



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

July 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 2 has been another busy term with both students and staff heavily involved in a multitude of activities. Alongside studying hard we have seen fantastic performances at Stage Challenge, CYN Concert, Shakespeare Nationals, Pasifika Fusion, Kapahaka Festival and winter sports. The list goes on.

We hosted four members of the Hurricanes team with an injured All Black amongst them, Cory Jane. The local primary and intermediate schools enjoyed the first ever People's Press Conference and asked many interesting questions of the players.

This year to date we have welcomed two international groups from India and Vietnam and we look forward to two groups from Japan in Term 3.



Open Evening was well patronised again this year with both Year 7 and 8 students attending. It was a cold and miserable evening but the hall was full. It was a pleasure to show so many around the facilities. Next term we look forward to Open Day with the Year 8's engaging in activities with our staff.



A Word From Our Principal

We have begun planning for 2014 and the work we have been doing with Vocational Pathways is progressing well. Year 10 and 11 students have been introduced to the Youth Guarantee website and have begun investigating the vocations that are available to them. Many have indicated a desire to be involved with tertiary providers one day per week. This is available to next years Year 12 and 13. Please investigate for yourselves www.youthguarantee.net.nz

Many of our students have part time jobs and I ask that you review the number of hours they are working as we approach the exam pressure time.

Year 12 and 13 have thirteen weeks of study left to complete this year before they head off for study leave for external exams. The focus for Term 3 must therefore be study for all of them. The recent reports have outlined progress to date and staff will have offered guidance at report interviews to assist students plan their time.

There will be many extra classes being offered at the College to support the students as they approach the end of the year. Faculties will advise students of the times for these classes.

We look forward to a busy, fulfilling Term 3.

Brenda Burns
Principal



Photo courtesy of Manawatu Standard



Services Academy

Pre Anzac Day Clean Up

On the 19th of April the Academy sent 2 teams to help clean-up specific areas for the Anzac Parades in Shannon and Foxton. The Shannon crew were tasked to do a full tidy up of the Cenotaph by the train station which included rebarking, weeding, sweeping and picking up rubbish. The Foxton crew had the task of cleaning up the RSA Cemetery. The Academy worked with a council member at each area and the feedback from them about our students was extremely positive. We took this opportunity to give back to the community by showing our appreciation of the sacrifice of past soldiers lost at war.



Anzac Day Dawn Parade

At 0600 hrs on Anzac Day our Academy students formed up for the Dawn Parade outside the Levin RSA. They were part of a big contingent of other community groups such as the Scouts and the Defence Force Personnel supporting our local RSA members on their Commemoration Day. Our students formed up and paraded with the group showing respect throughout the whole event. They then did a final march back to the RSA with their heads held high, confident and proud of their conduct in such an open forum. They all showed discipline by getting up early in the morning and having their uniform up to standard for the event. They also displayed commitment and respect because the Anzac Day Parade was held during their school holidays and they attended regardless. We are very proud of our students that attended and would like to acknowledge their commitment.



Service Academy News

Horowhenua Services Academy Student Graduates from Army Basic 2013

Daniel Adams joined the Services Academy in 2011 hoping that it would help him achieve his goal of getting into the US Marines. He participated in all of the Academy courses, physically and mentally pushing himself to get closer to his end goal. In 2012 he worked really hard academically to complete his Level 3 NCEA and he also passed his Regimental Fitness Level (RFL) to get into the Army. Within the Services Academy he gained leadership skills, fitness, discipline, experience in Military Based Camps and drill, all of which ultimately increased his chances of being accepted into the Army. In 2012 he shared the Services Academy Top Student Trophy by showing all of those qualities which helped him with his enlistment.

Daniel had planned on enlisting either late in 2012 or early in 2013. Initially, because of his academic achievement, his fitness and his leadership qualities, he was recruited as an officer but he declined this as it involved a lot of paperwork and he wanted to be doing the hard yards on the ground. He was then accepted as Artillery in the Army with his Initial Training or Basic starting on February 3 2013. So he stayed till the end of 2012 and went straight into training from here.

Our staff caught glimpses of him training at Waiouru while we were there on our Induction and Bushcraft Course. Even though we saw him, we were unable to talk to him or give him some motivation to keep going as they were on strict timings. For our staff it was a great feeling to see one of our students going through the Basic Course.

We were very surprised to see Daniel again when he turned up to the Services Academy in the late afternoon on the 27 June 2013 dressed in his "Diggicam" uniform. He had just "Marched Out" or graduated from finishing his "Basic" 2 days earlier and was home on 5 days leave before his career started with his trade training at Linton. He had wanted to come in and see us before he headed away again to say thanks and give us some insight into his "Basic Training". He was keen to offer his services to us if we needed someone to speak about "Basic" later on in the year and we were very happy for him to do this.

I myself was very proud of his achievements and let him know that it just gets easier now that his journey has begun. This is one of the reasons we do our jobs, to see our students achieve their goals and reap the rewards in the long run. Well done Daniel Adams and all the best for your new and exciting career.

Deputy Director Staff Hohepa.





Rock Climbing Club

Horowhenua Rock Climbing Club is a school club that meets every Wednesday during terms two and three. The club is made up of a variety of students from Year 9-12 with a mix of gender.

Students work on increasing their climbing strength and skills while progressing from top rope climbing to leading. At the end of each term we visit Hangdog Climbing Gym in Lower Hutt to test our skills and fitness in another setting. With the upcoming National Boulder Series being held in Lower Hutt this year it is hoped a number of students will take part.





Science Trip to Victoria

On Thursday June 27 fifteen Year 12 Chemistry and Physics students travelled to Victoria University to experience Chemistry and Physics workshops. During the two hour Physics workshop the students got to observe magnets, superconductors, and liquid nitrogen and carried out an investigation into a radioactive substance.

In the chemistry laboratory each student synthesised a component of aspirin while looking at 'designer drugs' then analysed their reaction product using thin layer chromatography. The students involved thoroughly enjoyed their day and were particularly impressed by the laboratory facilities available at Victoria.



NZQA Exams

Senior students should be making final confirmations of their External Examinations with their teachers where applicable, the entries for External Examinations need to be complete before the 5th of August. Students can check their entries on their Term 2 Report, on the Portal or in the Kamar app. If they are unsure of their entries or would like to adjust them, students must approach their subject teacher prior to August 5th.

We would like to remind you that the NZQA fees are due for all senior students.

For most students the fee is \$76.70. For those entitled to financial assistance, the fee is \$20. This must be accompanied with a completed financial assistance application form.

The details about eligibility for financial assistance were included in the letter mailed home early in Term 2. Financial Assistance Application Forms are available from the main office, or online (www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/Application-For-Financial-Assistance.pdf). After September 12th NZQA will apply a \$50 late fee to your application.

If you have an arrangement with the College for automatic payment of fees, then you need to contact the College authorising the payment of the NZQA fee.

If you have any queries about these fees, financial assistance, automatic payments or the amount payable please contact Mrs Pauline Waite, Executive Officer at the College on 3686159, extension 706.

Kate Staniford
Assistant Principal



Market Day Level 1 Business Studies



Over the course of 2 days, the Level 1 Business Standards students showed their wares, and sold plenty!

The activity took place in the quad and students had just half an hour to sell as much of their produce as possible. The activity was part of Achievement Standard 90842 and, along with the business plan and other paperwork, is worth a total of 6 credits.

The range of foods included hot chips, hot dogs, ice cream sundaes, chocolate brownies, chocolate cake, nachos and much more. A range of beverages was also on sale.

Some groups had very long queues and sold virtually all their merchandise, while others were slower. However, all students participated with enthusiasm and endeavour, and were well supported by the student body and many staff.

Overall, much was learnt and the experience of planning and running a business, even for just one lunchtime in the year, was invaluable and uplifting!



2013 Cross Country Results

Junior Girls

1 st	Alexa Bryant	
2 nd	Mikayla Parata	
3 rd	Shanaye Fox	

Junior Boys

1 st	Cody Stewart	
2 nd	Tim Searle	
3 rd	Reuben Dahya	

Intermediate Girls

1 st	Chanelle Hill	
2 nd	Tessa Bartholomew	
3 rd	Frances Bacon	

Intermediate Boys

1 st	Mathew Wilson	
2 nd	Sam Davies	
3 rd	Brodie Fisher	

Senior Girls

1 st	Renee Bacon	
2 nd	Maddie Hansen	
3 rd	Morgan Searle	

Senior Boys

1 st	Zac Watson	
2 nd	Lawrence Finau	
3 rd	Stasys Kulvis	



House Points	RATA	KOWHAI
Overall Points	337	284
	HINAU	NGAIO
	205	197



PASIFIKA FUSION



Photos courtesy of the Manawatu Standard



Congratulations to our students who performed in the recent Pasifika Fusion Secondary Schools Pacific Festival. Their commitment to practice saw them win the Media Skit/Drama section.

A big thank you to all the parents/teachers for their time and support. The festival was enjoyed by all.





Congratulations



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School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Term 3 2012

July

Sunday	28	Meijo High School visit commences
Monday	29	First day of Term 3
Wednesday	31	Y8 Open Day visits from Contributing Schools Y11 Rostered home

August

Thursday	1	Pasifika Youth Jandal Jam 7pm
Friday	2	Bishop Vazey School visit
Wednesday	7	Hutt Valley High Sports Exchange
Friday	9	Mathex Competition Palmerston North Health & Wellbeing Expo Te Takere
Monday	12	Meijo High School leave
Thursday	15	Talent Quest Finals
Monday	19	Namiki High School visit commences Level 2 Social Studies Social Action Week
Friday	23	Pasifik Group Rest Home Performance 1.30pm
Thursday	29	Namiki High School leaves
Friday	30	NCEA Teacher Only Day Victoria Open Day

September

Mon-Fri	2-6	Tournament Week
Friday	13	International Students Trip
Mon-Fri	16-20	Senior Exams
Thur-Fri	26-27	Parent Teacher Conferences Last day of Term 3

October

Monday	14	Beginning of Term 4
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ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOL SCHEME

We have recently joined the ANZ Olympic School Scheme. Every successful home loan drawn down of more than \$50,000, will result in 800 credits for Horowhenua College to spend on sports, computer equipment etc. All that parents, teachers, or friends of the college need to do is mention Horowhenua College to the ANZ staff member completing their home loan and once the loan is drawn down the credits will be awarded to the college. It's as easy as that.