



## NUA NEWS

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

Term 2 2025

Term 2 has been busy with multiple house activities, sports, charity events, and of course academic learning. Attendance and academic achievement have been our focus and the work completed through the term provides the foundation for students to achieve academic success and NCEA credits. Many of our students are making great progress towards their academic goals and qualifications.

Winter sports kicked off this term. Mr Good, as Director of Sport, has made a great impression and it's fantastic to see the systems he is putting in place to support our students. The benefits of our students participating in sports include the positive relationships they are making with not only their teammates but with opposition players as well. A number of our students and staff have reached national honours in their chosen sport. We will continue to celebrate these students both within our college and with the wider community.

The Pasifika Fusion competition has just concluded as I write this. I am so proud of all the students in Lototaha, our Pasifika group. They have committed so much time to compete at this event and have been rewarded with the acknowledgement of so many great achievements.

We finish the term by celebrating Matariki. Our students and staff from Rangatahi Ora prepared a hāngī for the community in conjunction with Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and the Horowhenua District Council to recognise this special time of the year, and our Kapa Haka group will be performing to celebrate the festivities.

There are many other highlights from the term included in this end of term newsletter so enjoy reading about and celebrating our students for being their best selves. Mānawatia a Matariki.

Nga mihi, Tofa soifua, Kind regards

Gilbert Hokianga  
Acting Principal



# Word from the Board

Tēnā koutou katoa

Another term has flown by! As usual, our students have participated in a wide range of curriculum, service, sporting and cultural activities. On behalf of the Horowhenua College Board I would like to thank all those who have been involved in these activities and events. It is wonderful to see our students succeeding, but this represents so much more than individual effort - our staff, manawhenua, whānau, community organisations and commercial sponsors all play an important role in facilitating this success. I really enjoyed attending our culture/arts performance night and Pasifika Fusion – we have such talent in this College, and I love seeing our young people excel in their giftings! You will see many examples of talent, participation, contribution and success in the pages of this newsletter.

It has also been a busy term for the Board. The Ministry of Education are requiring us to implement an enrolment zone to manage our roll and prevent overcrowding. This would be in place for the first day of Term 1, 2026. We realise that this will remove educational choice in our community, and have significant effect on our whānau and students, particularly if the Ministry do not allow us to have a grandparenting clause (which means siblings of existing pupils could attend) or let us have special programme status for Rangatahi Ora or He Vaka Moana, our Pasifika Programme. I encourage you to read the Frequently Asked Questions, and the Enrolment Zone Information, and to make a submission to the Ministry on your preferences. This is as simple as sending an email to the Ministry of Education and giving them your thoughts. The address for feedback is to [network.lowerhutt@education.govt.nz](mailto:network.lowerhutt@education.govt.nz), and this should reach the Ministry by 14th July 2025.

Mr Congdon has been away on sabbatical this term. We look forward to his return and his insights on trauma-informed practice, the subject of his sabbatical research. Mr Hokianga has been acting tumuaki and has done a wonderful job in leading the school through an extremely busy term. We are grateful to him for his time, commitment, and care, and to our Senior Leadership Team, Deans, and other staff who took on additional responsibilities in Mr Congdon's absence.

I wish all our staff and students a relaxing and safe holiday and a well-deserved break from College work!

Ngā mihi nui  
Juliana Mansvelt





# World Vision Conference

Ten senior students travelled to Lower Hutt to attend the World Vision Youth Conference on Tuesday 13th May. Students were challenged on how to be courageous leaders and listened to diverse speakers and participated in a variety of group tasks.

Our students heard stories like that of Polyne, a young girl whose village in the Solomon Islands is battling the devastating effects of climate change, including flooding and food insecurity.

The key guest speaker of the event was Abbas Nazari, author of the book *Beyond the Tampa*. Abbas fled the Taliban in Afghanistan as a child and was resettled in New Zealand after his family was rescued by the Tampa container ship in 2001.

It was a great day of learning which has led thoughts and conversations since. Our students were inspired and committed to leading this year's 40 Hour Challenge to raise funds and awareness for communities in the Solomon Islands.







# Hip Hop

New Zealand Hip Hop International Dance Championships in Auckland:

Ayla Paparoa performed in the Solo Varsity Division and placed 7th overall.

Maioha Kiriona performed in “Yung Roar” with Anomaly Dance Studio in the Junior Varsity Mega Division and placed 4th overall qualifying for the World Hip Hop International Dance Championship in Phoenix, Arizona.

Emma Shuker, Tiana Fryer, Maioha Kiriona, Ayla Paparoa, Pusa Fonoti, Katerina Finau, Taizarrah Toeieiu, Anelisabeth Tua Faavale, Eilidh Anderson and Ivy-Rose Pearson all performed with our college dance crew “Fierce” in the NZ Varsity Division placing 5th but came 1st overall in NZ High School Division.

And Whaea Caitlin (as well as Whaea Willow Thomsen and Anelisabeth Tua Faavale) who performed in “Roar” with Anomaly Dance Studio in Megacrew Division and were crowned back to back National Champions.







# Ki te Apopo Rangatahi Expo

On the last Friday of Term 1 our Rangatahi Ora tuakana had a fantastic day at the Ki te Apopo Rangatahi Expo at Te Wānanga o Raukawa. This was a day to explore study options, engage in interactive activities and check out the range of health and wellbeing services available for Rangatahi. They also had some awesome guest speakers and singers - Pere Wihongi, Brutha Rodz, Israel Starr, Sianne Dougherty and Wiremu Barriball.







# Rugby Girls Tour

## Girls 1st XV Rugby Tour!

It began with a little idea that popped into Coach Matua Chris Wilton's head one night, that led to an experience of a lifetime - the first ever Nua Girls 1st XV Rugby Tour!

After months of hard team mahi with fundraising, and copious amounts of organising by the incredible manager Whaea Caitlin Sanson and the coaching team, our girls left to embark on their week-long tour to the Upper North Island.

Being a new team, with many only having played rugby for the last 12 months, the girls embraced the opportunity to learn under the amazing expertise of coach Matua Chris, then, with game time curve balls thrown at them from every direction (including a literal cyclone), the girls demonstrated strength and resilience as they battled their way through with determination, dedication and straight-out sisterhood!

Apart from the rugby itself, some of the many highlights included staying at Matua Ray's beautiful Marae in Matatā, training with the BOP Steamers & Chiefs U20s Coach James Porter, touring the Adam's Academy High Performance Centre with Michaela Tahere, meeting Black Fern's 7s player Maia Nuku, attending the first ever Trans-Tasman Super Rugby Champs match, then meeting players like Portia Woodman-Wickliffe and Katelyn Vahaakolo, a guest appearance and shout-out on TV, and an extensive tour of Eden Park.

A special thank you goes out to Coach Matua Chris, Assistant Coach Matua Ray, Manager Whaea Caitlin and Team-Mum/Videographer Whaea Jenna. A shout out goes to the BOT and SLT for supporting the tour, the team at MTA, Mr Good, whānau and everyone who supported our girls in making this tour the success it was.

Ngā mihi nui.







# Rugby Girls Tour







# Japan

Early on the morning of Saturday, April 13th, an enthusiastic group of 23 students and 4 staff embarked on the trip of a lifetime to Japan. Their adventure began with a 2:00 am wake-up and a trip to Wellington Airport, ready for their 6:00 am flight. After a lengthy 13-hour trip, they finally arrived at Haneda International Airport, Tokyo, ready to go.

Their five days and four nights in the vibrant city of Tokyo were packed with wonderful experiences. The amusements of Tokyo DomeCity, the magical kingdom of Tokyo Disneyland, and the hypnotic digital art of TeamLab Planets were some of the highlights. They also stopped by the serene beauty of Meiji Jingu, a stunning Shinto shrine, and took in panoramic views of stunning beauty from the iconic Tokyo Skytree.

A highlight of their Tokyo stay was a visit to our sister school, Namiki High School, where our students made our college proud by performing the Haka and fostering friendships with the other students. They then departed for Kyoto for a 2-night stay. There, they were exposed to the Nishiki markets, the Kyoto Ninja & Samurai museum and two more significant Shinto shrines: Fushimi Inari with its thousands of red torii gates, and Kiyomizu-Dera Temple with its famous wooden stage.

They visited Hiroshima for two days and visited the Hiroshima Peace Park and museum, a visit that was emotionally stirring. They learned to prepare Okonomiyaki that night, a traditional Japanese hotplate dish. And the next day, they visited Miyajima Island, a beautiful island famous for its roaming deer and large Torii gate floating in the water. They then took the Shinkansen (bullet train) to Osaka for their final night in Japan. That night at dinner, they played games and thanked each other, giving gifts and speeches that were very emotional.

Overall, our students represented our college amazingly. They approached each experience with energy and courtesy and really enjoyed the trip after making friends and memories to last a lifetime. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to making this trip possible, and especially to the staff who took care of us.

**Riley Goodman**  
Year 13 Student







# Japan







# Te Aute Rugby Exchange

In the first week of Term 1, our rugby teams traveled to Te Aute College bright and early for our yearly rugby exchange. From the moment we arrived, we were welcomed with a powerful and moving Pōwhiri. The mana, warmth, and respect shown to us set an uplifting tone for the entire day and made us feel truly honoured to be there. After the Pōwhiri, we were offered refreshments and morning tea, shortly after this our Under XV's and 1st XV went against Te Aute's rugby teams. Both teams played their hearts out and showed a start-to-finish effort throughout the whole game. Their determination teamwork and sportsmanship were on full display, making it an exciting game to watch. Every player left it all on the field and the energy from both sides was unmatched. Even though we didn't end with the wins, it didn't take away from who we are or how proud we were to represent our school. Every one of the boys left it all out there, but what truly mattered was the opportunity to unite and be a part of an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. The day was wrapped up with a shared dinner and amazing performances and speeches. This gave everyone a chance to reflect, relax, and appreciate the whole experience before heading back home.

Lily Bilton  
Sports Prefect







# Baseball

Year 9 students Izaak Currie and Te Ariki Teka were in the 2025 Summer Showdown which is a national baseball tournament up in Tauranga representing Levin Hustle.

They won 2 out of three games and found themselves in the semi finals. Just narrowly missing out they took part in 3rd and 4th playoffs.

They successfully placed 3rd in the Under 14 competition.



# Inline Hockey

Year 10 student Hope Cornford competed at Bendigo Cup in Australia in March with 2 Australian teams for the under 13 and under 15 grade, placing 4th in both.

While over there she was one of the NZ players announced to represent NZ against AUS at the Oceania Championship being held at the Hamilton Rink in July, she will be playing for the Kiwi Blacks U13 and U15 grades with the potential to be called up to represent NZ/Australia at State Wars in America 2026.

Great work Hope!







# Secondary School Swimming

During the term Horowhenua College sent a team of 10 students to compete in the Manawatu Secondary Schools Swimming Championships; Hannah Alderton, Francesca Dale-Low, Emele Waqa, Luanne Blackaby, Ashlee West, Eloise & Alex Branagh, Jerry Cao, Jack & Ollie Kennett.

The team had an awesome day. They achieved great results and everyone gave it their all, supported each other & represented Nua with pride.

Results:

Top placings:

1st x 11

2nd x 9

3rd x 9

We had an A & B relay team competing in the 200 Medley (4x50) relay and 200 free (4x50) relay, with the A team taking out 2nd & 1st, with the B team giving it everything and coming in 12th.

The highlight was the 200m freestyle relay A team (Ollie, Hannah, Francesca & Jack). The team kept up a good lead throughout all the swims coming away with 1st place in an awesome time of 1.51.42

It's important to mention that not all who competed are competitive swimmers that train regularly. They put themselves out there and represented Nua with pride.





# Future Leaders Academy

Kia Orana!

My name is Lucie, and I recently had the privilege of attending a leadership course in Rarotonga with the Future Leaders Academy. This experience allowed me to develop important leadership skills, connect with other young leaders, and grow both personally and professionally.

The course involved a range of workshops and activities that challenged us to step up, work as a team, and reflect on the kind of leaders we want to be. It was a very rewarding experience and I hope I can get other people doing it so we can have some more young leaders in our school!

If you have any questions or want to hear about my experience, feel free to ask any questions.

Lucie O'Brien  
Media Prefect







# Heretaunga Exchange

Earlier in the term a range of sports teams from our college headed down to Upper Hutt to compete in our annual Heretaunga Exchange. We received a warm welcome, followed by a briefing from the Heretaunga sports prefects explaining how the day would run.

The first game kicked off with basketball, followed by girls' football, rugby 7s, junior netball, boys' football, and finally senior netball to round off the day. We were proud to come away with wins in rugby 7s, boys' football, and junior netball.

Overall, it ended up being a draw between the two colleges which meant the shield came home with us due to the win we brought home last year. It was an amazing day with great weather, and everyone involved was inclusive and respectful. On behalf of everyone who attended, we want to thank Heretaunga College for their excellent organisation, hospitality, and the great sportsmanship shown throughout the day.







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# Robotics Club

Around 15 people joined the Nua Robotics Club this term to code, engineer, problem solve and compete in a series of challenges. We made robots that can sense light and beeps for a chocolate drawer alarm, find their way through a maze, or play leapfrog with other robots. At 4pm every afternoon we declared it 'cookie time' and ate cookies. Robots and cookies go well together. With daily competitions, and versatile Edison robots, there was fun, code sharing, and crafty robots.

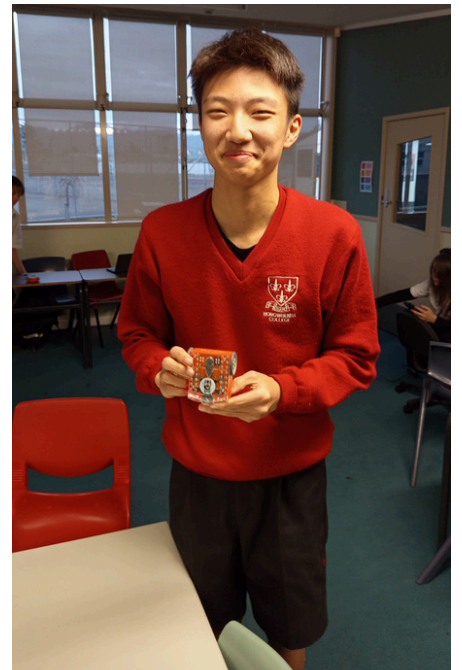
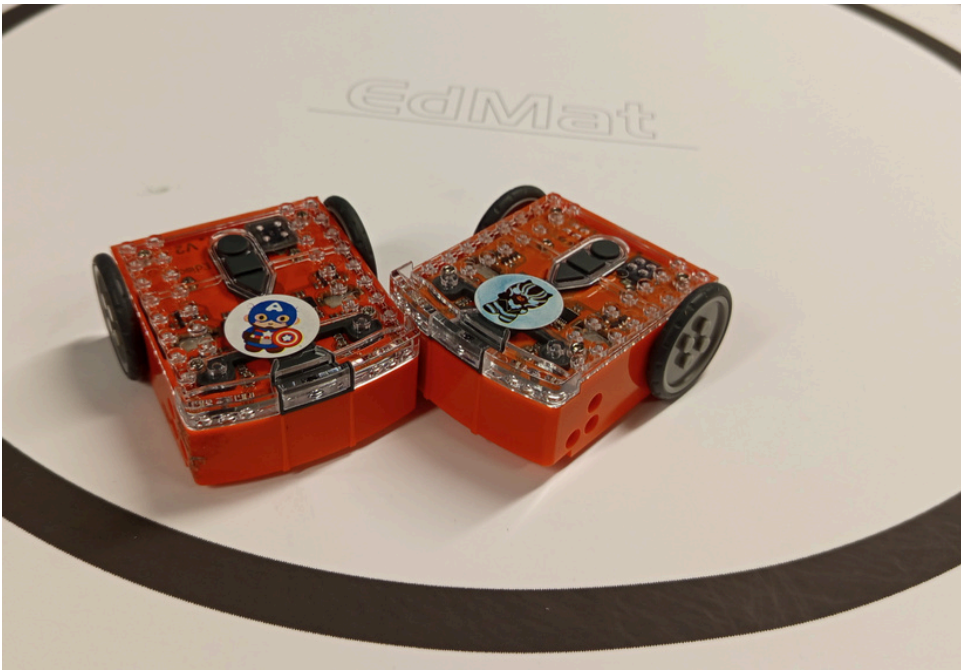
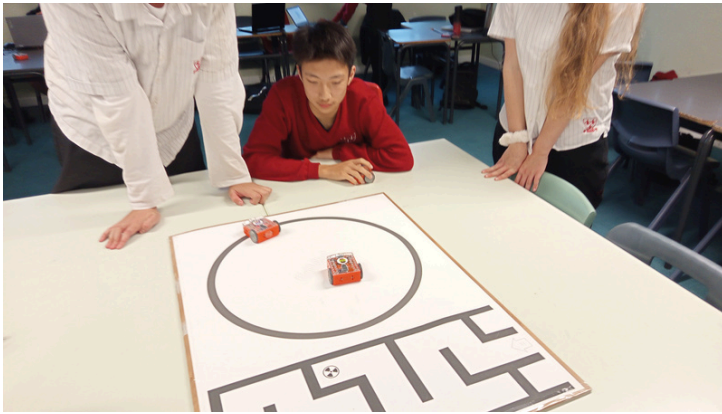
Thanks to our senior robotics leaders Liam Roach and Kāhu Newton, who helped problem solve, replace robot batteries, and fix our coding.

For our final week, we voted to have a sumo wrestling competition – where your robot had to push other robots out of a ring without being pushed out. The final round was between Liubava Lugova programming a robot with a Captain America sticker, and Jerry Cao under the Black Panther moniker. Jerry's almost reckless speed, proved the decisive factor in the best of three duel, making him the term's final robotics champion.

And remember, if we don't learn to control the technology, the technology will control us.

## Gareth Bell

Teacher in Charge Robotics







# Big Sing

55 students travelled to The Manawatu Big Sing in June. We were lucky enough to be able to enter two choirs with the amazing addition of our Pasifika Choir this year. The judges loved our version of He Kakano Ahau and the original piece “Atamai o tuā’a”. Cultural Prefect, Pusa Fonoti took home the trophy for Student Leadership. It was an amazing day of talent all round.

**Sjan Giles-Oza**

Teacher in Charge Choir







# Pasifika Fusion

After two terms of extremely hard work from both our students and staff, our Lototaha group attended Pasifika Fusion 2025 in Palmerston North in the last week of the term.

And wow did that hard work pay off! Leaving everything they had out there on the stage our students did Horowhenua College, themselves, their families and their culture proud.

The results were outstanding:

1st in Solo Dance

1st in Solo Vocal Performance

1st in Choir

1st in Drama

1st in Kiribati Speech

1st in Wearable Arts

2nd in Science

3rd in Senior English Speech

and 1st in Culture!!!!

3rd best overall!







# Pasifika Fusion







# Services Academy

On the 15th of June, three academy students attended the Services Academies Basic Leadership course at Ohakea Air Force base.

Lane Dobbin, Alexis Upjohn and Amber Wright represented the school well and students came away with merit certificates for leadership. They lived and breathed basic functional leadership skills for a week. The students were given tasks to conduct and see how they would work in a team.

**Ray Hunia**

Service Academy Director







# Readers Cup

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, a group of four Year 9 students represented our school at the Manawatu Readers' Cup competition. Despite facing some last-minute team changes, the students gave a valiant effort and competed with enthusiasm and determination.

While they didn't take home the trophy this time, they demonstrated excellent teamwork and a real passion for reading. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school – well done, Alex, Jerry, Thea and Liu!

**Rosalie Askew**

Teacher of English







# YESS

Well done to Caitlin Hoy, Liam Roach and Harrison McQuillan (Year 12) who came 2nd equal in the Young Enterprise Scheme Pitch Challenge for the Manawatu-Whanganui Region.

The pitch is an opportunity to showcase a business idea by making a 5-minute presentation to a panel of judges from the business community. The students pitched their ACCESSENTIAL Phone Holder, designed for shopping trolleys, made from plant fibre printing filament. Look out for their product which is currently being trialled at Levin New World. Thank you to New World for their support.

Gina Kelly  
Teacher in Charge Commerce



# Careers

Our senior students attended the careers expo held at Arena Manawatu in Palmerston North. This expo is a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain some insight in to future careers and help them make decisions for life after college.







# St Johns Appeal

Some of our wonderful Year 13 students out collecting for the St Johns Appeal. This appeal goes towards major repairs needed for many ambulance stations across the country.







# Golf

William Dunsmore played in the Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club Senior Strokeplay. As the 2024 title holder this was an opportunity for him to defend his title and defend it he did!

With a small but very competitive field William was pleased to come away with back to back wins for this tournament.

Congrats William and all the best for defending the title in 2026!

Also a huge congratulations to William who has been selected for the NZ Talent Development Programme. The programme's purpose is to support the development of talented young New Zealanders who aspire to reach their full potential. Phase Two of the programme supports emerging young players who are aged under 19 and who have the potential and motivation to continue to develop their game.







# Baseball

During the school holidays Ronan Kjestrup represented the Central Sport Makos at the Baseball NZ National U16 Championships.

The tournament was a great success with the team undefeated during pool play and then rallying to win the final against Hutt City United with a walk off home run to become National Champions!



# Netball

Te Ata Murray represented Te Ikaroa ki te Tonga in the U19 Girls netball team at the Aotearoa Maori Netball Nationals 2025 held in Wellington.

The tournament was a round robin competition with her team winning 6 out of 7 games to place 2nd overall. Ka tau kē koe Te Ata!







# Performance Evening

On June the 12th the performing arts department put on their annual performance evening with a mix of music, dance and drama. This was both an opportunity for assessment but also a chance to fundraise for our staff and students traveling to Phoenix, Arizona next month for the world hip hop championships.







# Performance Evening







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# Dance

The Level 1 Dance students attended the very powerful performance from Atamira Dance Company, 'Ka Mua, Ka Muri'. The performance was based around Te Ao Maori, derived from the whakatauki 'Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua' relating to Maori perspectives of time where past, present and future are intertwined, exploring the significance of whakapapa while defining new aspirations for the future.

The students were thoroughly engaged and amazed by the talent and powerful story that was presented on the stage. A huge congratulations to Bianca and Eru for this piece.

Whaea Caitlin

Teacher in Charge Dance

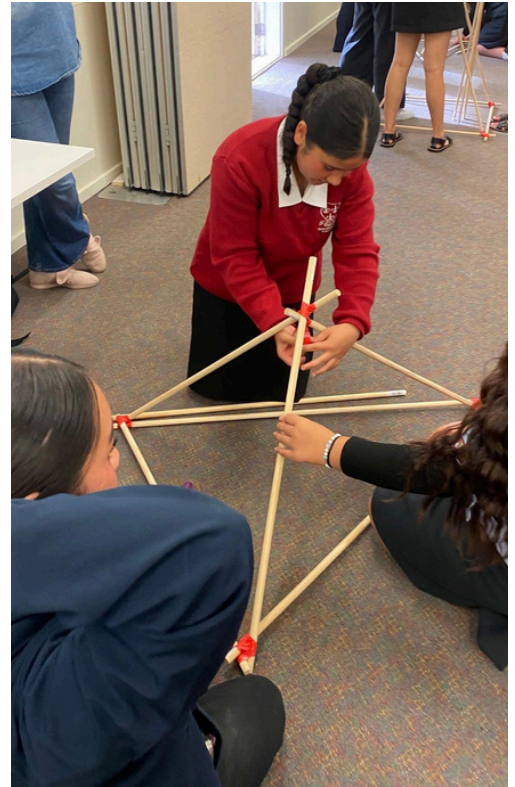






# Rangatahi Ora STEMM

This term a group of our Rangitahi Ora Tuakana went to the Puhoro STEMM Academy Wānanga at Te Wānanga o Raukawa in Ōtaki. The aim is to inspire ākonga to pursue science and technology pathways through hands on and Mātauranga Māori based activities.

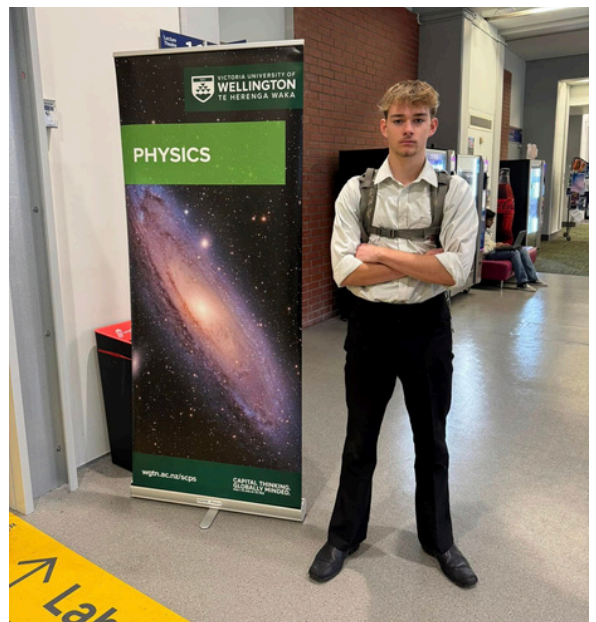






# Physics

Our level 2 and 3 physics students went down to Wellington for a physics experience at Victoria university. They got to learn about quantum physics and space science. This was a fantastic learning opportunity for our students.







# Art

Our senior art students went for a trip to Wellington to the Pataka art gallery to view top art Folios. This was a fantastic opportunity to view these folios and gain an understanding of what is needed to succeed.

They also visited Massey University art school to learn more about the tertiary art courses.







# Chess

Horowhenua College had the privilege of hosting the Horowhenua/Kapiti Regional Chess Tournament during the term. Nine of our students participated, encompassing players both new and experienced. Horowhenua's A-team won the Senior division, giving the College a spot in the Nationals later this year. Our participants can be proud of how they conducted themselves, contributing to a positive event for all.







# Showquest

"This has all happened before, and it will all happen again. It's time to break the cycle." Our cast of 70 students plus 6 live band members (Tamahiva) attended the ShowQuest competition held in Palmerston North on Monday May 26th.

Our student leads Imogen Williamson & Eilidh Anderson alongside their creative team of Danica Rowan, Anelisabeth Tua Faavale, Verde Kjestrup, Ayla-May Paparoa, Tiana Fryer, Pusa Fonoti, Katerina Finau, Akyssa Tavita, Emma Shuker and Owen Winstanley with the help of Whaea Caitlin and Miss Oza created a beautiful piece, backed up by some talented performers, and told a strong story that was felt by many on the night.

Our story pieced together the protest movements from Whina Cooper to Tupua Tamasese Lealofi III to Hana Rawhiti Maipi-Clarke, with the focus points of each of the movements being the unity and equality of all.

Horowhenua College came away with Excellence in Music, Drama and Culture as well as the School Spirit Award for the Manawatu, topping off these awards with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall for the senior section.

A huge congratulations to all involved. This was well deserved recognition for a long few months of hard work, sweat and tears.







# Showquest







# Year 13 PE

The Y13 PE class went to Camp Wainui for The Tough Guy/Gal Challenge. This is a 6km mud run with obstacles and it was very very muddy! We were lucky to have beautiful weather though, and a heap of fun.

These were some incredible results, especially Ollie coming 29th (29.55 mins - sub 30 mins!!) and Ethan 49th. Two students in the top 50 out of 923 runners was pretty impressive! Mrs Craies, Mr O'Hara and Whaea Brenna were very proud. Bring on next year!







# Bushcraft

Our Services Academy students went deep in to the bush for their Bushcraft course. Under the guidance and watchful eye of the NZ Defence force, our students learnt about mapping, survival skills, and navigating the harshest conditions.

This camp was a good test of their resilience.







# Rockquest

Well done to our teams who performed in the Manawatū Regional Final of Rockquest at The Globe Theatre. All music performed at Rockquest must be original. Students are able to enter as a duo, solo act or as a band.

We had the most entries from all schools in the region with five acts from Horowhenua College as follows:

Isaiah Ladhams (solo)

William Dunsmore & Roman Collis (duo)

Kautamas - Bebe Nakite, Juliana Fonoti, Abi Logo, Tiana Kaewea (band)

Tama Hiva - Tamaroa Tamaroa, Buxton Sone, Feinga Kilioni, Ezra Masoe, Exodus Wilson, Waeariki Talia, who received 3rd place Band

Maddison Coleman, who received 2nd place Solo/Duo

All first and second placing acts now have the opportunity to submit a video of their original material to be selected as one of the 15 national finalists for Smokefreerockquest 2025.







# Cross Country

We had nine students travel to Feilding to compete against schools from across the greater Manawatu region in cross country.

We had students competing across all age groups. Everyone gave it their best and showed great team spirit in supporting each other from the edge of the track.







# Outdoor Education

On May 7th-9th, Level 2 Outdoor Education students completed a three day camp at Ōtaki Forks. The focus was camping, navigation, and survival. The class walked 19km over the three days, both on and off track completing navigation challenges and learning about the history of the area. Thanks to teachers Peter Crisp and Georgia Craies and outdoor instructor Wayne Putt for taking the students on this amazing experience.







# Student Council 2025



## Waka Ama

Samoana So'o and Chino So'o competed in the Waka Ama long distance nationals.

Samoana competed in the W1 rudderless J19 and J16. She is 13 years old and competed in 3-5 grades above her age.

Chino competed in the w1 rudderless J16 race.

These races were 10 kilometres each.

Results were:

Samoana in J19 W1 womens placed 15th

with a time of 1 hour and 3 minutes

Samoana J16 W1 women's race placed

14th with a time of 1 hour 14 minutes

Chino J16 W1 men's race placed 29th

with a time of 1 hour and 9 minutes







# Art History

Senior Art History students visited Wellington with Whaea Talula to view public artworks in anticipation of their upcoming internal assessments.

Level 2 students documented the art work in correlation to its environment and how that impacts its meaning and Level 3 students were documenting the works in relation to not only their monetary value but also the value they add to the spaces they are in.







## Dance

Congratulations to Ayla-May Paparaoa who competed at the ABTC dance competition in Lower Hutt. She placed 1st for her Hip Hop and Contemporary solos and placed 2nd for Intermediate Modern Champs and gained a trophy for highest marks overall in Contemporary.



## Choir

Amelie and Imogen Williamson were part of the National Aotearoa Academy choir over the break. They performed firstly at the ANZAC ceremony 25th April in Wellington at the Cenotaph in front of parliament with attendance by NZ ministers and embassies including Turkey, Germany and Japan.

The second performance was a sell out concert at St Andrew's Church, Wellington, 26th April where the National Aotearoa Academy choir performed with the International NZ Youth Choir (18-25 year olds), and was recorded by Radio New Zealand.







# Cycling

Year 13 Student Minnie Collins was selected as part of a Development Team with CNZ (24 riders in total over NZ).

She competed in the YSD Australasian International Track Series in Malaysia, U17 and U19 age groups. Selected riders from Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, and NZ attended.

The highlight for Minnie was the Flying 200 where she improved her personal best time dramatically from 12.198 to 11.894. This has been a huge goal for Minnie to go sub 12 and she absolutely smashed it.

Minnie also competed at the Oceania Track Championships in Brisbane at the beginning of February. Unfortunately she was involved in a nasty crash on the last day. She also competed at the Track National Championships in Invercargill at the end of February, still very injured.







# Defence Force Camp

Through Pūhoro Stemm, Year 12 student Mya-Lee Patterson was fortunate to be accepted to attend the Defence Force Camp at the Ohakea Airforce Base in Manawatū in the school holidays. This camp was offered to Year 12 and 13 tauira from Hawke's Bay, Wairoa, Manawatū, Horowhenua, Whanganui and Christchurch.

The 4 day camp was a great opportunity to see first hand what the Air Force and Army bases looked like and a great chance to meet and talk with staff there, do some activities and drills, test their skills and abilities and meet others with the same goals.

Mya-Lee is focused on the Air Force Medics and this opportunity gave her a great insight to requirements for this so she is better able to prepare. The support from Pūhoro staff was just what she needed to engage in this great opportunity, learn and get excited about her future career goals. Mya-Lee is looking forward to next year's intake in the hope that she can go again to get further information needed.







# Rugby

Keyleigh and Shikynah Pearson represented the Manawatu Mustangs in the U16s and U18s teams respectively at the New Zealand Rugby League 9s Tournament held in Auckland.

The tournament was held over a couple of days with a round robin followed by semis and finals. A massive congratulations to Keyleigh's U16 team who won their competition and Shikynah's team who finished 2nd overall.

Ka wani kē kōrua!







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## Term 3 Dates

### July

**14 July** Term 3 Begins

**21 July** Commerce Market Day

**28 July** Namiki Visit

**30 July** Jimmy Carter Quiz

### August

**6 August** Commerce Night Market

**25 August** Winter Tournament Week

### September

**1 September** Annals Week

**19 September** Last Day of Term 3