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National Secondary Schools' Kapa

After three long and hard months of practice; cutting into Thursdays and sometimes Tuesday lunchtimes, cutting into our Term 1 Holidays and filling up our weekends with Wananga, our 9 hour trip to Wellington really paid off!

Coming in the Top 10 in New Zealand for Secondary Schools as first time performers was very breath-taking and exciting for us, our tutors and our whole whanau. It was a huge surprise for all of us – but all in all well deserved.

From practising up to ridiculous hours at night, to Papahoronuku and press-ups, we realised how hard it was to fit what should be six months of preparation into three!

Apart from all the practising and drilling, one of our final Wananga was primarily focused on the 'feeling' side of things.

We spent a Saturday night just chilling out playing Table Tennis, Nintendo Wii and doing skits just to sink everything in and for us as performers to have a little think about what we need to do and to "Take it eeeeezy!"

With our four roopu - "S.U.P.E.R.", "Knock you out!", "We are the Chipmunks" and "Spirit Fingers" skits was a very memorable night; from the Spirit Fingers interpretation of Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' to Knock You Out's boys-turned-ladies (Aubrey, Jade and Jordan Tukere) ensemble!

Waking up early on the Monday morning and heading to the Marae was heart pounding; for us – a step closer to getting on that stage!

We packed our bags in the bus and headed to Mahinarangi for Karakia with Koro Motu and some other Kuia and Kaumatua before we left. Tears, hugs and kisses from all our whanau as we all slowly filled up the bus – they were all so very proud of us – and we were finally on the road!

The trip to Wellington was long; we had a flash "Luxury Travel" bus and to get rid of the boredom we had integrated TVs and, of course, our munchies! All the way there we watched Nacho Libre, Grease and a few Kapa Haka DVDs as well.

We arrived at Silverstream Retreat and it looked really scary! We shared the whole Retreat Centre with Hamilton Boys and Girls High School whose tutors are whanau to ours.

The building we stayed in was Stonewall Lodge. Apparently it was an old Mental Hospital and an old Old People's Home. One of the buildings even said "Blood Pressure Unit"! Pretty freaky if you ask me!

From late nights laughing and buzzing out that we would be performing real soon to waking up ridiculously early (between 4:30am and 5:30am!) preparation for our stand was getting more and more heart pounding.

The Powhiri on Tuesday morning was FREEZING! But thanks to our new "slick"

number one uniform, the cold wasn't as bad as it really felt. Our new uniform consists of white blouse/dress shirt, black skirt/pants, the green woollen school jersey, a black tie (optional) and our new black school blazers! Looked pretty fancy too.

Once the powhiri had finished we headed back to Silverstream for a few hours rest then returned to the TSB Bank Arena to tautoko our whanau Hamilton Boys and Girls High School.



As Tuesday's programme came to an end, we headed back home once again to do one final practice before getting on that stage! Just sitting on the bus on the way home made me feel more and more excited! It was less than 12 hours until we were up and getting ready for 'D Day'!

Wednesday. Waking up at 5:30am we were all so excited! Showers were running, power plugs filled with hair straighteners and make up was everywhere! Getting ready for the performance was in a way, fun, but also nerve wracking! We all looked so beautiful and handsome once we were ready.

Before we jumped on the bus we formed a circle and sung through a few songs and did our breathing exercises.

Before we knew it, an hour later we were in the holding bay doing touch ups and putting on our korowai! Twenty minutes 'til stage time!

One of the crew members called us in to go to the final holding bay – Kaitataki lead the roopu through. I thought we were going straight on stage!

We got to the last holding bay before going on stage and had one last korero with our tutors. We were already buzzing by then and I nearly wanted to cry – but I couldn't otherwise my mascara would run!

Five minutes was up and Jordan, Rahuri and I were standing on stage as the Kaitataki for the roopu. We could see our whanau standing in the crowd waving their hands up high proudly.

The feeling that we felt performing on that stage was unbelievable – we spoke about it a lot during our hui at wananga, but not many people knew what we were talking about – until we got on that stage. And we pulled out our all, and gave it our best!

No words can express the way we all felt that day. Best way to know was when we were off stage – tears, smiles, laughs and most importantly NO REGRETS!

The trip to the pools was fun – a release after our performance! There was a River Ride – a little part of the pool that had a strong current; and a wave pool – which we don't have at the Ngaruawahia Town Pools.

A few of the kids decided to sneak off to BK for a kai before we went home – Whaea Roa ended up coming too!

On the way home, the people that stayed behind thought they'd try and scare us! Well, it worked for Ruki anyway.

The second group to arrive home knew what was happening and had a plan – we used our drinks as backfire. As we opened the door of Stonewall Lodge they all bounced up and we got our drinks and just threw them in the air! It was hilarious because they thought we didn't know – and they were all wet! Raspberry drink I think? (But I'd now just like to apologise to Kingsley who got completely soaked in his white top!).

Fast forwarding to Prize-giving – another heart pounding time for all of us. Coming in the Top 10 was a major success for us as first time performers at Secondary School Nationals. And the feeling of coming first as Kaitataki Wahine for me, was even more of a shock! I cried so much walking towards the stage – it was something I didn't really expect at first. But now I am so proud and thankful of all my fellow performers who are my friends and whanau, my tutors, and also my own whanau!

The number of parents that have come and gone during our Wananga, whether it was to tautoko us or to come and feed us breakfast, lunch and dinner was amazing. You really don't realise how much support you have until you actually stop and think about it.

Our parents have been getting up between 6am and 7am to feed us breakfast and some leaving at around 10pm after cleaning up our mess from dinner.

They supported us by taking us to and from Wananga, by paying for our Wananga and our \$200 trip to Wellington as well. We'd just like to remind them how much we all love them!

We must acknowledge greatly some very important people who are apart of our roopu – Our Tutors! To Whaea Tiria and Matua Dan, Whaea Rangimarie and Matua Waki, Whaea Hariru and Matua Noel and without a doubt our mummy Whaea Roa and Matua Tom; these people were and are the backbone of our roopu. They drilled us hard

Haka Competition, Wellington 2008

right from basics, they've sacrificed their own time to take us to Nationals, they've pulled out the best in every one of us in our roopu and for that we thank them!

We also will never forget all the tamariki that came along to every Wananga, sick or tired; Stacey, Peata and Honey-Rahera, daughters of Whaea Tiria and Matua Dan and also our little Poihakena, son of Whaea Hariru and Matua Noel.

A special mention must also go to our past tutors; Whaea Ngaria, Matua Tony and Whaea Maleina. Also the extended support from The Walker Whanau, The Clarke Whanau and The Whanau from Te Pou o Mangatawhiri – without you we would not have made it to Nationals, your support has been unconditional and endless and we really really appreciate it.

- Reremoana Stephens



Non-Aggregate Placings, Ngaruawahia High

- 1st Kai Tataki Wahine (Reremoana Stephens)
- 3rd Kakahu
- 5th Waiata-Tira

Aggregate Placings, Ngaruawahia High

- 5th Whakaeke
- 5th Moteatea
- 7th Whakawatea
- 10th Haka
- 12th Waiata-a-Ringa
- 13th Poi
- 13th Te Reo

Team Placings (36 schools)

- 1st Te Piringa (Palmerston North)
- 2nd Lytton High (Gisborne)
- 3rd Hoani Waititi (Auckland)
- 4th Rakaumangamanga
- 5th= Raukura
- Turanga Wahine, Turanga Tane
- 7th Te Ropu Manaaki
- 8th Ruatoki
- 9th Nga Taiatea
- 10th Ngaruawahia
- 11th Hato Paora
- 12th Heretaunga
- 13th Maungawhau
- 14th Rourou Kura
- 15th Tutahi
- 16th Te Rangianiwaniwa
- 17th Nga Tapuwai
- 18th Te Aute
- 19th Nga Taiohi a Hauiti
- 20th Arawhanui



"Right from the outset, Daniel and I were both clear about the goal we had for our kapa haka group, and that was to 'strive for excellence in kapa haka'.

"As I take a look back at our journey I realise that our goal was achieved in more ways than we could have imagined.

"There were so many highlights for both Dan and I, but if I had to choose one it would definitely be the way that the group conducted themselves both on and off stage.

"Both school uniforms and performance uniforms were stunning (to say the least) and our students held their heads up high."

- *Tiria Te Kurapa, Tutor*



"It was an fabulous week. We felt we were successful in being placed 10th." (*George King*)

"It was an awesome experience. Coming in the top 10 was a bonus! Tu-meke whanau!! (*Te Uranga Paki*)

"It was magic being in the top ten!" (*Atawhai Gray*)





Rear: Kayden Tahapeehi, Kakenga Clarke, Aubrey Fretwell, Te Motu Gray, Jade Newport, Vaughan Tengu, Karni Henry.

Third Row: Rahuri Karu, Jordan Tukere, Iwa Te Koi, Dale Verstappen, Jordan Cotter, George King, Norman King, Raana Dennis, Kingsley Smith-Grey .

Second Row: Haloma Bluegum-Perese, Lisa McGrath, Dakota Moeke, Hokimai Nepia, Te Atamira Roa, Christalene Manahi, Cruze Nahu-Nikau, Rikki-Lee Rayner, Georgia Deacon, JJ Cootes.

Seated: Amy-Leigh Hopa, Manaaki Whare, Te Uranga Paki, Anne Roa, Atawhai Gray, Reremoana Stephens, Ruki Simon, Mere-Tu-Ahiahia Tarawhiti, Hinemaia Mataira, Rimutere Wharakura, Stevie-Jo Brown.





La Taumata Ristorante



The Year 9 Taumata class was enthusiastically applauded by their guests at the end of their Restaurant project. Devised and executed over a two-week period the class shared the workload across management, planning and execution of their Italian themed venture.

About 50 paying guests enjoyed an appetizer, minestrone soup, lasagne

and desert that was complimented by background music and an on-going slideshow of Italian scenery. Special guest at the evening was our Italian exchange student Antonio Coletti.

Under guidance of Agnes Scott (HOD Food Technology) the students excelled in all of their cooking, serving and hosting responsibilities on the night, providing a pleasurable evening out.



Damian "taste-testing"



Shannon putting in a bit of muscle.



Connor involved in a game of bowls.



Exchange Students leave for home.

Maxi Weigand (left) and Antonio Coletti (right) headed back home this week to Berlin (Maxi) and Rome (Antonio) after two terms at Ngaruawahia High School.

They are pictured here with their NHS trumpet tutor Clive Burnell.

Term 3

- 21 July:** Start of school
- 26 July:** Tainui Regional Manu Korero, Te Kuiti HS
- 30 July:** Parent Reports Evening, 3.:30—6:30
- 31 July:** Australian Math's Competition.
- 7 Aug:** Maori Achievement hui & Parents Forum, 7pm., Staffroom. "Improving our School".
- 19—24 Aug:** Koroneihana
- 22 August:** School closed
- 4 Sept:** Maori Achievement Careers Evening
- 11-12 Sept:** 9TA Science/Careers EOTC
- 16-18 Sept:** Senior Exams
- 26 Sept:** Term 3 ends (10 weeks)

NCEA Qualification Fees now due

Who must pay?

All year 11, 12 & 13 students

What are we paying for?

All credits earned this year.

What about exams?

This fee covers the cost of credits gained from both Internal and External (examination) assessments.

How much is it?

- With **no** financial assistance it is \$75.00.
- With financial assistance it is \$20 for one student or \$30 for two or more students.

When is payment due?

NOW! Must be paid by Friday 15th August.

What about Late Fees?

If you delay you could pay the full \$75 plus a \$50 late fee. This totals \$125 when it may only cost you \$20!

Financial Assistance Forms

These are available from the school office if you:

- are a beneficiary.
- hold a Community Services Card.
- have three or more children doing NCEA.



SPOOKERS

Members of the Senior Tourism class organised a Friday evening social outing to the Spookers attraction at Papakura.

Such was the reality of the venue that one or two of the students refused to enter the buildings!

Above: Teacher Pam Gray and School Administrator Gail Wharakura (both at the rear) with the NHS Spooker crew.

Left: Rimutere Wharakura and Monique Moanaroa (rear) are not sure about the intentions of one of the Spookers characters!

Youth Hauora Conference



On June 27th the Year 9s attended an all-day workshop at Turangawaewae Marae.

Even though it was a miserable day outside we had an interesting time as various people talked to us about Drugs, Alcohol and Family Planning.

I found it a very good wake-up call for all those attending to see what drugs and alcohol do to people, along with information on getting help.

There was lunch provided for us as well as entertainment from a dance troupe from Hamilton. Some of us were

encouraged to participate with them and it turned out to be hilarious.

We rotated around the workshops and the day then concluded with a final guest speaker.

The experience was "mean".

- *Christalene Manahi*

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- 3rd equal Te Wharekura o Rūātoki

MŌTEATEA

- 1st Te Piringa
- 2nd equal Te Roopu Rangatahi o Rītana
- 2nd equal Te Wharekura o Hoani Waititi Marae
- 2nd equal Te Wharekura o Rākaumangamanga

WAIATA-A-RINGA

- 1st Te Piringa
- 2nd equal Te Wharekura o Hoani Waititi Marae
- 2nd equal Tūranga Wahine / Tūranga Tāne

POI

- 1st Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Heretaunga
- 2nd equal Te Wharekura o Rākaumangamanga
- 2nd equal Raukura

HAKA

- 1st Te Roopu Rangatahi o Rītana
- 2nd Tūranga Wahine / Tūranga Tāne
- 3rd equal Te Roopu Manaaki
- 3rd equal Ngā Taiohi ā Hauiti

WHAKAWĀTEA

- 1st equal Te Piringa
- 1st equal Te Roopu Rangatahi o Rītana
- 3rd Te Aute / Hukarere

TE REO

- 1st Te Piringa
- 2nd Te Roopu Rangatahi o Rītana
- 3rd Ngā Taiohi ā Hauiti

NON-AGGREGATE PRIZE LIST

WAIATA TIRA

- 1st Te Piringa
- 2nd Te Roopu Rangatahi o Rītana
- 3rd Te Wharekura o Rūātoki

KĀKAHU

- 1st Te Roopu Kapahaka o Kahurangi Ki Maungawhau
- 2nd Te Rourou Kura
- 3rd Te Kura Tuarua o Ngaruawāhia

KAITĀTAKI WAHINE

- 1st Te Kura Tuarua o Ngaruawāhia
- 2nd Te Wharekura o Hoani Waititi Marae
- 3rd equal Te Rangiāniwaniwa
- 3rd equal Te Roopu Kapahaka o Kahurangi Ki Maungawhau

KAITĀTAKI TĀNE

- 1st Turanga Wāhine / Turanga Tāne
- 2nd Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Heretaunga
- 3rd Te Wharekura o Rākaumangamanga

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