

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In the 4th century BC Greek Philosopher Plato remarked negatively about the youth of the day. He commented on their disobedience, lack of respect for elders, failure to follow rules and their being "inflamed with wild notions". The future was painted in gloom as a result. The criticism of the youth of the day has continued throughout history and is still with us today. In New Zealand in particular, the media helps fuel this fire with stories about teenagers and their mistakes that amount to nothing more than click bait. Unfortunately, they are aided in this by a few bystanding teens that have to film everything on their phones and share it with all and sundry including the media. The lack of thought regarding the consequences of their actions is lost in the fog of teenage brain development and is taken advantage of by the irresponsible media.

Those of us working with young people everyday, have a different view of teenagers. I am constantly inspired by their kindness, positive outlook and genuine efforts to do the right thing and clear the bar of excellence. It is our job as teachers to make sure the bar is set high enough. Of course they make mistakes, sometimes big ones, however this is all part of their learning and development. What is often overlooked are the many successes. This term has been one of amazing success and development for our students. While it was disrupted by the government's inability to do their part to help solve the teacher shortage crisis in New Zealand, our teachers and students have worked together in the face of these difficult circumstances to achieve great things. Despite the disruption, they have been able to renegotiate timeframes, find where the gaps are, and put arrangements in place to compensate for "lost learning" to ensure students are on track academically.

I have been impressed by the way our students have led a series of initiatives this term. The work done for the victims of the floods in the Hawkes Bay was extraordinary. The money raised for Omahu School and the donations of non-perishable food, water, and everything from toys to kitchenware, was well received by them. This took hard work and coordination from our students and they were ably supported by staff. Students also worked hard to organise a highly successful Senior Ball, the Pride Week celebrations, the International Food Festival and Pink Shirt Day. These are all visible examples of the selfless acts of kindness and service that go on regularly at our college. However, there are many more daily acts of kindness and generosity that often go unseen.

Our student leaders are committed to giving back to our college and community. This was highlighted at the Howick Coast Kāhui Ako (community of learning) Leadership Day where many of our contributing primary and intermediate schools came to our college for leadership development. The latter half of the day was led by our own student leadership team. As this newsletter illustrates, our students actively participate in sports and the arts. These important co-curricular pursuits compliment the great work being done by our students in the areas of service and academically.

So, all credit to the youth of today at Howick College. It is not easy being a teenager in 2023 especially in a world obsessed by social media where poor choices and bad mistakes that were previously opportunities for personal development, are now shared with a much wider audience and only for the purpose of entertainment or humiliation. Those of us who work closely with these young people know that this is an outstanding generation and that the future is in great hands.

**Dale Burden**  
Principal



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## Reminder

### Student Absence

Please send an email to  
[note@howick.school.nz](mailto:note@howick.school.nz)

### Appointments

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

### Late Arrival to School

Students must sign in at the Student Office before going to class. 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.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### Kate Edger Trust Schools Competition



*Elisa Prattley receives her prize from Kate Edger Trust representatives, Sarah McLeay (left) and Katrina Ford.*

Year 12 student **Elisa Prattley** was a little overwhelmed when she was presented with the **\$1000 First Prize** in the annual Kate Edger Trust School Competition.

This year's theme "How does Music Shape Your World" provided year 12 and 13 students in the Auckland and Northland regions with the opportunity to apply their creative expression across various mediums including music, literature, art and photography.

Elisa says music is something that is very constant in her life so she was very happy to write a poem that perfectly explains what it means to her. Winning the prize money was just the icing on the cake!

The prize was presented by trust representatives, Sarah McLeay and Katrina Ford who said Elisa's poem was selected as the winning entry in a unanimous decision from the judges who felt her entry "immediately stood out for its clever formatting and prose".

The judges also felt her work was "very relevant to the theme and demonstrated a clear sense of the significance of music in her world, using it both as a distraction from and engagement with daily life."

Elisa plans to save the money and hopes to one day "take poetry or writing to a wider scale after school, but at the moment it's just something I do for fun."

The Kate Edger Trust, which is named for Kate Edger who was the first woman in NZ to graduate with a university degree, funds and supports education with over \$600,000 in scholarships. These are awarded each year from the proceeds of social enterprise Academic Dress Hire and sponsor partners.

### Student Designers Shine at Wearable Arts Eye on Nature Competition



*"Integrated" modelled by Tiffany Su*

*"Foiled Again" modelled by Maia Reid*

Held at the Due Drop Events Centre in Manukau, the 2023 Eye on Nature Wearable Arts Competition is a themed, environmentally focused competition for all Auckland schools. This year's theme of "Waste" challenged our young designers to think creatively about the issue of waste and the impact of over-consumption on the environment. With students competing for a prize pool of \$3500 for their schools, it was an outstanding result to have our two entries take **SECOND** and **THIRD** place in the secondary division.

**Second Place** (\$500 prize): "Integrated" designed by **Harnain Dhaliwal** and **Amelia Bellamy**.

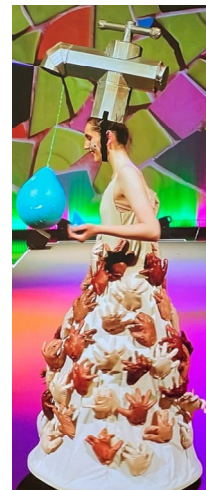
**Third Place** (\$250 prize): "Foiled Again" designed by **Amelia Feldon**, **Ciara Yin** and **Maia Reid**.

Well done to all the talented young designers who took part!

### Showquest - Toi Wearable Arts

Toi is a wearable arts competition for student designers run in collaboration with the World of Wearable Art. Students can exhibit their larger than life creations at various live Showquest events held around New Zealand.

Congratulations to Y10 students **Arna Vincent**, **Olivia Gu** and **Shyna Makker** on winning the "Excellence in Construction" category at the Auckland competition with their creation titled "Thirsty".





## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### SmokeFree RockQuest Regional Finals



Congratulations to Howick College band **COR/ROC**, on making it through to the top twelve bands to perform at the 2023 Manukau Regional Final of the Smokefree Rockquest with their original song "The Outlaw".

COR/ROC, which is made up of Y10 students **Oli Mealings** (drums), **Connor Vazey** (lead guitar), **Ruby Holloway** (rhythm guitar) and **Aria Takle-Lee** (Y11, vocals), performed two songs on the night, "Torn" and "Sunny Days".

Sadly, they did not make it through to the next round, but well done to Aria who was awarded **Best Vocalist!**

### Inspiring Artist Workshop



In week 10, our senior art students made the most of the opportunity to work with visiting Auckland-based artist, Evan Woodruffe. Evan shared with them his deep knowledge of artistic materials and techniques. Using colour, shape and mark making, our students were inspired to create these joyful and uplifting abstract pieces.

### Education Perfect Language Competition



From left: Mr Burden, Jono Davidson, Courage Chang, Mr Alvarez-Prado, Abby Beerendonk, Lara Van Beerendonk, Mrs Botha (HoLA Languages)

In term 2, our language teachers organised an interclass language competition for Y9 students learning Spanish and French. Students had from the 29th of May to the 5th of June to achieve their best possible scores on Education Perfect, a digital learning platform. Competition was fierce with students working hard to be named the best!

Congratulations to the following students on their results:  
**Gold Award** (1040+ pts): **Koshik Saini, Courage Chang.**  
**Bronze Award** (520+ pts): **Jono Davidson, Abby Van Beerendonk, Lara van Beerendonk, Prabhnoor Singh**

### Flash Fiction Writing Competition



From left: Ms Fleet (English teacher), Olivia Long, Liam Beintken, Mollie McHale and our principal, Mr Burden.

Once again our Y9 -13 English students had the chance to show off their creative writing skills in the termly Flash Fiction Writing Competition. This term, students had just 420 words to write a story that had to:

- Use the title "What has/had just happened?"
- Include the words **abstruse, befuddling, esoteric, imponderable and arcane**
- Use at least **four** senses

Congratulations to the following year level winners:

**Y13: Mollie McHale**

**Y10: Olivia Long**

**Y12: Liam Beintken**

**Y9: Pavit Chand**

**Y11: Manveer Dhillon**

Winning stories will be published in the 2023 Yearbook.



## PERFORMING ARTS

### Fridays @ Twelve Concert



On Friday 2 June, a full house at the UXBRIDGE Arts & Culture Centre was treated to a wonderful display of talent from our the Howick College Jazz Band, String Orchestra, Choir and a number of solo and duet performers. From Rachmaninoff to the Baby Shark Song, our musicians showcased their skill and versatility.

### Waikato Schools Concert Tour



Later in the term, after being cancelled for the past three years due to Covid-19, the Jazz Band and String Orchestra had the opportunity to once again go on their concert tour of the Waikato region performing at Pirongia, Paterangi, Pokoru, Ngahinapouri and Te Kowhai primary schools.

The String Orchestra opened each performance with *Music for the Royal Fireworks*, *Baby Shark*, *Let It Go* and *Clocks*. However, it was *Baby Shark* and *Let It Go* that really got the younger audiences excited! The Jazz Band played pieces from a range of styles including *My Groove Your Move*, *Sofrito*, *Sunday Morning*, *Cissy Strut* and *Stolen Moments*, all of which had everyone clapping along.

A very memorable and rewarding experience for all involved!

### Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition



In May, we were excited to have the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow team and MOTAT visit our Technology Department to run STEAM workshops and film the launch of their 2023 competition. The competition was won last year by a talented group of Y9 Creative Design students. **Eva Malez**, **Htet Waiyan**, **Lennox Dilworth** and **Kurt Marshall** took home a prize package valued at \$12,000 for their prototype of a non-invasive diabetic testing device and app.

### SGCNZ Otago University Sheilah Winn National Festival - Wellington



Congratulations to talented Y13 musicians **Hope Milo** (left) and **Samantha Gomez** (right) who attended the Sheilah Winn National Shakespeare Festival in Wellington over King's Birthday Weekend where they received their Morrison Music Trust Shakespeare Composition awards.

**Hope Milo: First Place Shakespeare Related Vocal Composition (\$300)** for her original song "Oh Happy Dagger" which was written to be sung by Juliet.

**Samantha Gomez: Highly Commended Shakespeare Related Instrumental Composition** for her woodwind ensemble inspired by the three witches from Macbeth.

Also receiving recognition at the festival was past student **Bianca Day** (2022). Bianca was selected last year to be part of the Young Shakespeare Company and is currently performing with the company at the famous Globe Theatre in London.





## LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

### From Our Head Students



Student Leaders attend ANZAC Day Dawn Service to honour those who served.

Can you believe we are already halfway through the year! This past term has been full of fun, and we as a student leadership team have been very busy.

In term 2, we continued our work with Hastings Girls High School to provide flood relief in their ongoing response to Cyclone Gabrielle. On Sunday 14 May, we were delighted to receive the green light to go down and stay with them in Hastings and help out for a couple of days. (For a more in-depth description of how we supported them, please refer to the adjacent article.)

During the term we had the opportunity to host and lead two leadership days with younger student leaders from our local primary and intermediate schools. The first was the Somerville Intermediate Leaders camp where eight Howick College student leaders helped lead groups focussed on leadership development. We were also fortunate to host the very first student leadership day with our Kāhui Ako (a group of schools located in close proximity with the shared aim to achieve community learning). Together, we gained some great leadership strategies from Darren Pereira, a visiting speaker from Australia. Following the morning workshop, we had the opportunity to put these new skills into practice by organising and leading interactive, leadership games in the afternoon.

On the last day of term 2, it was great to see so many students get involved with this year's Midwinter Christmas Festival. Students were able to enjoy a variety of food and activities including MacDonald's cheeseburgers, candy floss, brownie and ice cream, Krispy Kreme Donuts, candy floss, a pull-up machine, raffles, and more. This event presented our student leadership team with another great opportunity to work together and run a successful festival

In term 3, we are looking forward to the 'Battle of the Bands' competition, the Spring Festival, and introducing you all to Howie!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,  
**Tiana and Mitchell and the Howick College  
Student Leadership Team**

## Hawke's Bay Flood Relief Update



Howick College Leaders visit Hastings Girl's High School

After seeing the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle across many communities, Hawke's Bay in particular, we decided to take action. We were fortunate to be able to connect with the Hastings Girl's High School leaders through Whaea Evelyn, one of their Deputy Principals and a former Howick College Māori teacher. We were able to connect with other affected schools in the Hawkes Bay region through Mrs Dryden, our Head of Expressive Arts.

Our student leaders travelled down to Hastings on the Sunday and over the next few days helped the HGHS leaders to support their community. This included pitching in with the ongoing clean up at Puketapu School and preparing and delivering food to the community. Although quite sobering at times, it was a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. Thank you to HGHS for your hospitality. We hope to see this new partnership continue to thrive.

We would also like to sincerely thank our community for the many essential items collected at school. These were trucked to Hastings where they were put to good use. In addition, the \$3,288 raised will be sent to Omaha Primary to help with their ongoing flood recovery efforts.



Flood Relief Donations



Kāhui Ako Leadership Day



Supporting Pink Shirt Day

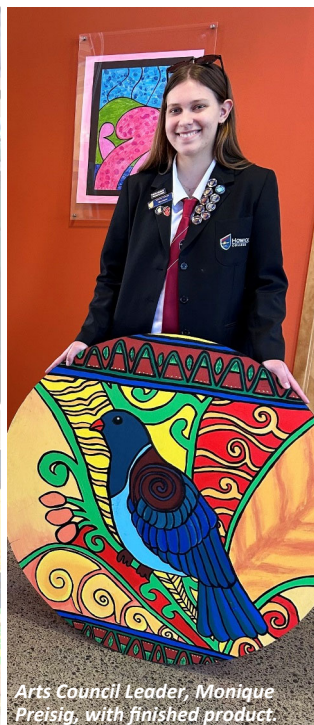


## LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

### Arts Council Assists With Botany Downs School Mural Project



Arts Council Leader, Julie Kim, works with BDS students.



Arts Council Leader, Monique Preisig, with finished product.

During term 2, members of the Howick College Arts Council spent many hours working alongside Y6 students at Botany Downs Primary School helping them to complete native New Zealand bird murals for their school. These four beautiful murals each represented one of the BDS values:

**Kiwi** = Curious                      **Kereru** = Confident  
**Piwakawaka** = Connected        **Tui** = Communicator

Well done to everyone involved. It is so inspiring to see our students making positive connections within our wider community and acting as role models for younger students.

### Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)



Gabon Representatives



Turkey Representatives

In May, six of our students represented the countries of Gabon (**Emily Lamour, Mya Figgins, and Eva Malez Ocampos**) and Turkey (**Prajna Chaudhry, Winter Lin, and Jus Ranzinger**) at the Model United Nations Assembly sponsored by Rotary NZ. The teams presented speeches on remits regarding gender equality, fair justice systems and the war in Ukraine. They also engaged in plenty of debate and diplomacy with the representatives of other nations - fantastic experience for all involved.

### Welcome Ms Michelle Heather



Members of the Board, SLT and student leadership welcome Ms Heather to the Howick College whānau.



In the last week of term 3, we were delighted to welcome Ms Michelle Heather to the Howick College whānau. At a powhiri held in her honour, Ms Heather was "gifted" to us by representatives from Onehunga High School. She joins the Senior Leadership Team as a Deputy Principal and Year 11 manager.

### Enviroschool Tree Planting Initiative



Howick College, Somerville Intermediate and Cockle Bay Primary students.

As a Gold Enviroschool, Howick College is committed to our partnership in environmental projects with Cockle Bay Primary and Somerville Intermediate schools, one of these being land restoration at Mangemangeroa Reserve.



In June, 21 passionate Howick College students, along with teacher Mrs Slamet, were inspired by Auckland-based environmentalist, Levi Brinsdon-Hall, to grab a spade and get planting. Levi facilitated a tuakana-teina planting experience at Mangemangeroa Reserve. This is a buddy system where an older or more experienced person (tuakana) helps and guides a younger or less experienced person (teina). Well done everyone - keep up the great mahi!



## INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

With our international students now settled, it has been great seeing them participating fully in school life during Term 2.

We had international students proudly competing on our Howick College sports teams, joining in with musical performances, going on outdoor education trips and enjoying the school ball. Our students were also well represented at the Howick College International Food Festival where they enthusiastically shared the specialities of their home countries.

Towards the end of term, the International Department organised a fun day out. A group of students joined us on a sightseeing tour around Auckland to finish the day with fish and chips on the beach.

The close friendships, the deep bond with their host families, and the love for their new home country, made it hard to say goodbye to the students that left us at the end of term 2. They have enriched our Howick College school community and we look forward to seeing them again one day.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Past Student Appointed First Wahine CEO

Earlier in term 2, we were delighted to learn of the appointment of Howick College alumna, **Jada MacFie** (nee Tait-Jamieson), as the first female Chief Executive Officer of the Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Trust.



The Trust has responsibilities for approximately \$20 million of assets including the Maraetai Beach School, Clevedon Primary School, and various property developments. They also undertake a number of projects for the benefit of iwi including: building communities through property development and management, facilitating genuine tourism experiences, maintaining environmental and resource management standards, investing in marine and water opportunities, and food production.

Jada, who says she was incredibly proud to have been chosen as CEO has always demonstrated her potential as a leader. In 1993, she was appointed Minerva House Captain. Later the same year, she was a recipient of the prestigious Howick College Award, which recognises students who demonstrate outstanding commitment to all aspects of college life including academic, sporting, cultural, service and leadership. Congratulations, Jada!



### Olympic Gold Medalist Graduates from Yale

Congratulations to Howick College alumnus and Olympic rowing **GOLD** medalist (Men's 8, Tokyo 2020), **Daniel Williamson** (2014) who graduated from Yale this year with a degree in Astronomy. Dan was also honoured with a top award at the ceremony held in May.



The William Neely Mallory Award is "awarded to a senior man who, on the field of play and in his life at Yale, best represents the highest ideals of American sportsmanship and Yale tradition." Dan's Varsity rowing coach described his athletic achievement as "close to incomprehensible."

Dan attended Howick College for three years where he played football until his rapid growth caused issues in his legs (he is now 6ft 6in tall) and doctors advised him to give up running. At that time another Howick College parent suggested he take up rowing and offered to coach him - and that was the start of rowing at Howick College and Dan's very impressive career.

Dan returned to New Zealand in June and successfully trialled for the New Zealand Olympic Rowing squad. We wish him the very best for his future Olympic rowing endeavours.



## EVENTS

### Howick Coast Kāhui Ako Leadership Day



In term 2, Howick College welcomed almost 100 student leaders from Years 6 -13 to the inaugural Howick Coast Kāhui Ako Student Leadership Day. The Howick Coast Kāhui Ako is a cluster of schools that work closely together to ensure positive progress and achievement for all students at our schools and to strengthen pathways and transitions through the community. The keynote speaker for the event was success coach and founder of Success Integrated, Mr Darren Pereira. Darren, who is based in Australia, talked to students about the importance of building resilience, setting and achieving goals and how to develop the mindset of a successful leader.

It was a wonderful opportunity for student leaders from the various schools to come together in an engaging learning environment to grow their understanding of what it means to be a leader. We were especially proud of our own student leadership team who organised and ran a variety of leadership activities for the younger attendees in the second part of the day. Their positive and encouraging interactions were commented on by many of the visiting teachers and students.

Special thanks to Mr Pereira, Mr Keenan (Maraetai Beach School principal), Deputy Principal Mr Bannister and all our students leaders for making the day such a success.

### International Food Festival



Cultural and Community Council Leaders

On Friday 16 June, the Howick College theatre was once again transformed into a hub of diverse flavours and cultural experiences as students and staff embarked on a delicious and educational food journey.

The food festival is one of our major charity fundraisers and is organised with the help of the Cultural and Community Councils. This year's event broke all previous records. With 30 stalls selling food from every corner of the globe, an impressive \$2,630 was raised for various charities including Ronald McDonald House, St Johns Ambulance, the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand, the SPCA, Blind Low Vision NZ and the Child Cancer Foundation.



A favourite event on the school calendar, the festival fosters a strong sense of cultural pride and unity. It brings together people from many different backgrounds as they share stories, laughter, and delicious food. It is a wonderful celebration of the vibrant and diverse community we are so fortunate to be a part of.

A huge thank-you to all the parents, whānau, and local businesses who made their homes available as a place to cook, helped decorate stalls with cultural decorations, and generously donated ingredients and money - you were all immensely helpful in making the event such a success.



## EVENTS

During term 2, a number of events took place in support of various important causes. In week 4, our students and staff got behind NZ Blood collection, making donations that improved the lives of **198** New Zealanders. In the same week, Pink Shirt Day saw staff and students turn out in every shade of pink to support anti-bullying. In week 8 we celebrated diversity as we raised the Rainbow flag in support of Pride Week. We also got out our spades and gumboots on two Sundays in May and June for the community tree planting at Mangemangeroa Reserve to support the native reforestation programme.





## PROPERTY UPDATE

Since the beginning of the year there have been many property improvements completed around the school. Most people will have noticed the new front fence which was long overdue. The fence was designed by one of our students and we are very pleased with the result.

In L and G blocks, 5 science labs have been refurbished changing them in to light and bright areas where students and staff can focus on learning. A further 2 labs are in progress and by the end of the year all of our science teaching spaces will have been renovated.

Throughout the year, we will continue to upgrade all the G Block classrooms along with some further improvements to classrooms in L Block. Both toilet areas in L Block have been refurbished with new flooring, stalls and fittings. The boys' toilets in G block are a work in progress and the girls' toilets in G block are next on the list.

Supporting the Health and PE department and the Sports department, we have renovated the main gym and the mini gym with repairs to the walls, repainting, sanding the floors and putting in new line marking. This space now looks fresh and welcoming and our students have a much improved surface on which to learn and train.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Sommerville Satellite School to Howick College. Their new modern facility was constructed with funding from the Ministry of Education. This building is purpose-built for the needs of the students and the design is being used for other schools of this type around Auckland. It is very pleasing to see how the Howick College students have welcomed these students into our whānau with many of them interacting with the Howick/Sommerville students before school and during breaks.

During the classroom renovations we have re-designated the library as a classroom. By running classes in the library, we are able to free up the rooms to be refurbished. Once the classroom works are completed, we will turn our attention to the library itself. We will use this opportunity to upgrade the space in to a modern and inviting hub for all students.

We would like to thank all students and staff for their patience and understanding during the disruption caused by the building projects. While there has certainly been some inconvenience, the long term improvement to our facilities is the reward we will all share for many years to come.



*New fence for front entrance*



*Classroom G3 - Before refurbishment*



*Classroom G3 - After refurbishment*



*Prem Netballers enjoy a training session with members of the Northern Mystics in the newly refurbished gym*



*Purpose-built facilities for Sommerville Satellite School*



## SPORTS NEWS

### Indoor Cricketer to Represent NZ in Dubai



Congratulations to **Neena Woollaston** (Y12) on being selected to represent New Zealand at the Indoor Cricket Junior World Series in Dubai at the end of September this year. This comes on top of a very successful season with her Northern Districts team who made it through to the finals of the NZ National Indoor Championships (unfortunately losing to out Wellington).

Neena is also a member of the Howick Pakuranga Premier outdoor women's side that won this summer's Auckland T20 competition and was selected for the Auckland U17 outdoor cricket team and named as a non-travelling reserve for the U19 side. In addition, she was selected for the Auckland Cricket Rangatahi Female leadership programme.

On top of this, Neena had the fantastic experience of being selected to represent the inaugural NZ Pasifika Secondary Schools team who played a series against the NZ Māori Secondary Schools. She also played in the combined Howick College/Botany Downs Secondary College Girl's Cricket team for the season and summer tournament week to go through undefeated.

Well done Neena, we wish you every success for Dubai and beyond.

### NZ Youth Judo Team

Congratulations to **Conrad Hynes** (Y12) on being selected for the NZ Youth Judo team. Conrad flew out with his team on July 12th to represent NZ at the Kowloon Cadet Asian Cup (U18s), the Kowloon Junior Asian Cup (U20s), the Macau Cadet Asian Cup (U18s), the Macau Junior Asian Cup (U20s). Conrad is currently with the UoA Judo club and trains with the Howick College Judo Club lead by Mr Uy.

We wish Conrad every success!



### Prem Netballer Offered Professional Contract



Huge congratulations to our very talented premier netball player, **Lili Tokaduadua** (Y13) on being selected for the Robinhood Northern Stars Netball Squad!

Lili was offered a professional contract with the squad after having a stand out season with the Comets in the National Netball League and after she took the court for the Stars during the pre-season.

Lili was also selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools team (Lili is pictured bottom right) to go to Australia from 27 June to 3 July. This was the first time the team has played outside NZ in three years.

### Power Lifting Record Breaker

Congratulations to Minerva House Co-leader, **Max Louw** (Y13), on his outstanding achievement at the Auckland Powerlifting Competition held in April. Competing in the Men's Sub-Junior (under 19) 83kg category, he broke the Auckland record for both the squat (212.5kg) and the deadlift (250kg), to take the **GOLD MEDAL**. Max also broke the overall record with his total of three lifts coming to 585kg.



Max has since been named as one of 20 powerlifters in his age and weight class to be selected for the New Zealand team to compete at the World Powerlifting Championships in Romania in September. Max will fly out with his mother on the 31st of August.

We wish Max the very best of luck!



## SPORTS NEWS

### Little League Baseball World Series & Queensland State Softball Champs

Congratulations to **Joseph Hill** (Y11), **Juntaro Miyata** (Y11) and past student, **Jayden Whittle** (2022) on their selection for the 16 strong Auckland Little League Seniors Baseball Team that will represent New Zealand at the 2023 Little League Senior World Series in Easley, South Carolina, U.S.A. The tournament will take place from 29 July - 5 August and is such a major event in world baseball that every game will be covered by ESPN.

We also congratulate Joseph on his selection for the NZ Developing Sox U18 Softball team that will travel to Queensland at the end of September to compete in the 2023 Queensland State Championships. In the 2022 Queensland competition, Joseph was named the Best NZ Team Batter and his NZ Developing U16 Sox team took FIRST place in the competition with an outstanding overall result of 7 wins and 1 loss. Good luck Joseph - we wish you a repeat performance!



### Underwater Hockey Regional Tournament



Congratulations to our Howick College Senior Underwater Hockey teams who achieved impressive results at the Northern Region tournament.

Senior Girls - **SILVER** medal  
Senior Open - **FOURTH** place  
Senior Girls MVP - **Kendra Scully**  
Senior Open MVP - **Daniel Glenie**

Both the Senior Girls and Senior Open teams have now qualified for Nationals which will be held at West Wave in Auckland from 31 August to 3 September. We wish them all the best.

### Four Ex Students Make "Dream Team"

Congratulations to past Howick College students **Nic Snyman**, **Josua Kaciogoci**, **Boston Franklyn**, and **Austin Carew** (all 2021) on being selected for the Counties Sports Hub's McNamara Cup Form team.

Team members are selected based on their individual performances during the competition and over the course of the season. To have 4 former Howick College rugby players make the cut is an impressive achievement, particularly considering these young men have only been out of school for 2 years and are already premier men's rugby!

### NZSS Gymnastics Championship



#### Aerobics

Congratulations to (from left) **Laiken Neaves**, **Alexia Delport**, **Ashlee Jackson** and **Martha Fenn** on their impressive haul at the Aerobics National Competition held in Tauranga during the first week of the holidays.

**GOLD:** Laiken Neaves - Senior International Group  
**SILVER:** Alexia Delport - Pairs and Aerodance Team  
**SILVER:** Ashlee Jackson & Martha Fenn - Aerodance Team

Particular congratulations to Laiken, on being named the **Aerobics Gymnast of the Year!**

#### Tumbling

Congratulations to **Emmerson Windmill** (Y10) on taking **THIRD** place in the tumbling category at the NZ Gymnastic Championships. Emmerson also represented Howick College in NZSS Gymnastic Competition earlier in the year where she took the **SILVER** medal in 13-14 year old tumbling category !

#### Badminton

Congratulations to **Arvind Vairavan** (Y10) on being named runner-up in the 2023 Yonex Badminton U15 Boys' Singles Open. Arvind played 6 games with 5 wins and 1 loss. Well done, Arvind!





## SPORTS NEWS

### Rugby League



*Jonty and Jhaedis are presented their game shirts by NZ Warriors player, Chanel Harris-Tavita.*

Congratulations to rugby league players, **Jonty Pilkington** (Y11, left), and **Jhaedis Paerau-Mimita** (Y9, right) who were selected for the Kotahitanga U14 Rugby League team to play two NRL U14 Developing teams in Brisbane, earlier this month. The team won 20-12 against the Brisbane Broncos and drew 24 all against the Gold Coast Titans.

Also representing Kotahitanga U14s, Jonty and Jhaedis had the fantastic opportunity to play the curtain raiser game for the One NZ Warriors against the Dolphins at the Go Media Stadium (Mt Smart) last month. They WON 36 -16 against the U14s Warriors team!

### Golf Makes Comeback at Howick College



Congratulations to our golf team (pictured from left), **Glenn Solomann**, **Jack Parsons**, **Peneueta Welton**, and **Adam McGhie**, who competed in the 2023 Golf Strokeplay Championship. The team, who are all Y11 students, finished in 12th place out of 28 schools.

The 1st round was played at Akarana Golf Club and the 2nd round was played at Redwood Park Golf Club. Conditions were tough and they had not seen the courses before however, it bodes well for next year as this team will only continue to grow and improve.

Well done boys. It's been a long time since Howick College had a competitive golf team!

### Mountain Biking

Congratulations to **Dan Nielson** (Y12) on yet another impressive mountain biking win. Dan was one of 200 riders who competed at the Auckland Schools Mountain Biking Cross Country Competition held at Totara Park in June. Dan, who competed in the U20 Boys category, won the over-all race with the fastest time in his category!

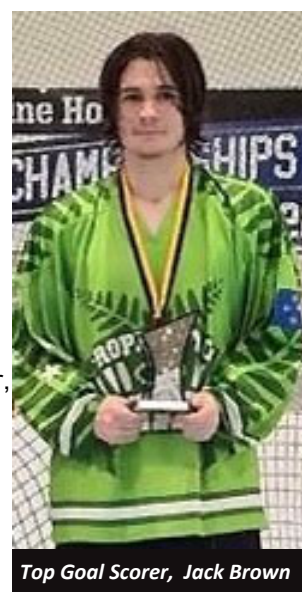
Well done Dan on a great result!



### NZSS Inline Hockey

Congratulations to the Howick College/One Tree Hill College Combined Inline Hockey team on **WINNING** the Plate Final (for composite teams). In just their 2nd year, the team can be very proud they were undefeated in their competition.

Special mention to top goal scorer, **Jack Brown** (Y11), on winning the Golden Puck Award for most goals scored in the division. Jack scored so many goals, his team lost count before the end of the first game!



*Top Goal Scorer, Jack Brown*

### Ex-Student Represents NZ at World Powerlifting Competition



Congratulations to ex-student **Jewel Tasi** (2016) on winning the **BRONZE** medal at the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) World Competition held in Malta in June.

At just 24 years of age, she was the only NZ woman to compete in the 84kg+ category. Jewel said wearing the Silver Fern was an incredible experience and a dream come true.



## HOWICK COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD

While term 2 of 2023 had more than its fair share of disruption, many good things happened and important initiatives started. Hopefully Term 3 will settle down and another cohort of students will go on to experience success.

### Student Co-curricular Involvement

A great strength of Howick College is the wide range of co-curricular activities available to our students. Whether a student's passion is the arts, sports or service, the chance for them to experience success outside the classroom is made possible by our staff members, student body and parent/caregiver community who give up their time to create these important opportunities. As a result, many of our students achieve success both locally and internationally. Thank you to all those involved. Your efforts greatly benefit our students and strengthen our reputation as a college.

### Howick College Alumni

A school's community is more than just its current students and their families. Our Howick College community has nearly 50 years of membership, with an increasing number of former students whose children attend or have attended the college. This increased depth of connection increases the impact the college has on the local and the global community.

With constraints on the public purse when it comes to funding in education, communities that wish to have access to schools that offer more, need to find ways of increasing the available funds. Over time, we hope to find meaningful ways for our alumni to support the college. This may be through the provision of time, experience, sponsorship of students, teams or events and/or access to services. It does not simply have to be through donations or bequests. However, these are always welcome and the college has the structures in place to ensure they are used in line with the wishes of the provider.

With the establishment of the Howick College Foundation and the Howick College Alumni and Friends group, there are now more ways for our alumni to reconnect with the college and offer support. If there are ways in which you believe you can help make a difference, please reach out to the college by emailing [hcalumniandfriends@howick.school.nz](mailto:hcalumniandfriends@howick.school.nz)

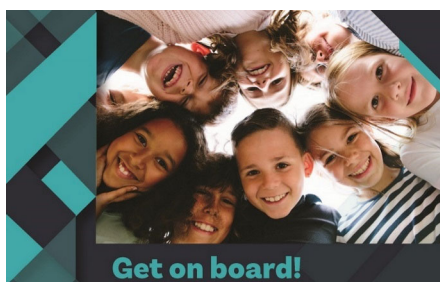
### 2023 Mid-Term Board Elections

To ensure continuity of membership, Board membership has been split across two elections in any three-year cycle. A number of positions on the Board are due for renewal/election in term 4. This will be for a three-year period.

If this is of interest, please email me at [hcbpm@howick.school.nz](mailto:hcbpm@howick.school.nz) and/or review the resources available at [www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/](http://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/) and/or come along to a board meeting.

### Miles Strafford

Presiding Board Member



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

## IMPORTANT TERM DATES

**TERM 3 (10 Weeks)**  
**Mon 17 July - Fri 22 September**

**Tues 1 Aug:**  
Y9 2024 Enrolment Information Evening

**Thurs 3 August:**  
Po Fiafia, 7:00 - 9:00pm  
Cultural Expression Non-Uniform Day

**Mon 7 August:**  
Subject Selection Information Evening

**Mon 7 - Thurs 10 August:**  
13OED Mt Taranaki Tramp

**Thurs 10 August:**  
KBB Music Festival (Jazz Band)

**Thurs 10 - Fri 11 August:**  
Dance Showcase - *Nostalgia*

**Thurs 17 - 18 August:**  
Winter Sports Photos

**Tues 22 August:**  
12OED Karangahake Gorge Tramp

**Fri 25 August:** *Battle of the Bands*

**Mon 28 August - Sun 3 September:**  
Winter Sports Tournament

**Weds 30 August:**  
Out of Zone Ballot Closes

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

**Mon 11 - Fri 15 September:**  
Senior Practice Exams

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