



# NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

April 2015

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the 2015 academic year!

The year started with an analysis of our 2014 academic results. Student academic success is our core business. We are very pleased with the progress made in 2014 and intend to consolidate on these results to move to the next level of academic achievement.

With this in mind the 2015 year has begun with a range of programmes and activities, many of which are included in this newsletter.

From the beginning of this year, we at college have discussed the meaning of the Nua Way. The NUA Way represents our three key values here at Horowhenua College:

- **Be responsible**
- **Build relationships**
- **Be successful**

Students and staff are presently in the process of defining what does it mean to be responsible... build relationships... be successful? And what does it 'look like' when someone is showing these values. This is important for us at Horowhenua College because our goal is to **"grow successful young men and young women"**.

Everything we do at Horowhenua College is with the intention of delivering this goal. So as we progress through this year, we look forward to working together (student, staff, parents, family/whānau, community) to be part of the process of growing our students into successful young men and young women.

Grant Congdon  
Principal



## NCEA Merit/Excellence Recipients

We congratulate the following students on their NCEA endorsements for 2014

### Level 1 with Excellence

Monique Ratana-Lang  
Elle Young  
Samuel Morris  
Anna Newman

Rebecca Stratton  
Karen Ryan  
Ella Robinson  
Jordan Sue

Michaela Stout  
Megan McKenzie  
Elise Anderson

### Level 1 with Merit

Samuel Taylor  
Ashlin Renner  
Naomi Gee  
Kiaana Paki  
Lani Lambert  
Hayley Donaldson  
Keiran Batten  
Sam Henry  
Margaret Rodgers

Reuben Warburton  
Geordie Parrant  
Dhanisha Harshad  
Sophie Kopke-Mason  
Kerryn Penn  
Peyton McDonald  
Kristal Davidson  
Hayden Gibbard

Aimee Dustin  
Kobe Adams  
Ayvran Mackie  
Riley Moes  
Stephanie Tarrant  
Callum Murdoch  
Liam Dyson  
Olive Penetekoso Faumuina

### Level 2 with Excellence

Rhianna Morar  
Paula McGhie  
Adam Groeneveld  
Haley Hollows

Tessa Bartholomew  
Laura Wedlock  
Harry Cookson  
Alysha Gibbard

Michael Luo  
Samuel Davies  
Emily Mose Tuialii  
Amy Yip

### Level 2 with Merit

Jie Jung  
Sophie Garbett  
Vada Bowling  
Sasha Henderson-Tukuniu  
Liam Dewar

Frances Bacon  
Keely Vine  
Eliza Boyle  
Daniel Lim

John Hyslop  
Michael Corbett  
Kristy Tarrant  
Shivana Lucinsky

### Level 3 with Excellence

Audrey Livirya

Finn Madison

Mikayla Ward

### Level 3 with Merit

Anarosa Afasene  
Jessica Freire  
Chanelle Hill

Nicole Young  
Anastasia Butler-Easton  
Laura O'Sullivan

Hannah McMillan  
Tegan Harvey

### Scholarship

Audrey Livirya (x2)

Patrick Berry



## Council Scholarship

Engineering student Audrey Livirya, Horowhenua College's 2014 Dux, has been awarded a Tertiary Scholarship from the Horowhenua District Council.

The scholarship carries a \$2500 grant towards course fees and related costs, alongside a paid 10 week internship with the Horowhenua District Council. Council Chief Executive, David Clapperton, reported that there was a high number of applicants, all of a highly competitive standard and congratulated Audrey for her success.

2015 sees Audrey heading off to begin a five year double degree in Engineering and Arts at Auckland University.

"I'm excited about the Council work experience. I think it will give me a practical sense of what it takes to be an engineer. I know it will really help me shape my career path and map out my areas of interest for study during my university years".

Well done Audrey.



## Year 9 Entrance Scholarships



Congratulations to our Year 9 Entrance Scholarship recipients. L to R: Rachel Sue - Academic, Jaymie Evans Walsh - Academic/Sport, Devontae Heather - Sport, Megan Davies - Academic/Sports/Art, Faith Cole Sullivan - Art, Josh Madgwick - Academic, Christina Cameron - Academic



## Y9 Powhiri



Each year we welcome our Year 9 students to the college with a Powhiri. We encourage parents, caregivers and teachers from their previous schools to attend. It is always pleasing to see such a good turn out to support the Year 9's and this year was no exception.





## A Word From The Board

### Spirit of Adventure

See this awesome pirate ship right here? This is where I learnt how to hoist the sails, scrub the deck and live without my phone for 5 days! I spent the most incredible, challenging and grounding 5 days of my life on this ship with another 39 student trustees from all over New Zealand.



It all started on the 22nd of January when we were separated into whānau and experienced 6am swims out by the Coromandel, seeing dolphins and lectures by NZSTA's Chris France. It was interesting hearing other student trustee perspectives on board issues and also getting to understand my role as a trustee better by lessons from Chris.

As a new member on the Board this trip made me more confident in my role and gave me a new perspective on my position and how governance works. The experiences from this trip are simply unforgettable, from climbing the mast and leading the row boat, it is something I urge future trustees to do!

I would like to thank the Board for making this a possibility and the staff of the Spirit of Adventure for making the trip so special.

Rhianna Morar  
Student Trustee 2015





## Year 9 Tabloid Sports



Year 9 Tabloid Sports are held with the Year 13's at the beginning of each year. This introduces the Year 9's to the school's house spirit and encourage the senior students to build positive relationships with the new college students.







## Swimming Sports

Some students may have set out to win, while others just participated casually. However one thing is certain, that this year's swimming sports at Horowhenua college was full of house spirit and enjoyment.

The swimming sports this year was great fun for both students and staff. The level of participation and enthusiasm was something to be commended. Many students got involved, whether it was the championship races or just the fun events. A number of

students even participated in every single event. House morale was outstandingly high at this event, with constant chanting and colourful costumes all around. It was great to see, not only the students, but also the staff getting involved. To many people's surprise, the event concluded with a staff against prefects relay race. This race may have been rather ungraceful at times but it was a great laugh and saw the youngins come out on top.



Along with all the fun, this year's swimming sports showed off a lot of talent and a number of students will likely go on to compete at the Manawatu Secondary School Champs later this term.

Frances Bacon—Sports Prefect





## 2015 Swimming Champions

### **GIRLS**

#### Year 9

1st Alina Croad  
2nd Katie Dean  
3rd= Aaliyah Thorby  
3rd= Jenna Tarrant

#### Year 10

1st Caitlin Huria  
2nd= Tyla Baker  
2nd= Elizabeth McTavish  
3rd Katelyn Stratton

#### Year 11

1st Jamie Lynn  
2nd Victoria McTavish  
3rd Kaylan Hobson-Putaka

#### Year 12/13

1st Miriam Jung  
2nd Frances Bacon  
3rd= Tessa Bartholomew  
3rd= Tatum Kerehoma

### **BOYS**

1st Darren Ryan  
2nd Shaquille Witana  
3rd James Fonoti

1st Warren Hei Hei  
2nd Alex James  
3rd Vinnie Mudgway

1st Tim Searle  
2nd Jimi Aungiers  
3rd Fraser Bartholomew

1st Josh Garcia  
2nd Samuel Morris  
3rd Shunki Nagai





## Manawatu Secondary School Swimming



Left to right: Alina Croad, Katie Dean, Tim Searle, Jimi Aungiers, Caitlin Huria

Congratulations to our swimmers who went on to the Manawatu Secondary Schools Swimming Champs.

Results as follows:

### **Boys 14 Years**

#### **Jimi Aungiers**

2nd 100 Breaststroke, 3rd 100m Freestyle, 2nd 100m Backstroke, 2nd 100m Individual Medley

### **Boys 15 Years**

#### **Tim Searle**

2nd 100m Breaststroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Freestyle

### **Girls 13 Years**

#### **Caitlin Huria**

1st 100m Backstroke, 1st 100m Individual Medley, 1st 50m Backstroke

#### **Alina Croad**

3rd 100m Breaststroke, 5th 100m Freestyle, 3rd 50m Freestyle, 6th 50m Backstroke

#### **Katie Dean**

4th 100m Breaststroke, 5th 50m Butterfly, 6th 100m Freestyle, 3rd 100m Individual Medley



## Athletic Sports

House spirit was out in full force at this years athletics day with students sporting their house colours as they battled it out on the track and in the field events, testing their limits to earn the treasured house points needed to take victory. The day started off early for the dedicated staff and students setting up the equipment before the first events of the day commenced shortly after 9am. With house points up for grabs for participation as well as placings the field was a sea of colours as students of all abilities took part in a run, jump or throw.

No inter-house competition would be complete without a chanting and dancing competition which became the finale of the day due to rain bringing it to a premature end. Gym 1 became a scene of organized chaos as house leaders fronted their respective houses in choreographed dance routines and chants. Despite some impressive efforts from Rata, Kowhai and Ngaio, Hinau's take on the Harlem shake and "who we are" chant took the win. The finals for 200m and 100m as well as house relays then took place the following week in period 5 on Tuesday.

### Athletics Champions:

Junior Girls	Caitlin Huria	Junior Boys	Neihana Wallace
Int Girls	Alexa Bryant	Int Boys	Jotham Harris
Senior Girls	Frances Bacon	Senior Boys	Alec Smith- McDermott

### House results were

1st Kowhai	2nd Rata
3rd Hinau	4th Ngaio

Samuel Davies Sports Prefect.





## Manawatu Secondary School Athletics



On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 16 Horowhenua College students headed to Palmerston North to compete at the Manawatu Secondary Schools Athletics Championships. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to compete against other top athletes from the region. They represented our College with pride and produced some outstanding results.

Thank you to Robyn Wills for being our Team Manager and supporting our athletes throughout the day.

The morning started well with Frances Bacon winning the senior girls Long Jump, following that she went on to win the Triple Jump and Javelin. Horowhenua College is going to miss the Bacon Family and the outstanding sporting achievements that they have brought to the college over the last 7 or so years.

Sam Davies continued the winning way, taking out the senior boys 3000m and placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800m. Jotham Harris after finishing second in his intermediate boys 400m heat also went on to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the final.

Horowhenua College had a number of junior athletes competing at these Championship for the first time. They did extremely well on the big stage with a huge congratulations to Faith Sullivan-Cole winning the junior girls Javelin.

Well done to all our athletes. You represented our college with pride and mana.

Brenda Wagenaar  
Head of Faculty PE



## Manawatu Secondary School Athletics





## Services Academy Induction Course



### AIM

The aim of the induction course is to introduce first year students from the Services Academy to life skills, ethos, values and goal setting, and to foster teamwork in order to provide the foundation for continued training throughout the remainder of the year in a military environment and where they can contribute and integrate positively to New Zealand as a whole.

Week one of the course was physically, mentally and culturally challenging for all the trainees. All trainees were in good spirits and remained focused and motivated with morale high throughout. A team spirit developed and remained constant through the course.



The course tested each person's character and ability to respond to a military environment quickly. Our team were put under constant pressure to meet military expectations when it came to:

- Reporting to activities and carrying out these with urgency and accuracy.
- Carrying out orders without question.
- Living in the camp barracks with 61 fellow students, sharing showers and toilets, sleeping in rooms with six others and eating in a military mess/dining hall.

They commenced each day at 0545hrs and retiring at 2200hrs each evening with the knowledge that every minute in between you are being watched, directed and supervised.

Week two was also a testing week with the sports day and drill competition being conducted. The other contest was the longest day which was used to test all the skills they were taught to date.



Drill competition is a series of drill movements taught to all Academies throughout the previous week and then tested on the parade ground with an Inspecting Officer present.

The Longest Day contest commenced at 0500 with a fire drill and finished around 5pm. Throughout the day a series of activities were completed including a required fitness level test (RFL), room inspection, equipment carry, confidence course, cross country, leadersless task stand and drill movements.

Sports Day was a series of tabloid sports of a military nature incorporating relays and team challenges.

The Academy students faced many challenges and obstacles through the course and to their credit the majority of them did exceedingly well, both physically and academically.

Staff True & Staff Hudepohl





## Cycling News



Sophie Bloxham and Amy Horn have returned successful from the recent Age Group Track Nationals held at the Avantidrome in Cambridge.

The girls raced as first year Under 17s. They both raced amazingly well over the 5 days.

They competed in the 3000 metre Team Pursuit race as part of the West Coast North Island Team which was made up of the 4 best under 17 girls from WCNI.

The girls raced in the morning to qualify and took approximately 7 seconds off the 2014 NZ record.

They raced again in the evening and took another 2 seconds off their record winning gold.

2014 record – 3.54.883

2015 New NZ record 3.45.080

Sophie also raced in the team sprint section with another girl from the WCNI team and they won the gold for team sprint.

## 10MW Science

Making soft centred chocolates in science was fun...delicious...awesome...extraordinary!

Most students have saved their beautifully decorated chocolates to take home for Easter but one who ate his said it was nice but very rich. They took three weeks to make. First of all we added the enzyme, Amylase with the central icing then we put it with various flavours such as caramel, vanilla, banana or combinations of those. Gradually we built up the layers of milk, dark or white chocolate then decorated them with 100's and 1000's and chocolate buttons.

Miss Lewis  
Science Teacher





## Deans for 2015



Mrs Vicki Wilton  
Year 9 Dean



Miss Areti Alexandrou  
Year 10 Dean



Mr Alastair Green  
Year 11 Dean



Mrs Deb Northern  
Year 12 Dean



Miss Melissa Signal  
Year 13 Dean



Mrs Lorraine Futter  
Pasifika Dean



Mr Greg Cvitanovic  
Maori Dean



Mrs Robyn Keeling  
International Student Dean



## International Department



We had a great start to the year with all the international and exchange students and their host families enjoying a BBQ together on the farm with many having rides on the ski biscuit around the lake. Our students for Term One come to us from China, Japan, Germany, Austria, Finland, Switzerland and Vietnam. We are thrilled to welcome them to our school and wish them an amazing experience here. Most of these students went on the 5 day Central North island trip to Waitomo, Matamata, Rotorua and Taupo in early March. This was a great trip, enjoying beautiful summer weather, fabulous scenery and having a wonderful time together. Our students are integrating well into the school and are keen to get to know our local students.

During the April school holidays, seven of our senior students will be going on the China Trip. They are: Shivana Lucinsky, Cindy Jung, Alysha Gibbard, Amy Yip, Naomi Hall, Georgia Floyd and Tameka Solomon. They will be accompanied by Mrs Robyn Keeling and Mr Peter Cadle. This is part of a Sister School exchange with PanYu ZhiXin Middle School in Guangzhou established last year. We hope that through this relationship we will see students coming to us to study from this school in the future. They will visit us in February next year..

We have two short term visits confirmed from Japan for Term 3 and a possible visit from India during Term 2. The students who come to us love staying with a family who already have students going to Horowhenua College. If you are interested in hearing more about what it involves to be a host family, please email Nancy Jones, [njones@horowhenua.school.nz](mailto:njones@horowhenua.school.nz) who is our homestay co-ordinator for more information. This is another way of learning about other cultures in the world and something to be encouraged.

Robyn Keeling, Director of International Education



## International Department





## Year 12 Physical Education



This term the Year 12 Physical Education class is learning about and experiencing becoming an effective leader.

Students developed knowledge on delivering quality coaching sessions through effective communication, good self and group management, planning and goal setting.

Throughout the term they have had the opportunity to deliver a number of coaching sessions at Levin Intermediate and to our Year 10 students, developing the students skills and fitness level.

The Year 12 students confidence has grown and they have become very effective leaders, all working towards gaining credits at NCEA level 2.

Brenda Wagenaar  
Head of Faculty PE





## Year 11 & 12 Self Defence

A number of our Year 11 and 12 girls took part in the girls self defence project this term. The course offered the girls the opportunity to take a positive step to reinforce their ability to think confidently, speak strongly and use their skills when necessary.

It was fantastic to see so many girls getting involved, learning new life long skills and enjoying themselves along the way.

Well done to you all.

Brenda Wagenaar  
Head of Faculty PE



## ANZ Olympic School Program

Horowhenua College has registered with the ANZ to join their ANZ Olympic School Program. We have received a kit of resources and merchandise that will help inspire and motivate our students.

You can help our College earn points and dollars by referring your mortgage to an ANZ Home Loan or Business Specialist.

If your family members or friends are looking for a home loan, or to increase their current home loan by over \$50k, speak with your local ANZ branch.

If you drawdown your home loan with ANZ and identify Horowhenua College we will receive 800 credits, equal to \$400 in spending power at the ANZ Awards Centre, to spend on items like sporting equipment or computers.

For more details please contact Sue Anderson on 06 3529015 or [sue.anderson@anz.com](mailto:sue.anderson@anz.com)





## Waka Walls



The senior art students in Year 12 and 13 have all entered into the Waka Walls project with enthusiasm. They attended the launch of this project on the 10th February at the Arts Society. We have enrolled in a few weekend workshops with established artists and will learn some new techniques to use on our final murals. Over 20 art works, from our school, and two others in the district, will be on display on the Waka Walls outside Te Takere.

These art works will be portrait in orientation, and digitally photographed and framed to sit within the huge walls. They will be on display for this year. It is a huge and exciting projects to start the year at NUA. There will be a special presentation ceremony when these works will be opened and our students are very keen and excited to be part of this for our community. This project is funded by the Horowhenua District Council and the Arts Society with help from Youth Voice at Te Takere.

Keep your eye out for the Waka Walls murals which must be completed by the end of Term 1. Students will also achieve four NCEA credits for their submission.

Jeanette Gilroy  
Head of Faculty Arts





## Girls Cricket

On Friday March 20th a group of keen cricketers went to Palmerston North for a day of action packed modified cricket. Our team had four games against Nga Tawa, Feilding High School, Awatapu College and Waiopehu College.

This tournament was all about getting female students interested in the game and to gain an understanding of the rules. Our team developed throughout the day learning many skills and the rules of the game. Although the results did not go our way there were many highlights.

Tatum Kerehoma took two wickets in one over. Caitlin Huria smashed a number of fours and the highlight of the day was winning our fourth and final game against Waiopehu College.

Well done to all the girls who took part in this day

Miss Signal  
Year 13 Dean



## Pasifika PowerUP

There will be a PowerUP school holiday programme at Te Takere for our Pacific Island students and parents 9th and 16th April. The two morning workshops 10am-1pm will focus on the following areas: goal setting/planning, study tips and organising study time. There will be guest speakers and mentors there to assist students with their study planning and light refreshments will be served.

Further workshops for students and parents will be run in terms two and three with the first one on 21st May at 5.30pm in Te Takere. If you need further information please contact [lfutter@horowhenua.school.nz](mailto:lfutter@horowhenua.school.nz)



## School Information

### Dates For Your Calendar

Dates are added to our school calendar throughout the term. Please refer to our website [www.horowhenua.school.nz](http://www.horowhenua.school.nz) for updates.

#### April

Monday	21	First day of Term 2
Wed-Fri	22-24	Y12 and Y13 Outdoor Ed Tramp (internal assessment)
Friday	24	Shakespeare Festival 6pm Paraparaumu
Monday	27	ANZAC Day Holiday - school closed for tuition
Wed-Fri	29/4-1/5	Y11 Outdoor Ed Tramp (internal assessment)

#### May

Mon-Fri	4-8	Services Academy Basic Leaders Training
Wed-Fri	6-8	Y11 Outdoor Ed Tramp (internal assessment)
Thursday	7	Heretaunga Sports Exchange Board of Trustees Meeting - College Staffroom 5.30pm
Saturday	9	Senior Ball
Tuesday	12	NUA Careers Expo
Wednesday	13	School Cross Country
Sat-Sun	16-17	Duke of Edinburgh Trip
Sun	17	Rangatahi Ora Teina Hangi
Wednesday	20	Manawatu Cross Country
Saturday	23	North Island Swim Champs
Tuesday	26	Report Evening
Thursday	28	Stage Challenge Dress Rehearsal
Friday	29	Stage Challenge, Regent Theatre, Palmerston North

#### June

Monday	1	Queens Birthday - school closed for tuition
Tuesday	2	Teacher Only Day (TBC)
Thursday	4	Board of Trustees Meeting - College Staffroom 5.30pm
Wednesday	10	Y12 Victoria University Trip
Mon-Fri	15-19	Y10 Work Week
Wed-Fri	24-26	Pasifika Arts Workshop
Sun-Tue	28-30	Rangatahi Ora Tuakana Trip

#### July

Wednesday	1	Open Evening
Thursday	2	Board of Trustees Meeting - College Staffroom 5.30pm
Friday	3	Last day of Term 2
Monday	20	First day of Term 3

### SALSA LESSONS

#### Rangatahi Ora Fundraiser

**Every Monday from 4 May in the College Hall 5-6pm.  
Gold coin donation. All Welcome**