



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

April 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The long hot summer almost made it to the end of Term 1. It has been a long term but the weather has contributed to it being both positive and action packed. We celebrated academic success early in the term as last years successes led to positive engagement in 2013.

We have been congratulated by the Minister of Education on our Year 12 results and the improvement in Maori student achievement. As I have said many times, attendance at school is one of the main contributors to successful outcomes and remaining at school engaged in a meaningful course is another.

The Trades Academy is now embedded and both Automotive and Catering & Hospitality students are well settled and progress is being made. We offered a new course this year for our Year 11 students with selected students experiencing a variety of Trades. We hope that these students can determine an area of interest to pursue for their future.

Summer sports have drawn to a close and we have had representation at Regional and National competitions. The Canoe Polo, BMX, Swimming, Equestrian, Taekwon Do and Athletics all saw our students bringing home medals.

We now look forward to the winter season and the new sporting challenges that face us.

Recently we won the Rugby Sevens and although we have had to restore the Mana of the sport after a negative incident during the final game we can now move on and look forward to another season. Congratulations to Jahdae Tamakaha for being the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament. The team will now go through to the Regional competition with HKRFU endorsement.



A Word From The Principal

The recent “Its Not Okay” assemblies with Vic Tamati and Jude Simpson have had a profound impact on the students. The need to address bullying and violence was a very clear message given by our visitors and many senior students have expressed an interest in continuing their involvement in a positive leadership role.

Thank you for supporting the college and don't forget that if you have a desire to support us further in a more formal way the Board Elections take place next month. It is now the time to put your name forward to stand for the Board of Trustees. Nominations forms have been posted out and nominations close 16 May. Voting papers will be posted 21 May and must be in by noon 30 May. Results will be announced 5 June and the new board takes office 6 June. With the first board meeting there will be a trustee training session with the School Trustees Association.

It has been a long and busy term and we are all looking forward to the holidays to reflect on the work so far this year, plan for the next term and to enjoy some relaxation.

Enjoy the holiday break.

Brenda Burns
Principal



Under 15 Seven Aside Team came 3rd in HKRFU Tournament



Nguyen Tat Thanh High School Vietnam Visit



From 11 to 23 March our school was visited by Nguyen Tat Thanh High School, Hanoi, Vietnam. Mrs Brenda Burns and Mrs Robyn Keeling first made contact with NTT High School in 2010. After three years, a visit was arranged. Our School provided a programme for the visitors which included time in the classroom with the student buddies,

opportunities to experience our Maori and Pacific Island culture along with trips to local places, Palmerston North and Wellington

The 20 students and two teachers were billeted with families from our school and from our community. The feedback from this visit was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed these warm, fun-loving and friendly people. Friendships have been made which will continue on into the future.

Our school will be taking a group of up to 20 students to NTT High School in April 2014. The first meeting with parents will be held on 9 May at 7pm. Registrations are still open for this trip for Yr 9 – Yr 13 students. The trip will take place during the April school holidays.

Robyn Keeling
International
Student Director





SGCNZ Shakespeare Festival



WE WON!

Congratulations to all our student directors on an amazing festival at Kapiti College on Saturday April 13th – not only did we win the regionals, we have also won a place in the National Shakespeare Festival in Wellington for the first time in Horowhenua College's history.

Thanks to our winning team of Letitia Moore and Roha Taiapa, who both directed and starred in their 5 minute 'Othello', and to their chorus Hannah McMillan, Brooke Parata and Zoe Wood.

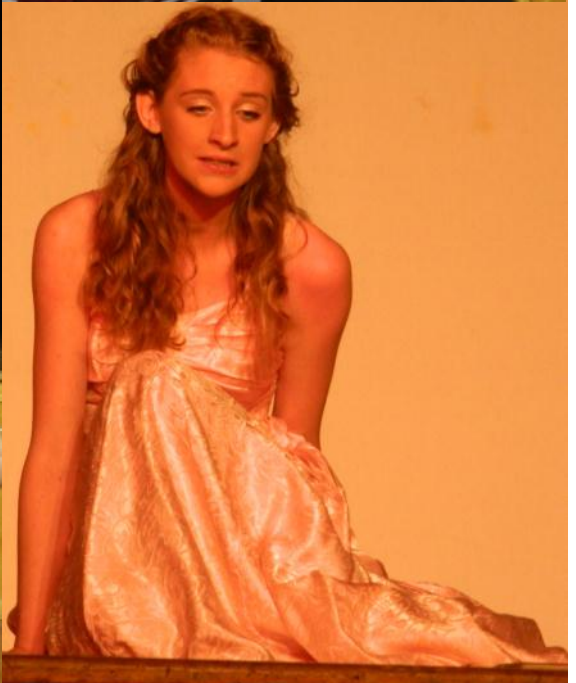
Congrats also to Zoe and Brooke who came home with a cup for Best Design for their 5 minute scene from 'The Merchant of Venice' – well done girls.

A big shout out also goes to Hannah McMillan, Gretta Hansen and Finn Madison for an incredible, dramatic and elegant performance of 'Hamlet'.

Finally, thanks to our awesome tech team of Karlana Blackburn, Ryan Dustin, Ryan Burnell and Bailey Darwin and our fantastic support team of Mr Pile, Ms Moerkerk, Tash Smith-McDermott, Stephanie Reynolds and Katja Pfeiffer. We couldn't have done it without you.

Awesome job, everyone!

Miss Perry
Teacher in Charge Drama





North Island Secondary Schools Athletics

On the weekend of 6 & 7 April, five Horowhena College students represented Manawatu in Masterton competing in the North Island Secondary School Athletics Champs.

The five athletes were Renee Bacon, Frances Bacon, Alex Kuhlmann, Sia Muliaga and Sia Fuauli. All of these athletes did very well; however, Frances was unable to compete due to injury. It was a new experience and challenging competing against the best in the North Island. Results are as followed

Sia Fuauli came 8th in the Shot Put and 9th in the Discus in the Senior Girls' Competition.

Sia Muliaga came 11th in the Junior Girls' Javelin

Alex came 2nd in the Javelin with a great throw of 50.63m, 4th in the Discus and 11th in the Shot Put in the Intermediate Boys.

Renee came 5th in the Javelin, 6th in the Discus and 4th in the Senior Girls' 400m final.

Congratulations to these athletes who performed very well and represented the College at a very high standard.

Mrs Wagenaar - Head of Faculty PE

Manawatu Secondary Schools Swimming Champs

On Saturday the 13th of April, I took a small but enthusiastic Swimming team through to the Freyberg Pool in Palmerston North for the above championships. Frances Bacon scratched on the day due to injury which meant the team was even smaller than anticipated.

The five members all excelled themselves, some even picking up personal best times and all gaining placings in their events.



Josh Garcia – 3 x 2nds and a 3rd

Tessa Bartholomew – 2 x 2nds and a 3rd

Tatum Kerehoma – 3 x 2nds and a 1st

Renee Bacon – 2 x 2nds and 2 x 1sts

Tim Searle - 1 x 2nd and 3 x 1sts

Outstanding swimming by all competitors and thanks to all those parents who came along and supported and helped.

Mr B
Sports Co-ordinator



Art Bus

The Real Art Road show came to the College for two days on the 18th and 19th of March. The truck was a huge and impressive sight as it opened up to include exhibition space for over 1 million dollars of NZ Art. Transformers have nothing on this REAL truck!

The work within, was a mix of contemporary painting, installation, printmaking and photography pieces. Initially it was hard to see what the work was about, but after the educators, Lucy and Steve, had talked about the works, all the interesting information and ideas were clear.

Classes were split into smaller tutor groups and visited the truck throughout the two days. The educators were knowledgeable, friendly, and genuinely enjoyed being with the students.

Set up started on Sunday at lunchtime, and we were surprised to learn that the two people actually live in the truck for the year while it tours NZ.

We were the first school on the tour, and we made a great first impression.
Well done Nua!

Jeanette Gilroy
Head of Faculty Arts





Rangatahi Ora

In week 11 term 1 the Rangatahi Ora Tuakana tutor class went on an excursion to the New Zealand Institute of Sport in Wellington. To be eligible for the trip all students had to have at least 90% attendance and an acceptable pastoral record including uniform and behaviour. It was fantastic that out of 24 students, 20 were able to go on the trip.

The whole day was great and while we were down at NZIS we had our own room where the students were encouraged to ask questions about their future and the options that NZIS offers. It was interesting to find out the educational side of the facility. The students showed a genuine interest in this institution and it was awesome that at least one of us is now considering a career path with NZIS.

After we went to lunch together at Paraparaumu beach. We had a massive feed and we were able to spend some time together on the beach.

The students are already planning on fundraising and organising a trip to Waikato University Via Matua Mike Rameka's Marae in Taupo!

This was a great day of whanaungatanga and a great chance for our rangatahi to open their eyes to all the options they have available to them.

Tama Tu Tama Ora
Tama Noho Tama Mate

Ma te wa
Matua Chris

Te Reka Hoki o Te Hangi!! (what a delicious Hangi!!)

Last week the teina were at the Marae doing a Hangi to raise funds for our trip. It was an amazing turnout and all students worked hard.

A special mention must go to all the Matua who came out and helped. Absolutely fantastic! It was a great time to learn about each other, learn about how to work together on the Marae, how to do a hangi and great whanaungatanga

Nga mihinui ki te whanau whanui o Rangatahi Ora

Nau te rourou
Naku te rourou
Ka ora ai tatou

Matua Chris





40 Hour Famine Programme Launch

Early next term the entire college will participate in a global leadership event. The day will begin with a tutor period followed by the juniors attending a 2.5 hour workshop in the hall followed by an interval after which the seniors will attend a workshop for the next 2.5 hours.

Global Leadership Events (GLE's) are World Vision's one-day student leadership events. They are designed to inform and empower students about how they might tackle global issues. The events embrace innovative ways of learning about inequalities and global hunger, including:

- Multimedia presentations
- Interactive simulation games
- Problem-solving exercises
- Debates and open discussions

The GLE develops leadership qualities in secondary students, encouraging them to: **LEARN** about global issues, **ACT** and make a difference, using their influence to motivate others and **SHARE** their knowledge and skills with students, schools and their community.

Student Against Driving Drunk

Here at Horowhenua College we now have a fantastic group of students from Year 9 through to Y13 who are involved in promoting and educating others on being safe on our roads. These students will be holding events throughout term 2 to raise awareness about driving drunk and getting our students to think before they drink. Our students will be supported in their ventures by the local Police Dept, the Regional SADD Co-ordinator and the Road Safety Co-ordinator.

We are also sending two of our Year 12 students to the National SADD conference in the school holidays. They will return with some excellent ideas for us to carry on with.

At the moment the students are working on a manifesto (slogan) for our school and posters will be printed up. Our first event will be on May 10th. If anyone is interested in supporting our students please let us know.





Year 11 Drama



For Year 11 (level one) Drama our first assessment is to perform an original drama based on a local historical and/or public site. The site we are basing our drama on is the Remembrance Park in Levin. The park is a place where all the soldiers who served in overseas conflicts, and have gone before us, are memorialized - "Lest We Forget".

After walking down and looking around and reading the names of people who are memorialized, Miss Perry bought us all an ice-cream from Monzas on the way back to school. Thanks for that Miss Perry!

Bailey Darwin
Y11 Drama Student.



Canoe Polo Nationals



On 22 March five Nua canoe polo teams headed off to the nationals which were held in Feilding this year. The teams had performed well at the recent regional events but it is always hard to gauge how teams from other regions in New Zealand had performed at their regionals.

The junior girls struggled initially to get their game together but with confidence and enthusiasm they improved as the tournament continued. They eventually made it to a memorable play off for third but lost to the Feilding High team.

The divisional 2 girls also took a while to get things together and play some attractive polo. Their best game was in the medals play off. It all seemed to click and they easily beat their opposition for the bronze medal. A great effort from this team!

The senior girls had some thrilling games and were the top team after the round robin games. All hopes were high but this was to be short lived as they lost their play off to the bottom placed team. This was such a disappointment for the girls after all the hard work they had put in to their round robin games. Such is the nature of sport! To make matters worse, they then lost to our great rivals, Karamu High School from Hastings, for the bronze medal. The girls were naturally disappointed with their performance but showed great sporting character by congratulating the opposition.

The junior boys made a very convincing start to the competition by winning their first game 15 nil. The next game was against our old rivals Karamu. It was a tough and vigorous game and could have gone either way but the boys eventually won 5-4. They were now placed top of their pool and had to play Palmy Boys High for the chance to go into the finals. Nerves played some part in this game as our boys seemed to struggle and not make the most of their opportunities. However, they did win and went on to finals.

This was an amazing game. The boys played with great patience and made the most of the opportunities presented to them. The opposition seemed to struggle against our tight and well-formed defence. The boys were up 2 goals by half time and looking good. The second half was intense for all the players and spectators as well as for me as coach on the side.



Canoe Polo Nationals

The noise was so loud it was difficult to coach the team. A few nerve-racking decisions by one of the officials made the atmosphere even more intense close to the final whistle but the boys held their lead and won to become national champions. This was a well-deserved outcome.

The senior boys were always going to struggle after losing so many players from last year. However, they played some attractive and convincing polo to win their pool games. In the semi final they played the second placed team, St Johns, in an intense and hard fought game which they eventually won 2-1.

In the finals they came up against Palmy Boys High who had proved to be very strong at regionals. The first goal was well executed by Fab to the delight of the crowd and put some pressure on the Palmy team. Eventually the Palmy team equalized and as time progressed they got into their stride to win 5-1. Our boys put in a very credible performance and are to be congratulated on winning the silver medal.

Mr Cox
TIC Canoe Polo





Maths and Accounting Faculty

The Mathematics and Accounting Faculty at Horowhenua College has an objective of providing all students the opportunity to grow in confidence and to enable them to increase in knowledge and competency in Mathematics and Accounting. We employ eight highly qualified teaching staff that include specialists in Statistics, Accounting and Calculus.



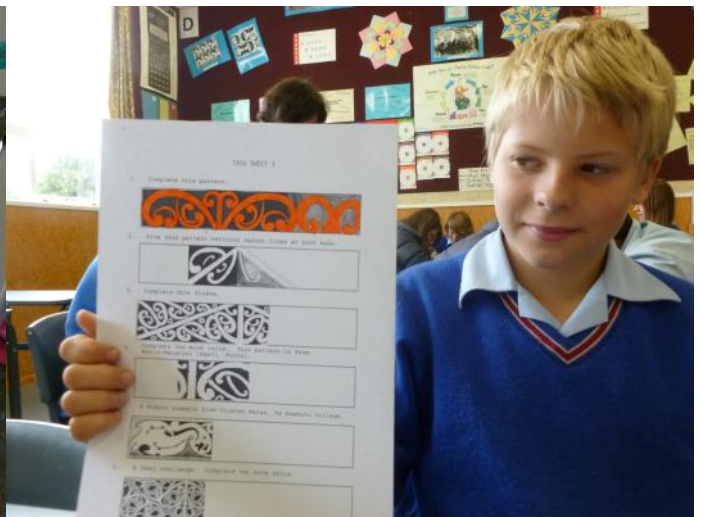
New Programme For Level Three Statistics

This year we have introduced the new Level 3 Achievement Standards in Statistics. The programme is quite different to previous years. In particular, students have greater opportunities to research the topic and the variables being investigated. The resulting work was deep in understandings, and rich in contextual knowledge.

In Term One, the boys won the vote for the topic, and we based our theme on *Cars*.

Our practise investigation was on second-hand New Zealand cars. Some quotes from students' findings were:

- We see by the trend line that this is indeed a positive relationship, as the car's year of manufacture gets closer to 2005, the asking/selling price gets higher.
- On the other hand, if a car is not pleasing to look at, i.e. a piece of junk, where the owner will most likely be using the car as a mode of transport only, which results in more mileage (especially in older, uglier cars) on the engine.
- There is a car which doesn't follow the trend as it is 2 years old but is worth much more than the brand new car at \$41990, which is a whole extra \$10000. This could be because the car is of a rare make or is in very immaculate condition.
- Another example is the Mitsubishi Galant, which was a very average car. So it was very common, in the lower price bracket.
- Other factors of the car could take place of the weight to make it heavier for the engine size it has. E.g. 1600Kg car but with only a 3L engine, the car could have big tyres or wheels on the car to match its purpose of specialty, like maybe a 4wd Toyota rav 4 with big wheels but it isn't so bit it needs a massive motor. Or a 1600kg Holden commodore SS with a 5.5L engine, this could be a race car.







Congratulations



Congratulations to Kirsten Campbell and Ryan Elliot who represented Horowhenua Collage at Nga Tawa interschool equestrian event in March. Both riders had two ponies competing to form a team. Kirsten was placed 2nd in the 80cm 2phase and 8th in the 80cm speed round on Ali and on her other pony Blue Rose was 3rd in the 95cm speed round and 7th in the 95cm accumulator. Ryan was 7th in the 95cm speed round on his pony Spirit. The two riders finished 5th overall sitting on 28 points. This was a great result as they were up against 45 teams from all over New Zealand, with top riders.



Congratulations to Michael Searle, Bree Hooper-Whiti, Timothy Searle, Te Nawe Whiti, Alli Veerbeek, Shanae Whakarau, Sarika Woodley, Morgan Searle and Kaylan Putaka (absent from photo). These students all medalled at the Taekwon Do Regionals last month. Shanae was the best overall Red Belt for the tournament and Morgan shared the best overall Black Belt with ex student Aramai Tahau. Special mention to Sarika Woodley and Kaylan Putaka who assisted in running the event and officiated all day. This is part of their requirements to grade to the next level (2nd Dan) in May.



Congratulations

Recently Lisharna MacKay competed in the BMX Nationals in Cambridge. She rode very well and is now ranked NZ 4 in the 16 year old girls age group. She also got 2nd in the national series which is an event that is held over a few race meetings around the country and riders collect points at each meeting.

Lisharna is also a member of the BMXNZ junior development program.

Congratulations to Lisharna for her excellent results. A real talent for the future.





Year 10 Tutor Challenge



Year 10 Inter-Tutor Scavenger Hunt

This event was held last Wednesday, 10 April. Each tutor group was given a sheet with a variety of questions that required going out around the college for some as well as puzzling over difficult word puzzles for others. For instance one of the requirements was to find out what is written on four of the reserved parking spaces and another was to name our school counsellor.

This challenge was met with fierce competition and it was great to see groups cooperating by utilizing the differing talents and abilities within the group. The final results were very close with 10JAA coming first, 10DEM second and 10GYA third.

Next term our challenges will have to fit around our Work Week meetings for those students going out during Term 2 for work – but I'm sure the competition will continue to be hard-fought!

Uniform

A reminder that winter uniform is required from the start of Term 2.

Senior Boys must wear school black dress trousers, ties and black leather shoes.

Girls must wear black tights with their skirts and black leather sturdy shoes.

We are working towards all seniors wearing the blazer and are keen for all Year 11 to be doing so this year. However the Board of Trustees have decided that whilst this is our preference, due to the economic times, blazers will not be compulsory this year.

Homestays Needed

We are needing more host families for our International Programme in the future and would love to be able to offer homes where there are students in the family (short term and long term). Hosting a student from another country can be very interesting and rewarding. We have some families who have been doing this for many years. If you would like more information, please contact Robyn Keeling, Director of International Education, rkeeling@horowhenua.school.nz



School Trustees Elections

The School Trustee Elections are being held this year, and we need you to get involved.

Our school is governed by a democratically elected group of people called the Board of Trustees. These trustees make important decisions about our school's strategic direction, student achievement outcomes, resources, staffing and much more.

Being a trustee is an important and rewarding role. Parents, families, whānau and people from the wider community can all be trustees. We're looking for a range of people with a variety of skills, experiences, and attributes who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning.

If you're interested in standing for election or nominating someone you know, please contact the school office on 06 3686159 or email our Returning Officer at pwaite@horowhenua.school.nz

National Election Day is 30 May.

Make sure your vote counts. All parents of full-time students who are on the school voting roll can and should vote in the elections. Look for your voting papers in your letterbox and make sure your vote is received by noon 30 May.



If you can
share your skills
you can be
a trustee

Becoming a school trustee could be one of the most rewarding roles you have.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning. Step forward and nominate yourself or someone you know by filling out a nomination form available from your school.

Learn more at www.trustee-election.co.nz





School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Term 2 2012

May

Monday	6	Beginning of Term 2
Thursday	9	2014 Vietnam Trip Meeting 7pm
Friday	10	Group Leadership Programme India Visit Commences
Thursday	16	Board of Trustee Nominations close
Monday	20	India Visit Ends
Wednesday	22	Services Academy Otaki Camp begins
Thursday	23	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm Y13 Geography Field Trip
Thursday	30	Teacher Only Day Restorative Practices Board of Trustees Election Day votes to be received by noon.
Friday	31	Teacher Only Day NCEA Day

June

Saturday	1	SGCNZ National Shakespeare Festival
Monday	3	Queens Birthday - School Closed
Wednesday	5	Board of Trustee Election results announced
Thursday	6	Stage Challenge Dress Rehearsal
Friday	7	Stage Challenge
Fri - Sun	7-9	40 Hour Famine
Monday	10	Y13 Geography Field Trip
Thursday	13	Y12 Victoria University Trip
Wed - Fri	19-21	Senior Assessments
Thursday	27	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
Friday	28	Nua 40 Hour Famine Weekend

July

Wednesday	3	Hutt Valley High Exchange
Thursday	4	Y13 Accounting Massey Trip Careers Expo at Te Takere Service Academy Tough Boy/Girl Challenge
Tuesday	9	Open Evening
Thursday	11	Subject Teachers Report Evening
Friday	12	Last day of term.

Student Absences

If your child is sick or away for any reason please phone the school on 3686159 and dial 1 to report a student absence.

We also now have an 0800 number available for your convenience. Please make use of this to advise your child's absence.

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