

Ngaruawahia High School Newsletter

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Leadership wananga ends with visit to Albany Senior High School



All school leaders from Year 9 through to Year 13 in their "No.1s" prior to heading north to Albany to visit Albany Senior High School.

The Leadership Wananga was a first for many of our school leaders. Thirty two (32) students participated in the two-day event which involved an overnight stay at school doing leadership and whanaungatanga activities, followed by a trip to Albany Senior High School on Friday.

Students were great participants in the evening activity and even those who had to complete their commitments to sport and work returned to join in the high level of camaraderie already evident.

To say the students were excited to visit this new school is an understatement. Many had been looking forward to this event.

Albany Senior High School is one of the first of its kind in New Zealand. It is a

Senior school only (Y11- Y13) and is in Albany on the North Shore.

When we arrived our students were blown away by the school. It doesn't look anything like a school. It looks more like a 4 story office block, and it will be the only school that does not have "classrooms" as we know it.

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th Sept

Barbara Cavanagh, the current Principal of the school, was of course a Principal of Ngaruawahia High School up until 2001. She said her students were really looking forward to connecting with Ngaruawahia and the manner of their tikanga gave us a proper Powhiri.

The school is a Decile 10 and has very few Maori students. Barbara later revealed to me that her students thought our pupils looked fabulous in our smart

No.1 uniforms and wished they had uniforms like it. That's something I treasure considering the amount of hassle we have getting them into uniform.

Ultimately the day was about the students mingling and getting to know each other a little bit better. My staff and I looked at the school and what differences this type of schooling would have on young people. It seems that more schools of this type will have a real positive impact on the education of our future youth.

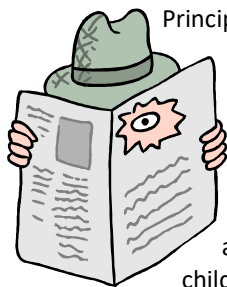
I would like to express my sincere thanks to the leaders, Whaea Kimai, Ms Hill, and Matua Tom for their input to the Wananga, and to Mr Jarnet for holding down the fort.

We will be inviting Albany Senior High School to our school next year!

- Robyn Roa, Principal

"Keeping your child Safe"

It has been brought to our attention through the media within the last two weeks, an email from the



Principal of one of our local Primary schools, and the public that our students and families need to be vigilant around adults or people that are not known to your child.

With the holidays approaching, we ask you to speak to your child about being approached by adults unknown to them. Ensure your child understands they do not have to obey an adult or older person who makes them feel unsafe or hurts or frightens them.

More child safety information can be found at this link . . .

www.safenz.org/Safety.htm

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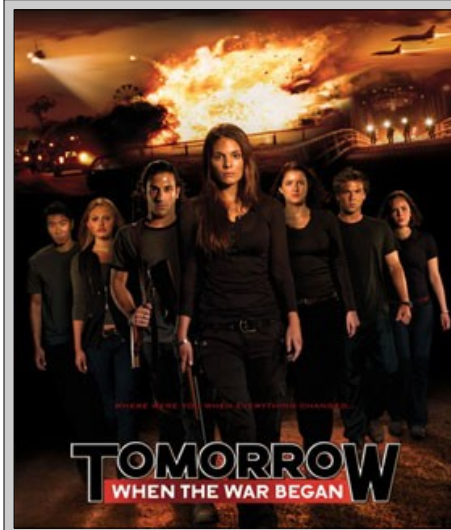
Election Time Again!

Students...have your say and nominate a student you feel will best represent the students at Ngaruawahia High School.

All students may nominate a representative.

Nomination forms are at the school office.

**Nominations close
on Friday 15th October 2010**



Class rents city movie theatre

Teacher Dawson Iti's 10 Taumata class rented the Chartwell Events Cinema 3 on Wednesday 15th September as a fundraiser for their planned trip to Rotorua for their Social Studies class excursion.

The successful event raised about \$450. The theatre was sponsored by Te Runanga o Kirikiriroa and tickets were sold at \$10 by the class members for the movie "Tomorrow, when the war began".

The Rotorua trip is coming up on Thursday/Friday 23rd/24th September to learn about the cultural aspects of Rotorua as well as focussing on Social Studies and Science themes.

Nga Miro Holiday Program

Monday 27th September – Friday 1st October 2010

Nga Miro is running a FREE holiday program for the first week of the school holidays.

The program is for rangatahi aged between 13-18 years.

Activities include:

Leadership/team building day, Graffiti workshops, an excursion and a possible trip to a CONCERT.

They can only take 30 students so the first 30 to register will participate in the program.

You can register at Nga Miro (29 River Road opposite Turangawaewae Marae) right up until 5pm Friday 24th September.

Term 4 Highlights

11th October (Monday)

Term 4 commences
Year 10 Camp (5 days)

21 October (Thursday)

1st Aid Course (B&C Students)

25 October (Monday)

Labour Day holiday

28 October (Thursday)

1st Aid Course for Matariki pupils

5th November (Friday)

Final day for Senior students

8th November (Monday)

Senior Prizegiving, 7pm

15th November (Monday)

Start of Senior NCEA exams
(see page 3 for exam schedule)

2nd December (Thursday)

Year 10 catch-ups
Year 11 (2011) programme begins

9th December (Thursday)

School picnic at the river

10th December (Friday)

Junior Prizegiving, 11am.
Term 4 ends

28th January 2011 (Friday)

Year 9 Orientation Day

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Winners

Year 9 and Year 10 netball teams won their divisions in the Waikato Secondary Schools Netball Competition (held at Minogue Park).

The teams are grateful to Whaea Roa and Whaea Ginger and their whanaus for all their dedication towards our teams.

Tumeke to all the girls who represented our school this year. We are all very proud of you.

Ki-o-Rahi

Congratulations to our Ki-o-rahi team who played in the competition hosted by Rakaumangamanga on Saturday.

NHS were placed third to Tologa Bay (NZ Champions) and Rakaumanga (NZ Runners-up).

Considering the seniors had only two practices it was an awesome effort.

Senior School NCEA Exams

15th November (Monday)

L1 Maths, L2 Accounting

16th November (Tuesday)

L2 English, L1 Accounting,
L3 Biology

17th November (Wednesday)

L1 English, L2 Physics

18th November (Thursday)

L2 Te Reo Maori, L3 Economics

19th November (Friday)

L3 English, L2 Biology

22nd November (Monday)

L1 Science, L2 Chemistry,
L3 Chemistry

23rd November (Tuesday)

L1 Economics, L3 Physics

24th November (Wednesday)

L1 Geography

25th November (Thursday)

L3 Accounting

26th November (Friday)

L3 Health

29th November (Monday)

L1 Te Reo Maori

30th November (Tuesday)

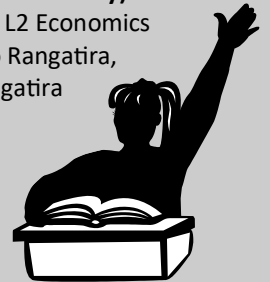
L1 Business Studies,
L3 Te Reo Maori

1st December (Wednesday)

L1 Music, L2 Economics

L1 Te Reo Rangatira,

L2 Te Rangatira



Film Stars



Filming in the staff room during morning tea (left) and interviewing Mrs Agnes Scott outside the school marae (right).

The film crew were compiling an instructional DVD for other schools who have involved themselves, or wish to involve themselves, in the Te Kotahitanga programme, as has Ngaruawahia High School.

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Home Rooms ↑

This Cebus complex is the home to all of the Year 9 students. All basic classes are held there. Other subjects are carried out in other specialist rooms.

Basketball

This year our school entered four basketball teams for 2010 in the Waikato Secondary School Competition as well as a mixed team in the whanau competition held at Rakaumanga School on Monday nights.

All our teams did extremely well in their games, giving us real good results towards the end of the season.

Junior Boys - Were placed top 5 in their division (Division1).

Senior Boys - Play for 1st or 2nd in Pool B, this Thursday 23rd.

Senior Girls (Social Team) - Were placed 5th in their division (Division1).

Senior Girls (A Team) - Were placed 2nd in Division 1. It was a very close game between our girls and Hamilton Girls High School, but alas the outcome was unfortunate for us.

Senior Mixed - Were placed 1st at the tournament, being unbeaten all season.

All of our teams would like to give special thanks to Matua Waki and Whaea Rangimarie, coaches of the Junior Boys, Senior mixed and both the Senior Girls teams, and Mr Litchwark the coach of the Senior Boys team. Also the help of Matua Dawson and Ray Cameron for their commitment and service throughout the season.

We also give thanks to our school for providing us with the transport we needed to get to and from our games. Now lets all get ready for next year because we are hoping for the outcomes to be twice as good.

Have your say

VOTE



James Whetu

as Councillor for the Ngaruawahia Ward

A vote for James is a vote for:

- ▶ **Opportunity** ▶ **Community**
- ▶ **Family** ▶ **Youth**
- ▶ **Moving Ngaruawahia forward**

The future of our town and district