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NEWSLETTER
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Navarna Topine-Moana participating in the senior PE rock-climbing programme at Castle Rock last week.

Welcome to all new parents, caregivers and students to Ngaruawahia High School.

I look forward to working closely with you and your whanau.

The success of your child's education relies to some extent on a strong partnership between the school and home.

I would like to thank our sponsors who have been willing to sponsor our school newsletter again this year.

Without their support it would prove far more difficult to produce as many newsletters throughout the year.

David Bradford
PRINCIPAL



Kahlea's home!



2007 senior student Kahlea Tamati (left) spoke to the full assembly early in the term about her experiences in Coby, England as an exchange student.

Kahlea left New Zealand in July last year and spent six months mixing and mingling with her peers at her local high school.

One of her highlights was a visit to Paris, a sightseeing experience that she said had a little less impact than the one she was expecting.

Year 9 Camp(s)

Our annual Year 9 camp will take place this month.

9 KimiKimi and 9 Rimu go on Monday 10 March and return of Tuesday 11 March.

The second camp will be 9 Taumata and 9 Kiwi who will leave on Wednesday 12 March and return on Thursday 13 March.

Preparations are well under way and we look forward to these camps.

What's ahead?



10th-13th March:

Year 9 Camps

15th March:

Turangawaewae Regatta

21st-25th March:

Easter holidays

26th-28th March:

Y12-13 Enterprise

31st March—3rd April:

Waka Ama Secondary Schools Championships

16th April:

Progress Report Evening

18th April:

Last day of Term 1

5th May:

Term 2 starts

16th-20th June

Kapa haka Nationals

Swimming Sports



Exchange students Antonio (Italy), Yuya (Japan) and Maxi (Germany) took full part in the swimming sports.

Ngaruawahia High School Swimming sports 2008 started with a bang, team spirit and participation being the key to success.

Most students enjoyed getting involved in the various events, even the butterfly which has proved over the years to be the most strenuous of the strokes.

The morning was a blur of students trying their best in the heats to gain their place in the afternoon finals. Lunchtime saw the four whanau battling it out in the whanua chant competitions and when lunchtime drew to a close the real fun began with the kayak sprints, buoyancy relays and the

amazing manu bomb competition.

The best of the best showed what they were made of in the finals and tensions were high as the rival whanau were neck and neck throughout the races.

The day concluded with the traditional demonstration of staff members competing against each other in kayak dragging and bombing much to the excitement of the students.

Massive congratulations and thanks to all students who participated and made the day an awesome one!

The Mokau whanau came in first and the swimming champs were:

Junior Girls Champion:

Larissa Deane

Junior Boys Champion:

Jared Solomon

Intermediate Girls Champion:

Meretuahiahi

Tarawhiti

Intermediate Boys Champion:

Aubrey Fretwell

Senior Girls Champion:

Lania Fretwell

Senior Boys Champion:

Tom Gilby-Todd

New Board Members

Welcome to two new members on our Board of Trustees, Ivan Hodgetts and Jessica Gilby Todd.

The Board looks forward to working with you.

HOMEWORK CENTRE

This is held every Tuesday and Thursday after school 3.30 – 5.00pm in the school library.

So if you are wanting a quiet place to do your homework don't hesitate to come along.

Staff are on hand to supervise students.

Any parents/caregivers interested in coaching or helping out with a team/s for the following sports please contact Matua Waki on 0274590114 or

wakisimon

@ngaruawahiahigh.school.nz

Basketball, Football, Netball, Rugby, Rugby League, Touch.

Another hundred swimming photos can be viewed on www.ngaruawahiahigh.school.nz



Athletics

The 22nd of February provided a beautiful day for the Ngaruawahia High School athletics events.

The morning involved a rotation of the field events, which the majority of students participated in with great enthusiasm.

Athletes competed in the main events and then, after lunch, the real fun began.

The highlight of the day, the POWER-PULLING, gained the most energetic, enthusiastic response from all the students.

The whanau support was over-whelming and the noise could be heard from miles around as whanau worked together and encouraged each other.

The finals took place after the power-pulling and there were some tremendous efforts from injured athletes.

A huge thanks to those who organised the day and kept it flowing, as keeping it running on time would of definitely been a task! And thanks to all the students who came and encouraged and participated in the days events, their attitudes were

amazing and these reflected well in the outcome of the day.

Athletic champions for 2008 were:

Junior boys:

Jared Solomon

Junior girls:

Justice Howe

Int. Boys:

Joseph Rayner

Int. Girls:

Amberley McBeth

Senior boys:

Jordan Grace

Senior girls:

Melissa Bromley.

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NATIONAL MAORI POLICE RECRUITING ROAD SHOW - TE HAERENGA

Te Haerenga is an initiative by the NZ Police that aims to increase the number of Maori serving in the police - with a goal of ensuring that the unique characteristics, tikanga and perspectives of Maori are recognised and respected.

NZ Police are looking to recruit Maori who understand what it means to be Maori, who can lead by example in their work with iwi, hapu and whanau all over the motu.

Te Haerenga is a unique presentation in which currently serving police officers with varying whakapapa share their work stories - through a mixture of waiata, korero and kapa haka.

It is open to all prospective recruits along with their whanau, as well as anyone interested in the kaupapa.

Te Haerenga Itinerary - Hamilton 19 March 6 - 8pm, TWoA - Raroera Campus - Rangiaowhia Marae.

Stage Challenge practices begin.....



A lot of action, fun and laughter took place at the very first assembly of dancers for our 2008 Stage Challenge practice on Monday.

A New Zealand first?



Pictured above are Deputy Principal Robyn Roa, NZ Qualifications Officer Harata Day and Ngaruawahia High School ex-pupil and NHS Computer Dept Technician Matthew Griffiths.

The three were lunching after a successful demonstration to Harata of the computerized collection of all documents necessary for our school to be accredited as competent to present the curriculum to our students.

As if viewing a web site, all documents, policies and data relevant to Ngaruawahia High School's accreditation can be easily accessed via computer. Chief architect of the system, Matthew Griffiths, worked closely with Robyn Roa and Principal David Bradford over many long hours in gathering, scanning and compiling the records.

Harata was so impressed with the system that she will be demonstrating it to other schools and suggesting they set up a similar method of records access. She said she was unaware of any other school that had undertaken and completed such a project.

Following some final cosmetic work on the interface, this vast collection of documents will be uploaded onto the school's website for public access.

Leaders interviewed >>>>>>

Tatler reporter Danielle Smithers spent Tuesday lunch-hour talking with school leaders Jade Newport, Lania Fretwell, Tom Gilby-Todd and Reremoana Stephens.

She was preparing a column for the local paper highlighting our school seniors.

Danielle also met briefly with school reporter Sarah McLean who will be contributing regular school-based articles to the Tatler. Sarah will be reporting on the many positive aspects of staff and student life in and about the school and will also be editing the newsletters and the 2008 school yearbook.

Stage Challenge 2008 has begun and Ngaruawahia High School has started practicing.

Our theme is 150 years of the King Movement starting with the arrival of the Tainui canoe, the appointment of the first Maori King down to Te Atairangikaahu, and the present king, King Tuheitia.

Our choreographer is Tama Kane who has a lot of patience and enthusiasm.

We will be performing in June, practices are Monday and Wednesday after school to 5.30pm.

International Pen Friends

IPF was founded in Ireland in 1967 and currently has its head office in Australia.

It is a safe way for children and adults to join a true pen pal club.

People can only write to people in their own age group, and personal details are not on-sold.

If you are interested in knowing more send a stamped self addressed envelope to IPF, PO Box 21271, Flagstaff 3200 Hamilton or telephone Raewin on 8495477.

Ngaruawahia

Table Tennis Club

St Paul's Hall, Belt Street

Friday evenings

7:00pm to 9:30pm

Commencing 28th March

School-aged \$1 a night

Adults \$2 a night

All age groups are welcome.

Come along and enjoy a social night out with your family. Coaching is available.

Contact:

Joyce Coleman 07-8248530

>>> Homework Centre <<<

Every Tuesday and Thursday after school 3:30 to 5:00pm in the school library. The ideal quiet place for homework. Staff are on hand to supervise.



“Meet and Eat” for pupils, parents and staff



An informative and pleasant time was shared by all those who attended the Wednesday evening barbeque. Parents were informed about the Te Kotahitanga programme and introduced to the Deans and staff involved particularly with the Year 9 students. Senior staff tended the cooking of sausages, bacon, meat patties and corn.

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Pupils escape

The tradition is only a few years old, but it continued on Friday 15 February when 13 students from Year 13 headed to Hamilton for the annual 10-pin bowling hit-out.

They were accompanied by Year 13 co-ordinators, Mrs Cann Ms Hari, and Mr Bradford, the principal.

While the students enjoyed “just bowling”, Mr Bradford’s competitive nature was obvious. “Just showing them how it’s done,” he said.

Leaving the bowling lanes behind, the group moved on to Pizza Hut to enjoy a meal together. As a result of these activities, these students have become a more cohesive group.

EDUCATION FIRST Information Meetings

Come along to one of the free information meetings to meet an EF representative and ask questions about their programmes including language courses and exchange programs for all ages.

Next meeting is Monday 24 March at the Management Block - Waikato University, Room MS4.G.02, Hillcrest Road, Hamilton.

Kathy Blyth



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Tainui Waka Senior Regional Kapa Haka Competition 2008



On Sunday the 24th of February many students, ex-students as well as staff stood proudly and performed at the Tainui Waka Senior Regional Kapa Haka Competition held at Mystery Creek this year.

It was a very eventful day with lots of kai and a huge audience of around 5,000 people! A lot of roopu competed such as Te Whare Wananga o Waikato, Te Iti Kahurangi, Te Pou o Mangatawhiri, Nga Pou o Roto and many more.

Throughout the day there were also entertainment

segments that featured dances and bands such as Diziah, Fusion Dance Company, 4 Corners and even Katchafire!

Those involved, who are currently connected with our school, were;

Whaea Rangimarie Morgan, Whaea Hariru Roa, Matua Barney Wharakura, Reremoana Stephens, Ruki Simon, Meretuahiahi Tarawhiti and Animau Roa

Among those involved who have had past connections with our school were;

Mariana Rangihuna, Wirihana Huaki, Kakahurimu Paekau, Stevye Huaki, Miruwai Turner, Mona Turner, Kotiro Turner, Tangata Herangi, Kamira Hona, Kura Walker, Taane Te Koi, Tamehana Te Koi, Tina Te Koi, Te Waipounamu Teinakore and Te Manawaroa Teinakore

Prizegiving was a real heart pounding time for all roopu I must admit, but overall it was a great success as well.

Once the results were called, along came the hugs, the smiles, the screams, the

tears and a whole lot of hupe! A wicked day all round!

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Overall results were.....

- 1ST – Te Iti Kahurangi
- 2nd – Te Pou o Mangatawhiri
- 3rd – Nga Pou o Roto

The school wishes to congratulate those roopu and also the many that competed on the day – it was a awesome event with some wicked brackets!

And lastly we say;
“WE’RE GOING TO NATIONALS! Tauranga Moana here we come!”

- Reremoana Stephens

New faces on the staff this year

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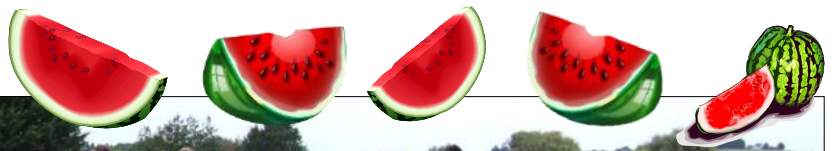
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There must be food about!



Year 9 students line up for a free lunch of burgers, drinks and watermelon at lunchtime on Tuesday. A few older students tried unsuccessfully to float into the line! The meal was part of the reward system for the students, who have been doing well.

Policies

It has been decided that during the year we will include a copy of different school policies to keep parents informed.

In this issue of our newsletter we have included our **Attendance Policy and Procedure**.

All policies are ratified and reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

If you would like to have any input into any of our policies please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Rationale:

Non attendance at school has been identified as a major barrier to learning and a significant indication of at risk students. It is a legal requirement for all those under the age of 16 years in New Zealand to attend school.

It is the responsibility of parents/caregivers to ensure attendance of all children up to the age of 16.

Purposes:

- 1 To assist students to attend school on a regular basis.

- 2 Optimal learning requires that students attend school at all times that it is open

Guidelines:

- 1 Attendance registers will document attendance and non attendance
- 2 The school will have an enrolment system in line with the Education Act
- 3 Procedures outlined in the Deans Handbook will be

followed when students are identified as truant

- 4 Emergency closure procedures are in place
- 5 The school will have a consistent system for marking attendance registers
- 6 Suspension procedures in line with Ministry of Education requirements will be met



Go Bus

PO Box 35 Huntly

Product Recall

Recalling all sports uniforms belonging to Ngaruawahia High School - please return these to the office.

There are a lot of uniforms including sports singlets and black Canterbury shorts that are 'walking' around our community that are needed for our sports teams.

Please return (no questions asked) to the office or directly to Matua Waki.

Business Development Programme

A three-day business experience programme has been arranged for all Year 12 and Year 13 students.

This programme is being run at the school on March 26th, 27th and 28th.

All Year 12 and Year 13 students are expected to attend.

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Noel Reid

Talented (former) Ngaruawahia High School student Noel Reid (pictured above at sports day) has been employed again this year.

As a teacher-aide he is working with identified students who are taking short courses in art, music and carving.

Noel also continues to tutor in Flamenco Guitar, which is so well received at every performance.

Our students are indeed fortunate to have one of their own assisting them to achieve in these subjects.

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Waka Ama Secondary Schools' Regionals

After an early morning start (6am) and a quick bakery stop in Tirau, we finally made it to Lake Okareka with minutes to set up before our first race (senior girls).

The day went quickly with heats taking up most of the morning. A few late paddlers, chopping and changing teams, eating on the go and nervous first timers, pretty much summed up the morning events.

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A quick lunch break (although our camp was already out of lunch by this time) and plate, champ finals continued with the final results.

All students represented the school with respect and a positive attitude and wairua.

The senior students kicked into gear, taking upon them the responsibility of looking after the Year 9 students. Nerves settled as the day progressed as paddlers were hungry for more water time.

A huge congratulations must be extended to all our students who eagerly participated.

The support from parents who travelled to Rotorua was 'awesome' and comments like 'when's the

next one - can't wait' highlighted the continual support of whanau.

Matua Waki would like to thank Mr Bradford for the support he has provided towards building waka ama in the school.

A huge thanks to Whaea Rangimarie and Matua Riki for their assistance on the day.

Finally, without the sponsorship of the use of waka, paddles and life jackets from Turangawaewae Waka Sports, we would not have been able to continue. Thank you all so very much.

One down Two go go! Roll on Kopapa nationals (Turangawaewae Regatta) and Waka Ama Nationals, March 31st - April 3rd at Lake Karapiro.

Results from Waka Ama Regionals

Junior Girls Results

Rimaeka 3rd - 250m Champ **Final** & 1st - 500m Champ **Final**
Mahinarangi 1st - 250m Champ **Final** & 6th - 500m Champ **Final**

Junior Boys Results

Turangawaewae 3rd - 250m Plate **Final** & 4th - 500m Champ **Final**
Rangatahi 5th - 500m Plate **Final**

Junior Mixed Results

Kimiora J16 3rd - 500m Champ Semi-Finals

Senior Girls Results

Ahurei 4th - 250m Plate **Final** & 4th - 500m Plate **Final**

Senior Boys Results

Tumanako 4th - 250m Champ Semi & 6th - 500m Champ Semis



Ngaruawahia High School staff members photographed outside Pare Waikato on Turangawaewae Marae with their hosts during the school's Teacher Only Day at the beginning of the year on January 31st.