

NGARUAWAHIA HIGH SCHOOL 1978



FOREWORD



A feature of the sixteenth year of the school has been the teams and active groups in the school. The Gala Day exemplified this active spirit with the record amount raised by House Groups.

Our Winter teams were larger in number and received greater support than ever before. The school fixtures initiated were with Rodney and Kaitia Colleges and our Maori Cultural Group participated in an International Festival in Scotland. All the year's diverse activities illustrate that life is not a simple activity and we must accept that fact in order to meet its challenge.

Life is, however, a multiplicity of functions that need to work in harmony. Just as our bodies need to breathe, and our hearts have to beat with a co-ordinate rhythm.

When we take our place in the team the harmony of body is essential. Under demand the team employs the strategy most suited for effectiveness. Each member dedicates himself to this end.

At Falkirk, Scotland, the Maori Cultural Group was presented with the town coat of arms bearing the simple motto: 'Ane for A' (One for all). The great enjoyment of games or group performances is just that -- concentrating with one's utmost physical and mental faculties for the good of the group team. Applied generally, life then grows more interesting and enriched; the body and mind also expand accordingly.

If our school in 1978, has provided more opportunities for this development, what major factor has brought this about? The answer is surely: a young, vigorous and enthusiastic group of teachers who are prepared to give extra time to guide young people in the development of a stimulating and satisfying life. Our school is extremely fortunate to have so many members who offer themselves unselfishly for young people.

Congratulations, and thank you to all who have represented Ngaruawahia High School so admirably in 1978. May the lessons learnt, and the relationships made, stay with you.

N.J. Murphy M.A.
PRINCIPAL

editorial

At the completion of the year each pupil receives a copy of the school magazine and each year's edition varies greatly from those before it. A magazine like this should record the year's happenings so that everyone involved with the school can remember them.

This magazine has been compiled by a committee of varied interests, and apart from the predominance of sports, which is common to all school publications, we have done our best to cover a broader section of the school's activities.

Many of our articles have been contributed by staff, those involved with various clubs, groups and teams, these are greatly appreciated, and we have also received poems, stories and articles from the pupils. This is great! We found that they were well written and presented.

More emphasis has been placed on photographs this year. We realise that many people believe that pictures make a magazine, after all a picture is worth a thousand words so they say.

We have tried to overcome the end of the year rush which occurs when it comes to actually putting the book together, and we began our efforts during the first term, our committee came together in the activity period on Wednesdays. We have had a lot of assistance from most of the staff and this is appreciated.

Through this magazine we are sure that you will remember 1978 at Ngaruawahia High School. You will find that there is a lot going on at school that you didn't know about. Perhaps more of you will participate in the many activities our school offers.

ANGELA HARRISON

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P.T.A.

The P.T.A. has had a very active year under the leadership of Stan Schwass, with a committee of: June Haultain, Fiona Wade, Bev Wills, Marie Kritchett, Jean Sharp, Daphne Morgan, Kath Dooley, Bev Winnikerei, Arthur Dyson, Ernie Sharp and Tony Gambrill representing the Board of Governors and Tim Meadowcroft the staff.

Dances have again proved both popular and worthwhile, these can only continue while we have the co-operation of parents and staff for supervision. Grateful thanks are extended to the Maori Wardens for their help in this way.

Our Gala this year raised a record \$1745 and work day \$1691, truly a fine effort in co-operation between staff, pupils and parents. The P.T.A. have been able to assist with \$1750 for extra school equipment and \$350 for awards for prize giving.

The P.T.A. took over the running of the school canteen in February 1977, with Mrs Barbara Tilstone as manager-ess. She retired in June this year, and has been succeeded by Mrs Betty McLean, assisted by Mrs Rae Cathro. We do thank her for her service under cramped conditions. We are grateful too for the assistance given by mothers during the year, and for the help of Mrs Allen each day.

A wider range of food and fresh fruit available each day, and has made the canteen very profitable, and it continues to operate at a steady profit. This has made possible the purchase of a canteen from the Waikato Technical Institute. The new canteen should be operating by the end of term three, and will meet the needs of an expanding school roll well.

STAN SCHWASS.
Chairman

BOARD.

The invitation to contribute a magazine article on behalf of the Board of Governors provides a welcome opportunity to report to the pupils, parents, staff and community, on the activity and the role of the board in school affairs.

This very act of communication to the community is in itself one of the functions of a conscientious Board Member. To carry out this role a Board Member must be well informed on educational knowledge, not only pertaining to the school but also to the National Educational System.

There is a reverse role to this; that is a constituent role whereby the elected Board Member transmits community interest and opinion on subject matter and school administration. Obviously this depends on tact and co-operation. Happily in this school a very close relationship exists between Staff, Principal, Parents, P.T.A. and Board.

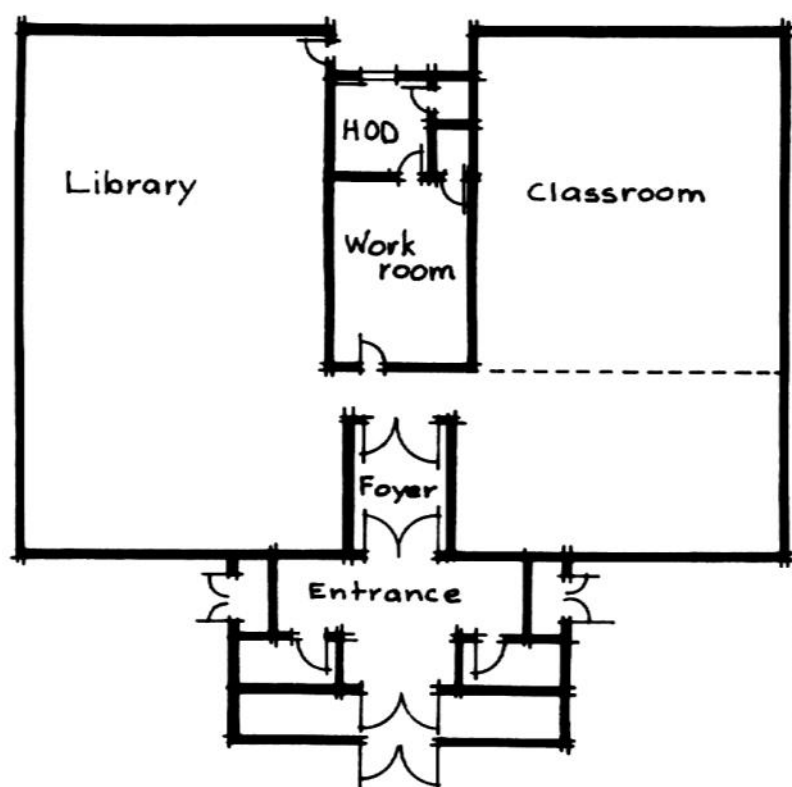
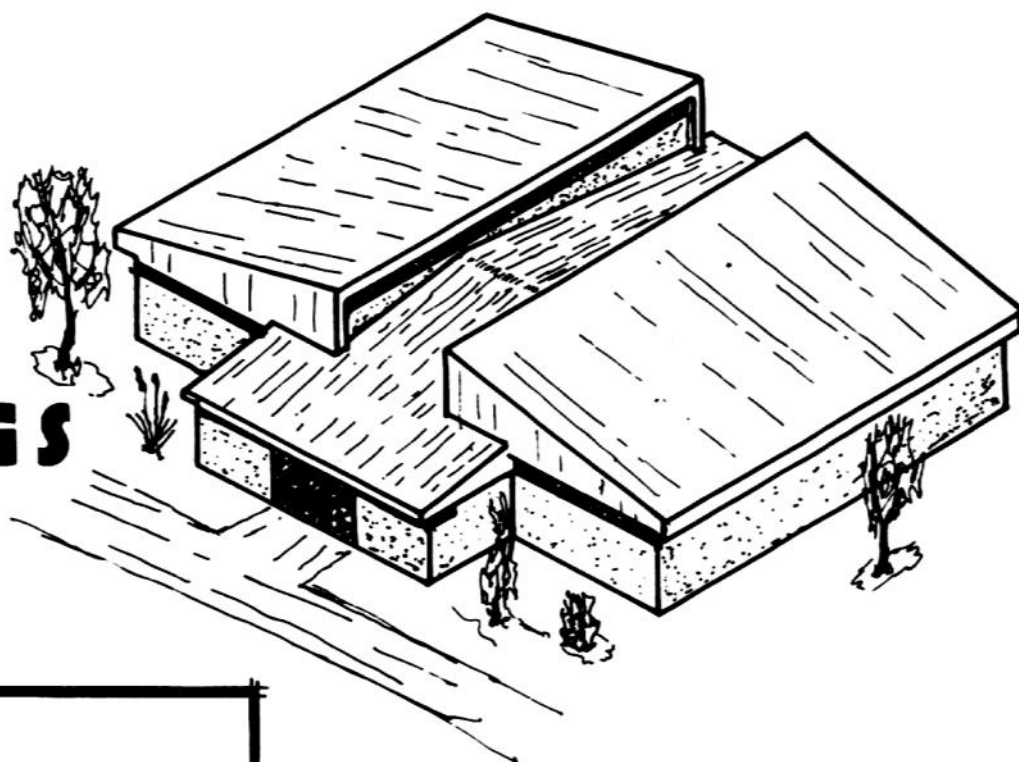
The Board is also involved in the administration of finance, the maintenance of property, the overseeing of new works and the selection and appointment of senior staff. It also means making administrative decisions on discipline, uniforms, by-laws etc, and to determine the school's requirements and to plan accordingly.

I am fortunate in having the active support of a Board made of elected members of diverse occupations, skills and qualifications and motivated to carry their responsibilities.

To conclude I should like to express the Board of Governors appreciation to our Secretary, to the Officers of the Education Department, to the Principal and Staff, and to those few active members of the P.T.A.

Peter Hodgkinson
Chairman

NEW BUILDINGS



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There has been a great improvement in our grounds and buildings over the last couple of years. The office extensions to the Administration Block have been a great help to the staff. Then came the arrival of the two new prefabs, which were later shifted to make room for the library. Buildings of the new library was due to commence in the third term of this year. Mr Serjeant's lab has been a welcome addition, and the new canteen will meet a long-standing need. Last but not least, is the sixth form seminar room, better known as the common room.

New Library

Ever since Ngaruawahia High School opened, pupils and teachers have had to use a classroom with a few modifications as a library. Mrs Sampson has done an excellent job fitting the ever increasing number of books into this room. But now to everyone's delight the Education Department has given us the go ahead to build a new library which will be situated in the area where the new prefabs were first located. The building will start in the third term and will be ready for use next year. The above picture is a floor plan of the proposed library and opposite is a view of the front and top of the new library.

Mark Houghton

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TERM I

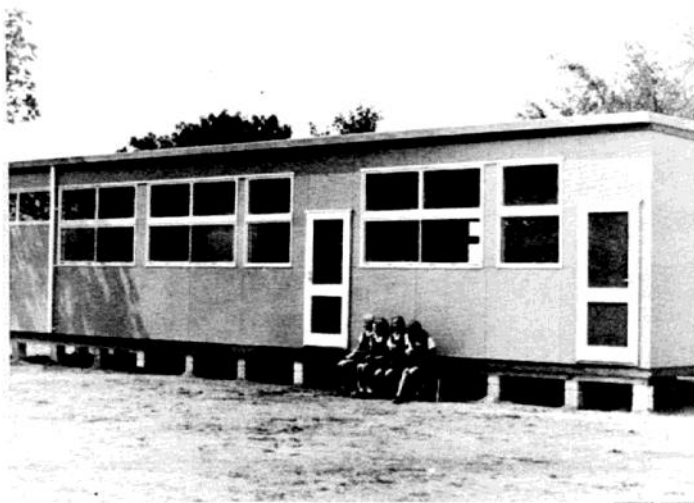
- February 1 - Pupils commence work
 15-16 - Swimming sports
 22 - Teacher's strike
 28- 1 - Athletic sports
March 7 - Interzone athletics
 14 - Common room arrives
 22 - School social
April 1 - Gala Day
 6 - Spirit of Adventure raffle
 - B.C.G. injections
 8 - Winter sports commence
May 5 - End of Term one

TERM II

- 22 - School commences
 25 - Senior reports
June 10 - T.C.B. exams
 14 - Morrinsville sports trip
 21 - Hillcrest sports visit
 23 - Telethon and Maori Culture social
July 5 - Hauraki Plains sports visit
 10 - Mid term break
 12 - Huntly sports trip
 13 - Common room burglary
 29 - Official farewell of Maori Culture Group
 31 - Maori Culture Group departs
August 8 - New Canteen arrives
 9 - Raglan sports trip
 10-14 - Kaitaia trip
 17 - School social
 18 - End of Term two
September 6 - Maori Culture Group returns

TERM III

- 11 - School commences
 29 - Senior exams
October 13 - Sixth form trip
November 20 - S.C. and U.E. begin
December 7 - Prize giving
 8 - Break up



New Seminar Room (Common Room)

The new seminar room, which arrived in the first term of this year, is for the use of 2nd year fifth, and sixth formers. The idea of the seminar room is to give the seniors a chance to develop their skills of running an organisation among themselves. Up until now the common room has been a success. There was a committee selected and money was collected for funds to be used for refreshments and any trips that were organised.

The Role of a Dean

A Dean is a person to whom many can turn. Not only is he of great help to the pupil, he is also of assistance to the teacher. In general he cares and watches over us to make sure we are all happy and doing as best we can.

Perhaps the most unfortunate thing is that most of the pupils who visit their Dean, do so under a 'cloud of doom', when they are in trouble.

So too many see their Dean in a bad light, without realising that they are prepared to discuss personal or school-related problems, and give advice on how to deal with them, where appropriate. As well as their counselling role, Deans must be prepared to perform a great deal of administrative tasks. It is a hard job, made more enjoyable by the knowledge that people are satisfied with their Dean.

the school

The Ngaruawahia High School was opened on February 5th, 1963.

It had 209 pupils and 12 staff members, so it was considerably smaller than it is today.

The Hon R.M. Algie, speaker of the House of Representatives, officially opened the school on December 9th, 1963.

The first buildings were; a staff room, assembly hall, library, geography room, wood-work and metalwork shops and general classrooms. Since then the addition of a gymnasium, five prefabs, a lecture theatre, a seminar room (6th form common room) and a canteen provides the layout as we know it. There are also prospects of a new library to be situated in the centre of the grounds.

The school uniform is basically grey and dark green. The boys wear the monogram on their jerseys.



The crown at the top of the monogram signifies the relationship between the school and the Queen i.e. that New Zealand is a member of the commonwealth.

There are two rivers which join and these stand for the Pakeha and Maori inter-relation.

The seven stars are the district schools from which our pupils come. They are Glen Massey, Ngaruawahia, Taupiri, Te Kowhai, Horotiu, Orini, and Waipa. We also have pupils from Bernard Fergusson, Netherby and Gordonton.

The three books are;
(i) Bible
(ii) Book of Knowledge
(iii) History book

'Wahia Ngarua' means:
open the food pits.

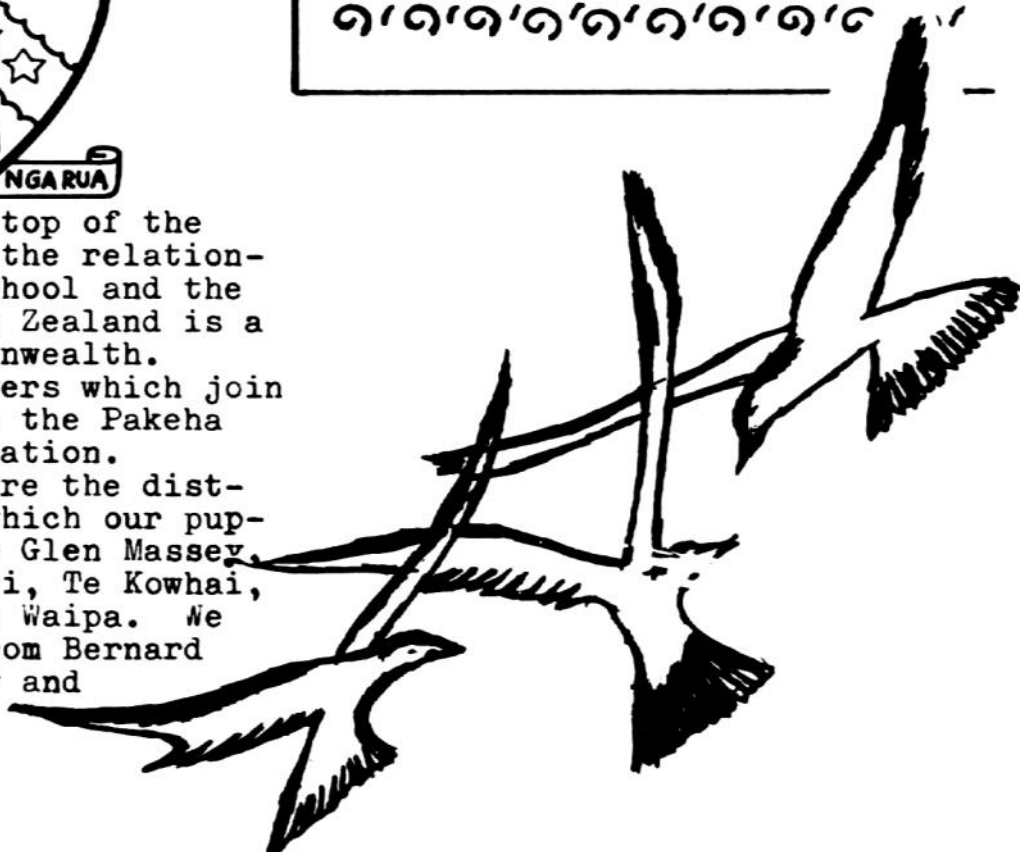
We have a school prayer and a school song. We say the school prayer at Monday assemblies but the song is usually reserved for more special occasions such as the annual Prize-Giving.

NGARUAWAHIA

Ngaruawahia itself became a garrison town in 1863 and it was known as Newcastle. The natural occurrence to happen next was the opening of the Delta Hotel in 1864. The post office was opened in 1865 followed by the opening of the Ngaruawahia school in 1869 (14 pupils).

The town grew and in 1909 the population was 416, it continued to rise and in 1963, when our High School opened, the town's population was 3650, 1150 of which were Maori.

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# INTER-HOUSE

The chase for the coveted Founders' Shield began on February 15th with the Swimming Meet. All Houses strove for an early lead in the ten month chase for the Shield, by winning the Swimming Meet. At the end of the day only eight points separated three Houses - Newcastle 247, Tainui 245, Havelock 239 and Maniapoto 209.

March was a busy month. Plastic Bags were sold to raise funds and it was the "veteran" House in this venture, Newcastle, who finished 70 points clear of Tainui with Maniapoto a mere 3 points behind for third.

Havelock cleared away in the Athletics Meet by 10 points from Maniapoto. Newcastle kept ahead of Tainui in the minor placings. The day following the Athletic Meet the Blood Transfusion Unit arrived and 46 seniors & staff donated. Havelock won the chase here with 14 units, Newcastle 13, Tainui 11 & Maniapoto eight.

April Fool's Day coincided with Gala Day, and, despite this, the students alone raised over \$1000. For the third time in as many activities Havelock lead the way with \$313, well ahead of Newcastle's \$261, Maniapoto's \$233 and Tainui's \$202.

It was the Cross-Country that brought in the next burst of activity and enthusiasm. Newcastle made it known that they were tired of trailing after Havelock and took out the team and participation competitions and ran home 34 points clear of Havelock with 148. Maniapoto's 87 aggregate gave it third ahead of Tainui's 59.

The September visit by the Blood Unit enabled Newcastle to relegate Havelock to second. Newcastle's 23 units gave them a comfortable lead over Havelock's 19, Tainui's 17 and Maniapoto's 14.

After a good showing at the Blood Donors, Newcastle could not be headed for the Founders' Shield. However, there was still the Work-Day to go. Newcastle put the screws on by streaking home with the greatest amount raised. Tainui and Maniapoto combined to shut out Havelock completely. \$2000 was well earned, an advance on the 1977 total.

In each activity this year points were allocated for House placings on the basis of 8 for 1st, 6 for 2nd, 4 for 3rd and 2 for 4th, with the exception of Blood Donor placings, which went 4,3,2,1. The reason for this was that it was a restricted activity - limited to an age and weight criteria.

## House Points 1978

|                     | H        | M        | N        | T        |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Swimming Meet       | 4        | 2        | 8        | 6        |
| Plastic Bag Sales   | 2        | 4        | 8        | 6        |
| Athletic Meet       | 8        | 6        | 4        | 2        |
| Gala Day            | 8        | 4        | 6        | 2        |
| Cross Country       | 6        | 4        | 8        | 2        |
| Work Day            | 2        | 4        | 8        | 6        |
| Blood Donors (Mar.) | 4        | 1        | 3        | 2        |
| Blood Donors (Sep.) | <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>2</u> |
| Totals              | 37       | 26       | 49       | 28       |

Over the past ten months the Houses have raised over \$4000-00 for the school - Havelock \$990, Maniapoto \$1010, Newcastle \$1200 and Tainui \$1000 - a commendable effort.

Newcastle now holds the Founders' Shield until December 1979, and from the rumblings and rumours to be heard from the new winners, it would seem that they will not lightly relinquish their hard-won trophy, and are ready to defend it against all-comers!

A. MacDonald

# activities:

## 'ROMEO & JULIET'

An extremely eager bunch of 6th formers left for Hamilton on the 3rd August to see the film 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Carlton theatre.

As expected a large amount of humour arose from the more forward and jovial students amongst them.

Most High Schools in the surrounding district attended and we felt that we were the best behaved.

However frequent yet harmless outbursts of stifled mirth shadowed our otherwise flawless behaviour.

On the way home we passed the scene of the large fire which occurred during the previous weekend.

C. Coenen  
D. Campbell

## HAMILTON TRIP

On the 2nd May a one-day trip into Hamilton was staged for the members of 3.7 and 4.5.

The group was accompanied by Mr Clark and Mrs Middleton.

Firstly they visited the 12H broadcasting unit. The building consisted of a television studio, a radio station and a newsroom. Next stop was 'The Times' office, where they saw them press the afternoon edition. After that they went to the library where they looked at the school displays, stories, posters etc. At 2 o'clock they returned home after an enjoyable and educational trip.

Carol Crawford 4.5  
Ata Heremaia 4.5

## MERCHANT OF VENICE

The 6th formers went to see the play the 'Merchant of Venice' by William Shakespeare at Auckland's Mercury 2 theatre on the 6th June. A group of 5th formers and two of our 7th formers came too.

Messrs Clark and Meadowcroft and Ms Towers and Miss Kater were the supervising staff.

The group left school at about 3.10 pm and arrived at Auckland at 4.40 pm. Then while the staff 'ate chinese' most of us grabbed a hamburger on 'K' road.

The play itself was well performed and even though there was little in the way of props it was quite enjoyable.

On the way home we stopped off at Pokeno so those that wanted to could get something to eat. We got back at 10.00 pm a little earlier than expected.

## PYGMALION

On Thursday 22 March a busload of pupils, the majority being 5th formers but with a few 6th formers, travelled to see the play 'Pygmalion' by George Bernard Shaw. They were accompanied by Ms Towers and Mr Clark.

Most of the pupils seemed to agree that the trip was worthwhile, and found that it benefited their studies of the play.

Ms Towers' opinion of the play was also quite high. She thought that the staging was 'interesting' although rather a disappointment to the pupils. In spite of this she thought the play was fairly done.

## 6th Form Whangamata Trip

October 13th this year may have been Black Friday for some but for the sixth formers it marked the beginning of a well deserved weekend trip.

46 of us were accommodated at the Pinefields Motor Camp in Whangamata, and it was first in first served with regard to the quality of the cabins and caravans. After having arrived at the camp we set about settling in and 'checking out' the town, including the beach.

Saturday was the best day, and most of us spent the day at the beach enjoying the sun.

Everyone was tired out and Sunday was a day to relax.



# OUT AND ABOUT

## Sonya Haggie - Rotary Exchange

Earlier this year, Sonya Haggie, at present in the 6th form at school, was chosen by the Te Rapa Rotary Club to become their selection in a Student Exchange Scheme. Several other students from the school had also been nominated along with students from surrounding schools.

Two years ago another Ngaruawahia High School student, Christine Haultain, was chosen. Christine spent a year in Japan learning the customs and traditions of the Japanese as well as attending a secondary school there.

Next year Sonya will be studying along similar lines, except she will be spending a year in America - Oklahoma, and although I am sure Sonya will be a little upset to leave her friends and her home for such a long time, the chance of seeing new places and meeting new people - especially in the United States, would be an experience that comes but once in a lifetime.

Sonya, next year, will be sadly missed by all at school. But most of all by her friends and fellow students in the sixth form.

T. Waiwai

## Science Fair

Melville High School was the venue for this year's Science Fair held on Friday 28th July.

The Science Fair is aimed at promoting understanding of the sciences in students.

Projects were made by pupils of surrounding High Schools, including our own, and these were displayed around the Melville High School hall for the public.

T. Kerapa

## Ngaruawahia Coxswain for Rowing Eights

At the age of 11, Alan Cotter started his coxing career, and he has now realised one of his ambitions, that of being selected as coxswain for the N.Z. eights at the world rowing championships to be held at Karapiro.

Nominated as cox for the last games, Alan missed out on selection, the position being given to Simon Dickie, and he and his family are very proud that he has been selected this time for the N.Z. crew.

Coxing has always been his forte and before joining the Waikato rowing club three years ago, he coxed for Ngaruawahia at the Mardi cup regatta held in Christchurch.

Coxing is a very demanding sport both physically and mentally, and weight problems have to be watched continually. The answer Yoghurt and cream crackers.



# SPEECHES

The finals for the senior speech contest were held on the 27th July, this was after the junior contest which ended on the 25th.

A varied topic choice catered for the different interests of the audience. This year's winner of the speech contest was Conrad Coenen, who gave a humour filled speech. Second place went to Dianne Fairey, who spoke on Humanity.. or lack of it, and third was Karl Brown.

The transcript of the winning speech is as follows:

## + THE DYING ART OF UNDERTAKING

C. Coenen

Have you ever thought what it would be like, lying inside a hand-made tailored suit made of wood? Lying in deathly splendour, closed from the rest of the world for all eternity in a coffin.

For such an ending there is such a man. The man who makes such an ending seem so fantastic is your friendly local undertaker, who can be seen regularly on his way to the cemetery or to the bank.

His business is one which is morbid and deadly boring but very profitable. His job ranks in the top ten wage earners, after Mr Muldoon, Sir Albert Henry (Cook Islands), and car mechanics.

The stiffs he deals with, are in endless supply and come in varied shapes and sizes, thus varied prices. He caters for all and probably you too. With his gentle persuasion and serene condolences, he whisks away the dead faster than Rigor Mortis can set in.

No doubt you have seen a friendly undertaker before, if not then you will when you eventually kick-the-bucket. In general he is a splendid little scrooge standing 6ft 6ins in height and built like Idi Amin on his birthday. His strength is due to frequent exercise on dead

weights, making him a cross between your family butcher and a morgue attendant.

Any Undertaker possesses an excellent wardrobe, where all his costumes are stored. His dress is similar to a rugby All Black, for all his clothes are black.

Black suits, black top hats, black shoes, black vest and no doubt black kiwi singlets.

The only differences to this is his white shirt, a gold watch, and his Jockeys which are varied and multicoloured.

His wallet is the most interesting part of his attire. It is always fat and bulky due to dying yet frequent business. It contains most of his tools associated with his trade.

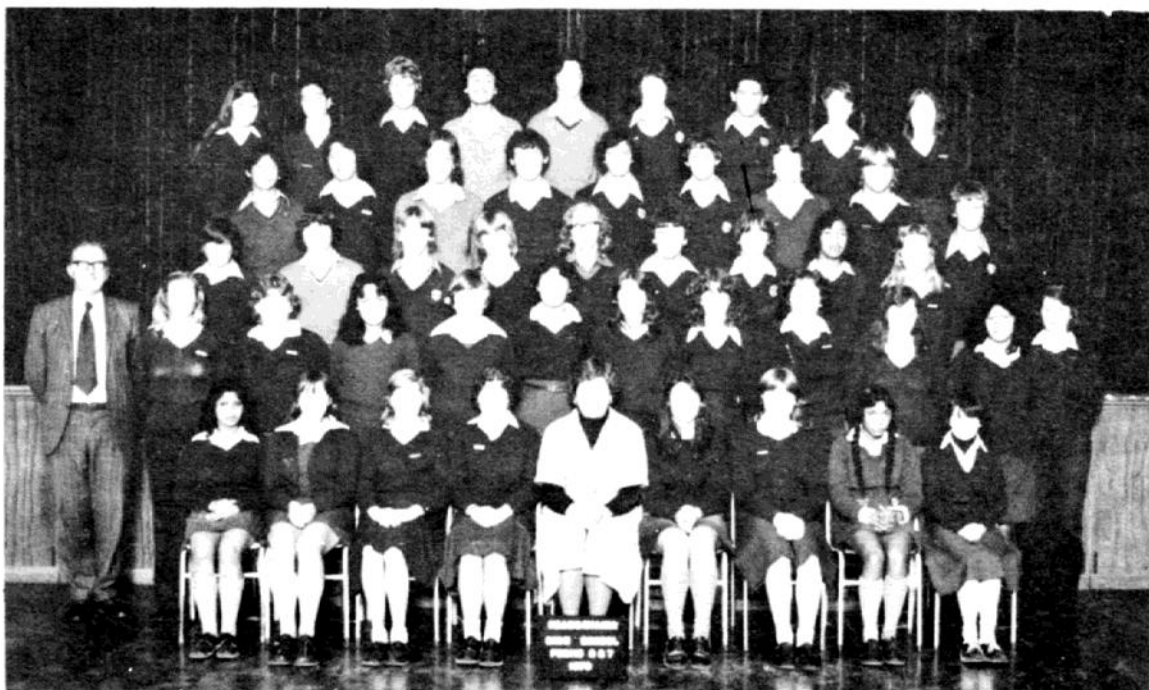
Namely a Timberrmans wood veneer guide, brochures of cemetery plots showing excellent views (which naturally cost extra). One tape measure, one calculator, one pair of pliers, one bottle of meat preserves, a butchers knife, a whole set of photos showing portraits of his customers and a whole list of satisfied customers.

Your average butcher ah undertaker has a very impressive mode of transport, namely his meat wagon, a 16 foot long black limousine with an exquisite interior and plush fixtures that puts the Royal Buckingham Palace Bathroom to shame. The motor of his meat wagon is a heavy duty V12 which is necessary for carting his produce from church to cemetery or crematorium, and to beat the rush to nearest morgue in time for the pick up.

Outside every hospital there are more waiting black meat wagons than Ambulances.

When not hard at work your friendly undertaker is at play. Either driving his sports Mercedes Benz at Henderson or deep sea fishing in the Bay of Islands in his yachts. But when business calls he can change face and costume faster than Mr Muldoon after a budget. One word of help. R.I.P.





### When our Common Room Came

On a cold dark day in March,  
... it came.  
The world(?) rejoiced when it arrived,  
for it went to those who were deprived.  
Deprived of the finer things in education.  
It rescued many poor souls from mental frustration.  
The torment would show on a face, subdued to the agonising scarcity of study space.

But now! now that it is here,  
the problem of a 6th form lair,  
is no longer in our hair.  
Room to study is abound, room for scrag is easily found.  
A place for all 6ths to meet, a place where all can have a seat.  
A salute - to the '78 crop of 6th formers on their fine taste in Common Rooms, as we remember when on a cold, dark day in March,  
... it came.

D. Campbell (6th)

### 6th Form Casino

The 6ths ran in, jumping with glee.  
The Common Room it's ours, it's all for me!  
They settled in without regard, while dealing out the deck of

cards

Cards they played all through the day,  
to find the paths in which trumps lay.

A mean game was soon to be evolved,  
last card, poker and coon can were all cold.

The hottest game was soon to hit the desks.  
'Serjeant' major a game at it's best.

Life was fun, jovial too, that involved all the 6ths including you too.

But like most things they came to an end.

Like the day when we drove the teachers 'round the bend.

They came in white coats and a large white van, they took us away while playing coon can

So from a world of sanity(?) we were fled and found ourselves strapped to hospital beds.

They tried to purge our endless insanity, as we grimly held on to our card vanity.

We came back, some a bit 'round the Beano.

As we carried on with the 6th form casino

C. Coenen (6th)



# SUPERKIDS

To be a 'superkid', you not only have to be physically fit but mentally fit as well. High Schools all over New Zealand were contacted and asked to nominate 2 students aged between 13-16, who were thought to be all rounders - good at everything. 397 Schools were contacted, out of these 142 replied, the total amount of students therefore being nominated was 265. Out of these, 32 - 16 boys and 16 girls had to be chosen. An essay of 150 words was written by all nominees and it was mainly on this that the 32 'superkids' were chosen.

I, along with Quentin West, was lucky enough to be a successful nominee. What would it entail? What would I have to do? I honestly didn't have clue. So it was two very nervous 'superkids' who boarded the bus on Thursday the 6th of July, bound for Auckland.

Upon being met at the bus-terminal, we were taken to the 'Hotel Intercontinental', our home for five-six days. That night we had a buffet dinner, met officials and various personalities associated with the programme and were given a general outline of what was to happen.

After breakfast the next morning - meal vouchers were provided for all meals - we were driven in a double-decker bus to Cornwall Park. The outside location for our physical activities. These consisted of an obstacle course for stamina, and for co-ordination varied from balancing books on your head to riding a bike as slow as possible

Although the wet weather caused the obstacle course to become very slippery, an exciting day was enjoyed by all.

Saturday was a free day for all but when Sunday dawned the nerves really set in. Sunday and Monday were the studio days. Each heat of 4 would be filmed separately, all contestants being tested on their concentration, ability (two minutes puzzle), general knowledge and perhaps the hardest of all their originality, consisting of one minute to present your thoughts on a pre-arranged subject.

On Sunday morning we were shown a 'mock' programme, where four students were brought in and did everything we were going to have to do. The idea of this was because we were going to be filmed and we couldn't afford to make mistakes, therefore if we knew the general procedure we would not be as likely to make such big fools of ourselves.

In actual fact the filming was not as bad as it all sounds. Once seated and ready to go, initial nerves seemed to settle. As the programme progressed I actually enjoyed myself, even though I only answered one general knowledge question. When my turn came to present my originality part, I wasn't worried and didn't feel the slightest twinge of nervousness.

The superkids and all the people involved with producing the programme are rated high in my books. Everyone was fantastic. Including the floor manager - Angus, Cameramen, Technicians, even the Ladies who provided morning and afternoon tea and lunch on the set. They really did a great job. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and shall never forget the exciting experience I had when participating in 'superkids'.

- Stephanie Irendergast



# library

## Work Experience

More books than usual have been processed through the library this year, including a large number of developmental reading, textbooks, paperbacks, class sets and books of other departments. This has meant a lot of extra work for pupil librarians, who have helped to cover all these books. Librarians were: Gaylene Mills, Jan Fairweather, Malcom Phillips, Leanne McPherson, Helen Jennings, Leane Tyrie, Wendy Smith, Judy McPherson, Susan Mountney and Cheryl Didovich.

Many books of topical interest have been added to the collection - "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", "The Flying Saucerers", "The Devil's Triangle", "Jaws", "Mystery of Atlantis", "Simply Pop", "The Deep" etc.

A book drive added quite a few interesting books with no cost to the school. Many had to be repaired but were worth the trouble this involved. As usual several books were donated by student teachers and parents.

The teacher/librarian Mr G. Clark haunted sales and produced many books at a very reasonable cost, mostly non-fiction and dealing with a variety of subjects. Sports books of course were well to the fore.

Both teachers and pupils took advantage of the school's library service in order to obtain books not available in the school's library and very seldom were they disappointed.

Several book displays put on by representatives of book sellers enable teachers to suggest suitable books for the library in a particular section, e.g. Geography, Science, Technology, etc.

As a new library is in the offing this will provide an opportunity for the new books to be displayed in a more attractive way.

- Mrs B Sampson

The work experience scheme is a national one and has been going for some time. The overall idea is that various pupils are given the opportunity to work one day a week for local employers. At our school it was instigated by Mr Campbell and Mrs Middleton.

The scheme operates from the beginning of the second term until the labour weekend and it is for pupils in the fourth form.

Each Tuesday the work experience students see Mrs Middleton and are advised on the following day's activities, they report back on Thursday so that Mrs Middleton knows what progress they have made and if they have enjoyed themselves. She also checks on them on the Wednesday when she calls on the employer.

So far the scheme has proved successful in our school, many of the employers are only too pleased to have someone from the High School coming once a week and the pool of contacts grows as they tell their business friends.

The pupils themselves are often pleasantly surprised at the reception they get while on work experience. They can also use a copy of the report that the employer makes when seeking permanent employment. In fact several pupils have got jobs as a direct result of the scheme.



## a tall story :

This year, Ngaruawahia High School was pleased to welcome several new teachers. One of the new staff additions was a rather lanky, happy-go-lucky, physical education teacher by the unlikely name of Mr Paurini.

As the year has progressed we have witnessed the sporting talents this man possesses. At the annual, staff verses senior Girl's 'A' Hockey team fixture, Paurini stole the limelight. His gallivanting round the hockey field fearlessly brandishing his hand-bag and hockey stick and seemingly more interested in Miss Kater's legs than the game, has rocked our school. When questioned about his obviously uncensored behaviour Paurini replied; "It was an act of mind over matter. She didn't mind and the game didn't matter!" To this very day the teachers are adamant that if Paurini had concentrated more on the game than on Miss Kater's legs, they would have won by more.

Another sporting field in which Paurini has featured prominently is basketball. Dressed in bikini top and frilly underwear and wearing the biggest size 10 slippers I have ever seen, Paurini stunned the spectators with his skill and determination. Alas, his concentration was again astray as he seemed to be inclined to watch the trim and rather sexy legs of Garland Vercoe whose ball-work and skill was just too much! Along with team mates "Big" John Phillips, "No go all blow" Peter Henry, and the devastating Te Wiata sis .... oops I mean brothers, Vercoe tried hard but was unable to match the pure skill of "killer" Paurini. Unfortunately the game was marred when Paurini had to frequently call "time out" to either change his frilly underwear as they had gone beyond repair, or because his ear-ring had come off! No offence intended!

G. Simon and  
R. Cairns

## auxiliary staff:

### Principal's Secretary:

Mrs K. Vallet

### Ancillary Assistant:

Miss S. Vallet

### Librarian: Mrs Sampson

### Caretaker: Mr I Loveridge

### Groundsmen: Mr T Craven .

Mr Coker

### Itinerant Music Teachers:

Mr Lee

Miss Reeves

Mr Townsend

Mrs worth

The Auxiliary Staff play an important part in the running of the school, but they do not get the lime-light as others do. They work hard at the job they are responsible for, so they should not go unnoticed. Some auxiliary staff, such as Mr Loveridge, Mrs Vallet and Mrs Sampson, have been with the school for nearly as long as it has been going.

Mrs Vallet and Sandra Vallet do an excellent job in the office, coping with a large variety of problems ranging from pupils coming in with their problems to the school's administration.

Mr Loveridge has been caretaker for Ngaruawahia High School ever since it first started about seventeen years ago. Mr Dyer who has been our groundsmen left at the end of the second term and is being replaced by Mr Craven.

Mrs Sampson has done a great job in the Library with the help of voluntary librarians. Mrs Sampson is in charge of a growing number of books and will be pleased when she moves into the new library.

Many pupils have been taught to play instruments by our Itinerant Music Teachers, such as Mr Lee who has been with us for awhile, Miss Reeves, Mr Townsend and Mrs Worth.

And not forgetting the ladies who work in the canteen.

- Mark Houghton



# WAR : an essay

War is an absolute waste of time, lives, money and brain-power, because the final losses heavily outweigh whatever is gained.

We 'civilised' humans are supposed to be the most sophisticated of all animal life, but the way we so antagonistically behave towards each other, alien beings would be right to say that we are the most primitive form of intelligent life on the face of the Earth!

We have organisations like the S.P.C.A. concerned with the protection of our 'dumber' counterparts, but it seems to me as if we are in dire need of being protected from ourselves! I classify the world's so-called greatest war leaders as some of the world's greatest idiots!

War books, comics, films, audio-visual gear and careers advertisements project a totally false and biased impression of the Navy, Air Force and Army, by leading us to believe that it is wholly exciting, glamorous and care-free - failing to tell us about the grimmer side of it all. All around the globe, people are reassured and pampered with war propaganda, stylised for the country's own sense of well-being. In World War II each side was told that they were the 'goodies' and the enemy were the 'baddies', for example, Hitler blabbed on to his armies that the Germans were the master race and 'Jews', 'Limeys' 'Yanks' etc., were nothing but pests to be stamped upon like ants.

Wars have always been, are and probably will for a long time yet, fought with physical violence ... Why? How does the idea of having a battle of the minds grab you?

I sincerely hope for the sake of mankind that soon technology will produce something like the 'Stadium' in the film 'Rollerball' where all wars are fought under one roof, with spectators watching on, where violence was subdued and deadened by spiked gloves, bloodthirstiness and the inexplicable danger of the 'Rollerball'.

War time may offer the odd moment of excitement and enlightenment, but is it really worth it all?. Cold-bloodedly killing your fellow human beings, causing heartache and misery and putting yourself in danger?

I don't think so.

If people want their descendants to grow up in a decent environment, we will all have to stop behaving like thwarted, sulky children and find a solution right now, or go straight on head-long towards creating World war III.

Not a pleasant thought is it?

-Anon- (4th Form)

## Sky-Scraper

Skyscraper,  
Towering high  
Hundreds of windows  
Glaring in the sunlight.  
The huge mass of concrete  
Stretching in the sky  
The offices so  
Very noticeable  
Skyscraper.

- M. Van Tiel



# LANGUAGES

## German and French Goethe Society 1977

Form 6: Highly commended;  
Cathy Begbie, Michele Taylor,  
Helen Snijders, Wendy Sutton.  
Form 5: Commended;  
Conrad Coenen, Matthew Farrel.  
Form 4: Highly commended;  
Diane Fairey, Betty Park.  
Commended;  
Dorothy Callaghan, Jacqui  
Wilson, Quentin West.  
Form 3: Highly Commended;  
Shelley Campbell, Dale Timms,  
Tracey Green, Liane Wilson,  
Debbie Thomas.

## Last Year's External Exams

|              |        |           |
|--------------|--------|-----------|
| S.C. French: | 13 sat | 10 passes |
| German:      | 2 sat  | 2 passes  |
| U.E. French: | 12 sat | 2 Accred  |
|              |        | 6 passes  |
| German:      | 6 sat  | 2 Accred  |
|              |        | 2 passes  |

## Trips for French and German.

Last year German pupils went to see the film 'Liua Braake', at Melville High. French and German students went to Christmas celebrations. This year an evening was spent at the University to see Fastnachts-plays.

## Class numbers 1978;

7th Fr. 2 7th Ger. 1, 6th Fr. 13  
6th Ger. 1, 5th Fr. 6 5th Ger 6  
4th Fr. 15 4th Ger 12, 3rd Fr. 18  
3rd Ger. 9.

Mention must be made that for S.C and U.E. levels in both French and German, a 3-4- year background is required. This is not to discourage pupils who consider a language course, however a 'preliminary' course of work is beneficial. Money is as always short for text-books and tapes.

## Maori Language

This year a lot of interest has been generated over Maori Studies through the trip to Aberdeen by the Maori Culture Group, but apart from this the group and other pupils have been involved with the local regatta and in welcoming visitors to the Marae, such as Mr Bolger, Department of Fisheries, Japanese Consulate staff, and Mr Tom Bradley the mayor of Los Angeles.

There are two Maori language teachers. Mrs Dixon, who was previously at the Teachers' College completing a course, and Mrs Ngataki who is part-time.

Last year six people passed School Certificate in Maori and Aina Kanga was placed second in the school speech contest after Zeta Waiwai who was first.

1978 sees many pupils taking Maori at sixth form level and in general more pupils learning Maori and although in the past there have been text book difficulties this year's situation has been a lot healthier in this respect. However more books are required at third and fourth form levels.

A major problem for individual pupils has been the raising of their fares for the trip, but as we know this has been overcome.



Picture - Joe Te Paa





# MUSIC

Ngāruawahia High School is one of ten secondary schools in New Zealand which has been selected to participate in the pilot music scheme. This scheme has meant additional musical equipment for the school - classroom instruments, orchestral instruments, a new music room which includes a new piano, practice rooms, an orchestral store room, and audio equipment.

The third form general music programme has been increased from one period per week to two periods a week, thereby giving greater opportunities for the musical development of pupils at this level. In addition to the music programmes, there is the need to establish music at senior school level, so that the benefits and opportunities provided by the pilot scheme can be available to pupils at every level of the school.

A. Johnston

## THE ORCHESTRA

After quite a late start the orchestra is progressing quite well. Mr Johnstone is taking it again this year and Mr Braithwaite is helping sometimes. The orchestra has already learnt a few songs and is well on its way to more. The orchestra has a strong brass section. The strings and woodwind are very well organised. Mrs Storey is playing again this year on her violin, which is greatly appreciated. Overall the orchestra is doing very well. These people now belong to the orchestra;

B. Maxwell, C. Crawford, M. Taylor, L. Tyrie, A. Hodgkinson, D. Tuck, A. Zimmerman, M. Pou, J. Hartstone, C. Didovich, P. Tournier, C. Gutry, P. Harrison, H. Lovel, A. McLean, P. Warren, G. Johnston, R. Saunders, R. Connolly, R. Gutry, J. Tahana, K. Snijders, L. Callaghan, L. Renata, J. West, M. Williamson, A. Taha, T. Morunga, N. Joseph, J. Robinson, P. Douglas, L. Park, M. Esselberge, J. Thorenson.

J. Hartstone

# athletics:

# SPORT

This year the Athletic sports were held on 29 February and 1 March. There was a large number of participants in most fields. There were 15 records broken in all.

## CHAMPIONS 1978

### GIRLS

Junior: Vivian Head  
Intermediate: Leslie Clay  
Senior: Raima Turner

### BOYS

Junior: Ross Wall  
Intermediate: Ivan Thackeray  
Senior: Arthur Rhind

### RECORDS: Track

#### Intermediate Boys:

I. Thackeray - 100 metres  
11.8 secs  
- 400 metres  
55.0 secs

G. Solomon - 100 metres hurdles  
15.3 secs

#### Senior Boys:

A. Rhind - 100 metres  
12.0 secs  
A. Bell - 200 metres  
25.1 secs  
K. Brown - 100 metres hurdles  
16.7 secs

#### Relays:

Junior Girls: Newcastle  
Intermediate Girls: Tainui  
Senior Boys: Newcastle

#### Field Events:

##### Senior Boys:

A. Rhind - Triple Jump  
12.31 metres

##### Intermediate Girls:

M. Morgan - High Jump

##### Senior Girls:

M. Cooper - Shot Put  
3.73 metres

## HOUSE RESULTS

|     |           |            |
|-----|-----------|------------|
| 1st | HAVELOCK  | 476 points |
| 2nd | Maniapoto | 463 points |
| 3rd | Newcastle | 460 points |
| 4th | Tainui    | 341 points |

## GROUP RESULTS

|     |           |   |
|-----|-----------|---|
| 1st | HAVELOCK  | 6 |
| 2nd | Maniapoto | 3 |
| 3rd | Maniapoto | 6 |

# swimming:

## HOUSE PLACINGS

|     |           |            |
|-----|-----------|------------|
| 1st | NEWCASTLE | 247 points |
| 2nd | Tainui    | 242 points |
| 3rd | Havelock  | 234 points |
| 4th | Maniapoto | 204 points |

## CHAMPIONS

### GIRLS:

Junior: Maria Prendergast  
Intermediate: Stephanie  
Prendergast  
Senior: Kaye Plummer

### BOYS:

Junior: Ross Wall  
Intermediate: Glenn Solomon

## RECORDS

### Senior Girls:

K. Plummer - 3 lengths freestyle  
71.4 secs  
- 1 length freestyle  
20.4 secs

### Intermediate Boys:

W. Morgan - 3 lengths breaststroke  
93.0 secs

### Intermediate Girls:

S. Prendergast - 200m open free-  
style  
- 1 length free-  
style 20.0 secs

HAVELOCK Intermediate Boys Relay  
HAVELOCK Medley Relay



# RUGBY 1ST XV



BACK: G.Vercoe, D.Haggie, M.Schwass.  
 B.Edmonds, M.Te Wiata, T.Begbie, P.Henry, C.Simon.  
 MIDDLE: Mr Murphy, L.Vernall, H.Katipa, B.Haultain, K.Law, C.Grinter  
 FRONT: I.Thackray, B.Wilson, W.Kiddle (Captain), K.Te Wiata, (Coach)  
 M.Houghton.  
 ABSENT: J.Phillips, R.Dean.

## LIST OF RESULTS

|     |                |                           |
|-----|----------------|---------------------------|
| V's | Te Awamutu II  | Won 8-0                   |
| V's | Putaruru II    | Won 10-7                  |
| V's | Tokoroa II     | Won 54-0                  |
| V's | Fraser II      | Won 38-4                  |
| V's | St Pauls II    | Won 26-4                  |
| V's | Morrinsville   | Lost 10-12                |
| V's | Forest View    | Won 10-9                  |
| V's | Fairfield II   | Won 21-0                  |
| V's | Hillcrest      | Lost 3-13                 |
| V's | Forest View    | Won 30-6<br>(College Day) |
| V's | Hauraki Plains | Drew 6-6                  |
| V's | HBHS II        | Won 6-0                   |
| V's | Huntly         | Won 15-14                 |
| V's | Morrinsville   | Lost 4-18                 |
| V's | CCNZ           | Lost 17-27                |
| V's | St Johns       | Lost 3-16                 |
| V's | Fairfield      | Drew 16-16                |
| V's | Rodney         | Won 26-6                  |
| V's | Kaitaia        | Lost 4-39                 |

Points For: 307 Against: 197  
 Played 19 Won 11 Drew 2 Lost 6

1978 was probably the strongest rugby year for this school. Not only was the school represented in Saturday competitions and mid-week fixtures by four teams for the first time, but also all teams had very successful seasons.

The 1st XV this year was one of the most successful in recent years, playing 19 games for 11 wins, 2 draws and only 6 losses. The squad started the season well, coming runners up in the Division II seven aside tournament, to arch rivals Morrinsville College. The same school also pipped us for the top team spot in Division II.

Perhaps more important was the success the team had against some of the more well known 1st XV's. Although narrowly defeated by Hillcrest, St Johns and CCNZ wins were notched over Huntly,

Forest View (twice) and Rodney, while the Hauraki Flains and Fairfield games were drawn.

It is difficult to pick out outstanding players in what was a well balanced team. However mention must be made of Kani Te Wiata's 90 points in 11 games; Ivan Thackray, s 17 tries; Wayne Kiddle's leadership and forward play; Bruce Wilson's flair and versatility and Clark Simon, Ivan Thackray , Lance Vernall

and Keith Law on their representative selections. This was a young team, which if coupled with the added depth of Rugby in the School could well be what is necessary for this school to line up with the top Waikato 1st XV's.

Finally congratulations go to all squad members for the spirit, dedication and ability with which they played the game.

A.C. Grinter  
COACH

## RUGBY 2ND XV



This was the first year that a 2nd XV had been entered into an open weight division. The team entered into division 3 rather than a lower open weight division. In this division the team played against 2nd XV teams from schools the size of Hillcrest and Melville and emerged with creditable results.

Due to the time taken to establish players in key positions, to build up a team combination and players assisting the 1st XV in times of need, the earlier results do not fully illustrate the teams abilities.

If the team had displayed the fine attacking skills it did against Hillcrest 3rd XV and Morrinsville 2nd XV, in all of its games the years results

would have been vastly different.

The team was ably led by Brian Harper. Tahere Morunga was the top points scorer. Mention should also be made of S. Johnston, G. Wall, M. Wini-kerei, J. Pira, D. Mabbett, Q. West, W. Morgan and A. TePaa who played with distinction for the 1st XV on some occasions.

Overall the team played attractive rugby and improved immensely during the season as is indicated by the team winning five of its last seven games.

No reira e tama ma kia ora mo nga awhina mai me nga mahi i tenei tau.

R. Wigelsworth



## 3rd XV

This team played their first match of the season with only one practice behind them. The lack of practice showed as the team was comprehensively beaten. However after this defeat the team never looked back.

The forwards moulded into a unit of considerable talent although they were sometimes handicapped through players having to play out of position.

The team played attractive rugby at the beginning of the season but when the wetter weather came on the boys were unable to cope as well.

However with the return of the drier weather and improved tackling, the team finished the season with several wins.

The under 60kg team had a grand team spirit and enjoyed every game they played.

Coaches: Mr Mans  
Mr Serjeant

### Under 60 kg Team Members

Russell Preston  
Tani Lidois  
Bryce O'Hearn  
Greg Davis  
Ian McFadyen  
David Betham  
Daryl Chapman  
Grant Cathro  
David Lingard  
Paul Tournier  
Brett Windsor  
William Head  
Peter Betham  
Mark Fuller  
Murray Hintz  
Earl Salt  
Greg Bradshaw

## 4th XV

### Under 54 kg Team Members

Grant Caddigan  
John Henry  
Owen Christie  
Robert Torrington  
Dean Vernall  
Martin Middleton  
Brett Dyson  
Scott Schrieber  
Graham Hopa  
Carl Jackson  
Gordon Bond  
Joe Te Paa  
Ross Wall  
Justin West  
William Weti  
Robert Caddigan  
Gordon Rajendram

Faced with five consecutive away games at the beginning of the season, all the players responded remarkably well. Although one player short at times, the boys won two, lost two and drew one of these early games.

The home record of the team is very impressive. Play 7 won 6 Lost 1. The teams best wins were 36-4 and 30 points to nil. Points against 34.

Although often playing against boys much heavier than themselves, the boys overcame this handicap and as the season progressed played some fine rugby.

Coach: Mr Rouse

# C R I C K E T



## Cricket

Cricket started in the school at the beginning of the year. Although it was late in the season the team managed to fit in three games.

The game against St Pauls was the first cricket game played by the school since its inception. The team showed promise in fielding and bowling, although the batting was poor due to lack of practice.

The second game was against the staff. It developed into an even struggle.

The final game of the season was against Papakura High School. The teams batting showed a marked improvement and the bowling and fielding was also of a high standard. This game was won by 10 wickets.

The team wishes to thank the Ngaruawahia Cricket Club for the use of their equipment, Mr Dyer for preparing the wicket and Mr Rajendram for giving up his time to coach us.

## Pupils V Staff

On the 18 March this year there was a cricket match between pupils and the staff.

The match began at 9.00 am with the following members on the two teams.

Teachers: Mr G Rouse, Mr N Henson, Mr C Grinter, Mr G Clark, Mr C Rajendram, Mr R Wigelsworth, Mr R Jeram, Mr F Mans, Mr A Dyer, T Pittams, R Anderson.

Pupils: Gordon Rajendram, Solomon Rajendram, Bruce Wilson, Mark Houghton, Grant Caddigan, William Head, Mathew Shepherd, Brett Windsor, Brian Harper, Norman Beddis.

The teams welcomed spectators, but unfortunately they didn't get much in the way of support because the annual Turangawaewae Regatta was on the same day.

The result of the morning's play was:

117 for 7 teachers  
66 for 4 pupils











## BASKETBALL 1978

This year saw four teams competing in the Hamilton Secondary School's competition. The most successful team was undoubtedly the senior girls, coached by Mr Laurini, who played in the premier grade. They easily beat all their rivals, with the exception of Morrinsville College, the winners of the grade. Several of the girls possessed an accurate shot, and a good ability to throw a accurate pass. Raima Turner, Ngaru Gregory, and sometimes Tracey Moana shot well; while Sonya Haggie was very useful close to the boards. The rest of the team also played well on occasions with Louise Rhind improving rapidly.

Like the girls, the senior boys continued to improve on their last year's form; and were promoted to the premier grade early in the season. At this level, they found their shooting was not consistent enough; but outstanding defense and rebounding enabled them to win a few games. Manaia Te Wiata was the most consistent shooter, well supported by Kani; while Dean Haggie stood out defensively. Arthur Rhind was always a good court leader, while Faru Routapu, Garland Vercoe and Clark Simon all showed improvement through the season.

The junior boys and girls teams, competing in the Fourth Form competitions, met with mixed success. Most of the players were new to the game; and by the end of the season beginning to develop a feel for the game. Several looked like promising players for the future.

Thanks to all those who helped with transport, at various stages during the season.



# GIRLS HOCKEY



A very successful season by the 1st XI hockey began when the team was classified in a grade higher than it had played in previously. Competition was stiff from senior women's teams of such calibre as Tech Panthers and Sacred Heart Old Girls, but the team rose to meet the challenge effectively, and completed the season by winning their section, not losing one game.

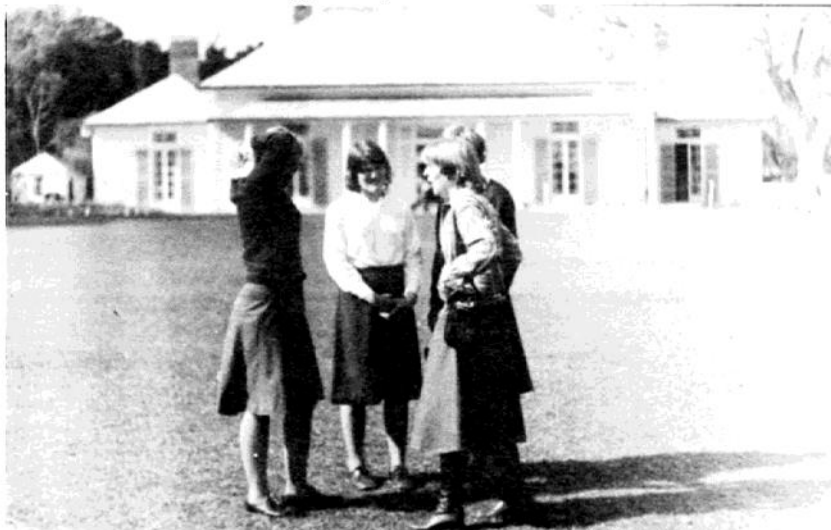
The most obvious improvement in this team's performance was the ability to play as a unit and not individually, and this achievement received much commendation from Waikato selectors.

Some players improved their skills to a remarkable degree;

Michele Taylor was magnificent in goal; the half line consisting of L & S McLean flanking M Jeram, provided much support for an aggressive, hardworking forward line. S Hansen led two speedy wings, K Sargent and K Plummer into the opposition's goal circles, followed by L Plummer and K Turton.

Vocal side-line support from loyal parents spurred the team on, and this was greatly appreciated.

Both coach and manager thank the girls for being such 'good sports' off and on the field and hope they will continue to play hockey long after they have left school.



# B TEAM

The second XI girl's hockey team followed their success of last year with an almost unbroken succession of victories this season.

A number of new players were added, and after initial tribulations related to the development of team cohesion were overcome, the playing machine went from strength to strength.

Good work in the forward line, particularly from left wing Tracey Rowe and centre forward Katheryn Wills, was efficiently backed up by the defense - notably right half Sandra Fisher and goalie - Jay Mills.

A good season during which a number of new players showed their value and gave promise of even better things next year.



# BOYS HOCKEY

This, the first year of boy's hockey, was mildly successful. Only two of the team had played hockey before. This made coaching very difficult, but this task was expertly handled by Mr Mains and Mr Clark.

The season started with a loss against a very good Hillcrest 'A' team. It only took another two games before a marked improvement was noticed. We were put down a grade, which made the games a lot more competitive. Our first win was against an intermediate representative team. We won 2-0. This served as a great moral booster for the team.

Perhaps our best game was against Hamilton Boy's High - we won this 2 goals to 1.

During the year every player showed a great improvement. Generally there was a good team spirit, which is important. I would like to congratulate everyone involved and hope for another good season next year.



Team Captain - Brian Flay



# KAITAIA

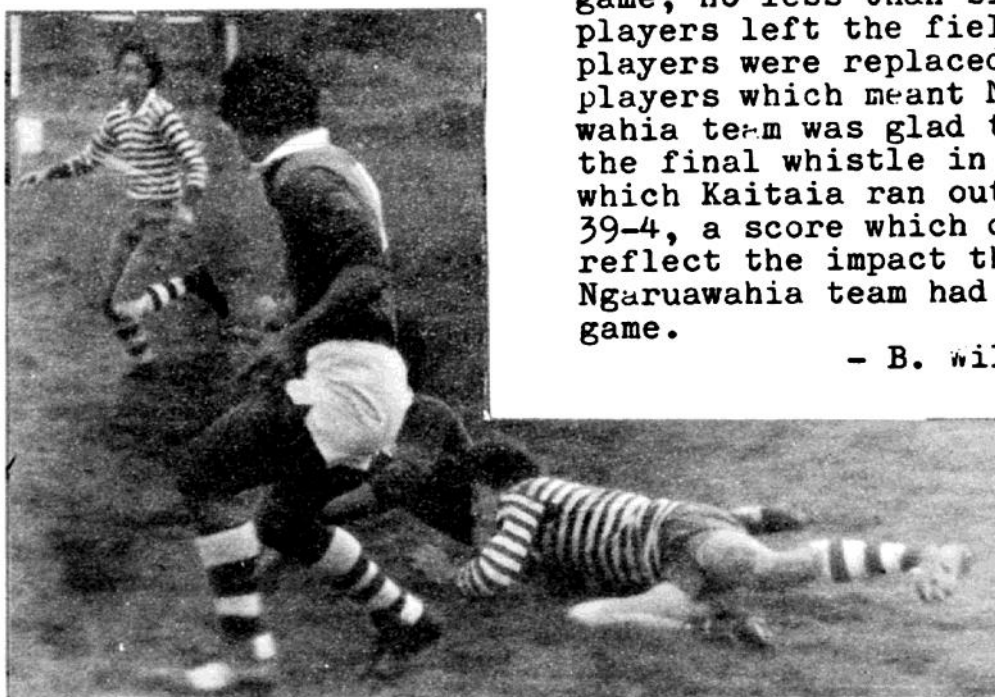
On a dull, cloudy morning Ngaruawahia hockey girls superbly clad in modish green and white vestments, set off for the dog strewn fields of Rodney College.

After eyeing each other, players dribbled onto 'the field' - The Best in Northland?? All eyes were riveted on the stylish jumpsuits of Rodney College players rather than on the ball. This, as well as the fresh country air, paralysed our players. - the score 4-0 to Rodney ....

Emotional farewells with new found friends preceded the l-o-n-g trek to Kaitaia. Many games of 500 later a bus-weary group incredulously met their billets.

Following the diversions provided by billets Ngaruawahia lined up for a stiff practise followed by a battle royal from which Ngaruawahia emerged unvanquished with the score 1-1.

A selection of recovery routines (including games on the beach and an unexpected swim for some) concluded a very educational visit to the far North.



Although our trip to Wellsford and Kaitaia promised to be very enjoyable, the 1st XV were also very determined to impress the locals and play the kind of rugby which had made them the school's most successful 1st XV for many years.

After meeting our billets we made our way to Port Albert playing fields, the venue of our first game.

Ngaruawahia's first half effort was rather lack-lustre but this was mainly due to a tiring bus trip. However in the second half the 1st XV played some of the sparkling rugby which has marked so many of their previous games, and ran out convincing winners, 26-6.

The win was a confidence booster and we left for Kaitaia in high spirits. Unfortunately, we did not realise the effect the long bus journey would have on us and these effects would show in the second half of the Kaitaia game.

Just before the start of the match, the Kaitai team performed a haka. These intimidatory tactics had no effect on us and, although heavily outweighed, we made sure our presence was felt.

During the course of the game, no less than six Kaitaia players left the field. These players were replaced by fresh players which meant Ngaruawahia team was glad to hear the final whistle in a game in which Kaitaia ran out winners 39-4, a score which didn't reflect the impact that the Ngaruawahia team had on the game.

- B. Wilson

# NETBALL

Another successful year both in the Saturday competition and in the inter-school games. 8 teams were fielded in the Saturday competition at Taupiri.

In the competition this year, Senior A were runners-up in the A Grade Championship round, losing by one goal, and 4B won the B Grade Championship round, defeating 3A for the title.

Five girls were chosen for the Eastern Waikato B representative team. Raima Turner, Janine Davis, Adelaide Tairakena, Ngaru Gregory and Wendy Solomon.

Three teams represented the school at the Waikato Secondary Schools Competition at Cobham Drive mid-way through the season. Senior A, 4A and 3A with 3A winning division and for this they received a \$10 book voucher.

## Inter-school results -

Morrinsville: Senior A lost 25-28  
4A won 20-18  
Senior B lost 10-23  
4B won 16-12  
3A won 25-12  
3B drew 19-19

Hauraki Plains: Senior A lost 20-21  
Senior B lost 22-23  
3A won 21-8

Hillcrest: Senior A - won  
Senior B - won  
4A - won  
3A - won

Huntly: Senior A - won  
Senior B - won  
4A - won  
4B - won  
3A - won  
3B - won

Thanks and appreciation are extended to the three coaches who gave so much of their time and energy for the teams. Mrs Dyson for Senior A & B, Mrs Morrell for 4A & 4B, Vini Ngataki for 3A and Senior C and Mrs Barlow with 3B & 3C.





# SOCCER

## GIRLS

After an inquiry from the Junior Football Association of the Waikato area about the interest in girl's soccer, it was decided to enter a team in Saturday morning competition.

Without access to a team strip, the girls decided to purchase their own tops, shorts, socks and boots. The strip was white tops with green trim, black shorts and green socks with a white band. The girls looked very smart and were keen as mustard.

The eight competition games resulted in six wins, one draw and a loss, for 13 points out of a possible 14.

Each girl contributed in their own way - Lyn Karina proved an exceptional keeper and also showed her barefoot-skills as a winger. Kathleen Maru and Ann-Marie Wanakore were tenacious tacklers and the big kick of Betsy Maxwell and Adrianna Kauhi was put to good use. The quietly efficient goal keeping of Dianne Fairey gave us solid support in the backline. The experience of Jo Keeley both in defense and attack gave the team the spark they often needed on attack.

The Ngaruawahia 1ST XI Soccer team had a quiet year having only three matches.

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| V's Morrinsville | lost (away) |
| V's Huntly       | lost (away) |
| V's Hillcrest    | lost (Home) |

These results show that the 1ST XI plays with more confidence with a home crowd supporting them, as the two away games were lost.





# HOCKEY C

## Girls 'C' Hockey Team

The girls 'C' Hockey Team emerged at the end of the 1978 winter sports season as probably the most successful sports team Ngaruawahia High School has ever produced.

The fine record of the team speaks for itself.

Winner of all their games in the D grade of the Hamilton Hockey Association.

Only two goals scored against the team while they netted 43!!

This record brought the presentation of two fine trophies:

"Ngairi Smith Memorial Cup"

"Hamilton Womens Hockey Association Championship Cup."

Considering the fact that the majority of the team were

new to the game in 1978 this performance is particularly commendable, and reflects the depth of interest and talent that the school has at present in hockey.

I personally would like to thank all the girls for the spirit of friendship that developed in the team, and look forward to their continued growth in the game in 1979.

### TEAM:

D.Callaghan  
J.Sorensen  
T.Roe  
C.Fletcher  
S.Prendergast  
V.Taylor  
J.Rogers  
L.Park  
A.Bright  
L.Harrop  
K.Smith  
S.Robertson

- D.Sneddon (Coach)



# maori cultural group tour

Ngaruawahia: 30 July 1978

Our one month long tour began at 2.00 p.m. at Turangawaewae Marae, on the 30 July 1978, where we attended church, had a hearty meal and then boarded the bus for the Airport.

Just out of Huntly, the two sets of back tyres on our bus blew out. However, a mechanic turned up just in time before we gave up hope of ever getting to the airport.

We arrived at Mangere airport at 7.30 p.m. to be met by the many members of a bon voyage committee.



9.30 p.m.: Lift off. Our flight in the Air New Zealand DC10 was; hot and stuffy, but exciting.

Our first stop-over was Fiji where we landed for half an hour to purchase any refreshments or articles we wished.

California, U.S.A.

We stayed at Chapman College in Los Angeles for two very warm days. It was here, that we became aware of just how monstrous, how absolutely well-planned and how continuous Disneyland really was. The movement and Interpretations



demonstrated by the mechanical dolls, and animals, were so remarkably real, that they seemed to have captured a preserved life of their own.

London, U.K.

London: very cold, wet and very closed in. There, we stayed at Surrey University in Guilford for four days. We left Guilford by train. Our destination: Aberdeen. Aboard this particular train, the beginning of a two week long relationship (with the members of the performing groups) eventuated.



## Aberdeen, Scotland

Once in Aberdeen, we were all taken to the University, where we were to stay as one big multi-cultural family. The weather was one we were accustomed to i.e., if the sun wasn't too busy you could possibly be able to get a glimpse of it.

Our performances within those two weeks created a strong magnetic force between our audience, our new companions and ourselves, for, the first time in all our performing years our whole team really felt a great amount of enjoyment in our performances.

The people of Aberdeen were very friendly. All our spare time was spent talking to them or the members of the other performing groups, or just walking through the Aberdeenshire Township.

Our last performance as one big family was given at Edinburgh. After our performance everyone mingled for the last time and then boarded his bus with broken hearts and very watery eyes.

From Edinburgh our group travelled by train down to Exeter. We toured the Southern part of the U.K. giving 12-15 performances in 9 days.

The last three days were spent in London where (without the trailing of teachers) we were permitted to do anything and go anywhere (within limits).

From London we flew to Singapore BUT, 130 miles before we reached Bombay, the No. 1 engine in our aircraft had a bit of trouble. Therefore, we had to stay at a Hotel in Bombay for 10 hours until the engine was repaired.

## Bombay, India

A broken down environment. People, young and old begging for want of nourishment for their aching bodies. The housing was disgusting. To believe it, is to

see it, to see it, is never to forget.

## Singapore: 4 September 1978

4 September 1978: Arrived in Singapore to be billeted by the New Zealanders from the army base. Singapore is an extremely hot place, the sweat just pours off you. We were informed that Singapore is the same size as our Lake Taupo. We were also impressed by how clean the whole of Singapore is. A fine of 500 Singapore dollars is charged to anyone who is found littering. The shop keepers in their China town stores, were VERY persuasive.

## Ngaruawahia: 6 September 1978

There were loud cheers from the whole team when our plane touched down on familiar soil. Our families were waiting, tears, smiles and hugs were shared.

We boarded a bus that was provided for us and came back to Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaruawahia, where we were welcomed onto the Marae; and entertained.

The trip to us now, is only a lingering lifetime dream, but at least it was a dream that we were actually able to live through.

### Thanks to:

Dame Te-Ata-i-rangi-Kaahu  
Nicholas, Warwick and  
David Braithewaite

Mr Murphy  
Bob Pollock  
Allistair Calder  
Manager and Staff:  
BNZ Ngaruawahia

The Fund Raising Committee

### Our Tutors -

- Erana Coulter
- Jake Puke
- Ngahuia Dixon
- Cra Calcott
- Tomai Tukere
- Tete Turner

The pupils of our school  
and all who contributed.

- Aina Ranga





It started at the beginning of last year (77) when Jackie Mahara asked me to come and watch them practice. I went along and Jake and Tete told me to get up and join in. Well that's how I got interested and when I joined in I found it so neat that I kept on going to practices.

The competition got near and they were selecting the team. It must have been a lucky day for me as I performed at the competition.

Even though I wasn't as good as the others. I kept on attending and learning. I got a couple of growlings but it just made me feel better because I didn't want to be the angel of the team. Also I knew I was getting noticed when I heard "DAWSON do it right!!!" and that was all I wanted.

Soon as I was so attached to my cultural activity nothing could stop me, I was at full speed.

The school got an invitation for a trip to Scotland. I didn't think I'd

get picked but kept on going. The Tutors Tete and Jake organized a month live-in at the pa. The whole group attended which was most enjoyable. At the live-in we learnt new songs, poi's and hakas. Well we were improving each day but I suppose that was our aim; to improve.

After the month live-in we had weekend live-ins and that's where we were taught songs by some other tutors. Tete and Jake invited another visitor Buntty and his mate to look at us.

They taught the boys a haka. Well it came the day when we had to leave. We were down-hearted as we left Tete behind, but we always remembered her on the trip. It was good to have Jake, he made us happy alot of times. While on the trip we met alot of friends and we left alot of friends. It would be good if we went again next year because it was a good experience for me.

- Dawson Parata

# disneyland

The first thing that struck me when I arrived at Disneyland was that it was spotless, so clean that Mr Moir would be telling people to drop litter to give him something to growl about if he worked there. Another thing is the amount of people there, hordes; parents, little children, girls, boys, girls, some more girls and even the ones who through a mistake at birth aren't what they want to be. Yes, and the object of their visit is fun, fun, fun. Each ride in Disneyland is a story in itself and the gimmicks on the rides are incredibly life-like.



"Disneyland a world within a city where reality is given the opportunity to extend its hand to include fantasy." This is my description of Disneyland, and no doubt every person who has experienced the Disneyland magic has made their own analysis of this giant playground. Moreover the millions of other people who have made the visit are qualified to give a more accurate analysis as along with the rest of the members of the N.H.S. Maori Cultural Group I managed to scratch only the tip of the "iceberg".

On any tour Disneyland, if visited, is obviously going to be a climax, a special event, and so it was for our party. Every person I am sure had a viewpoint on what Disneyland would be like and whether after visiting Disneyland, it lived up to or failed one's expectations only the individual knows; though just visiting Disneyland is an achievement most Horotiu and Orini people would envy.

-Anon Y Mouse



# VALEDICTORY



We are lucky (unlucky?) this year to have only one staff member to farewell. With the loss of Mr Sneddon the school is losing a lively, innovative fourth form Dean, Newcastle Dean and Head of Integrated Studies. Mr Sneddon has been at the school for four years and will for one reason or another never forget his stay here.

It is the greener pastures of the lofty University institution which has prompted his departure. He is to become a lecturer in Education at Waikato University where he intends to further his studies and perhaps continue to teach Ngaruawahia students in the next stage of their education.

We will miss him and his idiosyncrasies - remember his solo rendition of Happy Birthday at a Newcastle assembly this year?? How Embarrassing.

We wish him well!



M Morgan



**H1**



**H2**



**H3**



**H4**



**H5**

**H6**



**T1**



**T2**



**T3**





**T4**



**T5**

**T6**





**m1**

**m2**



**m3**

**m4**



**m5**

**m6**







**n 1**

**n 2**



**n 3**



**n4**



**n5**



**n6**

# CREATIVE

## The City

Enclosed  
By buildings  
Towering all around  
Impatient faces hurry by  
All rushing to their jobs -  
Back in the country  
All slows down  
No rushes home

-Jeffery Waters

## Health

Everyones health is well on the  
way  
To a horrid death of bleak dismay  
The smog is helping  
To get us down  
The smog in the air  
The litter on the ground  
All this is caused by man-kind  
The fools that are so ignorant and  
so blind

## Epitaph to a Love Affair

No longer shall I burden you  
With my presence  
For I am leaving you forever  
Goodbye my love  
Wish me luck  
As I depart from your door  
Into this world of passionless  
people  
And do not grieve or blame  
yourself  
For you will find another  
Life shall continue as always  
Think of me  
I will think of you  
Do not gloat on memories  
But get out and be yourself  
Farewell my love

-Shelley Campbell

Paula Douglas  
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ZETA WAIWAI  
6th



### Going Going Gone!

The thrills and excitement,  
Hovered in the air  
Exhaust pipes screaming  
Smoke everywhere.

Fans they enjoyed it,  
Thought it was great  
The problem of pollution  
Would just have to wait.

But waited it has,  
For far too long.  
The trees and the rivers  
Are Going Going Gone.

-George Simon

### The Endless Dream

Sounds of life are silently fading  
Darkness and loneliness is slowly  
invading,  
Sudden fear has scurged through  
my mind,  
Leaving me blank and undoubtedly  
blind,  
"Am I going to die", Well that's  
what it seems,  
To depart would be the last of my  
dreams,  
I would be leaving a wonderful  
life,  
My mother, my father ... oops  
nearly forgot the wife.

"Hey, wake up sleepyhead,  
It's time you got out of bed".  
Wow! what a dream I just had,  
Come to think of it, it was  
really bad.  
But when I do finally die; I  
won't be like a bird in a cage.  
I'll be a free, open-minded person  
who died of old age ....

### O Come to Me

O Come to me  
With graceful charm, and lilting  
melody  
When night shades the sky above,  
O come to me, with lilting songs  
of love.  
I'll wait for you, at close of  
day  
Where Kowhai trees shed their  
golden spray  
Where bell-birds sing their  
serenade  
O come to me

### COOKING A MEAL

The first time I tried to  
cook a meal, I met with a lot  
of difficulty. But at the end  
of the session, I thought there  
was nothing much to it.

This was in the wednesday  
hobby period. I had taken up  
cooking and we were going to  
make a beef stew with tomatoes  
and rice. I was required to  
bring a few tomatoes. My  
partner brought three pieces of  
steak.

First of all the rice had to  
be put on to boil. We did that  
easily. Then the steak was  
chopped thinly into good sized  
cubes and put into a bowl. Then  
soya sauce was added, along with  
salt and sugar. After that we  
had to skin the tomatoes, quarter  
them and boil them up. The skins  
stuck to our fingers and in the  
process of flicking them off we  
managed to make a considerable  
mess.

At this moment the rice was  
bubbling furiously and as we had  
forgotten it, we thought it would  
be burned. It was not. So I  
took it off the ring and left it  
aside on the bench to be for-  
gotten.

We had to work fast. The steak  
was put in a pan of oil and  
cooked. And I had to put the  
tomatoes in a pan of water to  
boil on the stove. We had about  
six chopped up tomatoes and  
getting them into a pan was no  
easy thing. A few landed in the  
bowl on the floor.

I remembered the rice and so  
I put it in a strainer to wash  
under the hot water, but most of  
the rice tipped out into the  
dishwater and my partner got mad.  
Everyone else was eating so we  
plonked the tomatoes into the  
beef stew and dished it up. Then  
I put what was left of the rice  
on our plate. I thought it would  
be horrible but in fact it was  
quite nice. After all the  
hassles and set backs. We had a  
lovely tasting lunch to eat  
through.

- Dale Muru

# 1978 prize list:

## SPECIAL PRIZES

PHARO PRIZE for Best Secretarial Student - JULIE WOOFÉ.  
MAORI TRUST AWARD (Leadership in Maori Culture Group - MANAWA TINI.  
ERANA COULTER AWARD for the most improved student in Maori Studies,  
and CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY: RAIMA TURNER.  
KIDD GARRETT AWARD (Metalwork) - STEVEN JOLLEY.  
WHITECLIFFS AWARD (Woodwork) - MARK WANAKORE.  
LIBRARIAN'S PRIZE - GAYLENE MILLS.  
BEST MAORI SCHOLAR - ZETA WAIWAI.  
CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE for LEADERSHIP - MANAIA TE WIATA.  
SCHOOL LEADERS AWARDS - ANTHONY PILTON, HELEN SNIJDERS.

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## TROPHY PRIZES

ROBIN BELL MEMORIAL CUP - Intermediate Sprint Champ. - IVAN  
THACKRAY.  
DAVISON CUPS: For Sportsmanship, Athletics, Games & Swimming:  
BEST ALL ROUND GIRL: RAIMA TURNER.  
BEST ALL ROUND BOY : BRUCE WILSON.  
ANG-TEMPLETON-HARRIS CUP: Most Improved Soccer player: BRIAN HARDING.  
PENDERGRAST SHIELD: Most Outstanding Soccer player: WILLIAM HARDING.  
WARING TROPHY: Most Improved Girl Hockey player: STEPHANIE PRENDER-  
GAST.  
GRINTER CUP: Interhouse Athletics: HAVELOCK.  
FOUNDERS SHIELD: Interhouse Activities: NEWCASTLE.  
DAINES CUP: Most Improved player: DEAN HAGGIE.  
RUGBY CLUB CUP: Contribution to Rugby: WAYNE KIDDLE.  
FIJIAN SCHOOLS RUGBY TROPHY: Outstanding player: BRUCE WILSON.  
ROBSON CUP BOYS BADMINTON: DOUGLAS CAMPBELL, MATHEW SHEPHERD.  
NGARUAWAHIA HIGH SCHOOL CUP GIRLS DOUBLES: KAREN PRENDERGAST,  
MOANA POU.  
RACHEAL WALKER TROPHY FOR HOMECRAFT-PLATE: JAY MILLS.  
SLOANE CUP FOR CLOTHING: JUDY CARSWELL.  
SILVER MALLETT: For Woodwork & Technical Drawing: IAN VAN WOERDEN.  
CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL MUSIC (CHOPIN): JOSEPH TAHANA & CRAIG GUTRY.  
VIOLET JOLLY CUP for CITIZENSHIP: SONYA HAGGIE & KAYE PLUMMER.  
COLLINS CUP for CITIZENSHIP: JOHN PHILLIPS.  
IAN BROWNLEE CUP for GEOGRAPHY: KARL BROWN.  
JEAN GILBERT CUP for LANGUAGES: HELEN SNIJDERS.  
McNAMARA CUP for SCIENCE: BRUCE ROBERTS.  
MARSTERS CUP for CHEMISTRY: BRUCE ROBERTS.  
STONE CUP For DRAMA: DUKE MOEKE.  
IVES CUP for MATHEMATICS & PHYSICS: ANTHONY PILTON.  
EASTERN WAIKATO NETBALL AWARD: JANENE DAVIS.  
D.J. CARTER CUP for DUX: ANTHONY PILTON.







