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NUA NEWS

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

And that brings us to the end of 2024!!

This year has been busy and full of opportunities. We have seen students engage in all sorts of activities and have enjoyed celebrating the successes they have achieved. This newsletter is to highlight some of what has taken place in term 4. I know you will enjoy scrolling through this newsletter and reading about what our students have been up to.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who has partnered with us throughout this year. We value partnering with parents, iwi, businesses and community, and are so appreciative of the support we receive.

Enjoy reading, and happy Christmas everybody.

Nga mihi, Tofa soifua, Kind regards

Grant Congdon

Principal Tumuaki



Word from the Board

Kia ora koutou

As I write this, College has just finished for the term, and both students and staff are heading off for a well-earned break. Term 4 always flies by, with many events and activities, and with preparation for end-of-term assessments and NCEA exams. Our year 9 and 10 students participated in a very successful activities week and I have so enjoyed attending the various prizegivings and awards ceremonies in recent weeks. It is always inspiring to see our students thriving academically and across our other three pillars of sports, arts and culture, and service.

We continue to work in partnership with our tumuaki, Mr Congdon and the Senior Leadership Team and we appreciate their hard work and dedication. School management report to board on student achievement and provide progress on our annual goals which we track as the year proceeds. As a board, we continued the work of managing the finances, reviewing policies, and overseeing property, health and safety. We are so grateful to our campus manager, Jono Johnson, for his hard work in overseeing the many improvements to our built environment in 2024, including the restoration of the engineering workshop, four new classrooms and the renovation of T Block. Our school is growing, and the board has appreciated the accommodations made by staff and students while these renovations have been occurring. Thank you to our board members for their service, care and all their work on the finance, health and safety, property, discipline and policy committees. They are an exceptionally talented group of people: Garry Good (deputy chair), Megan Bolton, Alasdair Maclean, Manuela Tausi and Bob Slade (parent representatives) and Chris Fearon (staff representative). We welcomed student representative Liam Roach to the board in September and farewelled previous rep and head girl, Irene Vehikite. Our student representatives do a fantastic job of reflecting student voice at the board table. Our exceptionally hard-working Tumuaki, Mr Congdon also serves on the board and our Secretary Kate Searle enables us to function so efficiently.

Thank you to all our parents and students for your engagement in school. For 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. By the time you read this, the majority of our staff will also be on their summer holiday break. A huge thank you again to the Senior leadership team, Deans and Heads of Faculty, and to all our teaching and support staff for your commitment and hard work this year. It is an absolute privilege to serve you - the school community. I wish you all a relaxing Christmas and New Year break. We look forward to growing successful young adults with you in 2025.

Ngā mihi o te wā
Ngā manaakitanga
Juliana Mansvelt



Golf

A massive congratulations to William Dunsmore who was named Manawatu-Wanganui Eagles Junior Golfer of Year 2024



Armistice Day

On Monday the 11th of November, the Horowhenua College Services Academy honoured Armistice day by attending the memorial at the Levin Cenotaph, as they do every year. This year two academy students lowered and raised the flags as a sign of respect, the rest of the academy performed the school haka to close the proceedings off.





Youth Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the Horowhenua District Council Civic & Youth Excellence awards, we are so very proud of you.

- Amelie Williamson - Arts and Culture
- Irene Vehikite - Arts and Culture
- Torina Ngaluafe - Community Service
- Heer Patel - Academic Excellence
- Steffani Miradores - Academic Excellence
- Jorja Horn - Sporting Excellence
- Minnie Collins - Sporting Excellence
- Rawiri Tristram-Brown - Sporting Excellence





Student Leadership

Incoming prefects for 2025



Outgoing prefects for 2024





MP Visits

Rangatahi Ora had the privilege of hosting Whaea Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, MP for Te Tai Hauāuru and Co-Leader of Te Pāti Māori.

After an electrifying powhiri she shared an empowering message with our rangatahi to stand tall and proud, and keep advancing forward in who they are as Māori. No Retreat, No Surrender!

She reminded us of the strength in kōtahitanga and the importance of our voices. Whaea Debbie's words inspired our students to embrace their identity and to be bold in shaping their future. A heartfelt mihi to Whaea Debbie for spending time with us at our kura.





Year 13 Physical Education

Our Y13 PE students had the opportunity to experience a variety of physical activities in and around Porirua and Levin. These experiences formed as inspiration for their final internal assessment and hopefully gave them some ideas for what they could participate in to remain active once they leave school.





Bluelight





Outdoor Education

Level 3 Outdoor Education students completed a three day survival trip in the Tararua Ranges. Students slept in shelters (no tents!) including natural shelters they made from material found in the bush. The trip included off-trail navigation and river travel. Well done to those students who completed the challenge!





Rugby

Year 11 Student Shikynah Pearson attended a New Zealand Rugby League Kiwis camp where she was able to play for the NZRL U16 clubs team. The camp was held in Auckland where she went into training, preparing for the game against the NZ U16 Schools team. Shikynah's team came out on top with a 30-10 win.

"This camp was a great experience and I was so proud to be able to represent my school, my region and my family while playing in a NZ jersey."



Manawatu Secondary School Sports

Congratulations to Year 10 student Rawiri Tristram-Brown who won Champion Male Athlete with Disabilities Student Athlete at the Manawatu Secondary School Sports Awards. We are very proud of you.





Chess

Four students from Horowhenua College participated at the Chess Power National secondary school competition in Wellington on Saturday the 26th of October. Kāhu Newton, Alistair Brownie, Roy MacKay, and Brock Clement all competed in 9 rounds of chess. Roy was the College's top player, impressive for a Year 9 student. The team placed ninth overall and can be proud of their efforts during the competition.'





Cycling

Year 12 student Minnie Collins spent her holidays competing in cycling events. The first was the National School Road Championships in Timaru. She placed 15th in the road race and 6th in the points race.

Then it was the National School Track Championships in Invercargill. She was 2nd in the 250m standing start, 4th in the Scratch race, 2nd in the Keirin, 5th in the Tempo and 3rd overall!

On a super amazing note. Minnie wanted to gain a time of 21.4 for a standing 250m. She was successful and obtained a 21.116.

Absolutely amazing work Minnie!





Art

Year 9 Student Zoe Fletcher entered her painting in the Toi MAHARA Young Artists Exhibition early in September. We are delighted to say that her artwork has been selected to be a part of the exhibition.

Congratulations Zoe, we are so excited for you!





Bigger Picture Club

The Bigger Picture Club has had a really fantastic year with a group of regular students and new visitors nearly every week.

It has been a place to discuss the big questions of life and faith that we all need to ask sometime: Why am I here? What is my purpose? Is there more to life than this? Students can openly and honestly explore the big questions, hear from others and the answers they have found in the Christian faith, or where they can come and be supported and encouraged in their own faith. This year we were really blessed to have Dan Buttar, youth pastor from Lifechangers Church, helping us lead the group which initially began with the Youth Alpha Course. In addition to fun, food and games, we have had some great guest speakers, heard amazing, encouraging testimonies, discovered more about God, the Bible and its relevance to our daily lives today, and have all grown in our relationships with one another. We finished off the year with some of the group heading to Palmerston North for bowling and dinner at Gengys restaurant. Special thanks to staff members Mrs Paxton, Mr Ferzli, Mr Bell and Matua Ria for their support during the year.



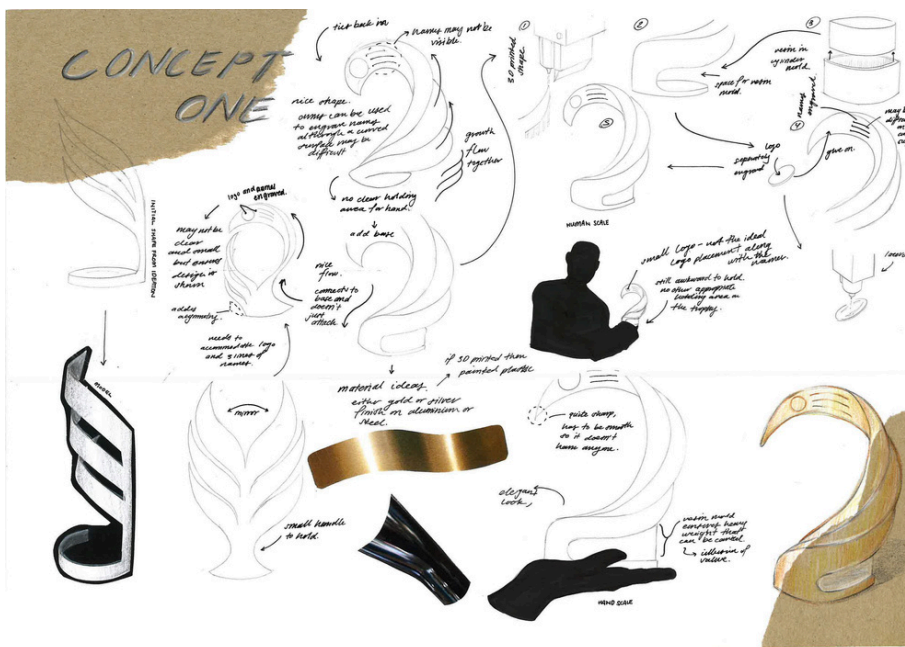


Award Design

Earlier in the year, Business Horowhenua Kapiti approached the college to see if there would be any students who could design and make the 2024 Electra Business Awards trophies. Steffani Miadores took up the challenge, working the project into some NCEA Architecture standards.

She spent the year working through a design process towards a stunning final outcome which was favorably received by award winners and the public alike. Steffani worked through testing and trialling of materials and processes to settle on a 3D rotational laser cut gold anodized aluminium tube design.

Special thanks to Brendan McQuillan from Arlan Engineering who helped us with plasma cut and rolled steel prototypes.





Equestrian

6 keen students had a wonderful time at Westridge Equestrian Centre, Roslyn Road, Levin for activities week. They had great fun taking the small ponies through obstacle courses, learning how to care for and groom the bigger horses, and everyone had an individual lesson each day. The horses were calm and seemed to love all the attention they got. Our students did amazingly well and gained many new experiences, confidence and a new found love for horses and riding!





Teachers in Fiji

On the 1st of October, 14 staff traveled to the beautiful islands of Fiji to engage in professional development on Pacific education and to better our cultural competency.

We had an exciting 9 days planned, filled with adventures and once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

For the first few days, the staff traveled to a remote village in the highlands of Fiji, called Namosi. We had the opportunity to experience an authentic village lifestyle, filled with swims in the rivers, traditional foods, and nighttime sing-alongs. Staff also had the opportunity to visit 3 local schools, Namosi Secondary School, Namosi Primary School, and Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna Memorial School. We made many friends with staff and students and look forward to our continued relationship.

Staff also enjoyed many of the tourist attractions that Fiji has to offer, such as the Ecotrax tour, where we cycled along the coral coast and many snorkeling adventures.

Our thanks go out to all the Fijian people who showered us with generosity during our stay. We were completely overwhelmed by the hospitality and have returned home with many fond memories.





Design Tech

In the last week of timetabled classes the two year 10 Design Technology classes., had an amazing race type challenge. In groups of 3 or 4, they were given objects to measure or provide the area of.

Once a challenge was complete, they had to go back to the home base to verify and receive their next challenge. The over all winning team of Dayton, Tahlia and Bhavesh won pizza vouchers from dominoes pizza.



Carpentry

Our Year 13 carpentry class have spent the year making eight sandpit diggers so they could donate them to various childcare centres in the town.

One of the students involved, Kimi O'Donnell, said they started by researching diggers online and then made a prototype. From there they started making the diggers and had plans for more, but ran out of time when exams came up.





Activities Week





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Senior Prizegiving





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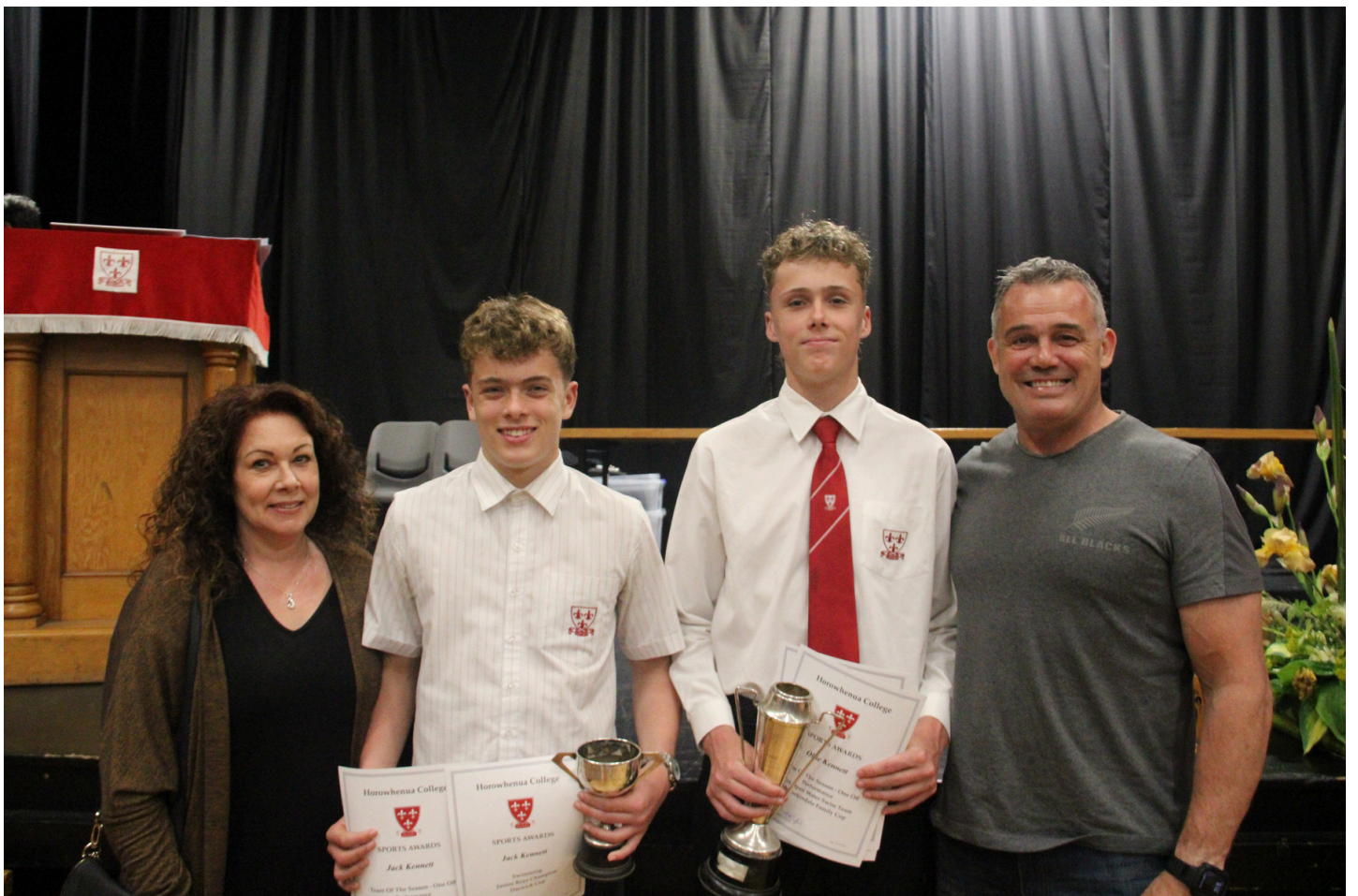


Sports Awards





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Cultural Awards





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Market



ŌTAKI CHRISTMAS Market

Rātapu | Sunday

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10am - 2pm
main highway, Otaki

50 + stalls
Delicious kai
FREE Gift wrapping
Facepainting

otakiwomensclub.org/christmasmarket



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Beginning of School Arrangements

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BEGINNING OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS 2025



The College Office will open from 9.00am - 3.30pm as from Monday 27 January. Senior Management and Deans will be available for enrolments. Please phone the college office for enquiries or to make an appointment.

Monday 3 February

8.45am - 3.10pm Year 9 Students Orientation Day 1 with Peer Support Buddies. Bring device, pen and paper. Gather at 8.50am for the Year 9 Pōwhiri. Parents/ caregivers are welcome to attend. Students to be in uniform.

Tuesday 4 February

8.45am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 2 with Peer Support Leaders.

11am - 1pm Course confirmation - senior students with subject clashes or who wish to change subjects please meet in the hall with Deans.

Wednesday 5 February

8.45am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 3 with Peer Support Leaders.

Thursday 6 February

Waitangi Day Holiday.

Friday 7 February

8.45am - 3.10pm Year 9 Student Orientation Day 4 with Peer Support Leaders.

Monday 10 February

8.45am Classes start for all year levels.

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