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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

September 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 3 has been busy as always. It is the time when students realise that they are past the half way mark and that there is still a great deal to achieve.

Recent publicity may have changed the focus for some of the community but here at the college it has been business as usual. The students are focussing on their studies and working hard with the support of staff to achieve their goals.

The Board of Trustees has been supported by the Ministry for well over a year now and things are going well. The college continues to provide an excellent education in a caring, positive environment and the students are achieving at a high standard in academic study, cultural and sporting activities.

We have begun the planning for 2014 and this has involved working with the other three colleges in the district. We are not amalgamating but we are collaborating to ensure that students have the widest possible choice of study options.

This year students have had the opportunity to attend UCOL in Palmerston North or Taratahi agricultural college one day per week. They have found this to be motivating and exciting and next year we hope to see this program extended. If your son/daughter is interested in one of the UCOL programmes they must register their interest by completing the form at the Student Centre and returning it to the Principal's PA.

Students will be making their 2014 option choices electronically and parents will have the opportunity to discuss all the options with tutor teachers at parent conferences. I urge you to contact the college to secure an appointment. The interviews are scheduled for Thursday 26 and Friday 27 September.



A Word From Our Principal

This will be your opportunity to understand and develop a pathway for your son or daughter to ensure that they achieve the National goal of Level 2 and achieve to their potential, be it at Level 2, Level 3 or further education beyond school.

Successful activities at the college have been many this term with Bishop Vesey Grammar School rugby visit; Hutt Valley High School Sports Exchange, SADD Day, Mathex Competition and visits from Namiki High School and Meijo University High School. We have also welcomed other visitors to the college including the Primary Schools for their Kapa Haka competitions. My thanks to Rangatahi Ora who assisted on the day and provided the hangi for the groups.

We are pleased to announce that our Ultra Fast Broadband (UFB) connection is now live! This means our students now have access to one of the fastest connections to the internet in the world. As a school we are excited about harnessing this capability into new and innovative learning experiences. Combined with our 1:1 device programme for Year 9's in 2014, the IT future looks bright at NUA!

In 2015 Horowhenua College will be 75 years old and there will be a reunion at Easter weekend. If you are interested in helping with the organisation we would love to hear from you. Please post your details to Past Pupils, P O Box 544, Levin.

For the rest of the year we will be monitoring senior students' achievement and are expecting students to remain at school for the whole of Term 4 until they complete enough credits to get their NCEA.. Study leave will be granted to some students but will not be a right of all. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Dean should you have any queries.

Brenda Burns
Principal



Davey Hughes and staff from Swazi visiting to award Duke of Edinburgh



Bishop Vesey Grammar School Visit

On Friday 2 August to Sunday 4 August, Bishop Vesey Grammar School from Birmingham, England, came to Levin to play two games of rugby against Horowhenua College's 1st and 2nd XV rugby teams.

The boys were all billeted out to local families and after a school Powhiri and the allocation of billets, the English boys were off to spend a night with their host families and experience some of the local culture.

Saturday was game day and it dawned fine with a slight breeze. The 2nd XV were the first to play. This year our 2nd XV are a strong team having played together for a couple of seasons. After a close first half, we turned it on in the second half and ran out the winners 49-5.

The 1st XV played next and they had their work cut out as there were some big boys in the English team. In the end, we put up a brave fight, but the size and speed of the English team dominated and they ran out winners 26-5.

As usual, Horowhenua College were fantastic hosts and made the English boys feel welcome. In return, the English lads and team management were very courteous and humble and we would welcome them back anytime.

They were blown away by the powhiri and haka we did to welcome them, something that they had not experienced anywhere else on their journey throughout New Zealand.

Rex Bartholomew
Sports Coordinator





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World Vision has selected its five Youth Ambassadors for 2014, with the group set to travel to Bangladesh to see the aid agency's work in early December.

Our very own Max Mason was chosen from almost 270 applicants nationwide due to his passion for social justice and involvement in the 40 Hour Famine.

Next year's Famine funds have already been earmarked for Bangladesh which has among the highest rates of malnutrition in the world and much of the population lives on less than a \$1 a day.

During their visit, the Youth Ambassadors will see the need for themselves and what World Vision is doing to implement sustainable change.

Well done Max. We wish you all the best for this challenge.





Hutt Valley Sports Exchange



On Wednesday 7 August, Hutt Valley High School travelled to Levin to play some sporting fixtures with our students. This has now become mainly a junior exchange with one or two exceptions. After a powhiri, both schools were keen to start their matches.

The Junior Boys Basketball and the Junior A2 Netball teams were the first teams to play. The girls led for most of their game, but ended up drawing 18-18 with a good comeback from the Hutt team. The Boys' Basketball team found it a lot harder against the taller and quicker Hutt team going down 28-82.

The local Junior Mixed Hockey team had good success winning 9-1 while the Junior Boys Soccer team went down 0-3.

Our Junior 'A' Netball team had a good win with the score being 28-25, while our Senior Boys' Basketball team lost 41-50.

The last game was between the two 2nd XVs and after a good match, Horowhenua, who has a very good team this year, won 31-10.

This was a great exchange with each school winning 3, losing 3 and also recording a draw.

Rex Bartholomew
Sports Co-ordinator





Art Department



Every Thursday from 3.30pm to 5pm the art rooms are open for workshop folio preparation. Mrs Gilroy and Ms Hirst are available to help each week.

Also coming up over the school holidays, the art rooms will be open on the 8th and 9th October from 10am until 4pm on both days. This is another opportunity for students to come in and have access to the computer suite and the art teachers' expertise.

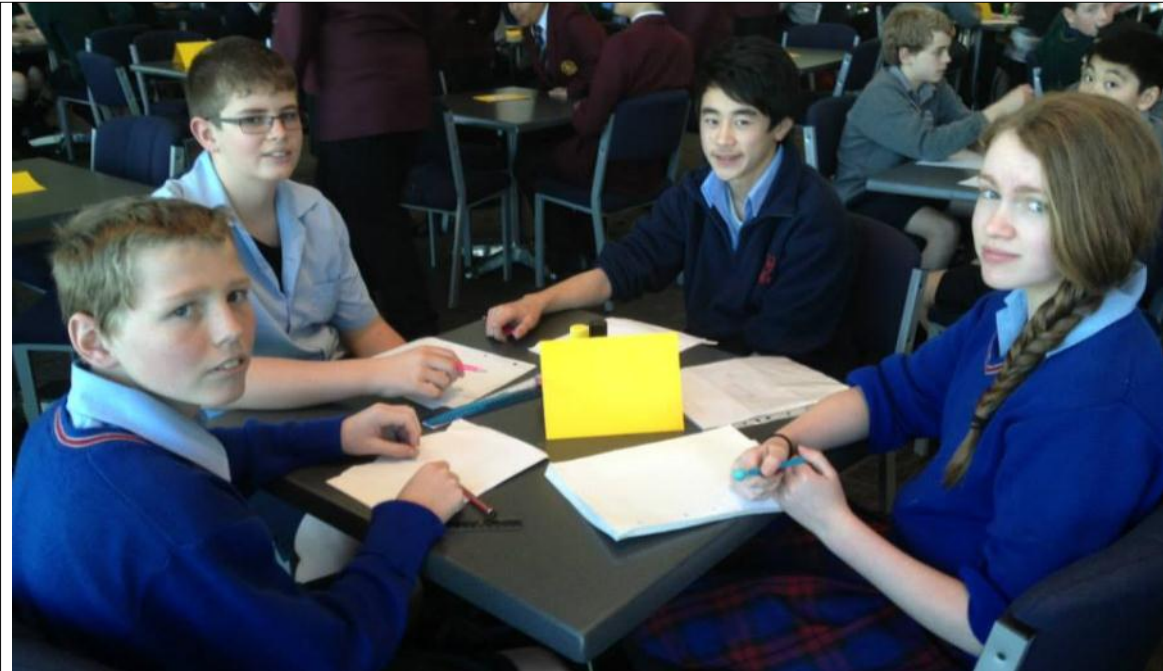
We need NEWSPAPERS, old towels and rags. Clean plastic containers such as ice cream containers with lids are also very useful.





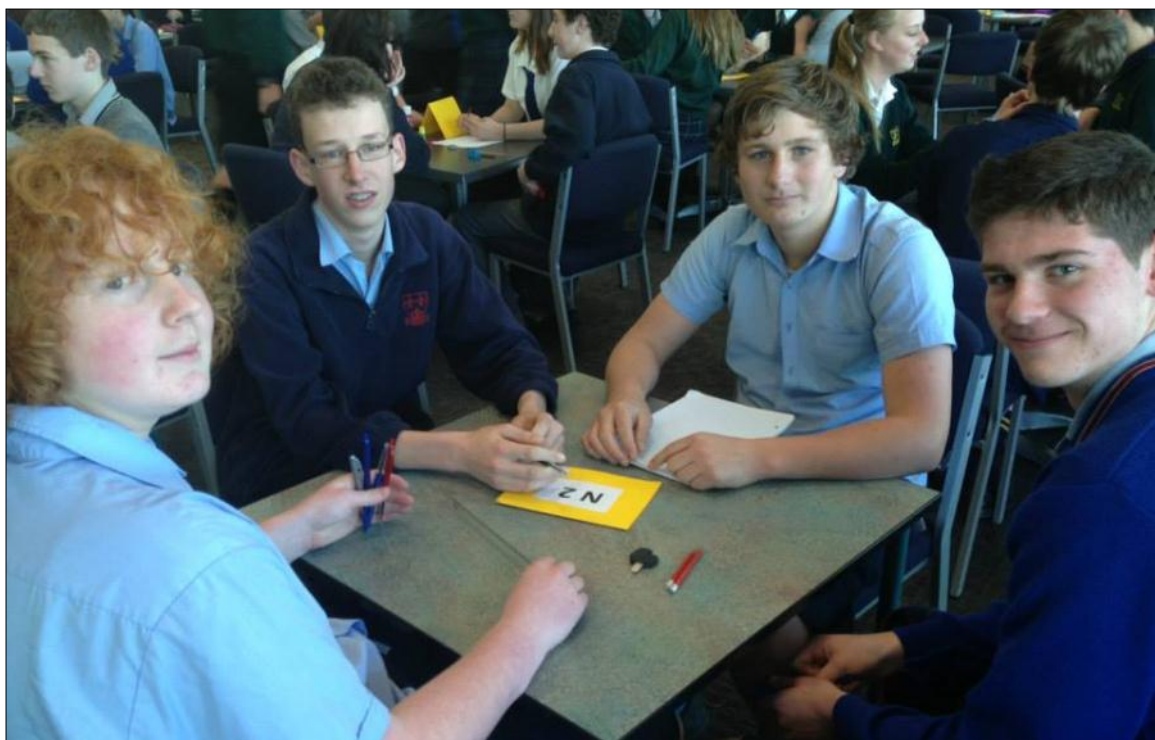
Manawatu Mathex

Eight of our top junior mathematicians competed recently at the Manawatu Mathex competition in Palmerston North.



James Atkinson, Jordan Robinson, Joshua Young and Hannah Wedlock made our team of four Year 9 students who competed brilliantly to take a fourth place spot. This is the highest position Horowhenua College has gained for some years and we are very proud of the students.

Kieren Batten, Samuel Taylor, Hayden Gibbard and Kobe Knowles were our team of Year 10 students, who faced fierce competition and did really well to place 13th out of 25 teams. Well done to two very successful groups of academic students!





Get2Go 2013

The regional event was held at Duddinton lake for the first two events of the day. It was an early start for the students but the atmosphere and team spirit was apparent.

The first event was the ABL challenge, problem solving activities that require good thinking and communication skills. The team were doing fine but struggled with the wind. The next event was the kayaking so we hoped to do well considering our team was full of canoe polo players. They did do well managing to equal the other top team from Wanganui.

After a short break we were off to the mountain bike track. The students had to ride non stop for 40 minutes around an undulating course the girls and boys having separate bikes. We did really well in this event, the girls were the top placed team and the boys first equal.

The final event of the day was the orienteering, essentially there are a lot of electronic markers to find in a big forest. The team to get all the markers wins. Sound like fun but it requires good fitness and map skills. Our students won this event. It was a great way to finish the day and we drove back a happy team knowing we had tried our best and had an opportunity to try different activities. A celebratory ice cream at Bulls was called for and an attempt at losing Sam proved some amusement to the team.

The next day we got the results...second, narrowly missing out to the Wanganui team.

A big thank you to the team. You were a great group of students to take away and represented your school with pride and passion. Look forward to next year!

Mr Cox

Teacher in Charge Outdoor Education





Geography at NUA

Dear Students, Parent and Caregivers

Why choose Geography as a subject in your curriculum planning? Because it will future proof your career!

Over the past ten years Geography has increasingly been recognised as one of the most important subjects to include in a young person's curriculum. In the UK and the USA curriculum planners have undertaken to place Geographical skills and knowledge in the core component of a curriculum. I have listed some of the most convincing arguments below:

1 Sustainability

Geography is the only discipline that has the interaction between humans and the environment as its primary focus. The skills and concepts in this discipline provide a young person with a unique perspective on issues that challenge our society today: global warming, sea level rise, the food crisis, inequality and the widening gap between the rich and poor and the list goes on. Without this perspective one will never address the challenges that face society at a global, regional, national or local level. The concept encompassed above is that of sustainability. Geography provides students with the skills to embrace arguments about this concept in a critical manner. In short all work in the future will require an understanding of sustainability - Geography provides it.

2 GIS (Geographical Information Systems) and Remote Sensing



The advances in technology have enabled us to explore and understand the Earth in more complex ways. Some of these technologies involve remote sensing (aerial photographs and satellite images) and the manipulation of data from these devices (GIS). There is a huge growth in future employment options for people with these interpretive skills and an understanding of the use and manipulation of remotely sensed data. GIS technologists have recently been placed on the immigration skills shortage list. Geography prepares students for a career in this field.

3 Skills

Geographical skills are useful in any walk of life. Space and place are important organising concepts in geography and we teach students to think about different ways of interpreting and presenting information. Students learn to read and draw maps, graphing techniques, visual image interpretation, research techniques, data analysis, critical thinking, report writing and the list continues. Any employer would want to hire a person who can apply this unique combination of skills to a work place.

In order to design a curriculum that provides a learner with key concepts and a unique set of skills that future proof your career options, I encourage you to select courses from Geography in your career pathway. The key argument is that just as Mathematics or English are part of a well balanced education so a firm grounding in Geography is part of a future proof education.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at kpile@horowhenua.school.nz if you have any questions about careers and subjects that complement geography.

Oh and by the way Geography is also great fun. We study cool topics and take field excursions to exciting places. It can lift your social profile and help you to form life long friendships.

Mr Pile
TIC Geography





Mixed Hockey 2013



Senior Mixed Hockey Team:

Josh Davies, Casey Anderson, Connor Vine, Johnathan Bui, Alastair Luo, Max Mason, Michelle Houlst, Sean Finlayson, Fab Pickering, Anna Jeffries, Robert Galea, Meg Chaplow, Letitia Lovejoy, Andrew Williams, Roger Atkinson.

For the last two terms, the senior mixed hockey team has been competing in the Manawatu Mixed Division. This a social team made up of mostly year 13's, many of whom had not played before. The season went well with the team only losing one game against our biggest rival Rangitikei College. We won the final 3-2 against Rangitikei College to win the division for the third time in a row for the school.

Well done to the Junior Mixed Hockey team who came fourth in the competition.
Andrew Williams
Coach



Junior Mixed Team
Back Row:
Bronya Olendzki-Schulz (Coach), Tim Searle, Brogan Fielding Woodmass, Angel Rayne Simpson Shuker, Cazzia Clark, James Atkinson, Mrs Friedel (Manager), Letitia Lovejoy (Coach) Front: Frazer Bartholomew, Arthur Hansen, Caitlyn Friedel, Jordan Robinson, Sam Taylor, Raiha Kiriona, Michael Searle



BYOD



As many will be aware, in 2014 our new Year 9 students will require a personal learning device to use in classes. This is to take advantage of the many modern learning opportunities available with these devices accessing ultrafast fibre broadband. Our teachers are working hard on innovative learning experiences for next year's students and our techies are working on a reliable school network to

facilitate this process. We want every Nua student to have access to the best learning material available and to engage at a deeper level with their own learning.

Some parents are concerned about the process of purchasing devices. If you will need a new device, our first recommendation is to save and wait. We highly recommend the iPad Mini (16GB Wifi) as our preferred model of device. Apple is likely to release a new model sometime before Christmas. Normally pricing on the newer models remains very similar. Older (current) models may be available on special at this time. We are working with a number of suppliers on purchasing options and packages for our students. More details will follow. In cases of real hardship the school will be able to issue a school owned device to students. So start now to develop a savings plan with your child and perhaps think about combining Christmas and birthday presents.

Artwork by Frances Bacon





Tournament Week Results



This year we sent eight teams away to National Tournament Week. Two of our teams won and two were runners up.

Our Boys and Girls 1st XI Hockey teams had the best results with the boys winning their tournament, beating Avondale College of Auckland 2-1 in the final. The Girls Hockey team also got to the final however, they lost 0-1 to Hamilton Girls High School.

Our Boys and Girls Basketball teams played at the Events Centre here in Levin. The boys did really well coming 3rd and the girls went one better coming 2nd. The outstanding teams for both boys and girls grades was Feilding High School.

Our 1st XV and U15 Rugby sides went away for two day tournaments, made up of four teams, to Dannevirke and Pahiatua respectively. Our U15 team won their tournament convincingly with the team made up from the 2nd XV and U14 teams. The 1st XV tried hard, however could not match it with the other secondary schools.

The Boys 1st XI Football team had high hopes, but came up against some stiff opposition. They ended up winning four and losing three coming 13th out of 22.

The Netball team travelled to New Plymouth where they played good attractive netball in most games, but just let themselves down in the odd game. They won seven games, losing two games which meant they came 9th out of 32 teams, an excellent result.

Mr B
Sports Coordinator







News from the International Department



Term Three has been very busy so far. Meijo University High School spent two weeks with us. We have had a long association with Meijo and have formed strong friendships with the Meijo staff. The programme included time in the classroom with student buddies, ESOL and trips between Palmerston North and Wellington.

Three weeks later we were visited by Namiki Secondary School. They were with us for 10 days. Their visit focused on ESOL and time in the classroom.

Students from both schools integrated very well with our local students. Being a buddy for an overseas student is very exciting for our students and they take this role very seriously.

We are especially grateful to our homestay families who support our international program and



go out of their way provide the students with a great experience while in New Zealand.

This term we welcomed nine new overseas students from Japan, Norway, Denmark, China, Spain and Germany. If you would like to host a student in the future, please contact our homestay co-ordinator, Mrs Nancy Jones, njones@horowhenua.school.nz

Robyn Keeling
Director of International Education



New Zealand Mathematics Olympiad

Each year students are offered the opportunity to go to a January Camp in Auckland to try for selection in the NZ International Mathematics Olympiad team who will be competing in South Africa in July 2014.

Selection happens by having a go at the problems on the link and submitting solutions or partial solutions to Auckland University by the due date of October 20th 2013.

Students most suited to this type of problem are usually in Year 12 but if a younger student wishes to have a try they are most welcome.

<http://www.mathsolympiad.org.nz/2013/09/2013-camp-selection-problems-due-20th-october-2013/>

Mrs Staniford
Head of Faculty Mathematics

Outdoor Education Mark

The college was recently awarded the OutdoorsMark, a sought after national award for excellent safety management in outdoor education. Horowhenua College encourages best practice and continuous improvement in outdoors safety and programme and the OutdoorsMark provides an independent process for assessing the robustness of operational safety policies, procedures and practices for alignment with currently accepted adventure activity standards and guidelines.

The OutdoorsMark is awarded to operators who achieve the required standard and is valid for a period of up to three years. OutdoorsMark is administered, managed, and promoted by Outdoors NZ, the lead organisation supporting outdoor recreation, outdoor education and



adventure activity providers in New Zealand.

A big thanks to our Outdoor Education staff who worked through this process, in particular the teacher in charge, Mr Cox.

Mr Warburton
Assistant Principal



School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Term 3

September

Thursday	26	Parent Teacher Conferences Students released 1.05pm
Friday	27	Parent Teacher Conferences Students to work from home. Last day for Prefect Applications Last day of Term 3

Term 4

October

Monday	14	Term 4 begins Y12&13 Study Skills Seminar 6-8pm College Library
Wednesday	16	Prefect Nominees Leadership Day Y9&10 Speech Contest NCEA Whanau Evening 6pm in the Whare
Thursday	17	Y13 Biology Zoo Trip
Friday	18	Roadshow
Monday	21	Art Folio Day
Thursday	24	College Sports Awards
Friday	25	Winter House Sports
Monday	28	Labour Day School Closed
Tuesday	29	Manawatu Sports Awards
Thursday	31	Cultural Awards

Student Absences/Leave Requests

Under the Education Act, attendance at school is compulsory until a child's sixteenth birthday. In the interests of students' academic progress, regular attendance is required and nothing but sickness or other unavoidable cause should be allowed to interfere with presence at school. Please ring the school office immediately to advise of an absence and give a note to your child when they return to school, addressed to the tutor teacher. This note should state the cause of absence, the date of return and the exact dates to which it refers.

To report an absence please contact the school on 3686159 and dial 1 to report a student absence and leave a message or email the college at office@horowhenua.school.nz

We also have an 0800 for your convenience:

0800 467694