



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

October 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we begin the final stages of the academic year it is important to keep student focussed on their studies. We have been monitoring the achievement of Year 12 closely to ensure that every encouragement is given to those who are close to achieving Level 2. We need to ensure that they maintain their motivation and are focussed on achieving their few remaining credits.

It is a National goal to ensure that no student leaves without achieving Level 2 and the target is at least 85% of all students by 2017.

The Year 11-13 students who need extra time to complete outstanding assessments or who have work to finish will be expected to attend classes until the end of the year. Study leave will only be granted to those who have a large number of external examinations or those who have completed their qualification. Parents will be informed of the decision for their student by letter home.

The course selection for 2014 is going well and I thank all the parents/caregivers who attended the parent conferences at the end of last term and were part of this process.

Students continue to work well and it was my pleasure to host 50 students who received commendations from subject teachers, to morning tea this week. We have some very talented students and it is fantastic to have an opportunity to spend time with them.

This is a busy term and there are many celebrations of success. Sports awards is a very popular event and I hope you will join us on Thursday 24 October at 7pm in the college hall to celebrate with us. This year Julie Bolton is speaking to our sportsmen and women.

Cultural awards follows on Tuesday 5 November at 7pm in the college hall.



A Word From the Principal

If you wish to join a table for drinks and nibbles please book at the college office. There is a small charge of \$15 for adults and \$10 for under 18's. Otherwise you may join the celebration as there is plenty of seating for those who do not wish to participate in refreshments.

The major academic awards will be awarded at Prize Giving on 29 November at 7pm in the college hall. I encourage as many as possible to attend this event. Already we are hearing about some fantastic scholarships that have been awarded to our students from local universities.

The juniors are working hard and have maintained their enthusiasm. It is good to see so many of them graduating each semester with distinction. I am pleased to say that there are very few who will be signalled as in danger of not graduating to the next year level.

I look forward to seeing you at the forth coming events to join us in our celebrations of student successes.

Brenda Burns
Principal



Congratulations to Miss Abriata, pictured above with Mayor Brendan Duffy at her Citizenship Ceremony, on becoming a kiwi.



A Word From the Board Chair

I would like to give you an update on the future focus for the board and to introduce some new board members.

Following the board elections we recognised that we lacked a strong understanding of the local Maori community and in particular the special relationship the college has with Rangitahi Ora. We approached the Rangitahi Ora group and asked that they suggest a potential candidate that could bring to the board the expertise we lacked. I am delighted to introduce to you, and to welcome to the board, Kawa Gardner. Kawa has been with the board now for several months and is a keen and active member of not only the board but our Health and Safety subcommittee.

We also have a new student representative and I am pleased to be able to introduce Finn Madison. Finn brings a student perspective to the board and it is great to have a keen and young mind working with us.

We have been working hard with the Ministry of Education on finalising our 10 year property plan. Approval of our 5/10 year plan allows the Ministry to approve funding for long term property upgrades. Approval of the plan was delayed due to the Christchurch Earthquake, when the government channelled funding into repairs to Christchurch schools as a priority.

Our plans to upgrade our Science Labs had to be placed on hold as the rebuild of Christchurch got under way, however I am pleased to say that it looks likely that our 5/10 year plan may shortly get approval. This will see us upgrade the Science Labs, relocate the Art Faculty to better rooms and the removal of some excess buildings.

I would like to thank the Property Committee, - Ian McKenzie, Daryl Warburton, David Tate and Brenda for all their hard work in working with the Ministry of Education on the 5/10 year Property Plan on behalf of the board.

Chris Hartwell
Board Chair



Kawa Gardner



Finn Madison



New Staff



We welcome three new staff to the Languages and PE & Health Faculties.

Top left: Miss Claire McCormick Assistant Head of Faculty Languages.

Top right: Mr Campbell Hart, Long Term Relieving Assistant Teacher PE and Health.

Left: Miss Clare Seymour, Long Term Relieving Assistant Teacher PE and Health



Year 9 Dean for 2014

Year 8 enrolments are well underway for 2014.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Areti Alexandrou will be the Year 9 Dean for 2014.

Should you have any queries regarding Year 9 enrolments for 2014 please do not hesitate to contact the school office.





Junior Uniform for 2014



As previously advertised Year 9 have a new uniform for 2014. The blue junior uniform has been replaced but will still be worn by Year 10's for 2014. This will mean the college will have one year with three uniforms while the blue uniform is being phased out. So in 2014 we will have:

Years 9's New uniform as pictured
Year 10's Current blue uniform
Seniors Senior red and black uniform

Please note all uniform, both senior and junior, is labelled with the school monogram and is only available at Clarks Clothing, Oxford Street, Levin.

Should you have any queries regarding uniform please do not hesitate to contact the college.

Girls	Grey skirt knee length or longer Trousers (in winter optional) White striped shirt with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram Black tights with shoes
Boys	Grey shorts or trousers White striped shirt with monogram Ruby red college jersey with monogram School knee length socks with shoes
Jacket	A black monogrammed college jacket will be available later in the year
Shoes	Black polishable shoes with solid sole Black roman sandals may be worn Terms 1 and 4 only

Correct Uniform is to be worn when students are:

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

Boys must be clean shaven.

Excessive make up, unnatural hair colour, nail polish (on fingernails or toenails) may not be worn.



Trevor Brooking



The Trevor Brooking Trophy and Eastern and Central Cup games were once again played at the Levin Domain. The Eastern and Central Cup (girls) was won by Horowhenua College after a convincing 5-1 win. This was a great end to the season for this team after finishing 2nd in the Manawatu Secondary Schools Div 1 competition.

In the boys game Horowhenua put on one of the most impressive performances in recent years with a very convincing 11-0 win. Once again this was an outstanding effort from a team that has won Manawatu Secondary Schools Boys competitions for the past three seasons. The Trevor Brooking win was the 12th on the trot for Horowhenua College.

In the early game of the evening our junior year 9-10 team fought hard but finally went down 3-2 to Waiiopehu.

Gary O'Brien



Trevor Brooking



Above: Girls First XI with Eastern and Central Cup

Below: Year 9 and 10 Boys team before the game.





Year 10 Work Week

This year was the most successful since work week was introduced to NUA in 2008, successful because 98% went to work and completed their work experience placements. This year's planning was different to previous years in that the Y10's went to work Monday – Thursday and returned to school Friday to complete their work experience booklets, which would earn them 5 Level 1 NCEA credits and experience playing 'The Real Game' which is a career education resource designed for junior students introducing them to the world of work.

Special mention and thanks must go to the Y10 Dean, Deb Northern, for her willingness and commitment to join together to plan and deliver the programme. Her contribution is another reason for the success of the years work week.

The range of work our Y10's found themselves was vast and various, from hair stylists to farm hands, kindy teachers to city council administrators. Most worked within our local community but a few students worked out of Levin. Unfortunately only half of the Y10's got their photos taken in the workplace but the photos that we do have show the varying vocations our students got to experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those employers who agreed to have Y10 students work with them. For most students it was their first taste of the world of work. The on-going support of our local employers is very much appreciated in helping make a difference in the lives of our students.

Mihi nui,
Whaea Pani







S.A.D.D

The S.A.D.D committee this term has been involved in a number of activities. The group were privileged to be invited to attend the Health and Wellbeing Expo at Te Takere in the beginning of the term. This was a fantastic day for the students and they were able to promote sober driving and have some fun activities that the public could get involved in. Even the local police and the mayor had a go at walking the line in the 'Beer Goggles'.

Following the Expo we had S.A.D.D week. The students were involved in activities in and around the school. They started off by hosting the 'Just Another Saturday Night' presentation. The Regional Road Safety Co-ordinator and the Regional S.A.D.D Co-ordinator brought a car to the school that had been involved in a drink driving accident and gave information out to the students.

The students gave information out during the week and put posters up all around the school. They finished off the week by organising a display in the quad, which consisted of putting



out 'White Crosses', to represent lives lost in the region and had balloons set up and invited other students and staff to put a message on the balloons. We then took these balloons, made them into bunches and delivered them to the Police Station, The Council Building and Te Takere to be put on display.

The students also had a 'Hands Up For S.A.D.D' sheet where other students could paint their hands and stamp the sheet.

This is an outstanding group of students that are passionate about educating their peers on staying safe and we wish them well for future events.

Anthea Hale



Library News



Back Row: Ryan Dustin; Natasha Couper; Maddie Hansen; Connie Hyslop; Chloe Mouat; Kirsty Robinson.
Front Row: Dhanisha Harshad; Angela Kahotea; Ella Robinson; Justice Windle; Anna Newman.

Horowhenua College Library Sports Team

This fabulous group of students were having fun for this photo but they really are great sports. The assistance of the student librarians is invaluable in the smooth running of the library. They are a dedicated team who work hard and help to make the library user-friendly to others.

We are a future-focussed library and technology is hugely important in the information landscape. With two Apple TVs, 15 laptops, 12 desktops, 14 netbooks and 12 iPads available for students we decided to introduce some IT librarians this year to help with minor computer queries. Special mention must go to Ryan Dustin who has been a huge help solving computer problems.



We will be losing seven students from our team this year. Most have been librarians since year nine. We wish them all the best for their future and sincerely thank them for all their help.

Mrs Pearson
Librarian





Staff News



Left: A warm welcome to Harrison Thomas Wagenaar born 8 September 2013.

Below: Bon voyage to Miss Richards-Sciascia who will be travelling overseas for a year.





Pacific Island Students Visit to Masonic Village

Late in August the students visited the Masonic Village to entertain the residents and they performed the set they presented at the Pasifika Fusion competition at the Regent Theatre in term two.

When we arrived, there was a large group of residents eagerly awaiting the entertainment for the afternoon. Our students seemed a bit overwhelmed at first and a little shy, but once into their routine, they were energised and performed their beautiful songs with perfect harmony and rhythm.



At the end of the performance they mingled with the residents and then had afternoon tea. Just before leaving, a small group of students spontaneously entertained the residents again with a song they had learnt when they were at St Joseph's school. This was also warmly received.

Mrs Futter
Pacific Island Dean





Rock Climbing Club 2013



The Regional Rock Climbing competition was held on Saturday 28th September. Four of our students competed and all climbed very well. Jimmy, Phillip and Caitlyn made it through to the finals.

Final placings were Under 18 Boys Jimmy Angiers 1st, Phillip Prinsloo 3rd. Under 18 Girls, Caitlyn Friedel 2nd. A great result and a good end to our Rock Climbing Club for the year.

We will be back up and running Term 2 in 2014.

Mr Mark Smith
TIC Rock Climbing Club





Prefect Camp



Through the year the 2013 Prefect team worked hard to hold activities for each year level and to keep people entertained.

The fab team held school socials, uni-hoc competitions, movies at lunches, a drama house comp, helped welcome exchange students from all over the world and many other wonderful events.

The prefect team decided a camp would be awesome as we could round off the year and talk about how we can pass down knowledge to the next years team. We travelled to a not distant Foxton Beach where there was a bach waiting for us to stay at. We played touch at the beach, had yummy fish and chips for tea and had many laughs with Mr Pile and Miss Moekerk.

In the morning we woke to Mr Warburton in his pinny cooking us an amazing feast for breaky! Bacon, eggs, hashbrowns, the works! Mrs Staniford greeted us as we relaxed in the morning and filled her in on the nights activities.

Thank you to all the teachers who came out to Foxton! On behalf of the prefect team we would like to say this whole year has been amazing and we hope the school has enjoyed it as much as we have!





2014 Prefects



It's that time of the year again when we are preparing for next years Prefects. CV's are up in the library for students to make themselves familiar with the candidates. Prefect Leadership Day was held on Wednesday. Thank you to Mr O'Brien for his work with the students.





Art Work by Alysa Vercoe





School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Term 4

October

Monday	21	Art Folio Day
Tuesday	22	U-Skills Information Evening—Te Takere 5.45pm
Thursday	24	College Sports Awards
Friday	25	Winter House Sports Foodbank Mufti Day Year 10 Speech Contest
Monday	28	Labour Day School Closed
Tuesday	29	Manawatu Sports Awards
Thursday	31	2014 Prefect Speech Assembly and voting

November

Tuesday	5	Cultural Awards 7pm (Please note change of date)
Wednesday	6	Y11-13 Drama at Bonnie and Clyde dress rehearsal Year 10 Spanish Trip
Thursday	7	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm Gateway Graduation 6.30pm
Monday	11	NCEA Exams start
Monday	25	Year 9&10 Bioethics Trip
Tuesday	26	Year 10 Exams
Thursday	28	Year 10 Exams
Friday	29	Senior sign out day Senior Prizegiving 7pm
Saturday	30	Senior Dinner

December

Monday	2	Year 8 Information Evening
Mon-Thur	2-5	Activities Week
Tuesday	3	NCEA Exams finish
Tue-Wed	3-4	Year 13 Gateway Health and Safety Course
Thursday	5	Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday	11	Junior Prizegiving End of Term 4

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HOROWHENUA
COLLEGE

CULTURAL
AWARDS
2013

TUESDAY

5TH NOVEMBER

7PM

START

TICKETS \$15
UNDER 18S \$10