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NHS 96





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The Top Cat Departs

Kia ora te whanau.

It is a funny feeling writing this on the 6th of August knowing that at the end of the year when the magazine is published that I will not be here.

I will always have fond memories of my years as Principal of your school and I have felt privileged to hold this position and work with you during these very important years of your lives.

This school is very special. It is unique in many ways. The bicultural nature of the population, the setting of the school and the historically important township of Ngaruawahia means that we have at our back door wonderful resources and the richest of history.

During the last eight and a half years, the school has undergone many changes. Some of these have been forced upon us by the Ministry of Education but many have come from the staff and the wishes of the community. I feel confident that those initiated by us here have at least been beneficial to you as students.

What I have enjoyed most of all about working here has been the relationship with you, as students and although there have been times where some of you have driven me crazy, the vast majority of you have come through the silliness that seems to affect some people in Forms 3 and 4 and are growing into mature young people. I am confident that the grounding you receive in our school and the association you have had with our talented teaching staff will stand you in good stead for the future.

On a personal note I need to tell you that I leave feeling that I have learnt much more and given so very little. I am sure that I would not have won the job in Brunei if it had not been for invaluable experiences I have had working with you in your community.

As a Principal, I cannot possibly sign off without leaving you a little message. I think the most appropriate message may have been put across to us all in this year's Smokefree Stage Challenge presentation of "Te Huingaongawai" - which literally means the Meeting of the Waters. This is the name on the wharenui on our marae. Its meaning can also symbolically mean the meeting of the people - and that is what our school should be about. To appreciate, enjoy, tolerate and understand others is really important later on in life. If you learn nothing else here at school, you still would have gained so much.

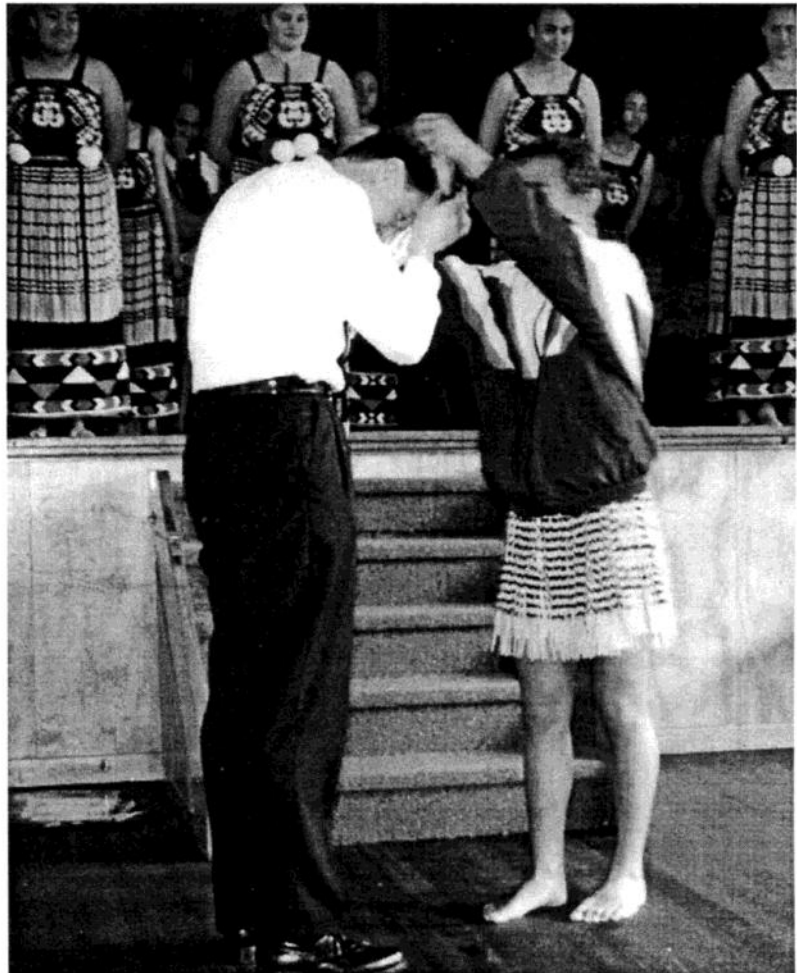
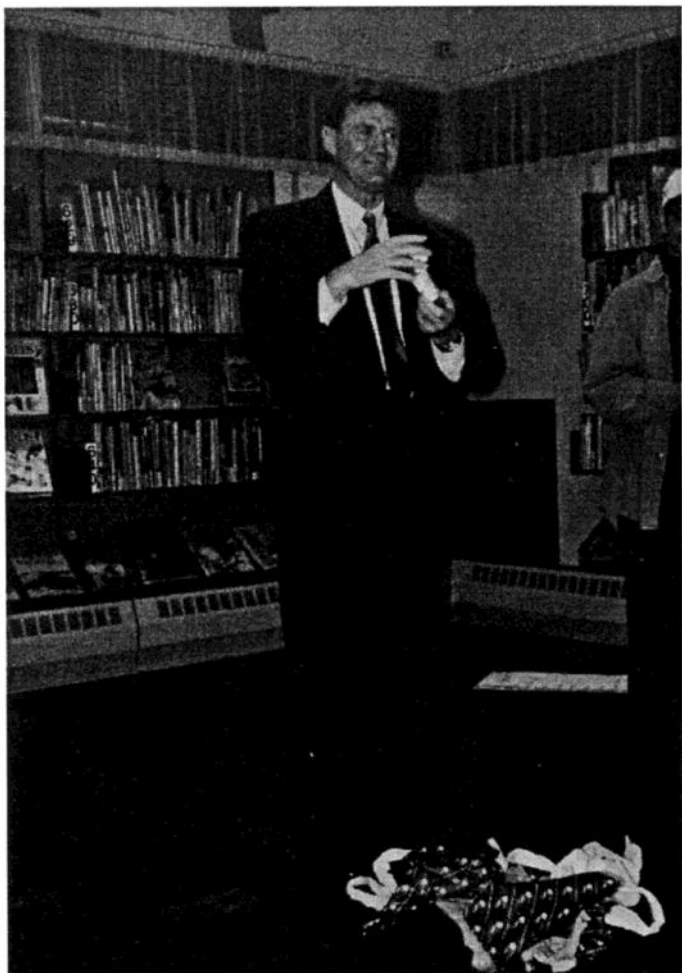
If you can leave school with good qualifications, a sense of self worth and love of others, then our school will have achieved a great amount. People are the most important thing in this world and I have faith that your generation will be better equipped than my generation. To meet the challenges of life and with the experiences you have given me, I know you will succeed!

No reira

Tena Koutou Tena Koutou Tena Koutou Katoa

Anthony John Cranshaw T.C.





If the word "rush-job" was to ever be defined by Collins English Reference Dictionary, a picture of this years Ngaruawahia High School Magazine would proudly stand ahead of all other worthy examples of "rush-jobs", such as 7th Form Bursary Assignments and the never ending search for the right Christmas present. Created in the confined space of two, count them, two weeks, the end product of hours of slugging it out in a boring old computer room now probably sits dormant on the coffee table of hundreds, within the Ngaruawahia/Hamilton Area.

This years little effort wasn't all blood and guts though. From Gale's giraffe to the mad and ever-stressful mix of Magazine and Bursary, if this year hasn't pushed me over the edge, I sure am close!

Thanking people at this stage seems customary, although somewhat lame considering only the truly bored will be reading this, so here it goes. Shorty, the true picture of coffee stress, put in so many night hours Devine Brown would be proud. The ever diligent Magazine crew who mastered the art of laughing instead of crying. The sixth formers who managed to annoy Shannin so much, the comedy relief was awesome, and finally those encouraging Seventh Formers who saw the need to remind me of the time constraints *every single day*, Kia ora!!!

The boring part comes next with Mr Short's little run-off, so sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip. It started in a tropic port aboard a tiny ship.

(I'm not nuts, just stressed, honest.) -Murray Nathan Editor and King.

The Point is, there is no point.

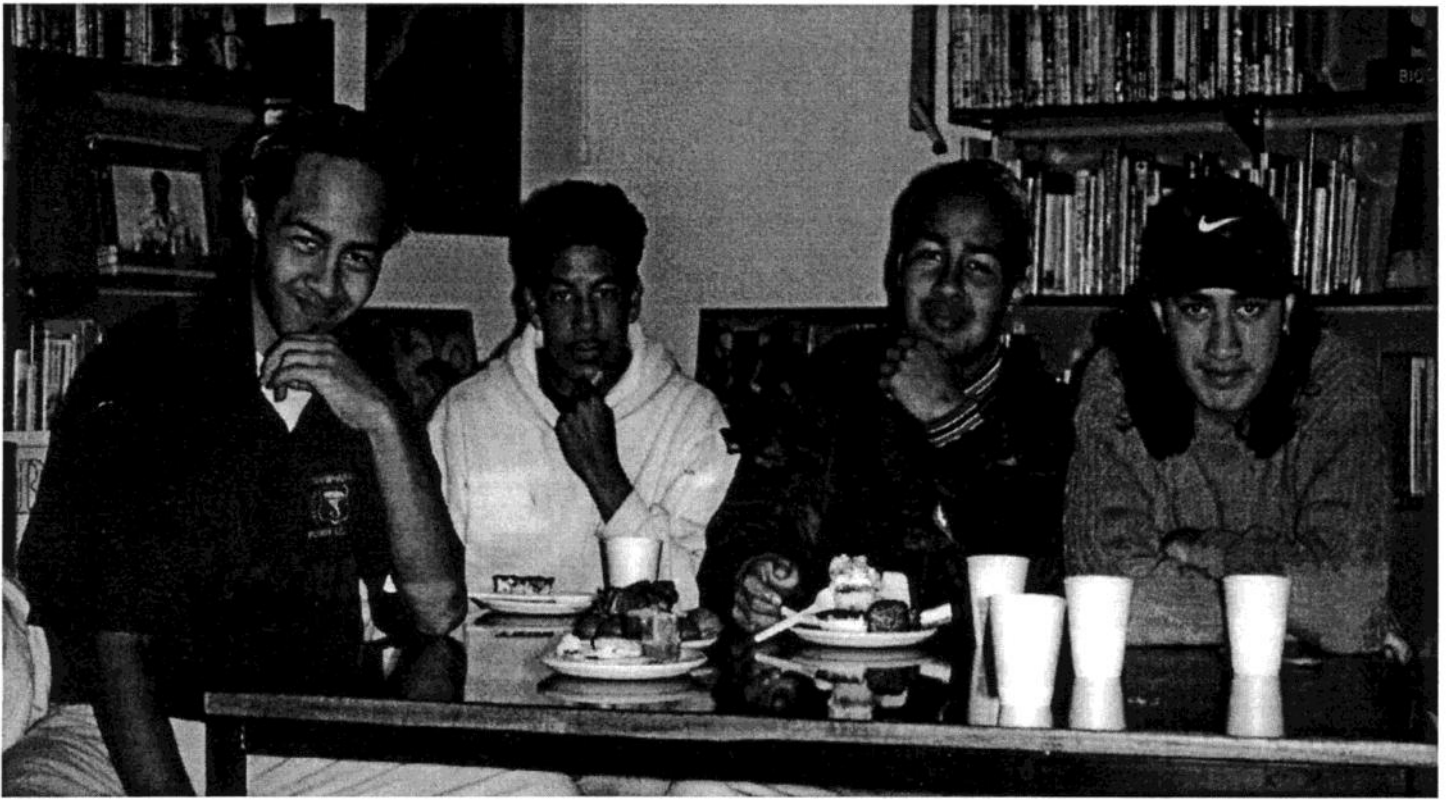
MAGAZINE 1996

The Point for 1996 is a new concept for the Magazine Editorial Board this year. It was felt at the end of last year that although the students enjoyed working on the magazine that it still wasn't really aimed at their target audience - the students. As a result this year the Board has looked to take a little more liberty with its write ups and take some editorial license with it's characterization of events. Any offense that may be caused is entirely co-idental. We hope merely that the students will read the articles that are written about them and that we have the chance to have a sense of humour about ourselves. Failing that, of course, all responsibility for any little comment that really winds you up is the sole responsibility of Murray Nathan so please take it up with him.

Again this year there are many people to thank who Murray has forgotten. I wish to thank firstly the staff who are always busy at this time of the year, yet who still manage to get things done for the magazine. In particular, special thanks to Ms Myles and Mr MacDonald who allow the computers to be fiddled with by untrained people. By the way terminal 25 has coffee stains on it (joke)! Special thanks too to Jackie Buckley who lets Murray and the other Fairmont Street Art Society Critics in to choose art for the magazine. It is appreciated I assure you. A magazine cannot be published without thanks to Ms Middleton who offers sound advice and endless photographs for the Mag Board to plunder. You can have the Magazine back next year Lorraine we've had enough. Ms Mataira deserves a huge thank you as well for the constant support she gives to us and the unpaid typing, editing and proofreading.

It is very rare I think that a teacher gets to work with dedicated students who not only know more than him but are willing to teach him. I have been privileged in the last two years to work with some talented individuals on the Magazine Board. This is I believe, The Point. Murray Nathan, Gale Glasson-Henderson, David McConnell, Shannin Keeley have all given enormous energy and drive to get the magazines of the ground in the last two years. They leave the school having begun training of their successors - Carrie Taipari, Margo Clark, Roimata Poutapu, Rebecca Clarke - and having demonstrated that NHS students are as good if not better than students everywhere. I thank them for their long hours, dedication and I wish them all the best for the future. Murray if this new approach doesn't work the BOT will most likely cut our funding-so it had better look good!!

-The Real Boss



Enter Stage Right

Barbara Cavanagh, Principal, Ngaruawahia High School

With the departure of Tony Cranshaw in August of this year, the search was on to find a person who would be able to carry the school's torch on to the turn of the century. Ms Barbara Cavanagh was the obvious choice having been Deputy Principal and Acting Principal within the School since her arrival last year.

Ms Cavanagh has taken the new position of Principal with much confidence after spending seven years as the Head of the English Department at Fairfield College. Ms Cavanagh has also taught at Northcote College in Auckland, Southland Boys in Invercargill and Rotorua Lakes, bringing a considerable amount of experience and vitality into the School.

Combined with teaching experience, Ms Cavanagh has served with the PPTA, at National Executive level, the New Zealand Association of Teachers of English and she has been Chairperson of the Waikato English Teachers Association for the last four years.



Kia ora,

This is a school I feel excited about. There's an energetic staff, a committed, caring Board of Trustees and a lively diverse student population. I feel privileged to be here and I look forward to working with you all.

Tony Cranshaw worked hard to make this school a warm and friendly place for all its students - a place where every student has a right to be. My hope is that I can continue that.

Every student does have a right to be here, and a right to learn. What is very important to me is that every one of us in the school respects that right of every other person because that is what the school is for - to encourage learning - to create a life long love of learning. All students need to feel comfortable, welcome and nurtured in order to learn to the best of their ability.

Respect for each other - that's what's important.

1996 has been a successful and positive year for our students. There has been a high level of participation in sports, drama, cultural events and academic competitions. Read on. The Point has it all.

To students leaving, I wish all the very best in their new lives and I look forward to working with the current sixth formers as leaders in the school next year.

Christmas greetings to you all.

No reira

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

Barbara Cavanagh
PRINCIPAL

Anthony Cranshaw hands over the School to New Principal, Barbara Cavanagh

T.O.F. Report

Kia ora,

In many ways, this year has been rather challenging for your Board of Trustees. We have continued the on-going responsibility for providing you with the best possible facilities and equipment so that you can have a comfortable and modern environment to learn in. There has been a change in our management team with Mr Cranshaw and Mr Waiti departing for new challenges. The Board of Trustees are pleased with the new staff which now fill these positions and others throughout the school. We thank them for their commitment to our students and to the school. I also wish to encourage those students returning, and the new students beginning at the school, to take advantage of the skills and time the staff have to offer.

To the students who have involved themselves in extracurricular activities this year, we congratulate them on their achievements and success. The Board of Trustees has received many favourable comments about the friendliness and sportsmanship of our students. As always we encourage participation in the school's many activities whether it is as a competitor or supporter.

It was a pleasure to attend the Senior Ball and to see so many of you enjoying yourselves at this event. We wish to congratulate you all on the success of the night. The management at the Te Rapa Race Course commented that it was the best behaved school ball they had had.

We would like to thank Anna Campbell for her commitment, dedication and contribution to the Board of Trustees this year. She has represented the students of Ngaruawahia High School extremely well.

The Board as always, wishes students the best for their examinations and future endeavours and we look forward to those students returning taking a full part in the life of our school.



The Only One With REAL Teeth

The Board of Trustees sounds pretty ominous really. A bit like something off a slick law firm movie - definitely full of 'Bad Guys' and ruthless murderers, but with one 'Good Guy' battling against all odds to save the world thrown in for good measure.

In real life the 'Bored' isn't full of Hitmen or even Bad Guys. It is however full of Good Guys and Gals who work religiously to keep Ngaruawahia High School running like the well oiled machine that it is.

The flowery bit now follows. It's been a privilege for me to work with the Board as this years representative for the student body and for me to see how much it takes for a school to be run.

Our Board does a great job and one thing that really struck me was how much they really care for the students and how much they're always working to give the students an all round education.

I would personally like to thank the 'Bored' for their kindness in supporting me throughout this year and I wish next years representative the very best. It is well worth putting yourself forward for this job as it will look good on your C.V, you get a prize at prizegiving and most of all you learn how the real world operates.

Anna Campbell - Student Representative

Flying the Coop

Surprise, surprise. This year has seen many of our teaching staff escape the confines of Ngaruawahia High School to head into greener pastures or in some cases mental institutions.

Apart from Mr Cranshaw saying his farewells, Mr Darryl Waiti achieved a lifetime goal of being Principal of a Maori Boarding School by taking the position at Te Aute College.

During his time here, Mr Waiti progressed from being the HOD of Maori, then in one short year became one of the toughest Deputy Principals Ngaruawahia High School has ever seen (with the slight exception of Mrs Denny). From late notes to class disruptions, to smokers, Mr Waiti was your man, being the guy you sent your problems to. This at times, overshadowed the good guy teachers and students, especially the School Rugby team during Rugby season, came to know well.

Personally his new look leaves a lot to be desired but, hei aha, we still wish him well, although we know he won't be needing it.

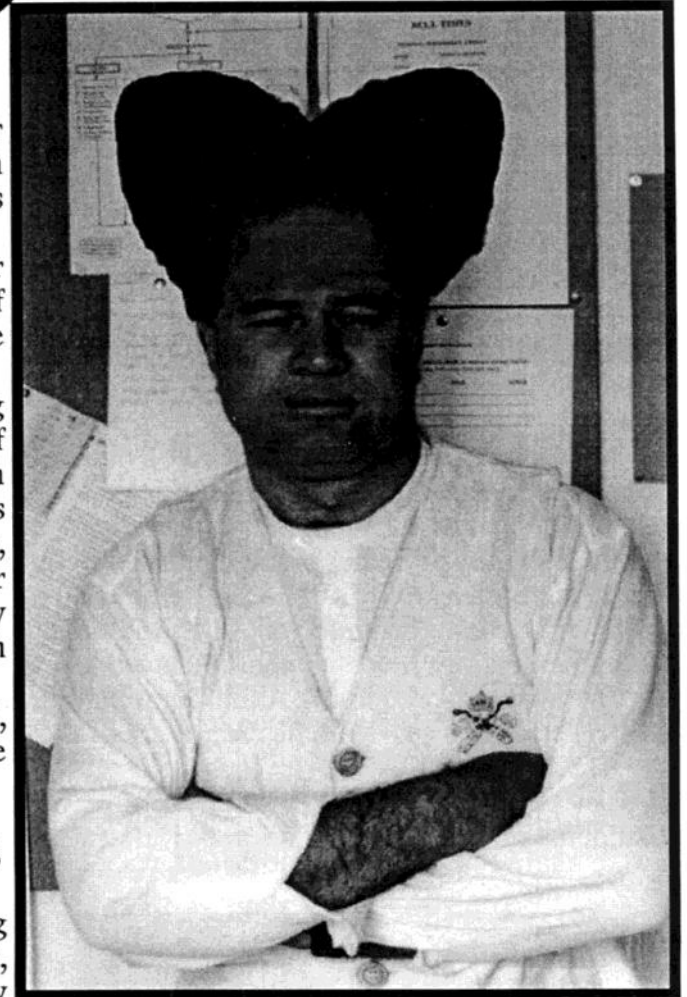
Following In Footsteps

Edward Meredith. One of our up and coming young teachers took the opportunity to make the big move, simply to be near Mr Waiti, ending up in the sunny Hawkes Bay teaching at Havelock North High School.

Eds was the cog behind the big spinning wheel at our school - quietly taking crickets to bat, service modules, economics classes, drama, public relations, debating, staff rep, PPTA and a host of other activities in a typically quiet and unassuming way. A radical feminist and advocate of human rights, he was always ready to defend minority anything or anyone so that all were adequately represented. Eds will be sorely missed by a wide cross section of the school and we have no doubt that he will be taking on the role of Maori advisor for a predominantly non-Maori school at Havelock North High. Give it heaps Ed, we're not watching and if pressured to whaikorero, get the cell phone and give the Maori big wig, Waiti a call.

Kieran Garner brought a whole new approach to English from the South Island, with its mysteries of druids, wizards and crystals. Based on a Free English Concept, students were encouraged to explore the nuances of nature and the inner mind for what is termed the creative side of English - an experience easily forgotten. Her hands on approach saw innovations from chair seat towers to the mystery of missile projection across a mapped trajectory. Ms Garner literally flew in and flew out of the school having commitments in the South Island that required a hasty return. Ms Garner left a lot of memories in her wake that opened the eyes of many students and showed a different if not unique way of teaching to those of us in her classes.

Jacqui Buckley has been a supporter to the school for many years. The art students will really miss her style of teaching, giving us a supportive hand when we are drowning in work. She has supported us personally by cheering us up when other teachers are giving us grief. Senior students know that Mrs Buckley is always willing to give up weekends, before and after school to give us a hand and point us in the right direction. She is also the first one we head to when we need art supplies. This teacher who left also give a personal gift from her, unique cards.



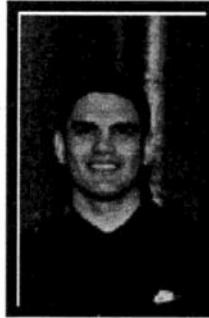
New Staff

Mary Rogers - Physical Education Department



A new way of doing P.E. Ms Rogers brought style and energy to her classes, as well as awesome aerobic skills, which were helpful to the Smokefree team this year. Having her at our school so far has been a blessing. We hope her time with us is prolonged.

Steve Smith - Physical Education Department



Mr Smith is an asset to the P.E. department. This has been well proved by his enthusiasm in all classes, including senior basketball coaching, and an excellent ability to adapt to the needs of the students. He brings a mysterious element to the gym.

Maurice O'Neill - Mathematics



Despite the usual difficulty found when trying to teach maths classes, Mr O'Neill managed to motivate his students almost to the point where they looked forward to his classes. Although his time with us was short-lived, it was indeed a good time.

Warren Webster - Workshop Technology



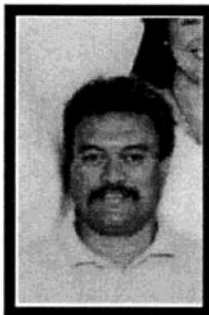
A master with the plane and gauge, Mr Webster is a welcome addition to the aged and depleted Workshop Dept. From chasing seniors to guiding the juniors through box-making sessions, he has been a success with all so far.

Robyn Roa - Deputy Principal



Mrs Roa is a worthy addition to the school as far as Deputy Principals go. Her ability to relate well to everyone with compassion and consideration has made her a favourite in the "top notch" department. We all hope her charismatic presence is long-lived.

Karaitiana Tamatea - Taari Maori



If Mr Tamatea's classes were based on the golf course, they would have a very low handicap indeed. However, his time spent with classes has been invaluable to them. His quality contribution ensures reliable stepping-stones for students, which in turn leads to a secure future.

Jackie Koelet - Commerce Department



Although the hope for a Commerce Dept. replacement was one that didn't have a fascination for talking about the specifics of business life, Ms Koelet has been a one in a million addition. Her textbook correct teaching leaves students itching for more.

Grant Hepplestone - Mathematics



Mr Hepplestone joins the department with the greatest number of teacher mobilities. However, despite this confusion of learning systems, he brings to his classes an enthusiasm untouched by any other maths teacher. His presence is appreciated by all.

Alison Tuck - Social Studies and Technology



Mrs Tuck is so far unrivalled in her ability to discipline her students into paying attention. She adds a human touch to the Social Studies dept, a trait unique to this subject, and one we have been blessed with in the choice of teachers of this subject.

It is our hope that the board's choice of teachers will be satisfactory. They are the people to mould the future generation into knowledgeable human beings. This year's intake matches the knowledge of the teachers leaving.

However, as everyone knows, fruitcakes ripen with time, and this is our hope for the new teachers endowed with the pleasure of teaching at this fine educational institution.

In Loco Parentis

A note from the staff!

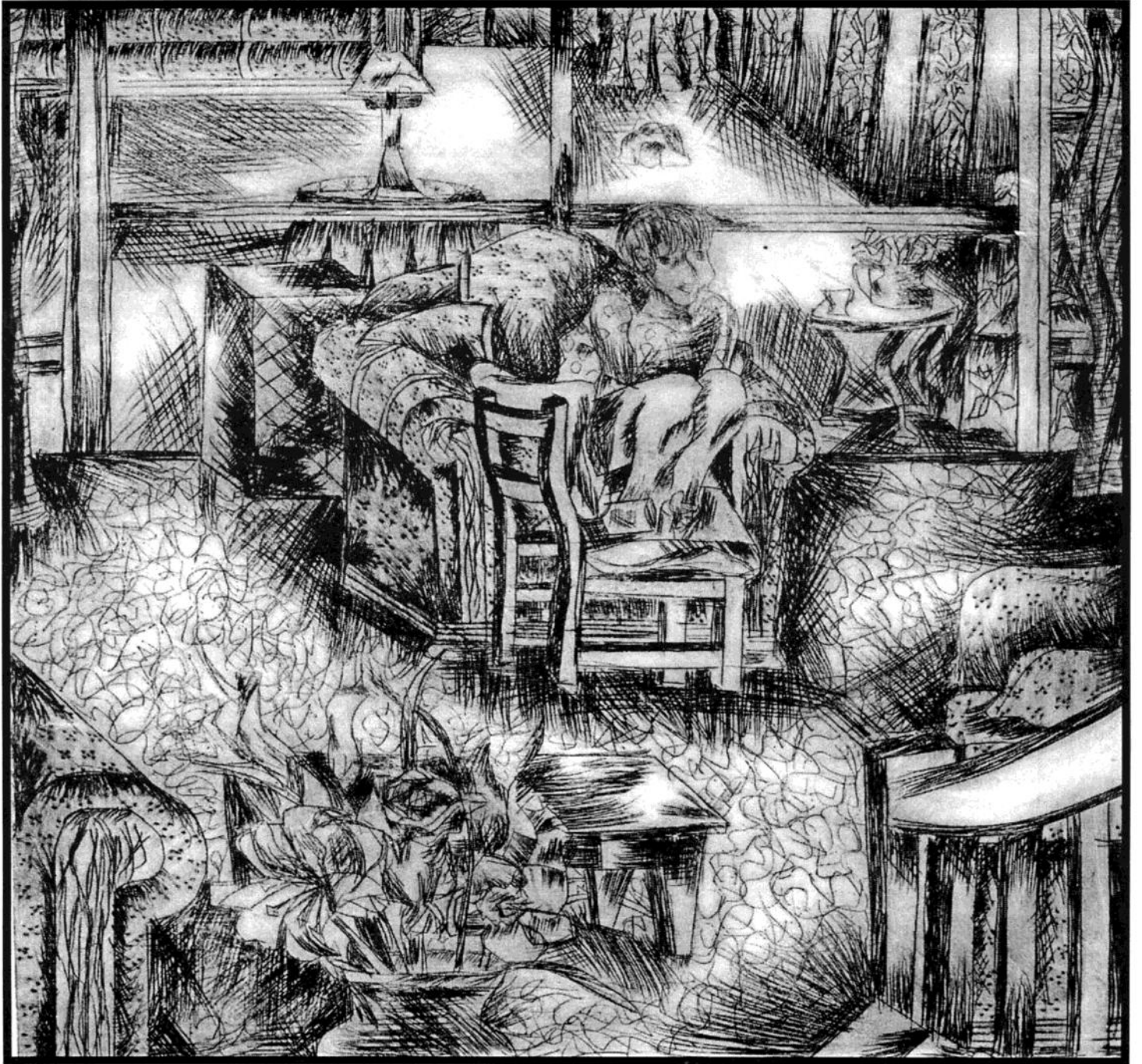
1996 has undoubtedly been a very busy year for the staff at Ngaruawahia High School. The many changes in curricula combined with the increasing workloads teachers are facing has not made life easy for our staff. This year our staff went as far as to take strike action which, although unpopular with some students and parents, achieved the aim of making people aware of the good work teachers do at High Schools.

There are some people that deserve many thanks from our teaching staff because of the way they make the little things in life a little easier. Noel Haworth; who answers the cellphone, sprints across the school and fixes the problem without anything but a positive comment and helped choose Yvonne's mother of the bride outfit; Betty Cooper; who manages to keep the staffroom looking clean and tidy despite the mess left behind at the end of each day; Yvonne Nikora who can type, answer the phones, and talk about wedding plans at the same time; Sindy Haynes; who keeps her temper even when given reports to print out a week after the deadline; Rangi; who cleverly uses the tractor to keep students within the school boundaries; Daph and Hinerangi; for allowing staff to run up huge accounts ordering their lunches then complaining about their increasing waistlines; the other Wharakura in the office, Gail; who balances the accounts when they don't, makes definitive decisions about Yvonne's wedding plans, and disciplines the staff when necessary; the cleaning staff; who manage to remove the most unsightly garbage and mess from the schools 34 classrooms. Thank you again for the help and support you give us.

To the students who we have imparted wisdom to all year, all the best for your examinations. Best wishes and festive whatever to the students and staff over the holiday period.



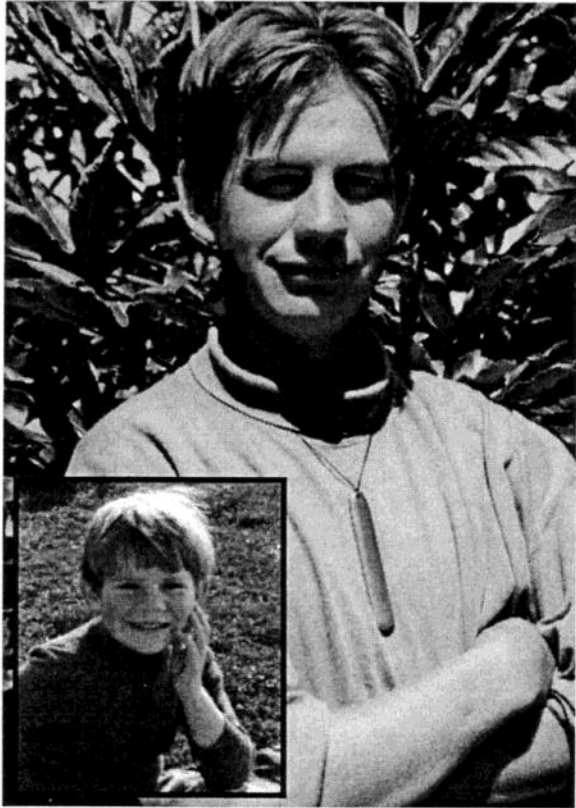
The Above People are Going Free to a Good Home



Joanne McLean

THE LEADERS?

Grant Lee



If dogs were green
And the stars were sky
then night would, day?
And what would I see?
perhaps

If a dog fell asleep
in a field by the sea,
Then along comes a cow, past springing
She's sprung. Moo
could she step on, such a dog?
I guess this depends on the shade.

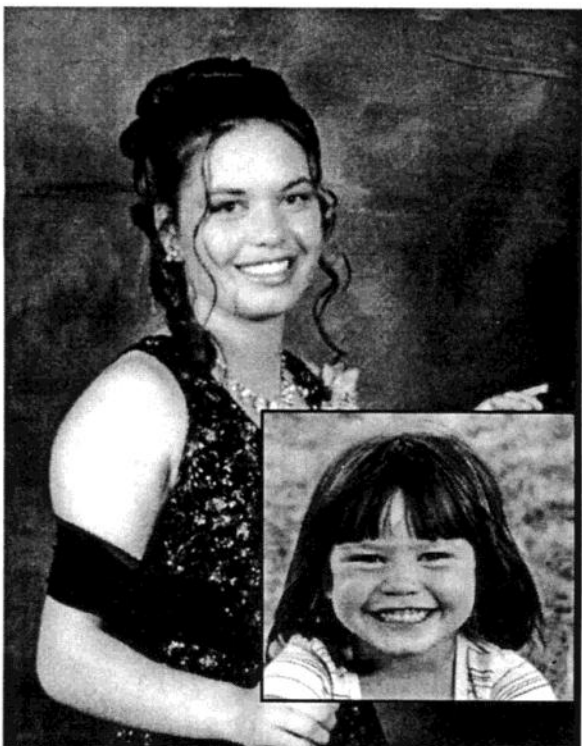
This year has been to me like another subject. There are so many lessons that I have learnt about relating with others, some very simple, others more complex. I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for the opportunities I have had to learn and grow.

I am so appreciative of all the support and encouragement that I have received from friends and family both within and outside of the school.

A huge big thanks is sent to Mel and Maria, who were always there to keep me on track. Thank you also to T.C. and more recently Ms Cavanagh. They have been great examples to us of what it is to be a servant in leadership!

Next year's Head Students? I wish you well. When you come up against it, do not be slow to ask advice. There is a great support system within this school! Ka Kite.

Melanie Hill



survive(*ser-*),v.t & i. Outlive, be still in existence after the passing of, or occurrence of hardship. *survivor*, person or thing remaining. *survival*, (*survival of the fittest*) remaining from time.



...and survive we did!!! After reaching the end of the milestone Seventh Form, the long haul of study paid off in many ways. I have many fond memories, reflecting the last five years of my life at Ngaruawahia High.

1996 will definitely be one to remember, especially for Grant & I. Thank you T.C and Ms Cavanagh for your trust, in placing me in an honourable position as a Head Student. Also to the staff for generously sharing your time and knowledge with me.

To my friends, it's a great and sure test of truth in friends, when year after year I see the same smiling faces. Thanks especially to JoyceWHNGREII!, Grunt WRhixon, Poi-SYZLA, ARMUNDO -LoMu, Anna...FLEXIPS, Zonald Conicee,SISTA, Noelan Deras, RIARUM, TETRAI, NONA, AND my family. All the best to Next year's Head Students and 7th Form, add to our collection of broken speakers and bottles on the roof.

Ki te Roopu Kapahaka, Tena koutou mo to awhina mai ki ahau. To the rest of the students..."Sieve the Day". Make the most of every opportunity NHS has to offer U!!!

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen.

Kotahi ano te kohau o te ngira e kuhuna ai te miro ma, te miro pango me te miro whero. There is but one eye of the needle, through which go the white, the black, and the red threads. This saying by King Tawhiao has been for me what being Deputy Head Girl of Ngaruawahia High School means. For five years or more I have known no other routine. Ngaruawahia High School has been my life whether it was for academic, artistic or sporting purposes. It is through this commitment that I have gained the strength and the individuality to move on.

To seventh formers in the class of '96:

*We started out as green and grey turds
Very shy people with very few words
The days when Mr Mill was scary
And detentions were dished out by Ms Denny
Third and fourth form went by so fast
Being late and getting lost is now all in the past
In our senior years we settled down
No longer quiet, we were making our sound
Now we're leaving, but don't be sad
Even though the party's over, a good time was had.....*

Congratulations on a good five years of teamwork, friendship and achievement. To the teachers who became my friends, to my family, and to all my friends who had faith in what I wanted to do, I thank you. To Mel, Anna, Grant, Amanda, Donald, Murray, Noel, Gale, Angus and Blair; purely your presence has meant heaps. For the advice, support, experiences and encouragement you offered me, I am eternally grateful.

Well, another year is finished and many of us are moving on to new places and different horizons. It has been a long year and a good year for all of us to grow up and find out more about where we are in the world and where we see ourselves going.

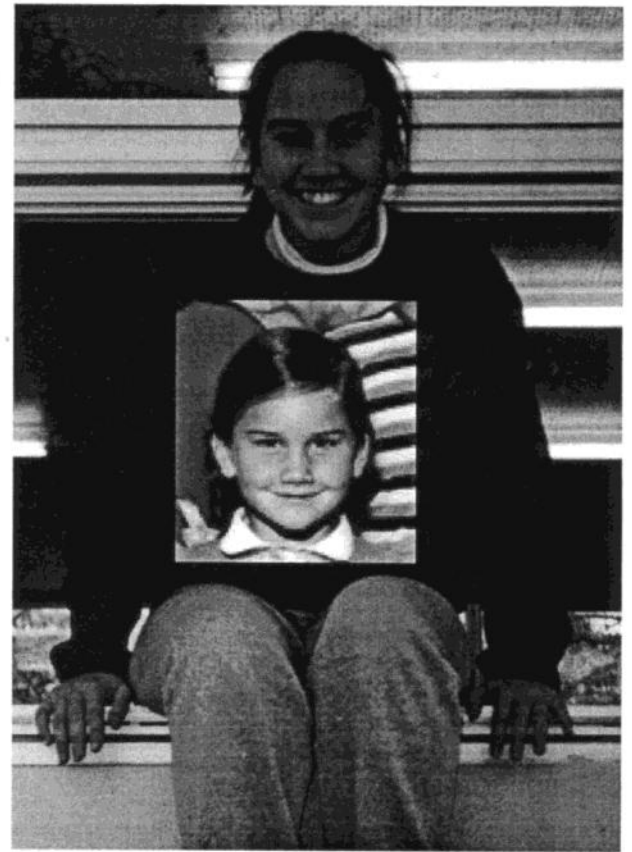
This year has been a huge one for me personally. I have sought to be a role model for you younger students by getting involved in as much as possible. As a result the highlights of this year are numerous. The Smokefree Stage Challenge was massive and something different for many of us. It gave us all a chance to express our culture in a creative way. The "Stingers" Aerobics Team was choice to be part of as well. It was an awesome experience to go to Nationals in Wellington and do well.

Kapa Haka was a big responsibility this year being one of the more senior boys. I think we all felt the responsibility of maintaining the school's reputation at the Waikato/Waiariki Competitions. Many thanks to all those people that helped me and some of the other fulla's push the boys along in the Haka.

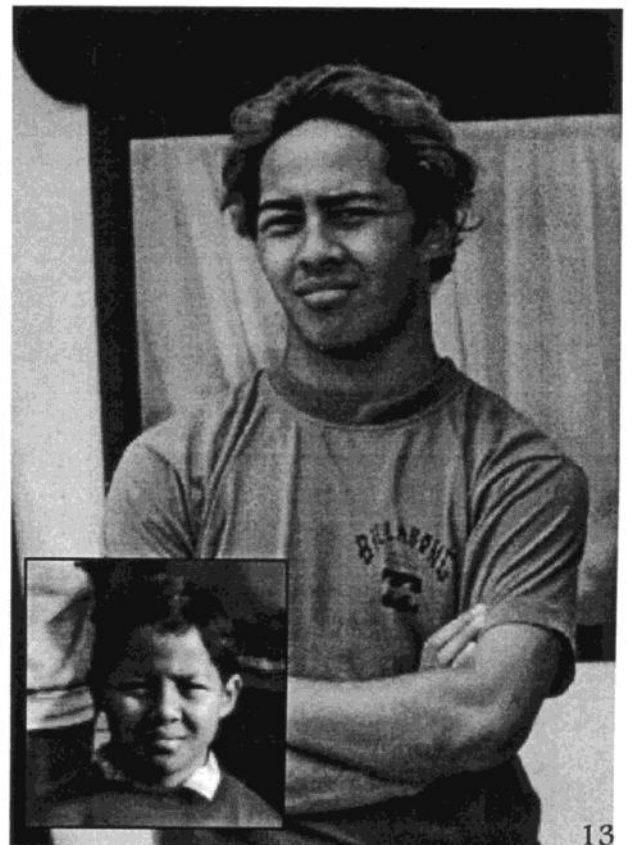
After so many years at this school I have many people to thank. The staff and my family have been a strong influence on me, and have encouraged me to get involved in as many things as possible. I wish to thank my main bro' Motu for his constant support, awesome looks and physique. Inch Matthews, Bucky, Robs and the other boys who have been willing to talk to me over the years, cheers. Arohanui ki a koutou katoa.

The Mana

Maria London



Mana Simon



Prizegiving



AMANDA FARMILO,

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 DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH
 DISTINCTION IN MATHEMATICS
 WITH CALCULUS
 DISTINCTION IN PHYSICS
 DISTINCTION IN GEOGRAPHY
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 IVES CUP FOR MATHEMATICS &
 PHYSICS



JOANNE MCLEAN

PROXIME ACCESSIT TO DUX
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 DISTINCTION IN ART -
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 DISTINCTION IN ART -
 PAINTING
 ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH

MAJOR PRIZES: ACADEMIC, SPORTING AND CULTURAL

THE TE RAPA ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

This is a \$1,000.00 grant awarded annually to students from Ngaruawahia High School to assist with the funding of a tertiary student at either a university or a polytechnic. This year the Te Rapa Rotary Club Scholarship is awarded to:

DEBORAH WOOD

This year the Te Rapa Rotary Club have decided to award one more scholarship and the recipient is

JOANNE MCLEAN

SHANNIN KEELEY	TE RAPA ROTARY AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL
DAVID MCCONNELL	
KIRI MORGAN	ERANA COULTER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR MAORI STUDIES
POIHAERE TALIVAI	MAORI TRUST AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN CULTURAL GROUP
GININNE WATTS	NGAHIA GREGORY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TE REO MAORI
MURRAY NATHAN	BEST MAORI SCHOLAR
GININNE WATTS	JEANNE GILBERT CUP FOR LANGUAGE
GARETH JOHNSTON	LATTA CUP FOR SPECIAL ENDEAVOUR IN MUSIC
DONALD TE WHARE	HAMILTON PIANO CUP FOR EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC
GRANT LEE	DIANE HARPER TROPHY FOR LEADERSHIP IN SCHOOL MUSIC
NOEL REID	MOZART TROPHY FOR CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL MUSIC
DAVID MCCONNELL	STONE CUP FOR DRAMA
ERIN POLLARD	FORM 6 SPEECH CONTEST WINNER
DEBORAH WOOD SHANNIN KEELEY MURRAY NATHAN	TE RAPA ROTARY SECONDARY SCHOOLS DEBATING TROPHY

AMANDA FARMILO	KT FOOTWEAR TROPHY FOR INTEGRITY
ANNA CAMPBELL	BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL
DEBORAH WOOD	VIOLET JOLLY CUP FOR CITIZENSHIP
VICKI KEAST GRANT LEE	COLLINS CUP FOR CITIZENSHIP
MURRAY NATHAN	SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL
GALE GLASSON HENDERSON	SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL
MELANIE HILL GRANT LEE	SCHOOL LEADERS AWARD
MARIA LONDON	PRINCIPALS AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL AND NOMINEE FOR LEADERSHIP WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS
LEON MATTHEWS	DAVISON CUP - BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN AND FINALIST WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS ALL ROUNDER
MELANIE HILL	DAVISON CUP - BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSWOMAN

FORM FIVE CLASS PRIZE AWARDS

JAIME ALLEN 5	DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT IN TYPING ACHIEVEMENT IN ECONOMIC STUDIES ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH PROGRESS IN SCIENCE
JENYCE CAMPBELL 5	DISTINCTION IN ART DISTINCTION IN SCIENCE DISTINCTION IN HISTORY ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH
TRUDI DAWSON 5	DISTINCTION IN ART DISTINCTION IN MATHEMATICS DISTINCTION IN TYPING ACHIEVEMENT IN GEOGRAPHY ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH
NATASHA DERECOURT 5	DISTINCTION IN TYPING
TANIA FARMILO 5	DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH DISTINCTION IN ART ACHIEVEMENT IN GRAPHICS & DESIGN ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHEMATICS
CODY FLETCHER 5	DISTINCTION IN WORKSHOP TECHNOLOGY

JOSEPH HARRISON 5	DISTINCTION IN WAIKATO SCIENCE
TE AROHA HOHUA WARD 5	DISTINCTION IN JAPANESE ACHIEVEMENT IN ITINERANT MUSIC - GUITAR
TEREREAWAI KIPA 5	DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHEMATICS PROGRESS IN SCIENCE PROGRESS IN 6 MAORI
CUSHLA LICHTWARK 5	DISTINCTION IN MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT IN HOME ECONOMICS ACHIEVEMENT IN GRAPHICS & DESIGN
KARLI MCCARTHY 5	DISTINCTION IN N Z MATHS ACHIEVEMENT IN N Z ENGLISH CUP FOR EXCELLENCE IN FORM 5 ECONOMICS (DONATED BY E MEREDITH 1996)
KIRK SPRAGG 5	HON W BIRCH PRIZE - FORM 5 SCIENCE DISTINCTION IN SCIENCE DISTINCTION IN ECONOMIC STUDIES DISTINCTION IN GRAPHICS & DESIGN DISTINCTION IN MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH PROGRESS IN ITINERANT MUSIC - CLARINET CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL BAND CONTRIBUTION TO TUTOR GROUP
AARON TAHANA 5	DISTINCTION IN NZ ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT IN NZ MATHS PROGRESS IN MUSIC EFFORT IN HOME ECONOMICS EFFORT IN WAIKATO SCIENCE
SARAH VINING 5	DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH DISTINCTION IN HOME ECONOMICS DESIGN FOR LIVING TROPHY ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE DISTINCTION IN ART
KURA WALKER 5	DISTINCTION IN 6 MAORI CONTRIBUTION AS BUS MONITOR ACHIEVEMENT IN HISTORY EFFORT IN MATHEMATICS JOHN SERGEANT AWARD FOR BEST GIRL IN 5 SCIENCE DISTINCTION IN GEOGRAPHY DISTINCTION IN SCIENCE PROGRESS IN TYPING
MARAMA WALKER 5	
CAROLINE WOOD 5	DISTINCTION IN ACCOUNTING ACHIEVEMENT IN ECONOMIC STUDIES ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHEMATICS PROGRESS IN ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT IN BIOLOGY DISTINCTION IN CHEMISTRY
MOANA WYLIE 5	

FORM SIX CLASS PRIZE AWARDS

AARON BILLCLIFF 6	DISTINCTION IN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY FLETCHERS AWARD - BEST 6/7 TECHNICAL
MARGO CLARK 6	DISTINCTION IN MATHS WITH APPLICATION CONTRIBUTION TO TUTOR GROUP CONTRIBUTION TO GALA EFFORT IN BIOLOGY
ETIENNE DES ALLIERS 6	DISTINCTION IN CRAFT PROGRESS IN DESIGN & TECH
CHRISTINA FRANKHOUSER 6	DISTINCTION IN COMPUTERS ACHIEVEMENT IN ART ACHIEVEMENT IN HISTORY
BLAIR HANNA 6	SILVER MALLETT - BEST SENIOR TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
GARETH JOHNSTON 6	DISTINCTION IN MUSIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL BAND
OWEN JOHNSTON 6	TEMPLETON AWARD - BEST 6/7 GRAPHICS & DESIGN DISTINCTION IN ART ACHIEVEMENT IN GRAPHICS ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL BAND
RACHEL KINGI 6	DISTINCTION IN NZ ENGLISH EFFORT IN COMPUTER STUDIES
TANIA LAWRENCE 6	FELICITY YOUNG CUP FOR ACCOUNTING DISTINCTION IN ACCOUNTING DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHS ACHIEVEMENT IN BIOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT IN CHEMISTRY ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHS PROGRESS IN PHYSICS PROGRESS IN ENGLISH
ANNA MORELL 6	JAN PLUMMER CUP FOR 6 ENGLISH DISTINCTION IN MATHEMATICS DISTINCTION IN BIOLOGY DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH DISTINCTION IN PHYSICS ACHIEVEMENT IN CHEMISTRY CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL BAND
ERIN POLLARD 6	DISTINCTION IN MATHS WITH APPLICATION ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
ANDREW SKINNER 6	DISTINCTION IN HISTORY DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT IN COMPUTERS
CARRIE TAIPARI 6	

FORM SEVEN CLASS PRIZE AWARDS

ANNA CAMPBELL 7	MARSTERS CUP FOR CHEMISTRY HISTORY CUP DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH DISTINCTION IN CHEMISTRY DISTINCTION IN HISTORY ACHIEVEMENT IN BIOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHS WITH CALCULUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL BAND DISTINCTION IN COMPUTER STUDIES ACHIEVEMENT IN ART PROGRESS IN ART EFFORT IN BIOLOGY
DAVID MCCONNELL 7	ACHIEVEMENT IN GEOGRAPHY ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT IN HISTORY ACHIEVEMENT IN MAORI PROGRESS IN ITINERANT MUSIC - VOCAL CONTRIBUTION TO ORATORY CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE - EDITOR
MURRAY NATHAN 7	ART CUP FOR CONTRIBUTION TO ART IN THE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT IN ART PROGRESS IN ITINERANT MUSIC - CELLO CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL BIG BAND
NOEL REID 7	DISTINCTION IN ECONOMICS ACHIEVEMENT IN GEOGRAPHY ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH PROGRESS IN GEOGRAPHY PROGRESS IN HISTORY EFFORT IN ECONOMICS CONTRIBUTION TO ORATORY - DEBATING CAPTAIN
PAUL SINGH 7	
DEBORAH WOOD 7	

SPORTS

ATHLETIC AWARDS

JERMAINE WETERE	GRINTER CUP (SENIOR BOYS ATHLETIC CHAMPION)
MELANIE HILL	NHS SENIOR GIRLS ATHLETIC CHAMPION

SWIMMING AWARDS

MARIA LONDON	NHS SENIOR GIRLS SWIMMING CHAMPION
ANDREW GRAHAM	NHS SENIOR BOYS SWIMMING CHAMPION

CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS

MARGO CLARK NHS SENIOR GIRLS CROSS
 COUNTRY CHAMPION
ALAN WHANGA COMINS TROPHY SENIOR BOYS
 CROSSCOUNTRY CHAMPION

NETBALL AWARDS

MALEESHA TENGU NIKORA CUP FOR MOST
 IMPROVED PLAYER
MARIA LONDON GOODWILL CUP FOR STUDENT
 CONTRIBUTION TO NETBALL
MELANIE HILL NETBALL TROPHY - MOST
 OUTSTANDING PLAYER

VOLLEYBALL AWARDS

CUSHLA LICHTWARK OUTSTANDING FEMALE
 VOLLEYBALL PLAYER
TAKESHI UEDA OUTSTANDING MALE
 VOLLEYBALL PLAYER

BADMINTON AWARDS

ROBERT KERAPA ROBSON CUP FOR BADMINTON
 BOYS DOUBLES
ANDREW SKINNER ROBSON CUP FOR BADMINTON
 BOYS DOUBLES
JAMIE ALLEN NHS BADMINTON GIRLS
 DOUBLES

ANNA MORELL NHS BADMINTON GIRLS
 DOUBLES

CRICKET AWARDS

JAMIE LICHTWARK MOST IMPROVED CRICKETER
DONALD TE WHARE FIRST XI BEST BATSMAN

BASKETBALL AWARDS

MAERA PAKI ANZUS CUP - AWARDED FOR
 ALL ROUND EXCELLENCE,
 EFFORT AND TEAM SPIRIT IN
 GIRLS BASKETBALL
JOLON POINTON CLANCY TROPHY - AWARDED
 FOR ALL ROUND EXCELLENCE,
 EFFORT AND TEAM SPIRIT IN
 BOYS BASKETBALL
CUSHLA LICHTWARK BASKETBALL SHIELD -
 AWARDED FOR THE MOST
 OUTSTANDING BASKETBALL
 PLAYER IN THE SCHOOL (GIRL
 OR BOY)

RUGBY AWARDS

JAMIE LICHTWARK RUGBY CLUBS CUP
GRANT LEE
JAMIE LICHTWARK FAIR PLAY AWARD



LOONIES LOVELYS and LONERS

Ngaruawahia High School Seventh Form 1996

[Signature]
Ya it's over
"Party Hard Time"

ハズカシ "11"-11"
Haskel Barber
a psycho

Takeishi Ueda
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Penelope

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K-BYE!!!

Crunklee

SANDRA

DON'T FORGET TO STOP
AND SMELL
THE FLOWERS

I'm gonna miss
ya, but don't worry
cause I get over
it

Supa mo pau
you fools.
Paul Size

Superfly
all the best FT 1996
Melanie

Have a goal
everybody.
That's it. Tim.

Enjoy love
ya's all
- Deborah

Thank you
let's fly

London
Noel "Ka Reid"

HAVE A GREAT 97
Love ya
Wicks

Run while
you can!
Anna.
David

ANGUS



It's all over
the unknown
soldier
have Stanley

KMB96
HMB96

Have a nice
see everyone
see ya when
later



The Survivors Dreams and Realities

The Seventh Form 1996 have developed many *interesting* theories on their likely occupations. The Point, however knows better. From the service industries to the ranks of the professionals, this group can cover them all, and then some.

Demelza Armstrong: Dungeons and Dragons Co-Ordinator in the Fantastical land of Ob.

Haskel Barber: Japanese Fanatical Cult Leader.

Kelly Black: Jive Bunny.

Anna Campbell: Professional Scarlet Frivolous Woman.

Etienne Des Alliers: Rainbow Warrior Blower-Upper.

Amanda Farmilo: WIFE!!!

Tania Fata: The Nanny, stunt double and Vaccum Cleaner Sales Woman.

Gale Glasson-Henderson: No Occupation. Mental Wards

don't pay their patients.

Melanie Hill: Tractor Driver and Groundsman.

Angus Huisken: Chief Executive of Brierley Investments.

Pedro Jardim: Riding Instructor.

Vicki Keast: Chairperson of the Malevolently Challenged Society.

Shannin Keeley: Giant Beetroot.

Robert Kerepa: Sack of Potatoes.

Grant Lee: Kind Old Man Standing on a Street Corner

Handing Out Chupa-Chups to the Under Privileged aka A Politician.

Maria London: Porridge and Custard Maker.

Sandra Matich: Costume Designer for Tanlaw.

David McConnell: Ha, Ha, Ha. I have Deleted What You Wrote Mr Short!

Joanne McLean: Across the Corridor from Gale.

Timothy Montford: NZ

Basketball Represenative, for the Vertically Challenged Olympics.

Murray Nathan: Professional Defendant in Lawsuits Across New Zealand.

Noel Reid: Look-a-Like for Tractor Driver and Groundsman.

Karen Shanley: Ministry of Agriculture Packing Inspector. See Current Occupation.

Mana Simon: Mana Who?

Paul Singh: Chief Botanist for the Hydroponics Mixed Division of New Zealand.

Poihaere Talivai: History Truancy Officer and Pa Girl on her own Island.

Donald Te Whare: Chupa-Chup Tester for Grant Lee.

Takeshi Ueda: Camera Happy Tourist and Wig Maker.

Deborah Wood: Under Study to Suzanne Paul.

7th FOrM CaMP

What has over 40 heads, crawls, and pants like a pack of horses? The answer is: most of the seventh formers after climbing the Hakarimatas on the seventh form leadership camp. This was but one of the activities we embarked on during our overnight stay at the CYC camp in March.

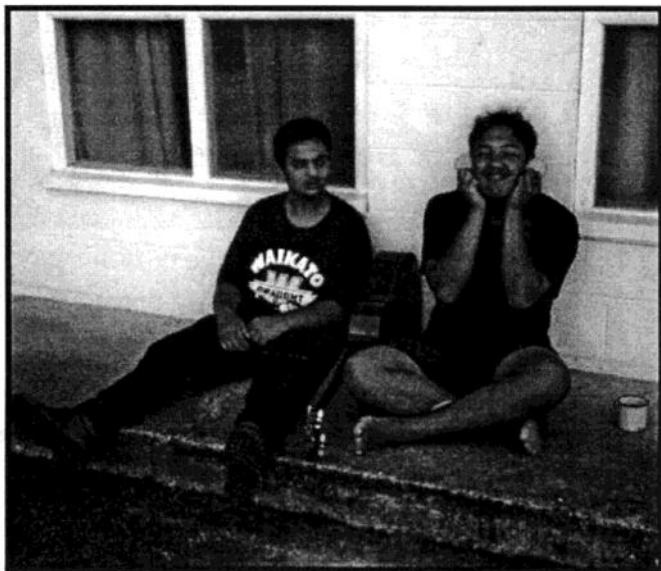
The purpose of this annual pilgrimage to food halls and sleepless nights was mainly to help choose the student leaders for the school. Or so they say. We know it was all a big conspiracy to try to turn us into a respectable bunch of seniors!

To start off with we were all divided into groups. We then did the circuit of tent-pitching competitions, goal-setting, and other activities supposedly guaranteed to enhance our performance during the year.

The afternoon's free time was spent swimming, riding the flying fox and mudslide, and playing with the boats on a lake filled with very throwable oxygen weed.

That night we put on a concert for Mr Cranshaw, which was only an excuse for him to give us a prolonged lecture on how to be good role models for the school. However, it was a chance for us to practice our drama skills, which I can safely say most of us enjoyed doing.

Highlights included a couple of our male counterparts mysteriously finding salt in their breakfast cereals; a couple of our female counterparts mysteriously finding crayfish in their beds; being exposed to Blair's secret fetish for dressing as a woman (very convincing dahling); and various waterbomb incidents.



PIHa CAMP

Piha. The name itself brings visions of expansive, sparkling beaches; giant waves with which to slice a surfboard through.....NOT!

This year's trip to Piha for the Geographers and Biologists was to have been anything but a day (or three) at the beach.

We stayed at the local surf club, indeed a place with interesting architecture. I think by the end of the trip we all had plans for the layout if it was ever to be converted into a house.

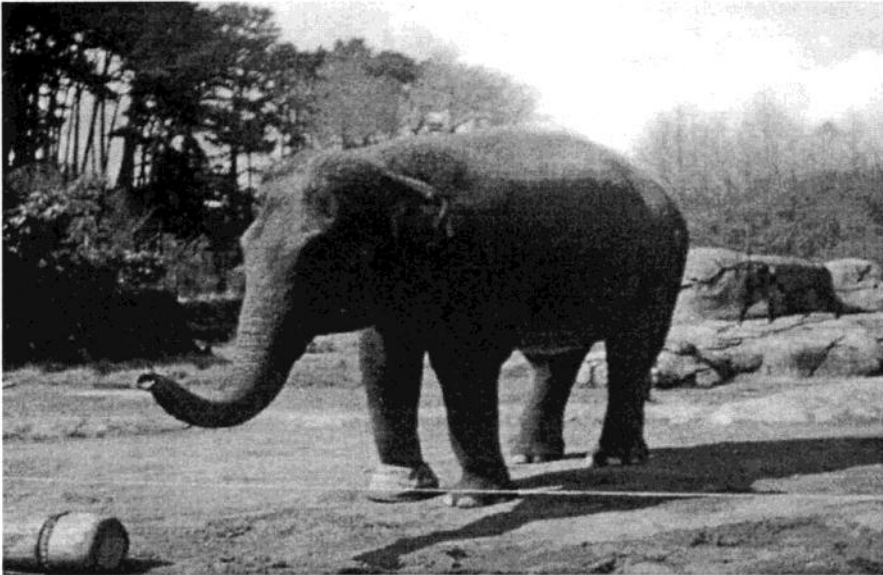
Our days were filled with visits to kowhai bushes, measuring leaves and parts of the beach, climbing Lion Rock, and drawing maps. However, the upside was playing spotlight in the dunes, swimming in the waterfall, preparing for World War III in the sand (GallipPiha), and generally making a nuisance of ourselves.

We actually got a lot out of the trip and learned a great deal about the environment, especially the effects man has on natural resources as studied by the Geographers.

In the end, apart from the daunting prospect of an assessment to complete, we all had a good time.

Thanks to Mr Rietema, Mrs Johnston, and Grant for putting up with us during the drive up. If the school hasn't had any phone calls about the strange group of Ngaruawahia High School students being loonies in the mini van then that's alright then!

But as quoted while Mr Rietema rocketed over the speed bumps at close to 70km/h, "Hey, life's too short to worry about living!"



Damn Foreigners!... AFS 1996

TAKESHI UEDA

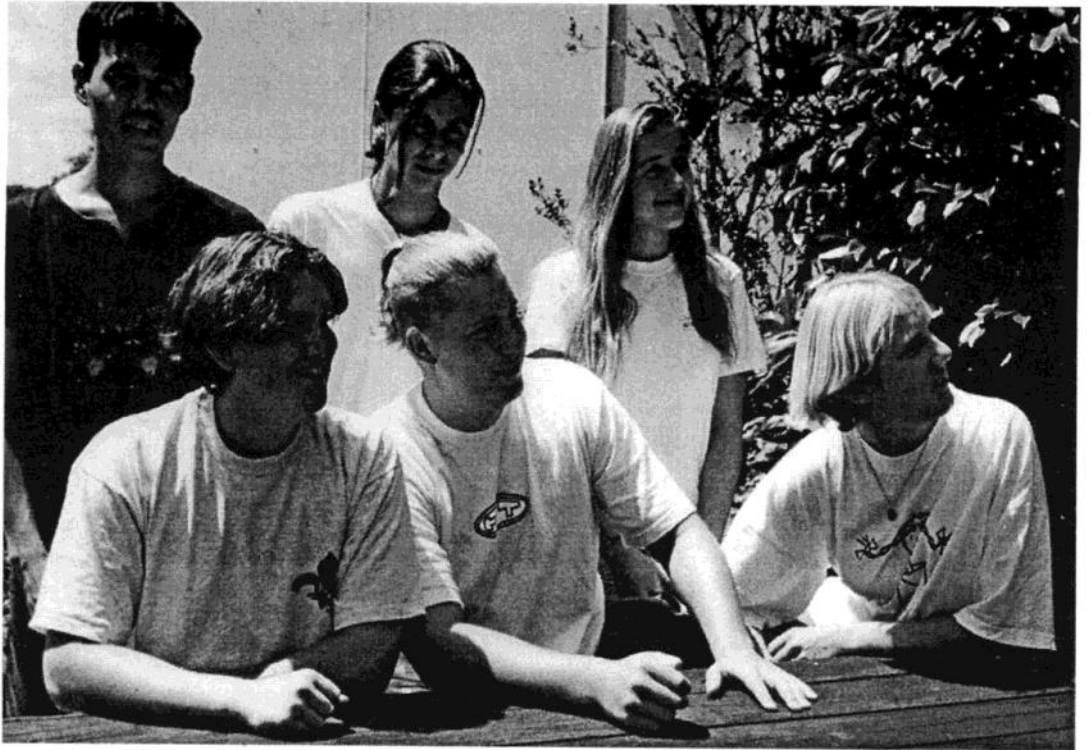
Hi, I'm Tak from Japan. I think I was really lucky to come to Ngaruawahia High School because I was able to make heaps of good friends, meet good teachers, and have the opportunity to play Rugby, Rugby League, Volleyball, and join the Kapa Haka group. I have had a really great year, this year - thanks to Ngaruawahia High School teachers and friends. What I feel about this school is that everyone is so kind and friendly. This made me get used to the people and school quickly and made me more sociable. Also, this school's atmosphere made me relaxed as well.

I think that the classes are too long - actually, it made us a bit tired, and also the lessons move slowly. But I like the way the classes work - we have more discussion with the teachers and each other than in Japan, which I think is really good. Thanks a lot for being patient with me and teaching me.

In playing sports, I have been able to make friends in the 5th and 6th form as well. It made us close, and I really enjoyed it. I want to say "Thanks" to all my team mates who helped me. With the Kapa Haka group, I couldn't go to the competitions because I was away on holiday and couldn't go to the practices, but the students were friendly and kind to me. Thanks to those people who helped me.

I want to say "Thanks" to my 7th form friends who have been so kind to me. I wouldn't have enjoyed this school as much without you guys. I have had heaps of fun times with you.

Thanks Ngaruawahia High School for giving me a lot of opportunities to do a lot of things that I couldn't do in Japan. I won't forget these memories, and one day I'll come back again. Thank you.



PEDRO JARDIM

This year wasn't just another year of my life, 1996 was special.

You know, it doesn't matter how much you read or hear from that country you're going to, it's just when you go there that you'll find out. And when you know you're going away for a whole year, lots of thoughts and ideas, even images of how it is, come up.....different places, different people, different culture, and different language. Different life.....

Ngaruawahia is where I developed my learning and understanding of English and Kiwi culture. Maori, Pakeha, names that I'd hear every day of this year, but I have also learned how to understand idiomatic meanings.



Something that not every exchange student can do. The school is certainly what gave me all the opportunities I've had to get to know all this.

When I first got here to this school, I was surprised with the introduction prepared for us and the other new students. I had never seen anything like that in my whole life. It made me feel comfortable.....the first step to a great year and an awesome time. Believe me, I was feeling like an alien in the middle of all these people, but the 7th formers were great to me. Friendly and always making some fun. These people provided me with some unforgettable moments....going to town at night with the boys, bungee jumping, learning how to play Rugby, jumping from bridges, playing guitars, watching movies, and eating the famous "fish and chips". And more, more.....more good moments.

I'd like to say sincerely, a big thanks to Ngaruawahia High School, teachers and principals. They were always there to help me. There's nothing like learning how to play new sports, performing with a whole lot of students in the Smokefree Stage Challenge, and especially being in the Kapa Haka group. I've never felt something so strong like that before. When you're up there on the stage, your eyes seem to pop out and all your muscles come up. Some unknown energy screams loud inside and makes your heart beat faster and faster. A side of me that I didn't know got born, and that I'll carry with me wherever I go.

To my friends and girlfriend, you'll be always in here, where the wind blows and the flowers grow.

MARIA ROSOL

Hi. Bye.

ETIENNE DES ALLIERS

Hi, I'm Etienne from Canada, and I've been in New Zealand for nearly ten months. New Zealand is a very nice country, but that's not all. If you end up going to a boring school, it could ruin your whole year. Before I was part of AFS I didn't know hardly anything about this country. I knew that it had scenery like Canada, but I never knew anything of the amazing culture that I now love.

But I've been very lucky, and you know why? Because I've ended up in a great school, and it's called Ngaruawahia High. What makes that school so great? I think it is the friendship of the students and the coolness of the teachers. Probably because as exchange students, we get away with everything. It's been very different being able to talk to the teachers like a friend, and to have classes where everyone is always talking!

During the year, I've enjoyed playing Rugby, Rugby League and Volleyball. It was a great experience. I've had heaps of fun with the friends I made who accepted me. I did bungee jumping, which was cool. The best experience was being part of the Kapa Haka group and going to the two competitions of the year. I am glad that I now feel part of a culture that I didn't know anything about until I came here.

I would like to thank all the students for helping me with everything through the year, the teachers for taking it easy on us, and the Principal because otherwise I wouldn't be here with you. I have had lots of fun on my year here, I will never forget all the people and the memories.

SPEAK THE SPEECH

Speeches are not the favourite topic of many. Students tend to start going through their list of excuses to skip the annual feat of embarrassing one's self in front of peers. However, thinking caps had to be put on to ponder over the subject of "School" during this year's competition. Definitely a topic open to all sorts of digs at teachers, the school curriculum, and the general atmosphere of this prison called an "Education Institution". The aim for the sixth formers was to create a speech related to school. They were to be 6 minutes long and participation was compulsory, enforced by the ever threatening English teachers.

After weeks of casting away ideas, making draft copies, and then final copies, the class competitions were put into action. The contestants were painfully eliminated down to nine. These poor finalists were required to speak in the library in front of family, friends, and teachers. But not to worry... butterflies in the stomach and knocking knees can easily be avoided by the age-old technique of imagining everyone naked.

The audience was impressed by the variety of speeches, sometimes very informative, sometimes very humorous. They ranged from "Sex" to "Why We Need School". Other fruitless attempts to bruise a few egos included a speech on seventh formers. Nice try, Carrie. *How could you ever think you could get away with it.*

By the time the night came to a close, even the judges were happy to get back to a world without mention of school. After much deliberation on the teachers' parts, and on Anna's part, being a traitor, the winners were announced in this order:

- 1) Erin Pollard
- 2) Carrie Taipari
- 3) Catherine Murray

Thank you to all who participated, and to those who judged. Also, thanks to the English teachers who set up the evening, Ms Rowan Mataira and Mr Geoff Short.



When you combine three already argumentative Seventh Formers with an even more argumentative Debating coach, the product is this year's effort in which, unlike last year, we finally won!

Entered in the Jaycees Debating Competition, Deborah Wood, Shannin Keeley and Murray Nathan, went head-to-head in debates against such schools as Huntly College and Fraser High School crushing all that stood in our way, well nearly anyway.

Armed only with the century old dictionaries from the library and century old Debating coach, Geoff Short, we prepared endlessly for every debate. Leaving it all to the last minute, instead of the last second as we had become accustomed to in 1995.

Finally winning became more appealing and it was because of this that we started to claim more victories. A debate against Huntly, at Huntly College, saw our year kick off, Ngaruawahia winning the first of many.

Our winning streak however came to an abrupt end, when a dreaded third speaker from Morrinsville College, regional impromptu winners, saw to the end of our Jaycee year. Beating us by a narrow seven marks effectively knocking us out of the semi-finals. This team however went on to win the North Island, then New Zealand Jaycees Debating Competition. Our team taking comfort in knowing we were beaten by the best.

The final compliment to our year came with the final debate. Held at the Te Rapa Rotary Club the annual event saw our team go up against Fraser High School. "Christmas has not lost its true meaning" was our argument in which Deborah, aka Santa's Little Helper, performed well against a team containing the Schools *head* students.

Debating is an interesting sport which is not very physical but is very mental. We were fortunate in having a team of committed (if you'll excuse the pun!) mentals who were willing to burn the candle at both ends in order to stand up in front of people and make prepared fools of ourselves. We have, according to our coach, progressed tremendously from the nervous group which was formed last year. We have grown in confidence, and while two of us may pursue a career in politics - Deborah Wood as Helen Clark's successor and Murray Nathan as Winston Peter's prodigy- we have found debating to be a valuable learning experience.....yeah, right!

Here are some infamous quotations from the year's debates:

"Deborah has a dry sense of humour"..... "That's the crux of the matter".....

"Rakeesh, Rakash, Rakush, or whatever the hell your name is!".....

"Is my speech any good, sir?"..... "This debate we'll prepare well in advance!".....



DEBATING, AND WINNING TOO!

To Do or Not to Do, that is the Question?

Recently, as part of the Sixth Form Certificate Course, we dusted off our good friend Shakespeare!!! Willie baby! Love him or loathe him we had to attempt to understand him and then pass our assessment in order to appease our teachers, who valiantly try to get the message across.

This year saw a swing away from the usual treatment of Shakespeare. No scenes from plays handed out or set by our ever trying tutors. Instead, the freedom was granted to allow the hidden talents of our students to leap out and astound us. Scripting a one act play was the order of the day and of course using the language of Shakespeare was a must while also combining the arts of directing, prompting, music, costumes and props propelled some of us into PANIC mode!

"How do I love thee, let me count the ways?" was certainly stretched in some groups who could not agree on what to do or how to do it. Fights, arguments and dissension in the ranks meant that perhaps the line should read "How do I keep my temper, let me count the ways?"

Thursday 12 September 1996 was a day for all sixth formers to parade around in their costumes. Early preparations for the main feast began by the host class 6V. Many shaken faces and jagged expressions by the students showed because they were nervous about the afternoon performances. Each sixth form class had two weeks to prepare their routine, some groups used their lunchtimes for rehearsals. Today was the day where all the hard work paid off and the nerves were slowly creeping in. Throughout Shakespeare week other classes drew posters, quotes were entered into the notices and also broadcast over Tainui radio FM. The Waikato Times was also at the performance including Coast to Coast television. The week was a success, most importantly, the students got to know about the life of Shakespeare and his work.

At midday the feast was ready, displayed on long stylish tables with candelabra and no knives and forks. The chairs and tables were tidily set out around the room with the students in their costumes helping build a sense of occasion. There was live music from Noel, Grant and Donald, providing a touch of relaxation to an already tense event. After the feast, it was time for the Shakespeare performances. Students quickly made their final touch-ups, dabbing on their make-up and alternating their costumes.

The Unveiling was the first group to perform, their costumes were both modern and old, but their play was superbly put together. Leon Matthews proved his acting ability once again, providing awesome humour. Laughter became a familiar sound from the audience. Intergalactic Lifeforms was an alien invasion play, the aliens conflicted with the humans leaving an unresolved problem between the two life-forms. Gargoyles had a fierce fight which nearly decapitated Ms Mataira while Deliverance used the Firecats to perfection in their script and the last group whose title I can't even remember!



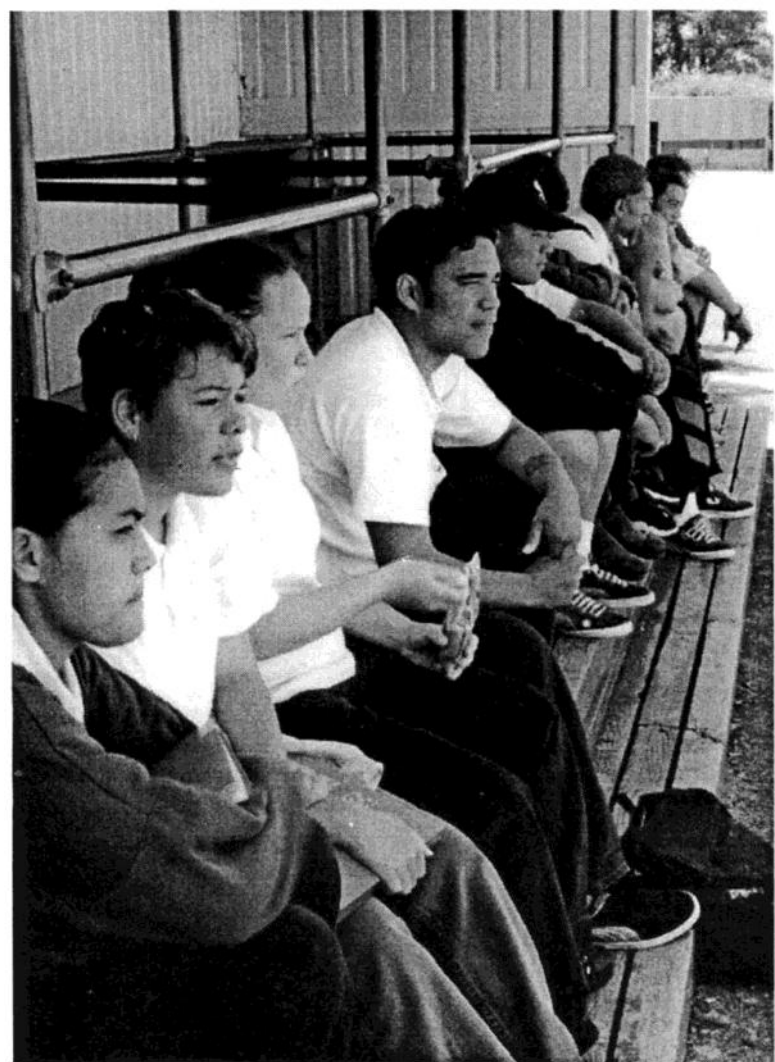
“Hot Dogs... Come and get your Hot Dogs!!” The only time of the year that students actually help to fundraise for the school is on Gala Day. It seems that whoever can come up with the most unusual capitalistic scheme raises more money.

Gala Day was very successful this year with the increased support of parents and the community. There was the usual array of bizarre and imaginative fundraising ideas coupled with more traditional money-making ventures. A big hit was the “Batons Up”. It attracted a large crowd of people eager to win from the wide selection of prizes.

Under the Unusual Category, the Tamaki whanau made available an interesting motorised machine which gave cheap thrills to the speed demons amongst us. Ms Crush’s tutor group were certainly not travelling anywhere in the beat up car they had hauled in. Paul Singh and Blair Scothern then charged people to take their frustrations out on this car with a sledgehammer.

All in all, it was a popular night with the school’s coffers and everyone’s puku’s the big winners.

GALA DAY - AMATEUR FUNDRAISING



SMOKEFREE STAGE CHALLENGE

It was destined to be a tough haul. The Smokefree Stage Challenge 1996 was the first year our school had entered, mainly due to the bunch of theatre loving seventh formers.

Our first challenge before the stage itself was to conceive a theme that had meaning. After much deliberation, we decided our production should involve a conflict between Maori and Pakeha cultures, and a resolution. There would also be a spiritual figure representing the joining of the Waipa and Waikato rivers, Te Huinga o Nga Wai, the name of our performance and School Marae.

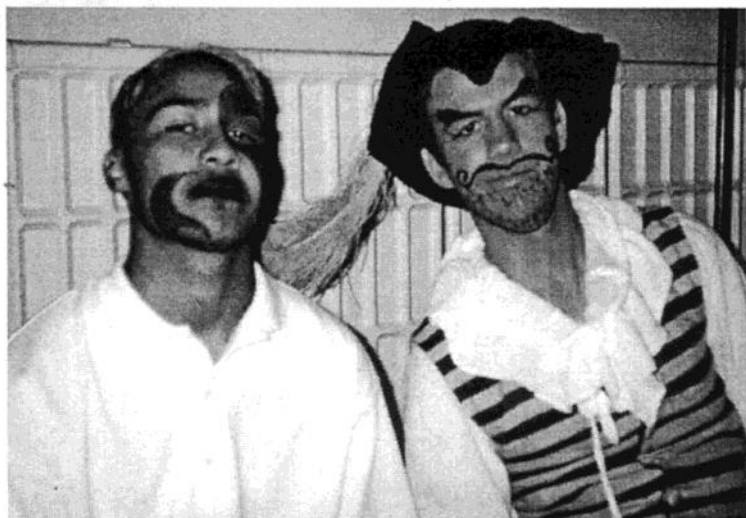
The next step was an eight minute limit of moves for our pre-recorded soundtrack. A few weeks of choreography meetings and brainstorming, the basic moves were figured out. After recruiting around 80 students, it took weeks of practice and numerous changes to the programme to get even the most 'un-co' of us to perform to perfection.

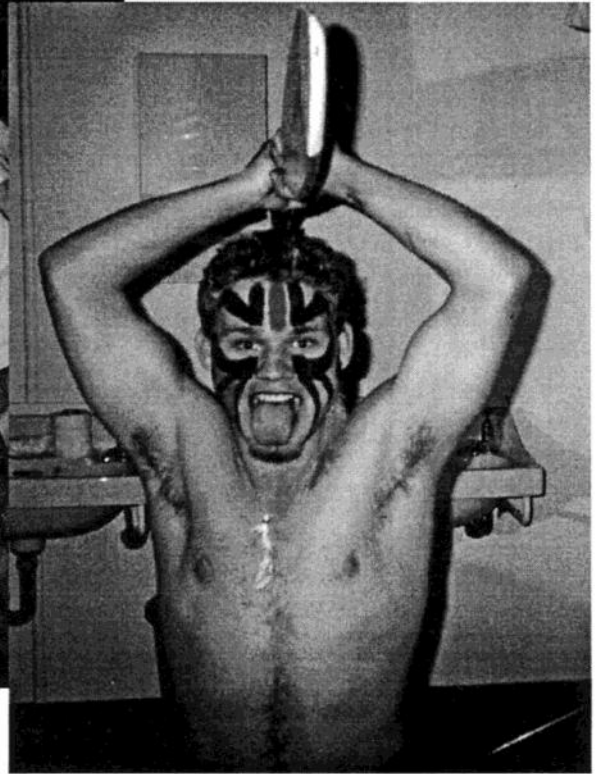
When it came to costumes, various school departments were raided. The rest of the costume requirements came from Pollock & Milne. This rare assortment of costuming, along with a few craft knives and tubes of body paint, gave us a unique look of fluoro, glittering, loin-clothed, slutty, shipwrecked, softball team excellence.

Then finally the day arrived for us to go to Founders Theatre in Hamilton. We spent the whole day going through rehearsals and rules, but made it to the stage, despite butterflies in the stomachs of most.

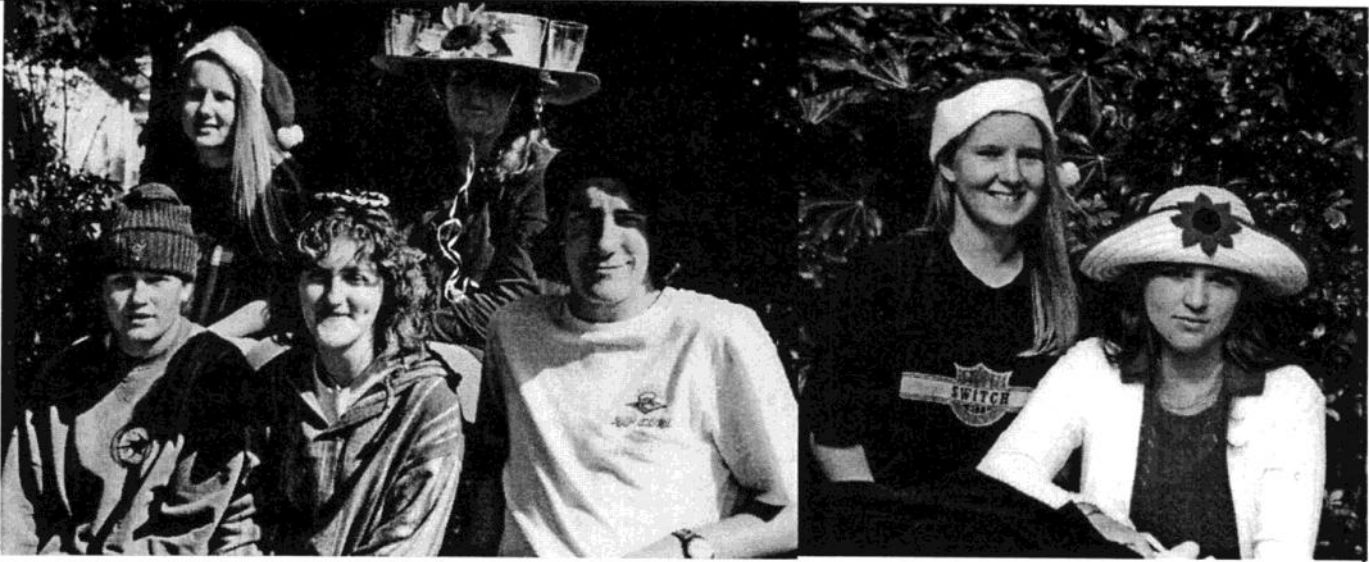
A tremendous effort was put in by all performers, and even more from those behind the scenes, giving us all a lot of theatre experience.

There's hope for the Shortland Street wannabes yet!





HOT HEAD FEVER



Hat Day. A name that induces fear in the hearts of feeble minded teachers, whose wish it is to suppress the individuality of modern society - namely, us.

Created by the Student Council to raise funds, Hat Day saw inspired students suit up and get ready to blow the School away with their own unique style. From Deborah, aptly named Santa's Little Helper, to Shawn and Shannin's interesting ensembles, the day left smiles on everybody's faces.



Hypocrites. Hypocrites. Hypocrites.

The study of Propaganda for the Bursary English Programme saw most 7th Formers pulling out their best impressions of New Zealand Politicians. Copying the fine arts of lying and slander to the best or worst of their abilities saw many arguing for days about topics ranging from truancy to school punishment. NAFF LIVES FOREVER!!!

LIES AND LAUGHS



FUTURE OCCUPATIONS?

This year saw NHS compete in a coal shovelling competition for the first year, as part of Coast to Coasts Telethon.

Rex Hill, kindly donated his time to take the competitors into Huntly College while Mr Cranshaw, although trying hard, got lost four times before actually arriving after the competition had finished giving us serious doubts about his arrival in Brunei.

Joyce van den Hoven, recently departed, literally attacked the coal along with her partner Blair Scothern, together cleaning up the available awards.

Stuff participation, our teams walked away with a new Colour Printer for the computer room which Mr Cranshaw was more than happy to accept. Coal Shovelling for these kids seems a likely future

BIG BAND

Big Band. One out of two ain't bad, you decide which one.

The year has seen the Ngaruawahia High School Big Band involved in only a small number of functions but they have done well all the same, playing music ranging from classics to the good-old theme from Mission Impossible.

Despite a lack of events to show off our far reaching talents, every Monday at lunch time served as either an excellent musical practice or in Melanie and Anna's case, an excellent exercise in playing hide and go seek. Mr Johnston, of course, searched the Common Room every spare chance he got.

Music Workshops saw varied participation from students including those in the Band, Guitar, Violin and also the choir. Two of these Workshops held at Ngaruawahia and Te Kauwhata came off well as at Te Kauwhata, a combined performance from musicians and audience alike saw a standing ovation as the final compliment to excellent performance pieces.

It was not only the students who did all the work either. Mr Johnston, Ngaruawahia's top music man, organised our involvement in everything, thankfully giving his time to our cause and Mr Smith, our music tutor teaching us the art of our instruments were the Big men of the Big Band. Combining their talents with Miss Kirk, the singing teacher, Mr Laurie, the strings teacher and Van Waring, the guitar teacher, Ngaruawahia High Schools musical talents will become legendary, hopefully sometime in the near future.



Te Ropu Kapahaka o te Kura Tuarua o Ngaruawahia



The School Kapahaka group, although small, has preformed well this year, combining the efforts of strong tutors and a few dedicated students. Competing in the Manu Ariki and Tauranga Kapahaka Competitions as well as other events such as the Centennial Regatta, has seen the schools group preparing for weeks in advance in order to attain any placing worth writing home about.

TAURANGA COMPETITIONS

The bus pulled out of Ngaruawahia High School, earlier this year, to the hummed tunes left over from the Power Jam visit. Filled to the brim with some 35 Kapahaka students, under the tutelege of Tilly Turner, Pare Paki and Jake Puke, the group readied themselves for the competition to be met at this year's Tauranga cultural contest.

After live-ins at the School Marae weeks prior to the actual contest, the Kapahaka students final barrier was the non-stop bus trip to Tauranga itself. The girls, under new leader Te Manawaroa Teinakore practiced alongside their male counterparts led by Motuhake Simon during their weeks of preparation.

The arrival at Tauranga saw an extended period of parking troubles as the bus struggled with the packed cars visiting the centre. Despite all the nervous last minute fears, the performance, in front of hundreds of their peers and other visitors, went off without a large hitch, with the ancestral programme, containing such songs as Waikato Te Awa and Timatanga Te Puea, being preformed well by all participating students.

With the guys greased up with Auntie Tilly's cough mixture, holding the taiahas, and even the "boobies", became more and more difficult as they tarapeke'd-they're way across the stage. Taking the low note, the girls carried the preformance earning a place in the top four, for their poi.

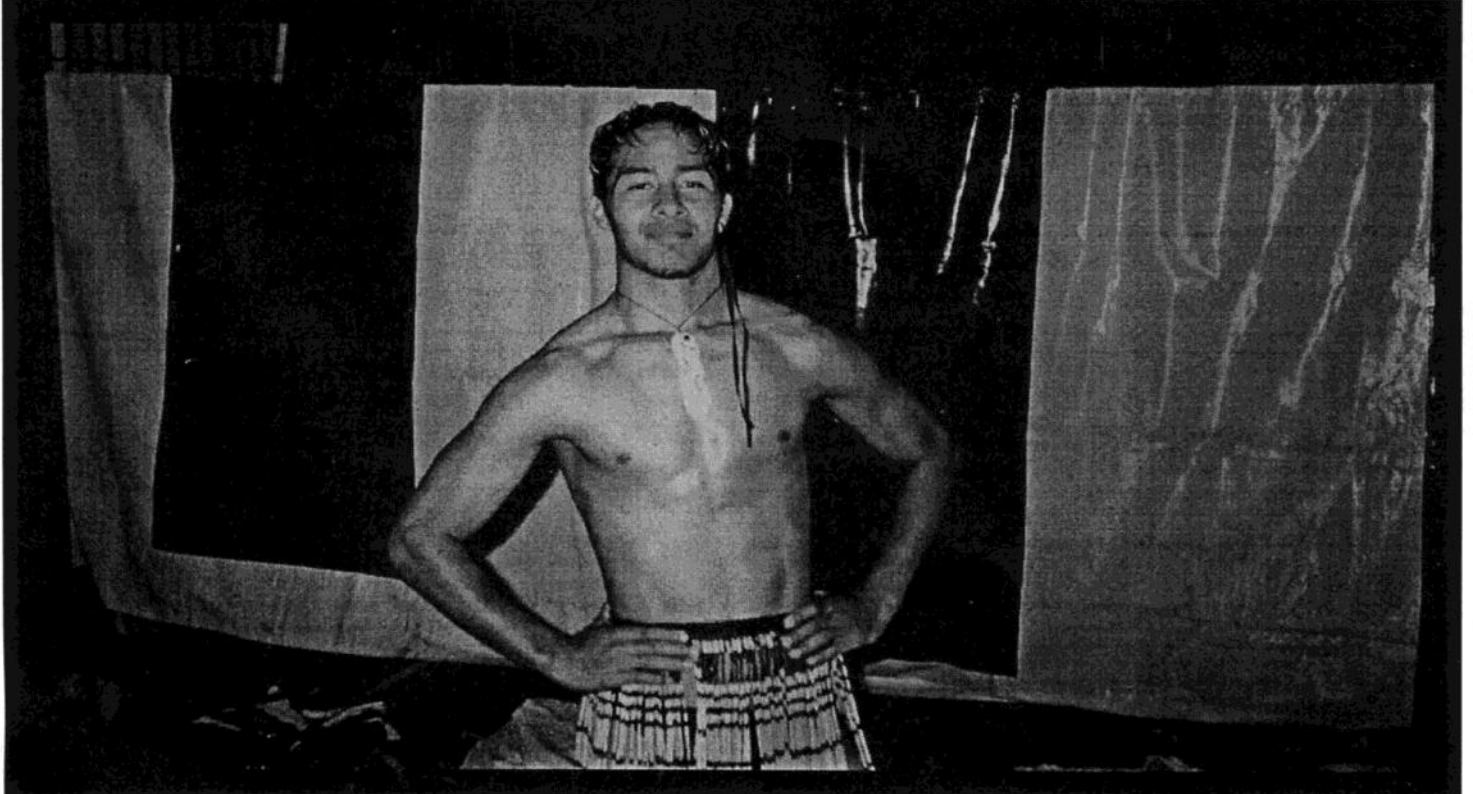
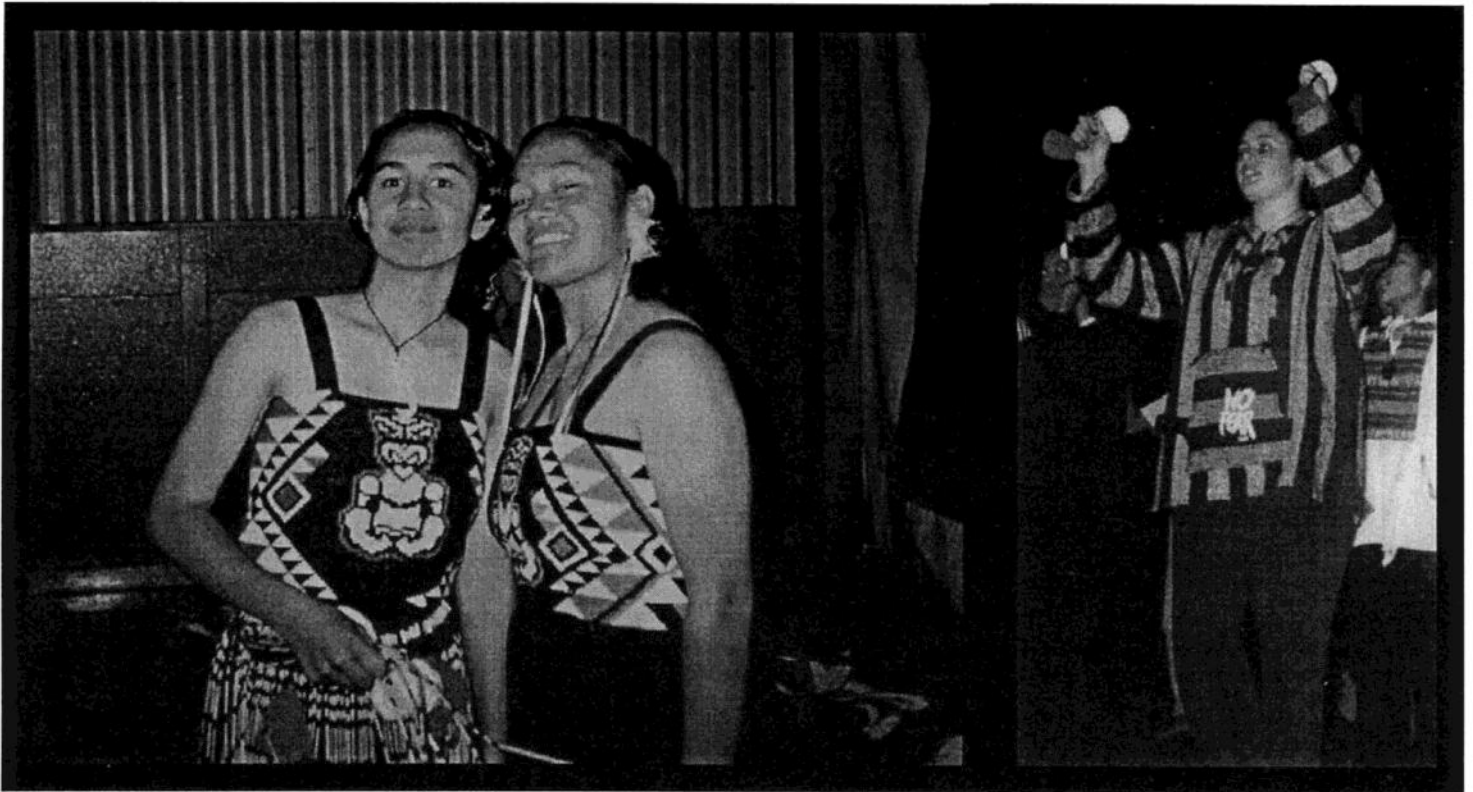
Before heading home, McDonalds and KFC were the final stops, where many received praise for their efforts and few received growlings for attacking defenceless plastic plants.

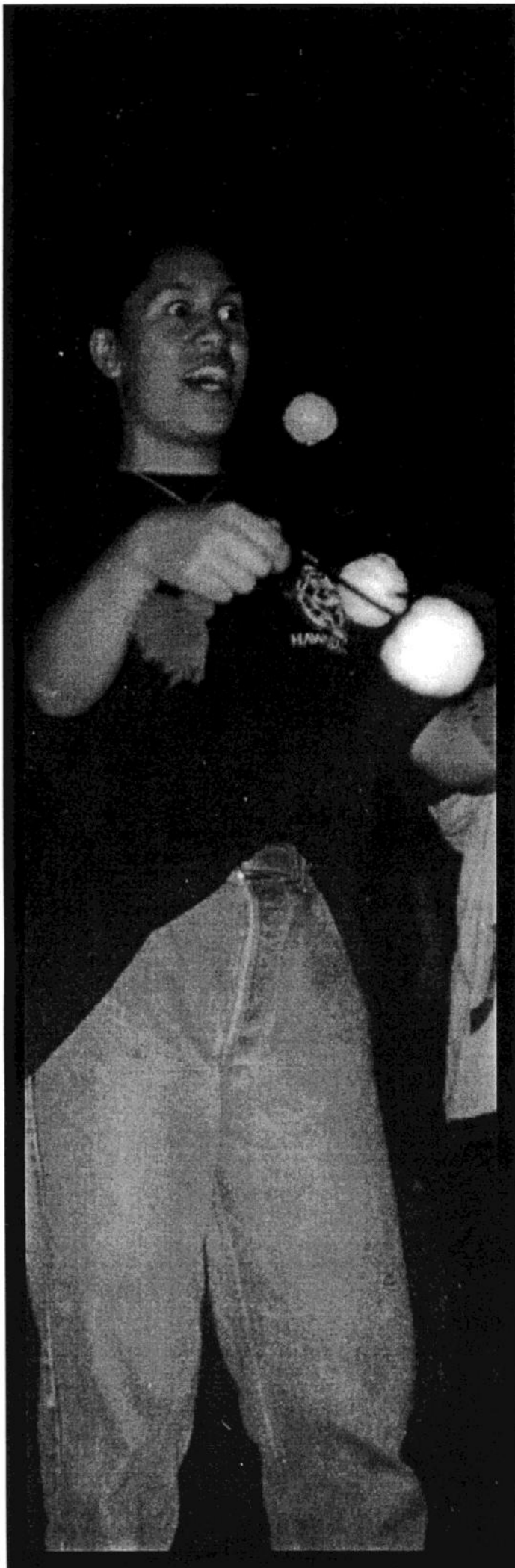
A final thank-you must go to T.C., because without his experience, the boys would not have worn ties.

For those of you wishing to join the Kapahaka group next year, it is open to anyone and although it is a huge sacrifice, it is one worth making.

P.S. Joyce broke the camera, and now she is safe at home in Belgium. Tena Koutou Katoa







MANU ARIKI COMPETITION

Yet more practice, with two new live-ins saw our group again head off to do battle on the stage, this time in the annual Manu Ariki competition.

Taught by new and old tutors, Pare Paki and her son Matt, the group learnt an entire programme in one weekend with senior member Poihaere Talivai leading the group, supported by other Kapahaka "heads", Maera, Kiri, male leader Jesse Royal and our new and lovely DP Robyn Roa.

The Kapahaka won their section at the Manu Ariki Competition, petty people pointing out there was only two teams competing this year. Despite this, Jesse Royal received praise as the top male kaea and with the beautiful voices of Maera and Kiri in tow, they also won the choral division of the competition.

Success!!!

FOREIGN CONNECTION

This year's group saw a first of many things occur, most notably the instigation of Ngaruawahia High School's first Multi-National Kapahaka team.

Joyce Van den Hoven of Belgium, Rolf Waller of Germany, Pedro Jardim of Brazil, Etienne Des Elliers of Canada and Takeshi Ueda of Japan, were among the new comers who took on the challenge of learning this major part of New Zealand culture, despite the misconception that Kapahaka was an activity restricted only to those who know how to do it.

Initially amazed by "new" icons of Maoridom, such as the poi and taiaha, the foreign connection of the group did extremely well considering one year ago their conception of Ngaruawahia was that it was an area reserved for Maori only. Earlier in the year Te Manawaroa had feared if Joyce was to have stayed in New Zealand for much longer she might have taken her place as kaea. Goodness knows she has the voice for it!!

The Point's parting word has been reserved for those who could best sum up their feelings about the group and New Zealand, the Exchange Students themselves.

NEUSEELAND IST DAS SCHOENSTE LAND DER WELT.

Mon Ann'ee en Nouvelle - Ze'lande est L'experience las plus extraordinaire de ma vie.

Entre o ce`u e a terra, entro num mundo novo. Levado pelo vento e guido por esp'iritos desfarcados de nuvem. Ando pelo vintor da Nova Zelandia.

Between the Heaven and the Earth, I came into a new world taken by the wind and guided by spirits. On disformed clouds I walk along the scape of New Zealand.

REGATTA CENTENNIAL

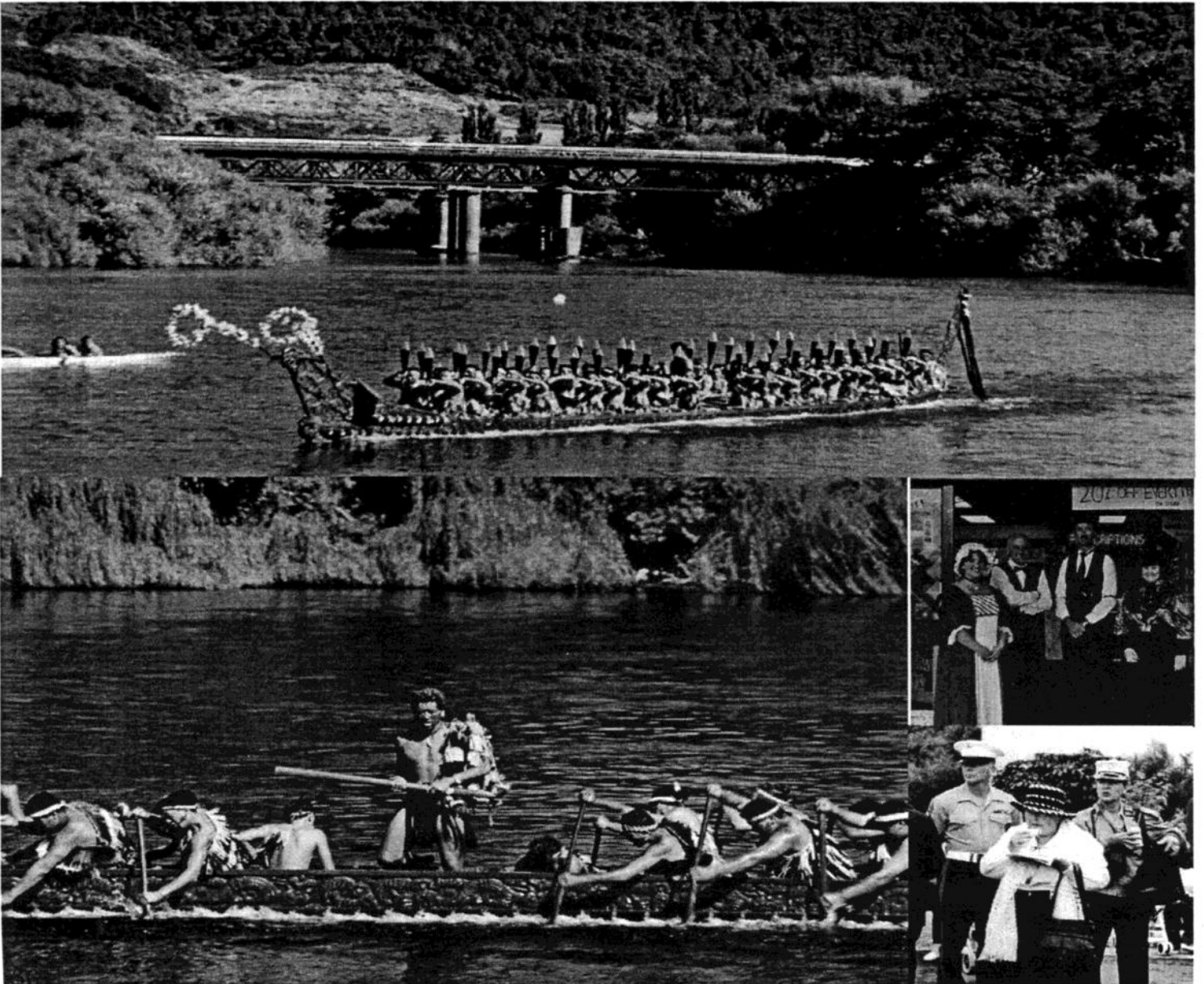
This year saw the 100th Anniversary of the Ngaruawahia Regatta celebrated in fine style. The event took place over five days and saw the community unite in a truly Ngaruawahia spirit. Literally thousands of people gathered at the Point and Turangawaewae Marae in commemoration of a unique occasion.

There were many highlights over the few days.

- The United States Marine Corps Band which attended as special guests of Te Arikinui Te Atairangikaahu stole the hearts of many as they performed at the Pa, at the Point, and around the streets of Ngaruawahia.
- The collection of waka from across the motu which joined with Rangatahi, Taheretikitiki, and Tumanako were an awesome sight.
- The concert and performances by some of the top Kapa Haka exponents in schools across the North Island delighted the thousands who gathered on the riverbank by "the Barge".
- The picnic and party like atmosphere for the Sunday concert at the Point as local bands, the Marines, and Te Waka Huia, wowed onlookers and music lovers.

The school itself played a key role in hosting some of the many manuhiri over the weekend. Our students worked tirelessly entertaining guests and working behind the scenes around the Pa. Students performed in the concerts and paddled down the river on the waka taua and waka tete. There were few students who did not take the opportunity to be involved in some money making or charitable venture over the weekend.

Overall the 1996 Regatta Celebration was the biggest blast many of our students have experienced for quite some time.



I roto te REO Rangatira

Toku whakamarama mo te powhiri
na Huhana Mahara

I te tuatahi ka whakareri nga tangata whenua o te marae i nga turu. I etehi wa ka mau nga wahine i etehi rau. Ka whakareri te wahine ki te karanga, ka tatari te manuwhiri i te keti tae noa kia mutu nga mahi katoa. Ka reri ka timata te wahine o te tangata whenua ki te karanga ki nga manuwhiri. Ka ata haere mai te manuwhiri ki runga i te marae a ka mutu te karanga ka noho ratou, i , a ka noho hoki te tangata whenua. I etehi wa ka noho ratou katoa i waho engari i nga ra maku ka whakatu te powhiri ki roto i te wharenuui.

Ka timata te tangata whenua i tona whaikorero, ka mihi atu ia ki te Atua, ki te kuini me tona whanau, te whare me te papa, me nga mate a ka korero ia e pa ana ki a ratou nga manuwhiri. Ka whakatau mai ratou i runga i to ratou marae, whenua ranei, ka mutu ia i tona korero ka waiata nga tangata whenua. Ka noho ratou, ka tu tetehi o nga manuwhiri ki te korero a ka mutu ka waiata hoki ratou.

Ka whakatakoto atu te tangata whakamutunga mai i te manuwhiri he koha ki runga i te papa i mua i te tangata whenua. Ka hoki atu te manuwhiri engari kare ia i te huri tona tuara ki te tangata whenua. Ka tu tetehi wahine o te tangata whenua ki te mihi atu ki te koha. Ka tikina te koha e tetehi tangata mai i te whenua. Heoi ano, kei te tangata whenua te korero whakamutunga. I te wa ka mutu nga korero katoa, ka haruru ratou katoa, a, ka haere mo te kapu ti.

Korero Purakau
na Bo-Willie Wells

Ko tenei te korero purakau i rongoa nei ahau i Te Kaha. I nga ra o mua i haere a Hinerangi ki te moana ki te kaukau. I te wa ka mutu tana kaukau ka tae mai etehi atu tangata. Ko ta ratou ki a Hinerangi "E hine, e hine haere mai." Kaore a Hinerangi i aro atu engari i ki atu "Haere atu koutou!" I whakato i haere te roopu ki a Hinerangi a i whakatata atu ki a ia. I kaukau atu a Hinerangi ki tetehi atutahai ki tatahi. I oma atu ia ki roto i te ana a ka whakapoharetia. I tenei ra, ko te ingoa o tera ara ko "Te Ara o Hinerangi".

Oku whakaro mo te Kura Rumaki i tenei tau.
na Tahipapa Taipari.

He pai matou ki te awhina atu ki etehi atu whanau o te kura nei. I etehi wa ka whakataetae matou ko etehi atu whanau, i etehi wa ka wini, matou i etehi atu kaore engari he pai ki te mahi i aua mahi i roto i tenei whanau. Ka awhina matou i a matou ano mena he raruraru ta tetehi. Ka whangai atu a ia. Mena ka haere mai tetehi tangata hou ki konei ka powhiri atu matou ki a ia. Ka whangai atu hoki. He tino pai nga kaiako i roto i te Kura Rumaki ka ngakau ana ki a matou. No reira, he tino pai tenei tau ki ahau i roto te Kura Rumaki, he tino pai.



Moonlight Serenade The Ball

When do students have the chance to act and dress like adults? Where do students have the chance to dance like the high society of England? Why, the school ball of course!

This year's Ball Committee decided to make the event hip and happenin'. Mind you, so did all the other committees before them.

But NO previous committees have been priveleged enough to have the sublime abilities of the lovely Miss Amanda Farmilo. She coped with the whole range of stereotypical huge hall owners to secure for us the idyllic Flemmington Lounge. Thanks Amanda for all the selfless energy that you and the rest of your committee members (Sange, Karen, Paul, Tim) poured into making the night the success that it was.

Noel "Honey Buns" Reid was duly acknowledged as the Beau of the Ball, but the Belle of the Ball was much harder to decide upon. Amongst so many stunning young ladies, Maria "Princess" London was selected. The only downer to these choices were where would the partners of the winning couple, namely Donald "Pooh Bear" Te Whare and Blair "Pretty Buoy" Scothern, be left.

After much discussion, the Committee managed to secure the band "So" for the centre stage. They played a good selection of anthems, much to the delight of the moovers and groovers. This ensured a good mix of Casual and Ballroom dancing. We even managed to teach the band how to do Ballroom dancing!

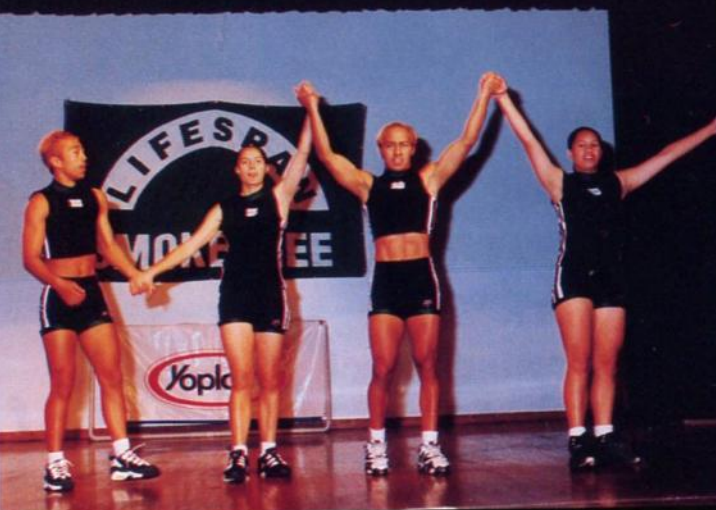
When it came to food, although in short supply, the caterers decided to feed us a good selection of semi-healthy snacks. This sustained the appetites of most, with the slight exception of those adolescent males with three stomachs.

Overall, it was a good excuse for teachers and students alike to dress up and be merry. Thanks again to the Ball Committee for a good night out, and to the teachers for coming and looking after us kiddy-winks.

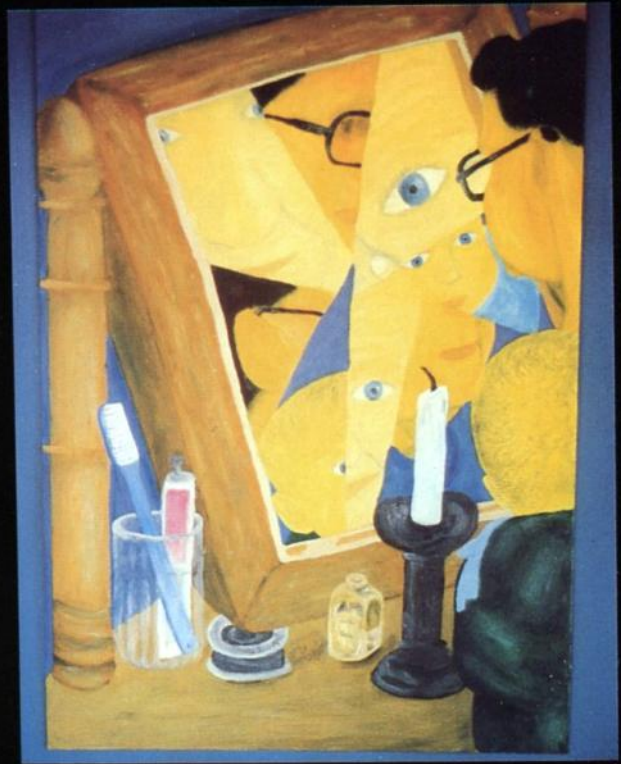


Dance the Night Away





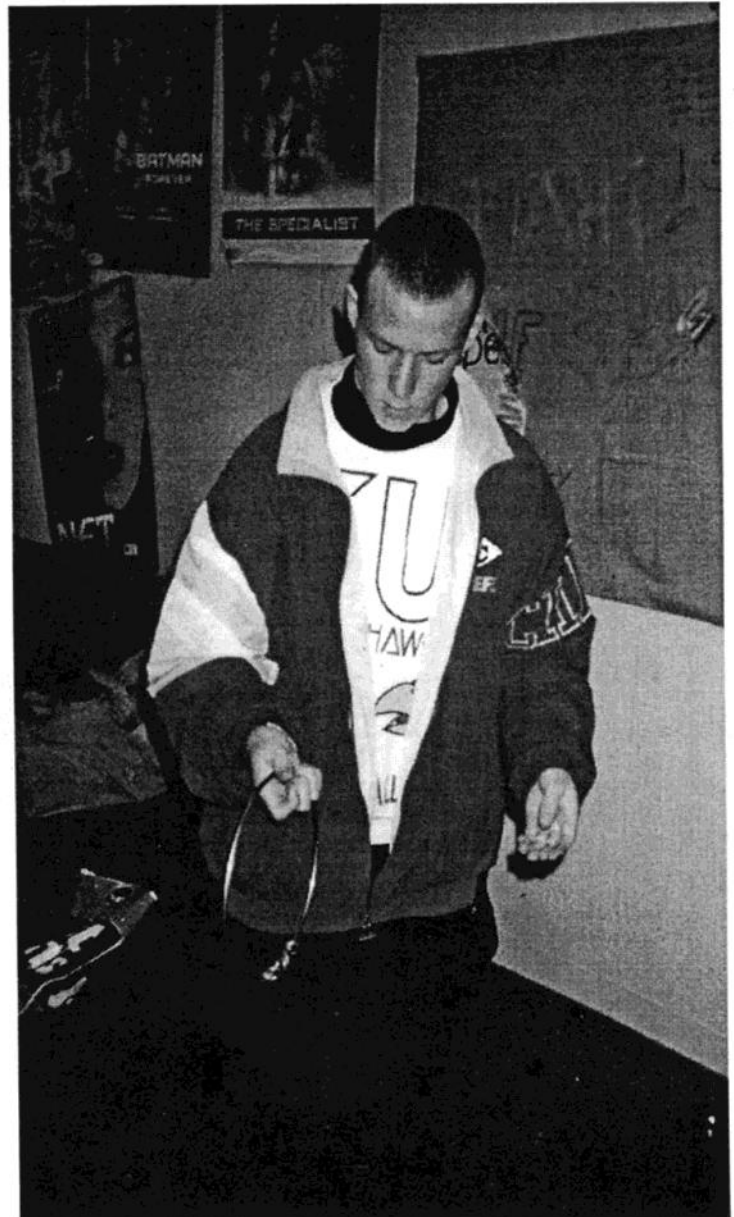








Maria London



Adult Armchair

I'm convinced that young people think anyone over 20 is ancient and also that anyone who WANTS to come back to school is definitely "off their rocker" and needs their head read. Adult students return to school for two reasons. The first is to actually complete education at a secondary level, the second reason is to get into courses which we do not have the skills for. I realise that we can now go and do other courses but for some of us we still do not have the basic skills so there is a need to brush up and get them to an acceptable level.

Young people who carry their education through to Form 7 now don't have to return in a few years and back track like the Adult Students. Returning as an Adult we have to overcome problems - How will I fit into a class room with 29 young students? Will they accept me? Can I study again? This year, I have dealt with all of these problems plus other's that you wouldn't even think about. Admittedly I had only two full subjects as opposed to your five but please remember I also have to deal with running a house and 3 children.

Aside from that, this year has been really enjoyable, challenging and fun.

Lots of new areas have been presented to me and have opened up a new sphere of possible avenues of careers. Don't always assume because we are adults, it's easy. Sometimes we do not understand like you and we don't have all the answers to questions. Sometimes we can help, sometimes not. Life, also for an adult can be quite lonely if there are no connections with either young students or other adults. Luckily, for me that was not the case but it can take time for all of us to sort through it.

I really enjoyed my time here this year and could possibly be back next year?



MUTANT-BRAINS

The Australian Mathematics and Science Competitions

Ngaruawahia High School has seen many achievements attained through the Australian Mathematics and Science competitions annually held at our School. Yet again our students excelled in this field attaining excellent grades. Of the 700,000 students that sat the exams the following students attained considerable levels of achievement.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Jeremy Bennett, Credit
Hannah Tobin, Credit
Jessica Todd, Credit

Stephanie Fisher, Credit
Natasha London, Credit
Kirk Spragg, Credit

Haskel Barber, Credit
Amanda Farmilo, Credit

A special mention must go to Takeshi Ueda, an exchange student from Japan, who received a high distinction merit, placing him within the top 2% out of 500,000 students.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Jeremy Bennett, Credit
Grant Lee, Credit
Amanda Farmilo, Achievement

Vaughan Blair, Credit
Kathleen Saunders, Achievement
Etienne Des Alliers, Achievement

Alex Burt, Credit
Takeshi Ueda, Achievement
Kirk Spragg, Distinction

Many former students of Ngaruawahia have also gone on to achieve well at tertiary level by gaining degrees from Universities across New Zealand, most notably Waikato.

Robert Anderson, BSocSci
Scott MacKenzie, Dip Teaching
Urs Meier, BSocSci
Tiriana Paki, BEd
Nicole Muir, Unitech Cert
Leanne Smith, Unitech Cert
Jeffery Stewart, Advanced Dip Teaching

Tinirau Barlow, BEd
Donna Flavell, LLB
John Newman, BSocSci
Tuti Cooper, BSocSci
Puturangi Poutapu, TTH Cert
Isaac Osborne-Huirama, BEd

Julie Collins, BSocSci
Susan Jolley, BSocSci
Tangihaere Ormsby, BEd
Lucy Scott, BSocSci
Rangatira Simon, TTH Cert

Special mention must also go to Regan McDonald and former Dux, Barbara Pratt. Regan received First Class Honours in a Bachelor of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, while Barbara received second class honours in a Bachelor of Management Studies.

January - the month of anxiety, and several daily trips to the letterbox, was quickly relieved for 7th Form students who received top bursaries in the 1995 Examinations. Two students gained A bursaries - Roseanne Jamieson and Heeni Hope. Gaining B bursaries were Gavin Pratt, Barney Wharakura, Whetu Middleton, and Kelly Elvy.

The fifth formers of 1995 also saw the production of excellent grades with Erin Pollard and Tania Lawrence deserving special mention for their efforts in the majority of their subjects.

Haskel Barber, always eager to smile, received the Mombusho Scholarship to study in Japan, free of fees in 1997. This is a tremendous achievement with very few Scholarships given worldwide. Haskel had already spent a year in Japan through the AFS programme and is more than happy, as we are, for him to return. On behalf of Haskel, we would like to thank his friends - his Mum, his Dad and others for all their support (literally). The Point looks forward to seeing Haskel achieve semi-emperor status while away. We also wish the Japanese luck in any arguments they may have with him.



Now it's time to pay tribute to people and teams that normally wouldn't get a look-in. This is the "in shorty" page. Prepare to be astounded (maybe).

PAMELA ANDERSON COMES TO NGARUAWAHIA
Ha ha, fooled you. In September of this year, several students took part in the Table Tennis Competition at our school. Good on ya' guys for taking part. Here's how they did:

BOYS PAIRS CHAMPIONS

- 1st Jolon Pointon/Robert Kerapa
- 2nd Grant Lee/Donald Te Whare

GIRLS PAIRS CHAMPIONS

- 1st Tiana Haehae/Jaime Allen
- 2nd Rongomai Berryman/Amy Clarke

BOYS PLATE

- 1st Etienne des Alliers/Pedro Jardim
- 2nd Isaac Royal/Joshua Cowan

GIRLS PLATE

- 1st Sabrina Taha/Caroline Wood
- 2nd Ritihia Barrett/Ngawai Inia

JUST ANOTHER SPACE FILLER

Ho, hum the Sixth Formers think. This article is going to be really dumb. Well, you were right. We decided the end of year Transition Program for the Sixth Formers was a waste of valuable space that could be used for photos of Seventh Formers.

If you really need to know what they got up to, read the 1995 year book which has a witty and detailed anecdote. The only difference is the trip to Kaiaua, which was replaced by a trip to Mt Maunganui. Oh, well. I'm sure they had fun anyway.

FRONT PERSONS AND FOOD SUPPLIERS

These ladies are the life-blood of our school. We all rely on the office people to direct the stream of lost souls who happen to wander in to wherever they need to go. They also sell us our vital stationery items. Wai has provided us with enriching reading material to broaden our minds. Last, but definitely not least, Daph and Hinerangi have feed the hungry with their endless supply of nutritious food. All of these wonderful women are to be highly commended for their work in keeping the school a happy and safe environment for students and teachers alike. You're the best!

THE ONE ENRICHENING BIT

In May this year, we celebrated Dame Te Atairangikaahu's 30th year as Head of the Kingitanga. Our school was used to house visitors to the Marae.

THE ADVENTURES OF THE ESCAPEES

Look out for the gun-wielding crazies! Yeah, that's them. The Small Bore Rifle Team. Yet another reflection of the influence of our teachers. However, they were required to adhere to strict rules of firearms, much to the disappointment of some of the staff. The team was another teacher scheme, lead by Mr Marsh. This time it was to get the students to carry out teacher's personal grudges then blame it on the poor kids. But anyway, back to the point (ho ho ho).

The team had tremendous fun shooting dead things and pretending they were living things.

By the end of the season, it was clear to all that the person with the most grudges was Shannin Keeley. She attained the acclaimed title of "Highest Scorer". However, all the team members were acclaimed by Mr Marsh as being winners. How original. And by the way, what do you get if you cross a spade with a swamp? Doug Marsh.

P.S. Surnames should never be made fun of. Editor.

WE'RE ALL FAMOUS!

Finally, a few of us got to have our 15 minutes. Mai Time came to Ngaruawahia to film a few of our students talking about what they liked about the town, blah, blah, etc, etc. We know they made it all up to get on camera. Mai Time have been informed. But they must have been convincing, because there we were, on the small screen!

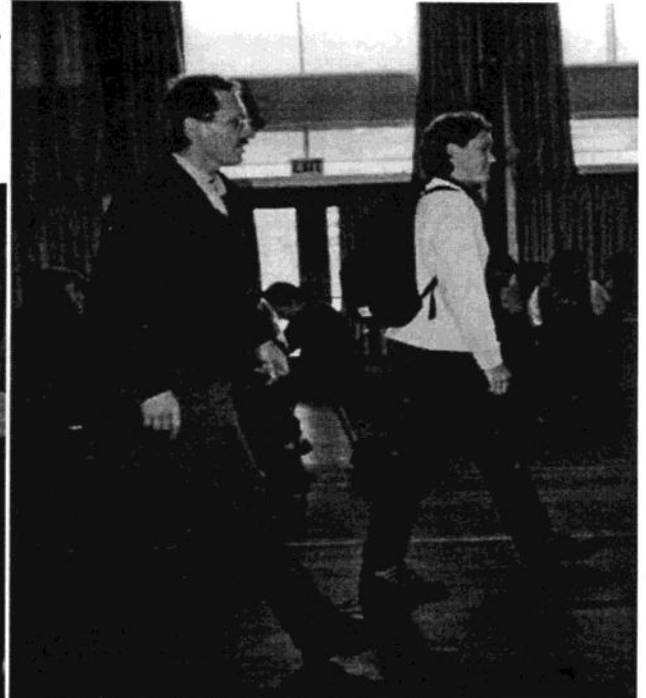
FOR THE VAMPIRES, WE HAVE PROOF!

During the biannual blood donations, a substantial amount of seniors and teachers like to contribute to the "feed the vampires" cause. However, this year we discovered that most of our 7th formers have expensive habits. Shannin took more of her fair share of the gas after her tragic ordeal. Mel and Tim had a race to fill their bags so they could get to the food first. It was better than the movies!

Any rumour that may be circulating regarding the storage of bags full of blood in TC's fridge for use prior to his Sixth Form History lessons should in no way be connected with the Point. It was merely observed that those students leaving the classroom following one of his famous impromptu lectures had had the life sucked out of them. We would not want to be the butt of another messy libel case - Editor.

Where in the World is the Geography Quiz?

Hmmmm.....ever wondered which country exports ground, green coffee beans to use for bog in antique cars that come from Cuba? Yeah, you probably would if that was one of the questions in the Ngaruawahia High School Geography Quiz. But it wasn't, so stop stressing. The Geography Quiz is one of the many schemes developed by teachers to get more students into their subjects. They even encouraged the form classes to attend for a bit of "friendly competition". But we know better than to try and please them. However, some decided to be kind. So this year, a bunch of students decided to enter to make them happy. Purely for future benefits, of course. So the quiz began, with the teams squished around tables and poised with pens in hands. And after a session of answering a bunch of pointless questions, Ms Anso's group won vouchers. Bonus. We look forward to the Geography Department's next adventure with baited breath.



BOOM! BOOM! SHAKE THE ROOM!

In early August twelve students from the school entered the annual Waikato Science Fair. All the budding boffins and Miss and Master Fixits gathered together to make something bizarre.

There were six exhibits and two drawings entered. The presentations involved such fascinating topics as volcanoes, skin tanning, air pistols, electric cars and radio speakers. Fortunately the air pistol exhibit was not entered by Jason Berry or James Maniapoto and therefore no one was hurt.

Congratulations are due to all the Mad Scientists who participated even though they weren't mad enough to win any awards this year. The entries were of a very high standard again this year and a special thanks needs to go to Ms Anso who co-ordinated the little professors.

Ngaruawahia High School has a very strong Science Department and more students should take the opportunity to have a go at the Fair.



WHANAU ACTIVITIES

PARE HAURAKI WHANAU

Headed by Sandra Umaki and supported by 7 talented teachers and 134 unique students Pare Hauraki took off in 1996, showing the style and charisma that made us one of a kind, the special kind.

Our main activities this year were centred around our aim - coming together as a Whanau and going away as a Whanau. This encouraged the students to participate in fundraising activities to help make possible a Whanau trip - a Pare Hauraki Whanau trip.

Over a period of three days Pare Hauraki Students and Teachers went out on a camp. The excursion included a trip to Rainbows End and a trip to Auckland Airport to see the planes take off (oh yippy skippy).

Pare Hauraki would like to thank all supporting teachers and students.



TAMAKI WHANAU

Ko te Kura Rumaki, tetei kura ma nga tamariki Maori e pirangi ana ki te ako i te reo Maori ma nga kaupapa katoa. He tauira ahau mai i tenei kura, ko tenei te tau tuarua e noho ana au i tenei whanau. E ki ana ahau "he whanau", na te mea he pera te mahi a nga tamariki ki nga kaiako, a, nga kaiako ki nga tamariki hoki. Tokorua anake nga kaiako e whakaako ana i te Kura Rumaki, ara, ko Matua Paora Royal raua ko Matua Karaitiana Tamatea. Ka whai tonu matou ki nga tikanga me nga matauranga o te Ao Maori. Ki ahau nei, ko tenei tau te tau pai, na te mea i mohio au kei te ako au i tetei mea e pa ana ki te reo Maori.-Terasina Poihipi. Ki oku whakaaro he pai tenei kura ara te Kura Rumaki no te mea he maha nga mahi i akona e aunga. He pai ki te ako i te reo Maori, a, ki te hari i nga korero o oku tipuna hei tauira mo toku whanau. Ka pirangi ahau ki te haere tonu mai ki tenei kura ki te mau i te matauranga Pakeha, engari i roto i te reo Maori.

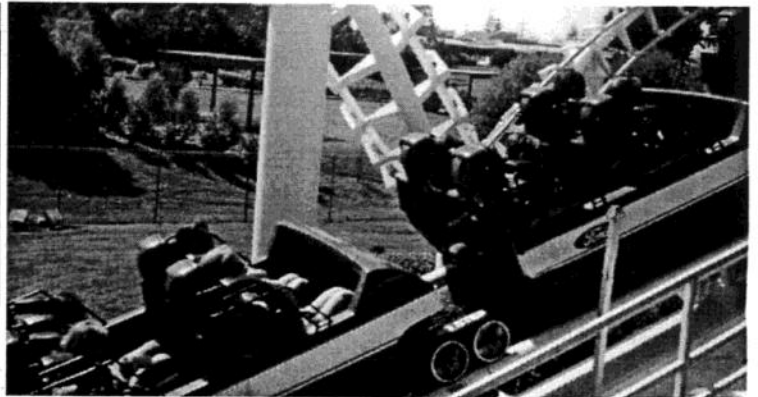
- Riihi Mita-Watene.

MOKAU WHANAU

There's always been something special about Mokau Whanau, and 1996 with 120 students and 9 staff was no exception. Ms Charis Rata, and then Ms Lalita Graham provided the oversight for our activities and direction.

- Our emphasis this year has been on doing better - having better attendance, being better dressed, and setting higher goals for ourselves. The staff have helped through rewarding those students who have improved their performance in various ways. Next year, our emphasis will be on more and more students taking responsibility for their goal-setting and performance without the need for so many peanut slabs!

Mokau whanau is grateful for the efforts of its tutor teachers. Best wishes to staff and students who will not be at Ngaruawahia High School in 1997.



PARE WAIKATO WHANAU

Pare Waikato has had another successful year. The students in both the senior and junior areas of the school have been very involved in the school's life. We have been fortunate to have had a very able Seventh Form who have participated in all the School's activities, modelling this to our younger students.

Some of our highlights have been:

- the contribution our students made to the hugely successful Smokefree Stage Challenge, Jaime Allen's performance as part of the Aerobics team, the level of play our Netball team showed, Mr Marsh's loud voice, Mr MacDonald's tutor prizes, Richard Lloyd's haircut, Bradley Wharakura's attendance, Jason Berry's non-attendance.
- Despite having had few Whanau team building activities I wish to thank the Tutors for their tireless work in monitoring and supporting the students of our whanau.

"FIT AND FULL OF BEANS"

STEVEN MARSH - MOTOCROSS

I've been racing for about six years. It started when my brother got his second bike and gave me his first to ride. This year I was placed 4th in the Senior and Junior New Zealand Motocross Championship, second in the North Island Finals Junior, and 1st in the Whangarei Junior Champs.

At the moment I represent the Te Aroha - Paeroa club at main events. I aim to try to come third at club and main events and try my hardest every time I race.

The high point in my racing career was winning a race at the Senior New Zealand Champs this year. My inspiration is Darryl King because I know him quite well and because he came third in the World Finals.

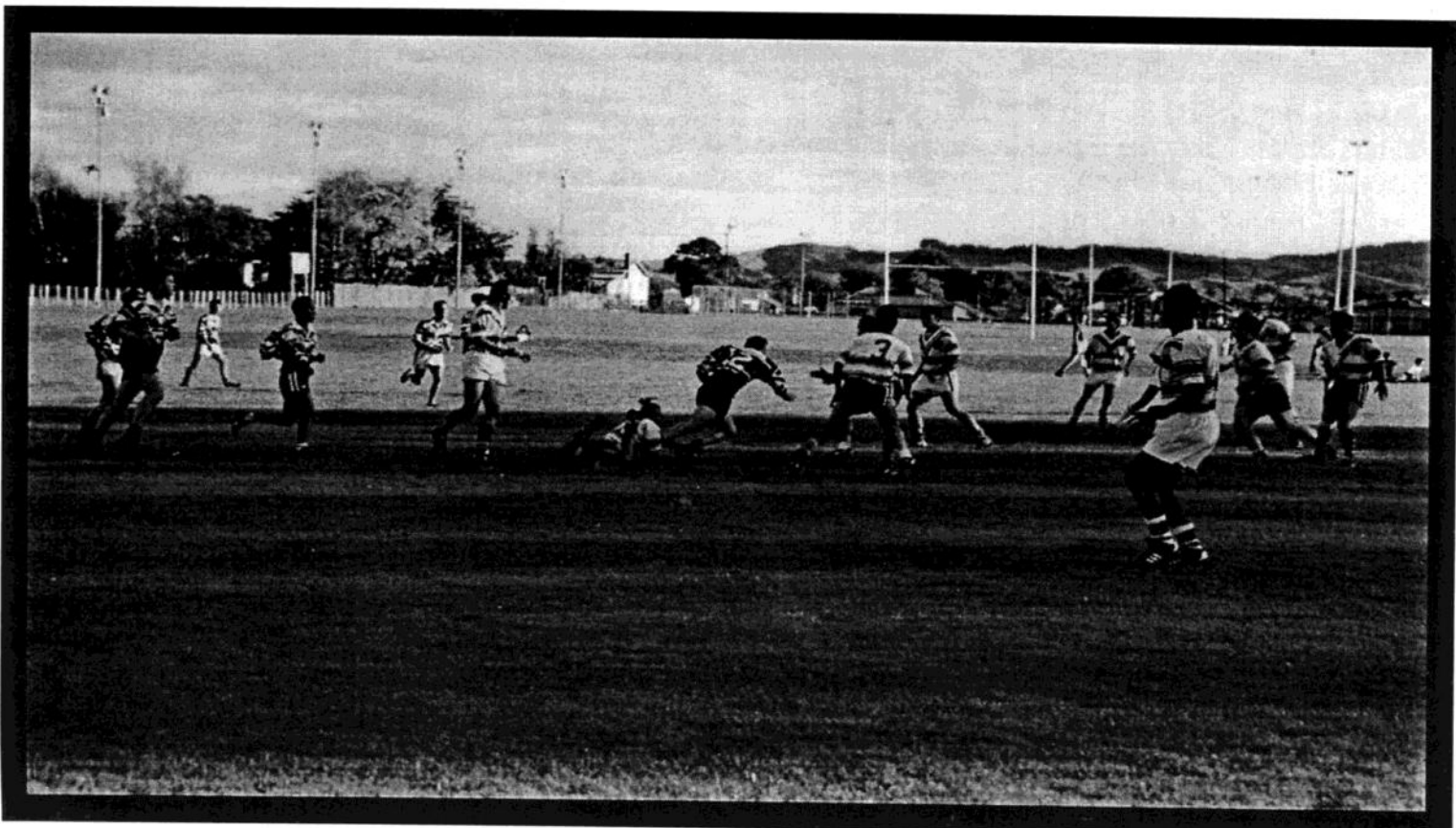
Hayden Wilson, a Turangawaewae Club and Waikato representative in rugby league is now playing for the Junior Kiwi under 14's. An achievement that will hopefully see Hayden in future playing for his favourite Australian team Manly. He wishes!

Inspired by his mother, father and coaches (John Tukere, Oldie Te Wara) Hayden has committed himself to training four days a week in order to make the Junior Kiwi Under 14 Rugby League team.

To keep his "little bod" in shape once the league season is over, Hayden plays Touch rugby (another sport Hayden wishes to achieve in), ventures out on daily runs, practices his goal kicking and tones up by pumping some weights. A hectic schedule but Hayden says it "keeps him fit and full of beans".

Hayden's idol is the mighty talented player Rueben Wikki. He sees Rueben as a talented player and a powerful runner, much like Hayden according to him. With his style of play and commitment to his sport Hayden could indeed find himself achieving his goal. Watch out Laurie Daley because this kid has got the goods!

Hayden's Under 14 Rugby league Team at Turangawaewae not surprisingly, won their grade this year. According to other players in the team it's full of talented players who have represented the Waikato. They are very proud of their mate Hayden and feel it's good to see Ngaruawahia High School talent out there showing others how it's done.



CREME DE LA CREME

ALEX BURT - SOFTBALL

I started playing softball in the 1991/92 season, and have represented Waikato at the National Championships ever since. This season (95/96), I was also selected to play in the Under 23 Waikato Mens team at their National Champs. I batted really well at the Under 15 Nationals Tournament this year and was selected for the New Zealand (North Island) Tournament Team as the Designated Hitter, which is the high point of my softball career so far.

Two seasons ago I started playing Senior grade softball for Ngaruawahia Major Men. I really liked the way they gave me heaps of encouragement and treated me like one of the guys even though I was only 13 then.

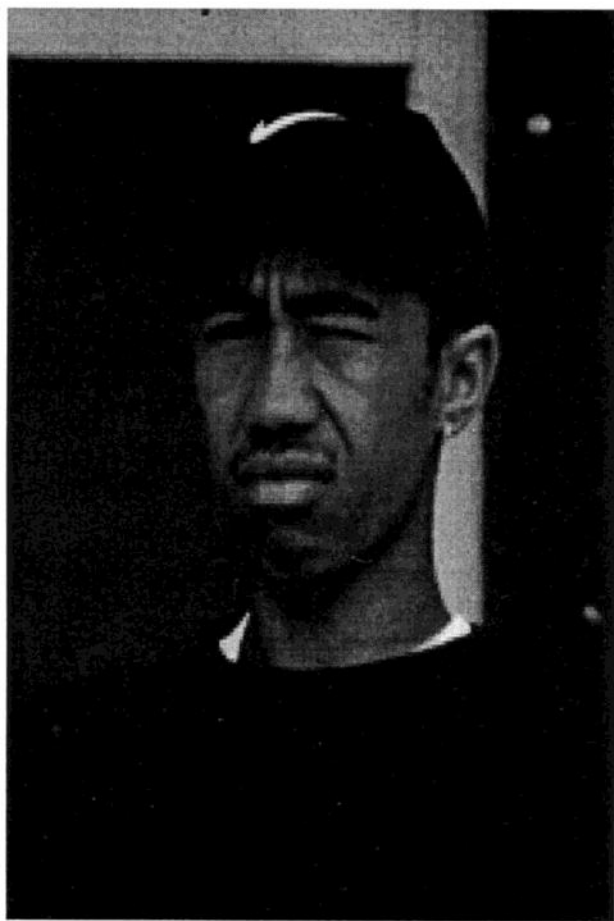
Softball takes about 1 1/2 hours to play and uses lots of different skills. It's a great team sport that different groups of people can all play and enjoy, even if they aren't the fastest or the fittest. My ambition is to one day play for New Zealand overseas.

LEON MATTHEWS - TOUCH RUGBY

I've been playing Touch for two years and I love it. I started playing for a cousin's team, and I still play for it. We are called Spearheads and we won our competition.

Playing Touch I have represented Waikato in the Senior Open Mixed team in January this year. I also play Rugby, Basketball, and Aerobics. I am the captain of the Rugby League team.

I have learnt a lot of things playing Touch. I have met a lot of people and travelled many places as well. Playing touch for Waikato is an experience I will never forget. The high point in my sporting career was when I represented Waikato for touch in Whangarei early this year. I was the youngest in the team. It was a good experience.



NEIL SURGENOR - CYCLING

This year I achieved a silver medal in the Novice Italian Pursuit, a Bronze Medal in the Junior Italian Pursuit, and a Gold Medal for the Centre Team Time Trial. I also represented Waikato at Palmerston North and gained a sixth placing in the novice time trial.

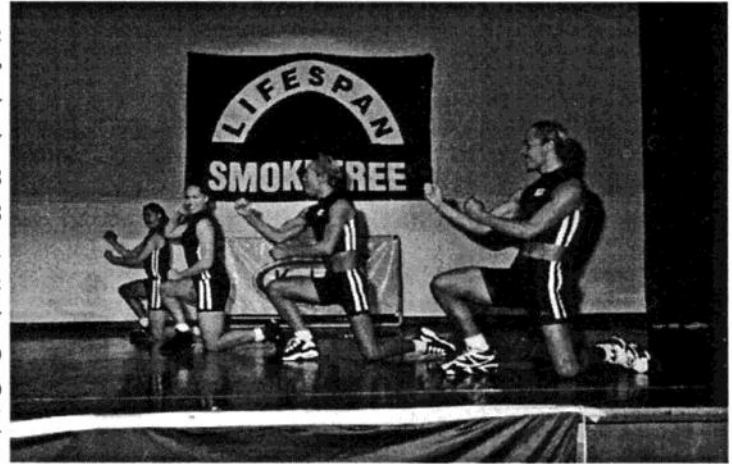
Owen Johnston, myself, Ryan Russel and Matthew Hillary were nominated for the Sports Waikato Fair Play Award. A high point in my sporting carrer was beating Te Awamutu Cycling Club who were the top team to win a Gold Medal in the Centre Team Trials.

I have been riding for four years. I started off by going down to Taupiri Tavern to join a group of riders training for the Whangamata Bike Ride. I joined the Ngaruawahia Cycle Club with Owen Johnston and the coach, John Young, encouraged me to train. He taught me how to ride properly on track and road. I'd recommend the sport to anyone.

LOVELY IN LYCRA?!?!

Fancy wearing spandex, leaping around a stage screaming wooooo, oh yeah - huh and sticking your legs round your ears? Aerobics is the choice of a New Generation of all round sports fanatics. Instigated by Ms Rogers, P.E teacher extraordinaire and Les Mills aerobics instructor, 4 wary but interested students thought they would give it a go and get on down with the best of them. They qualified first in the novice Waikato Regionals and so impressed the judges by their vitality and unique style that they were also awarded the Creative Award out of all teams who entered the competition! Rapped by their success and the fun they were having Ms Rogers put them through

strenuous training sessions to get them to National standard whipping them into shape in a matter of weeks. The Stingers (their professional name) wowed audiences in Wellington with polished performances, clinching a second in the National Novice title. Awesome huh..... All you budding want to be aerobics bods, stop thinking about it and get on to it. Join the team for 1997. These first timers enjoyed massive success , travelled and got to wear 'choice' uniforms.



Maera Paki

The face of the 90's! Maera plays volleyball, touch, netball at top level, studies Kung Fu, and plays any other sport she can get her hands on. She is also a talented singer, musician and kapa haka performer. Tumeke!

Leon Mattews

Leon lips - league, touch, rugby, nominated as all round sportsperson was a prime candidate for aerobics. He enjoyed the mirrors and tight spandex that allowed him to show off his abs. Great attitude Leon !

Jaime Allen

Attitude Allen - go get 'em Jaime is another "I'll play any sports" student talented in her own right. She has great drive and perserverance to succeed while having a great time. Plays ball sports at top level and can probably sing too.

Mana Simon

Mana in the mirror - has played a variety of sports at top level including league, rugby and touch so it was quite a difference to take up a sport like aerobics. The routines got him thinking which was more than the teachers could get him to do.



Six!! Nah, Duck is Closer to the Truth

This year's School Cricket team is one that will go down in Ngaruawahia record books alongside other greats such as the School's Rugby team and the Titanic.

Taken by the very able supporter of students, Mr Meredith, our Cricket team played many games this year, where the ultimate prize was having a good time. A good time was had by all. From Anthony, who seemed to hit the ball without a care in the world, to Grant, Tim and Donald who went all out for style in an exerted effort not to get ducked - hard luck Tim - Saturdays were not just a game or an adventure, but were really funny!

When he was on the game, Lichty could hit the ball around the field and bowl. When he wasn't on the game however, Golden Ducks were the key word for the day, earning him the title of most improved player in Senior Prizegiving. Jordan was another amazing player, whose speciality, surprisingly enough was bowling. No matter how slow he bowled, the wickets seemed to fall down all by themselves. After his first game Donald finished with a couple of sixes and fours thrown in for good measure. Of course he never matched it and also never let us forget it, these finally giving him the title of Best Batsman!! As for Grant..well his name says it all really.

The 1996 honours list to the left, names everyone who has received the popular Duck and Golden Duck prizes as well as those who never actually had the privilege of receiving one.

GOLDEN DUCKS

Takeshi Ueda
Jamie Lichtwark

DUCKS

Tim Montford
Marrin Haggie
Jordan Barber
Jonathan Mackie
Kelly Reid
Anthony Goodwin
Jaime Allen
Me

NONE OF THE ABOVE

Donald Te Whare
Grant Lee

Mr Meredith, Again



To accompany the Cricket team, the Badminton team also saw Mr Meredith take a key role in telling the students what to do.

The games, staged both in Ngaruawahia and at participating schools, saw the Ngaruawahia teams take on other Schools, ably assisted by Mr Royal as well.

Robert Kerepa, Andrew Skinner, Donald Te Whare and Allan Whanga were the main players for this years senior boys team, while Jaime Allen, Anna Morrell, Tawhirangi Hunapo and Lisa Wade pulled up the female end of the already strong team.

For the most part, the Badminton squad has enjoyed narrow wins and suffered narrow loses, where all players enjoyed themselves despite the fact Donald lost to a three foot player. You're right bro.

If you think you have what it takes to chase a feathered thingy around a court with a stringed instrument, making sure that you hit the damn thing over the net, then Badminton is the sport for you. Alternatively, if you are one of the many criminally insane who prefer to stay out of a court whatever size it is then we suggest you don't get tricked into playing for this team.

Pass, Kick, Run, Score!

NHS FIRST XV RUGBY TEAM

At the beginning of the year a team was selected to play Rugby. These boys were bouncing with enthusiasm, the group of keen athletic boys realised that after the result of the first game the aim on the field was to have fun.

After a training or two there was a glimmer of hope, and the words of encouragement echoed around the dressing room. This year our team contained some talented players. With the combined strengths of the school's top players, we had a team of winners, although not the winners of games.

In the front we had a combination of players that could've out powered many other teams. "The Ultimate" Rolf Woller, Donald "I'll play Hooker" Te Whare, and Big Rob Kerapa. They all quickly proved they were hard men. Next came the locks; Grant "I hope to play" Lee. Grant was picked as Captain but due to a mysterious and crippling back problem was unable to play many games. Next to him was "Tak" an imported player from Japan.

The loose forward trio of Neil "Tape my Ears" Surgenor, Blair "No Fear off the Field" Hanna, and the "Aits Machine", combined well with the mouthy inside backs - Nathan and Chad.

Like Chad and Nathan the backs were made up of misfits such as John "I'll be there" Ropoama and the invisible presences of Mana, Motu and Leon. Sam "What am I doing Wrong" Tapine spent much of the season finding out why he was being penalised. Jamie Lichtwark, however, was his irrepressible self, playing wherever he was needed with tremendous talent. An All Black in the making!

Sadly, the year came to an early end for the team, but we would like to thank the fill-ins, and all the others that came along. Also Clarky, Tom and Miss Umaki need to be thanked for the time they put in. The last big thank you is to the parents for all the transport and support.

NHS FIRST XIII RUGBY LEAGUE

Although Ngaruawahia is renowned for its league talent, the team struggled at times through the season. It was the first time that the High School had entered a team in the Secondary Schools Competition, but as Huntly were the regional winners in 1995, we thought we had to be in.

Leon Matthews captained the side which was coached by Billy Kells and Pat Tupaea.

Some of the standout players were the Simons twins, great on attack and defence; Richard Lloyd,

unstoppable from 20 metres out; Jolon Pointon, swift and deadly on his feet; Robert Kerapa, a powerhouse in the front row; The AFS boys, especially Rolf's 60 metre try in his last game. Sam Tapine and Nathan Witika were consistent on the goal line and so was Raungaaiti Ngawhika. Jamie Lichtwark and Cody Fletcher were the real linebreakers and their tackling was also impressive. The NHS Rugby League side would have to be one of the fairest teams playing in the competition. Despite the many encouragements of Tamo from the sideline we only ever had one sin-binning and that was for a less than suspect high tackle.

Motu Simon was selected for the Waikato Rugby League Under 18 side although Mana and Leon were unlucky to miss out.

Game of the season was away against Te Awamutu. The boys put together some scintillating moves to go over the line five times.

Many thanks to the boys and the coaching staff, and to the Barbers for their continual support. We hope to have a better season in 1997!

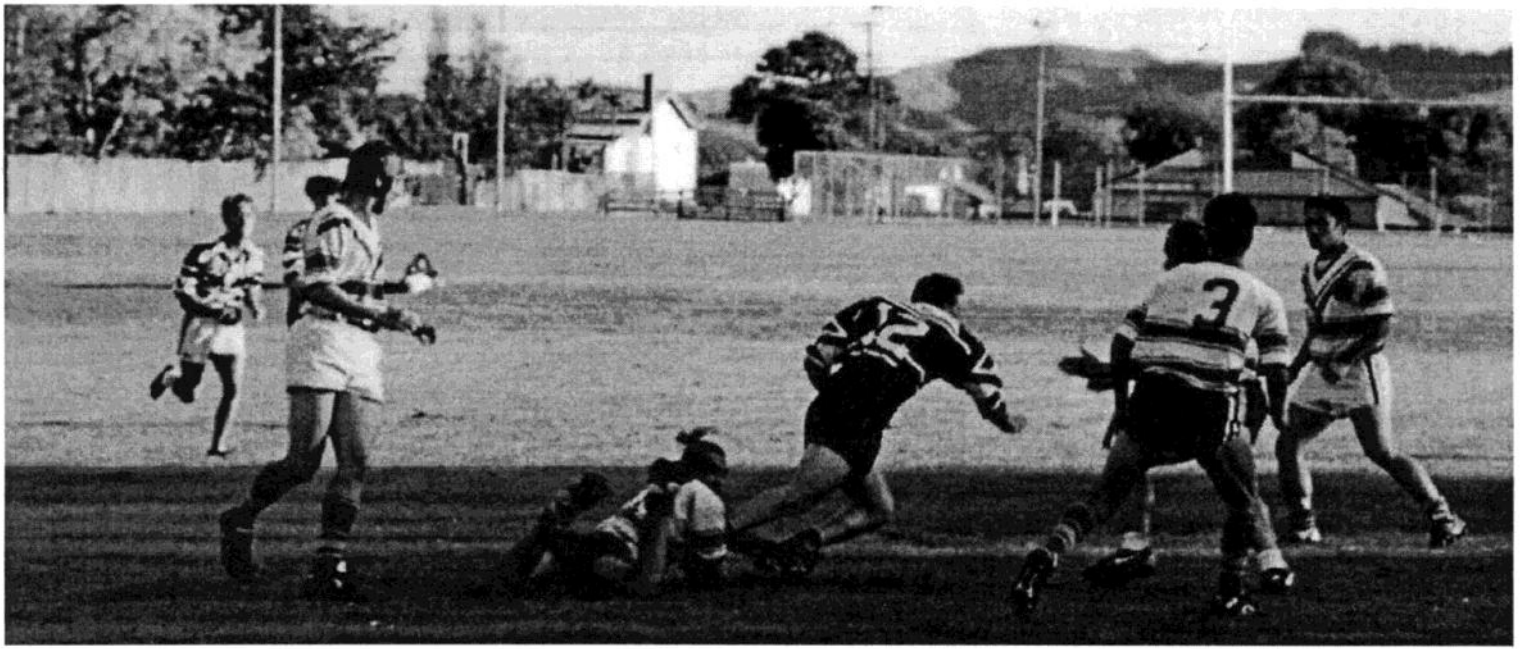
NHS UNDER 14 RUGBY TEAM

This year the school entered an Under 14 Rugby team. They started the season pretty well, winning their first two games. Considering that this was rugby and many of the players found the switch from league to rugby a difficult change to make, they did very well.

The team mainly revolved around their hot headed, big hitting prop, Tamati Herangi, who loved to punish the oppositions forwards with his powerful big hits. Despite our forward pack being one of the smallest in the competition, they were very consistent with the likes of Shannon, Conrad and the rest of the boys playing their hearts out every game.

Nat and Atihana also deserve mention for their lightning footwork and aggressive tackling. Our results were played 12, won 10, lost 2. Big thanks to our coaches Mr Middleton and Mr Don.





NHS96

The Point

Between the Sticks



Netball Basketball

1996 has been a good year for netball at Ngaruawahia High School. It wasn't quite like the NBA of Basketball or the Tri-series of "New Zealands Big Game." But the Senior A netball team went to Auckland for a tournament, the school was well represented at Minogue Park on Saturday games and guys had the chance to show-off their skills at netball in an inter-whanau competition.

This year under the experienced hands of Constable Donna Thompson as coach and Constable Terry Hudson as manager, the senior A team eventually pulled off a successful season.

Now with a policewoman and a policeman taking control of about twelve netball girls you would think we'd have a group of well behaved, polite, civilised young ladies, well they were... most of the time. They displayed the agreement of fairplay and made every effort to advertise a good hard 'Don't mess with me' attitude.

A major draw card for the team was the sponsorship from NIKE. The NIKE 'PLAY' programme allowed the team to step out in "The Cool Gears" which caused a second Glance from surprised onlookers. Not only did this increase awareness of netball in Ngaruawahia to outside clubs and teams, but it also heightened the teams unity and spirit. The sponsorship was the beginning of an impressive competitive season, with the team being placed Runner Up in their Grade.

Other netball teams also performed to their potential. They were under the Guidance of Hinerangi Eketone, and Ms Rata. It is as usual a strong sport within the school and committed coaching and players keep it up there.

Some of the girls playing for Turangawaewae Club were selected for Waikato. We hope they will make the choice to play for the school next year.

When the Shaq Attack and Dennis Rodman turned up for trials for the Senior Boys Basketball Team they were disappointed. Expecting to get in the side based on their NBA experience, and their constant commitment to the game, they were in for a shock: Neither made the side and although one did get a part in a Hollywood film and a new hairstyle, the other was reduced to eating Blue Chips or Twistees or something.

This year the team were being coached by an unretired expert - Mr Smith. The semi-retired old man TC who played when dunks were still banned from the game gave up his whistle to encourage the younger talents of the school.

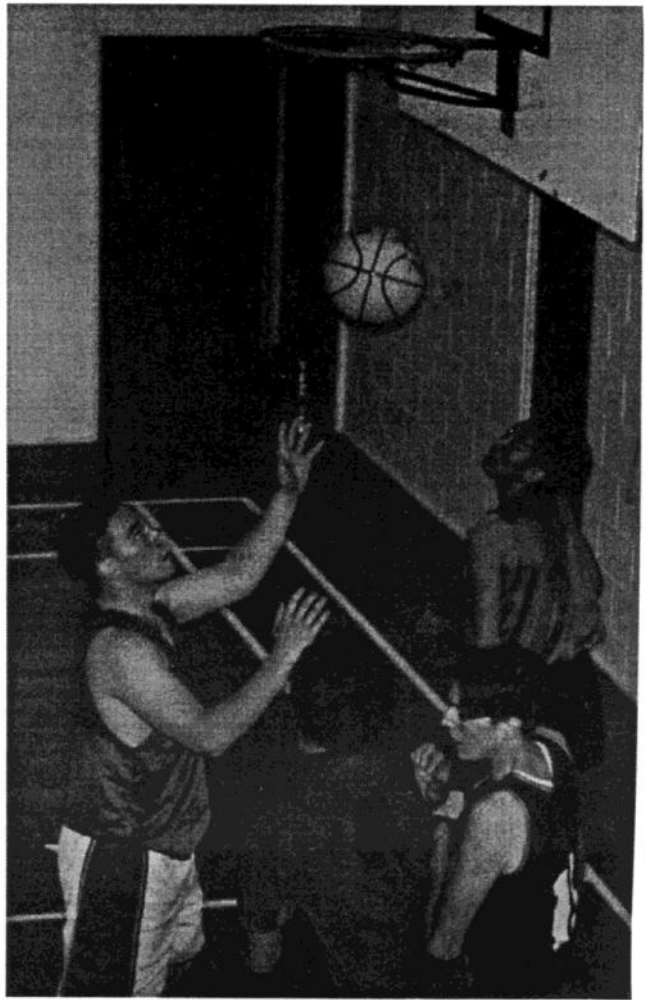
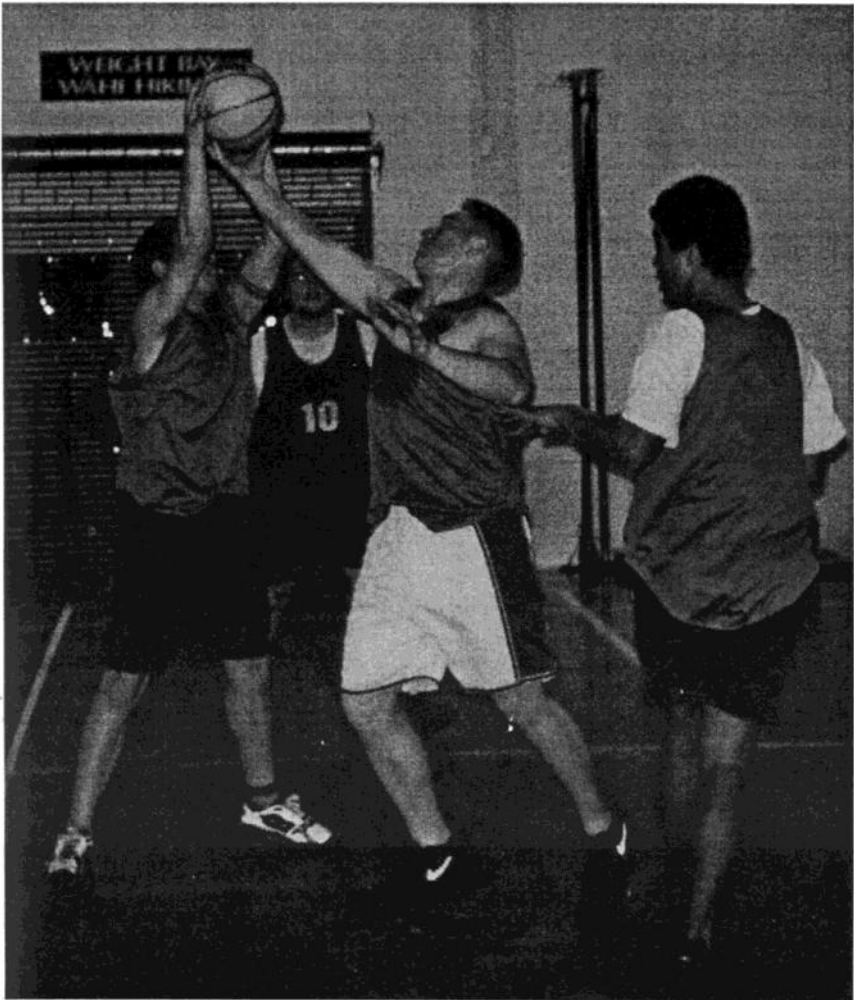
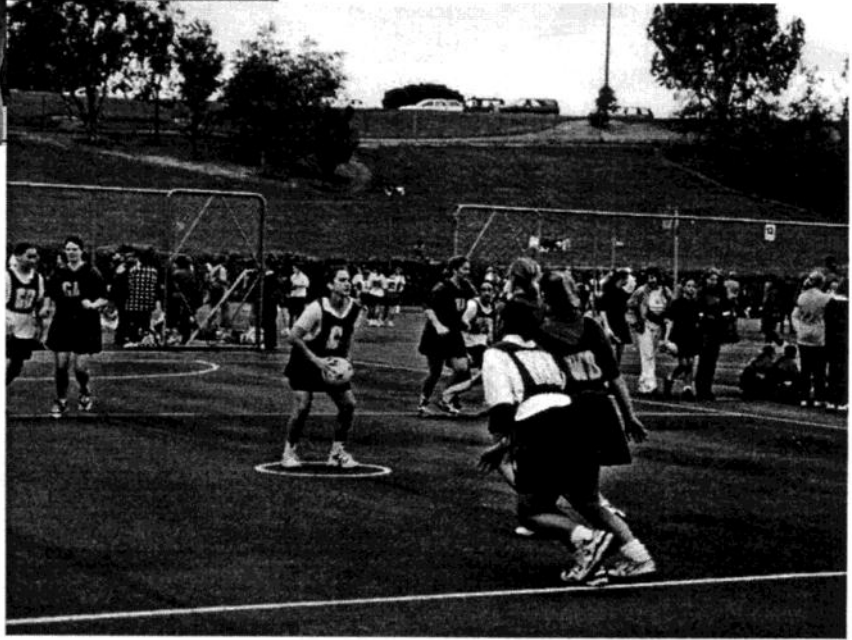
The Senior Team looked hot until a number of forced retirements from the game weighed heavily on the overall strength of the side. Three of the main stars - Shawn Howie, Germaine Wetere and Tane Huirama were ineligible for the reason they left school.

Despite this the boys did pretty well. Back again for more action were Tim the Tall Man, Iro "Don't let the ball get lost in my Affro" Kingi, and the young serices of Manaia Johns who made the Waikato Reps.

While basketball was the flavour of the month at school again this year some players were fortunate enough to attend local coaching clinics with Warriors players and the Basketball Camp in Auckland. We look forward to seeing the results of this learning on the court next year.

Probably the strongest team again this year was commanded by the towering talent of Cushla Lichtwark. She is undoubtedly an oddity with an ability beneath the boards and quick handling skills to move the ball down court. She can shoot and is aggressive in her play. The girls did well again in their grade challenging Church College's supposed supremacy in this sport. We look forward to seeing their results next year.





VOLLEYBALL

Senior Girls

Another successful year for a young team of fifth formers. The team won all their games except one which was against a seventh form team - Te Aroha A. It was probably the best match we had all year in terms of high level play and was narrowly won by Te Aroha. The highlight was undoubtedly the win against the Te Aroha B team which was the Junior National team that beat us last year. Things are on track and looking good for the Senior Nationals next year in March! Credit must go to all the girls who are slamming in 'hard to return' overarm spikes and awesome 3 play attack. Ms Mataira has been pretty quiet on the sideline coaching us this year but we've received a lot of eye rolls for :

1. Maera serving to the opposite wall
2. Cushla setting into the net
3. Awhina donging her thumb
4. Jaime dreaming on court
5. Vicki Lee hop setting
6. Dahlia not calling
7. Caroline serving under stress

Lastly, THANKS to our parents - Ms Lichtwark, Ms Paki, Mr Matthews for their support!

Senior Boys

We had some difficulties getting our act together probably due to the fact that the players had different expectations of the game. Some of us were playing for fun and some seriously. We were grateful that Ms Middleton gave up her time to manage and support us, cheering us on and arranging our practises. The games were played every Thursday for 5 weeks where we had mixed success but our psychological aspect of the game improved dramatically. Ms Mataira and Takeshi Ueda coached us for a practise which gave us a lot more confidence and discipline in the game and ourselves. We had a lot of fun over the year!

By Pedro Jardim



Junior Girls

A group of talented and enthusiastic team players who won most of their games easily. A special thanks to parents who provided transport throughout the season and to Juanita Paraha for her guidance at the beginning of the season.

Kathleen "the ultimate server" Saunders
Natasha "crash and burn" London
Annmarie "whatever you do pass to me" Spragg
Danielle "the backsetter" Samuels
Hoturoa "straighten those arms" Roberts
Hikitia "what aren't you good at" Barton
Joni "leave my team alone" Ia
Tracey "you'll do better next time" Turuwhenua
Bryonie "is that how you do it, Miss?" Barber.

from a secret admirer.....

Junior Boys

This year saw a big squad of keen and enthusiastic thirds and fourths turning up for games. An enjoyable time was had by both A and B teams although it was felt that the opposing teams were a little too easy!!! Enter the serious grade boys and hopefully the standard will be better. The A team won all their games except one while the B team had a mixture of success. Ms Rata spent her Thursday night carting loads of kids around to the venues. Thanks to those parents who helped out.

Most outstanding player: Karl Shepherd
Up and Coming Player: Jules Campbell

Spirit Of Adventure

Kia Ora Tatou Katoa.

During the 15th to the 25th of October, I took this excellent opportunity from the staff, teachers, and Ms Cavanagh to go on the Spirit of Adventure voyage. When I went aboard the ship I met 34 other students from all over New Zealand and 11 crew members. The whole bunch were like a family to me, and they were awesome and friendly. During the first five to nine days of sailing and anchoring at different places each night, myself and 33 others learnt about the ship, how the duties are run, dangers of the ship, and the kind of weather that would suit us when sailing. From then on, there was sightseeing on some of the islands, while we were passing by each day. We saw ten dolphins, a whale, and a lot of stingrays from the shore when we were having a barbeque on Sunday night.

We travelled to Whangaparoa, Kawau Bay, Great Barrier Island, Port Fitzroy, Coromandel, and Waiheke Island. They were beautiful places, some I have never been to before and the views were magnificent. On the last day, the hardest part was saying farewell to everyone on the ship, and seeing tears in their eyes.

If this opportunity is offered to you, have the courage and leadership in yourself to give it a try. I would like to thank the Spirit of Adventure Trust for the opportunity to go on the voyage. To Ms Cavanagh and the staff, thank you very much, especially to Ms Rata for transporting me there and back.

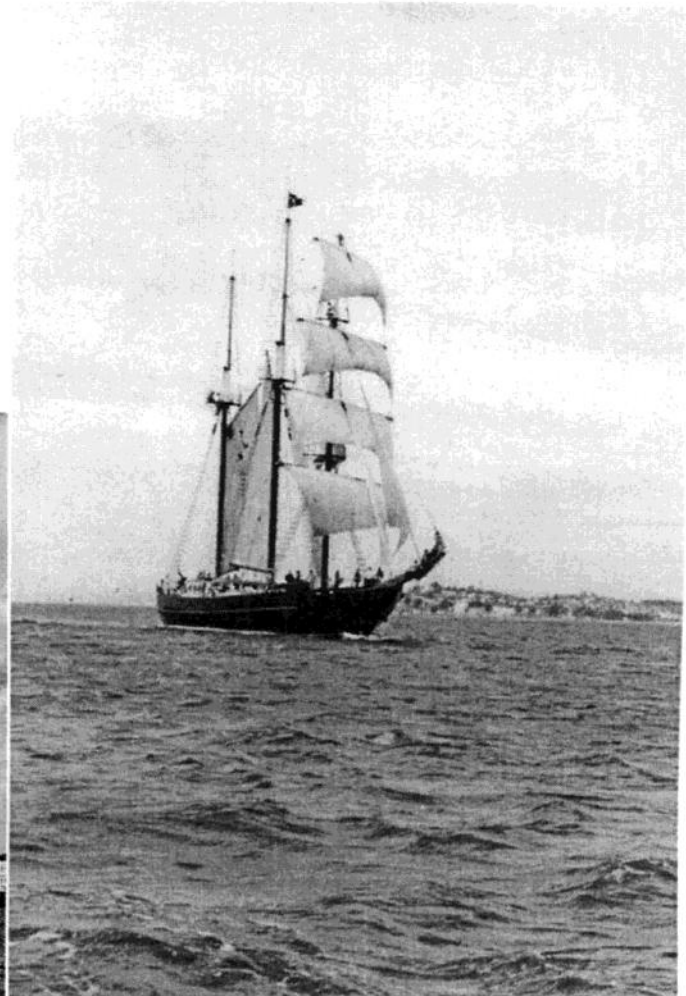
Aaron Tahana

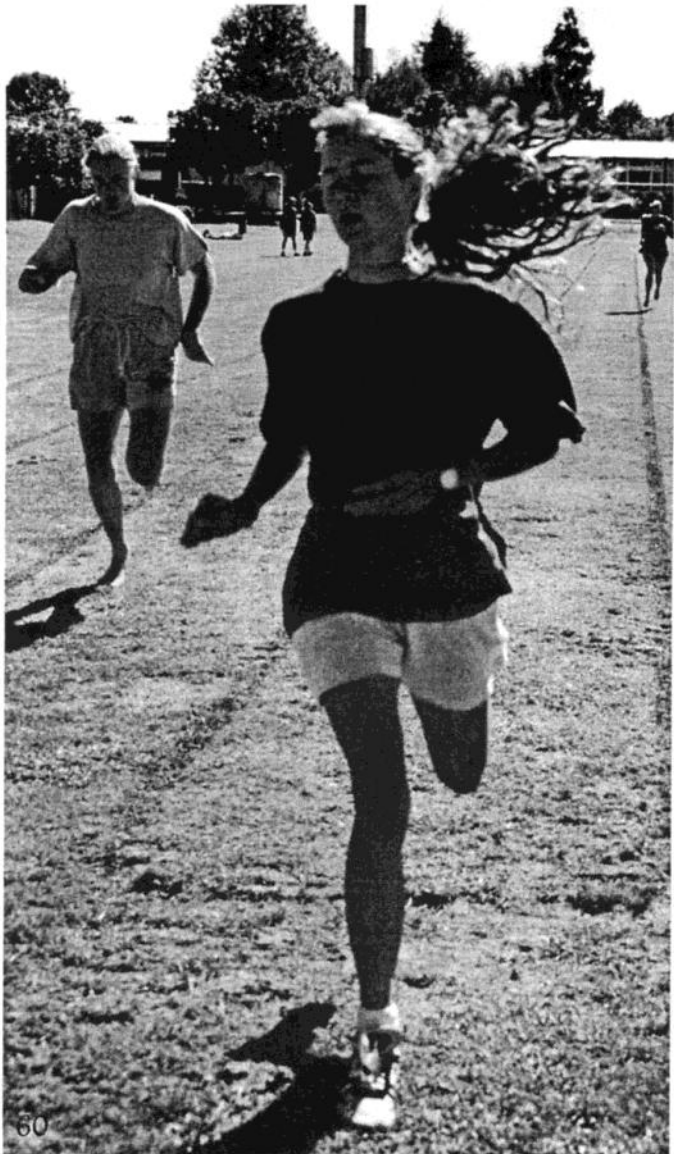
Oranges! On The Spirit of Adventure ship voyage 526 it is a whole new world with a new language and explaining what it is about would be like leaking confidential information, but then it could be one of those "you just had to be there" type of moments. Spending ten days surrounded by water is for me, a dream come true (as the fish that I am). There are thirty-five people, one ship and lots of water either a recipe for a smooth sailing adventure or a chance to socialise with people you've only just met...it was

probably a bit of both. We had lovely weather and only three days of very rough seas. I saw dolphins, swam around the ship, found places to stay in Nelson, Raglan, Auckland, Bay of Islands and in America because of the friends I made and shared my experience with.

We sailed to Great Barrier Island and Waiheke Island and a highlight for me was sailing under the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The night sail and waterfight against The Spirit of New Zealand (which I found out later Aaron was on) were just a few of those magic Kodak moments.

Maria London





Crosscountry Results 1996.

JUNIOR BOYS

- 1st Zane Cameron
- 2nd Shannon Ropoama
- 3rd Mason Moana

JUNIOR GIRLS

- 1st Kathleen Saunders
- Natasha London

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

- 1st Marrin Haggie
- Andrew Graham
- 2nd Chris Vallet
- John Ropoama

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st Cushla Lichtwark
- 2nd Melissa Turton
- 3rd Tania Farmilo

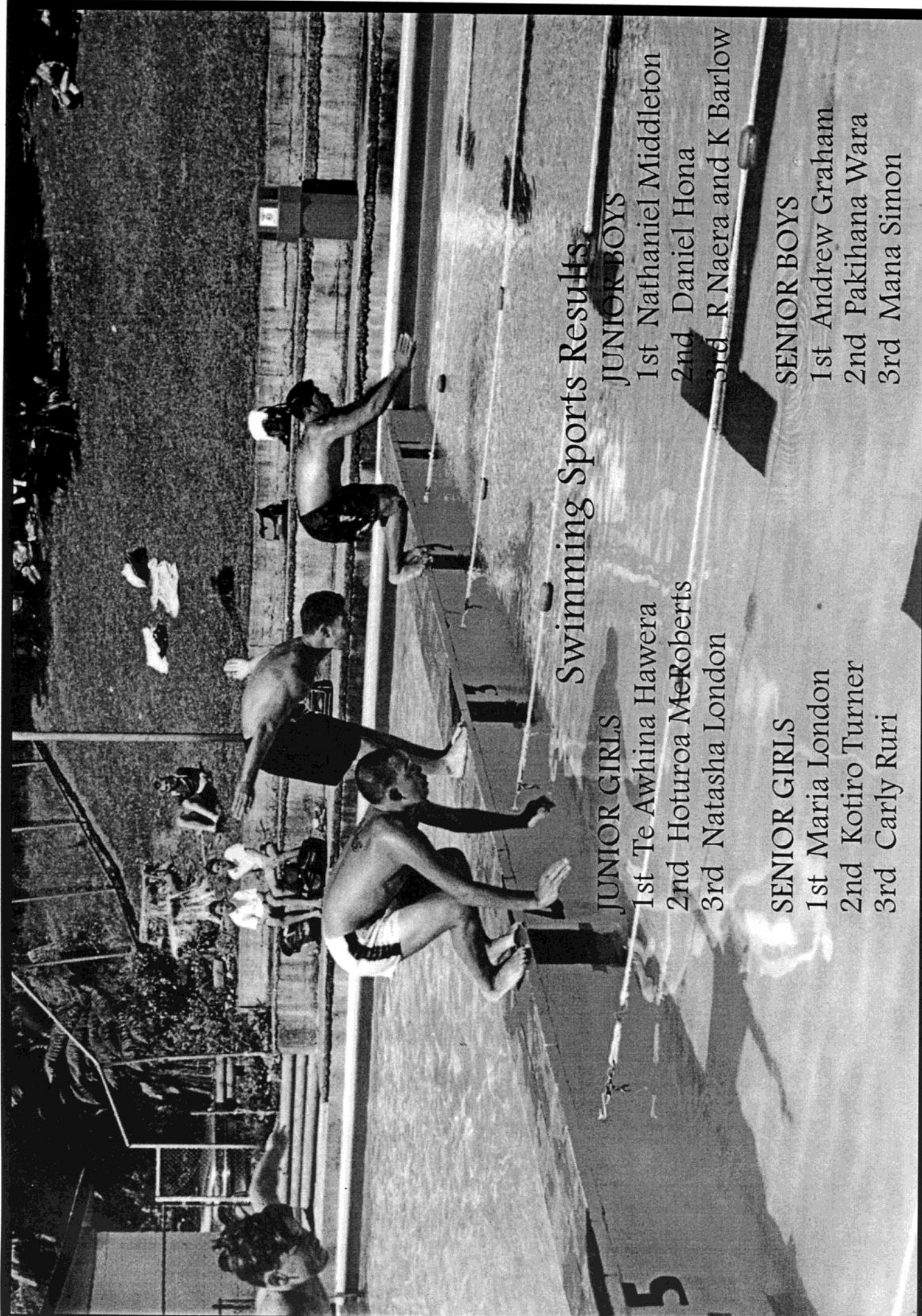
SENIOR BOYS

- 1st Alan Whanga
- 2nd Takeshi Ueda

SENIOR GIRLS

- 1st Margo Clarke
- 2nd Maria London
- 3rd Shannin Keeley





Swimming Sports Results

JUNIOR BOYS

- 1st Nathaniel Middleton
- 2nd Daniel Hona
- 3rd R Naera and K Barlow

SENIOR BOYS

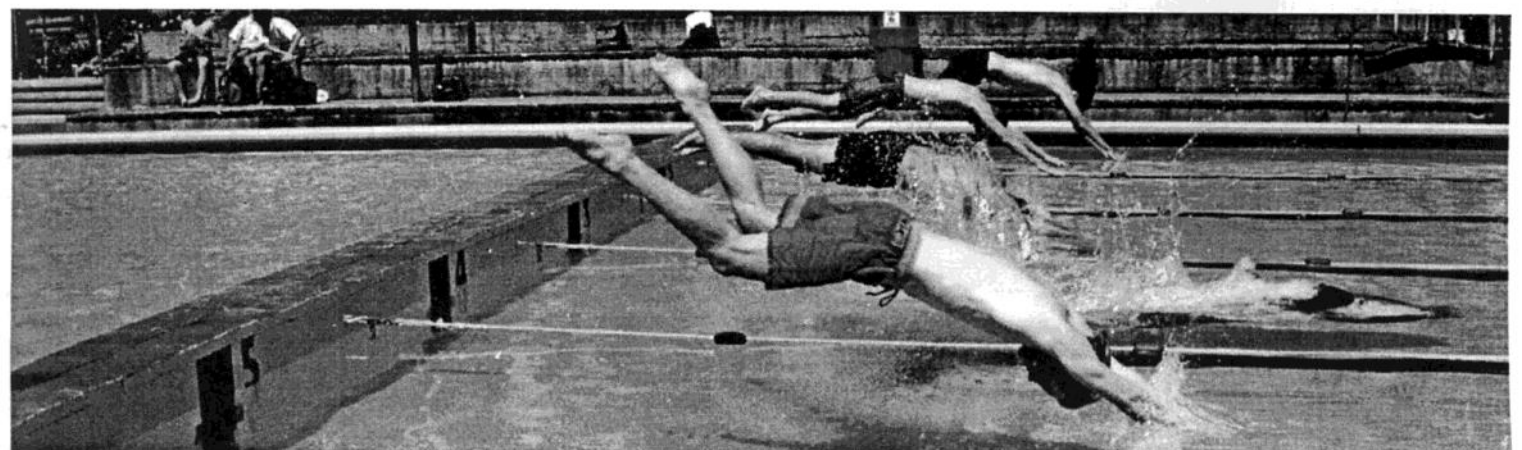
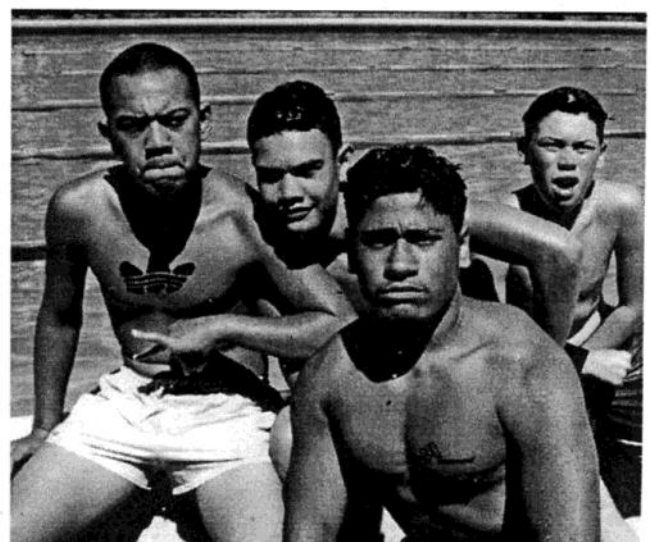
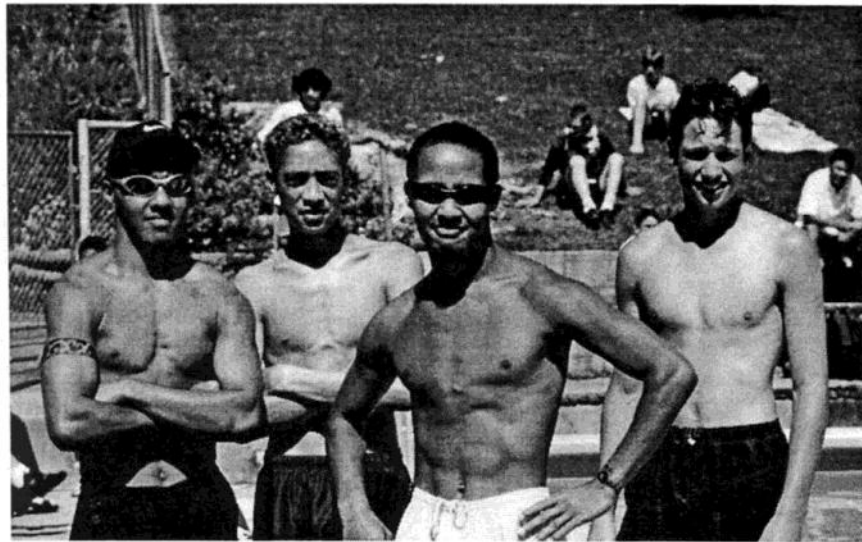
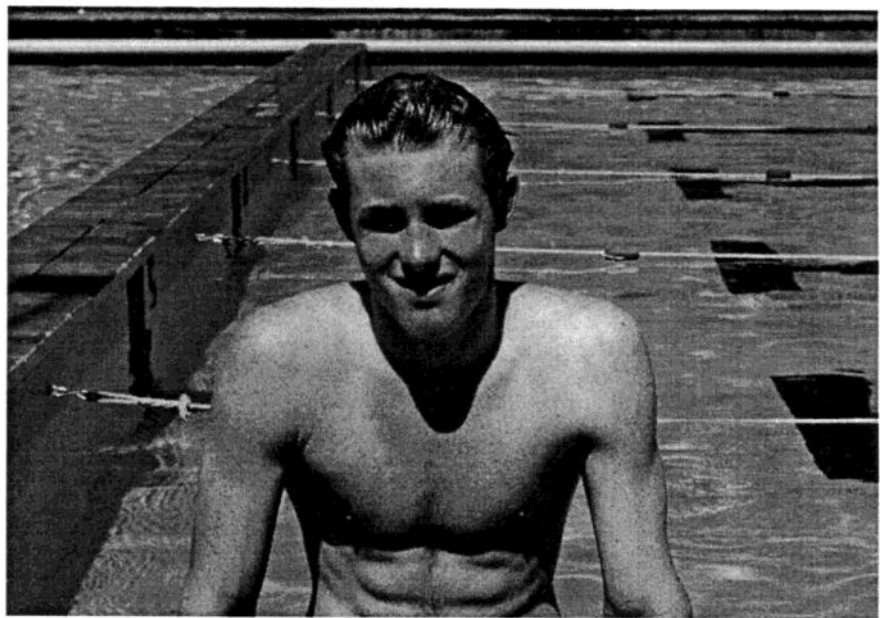
- 1st Andrew Graham
- 2nd Pakihana Wara
- 3rd Mana Simon

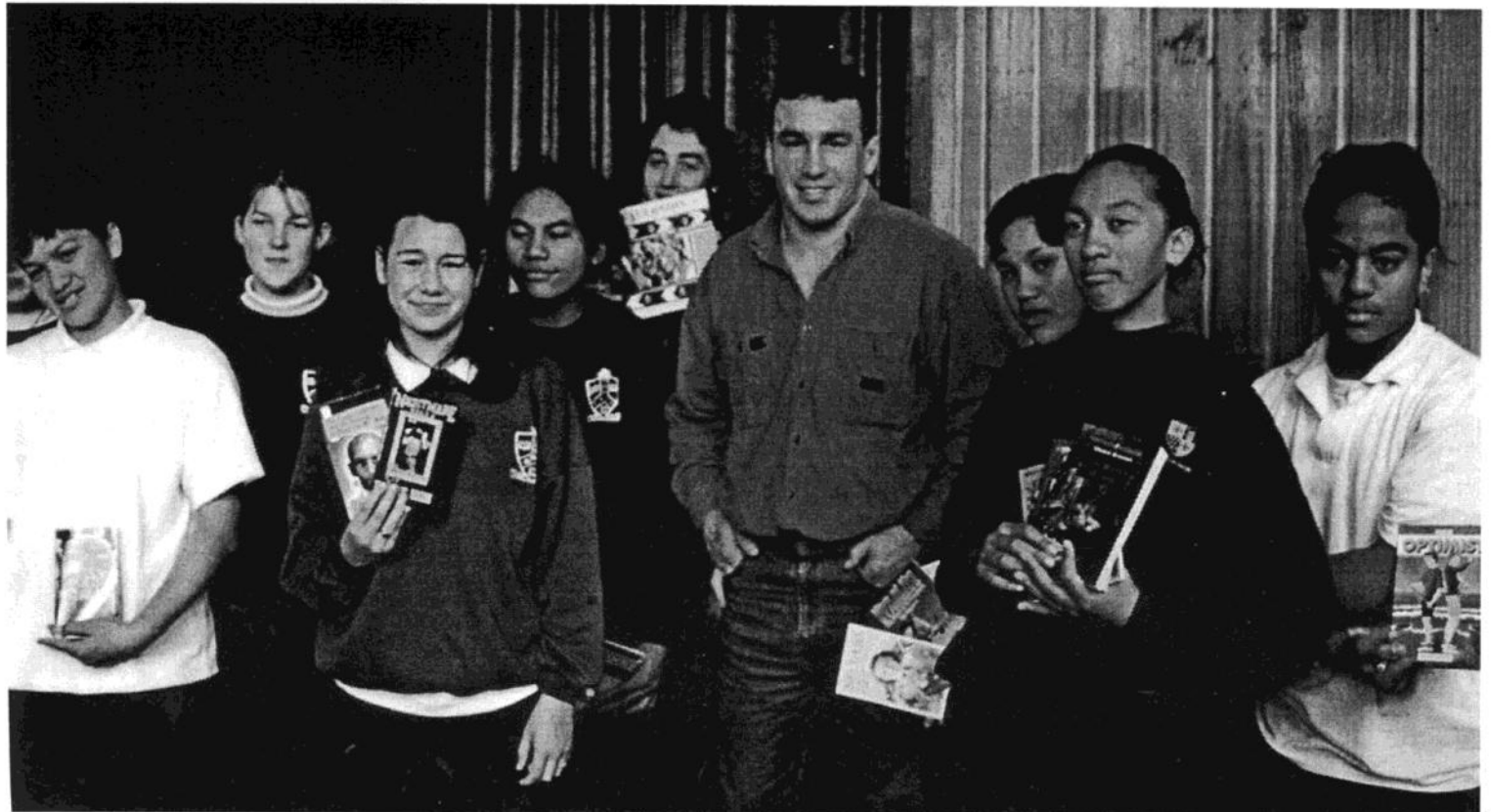
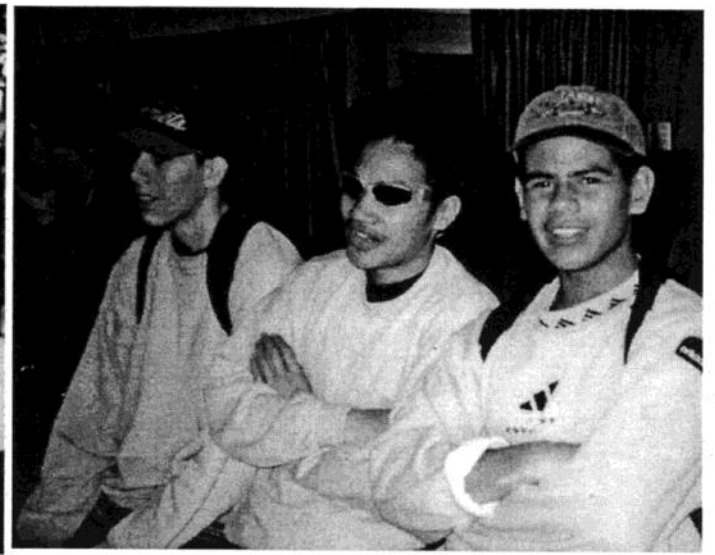
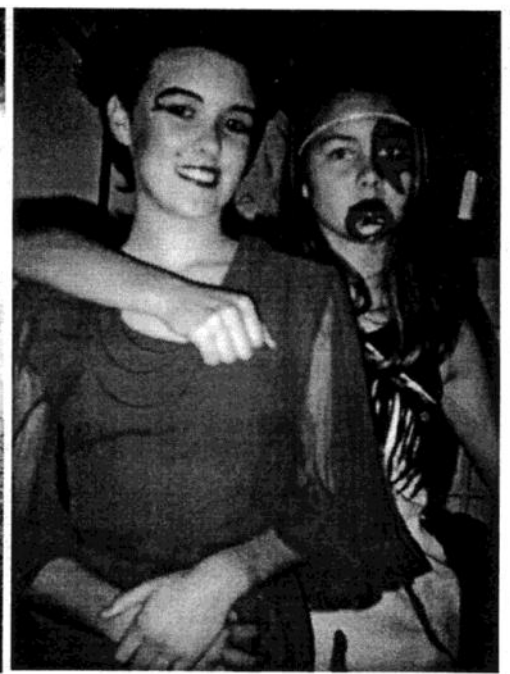
JUNIOR GIRLS

- 1st Te Awhina Hawera
- 2nd Hoturoa McRoberts
- 3rd Natasha London

SENIOR GIRLS

- 1st Maria London
- 2nd Kotiro Turner
- 3rd Carly Ruri





SHANE *BECAUSE I SAID!*

Hanging on door handles was what I spent a lot of time doing when I was just a nipper. It seemed to be my brother Shane's favourite way of getting me out of his hair or torturing me when he had nothing better to do. I always remember kicking and screaming but never actually being able to break free of the dreaded door handle.

Shane's been in England for the past six years. He married and moved over there to work in bars and travel around Europe. He's been to heaps of intriguing places. Looking through his photo albums I see pictures of Shane and Cathy on a scorching sandy beach with a mass of tiny, black Jamaican kids flocking around them; Shane and Cathy riding huge camels around pyramids in Egypt; going to the All Black's game in Paris; the annual Beerfest in Germany; swimming in a great big, blue lake in Canada.

He's been all over the world. I admire my brother so much, and I want to ride camels, and go to the Beerfest, and swim in a huge sky-blue lake like he has done. Maybe the travel bug runs in the



family.

I flew to England to see my brother Shane and his new girlfriend, Cathy, when I was thirteen. I loved it over there. I didn't want to leave. I lived in The Old Sugarloaf for a month. It was a typical English Pub, over three hundred years old. It was beautiful. I saw everything on my short visit. The ancient rocks of Stonehenge, the wax figures of celebrities at Madame Tussauds, the home of the controversial Royals - Buckingham Palace. We floated down the Thames River and underneath the London Tower Bridge and we visited medieval castles and exquisite palaces. I know I'll definitely return to England some day.

But now my brother's coming home and I can't wait to see him. I wonder if he's changed at all, has he dyed that greying hair of his? Is he still eating

There they are placed in a room
As he walks down on all fours
One proceeds to walk forward
Naturally being the oldest
Experiences, height and weight
Shoved in a toddler's face
Followed by a hard lump in the throat
A warm welcome would have been the
Nice thing to do
But! hey, she's bigger, what evil things can
She make this BABY! do
"Give me that"
Is yelled in the baby's ears
"But why?"
A shy confused four year old shyly asks
Because the way the world works
People who have power
Don't justify themselves to the powerless
Her only reply
"Because I said"
Kelly Black

SWEET SIXTEEN

I'm older than 15, but not quite at 17, today I'm 16 years old
I do what I want and don't listen to what I've been told
My parents they scream, my parents they yell
They're always around and make my life hell
They say, "No allowance this week, not for you Miss"
I try to grease up to them and do as they wish
It doesn't work, well most of the time
They give me a lecture instead of a dime
I bust out the door to get some fresh air
I go for a walk to make my mind clear
Mum screams down the street, "You get back here now!"
I mumble to myself, "You silly old cow".
Kui Paki

five Weet-bix a day? He's probably wondering whether I still want to be an air hostess. He's probably hoping that I haven't started doing bad things like drinking and smoking. He'll be curious to see if I have a boyfriend.

I have three brothers, but Shane's my favourite. We've always been the closest in our family and now he's coming home. Except I won't be standing by the door waiting for him to lift me up and hook me on the door handle. I'm a young woman and I hope my brother knows this.

Tania Lawrence

THE CLOCK

She opened her eyes - slowly at first, then snapped them to attention after her ears registered that the morning sounds were in full swing. The numbers on the clock read a time that was past what was desirable.

Limbs still stiff, she succeeded in a gold-medal hurdle from the bed to the wardrobe. It was decidedly bare. A hurried glance around the room revealed clothes dripping off the desk and spilling out of the cupboard. She sifted quickly. There was nothing suitable for her mood that day. Sudden inspiration led to her running out to the line, and grabbing her jeans. With them safely in her hands she reached the bedroom in leaps and bounds.

Jeans on legs, the search for a suitable top half began, a blizzard of flying clothes ensued. Another look at the clock's unsympathetic face revealed still a need for urgency. At last a blouse was thrown on and other, less important necessities were completed. Then she was gone, schoolbag in tow, the cyclone abated.

A little while later, the girl's mother poked her head into the room to find out the time. The clock hung neatly from the wall. It's hands worked precisely, slicing the air with uniform strokes. Vision broadening, the mother noticed the array of belongings scattered on the floor. A disappointed sigh erupted from her lips, and she turned to go.

She glanced at the clock again. A taunting smirk had spread across it's face.

Gale Glasson-Henderson



REVELATIONS AFTER THE MT KARIOI INCIDENT

Like a huge wet cold raincoat
Her guilt is weighing her down
Nine third-formers rescued after
A cold night on the northern
Face of Mt Karioi
Investigations into what went wrong
Where Ms Smith went wrong
Parents worrying, everyone worrying
Especially Ms Smith.

But then a nice warming soft beam, holding her up.
Supporting her. It is the trust they put in her and
their belief that she did all she could, that strengthens her.

And back again the anger at
The evil hill that barred their
Way and looked confusing in the
Dark and got them lost
Anger at herself.

There is that warmth back, surrounding her, things
are still awful, but hey, life goes on. It could have
been worse, at least she knows they are there.

Catherine Murray

DEMON WITHIN

Brown river much like mud
Yet transparent, elegant and rich
I swim it, indulge it, savour it
Aged youth has an enduring path to walk
But still I inherit this infection
This shadowless demon
It numbs my red blood and eats at my affliction
hallucinating
my realistic touch of life
People intrusive - let me go

Deeply drowning sorrows
in this currentless river
Seeking friendship in its taste
Aroused from hell to a strait-laced stringent
stranger
Homeward bound
Swimming swiftly, tang of taste, engulfed and over-
powered
I beseech thee
One more.... one more
Lost in a paradox of emotions
Sobriety is elusive, like mother like daughter?
Crystal droplets dancing downwards
The river embodied in glass beside me
One last tear of life rained on me today
But still the river surges on
Relentless in its pursuit of me
Carrie Taipari

A FROG ON A LOG

If that I was an Elephant in one time Savannah
I would twist and remove things with my trusty
nose spanner
But if I was a frog, I'd sit on a log.

Upon becoming a gum
Tree, during a windy day
I would show him my branches
I know he would say
If you were a frog, you would sit on a log.

As a nail on a roof, the peak of a shed
I would surely not move, rather instead
Could I frog on a log?

If the words "Pine", "you", and "pork"
Determined my name
A sharp vortex you could feel
And then more of the same
And yet again the linking of Frog, with Log.

What is it with frogs?
What superfluous linking to log?
An explanation you would like?
It is simple you see
Not a plank or a tree
But a log is the place where a frog wants to be.
Grant Lee

BLACK STICK

Here am I
I am just like you.....only
I sleep in doorways
I sleep in parks, covered with yesterday's papers
Papers that share only news of tragedy, grief, and
sadness
Statistics and comments, murders and crimes
I live my life on the street
I live the street life that is mine
No more a victim of abuse
My heart is a muscle, and it pumps blood
Like a big old black steam train
The road is my reach
And the city is my brain
My stomach is the ocean, and it swallows up the
sun
At the end of a summer's day
My legs are sky scrapers
They tower above you
I am one
I am alone
I could be your whole world
Save your tears
I'll never cry for you.
Raegan Maisey

DIVORCE

Parents always fighting
Over you and your brother
No-one needs this "love"
That they're giving to each other
I can't live with my parents
Too young to live without them
No-one understands or cares
Life would be perfect hell without them
Carina Dooley

ILLUSIONS

The poor man was pacing the floor, and biting his
nails. Perspiration dripped off his temples. He
looked just as wretched as his house, which was a
run-down shack in a desolate street.

"Of all people," he kept thinking. "It had to
happen to me!" Now he was getting angry and
upset. "I don't have a flash house! I don't live in a
mansion. I don't....."

Just then he saw a figure creep past the mail box,
and he stopped dead in his tracks. Then he started



to tremble. "It's here," he thought. As he looked out
through the broken window, his fits of pacing and
nail biting regenerated. Then he looked closer. It
was just an old homeless man idly waddling past.

He became aware of the tiny women's watch on
his wrist ticking loudly, it almost caused him to
chew off his whole hand. He was anticipating the
arrival of the mail, which was obviously late that
day.

Finally, just as he thought he would go com-
pletely mad, he looked out the window again and
saw a man on a bicycle whizzing past inserting a
pale brown envelope in the mail box. He opened his
door and trudged out to the gate. He slowly opened
the mail box and lifted out the letter. It had arrived.

Dear Poopie,
I shall arrive at your cosy little cot-
tage next Wednesday at precisely
6:30 pm. I shall also bring a couple
of friends for a leisurely weekend.
Yours Truly,
Mother.

Just as the poor man had dreaded!
Te Aroha Hohua Ward

TANE'S NATURE

As I walked through the gardens of mother earth
I watched as Tane began to give birth
To Tuis, Keas and Manukau
Kauri, Rimu and Nikau
Where they all run free in this sacred place
In the forest of Tane, a place of grace.
Kui Paki



THE PERFECT MAN

As I gazed into the window, I saw him. He stood near the glass in the pale green shop, unsmiling as he looked endlessly from his firm position behind the transparent prison. His strangely camouflaged pants and tank top wrapped around his perfectly toned mass of bulging muscles, that seemed unreal in my world of donuts and television vegging sessions.

I looked intently through the window still trying to hide my intrigue, only looking away for a second as his dark eyes seemed to catch mine through the shimmering glass.

Competition on all sides seemed to thunder in as women of all ages circled him like sharks around a piece of meat. My heart skipped a beat as I suddenly found my own legs moving into the store, but I found I had lost sight of him.

Quickly moving, I scanned the aisles finally finding him among other specimens of near perfection. It was now or never. I had to have him.

My shaking legs took me closer to him, only stopping short as another woman stepped confidently towards him. Her curly black hair did not waver as she made a move of her own, attempting to pick him up as I would have done only moments ago.

Struggling for only a second, she lifted the last of the large toys from its shelf and quickly disappeared from sight adding to my own horror and dismay.

"Can I help you, young lady?" A friendly voice asked behind me.

Taking my hand he led me back to the door.

"The toy in the window would be nice, sir." I replied gently as we reached the counter. "It should be just fine."

Anonymous

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

A beating heart
Ten fingers
Ten toes
Another statistic they say
Is no one
Has no right
They say the choice is yours
As the only one involved
But hey
Aren't they missing someone out?

Full of potential, purpose, and possibilities
Like a rose bud waiting to blossom
Snip
Never given a choice
An option.

The days were numbered before it had one
No first step
Nor cricket in the back yard
No graduation ceremony
Or grandchildren to hold
Just another statistic they say

To be or not to be
What a suggestion
That the right to life
Should even be in question.

Erin Pollard

LEAVING LIFE

So many things you want to say
Unexpected, so devastating
My soul suffocated in sadness
How can an icy cold mass be so warm

He sat there as he always had
His face looked tranquil
Frozen time passes so quickly

He's free of life's crashing chaos
Resting in a sea of clouds

In time we talk, in time we dream
Until then old friend I bid you farewell
As you leave this life

And all it's Hell

Gareth Johnston

FADS AND FLOPS FILM REVIEWS OF 1996

INDEPENDENCE DAY

"Well, what is it?" we Kiwis all ask. The day when we, as a race of human beings fight in unity for our independence, not against other nations, but against aliens.

Bit of a tearjerker, huh? Makes you want to stand at attention, lips quivering, with clenched fist held to your pounding breast, ready to burst into song with our national anthem - NOT!

I went to see the movie of the year, and loved it! It had drama, romance, excitement, thrilling bits, gory bits and tragedy all rolled into one movie.

But really! Some parts were so corny it nearly made you snort your caramel popcorn through your nostrils into the frizzy head of the lady sitting in the seat in front of you.

Independence Day was directed by Ronald Emmerich, and to make the movie a big hit such as it was, it obviously had to have at least one "star", which was Will Smith. I'm sure that many of the female population watched the movie partly because of his presence. As for the other sex, well I'm not sure of their attraction to the movie, but it definitely had something to do with the media attention and maybe, deep within, we all have a fascination and curiosity about aliens.

The movie certainly held a range of special effects, from bright flashes of white light, to fire in the sky and spaceships. Some looked more realistic than others, but they all added to the general action-packed plot. The music was generally suited to the mood of the scenes, creating panic in some scenes, and happiness in others.

If you are a person who is looking for deep symbolism and emotional response in a film, "Independence Day" is not the movie for you. But if you attend movies for pure entertainment, something to laugh at, cry at, be thrilled and interested by, this movie is definitely the one for you to see.

And remember, either make sure you don't eat popcorn while watching Independence Day, or make a point of not sitting behind a lady with frizzy hair.

Erin Pollard

THE NUTTY PROFESSOR

"Mama said it's just baby fat"

It's no action movie. It doesn't involve UFOs and aliens, and it doesn't have a whole lot of hunky guys and attractive girls. But it does contain fart competitions, flying hamsters and oversized lips. What would you expect with Eddie Murphy as it's main actor. This first class entertainment movie is both hilarious and sad, to make human beings think about the way we treat each other. About looking at a person from the inside. About being prejudiced.

What would you do if you stumbled across a potion to make a fat person thin in an instant? Run to the nearest shop and buy the stock out? Probably would, wouldn't you? Because to most people, what's on the outside counts more than what's on the inside.

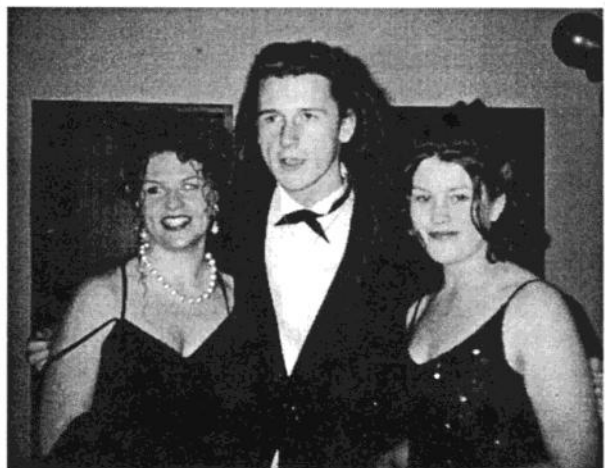
The main character, Sherman Clumps experiences with being fat lead him to test a newly developed "skinny potion" on himself. This potion, developed after many years of research, has so far helped a heavily overweight hamster to lose weight. Sherman Clump becomes Buddy Love.

Professor Clump could be portrayed as an outcast. He was overweight, laughed at, pointed at, and even used as a punchline for a comedian's jokes. But no-one bothered to look on the inside. Becoming Buddy Love, he sees himself as being high and mighty, or just "it". He thinks the world was made for him, and wouldn't mind having a few girls up his sleeves.

The special effects were pretty, well, interesting to say the least. Visions of a fat guy trying to break out of a skinny body.

There is no age limit to this movie, and there is no reason why you shouldn't go and see it. If you're in a bad mood and want to laugh, if you're a bit of an Eddie Murphy fan, or if you don't quite feel like watching your teachers gallivanting around in Independence Day, Nutty Professor is the film to see. It makes you laugh, it makes you cry, it's a type of film a person can watch twice. As you leave the theatre, one more thing runs through your mind. I should have brought a spare pair of pants. But, hey. Nobody's perfect.

Carrie Taipari

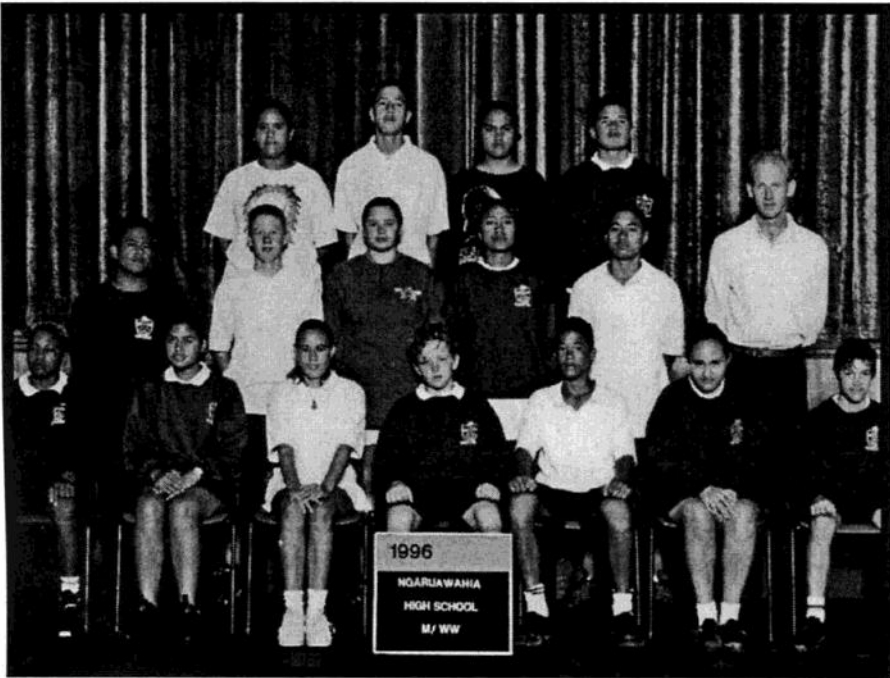
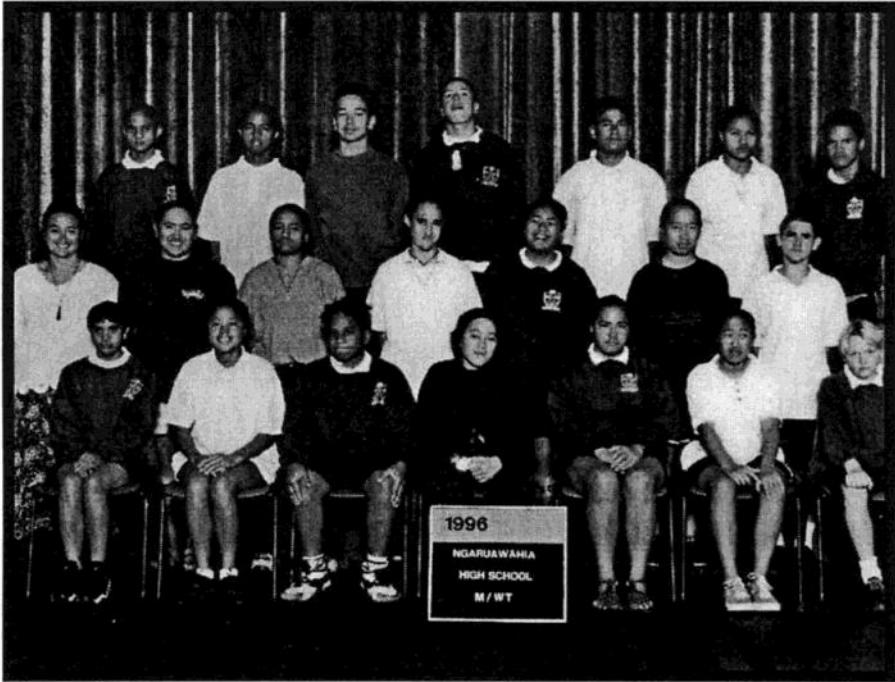


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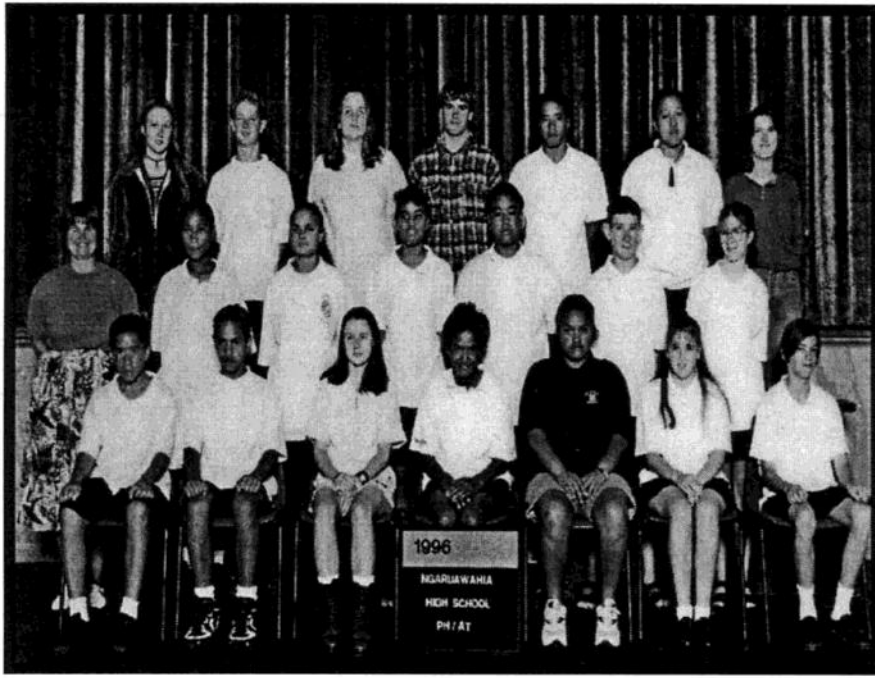
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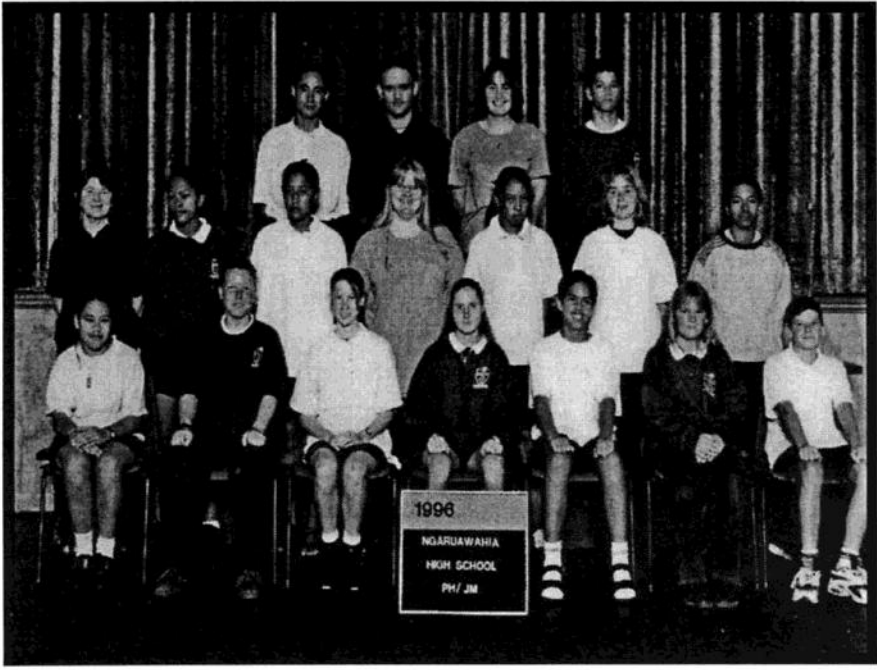
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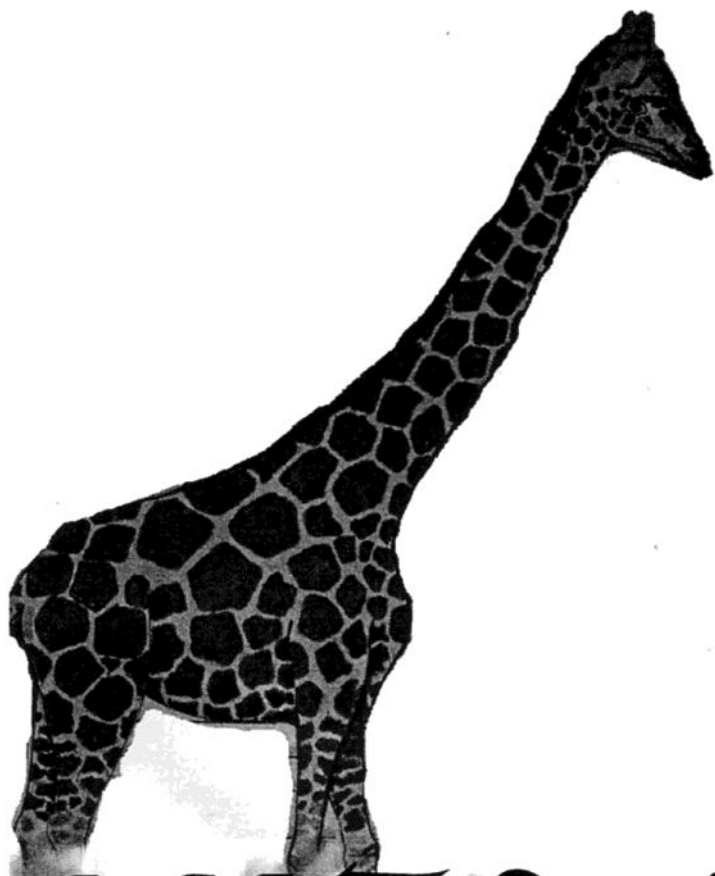


In 1996 we the Editorial Board of the Point will follow a great number of Secondary School Magazines and predict next year's events with absolutely no accuracy whatsoever.

- Michael Jackson will be father to Siamese Twins - neither will look anything like him.
- Shortland Street will finally be taken off the air and replaced with something just as tasteless.
- Paul Holmes will become Prime Minister.
- David Tua will be knocked out on the way to the boxing ring to fight Evander Holyfield.
- The All Blacks will reign supreme.
- The Kiwis will finally beat Australia in a Test Series - and then they'll wake up.
- Winston Peters will announce a bid to challenge for the America's Cup.
- Thingy will climb to the top of Mt Everest and be thawed out by the Spring.
- Rap will finally be outlawed worldwide as nothing but an excuse for illiterates to put together songs to support their drug habits.
- Man will land on Mars - then NASA will be unveiled as nothing but a sham and we will come to the realisation that the Earth is flat.
- Computers will be replaced by something more technical that will have a neat name but no one will know how to use.
- Bobby Brown will release another album.
- Waikato University will get an influx of very poor students, again.
- Once Were Warriors Two will begin screening with Howard Morrison playing Jake Heke.
- The South Island will finally get TV3.
- "Beam me up, Spotty!" will be the new catchphrase with the release of "Star Trek-the Animal Generation."
- Mururoa Atoll will be declared a leper colony.
- Quebec will finally be free from the shackles of imperialism and become an independant nation - and snails and frogs will become an endangered species.
- NZ Rail will celebrate the arrival of its first punctual train.
- Hong Kong will be handed over to China and the 7's tournament will be cancelled as nothing but a capitalist propaganda exercise.
- Superleague will be replaced by Enormous League.
- Elvis Presley, Kirk Cobain, Freddy Mercury, Tupac, Jim Morrison and John Lennon will all appear live in concert with Milli Vanilli.
- The cult group believing 1997 is the end of the world will be wrong.
- The first XV will win its competition....not.
- Babe will win the Melbourne Cup.
- Brunei will be declared an international disaster region by the United Nations Education Division and Mr Cranshaw will return smiling and successful.
- Danion Loader will make a comprehensible speech.
- Jonah Lomu will cry on T.V. again.
- Sam from the Anchor Family will discover she is lactose intolerant and leave home, finally.
- School will open as usual and teachers and students will be happy to be back.



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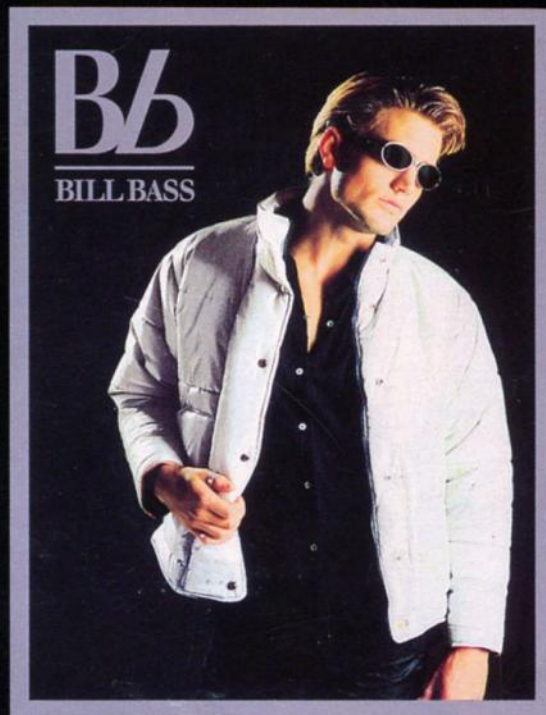
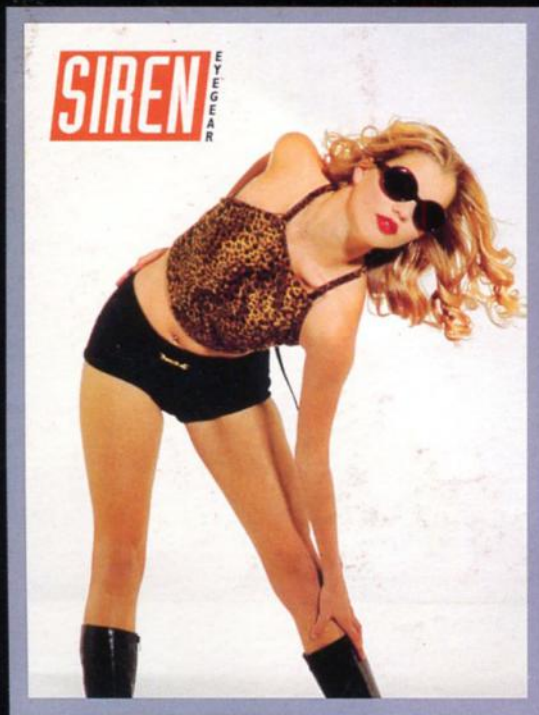
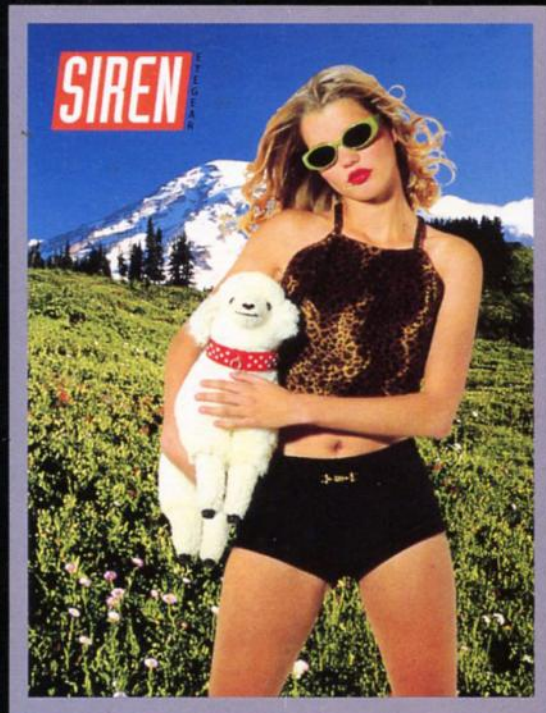
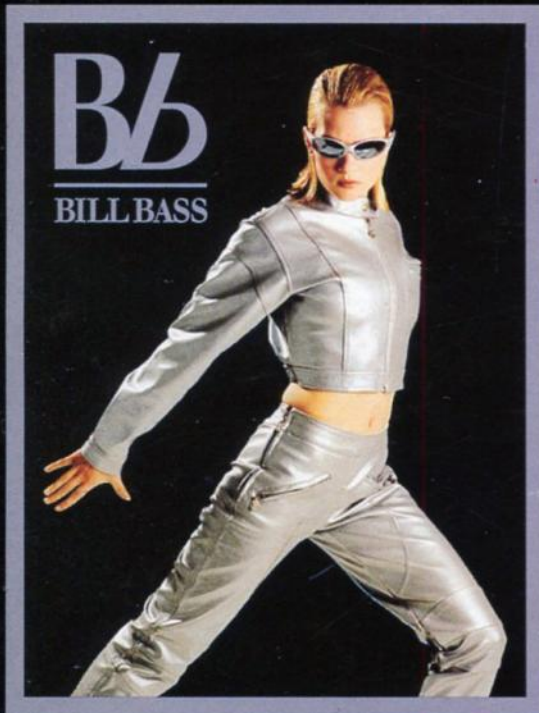


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