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NEWSLETTER
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Sonja Rose in top 5% of New Zealand

Recently 9 and 10 Taumata completed the Australian English Competition.

This is an international competition that allows the school to compare our students with other students from around New Zealand.

The test assesses skills in vocabulary, syntax and reading (both literary and factual).

Students are awarded with Participation, Credit or Distinction grades.

To achieve Distinction you must be functioning well above your Year group and are in the top 5% of students in New Zealand for this area.

Congratulations to **Sonja Rose** (pictured right) from 9TA who achieved a Distinction.

Sophie Gerrits and **Sarah-Michelle Washer** in Year 11 achieved Credit grades, as did **Ella Newman** in Year 13.

This is a valuable tool for the school to use to see how our students are achieving.

The results have highlighted the need for students to be reading regularly at home.

By encouraging your child to do this we hope that you can help foster a love of reading, as well as improving vocabulary and comprehension.



Mere-tu-ahiahi Tarawhiti

The 2008 School Ball was held at the Flemington Lounge, Te Rapa Racecourse on Saturday 20th September. See centre-spread.

Term 4 Activities

Monday Oct 13

Term 4 starts

Monday Oct 13 – Friday Oct 17

Year 10 Camp

Wednesday Oct 22

Maori Achievement Hui

Monday Oct 27

Labour Day

Thursday Nov 6

WINTECH Taster Day

Monday Nov 10

Senior Prizegiving evening.

Monday Nov 17 - Friday Nov 28

External Exams commence.

Thursday Dec 4

Year 11 programme for Year 10s starts.

Friday Dec 5

Teacher Only Day

Friday Dec 12

Huntly Sports Exchange

Monday Dec 15

Year 9 and Year 10 outings

Tuesday Dec 16

End of Year

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JJ Cootes in San Diego

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Year 10 student JJ Cootes flew out of New Zealand for Sacramento USA with her mother and father on July 13th to attend the 13th Annual World Waka Ama Sprints.

With the date line interfering with her body-clock she found herself arriving in the States 'before I had even left New Zealand'!

Hot sun, hard training

and swims occupied the first few days.

A few members of the squad had forgotten their hats during training and the hot sun took its toll on their training efforts.

With a chocolate factory sited just across the road from where the team stayed, there were frequent chocolate and truffle trips.

The parade was held on the main street of Folsom and, while most teams

headed out of the heat, the NZ contingency stayed to watch the cultural activities.

The following three days saw the team pushing themselves hard as they raced.

In the 500m repechage they came third while in the 1000m repechage they were beaten to the line by Aotearoa Matakokiri and Tahiti 2. They were ranked 9 in both distances.

The teams' double-hull

race saw them 4th, beaten by Tahiti and two other NZ teams.

"This experience has helped me as an individual paddler as well as a team paddler," said JJ.

Seeing other nations racing, picking up strategies from winning crews and generally meeting new people were some of her highlights.

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At San Diego: Jasmine Hemopo (Hillcrest HS), Te Amorangi Rikirangi-Thomas, TamakiPeita (Nga Taiatea Wharekura), **JJ Cootes (Ngaruawahia HS)**, Summa Simperingham (Hato Patera College), Rangiiria Barclay-Kerr (Toku Mapihi Maurea).

Cross Country '08



Junior Girls		
1 st	= Marieke Mes & Cruze Nahu-Nikau	
3 rd	Justice Howe	
Junior Boys		
1 st	Corey Tepu-Hay	
2 nd	Shai Findley	
3 rd	Jashon Waters	
Senior Girls		
1 st	Amberley McBeth	
2 nd	Haloma Perese-Bluegum	
3 rd	Sarah Washer	
Senior Boys		
1 st	Jonty McBeth	
2 nd	Tom Gilby-Todd	
3 rd	Dallas Kutia	
Whanau Points:		
1 st	Mokau	285
2 nd	Pare Waikato	250
3 rd	Pare Hauraki	135
4 th	Tamaki	110



Tom Gilby-Todd

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 11 Galileo Street,
 Ngaruawahia
 (by New World)



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NHS School Ball '08 - Hollywood Glamour

The Flemington Lounge at the Te Rapa Racecourse was the venue for the 2008 School Ball. Held on Saturday 20th September, the theme was Hollywood Glamour.

Approximately 120 seniors, their guests and staff enjoyed the evening that had been well set up by the organising committee.

All photographs of the event have been made available on DVDs for \$10.

Awards.....

Cutest Couple:

Te Uranga Paki
& Waiwera Tihema.

Most Eligible Male:

Vaughan Tengu.

Most Eligible Female:

Ruscelle Hill

Most Glamorous Staff Member:

Shine Ryan.

Best Actress in a Supporting Role:

Christine Morehu.

Best Actor in a Supporting Role:

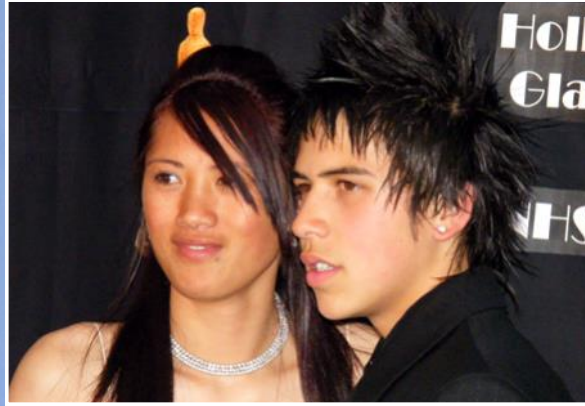
Texas Thomsen.

Best Actor:

Jordan Grace.

Best Actress:

Hinemaia Mataira.





The following staff also assisted the Ball Committee in the successful organisation and running of our school ball....

- ★ Matthew Griffiths: formal photography and technical support.
- ★ Mr MacDonald: colour printing, informal photography, support.
- ★ Regina Iwihora: Ideas, talent and total support.
- ★ Harriet Hokai: help and support.
- ★ Noel Reid & his boys: Oscar statue construction.
- ★ Waki Simon: Disc Jockey, technical support.
- ★ Matua Dan: Security and general help.
- ★ Whaea Shine Ryan & Susie Foster: assisting with the decorations

Ngaruawahia High School Ball Organising Committee 2008
 Rear: Anne Roa, Regina Iwihora, Rangimarie Morgan, Rimutere Wharakura, Chantelle Bentley and Tiria Kurapa.
 Front: Te Uranga Paki, Kayla George, Hinemaia Mataira and Danielle McLaren.



Waikato District Mini-Ball League 2008

Over the past 9 weeks, Ngaruawahia High School and Sport Waikato hosted a miniball league competition for the local primary schools consisting of: Bernard Fergusson, Waipa Primary, Ngaruawahia Primary, St Pauls, Horotiu Primary, Huntly Primary, Te Kowhai Primary, Taupiri Primary and RTLB students.

The aim of the league was to develop the

game of basketball introducing at least one new rule of basketball each week to our tamariki.

The games played have definitely evolved and I can honestly say our tamariki are playing some pretty 'mean' basketball. There is already talk about next years Miniball league from kura that missed out on this years competition.

Thanks to the following people for all their

support, guidance and help: Matua Waki, Marcus Laurie, Ruki Simon, Raana Dennis, Kingsley Smith-Grey, Mere-tu-ahiahi Tarawhiti, Aubrey Fretwell and James Foggin.

A huge thank you to the following sponsors: Sport Waikato, Tainui Ltd, Ngaruawahia High School, Ngaruawahia Primary, Horotiu Primary, Ngaruawahia Community House and Waikato District

Council.

Finals Results:

Year 4-6 Winners 2008: Waipa Primary

Year 4-6 Most Outstanding Player: Kahurangi Kihi-Simon (Waipa Primary)

Year 7-8 Winners 2008: Bernard Fergusson

Year 7-8 Most Outstanding Player: Hariata White (Bernard Fergusson).

-Whakawhiti Simon

Basketball



Congratulations to our four teams that have been playing in the Waikato Secondary Schools Basketball League over the past 15 weeks.

Our teams represented our school with pride and spirit on and off the court.

Our students have definitely improved their own skill and confidence in the game, lifting their own standards every week.

The students wish to thank Matua Waki and Whaea Rangimarie for their perseverance and dedication during

the past 15 weeks.

Also, thanks to Marcus Laurie from Sport Waikato for coaching and sharing his knowledge of Basketball with our students.

Finally thanks to Mr Bradford and those teachers/staff who came up to watch and support the teams.

Here are the results:

Junior Girls Division 2:	Placed 4 th
Senior Boys Division 3:	Placed 5 th
Senior Girls Division 2:	Placed 5 th
Junior Boys Division 2:	Placed 1 st

On the 12th of September one of our year 10 enterprise groups held a social at the school hall. The turn out was great and the music was AWESOME.

Thanks to Waki for being our D.J for this event. We had drinks, chocolates and chips for sale plus glow sticks which we sold out of fast.

On behalf of our group (Marieke, Chelsea, Steve-Jo and Jared) we would like to thank Matua Barney, Whaea Haz, and Mr Lichtwark for assisting us as security guards.

Also thanks to Texas and Dallas for helping with the door and shop.

Junior Boys Rip-it-up!

Week after week our junior boys consisting of Kingsley Smith-Grey, Aubrey Fretwell, Raana Dennis, Jordan Cotter, James Foggin and Karni Henry, played entertaining, skilled and competitive basketball. We are proud that they have, along with the other three teams, represented our school and congratulate them for their ultimate win!

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Novotel Tainui

Eleven Year 12 students were selected to attend their Gateway Workplacement at the Novotel Tainui / IBIS this year – Rahui Clarke-Wymer, Carl Dean, Brandon Ireton, Terry Kelly, Ripeka Mackie, Shannell Matthews, Ellie Nepia, Hikinga Simon, Tayla Te Anga and Tori Wymer.

Should students pass the theory component of this placement they will walk away with 26 credits.

Placements commenced on the 24th July and will finish on the 15th September 2008.

Students are attending each consecutive Monday.

Feedback from the ACCOR group has been positive.

A graduation dinner was held at the Novotel Tainui on Monday 15 September which was attended by students and whanau.

A great evening was had by all.

Scholarships

The Te Rapa Rotary
and the Kevin Cryer
Scholarship
application forms
can be obtained
from the school
office

Kingsgate

Casey Nathan, Carol-Anne Richards and Shani West-Joseph have been attending their Gateway Workplacement at the Kingsgate Motel.

These girls attend each Wednesday.

Congratulations to Shani who passed her Level 3, 6-credit paper at Wintec.

WELDGEN

Vaughan Tengu, Aidan Dean, Josef Thompson Smith and Callum Forrest have been attending Wintec since term 1.

Each student has successfully passed their unit standards and on Monday, 25th August, it was their graduation day.

Each one has successfully built a go-kart from scratch and has raced them in time trials. Well done.

Wintec Trade

Pathways Course:

This term Richard Hayde, Jonty McBeth, Shayd Hinton and Joshua Deane have been at Wintec completing a Level 3 paper worth 4 credits.

They are attending Wintec each consecutive Wednesday.

Next term they start on an automotive programme.

Ngaruawahia

Top Kids:

Sarah McLean is currently completing her workplacement.

She attends Top Kids each Wednesday.

Sarah's workbooks are currently away at PORSE being marked.

Huntly Honda

Mark Holstein attends Huntly Honda each consecutive Monday.

His workbooks are currently with Fairview Motors being marked.

A thank you must go out to INA who has been helping out in driving the students to their gateway workplacements. Thanks heaps.

Any students interested in participating in the Gateway programme next year (2009) (Year 11 – 13 students) please see Sonia Harper in the NHS library.

This year a number of Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students have been supporting our local primary schools by refereeing their inter school competitions.

I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank those students for their hard work and support.

Peter Granville

(BMS ACA)

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Does anyone in your family (under the age of 18) suffer from eczema or asthma?

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All you have to do is get a Disability Allowance form from the local WINZ office (just ask at reception), take the form to your family doctor to confirm that you have this condition and hand the completed form into WINZ office (with appropriate ID). You do not have to make an appointment.

This allowance is not means-tested (not based on your income) so anyone can apply.

You can also apply for more than one child in a family.

For more information, contact the WINZ office or Whaea Kimai is happy to talk with you.

Year 11 Social Studies

Catch up classes are being held in the library on Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm Term 4. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this.

The Kotahitanga is an initiative aimed at raising Maori student achievement.

The project has been running in our school for almost two years.

One area of focus for the Te Kotahitanga team has been providing opportunities for teachers to plan together across a variety of subject areas.

The "Waikato River" and "Matariki" units are topics that were planned collaboratively and run successfully this year.

A community hui about Maori Student Achievement is planned for early Term 4.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for teachers to talk with whanau about ways we can all help to support our students.

Look out for flyers that will be coming out soon about this important hui!

Nau te rourou

Naku te rourou

Ka ora te manuhiri

By working together

we will get the job done!



Twenty-five years ago a young Jessie Johnston (seen in the 1986 photo above, 3rd row back, 3rd from right) started working part-time at Ngaruawahia High but quickly became a full-time member of the staff.

For most of her 25 years Jessie has been in charge of Senior Biology and later Assistant Head of the Science Department.

She has always been a caring teacher who has worked hard to develop students academically as well as being a listening ear and in guiding students in her particular area.

For many years Jessie has been the Dean of Pare Hauraki as well as being the Administration Dean and the Day Relief Co-ordinator.

A long-time interest in Teacher

Training saw her developing and co-ordinating programmes for trainee teachers along with, more recently, the role of Specialist Classroom Teacher.

To the staff Jessie has been very supportive in her role in the Post Primary Teachers Association (in which she has represented the Waikato region on the National PPTA Executive for a number of years).



Teacher Only Day Dec. 5th

The Minister of Education the Hon. Chris Carter has allowed schools a teacher only day which can be used either 2008 or 2009.

The day is to provide time for whole school reflection, planning and development focussed on the revised New Zealand Curriculum.

The New Zealand Curriculum sets the direction for student learning in New Zealand schools.

It provides the opportunity for schools to develop their own school

curriculum to best address the particular learning needs, interests and circumstances of the school's students and community.

It is the schools intention to have our teacher only day on Friday 5 December. School will be closed to students on this day.

The staff are also committing the Saturday to work on the initiative. We thank you for your support as we continue to develop teaching and learning programmes that will help students face the challenges of the 21st century.

Next term senior management will be available for interviewing prospective **Year 8 students** for 2009.

If your child intends coming to Ngaruawahia High School next year please telephone the school office on 824 8729, ask for Mrs Nikora (or push 3) who will make appointments.

Before a student is able to start at Ngaruawahia High School they must have an interview with one of our senior managers.