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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 an amazing term it has been. There have been many highlights over the last 10 weeks and many achievements to celebrate. Many of these are highlighted in this newsletter and I am sure that by the time that you have read through it you will be amazed at these achievements and get a sense of some of the experiences that our students enjoy while at college.

The threat of COVID has been with us throughout the term and will no doubt continue to be present as we head into Term 3. I do not take for granted the fact that we are able to be at college teaching and learning, rather than in lockdown, so I am very appreciative of a full term of learning in school.

Enjoy reading
and we look
forward to
further
highlights in
Term 3.

Ngā mihi
Grant Congdon
Principal





A Word from the Board Chair

Tēnā koutou katoa

Term 2 was another full and a busy one for the board. Once again this newsletter contains details of the diversity of activities over the last 10 weeks. A real highlight this term has been the success of Lototaha winning the cultural performance at Pasifika Fusion. It's wonderful to see young people enthusiastically celebrating their identity, talent and culture, including through our other events this term: Fia Fia night and the Kapa Haka regionals with students from Manawatū and Waiopēhu Colleges as Ngā Wai o Manawhenua. Many of you would have also have seen our school production "Into the Woods" – another significant undertaking and a great success for all who participated and contributed on and off stage. We recognise all the hours of work that go into these events, not only for our students, but also the staff and whānau who support them.

This term the board continued its review of policies, focussing on curriculum, governance and our Vulnerable Children and Young Person's Health and Safety Policy. We examined a great deal of achievement data and have spent some time discussing class composition and the evidence which supports achievement for success for all, and are currently consulting our parent community on this. We have also signed off a number of property improvement projects and are very grateful to all the work our Campus Manager, Mr Johnson, is doing to oversee them. This term we also met Cathy Leger our evaluation partner from the Education Review office (ERO). ERO reviews have changed since our last review, and Cathy will follow us through a journey of self evaluation over the next 18 months to three years. Unfortunately we had to postpone our Open Night for year 8 students due to Level 2 restrictions in the greater Wellington area, but are looking forward to hosting parents and prospective students in our first week back after the holiday break.

Thanks again to all our staff, parents and community for helping us to 'grow successful young adults'. I do wish all those on holiday, including our staff, a well-earned and restful break!

Ngā mihi nui

Juliana Mansvelt

RYPEN

Recently two of our students attended the Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN) programme. Jade Hurunui and Jaxon Tahuaroa presented back to Rotary. Both students found the course too short, enjoyed the fellowship, personal development and training in leadership skills that the course presented. They were impressed with the motivational speakers and felt they had benefited from the varied activities that pushed them beyond their comfort zone.

We would like to thank the Levin Rotary Club for making opportunities available for students such as Jade and Jackson to develop them as future community leaders.





Social Prefects

The end of Term 1 was busy with preparation for the Horowhenua School Ball. Throughout this term the committee members worked hard organising and preparing quotes to successfully host a Ball with the theme 'Happily Ever After'. Throughout the Term 1 holidays last minute finalized details and finances were completed. The majority of the second week of school holidays was hands-on work in the school hall, clearing and cleaning in preparation for the silks/ interior design. Each committee member had a set task in a group including: Photography, DJ/Music, Photobooths, Food, Interior and Exterior Design. The ball was held on the 1st of May with an attendance of 165 people. This was a huge event for the college, and one that is looked forward to by many senior students. This event took a lot of effort and was a huge learning process, however the time put in wasn't a waste as the night was definitely one to remember. A huge thank you to Mrs Phillips who helped us with all the financial expenses, the ball committee for giving up their time to attend meetings as well as close friends of the ball committee who helped with the preparation in the final days before the ball and the clean up. Lastly a huge thank you to the Teacher in Charge of the Ball Mrs McCormick for overseeing everything and keeping us under control as well as the generous parents who helped on the day and leading up to the ball.

Mary Martin & Salaina Fuauli
Social Prefects





Well-being Prefects

Well-being week

This year for well-being week we decided to incorporate all parts of the well-being hauora: mental and emotional, social, physical and spiritual. We placed posters and quotes around the school to spread some positivity as well as some compliment cards which you were able to take for yourself or give to a friend. In assembly we spoke about apps which students could find on their devices to help them if they were feeling anxious, upset or just needed some time to settle themselves if they were feeling under pressure and stressed. We also spoke about helplines and ways students are able to receive help if they are needing it. We wanted to raise awareness and show students that there is help and support available. On the Friday we had “Just Dance” in the hall at both breaks. This was to support us in our physical and social well-being and we had a good group of students turn up and join in. We had a lot of fun and many laughs!



Anti bullying week took place from the 24th of May to the 28th of May. The Well-being Prefects raised awareness to the week in our assembly with a firm message stating how bullying impacts people especially their four areas of well-being and the effect that it has. We placed many quotes and messages around the college that you could tear off and keep for yourself or give to friends to encourage positivity and to show people that there is always someone there to support you regardless of what you are going through. It was used to show students how to look out for one another and support each other through tough situations and times.

We ended the week off by having Pink Shirt day on Friday to raise awareness of bullying and to “*speak up and stand out.*” Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Sophia Kingi, Ellee Gilmore & Joel Paxton

Well-being Prefects



Media Prefects

What a busy term it has been! For us Media Prefects along with our committee, this term has included taking photos at many awesome events, continuing to create videos and rolling notices for assembly, and receiving access to our school's Instagram page!

The Horowhenua College Instagram page has previously been run by Mrs Johnson who has done a great job however we felt as though it should be our responsibility to help her out, being the Media Prefects. We are hoping to create more of a separation between the College's Facebook page and Instagram page - with the Facebook being more directed to the community and the Instagram page being directed towards the students. Having the Instagram page run by two students will allow more students to connect to it and hope for them to be more actively looking for it. We hope to have important notices posted on the stories, along with showcasing our everyday life at school here. We are looking forward to next term, where we will be able to continue to bring new ideas to our portfolio and expand the media within the college.



Kaitlin Eyles & Jayden Duggan
Media Prefects

Sports Prefects

Heretaunga Exchange

On the 18th of May, Horowhenua College travelled down to Heretaunga College for our annual sports exchange. Unfortunately, due to Covid last year it was cancelled, so everyone was excited for it to go ahead again this year. The teams included: Boys 1st XI Football, Girls 1st XI Football, Senior A Netball, 1st XI Boys Hockey, 1st XI Girls Hockey and Boys Basketball. All those involved thoroughly enjoyed the day and everyone was pleased to continue the strong bond we have with Heretaunga College. Our teams were gracious in defeat, humble in victory and they all did Horowhenua College proud. Heretaunga won overall, and we look forward to welcoming them onto our homeground next year.





Sports Prefects

Interhouse Futsal

In weeks four and five of this term, we organised an inter house futsal competition. Congratulations to Kōwhai for taking first place for juniors and Ngaio for coming first place for seniors. It was awesome to see the huge amount of involvement from the students in each house! To add some more excitement, we put together a Teachers vs Year 13's game of futsal and the Year 13's were relieved to beat the teachers 2-1, redeeming themselves from losing dodgeball in Term 1. A massive thank you to our sports committee, the PE department and the students who helped make this event happen. We look forward to our next interhouse event next term and challenging the students and staff once again.

Manawatu Swimming Championships

On Saturday the 22nd of May, four of our students travelled to Palmerston North Boys High School to represent Horowhenua College in the Manawatu Swimming Championships. Abigail Hall and Olivia Murray-Kirby were in the U13 girls age group, Ma'ake Motu'apuaka in the U13 boys age group and Sione Motu'apuaka was in the boys 16 and over age group. They all placed well in their individual races which ranged from freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke and in the team events they placed 3rd in the mixed 15 and over 200m medley relay, and 2nd in the mixed 15 and over 200m freestyle relay. Congratulations to all four students for their achievements and representing Horowhenua College at this event.

Abigail Hall

Olivia Murray

Sione Motu'apuaka

Ma'ake Motu'apuaka



Cross Country

On Thursday the 15th of June during period 5 we held our yearly Cross Country event. Students were encouraged to dress up in their house colours and participate in either the competitive running event which was 4.6km or the non-competitive walking event which was 3km. Congratulations to each house for participating, the results were: Kōwhai 1st place, Rātā 2nd place, Ngaio 3rd place and Hīnau 4th place. Well done to all involved and a massive thank you to all the staff, especially the PE department who made sure everything ran smoothly.





Sports Prefects

Boys Basketball

The 2021 basketball season is a learning experience for many players on the team with new Year 11 and 12's coming into the team. It has been fun but also a tough time with many of us picking up a basketball for the very first time. With us playing in the Palmerston North premier A grade, there have been so many more teams that are better drilled than us and have players who are super talented. We, as a team, are able to try our best to face these teams but unfortunately have fallen short of a couple of points against many strong opponents.

This year's season started with a small local tournament in Otaki. We played schools like Kapiti and Manukura who both have extremely good teams from the region. From this, we learnt that winning games this year will not be easy and will require a lot of hard work. But from playing these teams we all have built friendships and memories that will last a lifetime and that I will cherish when looking back at my life at Horowhenua College.

Girls Football - 1st XI and 2nd XI

This year we are lucky enough to have two girls football teams which is the first time we have had this much interest since 2019. So far it has been an awesome season for both the 1st XI and 2nd XI, with both teams having their fair share of wins and losses. The Girls 1st XI are playing in the Manawatu Premiership League and many of the teams we have come up against have been a challenge and given us all good experience. It has been a busy term of training, early morning fitness sessions and games for both teams. Without a doubt we are all looking forward to the rest of the season next term; as well as tournament week and annuals. The improvement shown in both teams throughout this term has been immense and we are fortunate enough to have coaches, managers, refs and parents who constantly give up their time to support our teams. Their hard work does not go unnoticed and it is much appreciated by us all.



Boys U19 Football

The U19 football team started the season off strongly and we have been able to maintain our form thus far. With 3 games left to play, we are unbeaten and 9 points clear at the top of the table looking like the favourites to claim the U19 Manawatu Division 1 league trophy. Making it even more impressive, is that the bulk of the team is in Year 11 and eligible to play in a younger grade, but they have stepped up, showing they are more than capable. It has been an enjoyable season to this point, with a good mixture of year levels who play well together.



Sports Prefects

Netball

This season we have 7 teams that play on a Saturday morning at Donnelly Park. This season so far has been great with some tough competition. The Senior A team has just recently finished a tournament in Otaki. They played on a Monday night for 6 weeks coming 4th overall.

We have recently got new netball uniforms for the Senior and Junior A teams. We want to say a huge thank you to **Wakefield's Lawyers** as the uniforms were sponsored by them. This was appreciated as now we have more uniforms for the teams. Thank you to all the coaches, managers, refs and parents who put in their time and effort to make the netball season possible. We are looking forward to the rest of the season including annuals and tournament week.



Senior and Junior A netball teams with Wakefield Lawyers staff members Lauchie Griffin, Nicky Attridge and Lia Morris.

Rugby

The 1st XV and the U15 boys are having an amazing season. The 1st XV faced off against great teams from Premier 2, and the boys gained a 3rd place ranking in their Prem 2 competition. The 1st XV alongside the Under 15's have been organising fundraisers to raise money for new uniform and team hoodies and beanies. The U15 boys have a 4-0 win streak and this means that the U15 boys are on top in their pool. Unlike the 1st XV, the U15 boys already have their team hoodies. There has been amazing sportsmanship displayed from both our rugby teams. At every home game our 1st XV team line up at the end of the game and bow to the parents as a sign of appreciation of their support. With each home game, both teams help each other in performing the school haka to start a game. Our rugby boys are looking forward to returning to training as soon as Term 3 begins.

Caroline Hyslop & Ake Tawara
Sports Prefects



Social Action Prefects

40 Hour Famine

On the 17th of May Casey Harding, Elle Webb, Anand Ranchhod, Brooke Rollinson and Miss Lewis attended the World Vision Youth Ambassadors Leadership Training Conference that was held at the Arise Centre in Lower Hutt. At this event we were able to gain a better understanding of what 40 Hour Famine is and how we can help to positively impact our schools participation in 40 Hour Famine for this year.



The funds raised this year will be going towards children in Sub-Saharan Africa who are facing the biggest hunger pandemic of our lifetimes. The money raised will help give these children food for today and a future for tomorrow. We were fortunate enough to meet Leilani Baker at this event. She is the North Island Schools Partnership Manager with World Vision New Zealand. Leilani came to our school assembly on the 9th of June to encourage our students to participate and give them ideas on what they could do for 40 hours.

40 Hour Famine was held on the 25th-27th of June 2021. Our school raised a total of \$2163.69 which we are very proud of. Well done to those who joined in and helped raise money! THANK YOU!!!

Gumboot Friday

This year we held Gumboot Friday and Pink Shirt Day on the same day. Gumboot Friday is a day where everyone puts their gumboots on to help support people who are going through depression, as having depression is like walking through mud and for everyone to wear gumboots it is showing that we support them and are walking in their shoes. On this day there was a gold coin donation to wear gumboots and we were able to raise \$47.30 to donate to I Am Hope.



Elle Webb & Casey Harding
Social Action Prefects



Academic Prefects

This term we held Horowhenua College's version of the Chase TV Show during Week 7 and 8. This was a thoroughly enjoyable event, each house had a junior and senior team and a teacher chaser trying to beat and catch the teams. This was the second year that the college has held this event and it was definitely the most popular year. The library was full each break with students and teachers supporting and watching their friends and house teams as well as testing their own knowledge trying to answer the questions. It gave students something interesting to do in their break times with many of them liking the academic based event that they could be part of.



Well done to the Hīnau Team who won the Junior Chase and the Ngaio Team who won the Senior Chase! They both gave the Chaser something to fight for and these teams came out on top. Thank you to all the students and teachers who participated in the Chase, all the supporters who came and watched and Mr Stachurski who was a great host for the Chase! Lastly, thank you to our Academic Committee who helped to write the questions and they also gave up their breaktimes to help run the competition. It wouldn't have run so smoothly without you. We hope this competition continues in the future as it is a fun event that gets lots of student and teacher involvement.

Jason Sue & Callum Baines
Academic Prefects





Academic Prefects

Chess Competition

This was the first academic competition of Term 2 and was one to remember. 14 players participated in this year's Chess competition. Each player was randomly paired up and eliminated once they lost a game. It was jam packed with funny moments, including Dominic Clement's astonishing 3 move checkmate. Definitely one for the books...

With so many laughs also came seriousness, as it was full of extremely talented students of our school, all competing for the Top Chess player at the school. This was awarded to Levi Paxton, who showed excellent game strategy. Being academic prefects we try to allow students with all sorts of talents to shine. The chess competition was obviously not as big as Athletics day, but it brought the spotlight to students that have interest in alternative sports. We look forward to Term 3 as we have just as many fun and enjoyable academic events for Horowhenua College to enjoy.

Jason Sue & Callum Baines
Academic Prefects





Chess

This year we have a number of students who have been taking part in regional and online chess competitions. In May five students - Levi Paxton, Mayank Thakur, Tobi Welsh, Jack Davidson and Ryan Goodall - competed in the Horowhenua/Kapiti Schools Regional Chess Competition. Tobi was the top points scorer at this event with Levi second and Ryan third. The boys also won the teams event which qualified them to represent this region at the NZ Secondary Schools Chess Championships which will take place in October.

In June our team of Levi, Tobi, Mayank and Ryan competed in the Manawatu Regional Secondary Schools Chess Championships. At this event the team placed fourth behind three Palmerston North Boys High School teams. They beat four other Manawatu schools at this event.

The boys have also taken part in two online chess tournaments with the best placing being achieved by Levi who came second in the July tournament.

Miss Moerkerk
Teacher in Charge Chess



PISA

Recently 70 of our students participated in PISA 2021. PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) is one of the world's largest education research studies. It is held every three years in 80 countries and our college was randomly selected to take part. The students involved had to do a two-hour computer-based test followed by a 50-minute computer-based questionnaire. The PISA supervisors commented that our students were one of the best groups they had ever worked with and we would like to thank the students for their positive engagement with the study.





Student Achievement



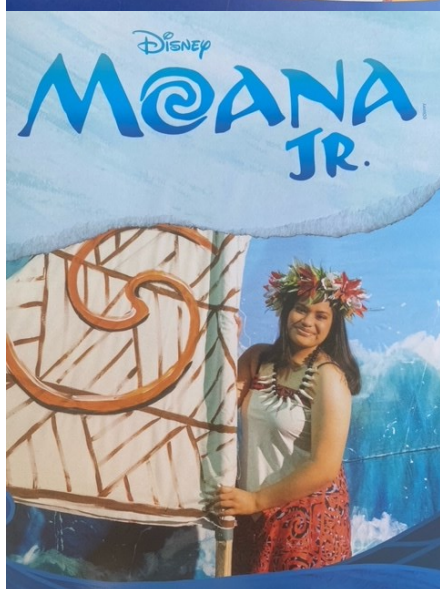
We have had several very talented students performing in various productions in our community this year. The lead roles in the Levin Performing Arts Society Production of Moana Jr were performed by Angelina Toeieiu and Philip Finau.

Angelina played the role of Moana and we were told she was not only great on stage but she was incredible off stage too. She always showed kindness and respect to every single person.

Philip played the role of Maui. Jenna Wicks from the Levin Performing Arts Society told us he showed great strength and courage playing such a role. Although shy when he first arrived he owned the stage and was brilliant on performance night.

Another three of our students received awards from the Levin Performing Arts Society for their roles in The Lion King Jr 2020 production. The awards were decided by three adjudicators from outside the theatre, who watched each production held.

Aaliyah Wicks - won the Directors Choice award for her role as Zasu.
Tyson Jones - won Best Male Youth for his role as Scar.
Kalanee Wicks - won the Best in Ensemble category for her role as Pumbaa.



Mathematics Faculty

New Zealand Physics and Mathematics Competition

During the coming holiday break we have a small rōpu of students who are taking up the challenge of taking part in the NZ Physics and Mathematics Competition. This competition is a nationwide standardized Physics and Mathematics Competition for High School students of all year levels throughout Aotearoa with a goal to help young Kiwi Scientists to extend their interest in Physics and Mathematics. It is sponsored and endorsed by both the University of Auckland and the University of Canterbury.

Maths Student of the Month

In the Maths Faculty we are continuing to celebrate a student of the month in each of our junior rōpu. This student is nominated by their Maths kaiako based around them excelling at one (or more) of the NUA way values in their Maths class that month. As well as receiving a certificate they are also invited to enjoy a pizza lunch together and a congratulatory email is sent home. It was great to see so many of our students of May able to make it to our most recent celebratory pizza lunch.

Amy Huse
Head of Faculty Mathematics



Business Studies Level 1 Market Day

On Monday June 14th, 48 Level 1 students were part of the Business Studies Market Day held in the college hall.

This year's market day was carnival themed with food and attractions flooding the hall, along with the many students who came to support at lunch time. The Business students spent most of the day preparing for their customers and put many weeks of planning to the test to ensure all operational, financial and promotional elements of their business were functional.



The market was a success with many students making a profit. Attractions ranged from pie tossing, balloon popping to guessing how many chocolate fish were in the jar. The food on offer covered the likes of sweet waffles, loaded fries, home baking to more traditional cultural products like panikeke and strawberry otaí.

Fun was had by both producers and consumers, and it will be exciting to see what 2022's class has in store for us all.

Miss Kelly
TIC Business Studies





Science Faculty



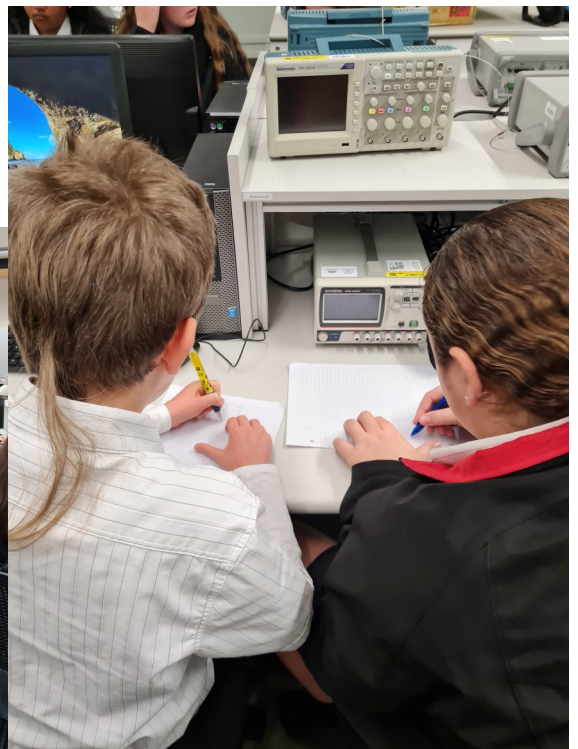
Term 2 has been a busy and exciting time in the Science Faculty.

The term started with a visit from Dr Hoop Booker who is First Year Dean at Massey in the Technology department and he was accompanied by Helen Liu an undergraduate student. The senior students enjoyed hearing about the Food Technology and Engineering courses and the support offered to students.

In early June, 50 of the Year 10 students went on an outreach programme to Victoria University to do with Renewable Energy sponsored by the PTC trust. This trust aims to provide Maori and Pasifika students with opportunities that will engage them in Science and Technology and lift the performance of the students. The resources available to the students at the University are unable to be provided at college and we really appreciate this wonderful opportunity for our students. They made solar powered cars and then raced them outside in the sun and had a great time. Back at college the students have been preparing posters about what they have learnt.

Brittany Adams from Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery in Palmerston North visited the Level 3 Biology class to talk about the role of Wildbase in the care of injured native birds and migration of the godwits from the Manawatu estuary. Brittany then spoke to several junior classes who were fascinated with what she had to say and kept her on her toes with many great questions.

Mrs Lewis
Head of Faculty Science





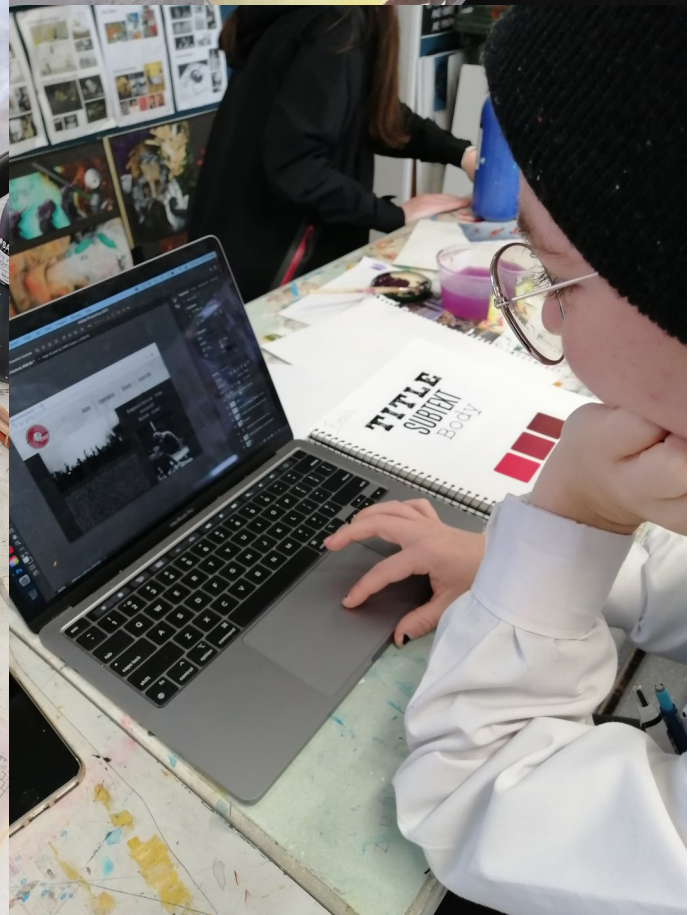
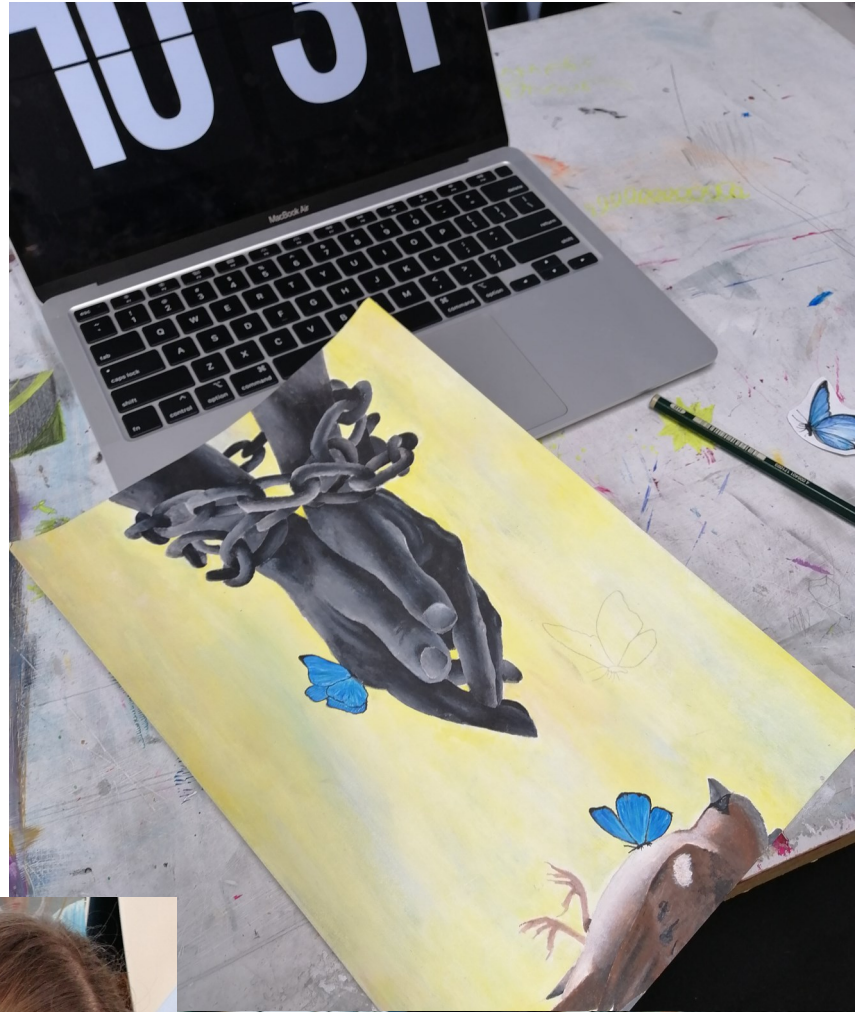
Arts Faculty

Senior students need to be working on their art over this holiday break as their folios are worth significant credits (12 or 14) and they must be half way through their completion of this once Term 3 starts.

Year 11's must have completed board 1, Year 12's need to have finished board 1 also and the Year 13's need to be at least halfway down board 2 by the end of these holidays.

Please ensure that your student is working hard over the holiday break.

Many thanks!
Mrs Gilroy
Head of Faculty Arts





Outdoor Education



Senior Outdoor Education in Term 2 saw students participate in survival, rock climbing, and abseiling assessments. The term started with the students preparing for the three day tramp in the Tararua Ranges where students were also challenged with river crossing and navigation tasks.

From the middle of the term, the class has been participating in rock climbing and abseiling. Here, students climbed on the Horowhenua College rock wall in preparation for the visits to Moffat's Rock, an outdoor climbing crag in the Ōtaki Gorge. A great term was had by all and the students are to be congratulated for their efforts. Next term - mountain biking!

Mr Riggs
Teacher in Charge Outdoor
Education





Services Academy

What does it mean to be a part of the Academy? In the Academy we are all joined together as one, working cooperatively and never leaving anyone behind. Joining the Academy is a pathway towards the future and involves bringing yourself out of your comfort zone to push yourself to your limits. Being a part of the Academy means holding yourself accountable, growing yourself and strengthening your mental skills with the encouragement and assistance of Staff Hunia who is the cornerstone of the Academy. The Academy provides many opportunities including quality education and a wide range of courses out of school throughout the



year. The year starts with two weeks of Induction at Waionaru, followed by the Bushcraft Adventure Challenge as well as the Basic Leaders Course or Advanced Leaders Course for Academy students who really want to push themselves and show leadership qualities. All of these courses are designed to develop your mental and physical skills and push you to your limits. Every pupil who goes on these courses always wishes they could go back and sees them as the best experiences of their life.

Bush Craft

The Academy went on the Bushcraft course in the Whirinaki Forest up near Murupara, Bay of Plenty. We stayed overnight at Tongariro College Marae with Whanganui City College's Academy. We visited the hot pools in Turangi and then played games with the Whanganui students. Next morning with the Tongariro and Whanganui Academies we left for Murupara. When we reached Murupara they did a pōwhiri for us. Afterwards we went to our base where we started our bushcraft challenge.

We were checked by our staff member to see that we had all the equipment with us. In these 5 days we lived out of our comfort zone. We pitched our tents everyday, cooked our food on gas cookers and sometimes we used drinking water from the streams and put some sterilizing tablets in the water to kill all the bacteria. At the end of each day we played some games and did a cooking competition. We built an improvised hut and slept in it to see if it could withstand the elements. In these 5 days we made lots of good memories. For us the bushcraft course was one of the best experiences that we have had from the Academy.



Hayden Yewen-Burns and
Ashwani Thakur
Service Academy



High Tea!



The Year 13 Creative Catering team held a high tea for their friends and the Senior Leadership Team. They were showcasing the baking skills they had been practicing this term. It was a great success and all the guests thoroughly enjoyed the delicious treats on offer. Congratulations to the Year 13 chefs. A great team effort!

Mrs Petterson
Head of Faculty Technology





Rangatahi Ora

Term 2 has been another busy term for Rangatahi Ora so we continue to acknowledge our rangatahi who show commitment by engaging in our weekly activities. Turning up on time each morning to Whānau so we can start our day with karakia and pānui. Kaitahi Monday where we have shared kai so that we may catch up and have a kai together - an awesome opportunity to reinforce tikanga around kai. Tikanga Tuesday where we learn new karakia, waiata, haka and mihimihi. As always in a Māori educational setting we strive to have lots of fun learning together - that's whanaungatanga at its best.

Tuakana Haerenga

This term we ventured up to Waikato with our tuakana students staying at Pirongia Forest Park Lodge and visiting Waikato University and WINTEC. Such an eye opening experience for some students who are still considering education opportunities after secondary school. Learning about different pathways and meeting people like themselves including ex-students is always a highlight of our year.





High Tea!

Wānanga Wednesday

Just recently we started our Wānanga Wednesday programme with Hato Hohepa (St Josephs School) sharing tikanga with a group of Māori students. An awesome opportunity for our tuakana to take on leadership roles while helping younger students learn about being Māori through karakia, waiata, haka, pepeha, karanga and whaikōrero.

Hāngi

This term we also had 2 hāngi fundraisers, the first over a weekend in May for our tuakana and then during the last week of the term for our teina students. Both times our students worked hard from the beginning to the end, whether it was digging the hole and gathering the wood or preparing the vegetables and packing the trays.

Maintaining a high standard of hygiene and presentation ensures our kaupapa is well supported by our whānau and the wider community. E kore e mutu ngā kupu whakamihi ki a koutou katoa e kaha tautoko nei i a mātou. Rangatahi Tū, Rangatahi Ora!





Duke of Edinburgh



The 2021 Duke of Edinburgh participants completed their solo qualifying expedition journey in the Ruahine Ranges via the 2-day Deadman's Loop this term, putting all their outdoor training into good practice. The seven students managed the big climbs, cold weather and accommodation wildcard in style and showed excellent teamwork. Piper Ristow, expedition leader gives her account below.

"This trip was an interesting one, that's for sure. The walk was pretty good, but try sleeping 40 people in a 12 person hut, that's where it gets interesting. I ended up sleeping under the table with two others and Caleb got some feet in the face, but at least he got to sleep inside. Miss Elliott and Mrs Prentice had to sleep outside on the deck. Putting the hut arrangements aside, the trip was really nice. The first day was a short two-hour walk uphill and day two was crazy windy but beautiful. We travelled above the treeline to a spot on the top of the ranges where we were able to see both sides on the North Island. It was a great trip and I look forward to more of these trips in the future."

Miss Elliott

Teacher in Charge Duke of Edinburgh





Manfeild 6 Hour Cycle Challenge



In May, we entered a team of Year 9 students (Minnie Collins, Oliver Kennett, Jonathan Clarke and McGregor Eden) into the Bike Manawatu 6-hr Cycle Challenge at Manfeild Raceway. This is the first time in almost a decade that Horowhenua College has had a road cycling team compete for the school. The students had very little training and for all, it was their first time riding in a peloton on a road bike. The speed of the leading bunch of adults was fairly intimidating but the students held their own cycling 3-4 laps of the 3km circuit in a tag team style for six hours. While we did not receive a placing, cycling at the college is picking up momentum. These students, plus a growing number, are now training two times a week at the Levin domain velodrome and are soon to start road rides in preparation for the Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge in November.

With our sights set on the North Island Schools Champs in 2022, it has been great to see the students commitment and enthusiasm towards the sport which our College was once strongly represented in.

We are also very grateful to Richard Horn and the Levin Cycling Club for their ongoing support of the students.

Watch this space!
Miss Elliott, DVC Teacher





Agricultural Horticultural Academy

The Hort Academy had their first taste of shearing on a farm in Tokomaru on Friday 11 June. It was an exciting and exhausting day and that was only shearing a couple of sheep each with lots of assistance! However all of the students were up for the challenge.

Mrs Prentice
Teacher in Charge AgHort





Year 10 Work Week

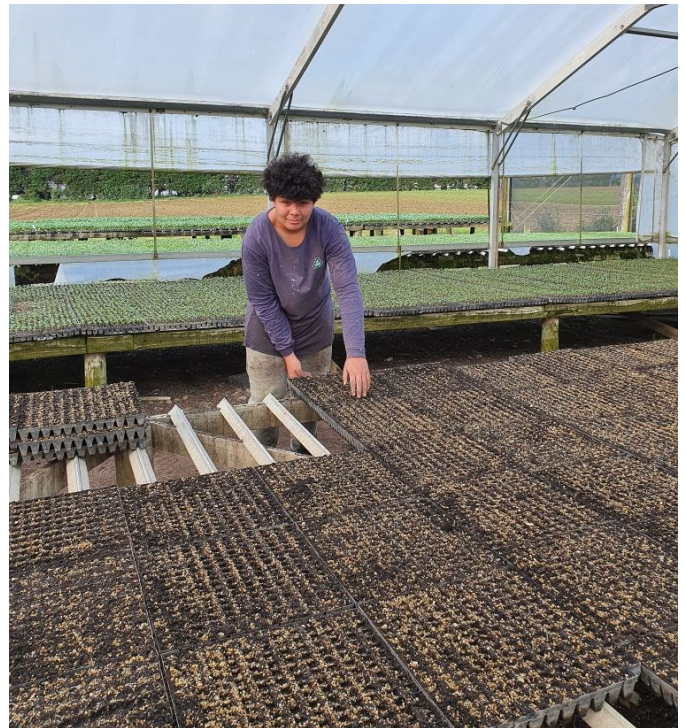
This term our Kōwhai and Hīnau Y10 students participated in Work Week. 51 students had four days of work experience. This programme enables our students to get a taste of what a working day is like. This can help the students find out what they like and what they don't like. It can help them with senior subject selection and pathways going forward.

Next term Ngaio and Rātā Y10's will get to experience a work week.

We couldn't do this programme without the support of our business community. We would like to thank the following businesses for hosting our students for the week: New World, Learning Adventures, Shukers Market Garden, Noodle Canteen, Canvasland, Jordan Graham, B & M Fire, About Kids, Mitre 10, HMC, Makerua Davis, Taitoko School, Super Minx, SPCA, Fairfield School, Schulze Family Partnership, Waiopahu College TWA unit, Headstone Cleaning and Restoration, Speldhurst, Cooper Campbell Law, Horowhenua College PE, Art, Maori Depts. Venture Vets, Cosy Home NZ, Queen St Dental, Woodhaven, Levin Intermediate, Whispers Cafe, Kaffir Lime, BS Young, Cat Royal, Variety Store, Sponge Kitchen, MacArthur St Store.

The feedback from our business community was outstanding. We would also like to thank the parents for supporting the students in this initiative, and thank the students for representing themselves and the college with maturity and pride.

Miss Hale, Careers Advisor





Pasifika Fusion



Poly Fusion is an annual event held in Palmerston North and gives schools in the Manawatu-Whanganui region a chance to create a 20 minute cultural performance which is a mash up of different cultures from the Pacific. There are 12 categories schools can compete in, Cultural Performance, Drama, Debate, Essay, Quiz, Talent, Speeches, Science, Visual Arts, Poetry, Wearable Arts, Cinematography. Any submission made for a category needs to relate to the theme of Poly Fusion, which for 2021 was Pasifika Well-being.

Lototaha, Horowhenua College's Poly group, has been practising for the last 4 months, through their holidays, weekends and weekdays. Through hours of practices Lototaha's diligence and perseverance allowed for them to come back home with 3rd place for Wearable Arts, 1st place for their drama skit and with the Kava Bowl in tow. The Kava Bowl is won by the school with the best cultural performance. The

most amazing feat is that Lototaha managed to win the Kava Bowl back to back after missing out in 2020 due to COVID-19, the second school ever to do so in Poly Fusion. A huge thank you is extended to our supporters who came to Palmerston North to cheer us on, as well as to the drummers, tutors, and family members of our students who had been helping behind the curtains and supported us. It is greatly appreciated.

Misipeka Ana
College Board Student Representative





Pasifika Fusion



Fiafia Night was held on the 7th of July, a week after Poly Fusion. The night allowed our Pasifika Students a chance to showcase their cultures as well as perform for their parents the bracket they had been practicing for Poly Fusion. For the past 4 months our Lototaha students had been attending many practices and were ready to show everyone just how much effort they put into the night, after Fiafia Night had been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. It was a great opportunity for our students to gain experience around hosting a show, performing individually and as a group as well as allowing the junior students of Lototaha to experience their first ever Fiafia Night.

Food was available with chicken curry, chop suey, oka (raw fish & coconut cream), strawberry otai, puta's (Tuvaluan fry bread), potato salad, with the night ending with all food being sold out, just in time for the ending tauluga from our Taupou Salaina Fuauli. The night was long and it is safe to say was enjoyed by the crowd and this is shown in how Lototaha managed to raise \$4246 from their Fiafia Night. I would like to give a massive thank you to all who attended and celebrated with Lototaha on their Fiafia Night and contributed such a huge amount of money made. It is greatly appreciated!



Kapa Haka



Ngā Wai o Mana Whenua is a combined colleges kapahaka group with students and tutors from Waiopehu, Manawatu and Horowhenua Colleges. Students have been busy practising weekly since the beginning of the year and more recently, committing to weekend practices and noho in preparation for the Manawatu-Horowhenua Pae Taiohi Kapahaka Competition.

The Secondary School Competition was part of Te Tapere Nui o Whātonga Festival held at the Manfield Events Centre in Feilding which also featured the region's top primary schools and adult kapahaka groups.

For many, it was the first time experiencing kapahaka at this level so to come away with an overall 4th placing is an awesome achievement. The group also received placings for Manukura Tāne (Male Leadership), Kākahu (Costumes) and the Whakawatea (Final Item).

Tahuna te ahi kia muramura e!

Matua Dylan
Teacher in Charge Kapa Haka





Kapa Haka



Ngā Manu Kōrero

Ngā Manu Kōrero is a Secondary School Speech Competition with a long history dating back to 1965. This year the Manawatu-Horowhenua regionals were held at Queen Elizabeth College in Palmerston North with Alyssa Smaling representing Horowhenua College in the Senior English - Korimako section. The competition encourages rangatahi to express themselves on a range of issues in either English or Te Reo Māori, something Alyssa felt strongly about with her topic. After delivering an 8 minute prepared speech, she then had to follow it up with a 3 minute impromptu speech. Alyssa finished third overall in her section and enjoyed meeting so many amazing rangatahi who had strong opinions on issues that Māori face on a daily basis. Congratulations Alyssa!

Matua Dylan





Into the Woods



This term saw the successful presentation of Into the Wood Jr. The show included over 40 students and staff and took the audience on a journey into the woods through the eyes of different characters. The show grew and grew with each performance as the students found their feet and their confidence increased. It was a lot of hard work but the fun and enjoyment for the cast and crew made it all worthwhile.

A huge congratulations and thank you goes out to all of the cast and crew for your commitment, passion and energy over this time.

Mrs Wehipeihana
Assistant Principal





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Term 3 Dates

The following dates are subject to change

July

26 July Beginning of Term 3
29 July Open Evening

August

3 August Teacher Only Day
Pasifika Jandal Jam
4 August UCOL & Massey Open Day
5 August Open Day for contributing schools
10 August Harmful Digital Communication Presentations
13 August Year 12 Loves Me Not Programme
18 August Year 9 Smashed Workshop
Year 10 Smart\$ Workshop
19 August Senior Drama Showcase
20 August House Haka Competition
25 August Flag Assembly
30 Aug - 3 Sept Winter Tournament Week

September

1 September Jimmy Carter Quiz
2 September Year 9 and 10 Speech Finals
6-10 September Annuals Week
13-17 September Derived Grade Exams
Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
Year 10 Work Week
Services Academy Adven-

ture Challenge

20 September Year 13 Biology Trip

October

1 October Winter House Sports
Last day of Term 3



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