

Ngaruawahia High School Newsletter

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..... Student Successes



Te Atamira Roa (pictured left) will be spending a week of the school holidays attending a National Youth Environment Forum as one of four students representing the Waikato region.

Te Atamira wrote in her application of the environmental issues around the Waikato River and hopes to interview someone from the Tainui River Team to glean ideas of the work they have done so far in their quest to return the river to its original state as an integral source of food, recreation, and health for the people.

Waka Ama Nationals



The Erin Simpson Show comes to Ngaruawahia

JJ Cootes and Jared Solomon were among many young people selected to appear on the Erin Simpson Show. The show is targeted to a teenage, youth audience and features week days after school. They promote the unique achievement of students from all over New Zealand.

At Ngaruawahia High School JJ and Jared were stories they wanted to pursue. JJ for her high engagement and success in sports while maintaining a very strict Diabetes 1 protocol. Something remarkable in terms of giving so much in sport while having to manage her health



JJ Cootes

condition. Lucky for JJ they carried out the interview at the Regatta so capturing Ngaruawahia at a great occasion.

Jared's interview took place at the Fairfield College Pool, the home of his new club and of course the story delves into his successes over the years in his favourite sport – swimming. Jared was able to display his many medals and triumphs over the years and again from this year's swimming meets.

Mahi rangatira hoki koutou katoa!

We are proud of them all, from Te Atamira representing us at a **national** Youth Forum, JJ and Jared sharing their achievements on **national** television, to the Waka Ama students bringing back bronze, silver and gold medals at a **national** event.

- Robyn Roa, Principal



Jared Solomon

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Waka Ama National Secondary Schools Championships 2010

Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua, 23rd to 25th March 2010



Ngaruawahia High School Crews

Rear: Lisa McGrath, Aubrey Fretwell, Apirana Priestley, Raana Dennis, Kingsley Smith, Jordan Cotter, JJ Cootes, Jacob Scott, Corey Miles (St Johns), Nicholas Heremaia, Thomas Tairakena.

Front: Papatuanuku Poutapu, Mere tu-Ahiahia Tarawhiti, Aniterika Katipa, Naomi Randall, Stevie-Jo Brown, Tyler Reid, Ruki Simon, Larissa Deane, Arani Davis, Amberly McBeth, Mariah Simon, Justice Tango-Pointon, Larissa George.

A team of 23 paddlers attended the Waka Ama Secondary Schools Nationals at Rotorua's Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake).

Our four teams (Manaaki, Tumanako, Rima Eka and Rangatahi) worked hard, taking on board all advice from Whaea Rangi and Matua Waki, to progress to the Championship finals.

To top it all off every one of our teams were placed in the top 6 in New Zealand and brought home three sets of medals.

On behalf of all of the students I would like to say a huge thank you to Whaea Rangi and Matua Waki for all of the

support and organisation to get us there.

Also to Whaea Adrienne who was our cook, nurse and No.1 fan for the week.

Thank you to Matua Barney and Mr Lichtwark for sharing your knowledge with

"It's not about you, Waki!!!"

us, especially at 6am three mornings a week. We didn't realize how much more fitter we were until we hit the water.

To: Trina @ Radio Tainui, North Waikato Bluelight Ventures (POLICE), Ngaruawahia Regatta, Turangawaewae

Marae, Ngaruawahia Community Markets, Students at NHS for supporting us through the Mufti Days, NHS BOT and Turangawaewae Waka Sports – we thank you all very much for the financial support and use of equipment.

Our final thanks go to Auntie Lorraine and the Owata Primary School for providing us with a home and for the incredible assembly that they held for us on Friday. We really appreciated it and will see you again next year!

- Amberly McBeth, Student Sports Leader



↑ **GOLD** →
Under 16s
Double-Hull Mixed

↑ **SILVER**
250m
J16 Girls

↓ **BRONZE**
500m J16 Girls



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Swimming Champions

Junior Girls...

1. Ashleigh Hagger
2. Kahikatea Campbell-Matika
3. Tia Reiri & Kendall Taylor

Junior Boys

1. Tukuaterangi Tapara-Tukiwaho
2. Tukotahi Tapara-Tukiwaho
3. Jonte Deacon

Intermediate Girls

1. Justice Tango-Pointon
2. Antea Diamond
3. Georgia Deacon

Intermediate Boys

1. Jayden Flood
2. Jacob Scott
3. Hamish Mitchell

Senior Girls

1. Cruze Nahu-Nikau
2. JJ Cootes
3. Tyler Reid, Sarah Washer
& Mere tu-Ahihi Tarawhiti

Senior Boys

1. Jared Solomon
2. Aubrey Fretwell
3. Raana Dennis & Kingsley Smith-Gray

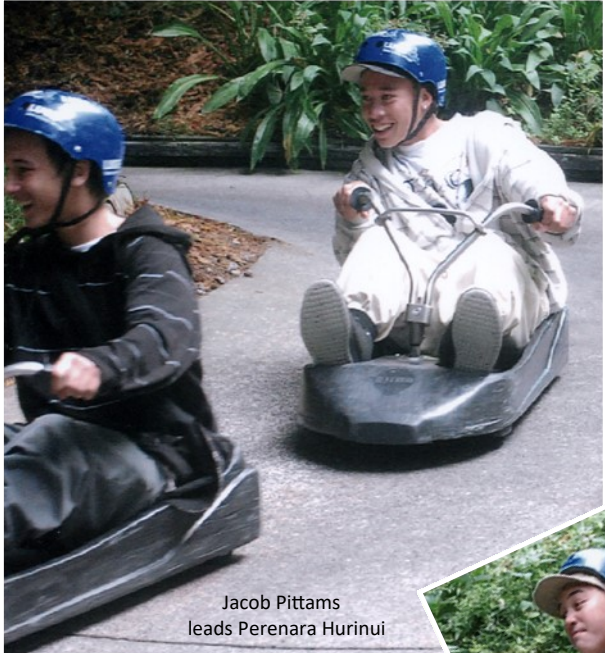
The Luge



Link Raumati

Anaru Tukere

Jamie Witana



Jacob Pittams
leads Perenara Hurinui

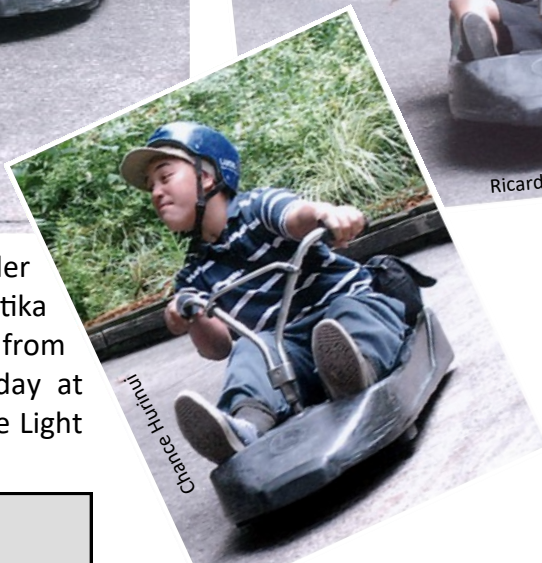


Kahn Hunia

Ricardo Aremete



Delton Emery



Chance Hurinui

A group of students under the supervision of Jules Matika and Noel Reid joined others from around the region in a fun day at Rotorua, sponsored by the Blue Light Police organisation.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

Nominations close at noon on 23 April 2010 and the poll closes at noon on 7 May 2010.

You will have received your voting papers in the mail by the time you receive this newsletter.

Have your say

Our Drug and Alcohol Counsellor Aroha Edwards has been working with other counsellors within the Waikato. They conducted a survey of teenage views on drinking. This survey is called "Have Your Say". Students, teachers and parents are all welcome to view this source as it affects all of us.

Aroha has been working with us for a little over a year now. She has worked with Care NZ as an Alcohol and Drug Counsellor for the past 5 years. Aroha is passionate about working with youth to make informed choices and changes.

This is a confidential service which can be accessed by students. Students may self-refer, be referred by the school or by a whanau/family member. If you are concerned about your young person's use of alcohol or other drugs please contact Mr Henry, Guidance Counsellor at school and he can arrange an appointment with Aroha.

RURAL HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

.....to the value of \$10,000.

Applications are now open for the 2010 Rural Health Scholarships. Waikato Primary Health Rural Scholarships provide financial education support to those wishing to practice in our rural communities.

Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are available to health professionals completing or intending to complete

post graduate studies relevant to primary health care. For more information about "Go Rural" and to download an application form visit www.waikatoprimaryhealth.org.nz or email tammyh@pinnacle.org.nz

UNIFORM FOR SALE

3 pairs of shorts and 2 polo shirts in good condition. Size M. \$45.00 for the lot. Interested phone 824 8730 or 0272681009.

RIPPA RUGBY



After the Rippa Rugby tournament which was held on Thursday 11 March the following letter was received from Huntly Primary congratulating our staff and students for their part in the organization.

"On behalf of the Huntly Primary School Year 7/8 Rippa Rugby team and staff I would like to thank you and the NHS students for organizing such a successful tournament. Our students really enjoyed themselves and our parents commented on how well organized it was. The draw was well planned and we thought your students must have put a lot of effort into it. We look forward to next year's competition".



KIWI KIDS LEARN

A new educational magazine has been launched for parents and caregivers to support their children to be all they can be. Kiwi Kids Learn is a fantastic resource and full of useful information to use with school age or preschool children.

Kiwi Kids Learn also includes two sections specifically for kids. To find out more or to order a copy go to..... www.kiwikidslearn.yolasite.com

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Air Force Challenge

Air Force Challenge for Year 12 & 13 students. 5th – 9th July 2010
The Royal New Zealand Air Force is selecting 40 students to spend four days at RNZAF Base Auckland to participate in this year's Air Force Challenge!

Those selected will undertake a number of activities to challenge themselves against participants from around the top of the North Island.

The Challenge will allow you to see the Air Force at work and play, and see what they really get to do everyday. You will be involved in practical activities and may even get a

flight in an RNZAF aircraft! Go and see your Careers Advisor to get an application form ASAP and make sure you post it by the 29 May!

Parental consent required to attend and fly. A good level of fitness is required as it will be physically demanding. The cost of transport, accommodation and meals will be covered by the RNZAF.

We ask that you only apply if you are genuinely interested or curious about the RNZAF as a career possibility.



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Missing											
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1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	
			Missing								
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
			<p>The school computer department has almost completed the digitising of our collection of yearbooks. This means that we will soon be able to place these on our website for public access.</p>							<p>Above are thumbnail images of the covers of those books currently in our collection.</p> <p>Seven of the yearbooks are not available to us and we are appealing to you to assist us in acquiring them for converting to web use.</p> <p>If you have an old copy of one of the missing magazines that you could lend to us, please leave it at the school office. Borrowed yearbooks will be returned promptly following scanning.</p>	
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COMPLAINTS POLICY

Rationale
It is important that the school responds to complaints in a fair and consistent manner and in accordance with the relevant employment contracts, legislation and the school's code of conduct.

Purposes
To ensure consistency when dealing with complaints
To deal with complaints in line with set procedures
To put in place corrective or disciplinary action

Guidelines

- The Complaints Policy will be published in the Prospectus and once annually in the school newsletter
- Complaints should be made in writing or in person
- Documentation is stored in the complaints file
- Complaints of a serious nature should be directed to the principal
- Other parties are informed at the principal's discretion and appropriate action taken at that point as required
- In cases of complaint against the principal which remains unresolved in the first instance, a formal written complaint must be made to the B.O.T. chairperson
- Complainants are informed by the principal or B.O.T. chairperson of the outcomes of the complaint
- Where appropriate outside mediation may be sought from organisations such as STA, PPTA, NZEI etc.
- In dealing with any complaint the school will act in accordance with the relevant conditions of the current employment contract(s)

In all cases the Board in dealing with complaints will act as a good employer