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NUA NEWS

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

Prizegivings at the end of the year are always a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements of our students. These can be academic achievements as well as in sports, culture and through acts of service. I am always impressed by what our students achieve and it is a real pleasure to have our community involved in these prizegivings and celebrating student success with us.

As the year has come to an end it is my opportunity to thank parents and whanau and the wider community for their support throughout the year. The year has been busy and full of opportunities for our students, and I am very appreciative of everyone who has helped to provide these opportunities.

Next year promises to bring even more opportunities so I look forward to continuing this partnership throughout 2024 as we grow successful young adults here at Horowhenua College. In the meantime I wish you all a happy festive season and a successful start to the New Year.

Nga mihi, Tofa soifua, Kind regards
Grant Congdon
Principal



Word from the Board

Kia ora koutou katoa

As I write this news item, College has just finished for the year. I have so enjoyed attending so many events in recent weeks where we could celebrate the talents and success of students across our four pillars of academic, sport, arts and culture and service. I am always amazed at the many and varied achievements of our students. For our year 13 graduating students – well done on completing five years at college, it was wonderful to see you all receive your graduating certificates at Senior Prizegiving and I wish you well in all your journey beyond secondary school. By the time you read this, the majority of our staff will also be on their summer holiday break. A huge thank you again to all our teaching and support staff for your commitment and hard work this year. Thanks also to our tumuaki, Mr Congdon and our senior leadership team, Ms Moerkerk, Ms Wehipehana and Mr Hokianga for all their mahi in leading our school so well.

It's been another busy year for the board, with plenty to keep us busy. We have continued to be good stewards of our finances, and have to continued revising policy, tracking academic achievement, managing property, and overseeing health and safety. We have also undertaken face-to-face consultation, and an online survey to help us develop a new strategic plan which will be released in 2024. Thank you to all those who have participated and given feedback – this has been valuable in deciding on the focus of the plan and in setting annual goals. We have had a lot happening in the property front so special thanks to Mr Johnson and his team for managing changes on the school campus so competently. We were also delighted to be able to prepare and cater school lunches in the canteen this year, so thank you to Anya and her team for doing this so successfully. It is also appropriate to thank our wonderful Board Secretary Mrs Searle, for all her time and assistance in supporting the work of the board, and my fellow board members for their expertise and commitment. It is such a privilege to work with them : Garry Good (Deputy Chair), Megan Bolton, Alasdair Maclean, Bob Slade, Manuila Tausi, Staff Representative, Chris Fearon and Student Representative, Irene Vehikete and of course, Mr Congdon. It is an absolute privilege to serve you -the school community as we assist in growing successful young adults!

I wish you all a relaxing Christmas and New Year break. Thank you for your support. I am looking forward to seeing our students and staff back ready and keen to embark on another year of learning and growing together in 2024!

Noho ora mai, Meri Kirihimete!

Juliana Mansvelt



Future Leaders Academy

I received the extremely great opportunity to join the Future Leaders team, and it has been an experience I'll never forget thanks to all the friends I've made and the culture I've learnt. I've learned a lot more skills from this experience that will help me in the future. My group and I planted more than 400 trees and cleaned up a beach with more than 35 bags of trash. Seeing the locals constant smiles while traveling across Samoa has been such a gift, and seeing all the kids playing outside really made me realize how different things were back home in New Zealand. This is a trip I'll never forget and will always cherish.

Luke Hayes-Brill

Year 12 Student



On the 1st of October a group of students from New Zealand, Australia and Samoa were selected to be apart of the Future Leaders Academy program in Samoa. This program is about developing our leadership skills and showing us how we can use these skills throughout life.

Throughout the week we did so many amazing things including hiking, making an umu, tree planting and so much more. I feel truly blessed to have been given this opportunity. I'm also very thankful because I got to meet so many wonderful people and made new connections with people from all different walks of life.

While on this trip I had the privilege to learn a lot more about the Samoan culture. We were welcomed by all and felt instantly at home. This was such an awesome opportunity to be apart of and I will be forever thankful for this. I learned so much from this program and would definitely do it again.

Kalanee Rauhihi-Wicks

Year 12 Student



Junior Prizegiving





Senior Prizegiving





Rangatahi Ora Prizegiving





Lototaha Prizegiving





Sports Awards

Congratulations to all our students who were a part of the Horowhenua College Sports Awards for 2023. We are very proud of each and every sporting achievement that our students achieve.

A huge congratulations to our students who received our supreme awards for 2023.

Best all round sports girl - Shikynah Pearson

Best all round sports boy - Whatu Kiriona

Highest sporting achievement - Carmel Ponga

Team of the year - Girls Volleyball

Top sports team - one off performance - Open water swim team





Student Leadership

Farewell to our prefect team for 2023. You have all been amazing and we wish you the best on your next journey!



And welcome to our new prefects for 2024!





Year 10 Science

Year 10 students as part of the topic "The ground we live on" built an earthquake proof building from dry spaghetti and playdoh. The building has to incorporate features that engineers use today. The 1m tall structure had to withstand 20 seconds of shaking. There was some amazing designs and a great deal of enthusiasm from all of the students.

Susie Prentice

Science Teacher





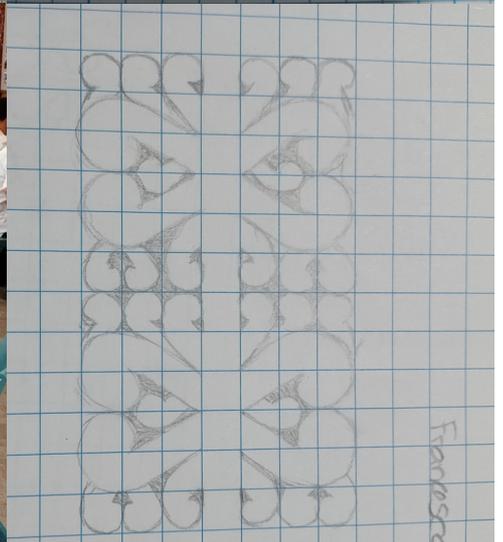
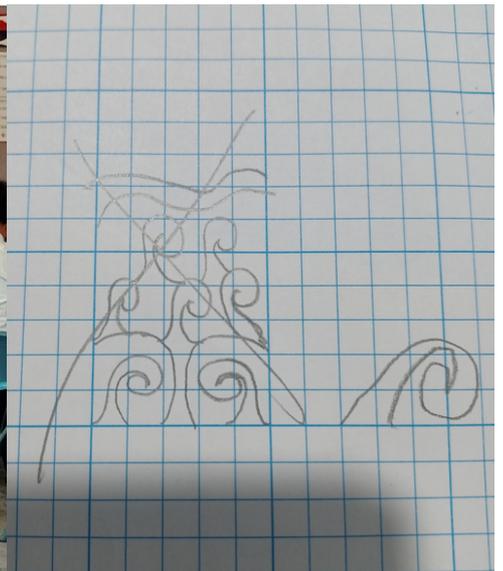
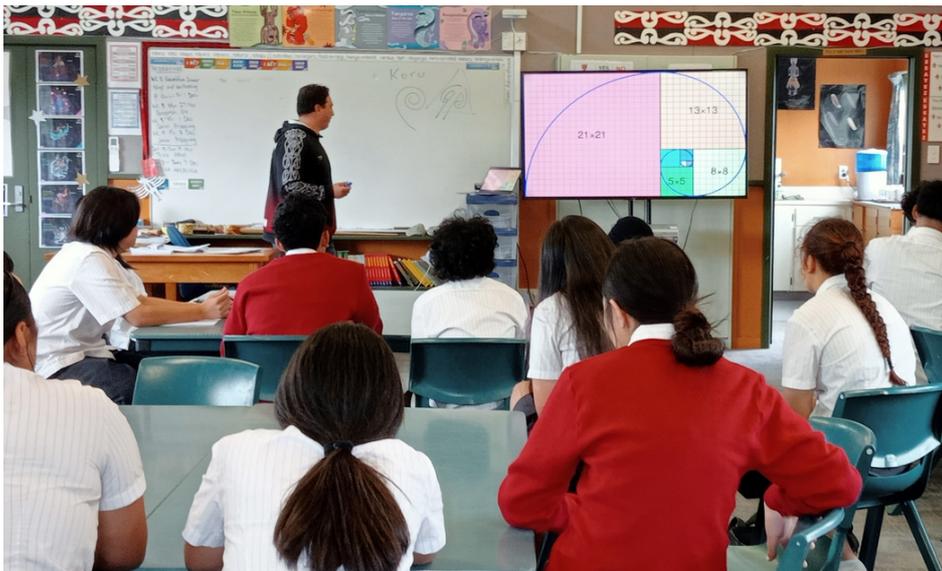
Year 9 Mathematics

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. With many of the kōwhaiwhai panels having been recently replaced with ones created by our current senior ākonga it was a great way to create links not only between the maths and the awesome artwork, but also between the people and the meanings of their creations. After listening to Matua Dylan's kōrero students were then encouraged to create their own design that reflected their whānau and incorporated the transformations that we've been learning about in class. It was a great opportunity for our rangatahi to create links between their mathematical learning and the Maori culture as well as preparing for their upcoming assessment.

Amy Huse

HOF Mathematics





Creative Catering

The year 11 Creative Catering students finished off their scone, sponge and cake unit with a fun and frenzied cake-making competition. The brief was to select a cake of their own choice to be judged on Appearance/Presentation, Taste, and Creative Flair. Our guest judges, Mr Congdon and Mrs Petterson enjoyed the tasting and unanimously agreed on Madison Leong and Belle Roberts-Read's beautifully piped vanilla and chocolate fusion cake. Unfortunately, it was whipped away before it could be photographed but was fantastic!

Donna Elliot

Teacher of Creative Catering



Canoe Polo

All the best to Mr James Gilroy who is playing Canoe Polo for New Zealand during the school break.

Mr Gilroy is the Teacher in charge of Canoe Polo at Horowhenua. Have a chat to him if you think Canoe Polo is for you!





Design and Visual Communication

Congratulations Harrison McQuillan on winning the Horowhenua College Year 10 DVC Craftbuild Flatpack Furniture Competition. A big thanks to Simon Raikes, Natalie, Jo and the team at Craftbuild Industries Levin for sponsoring this project and the time spent working with Harrison!



Another highlight from the year was the Cultural Awards exhibition. Levi Paxton, year 13, finished an impressive 18-metre long scholarship portfolio and rendered CAD animated flythrough of his Waitarere Beach Visitor Centre and Cafe conceptual design. This year the juniors had a go at exhibiting their Amphibious Architecture scale model floating homes. A few capsized or ended up at the bottom of the giant fish tank, so it was a good exercise in learning about balance and weight distribution!

Donna Elliot

TIC DVC





OnScreen Film Competition

This year we had a group participate in the OnScreen film competition. This is a national film competition. The group created a film called 'Toby'. Toby was a fictional character who portrayed the lived experience of a young person with autism (played by a younger brother of one of our students who has autism).

The panel judges commended 'Toby' for its cinematography and editing, especially for a young group led by Year 10s Liam Roach, Harrison McQuillan and Leo Arnault Martin (participating from afar)). The competition is for Year 9 to Year 13.

Well done to all cast and crew involved.

Liam Roach - Director, Editor

Alrich Hoffman - Cast

Kāhu Newton - Cast

Maia Cornell - Cast

Harrison McQuillan - Editor

Dom Neufeld - Cast

Amber Rollinson - Cast

Sharman Patel - Cast

Deron Flores - Cast

Sasen Weerakkody - Cast

A big thank you also to the Arnault-Martin Whānau for their involvement in the cast and crew and supporting the OnScreen kaupapa from France.

Gina Kelly

Teacher of Media Studies





Rugby

On Tuesday 21 November we ventured over to the Rugby Sevens - Hurricanes Region Year 9 & 10 Tournament in Gladstone. We took 2 boys teams and 1 girls team. Once we arrived at the venue we were welcomed by the not-so-summer sevens weather and the players got stuck straight into their work. It was an amazing opportunity for new and experienced players to get involved and come away from the tournament with new connections and skills. Thanks to Miss Hooper, Matua Chris, Mr Hokianga and Whaea Steph for making these opportunities available to our ākonga.

Nua Girls

Solway 20 -17 W

PNGHS 38 - 7 W

Cullinane 17 - 15 W

Final vs FAHS 5 - 25 Second

NUA 1 (black numbers) L, W, L, W

NUA 2 (white numbers) L, W, L, L

Steph McKenzie

TIC Youth Rugby





Engineering

This year our year 11 Engineering students have been learning some of the foundational skills with hand tools before moving on to the larger machinery available. There has been plenty of fun as they explore these skills by designing and building the go-karts for the end-of-year race!

David Brewerton
TIC Engineering





Civic Awards

Congratulations to our students who were acknowledged at the Community Civic Awards held recently.

Isabel Maclean & Nathan Eyles received a scholarship each for Academic Excellence, Charli O'Brien received a scholarship for Excellence in the Arts and Whatu Kiriona received a scholarship for Excellence in Sports.

Congratulations to everyone who was nominated. It was a fantastic night and we even had fantastic performances from some of the students from Horowhenua College!





Pūhoro STEMM Academy

Pūhoro STEMM Academy (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Mātauranga Māori).

Kei whea mai tēnei kaupapa mō te whakahihi i te wairua o ngā ākonga Māori. An awesome event to engage our young Māori minds. Our Rangatahi Ora students attended a Pūhoro workshop where they worked through a range of challenges based on their pūrākau using skills from the STEMM subjects. Some of them even won their challenges and came away with some awesome prizes!

Dylan Kiriona
TIC Rangatahi Ora





Service Academy

Armistice Day

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, the guns fell silent, marking the end of the first world war in 1918. On the 11th November 2023 our Services Academy marched down to the Levin Cenotaph to attend the Armistice day commemoration.

The students represented the college well and we are very proud of them.



Titahi Bay

The Academy Year 12 Students went on a field trip to Titahi Bay in order to complete an assessment investigating geological features in a NZ locality, earning 4 credits.

It is an amazing area with a great range of stunning features. It turned out to be a gloriously sunny day and the students enjoyed their delicious school lunches by the beach!





Service Academy

Graduation

Our Services Academy director Staff Ray Hunia attended the march out for the new recruits of the NZ Army on the 27th of October at Waiouru Military camp.

Amongst the 148 soldiers graduating, Horowhenua College and the Services Academy had three ex-students graduate. They were Mayank Thakur, Sam Knox and Sosaia Kilioni. This was a proud day for the students, their families and Staff Hunia.



Marae Experience

A huge thank you to the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority who invited our Colombian students and their whānau to Kawiū Marae to experience a pōwhiri and day of Muaūpoko Maturanga.

They had a fantastic day and felt very looked after by the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority.



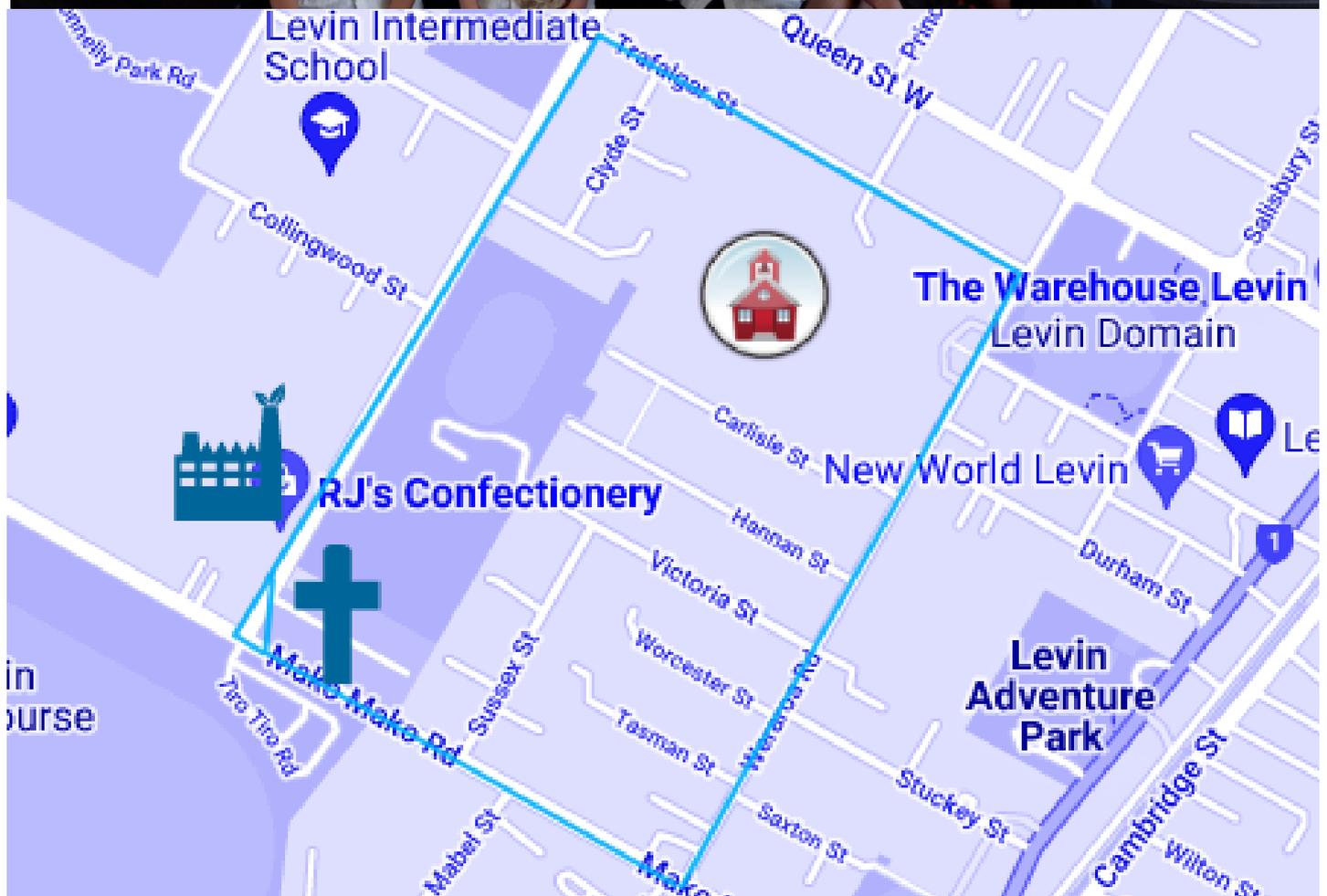


Plogging

The Plogging Club at Horowhenua College completed 300 km of running and litter collection for the year. Plogging is the act of running and collecting litter throughout the community.

For the year we collected over 187 kg of litter! The Plogging Club runs 3 days a week and has 15 members. Great job keeping your fitness up and keeping Levin beautiful!

Phillip Ferzli
TIC Plogging





U-SKILLS

Congratulations to all our students who graduated their U-Skill's courses this term. You have all done outstanding work and we are very proud of you!





Dance

We had a large group of our students performing in the National Young Performer Awards for 2023. We had students competing from both Anomaly Dance Studios and Levin The Movement.

Both studios produce phenomenal dancers and we are so proud to see our students excel on stage.

Excitingly “ROAR” from Anomaly Dance Studios, of which Year 13 students Hana Stewart & Willow Thomsen are members, took home 3rd place 🏆





Activities Week 2023

Task Master

The students spent the week trying to impress Mr Stachurski, the Task Master!

Some of his tasks involved making a masterpiece using GPS, saving animals when they escaped the secret menagerie, making moustaches out of surprising objects and making the Task Master's face out of food - and then eating him!





Activities Week 2023

Waitarere Beach:

The morning dawned blustery and grey and not ideal for a day intended for lounging in the sand and sun. We started off with a long walk through the north forest, looping back up the beach, arriving at the new Surf Club to get a grand tour of the fantastic, brand-new facilities. The Surf Club then provided a patrol while several brave souls ventured out into the flat surf, lasting only 30min before they came in shivering for sandy fish and chips. After some sand castle building, beach cricket, and attempts at sunbathing, we bundled up in the van and headed to the Four square for some ice cream and then to the forest playground for some respite from the wind. At least we didn't get too badly sunburned.





Activities Week 2023

Escarpment Trail:

Miss Elliott and Miss Beckley took six wonderful students to venture out and tackle the 9km Escarpment trail that climbs 220 metres above sea level along the hilly Kapiti coastline and has around 1,200 steep steps and narrow pathways that navigate across ridgelines, and traverses two swing bridges. The weather was hot and sunny and the ocean sparkled blue and inviting below as we got baked on the exposed hillside. We started at Paekakariki and stopped for lunch to take our annual 'jump shot' which some German tourists helped us with. Alrich moved a rock to unexpectedly find a spider as big as a golf ball which nearly made him jump backwards off the cliff. Some of the steep sections required a rope to climb up and down with as the cars looked like little ants moving below us. A few ran out of water but we finally made it onto the train at Pukerua Bay and back to the dairy for a long-awaited cold refreshment. It was a fantastic day and we all slept well that night!





Activities Week 2023

Upper Hutt:

Whaea Steph and Miss Turner took groups of students out on three action packed, day trips this week. On Monday we travelled to Upper Hutt with Mr Gilroy and facilitated students ice skating and Go-Karting. On Tuesday, students demonstrated great skill at Ten Pin Bowling in Lower Hutt. Many strikes were scored! On Wednesday, we finished off a fantastic week on the Wellington Waterfront. Students climbed great heights on the rock wall at Ferg's. We were even fortunate enough to kayak alongside some beautiful dolphins in the harbour.

Ka pai for your exemplary behaviour and enthusiastic engagement, ākonga!



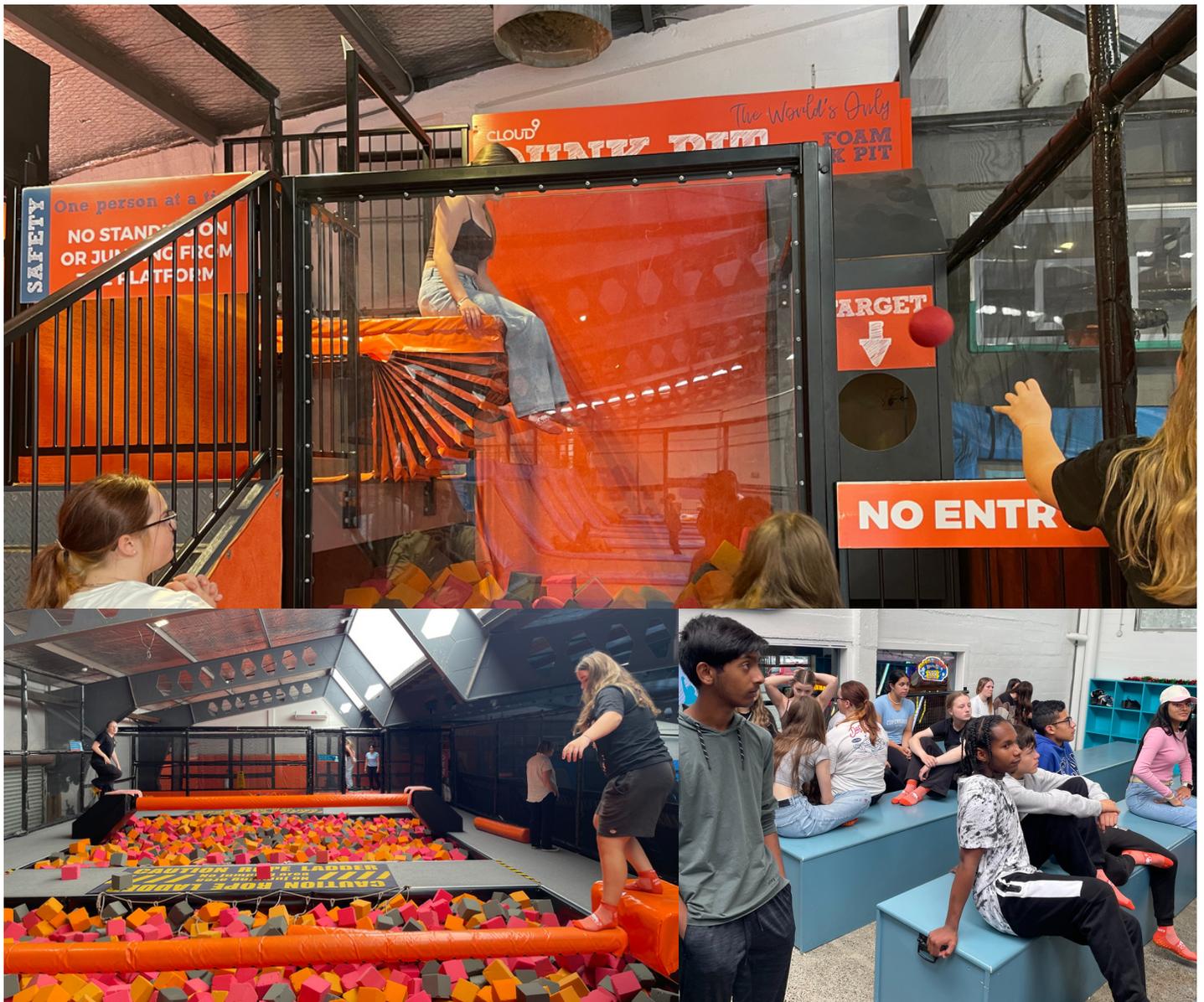


Activities Week 2023

Palmerston North:

Tuesday saw the students eagerly awaiting the trip to Cloud 9 trampoline park and then Bowlarama for a game of bowls. The students had just about completed their hour of trampolining when a student playing basketball with great gusto hit a wall and broke his finger. With no further incidents a group of tired students returned to college well satisfied with the day's activities. The Lido visit was next on Wednesday with the weather very warm and sunny. Our students were one of a number of groups from other schools and we combined with Manawatū College for the safety briefing and when we were leaving Waiopahu College students were arriving. A little shopping in the city followed and it was another great day for all concerned. Thursday saw a visit to Te Manawa and a study of our local geological features. The students engaged well with the educators and completed the two sessions in double quick time allowing them to venture into the city again.

The accompanying teachers Mrs Kiran, Dr Manning and Miss Bolton were all impressed with how reliable and punctual our students were. It was a pleasure sharing Activities Week with such a great group of students.





Activities Week 2023

Wellington:

We had a fantastic week, and the students were amazing! We went to Te Papa on the Tuesday, saw the Weta Workshop exhibition of war with the huge soldiers and nurse exhibit. Then we walked along the waterfront, and grabbed a sorbet icecream each. On Wednesday we went to Porirua, to the Pataka Art Gallery and looked through the Pasifika exhibition. Then went into the art space and created artworks each, using Pasifika patterns and stamps. We also had some free time doing retail therapy in the Porirua Mall.

Thursday was spent at the movies. We saw Uproar which was so good, with Julian Dennison. It was set during the 1981 Springbok rugby tour. It was a very powerful movie and we highly recommend it. We got icecream and popcorn to enjoy.

It was a fab week, everyone was happy and we really enjoyed it.





Activities Week 2023

Kapiti Island:

What a beautiful start to activities week walking over such a beautiful island and witnessing all the different bird life as well as listening to the stories of Kapiti island and its rich history about our local Iwi. We encountered many different bird species along the way. We climbed all the way to the top of the island and had lunch on the clifftop with breath taking views of the ocean. Our students were even able to have a quick dip in the water before we travelled back to the mainland.





Activities Week 2023

Anime & Crafts:

A relaxing fun day was had by the students who signed up for anime and crafts. We spent the morning learning how to draw anime people, either by hand or digitally, and the afternoon watching an anime movie. Thanks to everyone.



Aquatic Centre:



Sports:





Activities Week 2023

Rangatahi Ora Auckland:





Activities Week 2023

Fishing:

The fishing trip was hard going. One kahawai, one terakihi, one barracuda and lots of tiny little bait fish were caught. That along with some good weather made for a good two days. Sadly the last days fishing on a charter boat was canceled due to rough conditions.





Activities Week 2023

Christmas Baking:

This week has seen lots of Christmas baking made by our students. They enjoyed making chocolate truffles and decorating them to make them look like Christmas puddings. They made ginger biscuits to ice in the Christmas colours of white, red and green and finished with making coconut apricots balls and then bagging them up for gift bags. I am unsure how much of the Christmas baking made it home but there was a happy buzz in the kitchen and a real Christmas mood. We had a thoroughly enjoyable week.



Jewellery





Activities Week 2023

Adventure Race:





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Term 1 Dates

HOROWHENUA COLLEGE

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS 2024



The College Office will open from 9.00am - 3.30pm as from Tuesday 23 January. Senior Management and Deans will be available for enrolments. Please phone the college office for enquiries or to make an appointment.

Tuesday 30 January

8.45am - 3.10pm Year 9 Students Orientation Day 1 with Peer Support Buddies. Bring device, pen and paper. Gather at 8.50am for the Year 9 Pōwhiri. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. Students to be in uniform.

Wednesday 31 January

8.45am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 2 with Peer Support Leaders.
11am - 1pm Course confirmation - senior students with subject clashes or who wish to change subjects please meet in the hall with Deans.

Thursday 1 February

8.45am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 3 with Peer Support Leaders.

Friday 2 February

8.45am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 4 with Peer Support Leaders.

Monday 5 February

8.45 - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 5 with Peer Support Leaders.

Tuesday 6 February

Waitangi Day Holiday.

Wednesday 7 February

8.45am Classes start for all year levels.

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