



**HOWICK
COLLEGE**

High Five!

Term 2, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Principal's Resignation

As many of you already know, after nearly 12 years at Howick College, I have tendered my resignation effective from the end of term 3, 2022. Due to the long notice period, I have begun to take my own advice and savour the many 'lasts' that I would normally take for granted such as: the final parent interviews, careers evening, mid-winter Christmas, Pride festival, and senior school Ball and those still to come in term 3. In some way, I now know what it feels like to be a Y13 student who, in their final stretch before their time ends, begins to feel the sadness of leaving behind routine events that will never be repeated with the same group of people. For the moment and thankfully with one final term to go, I will take the time to enjoy every aspect of this special community.

Education Review Office (ERO)

After nearly 7 years without an external review, the ERO has returned albeit under a new operational model. We welcome our evaluation partner and are confident that our progress as an organisation will continue to impress and inspire our parent community. An ERO communication relating to this new model is part of this newsletter (see page 11).

Minister Hipkins' Visit

We had the fortune to host Education Minister, The Hon. Chris Hipkins a few weeks ago. He was interested in how our board utilised the one-off School Investment Package (SIP) funding which the government allocated to all NZ schools to support urgently needed property developments. This funding was used to build the Community Development Office and redevelop the bus bay area. Both projects were part of the long-term strategic plan but the SIP allowed us to prioritise and complete the projects sooner than expected.

Distinguished Alumni Awards

It was an absolute honour to attend the Distinguished Alumni Awards this term. Part of the Community Development Office initiative, this inaugural event recognised three exceptional former Howick College students - Mr Tex Edwards, Dr Angela Lim and Dr Helen Murray. Their profiles are included within this newsletter but each has contributed much to their chosen field of endeavour and to inspiring the next generation. We take pride in the part our staff and school have played in their journey and on behalf of our community, I congratulate all three worthy recipients and look forward to their on-going involvement with current staff and students.

Senior School Ball

Our wonderful group of senior students always impress us with their maturity and conduct. If I had any doubts about students living and leaning into our core values the ball certainly put them to rest. Our young people were superb ambassadors for the school and their families. Sadly, I was struck down with the flu but was pleased to hear that the occasion was enormously successful.

Enjoy the Holiday Break

Thankfully, apart from some rostering home earlier in the term and the shortening of the school day in week 10, term 2 has been largely uninterrupted by covid. Despite this, we continue our resolve to work in together to manage any interruptions or distractions as well as possible. I would like to thank all our parents and caregivers for their on-going support. Enjoy the holiday break and see you all for my last term 3.

Mr IL Ropati

Principal



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Reminder

Student Absence

Please send an email explaining your student's absence to:
note@howick.school.nz

Appointments

Please email **note@howick.school.nz** explaining the reason for their appointment before the student signs out. Students must sign out at the student office and back in on their return

Late Arrival After Tutor

Students must sign in at the student office. Students require 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Distinguished Alumni Awards

<i>Distinguished Achievement Award</i>	<i>Distinguished Service Award</i>	<i>'Rising Star' Young Alumni Award</i>
		
Mr Simon "Tex" Edwards <i>Attended 1976 - 1980</i>	Dr Angela Lim <i>Attended 2004 - 2007</i>	Dr Helen Murray <i>Attended 2004 - 2008</i>
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On Thursday 23 June, we were delighted to host our inaugural Howick College Distinguished Alumni Awards. These awards provided the opportunity to celebrate three former students who have accomplished outstanding achievements and made significant contributions to their professions, their communities, the nation and beyond, through service of a personal or humanitarian nature, or through contributions to the arts, sports, charities or business.

A Community Development Office initiative, the evening was a joyful and inspiring community event that brought together past and present members of our Howick College School Board, staff and student body, along with local community leaders and representatives from various service organisations and businesses who have supported the college over the years. A huge thank-you to all those who worked so hard to make this a very memorable event. Particular thanks to Mrs Roberts and the Hospitality team for a superb selection of canapes and to Mrs Monoyoudis for her beautiful decoration.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Howick College EVelocity Champions 2021



Pictured from left: Liam Beintken, Max Dowdall, Joe Thistlethwaite, James Slough and James Papez

After a bit of a delay due to Covid-19, we are delighted to announce that the Howick College team has been officially confirmed as the 2021 EVelocity Challenge winners for the fifth year in a row. The team took out both the Best Report and the Innovation Excellence categories.

The students were in Y10 at the time they built their vehicle, working every morning from 7:00am - 8.30am before school and during holiday periods. They have also won a day with NZRAF using one of their flight simulators. Congratulations on a fantastic result. We look forward to seeing what you get up to this year!

French Student Recognised for Excellence



Each year, the New Zealand Language Teachers Association recognises exceptional achievement in the field of language learning and awards certificates to senior language students in acknowledgement of their effort in achieving Excellent endorsement in external examinations at Level 1, 2 or 3.

Congratulations to **Ashley Pauling** (Y12) who achieved Excellent endorsement in both her listening comprehension and reading comprehension examinations.

Student Designers Shine at Wearable Arts



"The Witches Garden" modelled by Casey Fergusson with Eva Malez Ocampos



"Razeling Ramen" modelled by Olivia Gu with Arna Vincent.

Held at the Vodafone Events Centre, the Eye on Nature Wearable Arts Competition is a themed, environmentally focused competition for all Auckland schools. This year's theme was "Food" and our two Howick College entries were "The Witches Garden" and "Razeling Ramen". This year the competition was fierce and with 30 entries in the secondary schools division, it was an outstanding result to have our two entries take **FIRST** and **THIRD** place.

Witches Garden: Casey Ferguson, Eva Malez Ocampos, Kayleigh Sophie Hunapo and Kayleigh Thistlethwaite
Razeling Ramen: Olivia Gu and Arna Vincent
 Well done to all the creative Year 9 students involved.

Flash Fiction Writing Competition



Sophie Zaadstra Zoe Hill Ben Hew Nathan Cox Ella Carr

Once again we gave our Y9 - Y13 English students the opportunity to show off their creative writing skills in the Howick College Flash Fiction competition. This term, they were given a maximum of just **450** words - not a lot to create a story with a clear beginning, middle and end! Students were also given very specific criteria that had to appear somewhere in their story and this time, each story had to:

- Include the words **materialise**, **refresh** and **spring**
- Use only **one** setting
- Use at least **three** senses
- Be written in the **second or third** person

Congratulations to the following year level winners:

Y13: Sophie Zaadstra - *We are Sorry*

Y12: Zoe Hill - *Lost at Sea*

Y11: Ben Hew - *The Monster*

Y10: Nathan Cox - *A Blown Memory*

Y9: Ella Carr - *Untitled*

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Senior French

Term 2 has been a busy one for our senior French classes. Highlights included seeing *Murder Party* by Nicolas Pleskof during the annual French Film Festival in May and reconnecting with our traditional termly French breakfast with a French speaking guest.

Murder Party, shared some interesting parallels with 'The Truman Show' and provided the opportunity to explore the French sense of humour - perhaps the most difficult part for the students is when the teacher laughs, and they don't get it. Here is what students said about their experience:

"I learnt about the French Culture as well as seeing the beautifully designed sets and costumes."

"It was great to hear the use of the French language outside of the classroom."

"It was a lot of fun to watch something new and get used to hearing French language in a movie. It was also a great learning experience for me adjusting to listening to it."



Senior French students attend the Film Festival at the Lido Cinema in Epsom

We celebrated the last day of June with our now traditional breakfast which included croissants, baguettes, and petits pains au chocolat. Madame Ekambi was invited to share with us how she learned French in high school to become a lecturer at the University of Auckland. Madame Ekambi shared her experience of learning French as if it was a dead language, mostly learning vocabulary, grammar, and writing. Sadly, university was no better so when she went to France she could barely speak. We were touched by her experience in Cameroon, working with young people doing their homework under a streetlight as there was no light at home.

Most importantly, our students realised that school is a privilege and that learning a language to the point of becoming a native-like speaker is possible. It just takes commitment, time, and perhaps a trip to Paris!



Breakfast with Madame Ekambe

Generation Z: Student Art Competition

Congratulations to talented artist **Monique Preisig** (Y12) on being selected to represent Howick College at the Generation Z Student Art Competition being held at the Art Lounge in Howick during the second week of the holidays.

On Monday morning, art students from the East Auckland high schools will receive canvas, paints and a subject brief. They will then have three days to create a concept based around the brief. Members of the public are invited to drop in throughout the competition and watch the as the creative process evolves. Their works will then be exhibited from Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 July.

Painting Times:

18 - 20 July from 10:00am - 4:00pm

Exhibition Times:

21 - 22 July from 10:00am - 4:00pm

23 July from 9:00am - 1:00pm

People's Choice Award:

23 July at 1:00pm



Good luck Monique - we look forward to seeing your work!

Merit and Excellence Programme



Y12 students coach Y11 students on how to achieve Merit and Excellence results in NCEA

This term the Merit and Excellence Programme initiated workshops for students doing NCEA level 1, to help our young academics reach their achievement goals. Workshops take place on Wednesday afternoons and it has been great to see our students putting in the extra effort both inside and outside of regular school hours.

The programme is designed to have students in the year above help younger students discuss and better understand how to achieve higher grades in NCEA subjects through the use of subject workshops. The facilitators of these workshops have shown great dedication and love for the subjects and we are so proud of their commitment.

Next term we will be holding more workshops, especially for those doing NCEA levels 2 and 3. We look forward to seeing continued commitment from both our facilitators and young academics.

PERFORMING ARTS

Fridays @ Twelve Concert



On Friday 17 July, the Howick College string orchestra and jazz band performed at the Uxbridge Arts & Culture Centre. The performance commenced with the orchestra playing the theme from *The Mandalorian*. This was followed by the 1st and 3rd movements from Mozart's *Papageno Suite*, and an arrangement of a 'Lady Gaga Hit Mix'. Next, we featured four soloists: **Hikaru Nishikawa** (Y13) on piano, myself, **Samantha Gomez** (Y12) on cello, **Katie-Rose Pemberton** (Y12) on vocals, **Hope Milo** (Y12) on vocals and a duet by Katie-Rose and Hope. To finish off Howick College's wonderful performance, the jazz band performed *Sweet Georgia Brown* a swing piece, *Cariba* a Latin piece and *One Flight Down*, a funk piece to end with a banger.

By **Samantha Gomez** (Y12)



Drama

Past Student Performs at Globe

Back in 2020, we had the pleasure of congratulating Drama student **Lily Moore** (2021), on her selection as a member of the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand (SGCNZ) Young Shakespeare Company 2021. As one of just 24 students selected, Lily was to have travelled to England in July 2021 where she would have been involved in an exciting programme of workshops, talks, and performances at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London. Unfortunately, Covid-19 hit and with all borders closed, this trip of a lifetime was put on hold - until now.



Lily, who has performed in countless Howick College and local youth theatre productions and was the Howick Lions Derek Wigzell Award winner in 2019, finally boarded her London flight on Friday 8 July. We wish her the very best and look forward to her coming in to share her fabulous stories with us when she returns.

YouDance Festival 2022

YouDance, which showcases talented dancers from around 20 different school, youth dance companies and youth groups was once again a very successful event. Howick College students did themselves proud, giving beautiful performances and receiving incredible support from all the other schools.

We were excited to have 2 pieces entered again this year, Caitlin Beal's 3.1 piece titled *Unity* and Sophia Garofalakis 3.1 piece titled *Break Free*. The Audition-Only group performed *Metamorphosis*, which included an original song and music by Hope Milo, was choreography by Caitlin Beal, Sophia Garofalakis and Samuel Dawson. Sadly Hope Milo was unwell and we performed to a recording instead of a live performance.

Dancers: Caitlin Beal, Samuel Dawson, Sophia Garofalakis, Asher Saunders, Sophie Homan, Hannah Greenaway, Lucy O'Hanlon, Addison Tuineau, Lilly Greig, Becca Cribb and Mackenzie Bray.



CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Gateway Programme - Work Experience Success

New Gateway Coordinator, Ms Ryan, has been busy arranging work placements for Y12 and 13 students during the April holidays and during term 2. Ten students worked at one of the following: Botany Warehouse Stationery, The Warehouse at Ormiston Town Centre or The Warehouse at Botany. Students worked in the stores for 10 days to understand retail and learn customer service skills. Five students had aviation placements at Auckland Aero Club learning useful theory and another student had a placement in journalism, creating and presenting news stories. In the trades sector, a student had a placement at a civil engineering company while another worked with a mechanic to continue his learning in the automotive industry after completing a full year in automotive at the MIT Trades Academy in 2021.



A warm welcome to our newest Careers team members: Careers Advisor, Ms Louise Edmonds (left) and Gateway Co-Ordinator Ms Courtney Ryan (right).

Mackenzie Cameron (Y13) and **Lachlan Castles (Y13)** took part in the Sky City Gateway programme working in the kitchens for two weeks over the April holidays. Mackenzie chose to work in the patisserie kitchen and Lachlan worked in a range of Sky City kitchens. During their placement, Mackenzie and Lachlan achieved 18 level 3 credits, and Mackenzie was offered a job at Sky City, which she accepted. She is now working towards her career as a chef and loving it - "I am having an amazing time learning so much on the job." For Lachlan, the Gateway placement confirmed that he wanted to be a chef and he is now working in a restaurant in Ohakune.



Some of Mackenzie's very delicious work

Careers Evening

On Wednesday 15 June we hosted another successful Careers Evening, organised by Mrs Tracey Huddle from the Careers Department. This expo style event had twenty five tertiary providers who set up stands to display their brochures and promotional material. Students and parents were able to browse and chat with the providers who were delighted to be kept busy for the evening, answering questions and informing people about the learning and career paths they have on offer.



Girls With Hi-Vis Programme



New Zealand's infrastructure industry currently has a skills gap, these jobs are in high-demand, can be a lot of fun, and provide varied career paths. *Girls with Hi-Vis®* gives female students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and learn what a career in the infrastructure's civil, energy, telco and water industries can offer.

In term 2, seven of our Y11-13 female students visited the Fletcher Construction, NZ International Convention Centre Project Office. They spent an inspirational day learning about roles within the construction industry, hearing from women working in this industry, their 'better work stories', the issues they have confronted, and the problems the International Convention Centre project has had to contend with, including the fire in the roof and the impact this has had on the project. They were also treated to a trip up the Sky Tower for an aerial view of the project. It was a fantastic day and an experience we would thoroughly recommend for any senior female students thinking of a role in the infrastructure industry.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

From Our Head Students

With the school year in full swing and the change in alert levels, term 2 opened the door for our student leaders to plan exciting new projects and execute some of the events we had been dreaming about since leadership camp! We were also able to reconnect with our fellow students face-to-face through values and house assemblies - which we hadn't realised how much we had missed until we weren't able to hold them.

In week 2, the Pastoral Council kicked off events for the term with their Wellness Week, reinforcing the importance of personal wellbeing with a positive message mural and a free hot chocolate. Pink Shirt Day followed in week 3, with hundreds of students dressing in pink to stand up and speak against bullying. In week 5, we organised a multi-school Ukraine Mufti Day in support of the humanitarian crisis we've all seen abroad. Students and staff came to school dressed in blue and yellow to show their support. Chalk sunflowers, hearts and messages were drawn across the school to symbolise hope and solidarity for the people of Ukraine. This was not only a successful event at Howick College, but also at other primary and secondary schools in our local community who helped us to raise over **\$6000** in donations for the UNICEF Ukrainian Appeal. These funds will go a long way to supporting vulnerable children and families. Many thanks to our very generous community.

Our biggest highlight however was the Midwinter Christmas Festival run by our Irvine, Bacot, Minerva, Academic, Arts, and Sports councils. Our leaders brought Christmas cheer into June, with the wide range of food stalls, activities, arts, and crafts. Favourites included a photo with Santa (aka Dr Bennett), Christmas ham buns and a McDonalds Cheeseburger stand. Thanks to all students and staff who helped orchestrate this event, your hard work enabled us to earn over **\$3000**, with all profits going to our house charities! We were also thrilled to see our East Auckland Unicef Charity Concert take place with six of our local Colleges uniting to support children in countries such as Yemen, Syria, Tonga and Afghanistan.

Thank you to our community for pushing through another challenging term and immersing yourselves in all the events we have run. Without your constant support and involvement, everything we do would be meaningless. Thank you as well for making this term so special. It's daunting to think that in 12 weeks our journey at Howick will come to an end but we know that the memories we have made this term with our HC whānau will live forever.

Aroha nui,
Leila and Thomas



Student Leaders attend ANZAC Day Dawn Service to honour those who served. Sophie Zaadstra (3rd from left) proudly holds her Great Grandfather's medals



Supporting Pink Shirt Day



UNICEF Ukraine Mufti - Day Appeal



A very merry midwinter Christmas



Community Tree Planting Initiatives



Trees For Survival

On Friday 27 May, 12 of our senior students along with 2 teachers and a Ventia sponsor (also an ex-student) planted a variety of natives at this challenging site in Brookby. A total of 1107 natives were planted!



Friends of Mangemangeroa

On Saturday 12 June, past and present staff and students pitched in to help plant native trees and grasses at Mangemangeroa Reserve.

EVENTS

In term 2, a number of colourful events took place in support of various worthy causes. Staff and students turned out in every shade of pink to support anti-bullying on Pink Shirt Day. Our yellow and blue mufti day in support of UNICEF Ukraine, an initiative driven by our student leaders, saw local schools band together to raise **\$6000**. In week 7 we celebrated Pride Week with a variety of activities including a rainbow Bake sale and in the same week we broke out the tinsel and Santa hats for our midwinter Christmas Festival to raise funds (around **\$3000!**) for our House charities.

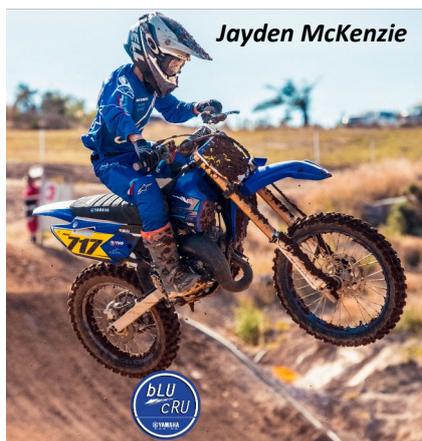


SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Motocross Team Results

Congratulations to **Jayden McKenzie** (Y10) and **Tom Lindesay** (Y12) on a great ride at the Secondary Schools Motocross event on Friday 1 July in Ruakaka.

Jayden came **2nd** in the 12-16years 85cc class and Tom came **5th** in the 15-19years 250cc class. With just the two riders in the competition, Howick College did incredibly well to come 5th overall out of 29 schools. Unfortunately the 3rd member of the team was unavailable to ride and the 4th member has moved to Tauranga.



Australian Teams Tennis Championship 2022

Congratulations to **Katie Oliver** (Y11), on her selection to compete in the NZ 15/U Girls team at the Australian Teams Championship on the Gold Coast in the first week of July.

More than 150 up-and-coming tennis players from each Australian state and New Zealand played at the annual junior team competition across 10 days. The round-robin tournament had teams competing in pool matches, before the final elimination rounds were contested.



Well done to Katie and her team on taking **FIFTH PLACE!**

Tuatara Pathways Baseball

Congratulations to **Jayden Whittle** (Y11) on being selected for the Auckland Tuatara Pathways 15U team and **Nikau Waru** (Y9) on being selected for the 13U team to compete in the Down Under Winter Classic. This tournament was held on the Gold Coast during the first week of July 2022. Both teams went through undefeated to win their respective divisions of the tournament, with the 15U team named nation champions.



The Pathways program is a nationally selected high-performance framework for baseball athletes. Through this program, with the guidance and support from a team of professional coaches and resources, athletes like Jayden and Nikau are provided amazing opportunities, both domestic and international, to develop and potentially continue further along a baseball pathway.

New Pacific Archery Record Holder



Congratulations to **Elisa Prattley** (Y11) who competed in two archery competitions in June, the IFAA Pacific Regional Field Archery Championship and NZFAA Marked Nationals 2022.

Elisa did extremely well, breaking a Pacific Record in the Animal Round on day one of the competition and achieving a personal best on day three. Elisa also achieved **FIRST** place in both the Junior Female Bowhunter Recurve Pacific Regionals **AND** Marked Nationals.



Australian Scooter Association Pro Women Grand Champion 2022

Lucy Davis (Y13), has taken competitive scootering to a new level after achieving her goal of winning the Pro Women's Division of the ASA 2022 Scooter Championships held in Melbourne during May.

Her win means that she has now qualified for the 2022 World Championships that will be held in Argentina or Arizona, USA in October or November.



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

NZ National Boxing Championships



Congratulations to **Ian Tauaika** (Y13, pictured in blue) on successfully defending his national boxing title at the New Zealand Boxing Championships held in Whanganui from 18 - 23 April. Ian, who won both his semi-final and final bouts to retain the Junior 75kg title, was also the 2021 NZ Golden Gloves champion.

Para-Athlete to Represent New Zealand



Earlier this term, para-athlete **Joshua Willmer** (Y13), was named as part of the NZ swimming team to represent New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham later this year. At only 17 years of age, Joshua is the youngest member of the team and will be competing in the 100m breaststroke SB8, 100m backstroke S9 and 100m butterfly S9. We wish Josh every success and look forward to following his progress in Birmingham.

Former HC Students to Play for Cook Islands At Rugby League World Cup 2022



Three former Howick College students, **Anthony Gelling** (front: 3rd from left), **Reuben Rennie** (back: 4th from left) and **Vincent Rennie** (middle: far right), have been selected for the Cook Island Team that will play in the 2022 Rugby League World Cup. This will be the 16 edition of the competition that will take place on 15 October in England. The team will be competing in Group D.

PREMIER SPORTS WRAP UP FOR TERM 2

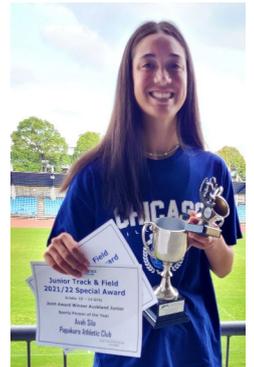
At the end of Term 2 our premier winter sports teams are doing very well. See below for where they currently sit on their respective ladders:

1st XV Rugby	3rd Place
Girls Rugby	1st Place
Basketball	2nd Place
Premier Netball	2nd Place
1st XI Football Boys	2nd Place
1st XI Football Girls	10th Place
1st XI Hockey Boys	6th Place
1st XI Hockey Girls	2nd Place
Snr. Underwater Hockey	4th Place

Young Athlete Recognised

Congratulations to **Avah Sila** (Y10) on being named the Athletics Auckland U14 Athlete of the Year and the Junior Sports Woman of the Year.

Well done Avah on your outstanding achievement.



NZSS Gymnastics Competition

Congratulations to **Mackenzie Keating** (Y13) on being named as the NZSS U17 Girls Tumbling Champion at the national tumbling competition held on Friday 6 May in Christchurch.



EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE COMMUNITY NOTICE

The Education Review Office (ERO) has shifted to a more developmental approach to evaluation that supports each school's improvement over time. Key features of the new approach, Te Ara Huarau, are that ERO will:

- ⇒ work with all schools in an ongoing way rather than as a one-off event
- ⇒ connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of their improvement journey
- ⇒ work in partnership with schools, collaborating in support of equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners

As a result, each school will:

- ⇒ have a dedicated ERO Evaluation Partner who works alongside the school
- ⇒ have a different experience depending on needs, strengths, and their school's specific evaluation focus
- ⇒ be on a three-year evaluation cycle



Mr Ropati and our Head Students with ERO Evaluation Partner, Anjie Savage

What will public reporting on ERO's website look like?

As schools' transition into the approach, ERO will work with schools to publish a one-off **Profile Report**. This will focus on the strategic goals schools have in place to improve learner outcomes and what the school is seeking to achieve through the evaluation.

Within a three year cycle all schools will then have a **Te Ara Huarau | School Evaluation Report**. This report includes information about the school's improvement journey, what the school has achieved for learners and their future priorities.

All schools will receive a **Board Assurance with Regulatory and Legislative Requirements Report** about their board's attestation to meeting those requirements. **Provision for International Students** and **Hostel Reports** will be published where applicable.

Other reporting

Progress Reports - These reports are not published on ERO's website. Progress reports will provide specific information for specific audiences such as your board, the community or the Ministry of Education.

[More information is available on ERO's website,
ERO.govt.nz/how-ero-reviews/Te-Ara-Huarau](https://www.ero.govt.nz/how-ero-reviews/Te-Ara-Huarau)



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

Returning Officer - Canterbury Education Services

We will email nomination forms to the caregiver community on or about 15 July 2022



What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

HOWICK COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD

Term 2 draws to a close with the staff and senior leadership team demonstrating how hard they will work to ensure our children have access to the best possible educational opportunities at all times. We thank them for their continued efforts.

Significantly, this term saw the Board receive Mr Ropati's resignation. Under his guidance, students have had even greater opportunities to enjoy success on their own terms. Where success means high academic achievement, results at the college have significantly improved, leadership capabilities within the staff and student body have grown, and the overall quality of the educational experience of our children/rangitahi has been enhanced.

Mr Ropati's legacy is a strong one and the Board acknowledges that his leaving will create some uncertainty for the Howick College community. Selecting a new principal is arguably the most important job an elected board will face. On the board's behalf, I would like to assure our community that we are committed to selecting the best possible person as the college's next principal. To this end, a thorough selection process will be undertaken including consultation with all key stakeholders.

More students than ever are choosing to get involved in co-curricular activities. During term 2, our student body engaged in a wide range of events that help to prepare them for whatever comes next in life. Many important life lessons come from having the courage to commit to activities that take us outside our comfort zone. If your children are not involved in co-curricular activities, please encourage them to do so.

The College was also able to run its senior ball this term. This highlight of the school social calendar fortunately avoided the challenges presented by Covid-19 and Eden Park. It is yet another example of how committed our staff are, giving up many hours of personal time to make this event possible.

Another event which took place this term, was the Distinguished Alumni Awards. This inaugural event recognised the contributions of three high achieving alumni: Mr Tex Edwards, Dr Angela Lim and Dr Helen Murray. It was made possible by the staff and board members who had the foresight to establish the Community Development Office (CDO) and we are confident this inspiring awards evening will become a firm fixture on the school calendar and the achievements of those we will celebrate, will be equally inspiring.

As well as providing our community with additional insights as to what is happening at the College, the CDO seeks to strengthen connections between people whose whakapapa/personal history includes Howick College. In this way, we aim to establish a network of people who actively engage with and help each other move forward in life. This already happens informally and we want to see this spirit, and the benefits that can follow on from being well connected, enhanced.

Finally, the Howick College Board Elections will be held in term 3. Details regarding what being a board member entails are available on the previous page. If you are interested in the opportunity to get involved but would like to know more, please feel free to make contact on hcbpm@howick.school.nz.

Have a great holiday!

Miles Stratford
Presiding Board Member

IMPORTANT TERM DATES

TERM 3 (10 Weeks)

Mon 25 July - Fri 30 September

Sat 30 July - Sun 31 July:
Davis Funeral Home Art Show

Mon 1 - Fri 5 August: Culture Week

Tues 2 Aug:
Y9 Enrolment Information Evening

Weds 3 Aug: School Board
Nominations Close at 12 Noon

Thurs 4 August:
Po Fiafia, 7:00 - 9:00pm

Fri 5 Aug: International Food Festival

Tues 9 August:
Subject Selection Information Evening

Mon 8 & Thurs 11 August:
KBB Music Festival

Weds 10 - Fri 12 August:
Dance Showcase

Sat 27 August - Sun 4 September:
Winter Tournament

Weds 7 September:
Out of Zone Ballot Closes
School Board Election Day

Fri 9 September: HC Fashion Show

Weds 14 September:
Out of Zone Ballot Drawn
Board Meeting, 6:00 - 8:30pm

Mon 26 - Fri 30 September:
Senior Practice Exams

*Thank you for supporting
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