



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

December 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2010 has been another very full but very positive year at Horowhenua College. The Year 9 roll was up and the numbers in the senior school maintained. Students, on the whole, have been settled and working well.

Raising student achievement is our priority and this year we introduced benchmarking for our senior students. Each term students are given a credit update and they spend time discussing their progress and planning their future path with their tutor teachers. Students are now more aware of their progress and have an increased enthusiasm to succeed. It is encouraging to hear students discussing their goal to have their NCEA certificates endorsed with Merit or Excellence instead of just counting credits.

Academically we have done well. Campbell Heron gained an Outstanding Scholarship and the top student in the country, in Biology. He also gained Scholarship in Statistics and Modelling, Calculus and Chemistry. Lauren Sanson gained Scholarship in Design, Painting and Photography. Charlotte Irons gained an Outstanding Scholarship in Painting. Congratulations to these students and their teachers on such excellent results.

Our junior students are also performing well with 97% graduating each semester yr 10 /trimester yr 9 and approximately 60% with distinction. Towards the end of the year, Year 10 students have experienced their first taste of NCEA Level 1. This helps to improve their understanding of the requirements and focus on them for 2011.

Culturally, we have also shown our expertise. Pasifika Fusion was again a huge success with Elisha Masoe and Siliva Siania being joint winners in the individual performance. Maila Muliaga was second in the wearable art section, Walter Crichton first in the instrumental section and the Cultural Group gained second place. We were third overall – a great achievement.



A Word From Our Principal

Stage Challenge was outstanding. We picked up a third in Palmerston North at the Regionals and were selected as a wild card entry by the Stage Challenge National panel and went on to be chosen as second across the whole of New Zealand. A very polished performance of a complex production. Well done team on an amazing accomplishment.

Sport also plays a huge part in our balanced curriculum and again the champions shone through. We congratulate our New Zealand representatives and the teams and individuals who excelled in their sporting code.

Each year the Horowhenua District Council award Youth Scholarships for Excellence and this year 6 of our students received them. Renee Bacon , Courtney Evans , Dion Sanson , Danielle Mackay, Arran Smith and Joshua Royal. Also Ali Rogers received a Community Service Scholarship for her contributions to a wide range of organisations in the community.

As always the students have participated widely and the successes have been plentiful. The students at NUA – never under achieve and are prepared to put themselves out there and they excel.

As we look back over 2010 we must not forget how important the support of our Community is. We are fortunate to have so many contributors to the success of our students. Whether as a parent supporting sport, managing teams or coaching, or a business supporting a gateway student or a Year 10 on work week, a sponsor or a donator of goods, services or funds – thank you. Education is no longer confined within the buildings and grounds of the colleges – we need to find experiences beyond and we couldn't do it without community support.

This year we have enjoyed the new library and we have completed the learning support area. The rest of the year we have planned for the new administration area and the student centre. The student centre will deal with all student information and provide services to support our students all in one place. It will be a one stop shop. We have the visiting services of a nurse, a physiotherapist, truancy officer, Life to the Max counsellors and our own guidance counsellor and we hope to provide other services in the future. We look forward to the completion of these projects by the end of Term 1 2011.

Unfortunately we will be farewelling some staff at the end of the year. Mr S McMillan travelling overseas, Mr T Hikawai returning to Wairoa, Mr N Derby who has moved back to England, Mr Kusabs and Mr D Buckley who is retiring after 23 years service to the college. We also said goodbye to our Assistant Principal, Mr C Friedel during the fourth term. We are sad to see them go and thank them for their dedicated service to the college.

Each year we become more aware of the advancement of technology. Students these days take it in their stride whilst parents and grandparents may struggle with the idea of blogs, wikis and face book our young people are technical experts and leave us for dead. Perhaps if we understood more we could protect them from the danger of their new found global networking systems. Why protect them – they are communicating their profiles, thoughts and comments to the world and in many cases give access to more than their friends. Once information is out there it is public property and there is no escape.



A Word From Our Principal

Recently I heard a disturbing story. A selection process was being undertaken for a highly paid job – the CV's were sorted and one was on the top, the definite choice – and then there was the face book page – after checking the facebook entries the CV was removed – from first choice the applicant was disregarded – be aware the world is watching you and you need to be cautious.

Once upon a time you would face a person with the issues, now cell phones have become a weapon for some. We need to monitor them and the messages, have a thought for the recipient before sending texts, would you like the message? Cell phones misused can lead to harassment and bullying and you need to realise that complaints are taken seriously. No one needs to be afraid of technology and we should embrace the new phenomena as they develop but – pass out information and communicate with caution - as technology advances so do the monitoring devices and people's ability to destroy individuals and reputations. Please talk to yourson/daughter about the dangers and encourage them to use technology wisely.

Now that the year is at its end we must farewell our seniors. 2010 has been an excellent year with a hardworking leadership team lead by Giselle Mulholland (Head Girl) and Te Huataki Bradley (Head Boy) ably assisted by Garret Boyle and Melissa Matahaere the deputies and supported by the prefects, they did an excellent job. Thanks also to Tiare Rangiuiua, the student representative on the Board of Trustees. All these students are to be congratulated for their positive contribution. They have performed their duties well.

At the prizegiving we welcomed the 2011 Prefect team: Elisha Masoe (Head Boy), Hannah McMillan-Archibald (Head Girl), Caleb Jago-Ward (Deputy Head Boy), Lily Webster-Adams (Deputy Head Girl), Alexander Heyes, Andrew Berry, Anna Tate, Aramai Tahau, Arran Smith, Ashley Hodges, James Gilroy, Jess Erceg, Samantha Hicks, Stephanie Brown, Summer Sorenson and Thomas Irons. I look forward to working with them all in 2011. This is true for all of us.

As the year ends we farewell Year 13 the advice we gave was – Don't overlook the opportunity to achieve something, don't be fearful, don't hold back. Give it all you've got because this moment may never come again and who knows what you could achieve.

Give yourself the chance to reach your own potential and remember 10% is what life brings to you. 90% is what you do about it.

It is a positive sign of the times that so many students now stay until the end of Year 13 and we wish them well for their future carers.

I wish you all the best for the festive season.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Brenda Burns
Principal



Student Achievement



Congratulations to Nathan Young our 2010 Horowhenua College Dux pictured here with his family. Nathan was 1st in Level 3 Mathematics with Calculus, Statistics and Modelling, Biology, Chemistry and Physics



Congratulations to Garratt Boyle our 2010 Horowhenua College Proxima Accessit. Garratt was 2nd = Physics, 2nd Biology, 3rd Mathematics with Calculus, 3rd English, 3rd Statistics and Modelling, 4th Chemistry



Prizegiving 2010



Outgoing Head Boy and Head Girl. Giselle Mulholland and Te Huataki Bradley



2011 Deputy Head Girl, Lily Webster-Adams, Head Boy, Elisha Masoe, Head Girl, Hannah McMillan-Archibald and Deputy Head Boy, Caleb Jago-Ward



Powhiri for our new Assistant Principal

Monday 6th December all of Year 9 and 10, our Prefects for 2011 and most of the staff welcomed our new Assistant Principal Mr James Los'e to the College.

Mr Los'e comes to us from Spotswood College in New Plymouth. He was accompanied to the Powhiri by his Whanau and students from Hato Paora College and Turakina Maori Girls Collegewhere two of his children attend, and of course students from Spotswood College.

Our speakers at the Powhiri included our new Head Boy, Elisha Masoe and Reverend Kini representative our Pacific Island Community.

It was a wonderful day and our students were proud to be part of such an auspicious occasion.

James will be working with us between now and the start of next year to ensure that he understands the NUA way before he begins in 2011.





Mrs Liz Lewis



The Liggins Institute was introduced to our students by Mrs Liz Lewis in 2009 and it became obvious very quickly that our students would take up the challenge with enthusiasm.

This year the success has continued with Horowhenua College becoming the College to beat. Of the seven challenges offered in 2010 we won five of them. This is a fantastic achievement when you consider that all New Zealand Secondary Schools are able to participate.

Congratulations to Ali Rogers and Nathan Young for their achievements this year and to Mrs Lewis who was voted the most supportive Biology teacher throughout the Challenges.

Mrs Lewis was also awarded a Woolf Fisher Scholarship this year for her excellent teaching in Biology/Science. The scholarship will allow her and her husband to travel for three weeks all expenses paid. Congratulations Mrs Lewis; a well deserved recognition.

Mrs Lewis will be using her Woolf Fisher fellowship to travel to Western Australia, with her husband, to visit a number of schools to look at teaching practises used in senior Biology and if there is any affordable technology that she could use to enhance her lessons back at Horowhenua College. She will also attend a conference where internationally recognised presenters will give key note addresses and workshops.

With the introduction of the new curriculum and an emphasis on the nature of science it will be very timely to be able to observe how Australian teachers are making links with science in their classrooms to give students a better appreciation of how science affect our lives and thinking and how we need to think critically about scientific issues.

As Gifted and Talented co-ordinator at the college, Mrs Lewis will also be looking to see how we can continue to provide opportunities for our very able students. Good teaching benefits all students and she is very excited about the prospect of developing her teaching skills and then being able to share ideas once back at the college.



Sport At Horowhenua

With cricket now well started, the schools Year 9 team have entered the Central Districts NZCT Year 9 Junior Boys competition.

The team had their first game two weeks ago against traditional rivals Waiopahu College. We ended up winning this game by a large margin, thanks in part to a fantastic century by Matt Wilson.

The team now goes on to play Paraparaumu College this week and if they win will go on to play at Wanganui High School next year.

Hopefully by the start of 2011, there will be a hockey practice turf laid ready to go. All hockey teams will be able to practise on it and it can also be used by several other sports as well. The turf will be approximately a third the size of a full hockey field and will be laid on top of the asphalt where the old tennis courts used to be.

Matt Bacon and Renee Bacon



Congratulations to Matthew Bacon and Renee Bacon who received Best Allround Sports Boy and Best Allround Sports Girls for 2010.



Get to Go

For activities week the OPC team went training. I know you 're thinking boring but it was loads of fun. We did a variety of things from tramping to Kime Hut to sailing in Foxton.

The tramp was definitely a highlight. We climbed over 1000 metres in six hours only resting occasionally. On the way up we stopped at Field Hut where we had lunch, then continued onto Kime.

Kime Hut was consumed by clouds so we didn't see it until it was directly ahead. What a sight it was! Everyone was tired and hungry and pretty sick of walking so we rushed into the relative comfort of the hut only to find it colder than outside. But we didn't mind. We all changed into dry, warm clothes and started cooking our long awaited dinner. Needless to say everything tasted amazing.

The next day we went down in an extremely short time running most of the way.

For the rest of the week we did mainly water based things. Wednesday we did 9 kilometres of seakayaking and some mind based games. Thursday we did sailing and raft building and Friday we went to the beach and surfed.

This was all in preparation for a week long outdoor competition on Great Barrier Island 6-10 December so all in all a good week training with the team. Can't wait for Great Barrier Island.

Maddie Hansen



The OPC Team: Andrew Williams, Max Mason, Chanelle Hill, Nicola Young, Maddie Hansen, Alex Whiley, Renee Bacon, Connor Vines, Mr Rob Cox



Te Wharangi Whanau



Rangatahi Ora

Tena koutou e te whanau whanui o te kareti

As our first year together comes to an end, we look back on all that we have achieved. Matua Chris Wilton chose a group of students to be a part of this wonderful new initiative for Horowhenua College. With the help of Matua Neville Hei Hei and Whaea Angelique Daniels the Rangatahi learnt about tikanga, karakia, waiata, whanau and what it is to be Maori and achieve.

We fundraised all year doing Hangi, a garage sale, McDonalds fundraiser, lotto, cake stall, raffles etc. We would like to thank everyone who helped out, donated items and supported us throughout the year this meant a lot to us. We raised enough money to take our Rangatahi to Tamaki Makaurau where we had a blast as the photo's show.

We performed our mihi and waiata for Kiaora Hauora a New Zealand health organisation as they gave us a koha of goodie bags which included t-shirts, drink bottles etc for the Rangatahi. A big thanks to Whaea Pani for making this happen for us.





Te Wharangi Whanau

Unfortunately Matua Neville was unable to accompany us on our trip and Whaea Jasmine from LIS was able to fill in for us at short notice (the day before we had to leave). The Rangatahi sincerely thank her for giving up her time so that our trip was a success.

We stayed at Waiwera holiday camp and visited Waiwera hot pools, Maori Television, Sky Tower, Kelly Tarltons, Rainbows End, went to see Harry Potter, Rotorua – lake Okareka just to name a few of the activities the Rangatahi took part in.

On Thursday 2nd December we had a whakatau to put the first Rangatahi Ora group photo up on the wall of Te Puna o te Matauranga. This was taken at the top of the Sky Tower in Tamaki Makaurau.

Next year we hope to carry on Rangatahi Ora having a junior group like we had this year with the same values. We will also have a senior group as our year 10's will be moving up and we will focus on helping our Rangatahi excel with mentoring and tutoring involving whanau study nights to help them cope with NCEA.

No reira

Aue he tau nui tenei

Te harikoa, Te wairua

Te Whakawhanaungatanga

Hoki

Ma te wa

Ka Kite Koutou a tera tau





Surfing Safari

We took 22 keen surfers on a safari to Mount Maunganui for activities week. The determination and skill of the students was amazing. Every student gave surfing a go and we saw some potential Kelly Slaters in the making. There was jelly fish, a supposed shark battle, sandcastles, sunbathing, sunburn, blood and plenty of fun and laughs.

The hike up the Mount gave us all an opportunity to find our bearings and get an awesome view of the city. We were able to identify our backpackers by locating the famous golden arch (McDonalds M) that shone right next to where we were staying. Yeap, good old Mac D's kept the kids happy.

All managed to hold down their dinner after a gorge feast at Khang Chow on the last night. Even making the kids run around town on a scavenger hunt didn't stir any stomachs.

The students were outstanding the whole trip, their maturity and responsible attitudes were a real credit to the school and their families.

Overall it was an awesome trip, with awesome weather, awesome students, awesome teachers, awesome accommodation, awesome activities and awesome fun.....it was simply awesome.

Miss McMurchie





Canoeing The Wanganui River



For activities week we took eight fit and able students canoeing in the Wanganui River. The weather was great, water warm and scenery spectacular. We all put in some long days on the river but there were few complaints. All credit to this fabulous bunch of students. We stayed in huts and tents although one night the tent was in danger of collapsing on the sleepers!! One or two took an unscheduled dip in the river, others had the chance to try a "no boat" swim down the rapids. What amazing fun!





Mosaics



This year's group were just the loveliest group. All girls of course. We did at least 4 items each, including a paving stone, several hanging tiles and small tiles of various sizes. We were given a cat ceramic tile to add to our creations and we had such a cool time. We had heaps of coloured tiles to choose from and we were very spoilt.

On the first day we went out to Mrs Keeling's farm and had a picnic lunch and a swim and saw the huge Mosaics that Mrs Keeling has done on her property. We used the kayaks and dingy too. One of the boats was used in the lake and 3 of our girls took it way out into the middle of the lake. It was hilarious that they were so hopeless at rowing that they got stuck in the middle of the lake and took ages to get back in, in fact they swam all the way pushing the boat in!

The mosaics were so easy to learn, and our teachers were the best. We were pretty relaxed and had lunches up town, and had a great time.





Golf

A small but zealous group of new golfers attacked the serious business of hitting golf balls during activities week.

At first there was a lot more grass and dirt flying than little white balls. We realized that we need to be shown how to grip the club, how to stand while carefully taking aim. We then progressed to rhythm and timing and that started to happen after a few hours. After a few days like this we gradually became more adept at hitting our bucket-load of golf balls in the general direction and so we set up targets to aim at. Some of these were actually hit!

Finally we moved onto the beautiful Levin golf course, having looked at it from the practice range for what seemed like a long time. We played ambrose and soon realised that the lessons we'd been learning actually worked.

We were joined on a couple of our days with some friends from the local area including a Waiopahu student who joined in the fun. He later commented "you're a good teacher" as the balls he was hitting started landing roughly where they were meant to.

It was a no pressure all fun week of glorious weather and lots of laughs. Our thanks to both Levin and Buckley Golf Clubs for their generous sponsorship of our young golfers. Perhaps the best comment for me personally was when I managed to hit a ball close to the pin from a fair distance and a couple of boys said: "wow! Show off!!"

One turns and smiles. Who would have thought that going to a course everyday could be so much fun!!

Greg Cvitanovic
Teacher in Charge of Golf.

2010 Outgoing Prefect Team





International Students



The international and exchange students who were not involved in NCEA examinations at the end of the year enjoyed a two-week programme on the theme of 'Lord of the Rings' which was run by each of the Faculties. This programme took the students to LOTR film sites, the opportunity to study geographic settings in New Zealand and looking at alternative sites in their own countries to take similar film footage, cooking a three course hobbit meal, visit to Wetacave (Wellington), visit to the animal trainers (Waikanae), visit to Merik Smesik (potter for LOTR) and Eddie Douglas (basketmaker for LOTR) and creativity in the Arts and more. Feedback from the students was very positive. Special thanks to all the staff who were involved in this successful programme.

We wish all our overseas students staying in New Zealand during the school holidays a very happy time with your host families.





Junior Uniform Requirements

Junior Uniform: To be worn by Year 9 and 10 students.
ALL SKIRTS to be worn at knee length

Shirt (boys & girls)	Mid-blue, long or short sleeved shirt. (A white skivvy or tee-shirt may be worn under the shirt but its sleeves should not show below the sleeves of the shirt).
Blouse (girls only)	Mid-blue, short sleeved blouse. (A white skivvy or tee-shirt may be worn under the blouse but its sleeves should not show below the sleeves of the blouse).
Jersey	Mid-blue, v-necked jersey with red and white trim.
Skirt (girls)	Knee Length Red and blue checked skirt.
Shorts (boys)	Dark blue College shorts – shorts must be worn pulled up so that the waistband is around the waist.
Trousers (boys & girls)	Plain, dark blue College trousers.
Shoes	Plain black solid soled leather shoes - no boots, suede, high heels, skate shoes or sports shoes.
Sandals	Girls—Black roman sandals. Boys—Black roman sandals. To be worn in Term 1 and 4.
Socks	Light blue socks or navy blue or black pantyhose or tights.
Polar Fleece Jacket	Plain, dark blue polar fleece jacket with College crest.
Scarf	Plain dark blue scarf.
Jewellery	Only one small, plain stud or sleeper in each ear lobe and a watch. A necklace/pendant of major cultural significance may be worn under the blouse/shirt. No other necklaces, beads, chains, rings, bracelets or visible body piercings may be worn.



Senior Uniform Requirements

Formal Uniform: To be worn by Senior (Years 11-13) students
ALL SKIRTS to be worn at knee length

Shirt (boys & girls)	White, long (Winter) or short (Summer) sleeved shirt.
Blouse (girls only)	White, Long sleeved blouse (Winter), short sleeved blouse (Summer).
Jersey	Ruby Red Woollen Jersey with College Crest, purchased from the Cashiers office.
Skirt (girls)	Black A-Line (worn on the hips), knee length College skirt
Shorts (boys)	Black College shorts – to be worn in term 1 only
Trousers (boys & girls)	Plain black College dress trousers.
Shoes	Plain black solid soled leather, shoes - no boots, suede, high heels, skate shoes or sports shoes.
Sandals	Girls—Black Roman sandals. Boys—Black Roman sandals – To be worn term 1 and 4.
Socks	Black socks – boys. Black pantyhose or tights - girls.
Tie / Scarf	Plain black scarf. / Ruby Red Horowhenua College tie. Tie optional in Term 1 until communicated otherwise by Assistant Principal.
College Blazer	Ruby Red Blazer, purchased from the Cashiers office
Jewellery	Only one small, plain stud or sleeper in each ear lobe and a watch. A necklace/pendant of major cultural significance may be worn under the blouse/ shirt. No other necklaces, beads, chains, rings, bracelets or visible body piercings' may be worn

Correct uniform is to be worn when students are:

- Attending school
- Travelling to and from school
- Representing the College on sports, cultural and educational trips
- Attending college functions



School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

2010

Monday 13 December Second Hand Uniform Sale 6.30pm School Hall
Year 8 Parent Information Evening 7pm

2011

Monday 31 January Year 13 start. Powhiri for new staff.
Tuesday 1 February Year 9 start. Year 13 also in.
Wednesday 2 February All students in.
Friday 4 February Year 9 Tabloid Sports
Monday 7 February Year 13 Rock Up Programme
Prefects Leadership Training
3.30pm Year 13 depart to Tatum Park for Year 13
Camp
Tuesday 8 February Year 13 Camp
Wednesday 9 February Year 13 Camp
Friday 10 February Year 9 Students and Parents Sausage Sizzle 5.30pm.
Thursday 17 February ID Card Photos

2011 Term Dates

Term 1 Tuesday 1 February — Friday 15 April
Term 2 Monday 2 May — Friday 15 July
Term 3 Monday 1 August — Friday 7 October
Term 4 Monday 24 October—Friday 9 December

Winter Sport Registration

This year we are having a muster day when students sign up to play winter sport. This will be held on **Wednesday 2 March**. If you wish to play a winter sport you must sign up and pay the fees and a bond for your uniform. If you fail to pay either of these fees by the end of March your place in the team will not be guaranteed.

A similar day will be held for summer sport and the summer sport registrations will be held on Wednesday 5 October. When uniforms are returned at the end of the season the deposit or part thereof will be returned depending on the condition of the uniform.

An automatic payment can be set up now at the cashiers office if you wish to pay these fees in this way. If there are issues of hardship please contact the Guidance Counsellor, Mr O'Brien or the Principal, Mrs Burns.



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Shaun Quincey

Trans Tasman Rower, Shaun Quincey, visited our college this term. He made himself available to talk to the students and allowed them all to look over his boat.

