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NUA NEWS

Kia ora kotou, talofa lava, greetings everyone.

Welcome to our end of term newsletter. Term 2 has been another busy, challenging and enjoyable term. There have been many highlights and a number of these are described below. As you read these you will see evidence of how students have engaged with opportunities made available and stepped outside of their comfort zone. In doing so we have seen them grow as individuals and they are contributing back to our college. I'm very proud of the achievements of our students and the growth I see in them. Our vision is to grow successful young adults and I see this occurring everyday. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and are as proud of our young adults as I am.

Ngā mihi, Tofa soifua, Kind Regards

Grant Congdon
Principal





Word from the Board

Tēnā koutou katoa

We are nearly at the end of Term 2, well into winter sports now, and there are many cultural and service activities that are in full swing. It is great to see such a lively and busy college, and you will get a feel for this in the pages of this newsletter. I so enjoy seeing our young people achieving and exemplifying our school values within and outside school.

Recent highlights for me include attending our Arts and Culture Night, FiaFia night, and Showquest and being able to watch Lototaha on stage at the Regent Theatre in Palmerston North. Attending Pasifika Fusion is always an enjoyable night and it was wonderful to see our students participating in a range of categories. Our young people gave their all in the cultural performance and can feel proud of all they achieved. I appreciate the many hours of practice and time that go into performing at events such as these. A huge thank you to all our parents, teaching and support staff for the hours given to provide our students with these opportunities to flourish across all our pillars (academic, sport, arts and culture, and service).

This term the board continued its review of policies, focussing on health and safety and curriculum. We will be consulting staff, students, parents, iwi and community over the next two terms as we seek to develop a new strategic plan in line with the Ministry of Education's changes to reporting and planning. We were delighted to co-opt Dr Manuila Tausi as a member of our board at our last meeting. We are very aware our board should reflect the diversity of the school community, so it is great to have Dr Tausi, a school parent and member of Levin's Pasifika community join our team, and we look forward to his contribution.

I do hope you enjoy reading the contents of this newsletter. We will be welcoming prospective students and their parents/caregivers to our open night early in Term 3. It is always wonderful to showcase the variety of activities on offer in the school, and the calibre of our Horowhenua College students.

With all the winter illnesses about I do hope you stay warm and well over the school holidays. We look forward to another term of growing successful young adults!

Ngā mihi nui

Juliana Mansvelt
BOT Chairs





ANZAC DAY 2023

On ANZAC Day Pauliasi and I had the pleasure of representing the college by being a part of the Civic Anzac Day Service held at the Levin Remembrance Park.

It was touching to hear from all the speakers and to see all those who showed up to commemorate all New Zealanders killed in war and to honor the returned servicemen and women.

We were privileged enough to be asked to speak at the service, with Pauliasi reading the letter from Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro and myself reciting the poem “We shall keep the faith” by Moina Michael.

Our academy then performed our school haka and after that Pauliasi and I placed a wreath on the war memorial to pay respects.

Willow Thomsen

Head Girl





Commerce Visits

Recently Level 2 and Level 3 Commerce students have been lucky to have visits from local Levin businesses to help build students' understanding of organisational culture, workplace practices and providing the chance to converse around complex workplace issues in New Zealand - such as staff retention and skill shortages.

Thank you very much to Justine Street (Colbert Cooper), Julia Turnbull (CS Law), Dymon Vowles and Paula Bracefield (RJ's). It was fantastic for students to connect with our guests, especially Dymon & Julia, who were past students of Horowhenua College, to see what opportunities exist in the workforce beyond college

Gina Kelly

TIC Commerce.





Engineering

Our Year 12 Engineering classes took a trip to Snorkel lifts.

This visit was a really positive experience that showed our students what engineering can look like outside of the four walls of the classroom.

David Brewerton

TIC Engineering





Chess Regionals

On Friday 19 May thirteen of our chess players competed in the Kapiti-Horowhenua Chess Regionals which were held at Levin Intermediate School. All of the students played well with everyone winning at least three of their seven games. Our B Team of Eden Makutu, Xavier Zoie, Keanu Samuelu, and Ryatt Corbett came fourth out of eight teams and Caitlin Hoy, playing in her first tournament, won the Best Girl award.

Our A team of Levi Paxton, Brock Clement, Mohinderpal Singh, and Jun MacDonald was the best team at the event so they qualified to participate in the teams' competition at the Secondary Schools Chess Nationals which will be held in Auckland on Labour Weekend. Levi was the best individual player winning all seven of his games, Brock Clement came third overall and Mohinderpal Singh was fourth. These top placings mean that these three players also qualified for the individual competition at the Chess Nationals. Congratulations to all our players for a successful start to the chess year.

Sharon Moerkerk

TIC Chess





Chess

Levi Paxton has been busy collecting awards and titles in the game of chess as he aims to go as far as he can while completing his final year at college. Last year Levi joined the Kapiti Chess Club in order to improve his game and find a challenging level of competition. Rather than join the juniors, Levi chose to join the senior men's competition. This involved competing in six different competitions throughout the year with Levi taking out four of six competitions. He won the Rapid Winter cup, the Classical Chess Club Championship and The Kingston Memorial Cup. He was also awarded The Glenys Mills Memorial trophy for overall best player of the tournaments.

In January, Levi attended the National Chess Competition in Wellington where he competed for the Junior National Title. This was run over nine days with games every day, lasting for up to three-four hours. It was a highly skilled competition with players from America and even a New Zealand Champion. Levi found himself playing on Table two for third-fourth place. After a very long battle as the last players in the room, Levi was bested and relegated to tenth out of a field of 66. A good outcome when facing the top-level players in the country.

Last month Levi competed in the Kapiti Rapid. This competition involved three International Masters and one Woman's International Master. Levi managed to draw with the Woman's International Master, only losing his last game against a 2200 rated player.

His latest competition was the Horowhenua Kapiti Chess Power Regionals where he placed first overall, winning all seven games, qualifying for the Chess Power Nationals team and individual competition in Auckland. All the best to the school Chess Team as they head away later this year!



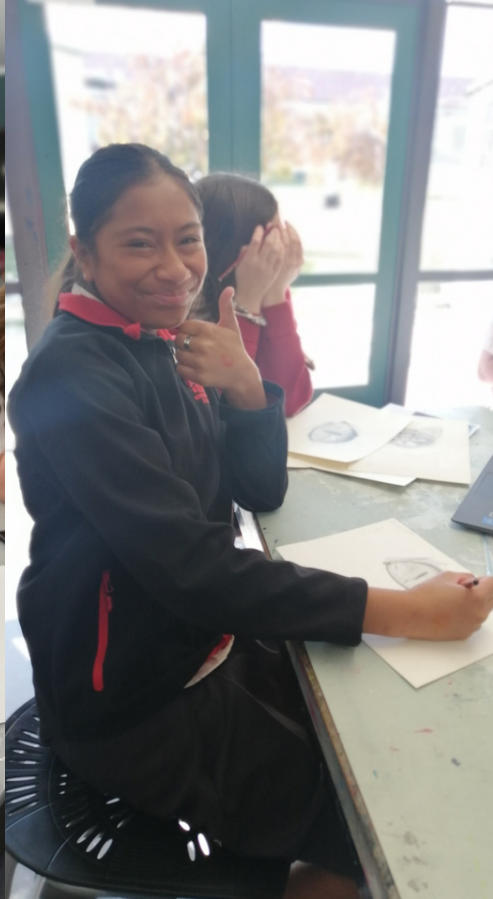


Arts

These are examples of Year 10s in action using their devices to learn how to draw eyes, and animal features in graphite pencil.

Jeanette Gilroy

HOF Arts





Arts

Year 12 Art student Gavin Sue. Gavin was first in Year 11 art in 2022.

He loves spending time in our gallery space, looking at the excellence folios, and gaining inspiration. We're expecting wonderful things Gavin!

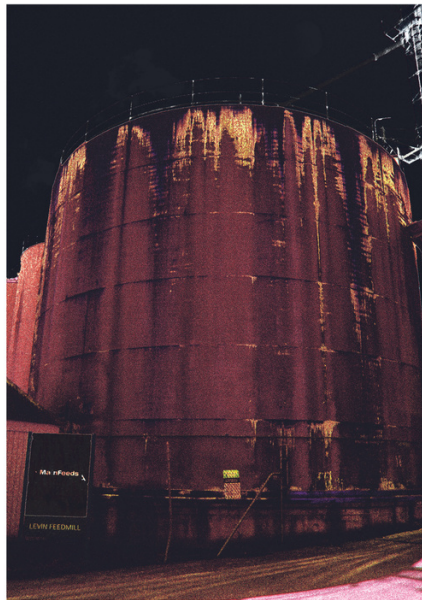
Jeanette Gilroy
HOF Arts



Photography



Year 13 student Faith Andrews portraying someone in a fairytale, a bit like a 'Gulliver's Travels' in a Surrealist 'smoking mirrors' approach.



Year 13 student Charlotte Montgomery and her portrayal of "Nuclear Waters"



Arts

Anna Cochrane, a Year 13 art student, has been successful in her selection to a very special art exhibition in Wellington this week.

She chose a painting from her Year 12 folio boards, and entered into the exhibition. Judges then go through the submissions from throughout NZ and choose only a few.

Anna's work was selected, she is then provided with the exhibition space, the work gets framed, and prints are taken to be sold. The artist, Anna, gets a large percentage of the sales.

She has attended open night in Wellington with her family. We are so proud of Anna and her tremendous talent, and look forward to seeing her do well at art school in 2024 and beyond.

Jeanette Gilroy
HOF Arts





Model EU

Model EU was an amazing experience for us students at Horowhenua College. There were many schools from all over the country. Some were very intimidating but we stuck together and performed well. We were all given a country to represent in the European Union. I had Romania. We then were split off to different rooms which looked very professional and official as we were at parliament. We then argued about many different directives and policies, all while acting as if we were the official delegate of the country. We had researched weeks prior for this event and made many new friends from all over the country! We then had the chance to hear from many different ministers and delegates of countries which were all very influential. It was scary at the start, but as the event went along we all got comfortable in the different committee sessions that occurred. We also had two students who had special awards. Liam Roach won second best speaker out of his committee, and Anna Wylie won top speaker in her committee. This is a massive achievement for us as this is the first time we have taken awards home! Model EU was a great experience for us, and really inspired us to go to more events like this one!

Sharman Patel
Year 12 Student





Careers Expo





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Winter Sports





World Vision

We had four students attend the World Vision Youth Conference. The focus this year was the "one drop more foundation" which provides safe water for people all over the world. Every day, 2,000 children under the age of five die due to not having access to safe water. Before this conference, I had never thought twice about if I could drink water safely or even have a shower, but millions of kids do not have that same luxury.

The hosts, Matt and Rach Renata, were amazing. Their passion for what they were talking about and the change that they wanted was clear. Every person in the room could feel how much they were working towards a better future. They discussed in depth the effect water availability has on people. They showed us videos of real people who suffer first hand with this issue and people they have helped. Seeing real children, younger than us, suffering things we had never imagined really opened our eyes. The speakers knew exactly how to present their issue in a way that made all of us understand. They engaged us and made us want to fight for more, and they gave us a way to fight. They discussed how to fund raise events successfully.

There were two guest speakers, Vira Paky and Aigagalefili Fepulea'i-Tapua'i. Aigagalefili was from Samoa an island which is sinking and Vira is a refugee. She came to New Zealand with her mother and sister when she was young, seeking refuge from the Rwandan Genocide.

The final event of the day was the workshop in which they explained how to run our school events, set a goal, engage, mobilise, and hype. They talked about the 40 hour famine, and after this I can confidently say that all in attendance will stop and consider how they can put this information to use.

Isabel McLean

Social Action Prefect





40 Hour Famine

The 40 Hour Famine has been a staple in our school for years. Every year, a group of like-minded students come together to help make a difference. This year World Vision decided the 40 hour famine would raise money towards providing water to people who do not have access to it.

Every day in Malawi, 11 children under five die from diseases related to dirty water. Raising this money helps to prevent this, we can raise money to bring clean water and change someone's life. Having access to clean water is something that we rarely think about. With the pressures of school and other things going on in our lives like work and sports our focus is often on the things going on in our own lives, and we don't think about children on the other side of the world who would see going to school as a privilege they will never attain. But, with the 40 Hour Famine, we have the opportunity to divert our attention to these children, if even for only 40 hours. For these 40 hours the kids of Horowhenua changed their lives. Some examples of the things people did are not eating for 40 hours, no furniture, no devices, etc. These minor changes give us some insight into how differently children our age are living. With the privilege of never having to wonder how we would get a day's worth of clean water, we were able to raise \$2,350, \$350 over our goal. This impressive feat was accomplished by a number of students at Horowhenua College, and this amount of money will have a massive impact on the lives of the children in Malawi. Now the World Vision organisation will be able to provide them with clean water through the means of digging wells, protecting natural springs, and building rainwater systems in schools to provide drinking water for children.

Our school also had the chance to hear just how important this cause was from a World Vision speaker. She came to our school and gave us all the information on how important this cause was. She discussed her personal experiences of how she went to Malawi and met with the very children we are helping. We were also shown videos of these children who needed our help. We saw their day-to-day lives of having to walk miles just to get a bucket of dirty water. Her ten minute speech during assembly really put this cause into perspective and motivated us to help in whatever way we can.

I would like to acknowledge the three students who put in the work and raised the most money, Liam Roach who raised \$464, Alex Wylie who raised \$320, and finally Arliyah Windley, who raised \$201. These three students will receive a bag, a bag of barley sugar, a badge, along with the 40 Hour Famine bracelet every student who signed up received. Thanks to their contributions, and the contributions of every other student who signed up, our school could change the lives of children across the world. A big thank you to everyone who signed up and helped to raise money, and those who donated money. Every cent makes a difference!

Isabel Maclean
Social Action Prefect



Manu Korero

Year 12 Student Rihara Norgrove-Rangihuna placed 3rd Overall in the Pei Te Hurinui - Senior Māori section at the Manu Korero Speech Competition. His prepared speech of 11-12 mins in Te Reo Māori was on “Ka waipuke ana te whenua, ka waikurahia ngā tikanga” meaning “When the land floods, our customs are washed away”. His impromptu speech of two-three mins in Te Reo with only five mins preparation was “Ko ChatGPT te kaiwhakaora i taku reo” meaning ChatGPT strengthens my Māori Language”

Dylan Kiriona

Māori Dean



Year 9 Peer Support

Period five, 30 minutes, newspaper, sellotape and a whole lot of Year 9 students. This is bound to be a hectic time. Each house was given a set amount of resources and 30 minutes to create a famous duo and their story before they strutted down the runway.

1st Hīnau: Spongebob square pants and Patrick star

2nd Ngaio: Tom and Jerry

3rd Kōwhai: Moana

4th Rātā : Mario and Luigi

Steph McKenzie

Rātā Dean





Iwi Planting Day

Our Rangatahi Ora Year 9 students had an amazing day working with Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and Horizon's Regional Council planting trees in the Arawhata Bush Reserve. 1000 trees were planted to connect the existing bush reserve with the plants along the Arawhata Stream to help improve the quality of the water flowing into Punahau (Lake Horowhenua).

Dylan Kiriona

Rangatahi Ora Co-ordinator





Pink Shirt Day





Running Club

The running club has evolved into the plogging club!

Plogging is the act of collecting litter while running. So far the running and plogging club has completed 150 km and collected 55kgs of rubbish.

We plogg every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at first break. So if you are keen to serve the community and improve your wellbeing, come on out!

Phillip Ferzli
TIC Plogging



Dance

Our dance students had a visit from Levi and Emma from Footnote dance. Our kids were awesome and Levi and Emma said they were one of the best groups they've had. Although it was very different to what we normally do, they all got involved and even managed to put their own twist on it.

Caitlin Sanson
TIC Dance





Performance Evening

Performance evening is a night to celebrate and allow our performing arts students to perform their pieces they have been working on in class. From our dance and drama students, to our music students, to our Lototaha group, Showquest group and our choir, the variety of talent that was on show at this event was outstanding. We really appreciate everyone's support for this evening and we hope you enjoyed what was performed by our students as we did.

Cailtin Sanson

TIC Dance





Performance Evening





Performance Evening





Fia Fia Night





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Showquest

On Monday the 19th of June 54 students had the opportunity to compete in the regional competition Showquest. After three months of rehearsals our students' hard work paid off when we were able to take home second place as well as best use of LED wall, the ZM soundtrack award, best use of props and a highly commended for our theme. One of our captains, Grace Wedlock, also won overall best performer. Our students performed a piece relating to the topic of identity and performed it with lots of emotion and energy. Thank you so much to all of our staff for supporting our students and giving them the opportunity to participate.

Charli O'Brien

Arts Prefect





Showquest





Big Sing

On Thursday 15 June we had 10 students compete in The Big Sing choir festival held in Palmerston North. These students are part of a combined choir with Waiopahu College. It was a great day for our choir, we received a highly commended award and also the best conductor award!

Sjan Giles-Oza
Drama Teacher





Pasifika Fusion

Results from Pasifika Fusion:

1st Place Visual Arts - Tareesha Kiran

1st Place Talent Solo Vocalist- Akyssa Tavita

2nd Equal Cultural Performance - Horowhenua College & PNBHS

1st Place Kiribati Speech - Ioane Talia

A huge congratulations to everyone, such awesome results!





Pasifika Fusion





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Performance

Year 10 Student Imogen Williamson won a first place cup at the 2023 Manawatu Performing Arts Singing Competition, June 24th. She won the 14 - 16 age group category for Sacred Song.

Also congratulations to Year 10 Leo Arnault-Martin who received two third places at the same competition in the restricted class and also in the song in character with costume class.

Fantastic to see our students achieving outside of school!



RAD Club

Our RAD club fixes devices that are donated to RAD (Recycle a Device) National down in Christchurch. They send us devices and any parts required, the students then fix them and send them back. They are one of many similar groups throughout the country. We have been told that they are one of the more skilled groups.

Sean Nolan

TIC RAD





Wellington Food Show 2023

The Level 3 Creative Catering students attended the 21st Wellington Food Show on May 26th at Sky City Arena. This was a fun event where the students were able to experience some unique culinary delights and tasters from the stall holders based around the entire ring of the stadium. The students loaded up their bags with some purchases to take home and enjoyed trying food samples from vegan cheese to truffle and olive-flavored salami and much more. Exposing students to grass-level food innovation and technology from New Zealand homegrown products was inspiring and helped the students to see what creativity and product development can do for our taste buds.

Donna Elliott

Teacher of Creative Catering





Financial Literacy

Ex-Head Boy Jamie Harper who is studying law at Victoria University and Ex-Prefect Brianna Chow who is studying commerce at Auckland University visited our students this term to provide a session on financial literacy.

This session was very well recieved by our Year 13 students.

Thank you for coming Jamie & Brianna.



Tennis

Three Horowhenua College students who are part of the Levin Tennis Club have had a fantastic season.

Year 9 Māia Cornell was the winner of Division 7 with Year 10 Liam as runner up.

Year 11 Sasen Weerakkody was the winner of Division 8.

These Students are great tennis ambassadors for LTC and Horowhenua College . They have a reputation for fair play, and support others in the junior tennis program currently being run at LTC .





Swimming

On Sunday 4th June, Taylor Hing, Francesca Dale-Low & Jack Kennett attended Kiwi West Swim Carnival.

Taylor: Pb's - 100 individual medley, 100freestyle, 50freestyle, 50backstroke

Francesca: 1st 50backstroke & Pbs for: 100freestyle, 100im & 50backstroke.

Jack: Two Pbs. 1st 100backstroke, 3rd 50freestyle & 1st 50backstroke

On the 3 & 4th June Hannah Alderton attended XLR8 meet in Taupo- three golds: 50, 100 & 200 backstroke. Bronze: 100freestyle, 200freestyle & 800freestyle

Ollie Kennett has been selected to be on the Swimming New Zealand Open water team. They will be going to Australia on 15th December & representing New Zealand at the NSW Open Water Championships.



Music Month





Youth Rugby

We are excited to have 17 new players representing the Horowhenua College Youth Rugby team. It is exciting to see the growth of players here in the Horowhenua region. We started off our season with a possible new tradition by playing tens within our team as we divided our players up evenly to end up having a very close match! We then went into our grading games with some uncertainty although we were consistent and lost three from three grading games. We sensed an early annuals vibe when we had a close game against Waiopahu College which means we will come up against them (Saturday 24th June and 12th August) throughout the round robins in Youth Two. Our results thus far are: round one 10-33 win, round two 43-50 win and round three 15-20 win. Upcoming home games are as follows: Saturday 29th July, 14th August and 26th August.

Steph Mckenzie

TIC Youth Rugby





Outdoor Ed

In Term 2, Senior Outdoor Education classes have been participating in assessments for bushcraft and survival skills, camping, mountain biking, and rock climbing. The students have been making use of the Manawatū, Horowhenua-Kāpiti, and Porirua regions. Level 2 & 3 Outdoor Education students completed a three-day trip into the Tararua Ranges camping beside the Waioata River and exploring the Tararua Ranges. They have also been climbing at Moffat's Rock in the Ōtaki Gorge with a trip also planned for Pukerua Bay. Year 11 students have been mountain biking in Foxton Forest, at Bright Ridge Skyline Track in Paraparaumu, and at Rangitui Trail Park in Porirua.

Daniel Riggs

TIC Outdoor Ed





Sports

Heretaunga Exchange:

Always an action-packed period for our winter teams to get started, kicking off with Heretaunga Exchange in week three. Almost 120 students, ten teams, took part in a jam packed day. Nevertheless it was certainly one for the history books, and I am very proud of how our students, staff and volunteers conducted themselves.

Results: Heretaunga six wins, Horowhenua three wins and one draw



Cross Country:

School Cross Country saw a new format with 31 competitive runners taking part in the 4.8km course. Age Grade winners from the day were:

Junior Girls - Tahlia Parata

Junior Boys - Nova Kearns

Intermediate Girls - Serena Su

Intermediate Boys - Noah Waculicz

Senior Girls - Torina Ngaluafe

Senior Boys - Codie Parata

A big thank you to our Teacher Aides & PE Faculty that helped run a safe and enjoyable day.

Following our cross country five of our students competed at the MISSA Cross Country, held at Massey University, with Noah Waculicz being our best placed runner coming in at 10th place in the U16 boys race.





Sports

MISSA Swimming Champs:

With another swim meet coinciding with this event, only two of our students represented kura with some amazing results.

Hannah Alderton - Girls 15yrs: 1st 50m Butterfly, 1st 200m Backstroke, 2nd 100m Backstroke and 2nd 100m Individual Medley.

Arliyah Windley - Girls 13 and Under: 1st 100m Backstroke, 1st 200m Individual Medley, 2nd 50m Butterfly and 2nd 100m Freestyle.

Upcoming Events:

Best of luck to William and James Dunsmore, Manawatu/Wanganui Secondary Schools Golf Championships.

Thursday 29 June 2023 at Rangitikei Golf Course

Best of luck to Minnie Collins and Morgan Swartbooij, Cambridge 1-4 July, Road and Track Cycling Championships.

Whaea Andi

Sports Coordinator





Services Academy

The Horowhenua College Services Academy has had a good term. We have achieved so much; ANZAC day, Unit standard workbooks for credits getting done, a trip away and visits to the War Vets home in Levin.

ANZAC day was a good commemoration to our men, women and animals who served our country in WW1. The Academy participated in good numbers, performing the haka at the end of the ceremony.

Our biggest highlight was going back the War Vets home and interacting with the residents of the home. We played games, did quizzes and we even helped with making mad hats for the mad hatters tea party. Morning tea was a good treat for the students with sausage rolls, cheese scones and savouries.

On the 18th of June, the Academy went away for their annual bushcraft course with the New Zealand Defence Force. The students learnt the basics of living in the bush, tramping and camping, navigation, teamwork and the knowing the NZ Environmental Care Code. Keeping our native forest clean and healthy. Overall, it has been a really good Term.

Ray Hunia

Service Academy Director





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Term 3 Dates

The following dates are subject to change

July

15 July	Horowhenua College Ball
17 July	Beginning of Term 3
18 July	Year 11 Market Day
20 July	Horowhenua College Open Evening
25 July	Horowhenua College Open Day
26 July	Te Aute Rugby Exchange
28 July	Shave for a Cure

August

7 August	Maths Week
23 August	Jimmy Carter Quiz
25 August	Daffodil Day
28 August	Winter Tournament Week Begins
28 August	Year 10 Work Week

September

4 September	Annuals Week Begins
4 September	Tongan Language Week
11 September	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
21 September	Year 9 Speech Competition
22 September	End of Term 3