



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

June 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Having woken to snow on the hills it is a sharp reminder that winter is arriving. It is therefore time to ensure the uniform items that your student is wearing will keep them warm. Senior boys must be in long college trousers and wear ties. Girls must wear black tights. Please ensure that your child has a jersey and/or blazer if they are seniors. A plain dark weather proof jacket may be worn to and from school. We are investigating a school jacket for outdoor wear for the juniors and will keep you up to date with developments.

Term 2 is a term of pushing ourselves to achieve and be the best we can be. Stage Challenge has again extended students with leadership capabilities and those who are putting their talent to good use. It takes up a minimal amount of school time and an extraordinary amount of work after hours. Congratulations to our Stage Challenge Cast and Crew for 2013. What a tremendous effort placing second. We are very proud. A huge congratulations to the creative team on a job well done.

This term we begin to plan for next year, compiling information for students to enable them to make the right course choices. It is no longer a casual cruise through education into a job or further study. Things have moved from that to a competitive model where qualifications are more and more important. Having said that, the range of options for students is now vast and expanding. National statistics indicate that 30% of students will follow the traditional schooling model which leads to university. We are really good at this but we need a wider range of options for the 70% who do not necessarily see this as a goal when they first leave school.

As a group the four local colleges are working together with other education providers, the local council, employers, Life to the Max and the Ministry to develop new and exciting opportunities for our students.



A Word From Our Principal

We are aiming at 85% of all students who leave school having NCEA Level 2 and National Certificates applicable to the employment sectors and tertiary training institutes.

The five employment sectors are very broad and by looking at the achievements of students in Year 11 it is expected that the interests reflected in the subjects taken will indicate an inclination and interest towards a particular employment sector that can be developed in subject choices at Level 2 and beyond.

The sectors of employment are Social and Community Services, Manufacturing and Technology, Construction and Infrastructure, Services Industries and Primary Industries. Every credit that the students achieve will contribute to a qualification needed by at least one of these sectors. Whether a student intends to be the CEO of a company or the person working on the factory floor, the leading engineer on a road development or the worker at the work site, the doctor or the orderly on the ward these pathways sectors contain the qualifications for all vocations.

At the moment we are planning how all four schools can work together alongside the community and other providers to ensure that our students have the biggest range of options that we can collectively provide.

This is a huge undertaking not just for our region but for the whole country as we rethink the way education will be facilitated in the future. These are exciting times and we will be offering opportunities both at the college and in the community for you to hear more.

For further information please go to youthguarantee.net.nz/vocational-pathways/

Brenda Burns
Principal





National Young Leaders Day 2013



On Monday the 8th April a group of students from Horowhenua College attended the National Young Leaders Day convention at the Town Hall in Wellington. A group of 22 students consisting of prefects and other leaders travelled down to Wellington accompanied by Mrs Peterson. Students from Manawatu and Waiopahu College also contributed to the 750 student leaders from the Wellington Region who attended the event.

The day consisted of 5 speakers, as well as interactive displays and a guest appearance from the Laughing Samoans. The speaking line up included: former New Zealander of the year and boxing trainer Billy Graham, athlete and speaker Cam Calkoen and student army leader Sam Johnston.

The array of speakers inspired students to "dream big" but also to "use what you have to make a change."

The day was an amazing opportunity to learn leadership skills and meet with other student leaders. The group would like to thank Mr Pile and Mrs Peterson who made it possible

Shem Harris





Board Of Trustees 2013-2015



Chris Hartwell - Board Chair

I am a Technical Manager for Fonterra and am married to Marion. Each of our three children have attended Horowhenua College. This is my third term on the board of trustees at Horowhenua College.

Education of our students is key to their future success, and changes in technology and our lifestyles are placing greater demands on students and teachers. Being able to keep up with these changes and provide governance to ensure the college can deliver "success for all students" is one of our key focuses.

Having a highly skilled board is important, and we will continue over this next year to engage external resources to help with board training.



Ian McKenzie - Deputy Chair

I am a past pupil of this college and have a deep affection for the college and its history. My children have all attended the college with the youngest still there.

My previous experience involves six years as a parent representative on the College Board, 15 years on the Levin North School Board of Trustees and 2 terms as Northern Area representative on the Wellington Free Kindergarten Board.

Over the last three years a great deal of progress has been made to lift standards in the college, a new school charter has been developed and the focus on student achievement has been heightened.



Janine Imrie

I first stood for the Board of Trustees 3 years ago with a willingness to support the school in this role for at least two terms. The last three years have been both interesting and informative and I now have a better understanding of the role of a Board of Trustees member. I have enjoyed working as a team on the board watching the school move forward with a focus on raising student achievement within a challenging and safe environment.

I have lived in Levin for 6 years and am a primary school teacher at Ohau School. I have three teenage daughters of whom the youngest started Horowhenua College this year.



Board Of Trustees 2013-2015



Nikki Simpson - Parent Representative

I have two children, one at Horowhenua and another at primary school. My family has attended Horowhenua for many years and I am proud that my daughter is following in those footsteps.

Growth, development and success are important factors in a young person's life. I believe that the school is an influential place to nurture these factors and I would like to contribute to the schools development and continued greatness.

I have been involved in community groups including Horowhenua hockey in a variety of roles. I have also been part of governance groups and worked as a public servant for the past 8.5 years.



David Tate - Staff Representative

My name is David Tate and I teach in the Social Sciences Faculty at Horowhenua College. I am also the SCT in the college (Specialist Classroom Teacher) and have enjoyed actively supporting some of the college wide initiatives such as PB4L and RP which ultimately strive to benefit both staff and students within the college. I am looking forward to serving as Staff Rep on the Board and being part of a team that continues to work for the betterment of our College.



Letitia Moore - Student Representative

I was elected as the student trustee nearing the end of last year. I have enjoyed my time on the board so far and look forward to getting to know the new board members.

I am the chairperson of Youth Voice Horowhenua also. This position combined with being student trustee is teaching me a lot about leadership/governance which is the career path I am interested in taking.

Being a part of the school board is a wonderful opportunity and I really look forward to the rest of this year.



Technology Department

The Technology faculty at NUA is a busy place where there is always something new happening. We offer a wide range of subject at all levels. Subjects on offer at senior level are Automotive Engineering, Business Studies, Carpentry, Creative Catering, Digital Technology, Engineering, Fabric Technology and Graphics. At junior level we have Design Technology, Fabric Technology, Food and Nutrition, Information Literacy, Material Technology and Graphics.

We have a great group of teachers who are all specialists in their areas and always willing to go the extra mile to help student reach their full potential in the chosen subject area.

Who teaches Technology at Horowhenua:



(Absent from photo Mr Los'e and Miss Signal)

Andre Jacobs (Head of Technology) - Graphics and Carpentry

Mr. Jacobs is a keen war gamer and field hockey goalkeeper. He has also ridden an ostrich in a race.

Cathy Shaw - Creative Catering

Mrs Shaw likes trout fishing when she gets a chance

Jenny Petterson - Creative Catering, Fabric Technology

Mrs Petterson plays competitive squash and has done a tandem skydive which she loved.

Carol Adams - Digital Technology, Technology

Mrs Adams use to hang-glide in her free time

Mike Devlin - Automotive Engineering, Technology

Mr Devlin likes fishing, cooking, good wine, good movies and working on research for hydrogen cars.

Robyn Keeling - Fabric Technology

Mrs Keeling can play the mandolin and classical guitar and enjoys being creative using different media.

Alastair Green- Carpentry, Technology

Mr Green is a keen aviation modeler, has been involved in amateur dramatics and likes historical novels.

Christopher Fearon - Digital Technology, Information Literacy

Mr Fearon plays amateur soccer and has previously worked in industry for mining companies.

Colin Taylor - Business Studies

Mr Taylor used to be a professional pianist with the Royal NZ Ballet and travelled the world with them.

Melissa Signal - Creative Catering

Miss Signal completed a half iron man at the beginning of the year.

James Lose - Technology

Mr. Lose has installed irrigation on some famous golf courses.



Technology Department



Programming Club

Technology is radically changing every area of our society, from communication to government to how we do our jobs. **Digital literacy is now a fundamental skill like reading and writing.** By learning to program, kids can have a say in how software shapes their world. Plus, programming teaches important reasoning, logic, and communication skills. Our students, on Thursday at lunchtime, share successes and are working through HTML, CSS, Python and Ruby with the aim of constructing websites and games.

Mr Fearon

New Engines for Automotive

Level One students enjoy the challenge of the new working engines. Thanks to the College Star fund and generous help from Murray at Automotive Pride we are now the proud owners of some marvellous small engines. Students are challenged to strip check and measure the engines. Then after cleaning them they must assemble the engine and get it running without fault. So far so good. Well done guys!



Mr Devlin



Woodturning Classes with the Men's Shed

We are fortunate to offer three Year12 and three Year11 students a chance to learn the finer art of Woodturning. With the help of two tutors, Rex and Stan, from the Levin Men's Shed these students are mastering the finer art of how to use a wood lathe to create something different and learn new skills. Well done on being great ambassadors for our school guys.

Mr Jacobs



Hockey News



L-R Eliza Boyle, Alysha Gibbard, Melissa Riwaka, Amy Goodyer, Hayley Goodyer

Congratulations to our 1st XI hockey girls who made it into the Under 18 Horowhenua Team. They played in a tournament over the weekend in Palmerston North with great results:

Wellington 3-1, Manawatu 5-0, Hawkes Bay 5-0 and the final Taranaki 6-0.

Hayley Goodyer was also named to play in the Under 18 Central District team.

Cross Country Results

Well done to our students who attended the recent Manawatu Cross Country. All competitors were in a field of at least 50

Jnr Girls 6th Alexa Bryant
 22nd Shinaye Fox
 25th Mikayla Parata
 47th Annette Kirk

Jnr Boys 13th Cody Stewart
 24th Fraser Bartholomew

Int Girls 9th Channelle Hill
 15th Eliza Boyle
 21st Tessa Bartholomew
 23rd Frances Bacon

Int Boys 1st Matt Wilson
 19th Josh Garcia
 21st Jahdae Tamakaha
 24th Sam Davies
 25th Sam Larmer



PE DEPARTMENT



Physical Education Junior Programme.

It has been a busy start to term 2 in the Physical Education department. This term sees our Year 9 students involved in invasion activities, with a specific focus on Basketball. The Levin Basketball Association is running a junior programme to develop the basic skill and interest in the game in a safe and positive learning environment. Peter La Roche has been delivering the programme to our students every Wednesday, and this will continue throughout term 2. The students are really enjoying the programme and are developing some great knowledge and skills.





Outdoor Education



Year 12 Tramp Ruahine Forrest Park - Purity Kelly Knight Loop

On the 8-10 May both year 12 Outdoor Education classes took up the challenge of the Purity-Kelly Knight Hut loop. With mostly fine weather, apart from a short shower on the second night, all students enjoyed the great views over the Rangitikei region across to Mt Ruapehu. Students completed this tramp as part of two standards they are completing this term: Experience camps below the snow line and Demonstrate Social Responsibility.

Mark Smith





India Visit



We were thrilled to welcome our visitors recently from Mussoorie International School (MIS), India. This was our first group visit from India. The Principal, Mrs Priya Peter, accompanied the group of 13 students, all girls, along with Mr Taran, his wife and daughter. The students stayed with homestay families. The International Department arranged the programme for their stay which included time in the classroom (with their school buddy), day visits to places of interest which included seeing Parliament in session and Victoria University. We are always very grateful to our host families who give our visiting students such a wonderful time. We hope to take a group of students to visit MIS in 2015.

Robyn Keeling





New Staff

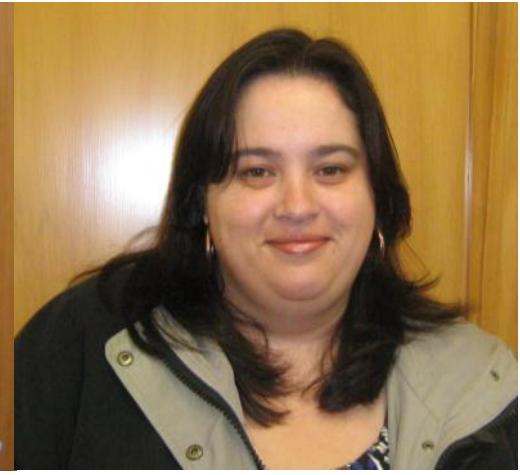
We welcome five new staff this term. Nancy Jones is our new homestay co-ordinator. Nancy is also an itinerant music teacher, working in both primary and high schools. Rachael Watson, Valerie Whiteman and Sarah McMillan are joining us as Teacher Aides. We also have Isabel Rangiwananga with us for a term while Jeanette Gilroy is away on sabbatical.



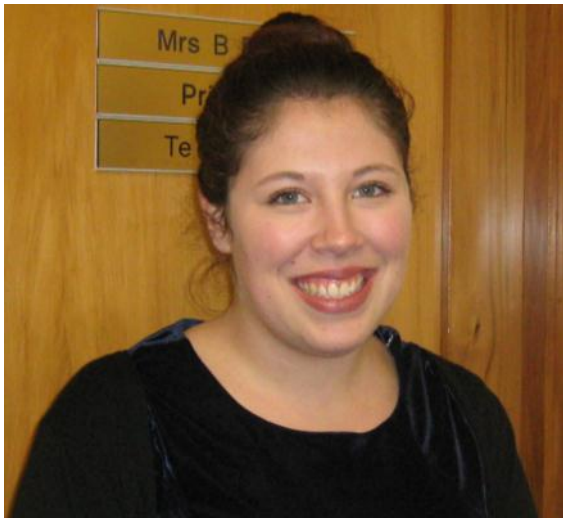
Nancy Jones



Rachel Watson



Valerie Whiteman



Sarah McMillan



Isabel Rangiwananga

New Junior Uniform 2014

The new junior uniform will be in place for the start of 2014. All Year 9's starting next year are expected to be in the new uniform and Year 10 will remain in the current blue uniform. The new uniform can be purchased from Clarks Clothing and arrangements can be made for a layby or payment option. Photos of the new uniform will follow in the next newsletter.

Please note that the red jersey will be worn by both Year 9 and seniors next year and by the whole school in 2015.



Census At School

Our school is taking part in a nationwide survey through CensusAtSchool NZ.

CensusAtSchool is a biennial online census involving students from Years 5 through to 13.

It is part of an international project where some questions are in common with other countries to provide comparisons between countries, while tailoring the remainder of the questionnaire to reflect the interests of New Zealand children. Other countries participating are Australia, Japan, South Africa, UK, Ireland, USA, Korea and Canada.

Schools take part voluntarily once teachers have registered to get a code for their class. Students complete the survey during lesson time, and then submit their data online to contribute to an international database. CensusAtSchool does not gain any information that would in any way identify any student's response so it is an anonymous survey.

A census of this type provides teachers with a collection of real, relevant student data which is supported by activities for each year level in which students can ask investigative questions and explore the data. Results and sample data are made available to teachers once the 'census' is complete. It provides an opportunity for students to use ICT in a positive and interesting manner.

In the last census, we had 33000 NZ students participate!

Visit www.censusatschool.org.nz/ to learn more about our census.





Year 13 Business Studies

Dragons Den 4 June 2013

The pressure was on at Horowhenua College, as six Year 13 Business Studies groups pitched their ideas to a high level panel from the Horowhenua area. Davy Hughes, Paul King, Kevin Gunther and Teacher Rep Chris Fearon were treated to such divergent and innovative ideas as 360 view panoramic photos, jelly filled churros, recycled jewellery, and other interesting concepts.

The groups have worked since term 1 to come up with innovative and sustainable business ideas, and have compiled lengthy and detailed business plans. Unlike a real 'Dragons Den', no money changed hands, and shares in the companies were not purchased. However, the students were all put on the spot, as their ideas were analysed and scrutinised for every detail. The panel commented on the professionalism and creativity of some of the concepts presented.

From here, the students will put their ideas into practice and sell their services or merchandise for a profit. The Achievement Standard does not call for groups having to turn a profit, but if they do, all money is retained by the group members - an extra incentive to make good sales. A total of 9 credits can be obtained for successful completion of this standard and having to withstand the trials and tribulations of a real 'Business Pitch' is perfect preparation for a career in business. Well done to the students and a huge thank you the panel for giving up their valuable time and knowledge for the benefit of our students.







School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Term 2 2012

June

Thursday	13	Year 12 Victoria University Trip
Tuesday	18	Pre Trades class trip to Kapinua
Wed	19-21	Senior Assessments
Saturday	22	Rock Quest Regionals, Palmerston North
Sun/Mon	23&24	Rangitahi Ora Tuakana Trip to Waikato University
Mon/Tue	24&25	Year 13 Geography Trip
Monday	24	Year 11 at Wellington Careers Expo
Wednesday	26	Year 11 Business Studies Activity in Quad
Thursday	27	Year 11 Business Studies Activity in Quad Year 12 Chemistry and Physics trip to Wellington Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
Friday	28	NUA 40 Hour Famine Weekend
Sunday	30	Matariki Extravaganza College Hall 1-4pm

July

Tuesday	2	2pm finish due to staff professional development
Wednesday	3	Hutt Valley High Exchange
Thursday	4	Year 13 Accounting Massey Trip Careers Expo Te Takere Service Academy Tough Boy/Girl Challenge begins
Tuesday	9	Open Evening
Wednesday	10	Pasifika Fusion Speech and Essay Competition, Palmerston North
Thursday	11	Report Evening Pasifika Fusion Competition, Palmerston North
Friday	12	Last day of term
Monday	29	First day of Term 3

