



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

December 2012

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2012 has been another busy year with many changes. We are having to adjust to 'change being the norm'.

We began with a roll explosion from the mid 600 to 730. We introduced a new student management system KAMAR which has made information and data collection easier and more accessible to all staff and seven new members of staff were welcomed to our College.

There are changes a foot in education and for secondary education this has been seen through the introduction of Educational Pathways. Educational Pathways is a guarantee of free tertiary opportunities for all learners to achieve a foundation NCEA Level 2 qualification with clear pathways to further education and work. The goal set by the government is for 85% of all 18 year olds to achieve NCEA Level 2 by 2017. For years education has been based on the traditional university pathway model and as many of you will have experienced this model does not fit well with all students. The Academies model provides an opportunity for free Trades Training whilst still being supported at school. This Trades Academy concept will be extended in the years ahead and planning for a more collaborative approach involving the four local colleges will begin in 2013.

NCEA is constantly being refined and this year Level 2 experienced significant changes and staff attended further training and discussion groups with other colleges.

We gave Year 11 students more time to continue their studies and greater opportunities to gain more credits at the end of the year. This proved to be very successful in terms of increasing their focus on achievement.

Property changes were not huge this year and we were all pleased to enjoy what we have without having to manage and adjust to another huge project.



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Having said that, we did change the Student Centre around and it has now become a more welcoming environment for the students and definitely a more comfortable environment for the staff who are working there. At the Student Centre we also have a visiting doctor one day per fortnight, a nurse who will be here more or less full time next year, a physio and our Youth Coordinator who is provided for the college through Life to the Max and the Social Sector Trial. Maria provides an additional service to help students and their families to address barriers to student learning. Our Guidance councillor is resident in this area also.

Every year I look back with great pride at the achievement of our students who are involved in so many aspects of college life. Our academic students have again excelled and we began the year celebrating their success.

Firstly we congratulated the scholarship winners who gained seven scholarships. These students sat extra examinations for NCEA and in receiving scholars are in the top 3% of the country. Alexander Heyes gained scholarship in Biology, Physics and mathematics, Tahiwī Trenor Hunt—Painting, Andrew Berry—Statistics and Modelling and Andrew Lankshear—Biology and Accounting.

A celebration lunch was held with 59 of our Year 11-13 students who gained merit and excellence endorsements. This is now an annual event and fast becoming a tradition at NUA. It was a fantastic start to the year and I congratulate all of our High Achievers.

The sporting scene is so important for students and rightly so for as Judge Bycroft said “kids who play sport don’t end up in court”. We have had both great participation and great results this year as was celebrated at our college Sports Awards. Three of our past pupils were chosen for the NZ Olympic squad: Cathryn Finlayson - Blacksticks, Grant Taylor - Small Bore Shooting and Steven Kent - Swimming. Gemma Dudley was also a reserve for the track cycling team.

We are always delighted to host visitors to the college and this year we welcomed Meijo University High School students and the number of international students on our roll increased to 30. Our students benefit, as does the community, from hearing about the rest of the world through our visitors. Mrs Keeling took a group of students to China and we are hoping to confirm 5 incoming visits for 2013—two from Japan, one from Vietnam, one from India and one from Taiwan. She will also be arranging a school trip to Vietnam in 2014.

Rangatahi Ora has continued its success and has grown from strength to strength with the numbers doubling. Thank you to Matua Chris for his enthusiasm and dedication to the students and the Whanau for supporting the initiative.

Stage Challenge was a huge success, we didn’t get placed but we received 13 Certificates of excellence. We received the cup for Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role at the Sheila Winn Shakespeare competition. The icing on the cake for Cultural Awards was to have Dawn Saunders, Head of Shakespeare NZ, present awards on the evening.

Attendance has improved to 82% This improvement could be attributed to the school portal, text and email messages daily and generally improved communication with Parents and caregivers. If we included the intermittent and justified absences which are parent justified absences it reaches 95%



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PB4L and Restorative practices are being embedded and along with the NUA Way are becoming the way we do things at NUA.

Our students have been excellent ambassadors in the community whether at Anzac day where Michael Fryer gave an excellent speech, the opening of TeTakare, visits to contributing schools, powhiri, open nights, activities week trips and interacting with our visitors, they can be relied to represent us with pride.

The celebration of success for this year began with Cultural Awards and Sports Awards and recently eight students from Horowhenua College received Council Youth Excellence Scholarships. Gary O'Brien was also honoured for the work he does within the community and received a civic honours award. Congratulations to both the students and Gary.

Education is no longer confined within the buildings and grounds of the college – we need to find experiences beyond and we couldn't do it without the support of the community. Whether you are a board member, a parent supporting sport, a team manager, a coach, or a business supporting a gateway or Year 10 work week student, a sponsor or a donator of goods or services – a huge thank you.

We will be needing lots of work placements for our academy students, homestays long term and short for our incoming visitors and we welcome visitors to talk about their careers so if you are able to help we would love to hear from you.

Whilst the happy experiences of the year will be remembered by us all one memory holds great sadness for us. In September we farewelled our groundsman, Ken Body. For the past 24 years he keep our gardens in tip top condition. In particular he will be remembered for the work he did in the quadrangle. We will think of him each year as we enjoy the garden he so lovingly cared for and admire the roses he tended when they bloom. We will remember him fondly, he will be missed.

Sadly staff leave us and at the end of this year we farewelled Mrs Winters, Mrs Cameron, Mr Bryant and Mr Frost. I thank them for their contribution to Horowhenua College and their dedication to the students. I wish them well for their future path.

We also farewelled two long standing members of staff. Mrs Margaret Clarke who has been with us for 22 years teaching Mathematics and Calculus. Her expertise and wisdom will be greatly missed. Secondly Mr Richard Prescott who has been at the college for 33 years. He has educated, entertained and cared for the scientists in the college and particularly the chemists amongst us. They will both be missed and I wish them all the best for a long and happy retirement.

Thank you to the staff who will continue the journey with us, you are a dedicated, hardworking team. I appreciate your expertise and your support and encouragement of our students.

Thank you to Te One Jacob Bradley and Harriet Boyle, Head Boy and Girl for 2012, our deputies Tim Sue and Maila Muliaga and the motivated team of Prefects.



A Word From Our Principal

We welcome our 2013 Prefect Team. I look forward to working with them next year.



Back Row: Ryan Dustin, Gemma Hill (Deputy Head Girl), Andrew Williams, Melissa Riwaka, Max Mason (Head Boy), Anna Jeffries, Paki, Fabrizio Pickering, Shem Harris, Mikaere Paki, Lawrence Finau (Deputy Head Boy).

Front Row: Maddie Hansen, Maddie Taylor, Kate Forward (Head Girl), Rebecca Brown.

To those that have left you were a wonderful group of young people who I am confident will continue to strive to achieve. We look forward to monitoring your progress.

We have enjoyed our year. Well done NUA, another successful year of student participation and success. Our motto Essayez and Never Under Achieve at NUA serve to describe us well.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Brenda Burns



2012 Dux Brent Staples



2012 Top Year 10 Student Alysha Gibbard



Sports Awards 2012



This year the Sports Awards were held in November preceded by the coaches/managers function held in the school staffroom. The sports prefects thanked all the volunteer coaches and managers for the time and effort they had put in this year with the students, knowing full well that they would not be playing sport without these helpers.

The main award ceremony was held in the school hall with a large turnout of supporters there to see the students collecting their awards and to listen to Jasper Bats our guest speaker/top kayaker/ex head boy who was very interesting to listen to as he strives to make the Rio Olympic team.

Many students won one award, some students took home several awards but the top sports boy and girl awards went to Josh McLean and Renee Bacon. The highest sporting achievement award went to Jamie Searle.

Top Left: Josh McLean

Middle: Renee Bacon

Bottom: Jamie Searle

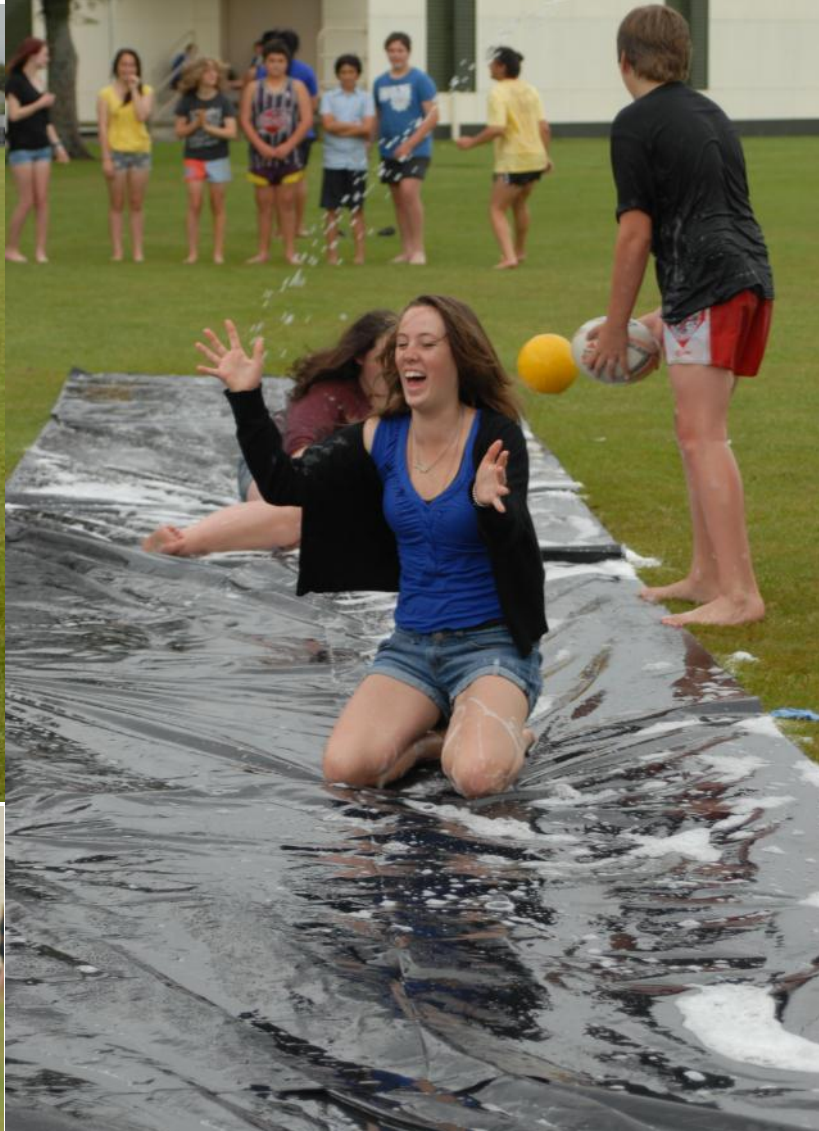


A special mention to staff member Gary O'Brien who was recognised for his 46 years of service to sport and who was awarded Horowhenua College Coach of the Year jointly with Peter Bolton.





Tabloid Sports





Civic Honours 2012



The 2012 Civic Awards Ceremony held at Te Takere on Thursday 29 November celebrated and acknowledged the potential and successes of a number of young people, and the significant contribution made by a number of people over many years to our community.

More than 250 people attended the ceremony where 12 Youth Scholarships for Excellence were presented (in the categories of Sport, Art/Culture, Academia or Community Service), alongside medals in recognition of 50 years outstanding community service. Certificates of Recognition for extraordinary service to the community, three Special Mayoral Awards acknowledging projects undertaken by individuals, and the 2012 Civic Honours, recognising meritorial service, were also awarded during the evening.

Congratulations to Horowhenua College students: Monique Lang, Silabhakta Livirya, Josh Davies, Hadlee Lineham, Lisa Williams, Renee Bacon and Maila Muliaga who were awarded Youth Scholarships (Renee and Maila are missing from the photo).

Congratulations also to Gary O'Brien who was awarded a Citizenship Award for service to the community.



International Department News

Red carpet premiere for The Hobbit.

The day dawned sunny and warm and there was much anticipation as a group of international students headed off to Wellington to be part of the red carpet action for the premiere of the The Hobbit. We arrived in Wellington and walked around the waterfront which looked stunning and was buzzing with excitement. The first



place to visit was the Artisan Market where local artists who had worked on The Hobbit were selling their wares. Then the group went their own ways to find the best spot to view the stars as they walked the red carpet. Quite by accident, many of us managed to be right in the front row, or very near to the front and had a great spot for 'star-gazing'! After standing for a couple of hours in the heat and being closely surrounded by thousands of excited fans, the wait was worth it, as literally a parade of stars walked right past us. Many of the group were lucky enough to get autographs or shake hands with their idols and being part of the atmosphere was an unforgettable experience for all. One of the group even managed to be interviewed by One News.

Nga Manu Wildlife Sanctuary



Following on from our day in Wellington, the next day we went to Nga Manu wildlife sanctuary in Waikanae. Again, it was a stunning day and whilst at Nga Manu, we were privileged to handle tuatara and feed the eels. The lookout provided us with spectacular views of the Tararua and was a great spot for some photos. Before we left Nga Manu we had a walk through the native bush and after lunch went to the Waikanae pools for a swim. Another great day all round.



Drama News

Congratulations to Dawn Sanders, recent visitor to our school, pictured with her **Mayor's Award for Significant Contribution to Theatre** in Wellington recently. Dawn who is founder and Chief Executive of Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ, organises the annual University of Otago Shakespeare Festivals, National Shakespeare Schools Production and SGCNZ Young Shakespeare Company.

Mrs Sanders attended our own Horowhenua College Cultural Awards at my invitation to support our drama students. Not only did she offer to give out the Shakespeare Festival awards, but she was delighted with the level of talent and commitment displayed by our students. We have now competed and won a cup at the regional festival for three years in row! Next year we're aiming for the Nationals and from there, who knows, one lucky student could find themselves on their way to The Globe in London.

Keep aiming high Nua kids – I believe in you ☺

Miss Perry



Dawn Sanders

Roha Taiapa's award for outstanding performance in a supporting role at the regional Shakespeare Festival.





Drama News



My awesome junior students rehearsing in the quad for their assessment on Book of the Dead.

Egypt, tombs, mummy/zombies, slow motion, freeze frames, chorus, mime, thriller moves – we had it all going on in Year 9.

Thanks to all the Year 9s for a great year in Drama – you rock!

Miss P.





Message from Education Horowhenua

To: Graduates of Horowhenua High Schools 2012
From: Education Horowhenua
Re: Support and mentoring for the next big step

Congratulations on successfully completing your high school education. Education Horowhenua is a community organisation keen to support all aspects of education in Horowhenua and beyond.

We'd like to offer you access to a network of other young people who have recently gone through similar experiences to those you are about to so that you can benefit from their learning.

Sometimes the leap from a small town where you know everyone to studying or working in a bigger place where no one knows you can be more difficult than you imagine. It doesn't take long to adjust but there are times like the first weeks when the lecturers try to scare you about how hard the work is going to be and you haven't yet made new friends, exam times, choosing the next year's papers and looking for a job, where it could be helpful to have the backup from someone who's already done it and survived.

We would provide links to a range of people who have been in your new area or career field and allow you to have conversations, perhaps ask for advice or just compare experiences through a variety of media; Facebook (or similar), texts, phone calls or a chat over coffee. All conversations would be private but a coordinator will ensure that the relationships are safe for [everyone](#).

You can register with us at any time by sending an e-mail to:
edhorowhenua@gmail.com

We won't communicate with you unless you ask us to. If you do get in touch please tell us about yourself and your plans for next year.

Diane Denton
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Real Art Roadshow



Our Art Department have secured a visit from the Real Art Roadshow in March next year. This is a great opportunity for our students and we look forward to their visit. For further information on the collection that will be touring the country go to:

http://www.realartroadshow.co.nz/artworksSilver01/Barrar_Wayne.html



Uniform Requirements

Dear Parents / Caregivers

UNIFORM

Recently it has become apparent that a number of our students are letting the College and themselves down by the inappropriate way they are wearing their school uniforms.

Our first concern is with students who, for no legitimate reason, wear non-regulation items to school. Non regulation items include shoes, jackets, sweatshirts, track pants, jewellery and excessive makeup which do not conform to our current uniform code. A number of students also wear hats or beanies which are not part of the uniform and should not be brought to school at all.

Our second concern is that many students are wearing their uniform in a very untidy manner. A small but significant number of boys have been wearing their shorts so low that the waistband is around their hips instead of their waist. Similarly there are a number of girls who are wearing their skirts far too short. This is clearly unacceptable and causes offence to others.

We are proud of our uniform and we believe that it can look very smart. The senior uniform was introduced after consultation with students, parents, community and staff and it was the smartness of it that was commented on widely. We are most grateful for that input but we now need your assistance in ensuring that our students look their best at all times.

In 2013 we are introducing the concept of a one stop shop for uniform and this will commence with our Year 11 students who will only be able to purchase senior uniform from Clarks Clothing on Oxford Street, Levin. This is the one stop shop for all senior uniform from 2013. It will assist the school and parents in ensuring that all the students are wearing the correct uniform. A one stop shop eliminates all the questions parents/ caregivers have to face with uniforms. Can you wear this? Are you allowed to wear that? These are questions you no longer need to ask.

All uniform items will bear our logo and Clarks will have all the answers regarding the requirements of Horowhenua College School Uniform for seniors from 2013

Payment plans are available at Clarks so please make arrangements if needed, as early as possible.

We will also work with parents to assist where we can, to ensure that all students are able to obtain the correct uniform. Please let us know if you need assistance.



Uniform Requirements

We would appreciate your support in making sure that your son/daughter is in correct uniform at all times and does not wear to school any items of clothing that are not part of the uniform. It would also be useful if you could encourage boys to keep their shirts tucked in. Boys also need to be told to pull their shorts up properly and girls to keep their skirts to knee length. Apart from small stud earrings or sleepers, no visible body piercing jewellery is allowed, and only a watch may be worn. Boys must also be clean shaven.

If a student is wearing non-regulation items which cannot be confiscated such as shoes or track pants, and the student has not followed college procedures, the student will be refused entry to class. Parents will be contacted and he or she will be sent home to get changed or parents will be requested to bring the necessary items of uniform to school.

At the start of each term we have a “blitz” on uniform and students who do not conform to our uniform regulations are engaged with. The above consequences will be applied and in all cases where we have concerns about a student’s uniform, that student’s parents will be informed.

We would appreciate your continuing support in ensuring that our students wear correct uniform at all times. If you have any queries or concerns about uniform you are most welcome to contact me at the College.

James Los’e
Assistant Principal





Past Pupil Success



Congratulations to Finn Gilroy who has successfully completed his Bachelor of Dental Surgery and will be returning to Levin to work at Queen Street Dental Surgery in the new year.

Technology Department



Ready for testing. It was great to see the excitement as the senior Auto Engineering boys finished the first of the big karts. Tony, Janik, Jordon, Uli, Alex.



Census Information

2013 Census. It's not
just about numbers.

**It's really
about people.**

7000+ jobs

We need people in your area.

Tuesday, 5 March 2013 is census day.
You can be part of this major event.

We need people like you to join our
collections team. The census will
provide vital information for our
country. This is your opportunity
to work locally and do
something special for
your community.



To join our team, apply online today
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School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Term 1 2013

January

Tuesday	22	College Office open from 9-3.30pm
Monday	28	8.40am-3pm Year 13 Peer Support Training.
Tuesday	29	8.40am-3pm Year 9 Students Induction Day with Year 13.
Wednesday	30	8.40am-3.10pm. All students in.

February

Friday	1	P5 Year 9 and 13 Tabloid Sports
Tuesday	5	Year 9 Sausage Sizzle
Wednesday	6	Waitangi Day—School Closed.
Thursday	7	Year 13 Camp
Friday	8	Year 13 Camp
Thursday	14	Year 9 Welcome Dance
Tuesday	19	Swimming Prelims
Thursday	21	NCEA Information Evening
Friday	22	Swimming Sports Finals

March

Saturday	2	Canoe Polo Regionals
Wednesday	6	Athletics Day
Saturday	16	Manawatu Athletics Sports
Monday	18	Real Art Roadshow
Tuesday	19	Real Art Roadshow
Fri-Sun	22-24	Canoe Polo Nationals
Wednesday	27	Parent Conferences
Thursday	28	Parent Conferences
Friday	29	Good Friday - School Closed

April

Monday	1	Easter Monday - School Closed.
Tuesday	2	Easter Tuesday - School Closed
Monday	8	Year 13 Young Leaders Trip Wellington
Saturday	13	Manawatu Swimming Sports Shakespeare Festival
Friday	19	Last day of Term 1

Email Addresses

Please ensure the college has your email address. Newsletters are now being emailed home along with other important notices during the year.

If you are not receiving communications by email we may not have an up to date email for you.

Please forward any changes to horowhenuacollege@horowhenua.school.nz