

'NUA News

Term I 2009 update from
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At the end of February 2009 our College farewelled Mr Bruce McCorkindale as Dean of the International Students. 'Mr Bruce' had served in this role for seven years and had taught at Horowhenua College for 31 years. During that time, all six of his children attended the College and have all gone on to do tertiary study. Bruce was passionate about giving his international students an amazing experience while at Horowhenua College both in school and outside the classroom. Thank you 'Mr Bruce' for doing an amazing job while Dean. We wish you all the very best for your retirement and other endeavours.



We welcomed **15** new international students at the beginning of the year at the Powhiri. See here, Tobias from Germany being welcomed with a 'hong'. Two international students have arranged an extension to their stay, for another term, which is great for them and for us to enjoy them for an extended time.



BBQ on Keeling's Farm



On Saturday 14 February the host families and international students had a BBQ on the Keeling's farm in Manakau (15 minutes from school). The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the farm surroundings, time to get to know each other, water activities (ski biscuiting pictured) and good food. A perfect evening. Students were interested to know that the lake had been one of the sites for filming for Lord of the Rings.



Orientation Days 2



Nga Manu Trip on 27 February. Approximately 700 different species of native plants can be seen.



Athletics Day 25 February

The whole school participates in Athletics Day. They are divided into 'Houses' and are encouraged to wear their House colours to give support to their team. Points are awarded for participation and performance.



Opening of new library



The animal life at Nga Manu is a mix of both wild and enclosed species. Over 56 different bird species come and go around the wetlands, bush and surroundings. Kiwi, Tuatara (pictured at left), Gecko, Skinks, Wetas, Morepork, Tui, Wood pigeon, Fantail, Scaup, Blue duck, Kakariki, Paradise duck, Teal, and many other native birds and animals.



International Student numbers have been constant in the first term with 31 students from a range of countries: Korea, Japan, China, Thailand, Germany, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Fiji, Italy.

As the new Dean, I am very much enjoying my new role. I was previously Dean of the Pacific Island students for three years. I come with a teaching background of Information Technology, Art, Media Studies and Technology. I am married to a farmer (see photos above) and have five children. Our children have all been to Horowhenua College, with my last child, 15 years old, currently in Year 12. I look forward to working with you in the future.

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