



NUA NEWS

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A Word From the Principal

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

November 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

At present our Year 11-13 students are sitting NCEA exams. What a student has learnt over a year of study in a subject is tested in a three hour exam. The result they get is an indication of what they have learnt as well as a reflection of the attitude they have shown towards learning. All students are looking for success – to be successful in their learning and to gain a qualification. When you look at students who are successful, there is one common thing in all of them – they work hard. This is a choice they have made, they have chosen to work hard because they know there is no easy road to success.

A willingness to work hard will set a student up to succeed, and when a student succeeds in one aspect of their lives it often flows over into other things they do.

Recently the Manawatu Secondary School Sports Awards recognised the top sporting achievements of secondary students from our region. This was a finals evening, meaning students had to reach a certain level of sporting achievement to be included in the event.

It was a great pleasure to watch our students from Horowhenua College take the stage and for the audience to hear of their sporting achievements. Again, the one common thing between all of these students is.... they have all worked hard for their success.

Congratulations to: Renee Bacon - Canoe Polo and Athletics, Brydie Hodge - Gold, Xsavier Taiaroa - Inline Hockey, Morgan Searle - Taekwon



A Word From the Principal

Do, Te Nawe Whiti – Taekwon Do and the Canoe Polo Senior Girls Team.

As well as recognising their achievements Brydie Hodge, Xsavier Taiaroa, Morgan Searle and Te Nawe Whiti were named the top performers for their sport in the Manawatu region. This is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to all our students on their success, and well done for putting in the hard work to achieve it.

Congratulations also to Morgan Searle who was a finalist in the Junior Sports Woman category at the recent 2014 Central Energy Trust Manawatu Sportsperson of the Year Awards. This was a wonderful acknowledgement of her significant sporting achievements.

To all of our Year 11-13 students sitting exams and finishing off their assessments I am not going to wish you “good luck” because luck has very little to do with success.

Instead I would say “may the hard work you have put into your learning be rewarded, and may you enjoy the success you deserve”.

Nga mihi
Grant Congdon
Principal



Back Row: Te Nawe Whiti, Renee Bacon, Kayla Moore, Amy Dustin
Front Row: Morgan Searle, Bridie Hodge, Frances Bacon



A Word From the Board



Monday 13 October was the Powhiri for our new Principal, Grant Congdon.

A group from Ashburton College including their Board Chair, Principal, senior students and Kaumatua travelled to Horowhenua College for the event.

The whole college turned out for the Powhiri and it was great to see so many excited students and staff.

It was very encouraging to have the support and presence of local Iwi, Council, local Principals., the Police School Communities Officer, parents and other community members.

I wish to thank all those who spoke at the Powhiri and those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the Powhiri the success it was.

Chris Hartwell
Board of Trustees Chairperson



2015 Prefect Team



Back Row: Kymberley Brandt, Sia Fuauli, Makona Pokoati, Tausi Tausi, Nathaniel Payton, Laura Wedlock, Mr Congdon (Principal)

Middle Row: Miss Signal (Year 12 Dean), Emily Mose Tuialii, Tessa Bartholomew, Eliza Boyle, Liam Dewar, Sam Davies, Alysha Gibbard

Front Row: Vada Bowling, Paula McGhie, Frances Bacon, Rhianna Morar, Daniel Lim

Well done to our Prefect Team for 2015. These students were chosen from the 30 applicants who put their names forward for the prefect team. The process started at the beginning of the term with applications and CV's being submitted. All applicants then attended a leadership training day with Mr O'Brien and Miss Signal and were interviewed by a panel consisting of the Principal, Deputy Principal, Head Boy and Head Girl. Candidates were then shortlisted and moved forward to prefect speeches in front of the whole school. All staff and students were then able to vote and candidates were informed by letter of the outcome of the process.

All the students who put their names forward did a great job and the final selection was an extremely difficult process.

Those who have put themselves forward for the positions of Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies will be interviewed by the Senior Leadership Team in the next two weeks and these positions will be announced at Senior Prizegiving on 3 December.

We thank the team of 2014 for the great job they have done and look forward to working with the 2015 team next year.



Representative Commitments

A number of Horowhenua College students played in representative teams in the holidays for their chosen sporting code.

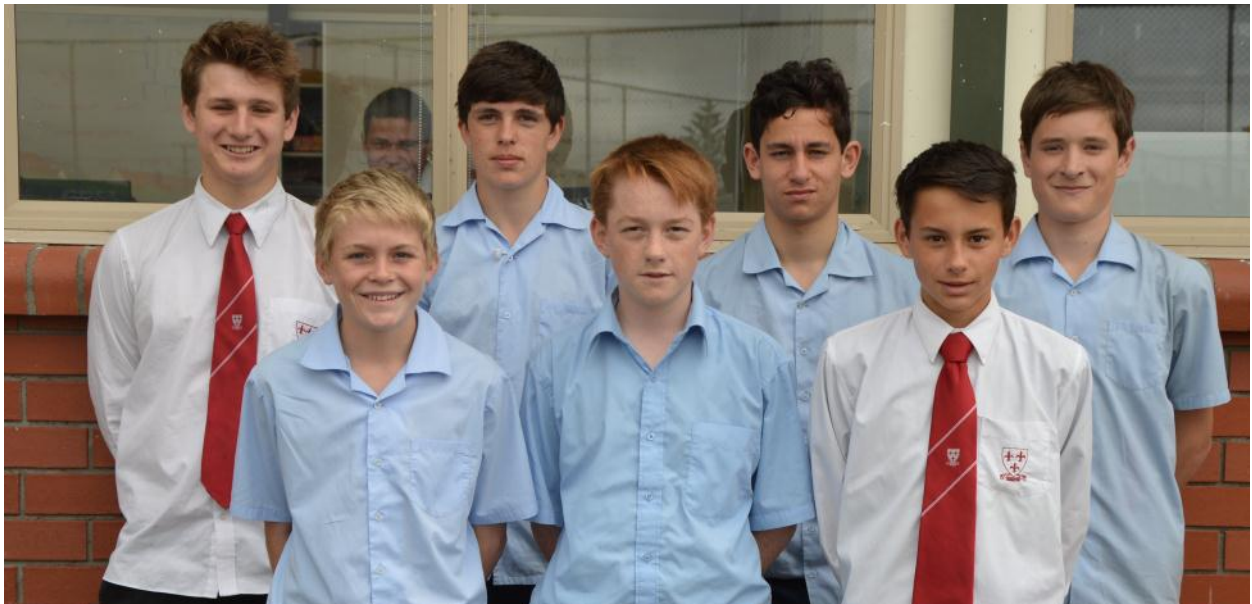
Eight hockey players were competing at national level in Hamilton for the Horowhenua/Kapiti U/15 team. The team played some outstanding hockey and only just lost their semi-final by one goal but thrashed Canterbury 6-1 to take 3rd place.

Two of our more senior hockey players who made the Central U/18 team went over to play against the Australian state side, Queensland, in Napier. By all reports the boys played very well with the team winning the series 1-0 after the first game was drawn 5-5 and the second game being a win to the local side 3-1. The boys were Sam Davies and Mathew Wilson.

A number of students played rep football for a Levin/Horowhenua AFC team in two different divisions, an U/17 side and an U/19 team. Although playing well, they came up against some stiff opposition from some large associations and found the going tough.

Two of our students have been selected for the Manawatu Men's Futsal team. The two, along with other team members spent their holidays training for their competition. Sam Larmer and Zac Moxham were the successful students who got selected.

Rex Bartholomew
Sports Coordinator



Horowhenua/Kapiti U15 Representative Hockey: Hayden Gibbard, Tim Searle Liam Pinfeld, Brogan Fielding Woodmass, Hayden Mullen, Jordan Macartney, Fraser Bartholomew.



Left to right: Levin Horowhenua AFC Under 17 representatives Dylan Vine, Keegan Chapman, Tabokai Tausi, Bayly Vine



Left to right: Levin Horowhenua AFC Under 19 representatives Blair Lankshair, Anak Andrews, Zac Moxam, Zak Meads, Nelesone Musika, Sam Larmer and Josh Garcia.



Y10 Speech Finals



Left to Right: Jotham Harris, Jamiee Harris-Woolston, Poppy Bussell.

The Year 10 Speech Final competition was held in the hall on Friday 17 October. There were 11 speakers, one of whom had to use a video link on the hall screen. The other 10 speakers were there in person, and in turn they entertained, amused, informed and explained their viewpoints to the (excellent) Year 10 audience.

So high was the standard that the judges made a tie for 1st place: Poppy Bussell speaking about National Standards, and Jotham Harris whose topic was “Why the world has its problems”. 3rd place was gained by Jamiee Harris with his speech about teenagers and stereotypes. The judges agreed that all entries reached the NCEA Level 1 standard, and luckily all entries were filmed so they could be marked and moderated.

The winners repeated their performances at the recent Cultural Awards evening.

Simon Smith.
Head of Faculty Languages



National Pool Life Saving Champs

We went, we saw, we learned

On the 29th, 30th and 31st of September Horowhenua College students Victoria and Emily McTavish represented the Levin Waitarere Surf Life Saving club at the National Pool Life Saving Champs, held at the West Wave swimming pool complex in Henderson, Auckland.

The event attracted several hundred competitors from around the country, some team with 20-30 competitors. It was the first time the surf club had entered these championships and we learned a great deal. The highlight was the 3rd place achieved by two of our members, Callum McKenzie and Hamish Spalding, in the rope throw event, where you throw a rope to a person (patient) in the water and pull them 25 metres to safety at the pool side, within the 45 second time limit. Unfortunately the boys were disqualified on a technicality!!

Our small team of seven came home with a commitment to attend these championships next year and we have created our own series of pool events especially designed for the short pool here in Levin. We hope competition will be hot for a spot in next year's team, when it will be, "Veni, vidi, vici" (We came, we saw, we conquered)

Whilst at the champs we were able to meet members of the Black Fins, the national team who have just won the World Championships in France. They were there competing against the New South Wales team from Australia. The Black Fins included NUA old boy Steven Kent.



At the Maca's carpark Levin ready to leave for the National Pool Life Saving Champions, in Henderson, Auckland

Left to right: Emily McTavish, Suzanne Blatch (Coach), Victoria McTavish



National Pool Life Saving Champs

Victoria qualified as a junior life guard in 2013 and has already completed one mass rescue of 5 individuals who got into trouble in a rip beyond the surf line at Waitarere. In the last season 2013/2014 Victoria also qualified as a crew person on the IRB (Inshore Rescue boat), completed over 150 hours of patrol duty to be awarded the Junior Lifeguard of the Year prize, along with the Rescue of the Year Prize and a nomination for the regional Junior Lifeguard of the Year prize.

Emily is training to be a junior lifeguard this season

Surf Lifesaving clubs perform the voluntary role of making our beaches safe for everyone to use. The club patrols Waitarere beach from the end of November through until the end of March. Patrols are made up of experienced senior lifeguards (18 years and over) and junior lifeguards (14-18 year olds) and most lifeguards are required for around 6 days a season on a Saturday or Sunday from 1pm to 5pm.

To hone their skills lifeguards can compete in a wide variety of events, competing against other clubs at regional and national surf carnivals.

Victoria and Emily McTavish

Interested in becoming a Life Guard?



SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND

Surf Life Saving is great fun and provides a strong sense of community service knowing you are actually making the beach safe for everyone to use and enjoy.

If you'd like to find out more come along to our Open Day on November 29th We will be holding try outs on the day and are looking to build a surf squad in surf skis, malibu boards, surf canoes, beach sprinters, IRB crew and ocean/surf swimming.

You need to be able to swim and the club will provide the training and equipment required. Contact Club Captain Brian Forth 027 2265052



Sports Awards

The 2014 Horowhenua College Sports Awards were held on Thursday 23rd October. This was an opportunity for our top sports students to come together to celebrate the success they have experienced throughout the season. Our students continue to excel on the sports field and it is impressive to see the large number of students representing Horowhenua-Kapiti, Manawatu and New Zealand.

Congratulations needs to go out to all our award winners and nominees. For the 5th year in a row Best All Round Sports Girl went to Renee Bacon. Sam Davies received the Best All Round Sports Boy. The Highest Sports Achievement this year was jointly won by Morgan Searle and Brydie Hodge and the Best Team Performance was jointly won by the Junior A Boys and Senior Girls Canoe Polo teams. Top sports team of the season went to the Boys 1st XI Hockey team.

It was also a chance to recognise and thank the coaches, team managers and supporters, who, week in week out, give up their time to train and support our athletes. Congratulations to Brent Wilson who was named Coach of the Year and to all our volunteers.

It was a fantastic evening which highlighted the talent and strength of our students at Horowhenua College

Congratulations to our students who received Code Awards at the recent Manawatu Secondary School Sports Awards. It is a huge achievement to be nominated, but to receive an award demonstrates that the students are performing at the highest level within their sport. Morgan Searle, Te Nawe Whiti (Taekwondo), Brydie Hodge (Golf) and Zavy Taiaroa (Inline Hockey) were code award winners.

Brenda Waganaar
Head of Faculty PE







Overnight Zoo Trip

A group of students recently went to the Wellington Zoo for an overnight stay. Students in Year 9 and 10 that had worked well in Science and performed consistently well in assessments went as well as the Year 13 Biology class.

Students were treated to a guided tour at dusk and went behind the scenes to examine what the animals get to eat. An elderly kangaroo was getting a thorough check up at the 'Nest' or hospital so students were able to watch X-rays and samples being taken.

The students were a pleasure to take away and we hope we will be able to reward more students with similar experiences in the future.

Mrs Lewis
Head of Faculty Science





Folio Day



This term our art students have been completing their art folios. This photo represents two terms work in painting. The folio is worth 12 credits and Frances Bacon has used images from her grandmother and the restrictions of being a housewife and mother in the 1960s as her inspiration. You can see also that Frances has put herself into her work with references to the desire for freedom, ie. The birds escaping from the bird cage, the ribbons of the apron representing motherhood and other symbolism to generate and expand her ideas. The folio is also full of artist models references from traditional artists to contemporary. This folio has reached excellence. We are so proud of Frances.

All our art students have worked passionately and tirelessly on their folios, with a mix of painting, printmaking, design and photography all submitted this year.

We have achieved very highly in all disciplines.

Jeanette Gilroy
Head of Faculty Arts



Cultural Awards

On Tuesday 4 November we held our Cultural Awards, an evening designed to showcase and celebrate the artistic and cultural successes of our students. We presented over 240 certificates on the night to students who had achieved at a high level or made significant contributions to the arts and culture during the year. Congratulations to all of the prizewinners.

Throughout the evening we were entertained by high quality performances from a wide



range of our amazingly talented students: the Kapahaka, the Ohana Poly Group, Gem-In-Eye dance group, the Shakespeare Festival regional winners, Sasha Page on guitar, singer Hannah McMillan, the DVD of the Stage Challenge performance, speech winners Jotham Harris, Poppy Bussell, Sina Crichton, Emily Mose Tuialii and Roha Taiapa, and dancers Antonia Miers and Brooke Parata.

We also created a gallery atmosphere in the hall with many fabulous examples of the painting, design and photography work of our visual arts students on display. It would be fair to say that the parents and caregivers who attended the evening were amazed by the quality of the art works and the performances that they saw. We are very proud of the efforts of our students who made the evening such a success.

Sharon Moerkerk
Deputy Principal







2014 Massey Blues



The New Zealand Universities Blues Awards are the highest sporting accolade given in the NZ tertiary system. It is part of a tradition dating from 1922 in New Zealand and earlier in England, where the colours of Oxford and Cambridge Universities came to be a symbol for sporting excellence.

Early in October I was sent an invitation to attend this formal dinner on the 14th of October. I was shocked by the invitation and was unsure as to what I was in for. This night is a celebration of the elite athletes studying at Massey University!!

Six high performing secondary school athletes were invited to this

awards dinner to experience the night and be inspired by the achievements that are possible while studying. For me this night did just that; I got to see some amazing provincial, national and international athletes receive awards for some very impressive achievements!

I'd like to thank Anak Andrew for being my guest to this dinner and keeping me company at such a big event full of people we didn't really know. Luckily we were grouped at a table with my old teammates from the Massey Women's Football team. All-in-all it was a great evening with some inspiring speakers and amazing food!

By Renee Bacon, Prefect

Past Pupils



Former Horowhenua College student Codie Taylor was selected for the 2014 Maori All Blacks and toured Japan

Codie Taylor earned the attention of the Maori All Blacks selectors with solid performances for Canterbury, including three tries in the 2014 ITM Cup regular season and an 89 per cent tackle success rate.



Bingo Winners

We have come to the end of our reading challenge for 2014: Book Bingo.

Congratulations to **Maggie Rogers** (right) for her first place, **Haley Hollows** (bottom left) for gaining second place and **Caroline Ashdown** (bottom right) for coming third. These girls completed their boards first and won book tokens and house points.

Seventy-five students and nine teachers signed up to the challenge to read 24 books of different types and genres indicated by the Bingo board.

Also ... the first 100 of our students to read eight or more books this year won a free pizza thanks to Hell Pizza who have sponsored reading in schools this year.

Congratulations to all!

Elaine Pearson
Librarian





Aspiring Leaders at Parliament



On Friday the 26 September 2014 a group of Year 10 Aspiring Leaders led an educational expedition to Parliament. The Year 10 students had volunteered to buddy up with students from 9cW in order to develop their coaching skills.

Upon arrival the students were treated to a highly informative tour of Parliament and a lecture on parliamentary processes. After the visit to parliament the group went to Te Papa where they spent a fruitful hour exploring the displays.

The students would like to thank Gary O'Brien and Mel Davies for joining them on the trip and enduring the loud singing on the trip back!

Kerry Pile

Year 13 Junior Mufti!





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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.

Term 4

November

Thursday	20	Board Meeting 5.30pm Staffroom
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December

Mon -Tues	1-2	Year 10 Exams
Tuesday	2	NCEA Exams finish
Wednesday	3	Senior sign out Senior Prizegiving
Thursday	4	Leavers Dinner
Thur-Fri	4-5	Peer Support Training
Monday	8	Year 8 Information Evening in the hall 7pm
Mon-Thur	8-11	Activities Week
Friday	12	Junior Prizegiving Last day of school for 2014

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Parent Portal access is via the college website.