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NUA NEWS

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

December 2018

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

The school year comes to an end so this is the last newsletter for 2018. This provides an opportunity to reflect on the year that has been and consider the highlights and what has been achieved by our students.

I hope you have enjoyed the newsletters at the end of each term. Kate Searle does a great job of collecting the reports and putting them together. It is always gratifying to see what our students achieve and the personal development gained along the way.

Thank you very much to our parents, whānau, agencies, businesses and community for the wonderful support you have provided throughout the year. As they say - it takes a whole community to raise a child. At Horowhenua College we genuinely agree with this and partnering with our community to grow our students is something we take seriously and greatly appreciate.

My last comment for the year is to wish you all a relaxing, safe and enjoyable festive season with family and friends. 2019 has much in store to look forward to. We anticipate enjoying the journey with you all as we continue with our mission of growing successful young men and young women.

See you next year!

Ngā mihi koutou, Tofa soifoa, Kind regards,
Grant Congdon
Principal



A Word from the Board Chair

2018 was a busy year in the life of the college with lots of great learning going on in the school. Our Year 9 and 10 academic tracking system has been developed across the year and in 2018 we continued to track the progress of our Year 11-13 students. The development of tracking systems is important as it enables staff to provide extra help and learning support where necessary. We will be focussing again on lifting academic achievement in 2019 as it is the core academic business of the College. The Board of Trustees work in partnership with Mr Congdon and the Senior Leadership Team and it is great that we are united in our actions being directed towards 'continuous improvement' in all areas of the school.

Through the year we have continued to review and develop our policies and procedures and have developed a new behaviour management procedure which underpins the restorative justice practices we have in the school. With regard to property, it was with mixed feelings that we saw the old gym demolished. Garry Good (Deputy Chair) and Denis Hutchings (Campus Manager) have done much to ensure changes in school facilities are managed well through their role on the property sub-committee. A consequence of the rationalisation plan agreed with the Ministry of Education is that we will be able to renovate and improve other areas of the school facilities, and these changes will proceed during in 2019. Our finances have been ably managed through the work of our Executive Officer, Leanne Phillips and our trustees Dylan Kiriona and Bob Slade who sit on the finance sub-committee. Our student representatives Brooke Antonsen, and Sam Anderson who was recently elected to Brooke's position provided regular reports to the board during 2018 on issues affecting students in the school. We also enjoy learning of student achievements at board meetings. A staff perspective is brought to the board table by Mr Tate and this too is important in ensuring the implications of our decisions are carefully considered. I would also like to thank trustee Nikki Simpson-Tukapua – whose contributions mean the wellbeing of students and issues of social justice and ethics feature strongly in our conversations. In his role as school principal/tumuaki Mr Congdon is able to bring insights from, and has oversight of, a huge range of areas and we couldn't manage without his valuable input into board meetings.

Thank you to all our students. I do hope the year has been a productive one for you and that you return in 2018 fresh and ready for the exciting learning opportunities which await in 2019. To our Year 13 graduating students well done on completing five years at college, it was wonderful to see you all receive your graduating certificates and prizes at Senior Prizegiving and I wish you well in all your journey beyond secondary school. A huge thank you to all our teaching and support staff for your commitment and hard work this year. Thanks also to our senior leadership team, to Ms McCormick who has had two terms as Assistant Principal and to Ms Moerkerk and Mr White, our Deputy Principals, and to Mr Congdon. I feel privileged to work with such an amazing and dedicated team of people, and it is wonderful to see their genuine concern for the academic success and wellbeing of the staff and pupils under their care.

Thank you too to all our whanau for support of your tamariki and for partnering with us in growing successful young men and women in 2018. I look forward to another great year in 2019.

Noho ora mai
Juliana Mansvelt
Board Chair



Senior Prizegiving



Year 11

Ethan Roentgen 1st in Year 11
Kane Rudd 2nd in Year 11

Year 12

Jemma Baines 1st in Year 12
Josh Madgwick 2nd in Year 12

Year 13

Nikki Sue 1st L3 Physics, L3 Chemistry, L3 Biology, 2nd 3 Calculus
 2018 Horowhenua College Dux

Katelyn Stratton 1st L3 Statistics, 1st L3 Sport Science, 1st L3 Outdoor Ed, 2nd L3 Business
 2018 Horowhenua College Proxime Accessit

Nakita O'Sullivan Best All Round Sports Girl
Sam Anderson Best All Round Sports Boy

The full list of the Senior Prizegiving Awards will be published in the 2019 Yearbook.

Left: Nikki Sue - 2018 Dux

Right: Katelyn Stratton - Proxime Accessit





Head Students



Many thanks go to Matt Hollows and Sina Crichton for the wonderful job they have done as Head Students for 2018. We wish them all the very best as they head into new challenges for 2019.

Congratulations to Josh Madgwick and Jamie Evans-Walsh who take up the roles as Head Boy and Head Girl for 2019. They have wonderful team of prefects and we look forward to working with this team next year.





Junior Prizegiving

Year 9 Core Classes

A J Batika	First in 9CA	Mason O'Connell	Second in 9CA
Aaliyah Wicks	First in 9CT	Robert Wylie	Second equal in 9CT
		Jacob Winstanley	Second equal in 9CT
Italy Collings	First in 9CS	Kaif Qais	Second in 9CS
Teresa Davies	First in 9CU	Inara Barfoote	Second in 9CU
Eden Goldsmith	First in 9CY	Amber Metcalfe	Second in 9CY
Fionn Houlihan	First in 9CH	Lily Tyson	Second in 9CH

Year 9 Essayez Awards

9CA	Brooklyn Langdon-Poutoa
9CH	Isabella Beugelsdyk, Maria Marks
9CS	Sarah Harper, Zoe Roentgen, Anand Ranchhod
9CU	Priseis Minnell, Daniel Henry
9CY	Jessica Morris, Adam Stokes
9CT	Emma Zussino, Natalie Davis, Hermione Petersen

Year 10 Core Class

Jessica Burgess	1st in 10CE	Damian Sinei	2nd in 10CE
Oliver James	1st in 10CF	Nicole Burlace	2nd equal in 10CF
		Misipeka Ana	2nd equal in 10CF
Kaitlin Eyles	1st equal in 10CL		
Callum Baines	1st equal in 10CL	Angus Bryant	2nd 10CL
Elizbeth Logologo	1st 10CM	Atlanta Solouota-Martin	2nd in 10CM
Quentin Webster	1st in 10CR	Moeke Walker	2nd in 10CR

Year 10 Essayez Awards

10CE	Tessa Williams, Damian Sinei
10CF	Jenny Su, Gerhard Louw
10CL	Caroline Hyslop, Kaitlin Eyles
10CM	Kaylee Smith, Erneil Miradores
10CR	Dylan Nicholson, Faith Toeleiu

Supreme Awards

Amber Metcalfe	School Council Cup for Highest Sporting Achievement
Italy Collings	Year 9 Top Achiever
Kaif Qais	Runner Up Year 9 Top Achiever
Oliver James	Year 10 Top Achiever
Kaitlin Eyles	Runner Up Year 10 Top Achiever
Ake Tarawa	New Horizons Blenkhorn Award
Jessica Burgess	New Horizons Blenkhorn Award



BYOD Information

In 2019 all students will be required to have a learning device in all of their classes. This is a strategic decision we have chosen to make to allow staff to offer courses that utilise the technology available, and allow teaching strategies that engage students on a different level. If your child already has a device then they don't need to get anything new. They simply need to get into the routine of charging it each night and bringing it to school each day.

If they don't already have one, our recommended device is a Chromebook. A Chromebook will perform 90% of tasks that we require. Chromebooks are simple and efficient, and a single charge will last a whole day. However, if your child is studying in the technologies and arts, a conversation with their teacher or Mr White would be advised to consider what device they should purchase.

There are a number of options available if you need to look at getting your child a device:

- Any IT retailer will be able to provide a device that will be suitable. We recommend a screen size of at least 14 inches.
- The Te Hinaki Trust provide support for our students in getting a device. They support whānau who otherwise cannot access finance options. More information can be gained from our office.
- We have a college portal on the PB Tech website. [Click here to access](#). PB Tech provide finance options with Q Card and Finance Now, and you can add accessories such as carry bags and insurance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr Jason White on





Rotorua Trip

What is that smell? Mumured 45 students as we entered the capital of New Zealand culture: Rotorua. The aroma of excitement filled the air as the bus pulled in to camp ready for rua days of 'Rotofun'. Tuesday began with an enlightening (emphasis on lightning) trip up to the luge. We learned how to deal with stormy behaviour, fire alarms and an unforgettable free hot chocolate. Unfortunately, we were escorted off the mountain because the luge had shut for the day.



Following being splashed by the rain it seemed only appropriate to upgrade to the 'Big Splash' at Rainbow Springs that afternoon. The Big Splash was a favourite, with students participating on the ride at least 10 times in two hours. After all this fragrance of adventure we went back for a satisfying meal at Keswick Camp. A trip to the pool was the evening's event and we finished the night off with a cheeky trip to McDonalds.



Our final day started with a scent of adrenaline as we attended Velocity Valley. Rides were ridden and Miss Joice was embarrassed due to the yearly matchmaking by Mrs McCormick and the jetboat instructors. Then back to the luge where Jason Sue won the annual Luge Trophy for his speedy behaviour. It was a great trip overall and the students made Horowhenua College proud with their beautiful behaviour and positive attitude.



Although, this trip was missing the wonderful Simon Smith (who has recently retired) - we still had a good time. Thanks Rotorua!



Capital Culture

27 year 9 Horowhenua students travelled down to Wellington, for the 'Capital Culture' Activities Week trip. We arrived in Wellington by 8:30 am then boarded the ferry for Somes Island. We spent 2 hours walking around the island in the hot Wellington sun. Many complaints from sunburnt students were heard. When we arrived back, many of us bought ice cream and cooled



down for 10 minutes before we started our Amazing Race! The winners were Inara, Lauren, Eden and myself (Italy). All of us were treated to Subway for dinner which still didn't stop many girls running over to New World to get 'midnight snacks'. Dinner was followed by a quick stroll across the Waterfront and a (supposedly) early night.

Tuesday began with an early start. We headed to Adrenaline Forest. It was only when I progressed to Level 4 – 20 metres in the air – that I realised I was afraid of heights! After a small encounter with the Variety Trips students we headed to 'Pirates Cove' mini golf course. It was still very windy, which is DEFINITELY why I lost my round. Pirates Cove was followed by a short shopping trip to North City Plaza where Mrs Dyer was forced to wear pink, sparkly, pom-pom ears and sunglasses for the rest of the day. Once we had rested at the backpackers for a while we walked to the Cable Car on Lambton Quay. Once at the top, we went to the 'Space Place' and watched a 3D film projected onto a dome-shaped roof, talking about 'Dark Matter'. Afterwards we looked around the museum and walked back to the backpackers for bed.

The last day we went to Wellington Zoo. When we arrived a zoo keeper taught us about careers in the animal industry and took us to see a pair of gibbons named Vilson and Robyn. She then took us to the Health Centre where we got to watch a kereru being treated by vet staff after being hit by a car and attacked by a cat. We were given free time afterwards and many of us flocked towards the chimpanzees and baboons. Upon leaving the zoo we were told we would have 3 hours to check out the shops before we had to catch our train.

Capital Culture was an incredible trip that I will remember for the rest of my life and hopefully everyone else will as well.

Italy Collins





Careers

The Careers Department has been a hive of activity this year. I started as the new Careers Advisor and have continued the programmes that had been established in the department. I started the year with interviewing the Year 13 students. This was a great chance to get to know the Year 13 students and enabled me to help those that needed help. For others it was advice on course selections, employment, getting through this year and planning for next year.

We hosted visits from the universities in Term 1. These visits were well attended by the students and it gave our students the opportunity to engage with the Liaisons to get all their questions about university answered.

It was great to be able to take students out of the College to events like the Sort It Expo and Job Fest.

We were able to engage further with the universities later in the year when the Liaisons returned to talk about course planning. We then took Year 13 students to the Open Days at Massey and Victoria Universities.

It's been a busy and exciting this year in Careers. I have enjoyed the challenges that came with running the department and I am looking forward to the opportunities that will come in 2019.

I wish our Year 13 students all the best going forward toward their futures. Say 'Yes' to opportunity, grow your knowledge, learn new skills and enjoy your journeys

Anthea Hale
Careers Advisor

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Shoe Box for Christmas

Last week 75 boxes were delivered to Therease Apatu at Oranga Tamariki from the students of Horowhenua College. In Term 3 students raised over \$1600 as a result of Year 10 Social Studies classes social action and a full school mufti day. This is the second year that Horowhenua College has been involved in ensuring that young people in the Horowhenua get the chance to have some positive experiences at Christmas.





Driver Training Programme

A very important part of being ready for work is to have a driver's licence. Our local employers have told us that having a driver's licence is a priority. As a response to this, the 3 local colleges and HLC have worked together to provide a Drivers Licence Programme for our students to engage in.

Once our students have gained their Learners Licence they can have up to 5 lessons with a professional instructor. This is to prepare them for the Restricted Driving Test.

We have had nearly 30 students sign up for lessons and the feedback from the students has been positive overall.

This programme will run through into next year and our intention is to be able to keep offering it to our students.

We thank the driving instructor and HLC for enabling our students to have this opportunity.

Anthea Hale
Careers Advisor





Year 10 Work Week

This programme was run over 2 terms and split into two parts. The first part of the programme involves the students participating in a careers programme where they learn about the world of work. They learn about different types of jobs, budgeting and the importance of education and planning.

The second part of the programme is job exploration. The Year 10's were divided into two groups. They participate in work experience for a week. During this week they have the opportunity to complete Level 1 and Level 2 unit standards.

This year we had over 100 students in Terms 2 and 3 gain work experience in a huge variety of businesses both in and out of the region.

We are extremely grateful to all the employers, parents and staff who support our Year 10 students for Work Week. Without them this wouldn't be possible.

Anthea Hale
Careers Advisor





Uniform Requirements 2019

We appreciate the expense and effort that parents and caregivers make in order to have students meet the College's uniform standards. To assist us in maintaining this high standard please go through the uniform requirements below with your child to check that what they are wearing as uniform is acceptable. Remember skirts must be knee length so please help us to enforce this.

Uniform is only available from **Clarks Clothing** on Oxford Street in Levin.

Junior Uniform - To be worn by Year 9 and 10

Girls	Grey college skirt with monogram knee length or longer White striped college blouse with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Black tights or black anklet socks with shoes
Boys	Grey college shorts or trousers with monogram White striped college shirt with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Grey with red stripe college socks or short plain black socks
Shoes	Black polishable shoes Black roman sandals
Jacket	Black monogrammed college jacket or plain black jacket
PE Uniform	Navy blue college PE top with monogram. Students own shorts.

Senior Uniform – To be worn by Years 11-13

Girls	Black college skirt with monogram knee length or longer White short sleeved blouse with monogram Ruby red college jersey or cardigan with monogram Black tights or black anklet socks with shoes
Boys	Black college shorts with monogram to be worn with college knee length socks Black college dress trousers with monogram White long sleeved shirt with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Grey with red stripe college socks or short plain black socks. Ruby red Horowhenua College tie (optional Term 1, compulsory Terms 2-4)
Shoes	Black polishable shoes Black roman sandals
College Blazer	Ruby red blazer with monogram
Jacket	Black monogrammed college jacket or plain black jacket



Uniform Requirements 2019

NB

For formal occasions ie prize givings, representing the college, sports trips etc senior boys will be required to wear college trousers.

All Students

Boys must be clean shaven.

Excessive makeup, unnatural hair colour and coloured nail polish (on fingernails or toenails) is not permitted.

Correct uniform is to be worn by all students when they are:

- Attending school
- Travelling to and from school
- Representing the College on sports, cultural and educational trips
- Attending College functions

Jewellery

One or two small, plain studs or sleepers in each ear.

A watch.

One necklace/pendant/taonga, one ring, one bracelet: all of these to be small and unobtrusive.

Any facial piercing should be “invisible” (ie. a clear plastic retainer).

Spacers are not acceptable. Students who already have spacers must see their Dean.

Hats

No hats are permitted to be worn.

Uniform Passes

If a uniform pass is required due to a short term issue please write a note to the Whānau teacher giving the date by which they can expect your son/daughter to be back in uniform.

If the issue is longstanding you will need to contact the Dean to discuss ways of addressing the matter.



Uniform Requirements 2019



Top left: Years 9 and 10 Girls uniform



Top right: Years 9 and 10 Boys uniform

Bottom left: Senior Girls uniform

Bottom right: Senior Boys uniform





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 for updates.

Horowhenua College Beginning of School Arrangements 2019

The College Office will open from 9.00 am - 3.30 pm as from Thursday 24 January. Senior Management and Deans will be available for enrolments. Please phone the college office for enquiries or to make an appointment.

Tuesday 29 January

9am - 3pm 2019 Prefect Leadership Training. College Wharenuī

Wednesday 30 January

8.40am - 3pm Peer Support Leaders' Training

Thursday 31 January

8.40am - 3pm Year 9 Students Orientation Day 1 with Peer Support Buddies. Bring device, pen, paper and lunch. Gather at 8.40am for the Year 9 Powhiri. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

8.15am Service Academy Students start.

11am - 1pm Senior students with subject clashes please meet in the hall with Deans

Friday 1 February

Year 9 Student Orientation Day 2 with Peer Support Leaders.

Monday 4 February

8.40am - 3.10pm Classes start for all year levels.

Buses will be running at the normal times from Thursday 31 January.

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