstanding Teina going to Jayde Heihei and our 'Te Tihi' award for the Tuakana received by Troy Beckham and Shaye Tapp. A special mention must also go to our many rangatahi who received awards in the school Sports, Arts and Cultural as well as the Academic Junior and Senior prizegivings. Kei runga noa atu koutou katoa.







# Rangatahi Ora Update

## Activities Week

The highlight of the term was activities week and the Teina trip that our rangatahi have committed and worked hard towards all year. We stayed at Oomaero Pā in Whatawhata and then had day adventures to Rainbows End and the Sky Tower in Auckland, Waka Ama in Okahu Bay, swimming at Orewa Beach, going to the movies, racing on Drift Trikes and playing Laser Tag at Baystation, then soaking in the Mt Maunganui Hot Pools. It truly was an experience that everyone will never forget. Each night students shared their pepeha in 'hui o te pō', growing in confidence each time and then identified the highlights of their day and which 'Whāinga' or Nua Way values they had seen from their peers. Finally on the way home we stopped for the legendary Rangatahi Ora KFC lunch and monstered our way through multiple Big Family Buckets. To our rangatahi whose many hands made light work, whose enthusiasm and excitement made long distances shorter and whose whānaungatanga showed that being away from home was soon forgotten - ka tau ngā manaakitanga ki runga i a koutou.

"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







## Misbah Farewell

Misbah Sadat has been our Head of Faculty Mathematics for the last four years. Over this time she has transformed the faculty and developed a very capable and accomplished team of mathematics teachers. We celebrated with Misbah when she won the position of Assistant Principal at Onslow College in Wellington. She started in this position at the end of Term 4 and we wish her all the best in her new role.



## Graduating Teachers

Congratulations to our teachers who were able to attend their graduation ceremonies in November. Miss Hooper, Whaea Steph, Miss Davidson, Miss Kelly and Mr Gilroy.







## RYPEN

Recently we had the opportunity to to attend the Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN), which was held at Vertical Horizon in Inglewood. We were loaded onto a bus and sent to Inglewood. The bus ride up was very quiet but over the next couple days everyone got settled in and started introducing themselves. The first night we had dinner and then got put into 4 different groups for the weekend. These groups were named after the four founders of Rotary - Gustavus, Silvester, Paul and Hiram. Gabe and I were in the



same group - Green Gustavus. In these groups we had a discussion time where we named the top three most important struggles that our generation goes through including social media and how it affects people through negative comments and body image. On Saturday we had a day planned full of activities that we were to complete which engaged the whole team to cooperate together to achieve the tasks ahead. The activities were: flying kiwi, jellyfish, lake traverse, skits practise and raft building. Out of all the things we did, Gabe and I enjoyed the flying kiwi as we got launched into the air by our group members who were pulling the rope as we ran. After these we had an Op Shop dinner. The purpose of this dinner was to dress in clothes that we normally wouldn't wear or weren't comfortable wearing as it showed us to appreciate what we have and that other people around us may not have enough money to buy all the fancy clothes we tend to wear these days. On the last day we did a mud run and raced our rafts which we ended up getting second in.

Our guest speaker for the weekend was Moira Shepard. Moira talked to us about her journey across Alaska to train sled dogs. She explained what she had learnt with the team work, leadership and the cooperation that goes into the dogs racing to achieve their goals and winning. We learnt a number of valuable things from this trip, one of them being that challenges are opportunities in disguise. This means that being pushed out of your comfort zone is valuable as you learn more when things get hard and to

take all the opportunities that are presented to you. Overall we can't thank the Rotary Club enough for letting us have this opportunity to go to Inglewood as we both learnt to challenge ourselves even if we thought we couldn't do it and push through those tough challenges.

Jessica Leota & Gabe Welsh  
Year 11's







## Electra Business and Innovation Awards

Horowhenua College joined with Waiopahu College to submit a joint application to the Electra Business and Innovation Awards. The focus of our application was the way in which our staff and students had adapted their teaching and learning to the COVID pandemic. Together, we won the category of Not for Profit, Community and Public Service Award. This is an achievement we are very proud of as it recognises the professionalism and adaptability of our staff, and the commitment and motivation of our students.







## Free and Healthy School Lunches

A significant government initiative is to provide free and healthy lunches to approximately 200,000 primary and secondary students throughout New Zealand for 2021. The rationale behind this initiative is their acknowledgment that a significant number of students arrive at school without adequate breakfast and go through the school day without sufficient food. We all understand that good learning requires food to power the brain and the body. We are therefore delighted to be named as one of the schools involved in this initiative.

Here are some relevant details:

1. A lunch will be delivered for every student for every school day of 2021.
2. The contract holders are Libelle. They are very experienced at providing good healthy meals to large numbers of customers.
3. Dietary requirements and allergies will be taken into account.
4. Lunches will be free of charge.

## Manawatu Secondary School Futsal Winners!!







## Activities Week

What better way to end an academic year than to have a week of activity. With a wide range of options students were able to travel as far away as Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Taupo, National Park and Wellington. The memories generated from these activities are always a highlight of students time with us at NUA.











## Activities Week Cont....







# LET'S KEEP OUR REGION COVID-19 FREE!

Look after yourself and your whānau over the holiday season by taking time to rest and enjoy a break. It's been a hard year and we all need a bit of support from time-to-time. If you or someone you know is struggling, there is help available. Free call or text 1737 any time, 24 hours a day. You can also call Lifeline on 0800 543354 or text HELP to 4357.

We have done a great job of protecting our community from COVID-19 so let's do our best to keep it that way. For those of you staying at home or travelling over this time, please keep yourself and your loved ones safe by doing the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home. Don't travel or take part in events or activities.
- If you become sick while on holiday, contact Healthline on 0800 611 116 or your health professional who can advise whether you should be tested. If you are told to get a test, please do so; don't wait until you get home.
- Testing will be available throughout the Christmas, New Year and holiday period. If you need to get a test, call Healthline or your health professional for advice about where to get a test.
- Remember to use the NZ COVID Tracer app or write down where you've been. This is really important when you're on holiday because you may not remember all the locations you have visited. Keep your phone close to make signing in quick and easy.
- Consider packing a kit that contains hand sanitiser, a mask, cleaning products, and a booklet for contact tracing.
- Wash and dry your hands, or use hand sanitiser if unable to wash your hands. Cough or sneeze into your elbow and regularly clean well-used surfaces.
- Be aware of the current alert level and any additional measures, like physical distancing or face mask use, you might need to take to protect yourself and others.







## 2021 Beginning of the Year

# HOROWHENUA COLLEGE

## BEGINNING OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS 2021



The College Office will open from 9.00am - 3.30pm as from Tuesday 26 January. Senior Management and Deans will be available for enrolments. Please phone the college office for enquiries or to make an appointment.

### **Tuesday 2 February**

8.50am - 3.10pm Year 9 Students Orientation Day 1 with Peer Support Buddies. Bring device, pen, paper and lunch. Gather at 8.50am for the Year 9 Powhiri. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. Students to be in uniform.

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

### **Wednesday 3 February**

8.50am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 2 with Peer Support Leaders.

### **Thursday 4 February**

8.50am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 3 with Peer Support Leaders.

### **Friday 5 February**

8.50am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 4 with Peer Support Leaders.

### **Monday 8 February**

School closed for tuition.

### **Tuesday 9 February**

8.50am - 3.10pm Classes start for all year levels.

Buses will be running at the normal times from 2 February.

**Grant Congdon**  
Principal

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