



# NUA NEWS

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## A Word From the Principal

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

December 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The end of the year has arrived and with it the opportunity to take stock of what has been achieved over the past 12 months.

In amongst the "busyness" of day to day college life, students are challenged with having to balance the opportunities and demands that come their way. Without a clear focus of what college life is all about and the purpose for learning, students can easily lose focus and become distracted.

It has therefore been very pleasing to see so many students receiving acknowledgement for their academic achievements at the recent Senior and Junior prizegivings.

The purpose for students attending college is to learn and achieve academic results that reflect their maximum potential. Academic achievement that results in a qualification being awarded is equivalent to a student earning a key - a key which is able to open a door of opportunity into a job, career, further learning or some other opportunity. As a student progresses through college they gain more keys as they continue to achieve academic success.

By attending consistently and working at a steady rate to the best of their ability a student will find they gather a "bunch of keys" over time which enables them to choose what door they want to open for themselves. This is the privilege that education provides.



## A Word From the Principal

At the recent Senior prizegiving we announced Audrey Livirya as our Dux for 2014. This is a wonderful achievement and represents her consistent hard work over five years of secondary education. Proxime Accessit (runner up to the Dux) was awarded to joint winners: Finn Madison and Nicole Young. Congratulations to these students and to all the others who were acknowledged for their achievements at our prizegivings.

As we finish 2014 and prepare for 2015, I encourage all of our students to identify their goals for the coming year. As the saying goes, "If you aim at nothing, that's all you'll get". So aim high and aim for the best you can do and with hard work we can all celebrate your success in 12 months time.

It only remains for me to thank parents/caregivers and extended family/whanau for your support over 2014. When the new college year begins we will continue our partnership as together we work to provide the very best education for our children.

Meri kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa.  
Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Nga mihi  
Grant Congdon



Pictured Horowhenua College Dux for 2014 Audrey Livirya with her parents and the Principal Mr Grant Congdon



## Senior Prizegiving 2014



Our Senior Prizegiving was held at the beginning of December and it was a wonderful celebration of the academic achievements of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students. 122 students were presented with certificates and/or prizes and 80 Year 13 students received graduation certificates. Over \$30,000 dollars worth of scholarships were awarded to Y13 students who are heading off to tertiary studies next year.

We congratulate all prizewinners and in particular those who were top of their year level. Ella Robinson was the winner of the Past Pupils Association Prize for top student in Year 11, Laura Wedlock was the top student in Year 12, and Audrey Livirya was Dux.

A number of Year 13 students received scholarships, most notably Alex Whiley who was awarded the Massey University College of Business "Captains Club" Leadership Award for Excellence in Leadership. This scholarship recognizes the outstanding leadership shown by Alex during his year as Head Boy and is worth \$5,000.

Jessica Freire won the Victoria University School Leaver Scholarship for Academic Excellence which provides \$5,000 towards the first year of a Bachelor's degree at Victoria University.

Two local trusts, the Atkins Scholarship Trust and the Frank Bryce Masonic Charity Fund, awarded three scholarships: \$2,000 from the Atkins Trust for each of the first three years of tertiary study to Anarosa Afasene who intends to study nursing at Massey University and two scholarships from the Frank Bryce Masonic Charity Fund worth \$1,500 each to Samarah Harris and Mu Teo. Samarah is heading to Victoria University for a Bachelor of Tourism Management and Mu will be studying accounting at Massey.

We are very grateful to these two trusts and the many other local businesses and organisations which support our students by donating prizes and scholarships.

At the prizegiving our Head Students for next year were announced. Emily Mose Tuialii and Nathaniel Payton are our Head Boy and Girl and their Deputies are Tessa Bartholomew and Sam Davies.





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## Supreme Awards for 2014

### **Audrey Livirya**

1st L3 Accounting, Orton Cup  
1st L3 Biology, Paper Plus Prize  
1st L3 Chemistry, Body Cup  
1st L3 English, Luhrs Cup  
1st L3 Physics, Gordon Cup  
Dux

Jansen Cup, Ward Cup, Thomas Memorial Prize, Board of Trustees Prize, Cullinane Steele Prize

### **Nicole Young**

2nd L3 Biology  
2nd L3 Chemistry  
2nd L3 Physics  
1st L3 Statistics, Lange Cup  
Proxime Accessit

Batten Cup

Thomas Memorial Prize, Board of Trustees Prize, Cullinane Steele Prize

### **Finn Madison**

2nd L3 Business Studies  
2nd L3 English  
2nd L3 History  
1st L3 Social Studies, Grey Cup  
Proxime Accessit  
Batten Cup

Thomas Memorial Prize, Board of Trustees Prize, Cullinane Steele Prize





## Junior Prizegiving

This ceremony was held on the last day of school and featured several aspects of note. There was a gold slip draw before the ceremony and among other items, an ipad was won.

The ceremony, hosted by Reuben Dahya (representing Speech finalists), Molly Fuauli (representing Pacific students), Jamiee Harris-Woolston (representing the Student Council) and Kaylan Putaka-Hobson (representing Rangatahi Ora), lasted for 90 minutes and for the first time in some years the staff wore academic regalia: gowns and hoods. The guests were deputy mayor Garry Good representing the Horowhenua District Council, and Mrs Daphne Linnell the president of Levin Rotary.

The three addresses were from: Board Chairman, Mr C Hartwell, new principal, Mr G Congdon, and Head Students for 2014 Alex Whiley and Chanelle Hill.

Entertainment was provided by Joshua Young who played a piece by J C F Bach on the piano, and later in the ceremony by Savanna Mabey and Jordan Brandt who sang the ever-popular "Dear Future". Illness prevented Destiny Anderson from performing.

Awards distributed were the Core Class Awards, the general Subject Awards and the Essayez Awards to students in each of the twelve junior core classes. At the end of the ceremony the supreme awards were distributed: the Blenkhorn Memorials went to Alexa Bryant and Jimi Aungiers for their high participation in all aspects of college life. In Year 9 Mercina Nielsen was the runner-up to Kelly Carline, that year's top academic student, who won the Old Pupils' trophy. In Year 10 the runner-up was Hannah Wedlock and the top academic student in the junior school was Jotham Harris who won, not only the Old Pupils' Cup, but also an award of \$150 from Levin Rotary.

At the end of the ceremony it was noted that Year 9 had suddenly become Year 10's, and that Year 10 was wearing the blue uniform for the last time at a school ceremony. A cheer was heard when Year 10 was told that as the new Year 11's they were now part of senior school. And then everyone went to get reports and headed home to start their holidays.

Mr S Smith  
Prize giving convenor

L-R: Jotham Harris, Hannah Wedlock, Kelly Carline and Mercina Nielsen





## Art News



Congratulations to Moana Lambert whose artwork was chosen to adorn one of Levin's Chorus cabinets.

The project has been part of the Horowhenua District Councils Pride and Vibrancy Action Plan, in conjunction with the Chorus Cabinet Art Programme which works with communities to reduce graffiti. Chorus funds the project including artist time and materials and 2014 is the second year in a row that Chorus has funded cabinets in Levin.

Moana is pictured here with her winning art work that was chosen to adorn the large Chorus cabinet on the corner of MacArthur Street and Easton Way.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Hayley Goodyer who was chosen to play in the Junior Blacksticks Woman International Tour and is presently playing in the Gold Coast.

Well done Hayley.







## Youth Excellence Awards



Left to right: Trent Smith, Amy Horn, Hayley Goodyer, Hannah McMillan, Sophie-Leigh Bloxham and Roha Taiapa.

Youth Excellence Scholarship certificates were presented at the Civic Honours Awards Evening on 25 November. Students were acknowledged for their achievements in art and culture, sport, academia and community service. These awards are designed to reward young people's efforts in these four categories, and provide recipients with \$250 to help fund their chosen venture to see them reach their potential.

Congratulations to Roha Taiapa and Hannah McMillan who received their awards for Art and Culture and Trent Smith, Hayley Goodyer, Sophie-Leigh Bloxham and Amy Horn who received their awards for Sport.



## Year 10 Spanish Trip



On November 18 Miss Jones and eight Year 10 Spanish students went to Wellington. In the morning we visited the Embassy of Mexico where we were received by the 2IC of the embassy as the ambassador was out of town. He told us about the very good trade and diplomatic relationship New Zealand has with Mexico, and the opportunities young New Zealanders have to work and study in Mexico. After lunch we went up to Victoria University and practised our Spanish in the Language Learning Centre there, hosted by the enthusiastic LLC staff. The day was “divertido” and “muy interesante”!

Senora Jones  
TIC Spanish







## Year 13 Leavers Dinner

The Year 13 Leavers Dinner was a huge success. It was an incredible night filled with great memories, people and laughs whilst reminiscing on our last five years at Horowhenua College. Many parents and teachers joined us to celebrate our achievements and to close the final chapter of our schooling lives.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the students, parents and teachers who attended and also the committee who created a night to remember.

Congratulations Wolfpack, we made it!

Anna Butler-Easton  
Year 13





## Activities Week Rotorua

On Monday 8 December a band of 46 Junior students accompanied by Mr Smith, Mr Marwick, Mrs Northern and Mrs McCormick embarked on a Uzabus and headed for Rotorua. We stayed at the Keswick Camp just under the flight path of Rotorua Airport and 100 meters from the edge of Lake Rotorua, which provided the venue for several group dips and swimming experiences. Half a kilometer up the road was the Owata branch of McDonalds where we held our tutor times each night at 8.30.

Monday was spent travelling with breaks at Taihape for food and coffee and Taupo for a bit of shopping. These breaks meant that a 5 hour journey was cut into segments and easier to cope with. Headphones were used to cope with Mr Smiths vaguely informative commentary.

Tuesday saw us off to Skyline Gondolas and the Luge on the slopes of (hopefully) extinct Mount Ngongotaha. Fierce competition ensued for the luge championship which was won by Jamie Lynn, just pipping Israel Rota-Bond at the post. After a tense few minutes involving potentially lost cards and wallets (all sorted) some of the crew went Bungy Swooping, and this was accompanied by screams of delight, fear and exhilaration.

After lunch we went to Rainbow Springs to see trout, kiwi, tuatara and other fauna on display. This park also boasts the Big Splash, a boat ride taking about 9 minutes through NZ's history, and which ends in a 2 storey high plummet down a water slide ending with . . . yes, a big splash. We could have as many rides as we liked; many of us did too.

Later that afternoon Mr Smith took some of the party for a short walk through Ohinemutu to see the meeting house of Tama Te Kapua (navigator of the Arawa canoes) and St Faith's church on the edge of the lake.

The next day we went to Agroventures at Ngongotaha where we had a choice of 2 rides on two activities. Most went on the Bungy Swing which involved being trussed up like 3 chickens, raised to a great height and then hurtling through the air at about 130kmh. Once again the air was filled with screams and squeals. Other students tried the Freefall, being thrust into the air by a jet engine and "flying", while the other two activities, the jet boat and the schweb (bicycles suspended below rails), attracted their devotees as well. By the time we left everyone was tired and happy, and had the dvds to prove it.

After lunch we went to the Polynesian Spa for a quiet hour or so of soaking in thermal mineral pools, some as hot as 42 degrees. Shopping came next. Rain that evening shortened the lake swim but did not prevent the trek to Macca's for the final tutor time. By midnight most were asleep (or pretending to be) and silence descended. Breakfast on Thursday followed by the cleanup was a muted affair.

Then we headed south from Sulphur City, happy, broke but mainly asleep. A quick lunch in Waiouru and then a 2 hour dash got us back home. As one student said, she could have stayed longer in Rotorua but couldn't wait to get home to tell everyone about the trip. A group photo was taken by driver Ellen and then it was all over until next year.

Mr S Smith (the elder)





## Activities Week Rotorua



Above: Britney Ward, Jenna Pedley and Mikaylah Lucinsky ready for the Bungy-swing.  
Below: Mrs Northern and Mrs McCormick checking their jet-boat assisted hair styles.







## Activities Week Mosaics



The Mosaics crew had a week in the art room with Mrs Gilroy unleashing their creative talents and producing some lovely work.







## Activities Week Variety Trips

*Four days....eight events....45 intrepid students.*

Missed out this year? Come and join us in 2015 for indoor and outdoor fun. Activities include paintballing, Adrenalin Forest, Ten Pin Bowling, Lazer Tag, Lazer Maze, Daytona Karts and the Mockinjay movie.







## Duke of Edinburgh



On the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, at six in the morning, nine Duke of Edinburgh award participants set out to conquer the Northern Tongariro Circuit. After many date changes and hut booking debacles, the long awaited gold and silver award expedition was underway.

Along with our four tag-along teachers, the participants endured a six hour walk on the first day, encountering a variety of weather patterns, such as sun, wind, and then rain. Only just making it to the hut before the real weather came in, the group relaxed at the popular Oturere Hut after seeing stunning volcanic landscapes. Two features that were unforgettable were the Emerald Lakes and the Red Crater, both bright and vivid landmarks amongst the rocky scenery.

The second day involved a moderate sleep in and an easy three hour walk through relatively flat terrain, a stark contrast to the steep slopes we had endured the day before. This acted as a good rest day, and everyone was able to relax and do as they pleased when we arrived at the unusually smelly Waihohonu Hut (the long drops were in the process of being emptied). Day time activities included swimming in the nearby creek, exploring the old Waihohonu Hut (and extricating a possum from its premises), teaching myself how to whistle (with the help of Mr Cadle), and an entertaining game of boys VS girls charades.

The last day was another long walk with a five hour tramp in windy cloudy weather. After another change in terrain, the group travelled through scrub and mist towards Whakapapa Village, the marker for the end of our journey. During the walk, the group did miss out on the opportunity to view the Tama Lakes, as it was too misty, however towards the end of the walk, the mist had cleared a considerable amount, fortunately enough so that the group was able to see the Taranaki Falls waterfall.





## Duke of Edinburgh



Overall the group had a great time on this tramp, getting to experience a variety of terrains and learning a lot about the more popular walking tracks in New Zealand. On behalf of the Duke Of Edinburgh participants (myself, Hayden, Kerry, Ella, Rinki, Courtney, Jordan, Samuel, Michael), I'd like to say thank you to Mr Andre Jacobs, our award coordinator who took care of administrative details and who also looked after us on this walk. Also, the teachers who came on this trip to supervise us, without you we couldn't experienced this tramp, (Mr Pete Cadle, Miss Luciana Abriata, Miss Sarah Dyson).

The entire Duke Of Edinburgh Award group (bronze level participants as well) would also like to thank Swazi for their generous support in sponsoring our group, as their donations are greatly appreciated and very warmly received.

Alysha Gibbard

Year 12







## NZ Secondary School Athletics

Three Levin athletes took part in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Championships, held at Whanganui recently. Renee Bacon (Year 13), Frances Bacon (Year 12) and Roger Atkinson (Year 12) all represented Horowhenua College. Juggling study for exams with training, they were generally happy with their results. Renee came 6<sup>th</sup> in the discus, 11<sup>th</sup> in the 400m and 20<sup>th</sup> in the long jump. Frances came 13<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump (with a personal best performance) and 17<sup>th</sup> in the long jump. Roger competed in the 100m and 200m, but had to withdraw injured from the long jump. Anak Andrew (who performed so well at Manawatu Secondary School Champs earlier in the year) was unable to compete due to a Football injury.

All four are members of Levin Athletics Club, where Renee and Frances are also involved with coaching younger athletes. Their training will continue with the North Island Senior Champs and various Secondary School and National Senior track and field meets on early next year.



Left to right: Roger Atkinson, Renee Bacon, Frances Bacon





## Past Pupils



### Nua Girls on World Canoe Polo Stage

The New Zealand Canoe Polo teams were a month in Europe, playing in the World Championships in Thury-Harcourt, France.

The Horowhenua has always been a strong for top level canoe polo players, with 4 of the 7 member women's team being past students of Horowhenua College. Megan Juno, Erin Bolton, Emma Hicks and Hannah Staples all showed they can match it with the best in the world. While Canoe Polo is very much a fringe sport in New Zealand, it is very big in Europe with 26 countries participating in the World Championships.

The New Zealand women's team played warm up tournaments in the Netherlands (finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ECA Cup behind Germany and Italy), France (where they won the Breizh Cup) and Belgium (where they won the De Paddel International Poppies Tournament), before heading to the World Championships.

At the World Championships they won their pool with closely fought wins over Denmark, Italy, Poland and a huge 18-1 victory over the USA. Progressing to the second round they beat Switzerland and the Netherlands but lost to Great Britain. This meant they met the world champion German team in the semi-finals. After a nail-biting 2-all draw the game had to go to golden goal extra time to determine a winner. Erin started the extra time charge, winning the race to the ball, but unfortunately the team couldn't convert with a goal due to some tremendous German defence. Germany eventually scored the golden goal. In the other semi-final, between Great Britain and France, Great Britain also won in extra time.



## Past Pupils

That meant a Bronze medal match for New Zealand against France. This was never going to be easy with about 15,000 French supporters on their home “turf”. New Zealand’s support group of about 30 parents, all dressed in black and waving the silver fern, definitely made themselves heard, but like the girls on the water it was difficult to compete. After a 6-3 loss the New Zealand women retained their ranking of 4<sup>th</sup> in the world (outstanding for our small country so far away from any competition), but the women were really disappointed to come home without a medal, having gone so close in the semi-final to the gold medallists.

The Nua girls played really well with Erin top scoring for the team and Megan being the 2<sup>nd</sup> top scorer. Emma is always tricky to defend with her sneaky left-hand goals and Hannah played well in the unenviable position of goalie.



On the water for the Bronze medal match from left: Emma Hicks, Megan Juno, Hannah Staples, Tania Dugdale, Olivia Spencer-Bower, Jordan Housiaux and Erin Bolton.





## Uniform Requirements 2015

We appreciate the expense that parents and caregivers go to and the effort they 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 with your child to check that what they are wearing as uniform is acceptable. Remember skirts must be knee length so please help us to enforce this.

Uniform is only available from **Clarks Clothing** on Oxford Street in Levin.

### Junior Uniform - To be worn by Year 9 and 10

Girls	Grey college skirt with monogram, 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 with monogram White striped college shirt with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Grey with red stripe college knee length socks with shoes
Shoes	Black polishable shoes with solid sole Black roman sandals may be worn Terms 1 and 4 only
Jacket	Black monogrammed college jacket or black puffer jacket or plain black jacket (note the puffer jacket and plain black jacket should have no obvious branding and need to be given clearance by the year level Dean)

### 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 college jersey or cardigan with monogram Black tights or black ankle socks with shoes
Boys	Black college shorts with monogram – able to be worn in Term 1 only Black college dress trousers with monogram White long sleeved shirt or short sleeved shirt (summer) with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Grey with red stripe college knee length socks with shorts; short plain black socks with trousers and shoes 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
Jacket	Black monogrammed college jacket or black puffer jacket or plain black jacket (note the puffer jacket and plain black jacket should have no obvious branding and need to be given clearance by the year level Dean)



# Uniform

## All 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 Whānau 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 issue.







## Community Information

# YOUTH VOICE

HOROWHENUA YOUTH COUNCIL

We're looking for  
*young people* that are *passionate*  
about our awesome District and  
want to *make a difference*.

Are **YOU** up for  
the challenge?

Youth Voice is Horowhenua's Youth Council; a group of 13-19 year olds who are the eyes, ears and voice of young people. You'll gain leadership skills, help organise and coordinate Youth Week activities and other local events, and be encouraged to have a say on issues facing youth in our District.

To apply or nominate someone, go online and download an application form from [www.horowhenua.govt.nz](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz) Forms are also available at Horowhenua District Council service centres, Te Takere, libraries and all local colleges.

**Applications close on Friday 13 February 2015.**

**Horowhenua**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Horowhenua**



## School Information

# HOROWHENUA COLLEGE

## BEGINNING OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS 2015



The College Office will be open from 9.00am - 3.30pm as from Monday 26 January. Senior Management and Deans will be available for enrolments. Please phone the college office for enquiries or to make appointments.

### Wednesday 28 January

Year 12 and 13 subject confirmation day  
9am Students with surnames from A-H  
10am Students with surnames from G-P  
11am Students with surnames from R-Z

### Friday 30 January

2015 Prefect Leadership Training. Meet at 9am at the College

### Monday 2 February

8.40am-3pm Peer Support Leaders' Training

### Tuesday 3 February

8.40am - 3pm Year 9 Students Induction Day with Peer Support Buddies. Bring pen, paper and lunch. Meet outside the hall at 8.40am for the Y9 Powhiri. Parents are welcome to attend.

### Wednesday 4 February

8.40am – 3.05pm Classes start for all year levels.

### Thursday 5 February

8.40am – 3.05pm All students in

### Friday 6 February

Waitangi Day – School closed

Buses will be running at the normal times from Monday 2 February

**Grant Congdon,**  
Principal

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Dial 2 for the Executive Officer  
Dial 3 for the Principal's Secretary  
Dial 4 for property matters  
Dial 5 for reception

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Parent Portal access is via the college website.