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NUA NEWS

Kia ora koutou, talofa lava, greetings everyone,

As with every term, term 3 has been full of activities and opportunities for students to progress in their academic progress and extra curricular interests. There have been many highlights, and you will be able to read about a number of these in this newsletter.

What continually impresses me is what students are able to achieve when they are given the opportunity to do so and the encouragement of self belief. This term we have seen many significant achievements - even a world champion.

Enjoy reading this newsletter. What we do at Horowhenua College is grow successful young adults, and you will find lots of evidence reflecting the work that has gone into achieving this goal throughout term 3.

Thank you to everyone in our community who has supported us as we work together to grow our teenagers into young adults.

Ngā mihi, tofa soifua, kind regards

Grant Congdon

Principal



Word from the Board

Tēnā koutou katoa

Another busy term has come to an end. It has been great to see students fully participating in our four pillars of activity: academic, sports, arts and culture, and service. The pages of this newsletter reflect this involvement. As a board, we enjoy seeing our students succeed across numerous aspects of school life.

It has been another busy term for the board. We said farewell to our co-opted board member Jhyslle Ratima, Jhyslle brought insight and a deep ethic of care to the board table and we will miss her input greatly – but we are delighted she has taken up a position supporting the work of Rangatahi Ora here at the college. Irene Vehikite was re-elected in the recent student election, and we so appreciate all she brings to the role of student rep. Her voice is critical to bringing us a student perspective, and through her reports, we are kept up to date with school happenings and matters of interest that we should be considering from a governance perspective.

This term the board has begun a consultation process engaging with various stakeholders, including parents, to reflect on what they see as important to student success. Feedback from the school survey and meetings will be used to inform the development of our strategic plan in 2024.

Developing our healthy lunches programme and the canteen facility has also been a focus this term and we are thrilled to learn the lunches are being well received by students. Our thanks to Anja Wagner and the catering team for the wonderful job they are doing in planning and producing these lunches.

At each board meeting this term we are presented with aggregate data on student achievement. A great deal of mahi goes into tracking student achievement and identifying students who may need additional support. Currently, many of our staff are running additional tutorials and learning sessions for students and we appreciate the work and commitment that goes into enabling our students to achieve to the best of their abilities.

I trust you enjoy viewing the photos and reading the items in this newsletter. As a board member, it is such a privilege to have a small part in growing successful young adults. Our sincere thanks to our Senior Leadership Team, teaching and support staff, and to you (parents and whānau) for all that you do!

Do enjoy the holidays!
Ngā mihi nui

Juliana Mansvelt
Horowhenua College Board Chair



Market Day

The level 1 market day was held on Tuesday July 18th. The event is a one-off selling event where students create an in-school business and take full ownership of the operation, finance, marketing and co-ordination of their businesses.

Students often opt for food-based businesses and this year was no different with a large range of sweet and savoury treats up for offer. We also had some year 12 Commerce groups join market day this year which added a good variety of stalls.

All businesses wrote a business plan prior to the event and evaluated the success of their business afterwards. Each group walked away with a profit proving a successful event. Well done to all those involved!

Thank you to The Big Egg Shop on Roslyn Road for donating all the eggs used in different groups' creations.

Gina Kelly

TIC Commerce





Market Day





Jimmy Carter Quiz

On August 23rd 2023, our five member strong Jimmy Carter Quiz Team secured third place at the regional event held at Palmerston North Boys High School.

Congratulations to Nathan Eyles (Captain of the Team and Year 13), Anna Wylie (Year 12), Jack Davidson (Year 11), Harrison McQuillan (Year 10) and Mitch Bartholomew (Year 9).

It was an extremely close competition, with Horowhenua College leading the scoreboard at times. After being overtaken by Palmerston North Girls High School, who were victorious after taking out the Ponderous Puzzle Question, we lost second place to Palmerston North Boys High School, who correctly answered the tie breaking question.

We are very proud of our participants and the mahi they have put into practicing their general knowledge. The students worked hard in their practices and demonstrated excellent thinking and communication skills on the night.

Sophia Turner

TIC Jimmy Carter





Daffodil Day

Our Services Academy went out to a farm on Queen St East to help pick daffodils for the Cancer Society.





The Addams Family

We had seven of our fantastic students involved in the HYPE production of "The Addams Family". It was a fantastic show and our students performed beautifully!

Alrich Hoffman (Gomez Addams)

Amelie Williamson (Morticia Addams)

Imogen Williamson (Wednesday Addams)

Xavier Zoie (Lucas Beineke)

Eden Matuku (Mal Beineke)

Lavara Matuku (Addams family Ancestor and Wednesday Addams understudy)

Amber Rollinson (Co-director)



Performing Arts

Year 11 student Amelie Williamson came first equal in the 100th year anniversary of the Manawatu Performing Arts Society Musical Theatre Competition Festival in Palmerston North on Saturday 12th August 2023.

She performed in the Scene to Song 16 - 18 year old category. This category required demonstration of acting, monologue, dance/movement and singing whilst in character. Contestants were from the Manawatu, Wellington, Taranaki and Horowhenua regions.

Congratulations Amelie!





Arts

We took forty two students down to Wellington to tour Massey University College of Creative Arts. Students looked at what art courses and facilities Massey had to offer, they had a tour of the hostels and got a feel for what a university campus looks like. They all had a fantastic day and it was a great experience for those students who are considering the College of Creative Arts next year!

Jeanette Gilroy

HOF Arts & Photography





Flag Assembly

On the Wednesday 16th August, we celebrated the cultures we have here at Horowhenua College. During the assembly, we had a large number of students who volunteered to walk their flag down the hall in front of the school. Our students enjoyed and liked flag assembly as it is one of the biggest events at school. It also allowed the students to see how diverse our college was with over fifty different cultures. This was special and memorable as our students enjoyed being in their cultural wear and representing who they were at school.

Angelina Toeieiu
Cultural Prefect





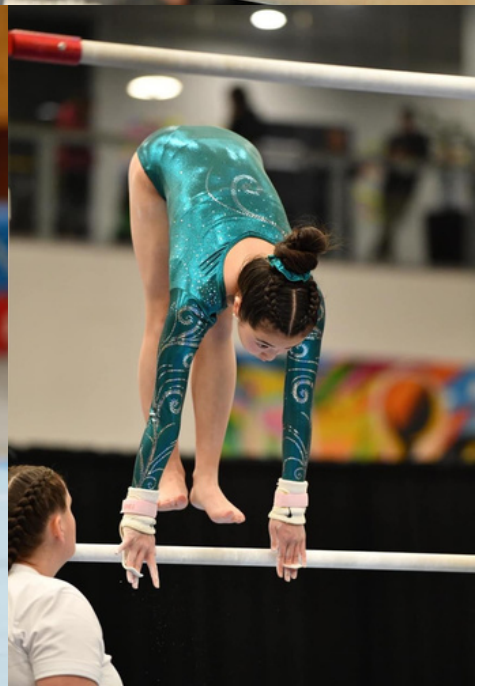
Flag Assembly





Gymnastics

One of our Year 9 Students, Kana Komikado, was selected to compete at the New Zealand National Championships for Artistic Gymnastics. This is the first time in more than ten years that a Levin gymnast has been to this competition. Kana competed as a Step 5 gymnast, which is the first level eligible to go to the National Champs. Well done Kana, we are all very proud of you.





Dance

Congratulations to year 13 students Willow Thomsen and Hana Stewart who are a part of dance crew "ROAR". The dance crew who are a part of Anomaly dance studio in Palmerston North competed with a hip-hop dance and received a PACANZ nomination. They will be competing in the National Young Performer Awards at the Palmerston North Regent theatre in October.

This dance crew has also been selected to compete at the Hip Hop Unite World Championships in Portugal!



Tickets \$10

Anomaly Dance Studio presents

ROAR FUNDRAISER

Get ready to experience the ultimate fundraising event as we get our crew to Portugal for the Hip Hop Unite World Championships.

14 October
from 5.30pm

Featuring

Food for sale

Merch available

Kids zone with bouncy castle

Entertainment from a range of

local Manawatū talent

@Crossroads, 220 Church Street, PN



Dance

Congratulations to our Horowhenua College students who performed at the Associated Ballet and Theatre Club Competition in Paraparaumu and received a PACANZ nomination to attend the National Young Performer Awards.

Grace Wedlock, Emma Shuker, Tennessee Williams, Maioha Kiriona, Olivia Hicks-Jensen, Abi Sage and Elloise Collis dance with Levin The Movement's Teen Squad and performed a moving lyrical dance to the song 'Home' by Edith Whiskers.





Shave for a Cure

Cancer is something most people have come in contact with. Whether it be a family member or friend, it is always a tragedy. Through Shave for a Cure, our school is able to try to combat this. This year Shave for a Cure took place on July 28th and we had several generous students shave their heads for the cause. These students spent weeks raising money before their shave; and as a school we managed to raise \$3,000. Every dollar raised goes to the Shave for a Cure website who then uses this money to provide information, research, and support about blood cancer. To be able to aid this cause is a privilege.

On the day of Shave for a Cure we had something different, an auction. The students and teachers, shaving off their hair, were auctioned off to the school. The student with the highest bid then got to shave whoever's hair they bid on. This created a fun, interactive environment during a serious event. Of course, we had hairdressers there as well. The generous hairdressers from Vivo helped to guide the students in shaving hair and touch up some of the hairstyles. Overall, this was a great experience for all those involved, and those who just watched. It provided a chance for our school to learn about blood cancer, and then help to make a change in a unique, lively way.

Isabel Maclean

Social Action Prefect





Shave for a Cure





Youth Rugby

Manawatū Secondary Youth 2 Champions!

Our youth rugby boys were up against PNBHS Junior 5 who we drew with earlier in the rounds. We went into the game second on the table and 5 points down therefore it was a must-win game. Not only that, but we also needed to score at least 4 tries to get a bonus point and keep PNBHS at 3 tries or less. We could not allow them to get a bonus point!

Our team played their best game to date and it can only get better from here!

Full-time 41 - 7 (Ma'ake Mafi Motu'apuaka (3), Reuben Evans, Feinga Kilioni, Poasa Leitupo 4 con, 1pen).

Steph McKenzie
TIC Youth Rygby





Art

It's folio time again, and the seniors are gearing themselves up to complete their folios which are their external exams. The folios are worth 12 credits at level 1 and 2, and 14 credits at level 3, so this is a huge undertaking.

Our students are given Art kits at the start of the school year- and this enables them to work at home on their art works.

Deadlines are
Level 1: 19 Oct
Level 2: 26 Oct
Level 3: 2 Nov.

Please support your child, by allowing them to take over the dining table, at this time ❤️ and be aware that they may need emotional support at this time too, with lots of praise and encouragement!

Thank you,
The Art Dept





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“We Did It!”. Many years of the could have or should have, have finally come to fruition.

Some fantastic competition from Pehu with Boys Basketball put us 0-2 down after the first night. With one win a piece in Hockey, we're on the scoreboard (1-3).

Dominance with our Football Teams winning all 3 matches, gave us a slight edge (4-3).

Two highly contested netball wins, put us further ahead (6-3). With three rugby games to play, the nerves were wavering, as a draw could see Pehu retain superiority.

Bring on our Youth Boys! After relinquishing early scoring opportunities to Pehu, they stood strong, took them on up front and came out champions with a 30-27 win. Not to be out classed, our Girls Rugby team, in their very first Annuals match clinched a last minute try for a well deserved 17-17 draw. Our 1st XV Boys kept grinding to the very end, getting pipped in a close match 12-15.

Congratulations to all our students that competed over the week. Grit, resilience and determination were evident in the sportsmanship you upheld. Special thanks to our TIC'S, coaches, and managers. Your time and dedication are so very much appreciated. To our parents, the support and encouragement given to your child is uplifting. To our staff and students, your presence, your support, and your voice are heartening.

RSO'S - Basketball Manawatu, Levin AFC Football, Netball Horowhenua & HK Rugby Football Union, your help with referees and umpires to officiate was valuable.

Andi Hirini

Sports Coordinator





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



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HOROWHENUA VS WAIIOPEHU ANNUALS RESULTS 2023

 JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	38		84	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL 
 SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	85		89	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL 
 BOYS HOCKEY	6		3	BOYS HOCKEY 
 GIRLS HOCKEY	6		7	GIRLS HOCKEY 
 JUNIOR BOYS FOOTBALL	10		1	JUNIOR BOYS FOOTBALL 
 GIRLS FOOTBALL	4		1	GIRLS FOOTBALL 
 1ST XV BOYS FOOTBALL	3		1	1ST XV BOYS FOOTBALL 
 JUNIOR NETBALL	25		19	JUNIOR NETBALL 
 SENIOR NETBALL	34		21	SENIOR NETBALL 
 YOUTH BOYS RUGBY	30		27	YOUTH BOYS RUGBY 
 GIRLS RUGBY	17		17	GIRLS RUGBY 
 1ST XV BOYS RUGBY	12		15	1ST XV BOYS RUGBY 

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Winter Tournament Week

Winter Tournament week is the sporting pinnacle for our select teams to travel and contest with the best of other schools from around the motu. Five teams geared up for an exciting week of sports starting with our Senior A Netball Team that started their campaign on Sunday.



Nine games were played over the five days. They had a win from their pool games. The girls then dug deep to get three wins from the last six games for the overall placing of 18th.

The team played wonderfully together and were an absolute pleasure to take on tournament week. We look forward to seeing you all play again next season.

We are hugely thankful to Paddy Blackman. Your patience, determination and belief to take a competitive team was evident throughout this week. Also thanks to Linda McCartie, who juggled through her busy workload to help manage our girls.



Tournament Week

Whaea Caitlin, Bernie O'Brien and Alli Veerbeek took charge of these cheerful footy girls who competed in the Grant Jarvis Football Tournament in Palmerston North. The girls played eight games. They had four losses, one draw and three wins! These incredible results placed them 11th in their tournament!



Featuring their new playing strips, thanks to the generosity of Gwen Bailey & Matthew Rollinson from New World, Levin, our Football boys were off to Wembley Park, Whanganui. They played seven games. They had four losses, one draw and two wins, putting our boys in 12th place. Our football stalwarts, Rob Easton, Steve James, Andy Wynne and Gary O'Brien were unwavering and loyal to the very end taking great care of our boys.





Tournament Week

A team for the future, with nine girls still juniors, our hockey team opted to compete at the Eveline Hankers Memorial Hockey Tournament, held at Halliwell Turf. The girls kicked off with an impressive 7-0 win against Katikati. After a loss in the next game the girls then had wins in their next 2 games placing them 5th overall! Special thanks to Makayla Parata, our first year coach who is doing a tremendous job. Also great appreciation, gratitude and respect to Venessa Parata: manager, driver and all round go getter, not to mention Nicole Parata, team umpire for the girls. Thank you.



Back to back champions, proving great cohesion, friendships and good ole banter amongst these boys from Nua and Pehu have solidified an impressive and skillful team. Five games - five wins with their final against Francis Douglas Memorial College the closest match throughout the tournament winning 2-1. Thank you coach Matua Dylan. Uour organising, chasing up players, driving and general passion for these hockey boys have all contributed to them being champions.



Andi Hirni
Sports Coordinator



Education Perfect

Congratulations to the following students who have reached fantastic levels for Education Perfect.

Year 12 Heer Patel has won an elite badge receiving a special badge

Year 12 Shashwat Silwal received a gold badge,

Year 11 Alex Wylie received a silver badge,

Year 9 Ethan Greene, Year 11 Josie Phillips and Year 11 Elizelle Kaewea all recieved a bronze badge!

Martine Lewis

TIC Education Perfect





Taekwon-Do

In 2023, after a several year hiatus due to the pandemic the Taekwon-Do World Championships were to be held again. This year the event was in Finland. Year 13 student Carmel Ponga showed her talent and was selected to compete in this tournament as part of the New Zealand Team. To be selected is a fantastic honour in itself.

The tournament was held the first week of September and Carmel had an incredibly successful tournament. On the first day of the tournament Carmel had her individual Power Breaking event, Carmel won a gold medal in her division making her the “Junior World Power Breaking Champion”. After an incredible achievement in the individual event, Carmel and four other New Zealand junior girls competed in the Team Power Breaking Division. Each team member performs one break each. All the NZ girls completed their breaks successfully and Carmel stepped up to the plate to do the tie breaker technique, successfully completing this and bringing her team to another gold medal victory. Carmel and the junior girls team also competed in team patterns, an event in which precision movement and synchronisation is key. The team won bronze in this event.

Carmel’s medal tally from the World Championships was two gold and a bronze, a fantastic result for Carmel in her first World Championships.





Chess

On Wednesday the 20th September the Manawatu School Chess Champs were held in Palmerston North. We had ten students compete and they came away with some fantastic results!

Levi Paxton came first in the Open Category with Brock Clement coming in second. Kahu Newton came first in the under 16 category. Eden Makutu came third in the under 14 category.

Xavier Zoie, Ryatt Corbett, Caitlin Hoy, Mohinderpal Singh, Dom Neufeld & Harrison McQuillan all had fantastic games. This was a great competition for our students to be a part of and we are proud of them all.





School Ball

As Social Prefects we had the opportunity to organise the very anticipated Horowhenua College School Ball of 2023.

The school ball was held on the 15th of July in our transformed school hall and the decided theme for this year was “Northern Lights.” The decorations consisted of blue, green, purple gold and white with lots of stars and fairy lights decorating the room also linking with the celebration of Matariki.

Our students looked stunning in their formal attire showcasing a gorgeous collection of gowns and tuxedos alongside the extensive variation of cars on display at the public walk in.

Our photographer, Kirsten Walsh, captured all of the evenings wonderful events. From the red carpet entry to casual images of students laughing and dancing, these photographs will be treasured for years to come. A huge amount of effort went into putting this evening together and none of it could have happened without the support from Miss Kelly, fellow prefects, students, teachers and family.

Emma Tito & Willow Thomsen

Social Prefects





School Ball





School Ball





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Term 3 Dates

The following dates are subject to change:

October

- 9 October Term 4 begins
- 23 October Labour Day
- 25 October Prefect Speeches Assembly
- 26 October Sports Awards

November

- 1 November Cultural Awards
- 6 November NZQA Exams Begin
- 27 November Rangatahi Ora Graduation
- 30 November NZQA Exams End

December

- 1 December Senior Prizegiving
- 5 December Activities Week
- 8 December Junior Prizegiving
- 8 December Term 4 Ends