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NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

September 2022

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

Every term is a busy one and this term is no exception. In this newsletter you will find many achievements gained by our students and opportunities that our students have been involved in.

It never ceases to amaze me what our students are able to achieve. Often their achievement represents hundreds of hours of commitment, time and effort. Also, their achievements usually represent huge commitment from their parents and I acknowledge their involvement and know they are proudly celebrating these achievements.

This term we emerged from the Covid traffic light system. This has enabled our students to more openly participate in opportunities and to allow audiences to enjoy these occasions. We look forward to this continuing as this enables our students to engage with opportunities that push them outside of their comfort zone and to achieve results they only dreamed of.

Thank you to everyone who has had a part to play in seeing our students participate and achieve. Your partnering with us in growing successful young adults is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy reading this newsletter and celebrating our youth.

Nga mihi, Tofa soifua, Kind regards

Grant Congdon Principal



A Word from the Board Chair

Tēnā koutou katoa

We find ourselves at the end of another term. As usual, there are plenty of activities in the pages of this newsletter that reflect the diversity of academic, cultural, sporting and service events our students have been engaged in. As a board, we continue to track the progress of our students and are very grateful to our staff for how they support our ākonga. Thank you to all parents who voted in our recent election and to all who put their names forward for election – having more candidates than places is a sign of a healthy interest in the College, and we are delighted with the team we have ended up with.

Our board comprises parent-elected representatives: Megan Bolton, Garry Good, Bob Slade, Alasdair Maclean and myself, Jhyslle Ratima (co-opted representative), Chris Fearon (staff representative), Irene Vehikite (student representative) and Mr Congdon (Tumuaki). Kate Searle, our Board Secretary supports us, and we are so grateful for all she does to keep the board running smoothly.

We recently farewelled Hanchen Johnson, who has done a fantastic job as staff representative these last three years and we will also be farewelling student representative, Pauliasi Taumoepeau, at our next meeting. We value and appreciate the contribution of our student and staff representatives on the board – they bring an essential perspective to the board's work.

Once again, in this board term, we will do our best to work to achieve success for all our young adults. Our work includes reinforcing the NUA way, not just in terms of the school culture but in all the activities that we undertake as a board.

Meanwhile, there is plenty to read in this newsletter; I do hope you enjoy its contents and the school holidays!

Ngā manaakitanga Juliana Mansvelt Horowhenua College Presiding Member (Board Chair)

Left: Outgoing Student Representative Pauliasi Taumoepeau.

Right: Irene Vehikite - Student Representative 2022-2023







Future Leaders Academy

In the July school holidays, I, along with Petesa Tomane, Cheryl Tomane, and Salalau Leitupo went through a special leadership training programme in the beautiful island of Fiji. This leadership training went for a whole week and was organised by the Future Leaders Academy.

This programme had 50 participating students from all over New Zealand (year 12 and 13), Australia (year 11 and 12) and Fiji (year 12 and 13). It also included activities such as hiking, helping the community (picking up rubbish at the beach, planting trees etc.), meetings with business owners and many more activities.

In just one week we learnt about what it meant to be a leader, self leading, team work, how to control our emotions when leading, cultural differences, and many more valuable lessons on how to be the best leader you can be. I personally learnt that leadership is not just about taking charge, it is also about listening to ideas from the people in your syndicate and bringing those ideas to come up with a solution.

Overall, this leadership training was one of the best experiences I have ever been through and I would definitely encourage other students to take part in it!

All the best to the students who will be travelling to the Cook Islands these holidays.

Kaydance Mose Tuialii Year 12





Sociology



Students handing money over to Hope Kete

The focus in Level 2 Sociology this term has been Social Action. Poverty was the social issue selected and this not only has a huge impact nationally but also in our own local community. The students worked in 3 groups with each group selecting a local organisation to support: The Levin Food Bank, Skills4Living and Hope Kete. A variety of fundraising activities were undertaken including: a bake sale, raffles, car wash and sausage sizzle resulting in over \$1,100 being raised for our community.

Kathy Grey Head of Faculty Social Sciences





Sociology



Students visiting the Food Bank

Money raised for Skills4Living

Money raised for the Food Bank

Car Wash at College





Year 9 Science



Year 9 Science students have been exploring ways in which they can help protect our native species, reduce their human impact and be more sustainable in the new 'protect our backyard' topic. In this photo, students (from left to right: Tiana Kaewea, Leo Arnault -Martin and Tennessee Williams) are using a mesh grid to create new sheets of recycled paper from used paper mulch.

Students have also been researching the pest problem in New Zealand and what they can do to help New Zealand reach the goal of Predator Free by 2050. Students can be seen dissecting rats to look at their unique features and anatomy that makes them such a threat.

Lizzy Dyer Assistant Head of Faculty Science

Below: Leo Arnault-Martin, Maximus King, Korbyn Morris and Tuita Tafa.

Below: Tiana Kaewea, Akosita Metui, Abigael Logo, Juliana Fonoti and Tennessee Williams







Horticulture Academy



The new Horticulture area has been developing over the year and things are finally taking shape including a new tunnel house and fence. The students have been working hard to establish raised beds as part of the course. We are looking forward to establishing a truly user friendly space going forward.

Susie Prentice Teacher in Charge Horticulture Academy







Horticulture Academy

Here we have the progress from the raised beds. As the weather has improved we have been out sowing new spring crops. The students have made bamboo trellises for their climbing sugarsnap peas and are looking forward to a harvest of peas in Term 4.

Gay Congdon Horticulture Teacher

Left: Max Mason, Mikaere Greenland, Regan Henare and Cameron Davis.



Mathematics Faculty

This term staff from the Mathematics faculty have been available for extra help during the break times. Students have been advised of these extra times via our school notices.





Design & Visual Communication



The DVC students across all age groups, have produced some wow factor designs again this year in the lead up to the Cultural Awards exhibition in November. Final year students are preparing their portfolios for upcoming design and architecture school applications and among their individual briefs are a visitor centre for Pencarrow Heads, an outdoor shower facility for Waitarere Beach and an innovative modular travel pack for the great OE. In term 2, the Level 1, 2 and 3's went on a field trip to the Victoria School of Architecture and Design and the Massey College of Creative Arts (3D departments) in Wellington. It was a wild, wet and windy day



but the students got a good taste of life in the big city and guided tours around the campuses helped them to envisage what potential pathways these courses could lead to.

Donna Elliott Teacher in Charge DVC



DVC continued



Levi Paxton - Year 12 Light Design



Emma Tito - Year 12 Light Design



DVC continued



Lavara Makutu - Year 9 Logo Design



Gavin Su - Level 1 Treehouse Design



Year 12 and 13 Market Showcase



The Year 12 and 13 Market Showcase was held early Term 3. This event was held for students to showcase the products and services they have created in Level 2 and 3 Commerce. Many of the students have set up online channels and have been selling to the Horowhenua Community via social media and having lots of success in reaching customers through the facebook community group 'Livin' in Levin'. The showcase, by contract, was for students to see, smell and feel products in real life and to make purchases

or fill out an order form if they liked what they saw.

The showcase was a good event to promote and create awareness around their product. Some have products for sale, while others have closed sales in the lead up to exams. Pictured are shirts by group 'Home After Midnight' who have created a brand to attract 15-25 year old, with a percentage of profits going to charity I Am Hope. The group still has some sizes available and can take orders.

The cards are greeting cards created by 'Gallery 9' which are stocked in Foxton gift store Deconn Flair for the community to purchase.

Gina Kelly Teacher in Charge Commerce





Art Department

The Art Department is gearing up towards the external folios now with only a matter of weeks to go. Students are working hard and doing their best to complete their paintings, design and photography work to merit and excellence levels. We have a holiday workshop planned and a few late nights.

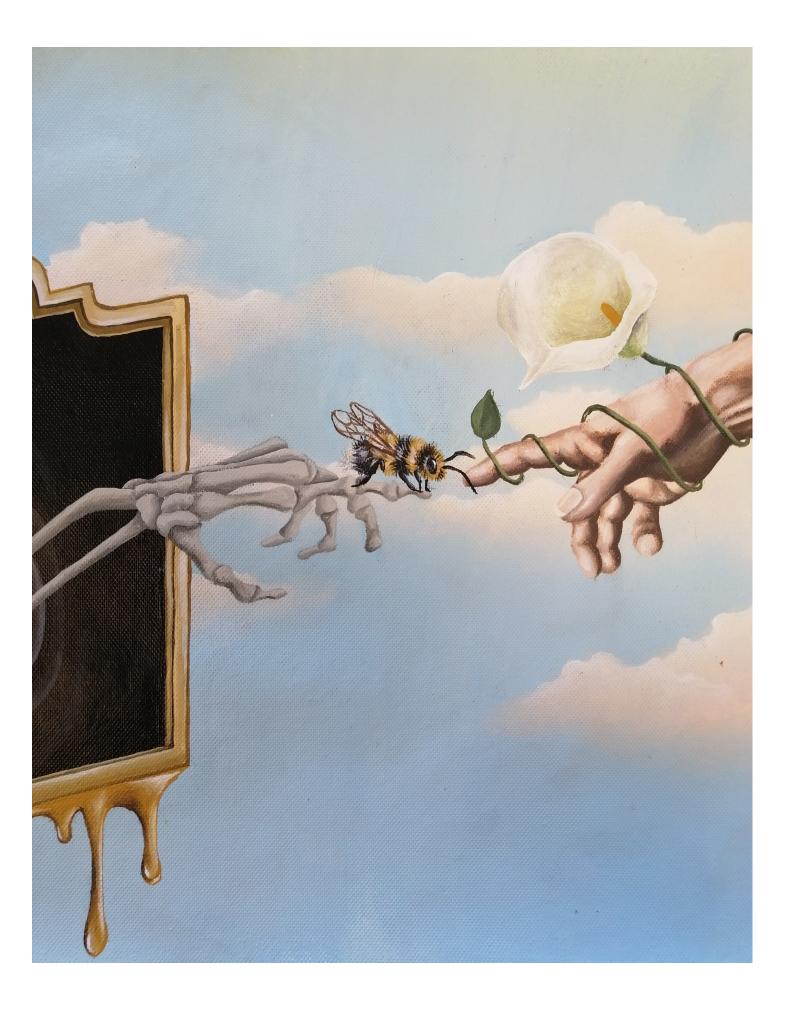
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jeanette Gilroy Head of Faculty Arts











Art Department



Our junior students are also working hard and recently we had 4 Year 10's work on whakairo at Te Takere. Their work celebrates Matariki and the whakairo has been installed at Te Takere. This is such a wonderful initiative for our talented art students. We are so proud of them.

Left: Lilly de Kort

Below left to right: Addison Pritchard, Riley Goodman, Fern Forth





Art Department - Year 10 Art





Outdoor Education



This term in senior Outdoor Education students have been participating in mountain biking while looking at what influences their participation and how they can positively influence the participation of others. Students have mountain biked at many locations including Trig, Foxton, Rangituhu in Porirua, and Whareroa Farm. The students have ridden on a variety of trails which included some students challenging themselves to complete Grade 2 & 3 trails.

Daniel Riggs Teacher in Charge OE







STEMM

In August a group of Year 9 students headed to Lower Hutt for the STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Manufacturing) challenge. They competed in a range of quiz questions and practical challenges against other schools. The practical challenges involved making a structure that could support various weighted objects. They did a really good job and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

James Gilroy Science Teacher



Fundraising for the Community



Well done to Liam, Ben, Ali and Jess who helped out with Levin SPCA's fundraising efforts at New World this week. A total of \$592 was raised which is enough to purchase a small incubator.

With kitten season just around the corner, Levin SPCA are still collecting to purchase more lifesaving incubators.

https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/pleasehelp-us-to-help-our-most-vulnerablebabies



Services Academy

During Term 3, six academy students departed on Sunday the 11th of September to go and participate in the Adventure Challenge activity. The Adventure Challenge was the last New Zealand Defence Force activity for the Central Region Services Academies, and for the year.

It was such an honour to be able to go and represent our school. On the first day we went ziplining and mountain biking. These activities were around 2 hours long and each pushed us all out of our comfort zone. On the second day we did the Corporate Challenge, which included a 3.7km run, 8.8km bike and a 1.7km walk. For the runners and bikers they were pushed to their physical limits. On the last day we did the mud run challenge which included running through swamps and running up hills. This challenge was done as a team and pushed all members to their mental and physical limits.

Most days the Youth Development Unit staff had mini challenges for the academies to gain further points to win the overall competition. These challenges included a physical challenge, thinking challenge and a fun activity.

We were unfortunate not to win the trophy a second time. Whanganui City College took out the Challenge and are the champions for 2022. We are aiming for a comeback next year. Overall, it was a great week and the group enjoyed themselves immensely.

Term 3 also saw three students attend the NZDF Advanced Leadership course at Ohakea Air Force Base. Taniela Taufeulungaki, Ashlee Millard and Jaxon Tahuaroa were the three selected students due to them attending the Basic Leadership course in Term 2. They enjoyed themselves on the course, and gained a vast amount of knowledge about being an effective leader.



Services Academy



The Advanced Leadership course gave Taniela the opportunity to lead the team throughout the adventure challenge week. Well done Taniela, an upcoming future leader.

Have a great holiday, be safe, be kind, and be happy.

Ngā mihi Jayde Heihei and Staff

Titiro Whakamuri, Kokiri whakamua Look back and reflect so you can move forward. Onward





Rangatahi Ora



This year we were really excited to celebrate Māori Language week with a range of activities for our students, staff and whānau. We hosted our annual Tri-Schools Whanaungatanga Day with Waiopehu and Manawatu Colleges which was an opportunity to encourage students to use Te Reo and to also participate in traditional Māori sports. This year we played Ariki, a mau rākau activity where points are gained from striking opponents below their knees to eliminate them and their Ariki.



Among the other activities were spending time with staff sharing phrases in Te Reo, learning how to weave a tīpare (headband) and playing tītītorea stick games. We also laid down a hāngi which is always a rewarding experience for our students to learn through participation and hard work. Their commitment to the kaupapa is amazing, some even arriving at 4am to help light the fire to heat the rocks. Kātahi rā te wiki ko tēnā, wekeneru!

Matua Dylan Dean of Māori Students





Rangatahi Ora



Cycling



In Term 2, the Horowhenua Cycling Club competed in the North Island Track and Road Champs in Cambridge. This was a massive undertaking for a new club costing \$9,000 which the students and parents rallied together to raise from local sponsorship.

Although we did not get to model our amazing new uniforms on the podium this



year, we do not believe those days will be far away. Our students performed exceptionally well and punched above their weight as a one year old team with no experience on a 45 degree velodrome and road race weather conditions that were very unfavourable. Even the gazebos were being blown away!

Despite a few jockey mistakes and the rollercoaster of euphoria and disappointment that goes with cycling competition, our kids came away after four days of solid racing, satisfied and inspired. Some notable results were a 4th place points total on the track for both Ollie Kennett and Minnie Collins in

their respective U15 categories and a very commendable 11th place for Peter Bartholomew in the 36km boys U15 road race (very close to the front rider's time).

We wish Minnie Collins, Oliver Kennett, Morgan Swartbooi and Peter Bartholomew, who were selected for 3 days of road racing at the Cycling NZ Schools Nationals in the Manawatu this school holidays, all the very best.

Donna Elliott Teacher in Charge of Cycling







During this term, as Social Action Prefects we have managed to successfully organise Shave For A Cure. With the help of staff, students, and individuals from the community we were able to raise an extraordinary amount of \$7677. We had about 10 amazing students who signed up and raised money to

go towards Leukaemia and Blood Cancer research. We decided to do this crazy thing for an amazing and worthwhile cause. Many students shaved their hair off to remember loved ones and support cancer patients. All of this was to help find more effective treatments to save lives and make sure people with cancer get the support they need to get through.

During this amazing day we even encouraged Mr Congdon to shave off the small amount of hair he had!

It was an amazing experience being part of organising this event and we can't thank the people who supported us enough.

Alyssa Smaling Social Action Prefect



















The Running Club has had a very eventful Term 3! Firstly, by popular demand we added an extra day of running. Every Friday during the 2nd break we pounded the pavement and this has allowed us to meet our goal of 200km. In week eight of this term we hit 200km mark! So naturally our next goal is to reach 300km before the end of the year.

Secondly, on the 5th of September we participated in the Round-The-Lake-Relay at Lake Virginia Whanganui. We took up two teams of four runners and we had a great time! Our Year 9 boys team consisted of Peter Bartholomew, Liam Roach, Jayden Moore and Leo Arnaut-Martin. We also sent a Under-16 Girls team which included Serena Su, Olivia Murray-Kirby, Charlette Taylor-Thomson, and Hannah Alderton. Each student ran 2km around the lake and everyone participated well and showed the Nua way!

We encourage any student to come on out and enjoy the fresh air. Everyone is welcome and we have shared kai after the run!

Phillip Ferzli Mathematics Teacher



Student Achievement

Well done to Jake Speirs who won his class at the 2022 North Island Schools Sport NZ Cross Country last week. There were 150 riders representing their high schools from around the North Island. Jake came 1st in the 12-16 85cc 2str & 150cc 4 str class.





Student Achievement



It has been a bit quiet lately for Logan Manson's racing as the off season has just finished and the new season is starting up. He has been doing a lot of testing up north in preparation for the season and recently competed in the first round of the BMW Series at Hampton Downs. Logan finished 2nd out of 16 competitors, getting 2 podiums finishes and a 4th. We wish him all the best as the season progresses. On Labour Weekend he will be competing at Manfield in the Manawatu Car Club event.



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VENUES AND DATES

- **ICE BREAKER-** Historic Racing Club
 - 24-25th September 2022 Hampton Downs

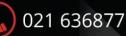
Waikato Challenge- Historic Racing Club

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- 13th November 2022
- Pukekohe
- OctoberFast!- Manawatu Car Club
 - 22-23rd October 2022 Manfield

Please remember there is only 100 tickets available each day for each event above, so if interested get your bookings in sooner than later.

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS CONTACT DAVID JOHN ON:



djohn@teamkiwiracing.co.nz \mathbf{M}

Revolution Tour



This term we had the privilege of having the inspiration Revolution tour at our school. This group travels throughout New Zealand to try and inspire rangatahi. Their goal is to spread hope through real-life stories covering topics that affect young people and equip them with tools to navigate life's complexities. The amazing Jazz Thornton (Mental Health advocate) and Julian Dennison were the key speakers that shared their knowledge with our ākonga. The hall was packed full of enthusiasm towards these individuals. The hour saw some karaoke, dance battles, jokes, and life stories. A great event!

Hanchen Johnson, Head of Faculty PE & Health



Annuals





During week 7 the annual sports between Waiopehu and the Mighty Nua were held. The week started off with the boys basketball. Both the boys teams lost although the seniors did an excellent job of pushing through and keeping it close. Next up was a chilly night at the hockey turf. The girls game was super close with some amazing skills shown by some of our leaving players including Ali Parata and Jess Leota who have stepped onto this same turf together for 5 years. These two wonder women as well as goalie Jayde Hei Hei then also joined the boys team later in the night. Unfortunately, we lost both of these games. This made it an interesting week and showed the power of resilience from the rest of the teams in the remainder of the week. To be 4 down on Tuesday was going to take a massive amount of effort, discipline, and commitment to get the scores even. Fortunately, the 3 football teams showed brilliant talent and skills to see us now only 4-3 down on Wednesday.





Annuals



Next up were the netball teams. It was awesome to see some young players in our top team such as Shikynah Pearson. Te Ata Murray was also on fire with her shooting skills in the junior game. Both these teams defeated the opponents with class, style, and amazing sportsmanship. Sadly, we lost Edan Fa'aui in the last quarter with a fracture which shows how much our athletes put their bodies on the line for Nua pride. Due to winning these 2 games, we were now 5-4 up. It all came down to Friday night, where we saw the rugby players put in hard tackles, respectful play, and a lot of heart. We lost this game which made the overall score 5-5. How amazing that within this small town of Levin both colleges have amazing rangatahi and that we punch way above our weight. Throughout the week we experienced some amazing support from the community and other students. Thanks to the Nua DJ, Kaydence Mose Tuialii, who kept the crowd going with some bangers such as Boom, Boom, and Lady Love.

The final moment that represented how amazing our ākonga are is when they signed off the week of

annuals with Waiopehu at the end of the rugby game with our haka Te Whero. This shows how much they respect their opponents and that at the end of the day it is about manaakitanga.

Hanchen Johnson Head of Faculty PE & Health





Annuals





Badminton Tournament

During week 9 the PE department decided to provide an opportunity for the students to participate in a fun badminton tournament. The junior school has been learning how to improve their badminton skills throughout Term 3. They have been focussing on different training methods, breaking down specific skills, and looking at gameplay strategies.

During week 8 we had 16 doubles teams sign up. The week started off with 4 pools of round-robin play on Monday and Tuesday. On Thursday the top teams in each pool faced off in the quarter finals. The other teams played their own quarter-finals according to their placement in their pool. On Friday we played semi-finals and finals. At the start of the week, Mr Congdon and Mr Hokianga won all of their pool play games. Unfortunately, they could not play the rest of the week so Mrs Holloway and Mr Cox jumped in for them. At the end of the week, the teacher team came out on top narrowly beating Nathan Eyles and Mayank Thakur. These 2 students received a prize for being the top student team. Other students to note as being in the top spots were Jasmine Tran, Eloise Branagh, Calais Harding, and Seth-Cruz Anderson.

It was awesome to see students doing something they enjoy during lunchtime. There were also some fun games happening once the official games were done for students who didn't sign up for the official tournament. This created a bit of a buzz around the gym. Thanks to all those students who decided to show the Nua way by building relationships during this week.

Hanchen Johnson Head of Faculty PE & Health





Students of the Week - Term 3



Irene Vehikete

Irene is one of the most responsible students I know. She did an amazing job at open evening this term. She made the guests feel super welcome. I really appreciate her sense of humour and her ability to hold good banter. She works really hard in her classes. She is always willing to provide service to the school in a variety of spaces.



Liam Roach

Liam is a shining example of a responsible, respectful and successful student who is a friend to all. His mature and independent, yet teachable approach in the classroom is setting a great foundation for his future. He is unfailingly courteous to his teachers, cheerful, positive and hardworking. He is an absolute delight to teach.

Liam is an outstanding student of good character. He is polite, respectful, and willing to help peers. Liam has involved himself in all that College life has to offer in his first two terms from sporting clubs to academic competitions. Showing the Nua Way is second nature to Liam and he should be awarded for always choosing to do the right thing.



James Hoy

Fantastic participation in house events, always wanting to help the teacher in the classroom, very kind to his classmates and acts in the NUA way at all times.

Working hard with homework and thankful every lesson

Consistent and excellent effort and an amazing helper for Open Evening

Chess





Our small but enthusiastic chess club has participated in three events this year and have achieved success in all three. In May our A team of Levi Paxton, Ryan Goodall, Jack Davidson and Jack Gray won the Horowhenua/Kapiti regional teams event held at Levin Intermediate. In July we travelled to Palmerston North to compete in the Manawatu Schools regional teams event where we placed fourth behind two teams from Palmerston North Boys High and a team from Aotea College in Wellington. At the end of Term 3, seven of our players competed in the Manawatu School Pupil Chess Championships, an event for individuals rather than a teams event. Levi Paxton was the overall top player at this event and brought home the winner's trophy. Our other players also had a successful day with Jack Gray coming second in the U16 section and all of the others having some good wins.







Flag Assembly



45 ethnicities are represented within our students and staff. This brings a richness into the culture of who we are at Horowhenua College, and it is something worth celebrating. We do this each year by holding a "Flag Assembly". It is a bit like the olympic games - each country is announced alphabetically and they enter the hall carrying their flag in traditional costume with their national anthem playing loud and proud. It is a very vibrant assembly and thoroughly enjoyed by all.











Our college haka is called Te Whero. This means the red. It was written by Chris Wilton and Sam Doyle in 2001. Te Whero has come to mean something very special to us at Horowhenua College. It is used to acknowledge achievement, welcome guests and is used at special events such as powhiri and sports games. Every house performed with the mana and respect that Te Whero deserves. At this years House Haka competition a special acknowledgement of Sam Doyle was made for his part in writing Te Whero. Sadly Sam passed away the following day after a long illness.

E te rangatira, piki atu rā i ō maunga whakahī, kauria atu i ngā wai tuku kiri. Takahia ō whenua taurikura. Haami, moe mai rā! E kore rawa koe e warewaretia.







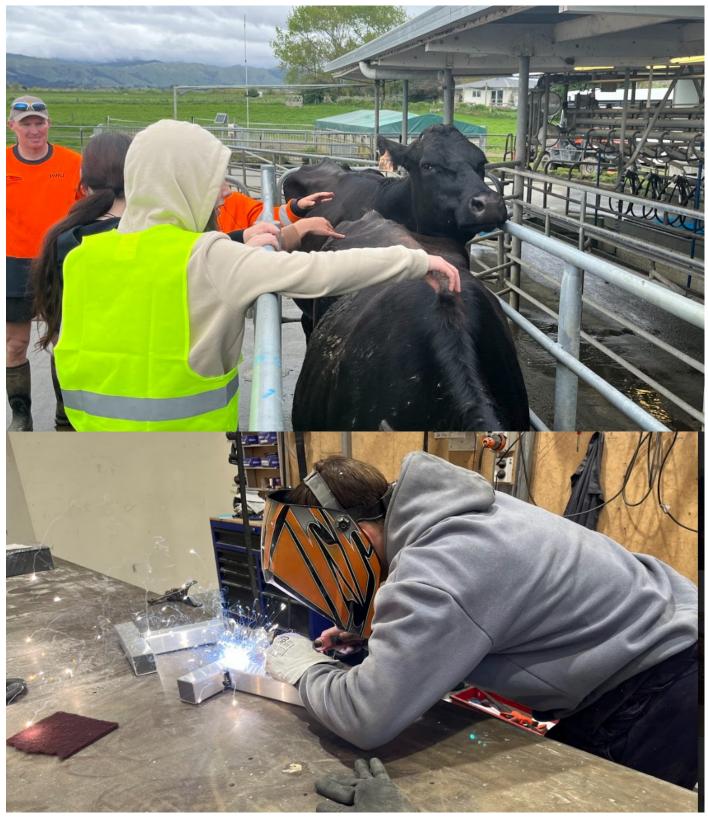






Futures Day

The main purpose for students coming to college is to identify the career they want to pursue and to achieve the qualifications to enable this to happen. For many of our students however, they don't understand what the work place actually looks like or what is required by employers. Get-Go have set up an opportunity called Futures Day. This sees all of our Year 10's spending a day experiencing what it is like to be out in a business. They visit two businesses during the day and learn about what goes on, health and safety and the expectations of the employer. It is an enlightening experience for many of our Year 10's and significant in helping them identify their future career path.





Futures Day





Chromebook Donations

Chromebooks are essential for our students to access our online learning programmes. It was therefore a very special occasion when a chromebook was presented to 42 of our Pasifika students. This was with the support from Pasifika for Tomorrow. A huge thank you goes to them for their involvement in providing chromebooks for these students.



This term Age Concern funded 5 chromebooks for students who live with their grandparents. This involved the grandparents coming into college for 5 x 2 hour sessions where they learnt how to use the chromebooks. Les from HLC ran the lessons and the grandparents got to keep the devices so their grandchildren can use them at college. A big thank you to Age Concern and HLC for enabling this to happen.





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