



2011 School Leaders



Te Atamira Roa Senior Leader



Kingsley Smith Senior Leader



Raana Dennis Senior Leader



Aubrey Fretwell Senior Leader



Tyler Reid Senior Leader



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Jahkan Osborne 10 Te Kakano



Tyler Alexander 10 Taumata



Tom Gilbert 10 Taumata



James Foggin Pare Hauraki



Te Motu Gray Pare Hauraki



Amyleigh Hopa Pare Hauraki



Georgia Deacon Pare Hauraki



Kingsley Smith Pare Waikato



Raana Dennis Pare Waikato



J J Cootes Pare Waikato



Te Atamira Roa Pare Waikato



Wednesday Gilbert



Morgan Timms



Morgan Timms Mokau



Antea Diamond-Penetito Mokau



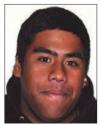
Jonathan Washer Mokau



Cali Moa Hunia Mokau



Bobby Mahara



Hori Bishop

Robyn Roa - Principal

Ko te mea tuatahi me mihi ki Te Atua, nana nei nga mea katoa: ki to tatou Kingi a Kingi Tuheitia me tona Whanau kei raro tonu i te kapua pouri, haere ra e te Matua, huri noa kia tatou kua tae mai ki te po tuku taonga o nga tauira o Te Kura Tuarua o Ngaruawahia.

Thank you Hono (Huirama) for opening our evening with God's blessings It is always the right way to start. At this time I would like to acknowledge the many who have passed on since this time last year. The father of our King, Whatumoana, the mother of our Board Chair, Whaea Iti Rawiri, and Mr Brian Perry, founder of the Perry foundation, to name just a few. To those families we would like to express our condolences.

Welcome to all our special guests this "2011 proved to evening, members of the school Board, whanau, staff and students to this our Senior Prizegiving 2011.

experienced for The beginning of 2011 was probably the most challenging year I had ever encountered. The a long time" nationwide publicity of students embroiled in a fight along Regent Street was the worst kind of image a school could possibly endure. From this however we learned and grew out of the experience. The fact that it was happening in a number of schools throughout the country was little consolation but did at least point to a huge dilemma, we, as Principals and Boards face with the advent of Social networking sites.

Our action was swift, but the damage was done. The policy to ban and/or confiscate the use of electronic devices from the school has markedly improved the situation at school with most students co-operating with staff. I would like to thank the community for its part in supporting the school in enforcing the new policy and recognising that such incidents often do not stem from school, but schools are forced to deal with the issues. This was indeed difficult for the school to emerge from.

Successes

Conversely, despite the tough start, 2011 proved to be one of the most successful years we have experienced for a long time. Through the hard work of staff and students alike we were able to reach beyond the limits of expectation. So tonight I would like to share with you the successes we have enjoyed in this year.

- ✓ 2010 Academic results Level 1: 77.8%; Level 2: 78.1% (just shy of our 80% school-wide goal)
- ✓ Level: 3 50%, up 18% from 2009
- ✓ Endorsements with Merit at Levels 1 and Level 3, and endorsements with excellence at Level 2
- ✓ Waka Ama nationals in March winners of W12 (6 male; 6) female); Gold, silver, and bronze medallist
- √ Kapa Haka continuing to be amongst the top 5 schools in the Tainui region

- ✓ Nga Manu Korero top 3 in the Tainui region for Senior **English** speeches
- ✓ Bring it On Dance crew first time in the event making it to the Grand Finals - the only non-Auckland school in the event
- ✓ Senior Boys Basketball A grade winners of the national league - our first time in this event since 1981
- ✓ A wonderful School Ball with students stepping up to the mark - all students looking absolutely stunning
- √ Waka Ama Round 2 Gabigabi Queensland a Trans-Tasman Waka Ama Event – our teams returned with 3 trophies, 3 Golds, 3 silvers and 3 bronze medals

To all the staff and students involved in these successes, nga mihi rawa atu, thank you for your commitment and hard work, you made us all very proud.

School Direction

be one of the

most successful

years we have

The most rewarding part of teaching has to be the benefits that ensue from student success. It is not surprising then that education is so important - not just in delivery of a curriculum but for providing an environment conducive to success. The key ingredients are talented students, staff who have a vision for creating success, and pure hard work.

School direction, ladies and gentlemen, is simple enough to ensure continued academic, sporting, cultural and social success working with a quality team of staff to turn out quality students. As a pragmatist my attention and our attention should focus on what we can do, not what we cannot do. So what can we do? We can provide an academic programme appropriate to all our students, we can encourage their sporting, cultural, social development and growth, we can work hard, and we can do this. No! In fact we must do this despite the many challenges we face. It's not a question of what if...we had lots of money....what if....we had 100 more students.... it's a question of what we can do here and now for your children that you entrust to us. 'Me Muramura te Mana' let's grow the potential....

Tribute to sponsors, donors, and community supporters

I turn now to those organisations who continue to support the school, through grants and scholarships, and by promoting student leadership

✓Our esteemed Mayor Mr Alan Sanson, Waikato District Council and his wife Trisha, Te Rapa Rotary represented by the President Mr Les Christopher and Mr Derek Timbs, Mr Graeme Surgenor President of the Ngaruawahia Lions together with Mr Alistair Johnston, Westpac Bank Assistant Manager, Ms Nicky Butterfield, Ngaruawahia Police Sgt Mark Toomey and Senior Constable Norm McIntosh, Principal of Waingaro Primary School, Mrs Alison Graves, Solid Energy, POET (Perry Foundation), David Johnston Charitable Trust, Te Puni Kokiri, Waikato Tainui Raupatu Lands Trust, Bertha Violet Jolly Trust; WINTEC, University of Waikato, The

Community House, Turangawaewae Marae and Turangawaewae House.

Without this degree of support the school would be much the poorer – both figuratively and literally

√To the Board of Trustees for their unstinting moral support and guidance – Elaine you have had to endure much this year with the loss of your mother so recently

✓ Senior leadership team, Chris, Tania and Kimai, for your support, strength, vision and determination to lead the

school this year

√To the staff for their hard work and determination to ensure students succeed despite themselves

✓ Last but not least, to our Whanau and families who continue to support the school by being here — we cannot do our jobs without you

Staff Farewells

Unfortunately announce the must departure of Whaea Tiria Te Kurapa from our school. Tiria will be taking up a new position as Head of Science in a brand new school near Ruakura later this year. She is currently an assistant Head of Science and is famous in the school for her role as a Kapa Haka Tutor taking us to Nationals in 2008, returning with a National trophy. We also farewell Mr Scott Henry our guidance counsellor of almost 10 years who is leaving us to take up a position at Trident High School, Whakatane. Scott has always had a natural empathy for

The school will miss them both very much, however we do wish them all the best in their new schools and know they take with them our

our students providing expert

guidance and support for many.

gift of aroha. Ma te Atua korua hei tiaki i roto i a korua turanga hou.

Senior leaders and Y13

This is always a sad time for me, to farewell a group of students who have had the foresight and fortitude to remain at school the entire 5 years of secondary education. This particular group are very special to me as I have had the privilege of teaching a fair number of them since they started in 2007, continuing through to this year as Y13's. Each and every one of you achieved a milestone in reaching the end of high school. This shows great perseverance and resilience in an age where 'instant gratification' is the norm.

The senior leaders this year have been an exceptionally busy and successful group - each one of involved in every part of school life role modelling excellence in sport, culture, leadership, and academic achievement. To Raana, Kingsley, Aubrey, Tyler and Atamira I wish you all the best for the future you are a stunning group of leaders who have shown time and time again how talented you are. Remain proud of your Ngaruawahia roots because it is what helped shape you to being the remarkable young leaders you are.

To all of you as you embark upon the precipice of adulthood I implore you to be the masters of your future — not a slave to circumstance. You all have the capacity to be great in whatever path you choose.

Conclusion

Finally in closing I leave you with these thoughts - my greatest hope and my greatest fear.

My greatest hope is that the students of this high school continue to grow their potential "Me Muramura te Mana." The school vision to grow the potential from a spark to a brightly burning flame, this is what we would wish for every student who comes through these doors as Y9's and exit as Y13's.

My greatest fear is that our students will fail to recognize their 'spark' in the first place.

Our role as teachers must surely be to help students discover 'their spark' igniting it, encouraging it until it becomes a brightly burning flame strong enough to be sustained on its own.

Robyn Roa, Principal



Delton EmeryAchievement in Music.
Latta Cup for Special
Endeavour in Music.

Paige Mahara

Progress in 11 Careers
Management.
Progress in 11 English 2.
Achievement in 11 Science
2.
Distinction in 11 Maori.
Distinction in 11
Mathematics2

Naomi Randall

Progress in 11 Science 1.
Progress in 11 Computer
Studies.
Achievement in 11 Physical
Education.
Achievement in 11
Mathematics 1.

Taane Whaanga Ngakete

Effort in Maori. Rachel Walker Trophy for Distinction in Hospitality.

Academic Awards Year 11

Anaru Adams

Achievement in 11
Geography.
Distinction in 11 Science.
Best Male Science Student.

Larissa George

Achievement in 11
Computing.
Achievement in 11 Maori.
Achievement in 11 English 1.
Achievement in 11 Science
1.
Distinction in 11 Physical
Education.
John Serjeant Award for Best
Y11 Female Science Student.



Progress in 11 Science 1.

Achievement in 11 Business
Studies.

Achievement in 11 Music. Hamilton Piano Co Cup for Excellence in Music.

Zane Tata

Progress in 11 Graphics.
Distinction in 11
Mathematics2
Distinction in 11 Physical
Education 1.
Distinction in 11 Science 2.

Zebulon Reid

Distinction in 11 Certificate of Engineering.

Brandon Haumaha

Effort in 11 Mathematics 2.
Achievement in 11 Physical Education.
Achievement in 11 English 2.
Distinction in 11 Graphics.
Yr 11 Award for Best Graphics & Design Technology Student.

Misty Wharakura

Progress in 11 Science 2. Distinction in 11 English 2.

Kimberley Stephenson

Progress in 11 Computer
Studies.
Distinction in 11 Geography.



Danielle Matekuare

Effort in 11 Business
Studies.

Distinction in 11 English 2.

Distinction in 11 Careers
Management.

Distinction in 11 Music.



Hamish Mitchell

Achievement in 11
Hospitality.
Distinction in 11 Woodwork.
Distinction in 11 Computer
Studies.
Distinction in 11

Mathematics1

Distinction in 11 English 1.

Ariana Simmons

Effort in 11 Geography.
Distinction in 11 Business
Studies.

Kaya-leigh Paul

Achievement in 11
Mathematics 2.
Achievement in 11 Music.
Achievement in 11 English 2.
Achievement in 11 Careers
Management.



Academic Awards Year 12

Taz Morgan

Distinction in 12 Physical Education.

Bobby Mahara

Progress in 12 Certificate of
Engineering.
Progress in 12 Careers
Management.
Achievement in 12 Health.
Distinction in 12 Maori.

Wade Duthie

Distinction in 12 Woodwork.

Distinction in 12 Certificate
of Engineering.

Fletchers Award for Best
Senior Workshop Student.

Conner Forrest

Distinction in 12 Hospitality.

Hospitality Cup for Best
Senior Hospitality Student.

Damian Anderson

Cup for Excellence in Music.

Progress in 12 Graphics
Progress in Certificate of
Engineering.
Technical Award for
Engineering.

Sarah Edgecombe

Achievement in 12 Tourism.
Achievement in 12
Computer Studies.
Distinction in 12 Careers
Management.
Distinction in 12 English 2.



Pamela Tahana
Progress in 12 Tourism.
Progress in 12 Maori.
Achievement in 12 Health.
Achievement in 12
Hospitality

Destinee Reiri

Effort in 12 Computer
Studies.
Achievement in 12
Chemistry.
Achievement in 12 English 1.
Achievement in 12
Economics.

Letisha Burton

Effort in 12 Careers
Management.
Achievement in 12 Tourism.
Achievement in 12
Chemistry.
Achievement in 12 English 2.

Morgan Timms

Effort in 12 Mathematics.

Achievement in 12

Hospitality.

Achievement in 12 Tourism.

Achievement in 12 Biology.

Thomas Parnell

Progress in 12 Biology.
Distinction in 12 Health.
Technical Award for
Woodwork.

Te Atamira Roa

Distinction in English.
Distinction in Biology.
Best Maori Scholar Award
for Distinction in Maori.
Ives Cup for Distinction in
Mathematics & Physics.
Marsters Cup for Distinction
in Chemistry.
McNamara Cup for
Excellence in Science.

James Foggin

Distinction in 13 Computer Studies. Distinction in 12 Electronics. Surplustronics Award for Best Electronics Student.

Kingsley Smith

Effort in 13 Mathematics.
Achievement in 13 Physical Education.
Achievement in 13 Computer Studies.
Achievement in 13 Chemistry.
Achievement in Environmental Studies.



Wednesday Gilbert

Distinction in Chemistry.
Distinction in Biology.
Distinction in Mathematics.
Distinction in Physics.
Distinction in Environmental
Studies.

Distinction in English.

Jan Plummer Cup for Best
Year 12 English Student.



Georgia Field

Effort in 12 Tourism.
Effort in 12 English 1.
Progress in 12 Mathematics.
Achievement in 12
Computer Studies.
Distinction in 12 Graphics.
Silver Mallett for Best Senior
Technical Student.
Templeton Award for Best
Senior Graphics Student.



Nicole Healey

Effort in 12 Chemistry.
Achievement in 12 Careers
Management.
Achievement 12 English 2.
Distinction in 12 Tourism.
Distinction in 12 Computer
Studies.

Tourism Trophy for Best Tourism Student.

Academic Awards Year 13

Braidie Adamson

Effort in 12 Physics.
Achievement in 13 Health.
Achievement in 13 English.
Distinction in 12
Mathematics 2.

Raana Dennis

Effort in 13 Mathematics.
Achievement in Physical
Education.
Achievement in 13 Health.
Distinction in 13 Visual Arts.

Aubrey Fretwell

Effort in 13 Computer
Studies.
Progress in 13 Mathematics.
Achievement in 13
Carpentry.
Distinction in 13 Physical
Education.

Tyler Reid

Achievement in 13 Physical Education.

Distinction in 13 Health.

Te Motu Gray

Progress in 13 Hospitality. Achievement in 13 Maori. Achievement in 12 English 2. Ngahia Gregory Award for Excellence in Te Reo Maori.

Jordan Cotter

Achievement in 13 Health.
Achievement in 13
Economics.
Distinction in 13 Carpentry.

Adrian Humphreys

Effort in 13 Physics. Achievement in 13 English. Distinction in 13 Computer Studies.

Mitchell Murray

Progress in Mathematics.
Achievement in Computing.
Achievement in Biology.
Achievement in English.
Schwass Cup for Distinction in Senior Economics.



Louise Phillips
Matariki Trophy for
Distinction in 13 Hospitality.

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Morgan Timms Wednesday Gilbert Hori Bishop Bobby Mahara

Te Atamira Roa Dux

Distinction in English.
Distinction in Biology.
Best Maori Scholar Award for
Distinction in Maori.
Ives Cup for Distinction in
Mathematics & Physics.
Marsters Cup for Distinction
in Chemistry.
McNamara Cup for
Excellence in Science.



Wednesday Gilbert Principal's Choice Award

For all round services and contribution tο the community: For consistency a high standard of academic achievement, for leadership role in the School school. Ball committee, services to the environment at school and through a national youth forum, participation leadership courses with other secondary schools and the University of Waikato, a current vouth representative on the Waikato District Council Community Board:

Te Atamira RoaViolet Jolly Cup for
Citizenship

Special Awards



Wednesday Gilbert Spragg Shield - Overall Year 12 Academic Award

Distinction in Chemistry.
Distinction in Biology.
Distinction in Mathematics.
Distinction in Physics.
Distinction in Environmental
Studies.

Distinction in English. Jan Plummer Cup for Best Year 12 English Student.



Principal's Award

Awarded to the student or students who have given over and above their duties.

JJ Cootes

for her initiative in undertaking tasks in support of the school leaders and the school; for her natural leadership abilities; for her full involvement in the life of the school, including academic, cultural and sporting endeavours.

Kingsley Smith

for an outstanding year of success; for full involvement in the life of the school, including academic, cultural and sporting endeavours; for leadership and for being an excellent role model for other young men to follow.



Hamish Mitchell Sandy MacDonald Academic Achievement Award - Overall Year 11

Achievement in 11
Hospitality.
Distinction in 11 Woodwork.
Distinction in 11 Computer
Studies.
Distinction in 11
Mathematics1
Distinction in 11 English 1.

Bertha Violet Jolly Scholarship

For a current or ex student of Ngaruawahia High School to attend WINTEC.

Adrian Humphreys

Arohanui Apiata

Sean Newman

Jessica Graham Ben Jarnet Faith Deacon-Wilson

Bonnie Graham



Te Motu Gray
Collins Cup for Citizenship



Mitchell Murray
Proximae Accessit

Progress in Mathematics. Achievement in Computer Studies.

Achievement in Biology.
Achievement in English.
Schwass Cup for Distinction
in Senior Economics.



Raana Dennis KT Trophy for Integrity



Georgia Deacon Ta Poutini Award for Leadership in Kapa Haka

Adrian Humphreys David Johnstone Charitable Trust

This Scholarship has a value of \$5,000.00 and has been awarded toward Tertiary Study at Waikato Institute of Technology for an Information Technology degree.



Morgan Timms
WESTPAC Trophy
Board of Trustees Service
to the School

Larissa George 2012 Student Board of Trustees Representative



Louise Phillips
The Ngaruawahia Lions
Club Kevin Cryer
Scholarship

Valued at \$1,000 to assist a student attending a tertiary institution .

Year 13 Leavers

Braidie Adamson
Arohanui Apiata
JJ Waitaoro Cootes
Jordan Cotter
Raana Dennis
James Foggin
Aubrey Fretwell
Te Motu Gray
Amyleigh Hopa
Justice Howe
Adrian Humphreys
Mark Laurie
Tharyn Martin



Jordan Cotter
The Te Rapa Rotary Club
Scholarship

To assist with the funding for a tertiary student at either a university or a Polytechnic. This year the Te Rapa Rotary Club awards a \$2,000.00 scholarship.

Erana Coulter Memorial Award

for Maori Studies and Contribution to the Community

Te Motu Gray Arohanui Apiata



JJ Waitaoro Cootes Whakatu Wahine Manu Korero.

Mitchell Murray
Cruze Nahu Nikau
Tame Nepia
Sean Newman
Marit Onderberg
Louise Phillips
Taylor Presland Coates
Tyler Reid
Te Atamira Roa
Kingsley Smith
Jared Solomon

National Certificates

National Certificate in

Building, Construction and Allied Trades
(Advanced Level 2)
Wade Duthie
Thomas Parnell
Chayce Shortland
David Tremlett McIsaac
Jonathan Washer

National Certificate in Building, Construction and Allied Trades (Level 1)

Shawn Beckham Mansell
Maddisen Bond
Fletcher Brown
Shai Findlay
Damien Gillespie
Carlos Makiteiaa Tamati
Hamish Mitchell
Rex Punga Sullivan
Zebulon Reid
Rudiger Thompson Smith

National Certificate in Electronics Technology (Level 2)

Adrian Humphries Sean Newman National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering Technology (Level 1) Damian Anderson

Damian Anderson
Hori Bishop
Wade Duthie
Bobby Mahara
Tame Nepia
Jonathan Washer

National Certificate in Hospitality (Foundation Skills) Level 1 **Joanna Cummins Hamish Mitchell** Tangi te Hau Takiari **Taane Whaanga Ngakete Hori Bishop Letisha Burton Sharnay Cocup Georgia Deacon Larissa Deane** Sarah Edgecombe **Connor Forrest Nicole Healey Bobby Mahara** Pamela Tahana **Morgan Timms Tharyn Martin**

National Certificate in Hospitality (Entry Skills) Level 2 Louise Phillips



Tyler Reid
Senior Girls'
Athletics Champion.
Best Senior Female
Waka Ama.
Best All-round Sports Girl.

Sports Awards



Te Atamira RoaMost Improved
Netball Player.



Raana Dennis Fairplay Award for Fair Play in Sport



Kingsley Smith
Senior Boys Athletics
Champion
Best Senior Male Waka
Ama.
Best All-round Sports Boy



Larissa George (left) and Naomi Randall (right)
Most Outstanding Netball Players.



Jared Solomon Senior Boys' Swimming Champion.



Larissa George Senior Girls' Cross Country Champion.



Jordan Cotter (left) **and Aubrey Fretwell** (right) Excellence in Boys' Basketball.



Raana Dennis (left) and Kingsley Smith (right)
Outstanding Basketball Players.



Michael Washer providing entertainment.



Cruze Nahu Nikau Senior Girls Swimming Champion



Shai FindleySenior Boys Cross Country
Champion



Nathan Diamond
Best All-round
In-line Hockey Player



walking again.

And that's what did. eventually realised that I was looking for something, but I didn't know what. I didn't know the answer because I didn't know question. So I kept walking. Through the night and past the sad hookers with their mean looking pimps; past addicts, thugs, and drunks. Past the squalor, the screaming, the abuse, crying, vomiting and random violence. Past the cruising cars with their welldressed. middle-

1976. Brooklyn. Life was feeling pretty grim. I'd just come out of a relationship that had imploded and I was angry with everything and everyone. To say I was disillusioned is an understatement. You might say I was self-destructive. I'd lost everything and was as utterly, entirely alone as any poor schmuck could be.

I felt attracted to the dark and the cold. I wanted to wallow in my self-loathing and self pity. So I started going for walks; late-night walks through the filthy city streets, past black stinking alleys, past gutters where the debris in life vomited their cheap liquor and begged for money to buy more. I just dug my hands deeper into my pockets and pulled my hood further over my hunched shoulders. No-one could see the scowl that had found a permanent home on my face.

I guess I got a little too caught up in my own head and became too confident of my own invincibility because one night, at the corner of East 31st Street and Clarendon Rd, I got mugged. Some hoods lurking in some lonely alley jumped me and dragged me back into the darkness. They beat the crap out of me and the next thing I remember is lying on some trolley as it rushed along a brightly lit hospital corridor.

Some time later I regained consciousness. There was no part of me that didn't hurt, and very little that wasn't bandaged. Some lady in pale blue was standing to the side noting down something she could see on the many dials and tubes that linked me to life. I remember an ER tech coming in later and asking for my religious beliefs, I refused to answer.

I had made my own peace with the universe, content with whatever was going to happen, live or die.

But then the longer I lay there the angrier I started to become. I don't really know why. Maybe I got angry because I still had stories to tell.

I lay on that bed for two months while I recovered, while my body slowly put itself back together. That's a lot of time to be with yourself and a lot of time to think. However, two things became clear. First, I now had no fear of death. None whatsoever. Second, as soon as I could, I was gonna start

class business men looking for something dirty and exciting.

I walked through the day, in sunshine and in rain, in sleet and in snow. Past businessmen in neat grey suits pushing their way into offices, staring blindly ahead; past the women in high heels running late to work; past the homeless lying in doorways invisible to the teeming crowds; past the strutting designers in their stylish tight jeans; past the vendors with their hot dogs and bagels.

And then I began to see it. The dichotomy. The light and the dark. The blind and the seeing.

Two different nations, sharing nothing but longitude and latitude. A nation of night and a nation of day, occupying the same space like an alternative universe.

I saw a country bifurcated by more than just the presence and absence of light, but by the lives that are cast aside, lost and uncared for. Those who are disposable, thrownaway, tossed on one side, and on the other, those who do not want to see.

Then from a distance I saw myself, someone compelled to walk both sides of the metaphor. That's when I realised that the greatest cruelty there is, is our casual blindness to, and our willful ignorance of, the despair of others. Finally, I knew I had found what I was looking for, the answer without the question.

I had found the story that would make my own life make sense again. This story.

I still take my long walks but now I stop to talk to people; the people who stand at the corner and wait, who wait for money to fall into their hat or cup, who wait for the next hit, who wait for an opportunity, who wait for somebody to recognize their pain, who wait for a chance to live.

The line between the midnight nation and the place where I sit right now, writing these words, is thin and ephemeral and can be crossed in an instant. It doesn't cost much and won't take up too much of your precious time. The road that brings both nations together, that joins both nations, is called Compassion.

'A' Grade National Secondary School Champions!



Ngaruawahia athletes have taken another sporting scalp with the town's high school basketball team returning from a New Zealand basketball competition as national champions.

Waikato Pistons shooting guard Ray Cameron coached the team to a 84-82 victory over rivals Nga Taiatea Wharekura in the single A National School Championships (schools with under 600 students).

It is the first time the school has competed in a national basketball tournament since 1981.

Cameron was effusive in his praise of the rookie team, who lost by 30 points in their first clash with Nga Taiatea at the beginning of the regional season.

"It (the final) was a nail-biter but we had belief," he said.

"It shows we have made massive strides. Even though we are small we can accomplish anything."

Ngaruawahia players Raana Dennis and Jordan Cotter were standouts in the match scoring 37 and 23 points respectively.

Cotter sealed the win in the dying minutes of the game. The teams were locked at 82-82 with less than two minutes on the clock when Cotter slotted a critical 2-pointer to put Ngaruawahia ahead.

Nga Taiatea fought back but missed a crucial attempt to equalise. Cotter nabbed the rebound off the failed attempt and stymied the game until the dying seconds were up.

Captain Kingsley Smith said winning the final was the "best feeling in the world".

"It put our name on the map. I reckon basketball is going to be way better (in Ngaruawahia) now because everyone can see we've got potential."

Ngaruawahia High School principal Robyn Roa said the players won by their "guts and determination".

In our newsletter we congratulated our senior boys basketball team for their efforts in participating in the Regional's which were held in Rotorua. From this tournament they went on to the Nationals which were held in Palmerston North.

The final ended up between Nga Taiatea and ourselves.

It was a very tight game with the scores pretty much even after each quarter but finally we ended up the winners.

Three of our players, Jordan Cotter, Aubrey Fretwell and Raana Dennis were named in the tournament team and Raana was chosen as the most valuable player in the tournament. What a great effort by all.



Rear: Ray Cameron (Coach), Te Motu Gray, Jordan Cotter, Jared Solomon, Zebulon Reid, Jamie Lichtwark (Manager).
Seated: T J Beggs, Dane Hunapo, Raana Dennis, Kingsley Smith Gray (Captain), Tharyn Martin, Aubrey Fretwell, Jarrod Foggin.

Senior Boys' Basketball:

We congratulate the efforts of our Senior Boys Basketball team who represented our school and their families at the Regionals held in Rotorua during the holidays.

The team won 4 our of 5 round robin games against Te Aroha, Reporoa, Te Kuiti, Ruamata and losing to Nga Taiatea and Taumarunui. We were placed third in the finals winning

Outer Space Visit

On Thursday 19 May, eleven students from 9 Taumata went to Hopu Hopu to meet six astronauts from NASA, USA.

The astronauts were dressed in their official NASA blazers and had rocket patches, which indicated how many outer space missions they had completed. They spoke to us about



their experiences from outer space, the rocket engines, how they maintain hygiene and even the type of food they eat. To make scrambled eggs they had to combine water with a air sealed sachet - they didn't look like normal scrambled eggs.

The astronauts demonstrated some of their zero gravity stunts and activities which was funny to watch. We had the opportunity to ask questions and performed a powhiri for the astronauts.

It was a really great learning experience and pretty cool to meet real live astronauts! We wish them well on their trip back home and future outer space missions.

Hopefully the taonga we gifted will protect and bless them on their journeys. - by Avie, Salem and Terrence

against Taumarunui behind Ruamata (1st) and Nga Taiatea (2nd).

Third qualified for the Nationals and the boys were accompanied by their awesome coaches - Ray Cameron, Jamie Litchwark, Matua Waki and Whaea Rangimarie.

A huge thank you to our awesome group of parents who have supported us through this journey. Nationals were held in Palmerston North during week 4 of term 3.

Tough Guy Tough Gal Challenge

On July 2nd a group of Year 12 PE students battled 1500 other competitors in the annual Tough Guy Tough Gal Challenge in Auckland.

The race was 12km long through mud up to our armpits, under barbed wire fences, up hills and over equestrian obstacles. Shai Findley was the first of the class to cross the finish line finishing in a time of 1hour 12 minutes.

Mrs Ranui was an absolute legend lapping both Nate and myself. A big thank you to Ku from Nga Miro who drove us all the way up to their event and back again. - by Apirana Priestley



Cellphone photos of our participants in the Tough Guy Tough Gal Challenge in term 2.

MATARIKI





During Week 11 of Term 2, our Year 9s celebrated Matariki with the community. Matariki celebrations started on the Monday, with a celebration and appreciation of cultural diversity. This day was led by our awesome Taumata class, who hosted and shared their discoveries.

Diwali Festival of Lights from India, Halloween from America, Reggae music from Jamaica and Australian Kite Day. Stations were set up, kai prepared and activities organised and run by Taumata students. 9 Te Whaiao, 9 Te Hiranga and 9 Te Kakano were split into smaller groups and travelled around each workstation.

Huge congratulations must go to Taumata students and supporting staff members. It was a day full of celebrations, fun, enjoyment and appreciation!

Day 2 of Matariki was a special day that involved the entire Year 9s hosting local kindys and Kohanga Reo. We thank Whaea Dianne and the kids from Newcastle Kindergarten, and the gorgeous kids from Kids Time and Turangawaewae Kohanga Reo, accompanied by their supportive Whaea Bella.

Our Year 9 students performed a play, haka, and song, ran art stations, prepared some yummy kai and interacted with the kindy and Kohanga kids with ease and confidence. Whakawhanaungatanga was the main theme for the day. As a thank you, the kindys and Kohanga performed some songs about Matariki. What a stunning and memorable day!

By Day 3, everyone was ready for a day out! We loaded up a bus and travelled to Auckland's OneTree Hill to visit the Stardome Observatory. Our visit started in the amazing 360° theatre, where we lay back in custommade seating to watch a "visual tour" around the solar system.

Next, our students looked around at all of the cool displays, before sitting down to listen to a presentation by a New Zealand astronomer. After lunch in the beautiful grounds near the observatory, it was time to get back on the bus and return home. Many thanks to the fantastic staff at Stardome – we appreciated your vast knowledge of the Universe!

On Day 4, we were greeted with rain, rain and more rain! However...that wasn't going to stop Whaea Haz and her crew from running a successful Ki-o-rahi tournament involving Year 9 students from our school, as well as Te Wharekura o Rakaumangamanga. There was lots of fun and competition to be had amongst the puddles and mud, but by the final presentations, the students looked invigorated by their awesome morning.

Many thanks to Karl Shepherd and his Project Energize crew for coordinating the sport and to Wynae Tukere and the whanau at Nga Miro Health for their efforts (especially around preparing nourishing kai for the participants!)

To end a highly successful week, we invited our whanau from Nga Miro Health to the Matariki Kai Hakari in the hall, once our visiting school had left. It was a time to reflect and celebrate on an awesome week with our Year 9s and to thank all of our supporters. Another huge mihi must go to the Kapa haka team and their supporters, who cooked a "mean hangi" for the occasion. After all, "kai sweetens the korero".







Farewells

This year we farewelled **Naznin Basha** who has worked in our Mathematics department. Naznin has been with us since January 2006. We wish Naznin well in her future endeavours.

We also farewelled exchange student **Inez Coonen** as she prepared to embark on her journey home to Holland. Inez had been with us for 12 months and she has become an integral part of our Ngaruawahia High School Whanau.

Inez was a very genuine person who took up the challenge to become a real part of the school. She worked and related well to both the 2010 and 2011 Year 13 cohorts.

The senior students on behalf of the school presented her with a taonga (a greenstone heart lightly carved) to demonstrate the special person she is.

We enjoyed watching her play netball for one of our senior teams even though she had never played before. She told us netball is not played in Holland but she wanted to do something 'Kiwi' while she was here.



A Day at Mount Maunganui

Sunshine glimmers off the water as whitewash waves glide towards shore. A small shadow, maybe a cruise liner or even freight carrier, trudges along the horizon. It appears out of place surrounded by glints of sunshine reflecting off the calm blue. Packs of seagulls hang low, darting above the water in search of their prey. Suddenly one swoops between kids playing on boogie boards to attack a washed-up fish on the shore.

Looking down the beach, the life-savers sit eagerly, waiting prepared for any heroic tasks that the day might bring. People are gathered under shade cloths and umbrellas to escape the sun's rays while teenage girls with model-like bodies lie out in the sun soaking up the tan as peering male eyes watch while supposedly playing footy. The smell of salt, mixed with the delights of nearby cafés and fish and chip lunches lingering in the air.

Behind, long-boarders travel along the footpaths on their way home from school. They move in packs, like seagulls, chattering among themselves, shielded with crimson blazers from the cool sea breeze.

The sky is now washed with colours, faded oranges invading the still blue. Surfers charge fearlessly through the rolling water as their younger boogie-board companions are called in by worried parents. After-work runners join the array of people. Their synthetic tank tops and Nike runners make them stick out from the barefooted beachgoers, dodging families as they pack up their belongings and head to their cars.

As the sun slowly disappears, the last of the lifesavers takes down his flags and sets home for the night. A single couple now occupy the beach as they walk hand-in-hand. The sound of the waves rushing to the shore is all that can be heard.

Far off, faint ship lights can be seen removing the horizon and breaking the separation between the stars and the earth. The starlight glimmers on the surface of the water.

Michael Washer - Year 11

Athletics



	Junior Girls	Intermediate Girls	Senior Girls
100m	Wikitahi Nahu Nikau Kiri Tata Zoey Pointon	 Justice Tango Pointon Larissa Deane Briley Satele 	Justice Howe Tyler Reid Braidie Adamson
200m	Wikitahu Nahu Nikau Te Amo Maru Zoey Pointon	 Justice Tango Pointon Larissa Deane Briley Satele 	Tyler Reid Braidie Adamson Georgina Nicholson
400m	Wikitahu Nahu Nikau Te Okeroa Tata Salem Waters	Kiri Tata Naomi Randall Autumn Reid	Tyler Reid Arohanui Apiata Amyleigh Hopa
Shot	 Renay Callagher Salem Waters Marie Waters 	 Tangi-te-Hau Takiari Kaya Paul Kendall Taylor 	 Tyler Reid JJ Cootes Jasmine Shadrock
Long	Wikitahu Nahu Nikau Katerina Schoenhardt Zoey Pointon	Kiri Tata Maddisen Bond Naomi Randall	Tyler Reid Justice Howe Braidie Adamson
Relay	Mokau Pare Hauraki Pare Waikato	1. Mokau 2. Pare Waikato 3. Pare Hauraki	1. Mokau 2. Pare Hauraki 3. Pare Waikato
Champs	Wikitahi Nahu Nikau	Justice Tango Pointon	Tyler Reid



Wintec & V8 Supercars ITM 400 Visit - 14th April 2011

Congratulations to Jacob Scott, Carlos Makiteiaa Tamati, Chase Shortland, Connor Forrest, Wade Duthie, Shai Findley, Wiremu Gillespie and Brandon Haumaha who were invited to an exclusive behind the scenes tour prior to the start of this event.

The tour included a pit lane walk, race control and media centre tour, garage viewing as teams were preparing for racing and a V8 Supersafe presentation - a road safety and young driver training initiative.

This was a chance to see what really goes on behind the scenes of New Zealand's largest annual sport event courtesy of Wintec.





	Juniors Boys	Intermediate Boys	Senior Boys
100m	 Julius Howe Seon Fergusson Tukua Tapara Tukiwaho 	Carlos Makiteiaa Tamati Zebulon Reid Korowai Taukiri	 Kingsley Smith-Gray Raana Dennis Jared Solomon
200m	 Julius Howe Seon Fergusson Daniel Randall 	 Zebulon Reid Carlos Makiteiaa Tamati Korowai Taukiri 	 Kingsley Smith-Gray Jared Solomon Raana Dennis
400m	 Julius Howe Charles Simon Seon Fergusson 	 Chase Shortland Carlos Makiteiaa Tamati Bronson Cotter 	 Kingsley Smith-Gray Raana Dennis Jared Solomon
Shot	 Chance Hurinui Tukua Tapara Tukiwaho Kearney Te Koi 	Te Aorangi Heke Z. Zane Tata Jamie Witana	David Tremlett-McIsaac Raana Dennis Jared Solomon
Long	Julius Howe Tukua Tapara Tukiwaho Tiriwa Richards	Carlos Makiteiaa Tamati Te Aorangi Heke Zebulon Reid	 Jared Solomon Raana Dennis Kingsley Smith-Gray
Relay	Pare Hauraki Mokau Pare Waikato	Mokau Pare Waikato Pare Hauraki	 Pare Waikato Pare Hauraki Mokau
Champs	Julius Howe	Carlos Makiteiaa Tamati	Kingsley Smith-Gray
	Competitive Points	Participant Points	overall placing of 3 rd in the

1. Mokau

2. Pare Hauraki

3. Pare Waikato

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NGA MANU KORERO SUCCESS

On Saturday 18 June JJ Cootes, represented the school at the 2011 Tainui Regional Nga Manu Korero. She was entered in the Korimako (Senior English) section competing against a number of other schools.

JJ was awesome as she expounded on her topic...."We are the products of our thought, what we think we become..."

The effort and obvious research she put into her topic showed a real depth of thinking.

We congratulate JJ for her accomplishment keeping Ngaruawahia High School up there in Nga Manu Korero.

JJ placed 2= in the prepared, did extremely well placing 3rd in the impromptu section, then finished off with an

overall placing of $3^{\rm rd}$ in the Korimako division. She would only have been 2 or 3 marks behind the eventual $1^{\rm st}$ place winner who represented Tainui at the national Manu Korero in September.



	Juniors Boys	Senior Boys	Junior Girls	Senior Girls
0m Breaststroke	 Tukua Tapara Tukiwaho Charlie Satele Tuki Mahara 	 Jared Solomon Aubrey Fretwell Raana Dennis 	 Wikitahi Nahu Nikau Shavannah Randall Te Okoroa Tata 	 Taz Morgan Briley Satele Justice Tango Pointon
Om Backstroke	 Tuku Mahara Charlie Satele Bronson Cotter 	 Jared Solomon Aubrey fretwell Nathan Diamond Kinsley Smith 	Salem Waters Wikitahi Nahu Nikau Zoey Pointon	 Taz Morgan Cruze Nahu Nikau J J Cootes
5m Butterfly	 Terrence Neil Joseph Waitere Charles Simon 	 Jared Solomon Raana Dennis Aubrey Fretwell 	 Zoey Pointon Wikitahi Nahu Nikau Kendal Tayler 	 Taz Morgan Cruze Nahu Nikau Tyler Reid
0m Freestyle	Tukua Tapara-Tukiwaho Tukotahi Tapara-Tukiwaho Charles Simon	Jared Solomon Aubrey Fretwell Raana Dennis	Zashay Moana Marie Waters Kiriora Akamoeau Cowan	 Taz Morgan J J Cootes Tyler Reid
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pen Medley	 Joseph Waitere Michael Washer Joshua Fields 	1. Jared Solomon 2. Aubrey Fretwell 3. Raana Dennis		 Taz Morgan Cruze Nahu Nikau Justice Tango-Pointon
12	Boys		Girls	
00m pen Freestyle	Jared Solomon Aubrey Fretwell Raana Dennis		Taz Morgan J J Cootes Antea Diamond-Penetito	
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The Big "C"

by Taylor Presland-Coates - Year 13

I think the worst dreams are the ones of falling. Down, down, down into never-ending darkness. Heart racing, gut-wrenching, twisting and gnawing at the icy pit of your stomach.

Sammi sat up, breathing hard. Sweat plastered her hair to her face. Something was different. Wrong. Something in her dream had changed. Five years of the same dream and now it changes? She went to kick her duvet to the ground, and searing pain shot up her side. She looked down. Blood seeped from a fresh wound on her left leg, onto red-drenched sheets. "What the ...?" she whispered. She tried to move. What the hell was going on? Already she was light-headed from blood loss and she collapsed back onto the pillows. Fear ate at her heart, trickling acid through her body. Darkness folded in on her, crushing her lungs. She began to fall.

When Sammi next woke up she felt disorientated. She was lying flat on her stomach, wearing nothing but a flimsy singlet and shorts. It was pitch black and freezing. Her fingers and toes were painfully numb. Her body trembled. She peered into the darkness, bewildered, trying desperately to make sense of it. One minute she was lying in bed, the next she was falling, barely conscious. And now here she was, in what she guessed to be a hole. A deep dark hole, at the bottom of God knows where. It was impossible for her to know just how deep underground she really was, but there was no light over-head.

She got to her knees, arms spread wide, testing the boundaries of the darkness. When she didn't hit anything, she continued to standing position, slowly, making sure her leg could take the pressure. Feeling above her she touched a cold damp ceiling inches above her head. She stretched her arms to either side and touched the wall to her right. There was nothing to her left. "Not a hole, a tunnel or a cave," she whispered aloud, for no other reason than to hear something human. Bent over slightly and arms stretched she hobbled painfully into the darkness.

The darkness was so thick she couldn't see her hands in front of her. Surely her eyes should be adjusting by now? A voice in the back of her mind urged her to give up. Fiercely she pushed the thought away. She found if she kept one hand on the rough, pitted wall she could navigate faster without stumbling. The ground under her bare feet had only the occasional splatter of sharp rocks which helped. Every now and then her hands would touch water running down the wall. She learnt to use it to quench her thirst. Strangely, she felt no hunger. Without the need to eat she began to lose all sense of time. She could have been down here for minutes or a day.

Sammi continued her painfully slow shuffle into the darkness but with every step she couldn't shake the feeling she was being watched. The hairs on the back of her neck began to prickle but every time she turned around there was nothing to be seen. There could be any number of creepy crawlies around her but the darkness hid everything from her. She began to dread putting her hand down in case she touched something soft and warm and squirmy. The sense of being watched grew stronger, and she finally turned her back to the wall and squinted into the blackness. She slid down the wall with a thump, then groped about looking for some sort of weapon. Her hand closed over a sharp rock and she picked it up, pulling it close to her chest. She listened for sound, anything would be better than this stony silence.

Sammi edged her way back up the wall then turned into the passage. She clutched the rock to her chest with one hand as if it was a life-line, the only protection against whatever monstrous being was out there, watching her. What was it waiting for? With the other hand she groped along the wall. It was becoming more and more slimy, and she was also certain the space was getting closer, the top was definitely lower. The tunnel was closing in on her. It made her acutely aware of other changes. The air was definitely warmer and the ground below was silky soft sand. She still tested the ground before she stepped forward.

Suddenly, the utter pointlessness of it all struck her and Sammi began to weep with frustration and rage. What was she doing, where was she going? She reached a hollow in the wall and slid down into the sand. She couldn't have stopped the tears if she had wanted to and she howled until she could cry no more. She was lying down on the cool ground, worn out, sick of fighting whatever it was she fighting. Let it come, the monster out there in the dark. She refused to be afraid of it any longer. No more running, no more fighting. Come on, monster. Sammi imagined she could hear deep breathing in the dark but she no longer cared. She was so, so tired. Her breath was shallow and rhythmic. It wouldn't hurt to have a short sleep and she closed her eyes, allowing the sweet calm to take her. An overwhelming sense of peace wrapped her up and carried her into a carefree sleep.

It was a large crowd, as could be expected for someone so young, so popular. They couldn't all fit into the church so the doors were all jammed with people looking in. They didn't seem to care about the slight drizzle from a grey and uncaring sky. With so many sad faces of people wearing black it sort of looked like an EMO convention.

Inside the church there were more sad faces and people in black. Friends held each other and sobbed, using sleeves to wipe snotty noses when they ran out of tissues. The front pews were occupied by family. Mum had taken advice on the music from friends so they sat there listening to 'The Chemical Brothers' and 'Kings of Leon".

Afterwards, before they headed off to their designated after-funeral wakes, people stood around in groups chatting. They were waiting their turn to extend their sympathy to the family who stood to just one side, as if holding court. Sammi's best friend, Matt, hugged her mum and told her the funeral was "just perfect". Sammi's mum looked at him, her head slightly to one side. She seemed puzzled about something.

"Matt, do you think she suffered much at the end?"
"No, Mrs B, I think she was okay."

"It's just that...that she fought for such a long time. Sammi was a fighter, you have to admit. But the end...it seemed so sudden, like she just gave up."

Matt shifted uncomfortably. "I guess that's the way it is with c..c... Sorry I still have trouble saying it "



Post Apocalypse

In the beginning a group of Year 11, 12 and 13 students banded together to organise the Ball for 2011. We bounced a lot of ideas around and found it difficult to choose, but eventually came up with the theme "Post Apocalypse" to be held at Sky City on 27th August.

The Ball Committee started hard at work with sausage sizzles, mufti days, raffles and lolly sales to fundraise for the big night. Advertisements were released, such as a mini-promotion video that showcased the theme to the school. We had initial difficulties in trying to fund-raise enough money, but we pulled through and the hard work had paid off.

The big night came around really fast and everyone showed up looking really glamorous in the midst of chaos! The evening pumped with good music, great decorations and lighting and good food that was complimented by the Sky City venue. This was further enhanced with an awesome, positive and ecstatic attitude from the guests.

Everybody had a wonderful time, especially towards the end of the night when all showed how they "boogied" and danced the rest of the night away.

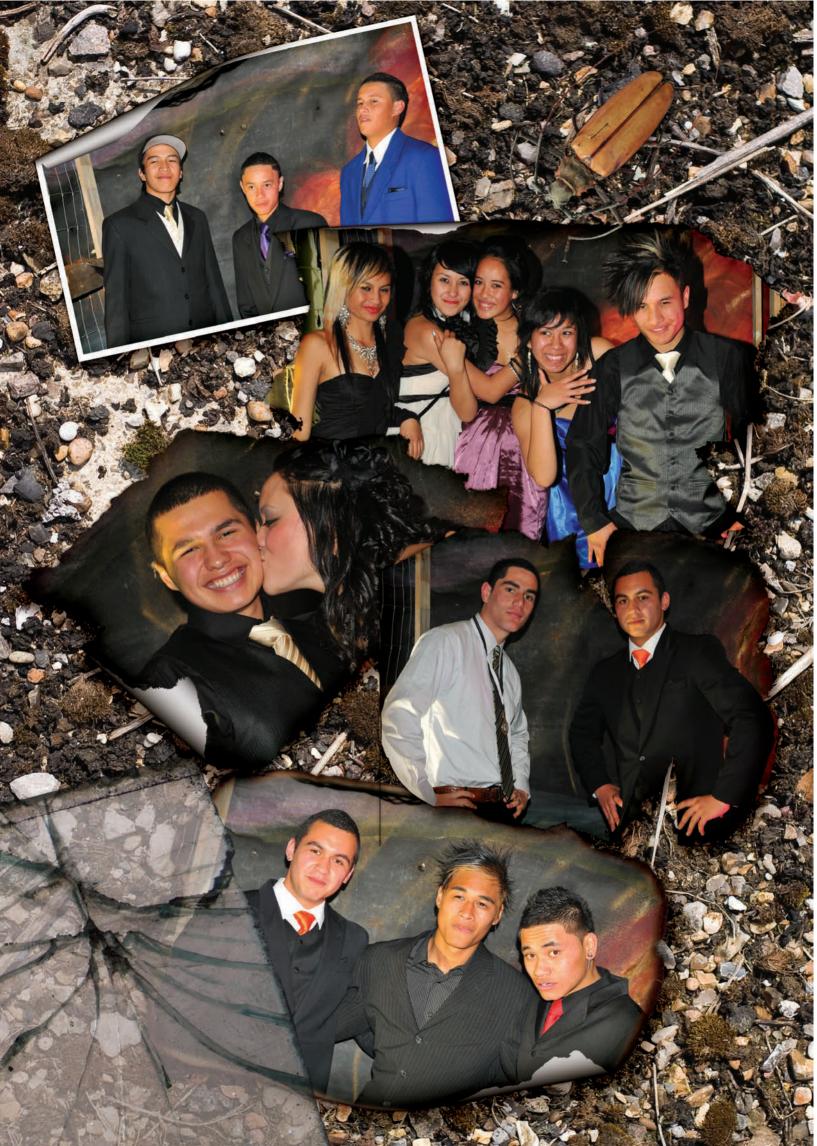
Congratulations to flame Nepia (Best Dressed), Dane Hemopo (Prince), Larissa George (Princess), Järed Solomon (King) and Arohanui Apiata (Queen). However everyone who attended was royalty and looked top notch in their best. Overall it was a memorable night for all. A big thankyou (really a standing ovation) to Ms Foster who was one of the key drivers into making the 2011 Ball possible. Also thanks to the Ball Committee for all of the support and preparation they gave.

Wednesday Gilbert





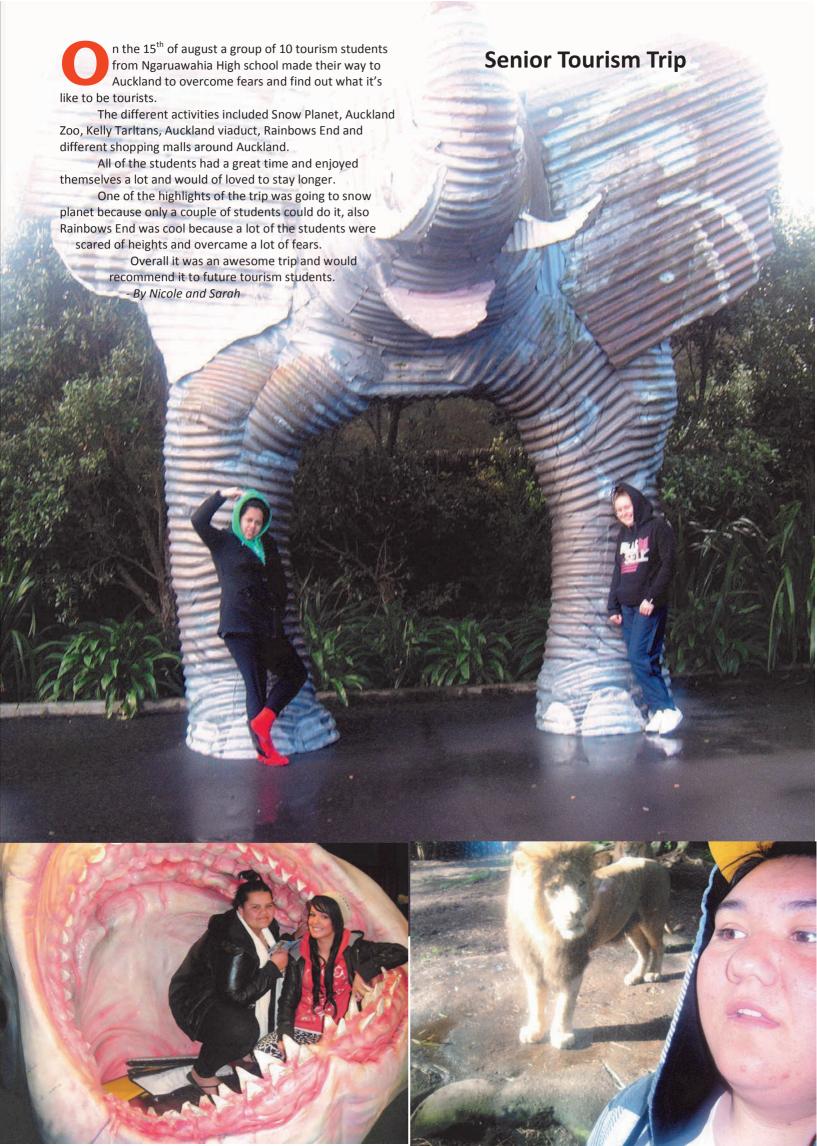


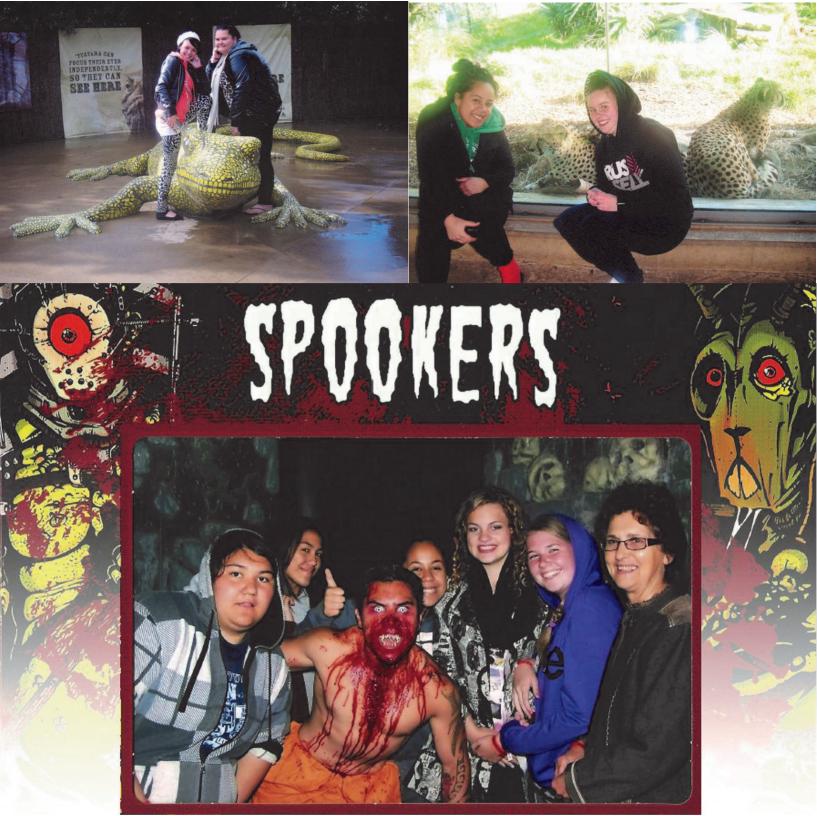












n 4th November, the Year 12 Tourism class and Miss Gray went on an after-school trip to the **Spookers Haunted Attraction** to get spooked by the creeps.

We went into 2 attractions - *The Haunted House* and *The Freaky Forest*. We were all pretty scared when we went through the haunted house, especially Marit who had her scarf over her head saying "put your hands up for Detroit. I love this city" It was really killing our buzz.

The freaky thing that was scariest when going through the haunted house was when we went through the pitch black dark and you could feel people's hands touching you. It felt creepy as.

Towards the end of our journey through the haunted house we met up with some Fijian guys who were cool and great they lead the way for us, and Evan lent a hand when Marit was so scared.

Following that we went down to the freaky forest but before we went through I said "oh look at that cute cat" but

unfortunately it was a possum and everyone started laughing.

When it was time to go through the freaky forest we had no torch so luckily for us the Fijian guys were there again and we went through as one big group with them.

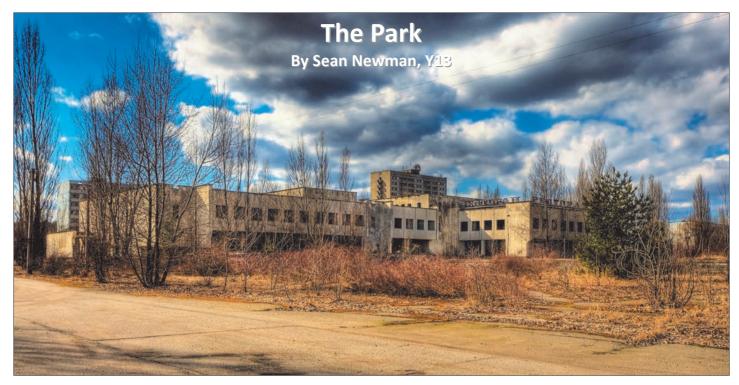
It was so funny going through there as the actors grabbed us and really tried to make us scared. I kept annoying them by saying "Nek minit" and all you could hear was them copying what I was saying.

Miss Gray was really scared. I hadn't seen her that scared before and I kept laughing. It was so funny because they were all holding on to me! When we finished going through the freaky forest we wished we could do it all over again.

On behalf of our year 12 tourism class we would like to thank Miss Gray for taking her valuable time to take us to Spookers.

"I hope we can do it again next year Miss Gray!".

- by Sharnay Cocup



As I wander these empty streets, I think quietly to myself what this part of town used to be like. Off in the distance, a piercing hail of gun fire breaks the silence and echoes down the streets like cold evil music.

How I loath the way things were in this city.

Only a short year ago people rushed along these streets, quietly minding their own business. Carefully planted gardens lined the foot paths on almost every street. Nothing could cause a problem. Or so they thought.

"Ahh, Main street!". Once the most important place to be in town. Big business, luxury hotels and boutique shops would all fight for their places. Crowds would gather each day to shop, and when night fell another crowd would gather to wine and dine on the street. Yet here it is now. Broken and burning. Destroyed by the crowds that liked to call it home.

It was 3 months ago. They invaded without warning or care. Everything that stood in their way was destroyed. 'The front line' as it's been called by the few that have remained, is miles from here. But everyday there is someone shooting at someone else for some reason. It's like the wild west but with more shooting and fire. Strange. After a month the invaders left us. The government had fallen in a week, and soon little gangs began to emerge. One by one. City blocks became occupied turf.

After another month only 2 gangs remained. One controlled the north of the city and the other the south. In the middle, no man's land. What was once a park full of people and wildlife was a dead zone. You wouldn't have dared to cross it, until now. Its nothing more than another piece of turf now. Trees full of birds vanished like they never existed, a pond drained to nothing more than a dried up hole.

Hope was abandoning everything.

So here I am standing on the edge of what was

once an evergreen paradise in the heart of a concrete jungle. In front of me are the remnants of what was once a stone path. The stone were dug up long ago to be used for a barricade. Just off the path is a swing, somehow untouched by everything. I sit there just to watch the world die.

The bench where I would sit most fine days to watch the world pass by has gone, leaving just the concrete slab it was attached to behind. From there I could see the pond with the weeping willows that once were home to the many birds. I miss them the most. This place is so dead without the birds. If only they would return, maybe things might go back to the way they were. But the trees they called home are nothing but stumps by a hole.

From this swing I can see what was once a playground. I can remember how every day rain, hail or shine kids would come here and play. Most were complete strangers but that never mattered to them. Nothing mattered. Like the birds, without them it just made everything seem dead. A cold wind is the only thing here to keep me company.

Along the vast expanse of what was once grass and the many trees that filled the backdrop of the daily play which took place here is nothing more than a scar. Still the cold wind keeps me company. The daily play of life passing by. Gone for now, but not forgotten. Never forgotten.

A clump of rocks close to the swing sit out of place. Put there to mark something. Among them is a flower. A daisy. Amongst war and chaos, hope. Hope still remains buried in the strangest places. This one small flower brings me back to when this was an evergreen paradise among the concrete jungle.

I no longer loath this city. It showed me what was once near perfect and is now far from that. If only the birds would bring it all back.



Back Row: Rheean Wade, Taygen Inia, Josiah Tengu, Te Runanga Takarei, Kyella Maniapoto, Mitchell Crook

2nd Row: Ms Kahurangi Tawera (Teacher), Mitchell Suhr, Angela Eastwood, Clifford Martin, Julius Howe, Journey Wairepo,

Marie Waters

Front Row: Terrence Neil-Wagstaff, Heremaia Moanaroa, Charlie Satele, Ryan Scott, Nathan Timms, Avalon Waters, Zoey Pointon

Absent: Vincent Matangi-Reid, Chantelle Duncan, Mickaia Kenny, Tukitaurima Mahara, Wikitahi Nahu-Nikau



Back Row: Bre Tupaea, Seon Ferguson, Zhadon Cook, Caleb Deane, Jackson Burton

2nd Row: Mrs Reg Iwihora (Teacher), Jacob Mitchell, Michael Washer, Tayler (TJ) Beggs, Kendal Taylor

Front Row: Kityana Himiona, Te Orangi Thompson, Caleb Eastwood, Tia Reiri, Miriata Roberts

Absent: Bronson Cotter, Chance Hurinui, Jimmy Katipa, Matiu Moanaroa, Jahkan Osborne, Jazmyn Pittams, Autumn Reid,

Tukuru Tahana, Hikurangi Tokona, Reegan Ward, Marea West



Back Row: Claudia Neil, Mariah Simon, Joanna Cummins

2nd Row: Mrs Donna West (Teacher), Rudiger Thompson Smith, Hamish Mitchell, Te Aorangi Heke Aranga, Jaleel Giles,

Shawn Beckham Mansell

Front Row: Amohia Thompson, Justice Peene-McBeth, Maddisen Bond, Cassidy Presland-Coates, Larissa George

Absent: Carlos Makiteiaa Tamati, Vanesha Waters, Misty Wharakura, Justice Tango Pointon, Te Aira Bishop, Zebulon Reid,

Briley Satele



Back Row: Nicole Healey, Taylor Presland-Coates, Arohanui Apiata, Letisha Burton

2nd Row: Ms Susie Foster (Teacher), Justice Howe, Wade Duthie, Adrian Humphreys, Tharyn Martin, Aubrey Fretwell, Pamela Tahana

Front Row: Morgan Timms, Apirana Priestley, Jordan Cotter, Jared Solomon, Destinee Reiri, Sarah Edgecombe

Absent: Hori Bishop, Larissa Deane, Antea Diamond-Penetito, Te Waipuia Matenga, Moana Nahu-Nikau, Tyler Reid, Jonathan Washer



Back Row: Jacob Moor, MacKenzie Richards, Te Okeroa Tata, Murray Field, Melody Francis

2nd Row: Mr Dawson Iti (Teacher), Karl Kemp, Sonny Rutene, Niko Emery-Paletua, Patea Williams-Fisher, Casey Waters

Front Row: Kiriora Akamoeau-Cowan, Shavarnah Randall, Te Aroha Moanaroa, Salem Waters, Te Ngakau Campbell Matika, Kayci Tapine Absent: Renay Callagher, Arnold Crosby, Jaid'n Deacon-Wilson, Piripi Gray, Jordan Hira, Tanirau Marsh, Jahstice Matika, Pearl Moana,

Karauria Taingahue



Back Row: Te Amo-Rose Maru, Brooklyn Paekau, Kiri Tata, Rebekkah Hoskins, Paige Gray

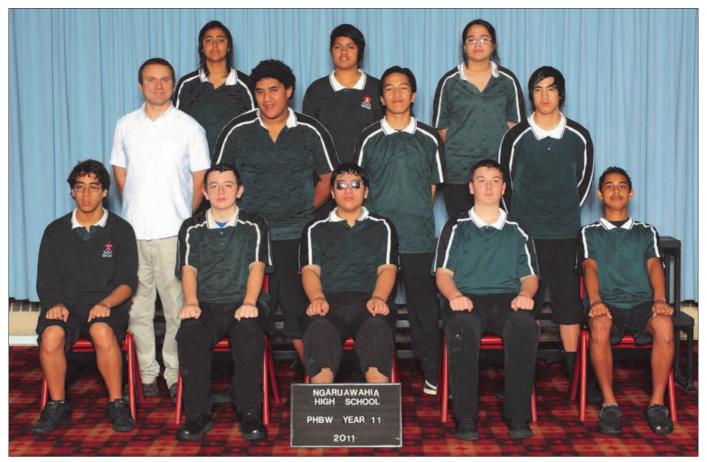
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Keidis Sunnex, Mr Jamie Lichtwark (Dean)

Front Row: Kama Deacon-Wilson, Jahaira Heller, Jonte Deacon, Callum Webster, Liam Francis, Brianna-Maree Crombie

Absent: Kahikatea Campbell-Matika, Marama Emery, Ruby Ingram, Chance Taingahue, Hope Waitere, Delmon Minhinnick-Guthrie,

Shae Nicholson



Back Row: Bethney Waters, Caroline Taha, Kimberley Stephenson

2nd Row: Mr Adrian Reeves (Teacher), Zane Tata, Delton Emery, Taane Whaanga-Ngakete Front Row: Josiah Barton, Christopher Burgess, Shaun Stephenson, Jarrod Foggin, Shae Smith

Absent: Shanndell Deacon-Walters, Brandon Haumaha, Paige Mahara, Tamehana Moanaroa, TeKaahu Poutapu,

Thomas Rangiuia-Tairakena, Tangi-te-Hau Takiari



Back Row: Louise Phillips, Wednesday Gilbert, Inez Coonen

2nd Row: Mrs Agnes Scott (Teacher), Sharnay Cocup, David Tremlett-McIsaac, Nathan Diamond, Matthew Hopa, Georgia Field

Front Row: Olivia Lamb, Georgina Nicholson, James Foggin, Amyleigh Hopa, Braidie Adamson

Absent: Darren Crosby, Te Motu Gray, Dane Hemopo, Bobby Mahara, Chrissy Moana, Sean Newman, Jacob Scott, Alyssa Waters



Back Row: Bridjid Houia-Tamihana, Kevin Wyatt-Scown, Zashay Moana, Blake Dean, Darius Hawkins, Katerina Schoenhardt
2nd Row: Mr Harold Ranui (Teacher), James Chubb, Lockie Joseph, Jeremy Moana, Tiriwa Richards, Matire Takiari, Te Atapo Parnell
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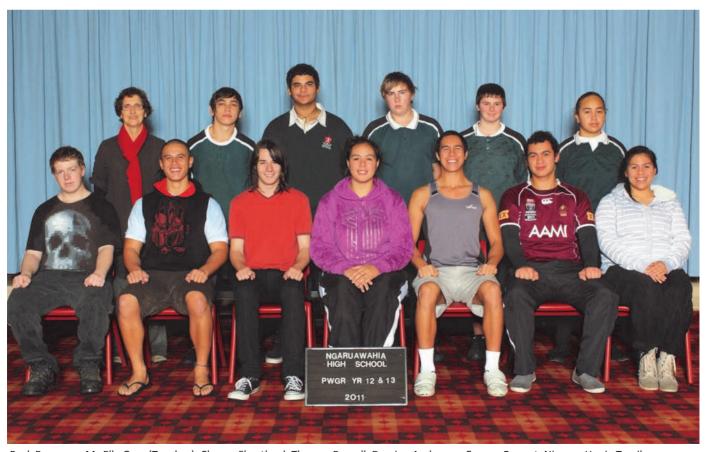
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2nd Row: Mrs Pam Harding (Teacher), Santana Maru, Ethan Attenborough, Jesse Turu, Korowai Taukiri, Daniel Randall
Front Row: Peyton Mahara, Anahera Tawhiao-HeiHei, Oscar Schollum, Jay Collins, Shannette Deacon-Wilson, Levy Anderson



Back Row: Sierra West Joseph, Rex Punga Sullivan, Ariana Simmons, Delanie Tarawhiti, Ellouise Laurie

2nd Row: Mr Haapi Wilson (Teacher), Wiremu Gillespie, Fletcher Brown, Jamie Witana, Erin Beaumont, Anaru Adams

Front Row: Kaya-Leigh Paul, Katherine Tapp, Tukere Rota, Naomi Randall, Danielle Matekuare



Back Row: Ms Ella Gray (Teacher), Chayce Shortland, Thomas Parnell, Damian Anderson, Conner Forrest, Nirvana Houia Tamihana

Front Row: Mark Laurie, Raana Dennis, Mitchell Murray, J J Cootes, Kingsley Smith, Tame Nepia, Te Atamira Roa



Back Row: Te Arohanui Mangu, Donna West, Yvonne Nikora, Jordan Neil (Student Teacher), Jessie Johnston, Meg Vernall,

Tarena Ranui, Sindy Hanes

3rd Row: Pam Harding, Ella Gray, Reg Iwihora, Susie Foster, Stephanie Takarangi (Student Teacher), Claire Timms, Kimai Huirama,

Kahurangi Tawera, Jocelyn Johnson

2nd Row: Gerald Kamau (Reliever), Karen Bennett, Bauro Kairaoi (Student Teacher), Haapi Wilson, Dawson Iti, Harold Ranui,

Adrian Reeves, Paul Robinson, Gail Wharakura, Saba Dennis (Student Teacher)

Front Row: Agnes Scott, Rosemarie Cann, Jamie Lichtwark (Pare Hauraki Dean), Tania Hill (Assistant Principal), Robyn Roa (Principal),

Chris Jarnet (Deputy Principal), Harriet Hokai (Mokau Dean), Vicki Ladd (Pare Waikato Dean), Peter Mans

Absent: Rangimarie Morgan, Waki Simon, Tiria Te Kurapa, Naznin Basha, Nicholas Bowskill, Ken Francis, Sonia Harper, Scott Henry,

Jules Matika, Aroha Rawiri, Noel Reid, Noel Haworth, Adrienne Arthur



Back Row: Olivia Lamb, Amyleigh Hopa, Arohanui Apiata, Louise Phillips, Te Atamira Roa, Taylor Presland-Coates, Braidie Adamson 2nd Row: Tame Nepia, J J Cootes, Adrian Humphreys, Jared Solomon, Jordan Cotter, James Foggin, Mitchell Murray, Raana Dennis

Front Row: Mark Laurie, Justice Howe, Inez Coonen, Kingsley Smith, Georgina Nicholson, Aubrey Fretwell, Tharyn Martin

Absent: Sean Newman, Tyler Reid, Cruze Nahu-Nikau, Te Waipuia Matenga, Te Motu Gray



garuawahia High School entered a group in the Bring It On hip hop dance competition for the first time ever this year. It is a competition that will celebrate its 10th anniversary next year and this year was the first year any school from out of Auckland entered.

Bring It On is an organisation that endeavours to develop character and leadership in young people and has very high expectations of the people who enter. They provide regular mentoring of the leaders and the dancers. The Bring It On competition is considered one of the most prestigious in New Zealand and the talent pool it draws on is both enormous and highly experienced.

The leaders who initiated our involvement were Cruze Nahu-Nikau, Chase Nahu-Nikau and Larissa George. The teacher in charge was Susie Foster and this group formed the core leadership group.

The initial heats took place on 27th May after 3 months

of rigorous training. While we didn't place, our performance was noticed for its high standard and the enthusiasm that our dancers brought to it.

This energy and enthusiasm was also very useful when we tried for the wild-card Entry placing. decided by the number of cans of food that a school collected for the Salvation Army foodbanks. In less than 5 days our dance group collected 2878 cans generously donated by Ngaruawahia community. We asked

that the cans be given to our local food-bank and they were.

Even though we were again pipped at the post by another school that joined forces with two other schools, we think this is one of the best achievements of this whole experience – that we could give back something to the people we grew up with and who support us.

Of course, the story didn't end there for us. As luck would have it another school pulled out because of over-commitments and Ngaruawahia High School was nominated to take its place.

With only 5 weeks we suddenly had to find a new routine, one that would fit a much larger 360 degree stage. We called for new dancers and grew from a group of 23 to one of 33.

Our dancers at the Auckland grand final came from all over the Waikato – Huntly College, Fraser High School, Hillcrest High School, Te Awamutu, Fairfield College, and

Rakaumangamanga. This diversity has been one of our greatest assets.

Suddenly practice took place every day (except Saturday for the sporting people). We practiced for 5,6,7 hours a day every day of the holidays - and nearly everyone turned up every day.

It wasn't the easiest of times and we definitely had some down times in those 5 frantic weeks, but we are proud of the fact that we made it through, that we finished, and that we represented our school and our community.



garuawahia School dancers the first out-of-towners to make it to the nationals of Auckland's Bring It On dance competition.

More than 20 teenagers have dedicated their holidays to perfecting step every in preparation for their final performance at the Trust Stadium in Waitakere.

With the help of English teacher Susie Foster, year 13 student Cruze Nahu-Nikau suggested and organised entering a hip-hop competition to something bring different to the school.

"It was a good alternative to sport for the students who aren't into it," Cruze said. She also said she wanted to celebrate her last year at high school with style.

"I want to go out with a bang and represent our community too," said Cruze.

The group of 22 dancers is the smallest team to enter Bring It On but year 12 choreographer Chase Nahu-Nikau isn't



phased. "We rehearse every day, we practise hard and we leave here sweating," Chase said.

Chase is nο stranger to the stage, having been dancing for four vears and performed in the 2010 New Zealand Street Dance championship.

Foster Ms proud of the students she has been coordinating and is blown away by their dedication.

"We're here every day during the holidays, except for Sundays, so none of them are having a break, they're all just going for it," she said.

> She is

grateful to the community for its support and encouragement. "We've had many local businesses and groups donate money to make it all possible," said Ms Foster.

Cruze said they were proud of their achievement so far but wanted to win on August 6.

"It's cool that a school from just a little town can make it somewhere like Auckland."

by Melissa Martin





From the 29th of March to the 1st of April the school sent five Waka Ama Teams to the New Zealand Secondary School Championships at Lake Tikitapu in Rotorua.

After four days of intense competition resulted in our teams bringing home 5 medals in total.

- ♦ Gold was won on the first day by the J19's crew in the W 12 (Double Hull) Championship Division
- Kingsley Smith won a bronze medal in the W1 category -Championship Division
- ♦ J19 men won silver medals in both the W6 250 and 500 metres Championship Division

J19 woman won silver in the W6 250 metres - Championship Division

The next 2 days were made up of heats and semi final races and all of our crews made it in to the Championship division for at least one of the 2 distances.

The J16 woman came third in the plate division for the W6 250 metres.

The school is very proud of all our students and the efforts that the put in during the competition and the training that was done in the lead up to the event.

Wintec & V8 Supercars ITM 400 Visit 14th April 2011

Congratulations to Jacob Scott, Carlos Makiteiaa Tamati, Chase Shortland, Connor Forrest, Wade Duthie, Shai Findley, Wiremu Gillespie and Brandon Haumaha who were invited to an exclusive behind the scenes tour prior to the start of this event.

The tour included a pit lane walk, race control and media centre tour, garage viewing as teams were preparing for racing and a V8 Supersafe presentation - a road safety and young driver training initiative.

This was a chance to see what really goes on behind the scenes of New Zealand's largest annual sport event courtesy of Wintec.



Australia's Gubbi Gubbi Sprint Championships - Waka Ama

Ngaruawahia paddlers have heaped glory on their school after beating the Australians at a waka ama tournament in the Aussies' own backyard.

In a rare overseas trip, Ngaruawahia High School sent three waka ama teams to the Sunshine Coast to paddle in the Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi Sprint Champs toward the end of September.

It is the first time the school has sent paddlers to tackle the Aussies on home turf and they returned home with a nine-

medal haul: three gold and equal the amount in silver and bronze.

"We went over there to do a job and we did that job," coach Waki Simon said.

Mr Simon struggled to find words to describe the achievement but was effusive in praising his fellow coaches, the school and the work ethic of the paddlers, all under 19 years old.

"The only days they got off (from training) were Friday and Sunday and they came back on Saturday to do school work – that's how committed they are.

"It goes right down to their diet to how they conditioned themselves." $% \label{eq:conditioned} % \label{eq:conditioned$

Principal Robyn Roa told Mr Simon she'd "never seen kids study on a Saturday at this high school before". The achievement was further enhanced by the fact it was the first time the school returned from an overseas sporting trip with

anything to show for it.

"They (Aussies) know where Ngaruawahia High School is now."

Fourteen-year-old paddler DJ Mahara won two golds in the rudder and rudderless OC1 categories, both solo-canoe races.

He said his first instinct when he won gold was to "throw my blade (paddle) up in the air".

"I've never won gold before . . . I felt really proud for the

school."

Seventeen-yearold Tyler Reid also picked up a gold as well as a silver and bronze medal, despite having to adapt to the smaller and tighter Australian canoes.

She described her reaction to getting gold as being "pretty stoked" to beat the Aussies.

Both paddlers will vie for places in the New Zealand squad going to the 2012 Va'a (Outrigger) World Sprint Championships in Canada next August.

Mr Simon said the

trip would not be a one-off venture for the school, as it looked to expand the curriculum to support similar opportunities in the future.

This Sunshine Coast trip was supported by a number of Ngaruawahia sponsors including the Community Market, Turners and Growers and the High School.

Whaea Rangimarie and Matua Waki want to specially thank the Board of Trustees for allowing the trip to go ahead and supporting the students, Whaea Roa for backing us up, Sonia Harper, Judy Taylor and the Ngaruawahia Community Markets, NZRL, paddle-athon sponsors, Uncle Chaz Paki, the parents and whanau who have Supported their children, the

staff and students for the continual support.

A huge thank you must go to Jamie Lichtwark for all the hard work done providing transport, paddling advice, awhi ana aroha. Thanks to Barney for the mental preparation and inspiration and Marrin for the advice and heat-training opportunity.



Congratulations to our amazing waka ama crew (J19's) who represented us at the Gubbi Gubbi Trans Tasman Outrigger Championships on the Sunshine Coast this past weekend.

They departed Friday 23 September and returned Wednesday 28 September with a massive 9 medal haul and 3 out of 5 age division trophies. We are so proud of you all. Here are the results:

Trophies: U14's Secondary School Championships
U19 Girls Secondary School Championships
U19 Boys Secondary School Championships

Medal Tally: 3 golds, 3 silvers and 3 bronze medals.





Last year our leadership forum travelled to Albany Senior High School, Auckland. The purpose of our visit was to meet and interact with students from suburban backgrounds, to view a new concept in schooling, and to learn to appreciate our differences.

On Tuesday, 05 April 2011, we returned the gesture by hosting this year's interschool leadership forum. The schools that attended were Albany Senior High, Te Awamutu College and Otorohanga College. Our day started with a Powhiri with students doing the karanga and whaikorero, visitors and host school alike.

Following morning tea the student leaders from all four schools gathered in the Wharenui for the Leaders Forum (Wananga Rangatahi). The topics we thought worthwhile discussing were, ' Engaging youth today towards positive outcomes' and 'Interconnected interests'. From these discussions we came up with ideas to promote positive ways youth could contribute to the

community.

- Our outcomes included:

 Promoting participation in sports
- Opportunities created for youth sponsored ALL BLACKS vs SPRINGBOK tickets
- ♦ School pride growing out of opportunities given
- ♦ Celebrating success; rewards something other than traditional after sports functions
- ♦ Impact projects which involve working with businesses in the community

To develop Interconnected interests promoting ideas such as

- Tri-nations sporting competition (4 way school competition)
- ♦ Through leaders run planned lunches for 'Speech Off'
- ♦ Through Environment classes organise Coastal/River Clean





Up Day for schools

- ♦ Through the Music Department plan for Concerts, and Band Festivals
- ♦ Encourage Stage Challenge Teams

To show them a little of our background we took our visitors onto the river. Thanks to Matua Waki we were able to share our passion for Waka Ama with our guests who all got to paddle up the river and down to the Point. From what they said and the smiles on their faces they thoroughly enjoyed this new experience.

Most had never been on the river, never been in a waka ama. Seeing them so enthusiastic about something we see everyday made us appreciate our small community lifestyle reminding us not to take things for granted. Our gift to each student were personally signed interschool t-shirts. All schools had fun writing on each other's t-shirts. Sadly NHS missed out.

The main lesson learnt I think was that no matter what your background, whether you come from fabulous school or not, no matter your differences, no matter where you live, youth are youth and we all have something in common. We are all striving toward something. We will all have roles to fulfil in the future.

Ngaruawahia High School student leaders would like to thank our fellow leaders from Albany, Te Awamutu and

Otorohanga high schools for making this day one of genuine "youth leadership." Thanks also to the respective Principals and staff who made the whole day possible.



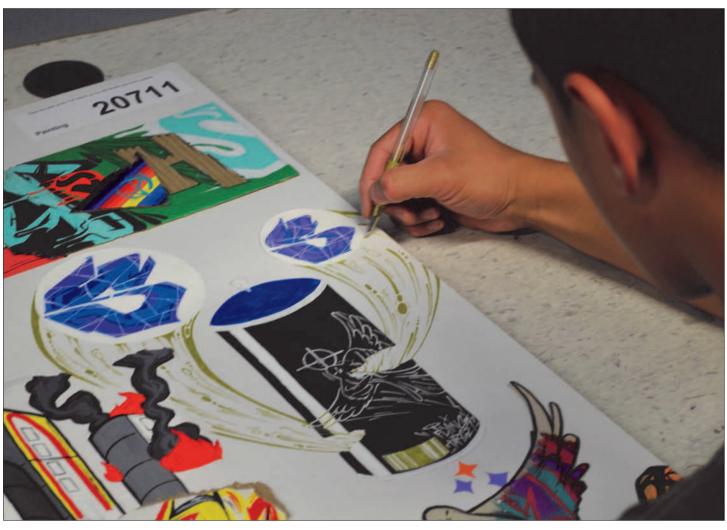
Ngaruawahia Principal Robyn Roa with Albany Senior High Principal Barbara Cavanagh



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Year 12/13 Camp

Earlier in the term our year 12 and 13 leadership camp took place over three days.

The bus dropped us off on the southern side of Maungatautari and we journeyed approximately 80 kilometers all the way back to Ngaruawahia High School.

It was both exciting and daunting as we stepped off the bus knowing that we would have to tramp, paddle, and run all the way home.

Day 1 included a 17km tramp over Maungatautari, New Zealand's first ecological island, and then a freezing cold night in tents at Karapiro Domain.

Day 2 started with an 8km run along the newly created cycle path from Karapiro to Cambridge, and then a waka ama paddle from Cambridge to Grantham Street in Hamilton. Finally we negotiated our way wet and tired through 3oclock Hamilton traffic up to the university. It was there that we enjoyed the warm comfortable mattresses and showers and a great night sleep on the marae.

Day 3 was our final leg home, which began with a walk through the production gardens at the Hamilton Gardens and finished with a paddle from Hamilton back to Turangawaewae. Despite everyone feeling tired at the end we all dug deep and helped Waki to pack the waka and walk back into school where the journey first started.

The trip was an awesome experience, which pushed us both physically and mentally.

The year 12 physical education class need to be congratulated on their fantastic leadership in organising and contributing to a successful camp.

Year 10 Enterprise Studies Field Trip



Jahaira and Jazmyn interviewing the owner of Jesters pie shop.

On Tuesday 5
April, Mrs Gray's
Enterprise class
visited various
businesses at The
Base to interview
the owners of the
businesses about
the challenges
and rewards of
owning a business.

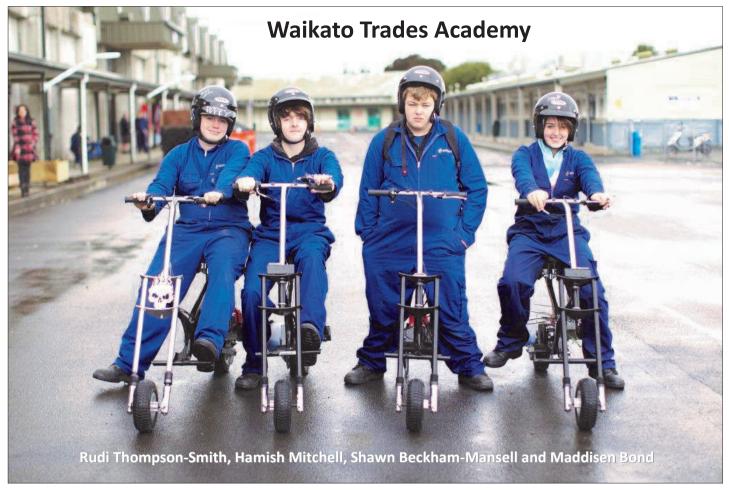
The students organized their appointments prior to their visit and went prepared with their ques-

tionnaires and pens.

The people they interviewed were initially rather hesitant to agree with the students' request, but Tia persevered and helped her fellow students with their appointments.

The interviews were carried out very well, with Jahaira especially interviewing her owner/manager with confidence and all students can be congratulated for conducting themselves as very good representatives of Ngaruawahia High School.





An exciting government initiative saw Wintec partner with Waikato secondary schools to encourage students to stay at school for longer by engaging them in hands-on learning.

The Waikato Trades Academy enabled year 11-13 students who were interested in a career in trades or technology to combine practical tertiary-based study with studies towards their National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA).

During the first year of the Waikato Trades Academy, students built a motorbike using scooter parts. This project-driven teaching by Wintec tutors gave the students automotive, electrical and engineering skills and the relevant NCEA unit standards, whilst also improving literacy and numeracy levels.

The Waikato Trades Academy is one of nine throughout New Zealand and the only academy in the Waikato region. Forty eight year 11 students from 12 Waikato secondary schools began their first two-week block course on March 28.

The three year programme will see students join the trade academy three times a year, for two weeks each time. The students will be given free safety equipment, including overalls and work boots, as well as full access to all of Wintec's support services.

The Waikato Trades Academy offers the National Certificate Level 2 in:

- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Motor Industry





Deputy Principal Chris Jarnet and Rosemarie Cann - Careers Advisor on their first day at the Wintec Trades Acacemy on the 28th March 2011. Maddisen Bond, Hamish Mitchell, Rudi Thompson Smith and Shawn Beckham-Mansell

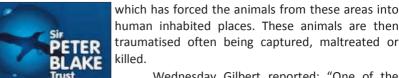
Sir Peter Blake Youth Environmental Forum

Wednesday Gilbert was selected to attend the Sir Peter Blake Environmental Forum. 48 students from throughout New Zealand were selected to attend the forum and spend the week sharing and discussing environmental issues with the aim of inspiring action in their own communities. This

annual event is run in partnership with the Ministry for the Environment. All sixteen regional councils in New Zealand are invited to nominate their young environmental leaders (15-18yrs).

Students are hosted for five days of workshops and activities culminating with a presentation of their projects to invited guests including local and national politicians, business and community leaders. Projects typically focus on important topical environmental issues and this year's focus was 'Water, Tourism and Sustainability'. The Forum is hands on, student driven and is designed to inspire and build the capability of young environmental leaders.

Wednesday feels that her experience of the Youth Environmental Forum was really inspirational. It was a real eye opener when it came to some environmental issues that we are experiencing globally. One of these issues that really stood out for her was how our use of palm oil has created deforestation



Wednesday Gilbert reported: "One of the many lessons I learnt was that with one action we

take here locally, whether it's choosing which shampoo brand to buy, there is always an impact globally. When our 'sustainable tourism' group visited Goat Island during the forum and we snorkelled in the marine reserve, we learnt how small things can impact on the environment, and how important it is to educate people in protecting our beautiful coasts," Wednesday said.

On returning to their regions the forum participants are encouraged to continue with their environmental work and help lead other youth in the environmental stewardship. Wednesday has already shown her determination to put what she has learnt into action in our own community by becoming part of the Ngaruawahia Community Board as the **first** youth representative. Wednesday is already valued by the Community Board for her input into the Board's work especially around sustainability and environmental matters.

Ngaruawahia takes on the United Nations

Anaru Adams represented Ngaruawahia High School on 6th July 2011 NZ Model United Nation's conference at Pipitea campus in Wellington. This year's New Zealand Model United Nations (NZMUN) was the biggest event in the UN Youth calendar year. It was an amazing chance for 230 high school students from all around New Zealand to take their passion for international affairs to the next level.

The theme of this year's conference was "The UN Today" — an opportunity for youth to gain a more comprehensive view of the United Nations as a key player in international contemporary politics. Students were encouraged to think of where the UN has emerged from, what it looks like *today* and what it could become in the *future*. As the leaders of the future, it is imperative that the students who attended learn to consider the good and the bad in the operations of the closest thing we have to global government.

Anaru had a chance to experience being a Producer for Wellington's Access Radio. This Radio show provides a youth perspective on internal affairs. Being part of this Outreach opportunity helps students to understand what community mindedness looks like in their own context and how they can be a part of solutions in their own backyard.

Anaru returned from the conference exhausted but enthused from putting his contribution forward to the national agenda while trying to secure fair global outcomes! A heavily laden social agenda! What Anaru did come back to Ngaruawahia with was a new perspective of fears faced by youth in the Pacific Islands around such issues free trade agreements, poverty, human rights, gender empowerment, refugees. Looking towards the future, Anaru has made one more step towards becoming a representative of the UN Secretariat and of UN Agencies.



Champions

Waka Ama & Kopapa Teams

Rear: Amyleigh Hopa, Hori Bishop, Bobby Mahara, Aubrey Fretwell, Apirana Priestley, Larissa George, Callum Webster.

3rd Row: Dane Hemopo, J J Cootes, Jacob Scott, Jordan Cotter, Te Motu Gray, Tame Nepia, Raana Dennis.

2nd Row: Terrence Neil-Wagstaff, Taz Morgan, Naomi Randall, Antea Diamond-Penetito, Bronson Cotter, Te Runanga Mackie.

Seated: Jonte Deacon, Tukotahi Tapara-Tukiwaho, Tukuaterangi Tapara-Tukiwaho, Kingsley Smith-Gray, Te Atamira Roa, Arohanui Apiata, Tyler Reid.

Coaches: Waki Simon, Jamie Lichtwark & Barney Wharakura.

Manager: Rangimarie Morgan.



Badminton

Standing: Levy Anderson, Caleb Deane, Rebecca Hawkins.
Seated: Maddisen Bond, Korowai Taukiri, Tayler Beggs, Morgan Timms.



Junior Boys Basketball

Standing: Tukotahi Tapara-Tukiwaho, Keidis Sunnex, Te Orangi Thomson. Seated: Julius Howe, Korowai Taukiri, Caleb Deane (Capt), Tayler Beggs, Tukuaterangi Tapara-Tukiwaho.



In-line Hockey "Jabberwockies 1"

Standing: Jordan Morland, Nathan Diamond,
Seated: Michael Washer, Tyler Murray (Capt), Johnathan Washer.



In-line Hockey "Jabberwockies 2"

Standing: Kevin Wyatt-Scown, Katerina Schoenhardt.
Seated: Darius Hawkins, Waki Simon (Coach), Maddisen Bond.



NZ Secondary Schools "Zone A" National Basketball Champions 2011

Standing: Dane Hemopo, Zebulon Reid, Tayler Beggs, Raana Dennis, Aubrey Fretwell, Jarrod Foggin.

Seated: Tharyn Martin, Jordan Cotter, Kingsley Smith-Gray (Captain), Jared Solomon, Te Motu Gray.

Coach: Ray Cameron. Assistant Coach: Jamie Lichtwark. Managers: Waki Simon & Rangimarie Morgan.



Premier Girls Basketball

Rear: Amyleigh Hopa, Tyler Reid, Te Atamira Roa, Cruze Nahu-Nikau, Whaea Robyn Roa.



Year 10 Netball Champions 2011

Rear: Kama Deacon-Wilson, Whaea Tiria Te Kurapa (Coach), Tia Reiri. Seated: Marie Waters, Jazmyn Pittams, Bre Tupaea (Capt), Autumn Reid, Jahaira Heller.



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Senior Netball

Standing: Naomi Randall, Marie Waters, Briley Satele.
Seated: Claudia Neil, Delanie Tarawhiti, Te Atamira Roa (Capt), Larissa George,
Taz Morgan.



Year 9 Netball

Standing: Kayci Tapine, Kyella Maniapoto, Mickaia Kenny.
Seated: Wikitahi Nahu-Nikau, Avalon Waters, Marie Waters (Capt),
Sharvanah Randall, Te Okeroa Tata.

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Alexander	Tylah	10	MIW		Liam			Matekohi-Henry	Rhthym	9	PWRN
Allen	Cheyenne	10	MIW	Fretwell	Aubrey	13	MFS	Matekuare	Danielle	11	PWWI
Anderson	Damian	12	PWGR	George	Larissa	11	MWE				
Anderson	Levy	10	PWHR	Gilbert	Tom	10	PHJO	Matenga	Te Waipuia	13	MFS
Andrews-Harrison	Mihi	10	PHJO	Gilbert	Wednesday	12	PHSC	Matika	Jahstice	9	PHIT
Apiata	Arohanui	13	MFS	Giles	Jaleel	11	MWE	Maunsell	Sapphire	9	PHIT
Aremete	Ricardo	12	ARA	Gillespie	Wiremu	11	PWWI	McBeth	Jake	11	MWE
Attenborough	Ethan	10	PWHR	Gray	Piripi	9	PHIT	Minhinnick-Guthrie		10	PHJO
Barton	Josiah	11	PHBW	Gray	Paige	10	PHJO	Mitchell	Jacob	10	MIW
Beaumont	Erin	11	PWWI	Gray	Te Motu	13	PHSC	Mitchell	Hamish	11	MWE
Beckham Mansell	Shawn	11	MWE	Haumaha	Brandon	11	PHBW	Moana	Pearl	9	PHIT
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Bond	Maddisen	11	MWE	Heller	Jahaira	10	PHJO	Moana	Jeremy	9	PWRN
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Cook	Zhadon	10	MIW	Howe	Justice	13	MFS	Murray	Mitchell	13	PWGR
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Cootes	11	13	PWGR	Humphreys	Adrian	13	MFS	Nahu-Nikau	Moana	13	MFS
Cotter	Jordan	13	MFS	Hunia	Cali	13	MFS	Nahu-Nikau	Wikitahi	9	MTW
Cotter	Bronson	10	MIW	Hurinui	Chance	10	ARA	Neil	Claudia	11	MWE
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Dagi	William	12	PWGR	James	Karina	11	PWWI	Nicholson	Shae	10	PHJO
Daniels	Shannon	10	PWHR	Jenkins	Connor	10	MIW	Nicholson	Georgina	13	PHSC
Deacon	Jonte	10	PHJO	Johnson	Javana	11	MWE	Noda	Nahina	10	PWHR
Deacon	Georgia	12	PHSC	Johnson-Marshall	Mahana	12	PWGR	O'Connor	Aroha	12	MFS
Deacon-Walters	Shanndell	11	PHBW	Joseph	Lockie	9	PWRN	Okirua	Te Rina	10	PWHR
Deacon-Wilson	Jaid'n	9	PHIT	Kahui-Totorewa	Kaura	10	PHJO	Oliver	Patricia	12	PHSC
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Deacon-Wilson	Shoni	10	PWHR	Kaina	Monica	9	PWRN	Osborne	Jahkan	10	MIW
Dean	Blake	9	PWRN	Katipa	Danelle	12	MFS	Paekau	Brooklyn	10	PHJO
Deane	Larissa	12	MFS	Katipa	Jimmy	10	MIW	Parnell	Thomas	12	PWGR
Deane	Caleb	10	MIW	Kemp	Karl	9	PHIT	Parnell	Te Atapo	9	PWRN
Dennis	Raana	13	PWGR	Kenny	Mickaia	9	MTW	Paul	Kazlo	10	ARA
Diamond	Nathan	12	PHSC	Khalil	Ali	9	PHIT	Paul	Te Arama	12	PWGR
Diamond-Penetito		12	MFS	Knuth		9	PWRN		Alanah		PWHR
	Antea Jayme	11	PWWI	Lamb	Hayden Olivia	13	PHSC	Paul Paul	Kaya-Leigh	10 11	PWWI
Duggan	•								, ,		
Duncan	Chantelle	9	MTW	Laurie	Mark	13 11	PWGR PWWI	Peene-McBeth	Justice	11	MWE PHSC
Duthie	Wade	12	MFS	Laurie	Ellouise			Phillips	Louise	13	
Eastwood	Caleb	10	MIW	Mackie	Shirley	11	PWWI	Pittams	Jazmyn	10	MIW
Eastwood	Angela	9	MTW	Mahara	Tukitaurima	9	MTW	Poimafisi	Zion	10	PWHR
Edgecombe	Sarah	12	MFS	Mahara	Paige	11	PHBW	Pointon	Zoey	9	MTW
Emery	Delton	11	PHBW	Mahara	Bobby	12	PHSC	Poutapu	Te Kaahu	11	PHBW
Emery	Marama	10	PHJO	Mahara	Peyton	10	PWHR	Presland-Coates	Taylor	13	MFS
Emery-Paletua	Niko	9	PHIT	Makiteiaa Tamati	Carlos	11	MWE	Presland-Coates	Cassidy	11	MWE
Eriepa	Kataraina	10	MIW	Maniapoto	Kyella	9	MTW	Priestley	Apirana	12	MFS
Ferguson	Seon	10	MIW	Manning	Dana	10	PWHR	Punga Sullivan	Rex	11	PWWI
Field	Murray	9	PHIT	Marsh	Tanirau	9	PHIT	Randall	Shavarnah	9	PHIT
Field	Georgia	12	PHSC	Marshall	Patience	9	PWRN	Randall	Daniel	10	PWHR
Fields	Joshua	10	PWHR	Martin	Tharyn	13	MFS	Randall	Naomi	11	PWWI
Findley	Shai	12	PWGR	Martin	Sammie	10	MIW	Rangiuia-Tairakena	Thomas	11	PHBW
Foggin	Jarrod	11	PHBW	Martin	Clifford	9	MTW	Rawiri	J.C	10	ARA
Foggin	James	13	PHSC	Maru	Thao	11	ARA	Reid	Tyler	13	MFS
Forrest	Conner	12	PWGR	Maru	Te Amo-Rose	10	PHJO	Reid	Autumn	10	MIW

Reid	Zebulon	11	MWE
Reihana	Regan	10	PWHR
Reiri	Destinee	12	MFS
Reiri	Tia	10	MIW
Richards	MacKenzie	9	PHIT
Richards	Tiriwa	9	PWRN
Roa	Te Atamira	13	PWGR
Roberts	Miriata	10	MIW
Roberts	Richard	11	PWWI
Rosser-Bowler	Ronique	12	MFS
Rota	Tukere	11	PWWI
Rutene	Sonny	9	PHIT
Satele	Charlie	9	MTW
Satele	Briley	11	MWE
Saunders	Sharna	10	PWHR
Schoenhardt	Katerina	9	PWRN
Schollum	Oscar	10	PWHR
Scott	Ryan	9	MTW
Scott	Jacob	12	PHSC
Serancke-Martin	Te Ata	9	PWRN
Shadrock	Jasmine	12	PWGR
Shelford	Oliver	11	PWWI
Shortland	Chayce	12	PWGR
Simmons	Ariana	11	PWWI
Simon	Mariah	11	MWE
Simon	Charles	9	PWRN
Smith	Shea	11	PHBW
Smith	Kingsley	13	PWGR
Solomon	Jared	13	MFS
Stephenson	Kimberley	11	PHBW
Stephenson	Shaun	11	PHBW
Straker	Bronson	9	PWRN
Suhr	Mitchell	9	MTW

Sunnex	Keidis	10	PHJO
Taha	Caroline	11	PHBW
Tahana	Pamela	12	MFS
Tahana	Tukuru	10	MIW
Tahapeehi	Rameka	9	PHIT
Tahapeehi	T-neal	13	PHSC
Taingahue	Karauria	9	PHIT
Taingahue	Chance	10	PHJO
Takarei	Te Runanga	9	MTW
Takiari	Tangi-te-Hau	11	PHBW
Takiari	Matire	9	PWRN
Tango Pointon	Justice	11	MWE
Tapara Tukiwaho	Tukotahi	10	PHJO
Tapara Tukiwaho	Tukuaterangi	10	PHJO
Tapine	Kayci	9	PHIT
Тарр	Katherine	11	PWWI
Tarawhiti	Delanie	11	PWWI
Tata	Zane	11	PHBW
Tata	Te Okeroa	9	PHIT
Tata	Kiri	10	PHJO
Taukiri	Korowai	10	PWHR
Taureka	Dyson	10	ARA
Tawhiao-HeiHei	Anahera	10	PWHR
Taylor	Kendal	10	MIW
Te Are	Harete	12	PWGR
Te Koi	Kearney	9	ARA
Tengu	Josiah	9	MTW
Thompson	Te Orangi	10	MIW
Thompson	Amohia	11	MWE
Thompson Smith	Rudiger	11	MWE
Timms	Morgan	12	MFS
Timms	Nathan	9	MTW
Toia	Te Oranui	10	PHJO

Tokona	Hikurangi	10	MIW
Tremlett-McIsaac	David	12	PHSC
Tukere	Anaru	11	ARA
Tupaea	Bre	10	MIW
Turu	Jesse	10	PWHR
Van Zoeren	Simone	12	PWGR
Wade	Rheean	9	MTW
Waikato	Kataraina	11	PHBW
Wairepo	Journey	9	MTW
Waitere	Hope	10	PHJO
Waitere	Joseph	10	PWHR
Wanakore	June Lee	10	PWHR
Ward	Reegan	10	MIW
Washer	Jonathan	12	MFS
Washer	Michael	11	MWE
Waters	Avalon	9	MTW
Waters	Marie	9	MTW
Waters	Vanesha	11	MWE
Waters	Bethney	11	PHBW
Waters	Casey	9	PHIT
Waters	Salem	9	PHIT
Waters	Alyssa	12	PHSC
Webster	Callum	10	PHJO
Wells	Michaela	11	PWWI
Welsh Mahaki	Colin-Millicent	9	PWRN
West	Marea	10	MIW
West Joseph	Sierra	11	PWWI
Whaanga-Ngakete	Taane	11	PHBW
Wharakura	Misty	11	MWE
Wharakura	Terina	10	PHJO
Wihongi	Ike	10	PWHR
Wildbore	Derrick	9	MTW
Williams-Fisher	Patea	9	PHIT
Witana	Jamie	11	PWWI
Wyatt-Scown	Kevin	9	PWRN









