



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

July 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 2 has been a very busy one. Our students have been involved in a huge number of activities, many of which you can read about in the rest of the newsletter. You will be impressed, as I have been, by the successes of our students in a range of areas. They have had some amazing learning experiences and have demonstrated very clearly that they have followed the Nua Way and taken every opportunity to be responsible, build relationships and be successful.

Open Evening was held in the last week of term and it was pleasing to see so many families attend. We are very proud of what we have to offer here so 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.

There are only fourteen weeks of class time left before the external NCEA assessments begin so the focus for seniors for Term 3 must be on their studies. All senior students must use the remaining time wisely so that they achieve as many internal credits as possible and prepare thoroughly for their external assessments. Tutor teachers of senior students will be regularly monitoring their progress towards achieving the credits necessary for the NCEA that they are aiming for. I encourage parents of seniors to do the same by checking the credits their students have achieved through the Parent Portal.

Ngā mihi
Sharon Moerkerk
Acting Principal





A Word From the Board Chair

Update to Staff and Community on the recruitment for Principal of Horowhenua College.

At 3pm, Monday 30th June 2014, applications closed for the position of Principal at the college. We have had very good interest in the role and I am pleased to advise that we have had 10 applications.

The breadth of experience of the candidates applying for the role is wide and varied and we are fortunate to have had such great interest in the role.

As a reminder the next steps are as follows:

Date	Action
30 June	Applications close, chair to update staff and community
1-7 July	CV review
8-11 July	Shortlisting of candidates
11-21 July	Referee checks
25 July	Staff and prefect group to meet candidates
26 July	Formal interviews completed

We are hoping that on or about 26th July we will have made a decision with regards to any successful candidate.

At that point a formal offer for the role will be made, and once this has been accepted both the unsuccessful candidates, the staff and community will be advised of the outcome.

We are hoping that any offer made will be accepted within a few days of the offer being made. In the unlikely situation of no suitable candidate being found we will advise all interested parties early in the week of 27th July.

Kind regards

Chris Hartwell
Board Chair



Box City



On the 9th of May, Horowhenua College held it's annual box city event for World Vision's 40 hour famine. Held in the gymnasium, students built shacks of cardboard and went without food for a total of 40 hours to raise money for the poverty-stricken families in Malawi.

During the 40 hour famine event, students were encouraged to participate in a range of different activities run by the student organisers including a video game marathon, games of spotlight and various indoor sporting activities held in the gym.



Thanks to the efforts of the students involved, our college was able to raise over \$1600 for World Vision. Finally, shout outs to the top student fundraising efforts: Thanks to Amelia Henry, Tammie Afasene, Mikayla Brown and Maggie Rodgers for raising over \$90 each! A big thanks to parents, teachers and all students involved for making our famine a success and for supporting the less advantaged in our world. Well done NUA!



Gretta Hansen and Finn
Madison - Prefects



Project CYN



Project CYN (Celebrating Youth Nua) 2014 happened on the 11th of June. This was an amazing night where the youth of Levin had the chance to perform to our community and show case their talent.

Items included our schools second place Stage Challenge 'Collected Innocence,' and also the JRock performances from Intermediate and Ohau School. Other performers from our school were: Destiney Anderson, The Kate Martin School of Dance who danced to 'To Build a Home', The Royal Family dance group and also Eliana Bell, Kristy Tarrant and Keeley Vine who performed 'Say Something' by A Great Big World.

This was truly a spectacular night that wowed the audience that came to support their family and friends .

Hannah McMillan
Arts Prefect.





Cultural Fiesta



On the 27th of June the prefect team organized a day of celebration dubbed the 'Horowhenua College Cultural Fiesta'. The day was organised as a mufti day and students were asked to dress as a culture of their choice, whether to express their own heritage roots or simply immerse themselves in another world culture.

The event was a massive success for the prefect team and for the students that got involved and participated in the Kapa Haka performances, the school Tug o' War, the Services Academy endurance game and the school wide fashion show where students got to show off their re-imagining of a specific cultures attire and wow audiences with their runway skills.

A collection was taken up at the door, the proceeds of which will be donated by the student council into one of several charities working within the area including Ronald McDonald House and The Red Puppy appeal.

A big thank you to our sponsors at New World and to all that attended and made the day a success. You guys rock!

By Finn Madison

Prefect



NEW WORLD



Pasifika Fusion



Pasifika Fusion 2014 was hugely successful for Horowhenua College and our fantastic group of Pacific Island students gained a placing of third overall out of twelve schools. This third placing is worked out based on the results the students have gained in 11 categories and on their cultural performance on the day.

The preparation for this began back in February when a creative team got together to plan our entry for the cultural performance. Over the next few months, the whole group met at least twice a week in their own time to practice for the big performance at The Regent In Palmerston North. As well as our entry in the Cultural Performance section, we also entered the following categories: Speech, Drama, Talent, Science, Debate, Wearable Art, Poetry and Cinematography. This year NUA was determined to make its mark on the competition and our final results showed that we well and truly achieved that goal. We entered in more categories than ever before and the experience was valuable for the students.

After two intense days of competition we placed first in Cinematography with Roha Taiapa and Sierra Tafeamalii's entry, first in Senior Speech with Emily Mose Tuialii's very thought provoking perspective of the "gap" in Pacific Island students achievement, first in Drama with the "Fobilicious" crew and first in the Talent section with an amazing dance performance from Roha Taiapa, Emily Mose Tuialii, Skye Waerea and Jamie Lynn. Emily Mose Tuialii also placed second in the Poetry section and our performance group placed a very creditable third in the Cultural Performance section. Third placing in the Cultural Performance section was particularly special as we were up against some amazing performances from other schools in the region so the competition was intense.

All of the 34 students who represented Horowhenua College in this event are to be congratulated on the standard of their performance across the various categories, the high level of achievement they gained and the way in which they conducted themselves on the day.



Pasifika Fusion

Huge thanks to the parents who supported the group especially Mrs Mose Tuialii and Lafi Salu.

All I can say is watch out Pasifika Fusion 2015 because Nua gets bigger and better every year!

Lorraine Futter
Dean of Pasifika Students





New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country

On the 21st of June Tim Searle and myself went away to compete at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs, held at Massey University. Both Tim and I were up against some amazing athletes that performed extremely well. Tim competed in the junior boys race finishing 103rd Out of 150. I finished in 79th out of 130 in the senior girls race.

Massey University designed a world class cross country course on the grounds and farmlands surrounding the Sport and Rugby Institute. The standard lap was two kilometres comprising of 800m on flat rugby fields with three log jumps, and 1200m over a hilly paddock with a muddy water feature. Both Tim and I had to complete two laps of this gruelling course.

The weather was very wet and windy which made the course very muddy and extremely slippery, but I guess that's what cross country is all about. The day was a fun gathering of all the top cross country runners around New Zealand, with some guests from Australia. It was an awesome opportunity to represent the school at such a big event with some great athletes.

Renee Bacon
Prefect



Renee Bacon to the right of the photo negotiating the water feature.



Aspiring Leaders Conference

On Monday the 7th of April, our prefect team, accompanied by a few other aspiring young leaders as well as Mr Gary O'Brien, attended the National Young Leaders Day (NYLD) which was held in Wellington at the Michael Fowler Centre. The group caught the workers' train early in the morning to make it down in time for the 9.30am start. Many schools were present at the event.

The day is all about encouraging youth to not be afraid to dream big, and achieve big. We had many inspiring speakers come to the stage and tell us their story about the hard work they put into getting to where they are now. These speakers included the likes of successful business men and women, and also incredible people such as Cam Calkoen, who was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy (a movement disorder). Despite being told from a very young age by doctors and specialists that his life would be one that consisted of wheelchairs and caregivers, he refused to believe that his life would be reduced to just that. He defied what should be physically possible for a man with his condition, and went on to become a New Zealand runner in the Paralympics.

A lot of great advice was to be had from these great speakers, such as tips on getting leadership roles, leading a team, and how to go about organisation and ensuring that you can achieve your dreams. Overall, it was a very valuable learning experience, and we all enjoyed the day.

Robert Galea
Prefect





Dinner with Nathan Guy



On the 17th June, Alex and I attended a dinner at the Parliamentary Bellamy's restaurant with Otaki MP Nathan Guy. There, we were joined by the head students from Waiopahu, Manawatu, Otaki, Paraparaumu and Kapiti.

It was such an amazing experience. We got a tour of the sitting room, a squished ride in the elevator, a tour of Nathan's office and had the opportunity to chat with Nikki Kaye, the Minister of Youth Development. It was so refreshing to talk about student leadership and the possible effects that someone's positive words or actions could have upon someone else.

The chat we had with Nathan and Nikki made me realise that it will be our generation's skills that will soon be leading New Zealand into a new dynamic of leadership. This is both scary and exciting but Nathan and Nikki's insight on politics gave us reassurance that our generation is up for the challenge! This experience was such an eye-opener and Alex and I are thankful for this opportunity.

Chanelle Hill
Head Girl



Tongariro



On the 17th of June, the Level Three Geography class packed their bags and prepared themselves for their trip up to Tongariro where they were to stay for four days. The four days included the group being split into two. One group was examining plant vegetation and density, while the other group decided to interview tourists on their interests in the area. Well... tried to find tourists!

On the second day the Level Two class joined the Level Three group and started their studies. The majority of the group were taken to walk the Mangatepopo Valley. The day wasn't the best

day to do the track as it was cold, raining and rather windy.

The next two days were filled with more studying and a bit of fun and pranking between the Year 13's of course. Some people decided to stay up until 9.30pm to work while others decided to "do it later". The group went through freezing weather, not seeing any snow, and not many tourists, in order to achieve the credits that are on offer, and also get evidence for their external exams at the end of the year.

In all, the group of 20 got a lot out of their trip away and also enjoyed it. On behalf of the students I would just like to thank Mr Pile (KP) and Whaea Vicki for taking time out of their life to spend a week in the cold with us.

Samarah Harris
Prefect





National Bouldering Series Wellington

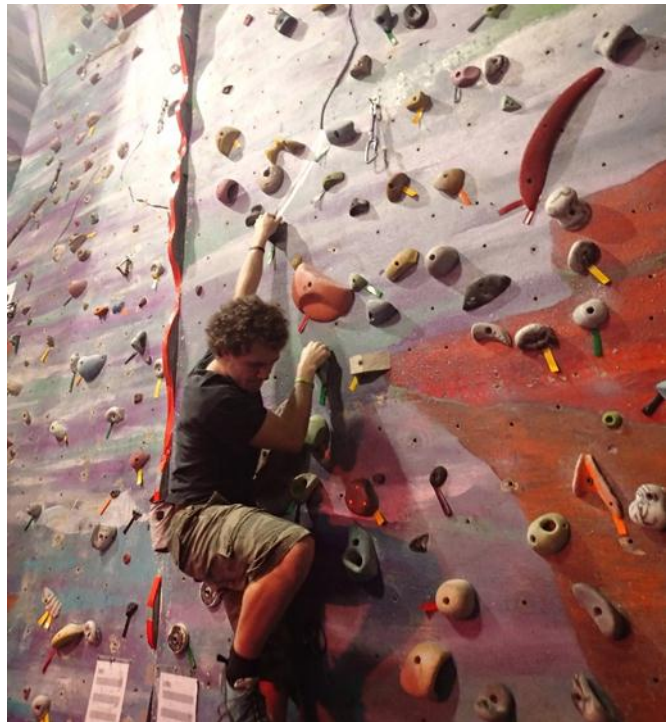
Recently members of the school Rock Climbing Club competed in the National Bouldering Series held at Hang Dog Climbing Gym in Lower Hutt. The competition is one of four that make up the National Champs. Bouldering consist of performing a short series of hard climbing moves close to the ground without ropes and only pads for protection. Competitors had 2hrs to complete the Boulder Problems with varying grades of difficulty. Your top seven climbs were counted to your overall score for the competition with the top three entering the finals to decide on the winner.

Unfortunately they did not have finals for the under 18 categories but Phillip Prinsloo and Morgan Hucker were placed second and third based on their points results which is a great result.

All students enjoyed the chance to put their strength and skills to the test in preparation for the Manawatu Top Rope Champs next term.

Mark Smith

TIC Rock Climbing Club





Hockey News

1st XI Captain Matt Wilson and last years sports boy of the year Sam Davies, should be feeling very proud of themselves. They have both gained places in the Central Districts Under 18 hockey team, having had to trial against some pretty strong players from the central region from Taranaki, Manawatu, Hawkes Bay, Horowhenua and Poverty Bay.

Their journey started back in November 2014 with a CAPS training programme of skills and fitness travelling to Palmerston North or Hawkes Bay once a month, for whole days training and also training here once a week in Levin. In early April they trialed against two hundred boys from these areas. Only 16 were selected. The real training began with early morning runs and late night trainings in Levin, then Sunday trainings in either New Plymouth, Hawkes Bay or Palmerston North.

These boys have put in some huge days along with keeping up with school work and part time jobs. They go to tournament next week in Napier and I'm sure they will do the Horowhenua proud.





Senior Engineering

Engineering and Automotive Year 13 student, Andrew Lyons, (pictured) is one of many students that enjoy the environment of the workshops and the challenges that it brings. Andrew is pictured finishing the go- kart he has been working on this year. And finish he must as he has procured an apprenticeship with one of our local engineering companies. We wish Andrew all the best for his future.

The rest of the groups continues with their challenge. Students have a choice of producing a go- kart, a motor bike or a motor scooter in their second semester and they certainly enjoy the achievements.

Mike Devlin
TIC Engineering





Science Department



Phillip Prinsloo hard at work on his Manawatu Science and Technology Fair project.

Senior Physics Tutorials

Senior students who are studying Level 2 and Level 3 Physics are invited to attend our Senior Physics Evening Tutorials. Level 1 students who have found the Science Mechanics paper difficult may attend with my agreement.

The tutorials are held on Wednesday evenings between 6-8.30pm. These have been running since the start of Term 2 and they will continue in Term 3. The atmosphere is relaxed and there are pizzas to eat. The discussions are great. Students get help with any concepts and principles that they do not fully understand. Also, they obtain insights into how they should approach problem solving physics style. Scholarship candidates practice solving scholarship type problems.

Come along if you need assistance or just a pleasant experience.

Harry Mouton
TIC Physics



Chemistry and Physics Trip



On 23rd June nine Year 12 students visited Victoria University for a day of science workshops. They got to experiment with super-cooled super conductors and really strong magnets, and to make smelly esters. Students appreciated being able to work with equipment they would never be able to at school.

Peter Cadle

Physics Teacher





Bluelight PCT

On Wednesday the 25th June Nua entered a student and adult team to compete in the first Bluelight PCT comp open to high schools. Although we didn't come away with a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd the Academy students represented Nua like true professionals. They supported and encouraged the other senior teams and did their best. The other senior teams were the Police, Ambulance, Otaki High School student team and Waiopahu student team.

We were the only college with a teacher team, thanks to Ms Bolton, Ms Seymour and Mr Pollock (ex-student!). It was great for the intermediate students to see seniors getting involved and give them something to aspire to. A great event, thanks to Constable Fiona.

Next year we know we have to go faster and harder. GO NUA!

Chris Marwick
PCT Team Leader





Manu Korero



The annual Manu Korero regional speech competition was held recently on the 16th June in Tutor - Waiwananga at Te Kupenga o te Matauranga College in Palmerston North. A bus load of pupils from Horowhenua College travelled up, including two speakers, one of which was myself. I was to give a six minute prepared and memorised speech.

Much of the bus trip was spent running through the words and actions of my speech and preparing myself for the presentation. As we neared our destination my nerves began to flutter, my heart started pounding a little faster and my palms began to sweat. I had spent a lot of time on this speech and wanted to give it my best possible shot.

I entered the room and sat with the audience, waiting to be called upon, counting off each speaker before me until finally I was up. I took a deep breath and began. As I spoke I scanned the room looking to see how people, especially the judges responded. Thankfully I did not get any mind blanks or stumble on any words. As I closed, I heaved a silent sigh of relief.

The nerves were all gone. What was left was a somewhat relieved feeling. I was happy that it was all over but glad to have done it.

I was awarded second place scoring 288 out of a possible 300 points with the winner on 293. Manu Korero was a great experience. I would highly recommend it especially to anyone who is considering a future in public speaking. I am already looking forward to next year!

Jotham Harris
Year 10





Cycling News

Congratulations to Amy Horn and Sophie Bloxham who competed in the recent Manawatu Schools Cycling Champs. Results were as follows:

Hill Climb:	1st Sophie, 2nd Amy
Time Trial:	2nd Amy, 3rd Sophie
Criterium:	1st Sophie, 2nd Amy

Sophie got first overall and Amy 2nd.

This follows on from a very successful Manfield 6 hour challenge. Amy and Sophie were a team of two whereas the other teams had 4 cyclists. They came 7th out of all the school teams and beat some of the Under 15, Under 17 and Under 19 cyclists.

The girls rode 110kms each over the 6 hours.

Well done !



Calling On Past Pupils

We are currently updating our NZ Sports representative database at the College. If there is anyone out there that could help us with names of past students who have gained national or international honours in any sports code we would appreciate hearing from you.

We do not want to miss anyone off the list so please do not hesitate to contact us by email at office@horowhenua.school.nz

Thank you for your help.

Clare Seymour

PE Teacher



School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

New dates will be added throughout the term please refer to the Parent Portal for updates

Term 3 2014

July

Friday	21	Term 3 Begins
Wednesday	23	Open Day for Contributing Schools Year 11's rostered home
Fri/Sat	25-26	Principal Interviews
Mon-Fri	28	Education Review Office Visit
Wednesday	29	Meijo High School Visit
Thursday	31	Jandal Jam Winter House Sports

August

Thursday	21	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm college staffroom
Friday	22	Teacher Only Day

September

Mon-Fri	1-5	Tournament Week
Mon-Fri	8-12	Year 10 Work Week
Mon-Fri	22-26	Senior Exams (TBC)
Friday	26	Last day of term

October

Monday	13	First day of Term 4
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KCP Physiotherapy offer students free ACC surcharge appointments with any injuries.

Lizzie from KCP will be in the school every Thursday morning from 9-12pm. Please contact her by text on 0272626181 between 8am-5pm Monday-Friday and say your college name eg Horo.

Any urgent appointments please contact the clinic on 06 3688280 or 021 668703