



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

June 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 2 is a very busy time when both students and staff need to manage their time very carefully to fit a range of co-curricular activities around their academic responsibilities. As you will see from the rest of the newsletter our students have been involved in a huge range of activities, both classroom related and co-curricular.

There has been a focus on careers this term with all Y11's visiting the Careers Expo in Wellington and some Y12's visiting Victoria University. Some students have also attended the UCOL Open Day and others have been to the Careers in Health event held at the Horowhenua Health Centre. There has also been a Careers for the Future Open Day held at Clean Tech in Otaki.

Half of our Y10 students are out on work week this week and the rest will be doing their work week in term 3. This is a time when they can experience the world of work and learn about the expectations that employers have of them.

Y10-13 students have also been encouraged to look at the Vocational Pathways and CareersNZ websites to find out about the range of career pathways available to them. We have had a visit from representatives of the Construction and Infrastructure industry, and we are planning visits from other industries. There will also be visits from all of the universities and from the polytechs in this region: UCOL, Whitireia and WelTech.

Next term we will be asking Y10 – 12 students to make subject choices for 2015 so it is important that you talk to your students about their career goals and help them to access the information they need to make sensible choices.

Sharon Moerkerk
Acting Principal



A Word From The Board

UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PRINCIPAL

As you are aware, Brenda Burns has retired. The Board interviewed three candidates for her position back in late March. Unfortunately none of the candidates met all of the requirements to take on the role of Principal. Therefore we chose to leave the position vacant and to re advertise the role now.

I would like to share with you the next steps in the process for the appointment of our new principal.

Timeline

22 May	Advertisement for Principal signed off by Board
23 May	Advertisement sent for publishing
30 June	Closing date for applications
11 July	Short listing
11-21 July	Referee Checks
21-24 July	Opportunity for candidates to visit school by arrangement Staff and Prefects to meet the candidates
26 July	Interviews
13 October	We hope to see the position commence in Term 4 Position commences

I will update you further as we progress through the appointment.

I would like to thank the Staff and Prefect group for their continued help in assisting the Board in the selection process.

Finally a big thanks to Sharon Moerkkerk for stepping up into the Acting Principal role and for all her support.

Chris Hartwell

Board Chair

To contact the Board Chair at any stage please address your correspondence to:

The Board Secretary
Horowhenua College
P O Box 544
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YouthTek14

During the holidays Joshua Anderson, Ryan Tate, Matthew Nickson and myself Toni Baker were involved in a computer course known as YouthTek down at Te Takere. This is the first year that YouthTek has been offered to the youth of our community.

Our tutor was Tanya Grey and we learnt a variety of skills over the week. The main one was how to code websites. Our goal was to create a website for the Te Takere Youth Space. In the process of making this we had a photographer Nick Simmons come to our course. He showed us the main points of using photoshop and gave us pointers on how to take great photos and what to do with them once we have them.

On the last day of this course we were taken to Wellington to visit a place called Park Road Post which is the last place films go before they are released into cinemas. We also visited Weta Workshop and the zoo.

Overall it was an amazing week. We learnt heaps and have taken away skills that will be very useful in the future. Thank you to the organisers for providing this opportunity.

Toni Baker
Year 10





National Shakespeare Festival



Out of 5500 students nationwide who compete in the Shakespeare Festival, 500 students from 47 winning teams performed at the Nationals on Queen's Birthday weekend in Wellington.

It was an incredible weekend of theatre workshops, sushi, a show at Circa Theatre, a visit to see the lights of Mt Victoria and two days of incredible winning performances from schools all over the country.

We made new friends, had heaps of fun and ran into former Nua students at Shakespeare Central - food court in Courtney Place.

We walked a lot around Wellington, especially Oriental Parade, and generally got into the city groove.

Then on Sunday night at the awards ceremony our team of 5 (Vikatolia Finau, Sina Moala, Ryan Dustin, Roha Taiapa and Sierra Tafeamaalii) was presented with 2 awards for their performance at Nationals:

- Minister of Arts and Culture The Hon. Christopher Finlayson award for Outstanding Movement/Dance
- Trinity College of London award for Best Recovery of Text

Well done team, you certainly deserved these awards.



National Shakespeare Festival



Thank you to Roha Taiapa, the director, for your fantastic contribution over the past three years. To borrow your line - you put the shake in Shakespeare!!

As if this wasn't enough excitement, a week later, we received word that one of our own, Vikatolia Finau aka Witch 1, had been selected for the national Shakespeare Schools Production Week later in the year. This is a huge honour for our school and a recognition of her fabulous performance.

Congrats to this great team of senior drama students - you have made us very proud!

Ms Perry

TIC Drama





Stage Challenge



On Friday the 30th of May myself and 80 of my peers headed over to the Regent on Broadway theatre in Palmerston North for the 2014 Stage Challenge regional competition.

We went up there with nothing but a huge amount of hope, pride and school spirit and came away with a well deserved second placing out of the 6 competing schools. Not only were we able to come away with the second place but we were also lucky enough to be awarded with the ASB Stage Challenge award for Spirit and Sportsmanship which the school has been winning for all the years I've been at Horowhenua College and many years before that.

For months and months prior to the regionals we were practicing almost everyday after school and throughout our weekends. We came a long way in the amount of time we spent leading up to performance day.

It was great to see a lot of old faces back into Stage Challenge this year and even more new faces fresh to the team which was really awesome! I couldn't have been any prouder of everybody who came and performed.

We couldn't have made it happen without the cast, the crew and the teachers who helped us out. I can't think of a better way to top off my final senior year at Nua than being part of this awesome team.

***By Susan Pemberton
Director***



Stage Challenge





School Cross Country

This year we had a new course and even though the course was slightly longer, it seemed to be of a lesser challenge because it was very flat, so times still happened to be much the same as in previous years.

Results were as follows:

Senior Girls

Renee Bacon
Chanelle Hill
Brighet Evening

Senior Boys

Josh Garcia
Jayden Huria
Tristram Huria

Intermediate Girls

Shanaye Fox
Tessa Bartholomew

Intermediate Boys

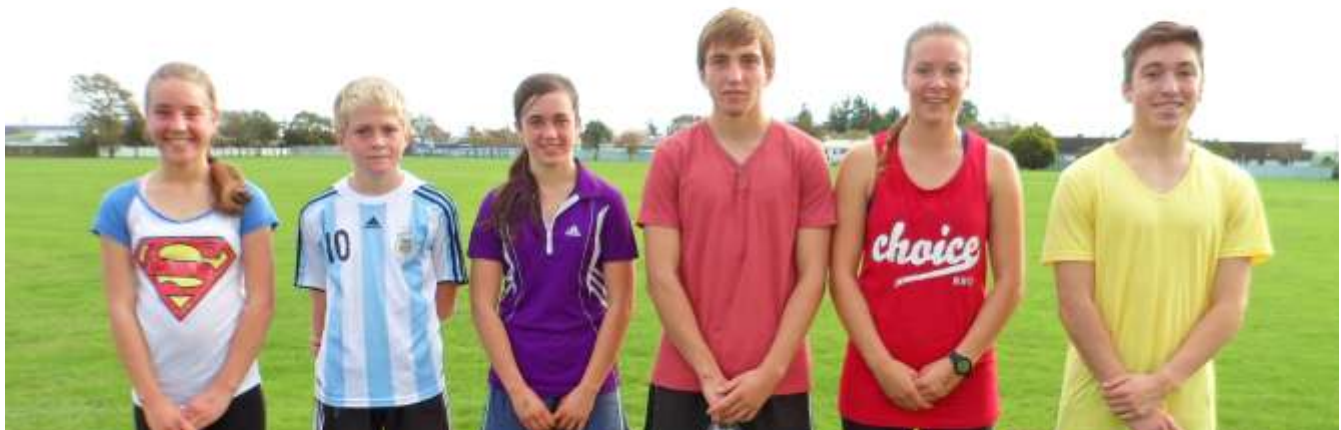
Sam Davies
Cody Stewart
Aaron Horn

Junior Girls

Alexa Bryant
Caitlin Huria
Sophie Bloxham

Junior Boys

Tim Searle
Dylan Vine
Bayly Vine



First place in each division: Alexa Bryant, Tim Searle, Shanaye Fox, Sam Davies, Josh Garcia





Manawatu Interschool Cross Country Champs



Left: Bayly and Dylan Vine navigating the water on the course.

The Manawatu Interschool Cross Country Champs for 2014 were held on a new course at the Massey Institute of Sport on a bright, clear Palmerston North day. We took a team of 11 students who competed in various age groups and each student did particularly well.

Junior girls started with Alexa Bryant coming 7th and Sophie Bloxham 15th out of 68 girls. This was followed by Tim Searle, Bayly Vine and Dylan Vine who came 3rd, 11th and 12th respectively out of 36 junior boys. Tim had our best result of the day.

Shanaye Fox ran a solid race in the intermediate girls division coming 21 out of 44 girls. In the intermediate boys we had Sam Davies 8th, Cody Stewart 10th and Aaron Horn 15th who all ran well in a field of 44 boys. Our senior competitors Renee Bacon 7th and Josh Garcia 18th ran extremely good races completing three laps of the course.

Overall it was a very good day and the school was extremely proud of the efforts of all our competitors.

Below: Alexa Bryant, Tim Searle, Renee Bacon, Sam Davies, Cody Stewart, Josh Garcia, Aaron Horn, Shanaye Fox, Sophie Bloxham. Front: Dylan Vine, Bayly Vine





Duke of Edinburgh



In April the Duke of Edinburgh team set off on an overnight training tramp to Sunrise Hut in the Hawkes Bay. There were amazing views throughout the walk and after a steady climb we were all knackered, especially Hayden who unknowingly carried a huge rock the other boys had snuck into his pack! On the way up we were put through different scenarios, such as a member breaking their leg, so we could train ourselves on different techniques we could use if it actually happened.

The next morning we were to a spectacular sunrise. The hut really lived up to its name. The walk back was sluggish as we had to navigate ourselves down the river, crossing multiple times with a couple of people falling in along the way.

Altogether this tramp was a good learning experience and we all enjoyed ourselves.

Ella Robinson and Hayden Gibbard
Year 11





Year 10 Soft Materials



On 23 May, the Year 10 Fabric students visited Kapinua, our local garment printing company. Ingo Schleuss, the owner offered to help our students design and make their own t-shirts by supplying the fabric and printing the students designs onto them.

On our first visit, the students gathered ideas on what kinds of printing, embroidery and designs they could do. They were impressed with the range of what was possible and many gathered inspiration from the examples available for viewing in the shop area and the information provided by Ingo and Grit. We then looked at the amazing computer aided design program which shows the garments in 3D and then went through the factory to see the various stages of production. The printing machines were very impressive and the sublimation process of heat pressing the ink into the fabric was stunning.

The students returned with lots of ideas about what they could do and a good understanding of the processes involved in creating a design onto a t-shirt. They are now busily working on creating their ideas so they can be sent back to Kapinua for printing and we will then go on our second visit to watch the actual printing and sublimation process for their own designs.

A big thank you to Kapinua for a great visit.

Carol Adams
TIC Fabric





Horowhenua Services Academy Bush Craft Course

The Youth Development Unit Central (YDU-C) is the governing authority for the running of a 5 day Bush craft Course for the Lower North Island Service Academies. Fifty students from Horowhenua College, Makoura College, Mana College and Trident College deployed to Waiouru Military Camp over the period 3 – 7 June 2014 to complete this course.

The aim is to provide students with bush craft skills in order to develop the character and competence to effectively and safely enjoy NZ bush conditions.

All the academies had their bags searched for prohibited items and a kit inspection was completed on arrival. This was followed by course administration, accommodation and then to dinner in the mess. The remainder of the night was taken up with exercise preparation.

Day 2

After breakfast in the mess the students headed out to complete a navigation / tramp close to camp and in the afternoon they completed survival lessons which included lost procedure, construct a shelter, how to make a fire and traps and snares. After construction of their shelters the students slept in them overnight. Dinner was soup and bread.

Day 3

Breakfast was a hot-box which was welcome after a cold night out in the field. After further lessons on river crossing theory and pool flotation with their packs the students headed for the river to put all these new learnt skills into action. After a late lunch (ration pack) the students once again had to nav tramp to their new night location at Abbassia Camp. On arrival, further lesson were given on field hygiene, layering/wet and dry and how to erect a tent. Tea was ration pack and then they settled down to their second night under canvas. The only bad thing was that there was no rain or snow to test their tents.

Day 4

Breakfast in the field was from the 24 hour ration pack and then it was off for the longest tramp of the course, a 16 km route over some rolling countryside with great views of the mountain. There were a lot of opportunities to do map reading along the way which was awesome. Our final night location was at a place called Street Without Joy where we put up our tents and had a well-deserved rest after a long day in the sun.

Day 5

Breakfast once again was a hot-box followed by pack up and a well-deserved shower and then we all headed back to Levin.







New Staff



Sarah Dyson - Assistant Teacher of Design and Photography covering Miss Hirst's classes while she is on maternity leave.



Martine Lewis - Assistant Teacher of Science/Chemistry



Julie Bolton - Assistant Teacher of English



Susan Prentice - Assistant Teacher of Science/Ag Hort

We also say goodbye to Mrs Redfearn who will be taking up a teaching position in Fielding and all the best to Miss Hirst who will be taking maternity leave.



KidsCan



Recently Mrs Grey's Level 2 Social Studies class took social action for the KidsCan charitable organisation. The class split up into groups and each took separate actions.

Action taken included, a firewood raffle, car washes, information expo stalls, assorted raffle and other actions aimed at raising money and ultimately awareness for

KidsCan.

The class collectively raised \$712.30 for the New Zealand charity. The money raised will go towards helping kids in need in New Zealand, by providing them with basic items they have been previously denied.

As a class we decided to take social action for KidsCan because it is an organisation set up and run by New Zealanders and the proceeds go towards children in New Zealand who are in need.

1 in 4 New Zealand children live in poverty.

We would like to say a special thank you to all those who helped us in taking social action.

- Dave Key for advertising the actions on air
- Mr Hirst for providing firewood
- HDC for supplying permits
- Te Takere for providing space for the actions
- Horowhenua Community for showing support and donating to the cause.



Level 2 Social Studies



International News

Vietnam trip for Horowhenua College students – 19 April to 3 May 2014

Ten Horowhenua College students have recently returned to school after a two week trip to Vietnam during the April school holidays. The students were part of a Sister School Exchange to Hanoi, being hosted by Nguyen Tat Thanh High School. This was a return visit after Horowhenua College hosted students from NTT High School in 2013.



Our students found that life was very different in Vietnam compared to New Zealand. Our hosts organised a great programme for us which gave our students the opportunity to see what it was like to attend a school in Vietnam and what it would be like to live there.

There were approximately 50 students in a class. The school day started at 7.30am and finished at 5pm. This included a nap time during the lunch break. Students lie on a mat in the classroom. Our programme included this which is something we are not used to. Our students took part in art, chemistry and dance classes. This included learning a new dance and performing in traditional costume along with some of the NTT students in front of the junior school assembly. This was very colourful. Assembly was held outside with all the 1000 students picking up their own seat and sitting in their class groups. The school roll is over 2000 so there were separate junior and senior assemblies.

Another highlight was making water rockets. These were amazing, travelling great distances. There is a competition the NTT students have entered with some representatives travelling to Seoul, Korea shortly.





International News

We visited many places while in Hanoi which included Hanoi National University, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, University of Industry, Temple of Literature, Art Museum, Ethnic Minority Museum, the famous Water Puppets Show, and a two day trip to Ha Long Bay. Some scenes from the James Bond movie 'Tomorrow Never Dies' was filmed there. This was one of the highlights during the trip. It included a tour of a cave discovered in 1993. It was huge and showcased with coloured lights.



The students stayed with host families who looked after them well. This was an opportunity to try different foods and to experience 'bargaining' when they went shopping. As the students gained more experience doing this, it was lots of fun.

Going on an overseas trip is a growing experience for the students and develops endurance and independence as well as an understanding that life in New Zealand is pretty easy.

This was a 'trip of a life-time'

and something the students will never forget. Just crossing the road in Hanoi is an experience with hundreds of motorbikes coming at you and not always from the same direction!



The next overseas trip is planned for April 2015 to China. We have recently secured a Sister School relationship in Guangzhou. Students who are interested in travelling with this group are encouraged to start saving now! They will also be expected to billet a student when the school visits us in July next year.

Mrs Keeling
Director of International Students



Katelyn's Vietnam Report



As most of you will know, during the April school holidays, 10 students and 6 adults flew to Hanoi in Vietnam to experience a completely different culture over two weeks. After a 14 hour journey we were met by our host families at NTT High School and taken to our new homes during our stay.

Our mornings started at 6am to be ready for a 7am start at school. All the lessons were in Vietnamese and the Vietnamese students translated for us what was happening.

A typical day for a Vietnamese student consists of 12 classes including an hour long sleeping class. The reason they have this sleeping class is to “recharge the batteries” as they have pretty long days. This was pretty weird for us kiwi students and sleeping on foam mats was pretty uncomfortable and pretty much like sleeping on the floor.

The students at NTT High School attend school 6 days a week and don't finish until 5pm at night. It is a long day and after dinner the students study late into the night.

2500 students attend NTT High School and the school itself is a 6 storey high quadrant. There is no grass just a big concrete area with a couple of trees, basketball court and a stage where they have their assembly.

Some of the food experiences I tried were pigs brains, chickens feet, bowls of blood, goat, and cows' spinal cords which were all pretty gross but at least I gave them a go. Best of all was Pizza Hut!!



Katelyn's Vietnam Report

There were many highlights during the trip but one special experience was going on a 2-day trip to Ha Long Bay. The scenery was amazing. One of the James Bond movies 'Never say die' was filmed there. It took us 4 hours by bus to get there. While there we enjoyed going on one of the 'junks' (this is a big Vietnamese boat) and we went and saw the dragon cave. This is a sacred place for Vietnamese people. It was a very beautiful place. Another day trip was to Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. This is a monument to the dead Leader, Ho Chi Minh (Chairman of the Communist Party). The Vietnamese people pay money to visit him as he is preserved in a glass box protected by armed guards. Shopping was great fun too. Things are cheap and you can have fun bargaining to get the price down.

The Vietnamese people are very friendly and polite but are very overwhelming when they see fair skinned tourists as they race up to you and want photos of you and want to touch you.

The traffic in Hanoi City is crazy. There are so many motor bikes on the road and because of the amount of traffic driving in the city it is very chaotic. It doesn't seem like they have any road rules. It is very common to see more than two people on a scooter and carrying all sorts of things on it, like animals, supplies etc and it is not uncommon to see the whole family like 5 people on one motorbike!

I had a truly amazing experience in Vietnam both at the school and living with a Vietnamese family, eating their food and following their traditions. It was fantastic. I would highly recommend that if you get the chance to go on the next overseas school trip, to take the opportunity as you learn so much and make life-long friends.

On behalf of the students I would like to thank Mrs Keeling and Mr Cadle for organising this trip and David, Emma, Bruce and Dale for coming and encouraging and supporting us with all the activities.

Katelyn Martin
Year 11

New Zealand Canoe Polo Selections

Once again ex-Horowhenua College students are representing New Zealand on the world sporting stage.

When the New Zealand Women's Canoe Polo team was announced last month four of the seven members were past students of Horowhenua College. Megan Juno, Erin Bolton, Emma Hicks and Hannah Staples have been selected in this team. They will represent New Zealand at the World Canoe Polo Championships in Thury-Harcourt, France in September this year.

Congratulations girls. We look forward to hearing of your triumphs on your return.



Business Studies Market Day

The College Market Days for Level 1 Business Studies were held at lunchtime on the 3rd and 4th of June - Tuesday and Wednesday. It was glorious weather, and there was a huge variety of hot and cold foods on display.

All the stalls were well prepared, signage and price lists were posted for all to see, and the student body supported their fellow students entrepreneurial endeavours by splashing their cash!

All credit to the students from both classes (Mr Taylor's and Mrs Futter's), to the staff for their tremendous support throughout both lunchtimes, to our management for assisting this process, and to the students of the college for ensuring that every stall made a worthwhile profit!

Special thanks to Lorraine Futter, for her dedicated and focussed efforts to ensure the students were as well prepared and professional as possible.

Colin Taylor
HOS Business Studies





International Taekwon Do

Congratulations to Michael Searle, Timothy Searle, Tongsen Su, Kees Hooper-Whiti, Bree Hooper-Whiti and our very own Mr Cadle who completed at the recent International Taekwon Do Regionals.

Results for divisions as follows:

Michael Searle	Gold Sparring, Bronze speciality and Bronze patterns
Timothy Searle	Gold Sparring, Silver speciality
Kees Hooper-Whiti	Bronze Junior Blue Belt patterns
Mr Cadle	Bronze Sparring, Silver Blue Belt patterns
Tongsen Su	Best Overall Yellow Belt
	Gold Patterns and Silver Sparring

Well done to Georgie Parrant and Te Nawe Whiti who officiated on the day.

Below: Tongsen Su on his way to becoming the Best Overall Yellow Belt of the tournament.





Junior Report Evening

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Teachers are currently writing Junior Comment Reports which will indicate your child's level of performance so far this year.

Each subject teacher will provide the following information:

- 1) Number grades for behaviour, effort and class work (as seen in interim reports).
- 2) The curriculum level your child is working at in each subject. Year 9 students should be working at Level 4 and Year 10 at level 5.
- 3) Attendance per subject
- 4) A written comment about your child's progress.

A copy of this report will be given to junior students to bring home on Monday 23rd of June. This report will be available to view online the next day.

To view this report please log in to our parent portal, <http://kamar.horowhenua.school.nz> using your parent login.

Once logged in successfully, click on 'Reports' on the right side menu and then 'Term 2 Report.' We hope that access to your child's information will be of value to you.

On Thursday 26th of June we are holding a Parent / Teacher Interview Evening for our junior students. At this evening you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's report and progress so far this year. The evening will run from 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm. We warmly invite you to attend this evening to speak to subject teachers. You may also wish to take the opportunity to discuss any matters of concern with the Tutor Teacher or Dean.

Students will be given an appointment form on which to arrange interview times with teachers. In order to accommodate everyone we insist each interview takes no more than 5 minutes. It is recommended that you do not book consecutive appointments. The interviews will be held in A Block and T Block. Prefects will be available to assist you throughout the evening.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours faithfully

Daryl Warburton
Assistant Principal



NZQA Fees

We would like to remind you that the NZQA fees deadline for payment for all senior students is early September.

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 information you received during the Term One Parent Conferences. You can also access this online at (www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/Application-For-Financial-Assistance.pdf). If the fees are not paid by the due date 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.

Kathy Grey

Kamar

Kamar has developed both an Apple and Android app which allows students and parents to access the same live information on their phones as can be viewed in the Parent/Student Portal. This is useful for accessing the daily notices, attendance information, timetables, past reports, financial information and a whole lot more!

Steps

1. Download the Application
Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/nz/app/kamar/id336862723?mt=8>
Google: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.co.KAMAR&hl=en>
2. Install
3. Open and click on **Settings**
4. Enter the server address **kamar.horowhenua.school.nz**
5. Logon with the student's network logon, eg firstname.surname
6. The password is your portal password
7. It is possible to save the user name and password in the settings area

Daryl Warburton
Assistant Principal



School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Term 2 2012

June

Mon-Fri	16-20	Work Week
Tue-Fri	17-20	Y13 Geography Trip
Wed-Fri	18-20	Y12 Geography Trip
Wednesday	18	Meijo Host Parent Meeting
Friday	20	Manu Korero
Saturday	21	NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs
Monday	23	Chemistry and Physics Trip to Wellington Junior Comment Report issued
Thursday	26	Level3 Accounting Trip Junior Report Evening 4-6.30pm Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
Friday	27	Cultural Fiesta Mufti Day
Saturday	28	Rock Climbing Trip to Wellington
Monday	30	Pasifika Fusion rehearsal day

July

Tuesday	1	Open Evening 7pm
Wednesday	2	Winter House Sports
Thursday	3	Senior Interim Report issued Pasifika Fusion Competition - Palmerston North
Friday	4	Last day of term

Term 3

Monday	21	First day of Term 3
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