



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

March 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2014 has begun with the usual flurry of activity. We have introduced a wonderful group of Year 9 students. Electronic devices in hand they are excited to begin their secondary education. They are a very enthusiastic well focussed group of students who have settled in well and are enjoying college life.

We eagerly awaited our NCEA results and were delighted to see improvements in many areas. The results have certainly demonstrated that the quality of education offered at the college is of the highest standard and this year we will be focusing on the retention of students to ensure that they benefit for as long as possible and achieve a minimum qualification of Level 2.

Each year we hold a lunch for those who received merit and excellence endorsement and this year 80 invitations were sent out which is a huge increase on last year's numbers.

The icing on the cake was the scholarship announcement. Three students received seven scholarships between them. Shem Harris received scholarships in English, Geography, Chemistry, Physics and Statistics and Rebecca Brown and Andrew Williams in Accounting.

We congratulate the students on their achievement and the staff who provided extension and support for them.

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of students staying on at school until they have achieved Level 2. This year of those students who stayed on to Year 13 99% have achieved NCEA Level 1 and 97.8% have achieved NCEA Level 2. Both of these statistics are above the National statistics for all schools of 96% and 95.3%. As a college we achieve way above the National statistic for our decile of 94.3% with Level 1 and 92.3% for Level 2. This shows that decile rating is not a measure of achievement capability in our town.



A Word From Our Principal



Above: Merit/Excellence Lunch

Individual sportsmen and women perform to an exceptional standard also and we congratulate the following on their selection for National and International events:

- Trent Smith has been named in the NZ Basketball Association Development U14 Team that will be touring Las Vegas in July
- Amy Horn, Alex James and Sophie Bloxham have returned from the Junior Age Group Track Cycling Nationals in Invercargill. Sophie won two golds at the event.
- Riley Scott is the goalie for the NZ U18 Men's Inline Hockey Team heading to France in July
- Xavier Taiaroa has been selected for the NZ U14 Junior Women's Inline Hockey Team
- James Tofa was selected for the NZ Marist Secondary Schools Rugby 7s Tournament Team

Levin certainly punches above it's weight with the number of students selected on their individual sports ability.

You will by now have received the Parent Handbook in the mail. You can also access this on the webpage. Please familiarise yourself with the contents. If you have any questions please contact the college office.

The college has settled into the year well with students and staff fully engaged in the teaching and learning. We are intensifying the academic counselling/mentoring this year and hope to see even greater improvements in outcomes for students.

It has been a very positive, settled start to the year and everyone is looking forward to the challenges that 2014 is sure to bring.

Brenda Burns
Principal



Merit Excellence Recipients

We congratulate the following students on their NCEA endorsements for 2013

Level 1 with Excellence

Tessa Bartholomew
Samuel Davies
Emily Mose Tuialii

Frances Bacon
Adam Groeneveld
Slysha Gibbard

Laura Wedlock
Harry Cookson
Amy Yip

Level 1 with Merit

Mereana Los'e
Jie Ying Jung
Brooke Parata
Bailey Darwin
Michael Corbett
Nikita Turner
Kristy Tarrant
Daniel Lim
Haley Hollows

Tegan Harvey
John Hyslop
Keely Vine
Tausi Tausi
Tanya Whiteman
Vada Bowling
Sasha Henderson-Tukuniu
Shivana Lucinsky
Liam Dewar

Rhianna Morar
Darieon Hirst
Henley Su
Michael Luo
Paula McGhie
Eliza Boyle
Alexander O'Malley
Nathaniel Payton

Level 2 with Excellence

Chanelle Hill
Finn Madison

Jessica Freire
Audrey Livirya

Evie Deroles
Nicole Young

Level 2 with Merit

Laura O'Sullivan
Gretta Hansen
Samarah Harris
Renee Bacon
Anarosa Afasene

Tegan Harvey
Moana Lambert
Ella Bussell
Brydie Hodge

Mikayla Ward
Patprapa Tanuchaikarn
Patrick Berry
Melanie yang

Level 3 with Excellence

Rebecca Brown
Shem Harris
Stasy Kulvis

Kirsty Robinson
Kate Forward

Katy Luo
Sandy Deng

Level 3 with Merit

Andrew Williams
Dana Murdoch
Casey Anderson
Letitia Lovejoy
Kelsey Renner
Madison Hansen

Michelle Poulton Wasley
Gemma Hill
Bobby Kerehoma
Callum Fielding Woodmass
Connie Hyslop

Sarah Ryan
Joshua Davies
Kimberley Rofe
Alastair Luo
Ben Rosier

Scholarship

Shem Harris

Andrew Williams

Rebecca Brown



A Word From the Board Chair



As part of our recent review of the board goals, we have identified a desire for the board to keep the community more up to date with board activities, strategic and governance issues that may be of interest.

As well as having a regular section in the newsletter, we will update the college website to have a board page – to include such things as board policies, board minutes, key activities and other items that may be of community interest.

David Tate our staff rep will be leading the web site page development, so if there is any area that you think we should cover either let David or other board members know.

For this first issue of the newsletter I will give you an update on where we are at with recruitment and appointment of a new Principal. As you will know Brenda Burns has announced that she will be retiring at the end of term 1 this year. We have advertised in the Education Gazette for a new Principal and applications have now closed.

The board met this weekend to review the applications for the position and to short-list the candidates. The shortlisted candidates will be invited to tour the college, to talk with the teaching and administration staff, the Prefect Group and finally the board very shortly.

The board will then collate the feedback from all of these groups and include this information when determining if any of the applicants are suitable for the position of our new Principal.

For us there are several key things, in the board's view, with regards to the position appointment:

- We will not be rushed into the appointment of a new Principal. This is an important decision for us to make.
- If we believe we do not have any suitable applicant we will not appoint anyone into the position – we will re-advertise the position and go through the process again.

Should we have a suitable candidate we will share information on the candidate with you as soon as possible. If we need to go through the process again, we will update as this progresses.

As we intend to make this a regular section in the college newsletter, please feel free to let us know of anything you would like us to cover on a regular basis.

Regards
Chris Hartwell

Principal, Brenda Burns, Year 13 Dean, Steve Tong and board members David Tate and Kawa Gardner at the recent Merit/ Excellence lunch in the library.





Year 9 Powhiri



Each year we welcome our Year 9 students to the college with a Powhiri. We encourage parents, caregivers and teachers from their previous schools to attend. It is always pleasing to see such a good turn out to support the Year 9's and this year was no exception.





Year 9 Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to our High Achiever Entrance Scholarship recipients. L-R: Madison Walsh - Academic, Alex James - Academic/Sport, Kelly Carline - Academic, Caitlin Huria - Sport, Nakita O'Sullivan, Destiny-Rose Anderson - Arts and Nikki Su - Academic

New Teachers



Welcome to Erika Rhodes, Teacher in Charge of IT and Maurice True Co Director of the Horowhenua Services Academy



Swimming Sports

The Swimming Sports this year were held on a very hot Friday!

The juniors were away first and set the tone for the day. The participation was good and was even better as the day warmed up.

Rata and Kowhai battled it out in the House stakes with Rata prevailing in the juniors. With even more students swimming in the senior section, Ngaio were the winners ahead of Rata.

However, when the two sections were added together, the overall winner was Rata!

Rata	658	Ngaio	572	Hinau	500	Kowhai	396
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Even though no records were broken on the day we still have a core of good fast swimmers at the College.

The champions for this year were:

Year 12/13 Girls	Renee Bacon	Year 11	Girls Tatum Kerehoma
Boys	Alex Whiley		Boys Sam Morris
Year 10 Girls	Jamie Lynn	Year 19	Girls Caitlin Huria
Boys	Jimi Aungiers		Boys Alex James

Year 9 Tabloid Sports

This years tabloid sports which was mostly run by the Year 13 prefects and other peer support helpers was a resounding success. Each year 9 tutor group was escorted around the events by their tutor teacher and their peer support buddies.

Most year 9 students participated and those that did not or forgot their gear were regretting their decision by the end of the day as they saw how much fun could be had.

Results were:	1st RHE	46 points
	2 nd TAD	41.5 points
	3 rd HAC	40 points
	4 th WIV	37 points
	5 th WAJ	35.5 points
	6 th CAP	33.5 points
	7 th MCC	30 points
	8 th NEM	24.5 points

Overall House Points:

Kowhai 77	Rata 76	Hinau 70.5	Ngaio 64.5
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2014 H-K Secondary Schools Sevens Team Report



Left to Right: James Tofa, Alec Smith-McDermott, Mikaere Halls, Brodie Huthnance, Nathaniel Payton

Our preparation for the inaugural NZ Marist Secondary School Rugby 7's was consolidated into the week leading up to the tournament. I want to acknowledge Joe Hill's efforts to provide position specific coaching for players during their preparation. The squad trained really hard including Waitangi Day which was reserved as the captains run.

We travelled to St Patrick's College, Wellington on Saturday 8 Feb. 2014 with a squad of 14 players drawn from Horowhenua College, Waiopahu College, Ōtaki College and Paraparaumu College. Ten players who were nominated for selection did not make selection. Keegan Raika was unable to play because of injury and John Lomu was unavailable on Saturday. John Lomu replaced injured Joshua Sanson on Sunday 9 Feb. 2014.

Team:

Nathaniel Payton (Horowhenua), Alec Smith-McDermott (c), Horowhenua), James Tofa (c) (Horowhenua), Mikaere Halls (Horowhenua), Brodie Huthnance (Horowhenua), Nate Millard (Waiopahu), John Lomu (Waiopahu), Hokio Henare (Waiopahu), Stephen Fonoti (Waiopahu), Joshua Sanson (Waiopahu), *Keegan Raika (Ōtaki), Tumanako Taurima (Ōtaki), Kieran Brunel (Paraparaumu), Angus Macauley (Paraparaumu), Tytus Tiata

Asst Coach: Junior Tiata

Managers: Jo Smith-McDermott, Reg Halls

H-K Sevens were seeded in Pool A (Team A2) with St Johns College (Hamilton) and Saint Thomas of Canterbury College.

2014 H-K Secondary Schools Sevens Team Report

Results:

vs St Johns won 39 – 10 Tries: 2 Mikaere, Kieran, Alec, Tytus, James, Nate Conv: Alec, Tytus

vs St Thomas won 14 – 5 Tries: James, Mikaere Conv: 2 Alec

Quarter Finals:

vs Cullinane College (Whanganui) HT 10 – 0; won 36 – 7 Tries: 2 Mikaere, Tytus, James, Brodie, Alec Conv: 3 Alec

Cup Semi-Final:

vs St Patrick's (Silverstream) lost 5 – 34 Tries: James

James Tofa co-capt was selected for the NZ Marist Secondary Schools Rugby 7s tournament team and had an outstanding tournament. Other standout players were Mikaere Halls (5 tries) and co-capt Alec Smith-McDermott (2 tries, 6 conv).

This invitational team performed extremely well and gained the respect not only of their opponents but all of the other Catholic schools who participated.

H-K Sevens team have been ranked fourth (4th) for the 2015 tournament.

Na reira, Kia Piki Te Ora,

André Baker

Coach

H-K Secondary Schools Sevens





Pacific Island Students



This year we are already very busy preparing for Pasifika Fusion which is being held at The Regent Theatre in Palmerston North on July 2nd and 3rd. We have a very focused and committed Creative Team who have been meeting since late last year, planning and preparing our cultural performance entry for the festival. We are waiting on details of the theme for Pasifika Fusion from the organisers and when we have that confirmed, we will start working on the entries in the poetry, speech, essay, debate, cinematography, drama, visual and wearable arts categories. Every entry gains a point for the school and we encourage as many students as possible to get involved.



It is a great experience for the students and the performance evening is an awesome occasion with the best of the performances being presented to the audience. Practices for Pasifika Fusion are held in the school hall on Wednesday afternoons from 3.10 - 4.00pm. Information about tickets for the evening performance at The Regent will be given later in the year. We are also planning a fundraising night in June and the money raised will help with the transport to and from the competition. Details about that will follow in the next newsletter.



As well as this, we have started a study centre for our PI students. This happens in room T10, on Thursday afternoons after school from 3.10pm until 4.30 pm. The students have a quiet and well resourced place where they work on whatever they may need help with. Juniors and seniors are welcome but need to remember that the focus is on study, doing assignments, homework or research, not to waste time. Some of their subject teachers have volunteered to come to T10 to help when necessary.

Next week, the students involved in Pasifika Fusion will bring a letter and permission slip home for parents and caregivers to sign, which will allow them to be part of the group who will represent the school at the festival in July. It would be much appreciated if this could be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.



Bingo Reading Challenge @ the Library

70 students and nine teachers have signed up to the 2014 Reading Challenge. It's still not too late to join!

The challenge is to read 24 books of the different types and genres indicated by the Bingo board. Points are given each time a line on the board is filled.

Students can earn house points and prizes, the challenge can be entered competitively or just for fun. There is plenty of time to complete the challenge as it runs until the end of September.

A club runs once a fortnight on Friday lunchtimes to have some fun with book selection. Please encourage your child to join the challenge and support them with their extended reading.



Year 10 Camp Information

Horowhenua College is always striving to provide our students with an array of opportunities to develop and exercise their leadership skills. In order to make this more realistic we have decided to introduce a new level of student leadership training for the junior school. In order to provide their training a Year 10 camp has been organised.

The aim of the camp is to provide all Year 10 students with theoretical input on leadership and to evaluate each student's leadership potential. The information concerning your student's leadership capability will be fed back to you at parent evenings. Kerry Pile will also use this information to work out a programme focused on addressing leadership needs.

Assessment of leadership capability will be used to identify a group of junior school students with leadership potential. These students will help in running activities for junior students, providing mentoring and make student life at college more fulfilling. Participation in this process will assist students to gain leadership roles in the college in future years.

We are confident that the camp will be stimulating for the students and will provide the Year 10 group with an opportunity to build their social networks and have great fun!

Venue and Date: Tatum Park 10 & 11 April

Cost: \$55.00 to be paid at the Student Centre (Trip No. 9) by 1 April

Sponsorship is being sought to reduce costs and we will inform you if we are successful. An automatic payment facility is available through the Executive Officer. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are hardship considerations.



School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Term 1 2014

March

Monday	17	GLC Conference Wellington Anti Bullying Theme Week International Students North Island Trip Services Academy Induction at Waiohuru NUA Idol—Heats during the week at lunchtime and finals on Friday
Tuesday	18	Year 13 PE Wellington Trip
Monday	24	Class Photos
Tuesday	25	Ag/Hort Experience Day
Thursday	27	Golf Regionals Trip
Thur & Fri	27&28	Futsal Nationals

April

Wed & Thur	2&3	Parent Conferences
Friday	4	Ugly Shakespeare (TBC) Shakespeare Festival
Sunday	6	Rangatahi Ora Amazing Race
Monday	7	Young Leaders Day
Thur & Fri	10&11	Year 10 Camp
Tue - Thur	15 - 17	Year 13 Camp
Thursday	17	Last day of Term 1
Friday	18	Good Friday - school closed for tuition
Saturday	19	Vietnam Trip leaves

May

Saturday	3	Senior Ball
Monday	5	First day of Term 2

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