Dear parents and caregivers,

The end of a school year brings with it mixed emotions. The last few weeks have been an array of various celebrations of student excellence. It is without doubt the highlight of the year for me as we recognise exceptional student achievement. It is also a time tinged with sadness as we farewell student leavers. I am proud of their collective and individual contributions to the college and know that they will be successful in their chosen pathways outside of the school environment. They will inevitably face many challenges but I am absolutely certain that we have prepared them well. It has been our commitment to our students that we are able to support them to achieve the highest of qualifications but equally as important is our desire to ensure they build and develop character that enables them to be good people in our communities. Our vision and values will continue to be the cornerstone of everything we do.

Senior and Junior Honours - To all our senior students who were recognised at Senior Honours, I congratulate you. I would like to make special mention of our Scholar of the year, David Groothuizen-Dijkema; our Junior Scholar, Inka Pleiss; and the Howick College Awards recipients. A full list of awardees is available on the school website. Well done to all.

Staff member farewell - On behalf of our community, I would like to acknowledge Ms Barbara Evans for her service to the college spanning over 27 years. Ms Evans retires from the teaching profession at the end of the year and deserves our recognition and thanks for her loyalty to the college and to education in NZ. I also acknowledge Mr Deryk Wardlaw who will also retire at the end of Term 1 2016.

Appointments - As part of a restructure of management at the college, I am pleased to announce the following new positions that will begin from the start of the new year.

Deputy Principal: Mr Eric Wall
Assistant Principal: Mr Steve James
Assistant Principal: Mrs Janice Wright
Senior Dean: Ms Anna Marsick
Head of E-Learning: Mr Steve Martin

End of year - On behalf of the management team, board and staff I would like to wish all students a safe holiday period and look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year.

IL Ropati, Principal

Scholar of the Year - David Groothuizen-Dijkema

This award is given to a student who has achieved the highest overall ranking and is a candidate for university entrance exams.

David has been a consistent high achiever since starting in Year 9; receiving Excellence in Studentship awards in Year 9 and 10, and Excellence in Classwork awards in Year 11 and 12. His commitment to his studies saw him achieve Excellence endorsements for NCEA Level 1 and Level 2.

In addition to a strong academic focus, David also contributes to the school in a wide range of service and leadership activities; including inspiring and mentoring fellow writers in the Creative Writing Group.

This year he has achieved the highest grades in four of his five subjects and is a scholarship candidate in four subjects.

Congratulations David; we wish you well for your future endeavours.
Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to these scholarship winners. They were presented with their scholarships at the Senior Honours evening:

Hannah Crandall and Maddi Mitchell - Otago University Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship
Eloise Kerr - AUT Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship
Elaine Ryan - AUT Undergraduate Excellence
Caitlin O’Neill - AUT South Achiever Scholarship
Finn Watkinson - Massey University Vice-Chancellor’s High Achievers Scholarship (Arts)
Kelly Spence - Massey University YES - Enterprise in Action
Lillie Botica - MIT Partnership Scholarship
Bertha Lai - University of Auckland Jubilee Award

Senior and Junior Honours

Congratulations to all students whose achievements were acknowledged at these special events. Full lists are available on the school website


Performing Arts Award: Ben Egan
Citizenship Award: Umbar Sandhu
Sportsperson of the Year: Angel McCreedy

Student Achievement

ICAS Writing: High Distinction—Tabby Adams, Inka Pleiss / Distinction—Thomas Speed

ICAS English: High Distinction—Ashleigh Dixon, Inka Pleiss, Joshua Schoeman, Liana Sykes / Distinction—Brooklyn Harrison, Eve Tyler, Stephanie Browne, Georgia Corkill, Jenna Gawn, Keelan Vodanovich, Izzy Williams, Umbar Sandhu, Victoria Pickett

Excellence endorsement: NCEA Lvl 1 Latin Ashley Chang and Yiu Mun Lee

Rönsich Auckland Secondary Schools Piano Competition

Congratulations to Year 13 International Student Alison Lee on her winning performance in this prestigious competition. This year 16 schools from around Auckland entered their top pianist. Alison won with two stunning pieces from Chopin and Bach. As part of her prize, Alison receives the opportunity to perform at an Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra event in 2016.

Alison hopes to continue her musical studies next year at the Auckland University School of Music.

Congratulations to Elias Worrall-Bader - elected as Student Trustee for 2016

Top in New Zealand!

For the second year in a row, Tabby Adams has scored the top mark in the New Zealand/Pacific region for ICAS Writing. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement Tabby!
BP Business Challenge

Year 10 Business Studies students had the opportunity to participate in the BP Business Challenge last term. Working in teams, they got to see what it is like to start a business from scratch and develop a business plan for a new product. The three day workshop took place in the library and was facilitated by the Young Enterprise Trust. The students had to consider factors such as product design, marketing, production and sale costs and then had to present their plan to judges in a ‘Dragon’s Den’ style format. Each team member had to present and answer questions about a different aspect of their business plan.

After the round of judging, the Scan & Secure team were chosen as the winners.

Sumobot Tournament

Year 12 Electronics students had an opportunity to put their skills to the test last term with an inter-school SUMOBOT tournament against Pakuranga College. Each student had to design and build a remote control robot and they worked on their designs over 20 weeks.

In the Sumobot matches, the objective is to force the opposing robot out of the game circle, much the same as in Sumo wrestling. The lunchtime competition filled the theatre with cheers of encouragement—we hope to repeat the fun next year. First place went to a Pakuranga College team, with a Howick team taking second.

Botany Design Awards 2015

Around 40 senior textiles students entered designs in the Botany Design Awards competition. The competition is open to schools Auckland wide and the creations were on display throughout the shopping mall over three weeks in Sept/Oct. Designs from each year level were entered into two categories of Urban Wear and Occasion Wear and were judged on their flair, elegance, originality and technical skills.

Well done to all Howick College students who worked hard designing, creating patterns and constructing their pieces. Congratulations to Leah Schlaffer (who also won last year) and Charlize Strydom who both won their categories.

National Library Author Talk

A group of boys in the SIEP Year 10 English class enjoyed a trip to the National Library in Parnell at the end of last term. They met Kiwi author Dave Rilley who specialises in sports related stories aimed at engaging and encouraging boy readers. Our students spoke enthusiastically about his stories and their reading.

Afterwards the group were invited to select books from the library and ended up checking out two boxes of books for their holiday reading!
Award Winning Teachers

Congratulations to Mr Chang (Science), Mr Kearney (Art) and Ms Collingwood (Science) - they have all been awarded Microsoft Innovative Teacher awards. They join the ranks of teachers throughout the world who are recognised for their innovation in teaching. Their achievement brings the number of teachers at Howick College with this award to six - the highest for Australasia.

Meet our 2016 House Leaders

Congratulations to:

**BACOT**

![Shaman Theron and Charlie Schwalger](image)

**BELL**

![Toni Wharehoka and Jordan Wright](image)

**INGHAM**

![Sabrina Eagleton and Zierra Misiaita](image)

**IRVINE**

![Ben Cummins and Chloe Usherwood](image)

**MACDONALD**

![Lachlan Haitana and Jeremy Thompson](image)

**MINERVA**

![Melissa Parmar and Christopher Walden](image)

Year 9 Camps…

Once again our Year 9 students headed off for some fun and adventure at Whaharau. The two night camps give the students the chance to try something new with activities such as frisbee golf, flying kiwi, sailing, kayaking and an overnight tenting experience.

The camps form part of the Outdoor Education curriculum and are arranged by our OED teacher Mr Mason, along with Mr Wardlaw, Mrs Mackereth, House Deans and student leaders. A big thank you to all of them and all staff members who also take part.

We are sure our students came home tired but happy, and enjoyed their camp.
French Trip Update…

The sixteen students and three staff who are heading to France in April next year would like to say a big ‘Merci!’ to everyone for supporting their fundraising this year. The students have been hard at work washing cars on Saturday mornings, arranging events and selling a Howick College recipe calendar.

The group will be spending two weeks in France, visiting important historic and cultural sites, as well as staying with French families and attending school.

They will also be running the gift wrapping stall at Pakuranga Plaza in the lead-up to Christmas - if you are shopping at the Plaza please support them.

Fundraising continues next year with more events and activities planned in the lead up to the big trip!

International Students

In yet another busy term, the International Department hosted a group of eleven students from India. The students were with us for two weeks attending classes with their buddies and visiting AUT, University of Auckland and Massey University. They enjoyed their time here and reported to a local newspaper that they were impressed with the ‘warm, friendly nature of the students of Howick College, and the excellent teaching methods used by the school’. It is the first time we have had students from India and we hope to see them back again.

Getting Involved - Catalina and Josefin

Sisters Catalina & Josefin Pereira Barrera were International Students for the 2nd Semester this year from Chile. Having represented Chile in hockey, they made the most of their hockey successes back home while they were here. Both girls joined the Howick Pakuranga Hockey Club and also represented Howick College in the 1st XI team at Tournament Week in Taupo. They were then invited by Hockey NZ to trial for NSR International, a USA College Sport recruiting agency. They were also fortunate to have extra training with some of the Black Sticks players, organised by one of our teachers, Kimberly Hayter. Cata & Jose made a lasting impression on all who met them with their infectious good spirits and warm personalities.

By lucky coincidence, the NZ Black Sticks were on the same flight to Chile as the girls, so they got to meet the team!

End of Year

As we close for the year, we would like to thank all our homestay families, teachers and staff for all they do to make our students feel welcome and part of Howick College. We wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas season.

Farewell to:

Jay (Eun-Chong) NA, Allison (Hyerim) LEE, Jill (Rong) PENG, Daisuke YOKOYAMA, Susie (Sirui) WANG, Guy (Thanapong) NGAMEKUA, Noddy (Cheuk Him) NG, Tomoko SUGIBAYASHI, Maneegarn KANJANASUPARK, Airi KONDO, Janissta JETIYANONTA, Carlos ZAWADZKY VALENZUELA, Yuna ARAI, Anna (Myryung) KIM, Juliana BARRIVIERI, Martin REPULLO, Matheus de SOUZA ZILIO, Daniela GONZALEZ BARRIOS, Luca KARP, Paul GOLLER, Elise ZENI, Brian MURTAGH. Dennis (Kai Ho) FU, Josefina PEREIRA BARRERA, Catalina PEREIRA BARRERA, Xenia MYRENSKA, Laura NOVOA PERALTA, Jean (Koranid) TEYAVONGSAK, Minju KIM. Ethan (Yu Xuan) CHEN, Maria HIDALGO and Sebastian FUENTES

We wish all our leaving students all the best in their future endeavours.
**Most Valuable Participants 2015**

Congratulations to the following students:
- Badminton - Sterling Bartlett
- Basketball - Niko Murdoch-Tighe
- Bike sports (boys) - Blake Ross
- Bike sports (girls) - Jessica Manchester
- Cheerleading - Caitlin O'Neill
- Cricket (boys) - Bryce Wessels
- Cricket (girls) - Ashley Hunt
- Equestrian - Jordyn McMiken
- Football (boys) - Chris Walden
- Football (girls) - Danielle Grimmer
- Gymnastics (boys) - Josh Wilson
- Gymnastics (girls) - Kendra Neaves
- Hockey (boys) - Carlos Kershaw
- Hockey (girls) - Sarah Wood
- Multi-Sport - Ainsley Thorpe
- Netball - Mikaelah Poua
- Orienteering - Sam Rawlings
- Rowing - Daniel Williamson
- Rugby League - Dane Hill
- Rugby - Dylan Leckner
- Sevens - Jessica Morrison
- Squash - Jordan Edwards
- Table Tennis - Haiden Smith
- Tennis (boys) - Keegan Ennis
- Tennis (girls) - Alpha Hargreaves
- Touch (boys) - Elliot Riley
- Touch (girls) - Hinemoa Watene
- Underwater Hockey (boys) - Caleb Logan
- Underwater Hockey (girls) - Annabelle Fletcher-Jones
- Volleyball (girls) - Melanie Kaits'aiifo
- Volleyball (boys) - UJ Fungavaka
- Waterpolo - Niko Murdoch-Tighe

**Sports Awards 2015**

Once again we celebrated a busy and successful year of sport at the annual Sports Awards evening. Well done to all our sports teams and athletes on a year of games, tournaments and giving it everything and representing your school.

Thank you to the sports department and sports council for organising and co-ordinating this special event. We would also like to thank the many parents and caregivers who support our players and teams throughout the year.

**Congratulations to:**
- Sportsperson of the Year - Angel McCreedy
- Senior Sportsman - Hunter Edwards
- Senior Sportswoman - Angel McCreedy
- Junior Sportsman - Blake Ross
- Junior Sportswoman - Gabby Hill and Rosie Salt
- All-Rounder - Iva Livani
- Values Cup - Hannah Tilling
- Team of the Year - U15 Girls Sevens
- Coach of the Year - Adelita Sotutu
- Supporter of the Year - Gilbert Oberholzer
- Service to Sport (Adults) - Ben Bartlett
- Service to Sport (Student) - Hinemoa Watene

Angel McCreedy with special guests Kayla McAlister and Pita Ahki.

Team of the Year - U15 Sevens.
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Board of Trustees

It is an honour as Chair of the Board of Trustees to celebrate with you some of the many achievements of our students this year. I want to start again by talking about our values of:

**COURTESY** - We treat each other with respect and consideration.

**COMMITMENT** - We pursue our goals with perseverance and resilience.

**CITIZENSHIP** - We participate in and contribute to school life and take personal responsibility for our actions.

Thank you to everyone who has lived those values. Whatever your role, be it student, teacher, parent, whanau or friend you have all played your part in *Inspiring a Community of Passionate Learners.*

I want to acknowledge the many fantastic achievements of our students and the hard work of our Senior Leadership Team, our Principal Iva Ropati, Associate Principal Louise Addison and a dedicated staff who show an amazing commitment to the school.

In Tem 3 this year ERO visited the school and the 4-5 year review that we were aiming for is now a reality!

We want to deliver great facilities for our students. However, the development plans for the school over the next few years, including a new technology building, new sports facilities and the refurbishment of the existing H block buildings to create modern learning environments suitable for 21st Century learning will only become a reality with the support of the community. I am asking again please if there are any of you who might be able to offer further support, fund raising expertise or contacts then please get in touch. As a school we continue to maintain a stable financial position thanks to Mike Stanghan and his team, however the reality is, we still very much need the support of parents through the payment of donations and school fees. Your contributions really make a difference to the school. Thank you again for your commitment to Howick College.

Thank you as well to the continued citizenship and hard work of board members David Edgar who chairs the HR sub-committee, Gary Upson Property & Finance, Dianne Fenner our teacher representative and Kathy Heaton-Brown our Board Secretary. Along with Shaundra Biggs, Neel Pandey and Alan Topham who all joined the Board in 2015 and Rachel Barker who was co-opted last month. We also have a new student representative for 2016, congratulations to Elias Worrall-Bader and special thanks to our 2015 student representative Melissa Palmer. There will be Board elections again mid next year, look out for the information and please consider getting involved.

Finally the Board would like to wish all our senior students good luck with their forthcoming NCEA external assessments. Be the best you can be and make yourself and your whanau proud. To all those students and staff who leave at the end of 2015 the Board would like to wish you well whatever future direction you choose. We hope you have enjoyed your time at Howick College and please keep in touch.

Regards,

Peter Jones,
Chair, Board of Trustees.

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**Term Dates for 2016**

**Term 1** Tues 2 Feb—Fri 15 Apr (11 weeks)
**Term 2** Mon 2 May—Fri 8 July (10 weeks)
**Term 3** Mon 25 July—Fri 23 Sept (9 weeks)
**Term 4** Mon 10 Oct—Fri 9 Dec (9 weeks)

**Start of Year Dates**

Mon 25 Jan—Course confirmation
Yr 12/13 surnames A-L, 10am-1pm

Tues 26 Jan—Course confirmation
Yr 12/13 surnames M-Z, 10am-1pm

Mon 1 Feb—Auckland Anniversary (public holiday)

**Tues 2 Feb**—first day for Yr 9
8.40am-3.20pm (peer support students also)

**Wed 3 Feb**—first day all year levels
8.40am-12.30pm

**Thurs 4 Feb**—first day on timetable
8.40am-12.30pm

Mon 8 Feb—Waitangi Day observed (public holiday)

**Fri 12 Feb**—Athletics Day

Mon 21 Mar—Thurs 24 Mar—
Assessment Week

**Fri 25 Mar—Tues 29 Mar**—Easter (public holiday)

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**Out Now! Howick College Yearbook 2015**

This year’s edition of our Yearbook is on-line. You can view or download from the school website here:


We hope you enjoy reviewing our year!

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