

Ngaruawahia High School 2007



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Mag' makers

Hey boys and girls.....
 Wow what a year! This magazine is jam packed full of photos, and in full colour for the first time!! We will make this brief so you don't have to endure us talking on and on and on and on and on and on and on.... What were we talking about? Right—the magazine. Anyway, much to our surprise, we have enjoyed putting this magazine together, and we didn't get too upset when we had to miss classes for it. It's part of the job, you know.

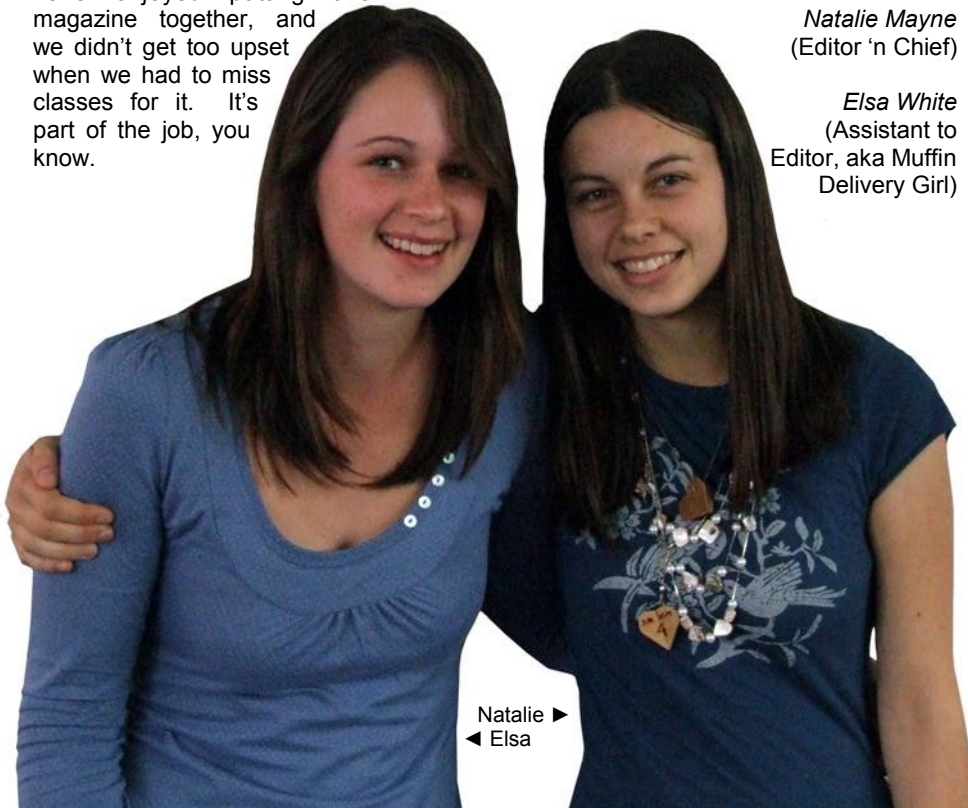
Lots has happened this year and we hope you enjoy all the photos that have been collected from all the events.

So look for your face, draw moustaches on your teachers and sign your friends' books. Also look out for articles written by your friends.

All the best for next year everyone. We will miss you all.

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Natalie ▶
 ◀ Elsa

Century 21 George Boyes & Co.
congratulates the
achievers and students of
Ngaruawahia High School 2007

Faye and the team wish you an exciting and fulfilling future. Well done!



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Screen shots showing a few of the 8,000 photos available on-line at www.ngaruawahiahigh.school.nz.



Te Kotahitanga

January 25-26

Several days before the pupils commenced the new year, the school staff was hard at work preparing for a new initiative.

Te Kotahitanga - a project aimed at raising the achievement levels of our students. Research has shown that students are more likely to be successful if a positive relationship with the teacher is established. Two of the aspects that teachers involved in Te Kotahitanga are seeking to improve are:

Manaakitanga...is about caring for the students and

respecting the culture and life experiences they bring into the classroom.

Mana Motuhake...is about having high expectations of the students, in terms of both the learning and behaviour.

After four terms, our data shows teachers are making positive changes. In trying to move from an old-fashioned, more traditional style where the teacher dominates the lesson to a style where students have more say and involvement in the

lesson, there has been an marked improvement.

As well, teachers are managing lessons where there is less 'whole class' teaching (teaching everyone the same thing at the same time).

In term 2, teaching styles using groups of students was up by six percent compared to term one.

Part of the school's goal this year is to raise the thinking and learning skills. There is a 14% rise in Mana motuhake (performance) which reflects this

school-wide push to make the learning more challenging.

Teacher interactions which show Manaakitanga to build the relationships in the classroom also show a positive increase.

This project will run for five years and focuses on Year 9 and 10 students.

Data was collected to measure its success, which we shared with the community periodically in the school newsletter.





**Wednesday 7th
February**

School Marae

Staff, new entrants (at all levels), year 13 students and the Peer Support team gathered at the school Marae for our annual welcoming powhiri.

Afterwards the new entrants were organised into their Tutor Groups and classes, shown around the school and had morning tea in the hall.



Orientation day 2007

“Dad, where do I come from?”

Principal David Bradford's address
at Senior Prizegiving.



Television advertisement

This advertisement means a lot more to me than the promotion of a new car, or the creativity of a talented marketer. And, it's nothing to do with the birds and the bees!

It's obviously Kiwi, judging by the background shots, and in my mind they are Maori!

I like the interaction between father and son – “Dad where do I come from?”.

And although dad gets the wrong end of the stick its great to see Dad making an earnest attempt at engaging with his son in meaningful dialogue, with some very graphical detail!

You see in my job I often experience the opposite to what is portrayed on the screen.

The interactions between father and son are not always positive or even engaging.

In many ways they are often, short, sharp and sometimes barked instructions, even those golden opportunities to further cement or deepen a relationship goes wanting.

I witness this at school, on the street, on the side of a sports field on so many occasions I have said to others wouldn't it be great to hear a Father ask their son or daughter –“What is your opinion? What do you think? How do you feel? What do you believe?”.

In this advertisement there is openness and innocence about the interaction between Father and Son

Yes they may be talking past each other as it turns out, but to me there are far more underlying positives.

The bond between a parent and a child is so, so sacred and yet we hear or read so many times of that trust being broken. The most powerful educators are the ones closest to our children, and the most important unit is the family unit; yes, whanau.

But there needs to be a closing of the gap between what is said to happen and what is happening.

Some social commentators would say that the inequities of Government policy have lead to such breakdown, I say that material poverty does not automatically produce moral poverty!

Talking about material wealth, it looks as though they are driving into a flash place, so they must be doing well!

It gives to me the promise of a better future for Maori, the promise of a better way for Maori, the promise of a better nation for all.

Dad looks as though he has choices, and that's what education for me is all about.

A staff member and I were at a hui about 3 weeks ago, she said to me “So what is your Vision for our school?” It nearly knocked me for six.

...wouldn't it be great to hear a Father ask their son or daughter – ‘What is your opinion? What do you think? How do you feel? What do you believe?’.

This is my seventh senior prize giving speech and for the seventh time I will say Education for me is about empowering our students with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that will enable them to lead a rewarding and fulfilling life. And for our

students to be able to make a positive contribution to society.

Of utmost importance to this vision is the availability of CHOICE.

“Next to life itself the power to choose is our greatest gift.”

So much for the sermon from the pulpit!!!

School Achievements

We are here tonight to celebrate the achievements and acknowledge the work of the school community over the past year.

It has been another eventful year for Ngaruawahia High School. Progress has been made across all areas of school life and hopefully this progress will eventually translate into better academic achievement for our students.

It must be said that the 2006 results at level one were disappointing; given the progress we had made over the previous four years.

Up until last year we had been outperforming most decile one schools and the majority of schools in the decile band 1 to 3 in the country at NCEA 1. We expect and will get better results this year.

Staff have worked extremely hard over the past few weeks to ensure that we have prepared our students well for the external exams.

Time and effort has been put into extra classes, tutorials and further opportunities for internal assessment.

Tonight you see many examples of how our students have achieved in many different fields of endeavor. I congratulate all the recipients on their successes.

Acknowledgements

I acknowledge and pay tribute to the teaching staff, office staff and support staff.



Television advertisement

David Bradford,
Principal



They are a very capable and committed group of people. I am extremely fortunate to work with such supportive people. I applaud those of you who have gone the extra mile with the students. It's a fact of life that the more you give the more you will receive.

The 2008 year will bring more opportunities and I look forward to working with you as we continue to grow the Ngaruawahia High School learning community.

A message for the staff; Excellence can be attained if you;

- Care more than others think wise.
- Risk more than others think safe.
- Dream more than others think is practical.
- Expect more than others think possible.

I would like to thank my senior leadership team of Robyn Roa and Chris Jarret. I value their input their direction and their leadership.

I thank the board of trustees for allowing me the opportunity to work in such a stimulating environment. I value greatly their support and their leadership.

To the head students – Wirihana, Patrick, Shardae and Elsa. I thank you for your support and assistance in leading the school. You have been great ambassadors for the school as well as great role models for the younger students.

They say that if you choose a job you have passion for then you will never work a day in your life. I hope your choice of work holds your passion.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank a number of supporters of the school.

- Police Youth Aid Officer -Scott McKenzie
- Youth Transition Service -Tarena Ranui and her team
- Ngaruawahia Lions Club
- Te Rapa Rotary Club
- The Ngaruawahia Community House – Anne Ramsay and her team
- Solid Energy - Anne Beex

I thank you for your continued support and look forward to working with you in 2008.

The most powerful educators are the ones closest to our children, and the most important unit is the family unit ...

Farewells to Year 13

I really enjoyed the evening we had at the leavers' dinner.

I meant what I said that night, that you are probably collectively the nicest year 13 I have had to deal with.

Usually there are some 'numpties' – as Mr Jarret often says. However, this year's Year 13 is very noticeable for the absences of such kind of people.

This is in no way denigrating previous Year 13s in any way.

I remember at the end of last years leavers dinner, most of the students were

more worried about scoring a keg once the dinner was over (they were over 18).

However, you people seemed more interested in continuing the interactions. You seemed so much younger than other year 13s, and that is a good thing!

It's about this time that I usually throw in a quote from Kahil Gibran, a favourite of mine, but I thought I'd quote from another favourite of mine. It has a little bit to do with that youthful innocence

*May God bless and keep you always
 May your wishes all come true,
 May you always do for others
 And let others do for you.
 May you build a ladder to the stars
 And climb every rung,
 May you stay forever young.
 May you grow up to be righteous,
 May you grow up to be true,
 May you always know the truth
 And see the lights surrounding you.
 May you always be courageous,
 Stand upright and be strong,
 May you stay forever young,
 May your hands always be busy,
 May your feet always be swift,
 May you have a strong foundation
 When the winds of changes shift
 May your heart always be joyful,
 May your song always be sung,
 May you stay forever young
 Forever young, forever young,
 May you stay forever young.*

I hope you achieve the success that you work for. It is timely to remember that success is not measured by the position one has reached in life, but by the obstacles which one has overcome whilst trying to succeed and that the only way to truly fail is to quit trying

And when you do succeed, always remember those who helped you along the way.

Remember where you come from!!!



◀ Mrs Thomsen's year 10 English class dressed up and ready for action for their class video that was shown at the Junior Prizegiving.

I have returned

By Hinemaia Mataira, Year 11

The night before last was the most terrifying and heart-wrenching I have ever had to witness. The mere thought of night triggers the hairs on the back of my neck.

I was out with a war party for the first time, a party of about fifty fierce and gruesome warriors. I however was not one. Instead, I was made to trail at the back of the cocky kaaka and carry an immense load of calabashes filled to the brim with water.

I would get a whack from Uirata every time the water would seep out.

"Honest koro, it's these calabashes...they have a mind of their own!" WHAAACCKK!

"Shut up boy...what do you know about calabashes? You only carry them!" he would fire back at me. I swear he put a curse on me for his own pleasure in watching me fail.

We marched forever. I watched the sun come up...float endlessly across the sky, and then sink into the mellow horizon. But soon night fell upon us.

The night brought creatures and spirits, war parties and death. Again I trembled with fear, and broke a calabash.

This caused a major riot and I was pushed all the way to the front, being kicked and punched and prodded on the way. I looked back and saw Uirata sniggering like a wild boar.

As I turned back around I felt a sharp whisper streak past my ear, followed by a gut-wrenching yelp. I spun back around to see one of the men out cold on the ground. His eyes were wide open in shock as his soul swirled out.

I was immediately shoved recklessly into a bush while all the men quickly prepared for battle and hid.

The children of Tane fell silent as uncontrollable thoughts of big scary Marakihau with searing teeth sprinted through my head.

The next few moments came in a flash as the sound of blazing putātara boomed through my ears leaving a ringing feeling echoing through my body. I was much too scared to peek as I heard men shouting and the sound of slashing; but something drew me to believe it was my duty to.

I slowly parted the prickly leaves of my lonesome haven to reveal hell breaking loose in the depths of the night.

I gasped in horror as I saw heads tumbling to the ground, patu gashing the flesh of the ones who had stolen me, and blood splashed carelessly everywhere.

The only thing I could think of was escaping and running as far away as possible from these animals, but my timing was to be extremely crucial. At first I didn't even have the courage to move my feet, but I thought of what might happen if I stayed here, so I decided I had to.

The miracle of my life happened as Uirata was causing havoc with the enemy and this became the perfect decoy.

I counted in my head 'Three, Two, One. GO!' I sharply slithered out of the bush like a sly tuna and almost began to sprint...but luck wasn't on my side. I crashed straight into the chief of the opposing tribe!

I felt helpless, but I didn't want to die. So I stood my ground and yelled "I'm not scared of you, you ugly beast!"

The presence of this chief was amazing; I looked at him from top to bottom. Every single muscle of his body rippled violently, and his face and arms were covered in what looked like the stories of many battles he had won and his whakapapa.

I stared into his black piercing eyes and felt like I knew him. I quickly scaled through his tamoko and began to cry... e pa?

The memories of that fateful night still constantly play through my head and, even though I'm still scared of Hine-nui-te-po's territory, I'm glad that I am finally back on this very beach staring back towards my true home at last.

The gleaming rays of Tawhirimatea shoot out pigments of crisp whites and warm yellows, lighting up the still sparkling waters of the shore tide. The silver misty blanket of Hinepukohurangi creates a bear-some sheath over the rolling hills of Kawhia.

Perched on a low foothill stands a pa site, carefully crafted to perfection. One sniff triggers the bitter smell of sea salt lightly floating on a soft breeze, gradually intertwining with the furious smoke of a blazing fire.

Sounds begin to overwhelm me. The rustling of leaves harmonized by the sweet sound of the Tiwaiwaka, the crackling of the burning wood in the central fire, the sleepy murmur of people waking up and the soft crashing of waves against the rocky shores.

Upon stepping into the pa, the feeling of goeey and mushy mud minces through my toes releasing sharp jolts of ice up through my feet. The intricately carved posts planted around the peaceful pa bear mysterious Taniwha and Kaitiaki, small circles of purple, blue and lime green peacefully looking down on me.

I have returned home...

Jan Gilby Board of Trustees Chairman

Being in the position of Board of Trustees Chairman is a privilege and before I go any further I wish to acknowledge the entire school community because each and every one of us makes Ngaruawahia the school it is.

As always each year brings many challenges both personal and professional and 2007 has been no exception.

During the year Mr Bradford and members of the senior management team have organised community Hui to explain the importance of "student engagement" and student achievement – these two matters go hand in hand, one leading to the other.

However before either of the above is possible our students require a reasonable level of literacy – or reading writing skill.

Despite government support in the form of the PEN initiative to improve literacy levels in our students a large proportion of our new students have come to Ngaruawahia High School with literacy levels not sufficient to allow them to take advantage of or be able to cope with High School.

As a school we have had to employ a teacher specifically to work with these students and the situation has required a great deal of extra in put from all teachers.

However all is not lost – a further project Te Kotahitanga has been introduced to Ngaruawahia High School. This project provides an opportunity for teachers to be supported in altering their teaching practise to increase "student engagement" and consequently student achievement.

Students here are very fortunate that the teaching staff is committed to this project—however it remains essential that students receive support, interest and encouragement from their whanau.

In 2008 all schools in New Zealand have to abide by the regulatory Healthy Eating Guidelines .We are fortunate to have a Board member who is passionate and knowledgeable about this subject. So look out change is afoot in the canteen!!

High lights of the year are many ---

- Our success at Kapa Haka,
- Gateway students and the opportunity to have dinner and an overnight stay at Novotel Tainui following the hospitality training they had there.
- Out door pursuits centre at Turangi for the senior PE students.
- WINTEC engineering course and the go kart making
- Access to first Aid courses and the number of students who passed this qualification.
- And most recently the success of Cairo Sandford and her tuneful potty in the Brightsparks competition

Well done to all who have participated in any of these events and to all our sports teams --- Ngaruawahia High School maintains a high profile in many arenas both cultural and sporting.

NHS is extremely fortunate to have the interest of Norm Hewitt and Celia Lashlie. These people are determined to reduce levels of violence in society and to improve attitudes to others—Celia and Norm will be back in town next year and I encourage all present to hear them talk.

To add to the whakataukie of Norm and Celia I would like to read you a quote from Nelson Mandella (one of the world's greatest fighters for peace and justice)

"We owe our children – the most vulnerable citizens in any society – a life free from violence and fear. In order to ensure this, we must be tireless in our efforts to not only attain peace, justice and prosperity for countries but also for communities and members of the same family."

The buildings and grounds are in good shape – the newly refurbished hall – the boiler and pipes back in working order and future projects are to up grade the library and technical areas.

I would like to thank each and every staff member for the contribution you make – each of you is a piece of the jig saw –

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.



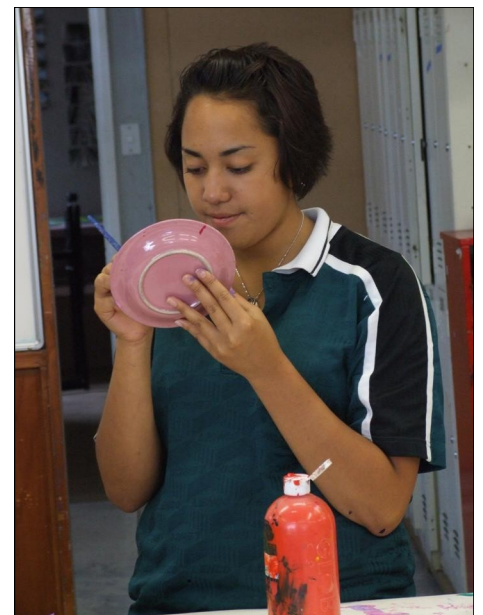
congratulations on another great year.

To the members of the Board – thank you we have had some interesting meetings, long debates, late nights and challenging issues this year.

The end of the year for many of you including staff is the time for farewells and new, exciting times.

I wish you all the very best in life – be safe, happy and kind to your fellow man and consider this –

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.



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The Spreading of Ashes by Kerri Alexander, Year 12

The pulsating waves as they crash upon the beach, the motion of my heart beating when I look into your eyes.

The rush of the ocean, the flow of the water, the melting of my heart when you tell me how much you love me.

The crashing of waves, the explosion of sea spray, the intensity of a broken heart, the pain riddled within the tears flowing like rivers down my face.

A brisk summer's breeze, sweeping tears further down my cheeks, sweeping that had once been your gentle touch wiping the tears from my eyes, replacing them with smiles like rainbows and kisses filled with love and affection.

Staring lazily into the emerald water I can picture your face smiling back at me. The water, the colour of your intriguingly beautiful eyes, inviting me in further, wrapping me in a blanket of security as I sense the presence of your soul surrounding me.

Holding you close to my heart, I begin to sink deeper, falling to my knees in helplessness, pleading to the heavens above for you to come back to me, to mend my broken heart and replace my cries with tears of optimism and solace.

Shadows seem to dance upon the horizon as the sun begins to set. An enchanting elegance surrounds me as one last ray of light shines down upon us. You were the ray of light that shone on my destiny, a ray so bright. A ray that reflected off an angel's wings onto your face, emphasising your immaculate beauty. It felt as though I could stay there forever in the angelic water, your soul encircling me with its presence. But forever means nothing if I don't spend it with you.

Waves thrust themselves upon the poles of the bridge and horrific memories flash through my mind. The night of the accident, the night an innocent life was lost. Your life. The shadows of your life began to close in, your spirit began to diminish and your soul was set free to a world of eternity.

The tide is beginning to rise, your soul diminishes further. I clench you tighter, still holding you close to my heart. The time



has come to release you, to set you free and take my broken heart with you. My love will forever remain with you and yours will forever inspire me.

I slowly lift the lid of what contains your remains. The soft summer's breeze casts a spell upon us, uplifting your ashes, joining you to its chain of freedom. I sprinkled the rest into the depths of the ocean. You floated away so peacefully and gracefully, leaving me alone and deflated.

As I peer into the night sky a star glistens so brightly. I can see your face looking back at me and a single tear floats down my cheek. Though this tear is not a tear riddled with pain, it is a tear that reflects upon the good times we shared together, and although I'll never hear your voice again I know I'll always have someone watching over me.

Whanau Leaders

2007

Mokau



Lania Fretwell, Rimutere Wharakura, Tom Gilby-Todd and Jordan Grace.

Pare Hauraki



Rangitetaea Moeke and Charmaine Hopa

Tamaki



Jade Newport, Mariana Rangihuna, Victoria McGrath, Clinton Turner and Teri Morgan (not present).

Pare Waikato



Natalie Mayne, Justin Taukiri, Manuka Smith and Kahlea Tamati (front).



At this camp we were all put through something we really did not want to experience. For some of us it was just being there in the first place!

We had been told it was low-tech, but no one suspected what it really was.

The only signs of civilization were a few 'dunnies' and a car (which we all helped to unload).

Then they split us into four teams with seniors as team leaders and then redivided into threes for tent assignments.

At first we got involved in some team-building routines such as passing a ball to someone and calling out their name.

Then there were some trust-building activities like falling backwards onto a partner, or even trusting classmates to stop you hitting the ground after falling backwards (or forwards) off a log.

In the evening some students decided to climb up the huge hill outside the camp and I was one of them (even though I am afraid of heights and the pathway to the top was slippery!).

The sunset at the top was beautiful and were thankful to Miss Gabel for allowing us to go up.

The next day, after a rough sleep, we embarked on a huge scavenger hunt and cross-country. I can't really remember the details but I do remember that the challenges were rough, tough and muddy! The disappointing part was to discover that all of our work had only put us in second place!

Overall the camp was pretty awesome, and if I had to do it all over again it won't be so bad!

A tip to anyone going on such a camp as this - bring a sleeping bag with a thick bottom!

- Mitchell Murray





Waka Ama

Weeks of training on our beautiful awa led to the 6:15am meet at Turangawaewae Marae on Wednesday morning 29th March. The last to arrive was Carl with the school van, so there was no chance of leaving without him!

We had a quick breakfast stop at Five Cross Roads, then off to Rotorua, warm and cosy in our vehicles. This became important to us as we arrived in Rotorua, welcomed by cold and wet weather!

We set up camp and totally missed the Powhiri! However our seniors were suited up ready for their first race.

Day 1 of the Nationals saw the W1 (one man waka) and the W12 (double-hulled waka) races.

Our seniors were a part of

the 88 schools registered and it was going to be a challenge to advance to any semi-finals.

They qualified for the Bowl Semi-finals and came third, just missing out on the Bowl Final.

The Juniors qualified for the Chaps Semis where they were placed third in that semi and then 8th in the finals (which meant that our juniors were 8th fastest in NZ for the W12's!

Day 2 saw us up at 7am, karakia, breakfast and off to the lake by 8:15am. The day consisted of W6 250m sprints and some 500m heat sprints for the seniors.

The day was cold but our spirits warm and our paddlers were geared up for 11 races!

The Senior Boys placed 7th in the first heat with the times

so close that the managers were double-checking them to see who qualified!

They also came 7th in the W6 500m heat which advanced them to the Bowl Semis on day 3.

The Junior Girls qualified for the Champ Finals where they came 4th (0.5 seconds behind 3rd place). "Fourth fastest Waka Ama sprinters in NZ" is a pretty mean title!

The Junior Boys were placed 6th in their Plate Final with only 7 seconds between 1st and 8th!

The seniors got to go back to the marae early where they chilled out in the spas at the Aquatic Centre.

When the Juniors returned they homed in on the pool for a much-deserved soak. Matua Mana and Whaea Johnnie entertained the group with charades and we are sure that the wharenui carvings were having fun too!

Day 3 had the W6 doing 500m sprints. Some schools had decided to pack up and return home but Ngaruawahia stayed to weather the weather, on and off the water! Friday was the coldest and wettest day of them all!

Most of the students were geared up for the weather - taking blankets to the lake front. They played touch rugby

on the sand just to keep warm.

The Junior Boys and Junior Girls had twice as many races as the Seniors this day.

The Junior Boys were placed 2nd in the Plate Final while the Junior Girls were also second in their Plate Final behind Nga Taiatea.

Our Senior Boys had a brilliant race in their Bowl Quarter Final where they were placed 3rd. The Senior Girls got to their Plate Quarter Finals coming 5th.

When racing was over it was agreed that Matua Waki stay behind for the prize-giving, enabling the rest of us to get to the hot pools before returning home!



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Swimming Sports

February 16



Junior Girls Championships

- 1. Toni Maree
- 2. Cruise Nahu-Nikau & Sarah Michelle Washer

Junior Boys Championships

- 1. Jarad Solomon
- 2. Aubrey Fretwell & Kingsley Smith

Intermediate Girls Championships

- 1. Lania Fretwell
- 2. Maraeta Whare
- 3. Hinemaia Mataira & Navarna Topine-Moana

Intermediate Boys Championships

- 1. Cody Brooks
- 2. Fredrick Hati-Moses
- 3. Tom Gilby-Todd

Senior Girls Championships

- 1. Teri Mackie
- 2. Rangitetaia Moeke & Joanna Nelson

Senior Boys Championships

- 1. Jeroen Wilms
- 2. Jordan Grace
- 3. Manuka Smith

Pare Hauraki (107 pts)

Mokau (408 pts)

Tamaki (239 pts)

Pare Waikato (197 pts)



February 28th

Athletics Day





Champions

- Junior Girls ...**
 1. Dakota Moeke
 2. Ryessa Warren
 3. Cruze Nahu-Nikau & Mere Tuahiahi Tarawhiti

- Junior Boys ...**
 1. Atarima Maru
 2. Dion Scott & Tarzan Heke

- Intermediate Girls ...**
 1. Maraea Whare
 2. Kayla George
 3. Amber Lee McBeth

- Intermediate Boys ...**
 1. Shannon Rupapere
 2. Joseph Rayner
 3. Jordan Tukere

- Senior Girls ...**
 1. Rangitetaia Moeke
 2. Shardae Pompey & Lealyn Taukiri

- Senior Boys ...**
 1. Jordan Grace
 2. Clinton Turner
 3. Tom Gilby-Todd

- House Competition ...**
 1. Mokau (673 pts)
 2. Pare Hauraki (665 pts)
 3. Tamaki (642 pts)
 4. Pare Waikato (409 pts)



The Mathematics Road Show

A number of students from Year 9 to Year 11 attended the Maths Road Show on Friday 2 March.

Displays included a number of hands-on, problem solving activities where the students needed to read the instructions before attempting to discover the answers to the

questions presented.

Students were placed in groups and had a worksheet to fill in while at each display.

Some displays included experimenting with sound, weight, area, reflections, time, ordering and sequencing.



Surf's Up!



Elsa White, Shardae Pompey and Patrick Taylor with NZ surfing champion Daniel Kereopa, who addressed the school.

Daniel Kereopa

Week one

February 19-23



PIRONGIA WOODWORK TRIP

During the year under contract with the Department of Conservation and several other secondary schools our senior carpentry students built 10 sets of stairs to be positioned on Mt Pirongia.

In February eight students lived on the mountain over a two week period and helped to construct platforms and fix the stairs in place.

This has been an excellent experience for our students. Well done Charmaine Hopa, Nicole Fitzsimmons, Melany Fitzsimmons, Jason Pitts, Casey Slight, Jeroen Wilms, Birger Fuchs and Guilherme Mello.

Jeroen (Netherlands), Birger (Germany) and Guilherme (Brazil) were exchange students.



Week two

February 26-March 1





Year 13 Auckland Trip

31st May to 1st June 2007



The year 13 trip to Auckland was most definitely the highlight of my year. For two days we travelled to many tourists sites all over Auckland such as the museum, Auckland University, Sky Tower, Imax, Sylvia Park, ice skating and Rainbows End.

The trip was totally organised by Y13 students with the biggest organisation coming from Jeroen Wilms and Kahlea Tamati.

We came up with the crazy idea of the Auckland trip in the bus coming back from being leaders at the awesome Year 9 camp in term one and, after a few months of fundraising, organising and convincing the elders in the school that we were responsible enough to go on the trip, we finally made it and had a blast.

Some of the most funniest memories were when the van wouldn't start and we had to

push it, getting lost on Auckland's motorway and just mucking around in down town Auckland.

We had a great sleepover in a local Marae with a not-so-great morning wakeup alarm by Charmaine Hopa singing in the morning.

We had a nice breakfast of just fruit that morning to make up for all the junk food we had been consuming.

We had some trouble getting

staff to come along with us but the two that did come with us (Doug Marsh and Eliza Thomsen) had an awesome time as well.

To anyone that is thinking of organising a trip like this, I say think again! All the health and safety papers we had to fill in I think contributed greatly to our shortage of trees and the world problem of global warming. No exaggeration!

- Natalie Mayne.



Celia Lashlie and Norm Hewitt visit

After almost a year of emailing back and forwards Celia Lashlie and Norm Hewitt finally were able to confirm their visit to Ngaruawahia High School. They attended on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th May.

Their visit started on Wednesday evening (23rd) when TV3 set up an interview in our reception area with Norm and Celia for Campbell Live.

On Thursday morning they were formally welcomed with a powhiri at our school marae. Thanks to Mr Toka, Whaea Tina, Whaea Robyn and the NHS culture group for welcoming our visitors.

After the powhiri, Mr Bradford took our guests for a tour of the school. They popped into a few classes and questions were asked of Celia "What is prison like" and "What's prison food like", and "Are there many fights?".

Following the tour a community hui was held with the local police, community house, Youth Transition Services and local primary school principals were invited to attend.

Discussions took place as to what was going on in our community, the problems we are facing as a community and a general korero, based around the young people in our town

All involved in this hui found it very interesting. Anne Ramsay from the Community House said "I thought they were amazing. It was really useful to have outsiders come in and take a snapshot of our community".

Following this hui a full school assembly was held. Celia and Norm were introduced and, to the amusement of the students, all teachers were asked to move to the back of the hall! Celia reassured them that "the students were in good hands"!

Celia explained who she was, where she had worked and also went into great detail about the "30 second moment" and gave explanations of young men that she had met who in 30 seconds had changed the outcome of their lives.

She also went into detail about prison life for a youth offender and that if our students think discipline is hard at school it would be about 200 times worse in prison.

Norm then talked about "dreams" and talked about his life growing up and issues he faced. He said at the age of 7 he realised he wanted to be an All Black and how eventually he became one.

Principal David Bradford was pleased with Celia and Norm's talks. "They were pitched at the right levels and the topics they spoke about are real and happening.

"They put the reality in front of the students".

After the assembly our guests had a break and visited Ngaruawahia Primary School Year 7 & 8 students along with St Paul's and Taupiri Primary School and spoke in a similar vein about prison and



holding on to a dream (Celia and Norm were finally given a demo of what "krumping" is!).

After school Celia and Norm made themselves available to meet with local primary school teachers.

They spoke to both our secondary school teachers and the primary school teachers for an hour and a half on two aspects....

1. How teachers can make a difference. "You will not be aware at the time that you have made a connection with a student, but it is important that we keep attempting," stated Mrs Lashlie.

Often people Celia met in her job as a prison manager would have some skill or interest that had been fostered by a teacher at some time in that person's life.

Celia told a story about a very young girl in her Christchurch prison who had been in foster homes for many years, and later had lived on and under the streets of Auckland.

She revealed how this young girl, with a mouth "like a sewer" could write using beautiful cursive handwriting and she could also create exquisite poetry, often composed alone in her cell.

Celia used her extensive background as a prison manager and researcher to relate many interesting stories about teenagers.

2. Interesting technique. Celia explained an interesting technique that would assist in connecting with people who are ready to off-load information

about themselves.

She believes this has to be a "learned" technique and requires practice. Her term for this was "A 30 second moment".

Maria Hamill (Principal - Ngaruawahia Primary) said "It was fantastic. They talked from experience and could actually relate to our community. My staff came away buzzing!".

Leigh Snowden, a member of the Ngaruawahia High School Board of Trustees, stated "The evening was a great success and I am sure everyone felt a little tug in their hearts from some part of the evening."

That evening at 7.00pm, a community hui was held. About 240 people turned up which was excellent. Fiona Caddigan (a parent from Cambridge) commented that "They hit home about positive parental role models!". Rosemarie Cann (NHS Careers Co-ordinator) stated that she found the hui an interesting experience.

Friday morning was spent with some of our young men.

A tour was then arranged for Norm and Celia to visit Turangawaewae Marae. Both Norm and Celia were grateful for the opportunity to visit such a splendid place.

After lunch at the community house, Norm and Celia came back to the school for a final meeting with Mr Bradford.

After a final farewell Celia and Norm drove away stating they would be back soon. Ms Hari made Norm and Celia a special toanga of a kete each.

From England

Well I have been here three months and so far I've had a great time. It feels like so long ago since I left New Zealand. The flight over was the pits!!! Twenty four hours on a flight with a five hour delay in Melbourne. Argh!!! But I must say it was an adventure.

When I hopped of the plane at Heathrow I was too tired to care about how I looked or where I was going so long as I could have a shower and go to bed. It was a shock to the system when I didn't meet my host mother as I expected but an EF co-ordinator, telling me that I would stay at a camp in Winchester for the night before I made my journey North. I thought you had to be kidding me. On top of that the weather was quite hot! 25 degrees, with me all dressed for the winter. I wanted to die.

My first meal in England was an English Barbie and let me tell you I was not impressed. The meat patties tasted like rubber and it was burnt and the salad was completely foreign. But I got over it.

I've made loads of new mates over here and they are so completely different to people back home but in a good way. School is also something that is greatly different. Like we get lots of free periods although to make up for it we get lots of homework.

Its starting to snow over here, although it didn't settle, so no snow fights as of yet. Last week I went to London as apart of a school trip with a few mates, it was such fun. We went to see Grease at the theatre. Oh it was amazing. Before the actual show we had spare time so went shopping, they took me to this toy store - Hamleys. Five floors in total, it was like being a little kid again. We also got lost in Soho!

I've been to Alton towers with the school too, which is a huge theme park, so big that it has gondolas to get you from one side of the park to another as well as Cadburys chocolate factory where you get to make your own chocolate bar.

I've also been to several other places but to name them all would be far to time consuming.

- Kahlea Tamati, Corby (England) - Monday 3rd Dec

Exchange Students



Rear: Julian Krischker from Germany (July-November), Kwanporn (Dew) Kirdkidsadanont from Thailand (January-November), Birger Fuchs from Germany (January-July), Guilherme Vaz de Mello from Brazil (January-July) and Kai Kammer from Germany (July-November).

Front: Kahlea Tamati to England (August 2007-January 2008), Jeroen Wilms from the Netherlands (July 2006 to July 2007), Victor Queroz from Brazil (July-November) and Anni Harma from Eastonia (January-July).

All of our visiting students involved themselves in contributing to school life, going beyond expectations and leaving lasting legacies and memories with staff and students.



Déjà vu Hawaii !

The photo above was taken on the afternoon of July 4th 2005 showing our Kapa Haka group relaxing at the home of one of our hosts.



In July 2005 the NHS Kapa Haka group were generously hosted in Hawaii for two weeks. A number of our 2005 hosts visited us in June and renewed the very close bonds established nearly two years ago. The twelve members of our Hawaiian touring party still at school were there to welcome them.





Our programme this year was full-on! We performed at the Tainui High School Regionals and were placed second! This entitled us to attend the National Competition in Wellington in 2008.

We also sang for our representatives at the Manu Korero competitions.

Right now we are gearing up for the Nationals next year and we know it is going to be a massive event and experience and we are encouraging others to join us.

Wirihana Kane, Reremoana Stephens and Rimutere Wharakura were dynamic in their leadership of the group and we were all extremely appreciative of their commitment.

Ngaria Walker, Malyna Huaki and all the whanau from TPM Kapahaka did a magnificent job in tutoring us.

- Anne Roa



Kapa Haka



Cross Country Champions

Junior Boys' Champion
Kingsley Smith

Junior Girls' Champions
Cruze Nahu-Nikau & Marieke Mes

Intermediate Boys' Champion
Jonty McBeth

Intermediate Girls' Champion
Amber Lee McBeth

Senior Boys' Champion
Tom Gilby-Todd

Senior Girls' Champion
Shardae Pompey

House Competition

1. Pare Waikato (118 pts)
2. Mokau (112 pts)
3. Tamaki (66 pts)
4. Pare Hauraki (41 pts)



Cross Country



The feeling of Emptiness

by Rimutere Wharakura (Y12)

As the warm days start to fade away and a cool breeze comes sweeping past me, I notice a familiar smell, not just any smell but a smell of light frost as it touches the sand mixed with cold, fresh sea breeze.

I'm stunned at the thought that winter has arrived. As I walked down to the beach the mood of the sea and the whole atmosphere takes me back to that winter morning...

The sea was grey and calm after a week of gusty wind and chopping waves. There was a cold airy flat sky.

I walked towards the window and gazed down to the sea. I noticed a woman down

there, the same woman who's down there everyday.

She wears dark coloured clothes with a pale green straw-hat, and holds a green bucket tightly clenched in her right hand. She throws all living things into the sea, and throws all non – living things into her bucket.

Today she didn't have her bucket, she was also walking awkwardly. In curiosity I raced down towards the beach where the grass meets the sand.

She was holding something but I couldn't quite define the shape of it.

I stood there calling out to her as she slowly walked into the silky yet chilling waters of

Tangaroa. She was holding the undefinable object as though she was concealing it from prying eyes.

I got closer and followed her towards the water. I remember feeling excited yet scared as I had figured out what the object she was holding, truly was.

As I hurried towards her, the wind and the waves picked up, the silence was drowned out by the noise of the waves clashing together and in my mind I remember my heart beating rapidly.

I went up behind her and she turned to face me, her piercing dark brown eyes struck me like a hot knife through ice. My body began to tense as the

adrenalin rushed through my blood, making my heart pulsate faster and faster, harder and harder until the point where it felt like it was going to rise up through my throat and exit out my mouth.

There it was, what she held out to me was a newly born baby boy who was yet to take his first breath. I took him and removed the remainders of the afterbirth from his face, and there were such small sounds coming from the petite blue mouth.

As I stared in astonishment it was only in that moment I had come to realise that a life had just slipped through my fingers and I was helpless to prevent it.

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Tutor Groups



9 Mokau (AL)

Rear: Chelsea Tarawhiti, Taylor Presland-Coates, Nerissa Frankhouser, Rikki-Lee Rayner, Moana Nahu-Nikau, Cali Hunia.

Middle: Aubrey Fretwell, Kreedin Penetito, Mamaku Kanawa, Jordan Cotter, Aidan Brown, Corey-Wade Roberts, Nathan Frankhouser, Naznin Basha (Tutor).

Seated: Justice Howe, Tharyn Martin, Ted Simon, Corey Tepu-Hay, Jared Solomon, Adrian Humphries, Bryce McLaren, Tipene Retara.

Absent: Te Waipuia Matenga, Khaleel Simons, Tristan Te Whare, Leah Dooley.

9 Pare Hauraki (SC)

Rear: Hannah-Marie Foster, Ryessa Warren, Louise Phillips, Amyleigh Hopa, Heremaia Anderson.

Middle: Paraire Waitere, Neil Pluss, Joseph Tairakena, Destiny Wanakore, Luke Savage, Johnathan Parakuka, Agnes Scott (Tutor).

Seated: Oliver Savage, Brendon Liddington, Sean Newman, James Foggin, Jason Saunders, Amohia Rawiri, Carlos Flutey Payne, Joshua Tairakena.

Absent: Maina Paikea, Samuel Pearson, Marshall Reidy-Miller, Manoa Simeon.



9 Pare Waikato (MR)

Rear: Romme Paul, Rico West-Joseph, Benjamin Campbell, Marieke Mes, Mark Laurie, Mitchell Murray.

Middle: Michaela Simmonds, Raana Dennis, Triden Moana-Joseph, Hemi Parnell, Terrence-Scott Jones Richards, Kingsley Smith, Jessie-Leigh Waters, Douglas Marsh (Tutor).

Seated: Joseph Roberts, Colin Waiwiri, Cherran Edwards, Jacinta Hurinui, Katie Fowler, Mariah Maru, Precious Ngawhika-Lloyd, Kaya Aremete.

Absent: Courtney Collins, George Olsen, Tessa Phillips, Nikau Ponga.



9 Tamaki (TH)

Rear: Amy Emery, Kakenga Clark, Wendy Willis.

Middle: Eliza Thomsen (Tutor), Norman King, Hori Rameka, Satarn Morgan, Stevie Brown, Te Atamira Roa, Arohanui Apiata.

Seated: Taonui Cooper, Karni Henry, Tame Nepia, Wiremu Henry-Wilson, Te Motu Gray, Aaron Turner, Taura Ngarua.

Absent: Braidie Adamson, Tangiwai Nepia, Tony-Maree Ngawhika-Birch, Raiatea Paikea, Tori Peakman, Dion Scott.

10 Mokau (RE)

Rear: Te Huinga Simeon, Tariki Campbell, Amberly McBeth, Natasha Garlick.

Middle: Sophie Gerrits, Richard Hemopo, Timothy Kanawa, Sarah-Michelle Washer, Rangituturu Moanaroa, Kathryn Readhead (Tutor).

Seated: Jarad Alexander, Sen Heremaia, Dylan Beckham Mansell, Benjamin Hall, Jessica Graham, Jonty McBeth.

Absent: Rebecca Jones, Jacob Greer, Cayla Newman, Mary-Lee Smith.



10 Pare Hauraki (JO)

Rear: Aimee Murphy, Maunga Nepia, Alisha Campbell, Regan Rangi, Chaevonne Gamble.

Seated: Charmaine Foster, Jayron Sotelo, Lewis Jones, Reihana Tairakena, Dakota Moeke.

Absent: Richard Hayed, Tarzan Heke, Ruscelle Hill, Krome Pene, Christopher Rawiri, Karmel Tata, Jessie Johnston (Tutor).



10 Pare Waikato (YE)

Rear: Haloma Bluegum-Perese, Kandas Aremete.

Middle: Jade Findley, Pearl Kelly, Hayley Clay, Evelyn Barton, Michael Yewen (Tutor).

Seated: Sam Te Are, Renee Warne, Te Kauri Waiwiri, Samarah Graham, Mario Martin.

Absent: Kieran Baldick, Brogan Collins, Heagan Henare-Lynch, Marika Paul, Freedom Wairepo, Jessie Ward, Ricardo Ward, Tyler Witana.

10 Tamaki (CT)

Rear: Anne Roa, Waipua Puke, Ruki Simon, Tyson Walker.

Middle: Raukura Olsen, Camira Newport, Walter Paul, Lisa McGrath, Aniterika Katipa, Tracy Cathro (Tutor).

Seated: Mere-Tu-Ahiahia Tarawhiti, Pongawhakatihi Pompey, Leigh Stephens, Iwa Te Koi, Koha Henry, Christine Morehu.

Absent: Moanalee Holley, Honore Reid, Amaria Tukere, Te Whitu Tukere, Kayla Tumaki.



11 Mokau (WE)

Rear: Luanna Tarawhiti, Tori Wymer, Gemma Rasmussen, Hikinga Simon, Coby Nahu-Nikau, Kayla George, Renee McLaren.

Middle: Guilherme Vaz de Mello, Monique Moanaroa-Leigh, Terry Kelly, Casino Panoho, Rachel Allan, Aimee Don, Donna West (Tutor).

Seated: Josef Thompson Smith, Nicholas Wiechern, Brandon Ireton, Angelo Rajendram, Joshua Deane, Pablo Willmann, Benjamin Jarret.

Absent: Rahui Clarke-Wymer.



11 Pare Hauraki (IT)

Rear: Erini Tairakena, Vaughan Tengu, Shannell Matthews, Aarion Hopa, Courtney Reidy-Miller.

Middle: Tayla Te Anga, Texas Thomsen, Vinnie Matthews-Grey, Te Whao Wilson, Te Pou Tahapeehi, Alexander Stephenson, Adam Moana, Dawson Iti (Tutor).

Seated: Timothy Chung, Robert Lloyd, Maiti Tahana, Joseph Rayner, Halen Shadrock, Shayd Hinton, Kresten Warren.

Absent: Julie Gibson, Daniel Haumaha, Atria Hopa, Cameron Majury, Aaron McQuoid, Duke Moeke,

11 Pare Waikato (GR)

Rear: Ripeka Mackie, Jacob Paul, Andre Te Are.

Middle: Pam Gray (Tutor), Kararina Ngawhika-Lloyd, Shani West-Joseph, Janet Maxwell, Casey Nathan.

Seated: Te Auta Parnell, Callum Forrest, Cody Brooks, Kerrod Mes, Jordan Waters.

Absent: Noaia Barakat, Aiden Dean, Christina George, Mark Holstein, Carol-Anne Richards, Sharon Wharakura, Fredrick Hati-Moses.



11 Tamaki (TO)

Rear: Angel Raihi, Ellie Nepia, Atawhai Gray, Manaaki Whare.

Middle: Sam Toka (Tutor), Navarna Topine Moana, Wharepouri Tukere, Jordan Tukere, Kadyn Tahapeehi, Lara Kena.

Seated: Hinemaia Mataira, George King, Nathan Eketone -Mahara, Whitu Te Kau Rameka, AJ West, Tui Iwihora.

Absent: Chanel Fisher, Rahuri Karu, Hutukawa Kingi, Hearoha Mahara, Deina-Lee Maru, Te Reo Whaanga Ngakete.



12-13 Mokau (PA)

Rear: Cairo Sandford, Kerri Alexander, Kwanporn Kirdkidsadanont (Dew), Sandra Waghorn.

Middle: Turina Paku (Tutor), Felicity Stewart, Chantelle Bentley, Maraea Whare, Lania Fretwell, Rimutere Wharakura.

Seated: Te Uranga Paki, Tom Gilby-Todd, Elsa White, Patrick Taylor, Brent Turu, Danielle McLaren, Guilherme Vaz de Mello.

Absent: Jordan Grace, Joanna Nelson, Chelsea Warren.

12-13 Pare Hauraki (BW)

Rear: Ella Newman, Charmaine Hopa, Rangitetaea Moeke, Jahna-Lee Deacon.

Middle: Danielle Saunders, Nicole Fitzsimmons, Dallas Rangi, Chelsea Hiini, Sian Gerrits, Nicholas Bowskill (Tutor).

Seated: Ayllar-Jean Grey, Damien Jones, Birger Fuchs, Evan Houghton, Anni Harma.

Absent: Jason Pitts, Shannon Rupapere, Mathew Rye, Samellia Pene, Renae Te Huia..



12-13 Pare Waikato (MC)

Rear: Nisha Bal, Melanie Rowell, Samatha Adams, Antony Kerr-Bell, Anjina Paul.

Middle: Jeroen Wilms, Sarah McLean, Justin Taukiri, Kahlea Tamati, Preston Muru, Sandy MacDonal (Tutor).

Seated: Natalie Mayne, Carl Dean, Jethro Martin. Manuka Smith, Sharda Pompey.

Absent: Isabella Nepia, Te Huringa Pompey, Audran Smyth Grey.





12-13 Tamaki (RN)

Rear: Harata Awa, Wirihana Kane, Whitiara Cooper.

Seated: Charmaine Emery, Toko Whare, Jaron Williams, Jade Newport, Kararaina Blake.

Absent: Raatu Karu, Talia Maniapoto, Victoria McGrath, Teri Morgan, Rauti Poutapu, Te Atarangi Poutapu, Mariana Rangihuna, Reremoana Stephens, Paerau Tahapehi, Clinton Turner, Harold Ranui (Tutor).



Staff

Rear: Turina Paku (PE Science), Anna Haggie (Librarian), Natasha Clark-Ramsay (Teacher Aid), Aroha Rawiri (Truancy), Tini Kells (Teacher Aid).

4th Row: Yvonne Nikora (Principal's Secretary), Sindy Hanes (Pupil Records), Michael Yewen (Music, Computing), Kathryn Readhead (English), Helyn Huirama (Te Kotahitanga), Rosemarie Cann (Careers), Eliza Thomsen (English), Doug Marsh (Engineering, Draughting).

3rd Row: Gail Wharekura (School Financial Officer), Matthew Griffiths (Computer Technician), Dawson Iti (Social Sciences), Sandy MacDonald (Computing), Peter Mans (Science, Timetabling), Tracey Cathro (English), Nick Bowskill (Woodwork, Electronics, Draughting).

2nd Row: Scott Henry (Counsellor), Agnes Scott (Hospitality), Rangimaria Morgan (English, Maths), Tiria Te Kurapa (Science), Pam Harding (English), Donna West (Mathematics), Naznin Basha (Mathematics), Arti Kumar (Reliever), Sam Toka (Maori, Social Sciences).

Seated: Lalita Hari (Special Needs), Tania Hill (Art), Raima Kells-Turner (Social Sciences), Chris Jarnet (Associate Principal, Draughting, Carpentry), David Bradford (Principal, Mathematics, Economics), Robyn Roa (Deputy Principal, Economics), Jamie Lichtwark (Mathematics), Pam Grey (Computing, Tourism), Rebecca Gabel (Physical Education).

Absent: Sonia Harper (Gateway), Kimai Huirama (Te Kotahitanga), Tina Newport (Truancy), Nadine Rae (Teacher Aid), Harold Ranui (Physical Education), Carl Shepherd (Sport Co-ordinator), Claire Timms (Teacher Aid), Meg Vernall (Science Technician, Teacher Aid), Ryan Timms (Teacher Aid), Noel Haworth (Caretaker), Shine Ryan (Teacher Aid), Karen Bennett (Teacher Aid).

494 years of teaching experience

Turina Paku (4), Michael Yewen (6), Kathryn Readhead (2), Rosemarie Cann (25), Eliza Thomsen (4), Doug Marsh (21), Dawson Iti (3), Peter Mans (32), Nicholas Bowskill (8), Agnes Scott (34), Rangimaria Morgan (10), Tiria Te Kurapa (4), Pam Harding (23), Donna West (22), Naznin Basha (18), Sam Toka (11), Lalita Hari (44), Tania Hill (6), Raima Kells-Turner (7), Chris Jarnet (25), David Bradford (20), Robyn Roa (30), Jamie Lichtwark (5), Pam Gray (26), Rebecca Gabel (6), Kimai Huirama (7), Harold Ranui (8), Vicky Ladd (11), Sandy MacDonald (43), Jessie Johnston (29).

Selkie

by Elsa White, Year 13

*Every seven years you shall return
But you shall not before
But if seven tears hit the waves
You may return to shore
You must shed your costume
Trade your fur for skin
But doing so don't shed a tear
When the sea calls from within*

The tree before me is alive. Its branches move like arms, reaching for the humid sun. The leaves whisper to me, telling me the tale of the ocean before it. I listen quietly to this time old tale.

The cool breeze of the ocean sweeps across my sun-kissed face, comforting me, seducing me towards it.

Giving in, I change my costume and head for the waves. They break on the rocks, then quickly retreat, ripping away stones. They break again, rushing towards me, as if they are hands reaching for my legs. "Come, come" the ocean calls, "Follow me".

I dive into it, feeling the rush as I break the surface, letting my old friend envelope me. I swim towards the bay, my strong body pushing me rapidly. I am a good swimmer, too fast to be called normal, but fast enough to be called different.

The bay is close. I observe boats with fat fishermen and chuckling wives hurtle past, hoping for a good day's catch.

I continue to swim towards the park, drawn by the smell of hotdogs and the sound of children laughing on the carousel.

I look out above the water and take in my surroundings. Replaced is the ground that was covered in the tears of winter. The grass is now soft and green, sprinkled with the colours of spring.

Replaced is the broken hinged fence that once bared marks from the years that had walked through it. The gate now hangs on an angle that seems unfamiliar and strange.

Replaced are the sturdy wooden benches coated in a white paint created by nature. Shiny benches now swallow up

the space, their paint giving off a strong new scent.

I turn to survey the wharf. But it as if time stands still on it, baring no change. The familiar smell of fresh fish and fried food flow continuously, my nostrils linger on the scent. I am in my element.

I swim to the wharf, looking over the edge to watch the fishermen fillet their catch. Their companions are below them, mouths dripping with anticipation.

I catch sight of a figure up ahead. He is early. I swim towards him and, with careful footing, I pull myself up onto the slippery wood beside his tarnished shoes. His eyes are squinted against the glowing sun, but on my appearance he puts his hand up to act as a visor. He stares straight at me and I feel pulled in.

"Hi Tasha", his voice is a warm whisper against my skin, a contrast to the ocean's cool breath.

"Hi Scott", I reply. He is nervous. He tries to act casual, but he doesn't know where to put his hands. This makes me smile, I'm nervous too. I trust him; he is the only one that knows the secret that I have hidden from all others.

"I missed you", he attempts a smile.

"I missed you too, I'm so sorry", I whisper. His eyes are sad.

"I know you are, but the past is the past." He looks at the ground, and I feel the impulse to hold him, to have the smell of his aftershave fill my head.

"How have you been?" he asks me, a genuine interest in my feelings.

"It's been hard," now I am attempting a smile, "But you know, I'm trying my best. What about you?" He

looks into my eyes, those soft brown eyes, they just melt away my pain.

"I met someone." This comment hits me, I was not expecting it. His eyes have returned to the safety of the ground.

"Oh" is all I can come up with, and he senses the hurt.

"But I don't love her. Not like I loved you." His voice trails off. I know he is telling the truth, but I also know that deep inside he is hurting because of it. He checks the time and tells me he has to go. I know he is already late, as I too was hoping time would stand still for us, for me. But time doesn't stand still for a fool.

When I return to the rocks, I pull myself towards the tree. It is dead, its arms black and withered. Its frail fingers stiff. The leaves are still, they no longer want to feel the rush of the fierce wind against their feathery skin.

I change my costume, hanging the light cotton dress to dry under the shelter of the tree. I pull on an outfit of sleek fur. The fit is perfect, as if it has moulded to my body over these past 28 years. The familiar smell of fish and salt escapes the fur and fills my nose. This is me, this is who I am.

I am pulled back to reality by the sound of the water as it breaks on the rocks, calling me. "Come, come," the ocean calls, "follow me, my vast waters will ease your pain. They will coat it with new hope, a new layer of protection. You can trust me, remember, you have always trusted me. So come, come. Follow me."

So I take a breath and let my old friend heal my wounds.

Selkies are mythological creatures in Irish, Icelandic, and Scottish mythology that can transform themselves from seals to humans.

Winter Wonderland

Ngaruawahia High School Ball 07



One hundred and forty participants enjoyed the 2007 Winter Wonderland Ball held at the Endowed College, Hōpūhōpū on Saturday September 8th.

The students looked elegant as they disembarked from limousines, Cadillac's and the many other forms of transportation. The venue greeted them with a three piece band playing as they entered the grand entrance.

The dining area easily catered for the hungry throng and the DJ had everyone rocking on the dance floor.

The tables were decorated fit for royalty and the colours represented the 'Winter Wonderland' theme.

There was a separate area where students had photos taken as they posed in front of a soft winter back drop.

Elsa White and Patrick Taylor were crowned Belle & Beau of the Ball, while Lania Fretwell and Jordan Tukere were Princess & Prince.

Wharepouri Tukere and Tori Wymer were Best Dressed with Manaaki Whare and Kerrod Mes being the cutest couple.

The Ball Committee had worked long and hard and were well rewarded.

All photographs taken on the evening were compiled onto a compact disc, which the students could purchase for \$5. The photos also appear on www.ngaruawahiahigh.school.nz







Snow and speed for senior Tourism class

After two terms of selling (eating) chocolates as fundraising for our trip, we set off to experience what tourists do when they visit our country.

The first activity was putting up with Mrs Gray's and Sonia's driving – all the way down south of Taihape to the Mokai Valley where we travelled along a very narrow road with strange time signs – the closer we were, the longer it would take.

Eventually, we arrived at the Gravity Canyon activity centre where we had to walk up, up and up further to the starting point of the fastest flying fox in

the world.

After we were strapped into our harness together in threes, we zoomed, amid many screams and shouts down the canyon – unfortunately, we did not know the microphone and video camera travelling with us could pick up *everything* we shouted!

However, we all made it back down to the vans (after some of us had two rides) and then it was off to stay the night at Ohakune and snowboarding at Turoa ski field the next day.

The weather report was for fine, fine, fine all day and there

was lots of snow. Our lodge rooms were quite luxurious for the price, with en-suites and tvs for each room.

After Mrs Gray (herself) cooked us all breakfast and Sonia and Marcelle cleaned up the kitchen, we piled into the vans again (Mrs Gray had finally found out how to drive them properly) to head up the mountain.

Unfortunately we had used up all the sun the previous day and the weather this day was cloudy with a forecast for more snow.

This did not deter this bunch

of happy campers and amid the falling snow, we had lots of falls, lots of laughs at other people's falls and somehow, most of us managed to master the art of snowboarding or skiing that morning.

Jethro and Melanie were the top markers here, zooming around like experts all afternoon after just one lesson.

The trip home was only marred by Mrs Gray following the advice and instructions of the students to take a 'short-cut' from Otorohanga and managing to get back only half an hour behind the other van!



◀ A stop-over at "Gumboot City" (Taihape) before travelling on to Mokai Canyon (above) for a 160kph flying fox and bungee experience.

Rear: Harmony Te Huia, Rimutere Wharakura and Morgan Harper.

Front: Jethro Martin, Dallas Rangi, Jahna-Lee Deacon, Chelsea Hiini, Melanie Rowell, Maraea Whare, Marcel Waters and Toko Whare.



Upper North Island Netball Championships



Rear: Mere-tu-ahiahi Tarawhiti, Mariah Maru, Justice Howe, Cruze Nahu-Nikau, Tori Peakman, Anne Roa and Atamira Roa.
Front: Lisa McGrath, Dakota Moeke and Ruki Simon.

The Upper North Island Secondary Schools Tournament (UNISS) Netball Tournament is a Regional qualifying tournament that sees the four top teams go on to compete in the Netball New Zealand Secondary Schools Event held in October each year.

There were 46 teams this year. Most teams were made up of their top players. Our team was made up of Year 9 and 10s this year.

Players at tournament also have the opportunity to be selected for the NZ Netball Talent Identification Camp held at Easter the following year.

This year we sent a Junior Netball Team combining of year 9s and 10s. The girls enjoyed the experience and came back fresh to play their Saturday Netball finals. We hope to see the fruits of this experience enhance their netball for next year.

This year NHS had three teams involved in the Hamilton City Secondary Netball and they experienced some fantastic results.

NHS Seniors played and won against the Hillcrest A2 team by 2 points.

Ngaruawahia year 10 Team played Church College (CCNZ) Gold and won coming third in the competition.

NHS Year 9 Team played Te Wharekura O Ngatai Atea (NTW) Year 9 and won their final convincingly.

It was great to see all girls excited about their results and we thank them for being great ambassadors for NHS.

We would like to thank the following coaches for their tireless efforts and encourage them to come back next year..... Seniors Team coach Adrienne Don, Whaea Roa with year 9's, and Whaea Raima for year 10's.

We would like to give a special thanks to Whaea Hohi Moeke and Whaea Donna West for their time and effort in supporting our girls at the UNISS.

Teachers v Students Netball



Above: Shardae Pompey in action in the staff v students netball challenge. Watching on is Peter Mans, Tori Peakman, Raima Kells-Turner and Harold Ranui. Pictured left is Rebecca Gabel and Harmony Te Huia. The staff won the encounter by four goals.



An unsympathetic teacher.....

This year our Year 12 Physical Education class was given an amazing opportunity to attend the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre thanks to the generosity of the Perry's Foundation.

Perry's contribution was well spent as our students developed character and values that can be difficult to achieve within a classroom setting.

The outdoors can be a very unsympathetic teacher if you do show it some respect.

The student's preparation consisted of collecting suitable individual and group gear to keep them comfortable and safe on Mt Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro.

Learning to read maps and navigating through trying conditions and choosing food that was not only light weight but full of essential nutrients was a component of the camp.

Once ready the students began their

journey from Turoa Ski field and endeavoured to finish at the Ketetahi Springs which is 70km away and on the opposite end of the mountains.

Seven students completed the trip successfully with three being driven out due to minor injury and sickness.

Six hours a day of tramping and camping sometimes during minor blizzard conditions made up the majority of the camp.

The students earned 10 credits but their greatest achievement was the satisfaction of completing a journey that seemed virtually impossible.

This journey is not for the faint hearted and is one that not many people have accomplished.



Tom Gilby-Todd and Lania Fretwell on the slopes of Mt Ruapehu



Lania Fretwell



Jordan Grace



Mount Ruapehu, photographed by OPC participant Melanie Rowell.

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Hinemoa Nepia, Nicholas Wiechern, Kevin McLean, Texas Thompson, Coby Nahu-Nikau, Julie Gibson and Casino Panaho.

Year 11 Geography Field Trip

The purpose of the year 11 Field Trip was to enable students to assist them with the NCEA Level One paper, Examine resource use in farming or mining.

One focus was how organisations look at rehabilitation. The students wanted to gain insights from Mayor Peter Harris.

Mr Harris shared information about the geographic area of the Waikato District. He also talked about the work that is in progress and work already done around the district.

He shared some issues of the council and showed us the chambers where all official meetings are held. He too was interested in the issues of rehabilitation and shared his ideas.

The students thoroughly enjoyed spending this time with him and found him to be very interested in the young people of Ngaruawahia.

The students then investigated the library and its resources on Geography. This was very interesting and

students now know that they have wonderful source they can use at any time.

The next stop was Perry Quarries where we were shown around by an ex student of Ngaruawahia, Kevin MacLean who encouraged our students to look at career paths in geology because of the shortage of people in this industry.

He shared about how many people were on site and how deep the hole was (approximately 34 metres below sea level).

The students were concerned about the rehabilitation of this mine but Kevin assured us that planning of this was underway. All students were thrilled to be able to see a mine such as this in progress it was very rewarding for their studies.

We then went to Weavers Park where we could see a coal mine that had

undergone rehabilitation. The mine itself was no where to be seen and did look like a natural lake.

The Waikato District Council has provided amenities such as a boat ramp, two jetties for boating and sailing, plus a diving platform for deep diving training. Kayaking, waka ama, rowing, multi-sport events and

triathlons, education studies, picnic and leisure activities have all quickly become an additional part of Weaver's Park everyday life. It's all good.

The last stop we made was to the Huntly power station where we all enjoyed touring through the site. We watched a presentation on the history of the Huntly power station and the changes that occurred.



Year 10 Camp

In the second week of this term the Year 10 Camp was held. The week was full of activities such as sailing, kayaking, mountain biking and Ropes courses. All those attending had a lot of fun.

Mr Jarnet's group proved to be the best in the kitchen while Melanie Rowell's squad took out the ropes challenge. The mountain biking saw Miss Gabel's group ride away with the award.

The Top Group was taken out by Mr Jarnet's team through winning a close Amazing Race by only seconds. Well done to them and their leaders Tom Gilby-Todd and Mariah Whare.

The week was made awesome by the positive behaviour exhibited by the students.



Jarnet turns 25!

Associate Deputy Principal Chris Jarnet was surprised by the staff celebrating

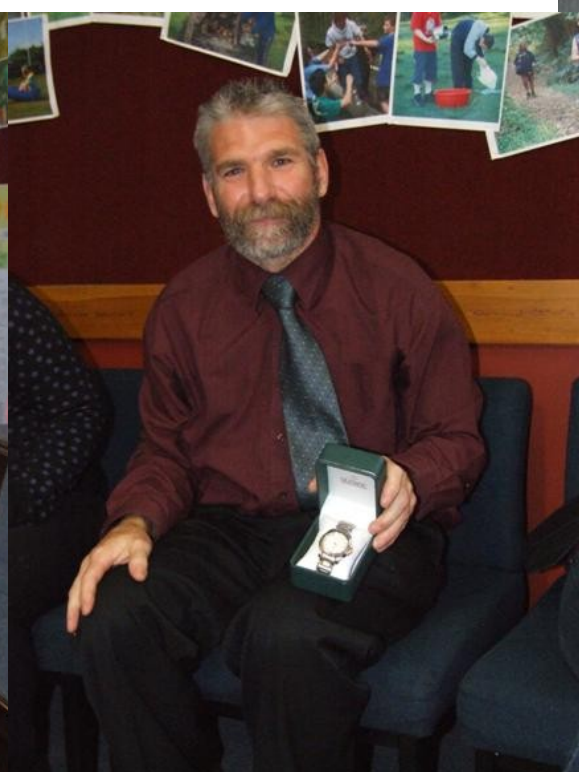
with him his 25th year at Ngaruawahia High.

The haggis was piped into the staffroom and Chris enjoyed the moment in the company of his family and colleagues.

Students from the Hospitality classes

provided the afternoon tea

Chris teaches Woodwork and Graphics alongside his administrative duties as DP in addition to his after-hours moonlighting as a carpenter.





Year 13 Dinner

Friday 2nd November 2007
at Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton.



WINTec Engineering course members with their go-carts.

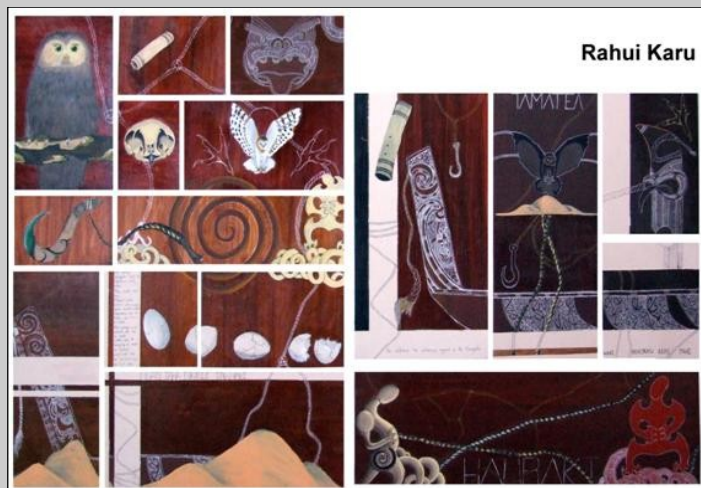
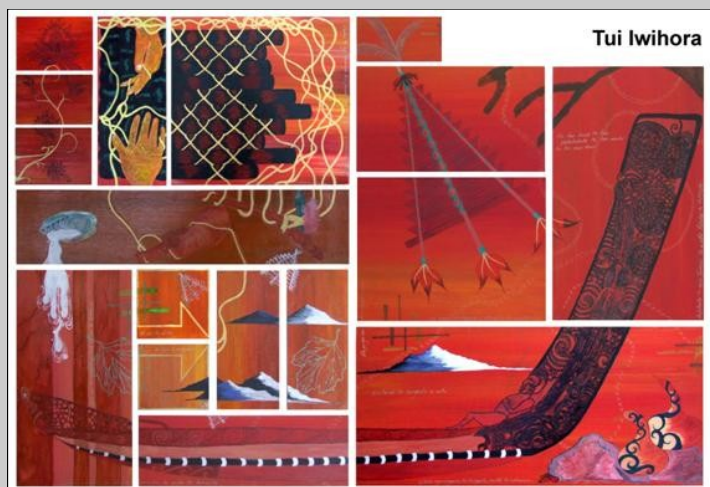
Tom Gilby-Todd

Jaron Williams

Preston Muru

Jade Newport

Art Folios - Year 11





The school hall was out of action at the start of Term 4 to allow for the completion of painting and floor varnishing.

Going...

We will be losing five valuable members of staff at the end of the year and another at the end of Term One 2008.

Rebecca Gabel will be taking study leave, while Raima Kells-Turner, Turina Paku, Kathryn Readhead and Eliza Thomsen will be moving on.

Doug Marsh will be retiring from teaching at the end of Term 1,



Fresh from her 2006 exchange year in Brazil, Poto Morgan Sheargold addresses a school assembly early in term one.

The presentation included photographs of her experiences along with the people and the places she visited.



◀ Coby Nahu-Nikau (WA) in netball action against Huntly College.



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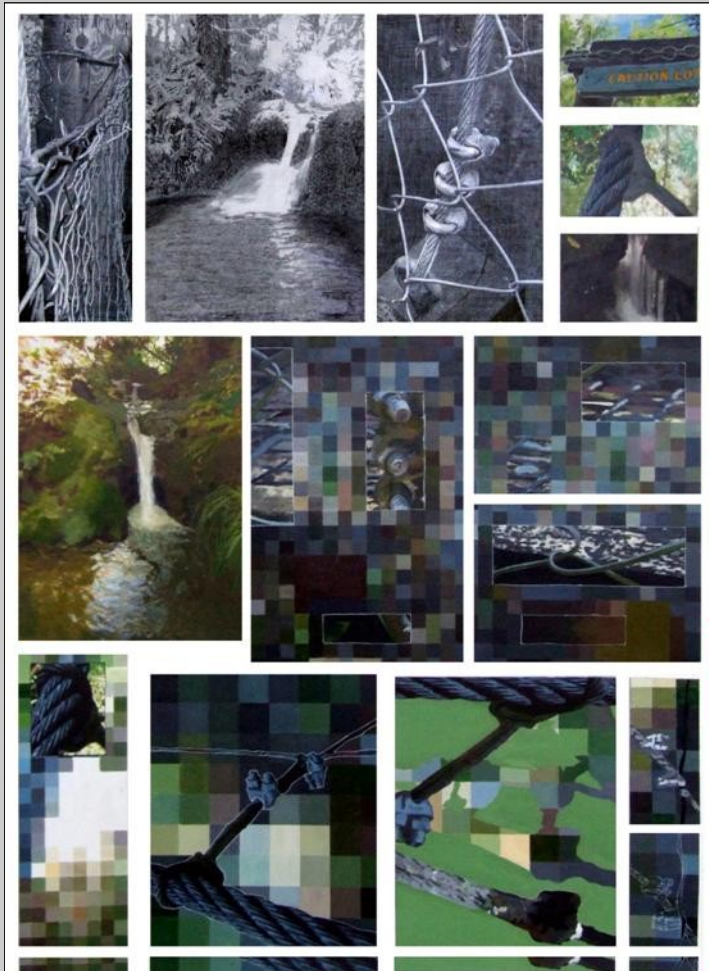


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Chantelle Bentley



Lania Fretwell



A most successful year.....



Elsa White

- Distinction in Mathematics, Distinction in Graphics, Distinction in English, Distinction in Art, *Templeton Award* (Best Senior Graphics Student), Winner Year 13 Speeches.
- *The Te Rapa Rotary Club Scholarship* (\$1500 scholarship towards Tertiary education).
- *Te Rapa Rotary Award* for Contribution to the School.



Elsa White
Dux

Natalie Mayne
Proximae Accessit to Dux



Natalie Mayne

- *Principal's Award* for Contribution towards the life of the School.
- *The Ngaruawahia Lions' Club Kevin Cryer Scholarship* (\$1000 towards Tertiary Institution fees) - (for Civil Engineering Course at Wintec)
- Progress in English, Achievement in Graphics, Distinction in Physics, *McNamara Cup* (Distinction in Science).



Rhys Manuka Smith

- *KT Footwear Trophy for Integrity*.
- Effort in English, Effort in Computer Studies, Progress in Art, Achievement in Mathematics, *Schwass Cup* (Distinction in Senior Economics).



Rimutere Wharakura
Spragg Shield
(Top Y12 Academic Award)

- *Tourism Trophy* (Distinction in Tourism), Distinction in Chemistry, Distinction in Maori, *Erana Coulter Memorial Award* (Maori Studies and Contribution to the Community), *Ngahia Gregory Award* for Excellence in Te Reo Maori (Whakatu Wahine, Manu Korero, Senior Female).
- *Erana Coulter Memorial Award* (Maori Studies and Contribution to the Community).
- *Ngahia Gregory Award* for Excellence in Te Reo Maori.
- *Jeanne Gilbert Cup* for Languages.
- *Whakatu Wahine*—Manu Korero—Senior Female.



Shardae Pompey

- *Violet Jolly Cup* for Citizenship.
- *Westpac Trust Trophy* (Board of Trustees Service to the School).
- *Davison Cup* (Best All-round Sports Girls)
- *The Te Rapa Rotary Club Scholarship* (\$1500 towards Tertiary education)
- Achievement in Art, Distinction in Physical Education, Distinction in Computer Studies.

Nicole Fitzsimmons

- Distinction in Carpentry

Audran Smyth Grey

- Distinction in English.

Wirihana Kane

- *Collins Cup* for Citizenship



Charmaine Hopa

- *David Johnstone Charitable Trust Scholarship*—(\$5000 to attend Waikato Institute of Technology in 2008)
- *Surplustronics Award* (Best Electronics Student).
- Distinction in Carpentry, *Silver Mallet* (Best Senior Technical Student).

Year 13 Leavers

Melany Fitzsimmons, Nicole Fitzsimmons, Sian Gerrits, Aylar-Jean Grey, Charmaine Hopa, Wirihana Kane, Raatu Karu, Antony Kerr-Bell, Jethro Martin, Natalie Mayne, Pani McDonald, Shardae Pompey, Melanie Rowell, Cairo Sandford, Rhys Manuka Smith, Audran Smyth Grey, Justin Taukiri, Patrick Taylor, Sandra Waghorn, Chelsea Warren, Elsa White.

Year 12 successes.....



Kerri Alexander

- Effort in Graphics, Effort in Mathematics, Achievement in Chemistry, Distinction in Physical Education, *Jan Plummer Award* (Distinction in English).



Reremoana Stephens

- *The "Ta Poutini" Award* for Leadership in Kapa Haka.
- Achievement in History, Achievement in Maori, Best Maori Scholar Award (for Distinction in Maori).



Charmaine Emery

- Achievement in English, Hospitality Cup for the best Hospitality student, Yr 12 Gateway award for Gateway placement (shared).

National Certificates

National Certificate in Elementary Construction Skills (Entry Level)

- **Nicole Fitzsimmons**
- **Charmaine Hopa**

National Certificate in Hospitality (L.1)

- **Chantelle Bentley,**
- **Charmaine Emery,**
- **Sandra Waghorn.**

National Certificate in Electronics Technology (L.2)

- **Antony Kerr-Bell**

National Certificate in Computing (L.2)

- **Samantha Adams,**
- **Nisha Bal,**
- **Chantelle Bentley,**
- **Anjina Paul,**
- **Sarah McLean,**
- **Jade Newport,**
- **Rimutere Wharakura.**

Ella Newman

- Achievement in Graphics, Achievement in Chemistry, Achievement in Mathematics, Distinction in Biology, Distinction in Physics.

Nisha Bal

- Effort in English, Effort & Achievement in Biology, Distinction in History, Distinction in Computer Studies.

Chantelle Bentley

- Achievement in Tourism, Achievement in Computer Studies, Achievement in Hospitality, Distinction in Art.

Kwanporm Kirdkidsadanont (Dew)

- Progress in Computer Studies, Effort in English, Achievement in English, Distinction in Mathematics.

Danielle McLaren

- Achievement in Physical Education, Distinction in Graphics.



Tom Gilby-Todd

- *Davison Cup* (Best All-round Sports Boy)
- Achievement in Physical Education, Achievement in English, Achievement in Certificate of Engineering, Distinction in Computer Studies.



Robert Lloyd

- Effort in Physical Education, Achievement in Computer Studies, Achievement in Science, Year 11 Science3 Prize (Best Boy Science Student), *Meredith Trophy* (Distinction and Excellence in Year 11 Economics).

Anjina Paul

- Achievement in History, Achievement in Computer Studies, Achievement in Biology, Winner of Year 12 Speeches.

Felicity Stewart

- Achievement in Computer Studies, Achievement in Physics, Achievement in Biology, Distinction in Mathematics.

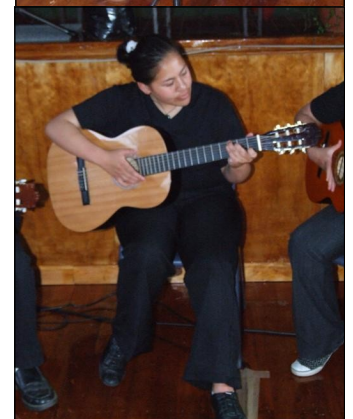


Jade Newport

- *Ngaruawahia High School Fair Play Award* (for Fair Play in Sport).
- Achievement in Electronics, Achievement in Hospitality, Distinction in English, Distinction in Certificate of Engineering, Year 12 Gateway Award.

Lania Fretwell

- Award for 5 Merits. Progress in Mathematics, Achievement in Mathematics, Achievement in Physical Education, Achievement in Chemistry, Achievement in English, Achievement in Art, Winner of year 12 speeches.



Year 11 successes.....



Hinemaia Mataira

The Sandy MacDonal Overall Academic Excellence Award for Year 11 (shared).

- Achievement in English, *John Serjeant Award* (Distinction in Science), Distinction in History, Distinction in Physical Education, Distinction in Art.

Benjamin Jarnet

The Sandy MacDonal Overall Academic Excellence Award for Year 11 (shared).

- Achievement in English, Achievement in Economics, Distinction in Computer Studies, Distinction in Accounting, *Year 11 Award* (Distinction in English).

Joshua Deane

- Achievement in Mathematics, Achievement in Carpentry, Achievement in Certificate of Engineering, Distinction in Science.

Kayla George

- Progress in English 1, Achievement in Physical Education, Achievement in Art, Distinction in Mathematics, Distinction in Hospitality, Distinction in Science.

Brandon Ireton

- Progress in Science, Distinction in Mathematics.

Rahuri Karu

- Progress in Music, Achievement in Graphics, Achievement in Science, Distinction in Mathematics, Distinction in English.

Janet Maxwell

- Effort in English, Achievement in Hospitality, Distinction in Computer Studies.



Terry Kelly

- Progress in Mathematics, *Rachel Walker Trophy* (Distinction in Hospitality).

Adam Moana

- Distinction in Mathematics.

Coby Nahu-Nikau

- Effort in Geography, Progress in Mathematics, Progress in Computer Studies, Achievement in Science, Distinction in English, Distinction in Graphics, *Whitecliffs Award* (Best Year 11 Graphics & Design Student).

Joseph Rayner

- Distinction in Physical Education, Distinction in English.



Maiti Tahana

- Achievement in Computer Studies, Achievement in Music, *Latta Cup* (Special Endeavour in Music).

Carol-Anne Richards

- Effort in Economics, Progress in Hospitality, Distinction in English.

Joshua Rye

- Distinction in Computer Studies.

Navarna Topine-Moana

- Progress in English, Achievement in Maori, Achievement in Mathematics, Distinction in Science.

Te Reo Whaanga-Ngakete

- Progress in Science, Distinction in Maori.

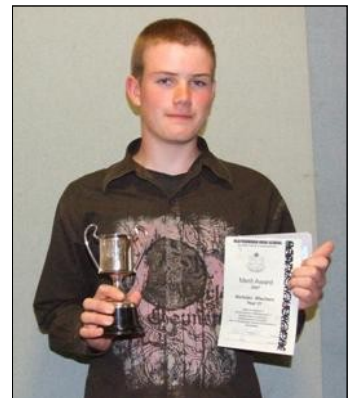
Pablo Willman

- Technical Award for Distinction in Carpentry, Technical Award for Distinction in Certificate of Engineering, *Fletcher's Award* for Best Senior Workshop Student.



Vaughan Tengu

- Effort in Mathematics, Progress in English, Achievement in Certificate of Engineering, *Hamilton Piano Co. Cup* (Distinction & Excellence in Music), *Dianne Harper Cup* (Leadership in Music), Winner Year 11 Speeches.



Nicholas Weichern

- Effort in English, Achievement in Mathematics, Achievement in Science, Achievement in Graphics, *Year 11 Geography Cup* (Distinction in Geography).



2008 Head Students.....



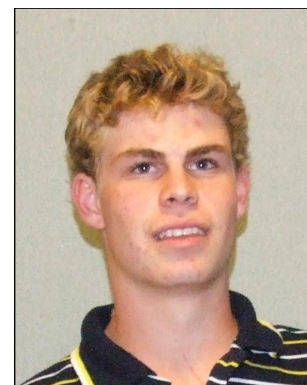
Lania Fretwell



Jade Newport



Reremoana Stephens



Tom Gilby-Todd

Sports Awards



Lania Fretwell
Girls' Swimming
Champion.



Carol-Anne Richards
Goodwill Trophy
(Contribution to
Netball).



Tom Gilby-Todd
Senior Boys' Cross
Country Champion.
Davison Cup for
All-round Sportsperson.



Cairo Sandford
• Eastern Waikato
Netball Trophy (Most
Outstanding Player).



Jordan Grace
Senior Boys' Swimming
Champion.
Senior Boys' Athletics
Champion.



Coby Nahu-Nikau
Nikorā Netball Trophy
(Most Improved Player).

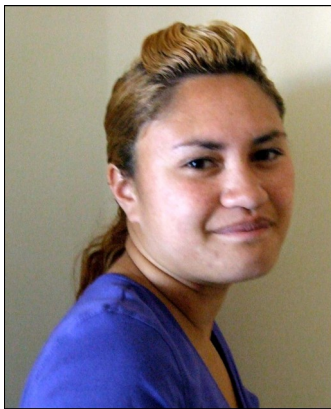
Kayla George
First in Intermediate Girls' Athletics.

Shannon Rupapere
First in Intermediate Boys' Athletics.



Shardae Pompey
Senior Girls' Cross
Country Champion.





Cairo Sandford goes “potty” on television!

place.

This year three senior Electronics students from Ngaruawahia High School entered with two different projects.

Incredibly, once again we gained a 3rd place nationally. This time Cairo Sanford came through with her ‘Pimp my Potty’ Project.

Her pimped up potty senses electronically when the toddler has either ‘peed’ or ‘pooed’ and then plays different tunes and flashes different lights as a reward for a job well done!

Cairo and her family were invited up to the big prize giving function in Auckland in November.

Television cameras were there, as they are every year, profiling some of the young inventors and their inventions for current affairs programmes.

Cairo appeared on the television programme Te Karere on Friday 16th November at 3:40pm.

Well done Cairo, congratulations on your wonderful achievement and success in the Brightsparks competition.

Maybe there are other inventors at school that will also be motivated to enter in 2008 and keep Ngaruawahia High School on its winning streak.



Every year the Electronics Industry Training Organisation (ETITO) run a prestigious national competition for young electronics inventors called ‘Brightsparks’.

Last year, you may remember, Charmaine Hopa entered and gained 3rd



From left: Shayd Hinton, Robert Lloyd, Mangatawhiri Tahapeehi, Adam Moana, Cody Brooks, Halen Shadrock, Joseph Rayner, Maiti Tahana (hidden), Timothy Chung, Vaughan Tengu and Alexander Stephenson.

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The Pare Hauraki Year 11s discovered a novel way of dispelling all the stress and tension of a term’s work by splattering each other in paint.

Thirteen of our students were let loose on a two-acre forested patch of land at the Tour of Duty paintball centre in Cambridge.

The overall experience was thrilling and all those taking part had an awesome time.

The experience ended with a meal at the Hamilton Lake, arriving home at 10:00pm.

Art, Year 13 folios

Elsa White



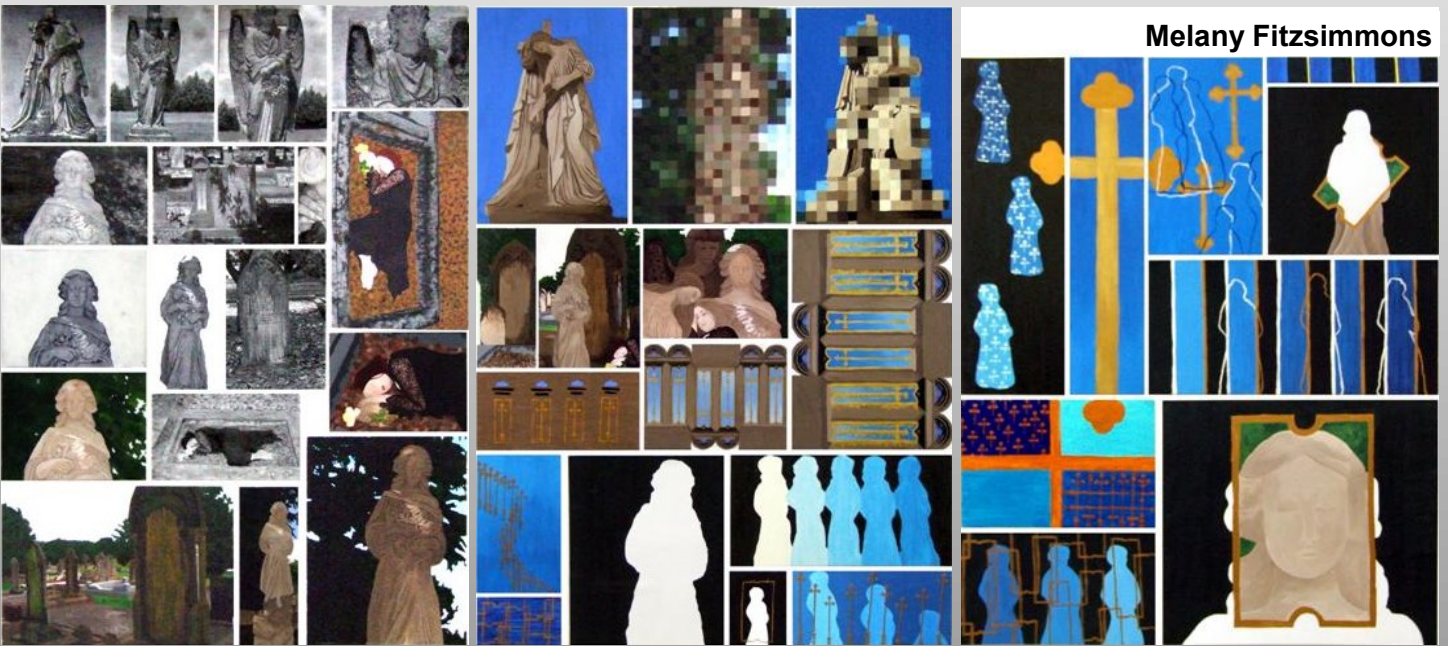
Shardae Pompey



Manuka Smith



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Elsa White



Manuka Smith

Year 13 Leavers

Rear: Audran Smyth-Grey,
Melanie Rowell, Charmaine
Hopa, Wirihana Kane,
Manuka Smith, Sian Gerrits
and Ayllar Jean Grey.

Middle: Antony Kerr-Bell,
Nicole Fitzsimmons, Jethro
Martin, Elsa White, Shardae
Pompey, Natalie Mayne,
Cairo Sandford and Justin
Taukiri.

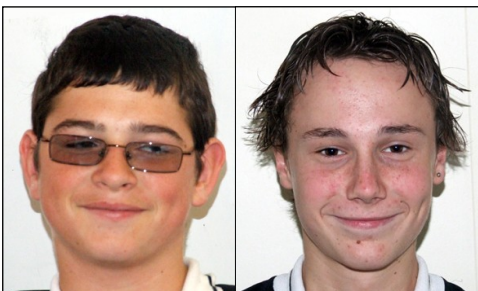
Front: Chelsea Warren,
Sandra Waghorn, Melany
Fitzsimmons, Kahlea Tamati,
Patrick Taylor and Ratu
Karu.



Enrolled 2007



Adams.....	Samantha	12
Adamson.....	Braidie	9TA
Alexander.....	Kerri	12
Alexander.....	Jarad	10TA
Allan.....	Rachel	11
Apiata.....	Arohanui	9TA
Aremete.....	Kandas	10RM
Aremete.....	Kaya	9KW
Awa.....	Harata.....	12
Bal.....	Nisha.....	12
Baldick.....	Kieran.....	10RM
Barakat.....	Noaia.....	11
Barton.....	Evelyn.....	10RM
Beckham Mansell.....	Dylan.....	10KK
Bentley.....	Chantelle.....	12
Blake.....	Kararaina.....	12
Bluegum-Perese.....	Haloma.....	10RM
Brooks.....	Cody.....	11
Brown.....	Stevie.....	9TA
Brown.....	Aidan.....	9KK
Campbell.....	Alisha.....	10KK
Campbell.....	Tariki.....	10KK
Campbell.....	Benjamin.....	9KK
Chung.....	Timothy.....	11



Clark.....	Kakenga	9KW
Clarke-Wymer.....	Rahui	11
Clay.....	Hayley.....	10RM
Collins.....	Brogan.....	10TA
Collins.....	Courtney.....	9TA
Cotter.....	Jordan.....	9TA
Deacon.....	Jahna-Lee.....	12
Dean.....	Carl.....	12
Dean.....	Aidan.....	11
Deane.....	Joshua.....	11
Dennis.....	Raana.....	9TA
Don.....	Aimee.....	11
Edwards.....	Cherran.....	9KK
Emery.....	Charmaine.....	12
Emery.....	Amy.....	9KW
Findley.....	Jade.....	10TA



Fisher.....	Chanel.....	11
Fitzsimmons.....	Nicole.....	13
Fitzsimmons.....	Melany.....	13
Foggin.....	James.....	9TA
Forrest.....	Callum.....	11
Foster.....	Hannah-Marie.....	9RM
Frankhouser.....	Nerissa.....	9RM
Frankhouser.....	Nathan.....	9KK
Fretwell.....	Lania.....	12
Fretwell.....	Aubrey.....	9TA
Fricker.....	Kalina.....	12
* Fuchs.....	Birger.....	13
Gamble.....	Chaevonne.....	10TA
Garlick.....	Natasha.....	10KK
George.....	Christina.....	11
George.....	Kayla.....	11
Gerrits.....	Sian.....	13
Gerrits.....	Sophie.....	10TA



Gibson.....	Julie.....	11
Gilby-Todd.....	Tom.....	12
Grace.....	Jordan.....	12
Graham.....	Samarah.....	10RM
Graham.....	Jessica.....	10KK
Graham.....	Mokopuna.....	11
Graham.....	Bonnie.....	13
Gray.....	Atawhai.....	11
Gray.....	Te Motu.....	9KW
Greer.....	Jacob.....	10TA
Grey.....	Ayllar-Jean.....	13
Hall.....	Benjamin.....	10KK
* Harma.....	Anni.....	13
Hati-Moses.....	Fredrick.....	11
Hayde.....	Richard.....	10RM
Heke.....	Tarzan.....	10RM
Henare-Lynch.....	Heagan.....	10RM
Henry.....	Koha.....	10KW
Henry.....	Karni.....	9TA
Henry-Wilson.....	Wiremu.....	9KW
Heremaia.....	Sen.....	10KK



Hiini.....	Chelsea.....	12
Hill.....	Ruscelle.....	10KK
Hinton.....	Shayd.....	11
Holley.....	Moanalee.....	10KW
Holstein.....	Mark.....	11
Hopa.....	Charmaine.....	13
Hopa.....	Atiria.....	11
Hopa.....	Amyleigh.....	9TA
Houghton.....	Evan.....	12
Howe.....	Justice.....	9KK
Humphreys.....	Adrian.....	9TA
Hunia.....	Cali.....	9KW



Ireton.....	Brandon.....	11
Iwihora.....	Tui.....	11
Jarnet.....	Benjamin.....	11
Johnson.....	Demi.....	11
Jones.....	Damien.....	12
Jones.....	Rebecca.....	10TA
Jones.....	Lewis.....	10TA
Jones Richards.....	Terrence-Scott.....	9KK
Joseph.....	Kahn.....	9KW
* Kammer.....	Kai-Michael.....	12
Kanawa.....	Mamaku.....	9RM
Kanawa.....	Timothy.....	10KK
Kane.....	Wiri.....	13
Karu.....	Raatu.....	13
Karu.....	Rahuri.....	11
Katipa.....	Aniterika.....	10TA
Kelly.....	Terry.....	11
Kena.....	Lara.....	11
Kerr-Bell.....	Antony.....	13
King.....	George.....	11
King.....	Norman.....	9KW
Kingi.....	Hutukawa.....	11
* Kirdkidsadanont.....	Kwanporn (Dew).....	13
* Krischker.....	Julian.....	12



Kutia.....	Dallas.....	10KK
Laurie.....	Mark.....	9RM
Liddington.....	Brendon.....	9RM
Lloyd.....	Robert.....	11
Mackie.....	Ripeka.....	11
Mahara.....	Hearoha.....	11
Martin.....	Tharyn.....	9RM
Martin.....	Mario.....	10TA
Martin.....	Jethro.....	13
Maru.....	Deina-Lee.....	11
Maru.....	Mariah.....	9KW
Mataira.....	Hinemaia.....	11
Matenga.....	Te Waipuaia.....	9KK
Matthews.....	Shannell.....	11
Matthews-Grey.....	Vinnie.....	11
Maxwell.....	Janet.....	11
Mayne.....	Natalie.....	13
McBeth.....	Amberly.....	10TA
McBeth.....	Jonty.....	10TA
McDonald.....	Pani.....	13
McGrath.....	Lisa.....	10KW
McLaren.....	Danielle.....	12
McLaren.....	Renee.....	11
McLaren.....	Bryce.....	9TA
McLaren.....	Bronwyn.....	10KK
McLean.....	Sarah.....	12
McQuoid.....	Aaron.....	11
Mes.....	Kerrod.....	11

Mes Marieke 9TA
 Mitchell Hemi 11
 Moana Adam 11
 Moana-Joseph Triden 9RM
 Moanaroa Rangituturu 10KK
 Moanaroa-Leigh Monique 11
 Moeke Dakota 10RM
 Morehu Christine 10TA
 Murphy Aimee 10KK
 Murray Mitchell 9TA
 Muru Pikimeene 12
 Muru Preston 12
 Naera Jade 11
 Nahu-Nikau Coby 11
 Nahu-Nikau Moana 9RM



Nathan Casey 11
 Nepia Ellie 11
 Nepia Hinemoa 11
 Nepia Maunga 10RM
 Nepia Tame 9KW
 Nepia Tangiwai 9TA
 Nepia Isabella 12
 Newman Sean 9TA
 Newman Ella 12
 Newport Jade 12
 Newport Camira 10KW
 Ngarua Taura 9KW
 Ngawhika-Lloyd Precious 9KW
 Olsen Raukura 10KW
 Olsen George 9KW
 Paikea Maina 9KW
 Paki Te Uranga 12
 Panoho Casino 11
 Parakuka Johnathan 9RM
 Parnell Te Auta 11
 Parnell Hemi 9RM
 Paul Anjina 12
 Paul Mirika 10RM
 Paul Jacob 11
 Paul Walter 10KW
 Paul Romme 9TA
 Peakman Tori 9TA
 Pene Krome 10KK
 Penetito Kreedin 9KK
 Phillips Louise 9RM
 Phillips Tessa 9RM
 Pluss Neil 9RM
 Pompey Shardae 13
 Pompey Te Huringa 12
 Pompey Pongawhakatihi 10KW



Ponga Nikau 9KW
 Presland-Coates Taylor 9TA
 Puke Waipuia 10KW
 * Queroz Victor 12
 Raihi Angel 11
 Rajendram Angelo 11
 Rameka Whitu Te Kau 11
 Rameka Hori 9KW
 Rangi Dallas 12
 Rangi Regan 10KK
 Rasmussen Gemma 11
 Rawiri Christopher 10RM
 Rawiri Amohia 9KK
 Rayner Joseph 11
 Rayner Rikki-Lee 9TA
 Reid Honore 10RM
 Reidy-Miller Courtney 11
 Reidy-Miller Marshall 9RM
 Retara Tipene 9KW
 Richards Carol-anne 11
 Roa Anne 10TA
 Roa Te Atamira 9TA
 Roberts Cory-Wade 9RM
 Rowell Melanie 13
 Rowell Epenesa 9KK
 Rupapere Shannon 12
 Rye Joshua 11
 Sandford Cairo 13
 Saunders Jason 9KK
 Savage Luke 9KK
 Savage Oliver 9KK
 Scott Dion 9KW
 Shadrock Halen 11
 Simeon Te Huinga 10TA
 Simeon Manoa 9RM
 Simmonds Michaela 9RM
 Simon Hikinga 11



Simon Ruki 10KW
 Simon Ted 9RM
 Simons Khaleel 9KK
 Smith Manuka 13
 Smith Kingsley 9TA
 Smyth Grey Audran 13
 Solomon Jared 9TA
 Sotelo Jayron 10KK
 Stephens Reremoana 12
 Stephens Leigh 10TA
 Stephenson Alexander 11
 Stewart Felicity 12
 Symington Jesika 9RM
 Tahana Maiti 11
 Tahapehi Mangatawhiri 11
 Tahapehi Kady 11
 Tahapehi Purehu 9KW
 Tamati Kahlea 13
 Tairakena Joseph 9KK
 Tairakena Erini 11
 Tairakena Joshua 9KK
 Tarawhiti Luanna 11
 Tarawhiti Mere-Tu-Ahiahia 10KW
 Tarawhiti Chelsea 9TA
 Tata Karmel 10KK
 Taukiri Justin 13



Taylor Patrick 13
 Te Anga Tayla 11
 Te Are Andre 11
 Te Are Sam 10RM
 Te Huia Harmony 12
 Te Koi Iwa 10KW
 Te Tomo Brodie 9RM
 Tengu Vaughan 11
 Tepu-Hay Corey 9KW
 Thompson Smith Josef 11
 Thomsen Texas 11
 Topine Moana Navarna 11
 Tukere Jordan 11
 Tukere Wharepouri 11
 Tukere Te Whitu 10KW
 Tukere Amaria 10KW
 Tumaki Kayla 10RM
 Turner Clinton 12
 Turu Brent 12
 * Vaz de Mello Ghuilherme 12
 Waghorn Sandra 13
 Wairepo Freedom 10KW
 Waitere Paraire 9RM
 Waiwiri Colin 9RM
 Waiwiri Te Kauri 10RM
 Walker Tyson 10KW
 Walters-Green Emma 11
 Wanakore Destiny 9RM
 Ward Ricardo 10RM
 Ward Jessie 10RM
 Warren Chelsea 13
 Warren Ryessa 9KK
 Washer Sarah-Michelle 10TA
 Waters Jessie-Leigh 9KK
 West AJ 11
 West Evon 10KW
 West-Joseph Rico 9RM
 West-Joseph Shani 11
 Whaanga Ngakete Te Reo 11
 Wharakura Sharon 11
 Wharakura Rimutere 12
 Whare Maraea 12
 Whare Manaaki 11
 Whare Toko 12
 White Elsa 13
 Wiechern Nicholas 11
 Williams Jaron 12
 Williams Shayla 11
 Willis Wendy 9KW
 Willmann Pablo 11
 * Wilms Jeroen 13
 Wymer Tori 11



* Overseas Exchange Students



▲▲ Spacifix (top) entertained us in March with a well-received concert.

▲ The Huntly Sports visit at the end of May (middle) saw us clash in Chess, Rugby League, Netball and Basketball.

◀ Pare Waikato entertained each other with a Paper Parade during their whanau assembly in August.

This year's magazine (or yearbook) began its life in March of 2007 when Year 13 senior pupil Natalie Mayne accepted the charge of preparing material for it.

As the year progressed and the library of available photos grew Natalie got to work using Photoshop to edit, collate and 'tweak' them into magazine pages. Elsa White gave assistance

with the process, and is especially credited with creating, among others, the four ball pages.

The magazine was compiled by the girls using MS Publisher 2007 and then converted to PDF files

prior to sending to the printer.

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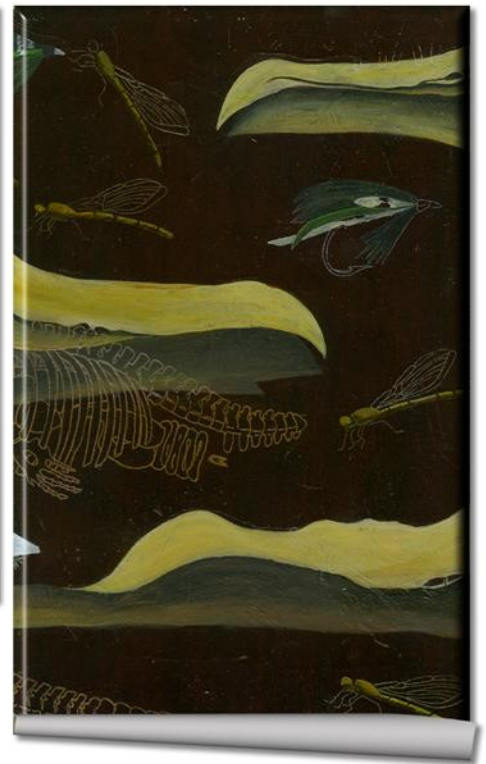
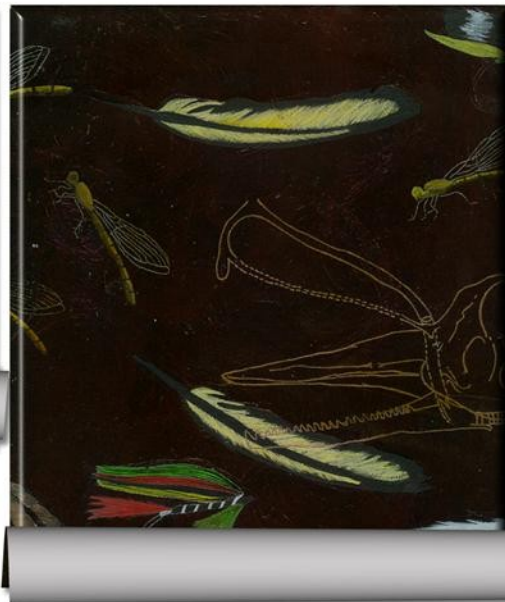
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