



NUA NEWS

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

November 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Seniors have less than two weeks to go to complete their year of full time study. The external exams start on 15 November and we wish all those sitting them “all the best” - a year of hard work will finally reap its rewards.

Year 10 are also facing their first examinations and will experience the discipline of sitting in the Assembly Hall as the seniors do. It is important that they have this experience in preparation for the years ahead.

Please ensure that all students get plenty of opportunity to study and lots of rest.

In week 7 juniors will be busy with activities week. Whether at home or away the students will enjoy some excellent experiences. Please make sure that all trips are paid for before they leave. Talk to Mrs Waite about setting up an automatic payment for next year’s trip to save the last minute rush.

Uniform is an ongoing concern as there are aspects that some students are just not getting right.

- Skirts are to be KNEE length and at the start of next year, 2011, students will be sent home if they are not.
- Sandals are to be black roman sandals only, variation causes confrontation.
- Shoes are to be black leather with a sensible solid sole.
- No canvas shoes are to be worn.
- Senior girls’ red cardigans are now available from the cashier.

Year 9 parents will be invited to attend an interview with the tutor teachers on 17 November to discuss next year’s programme. There is a possibility that Year 10 will also be scheduled depending on rostering home.



A Word From Our Principal

On 29 November we will be welcoming a new Assistant Principal, James Los'e. Mr Los'e is coming to us from Spotswood college and you are welcome to join us at the Whakatau at 12pm at the Wharenui.

We have begun the prize giving ceremonies for the year. Cultural awards was again a fabulous evening. On Friday 29 October I attended the Manawatu Sports Awards along with members of the PE Faculty. It was rewarding to see our students representing the college. Congratulations to our nominees:

Jamie Searle Taekwon Do, Tyler Hodge Golf, Aramai Tahau Taekwon Do,
Josh Royal Rowing, Renee Bacon Swimming

Junior Boys Canoe Polo Team:

Matt Duff, Te One Jacob Bradley, Jessie Dowd, Max Mason, Alex Whiley, Fab Pickering.

Code winners were:

Tyler Hodge - Golf Aramai Tahau - Taekwon Do, Josh Royal— Rowing

Well done to all the nominees for their fantastic achievements and congratulations to the code winners.

We are enrolling students everyday for 2011 and it is most rewarding to meet so many talented young people. If you haven't enrolled your younger family member please ring for an appointment.

Academy enrolments are also coming in. Remember there are two programmes.

- 1 Students who need some redirection with an interest in military style discipline.
- 2 Students who wish to enter the uniformed services. These students complete (kofa) testing whilst at the college and go to the services when places become available.

After completion of the course, students can return to college and pursue further study if they are motivated to do so.

With only a few more weeks of the year to go it is important to keep students on track. Please continue to support our efforts to keep your students working.

I look forward to seeing you at the Prizegivings.

Brenda Burns
Principal



News from 9cN



9cN parents were invited to the college on 14/10 to look at the classes work over the past six months.

Below: Year 9 Speech winner Greta Hanson



Above: Evie Deroles and Bridie Hodge wrote and illustrated stories for preschool children and shared them with preschoolers from the Baptist Kindy and Care



Mr Friedel's Farewell

Our Assistant Principal Mr Chris Freidel was farewelled this term, he has taken on his new role as Deputy Principal at Wanganui High. A van load of Horowhenua College staff had the privilege of taking him and handing him over to his new colleagues and students. We were greeted at the school gates by the senior members of staff (very impressive) and then a formal welcome or powhiri given by the school kapa haka group which blew our socks off before we even got inside. After the formalities we were taken to the Maori department for a cuppa and kai then given a tour of this huge school that accommodates 1800 students. We wish Chris and his family all the very best for their future in Wanganui.



Left: Chris Freidel's old and new colleagues.

Below: Freidel showing off his bigger walky talky!
'Boys and their Toys'

*All the Best
Mr Freidel
The NUA bids you
FAREWELL
Ka kite ano!*





Mr Friedel's Farewell



On Friday, October 22, 10mL hosted a special luncheon in the Learning Centre to farewell Mr Friedel.

Mr Friedel showed off his expertise in the kitchen and used a secret family recipe to cook us our long awaited meal of fish and schnitzel.

We wished him all the best with his new deputy principal position in Whanganui and poems were especially composed to honour the occasion. A good time was had by all.





Cultural Awards

The 20th of October was the special evening where we celebrate our artistic and creative students at Horowhenua College.

The Hall was decked out with strands of fairy lights, low tables with flowers, candles, nibbles, wine and juice. The stage was set for magic, and the night was our best yet!

The Awards cover all the students in Art, Photography, Design, Drama and Music. Included with this were also Stage Challenge and the Polynesian fusion group. Our stage challenge group came 2nd in New Zealand! Yes we are THAT good. We had entertainment by students at the College, guitar, vocals, theatre performances, and Dance. Ball gowns and DVDs of performances were also shown, as the very best of our lovely students were show cased... Art Scholarship folios in Painting, Design and Photography and year 12 Murals were also on display.

The entertainment was interspersed with Awards and certificates, speeches by year 9 and 10 students, and general merriment. It was 3 hours of entertainment and pure delight.

If you as parent or caregiver missed this special night then you missed something truly magical. Horowhenua College puts on a good show by any ones standards and this year was no exception! Please ensure you get in early next year and buy your tickets, as it's a wonderful night, celebrating the Arts, and the talents of our fabulous students.

Thanks must go to our Arts teachers, Jeanette Gilroy, Justin Tate, Colin Taylor, Faith Perry, Sam Mclean, Michael Bryant, Natalie McMurchie, Gary O'Brien and Margaret Clarke for the organization overview. Special thanks must also go to Simon Smith, and the team of staff that set up the Hall and prepared the tables and set..Too many to mention although without your help the night could not have happened.. It's a huge event with over 250 people attending, and an event not to be missed.

J Gilroy





Canoe Polo

In the last weekend of the holidays, the canoe polo players entered the central region canoe polo tournament in Nae Nae, Lower Hutt (Central Region is from Hawkes bay across to New Plymouth down to Wellington, so a lot of players). Teams were of mixed level but quite even, making it a tough and very competitive competition. The eventual winner in the boys competition was a team called the “Purple Cobras” which included James Gilroy and Andrew Berry. Other players of note in the tournament were Matthew Bacon and Te Huataki Bradley who were named in the tournament team. All players did very well and fun was had by all, some are even looking to trial for the New Zealand U18 and U21 teams for Oceania Champs next year at the moment based in Christchurch. Veteran canoe polo player and coach Robert Cox played in the invitational team, who were undefeated except for one game.

J Tate

Talent Quest



Congratulations to all the competitors. The winners were: Karis and friends(1st-\$150); Vinni Clayton-2nd (\$75); Chloe Mouet(3rd-\$25). Thanks to all judges and contestants, wonderful night was had by all.



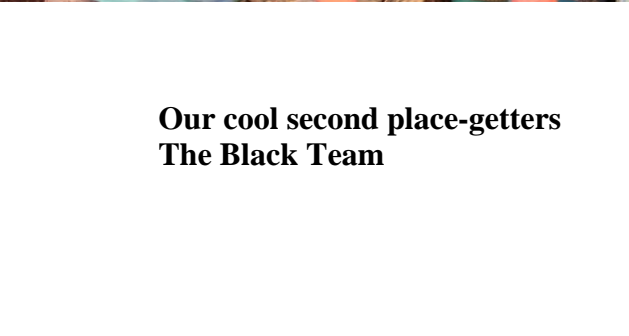
Levin Performing Arts Theatre Sports

Horowhenua College sponsored 3 teams in this new yearly event, and we came out on top thanks to our crazy talented seniors. We competed with 3 adult teams from around the region, but they were no match for our skills. It was a fantastic night of improv comedy and if you've seen 'Who's line is it anyway', you'll know what we mean. The audience were in fits of laughter and a great night was had by all. Well done teams!

Coach Perry



Our winning team The Hi-4s



**Our cool second place-getters
The Black Team**



Our brave juniors The Red Team



News from the Library

Read your height in Books!

Alexander Heyes (Year 12) and Justice Windle (Year 9) were our 'top readers' this year.

They have both read 104 books from the school library from February to September.

That's over three books a week and does not include books borrowed from other places and course reading.

Well done guys!

Watch this space next year - the bar has been set!

Elaine Pearson - Librarian





Year 12 Ski Trip

Earlier in August this year a group of aspiring leaders from Year 12 excitedly jumped into the school vans after lunch and headed to Mount Ruapehu for a weekend of skiing, team building activities, bonding and loads of fun. On the way we stopped at Taihape and Ohakune for some photos with our mascot 'Gollywog'. We then headed for the lovely place called Piper's Lodge. Gollywog came too of course. The stay at Piper's Lodge was excellent as there was a games room, a huge TV, a meeting room and most importantly, we were served two meals a day. It was perfect to accommodate the needs of over twenty students including teachers and parents. Whilst skiing on what was a 'blue bird day' we students had loads of fun learning to ski, playing in the snow, and even as some of us found out, rolling down Ruapehu. We skied by day and did fun leadership activities at night. Some of these activities included thinking about issues in the College and how to improve them, working as a team to solve problems, acting as a fairytale character and even dressing the boys up as beautiful brides in gowns consisting of Newspaper and cello-tape. The team that won the newspaper dress completion was James Gilroy's group. He looked simply stunning walking down the runway in his fashionable gown and took out the blue-tack trophy for first place. Along with the fun came people's funny mishaps, one student ended up with a broken tail bone, another student was attacked in the night with the weapon of a cookie being put in his mouth. There was also the issue where diesel was put into one of the petrol vans- it had to be drained, not that we minded as it meant we students got more time to explore Taihape. This trip was so much fun and I recommend that every year one like it is held for level 12 students. We learnt heaps about leadership and got to know some of our peers and teachers better as we saw another side to them that we don't see at school. A huge amount of thanks must go to John Sorensen for coming along and helping with transport and supervision; Mrs Gilroy and Mr Beckman for giving up their time to come along and help us students become better leaders; and lastly a massive thanks to Mr Pile for helping organise the trip and giving us the opportunity to be a part of it. Mr Pile is always willing to give up his time freely for Year 12's and it is greatly appreciated by all of us.

By Anna Tate





Leadership Day

.On Friday 22 October 26 Year 12 students applying for positions on the Student Leadership Team for 2011 spent a day exploring aspects of leadership. The day was run by our Guidance Counsellor, Mr O'Brien, as well as the Year 12 Dean, Mr Pile.

Topics covered during the day included, time management, communication, group work and relationships. There were also a number of activities that focussed on the students ability to communicate while being placed under a pressure situation. The calibre of student applying for positions on the leadership team for next year is very high, which is an encouraging sign for next year.





School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Tuesday	9 November	Final Full Assembly
Wednesday	10 November	Year 10 Exams
Thursday	11 November	Year 10 Rostered Home Gateway Graduation
Friday	12 November	Year 10 Exams Last day for seniors
Saturday	13 November	NCEA Exams start
Wednesday	17 November	Year 9 Parent Interviews
Thursday	18 November	Year 9 Rostered Home
Monday	22 November	Activities Week
Tuesday	23 November	Year 10 Rostered Home
Thursday	25 November	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday	1 December	NCEA Exams finish Year 9 Rostered Home
Thursday	2 December	Senior Clearance Senior Prizegiving 7.30pm
Friday	3 December	Senior Dinner
Wednesday	8 December	9cN and 9cP Social Studies Trip
Friday	10 December	Junior Prizegiving Junior Reports Issued

Parents who would like a copy of pictures of their son/daughter receiving an award please send a message via their child to Mr Gibson with an email address and he will send the pictures to them.

A trip is planned for the young carvers from our college who are going to look at the facilities at te Wananga o Raukawa and then the older styles and modern ones at te Papa. It is hoped to look at the archived taonga o our ancestors as well.

We have been let down by carving tutors this year and are still hoping to find a carver who can make a commitment to our rangatahi. If anyone knows someone who could come in for a few hours a week then please contact Matua Greg at the college.

Public Notices

Taitoko School Gala
Saturday 20th November
10am start

For cancellation / postponement details, listen to MORE FM (104.2)