

Nua News Term 1 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa

A very warm welcome to Horowhenua College to all our new students and their families from Horowhenua College Board. Our parent elected representatives are Manuila Tausi, Megan Bolton, Alasdair Maclean, Bob Slade, Garry Good (Deputy Chair) and myself Juliana Mansvelt (Chair). We also have Liam Roach our student representative, Chris Fearon (staff representative) and our tumuaki Mr Congdon on the board. Mrs Kate Searle does a wonderful job as our board secretary. This term we have been focussing on reviewing our results from last year, and developing our annual goals in line with our strategic plan. You will find these documents on our website. Our school is the largest it has been for many years, so the board are concerned not only to offer a wide range of subjects, options and activities across our four pillars of academic, sport, arts and culture, and service, but to manage our staff and students well being, property and space well. Our strategic plan has three main goals: providing a range of learning opportunities, ensuring students and staff have high expectations of achievement, and providing the resources and social support to enable staff and students to teach and learn to the best of their ability” The 2025 Annual Goals are directed towards improving literacy and numeracy in the junior school, improving teaching and learning through providing professional development for teachers, and to increasing participation and opportunities in sport. These goals also address many of the current government’s priorities for education, including establishing better approaches to literacy and numeracy, smarter assessment and reporting, improving teacher professional development and making greater use of data. We will monitor progress on these goals as we move through the academic year. Mr Congdon will be away for Term 2, enjoying his sabbatical and conduction research on trauma informed practice – something we are keen to learn more of as a way of supporting our ākonga. Mr Hokianga will be acti

It is great to see our students involved in a wide range of cultural, sporting and service activities and this term has been no exception. A personal highlight for me was attending the celebration of our first-ever girls' rugby tour, which was over a year in the planning. Similarly, much planning and fundraising has gone into a school trip to Japan which is also occurring over the break. We wish all our students, staff and parents who are travelling and representing the school in numerous activities and events, a wonderful time away. As a board, we always look forward to reports of our student’s learnings and successes. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable school holidays.

Ngā manaakitanga

Juliana Mansvelt

Board Chair