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NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

October 2021

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

I am always impressed by the resilience that our students and staff show in response to challenges that arise. Although we have previously had a Covid lockdown, this lockdown was different because it was in Term 3 and had significant effect on the way our students prepared for NCEA. Students and staff rose to the challenge and have finished Term 3 in a positive position.

I know you will enjoy reading this newsletter which includes many successes and achievements gained this term.

Numerous building projects have taken place throughout the term. Below is our new shade structure which will be able to seat approximately 120 students during break times.

Ngā mihi

Grant

Congdon

Principal





A Word from the Board Chair

Kia ora koutou

It's felt like quite a long term and I realise it may have been unsettling for many of our taura having to adjust again to learning online. Horowhenua College Board is just so grateful for all the work of our Senior Leadership Team, Teachers, Deans and Student Support Workers in assisting our students through lockdown and in the return to face-to-face learning. We are mindful that many of our staff and whānau/families have been affected by the disruption caused by Covid too, so we really appreciate all their efforts.

At our most recent board meeting Miss Moerkerk presented aggregate data on where our students are at with regard to NCEA credits. Again, a huge amount of mahi is going into tracking student achievement and identifying students who may need additional support. Many of our staff are running additional tutorials and learning sessions for students outside of normal teaching times, demonstrating a genuine desire to go above and beyond anything expected of them in order to help students and facilitate their learning. We are very grateful for the manaakitanga demonstrated. Ensuring the wellbeing of students and staff has also been a focus this term and the board will continue to monitor this through Term 4.

This term we have continued to work with our Education Review Office (ERO) evaluation partner Cath Ledger to determine the focus of the evaluation for ERO over the next few years. The board have been working on a compliance document which examines the procedures and policies we have in place, and this will also be reviewed as part of the normal ERO process. Our focus for Health and Safety this term has been on wellbeing and ensuring we have processes and practices which allow us to move and manage schooling safely through Covid Levels. Special thanks go to Mr Johnson our Campus Manager for his work in implementing practices which support the safety of students, staff, visitors and contractors during this time.

Despite a disrupted term and the inability of many of our usual events to continue under Covid, the pages of NUA news again reflect the many and varied activities our students and staff engage in. They also demonstrate the resilience we have as a school whānau and the fun that can be had despite unsettling times. I hope you enjoy reading it!!

Ngā mihi nui

Juliana Mansvelt

Horowhenua College Board
Chair

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Prefect Updates



This term was a very interesting term for us Academic Prefects. To start the term off we helped the Maths Faculty with getting students involved and participating in Maths Week. This occurred during the beginning of August. Each day a new question was posted in the school notices for students to put their maths skills to the test and compete for house points and spot prizes. Maths Week was very enjoyable and popular with over 150 students

participating. Well done to all the amazing teachers in the Maths Faculty for a great week! We carried on the term with organising and presenting Student and Teacher of the week in assembly until Covid made a comeback and we were back in lockdown. Alongside the prefect team and the amazing Mrs Nicholas we helped to write a quiz for days during lockdown that students could attempt, as this gave them something more exciting to do in their time off. With derived grade exams and NCEA exams right around the corner, we hope students have a safe and enjoyable holiday, remembering to study for those exams but also having time to relax and refresh. We look forward to everything that is to come in Term 4.

Callum and Jason
Academic Prefects



This term while being in lockdown we decided to get the Well-being website back up and running and give it a new look. With the help of Mrs Nicholas we organised the site to be a place

where students could find resources to support and motivate them through lockdown. We also had the Student Welfare google form running for any students who needed extra support through the tough season we know lock down to be or to let us know of their peers who may be needing some reassurance while being isolated.

Sophia, Joel and Ellee
Well-being Prefects



This term Aki and I had planned on doing a one week unihoc interhouse event for the students, as well as a Year 13 vs Staff netball game. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 Lockdown, we were unable to carry this out; however Winter House Sports on the last Friday of this term is still able to proceed! During Lockdown,



Prefect Updates

we put together sports quizzes for the students and staff to participate in from home, to keep them engaged. Due to Covid-19, our sports teams had their Winter Tournament Week cancelled which was disappointing. However, annuals are approaching fast next term, and we are looking forward to going head to head with Waiopahu once again.

Caroline and Aki
Sports Prefects



In Term 3 we have designed the leavers hoodie for the class of 2021. We have worked closely with Kendall Bridge-Connell the Sales Manager at Promote It in Auckland. We have created a simple yet inclusive design making it personal to each Year 13 having their name included in a large 21 at the back of the hoodie. There is the school emblem and name included at the front. Year 13s are able to have their chosen

name at the back of the hoodie as well.

We are starting to organise a Leavers Dinner to be held at the George Cafe on the 11th of December. This is a special time to celebrate and reminisce the memories over the last 5 years.

Mary and Salaina
Social Prefects



Wow! What a busy term it has been! Us Media Prefects have been kept on our toes all term showcasing in creative ways our students achievements along with events happening around the school. We had organised to bring back the house video competition this term, however lockdown put a hold on that. During lockdown, we brought back the much missed Spot the Tot quizzes, creating these twice a week to keep the students and teachers

entertained during their time at home. We also kept the students engaged on the school's instagram page, posting updates along with fun little challenges such as lockdown bingo.

Kaitlin and Jayden
Media Prefects



Science News



Year 13 Biology Zoo trip Monday 20 September 2021

The Year 13 Biology trip on Monday 20 September involved 15 students. The weather was Wellington at its best with clear sunny skies and barely a breeze.

The students were taken under the wing by the zoo educators and started with a brief tour and then 2 sessions relating to human evolution and then plants and animals externals.

We then resumed our tour of the zoo learning about some of the animals back stories and watching their antics. It was the best of school days, both fun and educational.

Mrs Prentice
Science Teacher





Southern Hemisphere Science Championships

The Education Perfect Science Championships began 16 August 6pm and ended 23 August 6pm.

As lockdown began several students participated with eventually 140 students taking part! Entry was free for all students.

Students earned points by learning and revising curriculum-aligned content.

Our School came 3rd in our category with the following individual results:

Elite	Heer Patel , Zoe Roentgen
Emerald	Gavin Sue
Gold	Sarah Harper, Grace Wedlock
Bronze	Alex Wylie
Credit	Abby Reid, Mose Tausi, Toby James , Jackson Shuker

Congratulations to all 140 students who took part and well done on answering 65,222 questions that align with our NZ Science Curriculum.

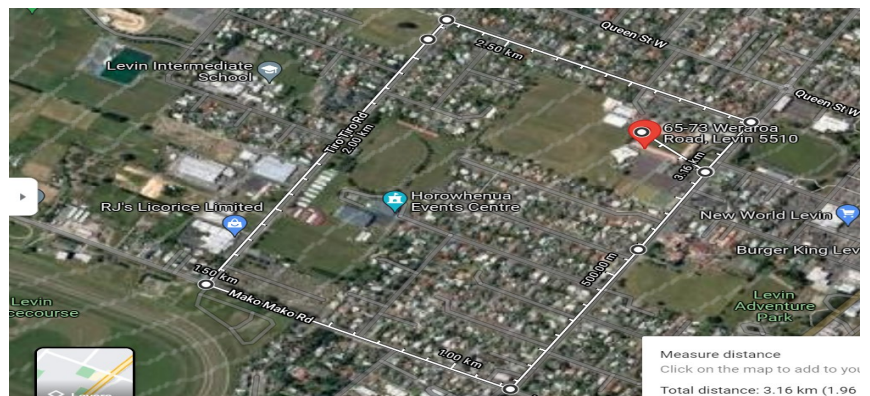
Miss Lewis
Chemistry Teacher

The 100km Running Club

In an effort to improve the everyone's fitness and wellbeing we created the Nua Running Club! We run every Tuesday at 1st break and every Thursday at 2nd break, weather permitting. Each run is approximately 3 km long as we start at the College and run around the neighborhood. So far we have completed over 65 km total and we have a goal of breaking the 100 km mark by the end of the school year. The club is made up of teachers and students, juniors and seniors, boys and girls and all fitness levels. Come on out for a run! And as we say at the club: "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out."

Mr Ferzli
Mathematics Teacher

Right: A few of our members with Mr Ferzli, Ma'ake Motu'apuaka, Tyson Jones, Prezley Wallace , Mayank Thakur and Ioani Talia.





Lake Horowhenua/Punahau Visit



To wrap up a unit of learning on Lake Horowhenua/Punahau the 9CR core class spent time with Matua Dean Wilson from Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and our own Matua Chris to learn more about this kaupapa.

The class visited the new ramp that has been built to launch the weed harvester and heard Dean and Chris explain their view of the history of the lake and how this has impacted local Māori. The story of how the lake has ended up in it's current condition was explained, and then the exciting plans for how it is going to be restored.

The students gained a valuable insight into this precious resource and engaged well as they asked questions and interacted with the environment. On the way back to college they were treated to a visit to see the Kurahaupō waka and heard of the plans to have this back living by the lake and being used again.

Thanks to the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and Dean and Chris for their support in making this trip happen.

Mr White
Deputy Principal





Year 11 Outdoor Education



The Year 11 Outdoor Education students have recently been to Paraparaumu Scenic Reserve to learn how to check and reset predator traps with the help of the local volunteer group. Here are a couple of pictures of our students with some very squished rats!

Miss Beckley
Outdoor
Education
Teacher





Services Academy



Wow, what a term it has been for the Academy here at Horowhenua College. This term we have accomplished so much as a team and as individuals with both the Advanced Leadership Course and adventure challenge course during this term.

Jack Firmin, Finau Vakasiuola and Charlee Barr attended the Advanced Leadership Course 2021 over a 5 day period in Ohakea Air Force Base. This course is to help young adults to build a foundation of leadership and to bring this back to their own academies to apply their newfound knowledge and skills into their school environments. Three students from each of the 13 academies in the central regions represented the rest of their academies back home. In this course there is a trophy,





Services Academy continued

the Top Student Advanced Leaders Course Central Region Academies Trophy which is awarded to the most accomplished student. This year's trophy was awarded to our very own Finau Vakasiuola. Finau has contributed a lot to the academy. He is humble and is someone we all can aspire to be. Finau was the most deserving recipient.

The Adventure Challenge Course was a 5 day course In Rotorua at Okataina outdoor education and recreation centre. The purpose of this course was to have fun and celebrate all the accomplishments made throughout the year but also to teach us how to maintain the outdoor environment and to grow as individuals. This week long course consisted of a bunch of fun activities such as white water rafting down the Kaituna river and a 20k mountain bike at Mountain Biking Rotorua on Tuesday. Wednesday was the tough girl tough guy challenge followed by an olympics challenge to test all overall skills and strengths.

On Thursday there was a 19k tramp around Lake Okataina. The tough girl tough guy challenge was located at Lakes Ranch Resort in Rotorua, which was a 7K run up and down hills with a bunch of obstacles to complete along the way.

This challenge had a trophy up for grabs for the fastest academy to make it over the line together. This is called the Lower North Island Services Academies Endurance Challenge Trophy. The trophy was awarded to the Horowhenua College Services Academy for 2021. This is the first time this academy has won the award in 11 years. Our academy has worked extremely hard throughout not only this term but also the year. We are very proud of the accomplishments everyone has achieved this year and hope to keep the legend going in the future.

Thank you.
Team Academy





Art Faculty



Students are working hard since lockdown, trying their hardest to complete their folios by the looming due dates. For whānau interest, the due dates are:

Level 1 - 17 November, Level 2 - 18 November, Level 3 - 15 November

Please support your child by buying some double sided sellotape and encouraging them to do their Art works during these holidays.

Thanks for your support as always

Mrs Gilroy
Head of Faculty Arts





Drama Department

Well, what can we say other than wow and cuteness mixed together in one!

On the 27th of September, our Level 1 Drama students performed their Children's Theatre and Devising pieces that they had been working on for some time. 50 5-year-olds joined us in the Drama room where they experienced seven performances from a take on Hansel and Gretel with the witch hosting her own cooking show to a game show to select who deserved their wish the most in the Wizard of Oz.

The room was filled with a lot of excitement as the 5 year olds learned about the value of kindness and how to treat their friends.

Special thanks to Valerie Atonio who ran the lighting for the show and to Mr Wright for hanging them up for us.

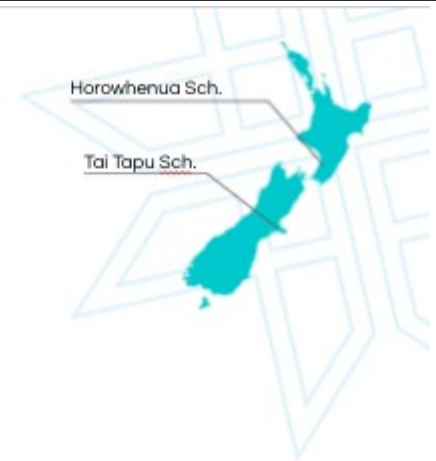
Mrs Wehipeihana
Assistant Principal





iNVENTIONATOR

Bulbzee



iNVENTIONATOR



Powered by CORE

Year 9 students Jack Davidson and William Gutsell were recently entered into the Core Education national technology challenge iNVENTIONATOR, a team based challenge designed for students to co-create innovative solutions to real life problems. This programme is a student adapted version of solution incubation, a process commonly used in industry to stimulate innovation.

For 12 hours over four days during lockdown, William and Jack collaborated online with students and facilitators all over the country, creating product design solutions to real-world problems in order to present a pitch to the judges.

Jack's team Bulbzee made it through to the finals and were awarded the Description Category Winner for their lighting solution concept for the disabled. The boys showed great initiative and teamwork skills, working with other students they had never met before and learnt skills that will put them in good stead for future endeavours.

Miss Elliott
Teacher of Design & Visual
Communication





Sports News

Recognising and responding to the covid pandemic in the best and safest ways possible, our following teams gained remarkable results:

- Boys 1st XI Hockey Team - HMI Secondary Schools Division 1 Boys (Section A) - winners.



- Junior Boys Basketball Team - SS Junior Prem Boys Division 2 - Runners Up





Sports News continued

- Girls 1st XI Hockey Team - HMI Secondary Schools Division 1 Girls (Section A) - 3rd Place



- Senior A Netball Team - Horowhenua Netball Premier 1B Grade - 4th place
- Rangatahi Ora Netball Team - Horowhenua Netball Collegiate 2 Grade - Winners
- Boys U19 Football Team - Manawatu U19 Division 1 - Winners (unbeaten season)

Following their successful footy season, at Labour Weekend we congratulate the following players who will make up the nucleus of the Levin AFC U19 Representative team that will compete in the Lotto National Youth Tournament at Park Island in Napier, against the very best clubs from around New Zealand.



Lathym Easton, Nathan Eyles, Toby James, Tainui Baker, Martyn Orchard, Ben Rainham, Oliver James
Absent from photo: Popier Chinbantao and Aiden Brick



Sports News continued

Congratulations to our students who also played in the Hockey Manawatu Club Finals. Levin Hockey Men's Division 4 Champions - Cody Pedley, Whatu Kiriona, Keanu Jennings, Codie Parata and Byron Lammas and Athletic Women's Team Division 2 Champions - Ali Parata and Lexi Parata.



Well done to our students who competed in this years NZDC Shot Junior/Youth Darts Nationals. Another great competition.

Plans are well underway for Term 4 - Week 3, Annuals Week, against Waiopahu College (1-5 November) for our following teams:

- Junior and Senior Boys Basketball - Monday 1 November
- Boys and Girls 1st XI Hockey - Tuesday 2 November
- Junior Boys, Boys and Girls 1st XI Football - Wednesday 3 November
- Junior and Senior Girls Netball - Thursday 4 November
- Youth and 1st XV Boys Rugby - Friday 5 November



We also welcome to Horowhenua Sports - Softball - a partnership with Waiopahu College will see Te Waiwhenua take to the diamond in the Manawatu Secondary Schools competition being played at Colquhoun Park on Thursdays. A big thank you to Matua Dylan, Kylie Jennings and Damon Tamakaha for taking on the coaching/manager roles.

We had a great finish to Term 3 with Winter House Sports taking place on the last day of term. Students participated in hockey, football, netball, volleyball, rock climbing and wearable arts. A big thank you to our Teachers in Charge and all staff for helping out. Let's stay safe and enjoy a well deserved holiday.

Whaea Andi
Sports Coordinator



Student of the Week

At each of our college assemblies we recognise a significant achievement from one of our students and award them "Student of the Week".

Valerie Atonio completed her first aid certificate with Miss Hale at college. As part of this course she learnt CPR. As it happens, Valerie was at an event where an infant collapsed and was in need of CPR. Valerie stepped up and performed CPR on the infant until the ambulance arrived.

Valerie's actions were literally life saving and were highly commended by the ambulance officers.

Well done Val!





Rangatahi Ora

Whanaungatanga Day

Upon returning from lockdown, our annual Tri-Schools Whanaungatanga Day was hosted at Waiopahu College during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. What a great opportunity it was to encourage our students to use Te Reo and also participate in traditional Māori sports. This year we played Ki ō Rahi where points are gained from tagging pou around the outside and scoring tries or from hitting the tupu that is being defended in the centre. Unfortunately due to the Covid situation Manawatu College were unable to join us so it was up to our tuakana and teina teams to battle it out with Waiopahu in the cold weather. Our teina emerged victorious however our tuakana were no match for their faster and more experienced players. All in all it was an awesome day that we look forward to hosting next year.



Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Ko te kaupapa o tēnei tau “Kia kaha te reo Māori” nā reira, he maha ngā āhuatanga i whakaritea hei tautoko i tērā whāinga. Tuatahi, kei te whakahaere i ētahi akoranga reo mō ngā kaimahi, ngā kaiwhakaako hoki o te kura i ia wiki. Tuarua, kei te akiaki i ngā rangatahi kia whaia te reo Māori hei kaupapa. Tuatoru, kei te whakanuia ngā rangatahi Māori, kia kaha te tū, kia Māori te tū i roto i tō tātou kura.

The focus for this year was “Let’s make our Māori language strong” so we organised activities in support of Te Reo Māori. We have weekly language classes available for staff and share new words and phrases to use in the classroom. We encourage students to study Te Reo and are excited to have a senior Māori class this year. We celebrate our students being proud to be Māori and striving to be the best they can be.

A highlight of the week was also bringing our kapa haka costumes out to be seen by the light and worn by the students, some of whose parents would have worn the same costumes many years ago.

Matua Dylan
Maori Dean



Rangatahi Ora continued





He Vaka Moana

Ni sa bula vinaka, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Mauri, Talofa and warm Pasifika greetings to you all,

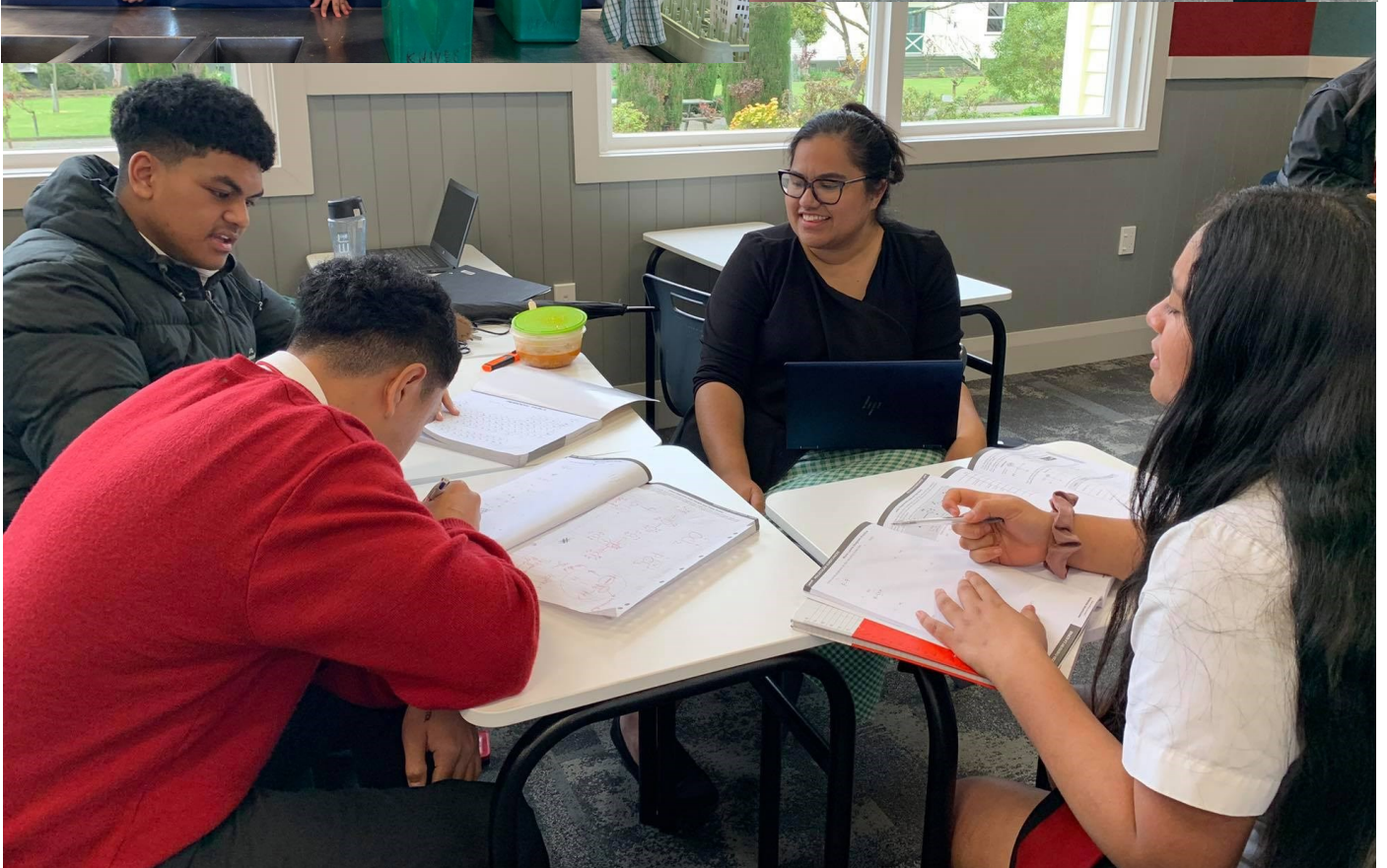
Students from He Vaka Moana have been extremely busy this term getting studies underway while managing to find time to organise language week events. First up our Kiribati members organised a week full of fun activities where teachers were taught more about Kiribati culture and were treated to multiple Kiribati dances. Our students were even lucky enough to be interviewed by PMN Kiribati, a New Zealand based Kiribati radio show, where they were asked to share more about the work they had done for Kiribati language week.

Tuvaluan language week was next and we were lucky enough to have Dr Manuila Tausi come in and talk to staff about Tuvalu and teach us more about the language and culture. Students were also invited to a Tuvaluan celebration where they learnt dances and songs. Special thanks to the Manawatu Tuvaluan community for your generosity and love that you have shown our students.

Our senior students have also been preparing hard for their upcoming NCEA exams. We wish them all the best in the upcoming term.

Miss Foster
Pasifika Dean







Derived Grade Exam Timetable

All exams will be held in the hall.

Exam times are indicated on the timetable.

Students must arrive at the hall at least 15 minutes before the exam is due to start.

	Tuesday 26/10	Wednesday 27/10	Thursday 28/10	Friday 29/10	Monday 1/11
9am	BUSS1 3hr DANC1 3hr BUSS2 3hr ACCO2 2hr BUSS3 3hr ACCO3 2hr	MEST2 2hr CHEM2 3hr MEST3 2hr CHEM3 3hr	MATH1 3hr	MATH2 3hr STAM2 3hr CALC3 3hr HEAL1 2hrs	SCIE1 3hr
1pm	ENGL1 *90min	10ENGL *90min	ACCO1 2hr BIOL2 3hr BIOL3 3hr	PHYS2 1 hr PHYS3 1hr	Hall being cleared of desks and chairs

Derived Grade Exam Student Instructions





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Term 4 Dates

The following dates are subject to change:

October

Wednesday 20	BOT Student Representative speeches and voting
Friday 22	Prefect Leadership Day
Monday 25	Labour Day - school closed for tuition.
Tuesday 26	Derived Grade Exams begin - timetable on previous page

November

Monday 1 - Friday 5	Annuals Week
Monday 1	Prefect Interviews
Wednesday 3	Prefect Speeches
Thursday 4	Sports Prizegiving (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 9	DIGI1 Common Assessment; Levels 1-3 DVC Folio Day
Wednesday 10	DIGI2 Common Assessment
Thursday 11	Cultural Awards (to be confirmed)
Monday 15	Level 3 Arts Folio Day
Wednesday 17	Level 1 Arts Folio Day
Thursday 18	Level 2 Arts Folio Day
Friday 19	Final Full School Assembly
	Study leave letters issued
Monday 22	NCEA Exams start
Tuesday 30	PPTA accord teacher only day (school closed for tuition)

December

Monday 6	Activities Week
Thursday 9	Senior Prizegiving
Friday 10	Junior Prizegiving
Saturday 11	Senior Dinner (Date to be confirmed)