

# Ngaruawahia High School

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**NEWSLETTER**  
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## Medal haul by Jared Solomon



Ngaruawahia High School's Jared Solomon was one of five Waikato swimmers who returned from the national age group swimming championships in Christchurch with medals.

Jared swims for the Ace Swimming Club at Te Rapa Waterworld and took gold in both the 14 year old boys' freestyle and butterfly.

He also won bronze medals in the 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle and 100m butterfly in his age group, breaking a Waikato record in the 50m freestyle with a time of 25.70s.

Jared qualified for 10 races, swimming in nine and making seven finals. He also swam in the Waikato 15 years and under medley relay team, which made the final and finished fifth.

## The New Zealand Curriculum

As part of the New Zealand Curriculum there have been identified five key competencies that all students should be working towards -

- Thinking skills
- Relating to others
- Using Language, symbols and text
- Managing self
- Participating and Contributing.

National Certificate of Educational Achievement and the key competency of Managing Self.

Under the current NCEA environment it is extremely important that students take an active role in monitoring and managing their progress through NCEA levels one, two and three.

Parents of these students are encouraged to ask their son/daughter for their

SCORECARDS or TRACKING SHEETS to monitor progress towards these goals.

The tracking sheets provide information on the total possible credits available for a student's particular course of study (these will vary greatly), whilst the scorecard provides information on what has already been achieved.

The annual NCEA information evening was held on Wednesday 9th of April. Information regarding the NCEA process was shared, as well as the school's own initiatives (scorecard and tracking sheet).

If parents or caregivers have any questions regarding NCEA or an individual's progress please don't hesitate to get in contact with the school office.

We also have available publications designed to provide information on NCEA.

The following web address will also be of help.....

[www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea)

### Term 2 Calendar

- May 5** - Term 2 starts
- May 17/18** - Kapa Haka wananga
- May 20** - Y11/12 work choice day
- May 24/25** - Kapa Haka wananga
- May 31/June 1** - Kapa Haka wananga
- June 3** - Class photos
- June 7/8** - Kapa Haka wananga
- June 16-20** - Kapa Haka Nationals
- July 1-3** - Senior Exams
- July 4** - Term 2 ends

### AMP Scholarship Programme

Twelve Scholarships of up to \$10 000.00 each will be awarded to talented New Zealanders with the courage, passion, determination and commitment to achieve their goal.

Applications open online 1 April 2008 – 30 June 2008 at [www.amp.co.nz](http://www.amp.co.nz)

2007 winners included a Freestyle Skier, Maori Textile weaver, Doctor, Film maker, Motorcycle Racer, Civil Engineer and Basketball Player.



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## Year 9 Paddle Power ►

On 10th and 11th of April the Year 9 students, as part of their Social Studies curriculum, rowed wakas from Cambridge and Hamilton to Ngaruawahia.

With the river currently being so low the journey took longer than expected.



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**Silver medallists:** Camira Newport, Meretuahiahi Tarawhiti, Stevie-Jo Brown, Nicholas Heremaia, Christine Morehu, Corey Miles, Raana Dennis, Lisa McGrath, Iwa Te Koi, Kingsley Smith-Grey (hidden), Aubrey Fretwell and Haloma Bluegum.

### Silver Medal for NHS

The first day of competition saw teams combine to compete in the W12's against some of the top paddlers in New Zealand.

Over 40 schools competed on the first day and excitement was high when all teams went for a place in the Championship semi-finals.

One of our four teams achieved that goal and the race was on for our first medal.

There was a photo-finish and after a long delay the results were posted.

Our junior team (made up of Tumanako and Rimaeka) watched as Matua Waki headed towards them with a look on his face that was not encouraging.

They all held their breath waiting for Matua to say "Hard luck guys...we just missed out!"

Instead, his face turned into a broad grin with "Congratulations! You got silver!"

Screams of joy could be heard across Lake Karapiro (the other schools thought we were crazy).

### W6 (250m & 500m)

Tuesday and Wednesday were the heats and the semis for the W6 races (six crew members).

The competition was fierce but the team felt that they had improved over two days of racing.

Most paddlers kept eating to a minimum, knowing that they needed to snack during the day.

Six of eight teams made

the finals.

Wednesday night was "Disco Night", and after two days of paddling their hearts out they were given the night off to boogie away their aches and pains.

### Finals

#### Seniors

- ❖ Ahurei (girls):  
1st Bowl Final 500m
- ❖ Turangawaewae:  
2nd Bowl Final 500m

#### Junior Boys

- ❖ Tumanako:  
2nd Plate Final 500m  
4th Plate Final 250m  
Silver Medal  
Championship Final  
W12 250m
- ❖ Rangatahi:  
8th Plate Final 800m
- ❖ Waikato:  
3rd Bowl Semis 500m  
& 250m

#### Junior Girls

#### ❖ Rimaeka:

- Silver Medal  
Championship Final  
W12 250m  
1st Plate Final 250m  
2nd Plate Final 500m

#### ❖ Mahinarangi:

- 7th Championship  
Final 250m  
1st Plate Final 500m

#### ❖ Kimiora:

- 4th Plate Semis 500m  
& 250m

### Thanks to:

Matua Waki, Mangu Simon, Helen Litt, Reremoana Stephens, Whaea Deeda, Turangawaewae Waka Sports, Turangawaewae Marae, Turangawaewae Old Boys, Ngaruawahia High School, North Waikato Blue Light, Waipa Primary, Tuakana Customs, City West (Matua James Koopu) and all the parents who donated kai.



**Tumanako crew:** Raana Dennis, Aubrey Fretwell, Nicholas Heremaia, Corey Miles, Kingsley Smith-Grey and David Bradford (Principal),

## ◀ Kopapa Nationals

### 15th March - Regatta

After such a successful year in 2007, it was expected that Ngaruawahia High School continue that success this year.

A total of 39 students represented us at the Turangawaewae Regatta on March 15th.

It was a huge change for our paddlers who were so used to the comfort of

paddling in the waka ama, to have to go back to basics and learn kopapa.

This was an awesome experience for some (but not for others).

A special mention and congratulations to our junior boys 'Tumanako' in the photo above who took out the junior boys section for 2008.

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**Waikato  
Zone  
Athletics**

Congratulations to those who participated in the Zone Athletics three weeks ago. Justice Howe, Ryessa

Warren, JJ Cootes, Jonty McBeth and Lewis Jones. Justice Howe made the finals of the 100m and the 200m.

# Doug Marsh - 1987—2008

1987 was the start of an awesome twenty one years at Ngaruawahia High for Doug Marsh. Ever since his first day he has always been fully involved in the school.

Mr. Marsh is always there to lend a helping hand or have a laugh with you. Every school event you can count on seeing him there fully into what ever is happening and showing his full support to his students.

Whenever there's down time at school or

on camps you can guarantee to hear Mr Marsh bellowing out the tunes on his beloved karaoke machine.

These moments will be missed greatly by the students and staff alike.

Mr Marsh is always up for a laugh even if it's on himself and this has made for many humorous memories and photos that regularly circulate around the school.

He has been a very valuable addition to Ngaruawahia High and the school just won't be quite the same without him.

We all wish you the best for your future and hope you can fit in a lot more fishing trips now Marshy!

- Sarah McLean

(Mr Marsh will be taking classes for only three days a week in Term 2)

At a special Waikato assembly on Wednesday the students said adieu to Mr Marsh with a huge chocolate cake.

Several of the seniors spoke of past events with him as their teacher.



Year 13 students Carl Dean, Anjina Paul, Sarah McLean and Nisha Bal remembered "Marshy" as their Year 9 Tutor Teacher in 2004.

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## Waikato Secondary School Swimming

Well done to the following students who represented us at the swimming championships held at Hamilton's Waterworld on Wednesday 9th April.

They were: Larissa Dean, Cruze Nahu-Nikau, Jerome Flood, Cameron

Ireton and Jared Solomon.

The team was totally supportive of each other in their respective events.

Special mention must be made to Jared Solomon who took out all the events he entered and literally blew his rivals out of the pool!



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**Winners of the 3-day Business Course**

*Rear:* Manaaki Whare, Maxi Weigand, Ellie Nepia.  
*Front:* Lania Fretwell, Vaughan Tengu, Tori Wymer.

**3-day Business Programme for Years 12 & 13 students**

The programme is a three day hands-on business experience programme for all students which was held in the school on the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

Our budding entrepreneurs were divided into 10 teams.

The teams brainstorm a business idea, choose a leader and attend workshops run by facilitators to provide them with information needed to turn their business idea into a viable business concept.

There were workshops on leadership, marketing, production, finance and then on the final day the teams put together an

‘expo style’ stand to promote their business idea to guest judges, aiming to be the team that wins the award for entrepreneurial excellence.

Judges were invited to judge the businesses on the Friday.

All students who attend the full three day programme receive certificates and badges and the winning team members receive a medal each.

**Site-Safe Building & Construction Programme**

This course was held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

Successful completion of this programme will give each students a “Building and Construction Passport” which allows them entry

onto building sites.

The following students attended this course: Alisha Campbell, Brogan Collins, Duke Moeke, Dylan Beckham Mansell, Iwa Te Koi, Jonty McBeth, Kieran Baldick, Krome Pene, Lewis Jones, Mario Martin, Regan Rangi, Richard Hayde, Timothy Kanawa, Tyler Witana, Tyson Walker and Vaughan Tengu.

Well done.

**WELDGEN**

**Engineering Course**

Four students were selected to participate in this course which is being held at Wintec.

Successful completion of this course will give our students 9 unit standards.

They are currently completing the theory aspects of this course and next term will begin to build their “go-karts”.

Students attending are Callum Forrest, Vaughan Tengu, Josef Thompson Smith and Aidan Dean.

**Host an AFS Exchange Student**

We are looking for warm and caring voluntary families to host exchange students arriving late July for two to twelve months.

Students are 15 to 18 years of age and from a variety of countries.

As a host mother of nine students over the past seven years I can

recommend this experience to everyone.

It enables you to travel to different countries while in the comfort of your own home!

I have gained more than I have given and still have contact with all the students and families after they have returned home.

For further information contact me (Tania Clark-Norris) at 853-8470 during the day or 854-9986 in the evenings.

**EF High School Information Evening**

EF is the world’s largest private education organisation operating for over 40 years in the cultural exchange and language learning business.

The information evenings are for anyone aged 14-18 who are interested in an International Student Exchange.

A meeting is to be on Tuesday 22nd April from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Management Block, Waikato University, Room MS4.G.02, Hillcrest Road, Hamilton.

Bradford’s Angels and Team Good Yeah participated in a Corporate Day run by Nga Tai Whakarongo.

Both teams made CHAMP finals, with Good Yeah pipping Bradford’s Angels.



Team Good Yeah, one of the two staff waka ama teams that took part in the Corporate Competition at the Hamilton Lake on Sunday. Harriet Hokai, Josh Todd, Whakawhiti Simon, Barney Wharakura, Aroha Rawiri and Tilly Sweet.