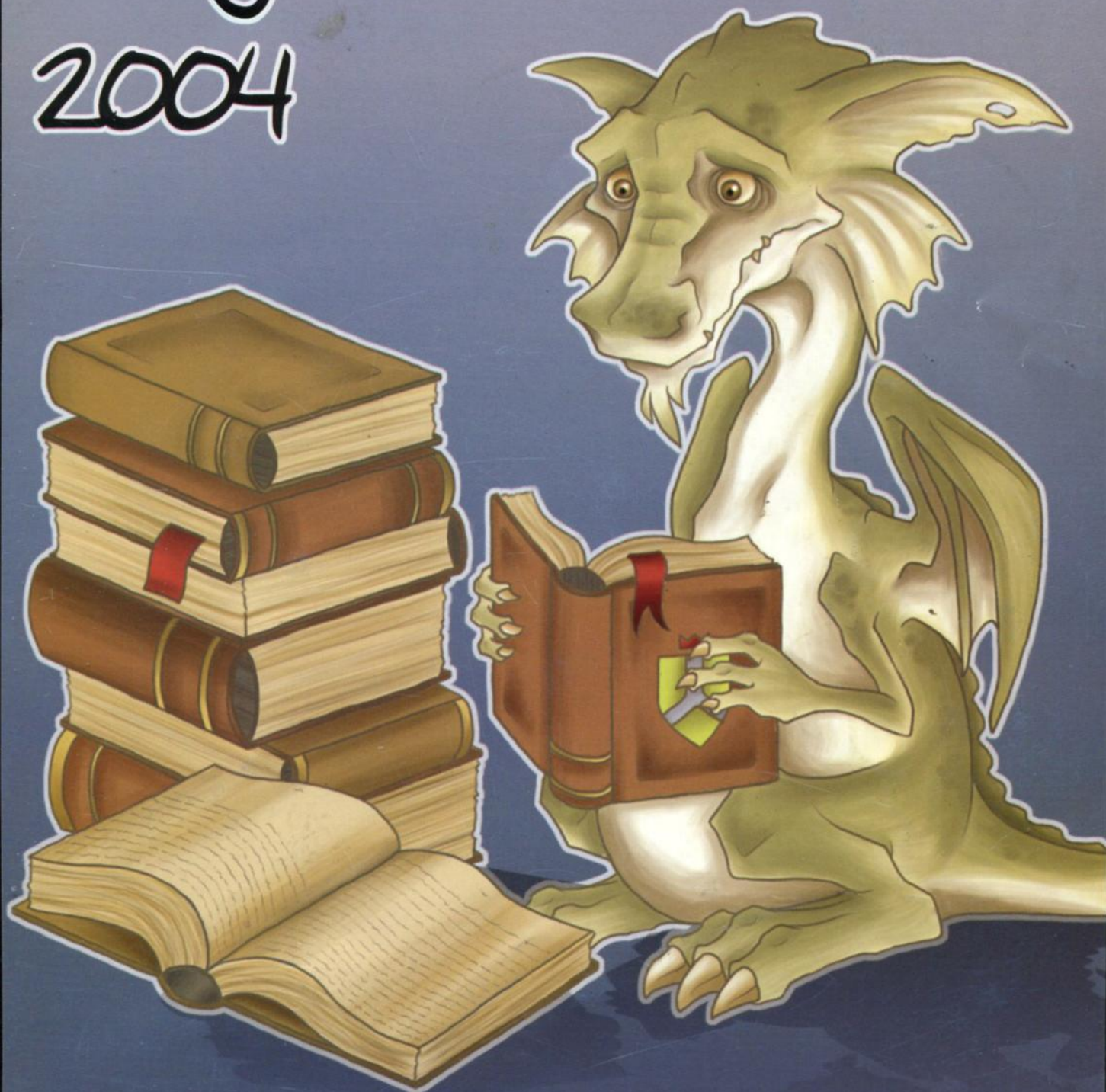


# Ngaruawahia High School Magazine

2004







Dannielle Butcher-Kenny (Editor) and Stacey Robson (co-editor/art director)

# Editorial

I was very excited when Mr. MacDonald gave me the opportunity to be the editor of the "Ngaruawahia High School Magazine". This was a fun and challenging experience. My first official action was to recruit Stacey as the art director/co-editor.

A massive thank you to Stacey. And Mr. Mac (you did a good job with the sport and whanau pages). We may have started a little late, but we all worked non-stop until it was finished.

I would like to warn next years editor - start early, people will do anything to avoid writing and handing in their reports (staff included)! We know how much people like to see pictures and we were fortunate enough to have a lot of photographs at our disposal, and we tried our best to get in as many people as we could.

Near the end the magazine had consumed our lives, the pages began to blur into one big mess of text and pictures, but it was worth every minute and I can't wait to see the finished product.

Enjoy!

*Dannielle Butcher-Kenny*

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*(contrary to popular belief, the dragon is in no way related to PW's mascot)*

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# Principal's Report 2004

It has been another eventful year for the High School. Great progress has been made across all areas of school which will hopefully translate into better academic achievement for our students. The emphasis on literacy skills at the junior level will continue into 2005 as well as the mapping of realistic and attainable career pathways for our seniors.

Staff have worked extremely hard over the last term to ensure that we have prepared our students well for the upcoming external examinations. Time and effort has been put into extra classes, tutorials and further opportunities for internal assessment.

The work that we do at this school should support the vision statement of our school

***"To empower our students with the knowledge, attitudes, values and skills that will enable them to lead a rewarding and fulfilling life and to be able to make a positive contribution to society."***

Key to this is the core business of any school and that is academic achievement, although we do well in our pastoral care, guidance and support, disciplining and activities such as sporting and cultural pursuits, it is academic achievement that should remain the cornerstone of the school. It is an area that we will endeavour to improve on in 2005 and the years to come.

My personal vision for this school is heavily aligned with the schools vision. Central to this is my belief that a school exists in part so that students have the opportunity to make choices later on in life. It is a truism that life can be very limiting if you do not have choices.

Imparting knowledge and skills are the two areas people think most of when examining what a school has to offer a student. However attitude and values are also to some extent imparted to students.

Attitude can shape your life - to make the most of the best and the least of the worst.

In the words of the American writer Norman Peale

*"A positive thinker does not refuse to recognise the negative; he refuses to dwell on it.*

*Positive thinking is a form of thought which habitually looks for the best results from the worst conditions."*

Values are the ideals that give significance to our lives, which are reflected through the priorities we choose, and that we act on consistently and repeatedly. Ngaruawahia High School has a Values Statement which was formulated over the 2002/2003 period. We have much work to do in this area. One of our biggest tasks over the next few years is to translate the written word into actions.

I congratulate all those students who have achieved in so many different areas of school life whether it be in a national

exam or a 30 minute test in class, making a national sporting team or a junior school team, delivering a speech to 300 or 400 people on prize giving night or to an audience of a 10 or 12 in an English class.

This magazine will be a testament to the achievement various students have attained.

To those students who are leaving Ngaruawahia High School. Live all you can it's a mistake not to! Follow your dreams, as Edgar Allen Poe once said *"Those who dream by day are far more aware of many things that escape those who only dream by night"*.

Be the best you can be. I hope you achieve the success you work for. It is timely to remember that success is not measured by the position one has reached in life, by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed. Always remember those who have helped you along the way.

Be proactive that is act, don't be acted upon. Don't wait for a light at the end of the tunnel, stride down there and light it yourself!

I congratulate and thank the staff for all their efforts in 2004. The 2005 year will bring more opportunities and I look forward to working with you as we continue to build our learning community. I wish Matua Wairangi Jones and Whaea Poppy Ranga all the best in their new positions of responsibility at Te Awamutu College and Raglan Area High School respectively. We also farewell Mr Murray Elgar, Mrs Eliza Thomsen and Ms Nicola Saville we wish them all the best in their various endeavours.

I look forward to working with our two new Assistant Principals Mr Chris Jarnet and a person new to the staff, Mr Watson Pita. Both men bring different skill sets to the management team and the school will benefit greatly from their enthusiasm and input.

I would like to thank the old BOT for their support and guidance over the past 3 years and look forward to an enjoyable and productive working relationship with the new BOT.

Finally my sincere thanks go to the Magazine team - Dannielle, Stacey and Mr Mac.

I hope all the time, effort, and stress has made this experience worthwhile. I leave the last quote for this hard working team.

*Believe you can, and you can.*

*Belief is one of the most powerful of all problem dissolvers.*

*When you believe that a difficulty can be overcome,*

*You are more than halfway to victory over it already.*

*- Norman Vincent Peale*

I wish all returning students a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday

*David Bradford*

# Jan Gilby

## Board of Trustees Chairperson

### 2004 Prizegiving Address

Tonight is a chance for the community to acknowledge the achievements of our students - and there have been many during 2004.

As the school continues to grow in population (albeit slowly) and in confidence, so do the students. We have seen amazing success in netball, Touch, Rugby, Rock Climbing as well as in Search For The Stars. Congratulations on all those who organised and participated in these events.

Students from the Hospitality class had wonderful support from the school and Novotel Tainui resulting in some of the students being offered employment for 2005. The same class, under the guidance of Mrs Crush, established Café 28, over the year have prepared and service delicious lunches for invited guests, including the Principals of the local Primary Schools, the Youth Aid Officer and me!!!

Ngaruawahia High School once again entered Stage Challenge and the Performing Arts Co-ordinator Cherie Chapmen has introduced HipHop classes to the school and has given students the opportunity to attend a Black Grace dance performance and the Whale Rider stage show.

The Young Enterprise Scheme once again drew attention to Ngaruawahia High School - the business "*Simply Gourmet*" exceeded all expectations and the students are producing a third run of the product.

Thanks must once again go to the Perry Foundation for the sponsorship of the Year 9/10 camp which is proving to be an amazing opportunity for students and staff. Mr Jarnet needs to be acknowledged for the role he plays in co-ordinating Education Out of the Classroom for the school, ensuring safety for all those involved.

Support networks within the school remain in place allowing students to access free health care, counselling smoking, drug and alcohol cessation programmes. Thanks to Mr Henry for his work in this area as well as his coaching of one of the basketball teams.

2004 saw the front entrance and office area of the school having a major overhaul which has certainly enhanced the initial impression of the school to visitors. This, along with an improved attitude towards uniform has lifted the opinions of others towards Ngaruawahia

High School. As for ongoing improvements and maintenance to the school, the next area to be tackled is the gymnasium.

Thanks must go to the members of the Board of Trustees who bring invaluable experience, passion and opinion to decision making.

I believe, as a community, we are extremely fortunate to have David Bradford at the helm of the waka. He continues to be a strong driving force, wanting to use the resources we have to achieve the best for the students. He leads in a democratic, inclusive manner, consultation with all sectors of the school community is paramount - although at times it is difficult to access parents and caregivers despite regular newsletters which are not only given to every student but distributed in the wider community. Staff have made regular appearances on Radio Tainui to promote school activities.

I am very proud to be associated with this school - compliments about student behaviour is a common occurrence and endorse the Vision Statement which is "*To empower our students with the knowledge, attitude, skills and values to enable them to lead rewarding and fulfilling lives and to be able to make a positive contribution to society.*"

Although I have mentioned a few teachers personally I would like to acknowledge and thank each and every one of the staff who work at school - your contribution is invaluable.

To the staff who are moving on, thank you for your time with us and may the experiences you have had go with you as pleasant memories.

2005 will see some new staff members and I am sure they will add to the wonderful atmosphere of the school.

May the Year 13 students who are leaving seek new horizons, set new goals and follow the Vision Statement. I am sure the last five years may have felt like an eternity but the last few weeks rush by and all of a sudden the security blanket the school provides is pulled from under your feet.

May you leave here with established friendships, happy memories and the desire to return some day.

*Hold fast to dreams*

*For if dreams die*

*Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.*

# Ngaruawahia High School Staff



- Back Row:** Julie Meekings, Tarena Ranui, Scott Henry, Phil Rietema, Meg Vernall, Sindy Hanes, Penni Heu  
**4th Row:** Rebecca Gabel, Claire Timms, Michael Yewen, Vicki Gyde, Gail Wharakura, Cherie Chapman, Yvonne Nikora, Jackie Crush, Waikato Matthews  
**3rd Row:** Doug Marsh, Manuera Monga, Peter Mans, Jamie Lichtwark, Harold Ranui, Sandy MacDonald, Natalie McBean, Tim Cosson, Rangi Cooper  
**2nd Row:** Nick Bowskill, Turina Paku, Chris Hill, Pam Harding, Sam Toka, Catherine Schuler, Murray Elgar, Kimai Huirama  
**Front Row:** Pam Gray, Jessie Johnston, Chris Jarnet, Wairangi Jones, David Bradford, Robyn Roa, Donna West, Merrin Watts, Andrea Marr  
**Absent:** Rosemarie Cann, Lalita Hari, Tania Hill, Jane Kerr-Bell, Tina Newport, Poppy Ranga, Nicola Savage, Noel Haworth



The Ranui  
Wedding



# New Staff 2004

**Sam Toka**



Social Studies  
Maori Studies  
Customer Services

**Cherie Chapman**



English Stage Challenge

**Claire Timms**



Teacher Aide

**Turina Paku**



Health Science  
Mathematics

# Staff Achievements

**Robin Roa MEd**



It is with great pleasure that I am able to share with you in our graduation day Thursday 28 October.

For us it was a huge honour to have been targeted by the media (not my doing I might add) to comment on how we felt about attaining such a milestone.

My daughters clearly have their own opinion about this but from where I stand, I know they had to work hard to reach this pinnacle.

For me, attaining a Masters later in life, presented its own challenges. However, I know that it is at this time in my life that I felt more prepared to take on the rudiments of extra study.

The graduation day was truly awesome!! My daughters and I were very honoured to have the Ngaruawahia Kapa Haka attend the capping ceremony and in supporting this event, performing during our awards acceptance.

Our family were very proud to see these students perform heart felt Haka (bringing me to tears), and even more proud of the way people approached us commenting on how great the kids were and how good it was to see high school students at such events.

Ki te Kapa Haka, nga mihi nui rawa atu ki a koutou e tama, e kotiro ma. Ko koutou hoki nga akonga mo apopo - tena koutou katoa!

Ki nga wahine o te tau 13, aku tino miharo ki a koutou - he wahine toa koutou katoa, Stevye, Amy, Tukutuku, Panekuhukuhu, Tangiarua, Ngati-Te-Ata, Molly. A te wa ka whiwhi tohu matauranga koutou - no reira me kaha tonu kit e whai i te Pae Tawhiti kia u kia tutuki pai o koutou wawata.

**Watson Pita**



Assistant Deputy Principal

At Otahuhu college:

- HOD of Maori Studies.
- Kapa Haka Tutor
- coach of Under-15 9-a-side rugby league team
- He was the ASB Festival Co-ordinator of Maori Stage

# Departing Staff

**Wairangi Jones**



**Destination:**

Te Awamutu College  
as Assistant Principal

**Nicola Saville**



**Destination:**

Melbourne  
Australia

**Murray Elgar**



**Destination:**

Top secret

**Poppy Ranga**



**Destination:**

Raglan District H.S.  
as Assistant Principal

**Phillip Rietema MSc**



What is graduation? Is it the culminating event acknowledging the hard work put in over the years by the students? Is it so parents, family and friends can proudly witness their loved one receiving public recognition for their educational efforts?

Is it so that the academic staff of Waikato University can rightly state how well their charges have done in striving to reach academic excellence? Is it so that Waikato University can advertise and justify their contribution to society?

The answer to all of these questions is a resounding yes! It is so easy to be shy and let the acknowledgement of success pass quietly. It is a fantastic feeling to be among your peers who have shared experiences, a sense of achievement and fulfilment.

It all started with a cattle call to make sure those who were there were there and in the correct place in the correct line. It was being in the army. Left right, left right! Attention! Do this now!

I clearly remember marching into the Founder's theatre to resounding applause; we were the stars of the show. National anthems, speeches, acknowledgements went past in a blur.

The constant and continuing count down to our turn to march across the stage approached agonisingly rapidly, when our name rang out to have our caps put on our head, a shake of the hand and a photo receiving your certificate. All in a blur of nervous pride.

The swelling throng of people clambering for food and drinks in the marquee out the back. The animated discussions, the kiss and the hugs. What an emotional day. Absolutely worth it!

# Head Students 2004

## Ashleigh 'Toku' Turner

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Hmm... lets see, how can I start this. Oh look, I just did.

This is my fourth and final year as a student at Ngaruawahia High School. Although I look forward to a life after school, I am going to miss being here. The school has come a long way since my beginning here. There has been the painting of the school, the introduction of the green and black uniform, the modifications and upgrading of the science and administration blocks, the relocation of the seventh form common room and more. It's great to have seen these changes and I predict there are more to come. However, the greatest aspect of this school always will be the students. We are all achievers and have the innate desire to learn, whether it be academic, sport, music, art or performance. I have had many useful experiences here. I have performed Kapa Haka at a National Level, ran my own company (Young Enterprise Experience), competed in Regional Speech Competitions, organised events such as the school ball, worked with Sports Waikato on a leadership program, gained qualifications at a young age and this year the privilege to be one of our four Head Students.

School is cool and I encourage everyone to make the most of it.

Thank you mum and dad for the sacrifices you make for the boys and I and for believing in me. Thank you to all my teachers, especially to Auntie Robyn and Auntie Poppy for your aroha and support. To my fellow heads and Matua Jones, thanks it has been a great year. A huge shout out to my Motere sisters, Tangiarua, Stevie, Tennille and Amy. We made it team, give me a huprey!!!

All the best to the rest of the school and good luck for your exams!!  
Motere out.

## Amy Wharakura

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Kia Ora!

My years at Ngaruawahia High School have been filled with learning, studying, achievement, friendship, laughter, fun, enjoyment and many more things. Alongside with Jessica, Toku and Kyle we have worked as a great team as head students this year, running assemblies, representing the school and being PERFECT role models LOL. Sharing duties around the school and having privileges around the school has been awesome. I would like to congratulate the other 3 head students on their great job.

I have also played another role in the school which was the BOT student representative. It has been a great experience being a part of the board. I can tell you that the students of Ngaruawahia sure don't have a lot to complain about or aren't big moaners of how the school operates. There have been many achievements and accomplishments among the students that they have strived for this year.

One thing I won't be missing about the board is the very very long meetings (good luck Helena). But overall it has been awesome and we've got a fantastic board. I would like to wish them and Helena (the student representative for 2005) all the best for next year.

It has been a long and busy year and it has finally come to an end. Leaving school is a bit scary, but cool at the same time. There are so many opportunities out there for us. I am very proud of my achievements I have attained this year and would like to thank all my teachers who have helped me and my family who have supported me this year. To my friends who I had fun with at school this year, I wish you all the best for the future. Nō reira mā te atua koutou katoa e manaaki. Tēnā rā tātōu kātōā.



# Kyle Sucić



*Ko maunga piko me patangata te maunga  
Ko parengarenga me wharekahika ta awa  
Ko kurahoupo me horouta te waka  
Ko ngati kuri me ngati porou te iwi  
Ko te reo mihi me tuwhakairiora te marae  
Ko Kyle tuku ingoa*

With the year drawing to end, the sun will soon set on my life as a student at Ngaruawahia high school. The years 2000-2004 will be ones I will always remember. I will always treasure the things I have learnt here, the students I have befriended and my teachers who have helped me in various aspects of my life and who have supported me in what ever I have done.

During my stay at this school, I have been involved in many activities including Kapa Haka and the smokefree stage challenge. I have also been able to witness the raw talent of the students in Kapa Haka, stage challenge, the Rock Quest, the choir, aerobics and all those students who have played an instrument of sung.

This year has been awesome for me. Being head student was an honour. It has been a real privilege to work alongside my fellow head students, Tuku Turner, Amy Wharakura and Jessica Gilby-Todd.

I have had some great times along the way and will always remember many goofs performed. The years were great and may the good times always be remembered by everyone.

One thing I have always felt proud of is the school spirit that spreads through the community. The pride of being part of something as the spirit of Ngaruawahia High School is something we all share, because there is no bounds to what our school can achieve and we have proven that time and time again.

I love this school and will find it hard to leave, as I know so many before me have found. To next years seventh form and students , "Do not get discouraged by those who say you cannot do it, instead take up the challenge and stand tall", famous last words of Mrs Strother, one of the many great teachers who have taught me.

I would like to say a huge thank you to my family, especially to my sister, Casey, Who helped me out while I was a junior and the rest of the whānau who believed in me and for being behind me 100%. To Whaea Roa, who dropped me off at school on days it was raining or I missed the bus. To Mr. Hill, for keeping our class laughing with your dry jokes like "where do weigh pie? Somewhere over the rainbow . . .weigh a pie", you are cool in your own way sir. A special thanks to Mrs. West whom without your help I would have never been a head student, thank you. To the rest of the teachers who have taught me, you will never know how much you have all changed my life. Thank you.

# Jessica Gilby-Todd



A new set of clothes, the occasional free lunch and the superior title of 'Head Student of Ngaruawahia High School'... what more could you want?

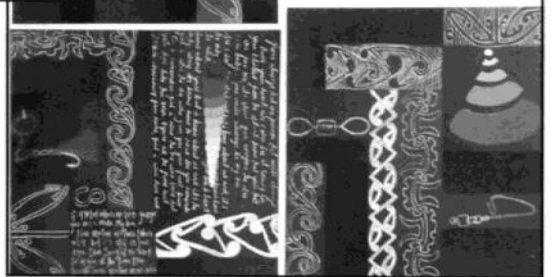
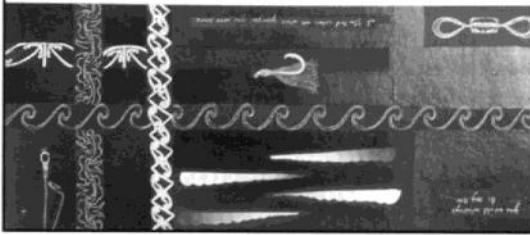
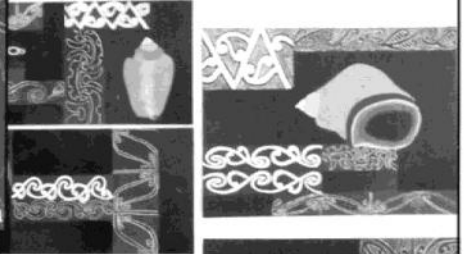
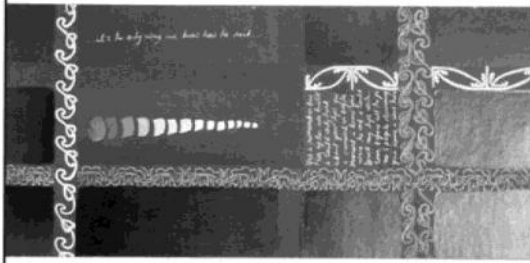
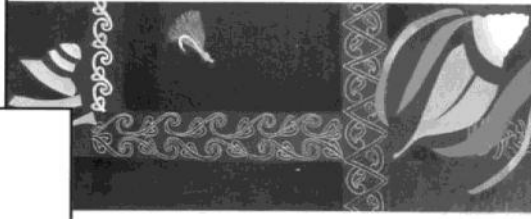
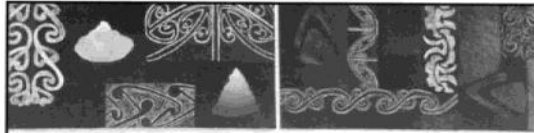
Being chosen to be a head student for 2004 was a great honour for me. I had always wanted this position so I was over the moon when my name was read out!!! Including the before mentioned benefits (thanks Mr Bradford for the yum lunches!) this position has taught me many things and I will be forever grateful that I was given this opportunity. I have developed a lot more confidence and better leadership skills through the running of school assemblies, presenting to primary schools as well as being a representative of the school at various events. Ngaruawahia is an awesome school, and although doubting my parents when they made me go here as a Year 9, I now know that parents do always know best (as they continue to tell me!) and I can't imagine my five years of high school at a better place or with better people.

With that said, I have many people I have to thank for making the time I have spent here so memorable. Firstly, to everyone who has been a mate, thanks for being there; to Tuku for being the wonderful Managing Director of 'Simply Gourmet' and Tang for being a fantastic financial manager. It was a lot of fun making and selling our product and I hope you guys go hard with it next year and get rich! A huge thank you to all my awesome teachers, for always being there to help and motivate me, namely, Mr. Bradford, Mrs. Gyde, Mr. Elgar, Mrs. Johnston and Mr. Mac. As well as the numerous others, who also had the delight of teaching me over the years! And lastly, thanks must go out to my co-head students Tuku, Amy and Kyle. You are great people to work alongside and I hope we keep in touch.

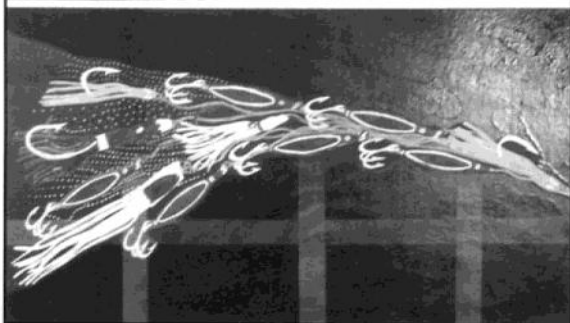
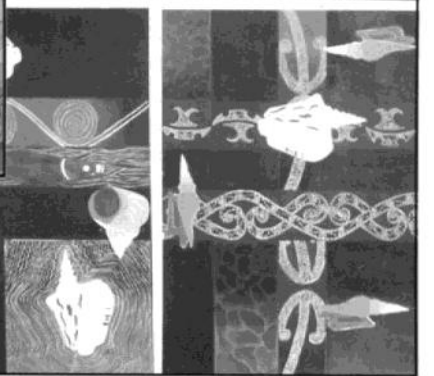
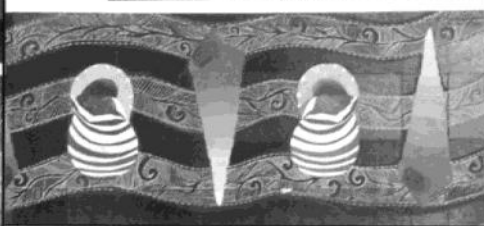
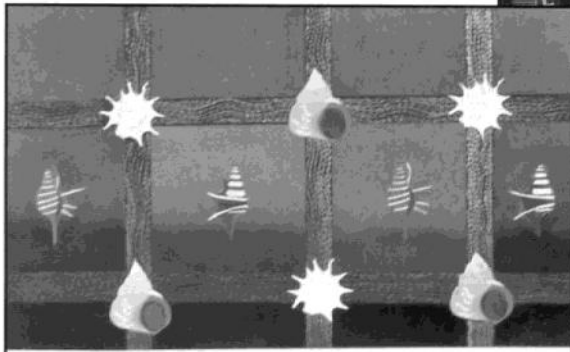
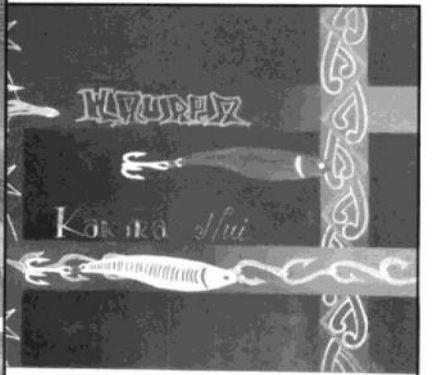
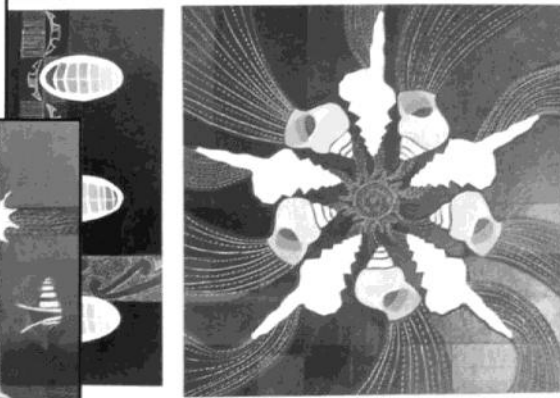
To end, I want to offer a word of advice to all the students at Ngaruawahia: this school has so much to offer each and every one of it's students, how much you get out of it is up to you, so look at all the opportunities with an open mind and two hands ready to grab hold, and you can achieve anything.



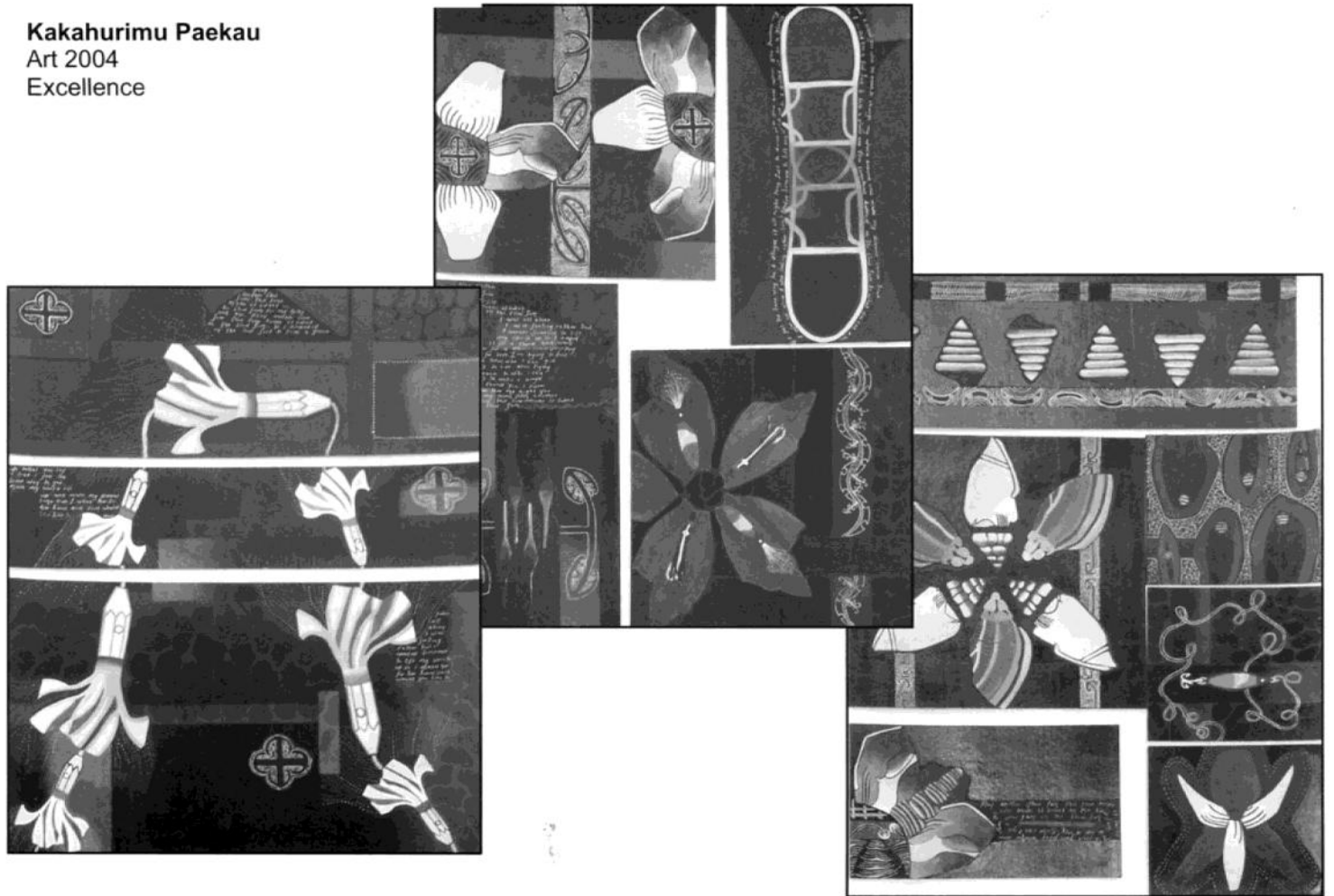
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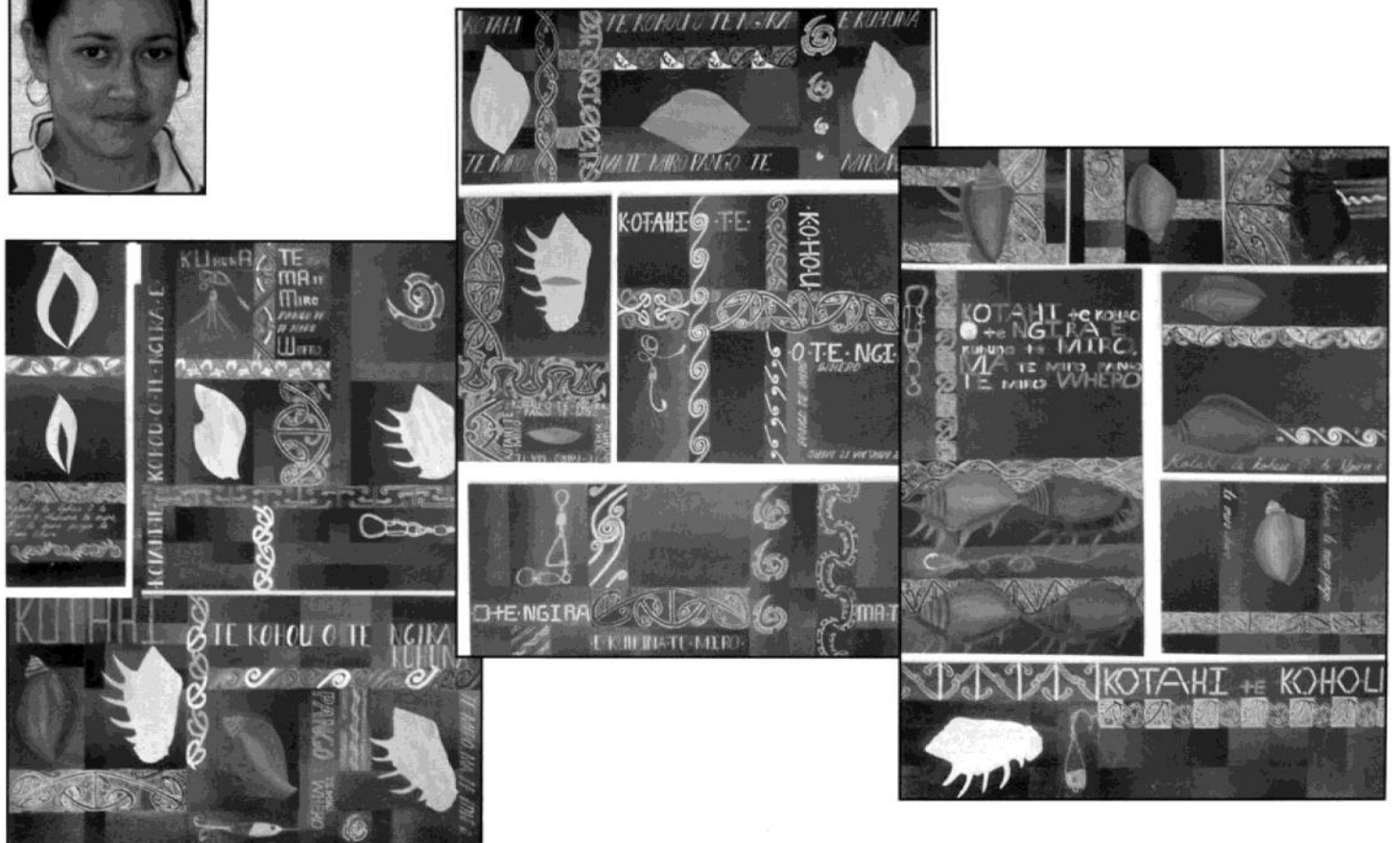
Shirley-Anne King  
Art 2004  
Excellence



**Kakahurimu Paekau**  
 Art 2004  
 Excellence



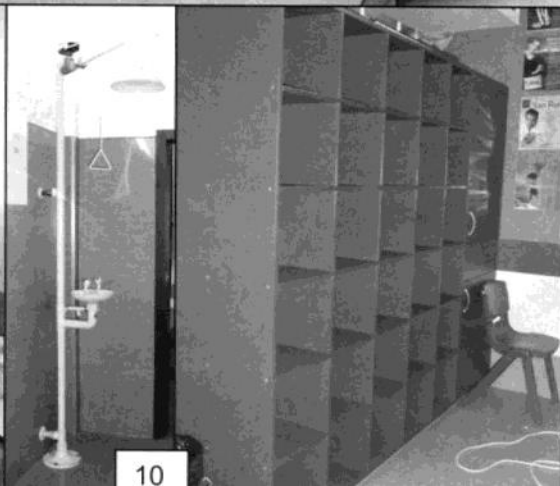
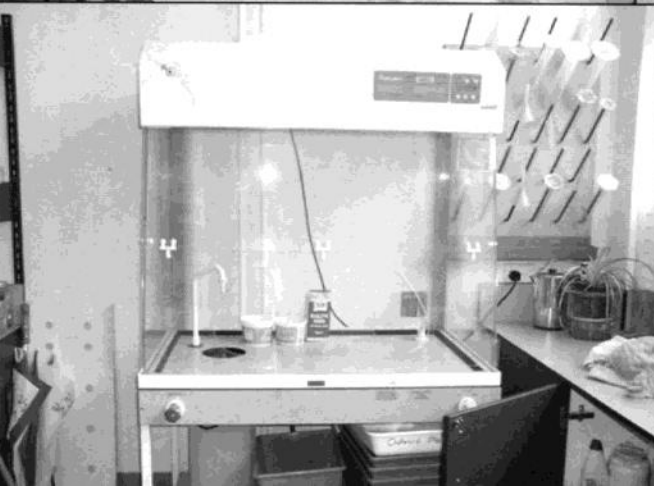
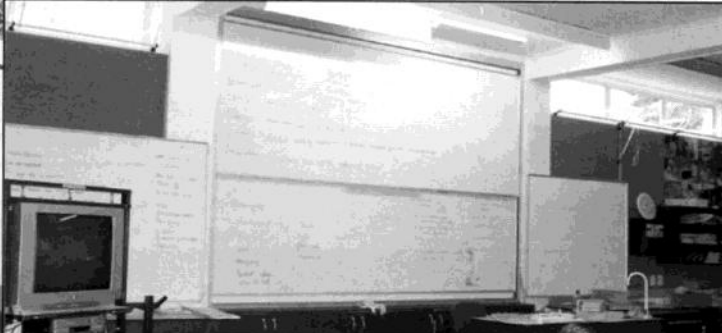
**Samantha Tipene**  
 Art 2004  
 Excellence





## Upgrades Around The School

Towards the beginning of this year we were able to see the finished product of our brand new administration block. After construction began late 2003, the front office has been restructured, extending several areas. The result is an entrance the school can be very proud of. Also upgraded were the two B-Block science laboratories, each with a many new fixtures.



# Gateway

Gateway is a new initiative at Ngaruawahia High School, which enables Year 12 and 13 students to participate in structured workplace learning. These senior students have been offered new learning choices through this new initiative. Gateway is designed to strengthen the pathway for students from school to workplace learning.

The Gateway programme is about students completing a work placement within their surrounding community. Students likely to participate include those interested in a career in a particular industry, or who want to collect a wider range of skills. Some students may find work-based learning helps them better understand the relevance of more general subjects. Students will be placed according to their individual placements and this participation will potentially provide students with high employment or apprenticeships. Their learning is assessed in the workplace against unit and/or achievement standards on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and integrated with their current programme of study.

Workplace learning is a formalized learning arrangement set in an actual workplace, with clear understandings about the knowledge and skills to be attained, and the assessment of unit standards. It differs from work experience, which tends to be designed to give students a taste of different occupations, to help them in career planning.

While on Gateway the students benefit by applying skills and knowledge to the workplace, gaining insights to working life and gaining skills in specific industry areas.

2004 has been a successful year at Ngaruawahia High School with a proportion of Year 12 and 13 students participating in Gateway. The programme has provided some students from our school with interesting and challenging opportunities leading to future employment. We wish to thank our local employers as they have been very supportive of our students and the programme by offering workplace learning in a number of career areas.

Students interested in Hospitality, IT and the trades have succeeded in achieving credits towards their chosen career path. Over Term 2 we had 5 hospitality students do workplace learning through the Novotel Tainui in Hamilton. These students were the first New Zealand students to complete a new Hotel raining course run by Accor Hotels in conjunction with Novotel Tainui. Through this course the students gained necessary credits for the hotel industry. For 2005, 12 more hospitality students will also be given the opportunity to experience the hotel industry. Our school website is another area of success, with a Year 13 student designing and updating the website with the latest information on school life. By participating in Gateway he has gained new skills in a locally owned business and used the school website to achieve extra Level 3 and 4 credits in Website Designing. That student has now been rewarded with a scholarship in Information Technology to study at Wintec.

-Jane Kerr-Bell (Gateway Coordinator)



Nicholas Kerr-Bell (centre)



Moengarau Matenga



Kylie Garlick

Ashley Whitehouse



Jessica Robinson (right)



# Exchange Students



**Matthias Machinek**

I'd like to explain why I wanted to go on an exchange. My day-to-day-life in Germany got a bit too boring for me somehow, so I started wondering whether there is more to life?

I chose to come to NZ because it's literally on the other side of the world so it must be the most different English speaking country I could go to.

I read something about Maoris, they were described as dangerous, armed gang members that live in the outback's of NZ, where Pakeha are not welcomed. That worried, but couldn't stop me from going.

I couldn't even find Ngaruawahia on the map before I left, or pronounce its name. I was surprised on my first day at school, when somebody came up to me and said "Kia Ora, cuz!" It somehow didn't sound like the English I learned at school...I

thought that the communication should be one of the smallest problems because I learned English in Germany for 5 years, and I couldn't understand a word. I often just guessed with "yes" or "no" as an answer, sometimes ending up quite embarrassing.

After being at Ngaruawahia High school for almost a year now I have to say how lucky you are to go to a school with friendly teachers and to make learning interesting.

I have seen quite a lot of your land and you should, be proud of it, because you are lucky to live in such a damn good-looking country.

I hadn't heard anything about NZ music before I came, but after I went to the "Big Day Out", "Edge Fest" and to a "Blindspott" concert and out for some time in the music room and played the drums in a band, I saw that Kiwi's really know how to rock!!

Thanks to the teachers and student for welcoming me into your school and culture and helping me out when I didn't understand something. You really made my year fun and relaxing and I enjoyed my stay at Ngaruawahia.

I can only recommend to all students go on an exchange and see the world that is waiting for you out there! It was the best thing I have ever done! I had an awesome year and so many different experiences that made me think outside the square. An exchange is about having the guts to go out there on your own and do it!



**Olivier Pirard**

Hey everyone! For those who didn't know I was from Belgium, Brussels to be precise. My name was Olivier and only a few people could say it in a proper way, a quite hard name for English speaking people. That's why most of you called me Oli or Oliver! I was a student at your school for one year. I arrived the first of July in New Zealand... It was winter and cold and I had just left my

country where it was summer and warm... But that was alright because the first thing I had done after my arriving was travelling all around the South Island and that was simply gorgeous!

Now, one year has passed and we are almost the first of July again. It's time for me to go home and leave behind, not only winter and its cold weather, but also all of you. The whole New Zealand that I learned to know during this wonderful year I had with you.

My departure will be really hard... You'll probably read this when I'll be already gone but anyway I want you to know that leaving what New Zealand won't be something easy and I will always remember all the things I've learned and achieved here.

For your help, for your friendship and for you love and I'd like to say a big MERCI and A bientot to every one of you. "Merci" means thank you in French and means a lot to me. "A bientot" means see you soon and hopefully this soon will be...well, as soon as possible.

All the best for the future!



**Megan Gibbs**

Kia Ora I'm from Atlanta, Georgia the south eastern side of America.

I come from the capital of my state with a population of four million people...So coming to Ngaruawahia was quite a different experience. I have truly enjoyed Ngaraz flavour in all regards. Thanks for giving me an easy going six months.

School was nice, with out the stress like back home. I will miss the atmosphere and my mates. While it was lying in the sunshine or huddling up by the heaters, it was choice. While the weather has proven

very interesting, my experiences here will not be forgotten. I did my best to get a tan, got the chance to hold a New Zealand Blue penguin, and had an awesome tourism trip to Rotorua!

Experienced Kapa Haka which is my favourite, and just hanging out with friends in the common room. And I have to mention the Stage Challenge because it took up three months of my stay – thanks to everyone for working hard, I'm glad I had the chance to work with you all and I'm glad and a bit surprised that we pulled it off – but I wish you luck for in the future... and go hard!

The seventh form crew was awesome. The drama in the English class was especially memorable and the conduction of our Economics class as our teacher would sometimes forget that he had a class for a while. Something I truly enjoyed was the music – instead of the annoying choral suits being sung through the halls back home, I heard Haka's, Zed, and heaps of Usher, even though he's American.

I got into Shortland Street, the overdramatic, addictive program, and of course NZ Idol. Thanks for welcoming me into the kiwi life and showing me that there is more to rural life than just shearing sheep. Oi, I can now say dance properly, and like the funny coloured cheese, and boy will I miss fish and chips.

Ka kite ano!



**Julia Lidberg**

Kia ora everyone!

When you are reading this I will probably be back home in cold and snowy Sweden again after a cool year in New Zealand. Sweden is a quite big country, about 3 times bigger than New Zealand, and we are 9 million people on that area.

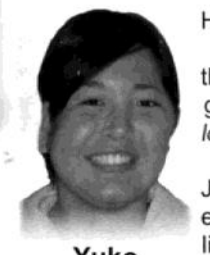
I have been here 10 months now; those months have been so much fun. I love New Zealand's relaxing and easy-going life style. So different from Sweden's busy, strict and hard working style where the time never seems to be enough. I'm quite worried about going

back to my hard school with 1-2 hours homework everyday.

I have learnt heaps about a culture I hardly knew existed. The nice laid-back Maoris aren't very scary at all, as many foreign people think before they get the chance to know a funny one, because guys, you are crack up..!

It has been so much fun to get to know you guys and a special thanks to my host family, Dot and Noel Haworth, Naomi (from Canada) and Andrea (from Germany), Leone, Penni, Clayton and Demi. To some of my teachers, Mrs Gray, Mrs Cann and Mrs Hari for brought me on trips to Rotorua and Waitomo Caves, and to Mr McDonald for always being so helpful and understanding of me going on internet to catching up with my friends back in Sweden.

I will miss you guys and New Zealand heaps, but I'll come back one day, so see you..!



**Yuko Yonaha**

Hi,

When I came to this school for the first time, I thought "what a small school this is...". But the rugby ground was huge, and heaps of Maori people. I learned lots of Maori things.

There are about 1,400 students in my school in Japan and 40 students in a class. In NZ, people are really easy going and they have a wonderful nature, so I really like it. I had a very good time at this school.

Thank you everyone.



**Andrea Heimerl**

Hi everybody,

I am 17 and I come from Germany. I arrived in New Zealand in the middle of July after two really cool weeks in Australia and a terrible flight.

New Zealand is a beautiful country and I love to do all the different trips to see as much as I possibly can. So many things are different here, but I am glad that I came here, I like the relaxing way of life. School is so much easier and also much

more fun. There are so many things I want to do and it is really interesting to learn about a completely different culture.

I had so much luck with my host family and I want to thank all the people that helped me so much during my first time here. I am really looking forward to the rest of my year and all the fun that is still waiting for me.



**Annina Loets**

Hi, I am from Germany. I am the girly one with the insufferable pink clothes.

When I first came here I was sort of scared of this school and the people, that were so different from what I was used to from my German school. But that is all good now. It didn't take me very long to find out that the people that I had the chance to get to know weren't that different at all and very nice! I've experienced a lot of the Maori culture: In

the kapa haka group, where everybody helped me catch up and taught me how to pronounce the words, in my host family, where I had the chance to taste a hangi, which was really beautiful (while the boil-up, wasn't quite my favourite food, hahaha!). In P.E. students were always helpful and patient enough to explain to me for the third time, how the exercise was working :-)! So, yeah, I want to thank my teachers (Mrs. Chapman, Mrs Grey, Mr. MacDonald, Mrs Gyde, Mr. Ranui, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Crush) and some of the students that I got to know, including Dannielle, Stacey, Amanda, Cheryl, Josh, Tuku, Tangiarua, Ngati Te Ata, Tennille, Stevye, Amy, Jess, Kylie, Kathryn, Kawhena, Rehutai, Moengarau and everybody else.

Anyway, I'll be back next year, and see everybody, apart from the Year 13 and will hopefully get to know many more of you!

Enjoy the holidays

Ka kite



**Flora Leemans**

Hey everybody!

My name is Flora (Floortje) Leemans and I'm the exchange student from Holland. I've been here for four months and I'll be back next year. I'm staying with the barker family in Taupiri and I really enjoy it there. New Zealand is a lot different from Holland so sometime I miss home, but I get a lot of fun in return!! This summer I'm planning camps to see more of New Zealand. I'm going to see your beautiful South Island

and I'm going to have a great summer, I'll miss this school because of all the fun I've had and everybody has been really nice. I just want to thank all of you for that. See you next year!!

# Seated







# YEAR 10 CAMP

The year 10 students had a fantastic five days on camp at Kaiaua. They enjoyed many interesting activities, including low ropes, high ropes, kayaking, bush craft, orienteering, camp craft, mountain biking and overnight camping as well as an evening in the hot pools at Miranda.



# Athletics



Event	Junior Girls	Junior Boys	Intermediate Girls	Intermediate Boys	Senior Girls	Senior Boys
100m	<b>Poihaere Clark</b> Vanessa Savage Rangi Moeke	<b>Te Whero Hetet</b> Shannon Rupapere Jamin Wells	<b>Teina Clark</b> Amy Dean	<b>Shaun Kenny-Dowall</b> Curtis Solomon Teina Clay	<b>Ruth Rangiawha</b> Tennille Hill Nikita Davis	<b>Reuben Davis</b> Matthew Jones Raymond King
200m	<b>Poihaere Clark</b> Shannon Salvation Lealyn Taukiri	<b>Shannon Rupapere</b> Jamin Wells Nick O'Hearn	<b>Teina Clark</b>	<b>Shaun Kenny-Dowall</b> Rabbie Hall Troy Waters	<b>Ruth Rangiawha</b> Tennille Hill Naomi Thomson-Gladish	<b>Reuben Davis</b> Raymond King Steven Wiggins
400m	<b>Poihaere Clark</b> Felicity Stewart	<b>Jamin Wells</b> Nick O'Hearn Damien Jones	<b>Jasmin Whanga</b> Erin Newell Poto Morgan-Sheargold	<b>Shaun Kenny-Dowall</b> Trent Williams Shaye Brookes	-	<b>Timothy Cave</b>
Javelin	<b>Maraea Whare</b> Charmaine Hopa	<b>Jamin Wells</b> Jacob Moana Sam Herbert	<b>Erin Newell</b> Ataahua Walters Mahiaringa Maru	<b>Himiora Matenga</b> Shaun Kenny-Dowall Kerry Whare	<b>Ngati Te Ata Newport</b> Kylie Garlick Alysha Tumai	<b>Raymond King</b> Steven Wiggins Matthew Jones
Triple Jump	<b>Vanessa Savage</b> Poihaere Clark Nikki Maru	<b>Te Whero Hetet</b> Jamin Wells Tyrone Haumaha	<b>Erin Newell</b> Teina Clark Poto Morgan-Sheargold	-	<b>Nikita Davis</b> Tennille Hill Kathryn Don	<b>Reuben Davis</b> Raymond King Matthew Jones
Long Jump	<b>Poihaere Clark</b> Rangitetaia Mete Vanessa Savage	<b>Te Whero Hetet</b> Tyrone Haumaha Nathaniel Ballard	<b>Teina Clark</b> Ataahua Walters Shardae Pompey	<b>Shaun Kenny-Dowall</b> Curtis Solomon Troy Waters	<b>Nikita Davis</b> Tennille Hill Ngati Te Ata Newport	<b>Reuben Davis</b> Raymond King Matthew Jones
Discus	<b>Maraea Whare</b> Rangitiro Wilson Corinna Paul	<b>Tori Piko</b> Kaiponu Campbell Jamin Wells	<b>Roxanne Woolley</b> Kelsey Salt Mahiranga Muru	<b>Shaun Kenny-Dowall</b> Zane Upton Kerry Whare	<b>Whitney Wade</b> Ngati Te Ata Newport Tennille Hill	<b>Steven Wiggins</b> Aden Morunga Matthew Jones
Shot Put	<b>Maraea Whare</b> Vanessa Savage Poihaere Clark	<b>Jamin Wells</b> Ezra Waters	<b>Roxanne Woolley</b> Ataahua Walters Erin Newell	<b>Kerry Whare</b> Shaun Kenny-Dowall Hone Tahu = Peter Wiggins	<b>Whitney Wade</b> Ngati Te Ata Newport Naomi Thomson-Gladish	<b>Steven Wiggins</b> Aden Morunga Matthias Machinek
Champs	<b>Poihaere Clark</b>	<b>Jamin Wells</b>	<b>Teina Clark</b>	<b>Shaun Kenny-Dowall</b>	<b>Tennille Hill</b>	<b>Reuben Davis</b>







# TOURISM TRIP

On Tuesday 1 June, the Year 12/13 Tourism class set off on their trip to study how tourism began in New Zealand. The trip seemed more of an adventure with students participating in activities such as the Swoop, Zorb, Luge and visiting Tamaki Tours night exclusion, Te Wairoa and Whakarewarewa Village. Students were also invited to join the kapa haka performances.





# AHT + PEER SUPPORT CAMP

On the 12th to the 15th of May, the Peer Support leaders and Anti-Harassment team went to a camp at Bryant Home, Raglan.

At the camp the Peer Support leaders worked on preparing to continue to lead groups of Year 9 students in team building activities. The AHT students worked very hard in learning how to mediate problems between other students—spinning, bullying, trouble with friends and peers. They also worked with each other to create real life scenarios in which they were able to apply their learned knowledge. Both the Peer Support leaders and the AHT trained with Tanya Tu Whangai from Yellow Ribbon, so that Yellow Ribbon ambassadors could be selected to continue the initiative at Ngaruawahia High School.

It wasn't all work at the camp though! The students did activities at the beach, swam (a very cold swim) in the pool, played Ping Pong, Archery, PlayStation and X-box. The students also put on a concert of skits, singing, comedy and cross dressing.

Many staff assisted to make this a great camp. Thanks to Turina Paku, Harold Ranui, David Bradford, Tina Newport, Tania Hill, Mr MacDonald, Mrs Cann, Vince Mete and Tania Tu Whangai. It was a great time to get to know each other, learn heaps and have fun.



**Peer Support & AHT Members:** Vince Mete (Facilitator), Matthew Jones, Gayne Matthews, Stacey Robson, Dannielle Butcher-Kenny, Cheryl Waghorn, Jasmin Whanga, Kapara White, Curtis Solomon, Ashley Whitehouse, Ataahua Nepia, Anthony Laurie, Roxanne Wooley, Kakahurimu Paekau, Sara Hiini, Jolene Hohaia, Nikita Davis, Whitney Wade, Erin Newell, Miss Paku, Leone Harrison, Timothy Cave, Timothy Derecourt, Ruth Rangiwha, Joshua Johnson. In front are Harold Ranui (Facilitator), Scott Henry (Course Facilitator) and Poto Morgan-Sheargold.





# Cross Country



### Senior Boys

- Matthew Jones (PW)
- Kenji Koh (T)
- Nikki Hemapo (M)

### Senior Girls

- Tennille Hill (M)
- Ruth Rangiawha (PW)
- Kylie Garlick (M)

### Intermediate Boys

- Kainga Turner (T)
- Peter Wiggins (PW)
- Trent Willams (PW)

### Intermediate Girls

- Teina Clark (T)
- Natalie Mayne (PW)

### Junior Boys

- Kaupuke Waitere (M)
- Brad Poto (T)
- Jordan Grace (M)

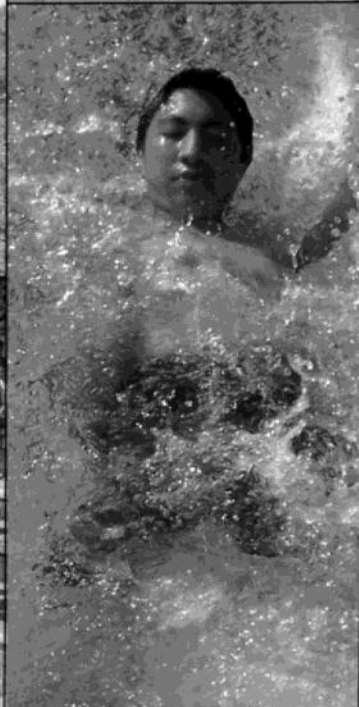
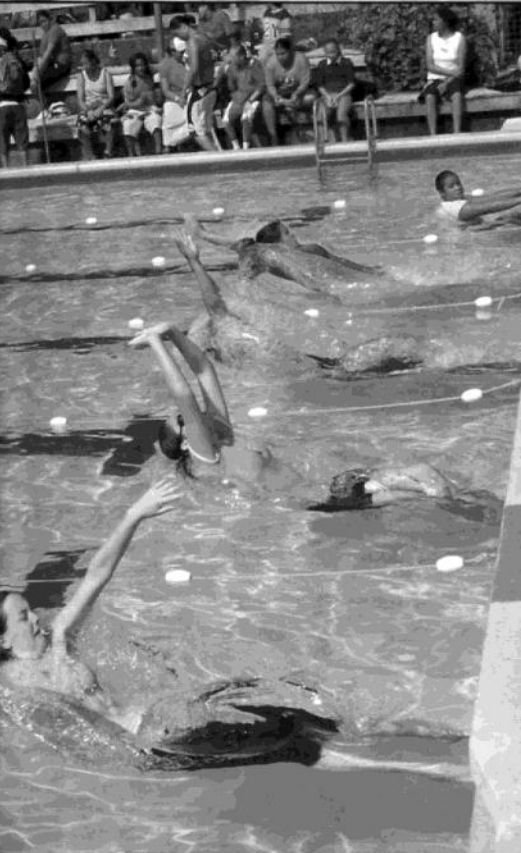
### Junior Girls

- Poihaere Clark (T)
- Vanessa Savage (PH)
- Rebecca O'Hearn (M)





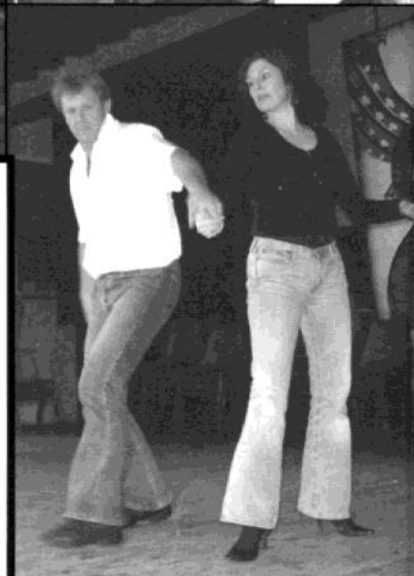
# Swimming Sports





# Staff Idol

Bagpipes. Ceroc dancing. Hip Hop. You name it, the staff at Ngaruawahia High can do it. At the end of Term 3, nine brave teachers faced their harshest audience, the students, in the Ngaruawahia Idol competition.



The opposition was fierce. The programme, fronted by Cherie Chapman in a devilish shiny-red dress, began with Sam Toka's original rendition of Ten Guitars. This was swiftly followed up by the smooth moves of Catherine Schuler and her partner dancing Ceroc. The crowd was totally mesmerized.



The next item was a free-for-all, as staff were invited to dance impromptu to 'It's raining men'. Unfortunately only three teachers braved the stage—Nick Bowskill, Jackie Crush, and Rebecca Gable. And their moves... well...



Songbird Penni Heu luckily entranced the judges with 'Just my imagination', backed by Michael Yewen and Chapman.

Not to be outdone, Chris Jarret played the bagpipes in full kilt, backed by Sam Toka. Quite a treat, och aye.

But the man who stole the show—and took away the prize—was the one, the only, Wairangi Jones on Jews harp and breaking the rules with his y-rapper version of the school uniform rap.

At the end the judges—Stevye Te Wai, Tuku Turner, Jessica Gilby-Todd and Amy Wharakura—looked relieved the whole thing was over, and sent us off to the Term 3 holidays.







# Stage Challenge

The theme of this years Stage Challenge was "Maui and the Sun". Students involved this year practiced long hours during the holidays and after school under the guidance of the Stage Challenge Coordinator Ms. Chapman.

Although no placing was gained they did receive an award for "Staging and Music".



# Simply Gourmet

2004 was the second year that the Young Enterprise scheme has been run at Ngaruawahia. Students were given the opportunity to become young entrepreneurs under the guidance of Young Enterprise teacher and Hamilton businesswoman, Isa Te Koeti. Here is an overview of this year's experience...

We started out with a group of eleven students from Years 9 to 13, sitting in a room one lunchtime discussing what would be a cool product or service to make, market and sell.

Ideas were brainstormed and everything from CD racks to Paua jewellery was considered. However, the unanimous decision, and what would prove to be a very wise and profitable decision was the choice of making a product that involved a jar layered with the dry ingredients for making cakes and cookies. Director's positions were allocated and Ashleigh Turner was nominated as the Managing Director (CEO).

Weeks of market research, recipe hunting (and sampling!) and designing soon followed. The numbers of the group dwindled slowly as the directors realised what a lot of work was actually involved in running a business!

The resulting group was three Year 13 girls: CEO Ashleigh Turner, Financial Director Tangiarua Newport and Secretarial Director Jessica Gilby-Todd. It was these three girls who then became known as "Simply Gourmet", the group who made delicious, high-quality gourmet creations in a jar.

We sourced our jars from Wellington and the labels, designed by ourselves, were printed with a Hamilton company. Ingredients were then bought from Pak n' Save and we could finally start production.

After a lot of mess and fun in Jessica's kitchen, 30 jars of Muesli Slice and 30 jars of Chocolate Brownie ingredients were made. These were taken to

Chartwell shopping centre on a busy Saturday morning, along with young Enterprise companies from all over the Waikato, to sell our wares to the public. This was very successful for us and after selling the 60 jars in less than two weeks we decided to make a second run of 60. This time around we made a few changes, due to our increased knowledge in business, and this ensured an even better product.

Along with creating and selling this product, we also had to write up a full business plan before beginning production, and then an annual report, summing up the year of business, which was then presented to judges at Waikato University. Although we did not win a prize, the judges were very impressed with our innovation and business skills.

This year has been a lot of fun for us, and we recommend that the students give it a go- not only do you learn a lot, you can also earn a lot!!

Now that Christmas is approaching, Simply Gourmet is doing their third run of 60 jars, with a new improved design. These fantastic jars make the yummiest treat, and serve well for those who have no time (or skills!) for preparation, or make an awesome gift for young and old alike.

Special thanks must go out to Isa Te Koeti who worked tirelessly with us, and whose experience and knowledge in the business world was invaluable. Thanks also to Chris Williams and his business King St advertising, for their advice and help.

To get in touch with Simply Gourmet you can email us at: [simplygourmet\\_nga@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:simplygourmet_nga@yahoo.co.nz)

Jars retail at \$14.95 each. Order now for Christmas!





Leone Harrison, Jessica Robinson Kylie Garlick (kneeling), Amy Te Huia (seated) and Ashley Whitehouse

# Novotel Tainui

## Gateway students succeed at National certificate in Hospitality Level 2

After 10 weeks of training in both practical and classroom theory (which involved Front Office, Conference, House Keeping, Restaurant and Kitchen) five gateway students completed their Student Hospitality Experience.

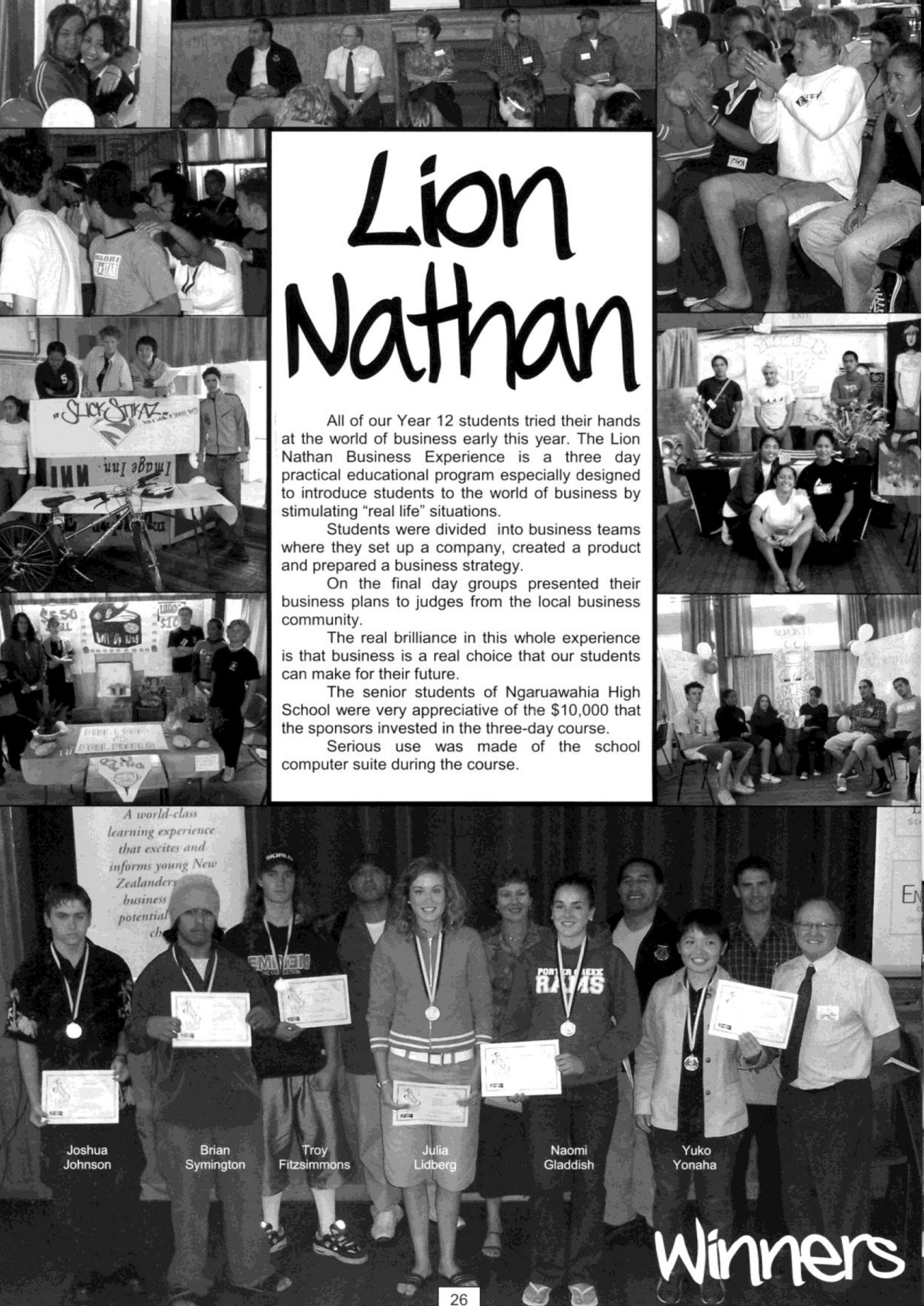
On Sunday August 8th 2004, Ngaruawahia High School's Gateway program celebrated their accomplishment with a presentation dinner held at the Novotel Tainui. The presentation was held in recognition of the students (pictured above) who successfully achieved their unit standards towards their National Certificate in Hospitality Level 2.

During dinner they were presented with certificates from Jane Forbes and Andrew Maynard from the Novotel Tainui. Invited guests included Mr. Bradford (School Principal), Mrs. Crush (HOD Hospitality), Mrs. Cann (Careers Advisor), Mrs. Kerr Bell (Gateway Coordinator), Edgar Wilson (Tertiary Education Commission) Kath Williams and Glen Fulcher (Hospitality Standards Institute), Jane Forbes (Human Resources Coordinator - Novotel Tainui) and Andrew Maynard (General Manager - Novotel Tainui). Each student was also accompanied by their parents.

With the completion of their traineeship the students enjoyed a fun night with an overnight stay as guests at the Novotel Tainui Hotel.

Thanks to the Accor Hotel Group, Jane Forbes of Novotel Tainui, the Hospitality Standards Institute, Jane Kerr-Bell and Mrs. Cann for giving our students this opportunity.





# Lion Nathan

All of our Year 12 students tried their hands at the world of business early this year. The Lion Nathan Business Experience is a three day practical educational program especially designed to introduce students to the world of business by stimulating "real life" situations.

Students were divided into business teams where they set up a company, created a product and prepared a business strategy.

On the final day groups presented their business plans to judges from the local business community.

The real brilliance in this whole experience is that business is a real choice that our students can make for their future.

The senior students of Ngaruawahia High School were very appreciative of the \$10,000 that the sponsors invested in the three-day course.

Serious use was made of the school computer suite during the course.

*A world-class learning experience that excites and informs young New Zealanders business potential*

Joshua Johnson

Brian Symington

Troy Fitzsimmons

Julia Lidberg

Naomi Gladdish

Yuko Yonaha

Winners



# CIV ENG

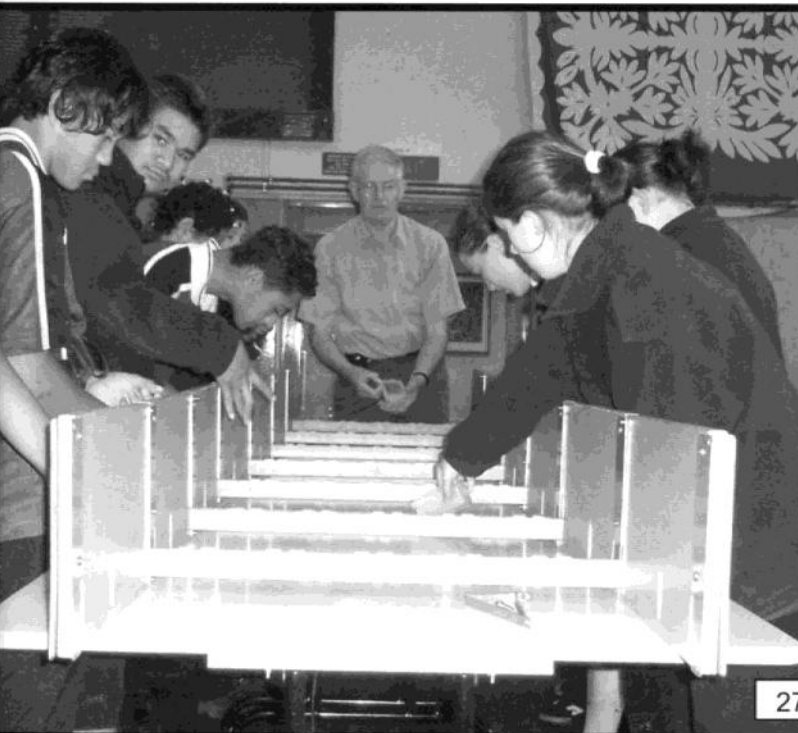
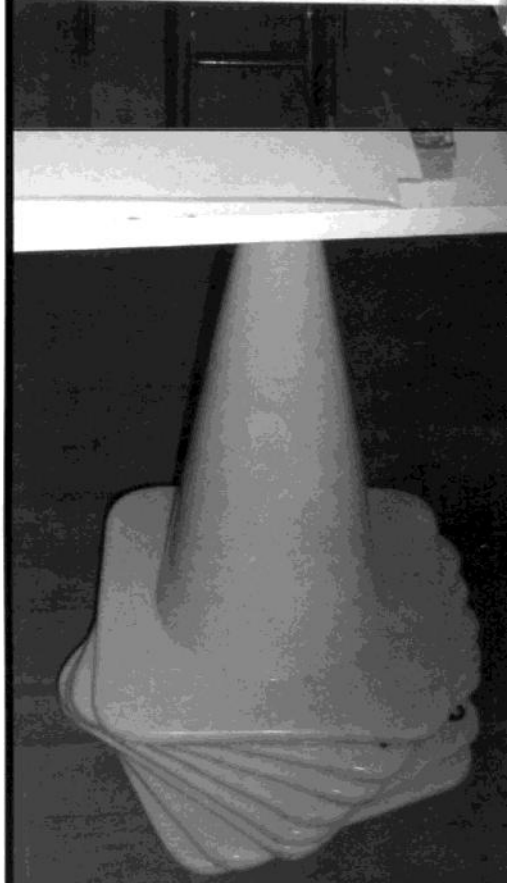
On Tuesday 26th October, CIVENG Ltd visited the school to work with the Year 9 and 10 students. CIVENG Ltd is a company owned by Helen and John Irvine. It has been Established to visit schools during the years 2003 to 2005 inclusive in order to raise the profile of Mathematics, Physics, and Technology and of careers in civil engineering and similar fields. There is no cost to schools primarily due to industry sponsorship. Sponsors are Transfund New Zealand, other members of the civil engineering industry and educational Providers.

Helen and John decided to undertake the programme has meant a huge change of life style. They thoroughly enjoy the time spent with the students and school staff.

This programme is largely intended for years 9 - 13. The intention is that coverage will be uniform across the whole of New Zealand. Schools have included state/private, Boys'/Girls'/Mixed. Typically there are 60 students at a time involved in the building of model bridges. One bridge is built by each group of 12 students. A Tonka truck travels along each bridge and causes the bridge decking to rattle as it does for a real Bailey bridge.

The session commences by having students follow each other around a series of traffic cones. Each cone has a label representing one type of civil engineering project e.g.. Roads, bridges and tunnels. As a student passes a cone, they shout out the word on the cone. This level of noise, and students pleasure, is considerable. Students are given a brief outline of the importance of Bailey bridging both during the second world war and for keeping highways operational following storm damage. The first few steps in building a bridge are then demonstrated and students commence working in their groups, with additional instructions been given as needed.

After about 30 minutes of the activity, the bridges had been completed and dismantled. Students are then told about their tertiary study opportunities and the career possibilities.



# The Note

by Stacey Robson

Jennifer Evans fiddled nervously with the small, well-worn piece of note paper as she entered the cemetery. It was becoming increasingly soggy between the tight grasp of her cold, wet fingers, and she could feel the edges tearing slowly along the deep creases she had made while nervously folding the note earlier that night. Over and over—folding, unfolding, reading and folding again—as she waited until she could escape the warmth and safety of her house and do as the note requested.

*'Meet at cemetery. You know where.'*

The note hadn't been signed, but Jennifer knew who the messy, cramped handwriting belonged to. Nevertheless, she opened the note once again, just to be sure. Her hands trembled uncontrollably as she held the note up to the faint light of the moon, and she strained her eyes to read the words. They were almost illegible now. The paper was becoming increasingly weaker under the pressure of the heavy, driving rain that fell from the thickly clouded sky. But, though the ink had run and the letters had become merged, that distinctive writing was still known to her. Satisfied, Jennifer folded the note carefully and wrapped her trembling fingers securely around the fragile, precious piece of paper. She had been right. Her twin sister's handwriting was unmistakable.

Jennifer folded her arms across her chest, pulling her jacket tightly around her shivering body. The raw, chilling wind whipped at the bottom of the jacket, pulling her into the graveyard. She moved forward slowly, apprehensively, and cast her gaze down the rows of gravestones. They looked different at night, barely visible until some moonlight escaped from behind the dense black cloud, and then they became something otherworldly—pale, dull ghosts of graves. Jennifer turned away from them and continued her slow procession through the cemetery with her eyes focused solely on her feet. She hated being in the cemetery at night; it made her uncomfortable.

"Finally."

The voice rung through the cemetery like a bell, so clear and precise that even the rain could not drown it. Jennifer brushed her hair from her face and looked into the eyes of her twin sister. Sarcastic as usual, Jennifer thought, but this was a comforting observation. Her sister hadn't been herself lately.

"Hello Kim." Jennifer struggled to keep her lips from trembling. She didn't want her sister to see her fear; it wasn't like her to be afraid of anything. Kimberly, though, was very observant. Jennifer bit her lip, praying silently that the dim light would throw her perceptive twin. It didn't, but thankfully, Kimberly mistook the shivers for something other than mortal fear.

"You're cold," she said quietly, every trace of sarcastic tone erased from her voice, "I'm so sorry Jen, it's just... we had to talk."

"But why here, of all places?"

Kimberly nodded towards the closest grave.

"You know why."

Jennifer knew. Their father had died when they were very young. Neither of them remembered much of him, and his absence saddened them both, but it had affected Kimberly more. She found comfort at the cemetery, and had spent countless hours there when she was younger, talking to the grave of a father she barely knew. She would often summon Jennifer to this very same place, whenever she felt they needed to talk. Of course, circumstances were different then.

"I feel as if we're being watched," Jennifer said softly, unsure if her sister would hear her through the steady drumming of the rain. Evidently she did, as she began to peer down the rows of graves to check for unwanted intruders.

"Don't worry," she said, returning her attention to Jennifer and smiling broadly, "We're not."

Jennifer sighed. Her sister irritated her. A willowy trail of mist escaped from between her lips. The air seemed unnaturally cold, she noted. Her fingers were so numb now that she had to make a conscious effort to keep them wrapped tightly around her precious note paper. She looked over to Kimberly, who sat casually on the gravestone opposite. She was wearing only a thin white nightgown, but showed no signs of feeling the cold. Jennifer didn't bother to question why this was. Her gaze rested on the bandages that were wrapped tightly around her sister's thin wrists. The mere thought of what was hidden beneath those pristine white bandages made Jennifer cringe.

She was the one who'd found her. Jennifer had walked into the bathroom to see her twin sister, lifeless and pale, lying on the floor in a puddle of her thick, dark blood. She'd looked so fragile, sprawled across the blood-soiled linoleum, her breathing so shallow that it almost ceased to exist. Her wrists, hanging limply at her side, were mauled beyond description. She was so close to dying right then, lying on the bathroom floor in her nightgown...

"I know you think it's your fault, but it wasn't, Jen," Kimberly said matter-of-factly.

"Then why do I feel so bad?" Jennifer asked. Kimberly did not answer.

No-one knew why Kimberly has attempted to commit suicide. She'd hidden her depression behind a veil of playful sarcasm, and no-one had suspected anything. It had come as a shock to Jennifer when she'd encountered her sister that day. The image hadn't left her head since; it haunted her. Every waking moment her head pounded with an overwhelming feeling of guilt.

She could feel everyone's eyes on her, watching her, blaming her. Jennifer could no longer control her incessant shivering.

She lowered her head, unable to look her sister in the eye, and fiddled

nervously with the tassels on her scarf.

Kimberly saw her sister's unease and broke the silence.

"How's Mum?" she asked tentatively. Jennifer looked up, her eyes watering.

"She's traumatized, Kim. She refuses to believe that anything ever happened," she answered, her voice quiet, "You should talk to her."

"I can't. She wouldn't accept what I had to say."

"How do you know that?" Jennifer demanded.

Kimberly let out a sigh.

"I just do."

Jennifer didn't want to admit it, but Kimberly was right. Their mother



had an irritating way of ignoring everything she didn't want to know about, and although the twins were used to it, they found it difficult to tell her their problems. They'd always relied on each other for guidance. After their fathers' death, their mother had become an empty shell. She avoided and ignored anything that might cause her emotional pain in fear of being hurt once more. The twins were alone.

Kimberly slid lightly off the gravestone and tilted her head towards the heavens, letting the rain fall on her face. She spun around slowly—arms outstretched—and laughed. Her sister looked strangely beautiful right then, her pale skin illuminated by the soft white light of the moon. Jennifer couldn't help but smile. It was a tired, feeble smile, but a smile nonetheless.

"Jen, all I really needed to tell you is that you don't have to worry any more. I'm happy now. Everything feels... right," Kimberly said. Jennifer—tired, cold and wet—could do nothing but nod weakly in approval. She didn't have the strength left to argue, and even if she had, she saw no point in it.

"Are you going home?" Jennifer asked absent-mindedly.

"You could say that," Kimberly replied, smiling light-heartedly. She turned and descended into the immense darkness of the cemetery, slowly fading away, until she had been swallowed entirely by the night. She was gone.

Jennifer bit down on her lip, tried to fight the tears. It was useless. She clenched her fist, digging her fingernails into her palm until she could no longer stand the pain. And then...

The note paper fell from Jennifer's grasp and floated slowly to the wet, muddy ground before her feet. She looked down at it. It was so fragile, lying amongst the tiny shoots of grass that were beginning to grow on the grave. Jennifer looked across at the gravestone Kimberly had been sitting on not two minutes before. It's shiny, new face was covered in a film of rainwater, and the pale moonlight fell so softly upon it that, unlike the other gravestones, it became an object of wonder and beauty. Jennifer knelt down and ran her hand lovingly over the writing that was engraved on the face of the gravestone.

*Kimberly Evans*

*Born 15th October 1986 - Died 23rd January 2004*

# Apathy

by Danielle Butcher-Kenny

Midnight. I am waiting for him at the rendezvous point, late again. He never can understand timeliness. I give a shudder and tug at my jacket as the winter breeze chills my bones. A dark silhouette lurks in the distance, weaving through the rows of headstones. I lift my torch quickly and flash it twice. Acknowledging my coded signal, the silhouette moves closer. Its speed and agility show detailed knowledge of the area, its stride is long and reckless. It's him.

"You're late." I stare coldly.

"I -"

"Oh never mind. Hurry up, we are running out of time."

I never can stay mad at those apologetic eyes.

"And stop looking at me like that, I forgive you."

I watch his puppy dog expression wash away like wet paint, replaced by his usual happy-go-lucky grin. He sweeps his dark fringe across his pale face and stares at me blankly at me as if to say 'huh?'

"You know we have been doing this once a week for five years now and only twice have you arrived on time."

"I swear I try little sis, you know how hard it is to get around Dad"

There are times when I doubt he is going to show up at all. But he has a point; Dad would wake to a feather dropping, at least that's something I remember.

"So... how was life today?"

I can see he is uneasy about asking.

"Fine, how was work with your arch nemesis today?"

Dismissing his unease, he begins to rant about the many perfectly annoying habits of 'Brad'. I make an attempt at pretending I'm listening to his trivial dispute, this is harder than it seems. My gaze drags wearily towards the moonlit hills and my thoughts begin to drift.

"...And he says to her 'what can I say, it must be fate' and -"

I watch drop his head and begin to fiddle with his zip. He just realises the inappropriateness of his words.

I was eight when a car backing out of its drive way failed to look twice, all he could do was stare in disbelief as lay there screaming in pain. He never has known the right thing to say or when to say it.

"How's Mum doing?" he mumbles at my sneakers.

"She has her annual ritual to celebrate the day the legal documents were finalised, dinner at some exotic restaurant followed by two hours of the 'your father is Satan reincarnated and you are never to contact him' speech. She believes Dad was sent to earth to poison all of its inhabitants."

I don't know why he insists on asking me this question every year, it's like he truly believes Mum still has a place in her heart for both him and Dad. This is very wishful thinking. I want to be able to honestly tell him Mum has some sort of maternal feeling for him, but I cannot. It tears me apart knowing Mum is so dismissive of her only son, he is just another male to her. She will spend hours explaining why my brother reminds her so much of Dad, apparently he is going to turn out to be a 'cheating bastard' who will run at the first sign of trouble like his father. I stare into his eyes searching for this elusive connection.

"What?"

He expresses his confusion by slightly tilting his head.

"How does Dad mark the occasion?"

He seems taken back by the question. This does not surprise me, after all I have never asked before.

"Why do you ask?"

He is very puzzled by my request, I always speak of what Mum is doing with her life and try to help him knowing the loving side of her I am fortunate to experience. It is a rare night I wish to know of my Dad.

"Just curious."

I stare at him, why is he always so reluctant to tell me about Dad?

"He has chosen not to acknowledge that part of his life, it's like he has erased all memory of her."

He lets out a frustrated breath.

"And you."

"What? I gasp and retreat to a nearby headstone.

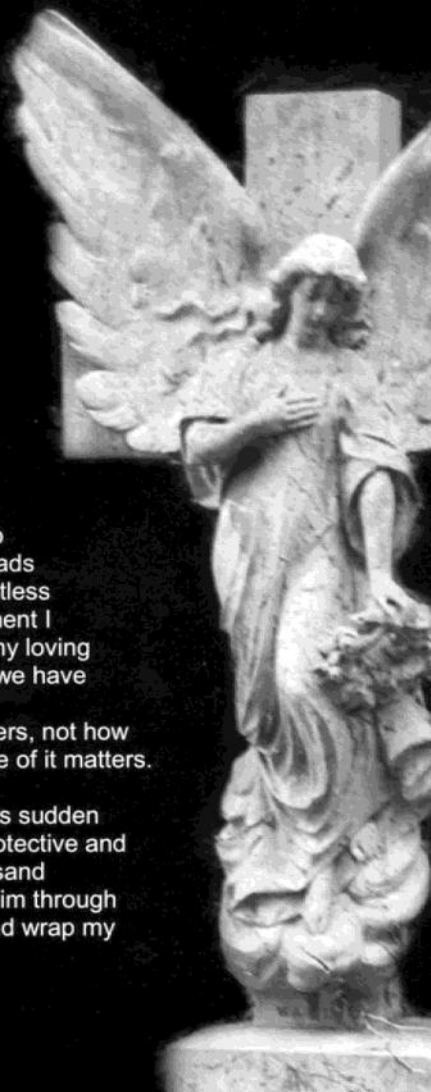
"I'm real sorry sis."

I thought it would sound better coming from me, I know you wanted to meet him when you turned eighteen."

I stand there stunned, unable to comprehend the reality of my dad's true feelings. I have spent countless nights imagining the exact moment I would finally be able to talk to my loving father, catch up on all the time we have missed out on.

"You know nothing matters, not how Mum or Dad feel about us, none of it matters. And you know why."

"I'm left speechless at his sudden ability to fulfil his role as my protective and caring big brother. I feel a thousand emotions at once. I look up at him through the tears forming in my eyes and wrap my arms around him.



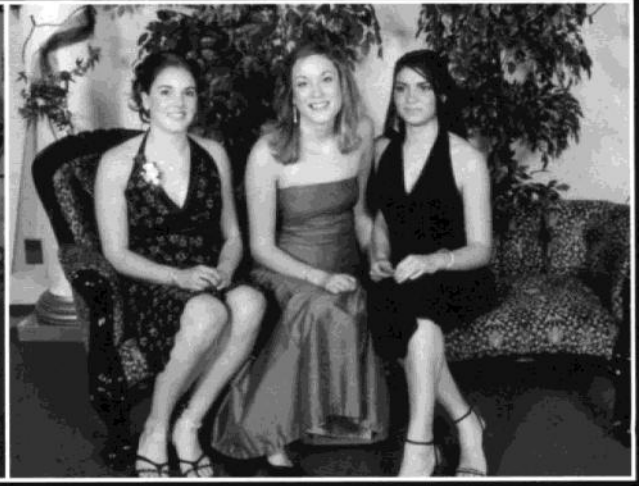
# Ngaruawahia High School Ball 2004













# Girls Basketball

Back: Christina Muller, Margaret Symons, Victoria McGrath, Rangitetae Moeke, Vanessa Savage, Margherita Kire, Layne, Mori Mackie, Shardae Pompey, Poto Morgan-Sheargold.  
 Front: Scott Henry (Coach), Pearl Tuatini (seated), Te Horinga Pompey (kneeling).

Our team was a first year team. The girls played well enough to be in the top division available to them.

In our home tournament the top three teams all were winners in their respective divisions. We placed just after them and came closest to defeating them on the court.

Our girls play excellent defence. We received many compliments on the

intensity and style of defence we play.

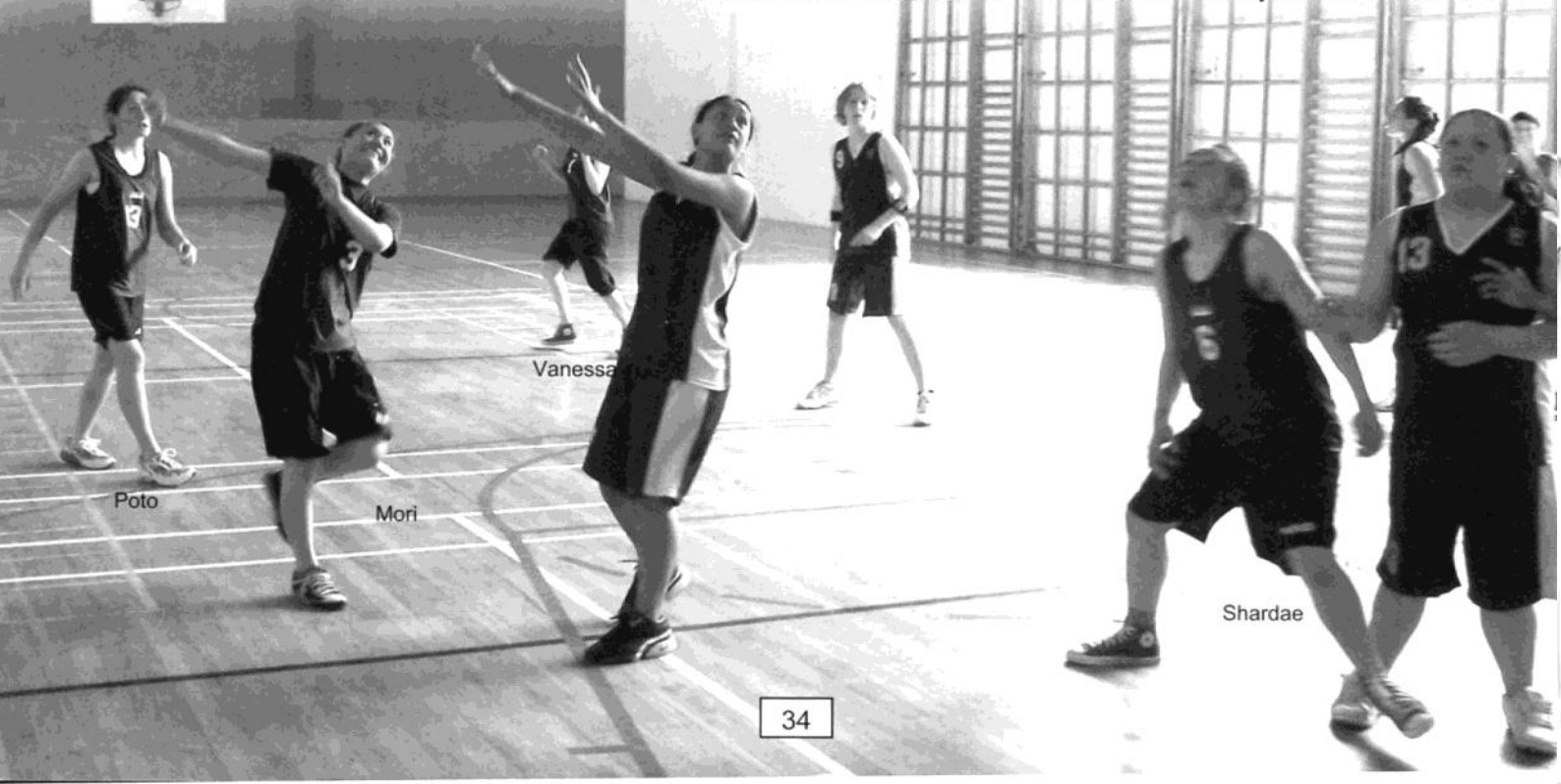
Other team's coaches have also commented that our girls are by far the most improved team they have ever seen from the beginning of the year until now. They have a lot to be proud of.

Our team is also one of the youngest U16 teams with many Year 9's and few 15 year old players.

I believe, and other teams coaches have

told me the exact same thing - "that if these girls continue to play together they are going to be unstoppable as the future Ngaruawahia High School Senior Girls team next year and the year after!"

Special mention should be given to Shardae Pompey in tournament play. Shardae was voted on by all the coaches as the player to receive an award for the "Best Defensive Player of the Tournament".



Vanessa

Poto

Mori

Shardae

# Mixed Touch



Rear: Ataahua Walters, Poto Morgan-Sheargold, Matthew Litt, Matthew Jones (rear), Tennille Hill (crouching), Kylie Garlick, Boudine Turner, Gayne Matthews, Jamie Matthews.  
Front: Kathryn Don, Curtis Solomon, Nikki Hemopo and Tarawhiti Paki.



Kathryn Don

Playing in a Waikato Zone Tournament earned the team the right to move on (undefeated) to the Whakatane Zone Tournament.

In the Waikato final they came from 0-2 down against Forest View to win 4-3 in extra time. Following the drop-off rule both teams had only three players on the field as Matthew Jones made the winning touch-down.

In the Whakatane Tournament the team again met up with Forest View in the final to once again finish top of the competition.

The team now attend the Secondary Schools National Tournament in Wellington at the beginning of December.

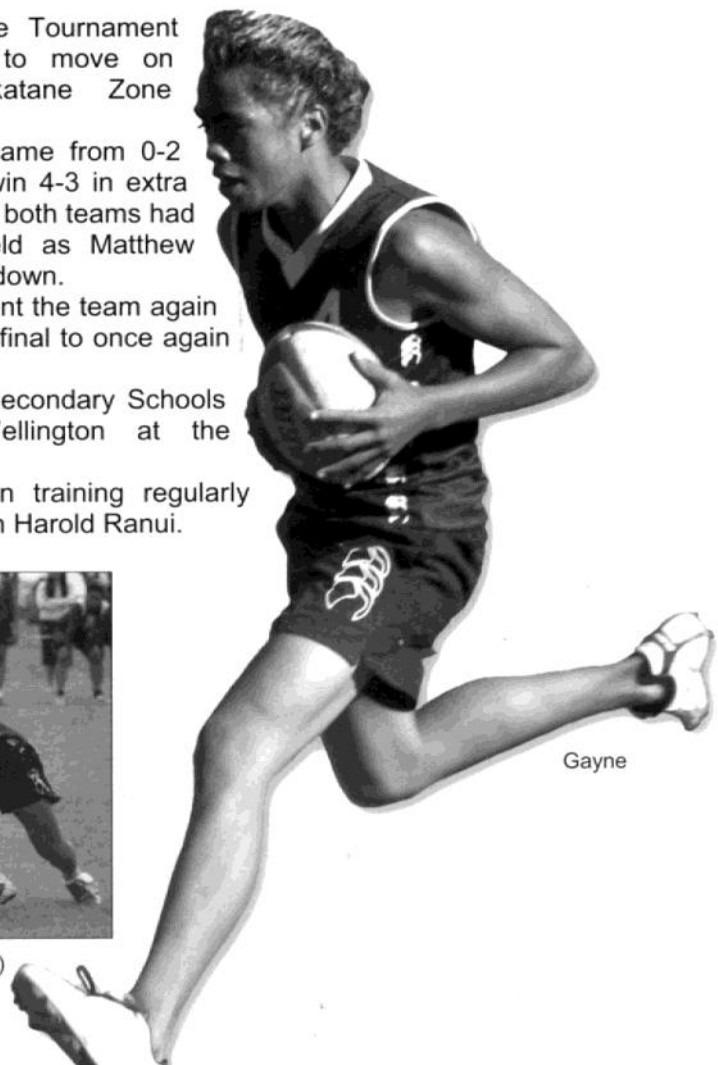
The squad has since been training regularly under the watchful eye of Coach Harold Ranui.



Matty Litt & Matty Jones



Nikki Hemopo & Gayne Matthews (back)



Gayne



Steven Wiggins

# In-line Hockey

Miss O'Neill (later to be affectionately known as Mrs Ranui), along with several interested students, wanted to launch an in-line hockey team to play in the Hamilton City competition. Once enough had been recruited the team entered a competition with several other schools. With only one practice behind them they launched into the season, winning more games than they expected and ending up in fourth place in the Secondary Schools In-Line Tournament in Hamilton. The Tournament was the first set of games that the team played in and did very well despite no experience or training.



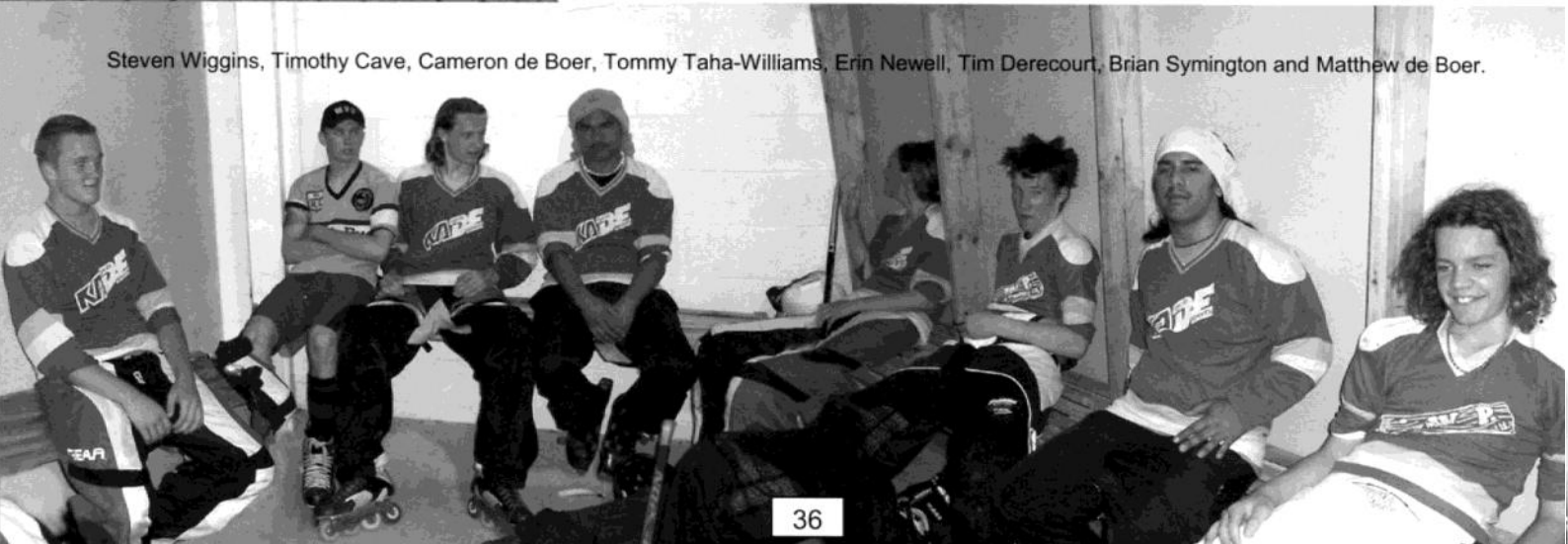
Erin Newell

### Team Members

Matthew de Boer, Cameron de Boer, Steven Wiggins, Craig Wiggins, Peter Wiggins, Tim Cave, Tim Derecourt, Erin Newell, Jamie Walters, Trent Williams, Matthew Jones, Brian Symington and Tommy Taha-Williams.

Matthew also played in the Waikato In-Line Hockey reserves.....

Steven Wiggins, Timothy Cave, Cameron de Boer, Tommy Taha-Williams, Erin Newell, Tim Derecourt, Brian Symington and Matthew de Boer.





Poihaere Clark, Shardaie Pompey, Hiwiroa Pompey, Lania Fretwell, Nikita Davis (rear), Tennille Hill (front), Kylie Garlick, Kathryn Don, Mahinepua Puke, Ataahua Walters and Rebecca Gabel (Coach).

### Waikato Open A Competition

The school's Open A netball team won the top Waikato title this year, defeating Te Awamutu College in the final 48-39, following a season undefeated on the courts.

Game results with Ngaruawahia score first: v Taumararui High School 70-41, v Te Kuiti High School 73-31, v Sacred Heart College 70-42, v Otorohanga College 35-30, v Hillcrest High School 39-30, v Cambridge High School 59-34 (semi-finals).

"The girls were really determined," reports coach Rebecca Gabel "and this year they have grown in terms of experience."

"This year the girls had a real belief in themselves."

### Nationals

Being the top Waikato team, the girls went on to compete in the Upper North Island Netball Tournament in Auckland during August.

The team improved on their 2003 status by moving from 13th to 8th by tucking 6 wins under their belts from 12 games with 1 drawn.

### Ataahua Walters

Waikato Maori U-17  
Hamilton City U-17  
New Zealand Maori U-17

### Tennille Hill

Waikato Maori U-19  
Hamilton City U-17  
Waikato NPC Team

### Poihaere Clark

Eastern Waikato U-17

### Mahinepua Puke

Eastern Waikato U-17

### Kathryn Don

Eastern Waikato U-17

### Kylie Garlick

Eastern Waikato U-17

### Hiwiroa Pompey

Eastern Waikato U-17  
Waikato Maori U-17

### Shardaie Pompey

Eastern Waikato U-15



# Staff v Students Rugby



Staff 10  
Students 7



*Standing:* Nicholas Bowskill, Jamie Lichtwark, Mahuru Robinson, Ray Horomona, Turina Paku, Harold Ranui, Kamal Nair, Wairangi Jones, Scott Henry, David Bradford.  
*Front:* Josh Steward, Murray Elgar, Victoria McGrath (invitational player), Zane Upton (invitational player).



# In The Ocean

by Ryan Cameron

Out in the Ocean the rigging is humming. The boat is swishing through the water, gently carving a small path through Mother Nature. Auckland is now becoming a distant haze behind us. The rugged Coromandel Ranges are getting closer as we are nearer to shelter. The sun's warmth is being swallowed up by the big dark clouds. I'm shivering cold, waiting to eat all the chocolate Easter eggs, hot X buns and feel a warm milo slide down my throat.

The convoy, all clearing calm patches, upsetting Mother Nature for a moment, are all on a mission to find shelter. The Sky is now closing in, growing darker and darker. The sails are whistling and shaking. The surface of the deep blue ocean is now becoming white and angry. The boat loves it. Moaning and groaning, screaming out for more wind to help punch it through the Ocean. The green and red lights are flashing calling us towards shelter, the bright green hull reflecting back. The sky is weeping, drenching everything in its path. The boat is shaking off the tears, keeping its family warm and safe.

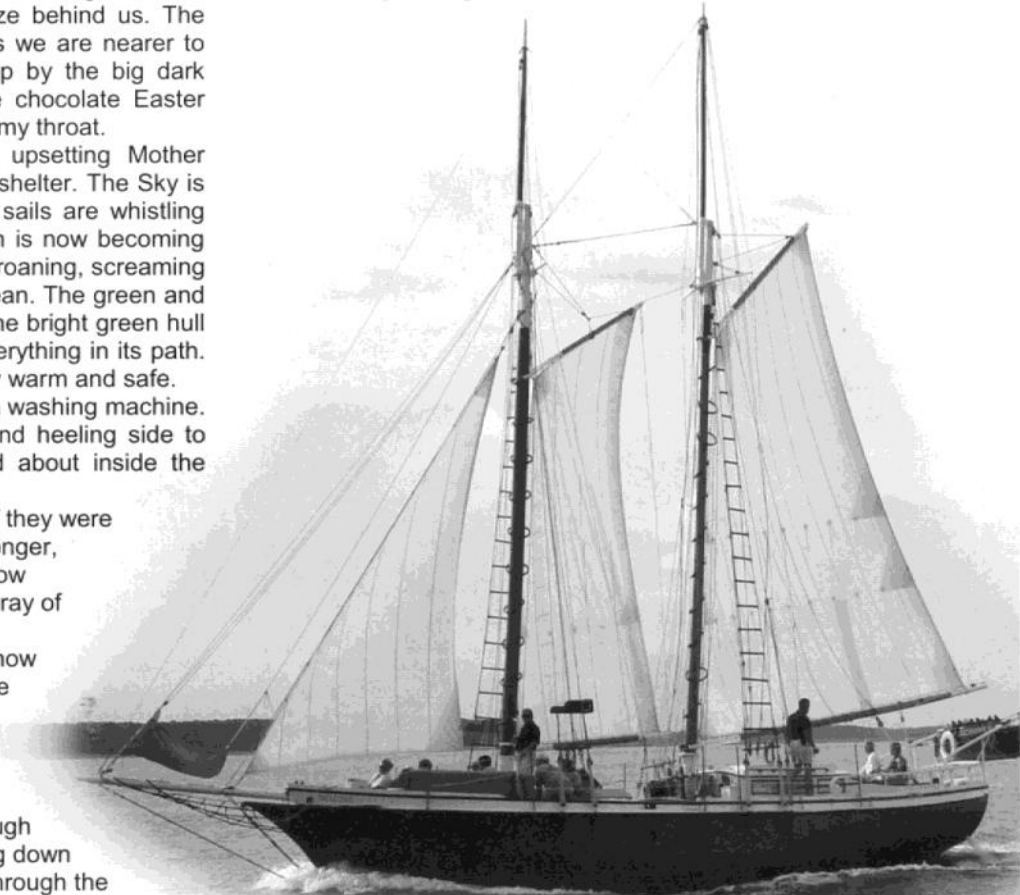
The sea is now confused; it's like being in a washing machine. The boat is getting washed around. Up, down and heeling side to side. The cups and plates are getting smashed about inside the cupboards, echoing throughout the boat.

The waves are smashing over the bow as if they were made of bricks. Every wave getting bigger and stronger, growing more violent by the second. The wind is now screaming down the face of the waves, taking a spray of white water with it.

The colourful lights that had beckoned are now behind us. The huge Coromandel ranges taking the force of the wicked howling wind and dissipating it through all the trees and down the valleys. The jagged rock cliffs now fighting against the violent ocean, pounding the waves and sending them back out to sea. The boat gently easing through the calm flat sea catching the odd gust and rushing down the valleys. The rest of the convoy is still battling through the

walls of white water and howling wind. Searching for the lights of safety.

We find a sheltered calm cove to stay for the rest of the week. The anchor drops over the bow and disappears into the murky blue water, gently touching the sandy bottom and digging itself into a hole. As the kettle whistles the rest of the convoy reach shelter and attach themselves to the seabed. The hot X buns and Easter eggs are opened as the warm milo slides down my throat and the goose bumps fade away. The boat gently tugging the anchor rope, telling Mother Nature its story about the trip as the last salty drops drip back to where they belong - in the ocean.



# All Was Silent

by Leone Harrison

The sky's bright source of light suddenly seemed dull and grey. Weeping could be heard from what seemed a long distance away. Yet it was only within an arms length you could hear the soft sounds of mourning. I saw a girl staring blankly at me. Tears walking down the aisles of her cheeks. I pressed a button, and as the window wound down the girl disappeared. I let the cool air take me, stroke it's silky fingers through my hair, its touch wipe away my tears. Comfort me.

That morning we had kept to ourselves. Going about the usual activities. But this time there was no fighting over who used the shower first, there was no rushing around, everyone had kept to themselves. The hands on the clock were racing around their cramped little circle. No one was talking.

All was silent.

The car had turned the last corner. People were gathered around. Mothers taking in every last moment with their sons. Excitement was in the air. I could not breathe. We had pulled up into an empty space. Curious heads turned. My watch was pulsing against my wrist as the minutes kept ticking. Tick tock tick tock.

Someone grabbed me and held me close. I could hear sobbing other than my own. Through these I heard what she had said.

"Look after yourself sis"

These few words hit me hard in the chest. I didn't want to let her go. I clung to her like a leech longing for this one piece of flesh. But I knew that I would have to give her up. She moved around, tears streaming down her face. I remembered back to one time when she told me "when I get married I don't want anyone to walk me down the aisle, because I don't want to be given away." As she greeted each family member with silent cries, abandonment crept up on me. She approached my mother. They cried into each other for ages. Then finally she turned and walked away.

She stood out, her small frame amongst eager boys. A tall lady dressed in the finest suit that had been crisply ironed, moved her right unpolished hand in an upward direction as she signed my sisters life over. Each recruit stepped off the rough gravel and onto their new careers.

Tears were still in her eyes, she couldn't turn to look. Her pain stepped off the bus and ran towards me. The engine cracked into life and the bus started pulling away. Still she couldn't look back. She simply lifted her hand to her trembling lips then pressed her fingers against the dusty windows.

The wind now too cool to be comforting, was sending chills through my body. The joyful music doesn't suit the unjoyful road. Through my grief I was alone in the car. Each corner getting slowly closer to home and further from her. Each beat of rhythm getting fainter until we finally pulled up the driveway to our home. It didn't feel much like a home. Just a place that was sitting there, waiting to be used. We would usually go home to a house full of disagreements. Music was usually blasting in someone's room. Screams were usually heard racing through the house in all directions. But not today.

All was silent.

# Pare Hauraki



Jessie Johnston, Dean

It is my pleasure to present the Whanau report for 2004. This year has been a quiet one and the phoenix is nesting. This year welcomed a new group of year 9 students to our Whanau under the care of Nick Bowskills, thank you for your help in shaping these young people. They have been a lively and challenging group.

It was privileged to share their Marae experience and was impressed with the way they conducted themselves that day. Several of the students have involved themselves in the wider life of the school. Taking advantage of the cultural, musical and sporting opportunities. There is talent a plenty and I look forward to seeing it develop.

The rest of the Whanau had been well cared for by an excellent team of tutors who assisted the students in their care, to develop and achieve to their potential. Thank you Jackie Crush, Jamie Lichtwark and

Phil Rietima for your professionalism and your humour. I would also like to thank Dannielle and Kawhena for your leadership with the Whanau. To the year 13 students TeRehutai, Moengaru, Kawhena, Dannielle and Yuko, I wish you every success in your life after school. Your stay at Ngaruawahia High School will have given you many skills that will benefit you and memories you will cherish as you journey through life.

To the Whanau coming back, have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

The Phoenix (Mascot)

# 9 PHBW



**Back Row:** Kayne Davey, Shannon Salvation, Chantelle Bentley, Dallas Rangi, Damien Jones  
**2nd Row:** Luke Paul, Daniel Jongen-Te Huia, Toa Tihirahi, Tyrone Haumaha, Tyson Mabbett, Evan Houghton, Kurt Bently, Nicholas Bowskill (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Renae Te Huia, Rangitetaea Moeke, Te Huringa Pompey, Chelsea Hiini, Danielle Saunders, Samellia Pene  
**Absent:** Terri Pepperell

# 10 PHCU



**Back Row:** Sarah Nairn, Emme Wood, Hingatu Maru, Suraya Smith, Cherelle Te Kata, Clair Reynolds  
**2nd Row:** Alex Gibbison, John Holley, Morgan Mahara, Zane Upton, Cole Pepperell, Jack Maipi, Jason Walker, Andrea Marr (Student Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Chelsea Warren, Vannessa Savage, Kylie Baker, Jackie Crush (teacher), Sian Gerrits, Ayllar-Jean Grey, Charmaine Hopa  
**Absent:** Duane Bentley, Jakob Christie, Nicole Fitzsimmons, Jamie Griffiths, Alex Rogers

# 11 PHLI



**Back Row:** Shaye Brooks, Terrie Butcher-Kenny, Jolene Hohaia, Himiora Matenga, Helena Dean, Jasmine Whanga  
**2nd Row:** Harley Moana, Matthew Griffiths, Tai Williams, Kawariki Thompson, Bonee Kapita, Patrick Dennis, Jamie Lichtwark (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Alysha Majury, Sharleen Paul, Meredith Ramsay, Ataahua Walters, Erin Newell, Roxanne Woolley, Cortina Maru  
**Absent:** Teina Clay, Hinerangi Edmonds, Brandon Moana, Te Horenga Taitoko

# 12 & 13 PHRE



**Back Row:** Alison Maipi, Ryan Cameron, Te Rehutai Matenga, Edward Parata, Whitney Wade, Allyschia Tumai  
**2nd Row:** Brian Symington, Isaac Huirama, Aden Morunga, James Walters, Kawhena Moeke, Troy Fitzsimmons, Philip Rietema (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Hiwiroa Pompey, Yuko Yonaha, Moengarau Matenga, Dannielle Butcher-Kenny, Te Ringa Herangi, Amy Te Huia, Sarah Wood  
**Absent:** Ashley Whitehouse



# Pare Waikato



Congratulations to all staff and students of Pare Waikato for another successful year.

To those seniors moving onto tertiary study or to work, we wish you well and know that you take part of this school with you into your future.

Thank you for your contribution during the past five years to this school, but in particular to our whanau.

My role as Dean changed a little this year, with the increase of my other responsibilities within the school.

2004 saw the advent of staff veteran Mr MacDonald taking on the job of organising the sports and other challenges. We also had various assemblies ably assisted by our senior students.

The cross country was, once again, our biggest success with numerous PW's taking out the top places at different levels.

The junior classes continued to meet on a regular basis to fight for supremacy in the many competitions that were held. This has assisted in team work and spirit at Year 9 and Year 10.

Pare Waikato has participated in all events presented to us and we had a wide range of results. My thanks to you all for "giving it a go".

*C W Jarnet - Dean of Pare Waikato.*

*Mr Jarnet was appointed Assistant Principal for 2005, teaming with Mr Pita, a new appointment from Otahuhu College.*

# 9 PWMR



**Back Row:** Wendy Rogers, Ryan Litt, Carl Dean, Nisha Bal  
**2nd Row:** Taupiri Muru, Deveraux Paul, Daya Waters, Jesse Hopa, Koro Paikea, Doug Marsh (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Jessica Quirk-Strohmenger, Leanne Rogers, Sarah McLean, Paige Kaiwai, Roxann Smith, Samantha Adams, Anjina Paul  
**Absent:** Joshua Cave, Matthew De Boer, Creedence Heta, Kohanga Mackie, Isabella Nepia, Maretta Olsen, Zachary Van Zoeren

# 10 PWGR



**Back Row:** Francis Wade, Justin Taukiri, Ezra Waters, Kenneth Tahana, Mari Mackie, Natalie Mayne  
**2nd Row:** Pam Gray (Teacher), Manuka Smith, Cameron De Boer, Albert Arthur, Huirama Winikerei, Ethan Paul, Glenn Edwards  
**Front Row:** Antony Kerr-Bell, Theresa Kereopa, Shardae Pompey, Kahlea Tamati, Layne McMahan, Zak Tynan  
**Absent:** Morgan Karauria, Missy Herbert, Caroline Tairakena

# 11 PWGY



**Back Row:** Drew Jackson, Brendon Taylor, David Rogers, Anthony Laurie  
**2nd Row:** Ataahua Rangiawha, Huiarangi Wade, Peter Wiggins, Roydon Tata, Trent Williams, Vicki Gyde (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Rangimarie Pokaia, Samantha Tipene, Shirley King, Ariana Whanga, Sara Hiini, Rebekah Olsen  
**Absent:** Melissa McIntosh, Maringi Nepia Radich, D.J Simon

# 12 & 13 PWCH



**Back Row:** Nicholas Kerr-Bell, Troy Waters, Matthew Jones, Timothy Derecourt, Joshua Johnson  
**2nd Row:** Sandy MacDonald (Teacher) Matthew Litt, Timothy Cave, Craig Wiggins, Aaron Clay, Steven Wiggins, Megan Gibbs, Cherie Chapman (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Ruth Rangiawha, Amanda Taylor, Julia Lidbeig, Stacey Robson, Jessica Robinson, Wikitoria Whanga  
**Absent:** Nikki Hemopo, Billie-Jay Thompson-Ryan

# Mokau

Kia ora Mokau Whanau! 2004 has been one tremendous year. It has got to be the most successful year our whanau has experienced since I have been its Dean. We won all Inter-whanau Competitions held this year including the School Athletics, Swimming Sports, Cross Country, Girls Basketball, Junior Boys Netball, Junior Girls Soccer and the Junior Inter-whanau Volleyball Competitions.

The Volleyball Competition was held in the last week of Term 3 which was won by our Year 9 Mokau class. On an Academic level, Mokau had five out of six junior finalists for the Speech Competition. In Year 9: 1<sup>st</sup> – Kerri Alexander (MHI), who spoke eloquently on her topic about farting. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Te Uranga Paki (MHI). In Year 10: 1<sup>st</sup> – Kirimahore Mihaere (MHL). 2<sup>nd</sup> – Aylah Wharakura (MHL). 3<sup>rd</sup> – Roni-Jay Ormsby (MHL). The Student of the Month for Jan/Feb/Mar saw Mokau take three out of the five places. In Year 11 – Ngakahikatea Mahara (MON), Year 12 – Nikita Davis (MEL), Year 13 – Kathryn Don (MEL). All Seniors! In Term 3, again three out of five Mokau Students gained places for Student of the Month: Year 9 – Kaupuke Waitere (MHI), Year 11 – Curtis Solomon (MON), Year 12 – Leone Harrison (MEL). The Best Behavior award overall for Year 9 has been won by 9 Mokau (MHI), every term this year. They were awarded a day of mufti, a nice feed and a cool video to watch for each term they won it. 10

Mokau (MHL) won the best behavior award overall for Year 10 in Term 1. Our Whanau leaders – Tennille Hill, Kathryn Don and Kylie Garlick have been an awesome asset to our whanau this year. Their fantastic leadership skills were especially noted during the School Athletics and Swimming Sports Competitions. Kathryn, in particular, has become renowned for her "bootcamp" leadership qualities. Tennille Hill played in the Womens Under 21 National Touch Tournament held at Palmerston North and her team was placed second in the competition – a well deserved achievement! All of our three Mokau leaders along with Lania Fretwell (a Year 9 student in MHI), played for the Senior A Netball team this year which won the Waikato Championship Division. Tennille also played for the Hamilton City Under 17 Representative Netball team, Kylie and Kathryn both played for the Eastern Waikato Under 17 Rep team and Lania played for the Eastern Waikato Under 15 Rep team.

This years Head Students for Ngaruawahia High School also comprised of three out of four students from Mokau Whanau – Jessica Gilby-Todd (MEL), Amy Wharakura (MEL) and Kyle Sucich (MEL). All three leaders proved to be excellent ambassadors for our school. Amy Wharakura won "best female speaker" for the Senior Maori speaking section of this years Waikato Manu korero Speech Competition.

In this years "Search for the Stars" Competition, Floortje Leemans (an AFS student from Holland) sang a song by Norah Jones in the singing section – a real gutsy performance! Well done, Floortje!

This has certainly been a year of marriages in Mokau. Mr. Elgar and the now, Mrs. Tarena Ranui have definitely added sparks to our lives. We congratulate Mrs. Ranui who is expecting her first child around the end of Term One 2005, and Mr. Elgar who will be leaving us at the end of this year. The amount of dedication and determination you have both shown all the students at our school will never be forgotten. You will both be sadly missed and will always remain





"ribbons in our sky!"

Next year 2005, will also see Mokau Whanau with a new Dean as it is time for me to let someone else experience the pleasures and pain of 'Deaning' – in my case, mostly pleasures! I would like to pay a last tribute to all my Mokau tutors who have bonded together and worked at gaining the same goals for our students. Chris Hill-Year 9 (MHI); Tania Hill- Year 10 (MHL); Turina Paku/Tarena Ranui- Year 11(MON); Murray Elgar- Year12/13 (MEL). Without their passion, willingness to learn new ideas, consistency in establishing boundaries and meeting deadlines, and ability to form an excellent rapport with our students, Mokau Whanau would never have risen to the height of excellent academic, cultural and physical performance it has reached this year.

To the students of Mokau Whanau I would like to leave you with a poem by Marianne Williamson to inspire your journey in the days ahead.

**"A Return To Love"**

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.*

*We ask ourselves: "Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?"*

*Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.*

*We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to manifest the glory of God within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.*

***As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.***

Once again congratulations Mokau Whanau, students and teachers, for an extremely successful year. Have a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday!

Ka kite ano!

Mrs. West  
MOKAU DEAN



# 9 MHI



**Back Row:** Te Uranga Paki, Tamara Garlick, Rebecca O'Hearn-Tukere, Danielle McLaren, Magaret Symons, Natasha Cully  
**2nd Row:** Tom Gilby-Todd, Torey Piko, Jawden McRoberts, Navarre Simon, Jordan Grace, Chris Hill (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Felicity Stewart, Kerri Alexander, Maraea Whare, Lisa Joseph, Ricki Pearce, Lania Fretwell, Elesha Muncaster

# 10 MHL



**Back Row:** Bonnie Graham, Amy Deane, Toni Tupaea, Roni-Jay Ormsby, Katherine Goulter  
**2nd Row:** Jamin Wells, Alan Simon, Takarei White, Christopher Irvine, Patrick Taylor, Matthew Wiechern, Nicholas O'Hearn-Tukere  
**Front Row:** Cairo Nahu-Nikau, Kiri Mihaere, Kelsy Salt, Leah Newport, Aylah Wharakura, Elsa White, Sandra Waghorn  
**Absent:** Michael Dalton, Melany Fitzsimmons, Troy Mahara, Josephine Rawiri, Francis Rota, Tania Hill (Teacher)

# 11 MON



**Back Row:** Gayne Matthews, Kiel Peterson, Tahī Don, Jamie Rota, Robert Hall, Ashley Garlick, Jamie Matthews  
**2nd Row:** Tarawhiti Paki, Curtis Solomon, Kerry Whare, Kapara White, William Hunapo, Joseph Harrison, Tarena Ranui (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Kakahurimu Paekau, Josephine Frankhouser, Tyler Muru, Poto Morgan-Sheargold, Taiamai Berryman, Hosanna Tairakena, Nga Mahara

# 12 & 13 MEL



**Back Row:** Cheryl Waghorn, Ruiha Stevens, Leone Harrison  
**2nd Row:** Murray Elgar (Teacher), Matthias Machinek, Kyle Sucich, Olivier Pirard, Amy Wharakura  
**Front Row:** Kathryn Don, Nikita-Lee Davis, Naomi Thompson Gladish, Kallie Grace, Jessica Gilby-Todd

# Tamaki

Tena koutou katoa te whanau e panuitia ana I tenei momo pukapuka a te kura tuarua o Ngaruawahia. Nga mihi nui rawa atu ki a koutou te whanui I te tautoko I ou tamariki mo nga mea katoa o te kura – whera I te haerenga mai ia ra ia ra, te tuku panui ranei, ki te mau I nga kakahu kura ia wa, ia wa, ki te utu I nga nama hoki ahakoa nga toimahatanga o ia whanau, o ia whanau, ara ki te tautoko I tau tamaiti, kotiro ranei mo tana mahi kura. Tena rawa atu koutou.

Anei nga whitiwhiti korero mo te whanau Tamaki mo te tau nei.

Having returned to Tamaki Whanau this year as Dean, I have been able to catch up with colleagues and students and sharing in the many changes that occurred while I was away last year. The changes include growth and consolidation. First and foremost I must thank Whaea Poppy for the great job she did in caring and looking after Tamaki in my absence. Also to all the Tamaki teachers who, together with Poppy, helped our students of 2003 achieve great things.

I would like to dedicate this whanau report to three special groups of people within our whanau. First of all to our Senior students of 2003 who have now embarked upon life's journey, secondly to our Senior students 2004 who are about to embark upon their own journey, and finally to a wonderful group of people who make up the teaching staff of Tamaki whanau. This report is a dedication to these people who continue to inspire me with their talents, and with their remarkable dedication and commitment to Ngaruawahia High School and its students.

## 2003 Senior Students:

It is the greatest of rewards, I believe, in the profession of teaching to encounter past students doing marvellous things with their lives. All my teaching career I have been blessed with such opportunities many times over, and can happily say that this continues still. While on study leave in 2003 I had the pleasure of noticing two faces pressed up against the window pane waving frantically at me – of course they were students of ours – Camellia Turner (Bachelor of Leisure studies) and Anita Crosby (Bachelor of Education). I also bumped into the family of Arihia Peakman who tell me that having attained University Entry, she was embarking upon a Teaching Degree also.

## 2004 Senior Students:

I would like to acknowledge our Year 13 students this year for their leadership, their manaaki tangata (regard for people), tiaki teina (care of younger students), and their overall contribution to Tamaki Whanau for the past 5 years of their secondary school life. To Tukutuku Turner, Stevye Te Wai, Panekuhukuhu Muru, Molly Clark, Ngati Te Ata Newport and Tangiarua Newport – since you began at Ngaruawahia High School 5 years ago (4 years ago for Tuku and Tangiarua), we can assure you that you have brought innumerable pleasure to us – you each have

distinct personalities which have blended over time to emerge as a combined strength of wahine toa, wahine rangatira – ka mau te wehi! Molly, I was so pleased to see you return to us this year – it is a difficult decision to make but you did it – well done! Stevye, Panekuhukuhu, Ngati Te Ata and Tangiarua, you lead the whanau and role modelled the successful combination of academic, cultural, sporting, and community attainments. Tukutuku, a year ahead of your time, you nevertheless attained a school leadership position and represented us proudly at many events – mahi rangatira hoki.

Kore mutu te mihi ki a koutou wāhine mā. Kauga e warewaretia ki a matou. Kia mau tonu ki ou tikanga Maori, engari me pupuri hoki I te rakau a te Pakeha. Whakamahia ou Ao e rua hei oranga mou I nga tau kei te haere mai. Haere ra koutou I runga I te aroha, I te rangimarie, tena koutou katoa.

## 2004 Tamaki Tutors

I could not have carried out my role as Dean if it were not for the very capable team of teachers I have the pleasure of working with. Because each is so special in his or her way I am going to dedicate this section to identifying each person in turn.

The awesome team of Ms Hari, Whaea Penni, Ms Schuler, Julie, and Helyn:

**Lalita Hari** – the Tamaki Van driver, correspondence coordinator and strong whanau support person. Lalita has played a critical role in the establishment and maintenance of both our Transition and Te Huarahi programmes. It is through her wisdom that we are able to support many of our students in their individualised learning programmes which better meet their needs. These students form an integral part of our whanau and we are extremely fortunate to include in these programmes teachers of such high calibre. My acknowledgements to these ladies for their total commitment and dedication to our students.

**Penni Heu** has just recently returned from taking her students to Ruapehu National Park, staying at Ruapehu College. It is these types of outings for our students where other aspects of their nature become more apparent. Penni reported on the outstanding behaviour of our students and the way in which Ngaruawahia High School could be proud.

**Catherine Schuler** – did you know she can rock and roll!! A wonderful demonstration of her performance skills emerged during NHS Idols. Also a I pay tribute to her ability to nurture students through language programmes.

**Julie Meekings and Helyn Huirama:** Thank you both for your dedication this year. Julie, the other Tamaki van driver and commitment to supporting our students. Helyn, for your specialist skills in language learning opening pathways for students allowing greater opportunity for integration into mainstream.

As for the rest of the team they too have things to celebrate.

**Harold Ranui** is to be congratulated, firstly on his marriage to our very own Tarena (formerly) O'Neil in April of this year, and now of course, the big news – he's going to be a Daddy early next year! We all share in their joy for this momentous occasion.

**Rebecca Gabel** is also to be congratulated on her superb efforts in coaching our netball teams. Not only did

Ngaruawahia take out their week day league in the Waikato Region, but they made it to the top 4 teams in the Upper North Island Netball tournament, again meeting



rivals, Hillcrest in the top four play offs. Rebecca was a nominee for Secondary School Coach of the year, Waikato Region.

**Sam Toka:** Acting Head of Maori Studies at NHS for 2004. Coming in to relieve for Whaea Poppy, Sam made an immediate impact on our Whanau. He brings with him the true essence of tikanga Maori. I have admired his enthusiasm in the job and the development of good relationships with many of our students. He doesn't take rubbish from tutu kids either, and that's a necessary attribute in this job. We have relished his musical talents (a NHS Idol contestant) which served us well in preparing for Matua Wairangi's school farewell. With Sam's talents Tamaki whanau were able to show the school how much Matua Wairangi meant to us with a whole whanau performance. Tena koe e te rangatira!!

It is with a combination of sadness and joy that we must farewell two very strong and integral members of our whanau. Firstly, Matua Wairangi Jones, who left us on a promotion to Deputy Principal at Te Awamutu College. Tamaki whanau were privileged to have attended his powhiri at Te Awamutu, and his senior Maori students marked his departure with an evening dinner at Happy Days – although it was a sad day for them as the tears rolled down their cheeks in their farewell speeches to him. We miss Matua Jones, and yet at the same time are happy that he is working his way towards he turanga tumuakitanga (a principalship). Kia kaha tonu Matua!

Last, but by no means least, to my colleague, long time friend, and right hand person, Whaea Poppy. We have known each other on many levels and it is with pleasure that I say congratulations to you on your appointment as Assistant Principal (Tamariki Maori) at Te Kura-a-Rohe-o-Whaingaroa (Raglan Area School). You aspire to do so much with your knowledge, talents and skills, and this is a milestone in that aspirations. Although we will miss you heaps, we share in your joy to move on with your life and know that we will continue to maintain the strong bonds that already exist between our two schools. With the greatest humility I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to complete my Masters in Educational Leadership 2003 and 2004. This brought about a milestone event in our family when I was able to

graduate with my daughters in October this year. For our family this was the achievement of lifetime goals – No reira ki a koutou te Poari nga tino mihi ki a koutou mo tenei honore!!

#### The Students

You are all special to us. Those embarking upon attaining qualifications next year, go hard – we will support you all the way. Those who have been integral members of Kapa Haka – we have our Hawaii trip to look forward to – make lots of money over the holidays! Those who were tutu – need to aspire to better things and those who just get on with the work at hand – mahi rangatira hoki.

#### Tamaki Whanau 2005

We look forward to all the Y9, Y10, Y11, and Y12 students returning next year and of course, look forward to the new whanau joining us in 2005. Don't forget Tamaki whanau always start the year off with a BBQ. Ka Kite Ano a te tau 2005.

#### Na Whaea Roa

I pray to myself within and above  
 To give me strength  
 And to help and to love  
 All the ones who care and don't listen  
 That life is not one big mission  
 Now it's up to me to carry on  
 To live it's right or to live it's wrong  
 I finally found the right person in me  
 A person I'm now proud to know and be  
 A person who had been lost for so many years  
 Thinking there is no one in the world who cares  
 I've walked that road of tail and snare  
 And there ran evil everywhere  
 If I could I would rearrange  
 But I've come to accept things I cannot change  
 At least I know now right from wrong  
 To show good teachings before I'm gone  
 And to be happy to know I'll do my best  
 Before I leave to be put to rest



- Sinead Tekira

# 9 TRN



**Back Row:** Samuel Herbet, Sinead Te Kira, Lealyn Taukiri, Marie Tumaki, Clinton Turner, Royden Taua, Jaron Williams  
**2nd Row:** Douglas Inia, Nathanael Ballard, Tainui Hakaraia, Preston Muru, Te Whero Hetet, Jacob Moana, Brad Poto, Harold Ranui (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Jade Newport, Mariah Mahara, Alexandra Findley, Kararaina Blake, Tomuri Luke, Charmaine Emery, Whitiora Cooper  
**Absent:** Kaiponu Campbell, Araka Katipa, Tallia Maniapoto, Mahiroa Tuhura, Rangitiro Wilson

# 10 TGA



**Back Row:** Chyanne Edwards, Eli Marino, Mariona Rangihuna, Rangiwaitimu Waitere  
**2nd Row:** Nikki Maru, Kairangi Nepia, Wiri Kane, Glen Rawiri, Renee Barakat, Rebecca Barakat, Rebecca Gabel (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Raukura Purua, Margherita Kire, Victoria McGrath, Kristina Muller, Karena Paul, Poihaere Clark  
**Absent:** Waihaere Mahara, Chelsea Taingahue, Maxine Tukere

# 11, 12, 13 TRA & TSC



**Back Row:** Roringa Clarke, Hohepa Tukere, Hemi Iwidora, Alistar Taha-Williams  
**2nd Row:** Matua Sam Toka (Teacher), Whakamarurangi Nepia, Tommy Taha-Williams, Kenji Koh, Boudine Turner, Telwa Fisher, Te Ana Waitere, Ms Catherine Schuler (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Geogearna Mahara, Mahiaranga Muru, Tuku Turner, Tangiaru Newport, Stevye Te Wai, Teina Clark, Ataahua Nepia  
**Absent:** Nashi Awa, Molly Clarke, Tai Emery, Panekuhukuhu Muru, Ngati Te Ata Newport, Mahinepua Puke, Hone Tahu

# 9 & 10 THE



**Back Row:** Julie Meekings (Teacher Aide), Marcus Lockyer, Tanya Rosser-Bowler, Cedric West, Penni Heu (Teacher)  
**Front Row:** Merea Te Are, Kaainga Turner, Cheyanne Nepia, Issac Adams, Eliza-Ray Ruri  
**Absent:** Rua Rawiri, Shane Rota, Sinead Te Kira, Trident Turner



**Back Row:** Moengarau Matenga, Yuko Yonaha, Nicholas Kerr-Bell, Dannielle Butcher-Kenny, Jessica Robinson, Te Rehutai Matenga  
**Third Row:** Ngati-Te Ata Newport, Amy Wharakura, Tennille Hill, Amanda Taylor, Julia Lidberg, Naomi Thomson-Gladish, Megan Gibbs, Stacey Robson  
**Second Row:** Matthias Machinek, Craig Wiggins, Steven Wiggins, Isaac Huirama, Kawhena Moeke, Whitney Wade  
**First Row:** Edward Parata, Ruiha Stevens, Jessica Gilby-Todd, Kyle Sucich, Olivier Pirard, Amy Te Huia, Tawera Muru  
**On Floor:** Tangiarua Newport, Stevye Te Wai, Kathryn Don, Matthew Litt, Tuku Turner  
**Absent:** Panekuhukuhu Muru, Molly Clark

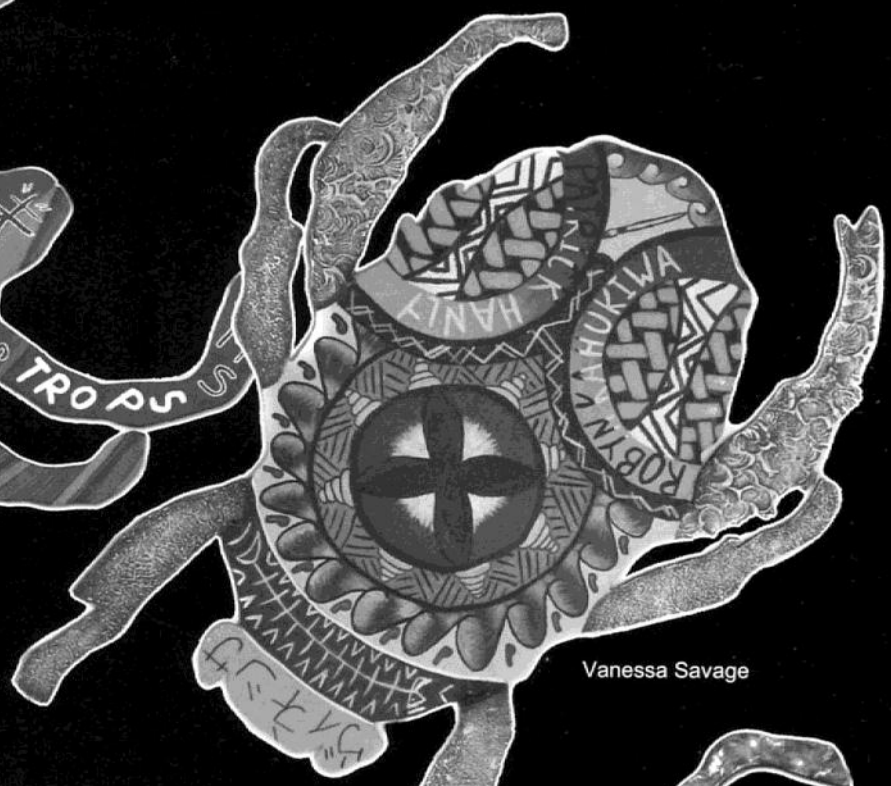


# Year 13





Layne McMahon



Vanessa Savage



Victoria McGrath



Kelsy Salt



Melany Fitzsimmons



Shardae Pompey



**Rear:** Yvonne Nikora, Sonya, Sindy Hanes, Amy Wharakura, Gail Wharakura, Kenji Koh, Tuku Turner, Tangiarua Newport, Aoyami Sam & David Bradford  
**Middle:** Morgan, Yuko Yonaha, Kylie Garlick, Haruko Iyanagi, Miyuki Ueno, Lalita Hari & Kathryn Don (seated)  
**Kneeling:** Haruka Mukasa, Ngati Te Ata Newport, Naho Sugimoto, Asami Yamamoto, Sachiko Kagiwara (teacher) & Jackie Crush

# Japanese Students

Towards the beginning of this year Ngaruawahia High School hosted a group of students from Mishima Kita High School. The students were buddied with senior students from school who looked after them during interval and lunchtime and also took them into their classes in the afternoons.

The students also participated in a Kiwi Cooking lesson and hosted a calligraphy lesson with Year 10 art and a Japanese music session.

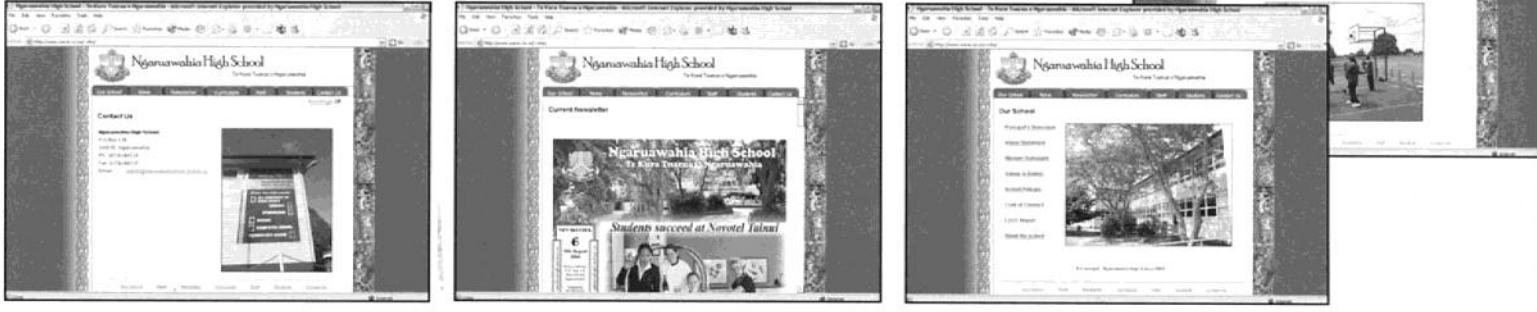
At the end of the week the Tour Leader was asked 'what part of your week at Ngaruawahia High School did you enjoy the most?'. His answer to that was 'everything was beyond my expectations'.



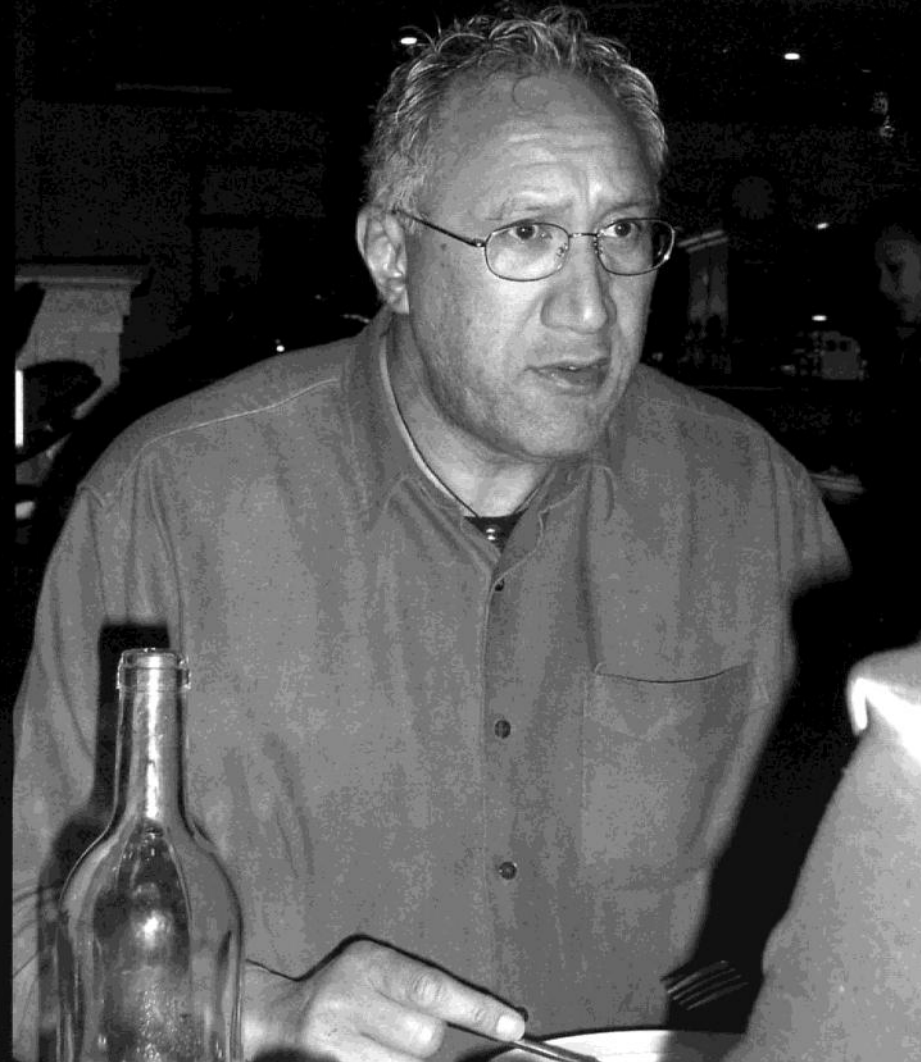
# School Website

The school website was designed and set up by exchange student Jonas Jensen in 2003. Since then, two senior students, Nicholas Kerr-Bell and Timothy Derecourt, have continued to work on and update the website. Tim and Nicholas strive hard to bring the latest new to you, while using their own time to do this. Future additions may include school history and message boards.

The website can be visited at [www.ngaruawahiahigh.school.nz](http://www.ngaruawahiahigh.school.nz)



# Farewell to Wairangi Jones



Ngaruawahia High School bid a fond farewell to Assistant Principal Wairangi Jones early in Term 4. Matua Jones has left to take up the position of Deputy Principal of Te Awamutu College, a school of approximately 1,100 students.

Wairangi came to Ngaruawahia High School in 2002 and has implemented many successful strategies including the Ka Tau Ke student commendations and Student of the Month award. He also composed a school song that is now sung at every assembly.

Wairangi is a teacher of English and Te Reo Maori. He feels privileged to have worked at Ngaruawahia because of its high percentage of fluent Maori speakers.

"I will miss working with fluent students of Te Reo Maori, it's a wonderful thing to teach. It's an important thing to teach Maori students well. Maori need to be taught differently because they learn differently".

Wairangi likes to teach students the old ways, with music, games and story telling because that is how tupuna (ancestors) were taught. "I'm going to miss how hungry, keen and enthusiastic everyone is for learning".

We wish Wairangi all the best for the future and thank him for the outstanding contribution he has made to the school during his time here.



Entrepreneur Mike Tamaki attended a full school assembly and spoke to the students and staff about taking the opportunities that present themselves and having self-belief. He rode his Harley Davidson motorbike into the assembly hall, spoke for 40 minutes and then left in the same way.

# Autographs



