

Ngaruawahia High School

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NEWSLETTER
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Jeremy Mayall and Dion West



Born in 1983 and raised in Hamilton, Jeremy Mayall (right) has played music from the age of five, playing piano, drums and touring with a Hamilton Boys' High School jazz band.

He has completed a Masters Degree (majoring in composition) at Waikato University and has received a Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship.

At 20 he wrote his first symphony 'Symphony No. 1' for orchestra and turntables.

His album 'A Typical Day in Suburbia' received excellent reviews and features styles that span the musical continuum from jazz to pop and soul to hip hop.

Jeremy performed along with Dion West at Wednesday's full-school assembly.

From the Board of Trustees - The school has had the 10 year Property Plan updated which takes us from July 2008 to 2017. The plan shows where the school is headed towards the upgrade and maintenance of the school buildings. This is available at the school office if you wish to view it.



Elsa White 'touring'

Past pupil Elsa White (2007) currently studying at the Elim School of Art, is one of nine photographers from around New Zealand who has joined with designers, painters, printmakers and sculptures in a series of New Zealand-wide exhibitions.

Having already exhibited in Auckland, the displays move on to Timaru, Christchurch, Blenheim, Dunedin and Nelson.

A sample of Elsa's folio can be viewed on page 7.

Students v Harlem Globetrotters Basketball



Basketball

Staff Harlem Globetrotters vs Senior Students

Last Wednesday the Harlem Globetrotters called in to clean up our senior students at Basketball and clean up they did.

The atmosphere was 'electric' with all four edges of the court surrounded by screaming fans (students), music playing and game commentaries adding to the excitement.

Staff Globetrotters managed to clinch a victory over the students by 1 goal.

To this day the staff are still waiting for their winnings; cooked breakfast made by the senior students!

Junior Basketball

Our junior teams play on Thursday evenings at Fraser High in Hamilton.

The junior girls team have so far played four games, two of which they have won.

The junior boys team has also played four games and won all four.

Both teams have made a huge

improvement in commitment and 'game-play'. There's still a lot of room for improvement, however a huge congratulations must be made to all our junior players, their attitude on and off the court is 'awesome'.

Senior Basketball

We also have two teams that play on Tuesday evenings. Both teams have also played four games, both with two wins and two losses.

The girls team have picked up their pace in defence and attack, deciding to go back to basics and it's paying off. Our boys team are also playing basic basketball with fitness levels high.

A special thanks to Marcus Laurie who has been helping out with trainings.

Photos and Updates will be included in our next school newsletter.

Mountain Biking

Our team is currently training for the secondary school nationals to be held in Rotorua in October.

Mr Bradford and Mr Henry are training a team of boys who have

shown interest. Watch this space for more information.

NHS Rugby League

At the moment we are fortunate to have a big number of students interested in playing rugby league for the school. Trainings are Fridays at 3.30pm and their first tournament will be during the first week of the next school holidays.

Our league team must qualify at that tournament to head to the Secondary School Nationals, which will be held in Wellington later this year.

A big thank you to Matt from Sports Safari alongside Matua Barney Wharakura and Sonia Harper who will be coaching and managing the team.

School Prospectus

The 2009 School Prospectus is now available from the school office for parents/caregivers interested in enrolling their students for the 2009 school year.

Next term there will be an Open Evening where all contributing schools Year 8 students and parents will be invited. Prospectus's will be given out at this evening.





Thomas Parnell (left) models 9PW's winning creation in the Year 9 Catwalk Assembly. The judges (right) welcomed the bribe that Thomas gave them during the show!



Six Key Areas . . .

Te Kotahitanga is a research and professional development project whose goal is to raise Maori student achievement. Ngaruawahia High School's involvement with the project began in 2007 as a Phase 4 School.

Year 9 and 10 classes have been targeted because of the need to engage Maori students early on in secondary school education.

We have a team of Te Kotahitanga facilitators within the school who work individually with each of our teachers. The six key areas which help to create a positive classroom environment are:

- ☑ Mutual trust, respect and concern.
- ☑ High teacher expectations of students.
- ☑ Superior teaching organisation and management.
- ☑ Interactive teaching with use of feedback and feed forward techniques.
- ☑ A range of teaching strategies.
- ☑ Ongoing assessment and an awareness of the needs and capabilities of individual students.

Feel free to contact Kimai Huirama if you have further enquiries about Te Kotahitanga.

Calendar

June 12th (Thursday)

Years 12 & 13 Assembly

June 15th (Sunday)

Kapa Haka Group assembles at the school.

June 16th—20th (Mon-Fri)

Kapa Haka Nationals at Wellington

June 17th (Tuesday)

Year 9 Assembly

Years 12 & 13 Health Career Expo

June 19th (Thursday)

Year 10 Assembly

June 24th (Tuesday)

Year 11 Assembly

June 26th (Thursday)

Years 12 & 13 Assembly

Hospitality 1st Aid Course (2 days)

July 1st (Tuesday)

Year 9 Assembly

Senior Exams (3 days)

July 3rd (Thursday)

Year 10 Assembly

July 4th (Friday)

Term 2 ends 3:10pm

July 21st (Monday)

Term 3 starts

Winter Uniform

All students should now be in winter uniform. Most items can be purchased from the school unless stated otherwise

- polo shirt (worn summer and winter) - \$45.00
- track pants (or dress pants which can be purchased from Postie Plus) - \$50.00
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First Aid successes

Congratulations to the following students who passed their first aid course on the 15th & 16th May 2008 and also achieved four credits -

Alisha Campbell,
Benjamin Hall, Brogan Collins,
Dylan Beckham Mansell,
Iwa Te Koi, Jonty McBeth,
Jordan Grace,

Kieran Baldick, Krome Pene,
Lewis Jones, Mario Martin,
Regan Rangī, Richard Hayde,
Timothy Kanawa, Tyler Witana
and Tyson Walker.

Also congratulations to Timothy Kanawa and Tyson Walker for being the "top students" judged by the tutor.

Last year our school kapa haka group placed 2nd in the Tainui regional competition held at Fraser.

This meant that we qualified to go down to Wellington for the Kapa Haka Nationals this year from June the 17th to the 20th.

After the change of tutors from Whaea Ngaria Walker and her whanau to our own classroom teachers Whaea Tiria, Whaea Hariru, Matua Noel and Whaea Rangimarie, along with Matua Dan Waitai, we finally got into it.

For the past three months we have been having wananga nearly every weekend, day-practices during the holidays and also during our own lunchtimes at school.

As of last week we have completely finished our bracket with a little polishing to do.

We've had lots of people come and go over these past 3 months but our official team is set, and they are:

Haloma Perese-Bluegum, Atawhai Gray, Anne Roa, Meretuahiahi Tarawhiti, Hinemaia Mataira, Reremoana Stephens, Te Uranga Paki, Ruki Simon, Manaaki Whare, Rimutere Wharakura, Stevie – Jo Brown, Christine Morehu, Rikki-Lee Rayner, Amy-Leigh Hopa, Lisa McGrath, Te Atamira Roa, Christalene Manahi, Cruze Nahu-Nikau, J.J. Cootes, Dakota Moeke, Hokimai Nepia, Georgia Deacon, Kingsley Smith-Grey, Raana Dennis, Aubrey Fretwell, Kakenga Clark, Iwa Te Koi, Jordan Tukere, Rahuri Karu, Jade Newport, Dale Verstappen, Joseph Rayner, George King, Norman King, Te Motu Gray, Jordan Cotter, Vaughn Tengu, Karni Henry and Kayden Tahapehi.

Kapa Haka Nationals 2008



Public performance on Tuesday 10th June.

Arboraculture Assessment for Years 12/13

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Future-proofing our seniors >>>>



Ngaruawahia Squash Club

Junior squash continues on Friday nights 5.30 – 6.30pm. New members welcome. There is coaching for beginners with all equipment provided.

For more information contact Leah Lesley on 0272415555 or Selwyn Gay 8 5 5 4 7 7 4 (work), 0274757074 (mobile) or home 8246151.

Studylink staff Jay and Alonzo worked with Year 13 students on financial preparation for tertiary study. They discussed how to fund future study by saving while at school, budget planning, finding part time work and applying for scholarships.

Further information can be found on.....

www.studylink.govt.nz

Career Paths EXPO.

A group of senior students checked out career possibilities at the EXPO on Monday 9 June by meeting with University, Polytechnic and Industry Training Organisation staff or attending seminars.

Army Careers Work Experience

Students were encouraged to apply for this worthwhile introduction to the NZ Army. Fitness tests were held last week. Career information and enlistment application forms for the Army can be found online at www.army.mil.nz

Te Ao Hou

Maori students Career Awareness day. 30 Year 10 students attended along with students from other schools around the Waikato. Students "learnt lots of stuff about how I can have a better life". Speakers included Students enjoyed the Fearless Hip Hop dance group. "Amazing".

National Workchoice Day

Tuesday 20 May 6000 students around New Zealand visited workplaces to glimpse what life in the real world is like. Students visiting Waikato District Council had "speed Careers" sessions and met with a range of staff who discussed their jobs. These included the Engineer and the Assistant Engineer, former student Jasmine Whanga, Animal Control, Library, Roding, Planner and others.

One group visited Hamilton International Airport with teacher Doug Marsh. Stu Wakeman, Chief Rescue Fire Officer showed students the range of jobs available. Another group visited New World to gain a deeper understanding of retail careers. Management, butchery and bakery apprenticeships were of interest.

Workchoice Health Careers Day

Tuesday 17 June at Waikato Hospital. 9 students will listen to presentations by health professionals and tour the hospital. A wide range of jobs can be seen on the careers site at www.waikatodhb.govt.nz

Youth Transition Service staff, Tarena and Laurence are delivering career planning workshops to students. This enables students at school to link with community agencies which can assist them with decisions after leaving school.

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Matariki Field Trip 2008 to the Auckland Stardome

The Year 9's had an early, chilly start to the day but most students arrived early (some at 6.45 am!) for a breakfast of eggs, sausages, toast and cereal.

We left promptly at 8.05 am, with one lucky fellow running down the street to catch the bus. Another student hopped in at the Huntly McDonalds and our group of 65 were finally on our way to the Auckland Stardome Observatory for a lesson on Astronomy as part of our Matariki Celebrations.

Our time started with an awesome "Astronaut" movie in the Planetarium, which was so realistic that many of us felt a bit woozy at the start.

We toured through many exhibitions and ended with an interesting presentation about the seasons, moon phases and space exploration.

After a hearty lunch, the group set off up Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill) for a brisk 10 minute hike. At the top, Mr Mans talked about volcanic activity in the Auckland region and Matua Dawson spoke about some Maori history of the area.

Whaea Reg ran some "boot camp" exercises for our over-eager students and it was safe to say that by the time we all got back in the buses – we were pretty exhausted!

There were many new things learnt on the trip and we would like to thank **Solid Energy** for their koha towards the buses which made the cost of the trip more manageable for our students.

Matariki hunga nui

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Teachers' College Students, Term 3



Jodi Hollings
P.E.



Alex Ritchie
Science



Ashlin Kingsley
Art



Class photographs
have been taken.



Policy 105 - Literacy and Numeracy

Rationale

Literacy and Numeracy form the basis for much of the school curriculum and for vital elements of our society. It is important that all students achieve their level of potential in these and other areas and that all students reach adequate levels to enable them either to move onto the next phase of education or to take their place in society.

The National Administration Guidelines (NAG 1 (ii) in particular) seeks to direct schools into emphasising these areas of the curriculum.

Purpose

To provide guidelines for school management and staff in addressing literacy and numeracy
To ensure the Board of Trustees is informed of students achievement

Guidelines

As part of its curriculum planning process school management will ensure that annual and term overviews demonstrate full coverage of all curriculum areas including specific programmes addressing the language and mathematics strands

All teachers will meet the professional standards set by Ministry of Education and will participate in the school's appraisal programme
Teaching staff will maintain accurate and current details of student achievement levels and take appropriate steps to assist students in meeting programme aims

A centralised data-base of achievement levels for all individual students will be maintained focussing on literacy and numeracy achievement

The school will provide general and, where necessary, targeted professional development for teachers to assist in strategies to meet requirements in these areas

An at risk register will be compiled identifying those students achieving below expected levels with details of intervention and ongoing progress

The Principal will conduct regular reviews of progress and will in consultation with staff develop plans to address issues raised in reviews

The Principal will report regularly to the Board on achievement of strategies in addressing literacy and numeracy

Each year the Board and community will report on student achievement covering areas of literacy and numeracy

Elsa White



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