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NUA NEWS

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

December 2022

Every year has its own set of challenges and opportunities, and 2022 has definitely been a unique year for these reasons. Covid-19 has continued to be an ever present factor and this has affected our year in all sorts of ways. However, in amongst adversity, unique opportunities can be found. One of the positive consequences I have observed is the resilience that develops in students as they overcome extra hurdles. It means the success they achieve is even greater due to the other benefits they have gained along the way. Most of these benefits, as well as resilience, are in their own personal development, such as time management, determination, commitment, and not taking things for granted but appreciating opportunities as they are offered.

For this reason I am especially proud of our students and staff- their achievements gained through 2022 are to be celebrated. As you read through this newsletter I hope you enjoy the celebration of student achievement and personal development that is evident. It is something we as a whole college community can be proud of. I'm very aware that the partnership we have with parents and caregivers at home, as well as with iwi and the wider community is essential for achieving our vision – to grow successful young adults. For this reason I express my genuine thanks for partnering with us and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, happy New Year, and all the very best as we head into 2023.

Nga mihi, Tofa soifua, Kind regards

Grant Congdon
Principal



Student Leadership 2022

Kia ora Koutou.

This term, the prefect team has been busy focusing on our last round of NCEA exams before we enter the next chapter of our lives. Most of us have finished our duties for the year while the Social Prefects continue to work hard with organising leaver's hoodies and leaver's dinner.

The pandemic forced many challenges onto our prefect team as it presented us with recurring obstacles to overcome daily. However, with the unwinding of restrictions later in the year, we prefects could start getting back on track to plan fun and exciting events for the students and teachers to take part in.

The problem solving skills, resilience, confidence and leadership skills we have learned this year as a prefect team will remain with us for years to come. We are incredibly proud of the hard work put in by the prefect team to ensure students are engaged with many aspects of the school experience. Jess and I thank both teachers and parents for the countless hours they put in to ensure students can achieve their potential, especially with students who have been affected by the pandemic for almost three years. We finally thank SLT for the constant support we have been provided to help the prefects run as efficiently as possible.

2022 Prefect Team signing out!

Anand Ranchod & Jess Leota
Head Students 2022





Student Leadership 2023

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed in to the 2023 Prefect Team.



Pauliasi Taumoepeau
Head Boy
Wellbeing



Willow Thomson
Head Girl
Social



Angelina Toeieiu
Deputy Head Girl
Culture



Nathan Eyles
Deputy Head Boy
Academic



Grace Wedlock
Academic



Le'Kaira Ratima
Culture



Hannah Lee
International



Charli O'Brien
Arts



Liam Wylie
Media



Isabel Maclean
Social Action



Emma Tito
Social



Abby Reid
Sport



Seth Linskill-Holdaway
Sport



Diamond Tamatea
Wellbeing



Youth Excellence Scholarships

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Horowhenua Youth Excellence Scholarships :



Arts & Culture: Imogen Williamson, Petesa Tomane & Amber Rollinson



Sports: Ollie Kennett, Jess Leota & Ali Parata



Academia: Emma Zussino & Anand Ranchhod



Engineering Visit to Ducare

Near the end of Term 3 the Year 12 engineering cohort visited Ducare Engineering in Levin to gain a better understanding of the realities of working in a real-world engineering environment.

The trip was a success with students deciding to further their trade-based education with Te Pukenga as well as one student starting work experience at Ducare one day a week.

David Brewerton
TIC Engineering





Running Club

The Running Club has had a massive 2022! Firstly, by popular demand we added an extra day of running. We run Monday, Wednesday and Friday approximately 3.2 km around the College. We start off running down Weraroa road, turn on Mako Mako Rd, turn down Tiro Tiro Rd and lastly come up Trafalgar St. We managed to surpass our goal of 200km and reach 300km! Secondly, we had more students and staff join this year than ever before and that has been great news for the development of our College's wellbeing and hauora. Finally, in Term 3, our running club participated in the 42nd annual 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!

Philip Ferzli
TIC Running Club



Student Achievement

Year 9 Riley Turkington spent a day supporting the students at Levin East school. Teacher Tanya Whiley wanted the college to know how fabulous Riley has been being a 'mini teacher' and helping students from Levin East School to complete some awesome Christmas Crafts with a team of adults. He went above and beyond and even vacuumed up the classes when we finished.





Mathematics

This term our Year 9 Math classes visited Te Puna O Te Matauranga, our college whare, for a whakaaturanga (presentation) on Transformation Geometry from Matua Dylan.

This kōrero focused not only on the geometrical transformations present in the kōwhaiwhai patterns within the whare, but also on the meanings behind so many of them. Students were then encouraged to create their own design that reflected their whānau and incorporated the transformations they'd learnt about. It was a great opportunity for our rangatahi to create links between their mathematical learning and the Maori culture.

Amy Huse

HOF Mathematics





Creative Catering

The Year 12 and the Year 13 Creative Catering class both finished the year with a shared lunch showing off their culinary skills they learnt throughout the year. The students have worked well in their teams and the dishes they produced would look great on any restaurant buffet table. You all have been an absolute pleasure to work with. Have a great break. All the best to the leavers for next year and I am looking forward to once again working with this year's Year 12's in the kitchen in the new year.

Jenny Petterson

TIC Creative Catering





Drama

Drama has been a busy hub over the last month with students preparing for the end of the year. Our seniors have finished their final internal assessments and created very informative presentations on significant plays. Exam preparation was also high on the priority list. We found that class discussions and studying in groups were hugely beneficial in helping our students feel ready.

Our junior students have been working hard on their final performances with our Year 9's creating a flashback scene and writing their own dialogue and our Year 10's having to learn a two person scene and direct it themselves. It has been amazing to see them bring new characters and situations to life. Many students are carrying on with Drama next year which is a huge positive to see growth in our department.



Sjan Giles-Oza

TIC Drama



Dance

We have spent the last few weeks in dance finalising our choreography and perfecting our pieces to a performance standard. We have focused on some really powerful briefs this term including Women's Rights and Matariki. The choreography for these dances told a story through movement and enabled the girls to pour out as much emotion as possible into the choreography and the performance.

Our level 2's are working extremely hard on preparing themselves for their end of year exam as well as supporting our Level 1's in completing their performances. We have enjoyed being able to work together as a smaller class and choreograph pieces as a group. We have also had the opportunity to perform in assemblies and at events like cultural awards and the performance evening. This was a great opportunity for the girls to get exposed to what it is like to perform on stage in full costume and lighting, in front of their families and friends.



Caitlin Sanson

TIC Dance



Year 10 Art

To start this term off, students in Year 10 art had the opportunity to work together to create a stunning piece of art based on Pat Steir's, "The Brueghel Series" Painting. This activity required an image to be broken into 30 sections, and each student was required to paint their wooden panel however they liked, as long as they followed the lines. They were able to choose whether to paint what they saw accurately or stylised. Students all did a commendable job, and worked together to make the painting fit well.

This artwork is over a meter tall and absolutely beautiful, all the students involved should be very proud. The artwork is available to admire in the Student Centre!

Micaela Irvine

Teacher of Photography, Design and Art

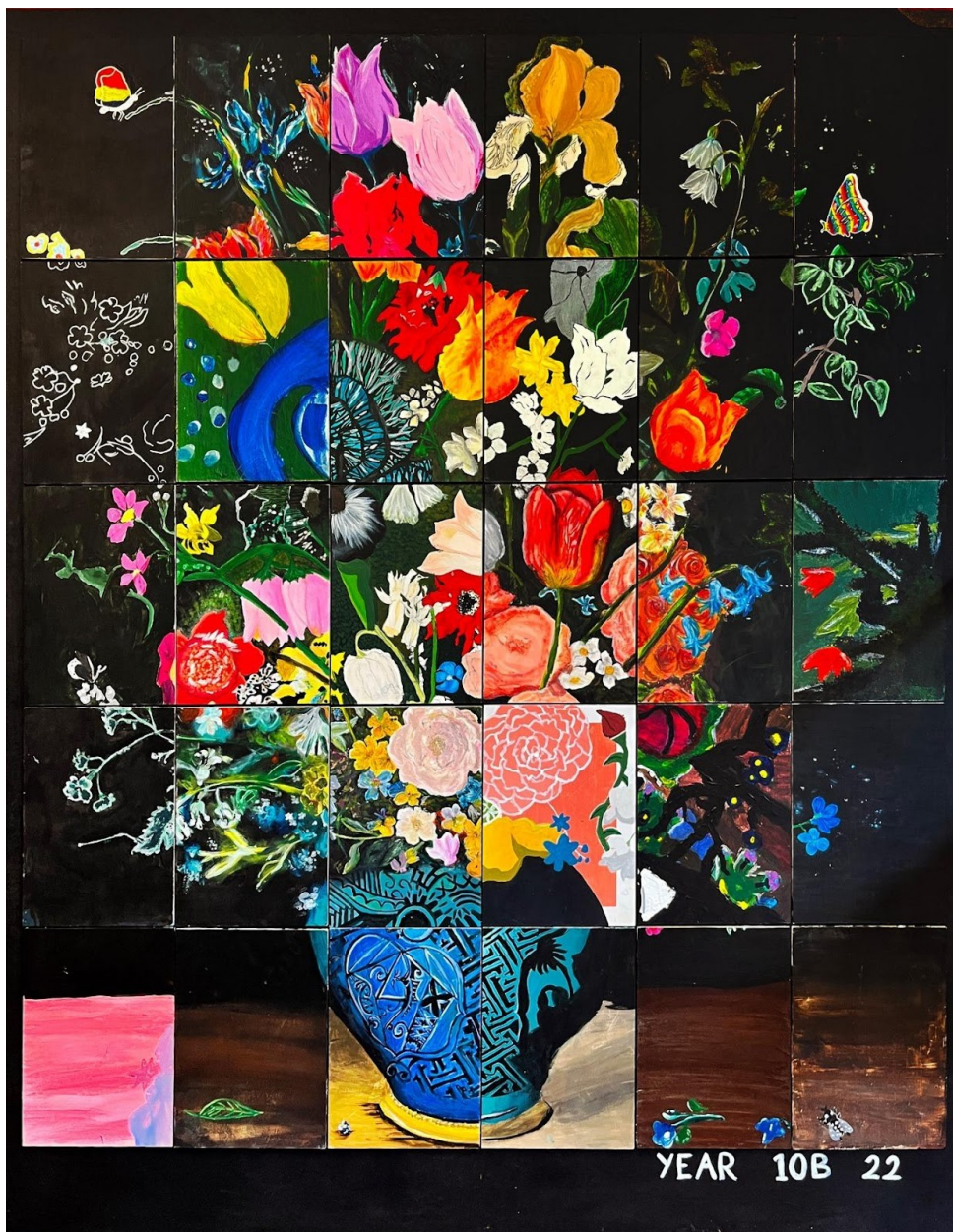
Row 1: Zarnia Watson, Tara Cameron, Teuwira Logo, Lexi Parata, Mia Rangiwhaiao.

Row 2: Shayne, Lachlen Trask, Kayla Reid, Olivia Murray-Kirby, Piper Kuiti, Lily McIlwee

Row 3: Hannah Thomson, Kayla Reid, Shanees Sayles, Emily Hyland, Lilly de Kort, Haylee Watson

Row 4: Jayanah Williams, Fern Forth, Lincoln Nelson, Marco Williams, Madi Leong

Row 5: Lexi Gregor, Lily Bissell, Lexi Parata, Ella Williams, Kayla McIlwee



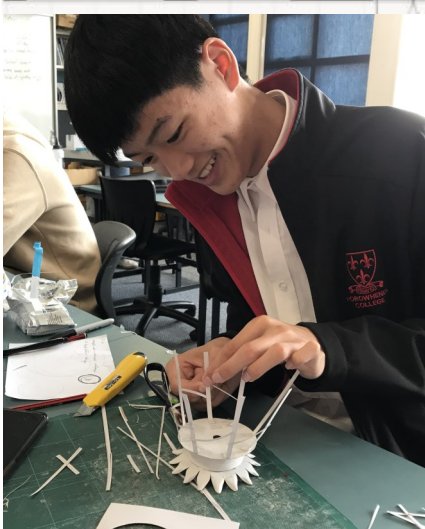


DVC

The end of the year is always an exciting time for portfolio subjects, when the *piece de la resistance* appears after many weeks of hard work. The Cultural Awards Exhibition is a highlight for the Level 1 and 3 DVC students. Showcasing their work to peers, staff, family and the wider community is a huge encouragement and affirms their skills and talents. This year again, the Level 1 students exhibited their influential architect-inspired treehouse accommodation designs and the Level 3's each their own bespoke product and spatial design briefs. The Level 2's finished the year with a Levin transport interchange spatial design. The Year 9's have produced some stunning and creative work this year as well, trying their hand at freehand and instrumental drawing, CAD modeling and rendering across a minihome project.

Donna Elliott

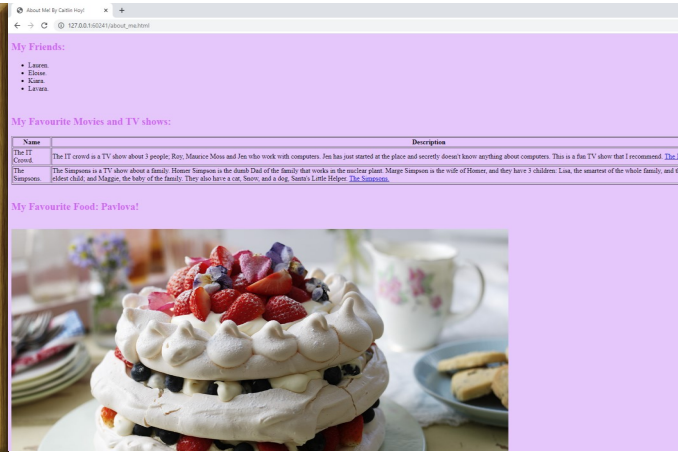
TIC DVC





Year 9 Digital Tech

This year the Year 9's did a terrific job showcasing themselves by creating their own collage board (completely from scratch) and their own webpage (again completely from scratch)



Sean Nolan
TIC Digi Tech



Y10 Outdoor Education

The Year 10 Outdoor Education students went on a trip to the Otaki River mouth this term. They created their own rafts and floated down the Otaki River with varying degrees of success! They then raced around the Otaki River mouth/beach using a map and compass in order to find the buried treasure.

Maddie Beckley
Teacher of Outdoor Education





Sports Awards

Big thanks and congratulations to Whaea Caitlin for not only stepping in at the 11th hour to MC Sports Awards, but delivering a great presentation and making the awards fun throughout the evening.

115 awards, 13 different sporting codes, 86 deserving sports stars, with the Supreme Awards going to:

Morgan Family Memorial Shield - *Sports Team Of The Year* - **Junior A Netball Team**

McCorkindale Family Cup - *Team Of The Season* - *One Off Performance* - **Ocean Swim Team**

Foster Cup - *All Round Sport* - *Best Girl* - **Jessica Leota**

George Simpson Cup - *All Round Sport* - *Best Boy* - **Codie Parata**

School Council Cup - *Highest Sporting Achievement* - **Ollie Kennett**

Huge gratitude and appreciation to our coaches, managers, staff and parents for the continued support helping our students chase their dreams.

Students who are competing over the holidays:

Verde Kjestrup

NZSS Athletics: 9-11 Dec, Taranaki

Whatu Kiriona

NZ U17 Boys Softball Champs: 19-22 January - Auckland

Ollie Kennett

Serena Su

Hannah Alderton

Eloise Branagh

Ocean Swim Team: 29 January, Oriental Bay, Wellington

Again, 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 2023.

Whaea Andi

Sports Coordinator





Cultural Awards

What a stunning evening! Our 2022 Cultural Awards was opened with a beautiful karanga which set the scene for the rest of the night. With nine different groups of subject awards and a range of incredible performances from Drama pieces to dances to group cultural performances, there was something for everyone. Our students truly shone on and off the stage.

A huge thank you to everyone that made the night possible!

Samantha Weheipeihana

Assistant Principal





Cultural Awards





Rangatahi Ora Graduation

Our Rangatahi Ora Prizegiving was on Monday 28th November. Our students who have successfully completed a year with Rangatahi Ora shared their pepeha with parents and staff in the whare. Congratulations to the students who received awards on the night.





Service Academy Prizegiving

After another year of trials and tribulations, successes and losses, the end of year graduation was upon us. On Thursday the 1st December 2022, we had the Services Academy end of year graduation, celebrating the Year 12 students final year at school and with the Academy.

The parade was held at the front of the school and consisted of a march on, inspection, presentation of certifications, drill flair, the Academy and school haka and finally a march off. On parade we had the Year 9 and Year 10 Academy classes along with the senior Service Academy official students. We had Taniela Taufe'ulungaki acting as the parade commander as well as Sosaia Kilioni, Daniel Henry and Ashlee Millard acting as the platoon sergeants. This gave those peers the opportunity to display the great leadership skills they have learnt in their time in the academy environment and the courses they partake in throughout the year.

We also had invited guests attending from the Board of Trustees, Youth Development Unit (YDU), The New Zealand Defence Force, Levin RSA and Saint John NZ. This was a great opportunity to support young students and their successes.

Ashlee Millard, Taniela Taufe'ulungaki and Carmel Ponga





Senior Prizegiving

Our Senior Prizegiving was held on the 2nd of December. This was a great night celebrating all our students achievements. Congratulations to all those who received awards.



Anand Ranchhod - Dux 2023



Grace Newman & Sarah Harper - Joint Proxime Accessit





Senior Prizegiving





Junior Prizegiving

Congratulations to our Junior students who received awards at our Junior Prizegiving on Friday 9th December.

Year 9 Top Academic Student - Lavara Makutu

Year 9 Runner up - Liam Roache

Year 10 Top Academic Student - Fern Forth

Year 10 Runner up - Ryan Goodall





Leavers Dinner

The annual leavers dinner was held this year at the George on December 8th. This event is a great time for us Year 13s to sit down, have a meal together and share some memories. It was a great night, with great food and amazing vibes. I personally enjoyed hearing stories of everyone's time at Horowhenua College and some of our teachers experiences of college life as well. This was a night to remember and one we will all treasure as we head off onto bigger things.

Brooke Rollinson
Social Prefect



Armistice Day 2022

The 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month marks the time agreements were made that ended the First World War in 1918.

On the 11th of November, the Horowhenua College Services Academy was invited to attend the 2022 Armistice Day commemoration, at the Levin Cenotaph. The Academy was asked by the Horowhenua District Council to perform the haka. We performed both the Academy and College haka.

I had 25 Year 10 and 9 senior students march down Bath Street to the Cenotaph.

The Academy arrived at the cenotaph and positioned ourselves in the area reserved for us. Several of our students were asked to carry out special tasks. Seth Linskil-Holdaway was asked to read the poem, Lizzie Jones & Carmel Ponga presented a wreath to Mayor Bernie Wanden for the cenotaph and the whole Academy was asked to start the National Anthem

The comments from the council and locals at the parade were positive and pleasing, especially on the performance and demeanor of the students. We are very proud of our students.

Ray Hunia
Services Academy Director





Hīnau

Another year of madness passes here at Horowhenua College. A big thanks to all my Hīnau staff members, in particular James Gilroy, my loyal advisor. We also welcomed Greg Ford and Micaela Irving to our school but just as quickly have said goodbye to Greg who has accepted a teaching position in St Patricks College in Wellington. As usual Hīnau do our best to live and breathe the Nua Way.

Recently we celebrated our students' success at the Civic Honours and Youth Scholarship Awards; more specifically Hīnau's own Amber Rollinson and Imogen Williamson who won scholarships for Art and Culture. We had some students participate in the opening of the new Levin studio of Coast Access Radio, a great way to finish off an arty year for Hīnau. Phillip Ferzli and his running club have run over 300 kilometres this year with the students, with Liam Roach and Leo Arnault- Martin featuring heavily.

Lastly, a huge congratulations to our Hīnau Prefects for next year: Charli O'Brien, Grace Wedlock and Angelina Toeieiu.

See everyone in the new year!

Julie Bolton

Hīnau Dean





Kōwhai

It has been awesome seeing our Kōwhai students step out of their comfort zones and participate in the wide variety of house events that are on offer at Horowhenua College. We took on Swimming Sports, Year 9 Tabloid Sports, Athletics Day (which we won!) , Netball, Football, Chess, Haka Competition, House Video, Mural Design, Cross Country, The Chase and many many more events! Through these events our students showed that they were enthusiastic and proud members of the Kōwhai house through awesome yellow outfits, cheering and just being there to support their Kōwhai friends. The race was tight this year and saw us come third overall by only a matter of points. Next year is our year!

This year we farewell Miss Foster who has been our House Leader for the last few years. We wish you all the best! Though this is not goodbye, it is see you later! For those staying, we can't wait to see you next year for another awesome year as the Kōwhai House!

Lucy Pearce
Kōwhai Dean





Horowhenua Taste Trail

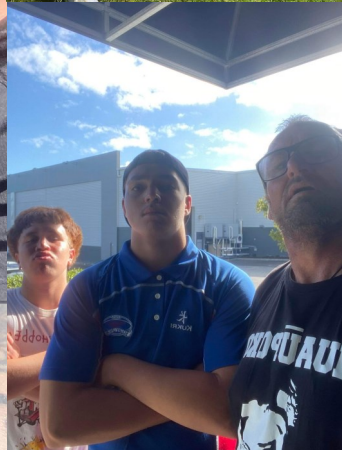
On Saturday 26 November our 2023 prefect team helped out on the Horowhenua Taste Trail by doing the ticketing at each venue. They did an amazing job and the organisers told us that they were a great bunch who were an absolute credit to the college.

Sharon Moekerk
Assistant Principal





Rangatahi Ora Activities Week





Arts Activities Week

Our activity is painting a canvas. A full day in the art room, painting whatever project you want. Pinterest has great inspo. Listening to Harry styles and Taylor swift, bliss!

Jeanette Gilroy

HOF Arts





Fishing Activities Week



Escarpment Track Activities Week





Robotics Activities Week

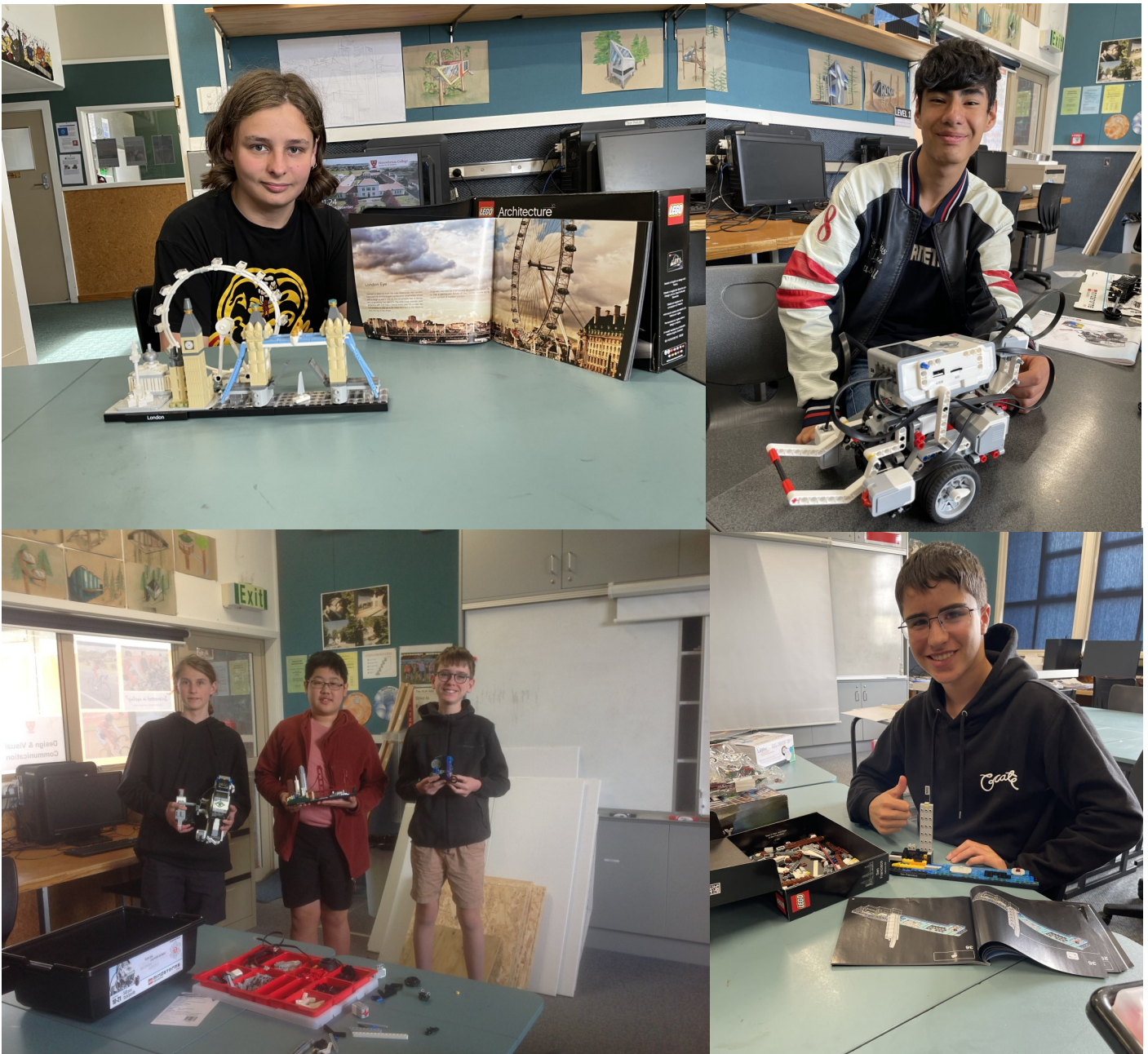
Each morning a small group of students worked on building interesting structures and robots using the Science and Technology kits. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to be creative and made some very impressive structures that they programmed to move. This is an area that the school would like to develop to encourage the students that are interested in this field.

Thank you to Ms Lai for providing 2 Lego Architecture kits that the students built - one of London and one of San Francisco.

Well done students - you were great to work with.

Liz Lewis

HOF Science





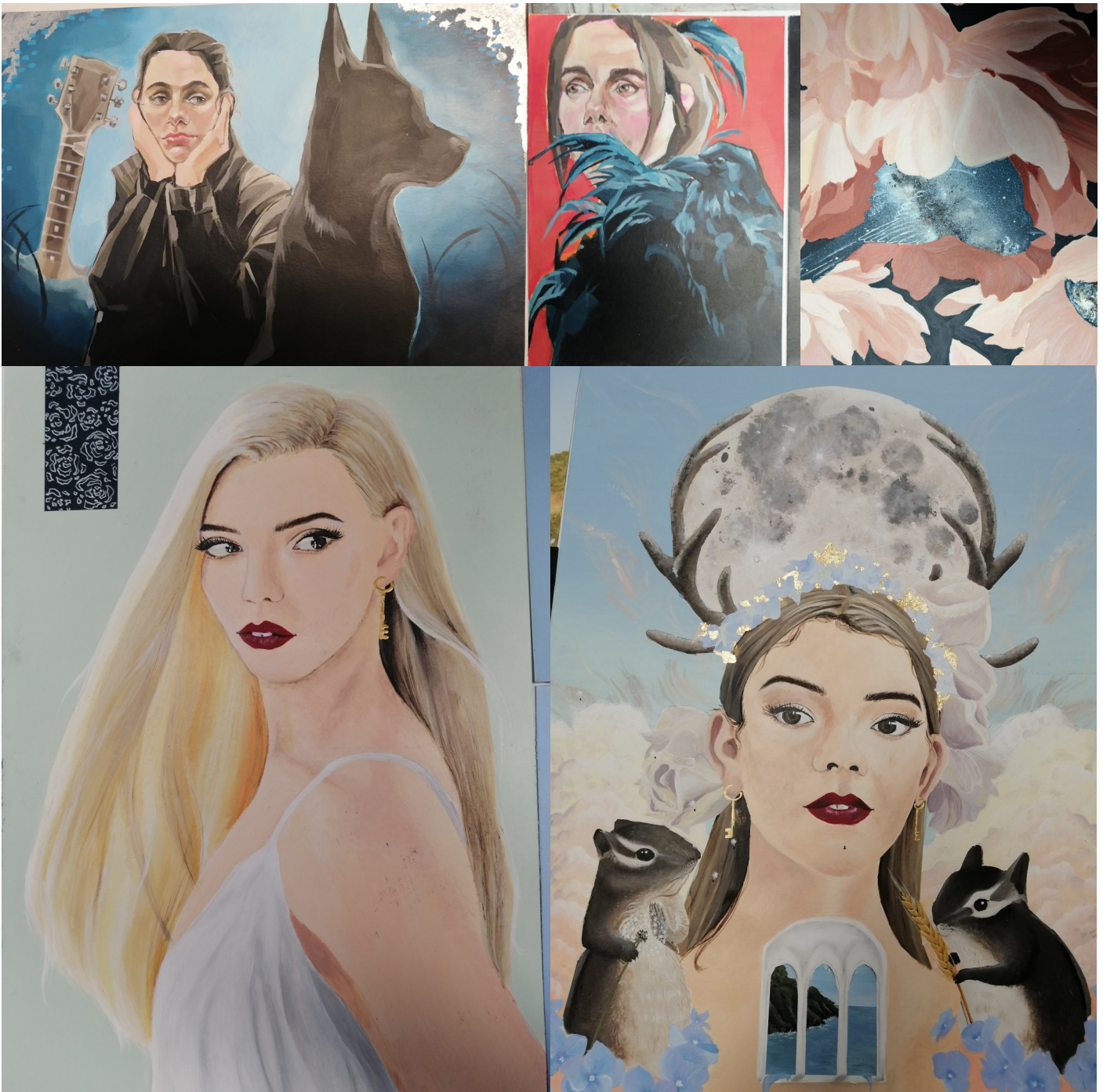
Art

These images are from our two top students in Year 11 and 12.

They are personal art works representing the four seasons by Gavin Sue and personal portraits by Anna Cochrane.

We are thrilled with these talented and exceptional art students, who despite covid and other issues, created the most stunning folios this year.

Jeanette Gilroy
HOF Arts





Services Academy Titahi Bay

The Services Academy Science Field Trip to study the geological features of Titahi Bay, as part of their Level 2 Assessment.

Martine Lewis

Teacher of Science





Taekwon-Do

Year 13 Student Brenna Green competed in the Star Series Taekwon-Do Competition, held in Palmerston North. She was awarded a Bronze in Patterns, Silver in Power Breaking and Gold in Sparring.



Football

Over Labour Weekend I had the pleasure of taking away the Levin AFC U19 football team to the Lotto National U19 Youth Tournament at Park Island in Napier. The team performed extremely well and were unlucky to have missed out on the ¼ finals by a single point, with 3 wins and 2 losses from their pool games.

Vs Port Hill United	3-0 Win
Vs Otumoetai	1-0 Win
Vs Uni-Mount Bohemian	1-0 Loss
Vs Papamoa	2-0 Loss
Vs Kapiti Coast United	1-0 Win

Horowhenua College was well represented with former pupils Tainui Baker, Stasson Collings and Olly James, playing alongside current students Nathan Eyles, Ben Rainham, Lathym Easton, Fintan McHugo, Nic Wynne, Aiden Brick and Toby James.

All the boys should be proud of the way they represented themselves, their school, the club and wider community.

Football is alive and well at Horowhenua and with some of the talent coming through I'm excited to see what these young men can achieve.

Rob Easton
U19 Football Coach





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