



# NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

June 2015

Kia ora koutou,

Term one was a busy start to the year with students settling into their learning programmes and numerous activities along the way. This newsletter will highlight a number of these for your information and your enjoyment.

There are two activities I would particularly like to mention. Firstly, our 75th Reunion, which was celebrated over Easter weekend. This was a very enjoyable occasion with past students reminiscing on their college days and sharing stories. Needless to say, there was lots of talking and plenty of laughter. It was also a time for me to gain a greater understanding of the history of our college and to meet some of the people (students and staff) who have helped develop the rich culture and proud sense of belonging that is so evident at Horowhenua College.

At the reunion it was a privilege to meet some of the foundation students who were present on the very first day the college officially opened in 1940.



Foundation pupils at the tree planning ceremony.



## A Word from the Principal

At the end of the reunion I had an even greater sense of pride about being part of Horowhenua College. I also have a very real sense of confidence in the days ahead. The present and the future are full of opportunity and promise.

The second activity I would especially like to mention is the recent ANZAC commemorations. What became more and more evident was the way our students engaged with the real meaning of ANZAC - to acknowledge what others had sacrificed, the hardships and loss that were endured, the values that people had been willing to fight and die for, and the quality of life that is now enjoyed because of these people.

At our ANZAC service at college, this was not more evident than during the minute silence where you could have heard a pin drop, and the desire to honour and show respect was almost palpable. I am very proud of the way our students responded to the significance of ANZAC, and this same response was witnessed in our own community as well as in communities all across New Zealand over the ANZAC weekend.

With Term Two almost behind us we remind ourselves that this is a term demanding solid academic focus. For our Year 9 and 10 students there is important academic development targets to strive for. For our Year 11 -13 students there are many NCEA assessments held over this term and much of the ground work for later assessments will be put in place.

We therefore look forward to an enjoyable and satisfying term of hard work and academic success.

Kind regards to you all.  
Grant Congdon  
Principal







## ANZAC Civil Ceremony

On Saturday the 25th of April, 2015, we were fortunate enough to have the incredible honour of speaking at the ANZAC service. This was an amazing opportunity to pay our respects to those who fought for our country in times of war. ANZAC day united us all as a community and nation (in a day of remembrance) to give thanks and pay respect to those who sacrificed so much for us. It is unimaginable what our soldiers went through - the horror and the terror of constant conflict, the deafening screams of war and the fear of not returning home. Getting up on the lectern and speaking in front of the massive crowd comprised of seasoned veterans, current servicemen and women and everyone else that came to pay their respects was an extremely surreal feeling. It filled us with honor and I'm sure neither of us will forget that moment anytime soon. Getting to listen to the stories told by the war veterans was another amazing experience. It gave us an insight into what our ancestors endured and the conditions they suffered through to protect us as a nation. Hearing these stories made us respect the ones who fought for us even more, but it also made us realise how lucky we are to live in a time of relative peace. We take for granted things our previous generations would've been lucky to have: like eating meals together as a family, or enjoy Saturday morning sport with the kids, or even being able to live life without the constant fear of being shipped off to a foreign country. This whole experience was incredible and we're both very glad we had this opportunity to pay our respects.

Lest we forget.

Nathaniel Payton and Emily Mose Tuialii  
Head Boy and Head Girl





## Fields of Remembrance



Horowhenua College established a Field of Remembrance in the Quad as a way of acknowledging the service and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in World War I.

Each school in New Zealand was allocated 30 White Crosses. Students had to construct the crosses then add a name to each cross. We were supplied with the names of 22 soldiers from our region who all died in service for our country. Also included was a nurse, heroes who won the VC, William Malone who led the Wellington Battalion, Sergeant Dave Gallaher, Captain of the All Blacks who was killed at Passchendaele and Private Basil Mercer the youngest to be killed – he was just 17 years old.

10 MH used their Social Studies periods this week to construct the crosses then laid out the Field of Remembrance in the Quad.

Miss Grey  
Head of Faculty Social Sciences

Top Photo: Students constructing the crosses – Front left is Brooke Antonsen who read the Ode to Remembrance during the day's ceremony

Bottom Photo: Brecon Hallaran-Gould 10MH being assisted by Year 13 Prefect Sia Fuauli laying a cross







## Waka Walls Art from NUA

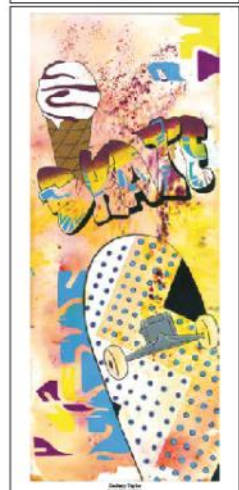
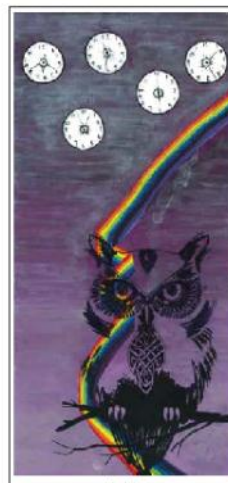
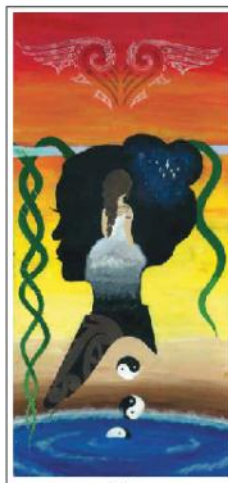
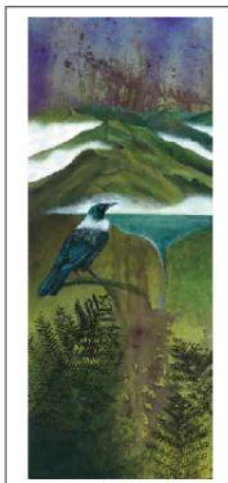
The final Waka Walls Art Works were unveiled during May. Winners were calculated in two divisions. First division represents the top 10 as judged by the special Youth Arts Committee.

Out of the 10 submissions selected for the first display 7 were from Horowhenua College. Congratulations to Laura Wedlock, Adam Groeneveld, Vada Bowling, Khai Reed, Hine Te Peeti, Jesse Smith and Rachel Sue.

Second division designs are being held for publishing at a later date. Congratulations to Jodeci Ropoama, Sasha Henderson-Tukuniu, Karen Ryan, Frances Bacon, Kristal Davidson, Anica Roelofs, Savanna Page, Bailey Kingi and Eliana Bell.

All submitters and their families were invited to an afternoon tea function at Te Takere to celebrate.

Mrs Gilroy  
Head of Faculty ARTS





## Brain Bee Challenge

Term One this year saw Jhea Dela Cruz and Jotham Harris both sit round one of the Brain Bee challenge. This involved a multichoice quiz on Neuroscience using the Education Perfect online learning platform. These two students scored high enough to be invited to the regional finals at Auckland University in July. As well as participating in 2 rounds of live questioning to determine who will become the state/region champion, students also have a day filled with activities to educate them about neuroscience and associated research. This may include lab tours, demonstrations, lectures, experiments and the opportunity to speak to researchers. There is also a team competition on the day where schools compete against each other to win prizes for their school.







## China Trip



During the April school holidays Mrs Keeling and Mr Cadle took a group of students to Guangzhou, China.

We were hosted by Nan Hai ZhiXin Middle School (2000 students) for four days and PanYu ZhiXin Middle School (3000 students) for the remainder of our visit. They are two of the three campuses which make up ZhiXin Middle School. Our programme included interaction with students both in the classroom during their lessons and out of class time; sightseeing in the city to cultural places; shopping; experiencing the culture through shows and visits to museums, temples etc; several parties put on by the Chinese students and more. Subjects included Music, Rapping, Sports and Fitness, Math, Traditional Painting, Calligraphy, Ceramics, Paper cutting and more. Our visits included Fuoshan Ancestor Temple, Shiwan Ceramics, dragon dancing show, night cruise on the Pearl River, Shamian Island and Ersha Island, Guangdong Folk Art, Canton Tower, Chimelong International Circus, Hongxiannv Arts and more. An amazing trip.

*"This trip was a huge cultural experience. I enjoyed participating meeting students from both high schools and meeting awesome people I won't forget. I was amazed how friendly and passionate people/students/teachers are over there. One thing I learned from being in China was to come out of my comfort zone and try new things. Definitely one memorable trip!" Naomi Hall (Year 12)*

Students from PanYu ZhiXin Middle School will visit us in February 2016. We will look forward to welcoming them when they come to Horowhenua College.

Robyn Keeling, Director of International Education





## Shakespeare Festival 2015



Great team, great show, awesome people!

The Kapiti Regional Shakespeare Festival was held at Paraparaumu College this year. Horowhenua College entered four student directed five minute scenes and one teacher directed fifteen minute scene.

We had an outstanding backstage crew and a group of very talented performers and directors. Not only this but we ran into some old friends from other colleges at the festival and had an amazing time.

Thanks to Mr Pile for all your support of this festival. Thank you also to all the teachers and parents who came down to see the show - we appreciate your support. Thank you also to the students at Horowhenua College. You make it all worthwhile!

Ms Perry, Teacher In Charge of Drama







## Shakespeare 2015



Congratulations to Vikatolia Finau who brought home the silverware again for her role as Lady Capulet in 'Romeo and Juliet' this year.

Vikatolia has been involved in the Shakespeare Festival for three years and last year was selected for the National Shakespeare Schools Production.

Vikatolia played a starring role this year and brought home the cup for Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role for her exceptional performance as Lady Capulet.

Ms Perry  
Teacher in Charge of Drama

## Year 10 Drama



The Year 10s are currently preparing for their devising assessment called Issues-based Devising.

We are looking at the issue of bullying in high schools and the groups are creating an original story for performance which examines this issue.

It may sound serious, but Year 10 Drama students have a lot of fun devising their own stories and being creative. All good training for senior drama!

Ms Perry  
Teacher in Charge of Drama



## Heretaunga Sports Exchange

For the 2nd year we had our annual sports exchange with the Upper Hutt College, Heretaunga.

This was the first year we had hosting rights meaning Heretaunga came to Levin to play our college in nine games of sport bringing with them 100 students and their associated staff and coaches.

The weather played a large part in the day as even though it only started raining at 9am, it then rained continuously hard throughout the day.



The Professional Shield was up for grabs as it was shared from last year, 5 matches all, so a lot was riding on this.

Horowhenua v Heretaunga results were:

Hockey	Boys lost 1-2	Girls won 6-0	
Football	Boys won 9-1	Girls lost 0-5	
Netball	Jnr A lost 16-26	Snr B won 14-12	Snr A lost 19-28
Basketball	Boys A lost 49- 80		
Rugby	1st XV lost 5-27		

Overall a win to Heretaunga College 6 matches to 3. Even though it rained hard, the players did not seem to mind and got on with the job of playing sport. All teams played hard but fair which was a credit to all those involved.

Thanks must go to all coaches, managers and referees who had to put up with the horrible weather.

Mr Bartholomew  
Sports Coordinator







## Duke of Edinburgh News



On the 16th of May seven Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students and One Gold student embarked on a journey to the Ruahine ranges near Napier. The group discovered what it was like to tramp in the mountains (some for the first time). Unfortunately, on reaching Sunrise Hut at the tops, we discovered it was already full! So instead we came back down the hill at a fast pace to beat the dark. We ended up spending the night at Triple X hut at the base of the ranges. It was arguably a better choice of accommodation as we had the place to ourselves and it was much warmer. Throughout the weekend the students learnt various bush craft skills such as cooking, first aid and river crossing. With winter closing in there will be no tramps until the warmer months, but training will continue in school.

During activities week this year the Silver students will be completing their qualifying tramp around Lake Waikaremoana. Other Duke of Ed students are welcome to attend, and any other places will be opened up to year 9 & 10 students. This is not classed as a difficult tramp but it is long so it is not for the faint of heart. More details to follow later.

The Silver Award was completed by Aimee Dustin on the 19th of May. Aimee has completed her two required night tramps and her required time of service, learning a skill and improving a physical ability. She is now going on to the Gold Award which requires a greater time input and an expedition she is involved in planning.

Mr Cadle  
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator





## Smallbore Shooting



The college smallbore shooting team began their season on the 1st of June with low numbers, probably due to Queen's Birthday. Some students did well while others were obviously just getting used to it again. Smallbore involves shooting a .22 rifle on a 25 metre range against 10 targets. The season runs for another 3 nights with the competition shoot at the end of the month. Then the results will be sent off to be compared with other schools around the country.

Mr Cadle, Teacher in Charge Smallbore Shooting







## Squash It Sandwiches

We were following Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution to encourage young people to eat healthy food. Several signed the petition that has gone all around the world. The revolution included a unique theme song. We made a celebration lunch. These special sandwiches contained 11 ingredients with a balsamic vinegar dressing, bashed with a rolling pin in a tea towel. We invited the Principal, Senior Leaders, our Dean and teachers to join us. All really liked it. Kiara said how much she liked that it was so healthy. Britney enjoyed preparing it to share with others.



Miss Lewis  
Science Teacher

## Extreme Running



Looking for something to do on the weekend? Fancy a run up Trig? Come and join the college running team. Look out for meeting times in the notices or contact Mr Pile. Runners of all ability welcome. Usual meeting time is 1pm Sundays at the Trig carpark

Left: First run for the team up Trig.

Other runs will be planned over the next few weeks.



## Stage Challenge 2015



Stage Challenge 2015 brought success to Horowhenua College as we walked away with the overall title as well as Awards of Excellence in no less than 10 categories including Costuming Character, Set Design and Function, Stage Use, Lighting Design, Visual Enhancement, Performance Skill, Concept, Choreography, Drama, and the precious Spirit of Stage Challenge award voted on by the Participating schools.

This was a real team effort and was the result of 5 months hard work from both the cast and crew and a very talented creative team, who planned and implemented everything from the original concept through to planning and building the set and designing and making costumes.

We are extremely proud of this student led production and take comfort from the fact that all of the students involved gained life-long skills to equip them for the challenges they face long after college. It was great to see our school values of Being Responsible, Building Relationships and Being Successful in evidence throughout Stage Challenge 2015.

A special thank you to Wayne Hirst who helped with transportation and to the Levin Little Theatre whose support has been outstanding.

Mr O'Brien  
Teacher in Charge Stage Challenge





## Stage Challenge





## Nga Manu Korero



On Monday June 12th two students from our school spoke at the Manu Kōrero speech competitions. Both did extremely well although the competition was up to National standard. Everyone would acknowledge the significant amount of work that was put in by Kim and Talia to get their speeches up to such a high standard. The way they participated in this competition was a credit to the school and we are very proud of them both.

Kim Kerehoma and Talia Tatana, you rock!

Matua Greg  
Head of Maori







## Melodies of the Disturbed

Balancing school work and creating and performing metal music isn't easy, but for the past 8 months 4 Level 2 students have managed to do just that. Geordie Parrant, Kurt Thoms, Joshua Anderson and Kaidan Downs AKA Melodies Of The Disturbed have taken our fast paced, melodic metal music all around the lower



North Island, playing shows in Palmerston North, Kapiti, Wellington, Foxton and of course Levin.

The journey started at the end of 2014 with the help of Business Studies teacher Mr Taylor who helped come up with the bands name. Over the Christmas holidays we got together with the aim to write and play original music. Our first show saw us play three songs at the local AEB venue and it was clear from the reaction of the crowd that we had something special. We continued to refine our skills and worked to play as many shows as possible. To this date we have played over 30 gigs and we are beginning to build a name for ourselves with established

bands and have had success in making the semi finals of the Battle of the Bands in Palmerston North, coming second in Horowhenua's Got Talent and drawing a large crowd at the music month performance.



We have designed our own logo and have sold t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and singlets. The next few months look just as busy with new material to write, Rockquest, possible tours and recording our first album. Melodies of the Disturbed would like to thank all the teachers who have been understanding and supportive and most of all Mr Wright for putting up with us.

Geordie Parrant  
Lead Singer/Rhythm Guitarist of Melodies Of The Disturbed, Year 12 Student.



## Inter School Cross Country

Manawatu Inter Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs 2015

This year these champs were held back at the old course at Manawatu College as opposed to the differing course at Massey University last year.

We took 13 students over to Foxton to run over the hilly course in their various age groups. All the students ran well in what turned out to be difficult conditions with rain falling throughout most of their races.

Results were:

Junior Girls:	Caitlin Huria 6th
Junior Boys	Samuel Paxton 13th Isaac Winchcombe 38th
Intermediate Girls	Alexa Bryant 7th Shinaye Fox 23rd Sophie Bloxham 24th Angeleen Masoe 38th
Intermediate Boys	Tim Searle 8th Dylan Vine 20th Bayly Vine 23rd
Senior Girls	Laura Wedlock 28th
Senior Boys	Sam Davies 4th Josh Garcia 5th







## Samoan Languages Week 2015

***“Tautua nei mo sou manuia taeao – Serve now for a better future”***

This was the theme for the recently celebrated Samoan Language Week at school. To begin the week, three of our senior students – Sia Fuauli, Philippa Haeata-Falamoe and Olive Penetokoso-Faumuina visited the staff during a staff meeting and taught them some Samoan greetings which they could use in and around the school. Then the three girls taught the staff four of the sayings which featured on the Samoan Language Week poster and explained the meanings of these. Finally, the staff were taught a very short Sasa.

Sia, Philly and Olive were excellent ambassadors for their culture and were very well received by the staff. To follow their instructions, during the week staff tried out various greetings and sayings and students commented on how much they enjoyed this and appreciated the effort made by the teachers. The Samoan flag was also hung on the school flagpole to recognise and celebrate the fantastic Samoan community we have here at Horowhenua College.

The week culminated in the students wearing the Samoan costumes to school which was a bright and colourful event. We are looking forward to celebrating more of these Language weeks as the year progresses.

Mrs Futter  
Pasifika Dean





## School Information

### Dates For Your Calendar

Dates are added to our school calendar throughout the term. Please refer to our website [www.horowhenua.school.nz](http://www.horowhenua.school.nz) for updates.

#### June

Monday	22	Pae Taiohi Regional Kapa Haka competition - The Regent, P/North
Thursday	25	Victoria University Open Day for Y11 Maori & Y11 Pasifika students
Monday	29	Loves Me Not Parent Evening 7pm - College Library Year 9 Dance 6.30pm-8.30pm - College Hall

#### July

Wednesday	1	Open Evening 7pm - College Hall
Thursday	2	Board of Trustees Meeting - College Staffroom 5.30pm
Friday	3	Last day of Term 2
Sat-Mon	4-13	Australian Sports Exchange Trip
Monday	20	First day of Term 3

## Pasifika Power Up

**Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo ni, Fakatalofa atu and Warm Pacific Greetings.**

### **“STUDENTS, UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL IN YOU”**

Calling all of our Primary and Secondary Pasifika students to come and join our July Pasifika Holiday PowerUp Programme. These fun filled sessions will continue to support your journey of unlocking your potential and helping you reach your educational goals and aspirations.

#### **Pasifika PowerUp Programme - Holiday Programme**

**Dates:** Thursday 9th July and Thursday 16th July 2015  
**Venue:** Te Takere Library, Levin  
**Time:** 11am - 2pm

The Holiday Programme will provide support via Academic Mentors and accessing resources from the library. These holiday sessions will focus on strengthening student achievement in the outcomes of learning areas of National Standards and NCEA.

If you have any queries please make contact with me at [patsy@sv8c.co.nz](mailto:patsy@sv8c.co.nz). Look forward to seeing you there.

Fa’afetai ma la manuia  
Patsy Madar  
Project Coordinator  
Pasifika PowerUp Programme