



## NUA NEWS

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Term 3 has been a very full term. It is common for there to be lots of assessments and project work starting to come to a conclusion. As such the students aiming for NCEA qualifications have just come through a time of significant pressure to get these assessments completed. They, along with their teachers, will be looking forward to catching their breath over the next two weeks.

The term has had many highlights and I continue to be amazed at what our students are participating in, the goals they are pursuing and the results they are achieving. Congratulations everyone on the term completed and I know you will enjoy reading about some of the highlights in this newsletter.





# Word from the Board

Tēnā koutou katoa

This newsletter heralds the end of a very busy term. It has been great to see students fully participating in our four pillars of activity: academic, sports, arts and culture, and service. We have recently had Tournament Week and Annuals, and it is wonderful to see our students giving their all on the sports field and courts, and engaging in many cultural/social and service activities we have had this term. The pages of this newsletter showcase many of these events, and the wide variety of activities our pupils are involved in.

It has been another busy term for the board. We are currently updating our information and communication technology and servers, recognising the importance of well-functioning systems for teaching and learning, and the functioning of the school. We continue to monitor student achievement, and believe strongly in funding professional development to equip staff to teach to the best of their abilities and to extend and support all our students. We are also in the middle of a building programme and are very thankful for the expertise of Jono Johnson in leading this – soon, T Block will be reroofed and refitted, and work is ongoing with new classrooms. We are very grateful to our staff and students for how they are managing despite pressures on space, something we hope will be alleviated by the end of the academic year. Our healthy school lunch programme is working extremely well, and we are now catering for other schools in the community.

I trust you enjoy this edition of Nua News. Much of what you see in these pages is dependent on the hard work and dedication of our staff, iwi partners, parent and community volunteers and of course our students. The Board of Horowhenua College so appreciate all time and effort that is required to ensure our ākonga thrive. Thank you to all our staff and supporters!

Do enjoy the holidays!

Ngā mihi nui

Juliana Mansvelt  
Horowhenua College Board Chair



# Digi Tech

The year 9s hard at work creating their potion animations.





# Music

The senior music students spent some time in the recording studio at Te Takeretanga-o-Kurahaupo recording .





# Architecture Trip





# Jimmy Carter Quiz

Five students competed in the Annual Jimmy Carter Quiz hosted at Palmerston North Boys High School College House. The Jimmy Carter Quiz is the annual inter-school general knowledge quiz in which all of the region's schools come together to compete for the trophy.

The students stayed strong all evening to make it to a tiebreaker round against St Peter's College. They won the tiebreaker meaning they took away 2nd place. The team received a trophy and two wonderful books to add to our school library collection.

Team members:

Year 9: Ashlee West

Year 10: Mitch Bartholomew

Year 11: Harrison McQuillan

Year 12: Jack Davidson

Year 13 Anna Wylie (Captain)





# Whanaungatanga Day

Each year we celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori with an annual Whanaungatanga Day playing takaro Māori with Waiopehu and Manawatu Colleges. This year it was Kī o Rahi hosted by Waiopehu College. From the pōwhiri where all of the kaikaranga and kaikōrero were rangatahi to the hākari, the mihimihi and the haka, it is a celebration of the language, the culture and being together as a whanau.





# Latvia Exchange

Year 13 Student Lacey Collins is currently off on an exchange to Latvia! Before she went, she completed a large amount of her school work for the year - including her art portfolio which is a year long project!

Lacey:

I am currently in Riga the capital of Latvia, which borders the countries of Russia and Europe. I came to Latvia on August 20th after a 17 hour flight from Auckland to Dubai, a 6 hour flight from Dubai to Poland and a 1.30 hour flight from Poland to Latvia. I will be in Latvia until January 4th 2025.

I have done this as part of an exchange program through an organisation called YFU. I'm starting to learn the native language of Latvian and will start school here on the 2nd of September.







# Daffodil Day Collections

We had many of our wonderful students out collecting for Daffodil day.



Some of our students helped at the Cancer Society High Tea on Saturday 10th August. They did a wonderful job and represented the college with pride.





# Daffodil Picking

Our Services Academy students out picking daffodils for Daffodil day.





# Grapple

Year 12 students Owen Winstanley and Jack Davidson were selected to compete in 'Grapple'. A week long competition held in Christchurch. Grapple is an innovative competition that brings together students and professionals to tackle real-world problems through creative problem-solving and collaboration. The competition challenges participants to think outside the box, develop practical solutions, and showcase their skills in various disciplines, such as engineering, design, and technology.

Selection for Grapple was based on a competitive application process. Candidates were required to submit a portfolio showcasing their previous projects. The criteria for selection included demonstrating proficiency and creativity in technology or design-related fields.

Owen: Participating in Grapple taught me invaluable lessons about teamwork, communication, and creative problem-solving. I improved my skills in technology and design, particularly in integrating various technological solutions into a cohesive system. The experience also enhanced my ability to work effectively in a team environment, leveraging the diverse skills of my teammates.

Several aspects of the competition went exceptionally well. Our team worked together cohesively, leveraging each member's strengths to develop a robust solution. The experience of using a wide range of new machines and technologies was particularly enriching.





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On Friday of the last week of Term 3, Miss Elliott and Miss Hodder took a group of five senior students who are considering architecture as a career, to the Festival of Architecture in Wellington. From 3-6pm, many of the largest firms in the city - of up to 100 staff such as StudioPacific, as well as small sole operators, opened their doors to students and the public.

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# Theatre Sports

We had five students, Amber Rollinson, Verde Kjestrup, Sharman Patel, Tiana Fryer and Cate Parata compete in the theatre sports competition in Palmerston North. Theatre Sports is improvised drama that teaches teamwork, thinking on your feet, and creative thinking and is a great opportunity to get involved, act and have fun.

Our students did so well in the heats that they advanced on to the finals. They then placed second in the finals. It was a great show and absolutely amazing for our students!





# Shave for a Cure

8 Kiwis – adults and children – are diagnosed each day with a blood cancer. There's a good chance that they may lose their hair through chemotherapy because it can harm their hair follicles. This can be a difficult, scary, and isolating experience.

One way New Zealand shows support is fundraising via shave for a cure.

On Thursday 3 of our students participated and shaved their head. We are very proud of these students and their efforts to fundraise.





# Parafed

We had Parafed Manawatu and Wheelchair Rugby Manawatu come visit and take the level 2 PE class through 2 lessons of Wheelchair Rugby. We have been focusing on the Paris Olympics and introduced them to some adapted sports leading up to the Paralympics. Their experience and knowledge gained can be used for their assessment.







# Outdoor Education

This term senior Outdoor Education students have been completing a mountain biking assessment. The students visited purpose built mountain biking parks including Target Reserve in Foxton, Rangituhi in Porirua, and Mākara Peak, Wellington riding Grade 2 & 3 trails.





# Kathy Grey Cup

The Kathy Grey Cup is awarded to the top under 15 girls rugby team. This cup is recognition for all the many years of service Kathy Grey has given to both the HKRFU and the wider Hurricanes region. Kathy was made a life member of HKRFU in 2013 and was the first ever female to achieve this great honor. It is fantastic that someone who has given so much to the game has been recognised this way, especially to celebrate our female game when Kathy has truly been a pioneer for all girls rugby. We are very proud of this accolade for Kathy as she is one of us here at Horowhenua College.

Our girls had the privilege of competing in this tournament, facing some of the top teams in the country. They played hard and learnt a lot. A big congratulations to our 3 girls who played their first ever game of rugby at this tournament!





# Dance NZ Made

We had 28 students attend the Dance NZ Made dance competition. This was a fabulous day with our dancers who performed amazingly:

First place trio - Eilidh Anderson, Ayla-May & Emma

First place year 10 solo - Elloise Collis

Third runner up open section - Fierce Hip Hop group

Golden ticket recipient - Ayla-May

## Caitlin Sanson

TIC Dance





# Sport

## Winter Tournament Week Wrap-Up!

The long-awaited Winter Tournament Week has come and gone, and what a week it was! Our students represented Horowhenua College with heart, skill, and sportsmanship, bringing pride to our school and community.

### Highlights from the Week: 1-6 September 2024

This has to be our Girls 1st X1 Hockey Team - Runners Up at the Eveline Hankers Memorial Hockey Tournament, narrowing going down to Sacred Heart/Chilton 3-2 in the finals.

### Total Matches Played: 30

Wins: 17      Losses: 12      Draws: 1

### Final Placements:

Hockey (Girls): Finalists - Runners Up

Football (Girls): 14th Place

Football (Boys): 12th Place

Netball (Girls): 21st Place

## Annuals Week

Always the hotly contested rivalry with Waiopahu College, that brings the best of the best in 5 codes over the 5 nights, with unparalleled grit and determination where students leave everything on the court, field or turf.

### Highlights from the Week: 9-13 September 2024

Massive combined effort from all our 12 teams, coaches, managers, staff, students and supporters that turn up in droves to support their fellow peers. A resounding 8-4 victory and back to back wins.

### Total Matches Played: 12

Wins: 8      Losses: 4

### Final Placements:

Basketball Jnr Boys 33-71 loss, Snr Boys 66-95 loss

Hockey Boys 11-0 win, Girls 3-0 win

Football Jnr Boys 2-1 win, Girls 5-0 win, Snr Boys 1-0 win

Netball Jnr A 43-11 win, Snr Girls 26-14 win

Rugby Girls 20-19 win, Youth Boys 17-21 loss, Boys 1st XV 10-20 loss

A huge congratulations to all our players, coaches, and supporters for making this week a success! Your dedication, passion, and spirit made this Winter Tournament and Annuals Week unforgettable.

**Andi Hirini**

Sports Coordinator



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## Facing the Challenge: Horowhenua College's Services Academy Takes on the Annual Adventure Challenge

On the 1st of September, Horowhenua College's Service Academy ventured from school on a 5-hour journey to Rotorua, where they participated in the yearly Adventure Challenge. 8 of our students arrived and immediately jumped into setting up base, having the day to themselves as they waited for the other service academies to arrive.

Adventure Challenge is seen as a reward by the service academies and the YDU (youth development unit of the army). The students are tasked to use everything they've learned during the year at previous courses during this 5-6 day course, this includes orienteering, knot tying, and tramping pack packing. It was an action-filled trip where no moment was dull. The Adventure Challenge marks the final course of the academy year. This intensive five-day program is hosted at a different venue annually. It is a comprehensive learning experience for the students, integrating all they have studied throughout the year. The course culminates in a competitive race between academies, ultimately identifying the leading Service Academy. Participants participated in various activities, such as White Water Rafting, Mountain Biking, Orienteering, Hot Pools, and the Tough Guy/Gal challenge. Furthermore, this occasion serves as a farewell for students embarking on their career journeys, particularly those entering the New Zealand Defence Force, including the Army, Air Force, or Navy.

The Adventure Challenge began, and the students quickly got into the spirit of teamwork and friendship. Each activity pushed them to their limits, requiring good communication, leadership, and support to overcome challenges. White Water Rafting was one of the most exciting activities, with students navigating rough waters while depending on their teammates for safety and motivation. The Orienteering challenge also tested their endurance on tough trails, where quick thinking and planning were key to success. In the afternoons, students came together to share stories of their successes and struggles, strengthening the connections they made during their time at the academy. Beyond the excitement of competition, these shared moments built lasting friendships and skills for their future. As the final day of the Adventure Challenge neared, excitement grew among the participants. Each Service Academy was ready to show off their hard work and commitment. The closing ceremony celebrated everyone's achievements and honoured the friendships made and lessons learned throughout the journey.

We found the course engaging and exciting, doing things we had never done before or would never have done without the push this course gave us.

Riley Goodman



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## Term 4 Dates

### **October:**

14: Term 4 Begins  
22: Sports Awards  
28: Labour Day  
30: Cultural Awards

### **November:**

1: Year 13 Dinner  
7: NCEA Exams Begins  
25: Rangatahi Ora Graduation  
29: Senior Prizegiving

### **December:**

3: Activities Week  
6: Junior Prizegiving