



HOWICK
COLLEGE

High Five!

Term 2, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we have just completed a 12 week term of which 5 of those weeks were in lockdown. When the dust finally settles, I am sure we will all realise how incredibly bizarre the year has been. Through times of challenge, we learn most about ourselves and, on reflection, I am incredibly proud of our school community for the way in which we all responded. Our staff invested themselves and adapted quickly to the new on-line teaching environment while our students were as resilient as ever, embracing the flexibility and creating new routines to continue their learning.

My thanks to parents for engaging with the parent teacher video conferencing last week for seniors. The feedback received so far has been positive, but we intend to complete a more thorough evaluation shortly.

Due to COVID-19, several school events were either cancelled or postponed. The school Ball was one such casualty and will not take place this year. However, our senior student graduation event is an opportunity for parents and students to celebrate the successful conclusion of their school journey. Our co-curricular programmes have all resumed and whilst the sporting calendar has been reduced, this has not dampened the obvious joy that comes with competition and representing your school.

The board has approved the school's 10 year property plan which includes some exciting and progressive capital projects over the next five years. A separate communication regarding the plan and these projects will be provided to our community early next month and will set out the property vision.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge our long serving school receptionist, Mrs Lesley Pearce, who is leaving us after more than 30 years of dedicated service. I would like to thank Lesley for her incredible loyalty and commitment to Howick College over the years. On behalf of the countless families, students and staff she has greeted as they came through our doors, I would also like to thank her for her warm and welcoming presence and for creating such a positive first impression of our school. She will be missed.

Enjoy the holiday break and the freedom to travel around NZ if you get the chance. I look forward to reuniting at the start of term 3.

Regards,

Mr I L Ropati



Farewell to Mrs Pearce.

Pictured with Lesley from left: Mr Iva Ropati, Mr Joseph Hayes (Retired Deputy Principal) and Lesley's husband, Mr Peter Pearce (Property Supervisor)



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Reminder—

Student Absence – Please send an email to note@howick.school.nz

Appointments – Students must bring a note and sign out (and back in) at the student office.

Late Arrival After Tutor – Students must sign in at the student office. Students need a note or their parent to sign them in.

Unwell at School?

Go to the Health Centre. DO NOT TEXT your parents; they will be contacted by the Health Centre if required. Students will be picked up and signed out from the Health Centre.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

French

Education Perfect Languages World Championships, 2020

Congratulations to our fabulous French students who competed in the Education Perfect Languages World Championships in May. It is the first time after a long hiatus, that Howick College has taken part in this competition and we were delighted to place 393rd against 2,155 schools globally. At a national level we also did very well, placing 15th in New Zealand out of 334 schools and 5th in our category out of 67 schools! In total, we gained 6 credit awards, 1 bronze award and 2 silver awards!

“The Great Confinement Battle”

Also during lockdown, our four French classes, more than 100 students, participated in this school competition. Spread over four days, students answered 27,825 questions gaining 6 Bronze, 2 Silver and 10 Gold certificates. The highest score achieved was 2,283 points.

Bien joué! Well done everyone!

Sociology

Year 11 Social Action Initiative

Year 11 Sociology students worked hard throughout term 2 to raise awareness about the plight of homeless people in Tāmaki Makaurau. There has been a significant rise in the number of homeless people in our country and learning about just how severe the situation really is, has been an eye-opening experience.

To combat this urgent issue, the two sociology classes put out a call for donations of warm clothing, bedding and small household items and have been thrilled by the response, “It has been really rewarding to see the donations from our community piling up in the back of our classroom,” says student **Amelia Carr**.

These items were then donated to the Auckland City Mission, who will put them to good use, helping both homeless people and those who are moving into homes. “The impact of our social action has been tremendous, both for us and for the homeless in our community” explains **Mini Tavan**. “It has better prepared us for our future. We can use the knowledge gained and apply it later on in life to help others”



Back: Mr Ropati, Joe Thistlewaite (Y9), Simran Parmar (Y9), Mia Taylor (Y13), Amelia Baldwin (Y10),
Front: Lilly Grieg (Y9), Prajna Chaudry (Y9), Ujiara Sood (Y9), Anna Nguyen (Y9), Ms Santosuosso (French teacher)



Outdoor Education

Education Beyond the Classroom “Best School Trip Ever” Competition

Congratulations to **Mia Taylor (Y13)** on winning *Education Beyond The Classroom* magazine’s competition for schools. The brief was to write a 200 word article describing the best OED trip ever and Mia chose to write about the 130ED Whitewater Kayaking trip to Lake Aniwhenua earlier this year. Great job Mia, the trip sounds amazing!

A big thank you to Mr Wright and the OED Department for providing these fantastic opportunities for our students, trips like this create memories that last a lifetime.



An excerpt from Mia’s article -

No turning back now...the adrenaline rush when the white water hits your face and the thrill of going up and down on the waves is exhilarating. We had 8km of river to paddle down and that was just the beginning of it. A blood nose, several boat rolls, no wet exits and many smiling faces, we had successfully completed the run!



Mia Taylor is presented her \$250 prize by Mr Ropati and Mr Wright.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Design and Visual Communication (DVC)

New Bus Bay Design

When the time came to think about how the new school bus bay was going to look, the obvious place to go for innovative design ideas was to our own talented DVC students. Mr Thompson and a selected group of young designers, met with Mr Ropati to discuss the brief and create a bus bay that linked in with the rest of the school to create an overall welcoming flow.

"We came up with some ideas and showed Mr Ropati a few sketches before designing them online" says 12DVC student, Marissa Galloway, "We explained how we had incorporated our ideas and then met with some of the head teachers to discuss the proposed plans over 2 trays of subway."

As well as lunch, these Yr 12 students will receive credits based on this project and next term will present their design ideas to the Board of Trustees. Well done everyone - your designs look extremely professional!

Creative Technology

Search And Rescue Dog Harness Design

Creative Technology is an innovative new class at Howick College that looks at the future of technology and how different Technology subjects can be brought together to bring real world learning into the classroom.

Year 9 students in this pilot class, learn Electronics and Textiles/Sewing skills while developing their creativity, critical thinking, communication, managing self, collaboration, and global leadership. These skills are important in preparing our students for the future and are in high demand worldwide.

Students were then given an assignment to put these skills into practice. After discussing the needs of our client, Peter Hoskin from Urban Search and Rescue, the students were asked to design and create a harness with lighting for a search and rescue dog (Lace) that would allow the handler to see the dog in the dark.

After working together in groups to design and make the harness, the students were then able to meet Lace and test their final product on her. Having the opportunity to see their finished designs successfully working on Lace and getting real-time feedback from Peter, was the most exciting part of the process.

The team was led by Mr Rohitesh Mishra, Mrs Elisha Hoskin, Miss Taylor Woodmass and Mr Richard Rounds, who were all equally as excited as the students about this project.



From left: Mr Ropati, Mrs Roshan, Luke Benns, Marissa Galloway, Mr Thompson, Kaylee Holst, Tane Mather, Aria Tohill, Ms Tohill, Mr Mishra.

Proposed new look for the Howick College bus bay.



THE PERFORMING ARTS

Music - Alert Level 2 Assessment Performances

As part of their NCEA Performance Achievement Standard, Music students are required to perform to a live audience. Unfortunately, under Level 2 restrictions, family and outside friends of performing students were not permitted to attend the 2 concerts held in May and so the call went out to Howick College staff and students to come along and show their support - and they were not disappointed! From Bach to Metallica and everything in between, the audiences were wowed by the passion and commitment shown on stage.

Mr Ropati and Mrs Wright had the pleasure of attending these concerts and were so impressed, they met with a group of these talented young musicians to commend them on their outstanding performances.



Back: Principal, Mr Ropati, Lachlan Carr (Y13), Corey Davey (Y11), Ben Wilson (Y12), Max Hill (Y11)
Front: Zach Dawson (Y13), Hannah Milo (Y12), Tyler Sangster (Y11), Assistant Principal, Mrs Wright.



Cailin Verhoef



Zach Dawson



Sophia Scales



Lachlan Carr

Drama - Year 11 Production *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

In the last week of term, Y11 Drama took to the stage for one night only, with their production of one of William Shakespeare's best known and, arguably, best loved romantic comedies. Directed by Mrs Jamieson, who this year made a return to teaching Drama, the play attracted a full house. The audience was delighted by this tale of love potions, enchanted forests, mistaken identities and mischievous fairies. Puck, played by **Samuel Dawson** was a particular crowd favourite, as were Bottom, the weaver played by **Noah San Jose** and Thisbe, played by **Brayden Jenks** resplendent in a dress, blonde wig, rose red lips and cheeks - a man playing the female part in true Shakespearean style!

SGCNZ University of Otago Sheila Winn Auckland South and East Regional Competition

Congratulations to Mrs Dryden and her group of talented Drama students, on **WINNING** "Best 15 Minute Production" with their performance of *Anthony and Cleopatra* at the Regional Festival held in June at Botany Downs College.

The production was co-directed by year 13 students **Robert Limm** and **Adrian Bennett**. Anthony was played by **Stefan Meadows-Allan** (Y12), while **Amber Vodanovich** (Y11) and **Jenna Feldtman** (Y11) along with Robert Limm made up the Chorus. Particular congratulations to **Lily Moore** (Y12) who won "Most compelling performance by a female" for her portrayal of Cleopatra.

The group will go on to perform at the National Festival in Wellington once a post - lockdown date has been set.



A very mischievous Puck



Bottom's head transformed into a donkey's



Fairies watch over Titania



Anthony's struggle



Lily Moore
as Cleopatra

SGCNZ Dawn Sanders Shakespeare Costume Design Competition

Congratulations to Y11 Textiles student **Paige Kendon**, on becoming a finalist in the SGCNZ Costume Design Competition. Paige is one of only four finalists nationwide to be selected, so she can feel extremely proud of her achievement.

The contestants, from schools across New Zealand, were asked to design a costume for a character from a Shakespeare play of their choice. They were then required to provide their rationale, costings and a construction plan. The costume will be made by a renown costumery and the winning costume and designer will be flown to London to see their design worn at the Globe Theatre. Good luck Paige!

Rationale:

White is a symbol of innocence and weddings. The black ombre dip represents her death at the end. Red represents her love for Romeo. The stabbed heart on her chest also represents her upcoming death and her love for Romeo, as if she has been shot by cupid's arrow. The ruffled collar shows her high status and the short skirt represents her youth.



Howick Youth Council

East Auckland Visual Arts Showcase

From June 19 - 26, twenty of our upcoming young visual art students experienced the opportunity to have their work curated and displayed in the Malcolm Smith Gallery at the Uxbridge Arts and Culture Centre in Howick.

The showcase has run for the past 3 years and this year, artists were given the chance to submit art in a variety of mediums, that related to the theme: 'Modern and Traditional Connection'. The opening night was well attended by students and families from across East Auckland, as well as local business and council members.

Howick College Art teacher, Ms Su O'Grady was extremely proud of the work our students put forward and was delighted to receive so much positive feedback about the high quality of work from our school. Well done to all involved! Keep up the great work.



Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa



In week 7 we celebrated **Samoa Language Week** which culminated with many of our Samoan students and staff proudly wearing their traditional dress (efai gaga) to school for the day. Our Principal, Mr Ropati, and the boys looked very smart in their formal lavalava. The girls, including Deputy Principal, Ms Filipino and economics teacher, Ms Fapiano, were stunning in their puletasi, the traditional two-piece dress of Samoa. A wonderful way to celebrate a vibrant culture and brighten up a grey and rainy day!



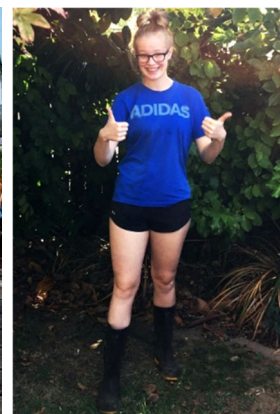
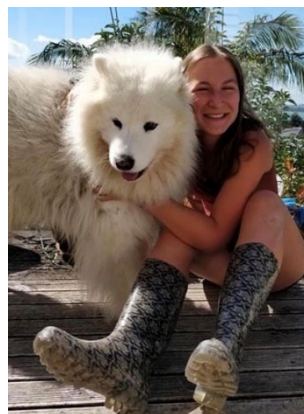
LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

From Our Head Boy and Girl

It has been a very strange Term Two this year. While students have been back at school for many weeks now, it has taken a long period of readjusting to get used to schoolwork after lockdown. It's hard not to overstate the significance of these seven weeks at home - not only on learning, but also on student wellbeing.

For the Student Leaders, many of our plans had to be crossed out. This included our big end of term event – the Summer Festival. But, instead of losing momentum, the challenge of lockdown presented us with an array of opportunities for leadership. Creating the online 'Quaranleaders' page, allowed us to connect with students and keep the student body informed with the various competitions, notices, and events that arose during this period. This included wearing our gumboots on Gumboot Friday to show our support for mental health in New Zealand, standing in our driveways at dawn to observe ANZAC Day, and the College Sport Iso-Distance competition where students and staff submitted their exercise kilometres each day for a week to try and climb to the top of the Auckland schools leader board.

Although Term Two was strange, it certainly wasn't wasted! School started up again, and there was a new determination to continue with house events and competitions. Notably, Term 2's 'Big Give,' has seen hundreds of students and staff generously donate non-perishable food for the local community food banks. But the list doesn't stop there! There are many more exciting events lined up for Term 3, including **Culture Week**, **Leadership Week**, **Enviro Week**, and **the International Food Festival** - so watch this space!



BLAKE Inspire 2020 Forum

Congratulations to our Head Boy, **Ethan McCormick**, on his selection to attend the BLAKE Inspire 2020 Forum! This annual event is a week-long leadership development adventure for 55 secondary school students passionate about the environment. Students have the opportunity to address topical environmental issues facing our country and develop strategies to address them.

The Forum will focus on environmental issues related to climate change, our oceans, freshwater and biodiversity. By working together, young environmental leaders like Ethan, will leave BLAKE Inspire fired up, with improved leadership capabilities, eager and ready to create change.

Cupid's Easter Deliveries



Cupid's Easter was our combined House Charity Event for term 1 but, unfortunately, deliveries were postponed due to Lockdown. So this term, staff and students **finally** got to receive the roses, chocolates and songs purchased for them by their friends and admirers.

THE BIG GIVE - COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE



For many in our community, the effects of lockdown have taken a heavy toll and foodbanks have seen a significant rise in the number of families needing their support during this difficult time. In light of this, the focus of our student-led service initiative for term 2, has been to support our local food banks through “**The Big Give**” food drive. Over the course of the term, students and staff were encouraged to make small weekly donations of non-perishable food and other essential grocery items. The response from our various Houses, who ran competitions, staff and the Howick College community as a whole, has been overwhelmingly generous with thousands of items donated. Some days, the Student Office looked more like the local supermarket!

On behalf of The Salvation Army, All Saints Church and the East Auckland Women's Refuge, we say **THANK YOU!** Your donations have meant so much to so many!

Paihere

Well done to our Paihere students and their whānau, who made it their mission to support the Big Give.

With the assistance of Pariti Matiu, a member of the Waiparera Trust and our Kapa Haka male tutor, a van load of boxes containing hundreds of items of food and groceries, arrived at our student office destined for the All Saints Church food bank in Howick.

Ka pai tou mahi! Great work everyone!



Bacot House - “Feed the Bear”

Bacot House supported the Big Give by encouraging their tutor groups to lighten their pockets and donate their spare change. Mrs Fenner and Mrs Gillett were amazed by the collective donation of **\$500.60!** A huge thank-you to top student contributor, **Daniel Botha (Y13)**, with a massive \$154 (1556 coins) and top teacher, **Mr Chang**, with **\$65 (677 coins)**.

The funds were then used to buy essential items that were added to our weekly school collection for delivery to the Women's Refuge. Grateful social workers, Genevieve and Rhonda, shared that the refuge was full of families requiring emergency food and housing as the holidays approached and our donation couldn't have come at a better time!



Daniel Botha (right) & “The Bear” with Bacot House Leaders, Samantha Cooper & Ethan Scully



INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Online Learning For Overseas Students

Covid-19 has turned the world upside down and educators around the world have had to be innovative in their teaching approach and the Howick College International Department is no exception. We have eleven students who are still in China or Thailand as they were unable to leave their country and return to their studies at Howick College before our borders closed. The consequence of these travel restrictions means these Howick College students were facing study interruption due to the pandemic.

Our purpose is to inspire a community of passionate learners and our overseas students are passionate learners who needed a solution which did not involve Google as it is banned by the Chinese government. As a Google school, this was an added challenge but we were up for it!

Thanks to our fabulous IT department we set up an online platform using Microsoft Teams and Outlook. Stephanie Layec (International Dean and HOD Language Support) and Valerie Thomas (International Student Coordinator) downloaded hundreds of resources from more than 50 Google Classrooms and transferred them to Teams. They also created accounts in Wechat for ease of communication with our students offshore.

Since then, teaching and learning has continued with all offshore students. Teachers send work to Mrs Thomas at the start of the week. This work is downloaded in Teams and students access it with no difficulty. Valerie sends them a "wake up wechat" everyday at 1:00pm NZ time or 9:00am China time and students respond, indicating they are ready to study. They have several weekly Teams calls with Mrs Layec to follow up on work and support them through their journey. Communication goes on throughout the day via Wechat and Teams chat and students feel motivated to carry on and study hard.

A big thank-you to those fabulous teachers for going the extra mile to support our students in China!

Principal's Morning Tea



Each term, international students get the chance to meet with Mr Ropati over a delicious morning tea for an informal chat and to share their experiences at Howick College.

International Student Council



Introducing our newly appointed International Student Council. Throughout the year, they will assist with organising trips as well as helping their fellow internationals make the most of their time here in New Zealand.

Doctor For a Day



In the last week of term, **Enrique Gonzales Riquelme (Y13)** from Chile, joined Dr Judy Huang at Middlemore Hospital for a work experience day on the Gastroenterology ward. Enrique joined us in January this year and has taken every opportunity to experience the best New Zealand has to offer. It is his intention to study medicine at either Auckland or Otago University next year - we wish him all the best!

Farewell to Mrs Valerie Thomas



Reverse Mufti Day

International Team from left: Deb Busch, Cara Marris, Tania Garcia - McEntire, Kim Wall (Assistant Director) and Valerie Thomas

We sadly say farewell to our Student Administrator, Valerie Thomas. Valerie has been with us since 2014 in various roles but for the last 4 years she has done a fantastic job of organising and managing the short-stay group visits. Valerie has enjoyed getting to know the students, both local and international, the homestay families, and the wonderful Howick College staff. We wish her the very best in her new role as Attendance Officer at Pakuranga College.

SPORTS NEWS

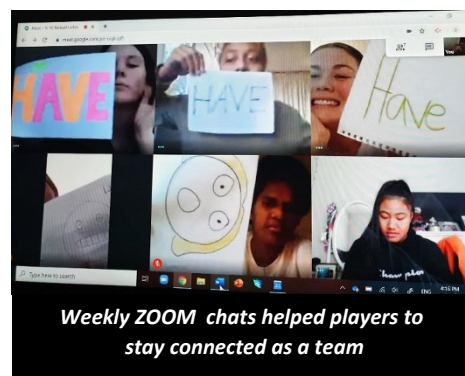
Life in Lockdown

The first half of this year has certainly been both interesting and crazy but, as sports people, we chose to prepare ourselves for whatever COVID-19 might throw at us and turn it into something positive.

Our 19 Premier, 39 Senior and 50 Junior Netball girls, along with our 40 1st XV, 20 1st X Girls and 60 Junior Rugby players, did not let the lockdown put a damper on their preparation for the 2020 season. These athletes worked hard on their fitness in February so, when lock down hit, Mrs Sotutu, Mr Tu'ipulotu and Miss Tupper, got together to create a plan that would maintain their momentum.

With determination, and great optimism that there would be a return to competition sometime in the not too distant future, a Google Classroom and online support was set up for the players. Weekly fitness challenges were posted which required players to check in with Mr Tu'ipulotu, submit video evidence, return distances run or send in times taken. Miss Tupper complimented this with motivational material.

With the move to Level 1, we were finally able to embark on our winter season in week 10. This saw our senior teams in all codes, putting in some solid work and what a relief it was when they were finally able to take the court/field again!



Weekly ZOOM chats helped players to stay connected as a team



Players undertook and recorded weekly fitness challenges



Mr Ropati with Howick College Premier Team Captains

HOWICK SPORTS AWARDS 2020

Congratulations to the following:

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Winner - Caitlin Kimpton (Y12)

(Touch Referee)

Finalist - Cruiz Overend (Y10)

(Touch Referee)

JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Finalist - Thomas Staples (Y13)

(Touch Rugby)

JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Finalist - Nanise Waqaira (Y13, 2019)

(Netball)

COACH OF THE YEAR

Finalist - Mr Mark Hodson

(Howick College Premier Mixed Touch Team)

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Winner - Black Ice Figure Skating Team

Neske Groenewegen (Y11), Team Member

Finalist - Howick College Premier Mixed Touch Team



Premier 2 Netball Squad

Congratulations to the Prem 2 Netball squad on securing their spot in the Premier 2 grade for 2020. Your hard work has paid off!



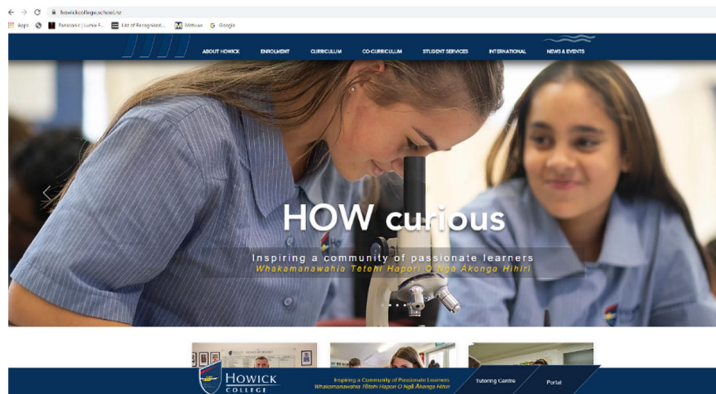
Rugby 1st XV

Congratulations to our 1st XV Rugby squad on their big **WIN** against Tamaki College (42-5). A win was vital in this promotion/relegation match if they were to make it into the 1B competition. Mr Thomas and Mr Tu'ipulotu have been working hard with the boys to create a positive culture and clarity around their roles on and off the field. Coaches and students know very well that there is still work to do and there are plenty of opportunities to grow.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE New Website and Prospectus

Term 2 has been somewhat challenging as many of our community will have experienced however, for the Community Development Office, it has also proven to be very productive with the publication of our new Prospectus and the launch of the new-look Howick College website.

Our new school website is now live and will provide a more user-friendly platform for our community. It will continue to be developed with up-to-date content, relevant information, fresh new images and student success stories.



The new prospectuses have been distributed to all of our in-zone families for the upcoming 2021 intake and is also available to view on the school website.

Working Bee - Saturday 13 June Back Field and Entrance Clean Up

Thanks to all the fabulous people including our Howick College Parents and Friends, BoT members, Senior Leadership Team, student leaders, teachers and Premier Netball Team, who gave up their Saturday morning to help improve the look of our back field, making it a more welcoming and attractive environment for our school community. We greatly appreciate all your hard work!



Property Improvements Update



As many of our community may have noticed, there have also been some 'facelift' changes around the front of the school including:

- New 'Howick College' signage and vision statement on the front of the main reception
- The Norfolk pine has been removed to make way for a new, more welcoming, entrance to the school
- New signage outside each of the classroom blocks
- School wide painting, including the roof, has now been completed
- Aluminium fencing by the school bus bay has now been removed ready for the new fencing to go in

As a school, we continue to make improvements to our facilities and aim to provide the best learning environment possible for our students and teachers. Other capital projects are also in the pipeline and we will share these with our community in more detail in the not too distant future.



Workmen removing Norfolk pine

ALUMNI REUNIONS - TERM 3, 2020

This year, we will be celebrating our former students and staff members who left the College in 2000, 1990 and 1980. Dates for the 'Class of 1990 Reunion' and the 'Class of 1980 Reunion' will be finalised shortly, so keep an eye out on the Howick College Facebook page for more details.

Alumni Reunion Class of 2000

Date: Friday 4 September
Time: 6.00pm start
Place: Howick College Staffroom

ALUMNI NEWS



Doris Kuo, Graduating Class of 2012
Newest Member of the Southbank Sinfonia, London

Being a musician had not always been Doris Kuo's ambition, in fact, she had once dreamed of being an Olympic figure skater. However, it was during her time at Howick College that she discovered her passion for the violin and decided to pursue a career in Music.

Doris was concertmaster at Howick College from 2009 to 2012 and this position gave her the encouragement and recognition to believe she was a good violinist. An exemplary student, Doris collected numerous awards. In her final year, she received a Gold Award in Recognition of Service to Bacot House, a Gold Award for Service to Music and was a recipient of the Year 13 Excellence Award. Unsurprisingly, she also received the Year 13 Excellence Award for Music, the Special Award for Performing Arts as well as the most prestigious Howick College Award. Doris was also one of 5 students to be awarded an ASB scholarship that year.

From Howick College, Doris went on to study violin at the University of Auckland. While there, she refined her violin technique while also teaching piano, violin and cello. After graduation, her passion for the violin took her to the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, a world class institution providing training for exceptional musicians, actors and performers from around the world, where she was inspired to strive for a place in the Southbank Sinfonia.

Doris Kuo is without doubt an outstanding young musician and we wish her the very brightest of musical futures.

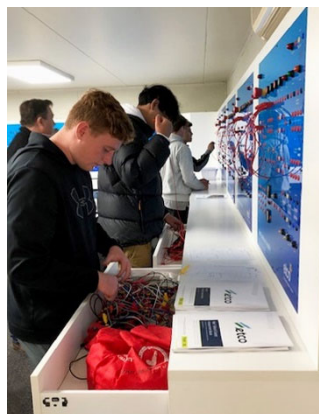


*Performing at the
Uxbridge Arts Centre*



*Receiving the
Performing Arts Award*

CAREERS DEPARTMENT ETCO Visit

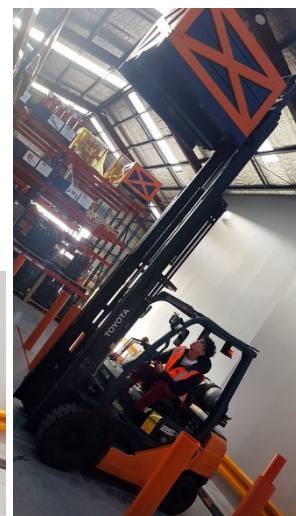


Students exploring a career as an electrician visited the Electrical Training Company (EtcO) in Mt Wellington.

These Y12 and Y13 students were introduced to the wide range of opportunities available in this exciting industry and enjoyed a morning of practical tasks and informative talks.

Forklift Training

Congratulations to the ten Y13 students who gained their forklift licence with RT Equipment. With their licence, they will be able to gain employment in the Warehousing and Logistics industry.



Welcome to Our New Deputy Principal Mr Adam Bannister

Mr Bannister comes to us from Maclean's College and joined our Senior Leadership Team at the end of term 1, replacing Mr Eric Wall.

Mr Bannister is also the Principal in charge of Year 9.



Cherry Blind (Formerly Minimal Silence) Release New Single and Music Video

Well done to former Howick College students, Logan Anderson (Lead singer/bass), Mark Tohovaka (drums) and Sabastian Munro (guitar), on the release of their new single "Paper Cut". Winners of the 2017 Smokefree Rockquest, the video for their new single can be viewed [here](#).



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Well, it has certainly been a long term for our staff and students who began the term with online digital learning and no sports and finished with in class learning and sports slowly starting up again. It is pleasing to see the sports back again and the red and black once more being worn with pride.

It was wonderful to see the support and pride on show when our Rugby 1st XV played Tamaki College in the promotion/relegation game a Saturday 20, June. The result, a victory to our 1st XV, was only part of the event which showed, as with the Prem Netball final last year, that we have a wonderful group of students and supporters cheering on our teams and wanting to see our school succeed.

This term saw a very hard working group of volunteers including our Student Leaders, Premier Netball team, Senior Leadership Team, parents and members of staff, turn up bright and early for a school community working bee to clean up around the edges of the fields and plant around the courtyards and garden beds. Following the completion of the painting of the entire school, these two major tidy-ups build on the work the leadership team has done at Howick College to promote our 4C values and instill a sense of PRIDE in our school. During the term, the Board also signed off the property plan for the next five years, which we will share with our community over the next few weeks. It is pleasing to see the school continue to plan for the future learning environment and provide more user-friendly spaces for our students.

Toward the end of the term, the HOLA's (Head of Learning Areas) presented to the Board and SLT on the wins, challenges and "work-ons" for their areas for 2020. It was very pleasing to hear the amount of collaboration going on within the different teams and how they are looking at different ways to make their limited resources work best. Wonderful effort everyone - we look forward to seeing how your plans work out for 2020.

I was fortunate attend some of the Values assemblies held over the last couple of weeks where students spoke about what the school values mean to them and how our staff are showing these values in their lessons and behaviors, working with the students to assist them in achieving higher. Fabulous to not just hear our student leaders and Principal talking about these values but normal students showing and appreciating how these values can improve outcomes for all.

The continual hard work of students and staff should be reflected in the reports recently received. As we head towards the second half of the year, students are aware of what is required to achieve the necessary results, and to strive to exceed expectations.

I wish all students, their families, and our staff a relaxing mid-year break, and look forward to seeing you all back in a couple of weeks.

Regards,

Roger Gribble,
BoT Chair

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Wednesday 22 July
2021 Enrolment Information Evening
4:00 - 8:00pm

Thursday 23 July - Summer Sports Photos

Friday 24 July - Winter Sports Photos

Tuesday 28 July
Subject Selection Information Evening
Y10-12, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday 29 July
Y9-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
4:30 - 7:30pm

Friday 31 July - Saturday 1 August
Dance Showcase Performances

Monday 3 August - Culture Week Begins

Wednesday 5 August
BoT Meeting 6:00 - 8:00pm

Friday 7 August
International Food Festival
Culture Night, 7:00-10:00pm

Wednesday 12 - Saturday 15 August
Y13 Boys Drama - *Bouncers*

Monday 17 - Thursday 20 August
Y13 Girls Drama - *The House of Bernard Alba*

Friday 21 August
Uxbridge Arts Centre - Concerts@Noon
Jazz Band and Orchestra

Monday 24 August
Big Market Week Begins

Wednesday 26 August
BoT Meeting 6:00 - 8:00pm

Tuesday 8 - Friday 18 September
Senior Exams

Wednesday 2 September
Out-of-zone Enrolments Close

Wednesday 9 September
Out-of-Zone Ballot Drawn

Monday 21 September - Enviro Week Begins

Wednesday 23 September
BoT Meeting 6:00pm

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