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NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

December 2021

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

2021 has provided us with more challenges than usual. Classes are finished, NCEA exams have concluded, and although our staff and students are very tired, we have finished 2021 in good heart and ready to enjoy a well-earned rest.

Thank you to our parents, iwi, businesses and community for your support of our students and our college. Partnering with you to grow successful young adults is something we greatly value and hugely appreciate.

All the very best to you all for a merry Christmas, as well as a safe and exciting beginning to 2022.

Ngā mihi Grant Congdon Principal

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A Word from the Board Chair

Tēnā koutou katoa

A busy term has drawn to a close and the last examinations for NCEA are just completed. It certainly has been another huge term and sincere thanks to all staff, parents and whānau who helped our students in the lead up to internal and NCEA exams. At our last board meeting we looked at achievement data to see how our students were going and we were really encouraged to see all the support being given to enable our young people to succeed and to meet the needs of our diverse learners. Covid has meant 2021 has been another challenging year but as a board we are confident that our staff have given their all, to enable our students to progress academically. At recent awards ceremonies it was great to celebrate student achievement through our other pillars of sports, culture, and the arts, and it was pleasing that a number of the service activities undertaken by our tauira were also able to continue this term.

I appreciate it was difficult for many of us not to attend our prizegivings - these are a highlight of our college year and we anticipate celebrating our students' successes. We appreciate your patience as we navigate our health and safety procedures in the light of the new Covid traffic light framework. We will continue to follow Ministry of Education advice to help ensure the wellbeing of our students and their whānau. Thank you to all those who made livestreaming of our prizegivings possible and congratulations to all those who received certificates and awards.

It has been great to see a number of building and renovation projects happening in the school including our new shaded student area. Thanks to our board property sub-committee and to Mr Johnson our Campus Manager for all his work in managing contractors and work on site. Mr Congdon, Mr White and the board's finance sub-committee have undertaken a significant piece of work in developing a new budget for 2022 which we will ratify at our next board meeting. Our health and safety governance and management committees have also been active this year, not just in terms of managing processes through changes associated with Covid, but in addressing and mitigating health and safety issues for students and staff.

I missed being able to thank our board members at our recent prizegivings. I am so grateful to our wonderful team of trustees — Garry Good (Deputy Chair), Hanchen Johnson (Staff Representative), Pauliasi Taumoepeau (Student Representative), Megan Bolton, Jhyslle Ratima, Nikki Simpson and Bob Slade who serve on various sub-committees and who bring a wealth of perspectives and expertise to the board table. We couldn't manage without the help of Mrs Searle, who does a tremendous job in managing our board administration. Thanks also to Mr Congdon, our Tumuaki, for his excellent leadership of the school. We are so grateful to Miss Moerkerk, Mr White and Mrs Wehipehana for all their mahi as part of our Senior Leadership Team. Together they carry a significant load in supporting the achievement and wellbeing of our pupils, as do our Deans, Teachers, and Support Staff who work across numerous areas of the school. Thank you all for all that you do!

Finally, I would like to wish all our Year 13 leavers well. I wish you every success as you continue on your learning journey into work and/or further study. We hope the 'NUA' way remains an important part of your next steps!! Plans are underway for teaching and learning in 2022 and we look forward to welcoming our students back after their summer break.

Ngā manaakitanga, Meri Kirihimete. Wishing you all a safe and relaxing Christmas.

Juliana Mansvelt Board Chair





Staff Leavers 2021



We wish all our wonderfull staff who are leaving all the best.

L-R: Alex Sheward - English, Cathy Croad - Dance and Food Tech, Sancia Duncan - Guidance Counsellor, Sue Staples - Accounting, Vicki Wilton - Social Sciences, Tobias Meyer - Mathematics, Peter O'Sullivan - PE & Health, Eucheriska Bianchi - Science



Kieran Bryant, Social Sciences



Justin Tate - Art / Photography



2022 Prefect Team



A big congratulations to our 2022 Prefect Team. We look forward to working with them next year.



Grace Newman - Deputy Head Girl, Jessica Leota - Head Girl, Anand Ranchhod - Head Boy, Taniela Taufeulungaki - Deputy Head Boy



Senior Prizegiving

Senior Prizegiving took on a slightly different format this year. Due to Covid-19 we were unable to have visitors and whānau join us for this occasion but we were able to live stream the event. We were still able 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 winders and thank you to everyone who supported our students. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021.

Top Senior Awards for 2021

Nicole Burlace & Callum Baines Anand Ranchhod & Emma Zussino Grace Wedlock Ollie James Jessica Leota Joint Dux for 2021 Joint Top Academic Student in Year 12 Top Academic Student in Year 11 Simpson Cup - Top all round sports boy Foster Cup - Top all round sports girl





Senior Prizegiving





Junior Prizegiving





Cultural & Sports Prizegiving



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Year Nine End Zone Tournament

On Thursday the second of December the entire year 9 cohort participated in a 2 hour tournament of a game called End Zone. It is a mixture of ultimate frisbee and netball combined. Students have been participating in a unit during Term 4 which looks at interpersonal skills. The tournament was an opportunity for the year 9 students to demonstrate the skills they have learned about such as team work, problem solving, effective communication, support and encouragement. The cohort was divided into 2 different pools with 1 team from each core class in each pool. There were a total of 17 teams who competed for that top title of supreme winner. Once the pool play was completed, we took their placings in the first round to determine their placings to play in finals. The top 4 teams included 9cr2, 9ci1, 9cu1 and 9cn2. The teams played in an intense final with 9cr2 coming out on top. This is the Rangatahi Ora core class and their fierce competitive nature was no match for any other team, often beating other teams by at least 5 points. The students had an excellent time and demonstrated the "Nua Way" through building relationships throughout the day.

The winning team included:

Noah Coley, Hekenui Tapp, Tishayla Doreen, Starcia Tulchinsky-Borck, Skye Takairangi, Te Ata Murray

Hanchen Johnson Head of Faculty PE & Health



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UCOL Automotive

Our USkills Automotive students were presented with certificates and pizza to mark the end of their course work with UCOL course providers. Well done!



Minecraft

At the end of each Digital Technology rotation the Year 9s enjoy a bit of Minecraft Education Edition. But they are not just playing it, they are using their agent to solve problems for the villagers, like building a dock for the local fishermen or building a fence to protect chickens from the wolves.

Sean Nolan Teacher of Digital Technology



Services Academy

On February 2 2021, twenty students enrolled with the Services Academy programme. Some were returnees but the majority were new to the programme. Preparation for the year included briefings about the Academy, sizing of uniforms, and walking up Trig with the Year 9's. The students were great role models for the Year 9's, being helpful and leading by example. This was a successful couple of days to begin a successful year for the Academy.

The Academy had its first college Head Boy - Joel Paxton. Joel was an inspirational figure in the Academy and the college, a student everyone admired and looked up to. A very good rugby player, Joel was the captain of the college's 1st XV rugby team. He led by example in leading the team to success during the annuals rugby game between Horowhenua College and Waiopehu College with a close but rewarding win for NUA, 19 - 18. We hadn't won the trophy since 2008.

Soane Kilioni was another prefect in the Academy. He was always a jovial person who got most of his work done. Soane did very well commanding the Academy during the drill (marching) competition and the Services Academies graduation during the 2 week Induction Course. We came 2nd in the drill competition, which is our best placing in that event.

The Induction Course is the first course the Academy participates in at the start of the year. This is a two week introduction course organised by the New Zealand Defence Force, a collaboration between them and the Ministry of Education involving 2 weeks of learning and breathing military. It is a very good opportunity for the students to learn about themselves, discipline, motivation, teamwork and bonding with other schools. We won many well deserved awards on the Induction Course.

The Bush Craft Course was conducted in the Te Urewera National Park near Rotorua in June. It was a challenge for some students who had never experienced the outdoors, let alone sleeping in a tent and tramping, to be living without their usual home comforts. Overall it was a great week of tramping and camping, and a great outdoor experience.

The Basic and Advanced Leadership Courses are for students that have the potential to become a leader at school and in the community. These courses are conducted separately with students attending from the 13 Central North Island Academy schools. The students who attended the Basic Leaders Course were Finau Vakasiuola, Ashlee Millard, Charlee Barr, Jack Firmin, and Jessica Stokes. This course was developed to give students the tools to become a good leader. They enjoyed the course, and gained a lot of experience and friends.

Finau, Charlee and Jack attended the Advanced Leaders Course. This course gave the students the opportunity to use the skills taught on the Basic Course, and they put those skills to the test by commanding a small group. All of our students did well, and Finau Vakasiuola was awarded the Top Student Leadership Taiaha for the course. This is an award the Academy hadn't won since it was first awarded in 2012.

The Adventure Challenge is the final event for the 13 Academies where they compete for a prestigious shield, "The Lower North Island Endurance Challenge Shield". This is an award that all Services Academy Directors work hard to try and win. Unfortunately for them, NUA took this award this year, a first time win for our Academy since the Adventure Challenge began in 2010.



Services Academy Continued



The Year 10 class went for a day trip to Linton Military Camp on November 23 with the Naenae College Year 10 Academy group. The students visited 3 units within the Camp: 16 Field Artillery unit, Queen Alexander Mounted Rifles Tank unit and the Royal New Zealand Infantry unit. We also had the opportunity to have lunch in the Mess Hall (800 man dining hall). The students enjoyed the whole day, having a presentation on the different units, and later playing with the equipment and vehicles.

I would like to thank Whaea Stephanie McKenzie for taking on the role as Teacher in Charge of the Year 9 Services Academy. She has done a fantastic job in making this option programme work. Her knowledge of marching drills was non-existent to begin with but with some coaching and help from myself and the senior students, she persevered and did a sterling job. Well done and thank you very much, Steph.

The Academy students from Year 9 to Year 13 have worked exceptionally well this year. There were some minor problems with attendance, incorrect dress and misdemeanours in classes but nothing that a press up or 2 couldn't fix. Ashwani Thakur and Joel Paxton will be heading off to the Army in July next year. Jack Firmin and Finau Vaksiuo-la will follow. Jessica Stokes is going to study Veterinary Nursing at UCOL. I am proud of all the students of 2021. We have had a very successful year

On behalf of the Horowhenua College Services Academy I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, and a joyful and prosperous New Year. Be kind, caring and live life to the fullest.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou kātoa

Staff Hunia Director of Services Academy





Art Faculty





Some fantastic artwork produced by our students in the Art Faculty this term.

Above: Natalie Davis, Mural for Level 2. Awarded Excellence

Right: Lisa Yan Mural

Jeanette Gilroy Head of Faculty Arts

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DVC

Due to covid, the Nua Cultural Awards DVC public exhibition was unfortunately cancelled this year. The Level 1 and 3 DVC students had been working hard towards this event, preparing to present their year-long spatial designs to an audience using visual communication techniques. The Level 1's design treehouse accommodation for the Kohitere Trig forest and amongst the Level 3 designs, in which they created their own conceptual briefs, was a drive-in movie theatre at Donnelly Park, an international airport (for when Levin becomes a super-city!), a shelter and seating pavilion for the college and a Hokio Beach-side Cafe. Below are some photos of the L1 mock exhibitions and still shots of a virtual flythrough of the students CAD models.

Donna Elliot DVC





NUA Cycling

Minnie Collins and Jono Clarke were involved in the Cycling New Zealand National Road Series Novice Tour of Manawatu on the 29th & 30th November. It was a total of almost 80km over two days/3 stages in hilly, wet and windy conditions and is the furthest they have ever cycled since joining the Nua Cycling team 5 months ago. They both completed all stages and did very well for their first ever race. Minnie also picked up a special award

Donna Elliot Teacher in Charge DVC



NUA Running Club

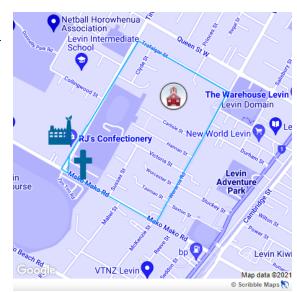
On Thursday, December 9th we had our last run of the year and it was a hot one! So all up we completed

137 km in 2021. Over the year we had a number of students come for a run out at one point or another this but some of the most notable students were: Jasmin Tran, Luke Brill, Mayank Thakur, Thuan Nguyen.

Next year we will continue our running club and we should be able to run over 200 km. So come on out and improve your fitness and wellbeing.

Success is not a big step in the future, success is a small step taken RIGHT now

Phillip Ferzli Mathematics Teacher



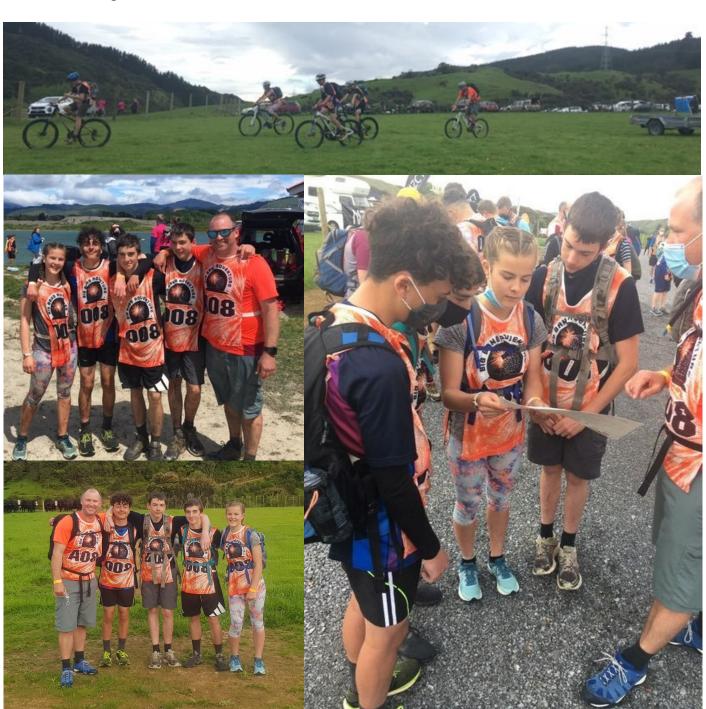
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Adventure Race

On Saturday, November 5th the Horowhenua College Adventure Race Team competed in the Big Bang Adventure Race. The team comprised of students Piper Ristow, Ryan Winstanley, Codie Parata, and Nic Wynne led by teacher Mr Daniel Riggs.

The team covered approximately 40kms while navigating, bush bashing, trail running, mountain biking, swimming as well as completing pop up challenge activities along the way. The team finished the race in a time of 6hrs 50mins. A special thanks to Brian Ristow who helped the team with logistics and transport on the day.

Daniel Riggs
Teacher in Charge of Outdoor Education



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Sports News

Thank you to everyone involved with sports here at Nua. Enjoy the festive season with whanau and friends, stay safe, keep well and bring on 2022.

Whaea Andi Sports Coordinator

Motor Racing

A great opportunity to support Logan, one of our very talented students.

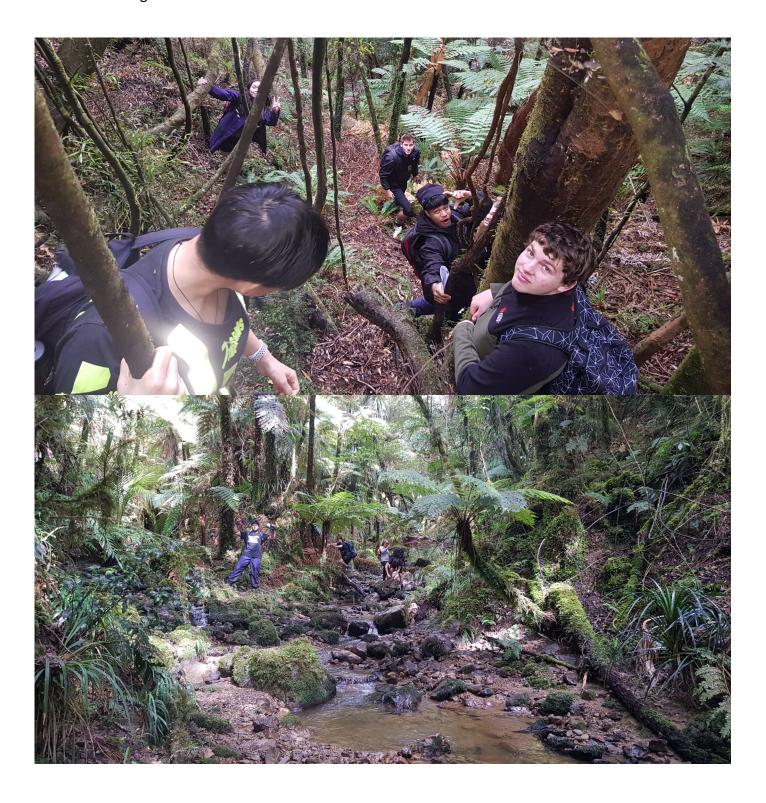




Outdoor Education

Term 4 in Outdoor Education saw the Level 2 & Level 3 students complete an off-track navigation unit. The students where challenged to navigate using map and compass in the dense bush of the Tararua Ranges. Working in groups, pairs of students had to navigate to predetermined points on the map. The off trail terrain featured steep sections as well as stream travel. All students completed the challenges while learning new skills along the way.

Daniel Riggs
Teacher in Charge of Outdoor Education





Rangatahi Ora

Mauriora ki a tātou katoa

Term 4 has been a busy term for Rangatahi Ora culminating in a graduation week of activities to acknowledge the students who have committed to the kaupapa for the year.

Wānanga Wednesday

Each Wednesday before school a group of our tuakana visited St Joseph's School to deliver a tikanga Māori programme to their senior Māori students. It was a great opportunity to see tuakana-teina in action as our students shared karakia, waiata, mihimihi, karanga and whaikorero with them. In the final week the St Joseph's students invited their parents to a graduation where they were able to perform the roles in the powhiri with confidence and show what they had learnt. A huge mihi to our tuakana for their time and commitment to our Wānanga Wednesday kaupapa and for building positive relationships with our local schools.



Te Waharoa Mau Rākau Demonstration

The final kaupapa chosen by our Te Waharoa senior class was to learn about traditional Māori weaponry and to demonstrate various movements. With the expertise of Matua Dylan, students spent many weeks reciting karakia and practising foot movements, strikes for attacking and blocks for defending as well as some basic battle formations. The assessment for this unit required students to perform a range of movements to show their understanding of mau rākau so it was decided to have a Whakaaturanga (demonstration) for the Senior Leadership Team and our whānau. The students performed exceptionally well and should be really proud of their efforts.





Rangitahi Ora Continued

Hāngi Fundraiser

This term we had another hāngi fundraiser for our teina students to bring them together as a whānau before our end of year haerenga. Our students worked hard throughout the weekend, from digging the hole and stacking the wood and rocks to preparing the vegetables and packing the trays. Then, on the Sunday they returned to school to light the fire to heat the rocks that would cook the 350 hāngi for our friends and whānau. Much of the success of our fundraisers comes from the high standard of manaakitanga that we instill in the rangatahi, and their dedication and comittment to the kaupapa is to be commended.



Graduation

On Monday 29 November we held our Rangatahi Ora Graduation to celebrate the achievement of our students for the year. Whānau gathered in the whare wearing masks to hear their rangatahi deliver their mihi and pepeha, and despite the anxiousness, there is always an overwhelming sense of accomplishment and pride. Certificates were presented and in particular, our 'Rangatira mō āpōpō' award for the most committed Teina going to Whatu Kiriona and our 'Te Tihi' award for Tuakana received by Shaye Tapp and Ataahua Hunt. 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. Ka wani kē koutou katoa.

Activities Week

The highlight of the term was our graduation week haerenga and although Covid made planning a week of activities challenging, the students made the most of the opportunities. Staying at Katihiku marae in Otaki we were able to learn about the local history and then enjoy waka ama and swimming at the river before being hit with the wet weather. It certainly made paintballing in the mud very interesting! A special experience was visiting all of our Ngāti Raukawa and Muaūpoko marae between Rangitīkei and Ōtaki while we retraced the journey of Haunui-a-Nanaia finishing up at Wairaka rock in Pukerua Bay. Each night students shared their pepeha in 'hui o te pō', growing in confidence each time and then identified highlights of their day and which 'Whāinga' or Nua Way values they had seen from their peers. Finally on the last day, after returning to school early for Junior Prizegiving, we finished with 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 the cold days brighter 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

Rangitahi Ora Continued





Recording Studio

Wow, for a 4th year in a row I returned to the recording studio to record and release my own music!! The previous times have been with Age of Steel, but this year is different. Seeing as everyone's favourite school band split up, I have pursued a solo career in music.

As always, the time at the studio is well spent and they provide great service. It's an awesome experience for those young musicians who want to get somewhere or make something of themselves if they think they have something to share.

The photos are from my time in the studio, I really wanted to get this solo album recorded before heading off into a career in the transport industry. But who knows, this could be my big break.

My album will be released in the new year on Spotify, Apple Music, Google play music and much, much more. Do keep a lookout for my incredible album!

Brooklyn Greig-Hartley, Arts Prefect









Chess Nationals

This year for the first time we have had a chess team that has competed in a number of local competitions. Our results in these competitions meant that we qualified to compete in the Chess Power Online Team National Finals on 15 December and in the Chess Power Online Champions Trophy on 16 December. Our team of Jack Davidson, Ryan Goodall, Mayank Thakur and Levi Paxton finished 8th out of 15 teams in the teams event. Levi and Ryan then competed the next day in the Champions Trophy event and Levi won 6 out of 9 games to end the day in 11th place out of 78 competitors. Congratulations to all of our players for achieving these great results in our first time competing at this level.



Levi, Tobi Welsh, Mayank and Ryan competing at the Manawatu Schools Chess Championships earlier in the year .

Carpentry

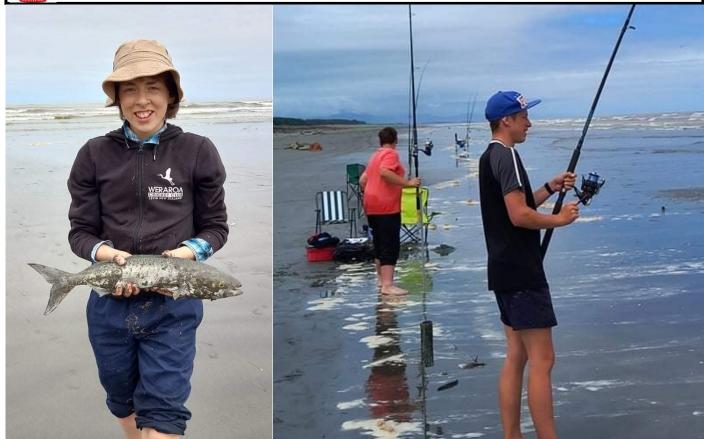
Brooklyn Greig-Hartley with his guitar carefully crafted in his carpentary class. The body of the guitar was made from timber from the old N block which was demolished earlier in the year.

Jason Huria Technology Teacher





Gone Fishin!







Science

9CJ were tasked with creating an organism out of playdough, that had adaptions to a certain habitat as part of their Ecology section in science!

Martine Lewis Science Teacher



Chromebook Competition

Partnership Through Collaboration gave our students the opportunity to design a poster to reach out to our Māori and Pasifika community around Covid-19. Four of our students, Tishayla Doreen, Skye Takairangi, Emma Shuker and Sela Tosi were picked to receive a chromebook for their posters. A big thank you to Mrs Collette from PTC and well done to our students.





HDC Awards





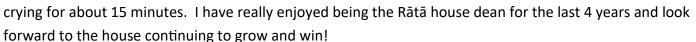
Rātā House

Well what a whirl wind it has been for the last 4 years. I started my journey as a dean in 2018. Research

has found that teams that wear red win competitions 60 percent of the time more than other colours. This has definitely been the case within this house. Time after time this house prevailed in a variety of events such as chalk art, swimming sports, tabloids, athletics, year 13 karaoke, reading challenge and chess. Over the 4 years Rātā has won with 211 more points than the other houses.

Our house leader this year was Bethany Nicholas. House leaders are invaluable and the house would not have been able to gain the success, the positive culture or joy without them. I had the honour of sharing the deaning with Nick Stachurski this year. I have seen him grow in confidence and will see him in a rival house next year for Ngaio.

One of my highlights of the last 4 years has been winning the impromptu house competition, I think I was happy



Hanchen Johnsen Head of Faculty PE & Health



Ngaio House

Well, it certainly has been an interesting couple of years! Different from any others in my teaching career, and also marking the end of my six years Deaning as the head of Ngaio House.

Now that my tenure is over, my thoughts go back to all the students I have worked with, laughed with, and berated over the years. At times infuriating, at times uplifting, but always a rewarding and deeply satisfying experience. There are too many to name, and if I tried, I worry I might forget someone and cause offence, so I won't. But you know who you are, and you should know that I won't forget you either.

I couldn't have done it without the support of the whanau teachers past and present. I also want to thank Melissa Signal and Brooke Hooper for their sterling efforts as House Leader. However, as in any school, you students are the stars of the story, and I thank you for the trust you have given me. It is such a privilege to be part of your lives. And we will still see each other as I will still be around the school, you can't get rid of me that easily!

Louise Matheus Ngaio Dean



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Beginning of the Year 2022

HOROWHENUA COLLEGE



BEGINNING OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS 2022

The College Office will open from 9.00am - 3.30pm as from Tuesday 25 January. Senior Management and Deans will be available for enrolments. Please phone the college office for enquiries or to make an appointment.

Tuesday 1 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.

Wednesday 2 February

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

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

Thursday 3 February

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

Friday 4 February

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

8.50am - 3.10pm Year 10 Induction Day.

Monday 7 February

School closed for tuition.

Tuesday 8 February

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

Grant Congdon

Principal

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