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# NUA NEWS

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

Welcome to the first end of term newsletter for 2025. This term has been full of learning and activity as we began another year of learning and college activities. It seems a long time ago that we welcomed our new staff and students with pōwhiri back at the beginning of the term.

Initially the focus for the term was getting to know everyone, finalising timetables and establishing routines. After the first few weeks the large majority of students had their learning programmes confirmed and have been engaging with their learning opportunities.

One of the challenges we faced at the beginning of last year was the lack of classroom space. We are pleased that our renovations for our T block have been completed and we welcomed 2 more prefab classrooms to our J block. Thank you to the Ministry, our campus manager Jono and all those involved in the construction and fitting of these. We look forward to utilising these spaces for 2025.

I hope you enjoy reading this end of term newsletter. It contains just some of the amazing things our students have been up to over this term. I am very proud of them and what they achieve. Thank you to our mana whenua, iwi, parents and community who partner with us and support us. We so appreciate sharing the journey of growing successful young adults.

Ngā mihi koutou, Tofa soifua, Kind regards  
Grant Congdon  
Principal



# Word from the Board

Tēnā koutou katoa

A very warm welcome to Horowhenua College to all our new students and their families from Horowhenua College Board. Our parent elected representatives are Manuila Tausi, Megan Bolton, Alasdair Maclean, Bob Slade, Garry Good (Deputy Chair) and myself Juliana Mansvelt (Chair). We also have Liam Roach our student representative, Chris Fearon (staff representative) and our tumuaki Mr Congdon on the board. Mrs Kate Searle does a wonderful job as our board secretary. This term we have been focusing on reviewing our results from last year, and developing our annual goals in line with our strategic plan. You will find these documents on our website.

Our school is the largest it has been for many years, so the board are concerned not only to offer a wide range of subjects, options and activities across our four pillars of academic, sport, arts and culture, and service, but to manage our staff and students well being, property and space well. Our strategic plan has three main goals: providing a range of learning opportunities, ensuring students and staff have high expectations of achievement, and providing the resources and social support to enable staff and students to teach and learn to the best of their ability.

The 2025 Annual Goals are directed towards improving literacy and numeracy in the junior school, improving teaching and learning through providing professional development for teachers, and to increasing participation and opportunities in sport. These goals also address many of the current government's priorities for education, including establishing better approaches to literacy and numeracy, smarter assessment and reporting, improving teacher professional development and making greater use of data. We will monitor progress on these goals as we move through the academic year. Mr Congdon will be away for Term 2, enjoying his sabbatical and conducting research on trauma informed practice – something we are keen to learn more of as a way of supporting our ākonga. Mr Hokianga will be acting principal during this term.

It is great to see our students involved in a wide range of cultural, sporting and service activities and this term has been no exception. A personal highlight for me was attending the celebration of our first-ever girls rugby tour, which was over a year in the planning.

Similarly, much planning and fundraising has gone into a school trip to Japan which is also occurring over the break. We wish all our students, staff and parents who are travelling and representing the school in numerous activities and events, a wonderful time away. As a board, we always look forward to reports of our students' learnings and successes. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable school holiday.

Ngā manaakitanga  
Juliana Mansvelt  
Board Chair



# New Staff 2025

We are very pleased to welcome the following staff members to our Horowhenua College whanau for 2025.



Matua Jack Baker  
Teacher of Te Toka



Miss Emily Gill  
Teacher of English  
& Drama



Mr Matthew Good  
Sports Coordinator



Mrs Hannah Goodin  
Itinerant Music  
Teacher - Vocals



Mrs Emma Hodgson  
Teacher of English



Miss Kayla Hutchings  
Teacher of English



Mr Andrew McCreary  
Teacher of Science



Mr Tim O'Hara  
Teacher of PE and  
Health



Ms Belinda Prasad  
Teacher of  
Mathematics



Mrs Sophie Rodie  
Teacher of PE and  
Food Tech



Miss Emma Hillary  
Head of Faculty -  
Social Sciences

We also welcome Natalie Picco to our catering staff.



# 40+ Years

At the start of this year we celebrated two wonderful teachers who between them have given 85 years to our college. Anyone who has attended Horowhenua College will know Miss Moerkerk and Ms Grey. They continue to make a great impact on our students today and we thank them for still being with us and helping shape the futures of our current students.

**Grant Congdon**  
Principal





# Student Leadership



**Head Students**  
**Tyson Jones & Akysa Tavita**

**Deputy Head Students**  
**Fern Forth & James Dunsmore**



**Academic Prefects**  
**Taresha Kiran & James Dunsmore**

**Arts Prefects**  
**Verde Kjestrup & Katerina Finau**



**Cultural Prefects**  
**Akysa Tavita & Pusa Fonoti**

**International Prefects**  
**Christiaan Classen & Noah Waculiz**



**Media Prefects**  
**Lucie O'Brien & Newell Narra**

**Social Action Prefects**  
**Fern Forth & Olivia Murray-Kirby**



# Student Leadership



## Sports Prefects

**Lily Bilton, Tyson Jones, Morgan Swartbooi & Ollie Kennett**



## Social Prefects

**Genevi Blackman & Lane Dobbin**

## Wellbeing Prefects

**Teewei Uere & Stella Tomane**



# Year 9 Welcome

As part of welcoming our Year 9's into college life we have a week long orientation week. This allows our Year 9's to learn the layout of the school, daily routines and to settle in before our whole school starts back. This is a fantastic week and we have a lot of fun.





# Year 9 Welcome







# Year 13 Camp

This term our Year 13 students attended Year 13 camp. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 13 students to work together, learn new skills and have fun whilst creating a cohesive environment for their last year of school.

We are very thankful to be hosted by our Rangatahi Ora group out at Matau Marae. This camp is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 13's and we are so fortunate to have the support of staff, students and the marae.





# Debate Regionals

Harrison McQuillan, Liam Roach, Ashlee West, Saoirse Williamson, Alistair Brownie and Imogen Williamson attended the debating regionals in Whanganui last week.

This was their first time attending and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was great to watch them stand up and argue their cases with such poise.

It was a fantastic day and they will definitely be heading back next year!

A big thank you to their teacher in charge Emma Hodgson!



# GRIPP

The Year 13 prefects travelled to Wellington for a GRIPP leadership conference which took place at Pipitea Marae. They participated in leadership activities and games. And they got the chance to speak to the other colleges that attended!

This was an awesome opportunity for the prefects as they were able to ask lots of questions regarding leadership and they came up with new innovative ideas which they are going to actively work on as a whole prefect team

**Lucie O'Brien**  
Prefect





# Food Technology

## SUSHI YEAR 10s:

Our Year 10 Kai students have been working on a fun new module all about Kai and culture. They're exploring how different cultures are to one another and how they use food to connect with traditions, and it's been a hands-on experience so far! In these photos, you can see some of our students making sushi, which has been a great way for them to dive into Japanese culture. It's been awesome to watch them learn new skills and share the experience with each other!



## PASTA MAKING YEAR 12 & 13:

Our Year 12 and 13 Senior Creative Catering students have been hard at work making homemade fresh pasta! This hands on project is part of their course, where they're learning the traditional techniques of pasta-making from scratch. It's been great to see them get creative with different shapes and of course, enjoy the delicious results at the end!





# Project Jonah

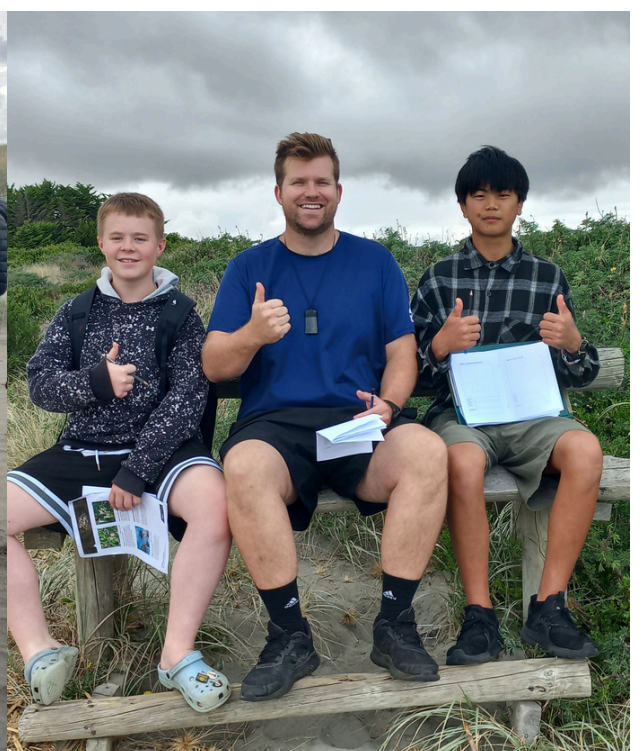
Project Jonah in conjunction with Horizons Regional Council and Horowhenua District council funded 22 Year 9 and 10 students to attend a beach trip at Waitarere Beach.

The students participated in some amazing activities such as learning about whales and how to save a whale that is beached (this was a hands on activity) where the students had to form a chain with buckets of water from the sea to the whale that was covered in wet clothes.

Other activities included plant identification, UV and sun study and UV bracelet creation, as well as a treasure hunt to finish the day.

## James Gilroy

Assistant Head of Faculty - Science





# Art

Senior Art History students had the privilege of being the first group to visit iconic New Zealand Artist Robyn Kahukiwa's exhibition in Palmerston North. Students were pushed to think outside the box while analysing Robyn's work and uncovered the deeper meanings behind pieces through a series of interactive activities. Great discussions were had and the staff from Te Manawa Art Gallery were amazing at engaging students to see Art work through a different lens and not only understand how it can be influenced from society but influence society.

## Talula Hodder

Teacher of Art & Design





# Art

Our Year 11 Visual Art students are all working on NCEA level 2 standards this year, it has given them all a huge boost and they have risen to the challenge for our first internals.



# Art

Kate Hyde , ex pupil, of Horowhenua College and taught by Mrs Gilroy, has kindly donated a large amount of canvas to the Art department.

We are so thrilled, and grateful for this fantastic donation from Kate!

**Jeanette Gilroy**  
Head of Faculty - Arts





# Art

Some photos of our Year 9 Art students





# Get - Go Day

This term our Year 10 students attended the Get-Go day. This is a day organised with local businesses to allow our students a look into the workforce in different areas.

A big thank you to those businesses who got involved and provided lots of information and knowledge for our Year 10 students.

LT McGuiness, Carters, Komatsu, Wayne Bishop Group, Pāmu Farms, Muaūpoko Nursery, JB's Environmental, Horowhenua District Council, Fire, Police and Corrections.







# Outdoor Education

Senior Outdoor Education students have started the year learning to work together to organise whitewater kayaking trips. Here are some photos of an initial trip to Mansell's Farm on the Ōtaki River.

**Dan Riggs**

TIC Outdoor Education





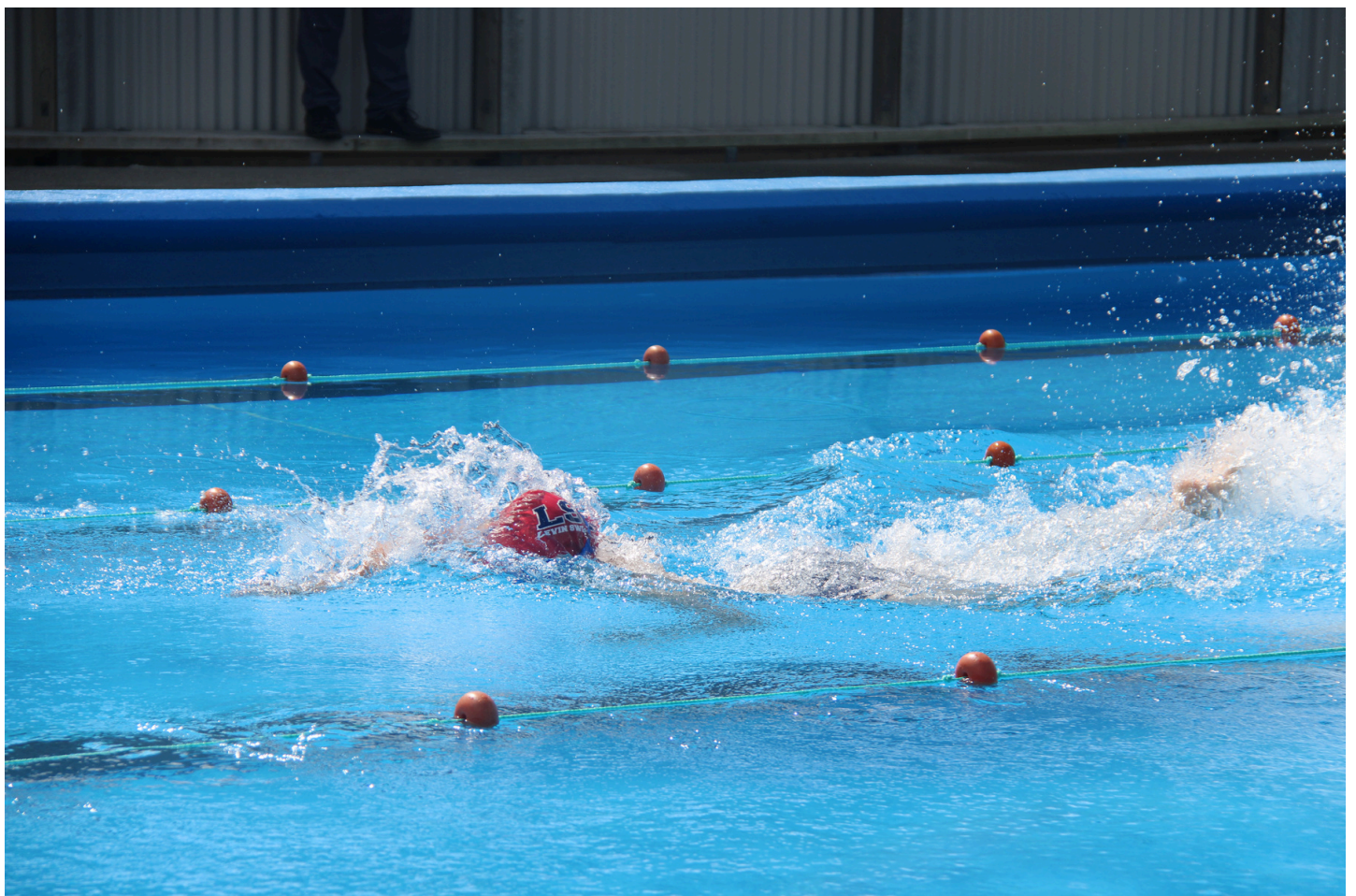
# Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports was such a good day of competition, fun and laughter. Well done to everyone who got involved!





# Swimming Sports





# Girls Rugby

We are pleased to announce the Girls First XV for the first ever girls rugby tour in our college history. The team will be touring the North Island (Whakatane and Auckland) in the first week of the holidays. They have 3 games against a Whakatane combined college team, Te Puke High school and a Rangitoto College selected team.

## HOROWHENUA COLLEGE

### 1ST XV GIRLS RUGBY TEAM

#### NORTH ISLAND TOUR 2025

#### FORWARDS

Rory Carter  
Fern Forth (C)  
Tiana Fryer  
Aaria Hunt  
Mckenzie Kauri  
Dvelle Luka-Davis  
Promise Reweti  
Kalais Tatana-Tovo  
Taizarrah Toeieiu  
Stella Tomane  
Jahzel Wikitera

#### BACKS

Scarlett Fonoti  
Tarynn Hunia  
Ella Jones  
Grace Kerehi  
Nicky-Sei Luli  
Keyleigh Pearson (VC)  
Jekaylah Pomare  
Kalani Ranish  
Chelsea Stewart  
Silivia Taeloa  
Christine Tauro  
Emele Waqa

*Coach: Chris Wilton  
Assistant Coach: Ray Hunia  
Manager: Caitlin Sanson  
Videographer: Jenna Wicks*



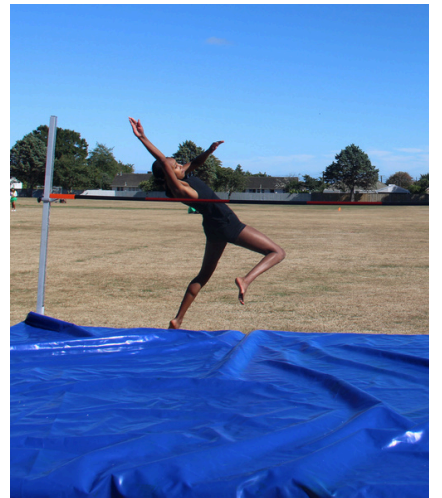


# Athletics Day





# Athletics Day





# Manawatu Secondary School Sports

After a very successful school athletics day, we were delighted to send a strong athletics team up to MISSA to compete against the region's best athletes.

17 of the 20 selected students made the trip to Massey University and we achieved some brilliant results along the way.

Carlos Fonoti came 3rd in both the high jump and long jump in the Jnr Boys Category. Queenie Morgan came 3rd in the high jump in the Snr Girls Category and Verde Kjestrup battling illness came 4th in the 200m Snr Girls Final and 5th in the 100m final.

Huge thank you to teachers Marika, Sanet and Jonique for taking the time to get our athletes up to MISSA as well as running the discus event!

Well done to the following students who represented Nua with pride all day on and off the track: Daniel Chidharn, Hope Cornford, Carlos Fonoti, Ivy-Rose Henare, Oliver Kennett, Ronan Kjestrup, Verde Kjestrup, Elizabeth Mamera, Marara Matehaere, Queenie Morgan, Azaria Ngobi, Alexis Parata, Kalani Ranish, Nate Rofe, Kayla Sanson, Cherish Simpson, Yuli Waculicz

## **Matthew Good**

Sports Coordinator





# Manawatu Secondary School Sports







# Rotary

Well done to Owen Winstanley who gave a presentation at Rotary Club. Owen spent 2 weeks at the Rotary Science and Technology Forum at Auckland University in January.



# Japanese Exchange

We were excited to welcome a group of Japanese students from Kokugayama in Tokyo as part of our school's foreign exchange programme. We were pleased to get to know all these students during their visit at Horowhenua College.





# YES

This year, Horowhenua College is participating in the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES). YES is an opportunity for students to unleash their inner entrepreneur and experience the start-up world first-hand. It is an experiential programme where students set up and run a real business. Each YES company creates their own product or service and brings this to market. We are part of the Manawatu-Whanganui region and compete for funding and prizes against many other school groups from the wider region.

The first YES event attended was on March 13th in Palmerston North called Spark Tank. Our school company, ACCESSIONAL (Liam Roach - CEO, Caitlin Hoy - CFO and Harrison McQuillan - COO) represented the school well as they met with business owners from around the region who did speed coaching with them to help develop their product. ACCESSIONAL are creating a phone holder for supermarket trolleys and are currently prototyping their product. Look out in the coming months for advertising to buy your own!



# Mufti Day

This term we held a mufti day in which we asked for donations for the foodbank. This was a fantastic day and we are proud of our students.





# Pi Day

"The quad was abuzz with unusual sights and sounds on March 14th. The air vibrated with the rhythmic recitation of seemingly endless digits. It could only mean one thing: International Pi Day had arrived!

More than a hundred students eagerly lined up, ready to celebrate the mathematical constant in delicious style. Whānau classes had been hard at work memorising pi, while our Maths teachers engaged students in fascinating circular activities. But the real draw? The chance to expand one's own circumference with a well-earned pie!

A big thank you to our academic prefects and the Maths Department for their support in making this event a success. And a hearty congratulations to all the students who memorised pi, and ate pie.

## Gareth Bell

Teacher of Mathematics





# Services Academy

The Services Academy Induction course ended with an emotional graduation.

During two weeks of mental and physical duress, the academy worked well through the challenges of the many activities and military environment.

The graduation was held in the NZCIS training facilities for the Hurricanes and Phoenix teams, an indoor field and weights room.

The graduation was emotional because the academy won all of the awards except for the 2.4km run, sit ups and push ups.

Awards won -

Omar Amaya - Most Diverse Trainee Certificate for Horowhenua College.

Lane Dobbin - Most Improved Certificate for Horowhenua College Services Academy.

Shontayne Hatsell - Top Trainee Certificate for Horowhenua College Services Academy.

5.3kms Cross country - Ethan Jansson.

Assault Obstacle Course Trophy (Ammunition Tin mounted on a Base)

Longest Day Trophy - (Light brown Koru)

Drill Competition - (Dark Brown Manaia)

After 7 years of being in this rewarding job, the Academy and I achieved our goal in winning all 3 trophies. I am so proud of our Academy students.

## Raymond Hunia

Services Academy Director





# Services Academy





# Rangatahi Ora

This term we welcomed many new whānau into Rangatahi Ora, starting the year with a hui to connect with our Year 9 core class kaiako. Whānau are central to everything we do, and we appreciate your ongoing support and involvement.

With over 100 rangatahi in our kaupapa, the whare is always full of energy. Daily whānau time includes karakia, waiata and pānui celebrating achievements and special events - there's always a birthday to acknowledge!

## Tikanga Tuesday

Each Tuesday lunch time, rangatahi fill the whare to learn new karakia, waiata, and haka. Whether preparing for pōwhiri, flag assembly or sharing culture with international students, the focus is on building relationships and having fun through learning.

## Kaitahi Thursday

Shared Kai Thursdays are a weekly highlight. It's a time to practise karakia, learn tikanga around kai, and enjoy whanaungatanga. We're grateful to our generous whānau who contribute koha towards our delicious shared kai each week.





# Rangatahi Ora

## Year 13 Camp

A key kaupapa each year is hosting the Year 13s at Matau Marae. Tuakana from the Waharoa class lead the planning and cooking, while our teina help set up and experience manaaki manuhiri in an authentic setting.

## Hāngi Fundraiser

Last weekend's hāngi fundraiser for our teina was a huge success. Rangatahi gave up their time to learn, prepare, and help with every part of the process. We're proud of their commitment and grateful to our whānau for their support. These experiences enrich our rangatahi and strengthen their identity as Māori. Most importantly, they build a support network within the whare - a whānau that uplifts and expresses manaaki with each other every step of the way. Ngā mihi nui.





# Poppy Day

Our services academy supported the Levin RSA by having groups of students help collect donations and give out poppies for Poppy Day.







# Child Cancer Appeal

We had several groups of students out collecting for the Child Cancer Appeal



# Flag Assembly





# Flag Assembly





# Ugly Shakespeare

Miss Oza, Mrs Wehipeihana and Whaea Jenna took a group of drama students down to Te Takere to watch the Ugly Shakespeare Company perform, followed by a workshop lead by the Company.

After some warm-up exercises, the students practiced their character interpretation and put their interpretations into action performing from scripts they were given. The students were able to highlight the strong talent we have at Nua, as well as clearly demonstrate the Nua way. It was a great experience had by all.





# Te Whero Times

The first edition of the Te Whero Times is finally out. This is Horowhenua College's student-led newspaper, created by students with help and guidance from our amazing staff. The creation of the newspaper began last year and took time to come together. From writing and editing to designing the layout and ensuring everything was proofread, the process wasn't always easy, especially while balancing schoolwork and other commitments. What made it all worth it was seeing how many students were keen to try. They wanted to write, interview, and share stories. That embodied the definition our school motto, "Essayez," meaning "to try."

This first issue looks back at some of the big events and stories from the past school year. The club will be putting out a new edition every two terms, giving more students a chance to be part of it and build their skills. Printed copies are available at the Student Centre, the school library, and the front desk in the school foyer. Some copies have been distributed at the District Council and the Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, so people in the community can see what the students are working on too. This can also be found on our school website and linked to our social media.





# HOROCANES

In preparation for their rugby tour our Girls First XV faced our teachers the “HOROCANES” in an exciting game of Rippa Rugby. The weather made for a bit of a slip and slide but overall it was a fantastic game resulting in a tie!





# Tournament Week

A massive Week 7 at school saw our summer codes conclude their season with summer tournament week! 60 students representing Horowhenua College headed off to participate in Volleyball, Canoe Polo, Waka Ama and Futsal!

Volleyball Tournament Week is the largest Secondary School Tournament on the calendar with over 2000 players. Our Volleyball teams headed to Palmerston North and our Boys placed in the Top 10 of Division 4 with some brilliant results throughout the week! Our Volleyball Girls also placed in the Top 10 of Division 6 with some excellent volleyball played!

Our Jnr Futsal Boys headed down to Wellington to participate in their first ever tournament! With no league for the boys to enter, this was their first taste of competition this season and the learnings from last week will only help them improve come summer again!

And finally, our 25 strong Waka Ama crew headed away to Rotorua to compete at Nationals! This is another huge event with over 1000 paddlers from all over New Zealand coming to Compete! The team had some huge results with two 1st Place finishes in the U16 W250 and W500 heats!

Our students represented Horowhenua College with pride and mana, on and off the court/water all week! We could not be prouder of them!

A huge thank you to the following coaches and managers who took teams away for the week! Simply put, without your guidance and support our teams would not be in a position to go and compete at these tournaments!

Thank you;

Volleyball - Asaria Saili, Morgan Burt, Fuamatu Nuuvea Kosetatino {Matu}, Alice Mose-Tuialii and Kaydence Mose-Tuialii,

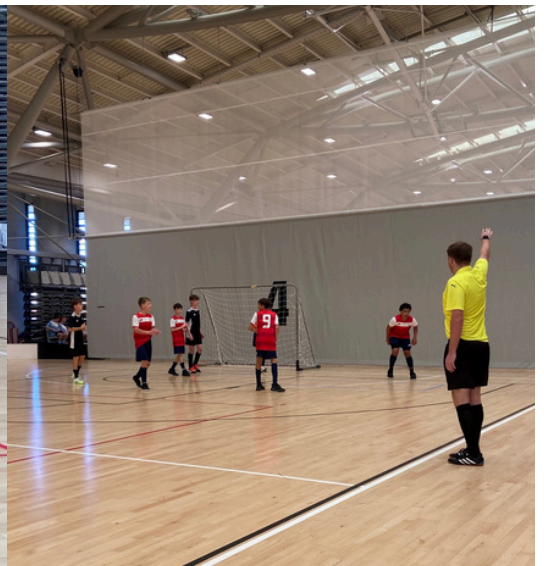
Waka Ama - Dylan Kiriona, Steph McKenzie, Laurae Broughton-Kiriona, Kelly Tahiwai, Selena Hunt, Adam and Paula Pritchard and Renee Jones.

Futsal - Gary O'Brien and Jay Wehipeihana,





# Tournament Week





# Equestrian

Makayla Fitzgerald, Ruby Knight, Magenta Van Dusschoton and Jorja Shaw from the Levin Pony Club won the 4 bar show jumping at our annual end of season gymkhana in Waikanae, the last jump was a 1.15m.

Also Ruby Knight, Paige Kernohan and Elizabeth Christensen all competed in the QEPark with Ruby winning the Zilco Series, Paige winning her 2nd ODE and Elizabeth placing.

Great job girls and ponies!



Elizabeth Christensen, Jorja Shaw, Magenta VanDusschoten, Paige Kernohan along with Ruby Knight and Makayla Fitzgerald at the Nga Twa inter-schools competition held at Pukamarama Station on the 19 March. There were 150 riders from 14 schools. Magenta came away with a placing on her pony Nitro Charli Brown.

Makayla Fitzgerald also won her first one-day event. This was held at Pukamarama Station for Central districts eventing on March the 1st.







# Tennis

Year 11 student Māia Cornell competed in the U17's Manawatu Tennis Tournament and came away the U17's Tennis Manawatū Champion! This a huge achievement by one of our own and continues the strong tennis being played by our students as of late.

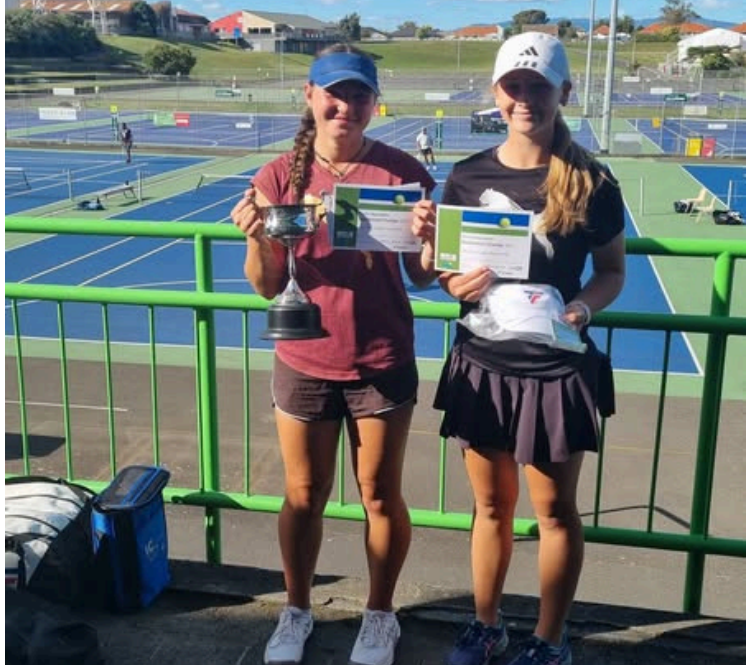
Māia's scores were;

Game 1: 6-2, 6-0

Game 2: 2-6, 6-3 (10-7) = supertie playout

Game 3: 6-1, 6-1

Well done on a brilliant achievement Māia



# Baseball

Ronan Kjestrup helped with Levin Hustle Baseball Club and their baseball in schools programme by umpiring at their tournament day.





# Waitarere Forest Run

Some of our college crew who participated in the Waitarere Forest Run!



# Touch

Touch interest went through the roof with initial sign ups so we were delighted to be able to send two Jnr Touch sides up to Palmerston North on Saturday to compete in a festival touch tournament!

Both teams did very well, facing some extremely skilled teams, considering both teams were put together on less than a week's notice! The day ended with a game against each other and it was amazing to see both teams helping each other learn the game! Our Year 9 team was taken by Manager Lyndsay and our Year 10 team was taken by Manager Macu. A huge thank you to you both for taking the teams on the day!





# Waka Ama

What a day on the water! Four W6 crews and two W1 paddlers proudly represented Horowhenua at this year's Waka Ama Regionals, battling through showers, wind, and bursts of sunshine. It was a fantastic experience for our new paddlers to test themselves in competition, and we're so proud of everyone's efforts and results.

An amazing day for all of our paddlers! The commitment and whanaungatanga shown by every crew was inspiring, and prepared us well Secondary School Nationals in Rotorua. Ka mau te wehi, ki te hoe!





# Waka Ama





# Waka Ama

This year we were thrilled to have strong junior interest in Waka Ama, with two J16 girls teams, a J16 boys team, and a J19 girls team representing our kura. Training three times a week in Ōtaki, our paddlers had just four weeks to prepare for regionals, and another two for nationals - every minute on the water counted as they worked to refine technique, build strength, and master timing.

The 2025 Secondary Schools Waka Ama Nationals took place at Tikitapu (Blue Lake) in Rotorua, drawing over 2,200 paddlers from 124 schools - the largest competition to date. Our teams competed in W12 250m double-hull sprints and W6 250m and 500m races. For many of our students, it was their first time competing at this level - and they rose to the challenge! Finishing times and placings in the heats determined progression, making every race count.

We were proud to see both J16 girls teams qualify for Te Ihu, the top division for the 250m races. Our J19 girls made it into Te Tākere, while the J16 boys pushed through to Te Kei. A massive shoutout to our J16 boys, who placed 2nd in their semi and went on to finish a brilliant 4th in the final!

The 500m turn races brought another level of intensity. Our J16 girls Kurahaupō Kōhine team won their heat and progressed to the Te Ihu semifinals. Both our J16 girls and boys teams placed 4th, moving into Te Tākere, and the J19 girls secured a place in Te Kei. While no teams made it through to the finals in the 500m, our Punahau Panthers J16 girls team delivered a gutsy semifinal race, finishing 2nd - just missing the finals by split seconds.

Ka mau te wehi to all our paddlers for their commitment, teamwork, and incredible effort throughout the season!





# Sports

Recently Kennett brothers Jack and Ollie competed in a variety of different events. Jack competed at Manawatu Age Group Swimming Champs, earning 4 golds and another qualifying time for National Age Groups in April. Brother Ollie took part in the Central Region Surf Lifesaving Championships & won Bronze overall for U17 boys. Both boys then competed in their first Aquathlon at the Tri NZ National Aquathlon Championships. Jack was in U16s, 250m swim & 2.5k run and up against the elites. He came in 2nd on the swim & ended up 15th place.

Ollie competed in the Open Age groups, 1km swim & 5km run & was the only 16yo/U20 competing against all the other age groups. He came in 7th male overall. This was a great experience for both boys, competing against some of NZ's best athletes:)





# Sports

Matthew Nel competed in the Kiwi Inline Hockey Junior League (KIHL) this past weekend. He has been competing in the Wasps team under the Sting franchise as well as being a member of the local Levin Thunder Inline Hockey Club.



Liam Roach and Maia Cornell represented Manawatu over the weekend and helped Manawatu U16 win their age group against the region's best up and coming players. Liam had 2 x singles wins & 1 doubles with Maia having similar success across her games!





# Sports

Over the weekend, Year 9 students Carson Webb, Blake Preston, Mason Taylor and Rawiti Petersen competed at Ministocks in Paradise over the weekend in Rotorua. This is Carson's first year racing ministocks and all our boys attended one of the biggest events on the ministock calendar, which is no doubt a real highlight for them all.



Ashlee West takes home a medal plus three new Personal Bests!

On Sunday the 16th of February Ashlee competed in the Dolphin ASC Pentathlon event at the Makino LC Pool. After racing 900m in 5 different events, Ashlee's placings were:

- 100m Butterfly- 2nd Place (4 sec pb)
- 200m Backstroke- 3rd Place (3 sec pb)
- 200m Individual Medley- 3rd Place (4 sec pb)
- 200m Breaststroke- 5th Place
- 200m Freestyle- 5th Place.

This earned Ashlee 3rd place overall for the 13-14 year old female age category, and a Pentathlon medal. This was the most that Ashlee has ever competed in one day, and we are all extremely proud of her results!







# Sport

Ruby Knight and Grassendale Saint George (George) continue to impress!

Ruby Knight and her horse George have been busy competing in a variety of events recently which has seen them achieve very highly!

Battle Hill ODE 1st Place in dressage and 1st overall  
Battle Hill ODE 1st Place in dressage and 5th overall  
Pauatahanui show day best rider, best combination and overall champion.

Tutaenui sports day 4th Place in 90cm and 4th Place in 1m

Wellington dressage 4th Place

Bruce Forbes eventing 11th overall





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## Term 2 Dates

### April

**28<sup>th</sup> April: Term 2 Begins**

**30<sup>th</sup> April: Te Aute Rugby Exchange**

### May

**7<sup>th</sup> May: Cross Country (TBC)**

**15<sup>th</sup> May: Heretaunga Exchange**

### June

**2<sup>nd</sup> June: Kings Birthday**

**19<sup>th</sup> June: House Haka Competition**

**25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June: Pasifika Fusion**

**27<sup>th</sup> June: Term 2 Ends**