



# NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

April 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The end of term 1 has arrived and it has been a very busy one with all the usual activities that the fine weather enables. This term our boys rugby team won the 7's tournament and the girls team came third. The Super 6 was again won by Horowhenua College, for the first time since 2007. Canoe polo junior boys won gold, senior girls won gold and senior boys won bronze at the Nationals.

This term alone we have been told that Shem Harris has gained an international scholarship which will allow him to study at Cambridge University, one of the top universities in the world with more than 800 years of history. We have had NZQA scholarships awarded to students who are in the top 3% of New Zealand scholars. In sport we have national and world champions and our students perform well in cultural events such as Stage Challenge, Shakespeare Festival, Pasifika Fusion... the list goes on.

This is my last newsletter as Principal of Horowhenua College. The past 12 years have been packed full of experiences I will remember for the rest of my life.

There have been many new initiatives introduced during my time at the college and as I leave it is pleasing to see them embedding into the culture of NUA. There are far too many to mention them all but Restorative Practices has been a really positive way of resolving student issues. The new uniforms have improved student pride and the huge efforts that have been made to introduce technology in the classroom have really engaged the students in their learning.

The college facilities are second to none and with the refurbishment of the science labs soon to be addressed every area will have been upgraded.



## A Word From Our Principal

The students at NUA are amazing and Horowhenua College is a very special college. It reflects “real New Zealand” society. We are not all perfect, academically excellent, great sports champions or fantastic artists but we certainly punch above our weight. The successes of our individuals and teams never cease to impress me.

One of my many goals for the students was to ensure that they had the same standard of facilities, pride in their appearance, and opportunities to achieve as any student in New Zealand. I was often questioned about my intentions to turn the college into an “Auckland school”. My response was if that means our students have the same advantages and opportunities as those in Auckland what is wrong with that!

Essayez, to try, is our motto. We interpret this to mean participate. The NUA way tells us to strive to:

- Be responsible
- Build positive relationships
- To be successful

And at NUA we Never Under Achieve.

Everything we promote is for the benefit of the students and the staff work hard to offer support to all the students and their whanau.

I wish Horowhenua College well for the future. It is a great place and serves this community well.

Brenda Burns  
Principal



Mr and Mrs Burns with daughter Nicky at the retirement function held at the college.





## Board of Trustees



On Tuesday 21 of January I embarked upon a journey into the unknown as one of over 50 student trustees from all over the country to sail aboard New Zealand's own Spirit of Adventure ship into the island chains of the Hauraki Gulf.

Whilst on board I met some incredibly like minded people and forged lasting and influencing relationships with artists, musicians, sportspeople and academics alike.

It has been and always will be a defining experience for me and I would like to express my gratitude to the Horowhenua College Board of Trustees for allowing me the opportunity to go. A life changing event that I would recommend to anyone.

Finn Madison  
Board of Trustees Student Representative





## Shakespeare Festival

We won again.

Best student directed scene for the second year in a row! This was directed by Roha Taiapa and starred Sina Moala, Vikatolia Finau, Sierra Tafeamaalii and Ryan Burnell. Roha won this cup last year with his co-director Letitia Moore and I am very proud of all of them.

Congratulations also go to our other teams who were performing on the festival stage for the first time and did a fantastic job. Thanks teams!

A special thank you to other members of the local community, Tash Smith-McDermott and Karlana Blackburn, both former students of the college, for giving up so much of their time and expertise to support this festival.

Thank you also to the parents, families and friends who came down to support us - we were privileged to have so many from Levin in the audience.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the Levin Little Theatre for helping us every year - we really appreciate it.

Finally a big thanks to Mr Pile and Miss Moerkerk, who gave up their Saturday to support us. You rock!

Ms Perry  
Teacher in Charge of Drama



Winning Team: Sina Moala , Ryan Burnell, Vikatolia Finau, Sierra Tafeamaalii and Roha Taiapa







## Manawatu Secondary Schools Triathlon

Sunday the 30th of March was an overcast morning that greeted us at the Manawatu Secondary Schools Triathlon held at Linton Army Camp. Jimi Aungiers, Sophie Bloxham and myself discussed our tactics to race the 300 metre swim, 10 kilometre bike and 3 kilometre run. Our motto was go hard or go home.

I completed the run in just over 12 minutes then tagged Sophie who was on her bike for 22 minutes then over to Jimi who was in the pool for just under 6 minutes. Our total combined time placed us 6th overall and 1st team home in the under 16 category from a field of over 100 athletes who included New Zealand representatives.

We had an awesome time and we hope to do the triathlon again next year but as individuals.

Caitlin Huria  
Year 9



Left to Right: Sophie Bloxham, Jimi Aungiers and Caitlin Huria





## Year 12 Sea Kayaking Adventure

The recent Sea Kayaking trip to Wellington resulted in six students and one teacher having to be picked up by the Police Coast Guard boat between Petone and Somes Island. Although the weather was fine with little wind, on leaving, the wind quickly picked up as we got closer to Some's Island.

The decision was made to turn around as the waves were increasing. Some of the students were unable to paddle against the wind and waves so the Coast Guard was called for assistance back to Petone Beach.

This was a great learning experience for the students as they experienced first hand the use of the emergency equipment such as the VHF radio and tow lines that they had been learning about this term. The trip challenged all students in a positive way with those that were picked up asking when they will be back down to Wellington to finish off the trip.

No students were injured in the event and the police officer in charge made a positive comment in regards to the equipment that was carried and the handling of the situation.

Mark Smith  
Outdoor Education Teacher



Photo from 2013 Outdoor Education trip



## NUA Social Action



On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March a group of student leaders from Horowhenua College attended the Global Leaders Conference in Wellington. This conference is designed to empower students to understand complex global issues and take action at a local level to make a difference.



Students were thrilled to catch up with Max Mason (2013 Horowhenua College Head Boy) who is currently serving as a leadership ambassador. We were very proud to see a local student representing our community so well.

The conference was held in the Bee Hive, Wellington. The presentations were superb and students found the input from Sam Jonson, Christchurch Student Army, to be a great source of inspiration. The cherry on the top of a great day occurred when our students bumped into John Key as they left. They could not resist a photo opportunity and John Key would have been silly to miss a photo opportunity with future leaders of our nation!

Please support our fund raising activities this year. We are raising funds for Malawi.

Mr Pile





## Golfing News



Alex Whiley and Brydie Hodge recently competed in the Manawatu Secondary School Golf Champs at Marton Golf Club. Alex shot an 81 and Brydie won the event with an amazing round of 69 - 3 under par.

This follows on from a very successful year so far for Brydie who won the Manawatu Wanganui Age group champs being the only one that was under par for the day out of both girls and boys. She also competed in Rotorua making coming back from behind to gain four spots in the final round to finish in second place. Brydie then travelled to Christchurch to try and qualify for the New Zealand Women's Open and shot even par to qualify third as only the top six made it through. This was very exciting as she had to beat Korean professionals to make it through. Three days later the NZ Women's Open began and Brydie was playing against the top professional women golfers in the world such as her good friend Lydia Ko. She finished a respectable 12th amateur and was very happy to get photos with some of her golfing idols. Because of these amazing achievements and her continuous good form NZ Golf selected her to play in the NZ Junior Girls Team of four to play in the Australian Amateur championships. Well done Brydie.



## International Department

On 3 February this year we welcomed seven new overseas students to Horowhenua College: Lars Riemann, Julia Gellert, Jennifer Krumkuhler, Johanna Breithaupt all from Germany, Daniel Yang from China, Mira Juvonen from Finland and Heloisa Rodrigues from Brazil.

We have begun the year with 17 overseas students coming from China, Germany, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Brazil, Japan and Finland.



On 12 February we had an international BBQ for both students and homestay parents, held at Keeling's farm. This is always a great opportunity for everyone to get to know each other better and to enjoy the country scenery.

In March the new international students enjoyed a visit to Nga Manu Bird Sanctuary which gave them the opportunity to learn about the kiwi bird and other New Zealand wild life

Recently Mira Juvonen sang a Finnish song at our full assembly. This was very much enjoyed by all and a real credit to Mira. Thank you Mira!

Mrs Keeling  
International Student Director







## Canoe Polo

Well it's been another eventful year for the teams this year! Regionals was a great event for all the teams to gauge where they are in relation to other local schools. The junior girls performed really well but were not really stretched. The junior boys had some convincing wins earlier in the round robins but narrowly lost in the finals so Nationals were not looking so good. The senior girls dominated in all their games and the senior boys, in a rebuilding phase, had some stiff opposition, managed to get in the final, but lost.

Nationals were in Feilding at the two pool complex that allowed students to see some great polo at a competitive standard from teams from throughout New Zealand. The junior girls struggled in some of the earlier games but improved as time went on. They were a little unfortunate to lose the play offs for 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> as at half time they were two goals up. A commendable effort

The junior boys had some easy pool games early on but had a crunch game against the top Hawkes Bay team. It was a thrilling, close fought game. We were lucky to draw just before full time. The next game was critical to win if making the final was an option...it was a draw at full time so we were into extra time. We won the charge thanks to Samuel who passed to Ashleigh who nailed it. Finals for the boys! The team dominated the finals being 5-0 at half time. The other team didn't really have an answer to our game and our boys went on to win 9-2.

The senior girls had some dominating games throughout the tournament and, having no losses, they were clear favourites for the top trophy. The finals was a great game to watch with full Nua support and, with the Bacons, how could we lose! It was a great display by all team members who did their bit to win the trophy. We last won it 7 years ago (we'll try and forget last year).

The senior boys were always going to struggle but showed some good determination to get a chance to play off for 3rd and 4th. It was a really thrilling game to watch as the score changed throughout the game. The boys managed to win with 10 seconds remaining on the clock....great suspense Alex.

To add to the whole event three members of our squad were picked for the tournament team, a prestigious honour for Alex Whiley, Renee Bacon and Francis Bacon.











## Athletic Sports Results

### Junior Girls

- 1 Caitlin Huria
- 2 Alexa Bryant
- 3= Sina Crichton & Nikita O'Sullivan

### Junior Boys

- 1 Israel Rota-Bond
- 2 Tim Searle
- 3 Trent Smith

### Intermediate Girls

- 1 Tessa Bartholomew
- 2 Tatum Kerehoma
- 3 Kiaana Paki

### Intermediate Boys

- 1 Roger Atkinson
- 2 Sam Davies
- 3 Jahdae Tamakaha

### Senior Girls

- 1 Renee Bacon
- 2 Frances Bacon
- 3= Sia Fuauli & Lisa Williams

### Senior Boys

- 1 Anak Andrew
- 2 Brodie Huthnance
- 3 Alex Whiley

### Girls' Field Event Champion

Renee Bacon

### Boys' Field Event Champions

1= Anak Andrew & Alex Whiley

### Overall House Points

Rata	629
Ngaio	606
Kowhai	570
Hinau	433

Renee Bacon broke a record in the 400m Senior Girls' event from 1.04.2 to 103.18.

The House Relays went to Rata who won by two points from Ngaio

The day itself was a success, however, participation numbers were down on previous years with Hinau having the lowest numbers, and this reflected in their results. There was also a cold breeze, but that did not hinder Renee Bacon who won every event she entered.



## Year 10 Camp

It was fantastic to head off to camp together with a big group of some of Nua's finest students! Tatum Park provided an enormous camping area for us and the tents. The students made quick work of assembling their tents despite the intense heat (no pun intended). The most awesome tent award went to Kaylan's group who had separate rooms, and shelving and enough room to swing several cats.

Over the period of the two days, the students enjoyed some leadership activities, many team-building events and one very loud karaoke night, many thanks to Gary O'Brien. The beautiful voices of Molly, Ruth and Shania caused goose bumps.

Tatum Park provided a scrummy meal Thursday night, followed by a delicious gateau for desert which meant Caitlyn and Toni managed to get a piece of cake on their birthdays.

Before leaving on Friday, some students tried out the flying fox and the water slide. Felix became the master of the water slide and provided repeated entertainment for spectators.

This camp proved to be a nice time for tutor teachers to meet students from other tutor groups, for students to get to know each other better, and for students to see teachers outside of the classroom environment.

Most students showed leadership qualities at some time during the camp without even realising it, but they didn't go unnoticed by the teachers. Well done Year 10!

Thanks so much to Mr Pile, Mr Green and Mr O'Brien for their organisation of the event.

Mrs Friedel  
10FRS







## Year 13 Camp



On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April a group of excited and tentative students lined up outside Matau Marae to be welcomed onto the grounds for the start of the Year 13 Camp.

Matua Chris and the students from Rangatahi Ora were there to welcome us onto the Marae. From that moment on the students felt welcomed and all of the anxiety evaporated. The students have all told me how much they enjoyed staying on the marae.

On the second day of the camp we went out to the beach and participated in a number of leadership activities. I was particularly impressed by the way in which the group worked creatively and collaboratively on these tasks. Back at Matau, the students welcomed a team from Massey University onto the marae. The speakers provided us with a fine discussion on what to do after leaving college. Thanks to Pani Kerehoma for arranging the visit.

I thoroughly enjoyed the camp and getting to know the year 13 group. I feel that a key aim of the camp, to build cohesion in the group and student confidence was achieved. The face book posts made by the students is evidence of that.



I would like to thank Gary OBrien, Pani Kerehoma, Sharon Moerkerk, Chris Wilton and Rangathi Ora for helping me to make the camp such a success.

Finally, thanks to the fantastic students of the Y13 wolf pack!!

Kerry Pile  
Leadership Coordinator



## Level 2 Chemistry



The level 2 Chemistry classes have been busy preparing for an internal assessment next term. Here is Sia rehydrating some anhydrous dihydrogen monoxide.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Level 2 Drama student Ryan Burnell. Ryan has been selected to join The Basement Theatre Company. Attached to Centrepoin in Palmerston North, this is a company of young high school performers and directors from all over the Manawatu region. This is the first time a student from Horowhenua has been involved.

Congratulations Ryan, you make us proud!

Miss Perry

TIC Drama





## Uniform Reminder

We appreciate the expense and effort that parents and caregivers make in order to have students meet the College's uniform standards. To assist us in maintaining this high standard, please go through the uniform requirements below carefully with your child to check that what they are wearing as uniform at present is acceptable. Remember skirts must be knee length, so please help us to enforce this. If you are in any doubt about issues to do with uniform, please contact the Assistant Principal, Mr Los'e, at the College.

**We now have a school uniform jacket available. This is the only jacket to be worn by junior school during Terms 2 and 3. It is recommended that Seniors wear this jacket also.**

All uniform is available from Clarks Clothing on Oxford Street in Levin.

### Junior Uniform - To be worn by Year 9 in 2014

Girls	Grey college skirt knee length or longer White striped college blouse with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Black tights or black ankle socks with shoes
Boys	Grey college shorts or trousers White striped college shirt with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Grey with red stripe college knee length socks with shoes
Jacket	Black monogrammed college jacket
Shoes	Black polishable shoes with solid sole Black roman sandals may be worn Terms 1 and 4 only

### Junior Uniform – To be worn by Year 10 only in 2014

Girls	Red and blue checked skirt knee length Mid blue, short sleeved blouse Blue v-necked college jersey with red and white trim Black tights or black ankle socks with shoes
Boys	Dark blue college shorts Mid blue, short sleeved shirt Blue v-necked college jersey with red and white trim Light blue college knee length socks with shoes
Jacket	Plain, dark blue polar fleece monogrammed jacket Also the black monogrammed college jacket
Shoes	Black polishable shoes with solid sole Black roman sandals may be worn Terms 1 and 4 only

## Senior Uniform – To be worn by Years 11-13

Girls	Black college skirt with monogram knee length or longer White short sleeved blouse with monogram Ruby red woollen jersey or cardigan with monogram Black tights or black ankle socks with shoes
Boys	Black college shorts to be worn in Term 1 only Black college monogrammed dress trousers Ruby red woollen jersey with monogram Grey with red stripe college knee length socks with shorts; short plain black socks with trousers White long sleeved shirt (winter) or short sleeved shirt (summer) with monogram Ruby red Horowhenua College tie (optional Term 1, compulsory Terms 2-4)
Shoes	Black polishable shoes with solid sole Black roman sandals may be worn Terms 1 and 4 only
College Blazer	Ruby red blazer with monogram

## Senior and Junior Students

**Boys must be clean shaven.**

**Excessive makeup, unnatural hair colour and coloured nail polish (on fingernails or toenails) are not permitted.**

**Correct uniform is to be worn by all students when they are:**

Attending school

Travelling to and from school

Representing the College on sports, cultural and educational trips

Attending College functions

### **Jewellery**

Only one small, plain stud or sleeper in each ear lobe and a watch. A necklace/pendant of major cultural significance may be worn under the blouse/shirt. No other necklaces, beads, chains, rings, bracelets or visible body piercings may be worn.

### **Uniform Passes**

If a uniform pass is required due to a short term issue please write a note to the tutor teacher giving the date by which they can expect your son/daughter to be back in uniform.

If the issue is longstanding you will need to contact the Dean to discuss ways of addressing the matter.





## NCEA Information

Original work for NCEA Assessments.

Students are being reminded that all work handed in for NCEA Assessments must be their own work. If they use information from other sources (eg reference books, the internet) then these sources must be correctly referenced and quotes must be clearly indicated.

Students must not allow other students to copy their work. Students will be denied a grade for an assessment if they share their assessment material or if they copy work from other students. Copying work from other sources such as the internet and presenting it as their own will also result in students being denied a grade for an assessment.

## Reports and Report Evenings

The schedule of reports and report evenings for Term 2 has changed from what was advertised in the Parent Handbook. The new dates are:

<b>Report</b>	<b>Issued</b>	<b>Report Evening</b>
Year 9 & 10 Interim Report	Monday 12 May	
Year 11-13 Full Report	Monday 19 May	Thursday 22 May 4.00-6.30pm
Year 9 & 10 Full Report	Monday 23 June	Thursday 26 June 4.00-6.30pm
Year 11-13 Interim Report	Thursday 3 July	

## Attendance

Under the Education Act, attendance at school is compulsory until a child's sixteenth birthday. In the interests of students' academic progress, regular attendance is required and nothing but sickness or other unavoidable cause should be allowed to interfere with attendance at school.

Please ring/email the school office immediately to advise of an absence and give a note to your child when they return to school, addressed to the tutor teacher. This note should state the cause of absence, the date of return and the exact dates to which it refers.

## Requests for Leave

Parents are requested to avoid taking their son/daughter out of school for trips. If, however, parents feel they have a compelling need to take their son/daughter away from school for reasons other than health, the correct procedure is to email or write to the Principal seeking permission before the absence takes place. The college email address is [office@horowhenua.school.nz](mailto:office@horowhenua.school.nz)



## School Information

### Term 2 2014

#### May

Saturday	3	Senior Ball
Monday	5	First day of term 2
Thursday	8	Cross Country
Friday	9	Peer Support Final Event
Monday	12	Year 9 & 10 Interim Reports issued
Friday	16	Year 11 Careers Expo
Monday	19	Senior Reports Issued
Tuesday	20	Year 12 & 13 Tourism Trip
Wednesday	21	Sports Exchange Heretaunga
Thursday	22	Year 12 SOST Social Action
		Senior Report Evening 4-6.30pm
Saturday	24	Secondary Schools North Island Swimming Champs
Thursday	29	Stage Challenge Dress Rehearsal
Friday	30	Stage Challenge
Saturday	31	Shakespeare Festival

#### June

Sun-Mon	1-2	Shakespeare Festival
Monday	2	Queens Birthday Weekend - school closed for tuition
Wednesday	4	CYN Concert (TBC)
		Manawatu Cross Country - Massey
Wednesday	12	Year 12 Victoria Visit
Sat-Mon	14-16	International Students Trip
Tue-Fri	17-20	Year 13 Geography Trip
Wed-Fri	18-20	Year 12 Geography Trip
Monday	23	Year 9&10 Full Reports issued.
Thursday	26	Level 3 Accounting Trip
		Junior Report Evening 4-6.30pm

#### July

Wednesday	2	Winter House Sports
Thursday	3	Senior Interim Reports issued
Friday	4	Last day of term 2
Monday	21	First day of term 3

## School Contact Information

Telephone: 06 3686159 or 0800 467694  
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