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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua me ngā Whaea

September 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I thought spring had arrived but it was not to be the case and we have all suffered a soaking and some strong cold southerly blasts. However the weather did not stop us. We enjoyed the winter house sports last week even though we were on tenterhooks all morning as to whether it would proceed. It was a fantastic afternoon enjoyed by all who participated and those who watched the action. Rain did however stop play around 2.45pm but it did not dampen the spirits. We eagerly await the points count for the afternoon.

The Talent Quest was again a huge success. Many thanks to those who participated, both students and staff. The students are amazing. I am astounded every year at the talent that emerges. Our kids are fantastic! There will be more about it in the next newsletter.

Term 3 is the most serious term for continuous study and this year we have more closely monitored students to keep them on target. The benchmarking that occurs each term has certainly raised student awareness of their current position with credits and has given opportunities to discuss plans to address any concerns they or staff may have about their progress.

Faculties have also reported each term on the achievement levels for each of the assessments that have been completed by students and discussions have been held concerning the results. Adjustments and changes of emphasis have been made where needed to improve student learning.

As we look towards 2011 there are a few important actions that I ask you to consider:

- Please discuss your son/daughter's progress with them. Talk about their exam results from the internals and make yourself aware of how they plan to address areas where they have not performed to expected levels.



A Word From Our Principal

- Ask what they are planning for a revision programme between now and the externals. Help them to design a plan.
- Encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of every revision class that is offered or any extra learning or assessment opportunity.
- Ensure that they have sufficient time in their evening to be able to do their homework or go over the day's lessons.
- Reduce after school work hours if possible, as it is their future in higher levels of employment that is most important.
- Please discuss future pathways with them. Ask them:
 - What are they planning for a career?
 - What subjects do they need to take?
 - Do they need to backtrack and pick up any subjects from the previous levels to ensure they have the right subjects to progress their career path?
- Have they talked to their teachers and careers advisor?

You can always phone the college for advice or to make an appointment to discuss next years options with staff.

At this time of year all students need lots of support and guidance to help them through. Whether exams are in their future or not there will be pressure in Term 4 so we rely on you to support your kids.

Enjoy the holiday break, keep safe and be happy and refreshed as Term 4 is very busy with the end of year awards and celebrations of success.

Brenda Burns

Members of the Maths Faculty on Teacher Only Day

Principal





Duffy Role Model Assembly at Levin School



Giselle Mulholland and Te Huataki Bradley, Head Girl and Head Boy of Horowhenua College were our guest speakers. Giselle has read books since she was a little girl, She directs and writes plays for school, loves rowing for which she has won medals and will study journalism at university. Te Huataki didn't like reading when he was young, but grew to like it. He won a scholarship and bought a \$800 pair of oars so he can play water polo. He will study biology at university. They presented the school with the book 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

From the Levin School Newsletter

Science International Competitions and Assessments

Year 10 students were invited to enter the 2010 Science ICAS quiz. Five took up the challenge. Neil Auckram and Max Mason gained Distinction Certificates, Andrew Williams a Credit Certificate and Shem Harris and Jake Meads Participation Certificates.

Neil and Max came in the top 10% nationally, and all students gained from the experience.



Jimmy Carter Quiz 2010

On Wednesday 8 September, a team of five students travelled with Mr Smith and Mrs Corbett to Palmerston North for the Jimmy Carter Quiz. This event is run annually by the Lions Club for local secondary schools. The quiz tested school subjects, general knowledge, current affairs, music, and human endeavour in Space as a special topic. This year's contest was much closer than previous ones, with two teams (St Peter's and Awatapu) on equal points after five tiebreaker rounds eventually being awarded an unprecedented joint first place. They had 29 points at the end of the regular rounds. Our team, with a score of 25 finished in equal sixth place, tied with former champions Palmerston North Boys' High School. It was a very long night for everyone, but we enjoyed the experience. The team received a book which will be presented to the school library.

Team members were Nathan Young (Year 13), Tim Taylor (Year 12), Jamie Searle (Year 11), Shem Harris (Year 10) and Patrick Berry (Year 9).

Mathex



Two teams of students competed in the annual Mathex Competition in Palmerston North in August. Both the Year 9 and the Year 10 had creditable performances.





Year 11 Social Studies

For Amnesty International's Freedom Challenge this year, the theme was to "Make some noise for the students of Myanmar".

Myanmar was formerly called Burma, before General Than Shwe took control of the nation.

Our aim for the challenge was to raise awareness on the violation of human rights situation that Burmese society faces daily.



Currently over 2200 Prisoners of Conscience are denied the right to adequate food and medical treatment, and are regularly beaten. They have no voice in their own country.

So the Level 1 Social Studies students decided to hold a street drama and petition in the Horowhenua College library during interval, to make some noise. In the street drama, we had a jail cell with our own Prisoners of Conscience. "Our Prisoners of Conscience wore white masks and had their mouths duct-taped to represent the loss of the right to free speech," said Nikayla Hogg.

We also sold Amnesty's "I love Human Rights" badges to raise money to go towards the freeing of Prisoners on Conscience in Myanmar.

The result of the activity that we planned for weeks turned out to be pretty satisfying. We have collected over 80 signatures to send off to General Than Shwe, calling for the release of the many political prisoners. From selling the badges, we have raised over \$90 to contribute towards Amnesty International to help free the prisoners, and help gain the rights that the Burmese deserve.

By Eva Lu





New Zealand Sign Language Classes



Top Right: Danielle MacKay Sign Language Instructor



As Term 3 was starting, so was Danielle's idea of having a sign language class. However, she didn't realise how many people would be interested. Classes started on Thursdays at lunchtime in A8 but were soon relocated to the Careers Centre as the group began to grow. Danielle teaches and shows the students how to sign and what facial expression they should use while signing. She also gives the students sheets with the signs on so they can practice at home. Through this class students have been able to learn the alphabet, numbers and other basic signs that are used in everyday life. This class has also enabled students to open their minds up to what the deaf community does and has helped them appreciate it.



Jade and Julianna Wilton



Stage Challenge 2010

As most of you know Horowhenua College were selected as a wildcard for Stage Challenge. This means that external judges watch all the performances from New Zealand and then select 5 shows that they deem to be exceptional and creative. We were then up against all of the first place winners from all the regions and the other 4 wildcards to compete for a national placing.

The creative team gathered together on Saturday morning and screamed the house down when we were announced second place in New Zealand. This is an amazing achievement and one that the school had not ever received before this year.

Congratulations to all the cast and crew and once again thank you for all your hard work.

The Creative Team





Trevor Brooking

On September 8th Horowhenua took on Waiopehu in a one off clash of soccer at the Domain. It started with the girls at 6pm and the boys game followed at 7.30pm. The girls lost 5-1. For the boys game there was no doubt in our minds who was the best team on paper but a game is never won on paper and we knew Waiopehu were going to come out firing and give us a very tough game, which they did.

We started very well, our first goal scored by Sean Finlayson, followed by a goal from Michael Fraser. We held most of the possession for the first half and went into the break 2-0 up. The second half started and it turned into a bit of a game of ping pong, with Pehu fighting for that goal that would put them right back into the game. We finished 2-0 with a good but not satisfying win to Horowhenua College.

For the tenth year in a row the mighty Nua brought home the much valued Trevor Brooking trophy.

By Jacob O'Brien



Back Row: Gary O'Brien, Mark Kuijten, Fab Pickering, Josh Royal, Henry Geiger, Matt Bacon, Dylan Mackie, Thomas Irons, Duncan Campbell, Jessie Dowd, Shane McLean

Front Row: Neil Harvey, Lockie Campbell, Elisha Masoe, Lucian Armstrong, Jacob O'Brien, Michael Fraser, Josh McLean, Sean Finlayson, Jonas Pauelsen

Back Row:
Keiran Hicks, Tash Smith-McDermott, Natasha Wendt, Hannah Robinson, TJ Lynn-Lewis, Raewyn Perry, Montelle Haeata-Falamoe, Katrina Masoe, Masina Young

Front Row:
Holly Trail, Shari Williamson, Izzy Pickering, Sam Hicks, Renee Bacon, KA Harris





Hockey



Congratulations to both our Boys and Girls Hockey Teams who won their grades. The boys won their top division playing all first X1's in the Manawatu except Palmerston North Boys High who play in the men's division. In the final they beat Feilding High School playing excellent hockey with Jamie Groeneveld scoring both goals. It was a highly exciting game with good support from parents and staff. The girls won their division against Nga Tawa Junior A. They had played good consistent hockey throughout the season and won their division which was a league down from the top division.



Congratulations and thanks to the coaches and managers of both teams.

Rex Bartholomew
Sports Co-Ordinator

Canoe Polo

This last weekend the Canoe Polo ran two tournaments, one at the Horowhenua Aquatic Centre and the other at the Otaki Pools.

The final placings at Otaki were Intermediate Boys 4th, Senior Mixed team 2nd. The winners were Havelock Nth. It was an excellent day with the intermediate boys winning all their games until they drew one game and lost to Palmerston North Boys High.

The tournament at the Aquatic Centre was successful, with the Junior Girls winning their Competition, and the Junior Boys coming second. Well done to Russell Bacon for organizing the Tournament and Rob Cox as Coach.

A very successful weekend.



Te Wharangi Whanau



The Rangatahi Ora group has been in full swing this term, students, parents and extended whanau have had their sleeves rolled up and have been doing lots of mahi. The whanau support and aroha has been amazing for these students. Everyone involved has totally committed themselves to our kaupapa and have been asked to do a number of different things from working behind the counter at MacDonald's to being at school on a Saturday morning at 6.45am! Raffles, MacDonald nights, Garage Sales, Hangis, Sausage sizzles no matter what the job we have grown together through our commitment and striving together for a common goal which has resulted in a great feeling of mana and whanaungatanga within our students and our families. Plans are moving along well with our trip to Tamaki Makaurau looking good with highlights of visiting Pouaka Whakaata Maori (Maori Television), Te Pourewa Teitei (Sky Tower) and Te Mutunga o te Uenuku (Rainbows End) being keenly anticipated by all the Kaiako (Teachers)..oh I mean Tauira (Students) who are going. Seriously though, the journey that Rangatahi Ora has been on has been a very positive and successful one, whose success can be undoubtedly attributed to the tahuu (backbone) that is our whanau.

Next term we are having a Noho Marae where all our whanau whanui will be in attendance and where our rangatahi will be required to speak about their whakapapa, pepeha and also recite karakia and waiata, which will be a highlight for all of us!

No reira e nga Matua

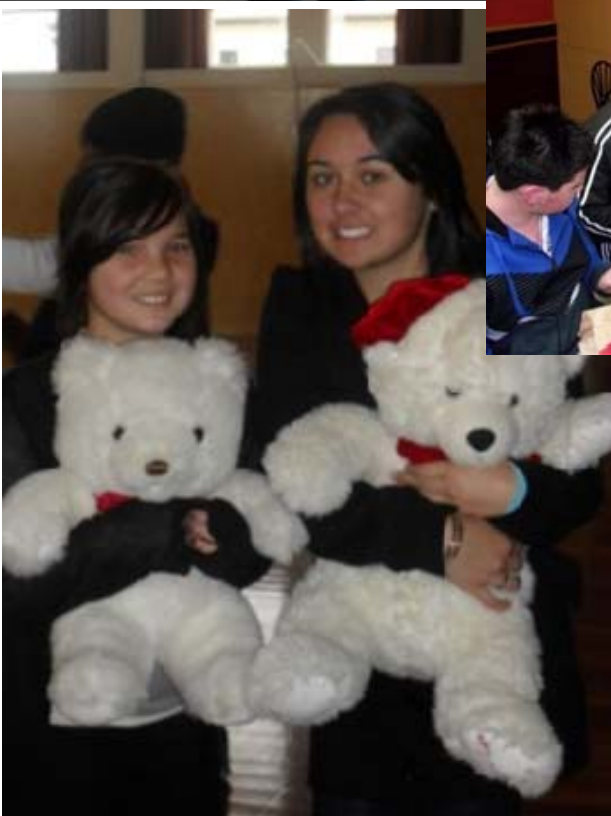
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Ka ora ai Tatou

Matua Chris, Whaea
Angelique, Matua
Neville





Te Wharangi Whanau





CAREERS/GATEWAY/STAR

Careers:

Another busy term with assisting our Y13's in preparing for their lives after college and beginning their career journeys. We have had visits from most of the universities again this term to give final advice and assistance in applying for courses, scholarships and accommodation. We have attended Open Days at universities and polytechnics and have tried to give our senior students as much exposure to tertiary and training options as possible. For those planning on going to work or taking a gap year, preparation for the workplace is the priority.

Y10 Work Week

Most Y10's made the most of this opportunity and managed to find work that aligns with what they hope to do when they leave school. It also gave students an idea of what subjects they need to be taking in their senior years. Y10's can also gain credits by completing the Work Experience Unit Standard whilst they were in the workplace and once they had returned to college. Most reports have been positive from both students and the workplaces.

Gateway:

Here are some profiles of our 2010 Gateway students:

Jade Close – has an interest in commerce and is currently studying business studies. Her placement at Levin's ANZ bank has been very successful and her employers are very happy with her attitude and performance.

Ian van Geldorp – is following one of his passions and is working with one of the local builders. Ian has a solid work ethic and enjoys the practical hands on approach to work. His employer is very impressed with the positive attitude Ian comes to work with each week.

Kahu Wehipeihana — has proven to herself that she has a natural flair with young children. Her placement at a local Kohanga Reo has been valuable and has enabled her to work in a Maori speaking environment on the marae.

Star

Two Y13 Gateway students are attending a tourism STAR course next week for four days at Travel, Careers & Training in Wellington. This was an alternative to a work placement as brokering a placement proved to be difficult.

Two students will go to Taratahi Agriculture Training in Masterton during one week of the holidays and do a four day taster to learn about Taratahi and find out whether agriculture may be the right career path for them.

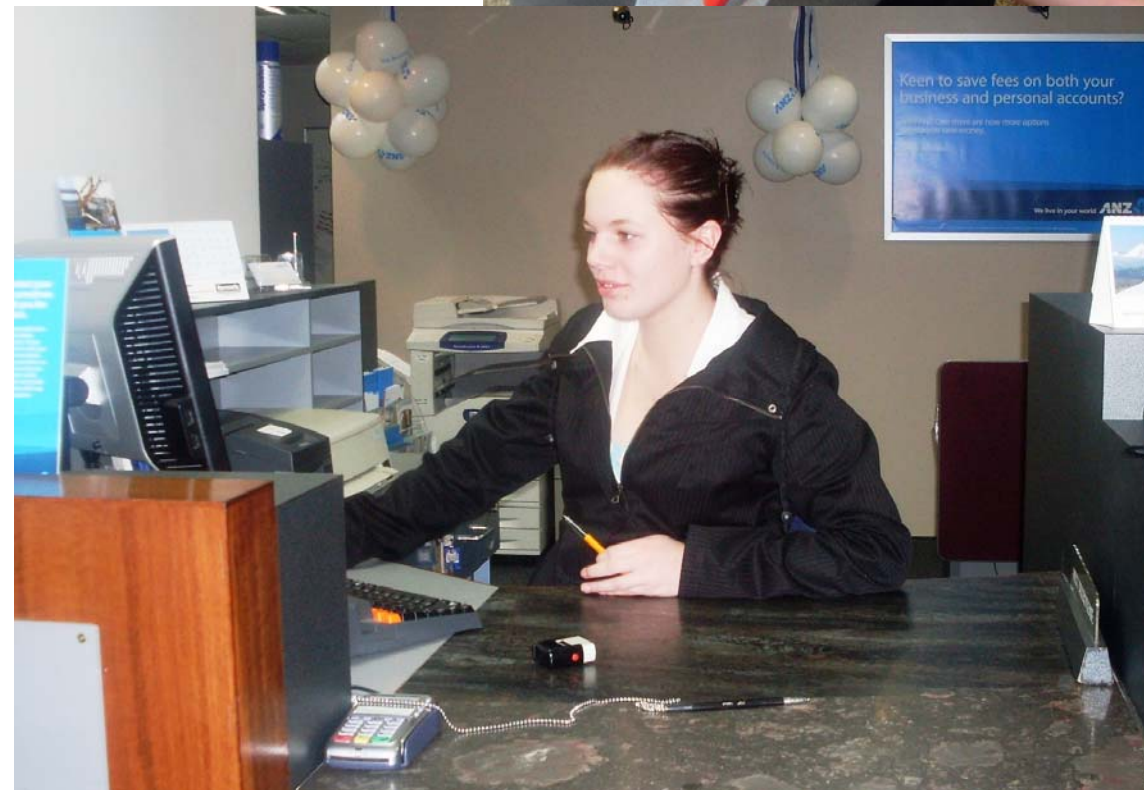
Y10, 11 & 12 students are currently choosing subjects for next year. This is an ideal time to come and get extra advice and guidance from the careers staff. Parents and whanau are welcome to make an appointment if they have concerns about their child's subject selection and/or career options.

Kia Ora,
Pani Kerehoma
Careers Advisor

Cameron Fraenkel



Jade Close



Clayton Wadsworth





We Welcome New Staff To The College



Natalie McMurchie



Louise Mattheus

Mark Smith – Mark comes to us from the shaky south where he has trained as an Outdoor Education teacher. He comes with a wealth of outdoor experience being involved in leading outdoor adventures both here in New Zealand and Overseas. Mark will be teaching a mixture of senior Outdoor Education and junior Social Studies.

Natalie McMurchie – Natalie has recently trained as an Art teacher and hails from sunny Otaki. She brings a wealth of personal experience and expertise to Horowhenua College where she is teaching a mixture of Junior Art and English.

Nathan Beckman – Nathan comes to us from the Hutt Valley Activity Centre where he was Assistant Director. He has teaching experience from Hutt Valley High School and Otaki College where he has mainly taught Physical Education. Nathan is teaching a mixture of junior Music, Social Studies and Mathematics.

Louise Mattheus – Louise has a wealth of teaching experience and has taught languages for a number of years in and around the greater Wellington region. She is teaching Japanese while Mrs Mizutani–Taylor is on maternity leave. We are sure that the students will value the experience that Mrs Mattheus can offer them.



Mark Smith



Nathan Beckman



School Information

Dates For Your Calendar

Monday	11 October	Term 4 Begins
Wednesday	13 October	Year 13 Outdoor Ed Trip
Monday	18 October	Year 12 Biology Rocky Shore Trip
Wednesday	20 October	Cultural Awards 7.30pm
Friday	22 October	Prefect Leadership Training
Monday	25 October	Labour Day
		Year 12 Outdoor Ed Trip
Tuesday	2 November	Credit Update Issued
Wednesday	3 November	Sports Awards
Thursday	4 November	Board of Trustee Meeting

Term 4 Revision Times

L1 Maths	Thursdays	8am	N8	Mrs Knight
L2 Maths	Wednesdays & Thursdays	3.15pm	N11	Mr Gibson
L2 Maths	Fridays	8am	A4	Mrs Staples
Calculus	Wednesdays	P6	A5	Mrs Clarke
Stats	Fridays	1.25pm	N12	Miss Alexandrou

Art Department Holiday Workshop 6-7 October 10am-4pm

The Art teachers are also available every lunchtime in the art room until folios are complete.

L2 Biology	Wednesday	3.10pm	A1	Mrs Redfearn
L2 Biology	Wednesday	3.10pm	A1	Mrs Lewis
L3 Biology	Thursday	3.10pm	A1	Mrs Lewis
L2&3 Chemistry	Thursdays or Fridays	1.25pm	N3	Mr Prescott
L1 AS Science	Thursdays or Fridays	1.25pm	N3	Mr Prescott/Mr McMillan
L2 Physics	Thursdays	1.25pm	A3	Mr Bignell
L1 AS Science	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.25pm	A3	Mr Bignell
L3 Physics	Tuesdays	1.25pm	A3	Mr Bignell

L3 Geography Wednesday 7.40am N2 Mr Pile

L1 & 2 Social Studies - Sunday classes in weeks 4 & 5 Mrs Grey

L1-3 English: students must liaise with their teachers, each of whom have set different revision times.

Technology

Fabric/Graphics/Engineering 1 & 2

Revision will be most lunchtimes. Please check with your technology teacher.



Public Notices

Shane Rufer School of Football

Football is on a high and more and more of our players are getting local and national recognition. Its also great for the game that there are more and more training opportunities for our children. I just want to reconfirm that I run all Shane Rufer School of Football training sessions. Please check out our new website www.schooloffootball.co.nz for information on school holiday programmes etc.

See you on the pitch.
Shane

English Language Help For Those Born Overseas

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group tuition 1.5 to 3 hours per week
a specialised class: English for Employees (any workers)



For more information contact David at English Language Partners Horowhenua Kapiti Inc.

0800 NEW KIWI or 0800 639 5494 or email david.harris@englishlanguage.org.nz

If you know someone who would like this assistance please pass this notice to them

Theatre Sports

You are invited to a fun night out at the Performing Arts Centre, Levin, on Saturday 9th October at 8pm.

If you enjoy 'Whose Line is it Anyway?', then you'll enjoy Theatre sports.

Come along and support your favourite teams from Horowhenua College as they battle it out onstage.

We have four teams competing, from juniors to seniors, and there will also be some adult teams later in the evening.

I know the students will appreciate your support.

Tickets from Gifts on Oxford and at the Theatre.

Miss Perry
Head of Drama

Levin Athletics Club Registration Day

Thursday 30 September 6-7pm at Waiopahu College Gym

Enquiries to Robyn Wills—3679242 or Rosemary McKay—3686977