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## NUA NEWS

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

Term 2 has been full of activities and opportunities for our students. Academic achievement has been a constant focus and the work completed through the term sets our students up for NCEA credits and making good progress towards their academic goals and qualifications.

Winter sports kicked off early in the term. It is very pleasing to see so many of our students regularly participating in sports. A number of our students and staff have reached national honours in their chosen sport and this has been celebrated by our college and the wider community.

The Haka competition was a major and significant house competition this term. Congratulations to Ngaio house for winning the Haka trophy for 2024. At the time of writing this, Lototaha, our Pasifika group, are about to compete in PolyFusion. We are very proud of their commitment and their pride in showcasing their Pacific culture.

We finish the term by celebrating Matariki. Our students and staff from Rangatahi Ora are busy this week providing a hāngī for the community in recognition of this special time of the year.

There are many other highlights from the term included in this end of term newsletter so enjoy reading and celebrating about our rangatahi for who they are and what they have achieved. Mānawatia a Matariki.

Nga mihi, Tofa soifua, Kind regards

**Grant Congdon**

Principal



# Word from the Board

Tēnā koutou katoa

It's been another busy term for staff and students. We continue to focus on excellence in teaching and learning, and there have been plenty of cultural, sporting and service activities to help grow successful young adults.

I really enjoyed attending performances of 'Sister Act' and our FiaFia night. I love seeing our young people enjoying expressing their talents, skills and culture and I so appreciate the many hours of practice that have gone into such events, including hours of support/coaching from staff. A huge thank you to all our parents, teaching and support staff for the hours given to provide our students with opportunities to flourish across all our pillars (academic, sport, arts and culture and service). You will see examples of many of the activities our students have been involved in this term in the pages of this newsletter.

In addition to reviewing progress in relation to our academic goals, this term, the board focused on reviewing its health and safety policies and procedures and managing a very busy property portfolio. It was great to see four new classrooms moved onsite. Though we are very aware of the teaching space pressures the school is under, the refurbishment of T-Block in Term 3 will provide comfortable and inviting classrooms that will support our staff and students to learn well. The canteen has also been renovated and our wonderful kitchen staff are now able to produce hot lunches for our students.

Last week, we welcomed prospective students and their parents/caregivers to our open night. The variety of activities on offer during the night showcased the College's focus on the NUA way (building relationships, being responsible, and being successful). Thank you again to all our prefects, current students, and staff who were involved in showcasing what we do at Horowhenua College.

I do hope you all enjoy the school holidays and a well-deserved break from work and school.

Ngā mihi nui  
Juliana Mansvelt





# Future Leaders Academy 2024

During the holidays a group of our students joined other young people from across New Zealand, Australia and the Cook Islands to attend the Future Leaders Academy in Rarotonga.

Whatu Kiriona, Jasmine Tran, Serena Su, Tishayla Doreen and Josh Sawyer were among a group of 40 students who came together in Rarotonga to develop their personal and team leadership skills through a range of fun and hands on cultural activities, from participating in a survivor island challenge, building shelters and rafts, to hiking across the island, cooking a traditional umu, learning about climate change and coral restoration and looking at leadership within local businesses. And of course there was lots of swimming (even with turtles), singing, dancing and shopping too.

It was such an awesome experience meeting so many amazing people and creating new relationships and learning about the culture of the Cook Islands.







# Future Leaders Academy 2024







# ANZAC

The Service Academy accompanied by our head students and some of the prefect group had the honour of attending the Anzac service day at the Levin Cenotaph.

Our head students read out a letter from Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro and a poem by Moina Michael called "We shall keep the faith".

The Service Academy along with some of the prefect group led the haka to show respect and honour those who have died. It was a beautiful ceremony.

**Irene Vehekite**

Head Girl







# Kids Market

Year 9 student TJ Reeves at the Ōtaki Kids Market over the holidays. TJ was fundraising for his trip to Japan later in the year



# Tennis

Staff vs students tennis match. Fantastic game for all involved.







# Heretaunga Exchange

The Heretaunga exchange was yet another exciting and eventful outing as both schools fought valiantly to obtain the shield.

Our volleyball team started off the contest with a comfortable win which then led to the junior netball team securing another win, putting Horowhenua in a 2-0 lead. The rugby boys 7s team put on a show and won the third game of the day.

The football first 11 boys played amazingly but the win went to Heretaunga. Our junior basketball boys played exceptionally and came away with a win. The basketball seniors won their game. The football first 11 girls pushed hard right to the very end, however the win for this one went to Heretaunga. The netball seniors proved to be tough competition only narrowly letting Heretaunga have the win.

The overall score was 4-3 to Horowhenua which led to us winning the exchange for the first time in the history of the exchange.

Lots of support from family, students and staff was shown throughout all competitions and very high sportsmanship was displayed by both schools in yet another successful event.

**Nic Wynne**

Sports Prefect







# Heretaunga Exchange







# Heretaunga Exchange



## Business Studies

35 Commerce students attended the Massey University Business Studies Day on Thursday 27th June on their Manawatū campus.

With hundreds of students from around the Manawatū/Horowhenua region, we heard from Simon Barnett who is the founder of OBO Hockey, Andrew Stewart of Stewart's Mitre 10 Mega, Stacey Andrews who is a Economist for the Palmerston North City Council and Isobel Campbell who is from the Sustainability department of Air New Zealand.

The students had a fantastic time and were hosted well by the Massey Student Experience Team and Academic Staff from the Massey Business School.

**Gina Kelly**

TIC Commerce







# Youth Advisory Panel

Our local MP for Ōtaki, Tim Costley, met with the local Youth Advisory Panel.

The panel consists of students from both Horowhenua College and Waiopēhu College. Tim was keen to hear issues important to the youth within our community and how he could help advance some of those issues.







# Level 2 Market Day

On Monday 24th June Level 2 Commerce held a market in the quad as part of their assessment requiring them to plan and run an in-school business. The market day is the first step of a three step cycle where students were testing their product for market validation. In Term 3 the students will be hosting an event for the community taking their learnings from the in-school event to improve their product and processes.

**Gina Kelly**  
TIC Commerce







# Level 2 Market Day







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# Manu Kōrero

On the 27th of May our Level 3 Waharoa and Māori classes traveled up to Palmerston North to support me where I competed in the Pei te Hurunui section at the regional Manu Kōrero competition in which I performed an 11 minute speech in te reo followed by a 2 minute impromptu speech. This took a lot of preparation including countless hours of going over and over my speech via listening, reading and reciting. I would not have been able to do this without the support of Matua Dylan, my classmates and my whānau.

Manu Kōrero is certainly not an easy thing to participate in and is very daunting, however I am a firm believer that we should take up as many difficult challenges as we can and when we inevitably overcome them, we will grow from them. This kaupapa is very significant to me and to our reo because it encourages so many to speak and learn more about te reo Māori and its tikanga. It also sets a big stage where us Rangatahi are able to openly share our views and ideas with others in a positive environment.

Overall, the challenge of Manu Kōrero is one that anybody is capable of through dedication and love for our reo.

**Rihara Norgrove-Rangihuna**

Head Boy







# World Vision Conference

Sharman, Arya, Genevi, Tishayla, Liam and I had the opportunity to attend the World Vision Youth Leadership Conference in Lower Hutt. The goal for 2024's 40 Hour Challenge is to raise money to help restore forests in Timor-Leste which have lost over 90% of their original forests. The 40 Hour Challenge starts on the 21st of June.

Guest speakers at the conference included former Horowhenua College student and Master Chef winner, Tim Read. Thanks for the shout out Tim!

Thanks to Miss Lewis and Miss Davis for accompanying us.

**Alex Wylie**

Year 12 Student







# Sister Act

The first 6 months of our school year was dedicated to rehearsals as we prepared to present our school production of Sister Act to our community.

We presented six shows and the feedback we received was incredible. Every show got better and better and as a Directing team, it was so amazing to see the confidence and teamwork our cast increase with every show. We are so proud of you all!

A special thank you to all those involved who helped make this happen.







# Sister Act







# Sister Act







# Haka Competition

Our annual Haka Competition was held on Friday the 14th June. The day is always very special and displays our school pride and unity. The atmosphere is outstanding and it is always a great day to be a part of .

In fourth place was Rātā:







# Haka Competition

Third Place: Hīnau







# Haka Competition

Second Place: Kōwhai







# Haka Competition

1st Place Ngaio:







# Service Academy

On the 17th of June the Horowhenua College Services Academy departed from school and went on an hour-long journey to the Ruahine Forest Park. 23 students arrived holding their tramping packs and tents, ready to get started. They completed a 5-day bushcraft course alongside the New Zealand Army where they learned about surviving in the bush and completed difficult tramps as a group.

We engaged in various survival and bushcraft activities throughout the camp, such as map reading and navigation, camping and hiking techniques, building shelters for survival, and analysing weather patterns. These exercises were created to provide us with the same information and practical skills that soldiers get in order to survive in harsh conditions. We also completed 2 tramps over the course, the Deerford loop track (5.3km), and the Manawatu gorge track (11.2km). In total, we tramped over 16.5km altogether. The last track, Homes Ridge Hut (Dannevirke side), was impassable due to the stream being flooded so we went along the roadside doing navigation, relating the map to the surroundings, learning what a valley is, a saddle and a ridgeline, and identifying these features on the map.

Multiple academies from across the Lower North Island attended this course with the other six academies completing their course a week prior in the Whirinaki State Forest area in Murupara.

Despite the cold and wet weather, we embraced the adversity and successfully completed the course. This harsh weather tested our resilience and built character, forcing us to push through and keep going. This course taught us valuable life lessons and was a fun time for all. We were able to put these lessons into practice during our tramps, having to navigate trails and calculate how long we had until the end, or lighting up a gas cooker to cook our lunch in the middle of the forest.

This course ensures students not only succeed academically but also develop life skills that will prove useful in the future. The Horowhenua College Services Academy completed the course as a team and we are looking forward to doing it again next year.

## Riley Goodman

Service Academy Student







# Service Academy







# Service Academy







# Pasifika Fusion

Our wonderful Pasifika group attended Pasifika Fusion on the 4th July. Their results are as below:

1st Cultural

1st Wearable Arts: Akosita Metui

1st Group Song: "HC Harmony" Pusa Fonoti, Akyssa Tavita, Katerina Finau, Ioane Talia, Anaraoi Betaia

1st Dance: Rory Carter, Akyssa Tavita, Anelisabeth Tua Faavale, Pusa Fonoti, Taizarrah Toeileu, Irene Vehekite, Katerina Finau, Anaraoi Betaia

1st Junior Poetry: Le'u Toleafoa

2nd Drama: Sela Tosi, Pusa Fonoti, Anelisabeth Tua Faavale, Katerina Finau

1st Solo Song: Anaraoi Betaia







# Pasifika Fusion







# Equestrian

Year 11 student Ruby Knight has had a great couple of weekends competing with Pioneer Toy Soldier (Smartie).

Ruby won all 3 show jumping classes she went to at Waikanae. Heights were 70-80-90cm

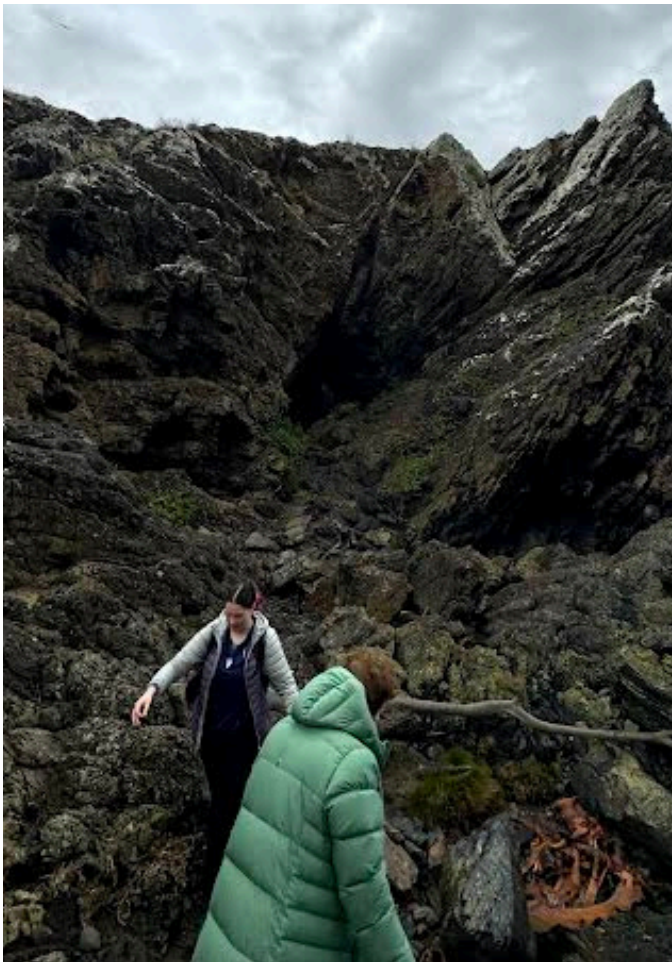
She has won 2nd in her 90 cm jumping class in the Wairarapa.

She also had a successful weekend in Ashhurst winning 2nd in the 80cm and winning the equitation 90cm class.



# Titahi Bay

Our Services Academy students out at Titahi Bay Studying Geological processes ready for their assessment as they explored the coastal features.







# Swimming

A small team our students attended the Manawatu Secondary School Swimming Champs. The students were entered into 26 events (24 individual races and two relays). This team was placed in a podium position in 23 of these races. A number of these swimmers have qualified for events at the New Zealand Secondary School Championships in Auckland in July.



In other swimming news:

Students Serena Su, Hannah Alderton & Arliyah Windley qualified for numerous swimming events for the NZ Division 2 National Championships in Hamilton.

In Week 2 of this term, the students attended this national meet with fellow Manawatu representatives. They had an extremely successful week away, with all three swimmers gaining personal best times in several swims.

We are always very proud of our swimmers and it is fantastic to see them do so well.





# Senior Art Trip

Our Senior students went on an art trip to Whanganui during the term. They visited the Whanganui UCOL art, design and photo area. It was most impressive to see the glass blowing studio.

A good day was had by all who attended.

**Jeanette Gilroy**

Head of Faculty - Arts



# Readers Cup

Year 9 students Isabella Harper, AJ Langdon, Delphi Knox and Saffron Welby attended the Readers Cup in Palmerston North yesterday.

The Readers Cup is a reading competition designed for Year 9 students. Teams of four students together read a set of six books, and then together work as a team in a quiz style competition against other local school teams at an evening event with spot prizes and entertainment with some audience participation.







# Golf

Year 10 student William Dunsmore played the Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club Strokeplay Championship (Open Men's). It is a two round event covering both Saturday and Sunday.

He finished 75 and 68 to win the tournament one over par and 2 strokes ahead of second place.

The trophy is particularly impressive because it goes back to 1936. NZ's only British Open Champion, Sir Bob Charles won it back in 1955.

Fantastic work William!



# Fire Volunteers

We are proud to have two of our Year 12 students as part of the Horowhenua & Rural Fire Brigade. Josh Sawyer & Daniel Byrnes pictured below with past 2023 student Seth Linksill-Holdaway.

We are also proud of Year 13 student Cody Martin who is a part of the Foxton Volunteer Urban Brigade. It is fantastic to see our students be involved with such important roles within the community.







# Outdoor Education

A beautiful day of rock climbing at Pukerua Bay for our Level 2 outdoor education class.







# Outdoor Education







# Sports Coordinator

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Good luck to our very own Morgan Swartbooi who will be joining 40 other athletes attending the National Performance Camp over the July school holidays, to continue his selection process for the 2025 WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup. The final team will be named in September 2024. We wish you all the best

Shikynah Pearson has also had a very busy 2024 following her selection in the 2024 Aotearoa Maori Secondary Schools Netball Squad. 47 trialists were named following the March 2024, Aotearoa Maori National Netball Tournament, held in Rotorua. Shikynah then attended a 2 day trial camp held in Te Whanganui-a-tara which saw her make the reduced squad of 21. She now has a nervous wait to see who are the 11 girls to make the final team.

Our Senior A Netball Team are competing in the LNISS Lower North Island Sec. Schs Netball Tournament in Napier - Week 7, Term 3 / Winter Tournament Week.

Girls 1st X1 Football Team are leading the way with 7 wins from 7 games. Levin Combined Boys U19 Football Team have 5 wins from 6 games with a draw against Cornerstone Christian School. Both teams will be gearing up for the 2024 Winter Tournament Events in Week 7, Term 3.

Girls 1st X1 - Maurice Hulme Tournament - Taupo  
Boys 1st X1 - Trident Tournament - Wellington



**NETBALL**  
**Horowhenua**







# Sports Coordinator

Our hockey teams are holding their own in the Intercity Girls and Boys 2 Championship. Wins in round 1 for both teams, in this 6 round competition, including finals. Girls 1st X1 team will head to Stratford and compete at the Eveline Hankers Memorial Tournament Week 7, Term 3.



Jack Kennett competed at the 2024 Wellington Short Course Swimming Championships over the weekend (23-24 June) In his new M14 years age group, he absolutely smashed his swims coming away with 5 medals!

Gold - 50 Breaststroke

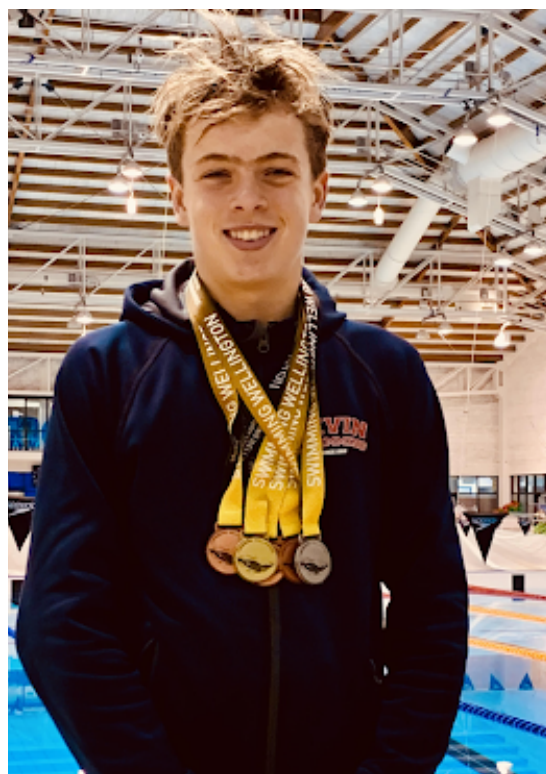
Silver - 400 Free

Bronze - 50 Free,

Bronze - 200 Free

Bronze - 200 IM

He is such a humble achiever, not wanting to make a fuss over his outstanding accomplishments. Through all his long hours of training and sacrifices, we are super proud of this young man.



All the best to Minnie Collins who is competing at the 2024 North Island School Track & Road Championships, over the school holidays in Girls U17 Road Race, Criterium and Track Events.



# CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

## SCHOOLS





# New Classrooms

At the start of the term we had a very exciting delivery of classrooms from the ministry. We are looking forward to these being completed over the next two weeks and using them at the start of next term.







# Artwork

Year 10 students are working on finishing a range of projects before the end of term.

Expressionist Pastel Horse Art By:  
Jazmyn Roberts

Graffiti Art By:  
Francesca Dale-Low

Circle Bird/Animal Art by:  
Yuli, Maddi, Manaia and Elizabeth

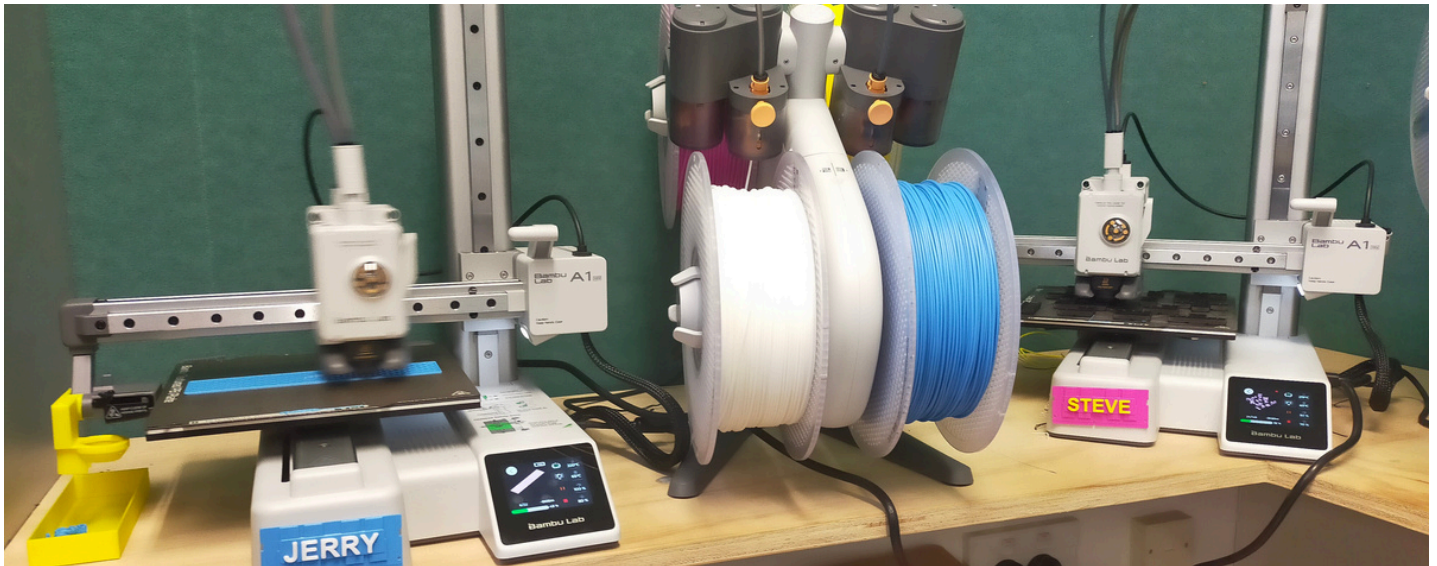






## 3D Printer

Our 3D printers (now named Steve and Jerry by the Year 12 students) are hard at work printing game pieces for commerce students who created their own game company!



## Employment in Schools

Year 11 Student Peyton Ranish has been part of the Employment in Schools Programme. As part of this programme students complete work experience. Peyton is very musically talented so visited Levin War Vets and provided them with a small concert during their lunch.

A bonus for Peyton was that his Great Grandfather is a resident and was ultra proud to see Peyton play!





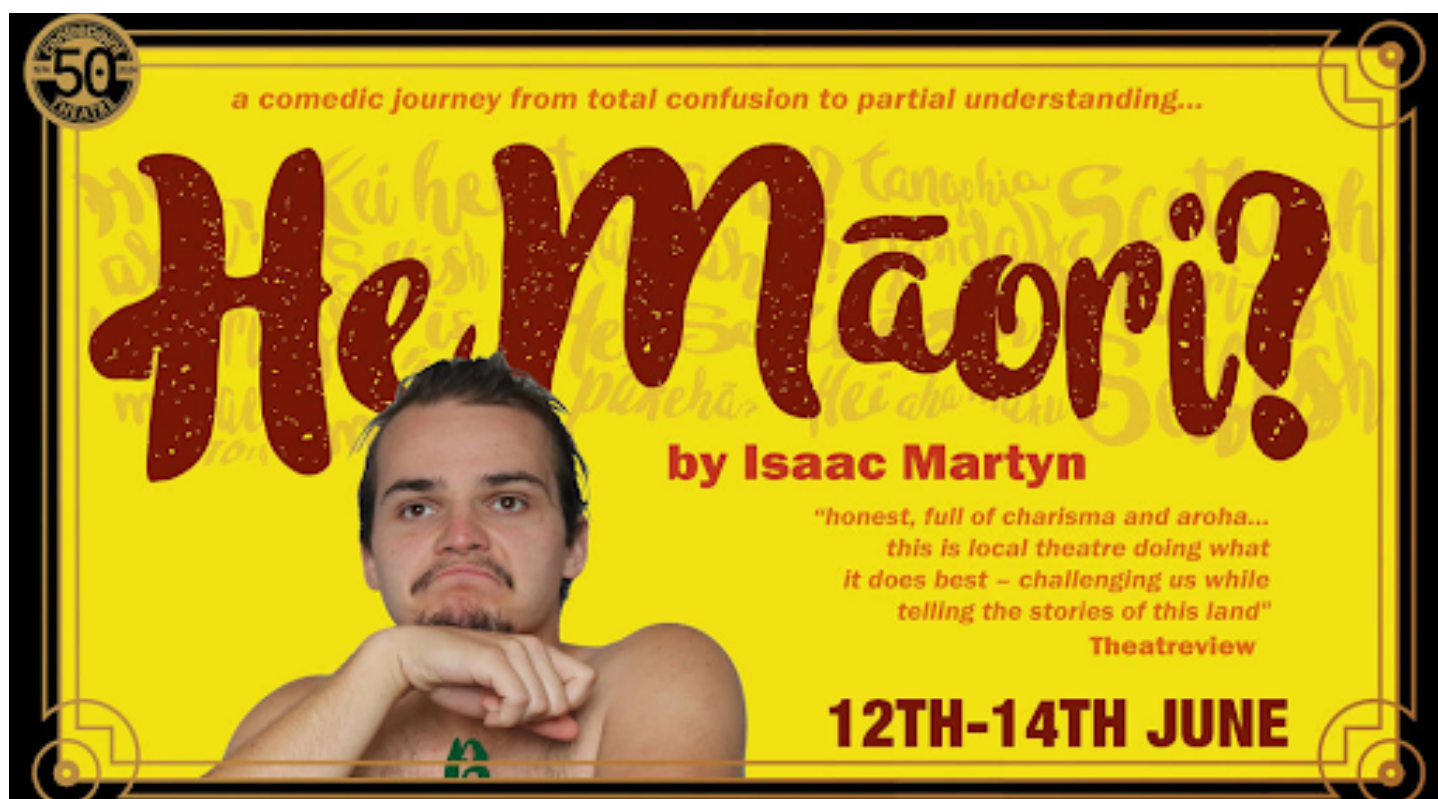


# Rangatahi Ora

## He Māori Show

Isaac Martyn's show, He Māori, took us on a journey from total confusion to partial understanding, weaving together elements of stand-up comedy, waiata, and theatrical performance. The show explored themes of doubt, celebration, and the complex nature of identity. It posed the question: What does it mean to reclaim Māoritanga from a Pākehā upbringing?

For many of our rangatahi and kaiako, there was a deep sense of connection to the ideas expressed in this performance. It was a wonderful and enlightening experience.







# Rangatahi Ora

## PŪHORO STEMM WĀNANGA

This term, a group of Year 11 rangatahi had the exciting opportunity to attend a Pūhoro STEMM Wānanga in Ōtaki. The Wānanga focused on building relationships with other Pūhoro students from our rohe and engaging in interactive activities centered around Science and Technology.

A highlight of the day was a session with Pūtahi Manawa, where students learned about the heart. They gained insights into ECGs, heart rates, blood pressure, and the intricate workings of the cardiovascular system. Our rangatahi are incredibly fortunate to have these enriching experiences.







# Rangatahi Ora

## Ki te Āpōpō Rangatahi Expo

We had an amazing day with our tuakana at the “Ki te Āpōpō Rangatahi Expo” in Ōtaki. Hosted by Te Wānanga o Raukawa in conjunction with Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, Te Puna Oranga o Ōtaki, and Raukawa Whānau Ora, this expo was like no other.

Guest speakers included Stan Walker, King Kapisi, David Letele, and others, making the event both engaging and interactive, as well as inspiring and informative. Universities, polytechnics, and various organizations offered demonstrations, hands-on activities, and plenty of prizes. Plus, the kai was outstanding!







# Rangatahi Ora

## Te Ahurei Kapahaka o Horowhenua

As part of the local Pūanga and Matariki celebrations, a group of our Rangatahi Ora students performed in the local kapahaka festival, Te Ahurei Kapahaka o Horowhenua. For many of these rangatahi, it was their first time on stage performing kapahaka, and witnessing their growth in confidence and their representation of our kura was truly amazing.

It has been a few years since Horowhenua College had its own kapahaka group, as we usually combined with Waiopehu and Manawatū. However, seeing our rangatahi keen to learn and eager to perform, proudly acknowledging their culture and identity, has been inspiring.







# Rangatahi Ora

## Matariki Hāngī

This term, our tuakana were invited to prepare a hāngī for the Community Kapahaka and Kai evening held at Te Takereretanga o Kurahaupō. Our rangatahi, experienced in preparing hāngī, seamlessly took on various tasks, working hard from beginning to end — digging the hole, preparing the food, packing the trays, and then cooking the hāngī. Their commitment to maintaining high standards of hygiene and presentation ensures that our kaupapa is well supported by our whānau and the wider community.



## Dance

Whaea Caitlin and Year 11 student Anelisabeth Tua Favaale took the stage in the Hip Hop International Dance Competition with their dance crew ROAR from Anomaly Dance studios and placed 1st. This qualified them for worlds in Phoenix, Arizona!!!

They then attended worlds in Australia and overall the Anomaly Dance studio came away with 3rd in the world.







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## Term 2 Dates

### **July**

22 July: Term 3 Begins

30 July: Open Day

### **August**

12 August: Dance NZ Made

12 August: Service Academy Advanced Leaders Course

26 August: Work Week Year 10

30 August: Daffodil Day

### **September**

2 September: Winter Tournament Week

9 September: Annuals

27 September: End of Term 3