

Ngaruawahia High School

Newsletter

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Congratulations Kirk Spragg

Ngaruawahia High School's latest Doctoral graduate Kirk Spragg has not forgotten his roots as being a truly Ngaruawahia boy.

He attended the high school from 1994 to 1998. Kirk's invitation to the staff of Ngaruawahia High School to attend his graduation is clear acknowledgement and appreciation for his former high school.

As his former teacher and current Principal of the school it was indeed a pleasure to attend this momentous event on behalf of the school.

Kirk's lively yet humble nature perfectly balanced his superior intellect as a student of the high school.

In my class he would help me out with the mathematical aspects of Yr 13 Economics competently explaining it to the class better than I could.

Kirk is fortunate to belong to such a strong family who, while schooling their children at the local high school, gave their unreserved commitment to the school; their belief being that Ngaruawahia was more than good enough for them and their children.

Kirk Snr (Dad) was a member of the high school board of trustees for many years serving the school unstintingly throughout the time when Kirk and his two younger sisters, Anne Marie and Rosemary attended Ngaruawahia High.

The Spragg family leave behind a legacy in the acknowledgement of academic excellence at the school. The Spragg Shield is awarded each

year to the highest achieving academic student in Year 12, something each of the Spragg siblings would have received had the award existed in their time.

Along with Kirk's parents, grandparents and mentors I watched as this young man proudly received his Doctorate and I am more than proud to know he is a product of Ngaruawahia High School.

Whaia te pae tawhiti kia tata - whaia te pae tata kia u! (*Reach to the far horizon and draw it near; when it is near strive to achieve it*).

- Robyn Roa, Principal

Dr Kirk Spragg, Ph.D
"Magnetohydrodynamics
- the motion of liquid
metals and how they
interact with magnetic
fields"

Source: North Waikato News



Kirk Spragg with his mother Maria.



Jared sets up team for gold medal

Ngaruawahia High School student Jared Solomon helped his Fairfield Swimming Club to a gold medal at the national swimming championships in Auckland earlier this month.

Jared, swimming the third leg in the men's open 4 by 200 club relay, took the lead and his team won, surprising the Auckland opposition.

North Shore, New Zealand's biggest swimming club, has been dominating the championships and was thought to clean up in the club relay.

But the Fairfield team of Jared, twin brothers Andrew and Jonathan Pullon and Murray Pretorius took the lead in the third leg and held on to win gold ahead of North Shore and Waves from Otago, a club which dedicates itself to only competitive swim programmes.

"This is a big deal for Fairfield," says team captain Andrew Pullon.

"We're just a little club but we were really pumped for this race, gave it everything, and Jared, who swam the third leg, set us up nicely for the finish."

Their time was 7.48.33 and sets a new national record because it's the first time they've held club relays at the New Zealand Open Championships; previously relays have been regional races only.

Back in the pool later the same group of boys represented their region in the 4 by 100 metres relay and won a bronze medal, knocking three seconds off the old Waikato record with a time of 3.37.49.

- North Waikato News

WAIKATO-TAINUI RAUPATU Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Bill

Third Reading Ceremony
Hiikoi ki Poneke
5 - 6 May 2010



Watching history being made

Last week Ruki Simon, Anne Roa, Te Motu Gray, Kingsley Smith and Barney Wharakura all joined a few hundred Tainui people, as well as some other tribes' people, on a trip to Wellington.

Our mission was to witness a great event, the last reading of the signing over of the Waikato river claim at Parliament House. Although our trip was a few hours of sitting we did experience something great.

I thought the trip was long and tiresome, but then I do know it's worth it. I didn't like being inside the gallery watching the politicians have their say in the debating chamber. There was far too much arguing and their discussions went

on too long and I thought many of them were really disrespectful.

But I got to witness a great part of our tribes' life, as I know cleaning and governing our river is very important to us.

I see this agreement with the government as being a start to our ability to help govern our own river, so that we have part control on what's done with the river as we are the ones that surround it.

I realize that this has taken longer than a decade to achieve, but now we are reaching the end of the claim and Tainui will soon be able to do what we have been wanting to do for a very long time.

-Anne Roa

Right: Parliament buildings and the Beehive

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Colouring Competition

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As a part of their Matariki studies, class members of 9TH created a colouring competition page for kohanga reo children. Each student designed their own page.



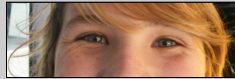
Art Suite refurbishment completed.



Cali Hunia on a carving assignment

Basketball Players of the Day

Jahken Osborne
Bre Tupaea
Cassidy Presland-Coates
Claudia Neil
Zebulon Reid
Aroha Apiata
Tyler Reid
Kingsley Smith



Selected pupils from all levels spent a day at Waikato University.



Winter Uniform

If your child does not have a school jersey/jacket or black school shoes, please get this sorted out as soon as possible.

Our students need to feel warm and well in order to learn effectively in class.

We have finance options available. Please ask at the school office.



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

At the close of nominations as the number of valid nominations were fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled, the following were duly elected: John Eastwood, Jan Gilby, Sharon Hall and Staff Representative Scott Henry.

The Board of Trustees co-opted members - Jessica Gilby-Todd, James Whetu and Elaine Preston.

AIR FORCE CHALLENGE

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.

WAIKATO TAINUI WAIKATO MUSEUM INTERNSHIP

July school holidays

Available to Year 11 or 12 students who are registered with Tainui and are taking art or design. Application requirements and forms are available from Harriet Hokai, Tania Hill, Nick Bowskill or Rosemarie Cann. Closing date is 14 June 2010.

BECOME A CEO FOR THE DAY

Air New Zealand's on a recruitment mission for an aspiring airline Chief Executive Officer. On Tuesday 20 July 2010 Air New Zealand is giving a group of students the once in a lifetime opportunity to find out what it's like to be the CEO of

Air New Zealand for the day. To enter all students need to do is tell us in 250 words or less what they would do if they were CEO of Air New Zealand. For an entry form please pick up from the office. See Sonia Harper or Rosemarie Cann if you need more info.

Year 13 students:

Waikato University

School Leaver Scholarships.

The \$3000 Waikato University School Leaver Scholarships will be offered in 2011 with new criteria.

Students will need to achieve 70 credits or more at NCEA Level 3 in four NZQA approved subjects with at least 14 credits in each subject and gain University Entrance.

The scholarships are available to New Zealand citizens or permanent residents attending a secondary school in 2010. Students must enrol in a full time, full year programme in 2011 and must have achieved the academic criteria for the scholarship and applied to enrol in their chosen degree by **28 January 2011**.

Free ESITO Taster Course

Two week course during school holidays. Gain an overview of Electricity Supply Industry, complete activities such as making hand tools, making a simple generator and rope work. You will work at heights or abseiling and attend Industry visits. You will gain 3 unit standard credits. You will keep a FREE pair of work-boots after the course.

Application forms available at www.esito.org.nz/career_centre/industry/taster_courses_form.aspx

Female students encouraged to apply.

Free Waikato Tainui

ESITO Taster Course:

Week 2 of July holidays at Ngaruawahia High School for 3 days. Must be at least 16 and have NCEA Level 1 English & Maths.

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UNIFORM FOR SALE

If you are interested in buying a second hand uniform please contact Judy Whanga on 824 5242 who has for sale - 1 woollen jersey, 1 pr shorts and 2 polo shirts. \$50.00 the lot.

NZQA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FORMS

These are available from the office. Financial assistance is also available to assist with the payment of entry fees. To be eligible to apply you must be the fee payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- 1 - be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- 2 - have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card
- 3 - be a fee payer with two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income where the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION LANGUAGE IMMERSION AWARDS Administered by

AFS Intercultural programmes

Applications for the LIA Awards for students close on 28 May 2010. Information about applying online can be found at www.afs.org.nz or by emailing prue.elwood@afs.org if you have any questions about the awards.

