



**HOWICK
COLLEGE**

High Five!

Term 2, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Farewell Mrs Wright

After 35 years of dedicated service to our school, we sadly say farewell to our Deputy Principal, Mrs Janice Wright who will retire at the end of this term. Mrs Wright began her time at Howick College in 1986 as a teacher in the Social Sciences Department teaching Social Studies, Geography and Tourism, eventually becoming Head of Social Studies and then Deputy Principal. I would like to say a personal thank you to Janice for her tireless work as a teacher and school leader, she leaves a positive legacy in her wake particularly through the countless teachers she has brought to Howick College.

Major School Production

Once again, the talent of our students and the commitment of our staff was on show at the performances of *Grease*. The two casts rehearsed tirelessly to produce shows that were equally amazing in the quality of acting, dancing and musical performances. These shows were also used as assessment pieces for many of our senior students to achieve NCEA credits in the performing arts. The Senior Leadership Team received a lot of positive feedback from those attending the show and would like to thank everyone involved in these excellent performances.

Celebrations of Diversity and Culture

Term 2 also saw celebrations of the diversity of our student population. The term began with the school ball, attended by over 550 students and staff. The team behind the event organised a fantastic ball at which the students looked amazing and acted respectfully during the evening. Later in the term the LGBTQ+ community celebrated Pride Week with a series of events throughout the College. To end the term, our Cultural Council honoured the many different ethnicities represented at Howick with a weeklong celebration of culture, food and dance. Thank you to all those staff and students who collaborated to make all these successful events happen.

Property Update

We are currently embarking on an exciting upgrade to several key areas across the College. Plans are being drawn up to renovate G and L block to create 13 flexible learning spaces to accommodate our Innovation Programme, which will be expanding to allow all those who choose this highly successful pathway to be accepted into it. We will also be covering two of the quads to create indoor/outdoor learning spaces and to provide comfortable eating areas at lunchtime and interval. Finally, the library will be undergoing an extensive upgrade and a new bus bay and shelter will be built at the front of the school and further tiered seating will be created around the rugby field to comfortably accommodate the large crowds rugby is attracting.

Winter Sports

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents and staff involved in organising, coaching and managing winter sports teams this year. It is only due to the commitment of parents and staff that so many students are able to compete in so many different sports. We have a huge variety of sports teams playing every day of the week across the city and so far we have been very successful this year.

I wish all our students, staff, parents and caregivers a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in Term 3 for a term focused on academic success.

Dr P Bennett

Acting Principal



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Reminder—

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

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

Late Arrival After Tutor – Students must sign in at the student office. Students 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

Smokefree Rockquest National Finalists



Congratulations to Howick College guitarist **Max Hill** (Y12) and his **Slowrage** band mate and drummer Sam Hatley (Botany Downs Secondary College) on making it through to the National Finals of the 2021 Smokefree Rockquest.

Slowrage was thrilled to win the People's Choice Award and would like to thank all those who voted for them. They will now submit a video of 4 songs to be judged alongside other regional winners. The judges will choose just 10 to compete for the top spot at the finals. We wish them every success!

Otago On Campus Experience Scholarships



From left: Tiana King, Sam Vaea and Lorisha Chandra

The On Campus Experience Scholarship is a fully funded scholarship that provides an amazing opportunity for Year 13 students of Maori or Pasifika descent to sample living and learning at the University of Otago. This year, 3 of our students were successful in their application. Their visit to Dunedin and the University of Otago coincided with the University open day. They experienced life in a residential college, attended lectures in their areas of interest and met academic staff and students.

Congratulations to **Tiana King** who attended the Otago University On Campus Experience for Maori students (23 to 27 May). Congratulations to **Sam Vaea** and **Lorisha Chandra** who attended the Otago University On Campus Experience for Pasifika students (23 to 25 May).

Flash Fiction Writing Competition



Pictured from left: Rachel Pan (Y11), Stevie Woods (Y13), Sophie Zaadstra (Y12), Nathan Cox (Y9), Brenton Liu (Y10)

Our Term 2 Flash Fiction Competition saw yet another offering of imaginative and thought provoking short stories from our Y9 to Y13 English students. Each term students are given a very specific criteria they must include somewhere in their story and all in a maximum of just 300 words! This term each story had to contain:

- A flashback or memory
- A sunset and/or sunrise
- A reference to the weather
- The words score, sprinkle, stamp and switch

Congratulations to our year level winners:

- Year 9: Nathan Cox - *The Lonely Farmer*
- Year 10: Brenton Liu - *Nostalgic*
- Year 11: Rachel Pan - *Scarlet Red*
- Year 12: Sophie Zaadstra - *The Men in No Man's Land*
- Year 13: Stevie Wood - *Inside Living*

2021 SGCNZ Dawn Sanders Shakespeare Costume Design Competition Winner



Paige Kendon (right) pictured with her costume model.

Congratulations to Y12 Textiles student **Paige Kendon** on taking **FIRST** place with her costume design for Romeo at the 2021 SGCNZ Dawn Sanders Costume Design Competition which took place in Wellington over Queen's Birthday Weekend. Paige draws her inspiration from the beauty of diverse cultures and different fashion eras. She is passionate about designing and making designs that are unorthodox and unique and is inspired by designers such as Alexander McQueen, Vivienne Westwood and Iris Van Herpen. Her ambition is to not only work in the fashion industry but also the film and movie industry to create iconic and extravagant costumes.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Sociology - Social Action Project



Carli Cox (centre back) meets with Y11 Sociology students and teachers delivering clothes to Koha Apparel Headquarters.

This term Year 11 Sociology students had the opportunity to complete their social action project for their 1.4 internal by getting involved with helping an organisation. When researching which organisation to help out they discovered Koha Apparel. This non-profit organisation provides a retail experience using repurposed clothing for anyone who needs it. Charli Cox the founder of Koha Apparel, visited Howick College to talk with students about what Koha does and her involvement in it. This sparked an idea for social action and the decision was made to collect as many clothing donations as possible to support Koha directly. The social action was a huge success with many high quality clothing items coming in from our community. Both Koha and the Sociology Department are very grateful for the fantastic response they received.

Early Childhood Education - Work Experience



Our Year 12 Early Childhood students have been working this term at New Shoots Children's Centre. Students go out into the community for 25 hours each term to gain valuable practical experience. We are incredibly proud of the way every one of these students represents our school, displaying our 4C values at all times.

10 SiE Science - Teachers For a Day



In June, pupils from Shelly Park school visited our science labs to learn about chemical reactions first hand from the Y10 SiE Science class (10SSC). Our students worked in groups for seven weeks to create resources for their teaching sessions which included lab safety skills, content explanation, practical demonstrations and games/activities that allowed primary pupils to investigate and engage in science. It was a great experience enjoyed by all - well done!

French - Pétanque à Howick College



On Monday 5 July, the Year 10 French class had a go at playing pétanque on the school ground. They were fortunate to have three members from the Cockle Bay Petanque Club to teach them the art of "tirer" (to shoot) les boules. Messieurs Mansergh, Roberts and Deverson, patiently explained the various rules and tricks to the students. Playing on turf rather than gravel, the 'boules' ran faster and were harder to control. Nevertheless, after an hour of instruction some budding champions began to emerge with a few able to get very close to the 'cochonnet' (target ball). Hopefully some of our students will join the club which can provide support for training and entry into the pétanque high school competition in March of each year. A big Merci to our three mousquetaires, we look forward to playing again, but this time on gravel at the club!

VISUAL ARTS

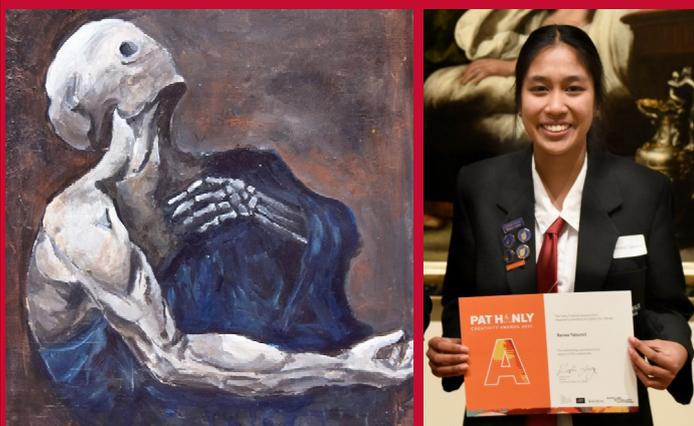
Art Lounge Gallery - Student Art Competition *East Auckland Visual Arts Showcase*

Congratulations to Year 12 Art students **Hannah Harris** and **Alex Clark** on being selected to represent Howick College at the Art Lounge Gallery art competition and exhibition. Two students from each of eight local schools will be provided with a brief, canvas and a set of colours and just three days to complete their work (19 - 21 July). During this period the public will have access to the gallery to view the development and progress of their work. From 22 - 24 July all work will be on display in the gallery with awards being presented on Saturday 24 July. Each student will receive feedback from our panel of judges. We wish them both the best and look forward to seeing their work!

Howick College was extremely well represented at this year's East Auckland Visual Arts Showcase where 17 of our talented art students were among the 68 entries from East Auckland schools to display their works at the Uxbridge Centre's Malcolm Smith Gallery from Friday 11 to Saturday 26 June. Congratulations to **Jude Clayton** (Y9) who received a **Merit Award** in Digital Painting.

Pat Hanly Creativity Awards 2021

Congratulations to Year 13 art students, **Renee Tabunot** and **Stevie Woods** who were recognised as exceptional young artists at the Pat Hanly Creativity Awards. The awards, which were established in 2002 with support from AUT, acknowledge the late artist Pat Hanley and his passion for art education and supporting young artist. The 67 Year 13 recipients from 35 Auckland schools, along with their whanau and teachers, were honoured at a gala event hosted by the Auckland Art Gallery on Thursday 24 June. Each student received an Auckland Art Gallery Membership and a goodie bag from AUT and event supporting partner, Gordon Harris Art Supplies.



Renee Tabunot and her work.



Stevie Wood and her work.



Jude Clayton - Merit Award



Congratulations also go to Howick Youth Council member and student leader **Siying Huang** (Y13), whose dedication and hard work in organising and presenting the showcase was recognised by the Howick Local Board - "We would like to bring to your attention to the notable community service of your student, Siying Huang, in delivering the Visual Arts Showcase...we are very proud to have Siying as one of our members on the Howick Youth Council." Well done Siying!

PERFORMING ARTS

Friday's @ Twelve Concert

It was fantastic to see this popular concert series for local secondary schools back up and running as last year's Covid-19 Alert Levels meant the 2020 concerts had to be cancelled. Our talented musicians and vocalists performed to a full house at the Uxbridge Arts and Culture Centre on Friday 28 May. The orchestra kicked off the concert with the Telemann Viola Concerto featuring **Hannah Milo** (Y13) on viola, followed by a selection of pieces by Handel and finishing with *Applause*, an upbeat number from Lady Gaga.

The Howick College Jazz Band was on form performing a mix of Latin American, Blues and Contemporary styles, rounding off their set by accompanying vocalists Hannah Milo and **Apurva Anand** (Y13) as they performed *Juice*. The audience was also treated to a wide range of vocal items from both choirs and solo from Apurva and Hannah performing their own original songs.



YouDance Festival 2021



Both dance groups waiting backstage at the YouDance Festival

Congratulations to our dance students who took part in the Annual Secondary Schools YouDance Festival which ran over 3 nights from Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 June. This year Howick College submitted 6 pieces and we were delighted to have 2 selected to be included in the festival that showcases the incredible talent of dance students from over 20 secondary schools, youth dance companies and youth groups.

The first piece titled "Legacy", was choreographed by **Brooke Scully** to original lyrics and music written by **Hannah Milo** and is performed by 14 dancers. The second piece titled "Stonewall Riot", was choreographed by **Hayley Christie** as her 3.1 Scholarship piece and is performed by 6 dancers.



Students performing 'Stonewall Riot'

As well as having the opportunity to dance in a professional theatre, dancers and choreographers receive feedback from members of the professional dance community to help them further develop their talent.

Well done to the following students:

Brooke Scully (Y13), **Hannah Milo** (Y13), **Elise Jacobs** (Y13), **Hayley Christie** (Y13), **Lily Moore** (Y13), **Samuel Dawson** (Y12), **Grace Shelley** (Y13), **Morgan Taylor** (Y13), **Sasha Washington** (Y13), **Charlotte Abbott** (Y13), **Caitlin Beal** (Y12), **Sophia Garofalakis** (Y12), **Brooke Taylor** (Y12), **Asher Saunders** (Y11), **Sophie Homan** (Y11), **Mackenzie Bray** (Y10), **Julia Geddes** (Y10), **Lilly Greig** (Y10), **Addison Tuineay** (Y10),

MAJOR PRODUCTION 2021

Grease - It's still the word!

Everyone's favourite characters from the 1978 hit movie Grease, were very much alive and rocking at Howick College from Tuesday 29 June to Saturday 1 July as audiences were transported back to Rydell High, 1959. The months of hard work and countless hours of rehearsals certainly paid off as the two casts, performing on alternate nights, delivered polished and entertaining performances to packed houses. This large and talented group of actors, musicians, dancers and stage crew can be incredibly proud of the way they pulled together as a team to make the show such a success. Special thanks to: Director Mrs Dryden, production managers Mrs Szopa and Mr Douglas, band leader Mr O'Ryan, dance teacher Ms Atkinson, Mrs Roberts and her hospitality team for the wonderful fifties themed 'dinner and show' menu and all those teachers, students and parents without whose time and support this would not have been possible.



Photos by Y12 students Alex Clark and Isabella Hindson

ENVIRO NEWS

This has been another busy term for our Envirogroup, with students getting involved in a variety of community projects.

Mangemangeroa Reserve Planting



Tree planting with the Friends of Mangemangeroa.



Howick College students plant native grasses to control weeds.

Staff and students (past and present) along with their friends and families turned out on Saturday 13 June at 9:30am with their gloves and spades to assist the Friends of Mangemangeroa Reserve with an extremely rewarding morning of tree planting. Earlier in the term, a group of Howick College students led by Mrs Slamet and Mr Carter, joined with students from Cockle Bay Primary School to plant native grasses at Mangemangeroa Reserve to stop the growth of weeds in the area. As a Green-Gold Enviro school, in association with Gecko Trust, we are committed to assisting Cockle Bay with environmental projects.

ORS - Garden to Table Project

During 2020 our Year 12 and 13 ORS students undertook a Garden to Table project that proved to be such a great success it was decided that they would continue with a Winter Garden during 2021. The students have been growing a variety of vegetables which they then used to make delicious soups and pasta dishes. Vegetables are also available for a gold coin donation and the funds raised will be used to purchase further seedlings and gardening equipment. So, if you are looking for delicious fresh herbs and vegetables remember to pop over to Learner Support.



Litter Intelligence Citizens

Congratulations to **Bri Flexman** (Y13) and **Talulla Brown** (Y13) on becoming Litter Intelligence citizens capable of facilitating litter data analysis at beach clean-ups. The programme is run by Sustainable Coastlines in collaboration with the Department of Conservation and Statistics NZ. It aims to create a national database to record and track litter and ultimately change behaviours and reduce rubbish long term.



Pro-Environmentalist - Blake Ingram

We are incredibly proud of Y9 enviro student **Blake Ingram** for his dedication to protecting the environment and making a difference in our community. This year Blake has taken part in the Moth Plant Pod Competition as well as being identified as a pro-environmentalist by organisers at the Trees for Survival planting on 28 June. As volunteer supervisor of our school community garden, Blake took the initiative of approaching Mitre 10 in Beachlands for a donation of seedlings and gardening gear. Blake also took sole responsibility for organising the zero waste bins used for the Food Festival. Great work Blake - you are a leader in the making and a fantastic example of our 4Cs!



Blake with the team from Mitre 10 Beachlands



Trees for Survival Planting



Blake (right) and Eben MacCamich receive recognition from Pest Free Howick for collecting moth plant pods

This is the young student I would like to nominate for an award! He even noticed the monitoring tunnels (provided by F&B South-East Wildlink) and bait rat cafeteria bait stations on our farm walk!

Congratulations to **Chris Henty, Ben Henty and Cormac Simpson** who as a team collected an outstanding **6000** moth plant pods, earning them a day out on a yacht in September. Great job team!

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

From Our Head Students



Student Leaders show their respect at ANZAC Day parade.

Just like that, we have arrived at the end of yet another incredible term! From the outstanding success of our sports teams, to our performing arts groups and our stunning school production of *GREASE*, which many of our Student Leaders were involved with, Term 2 has given us so much to be proud of and to celebrate.

As part of the Student Leadership Team, we have also helped to drive this year's "Big Give" a combined house fundraiser which focused on animal welfare. We are so grateful to all the students, staff and families who donated to support the SPCA and the Chained Dog Rehabilitation Charity.

What we are most proud of this term, though, is the supportive culture being built amongst the students. Howick College students have always been supportive of one another in all aspects of school life, but this has really grown over the last ten weeks as more students have been coming along to support their peers at sports games and performances. It is things like this that make us both extremely proud to be the 2021 Head Students of Howick College, and we cannot wait to see what the second half of this year holds. - **Krish and Hannah**

The Big Give - Supporting Animal Welfare



In the second half of Term 2 our Houses came together in a joint fundraiser to give back to the community by supporting animal welfare. Our pets offer companionship and love and have a hugely positive impact on our emotional wellbeing, this was particularly evident during the Covid-19 lockdowns when many people felt isolated and alone. Unfortunately, the pandemic has also meant some families are struggling financially and this has impacted on their ability to care for their pets. Because of this, the two charities chosen for the Big Give this term were the **SPCA** and the **Chained Dog Rehabilitation Charity**.

Our student office was inundated with donated items including: bedding and towels, toys, grooming and care products, pet food and newspaper. We also had many generous donations of money (**\$700** at the last count!) that will be put to good use by both these worthy causes. Thank you to everyone who contributed. If you would like to find out more about either charity and how you can help, please visit: <https://www.sPCA.nz/centre/auckland-centre> or <https://www.chaineddog.org.nz>

Z Club Gets Behind Grace Millane Project



Ana Atkinson (bottom right) with Z Club Members & Zonta representatives.

During May, the Howick College Z Club collected an abundance of items for the Grace Millane Project. The project is a charity where people donate handbags full of essential and luxury items to Women's Refuge as a means of not only paying tribute to Grace (who loved handbags) but as a way of turning a tragic loss into something positive by helping other women and their children escape dangerous domestic situations.

Thanks to the amazing work of our Z Club and our wider community, we were able to present numerous boxes of handbags and products to our local Women's Refuge. Accepting the handbags on their behalf was Ana Atkinson. Ana described how difficult and distressing it is for those forced to leave their homes with only the clothes they are wearing and how much these items are appreciated.

LEO Club - Cushions for Patients

Thanks to our LEO club members who were busy this term sewing much needed cushions for patients in the Middlemore Hospital colorectal therapy programme.



EVENTS

Pink Shirt Day



Students and staff at Howick College proved they were “all heart” on Friday 21 May as they turned out in every shade of pink to show their support of Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is an opportunity for our school to come together to raise awareness and help create a positive school environment free from bullying where diversity is celebrated and everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

National Schools Pride Week



Our Rainbow Alliance group, along with Student Leaders and Howick College staff members, braved the rain on the morning of Monday 14 June to raise the Rainbow Flag in honour of National Schools Pride Week. The week was a celebration of diversity that focused on events and activities that support rainbow youth to feel safe and accepted and have a sense of belonging in their schools and communities. A bake sale was held at lunchtime in C block to raise money for InsideOUT the creator of Schools Pride Week. InsideOUT is a charity organisation that works alongside whanau, schools and communities to support rainbow youth.

Pink Ribbon Breakfast For Breast Cancer Foundation

Well done to the wonderful team who got up bright and early to put on a scrumptious Pink Ribbon Breakfast for Howick College staff. Whether you preferred yoghurt and muesli or hash browns and bacon (or a little bit of both!) it was all there. Special thanks to Mrs Roberts, Mrs Chandra, Mrs MacCallum, Ms McKellar, Mrs Marsick, our fabulous Premier Netball girls and everyone who supported this fundraising event for the Breast Cancer Foundation and all the special women in our lives.



EVENTS

Careers Evening

Careers Evening 2021 was a huge success and very well attended by students and their families. This illuminating evening provides the information students need to make decisions and plan ahead. The 'Expo' style format allows representatives to display informative stands where they are available to chat with students and their families.

Six NZ Universities were present plus Manukau Technical Institute and many other private providers. Overall, there were more than 25 exhibitors on the night including: trades and apprenticeships, computing and IT, music, design, art and animation, defence forces and police, tourism and hospitality, beauty, hair and fashion.

Exhibitors were impressed by the turn out and the interest and enthusiasm shown in the courses and career options on display – with many stands running out of brochures! Special thanks to our dedicated team in the Careers Department for all their hard work behind the scenes to make the event run so smoothly on the night!



Howick College Hui 2021



It was wonderful to see so many of our students and their whanau along with kaumatua and Howick College staff, attend this year's Hui. We were also delighted to welcome Taini Drummond from the Matariki Marae and Howick College Alumni, Zarah Southon and Toni Wharehoka. Our Kapa Haka group opened the evening and stayed on to take part in the Hui. Cultural Council leader Mikaera Pairama and other members of Paihere Rangatiratanga, spoke about the purpose and importance of this Tutor Group for Maori students.

Our two Alumni gave inspiring messages about what their Maori culture means to them. Zarah, an artist, spoke in fluent Maori for the first part of his talk - a powerful example about the value of learning Te Reo Maori. He also spoke of his strong links to his heritage and his efforts to stay connected to his iwi. Toni, a law student, spoke (via video clip) of her regret that she had not been more connected with her culture while at school and how important it is to her now.

Ingham House Dean Mrs Sundrum, gave a presentation on the various ways our Maori students can enjoy success, followed by Deputy Principal Mr Doubleday providing information on the upcoming changes to NCEA. This positive and informative evening concluded with a shared meal together.

CULTURE WEEK

Po Fiafia Evening



This spectacular event was enjoyed by a packed theatre of students, staff and whanau who were taken on a cultural waka journey around the Pacific. Mr Ropati began proceedings with a wonderful prayer in Samoan, but it was very much a student-centred event with Y13 students **Soana Manufoetoa** and **Moses Tofaeono** acting as MCs for the night. The journey began in Aotearoa with our Kapa Haka group as they performed waiata and a stirring haka. This was followed by the beautiful harmonies of our Fijian students and a stunning performance from our Indian Divas who danced enthusiastically to a repertoire of songs. We were then hugely entertained by our Samoan and Tongan groups (our two largest Pasifika groups) and a small group of Cook Island girls who encouraged the audience to join in with the dancing. All performers put an incredible amount of time and effort into organising rehearsals, perfecting routines and making sure they looked amazing on stage in their cultural dress. Congratulations to all our students, it was a joy to share your passion for your cultures. Many thanks to all those involved behind the scenes, especially Mrs Fapiano - it was a fabulous journey!

International Food Festival

A vibrant and delicious highlight of Culture Week is the ever popular International Food Festival. This annual event is an opportunity to join together as a community and share traditional dishes from our diverse cultures. Students, their whanau and teachers, not only prepared and presented amazing food, they also turned out in a colourful array of cultural dress. Thanks to the Cultural Council and Ingham House for all their work on another success that raised over \$2,500 for charity.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Official Opening of New Building



Howick College officially opened its newly completed and much anticipated Community Development Office on Thursday 20 May. The Kawanga whare, a formal pre-dawn ceremony to bless and open the new building, was led by tangata whenua, Te Kei o te waka o Tainui. Staff were joined by the Howick College Board, Senior Leadership Team and student leaders, along with representatives from the Howick Local Board and Kahui Ako Leaders for the Howick Coast and Waiparaoa, to celebrate the event. Since its inception in 2018, the vision for the Community Development Office has been to continue to build and strengthen Howick College's relationship with its wider community. A key focus for the team of dedicated staff is bridging the gap between the school and members of the community who have a vested interest. Since incorporating the International Department at the end of last year that the vision now extends well beyond the front doorstep, as they continue to maintain positive connections with every individual in our wider school whanau, whether they be domestic or international, past or present.

Southern Cross Partners Scholarship



Our 2020 Southern Cross Partners Scholarship recipient Jenna Hainsworth, who is currently undertaking a Conjoint Degree in Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of International Hospitality Management at AUT University, visited the Community Development Office on Friday 2 July to speak with Year 12 and 13 students interested in applying for this significant scholarship. Jenna, who has received straight As in her first semester, shared her university experiences and how the scholarship has helped her to get a head start. She also answered questions about university life and the scholarship application process.

This generous scholarship, valued at up to \$18,000 per year for a maximum of 4 years (totalling up to \$72,000), will support a Howick College student to pursue full time tertiary study in any undergraduate degree programme in any discipline at any New Zealand tertiary institution. For more information and to apply, please visit the Howick College website - <https://www.howickcollege.school.nz/external-scholarships>

Alumni News Zarahn Southon Graduating Class 1994

It was a pleasure to welcome back former student and artist, Zarahn Southon as a guest speaker at the 2021 Hui. (Page10)



Zarahn with an example of some of his work at the Hui

Currently based in Auckland, Zarahn first started painting and drawing seriously at the age of 17 and gives credit to then painting teacher, Mr Roger Staples, for teaching him to value art history, particularly German expressionists. After finishing school, he completed a Bachelor of Visual Arts in 1998 which was followed by several solo shows. In 2005 he was awarded a Contemporary Pacific Art Scholarship, which funded a trip to study in Florence, Italy to study the Old Masters and in 2007 he was awarded a scholarship from the classical art school Studio Escalier in France.

Zarahn is renown for his striking character studies and his impressive figure drawing and painting techniques. His works are exhibited regularly at the New Zealand Portrait Gallery in Wellington and he has pieces on display at the Auckland City Council and held in the Wallace Trust Collection at the Pah Homestead in Auckland.

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby - Boys 1st XV



Ropati Shield 2021

Congratulations to our 1st XV Rugby squad on successfully retaining the Ropati Shield with a superb 60 - 7 win against One Tree Hill College's 1st XV in their first game of the season. Just 3 years ago, Howick College was not even in the same 1B league as OTHC and had not held the shield since 2014. However, the outstanding Courage and Commitment they have shown to not only working their way back into the 1B grade, but to winning and retaining the shield 2 years running has certainly paid off and we are incredibly proud of their achievement. Congratulations also go to our dedicated coaching team, Mr Thomas (head coach), Mr Kumate and Mr Tu'ipolotu, who have worked so hard with and for the team. Thanks to all our wonderful parents and followers - your support and commitment is greatly appreciated!

An Outstanding Season

The 1st XV remained unbeaten at the top of the 1B table:

- Win against OTHC 60-7 (Ropati Shield)
- Win against Pakuranga College 34 - 7
- Win against Macleans College 19 - 12
- Win against St Paul's College 38 - 13
- Win against Waitakere College 65 - 12
- Win against BDSC 21 - 8
- Win against Onehunga High School 22 -14

Standout players so far this season:

Nathan Halliday (lock), **Austin Carew** (flanker), **Riley Harrison** (1st 5/8), **Robert Qalowasa** (2nd 5/8), **Cruiz Overend** (centre) - Only in Y11, Cruiz has scored a very impressive **10** tries (includes preseason)

Underwater Hockey

Congratulations to our Junior Open Underwater Hockey team who took **THIRD** place after a nail-biting finish at the Northern Area Zone Secondary Schools Cup tournament. Despite some tough opposition, the team stuck together and worked hard to earn their place at the Northern Zone Secondary Schools National Competition in August.

We also congratulate our Senior Open team who competed against 6 other teams and after a very close semi-final, ended the tournament in **THIRD** place, also bringing home bronze and booking themselves a place at Nationals.

Special mention to our Senior Girls team who played some close fought games to finish in **FIFTH** place and gain a spot at the national finals - this is the first time all our teams have made it through! Howick College was also named **Best Supporters** and **Best Coaches** for their enthusiasm and encouragement of the players.

Congratulations to the following players selected to trial for the Northern U18 teams:

Rhyan Galloway, Daniel Glenie, Ben Kew, Nathan Marshall, Mathew Lowe, Daan Tissink, Henry Liang, Juliet Curwood, Marissa Galloway, Talulla Brown, Phoebe Ata, Mollie McHale, Kendra Scully, Briana McIntosh



Junior Open Underwater Hockey Team and Coaches



Senior Open Underwater Hockey Team and Coaches

SPORTS NEWS

Netball - Walmsley Debuts for Tactix



Congratulations to Howick College premier netball player **Amelia Walmsley** (Y13), on her debut for the Mainland Tactix against the Southern Steel at the ANZ Premiership Quarter Finals in June. Amelia was brought on as an injury replacement for Kate Grant and showed no sign of nerves as she went on to score an impressive 16 goals from just 19 attempts. Amelia is also a top performer in the National Netball League for the Comets, along with past Howick College students **Breeze Peeni-Rata** and **Nanise Waqaira**.

Special Olympics - Basketball



Congratulations to our special Olympians who competed at the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament on Tuesday 15 June. Our team played against Tamaki College and put up an impressive result winning 3 out of 4 games to **WIN** the top division. Standout players: **Mitchell Russell** (Y12) and **Patrick Smith** (Y12)

Boxing - Golden Gloves

Congratulations to talented young boxer **Ian Tauaiki** (Y12), on winning **GOLD** in the Junior 75kg division at the NZ Golden Gloves Finals held in Christchurch held on 3 - 4 July. Ian also won the award for **Most Promising Boxer**.



Basketball - Farewell Coach Gamiao



The team presents Mr Gamiao with a signed shirt

This term we said farewell to much loved basketball coach and maths teacher, Mr Gamiao. In 2020 Mr Gamiao was recognised for his service to sport at Howick College and was nominated as **Coach of the Year** for the 2021 Howick Local Body Sports Awards. We wish him all the very best.

2021 Howick Local Body Sports Awards

Congratulations to the following Howick College students, staff and volunteers who were recognised for their sporting achievements and contribution to sport at the recent Howick Local Board Sports Awards Ceremony.

JUNIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR

Howick College 2020 Premier Rugby 7s

Players: Luisa Togotogorua (Y13), Jaelin Tulikaki (Y13), Edyn Paul (Y13), Paige Makiri (Y13), Kyla Olliver (Y13), Abby Lockhart (Y13), Shalah-Maye Jackson (Y12), Aleksandra Tunufai (Y11), Hana Sotutu (Y11), Sarina Masaga (Y11), Dajian Brown (ex-student), Elenoa Gukirewa (ex-student), Dayna Moon (ex-student) Tahei Baikenuku (ex-student)

JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Luisa Togotogorua (Y13)

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mr Waisake Sotutu

Girls Rugby Representatives

Congratulations to our past and present students on their selection for the following squads:

AUCKLAND RUGBY WOMENS STORM SQUAD

Luisa Togotogorua, Abby Lockhart, Elenoa Gukirewa
Jennifer-Rose Reu, Sapphire Abraham

AUCKLAND RUGBY WOMENS THUNDER SQUAD

Paige Makiri, Dayna Moon, Dajian Brown

Sports Awards Nominations

We will soon be calling for nominations for the Annual Howick College Sports Awards so please keep a look out for those special athletes, coaches, managers and supporters. Thank you to all those students, families and supporters for getting behind sport this year.

FAREWELL MRS WRIGHT

After 35 years of service dedicated to Howick College, Deputy Principal Mrs Janice Wright retired on Friday 9 July. Students and staff took the opportunity to say farewell and express their love, respect and appreciation for all she has done and all she has meant to them over the years.

A Legacy of Extraordinary Care

Mrs Wright began her time at Howick College in 1986 as a teacher in the Social Sciences Department teaching Social Studies, Geography and Tourism, eventually becoming Head of Social Studies and in recent years taking on the role of Deputy Principal. An innovative teacher and Head of Learning Area (HoLA), Mrs Wright introduced the subject of Tourism to Howick College, nurturing it through its development as a subject including the significant growth in the IT nature of the tourism industry. She was an outstanding Geography and Social Studies teacher - in pre-google days she wrote her own resources, combining her exceptional knowledge and communication skills.

By sheer power of example, Mrs Wright inspired her department to be the best teachers they could be. She established collegiality and sharing and worked diligently to create high standards of performance and skill in all the teachers she influenced. Mrs Wright taught two National Scholars (the top student across the country in the year) in Geography which is a testament to her own skill as a teacher. She was also an enthusiastic participant in countless fieldtrips and camps over the years. Particularly famous as camp cook, Mrs Wright is renowned for both her lasagne and chocolate pudding and the generosity with which she dished them out to staff and students.

Mrs Wright was highly influential in training first and second year teachers and in creating an induction programme that continues to help new teachers become part of the Howick College community. During her time as the Specialist Classroom Teacher, she was responsible for teacher training and supporting, embedding the "Very Good Teaching" Programme within the school that helped establish the pedagogy of learning relationships that remains a cornerstone of the college.

Mrs Wright epitomises kindness and generosity and has extended her home and hearth to any who have needed it. To Maori and Pasifika students she is known simply as Auntie Janice and is shown all the love and respect the title embodies. The matriarch of Howick College, she has worked tirelessly as a teacher and school leader and leaves behind a legacy of extraordinary care for her students, her colleagues and her community. Happy retirement Mrs Wright - you deserve it!



Portrait of Mrs Wright painted by Skyla Law Chen (Y12)



HOWICK COLLEGE BOARD

Well, what a difference a year makes. This time last year Covid had largely destroyed the ability to watch any sport, events or shows and this year we have been largely unimpacted, which has enabled our school, like many others, to showcase the talent of our youth, whether it be in sports, in theatres or when giving presentations. There has also been the opportunity for students to compete with their friends and classmates doing the things they love to do.

In the last week of term, I had the pleasure of attending the opening night of the school's production of *Grease*. It was amazing to be able to enjoy the significant theatrical talent of our students, it was a wonderful show to watch and the voices of our singing stars were a joy to hear. I would like to congratulate the staff, cast and parents who have assisted in bringing this show classic to the stage.

Terms 2 and 3 are always my favourites as it is a time when we have the most numbers of our students proudly wearing our Red, Black and White (#upthewaka) as they take part in their sporting pursuits. They could not do this without the staff, parents and students who assist as coaches, managers or umpires. Thanks to the many helpers who give up their time to support our students.

One thing I have noticed this term is the significant increase in the number of students on the side-lines supporting their peers. Our student leaders are doing a great job in showing and leading a sense of PRIDE in our school and by leading from the front (as all good leaders do) they bring others along on the journey. This has been the case not only at many sports events, at home and away, but also at our music and theatre events.

Term 2 saw the opening of the Community Development Office, appropriately placed at the front and centre of the school. The official opening ceremony which included a blessing by local Iwi, was attended by representatives from the Howick Local Council and the Howick Coast Kahui Ako school leaders alongside student leaders, members of our Senior Leadership Team and Howick College Board. It is the confirmation of the importance we place on our wider community and plays a significant part in our journey as a school.

The board continues to work with the Ministry of Education to deliver on our next five year property plan, which over the coming months will include: a new more functional and safer bus bay, more seating above the sports fields, and ongoing work to improve learning spaces. It will be pleasing to see these come to fruition following the completion of the Community Development Office.

Another area the board continues to focus on is maintaining the high level of in zone student enrolment numbers. As part of this, we continue to engage positively with our local schools and provide our wider community with an understanding of the wonderful opportunities available at Howick College.

Over the last term there have been many opportunities to feed into the ongoing strategy of the school, and we say thank-you to those who have completed surveys etc.

On behalf of the board, we wish all staff, students and our community a relaxing break and look forward to seeing you back in late July for the start of term three.

Regards,

Roger Gribble

Presiding Board Member

IMPORTANT TERM DATES

TERM 3 (10 Weeks)
Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October

Tuesday 3 August
Subject Selection Information Evening
From 5:00 - 7:00pm (Years 10 - 12)

Wednesday 4 August
Winter Sports Photos

Thursday 5 August
Year 9 Enrolment information Evening
4:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday 10 August
Teacher Only Day

Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 August
Dance Showcase, 7:00 - 8:00pm

Wednesday 18 August
Howick College Board Meeting
6:00 - 8:00pm

**Monday 30 August -
Friday 3 September**
Winter Tournament Week

Wednesday 1 September
Out of Zone Ballot Closes

Wednesday 8 September
Out of Zone Ballot Drawn

Tuesday 14 - Friday 24 September
Senior Practice Exams

Wednesday 15 September
Howick College Board Meeting
6:00 - 8:00pm

Monday 27 September

*Thank you for supporting
Howick College!*

