



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

February 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to 2013. The year has begun with the usual flurry of activity.

We began the term welcoming several new staff and rearranging the roles of others. The Senior Leadership team welcomed Kate Staniford who whilst retaining her Head of Faculty responsibilities has joined the Senior Leadership Team as NZQA Coordinator (Principals Nominee) with other duties.

New to the Mathematics faculty are Luciana Abriata, Chris Marwick and Sandra Friedel. Margaret Knight and Sandra Friedel will be Assistant Heads of Faculty.

The Science faculty welcomes Jo Jensen and Peter Cadle. Liz Lewis will be Head of Faculty and Grace Redfearn has taken on the role of Assistant Head of Faculty.

Aleisha Grey is not exactly new to the College but we welcome her as Assistant Head of Languages Faculty.

At the end of 2012 Malcolm Bignal resigned from his position and Lorraine Futter will be taking over the role of Pacific Island Dean.

It is exciting to see the enthusiasm these changes have generated in the faculties concerned and we look forward to working with all the new staff and those with new responsibilities.

The Year 9 students are now fully integrated into college life and the concerns about changing schools are forgotten. Please check that your Year 9 is enjoying college and let us know through the Tutor Teacher or Dean if we can improve things for them.



A Word From Our Principal

We celebrated the success of 62 students who gained Merit and Excellence endorsements on their NZQA qualification last year. These students are outstanding performers and we congratulate each of them on their success - hard work really does pay off.

Last year two of our students achieved scholarships, Eva Lu in English and Sila Livirya in English, Accounting and an outstanding in Biology.

We are pleased to be a PB4L and Restorative College. PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) is about teaching the behaviours we expect and identifying from data any other issues that may need remedying. We teach students responsibilities that they need to accept students to address identified issues. Restorative practices involve all parties and are about exploring the harm, understanding the thought processes, resolving the issue and moving forward together. It has been found to be very successful and a long lasting resolution for all but a few cases.

As fashion changes our tolerance of certain items change. Mufti dress will no longer allow singlet tops or shorts that are more than 10cm above the knee. Please ensure that you check what your son or daughter is planning to wear on mufti days and veto if necessary.

Clarkes Clothing are now the primary supplier of college uniform. The senior uniform is now labelled with the college logo to identify it and as you replace items we ask that you purchase the logo'd uniform. The girls skirts should be left at the length purchased and not shortened.

Year 11 are for the most part in full, approved uniforms. Year 12 and 13 are wearing existing uniforms until replacements are due.

Clarkes are happy to offer payment options so please do not hesitate to discuss this with Maurice Campbell or his staff at Clarkes.

We also offer an automatic payment facility and Mrs Waite, the Executive Officer, will be pleased to help you with this.

Maths and Science classes require students to purchase work books. These may be put on automatic payment with a note from home.

The winter sports season will approach fast and fees will need to be paid. Again you can put this on your automatic payment with a note from home or pay in full by Friday 1 March. If you are experiencing difficulties with payments please talk to us as we may be able to help.

At the beginning of each year it takes a few weeks for timetables to be sorted particularly if students have chosen unusual combinations but rest assured we are doing our best to accommodate all requests. Things are beginning to settle and courses have begun.

I look forward to working with you and your students this year and encourage you to communicate with us.

Brenda Burns
Principal



Year 9 Scholarship Recipients



Back Row: Liam Pinfold, William Tuttiett, Thomas Morgan, Jotham Harris
Front Row: Hannah Wedlock, Poppy Bussell, Timothy Searle, Jhea Dela Cruz, Raiha Kiriona



2012 Level 3 students Janelle Sanson, Jamie Searle and Eva Lu with Principal, Brenda Burns.
Absent: Sila Livirya, Brent Staples, Harriet Boyle and Allyssa Carle.



Merit Excellence Endorsements 2012

We congratulate the following students on their NCEA endorsements for 2012:

Level 1 with Excellence

Chanelle Hill

Jessica Freire

Audrey Livirya

Ella Bussell

Nicole Young

Natasha Fox

Evie Deroles

Ashton Young

Finn Madison

Level 1 with Merit

Rebecca Walker

Renee Bacon

Robert Galea

Melanie Yang

Anarosa Afasene

Matthew Shippam

Laura O'Sullivan

Phillip Prinsloo

Patprapa Tanuchaikarn

Letitia Moore

Mikayla Ward

Brydie Hodge

Gretta Hansen

Hannah McMillan

Level 2 with Excellence

Stasys Kulvis

Madison Hansen

Connie Hyslop

Kate Forward

Shem Harris

Kirsty Robinson

Dana Murdoch

Level 2 with Merit

Ben Rosier

Kelsey Renner

Oakleigh Reed

Alastair Luo

Lauren Hayes

Callum Feilding Woodmass

Letitia Lovejoy

Neil Auckram

Sandy Deng

Kimberley Rofe

Raeteesha Harvey

Bevan Chan

Sylvia Edwards

Michelle Hoult

Katy Luo

Sammy Young

Rebecca Brown

Joshua Davies

Gemma Hill

Ruby Miles

Sarah Ryan

Michelle Poulton Wasley

Andrew Williams

Anna Jeffries

Maddie Taylor

Level 3 with Excellence

Silabhakta Livirya

Brent Staples

Level 3 with Merit

Jamie Searle

Harriet Boyle

Allyssa Carle

Janelle Sanson

Eva Lu



Student Trustee News

I recently had the opportunity to attend a Board of Trustees Student Trustee's voyage on The Spirit Of New Zealand. Spending five days on a boat with about 40 strangers was such a scary thought! The trip ended up being the most amazing experience.

I learnt a lot about myself, my role as the student trustee and a whole heap of other things such as sailing terms and how to operate the ship.

After leaving Queen's Wharf we headed to the Queen Charlotte Sounds where we spent our time working hard and having a lot of fun. I had the opportunity to go to the South Island for the first time, learn about sailing, visit historical areas, climb the mast, jump off the bow and many other memorable experiences.

The hardest part about the voyage was waking up at 6.30am and jumping in the sea! I met the most amazing people from schools all over New Zealand who were also learning about being student trustees. It was really helpful to have them there. We all understand each other's position and we all learn together. It didn't really matter whether we were hoisting sails, dressing in those orange jackets and pants to avoid sea spray, scrubbing the deck or stuck on night watch.

I had so much fun and I learnt a lot from the facilitator, who taught me a lot about being a student trustee.

Letitia Moore
Student Representative
Board of Trustees





Year 9 Powhiri



Each year we welcome our Year 9 students to the college with a Powhiri. We encourage parents and caregivers to attend and this year it was very pleasing to see such a good turn out to support the Year 9s.





Year 9 Tabloid Sports



This year tabloid sports day was held early 1/2/13 and the day was fine and hot. We had 8 tutor classes with 8 events which included 2 events being held in the swimming pool. The events in the pool were a major hit as everyone cooled down getting wet. The other events included the greasy slide which the students loved and events involving fitness and hand/eye coordination.

The winning team in the tutor class section was 9FRS while the House section went to 9FRS combined with 9MAC to make Kowhai.

Thank you to the Year 13s who ran the day.



Year 13 Camp



On the 6th of February 2013 (Waitangi Day) at 4pm a large group of Year 13 students, parents, caregivers and Horowhenua College staff arrived at Matau Marae for the traditional leadership camp. Members of the Marae and the Rangatahi Ora group led the Powhiri and afterwards invited all present to share in a meal.

The students settled into the accommodation and were soon involved in activities which were designed to build cohesion in the group and allow the students to learn about their leadership potential and exercise these new found skills.

After a busy day filled with new experiences the students settled into the whare for a well-deserved rest. Early the next morning some of the students complained about a noisy “snoring taniwha” which had made the most dreadful growling noise all night. Gary O’Brien was heard to comment that it “sounded as if a freight train were passing through the whare”. The students consulted with the Dean who quickly took action which resulted in all students having a peaceful night’s sleep the next night.

The students spent part of the camp on Waitarere Beach where they participated in an inter-house challenge which was designed to test the group’s ability to work as a team and explore different forms of leadership. That evening, after a fantastic roast dinner the students put on one of the most remarkable singing contests ever held at the college. I am happy to announce that Hinau House won the inter-house challenge on the camp.

Feedback from the students and staff has been very positive. I am confident that this group of Year 13 students will provide creative, energetic and positive leadership for the College in 2013.

I would like to thank Pani Kerehoma, Chris Wilton, Sharon Moerkerk, Mike Rameka, Gary O’Brien and the Rangatahi Ora team for helping us to make this a memorable camp.

Kerry Pile (aka snoring taniwha)



New Staff



Mrs Jo Jensen
Science Department



Miss Luciana Abriata
Mathematics Department



Mr Chris Marwick
Mathematics Department



Mr Peter Cadle
Science Department



Mrs Sandra Friedel
Mathematics Department



2013 Board Election Information

2013 is an exciting year for parents and community members as it is your opportunity to put your name forward to be a representative on the Board of Trustees and to guide the management of the college in a governance role.

The steps to be taken to complete the process are as follows:

- 1 During April the college will call for and accept nominations.
If you wish to be nominated you will be able to pick up a form from the college and prepare a brief description of the qualities you would bring to the Board and any previous involvement you may have had with Boards of Trustees or the community and something about yourself.
- 2 Nominations close at noon on 16 May 2013. There will be an opportunity for the community to meet the nominees at a very informal evening in the college careers centre.
- 3 Voting will occur if required ie if there are more nominees than places to be filled on the board.
- 4 If an election is required voting papers will be prepared and posted out by 21 May.
- 5 Election day is 31 May and all voting papers must be in by noon.
- 6 Once the votes are counted the announcement will be made on 5 June 2013.
- 7 6 June 2013 the Board takes office.

Charter

Thank you to all those people who participated in our on line survey. We received some excellent feedback. This will be taken into account in our new charter which is currently being developed.

Once completed our Charter will be available on our website.

Book Amnesty

Please bring any text books that you can find at home from previous years and put them in the amnesty box in either the college library, student centre or main office centre.



Student Leave

Every year we have a number of leave requests. Please consider carefully the effect this can have on your son/daughters' education. If you do need to travel during term time it is essential that you request permission to do so as it is a legal requirement that students are attending school and any leave has to be granted by the Principal.

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 office@horowhenua.school.nz

Student Absences

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

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

0800 467694

School Start Times

Classes for all students start at 8.40am. Students need to be here by 8.30am.

Senior students have a study period, Period 1 Thursday and are not required at school until 9.20am.

Times quoted will ensure there is no lateness to class.



School Information

Term 1 2013

February

Monday	18	1.25pm Stage Challenge auditions
Tuesday	19	Swimming Prelims Year 9 Welcome Dance 6-9.30pm. School pool and hall.
Wednesday	20	Stage Challenge Auditions 1.25pm
Thursday	21	NCEA Information Evening 7pm school library Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
Friday	22	Swimming Sports Finals
Monday	25	1.30pm Health Expo in the Quad
Thursday	28	Homestay Parent Meeting 7pm

March

Friday	1	Winter Sports Registration
Saturday	2	Canoe Polo Regionals
Wednesday	6	Athletics Day
Monday	11	Vietnam Visit Starts
Saturday	16	Manawatu Athletics Sports
Monday	18	Art Bus Visit
Friday	22	Canoe Polo Nationals
Friday	29	Good Friday—School Closed

April

Monday	1	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tuesday	2	Easter Tuesday - School Closed
Monday	8	Y13 Young Leaders Trip Wellington 1.30pm Health Expo - Quad
Thursday	11	2pm Ugly Shakespeare
Saturday	13	Shakespeare Festival Kapiti College Manawatu Swimming Sports
Wednesday	17	International Students Lunch
Friday	19	Last day of term

May

Friday	3	School Ball
Monday	6	First day of term 2

Billets Needed

We will have 20 students from Vietnam in our school from 11 March to 23 March. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to learn about another culture. If you have a spare room that you could offer to one of these students, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Andrea Hyslop, ahyslop@horowhenua.school.nz as soon as possible so as not to miss out.

Horowhenua College students will also have the opportunity to visit Vietnam in 2014. Students wanting to be part of this trip can register their interest with Robyn Keeling at rkeeling@horowhenua.school.nz