



**HOWICK
COLLEGE**

High Five!

Term 3, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I write this last principal's message with mixed emotions. I am excited to begin the next stage of my career in education, but I will greatly miss the Howick College community and the people who made this journey of mine so satisfying.

I joined the college in 2010 and recall vividly the Board's expectations of me when accepting the role. They stated unequivocally that I should lift standards, improve the school's financial position, and most importantly, raise student achievement. Perhaps what they may have missed in their summary of expectations was that I would also need to build relationships, trust, and confidence in our people. In my view, change is painfully slow unless people feel valued and believe in their potential to make a difference. With this in mind, we began to build a powerfully effective team and that has made the biggest difference. Twelve years later, I am incredibly proud of our collective efforts to deliver on all three of the Board's original expectations and to have positioned the school as a high performing institution. It is gratifying to see that Howick College is becoming the school of choice in our community and we 'hold our own' as a school that has a culture of continuous improvement and student excellence.

I have been blessed to work alongside staff who have committed themselves to the vision and values of the school. I have never subscribed to any hierarchical model of leadership but have instead encouraged all to share ownership and responsibility for improving student outcomes. The staff throughout my tenure have been selfless and committed which has made the work so much easier.

My story would not be complete without mentioning those incredibly talented young people who have both inspired and entertained me. I am constantly reminded of the privilege I share with the staff, of working with young minds that are incredibly agile and creative. I doubt whether there are many other jobs that come close to our work with youth where special learning relationships develop and are nurtured over the years. Young people can often fill your day with the most hilarious and unpredictable behaviour, they make you smile even when you don't feel like it and you know you probably shouldn't. They have a knack of grounding you and brightening up your day! The copper sculpture in our school reception entitled '**I touch the future...I teach**' sums up this special transformative relationship we enjoy with our young people.

To all the people who have been part of my journey – I extend my personal thanks and gratitude. I pay tribute to every member of the Senior Leadership Team (past and present) for their friendship and their professional expertise that has helped to shape our school's future. I also acknowledge the many Board members and our wider community for their relentless support of our staff and students. I have learnt much and enjoyed your company and I leave here all the richer for the experience. I am extremely grateful to have paddled alongside you all in the Howick College waka, the memories will be cherished. May each and every one of you enjoy a full and happy life and continue to live and exemplify the school values of courtesy, commitment, curiosity and courage. I wish you and the college well.

la manuia lava fa'afetai
Tofa soifua, farewell.

Regards,
Mr I L Ropati
Principal 2010 - 2022



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Reminder

Student Absence

Please email to note@howick.school.nz

Appointments

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

Late Arrival After Tutor

Students must sign in at the student office. Students 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

Innovative Students "WOW" Judges at Samsung Solve For Tomorrow Competition



Samsung Regional President, Mr Sangho Jo, with "Solve for Tomorrow" winners Htet Waiyan and Eva Malez, Minister of Economic Development Phil Twyford, and Judge Dr Siouxsie Wiles

Earlier this year, our Y9 Creative Design students entered Samsung's nationwide **Solve for Tomorrow** competition. Organised in partnership with MOTAT, the competition challenged students to use design-thinking and STEAM to identify an issue in their local community and come up with an idea or product as a solution, providing a great opportunity for our students to apply themselves to real world problems. One group chose diabetes as their focus and developed a less invasive means for diabetics to calculate their blood glucose levels. Judges, including Dr Siouxsie Wiles, were extremely impressed by the work of **Eva Malez, Htet Waiyan, Kurt Marshall and Lennox Dilworth**, who were awarded **FIRST** prize (worth \$12,000) for their prototype device and app. The students will receive \$6000 cash and \$3000 worth of products to share. The school will also receive \$3000 worth of products from Samsung. Well done everyone!

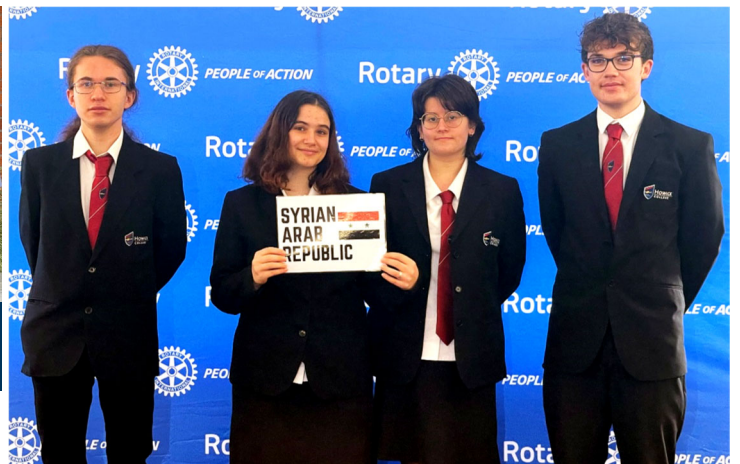
Bebras Informatics Challenge



From left: Pika Razinger, Sze Yu Huang, Surya Anand, Luke Marshall, Asher Holmes and Anthony van Eeden

Our Y9 and Y10 Digital Technology students once again took part in the Bebras Informatics Challenge this term. The competition is designed to help students explore their talent and passion for informatics and computational thinking. Based on a series of engaging challenges, students have 45 minutes to work through 3 sets of 5 tasks that focus on various computational and logical thinking skills. Congratulations to the following Y10 students:
DISTINCTION (Top 10%): Luke Marshall (highest score in Y9/10 year group), Pika Razinger and Asher Holmes.
MERIT (Top 20%): Anthony van Eeden, Surya Anand, and Sze Yu Huang.

Model United Nations Assembly



In August, four Y12 students (from left) **Jack Styles, Mya Figgins, Emily Larmour** and **Jus Ranzinger**, joined over 300 students from Auckland and Northland at the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) held at Auckland Girls Grammar. Sponsored by Rotary NZ, delegates represented over 100 countries to debate and discuss weighty current global issues. Our students did a fantastic job representing the country of Syria, learning some important skills along the way that included how to lobby, negotiate and take part in impromptu debates.

Inspiring a Community of Passionate Learners /

VISUAL ARTS

Focus Art Competition and Exhibition



From left: Matt Dowman, Swee Han Lim (Davis Funerals), Mervyn Appleton, Cora Delahunty (1st Photography) and John Spiller (Howick Community Board).



Cora with her winning entry titled "Twilight".



Mr Harman (HoD Art Howick College) and Ms Turner (HoD Art Sancta Maria College) share joint award for "Best School".

In the first week of term 3, Howick College was proud to once again host the *Focus Art Competition*, sponsored by Davis Funerals of Pakuranga. Now in its second year, the competition not only aims to give Y12 and Y13 art and photography students the chance to showcase their talent, it also aims to inspire and motivate them by providing an authentic audience. This year saw the number of secondary schools taking part increase from 3 in 2021, to 6 including: Howick College, Macleans College, Sancta Maria College, Botany Downs Secondary College, Pakuranga College and Edgewater College. Over 70 artworks were entered and on display to the public at Howick College on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 July.

The competition was judged by Matt Dowman, Fine Arts Lecturer from the Whitecliffe College of Arts and Design and well-known local artist, Mervyn Appleton. Both judges agreed that judging was tough this year as the standard of entries was very high.

Congratulations to the following:

- First Prize Photography (\$850) - **Cora Delahunty** (Y13)
- Highly Commended Photography (\$150) **Maude Hugues** (Y13)
- Third Prize Painting (\$350) - **Micheala Abbenes** (Y13)
- Best School: **Howick College** and **Sancta Maria College**

Howick Youth Council Visual Arts Showcase

Each year the number of our young artists entering this exhibition grows. This year we had 19 students from across Y9 -12 enter works. Congratulations to **Gabby Whitwell** (Y10) who was named **Runner-Up** in the non-digital section for her violet surrealist landscape featuring an abstract block structure floating eerily in space. Congratulations also go to **Talia Kennedy** (Y11) on winning the **People's Choice Award** with her stunning oil on board.

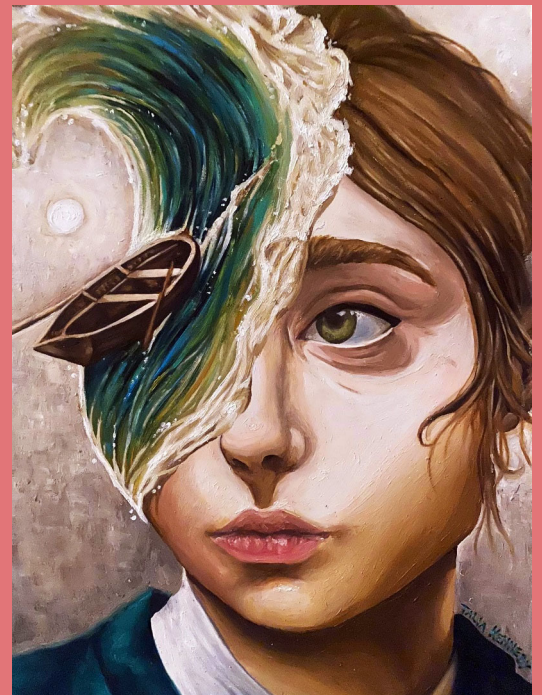
Other exhibitors included:

- Mackenzie Baker** (Y11)
- Grace Carr** (Y11)
- Alandra Casey** (Y10)
- Melody Dowling** (Y10)
- Ella Hackett** (Y9)
- Olivia Handley** (Y10)
- Tayla Hopkins** (Y11)
- Teagan Johnson** (Y11)
- Ruben Lee-Robertson** (Y10)
- Jeffrey Li** (Y11)
- Mitsuru Nishikawa** (Y11)
- Estelle Ruijne** (Y11)
- Wardah Shaib** (Y10)
- Charlotte Steel** (Y10)
- Emily Stewart** (Y9)
- Makoia Thompson** (Y12)
- Arna Vincent** (Y9)

To view their work please click [here](#).



Gabby Whitwell Y10

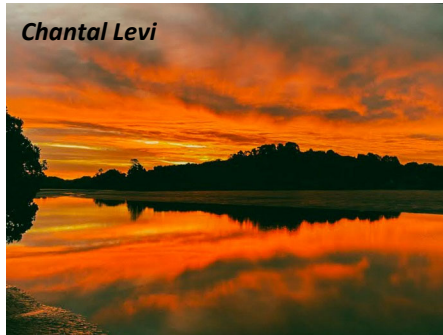


Talia Kennedy Y11

VISUAL ARTS

Howick Lions Student Photo Competition

Each year Howick Lions Club produces a scenic calendar featuring the talents of local secondary school students. The theme for 2023 was “Bright and Beautiful” with the first place winner featuring on the cover of the calendar as well as taking home a \$1000 prezzie card. This year Howick College students took all 3 top awards! Congratulations to **Alysha Jeffs** (Y12) - FIRST, **Chantal Levi** (Y13) - SECOND and **Von Collins** (Y10) - THIRD. To view all 12 winning photographs - 9 of which were taken by Howick College students - and to purchase a 2023 calendar, please click [here](#).



PERFORMING ARTS

Year 13 Drama Production - Teechers

In August, our Y13s entertained us with their production of *Teecher's* by John Godber. The play explores the journey of Whitehall High School leavers Salty, Gail and Hobby as they share their encounter with new Drama teacher, Mr Nixon. In true Godber style, the play uses comedy to delve into the stereotypes that define social expectations and commentary to present hilarious characters with whom we can all identify.



Year 12 Drama Production - Woyzeck

Our Y12s also took to the stage in term 3 with *Woyzeck*, a more sombre production written by Georg Büchner in 1896. Murder, mayhem and madness unfold in this historical drama based on the tragic life of lowly soldier, Franz Woyzeck.



PERFORMING ARTS



The Howick College Jazz Band perform at the KBB Music Festival

Music Highlights

In term 3, our Jazz Band and Chamber Orchestra once again performed at the annual KBB Secondary Schools' Music Festival. Held at St Mary's Cathedral in Parnell from Monday 8 to Friday 12 August, the festival attracted many of the Auckland region's finest school chamber orchestras and Jazz Bands with more than 145 groups from 50 schools the taking part. Congratulations to both ensembles on their performances that earned them a Highly Commended in their categories.

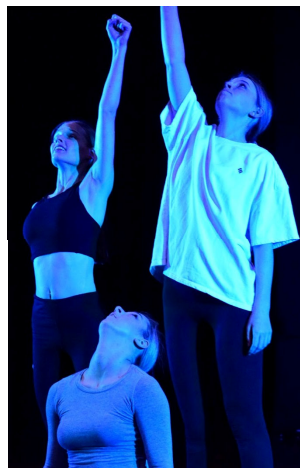


In September, our Orchestra and Jazz Band travelled to Glenfield, where they performed to the enthusiastic pupils of Marlborough Primary School. The children really enjoyed learning about all the different instruments, and hearing the wonderful music being produced.



Dance Showcase 2022

Despite the many disruptions caused by Covid-19 restrictions and illness, we were very fortunate to be able to hold our 2022 Dance Showcase, *Metamorphosis*, in August. *Metamorphosis* displayed a fabulous variety of styles and genres and featured multiple co-curricular groups and the talented **Hope Milo** (Y12), who wrote and performed the opening theme song.



CAREERS DEPARTMENT Shadow a Leader Programme



Shadow a Leader AUT is an exciting initiative organised by AUT's Faculty of Business, Economics and Law, that connects students with Businesses. At the end of term 2, **Akshay Patel**, **Megan Wilkes**, and **Orlando Meadows** (pictured above), each spent a day with a business as arranged by AUT. Megan spent the day at Gilbert Walker law firm, Orlando went to Nikko Asset Management, and Akshay was at Fisher and Paykel Appliances.

All three students found their day inspiring. Orlando said of Nikko Asset Management - "It was particularly awesome seeing business, accounting and economic concepts learnt in class, applied to a professional environment. It was such an insightful, interesting and enjoyable experience, and it was great to see how the business operated internally."

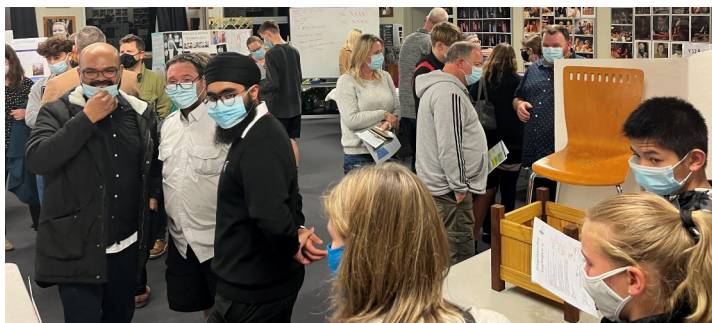
UoA Youth Advisory Council



Three of our students, **Yoshini Anantharangan** (Y10), **AJ McConnell** (Y9) and **Matthew Cheng** (Y10), were successful in their application to join the inaugural Waipapa Taumata Rau Youth Advisory Group. Made up of 19 students selected from around Auckland, the Youth Advisory Group will work closely with The University of Auckland to hear what students feel they need to support them on their journey to higher education. The group's first meeting was held Saturday 20 August.

To see AJ's thoughts on the purpose of the council and see photos of the group's first day, please click [here](#).

2023 Subject Information Evening



Teachers and student hosts discuss the options available in Technology

Held Tuesday 9 August, the evening enabled students and whanau to connect with subjects teachers. The Bill Dimery Performing Arts Centre was at full capacity for the 5:00pm presentation from the Careers team giving an overview of available subjects. Whanau then had an opportunity to ask questions about subject content, further learning options and get some guidance on subject selection for 2023. Thanks to all the students and teachers who assisted on the night.

Flash Fiction Writing Competition



From left: Mr Ropati, Monique Preisig (Yr 12), Holly Borthwick (Y11), Skyla Law Chan (Y13), Gabby Ndaba (Y10), Tori-Lyn Favia (Y9), Ms Fleet

Once again our Y9 - Y13 English students had 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 **175 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:

- Have the title **"Everybody Mourns"**
- Use **one** of your senses
- Think outside the box

Congratulations to the following year level winners:

Y13: Skyla Law Chan
Y12: Monique Preisig
Y11: Holly Borthwick
Y10: Gabby Ndaba
Y9: Tori-Lyn Favia

Winning stories will be published in the 2022 Yearbook.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

From Our Head Students

This term feels like it has passed with the blink of an eye. We cannot believe that our final full term has come and gone so swiftly. Nevertheless, within this short time span we are proud of our efforts as a student leadership team.

Term 3 began with Culture Week, which included a cultural non-uniform day, a cultural market day, and our annual Food Festival. Ka pai to our Cultural and Community Councils for running these events and celebrating the cultural diversity of our kura. Throughout the term we also continued our inter-house competitions which included *Battle of the Bands* and junior and senior multisport.

Battle of the Bands has been one of our personal highlights. The night was inspired by the 2021 student leaders who never got to host the event due to the 2021 lockdown. We realised how fortunate we are to be able to bring our community together and to show off the insane talent we have. The atmosphere was something we had never before experienced at Howick College with students, parents, and staff dancing and singing their hearts out. Students from every house left with huge smiles on their faces, regardless of their placings in the competition.

Witnessing the passion and house spirit demonstrated by our students during these events was incredible. At the time of writing, MacDonald is in 1st place, followed by Bacot, Minerva, Ingham, Irvine, and Bell. However, points are very close so we urge students to get involved in our last few competitions and be the difference that could make their house win!

In week 7 we held our first ever Spring Carnival. Run by Ingham, Macdonald and Bell Houses along with the Pastoral, Community, and Cultural councils, students enjoyed a lunchtime of food, treats, entertainment and crafts. Luckily, we were blessed with a sunny day which made it feel more like the beginning of summer.

We would like to extend huge congratulations to our winter sports teams whose seasons have just concluded, our dancers for the amazing dance showcase, our Y13 drama students for their production of *Teechers*, and our music students for their external performances. We wish everyone the best of luck for their NCEA exams. Work hard now, play later!

Thank you to all of our students, parents, and staff for your involvement and support. We couldn't do it without you.

Aroha nui,

Leila and Thomas - Head Students

Student Board Representative 2022



Congratulations to **Sophie White** (Y11), our newly elected Student Board Representative for 2023. We wish Sophie the very best and look forward to her contribution to our school community. We thank out-going representative, Zac Wight (Y13) for his service despite his covid-shorten term.



INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

After two long years of closed borders, 25 new international students from Thailand, Japan, Chile, Brazil, and China joined our Howick College community at the start of term 3. On their first day, the students were formally welcomed with a Mihi Whakatau, and were shown around the school by their enthusiastic Howick College buddies. We were also pleased to welcome those students who were unable to return to Howick College during the pandemic but continued to study offshore via our online learning programme. We are very excited to see the diversity among our student body once again as we work towards rebuilding our international programme.

As the public health restrictions ease, school activities and excursions are back in full swing, and our international students can now fully experience what the school and the city have to offer. During term three, our newly arrived international students were invited for a morning tea with the principal. The students enjoyed sharing their culture with Mr Ropati, telling him about their New Zealand highlights so far and singing songs together.

During the final two weeks of term 3, a small group of 5 students and a teacher from the Kimhae Technical Construction Technical High School in South Korea joined us for a two-week construction course with Mr Dunleavy and Mr Orpen. The students focused on a special building project using a variety of tools and skills, to construct a work bench that will put to good use in the Howick College Technology Department.



ALUMNI NEWS

Lily Moore Treads the Boards in London

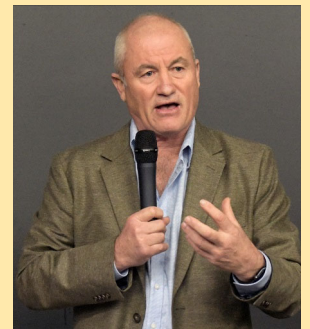


After 3 years of waiting for the borders to reopen, past student **Lily Moore** (2021) finally took to the stage at the Globe Theatre in London. Lily is the first Howick College student to receive this opportunity in recognition of her outstanding performance with the 2020 SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. Lily says playing Marc Antony in Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* with the Young Shakespeare Company was just one of many surreal "pinch me" moments. Lily (pictured centre stage) writes -

"The Globe was so inspiring and all that I have learnt from this experience I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I am so grateful for all the support I have received, especially from Mrs Dryden and the Expressive Arts Department for sparking what has become a lifetime love of Shakespeare and performing. To all my sponsors, and to Dawn Sanders, CEO of SGCNZ: you made my dreams come true in ways I could never have imagined. Thank you."

Distinguished Alumnus Inspires Y12s

In term 3 our Y12 students were privileged to have Mr Tex Edwards, founder of 2degrees Mobile phone company and recipient of the inaugural Howick College Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, talk at the Y12 Values Assembly. Mr Edwards, who embodies all of our 4C values, shared his inspirational story of how a "not very academic but quite practical" Bacot House boy from Howick College became a well known entrepreneur and business leader. A key message was that students should make the most of all Howick College has to offer and pursue their dreams no matter what.



EVENTS

Students Farewell Mr Ropati

After 12 years of dedicated service and leadership Mr Ropati, left us at the end of term 3 to take up his new role as principal of Papamoa College. At a special assembly in week 9, students gathered in the gym to say their own fond farewell. Student leaders, both past and present, took the opportunity to express their appreciation and respect for an inspiring leader, mentor, and friend.

House Leaders delivered signed cards from each of the Houses and our Head Students presented Mr Ropati with a leaving gift on behalf of the student leadership team. We are sure a life jacket will come in extremely handy at his new home by the sea! Our Samoan group gave a moving performance that included *U'a Fa'afetai*, Mr Ropati's favourite song. The event concluded with our kapa haka group and 1st XV performing a heartfelt haka for a much-loved principal.

Tofa soifua, haere rā, farewell.
You will be greatly missed, Mr Ropati.

Po Fiafia 2022

This year, we proudly celebrated our third Howick College Po Fiafia, connecting and celebrating our vibrant and diverse communities through cultural dance. Our MCs for the evening were student leaders: **Raymond Nu'uoloa** Y11 (Samoan Group), **Haiasini Tu'iono** Y13 (Tongan Group) and **Zhara Croft** Y12 (Kapa Haka). The minister, Mr Timothy Toilolo, opened and closed Po Fiafia with *lotu* and hymns that resounded through the gym and highlighted the unified feeling of support for the school and students.

Enthusiastic performances were given by our Indian, Kiribati, Cook Island, Tongan and Samoan dance groups. Of special mention was the *taupau* dance performed by Y12 students, **BJ Sakalia** and **Mercy Faitvalu**. Parents, friends, and our wider community joined in with the dancing and supported the performers by showering them with money and lolly leis.

The highlight of the evening was the final dance and speech in honor of Mr Ropati. Students joined with parents to sing the Samoan farewell song *Ua fa'afetai* as members from each performance group adorned Mr Ropati with lolly leis as a tribute to the 12 years of service and leadership he has given to the college. A proud Samoan, Mr Ropati thanked the community and students before the drums sounded for the last dance of the celebration.



EVENTS

International Food Festival

A favourite calendar event, the International Food Festival took place in week 1 during Culture Week. This year, the festival was run jointly by the Cultural and Community Councils and boasted 30 food stands - our biggest yet - and raised \$2,243 that will be distributed amongst the six House charities.

Not only was the food festival the final event on the Culture Week calendar, but it was also Mr Ropati's final Howick College food festival ever. To mark the occasion, he was presented with a "bottomless" plate and students made certain to keep it topped up!



NZ Blood Services Collection



A total of 86 staff and students turned up this year to give blood at the annual NZ Blood Service collection held on Wednesday 3 August. Just one donation can potentially save the lives of 3 people and this year we had a total of 60 units of blood collected, that's 180 lives that might otherwise have been lost! Thank you to all who participated – you are life savers!



Inter-House Bake Off

Judges had a tough time this year as the baking skills on display were very impressive. MacDonald House took the overall win with "Best House Bake" and the "Best Show Stopper". This was a technically difficult and exquisitely decorated and delicious red velvet cake that scored 19.5 out of 20! Congratulations to all teams - we have some seriously good bakers!

Spring Festival



Another major term 3 event was the Spring Festival. This was a new student leaders' initiative held to mark the turn of the season and raise money for the house charities. The lunchtime gala day style event brought students out on a beautiful spring day to enjoy a wide range of sweets, crafts, henna hand painting, live entertainment and an inflatable obstacle course. Thanks to Bell, Ingham, and MacDonald Houses and the Community, Cultural, and Pastoral Councils.

Battle of the Bands



Congratulations to the MacDonald House band on being declared the WINNERS of the the inaugural *Battle of the Bands* competition with their rendition of *Uptown Funk* by Bruno Mars. The bands were critiqued on the night by a panel of 5 judges who ranked them based on stage presence, musicianship, and audience engagement. Other performances included *Piano Man* by Billy Joel, *Isn't She Lovely* by Stevie Wonder, *Smooth* by Santana, *Classic* by MKTO and *Why Does Love Do This to Me* by The Exponents. Well done to all - what a fantastic night!

SPORTS NEWS

Howick College Wins Rugby 10s



Congratulations to our Rugby 10s Team on taking **FIRST** place in the Auckland competition with a comfortable 29-5 win over Epsom Girls Grammar in the final. The girls had a spectacular year that saw them finish unbeaten. Coach Waisake and the team can be justifiably proud of the result!

Judo Medals for Conrad Hynes



Congratulations to **Conrad Hynes** (Y11, picture left on podium) who competed in the Judo Nationals at the end of term 3 in Christchurch. Conrad came away with two **SILVER** medals, Cadet Men's (U18) U66kg and Junior Men's (U20) U66kg divisions. His achievement is made all the more impressive as he did this while recovering from a shoulder injury and balancing the last few weeks of training with rowing. Earlier in the year, Conrad competed at the South Island Championships in Motueka, winning a **GOLD** medal in the Cadet's Under 66kg division and a **SILVER** medal in the Junior Men's Under 66kg division.

Joseph Hill Named Top Batter

Congratulations to **Joseph Hill** (Y10) on being named as the Best NZ Team Batter in the Queensland State Championships held last month. Joseph is a member of the NZ Developing SOX U16 Boys Softball team that took **FIRST** place in the competition against 8 other teams. The team had an outstanding overall result with 7 wins and 1 loss from 8 games played!



Prem Netball Finishes Top 4 in NZ Champs



After a week of courageous effort that saw the loss of some key players, our Premier team stepped up to finish the NZ Secondary School competition in **FOURTH** place after a hard fought match against Avondale College. We are extremely proud of their mental strength and commitment - congratulations to all on an outstanding result! Special thanks to Mrs Sotutu and the coaching team and all the whanau and friends for their much appreciated support.

Junior Open Underwater Hockey Win Gold



Congratulations to our Junior Open team who won **GOLD** at the regional competition, beating Glendowie College 3-2 in a nail-biting finish. The team also won the Auckland Secondary School finals, beating the same team by the same score! Captain **Daniel Glenie** (Y11), **Ben Hew** (Y11), **Luke Marshall** (Y10) and **Mathilde Laing** (Y9), were offered trials with the Northern U18 squad and Daniel was named **Top Junior Boy** in Auckland. At the NZSS Nationals held in Wellington they finished **FIFTH** with Ben and Daniel being named in the tournament team (top 10 junior players in NZ). **Hannah Curwood** (2018) and **Rebecca Dean** (2019) were also named **Novice Coaches of the Year**. Well done all!



SPORTS NEWS

2x NZ Boxing Champion

Congratulations to **Ian Tauakai** (Y13), on being named back-to-back NZ Boxing Champion in the 75kg Youth Male Division, at the National Competition held in Whanganui earlier this month. Ian won the title for the first time at the Covid-delayed competition in April.



As the 2021 Howick College Sports Person of the Year, Ian's list of boxing achievements is impressive and we look forward to seeing him achieve his goal of representing NZ at the Olympics in the not-too-distant future!

Past Student Wins US 7s Competition

Dajian Brown (Howick College Sportswoman of the Year 2020) has recently returned from playing in the Premier Rugby Sevens Tournament in America. Players are drafted from the USA and Canada and Dajian has been playing for the *Headliners* Women's Sevens team based in San Diego. Her team took out both the overall United Championships and the Women's Championships.



"Who would have thought that a 19 year old from Howick College would be playing semi-professional Rugby Sevens on the other side of the world. Seriously living my best life!" - Dajian Brown (pictured left above.)

TRUST FUND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Each year our premier teams compete in various national competitions. This often involves high costs that can make it difficult for all students to participate. We are extremely grateful to the following Trust Funds for their generous support of our teams at the following tournaments:

THE HOWICK CLUB Premier Netball Team - NZSS Netball Champs, Wellington & Underwater Hockey Snrs - NZSS Underwater Hockey Champs, Tauranga

PUB CHARITY
Football Girls 1st XI - Winter Tournament, Taupo

POHUTUKAWA COAST HELPING HAND TRUST
Hockey Girls 1st XI - Winter Tournament, Nelson

FOUR WINDS FOUNDATION
Hockey Boys 1st XI - Winter Tournament, Whangarei

PREMIER WINTER TEAMS RESULTS ROUND UP

The 2022 winter sports season proved a very successful one not just for the premier teams but also several junior teams. Our top performing premier teams were the **Girls Rugby 10's** who **WON** their competition and the **Football Boys 1st XI** who finished **SECOND** in the A2 grade, just 1 point behind Northcote. A great achievement after winning the A3 grade in 2021.

The **Premier Netball** girls had a ripper season to finish **THIRD** in the Auckland Premier grade, they also went on to finish **SECOND** at UNISS (a first time in the school's history) and made the UNISS final. To top it all off, they came **FOURTH** at the NZSS Champs in early October.

PREMIER FINALS PLACINGS	
Basketball	3rd Place
Rugby 1st XV	6th Place
Rugby Girls 10's	1st Place
Football Boys 1st XI	2nd Place
Football Girls 1st XI	8th Place
Premier Netball	3rd Place
Hockey Boys 1st XI	5th Place
Hockey Girls 1st XI	4th Place
Underwater Hockey Snr	4th Place
Underwater Hockey Jnr	1st Place

Top Performing Junior Teams

Underwater Hockey Junior Open:
Regionals - FIRST, Auckland Competition - FIRST
Netball 10A: FIRST,
Football 14A: FIRST
Junior Girls Football: FIRST
Junior Girls Basketball: THIRD

We now look forward to the junior summer sports season!

HOWICK COLLEGE BOARD

This has been another busy term as senior students complete what for many, will be their last full term at college. Thanks to all those who have worked hard to create an environment that allows young people to succeed.

A Fond Farewell

The end of Mr Ropati's time at Howick College has provided various opportunities, both intimate and on a larger scale, for staff and students to express their appreciation and fond farewells. However, in keeping with Mr Ropati's personal preference for a "no-fuss" exit, these have been modest but heartfelt occasions. We thank Mr Ropati for his commitment and leadership and for putting our students at the forefront of his decision making. The systems and structures he has put in place over his 12-year tenure ensure that he leaves the college in good shape for the future.

Ua alu ae le galo Iva. O lou talatuu o le a tumau ia i matou. Fa'afetai ma moomooga manuia mo au taumafaiga mo le lumana'i.

New Beginnings

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Dale Burden as the new principal of Howick College, effective as of Term 1, 2023. After an extensive consultation and recruitment process, we are confident that Mr Burden is the best person for this critical role, bringing with him a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Education Review Office (ERO)

Our last ERO report took place more than 5 years ago and was very positive. Since then, the review process has changed from being something like an audit, to an ongoing process of collaboration between the Senior Leadership Team, teaching staff and ERO representatives, to focus on key areas. ERO have provided very positive feedback regarding the cohesion and competence of the Senior Leadership Team and we are confident that our school is in capable hands.

Community Involvement – What You Did

Our staff work hard to create an environment that encourages and enables student participation but in the absence of community support, particularly from parents and caregivers, that potential can go unrealised or compromise the experience of our young people. Thank you to the parents and caregivers whose involvement helped underpin the success of our winter sports teams and performing arts groups that are celebrated in this newsletter. Earlier in the year, we encouraged our community to get involved and support our young people to engage in co-curricular activities and you did so - in large numbers!

2022 Board Elections

This year's online election saw 2 new parent representatives join the Board, Rebecca (Bex) Rose and Bruce Barrett, and the return of Michele Heywood and Miles Stratford. Sharon King was re-elected as the staff representative, and we welcomed Sophie White as the 2022/2023 student representative. With 8 members of the community vying for just 4 parent representative positions, 3 staff members keen to take on the role of staff representative and 7 student nominees there is clearly a healthy interest in the work the Board does. Thank you to all those who had the courage to put themselves forward.

Although Zac Wight's time as student representative was cut short by Covid-19, his contribution was greatly appreciated. We also farewell Roger Gribble who missed out on a third term as a parent representative. Roger remains committed to the college and will be exploring ways in which he can contribute to the development the Howick College Foundation and Alumni Association.

Miles Stratford
Presiding Member

IMPORTANT TERM DATES

TERM 4

Mon 17 October - Thurs 8 December

Mon 24 October: Labour Day

Tues 25 October: Annual Music Concert,
7:00pm in the Theatre - Free

Weds 26 October:
Y11 & Y12 Last Day of Teaching

Thurs 27 October:
Y13 Last Day of Teaching
Y11 Honours from 8:50 - 10:10am
Y12 Honours from 11:25am - 1:25pm
Arts & Extra-Curricular Awards Evening
6:00 - 9:30pm in Theatre

Fri 28 October: Teacher Only Day
Y13 Farewell Assembly 12:00 - 2:00pm

Mon 31 October: Y13 Honours Evening,
7:00 - 8:30pm in the Theatre

Weds 2 November: Sports Awards Evening

Mon 7 November - Fri 2 December:
NCEA External Exams

Weds 9 November: School Board Meeting,
6:30pm

Thurs 10 November:
Y13 Graduation Dinner (TBC)

Mon 21 November: MoE Teacher Only Day

Mon 21 November - Sun 4 December:
Year 9 Camps

Mon 5 December: MoE Teacher Only Day

Weds 7 December: School Board Meeting,
6:30pm

Thurs 8 December: Last Day Term 4
Y9 Honours from 9:10am - 10:10am
Y10 Honours from 10:55am - 12:15pm

Thank you for your support!

