

# *RUAPEHU COLLEGE 2021*



*RAPUHIA KO TE MATAURANGA  
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# RAPUHIA KOTE MATAURANGA

Rapuhia kote matauranga  
Tenei matou, e roopu rangatahi  
No runga o Ruapehu, e mihi nei (e nga iwi)  
E whai nei te ara, o te matauranga  
Hei maunga ringa, ki te ao e huri nei (hi ha)

## Chorus

Rapuhia kote matauranga  
(kia kaha, e tama e) (hi)  
Rapuhia kote matauranga  
(kia kaha, e hine e) (hi)

E mahinga ka nui, hei mou mou e hoa ma  
Hapainga, hikitia ko te matauranga

Whakarongo ake au ki te tangi a te manu  
-i runga rangi ee  
Naana i kii mai, purutia to mana,  
to mana wairua  
kei riro i te ao, he taonga ki te ao ee)  
Aue hi Aue ha  
Aue kia kaha ra.

Composed by Joan Akapita



## Principal's farewell speech to the graduating class of 2021

Tēnā kautau katoa i runga i te āhuatanga me te kaupapa o te rā nei... arā ... ki te whakanui i ā tātau taiohi. Greetings, parents, staff and students. It is truly a blessing that we are gathered here today as one of the few colleges in the country to celebrate our Year 13s and their achievements.

Five very short years ago, a group of energetic, fresh faced and enthusiastic year 9s entered this very assembly hall ready to start college life. Their pictures adorn these walls in case any of you have forgotten JUST how cute they WERE - and yes Year 13s that's how you each looked. So here we are today, giving tribute to you all, the very fine young men and women that we as a community of staff and parents are all so proud to call our graduating class of 2021.

I have a simple message for you, something that I know you know, but something that I want to reaffirm for you, it is not new but the most important things in life never get old with their retelling. Life is full of challenges and within every challenge there is always a path to overcome that challenge: there is always faith that there is a way, even when a way seems impossible; there is always hope despite how desperate you may feel at that time; there is always love even when you may feel alone. Every thing has a season, and every season comes to an end. At the end of a long and cold winter, is the promise of a renewing spring - Koanga. At the end of a hot summer, comes a cooling autumn full of colour - Ngahuru. Every season has its gifts and this is my message to you.

Being challenged in life is inevitable, being defeated is optional. That doesn't mean you will not experience deep disappointment, perhaps failing an exam, a job interview or a promotion, or missing out on yet another house to rent, or be touched by grief with the loss of a loved one, or experience the trauma of crime.

Hold on to these three; faith,

hope, and love. And with grace and dignity face the trials of life that will come in its season, just as much as you celebrate the triumphs of life and its many rewards knowing that this season that confronts you will end as you find your path to overcome.

To our parents and whānau of our students, as a college we thank you. Thank you for partnering with us as we have journeyed together, supporting our college and entrusting your child with us. We are certainly blessed for having you as an integral part of our college community. Finally, Year 13s, to you our senior graduating class for 2021, it has been a privilege seeing you grow over these past five years, it has been a pleasure having you within the classrooms, hallways, sports fields, and stages of our college. Thank you for every contribution you have made to our college, you will all be missed. Share what you have gathered from Ruapehu College to make your home, to your whanau, to our community, to our nation, and to our world making it a better place for you being within it.

### Year 11 and 12 Prizegiving

Students, as we come to acknowledge the end of our academic year, and celebrate your successes in this formal gathering, I wish to bring to your attention, those people who have been instrumental in your successes and in doing so, prompt from you your expressions of gratitude towards them. Not just in your thoughts, but in addressing them with "Thank you so very much", "I appreciate what you have done for me", "I know at times I have not been the easiest, so thank you for standing by me".

To whom am I referring in acknowledgement of your successes in the classroom over the years, in the building and shaping of your character, in supporting your endeavours on the sports field, or the stage? May I begin with your gratitude for your parents, and for some, such as myself, my nan and koko who raised me were my parents, for some it's an aunt or an uncle, an older sibling, and



for most it's all of the above; gratitude for your teachers who dedicate their lives in providing you their best; gratitude for your academic mentors, Deans, and our support staff; gratitude for your coaches and managers, and even your friends, not the ones who hold you back, but the ones who challenge you to push harder and to try your best; and finally gratitude for those students in your classes who may not even be a friend, but who model what learning and 'rapuhia kote matauranga' is all about.

Students, you are all blessed with the people in your life, so please bless them with your respect and gratitude, and by doing the very same to help others around you. You are also very blessed to have an opportunity for an education. In many parts of the world the majority of young people do not have access to an education, many live in poverty, and they would swap in a heartbeat the opportunity that so many in New Zealand take for granted. In some countries, girls are prohibited from learning past the age of 10. I'll repeat that, in some countries girls are prohibited from learning past the age of 10.

My message to you, let me summarise: recognise that you are blessed by the people who serve you and be thankful for them, let them know; and second, recognise that you are blessed to have the rare privilege and opportunity that the majority of young people in world never have, and that's an education, cherish your opportunities here as you cherish each other.

Mrs Marama Allen  
Principal

# STAFF CHANGES

## Principal Pōwhiri

The whole school, whānau and community welcomed Mrs Marama Allen on the 25th February as our new Principal/ Tumuaki. The energy and effort from the students was magic and only the start of things to come.



## Deputy Principal Powhiri

A powhiri was held on Wednesday the 17th of March to welcome Mr Mick Darmody as Ruapehu College's newly appointed Deputy Principal. All of the practice that the students and staff have put into this has certainly paid off as it could be clearly heard by classes outside at the primary school.



## Deans

Our Deans this year have some minor role changes. We welcome Mr Dave Sims to the deaning team. He will be looking after the needs of the year 9 students, while Matua KJ Allen will look after the pastoral needs of boys (Y10-13) and Whaea Maxine Hakaraia will look after the pastoral needs of the girls (Y10-13).



## Welcome back to Mr Mike Clamp.

We were excited to welcome back Mr Mike Clamp after spending the last two years in France.



## Farewill to Mr Campbell Hart

Sadly we said farewell to Mr Campbell Hart. Mr Hart moved to Taumaranui High School to take on the new position as Deputy Principal.



## New Staff

Paul McClean, Abby Morgan and Pikimai Ouknider are new additions to our teaching team.

Paul will be teaching Digital Technology, Abby will be teaching Science, Agriculture and Horticulture and Pikimai will be teaching Te Reo, Social Studies and Kapahaka.

Our new administration team additions are Jo Reynolds (Office Manager) and Maria Hawira (Office Administrator).



## Farewell

Farewell to Mrs Vidya Ram who moved back to Hamilton where her husband is living.





# STAFF CHANGES

## Mrs McIver

Farewell to Mrs Anne McIver who is retiring after working at Ruapehu College for 20 years. Anne helped students in the front office with whatever was needed. She also was the Principal's Secretary and managed the finances for a long time.



## Farewell to Mr Phillip Sutton

Phillip has worked at Ruapehu College for 32 years. He started working at the college in 1989 as the Caretaker and over the years took on more duties as the Groundsman and then in later years took on the role as Property Manager. Phillip has always been willing to help anyone. He would do anything to help the students.

Phillip is also a wonderful member of our community. He will always help with setting up gear for community events and spends eradicating wasp nests around the community to keep people safe.



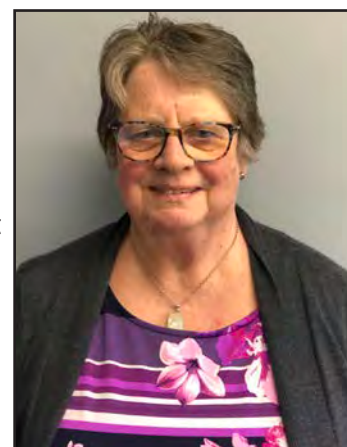
## Kai Hagener

Thank you to Mr Kai Hagener who came back to school to assist with the Design Technology classes when we could not get a teacher for that position.



## Shelagh Buck

Mrs Buck started teaching Science and Biology at Ruapehu College in 1977. In later years she became Head of Science. She then had a couple of short breaks coming back to teaching part time. Mrs Buck also took on the role as Principals Nominee liaising with NZQA.



## Technology Department Technician

Thank you to Hansen Ihle who helped out in the workshop as the Design Technology Department Technician.

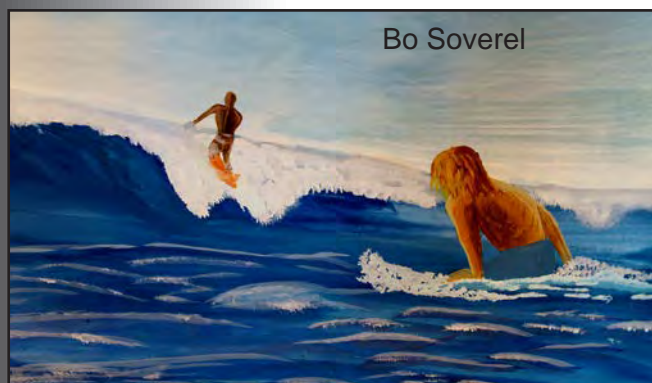


## The Lunch Aunties

Channel Wood, Linda Larsen, Christine Teriaki all joined the staff and made amazing lunches for our students.



# ART WORK





# STAFF PHOTO



Back Row: Vidya Ram-GradDipT, Kerren Dixon, Wendy Darmody, Reidunn Keeley-BA ED (Hons), Nicole Boslem, Kaushal Goundar-PG Dip Edu, BSC-Maths/Chemistry, Jo Reynolds.

3rd Row: Alexis Gault, Ann Stuckey-B.Sc,Johnny Greene-BA, Dip Teach, Kendall Richards, Maria Hawira, Nicole Jaquierey-BDes, Maxine Hakaraia - Dip Teach.

2nd Row: Piklmai Ouknlder, Sarah Demchy, Ken Setiu, David Sims-B.TchLn, Raj Prasad - B.Sc, Paul McClean, Robin Thomas-MScin Ed, Dip Teach, Angelique Helliwell-B.Sc, Dip Teach.

Front Row: KJ Allen-BA, PGradDipTch, Massey; Cert Community Psychiatric Care, Otago; Cert Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling, WELTEC; Cert REBT, EIT, Meredith Wilson - BSC, Dip Teach, Michael Darmody (Deputy Principal)-BA (Hons), PGCE, MA in Ed, Marama Allen (Principal)- BA, Dip Ed,Dip Teach, Steve Mackrell (Deputy Principal)-BSc, Warren Saunders-GradDipT, MSc (Hons) BSc, BPhEd , Campbell Hart-Bspex, Dip Teach.

Absent Shelagh Buck- B.Sc (Hons) Dip Ed, Anne McIver, Leba Phillips, Liz Poka, Rauna Te Huia, Hansen Ihle, Channel Wood, Linda Larsen, Christine Teriaki, Phillip Sutton, Subhasani Devi, Mike Clamp, Rachel Wills, Kathy Clark, Charity Garcia, Abby Morgan, Kai Hagener.



Teachers on Makotuku



Pink Shirt Day



# STUDENT LEADERS

Back Row: Korbyn Garland, Sayge Wikohika, Jenna Jones.  
Front Row: Mr Campbell Hart (Teacher), Connor Halliday, Paige Pearce, Marama Allen (Principal).

The year is 2021 and I was tasked with the role of head girl, alongside Connor Halliday as head boy and an exceptional prefect team.

During my time at Ruapehu College there were so many fun and memorable times. But in saying that the most unforgettable times for us in Year 13 would be the camps we attended. We are so lucky to have had the opportunity to attend all 3 camps. Being in the blazing hot sun in Valhalla at year 9 camp. Year 10 camp we were the first year to explore the Great Barrier Island. We can't forget about Year 12 leadership camp in Gisborne where we learnt how to surf and develop leadership skills. Throughout the years of attending these camps we were able to break the ice and build good relationships between fellow Year 13 students.

Being the Head Girl for 2021 was a fun and challenging time but I am so thankful for my wonderful Year 13 group. We have managed to have some great fundraising and team building days for the whole school. The Waimarino A&P show gifted us all the wood from the wood chopping competition and our Valentine's Day baking to help with our fundraising for our senior ball.

End of Term One the prefect team organised a fun afternoon called Wairua Day, as a thank you for a great start to the year, this included a water slide, sausage sizzle and fun team sports, everyone had a great time and really helped to bring us together as a school community.

Term Two flew by with more fundraising events and interwhanau activities to see which house would take the crown this year. Kiwi 2021 all the way well done.

The beginning of Term Three saw the senior school ball with a theme of Euphoria. We again worked hard as a prefect team with lots of help from teachers and seniors alike to come up with a stunning evening catered by the Rustic Eating House.

The rest of term three came and went, more fundraising, plenty of study and working towards the end of the year. Then bam! Just like that locked up again, more disruption from the dreaded covid, more frustration for our teachers trying to get us over the academic line. During all of this the school has been going through an extensive refurbishment which has again given extra stress to our teachers.



I'd like to acknowledge every teacher for the stellar

job you've all done during what has been a trying twelve months. Fast forward to year end, we were one of very few schools in the country to have whanau present for our Year 13 prize giving with the awards given, the speeches done, the songs sung, and the tears shed I leave you with this "never rush your time, it goes way too quickly, just have fun. Take things step by step even if it gets hard, keep going there will always be things in life sent to try you but your strength of character will always see you to success"

Head Girl  
Paige Pearce



# ACADEMIC AND SPORTING ASSEMBLY

Assembly celebrating academic and sporting successes in our school community.

## Sports Awards:

### Swimming Sports

Swimming Senior Girl – Ella Hawira

Swimming Senior Boy – Bo Soverel

Swimming Intermediate Girl – Noah Harto

Swimming Intermediate Boy – Tarn Hoyle

Swimming Junior Girl – Te Moana Hagley

Swimming Junior Boy – Steelie Hammond

### Athletics Awards

Aggregate 3000m, 1500m, 800m

Male - Ambrose Demchy & Matthew Smith

Female - Izybel Graham

Athletics Senior Girl – Una Drayton

Athletics Senior Boy – Mason Richards

Athletics Intermediate Girl – Daisy Soverel

Athletics Intermediate Boy – Ambrose Demchy

Athletics Junior Girl – Izybel Graham/Cheyenne

Muru-Albert

Athletics Junior Boy – Tannar Goff

Waka Ama

3rd Place Plate Final - J19 Crew

Zeb Smith

Tahatika Te Riaki

Kingston Wiari -Te huia

Tiori Arahanga

Tukatahi Goodwin

Tui Wikohika

Shane Muru-Albert

Subject Endorsements Level 1:

Aaliyah Dennison: Merit Endorsement: Physical Education

Dylan Anderson : Merit Endorsement in Mathematics

Silas McNaught Excellence Endorsement in Art

Noah Harto: Merit Endorsement Physical Education

Santaesjah Wood: Excellence Endorsement

Physical Education

Maina Gray: Merit Endorsement Physical Education

Zeb Smith: Merit Endorsement Physical Education

Overall Endorsements Level 1:

Cameron Smith: Overall Excellence Endorsement:

Subject Endorsements in: PE, SCI, GEO, MATH

Kayla Jordan: Overall Excellence Endorsement:

Subject Endorsements in: PFA, SCI, MATH

Brooke Graham: Overall Merit Endorsement:

Subject Endorsements in SCI, MATH

Ella Rowe: Overall Merit Endorsement: Subject

Endorsements in PE

Bella Hohipa: Overall Merit Endorsement: Subject

Endorsements in: PE, MATH

Raynardt Botha: Overall Excellence: Subjects

Endorsements in MATS, ACC, SCI

Subject endorsements Level 2:

Paige Pearce: Merit Endorsement in PE

Sayge Wikohika: Merit Endorsement in PE

Ella Hawira: Merit Endorsement in Art

Overall endorsements Level 2:

Brianna Mckenna: Overall Merit Endorsement:

Subject endorsements in ART

Korbyn Garland: Overall Excellence Endorsement:

Subject endorsements in: BIO, CHEM

Megan Rollerson: Overall Merit Endorsement:

Subject Endorsements in: CHEM, MATH

Jenna Jones: Overall Merit Endorsement: Subject

Endorsements in: BIO, MATH

Bo Soverel: Overall Merit Endorsement: Subject

Endorsements in: CHEM, PHY

Una Drayton: Overall Excellence Endorsement:

Subject Endorsements in: JAP, PHY, MATH

Marama Groot: Overall Excellence Endorsement:





# WHANAU LEADERS



Congratulations to the following students who were selected as senior whanau leaders for 2021.

Huia- Paige Pearce, Sayge Wikohika  
Kiwi- Bo Soverel, Ella Hawira  
Tui-Santaesjah Wood, Zeb Smith  
Weka- Dalton Jordan, Veronica Hays

## TOASTMASTERS

This 6 week long formal speech program was a journey a handful of students took this year. The aim was to improve speech writing and presentation skills. Each week we were given a topic of which we needed to write a short speech on, usually given one skill to focus on improving each week e.g hand gestures, looking at the audience etc.

We often practiced impromptu speaking as well. We also learnt how to run meetings, as we were assigned roles for each meeting on what we needed to run. This greatly improved our confidence in writing a compelling speech and presenting it calmly and clearly.

This course helped us acquire essential skills that we will use for the rest of our lives. Our meetings were held after school on Mondays in National Park.

During our final meeting, which we hosted here at



school, we had invited parents to attend. It was clear that they were proud of our skill progressions as was Mr Hart who organised the course.

Korbyn Garland



# WALL OF FAME

## Whanganui Rugby Representatives

Congratulation to Dayton Muru- Albert, Te Orangi Te Riaki, Steelie Hammond and Jim Rowe who were selected to play in the U14 Representative team for Whanganui attending a development camp over 3 days in Taupo playing King Country, Poverty Bay, Ngati Porou East Coast.



Also congratulations to Harry Rowe who was also selected to play in the under16 representative team for Whanganui.



## Squash

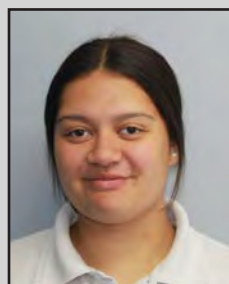
Three students represented Central region for squash. Jayden Bailey, Grace and Emma Burnard were selected in their age group to represent Central juniors vs Eastern juniors. The Central team won the challenge 21-15 and our students participation contributed to this result.



Congratulations to Jayden winning U17 Boys title and runner up of U19 Boys, and Grace winning U17 Girls title and placing third in U19 Girls.

## Athletics Record Broken

Santaesjah Wood broke the Senior Girls Shotput record with her throw of 11.07metres. This record was previously held for 45 years by P Marumaru and her throw of 11.06metres.



## Girls Rugby

Congratulations to the following girls who played in the Whanganui Girls Rugby representative teams.

Under 18  
Paige Pearce  
Ella Hawira  
Hye-le Wihare Hansen



Under 15 Girls  
Hye-le Wihare Hansen  
Malena Hawira  
Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds



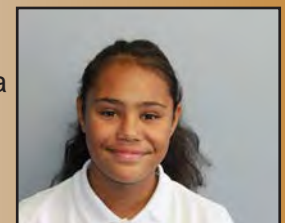
## Waimarino Community Brass Band

Arnav Ram and Will Barlow were then able to join a specially formed band from the region to attend the Hawkes Bay Band Festival on May 30, where the band received a bronze award.



## Netball Representatives

Congratulations to Te Moana Hagley and Jahnaia Brown who both played for the Whanganui Under 14 Representative Team.



Also congratulations to Megan Botha who played in the Whanganui Under 16 Representative Team.





# PROPERTY

## Front of School Blessing

Our year started with a blessing for the front of school improvements. The work for this officially started on Thursday the 10th of September, with a blessing conducted by Elijah and supported by some of our kuia Whaea Vera, Whaea Merrilyn and Whaea Kay.

It was our aim that this space spoke about;  
MANA presence - through identity, belonging, our environment, school values and school pride  
ORA wellbeing - through nurturing and vitality  
POUTAMA learning steps aspiring and re-calibration  
HĀPORI - building community & iwi relationships with local people and local businesses.

With more work yet to be done, our limited funds have accomplished the completion of this phase and we would like to acknowledge the following people and contractors. Mr Leo O'Sullivan for a \$5000 donation towards signage, Mr Alex Hakaraia for lighting, the Bell family from Lifestyle Landscaping Waiouru, Carina's Nursery in Raetihi, Hoopnation and the team of staff helpers for the new basketball hoops, Ted Barham for the beautiful restoration of the carving and its mana, and lastly for our centrepiece TE TOKA. Birthed from the depths of Matua te Mana ara Koro Ruapehu, sourced from the lands of Atihau, nga mihi nui ki nga uri o Atihau ... under the expertise of Max Cody and his children, Danny and Lucy.



# THE LAURENSEN TRUST

The Laurenson Trust are a huge asset to our school community allowing so many sporting trips to go ahead because of their financial backing.

The Trust provides cash prizes for our top students at prizegiving, sports teams travel costs are subsidised, students representing the school at the Whanganui Secondary School's Swimming and Athletics Competitions have their travel cost paid, Year 9 and 10 camps receive a subsidy to reduce the cost to attend, Outdoor Education trips are subsidised and the Year 9 and 10 snow days have the transport paid. We are grateful and fortunate to have your regular support.

# VISITORS

## The Ugly Shakespeare Company

The Ugly Shakespeare Company has a proven record in New Zealand schools, providing consistent high-quality live theatre performances since 1996. For 25 years they have provided accessible, relatable and entertaining shows that take the fear out of Shakespeare. Crediting the students with intelligence, they like to challenge their thinking, present issues that are contextual to their lives, and entertain students at the same time.





# 9 AWA



Back Row: Sophie Watt, Mereana Tawhai-Davison, Te Moana Hagley, Gregory Carmichael, Paetyn Brown

2nd Row: Miss Alexis Gault (Teacher Aide), Elaina Beukes, Brent Siemonek, Tamahuia Sinai, Liam Burnard, Lucia Seymour, Skylah Te Kura, Mr David Sims (Teacher)

Front Row: Alysha Rhodes-, Robert Gray, Chyamali Dennison, Hayley Moore, Zi/annah Barry, Te Orangi Te Riaki, Tahleena Atkins-Wihongi

Absent: Clay Todd-Allen, Steelie Hammond, Petaera Pehi, Jason McNaught, Mishalle Perkins.

# 9 MAUNGA



Back Row: Jareth Hays, Richard Carmichael, Drevahn Wood, Jim Rowe, James Tweeddale, Jason Young.

2nd Row: Dayton Muru Albert, Blake Takitimu, Alastair Whale, Kenneth Anderson, Moses Hodge, Tannar Goff, Mr David Sims (Teacher)

Front Row: Stirling Elers, Jorja Ritchfield, Izybel Graham, Kai Barry, Malena Hawira, Zoe Southall, Cheyenne Muru-Albert

Absent: Jahnaia Brown, Isla Thompson, Ruby Pearce, Evie Hansen, Ruka Kaukau.



# 10WS AND 10 KG



Back Row: Claire Moore, Matthew Smith, Kodo Drayton, Sandra Thomas.

3rd Row: Noah Swift, Ronnie Richards; Tarn Hoyle, Paige Perkins-Topine, Kayden Griffin, Jarelle Kaukau-Kerei, Jhaquan Tawhai-Davison.

2nd Row: Hye-le Wihare-Hansen, Poutama Kingi-Mareikura, Tiori Arahanga, Harry Rowe, Jamie Taitoko, Kohatu Bauer, Mr Michael Darmody (Deputy Principal).

Front Row: Phoebe Holloway, Kirsty Osborne, Jaydis Hammond, John Anderson, Ambrose Demchy, Haeley Perkins-Tamatea, Hiria Hancy.

Absent: Jorejina-Lee Paoratoho, Te Pere Akapita

# 10VR AND 10PM



Back row: Brandon Wallace, Tukotahi Goodwin, Linkin Harding-Gray, Francis Henare.

Third row: Martin Lacv, Hunter Anderson, Lukas Kumeroa Ponga, Haarlem Wade, Hunter Williams.

Second row: Mrs Nicole Boslem (Teacher Aide), Shaniqua Bellamy, Chevorlett Puia-Nikora, William Barlow, Ryan Bell, Tahatika Te Riaki, Barron Cawsey, Mr Michael- Darmody (Deputy Principal).

Front row: Anahera Hansen, Hine Hall, Maraeta Buckingham, Breeanah Tweeddale, Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds, Alissia Hiroti, Mapihi Taoho.

Absent: Levi Setiu, Lucy Cody, Jamie Taitoko, Kawana Taiaroa, Konrad Kaukau-Kerei. Jorje Richards, Chanté Davies.



# 11MW AND 11RK



Back Row: Grace Burnard, Destiny Ward, Devon Griffin-Chappel, Daisy Soverel, Sophie Collier, Sunita Dennison.

2nd Row: Meredith Wilson (Teacher), Veronica Hays, Arnav Deepak Ram, George Buan, Kataraina Cribb Pearson, Ms Reidunn Keeley (Teacher)

Front Row: Keri Osborne, Mika Story, Anton Fraser, Archie Mills, Quade Chapman, Megan Botha, Carla Ball.

Absent: Jahsiah Anderson, Jayden Bailey, Teherekaiaro August, Rien Waho, Mason-Zayne Blake, Puhianitanaha Wanikau

# 11MA AND 11RP



Back Row: William Warbrick, Lee Hetaraka-Deadman, Nolan Tahu, Mason Rhodes, Joshua Simons.

2nd Row: Marama Allen (Principal), Dalton Neho, Harry Parker, Smiler Katene, Aylish Jordan, Mr Raj Prasad (Teacher).

Front Row: Aroha Lima, Matariki Ranginui, Tanja Reedy, Reihana McFadyen, Jade Gibson, Shane Muru-Albert, Ashya Taura.

Absent: Isabella Tweeddale, Uenuku Hansen, Ngakau Herewini, Ui Pehi, Pagen Mareikura.



# YEAR 12



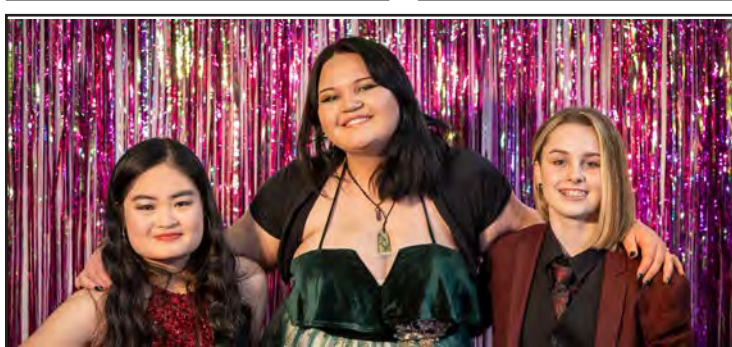
Back Row: Chelsea Marsada, Una Drayton, Kayla Jordan, Marama Groot

3rd Row: Tyler Te-Kani, Brooke Graham, Samantha Beauchamp, Ella Rowe, Noah Harto, Santaesjah Wood, Aaliyah Dennison

2nd Row: Mr KJ Allen (Teacher), Bella Hohipa, Silas McNaught, Dylan Anderson, Jahzay Muru-Albert, Te Rehita Takarua, Dillon Copley, Mr Campbell Hart (Teacher)

Front Row: Sachin Kumar, Maina Gray, Tui Wikohika, Cameron Smith, Raynard Botha, Tearoha Richards-Wiari, Uenuku Biddle Reedy, Mr Steve Mackrell (Deputy Principal)

Absent: Mikayla Lawrence, Elijah Brown, Theo Pickery, Mason Richards, Phoenix Clifton, Nathaniel Perkins-Arahanga, Winiata Wallace, Charlee Booth, Natalie Hare, Jireh Pui Gilbert, Zeb Smith, Kingston Wiari-Te Huia.





# YEAR 13



Back Row: Brodie Kahukura, Bo Soverel, Dalton Jordan, Jack Walls, Mr David Sims (Teacher)

2nd Row: Mrs Ann Stuckey (Teacher), Ella Hawira, Korbyn Garland, Sayge Wikohika, Jenna Jones, Libby Graham, Maxine Hakaraia (Teacher)

Front Row: Tayla George, Emma Burnard, Paige Pearce, Connor Halliday, Allivia Wallace, Brianna McKenna.

Absent: Byron Griffin-Chappel, Tristrum Griffin-Chappel, Kyro Wihare-Hansen, Jaye Tuateata Akapita, Megan Rollerson, Fuschia Aiomanu.





# LIBRARY

Half way through Term 2, the library was all boxed up so renovations could begin on this part of the main school building. With the books packed away and COVID-19 delta variant touching down in the country, we were fortunate to be gifted a 12 week free subscription Wheelers e Platform for e books and audio-books. A small number of students and teachers took up the opportunity to borrow books this way, but unfortunately it was not enough to subscribe to the service long term. We used classrooms that were available to continue with study groups and for those students taking subjects online.

The Library also has new furniture which is nice and bright. We are looking forward to the new setup in 2022.

Miss Kendall Richards  
Librarian



## ANZAC ASSEMBLY

Students and staff showed their respect at our ANZAC commemoration assembly on Thursday 15 April.

We celebrated and honoured those that fought for our freedom. Students spoke of Gallipoli, shared a poem and read out names of those in our area that lost their lives. This was accompanied by a slideshow presentation of photos of our families who served for our country.

A special ANZAC flag was raised while students sung a waiata and the bugle played to close our ceremony.



## COMMUNITY BAND

It has been a tough year for the community band with pretty much every performance we were preparing for in the second half of the year being canceled.

ANZAC Day in Raetihi and Ohakune was a special day for Ruapehu College Community Band members Arnav, Will and Noah joined the local brass band with students from Ohakune Primary School to play in both services that day.

Arnav and Will were then able to join a specially formed band from the region to attend the Hawkes Bay Band Festival on May 30, where the band received a bronze award.

While Covid has seen several events the band members were working towards canceled, including the Big Band Day in Taupo and Spring Fling in Taihape, band members will be joined by some of the school's talented singers to present Christmas programs to local schools.





# GATEWAY CAREERS STAR

## Gateway

This year has been busy with 10 successful placements. The local community and employers are very supportive of our students with placements and the transition in to the workforce. The programme at Ruapehu College is very student driven as it is dependent on an individuals interest in a particular area. The programme allows students to get real work experience over a period of time and approximately. 20 NCEA credits. Often the NCEA credits go towards qualifications that are used in the industry, should they wish to continue in that area of work. This year we had 10 placements go ahead but students tagged to go to a Maori Tourism Cultural Gateway programme in the October school holidays were unable to do so due to Covid.

This year, two students worked towards the first two parts of the MITO StartUp Automotive training programme – equivalent to 40 credits. All of these credits go towards an Automotive apprenticeship should they be offered one in the future.

Now that we are lucky enough to have school lunches made on site, this was seen as an opportunity to use this facility as part of a Gateway programme. Two students have worked in the commercial kitchen on site over two days per week, alternating days so each got to experience the preparation and serving of both hot and cold food. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have done very well in their assessments. Bubba and the girls in the kitchen have been amazingly supportive and helpful in teaching and guiding the students. The two students now have skills to help them in the food and hospitality industry, should they wish to go in to this area.

Another programme that was established this year is the Level 1 Ski or Snowboard Instructors Qualification. Four students spent their July school holidays doing a training programme with RAL to prepare for the New Zealand Snowsports Instructors Alliance (NZSIA) five day exam. This exam is not for the light hearted and requires an advanced skill level in skiing or snowboarding and the maturity to be able to deal with the public students in a variety of age groups. All four students passed successfully and are now qualified to go anywhere in the world. RAL were very helpful with the whole process and are encouraging of this programme in the future. Our students are a direct feed for employment on the mountain, given that it is the only ski field in the north island and this is their home mountain which they know very well having participated in snowsports throughout their primary and secondary school years. NZSIA have also been very supportive.

Gateway allows for many opportunities for our students and the employers and community in the area are encouraging and willing to take on students. We are very lucky to have this relationship with local employers. These employers volunteer their time, when they are very busy themselves, to help our students with potential future employment pathways.

## Careers

This year has been busy in the Careers area but in a different way to the latter end of 2020. Covid and the renovations has meant we were unable to host the Careers talks that were started last year and only had a limited number of speakers coming on site. A highlight of this was the Rural Health Careers Talks, which we were not able to do in 2020 due to Covid. This was a successful interactive event targeted at year 9 and 10 students to encourage them to think about health careers. It is found that many students from rural backgrounds return to the area they grew up in to work. Following the event there was a lot of excited talk about becoming a doctor or a nurse. Due to Covid restrictions, many tertiary education providers now set up virtual information sessions for students thinking about attending their places of study in the future.

As a school we have been able to attend a few events, Girls in High Vis and a Careers day in Whanganui. The Girls in High Vis event is popular and a day out at Tokaanu power station meeting women who have such a variety of careers in that sector was enlightening for our students. The average salary in this sector had students (and adults) jaws dropping - \$98kpa!

The Careers office has helped many students this year with CV's, cover letters and interview preparation for part-time jobs, applications for tertiary education and accommodation, apprenticeships or cadetships. Many of which have been successful.

Some may have noticed the changes in the Careers office, this space along with the rest of the school has undergone a bit of a face lift. The aim is to create a bright, accessible and resource filled space for students to use and get any help they need. The school was also lucky enough to secure funding and the placement of an Inzone kiosk. It is hoped to book the Inzone bus in for a slot next year.





## STAR

There have been a number of programmes run through STAR this year. This year students have benefited from a BBQ course, High Tea course, Coffee course (which has helped them when applying for local part-time work). Senior students also participated in a Toastmasters course with a view to encouraging confidence with leadership and speaking in front of a group of people.

The Predator Control course run this year through Papa Taiao was a new addition to the school STAR programme. Students were provided with an opportunity to learn about this type of work of which there are many opportunities in our area. The 10 students who participated in the course were excited and enjoyed the experience despite it being cut short with a level 4 lock-down. The feedback from all the tutors who have run courses with our students has been heartfelt and positive about how good they are. The students who did the Predator Control course worked in the rain and cold weather conditions. The tutor reported that the students worked hard without complaint and because of their rural backgrounds were able to hammer a nail in straight on the first go. He was very impressed with their attitudes and skills. Papa Taiao who ran the course have been very helpful with ongoing support. Through this relationship students have the opportunity to connect with a network of employers in the industry with the offer of help in finding employment should they be interested in this field.

This year has also seen more than a dozen students complete their Learners licence subsidised with STAR funding and through the tutoring and guidance of Rauna Te Huia. So, there are a number of newly qualified learner drivers on the roads.

Mrs Leba Phillips  
Co Ordinator





# SCIENCE

There were many changes in the Science Department in 2021. There was the new appointment of Abby Morgan teaching Agriculture and Horticulture and Science. Kaushal Goundar taught the senior Chemistry class. Vidya Ram taught the year 11 Science class, junior Science and level 2 Physics. Steve Mackrell taught level three physics. Meredith Wilson taught junior Science and senior Biology. Due to maternity leave we also welcomed Ken Setiu for term 2 and 3 covering agriculture and science. Vidya Ram left our school at the end of term 3. We were very grateful for the support of Shelagh and Nigel Buck to step in and teach junior science. Steve Mackrell assisted the year 11 Science class in finishing the last of their internal assessments.

Junior Science had a focus on linking real life context into the classroom through using the science capabilities. Senior science is still utilising real life contexts to make learning more relevant. The vision for students is that they will be environmentally aware problem solvers that have the confidence to use the nature of science to be engaged citizens of their world.

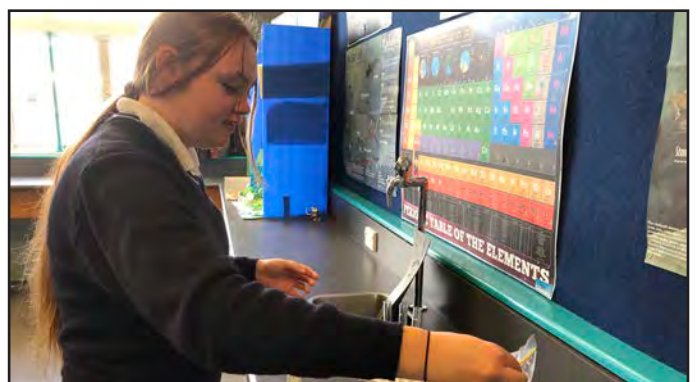
Science values we are developing include:

- Connections to Te Ao Turoa – our environment
- Curiosity and participation
- Rapuhia kote Matauranga
- Sharing stories and experiences of learning - Ako
- Accepting and respect of others
- Enable science capabilities through a growth mindset
- Applying the Nature of Science in real life using critical thinking

We continued our partnership with Horizons based on the protocols for the Whangaehu River Freshwater Improvement Fund community grant. We monitor the Makaranui Stream so data can be used for state of the environment reporting with Horizons Regional Council. Science specialists have also set up water quality testing for Ruapehu College. We applied in 2020 and have received more funding to assist with the restoration of Graham Fraser's farm which the Makaranui stream runs through. This year we planted 800 plants as part of the year 10 kaitiakitanga unit of work. 10 Rangi planted one side of the stream and 10 Papa did the other side of the stream.

This year Meredith Wilson had the opportunity to attend a two day field trip with Massey University to learn about local geological activity. This will help with the development of junior science and senior science contexts for 2022. Students continued to monitor the stream health through many of the senior biology classes and write reports for one of their internal assessments. We also participated in the Wai Tuwhera o to Taiao, which investigates eDNA streams. Students tested and identified the water using a filtered sample and species that affect the Makaranui. We look forward to the changes in NCEA next year and will also welcome another Science teacher.

Miss Meredith Wilson  
HOD Science





# KIWI FOREVER

The Kiwi Forever programme ran from March 25th through to March 29th. The programme was sponsored by Genesis Energy and Department of Conservation. 20 Students from central North Island schools stayed at Tirorangi Marae near Ohakune which was hosted by Ngati Rangī. Ruapehu College students were: Una Drayton, Jenna Jones, Silas McNaught and Uenuku Biddle Reedy

The programme was an in-depth field based experience that aimed to empower students to explore specific issues related to achieving a sustainable future with a particular focus on the recovery of kiwi and who populations through a Ngati Rangī view. Activities included making and checking traps and understanding the issues facing management of Kiwi populations. With the support of Genesis, students also experienced the issues around hydroelectric power schemes and the impact on waterways. To understand impact on waterways they also investigated what lives in our local Mangawhero River and were able to see who, an endangered native bird.

The week-long experience provides an opportunity to draw together a range of conservation, social, environmental, economic and educational perspectives. The students get to explore particular solutions for a sustainable future by working together with a group and presenting these to representatives of the sponsors and other students. The students developed many leadership qualities including taking risks in new and challenging situations through learning about predator control. The students have many opportunities to be involved in discussions with Department of Conservation rangers to develop their interest and commitment to the environment and sustainability.

Miss Meredith Wilson

HOD Science





# DESIGN IN FOOD

The Foods room has been a lot quieter this year with the Governments introduction of 'Lunches in School', but the faithful do still turn up at the door to see what they can get to eat.

9 Awa and 9 Maunga both spent one term (2 periods a week) enjoying each of the options, this includes Design in Food. The theme is using local food on a budget (fitting for all). Of the students, there are always those who stand out for their efficiency in the workspace. Paetyn and Te Moana worked well together in 9 Awa as did Liam



who would follow the recipe exactly, while Skylah enjoyed the freedom of estimation. Gregory would always save some for his mother (but more likely to tease his brother who was in a different class). 9 Maunga was equally as good and efficient with Cheyenne and Drevahn always organized in their respective groups.

Year 10 were also in two separate classes with Mrs Hakaraia taking the practical and Mrs Helliwell taking the theory. This left no confusion for what was happening each class (or no swaying with the usual; can we cook today instead?). Allisia and Mapihi were always reliable and efficient, often helping or guiding those around them (usually Tukotahi). In the other class, which was a lot noisier (except when Harry or Martin were eating), the groups worked well and made sure each had a task to complete - always or 99% of the time finishing before the bell (and buses).

Everybody was important and everybody had a task, sometimes some had extras (like Jaydis, who was always asked to shut the windows because he could reach).

Level 1 started the year with a small group and slowly increased to the perfect size. They were a little scared to do the preserving so opted for pastries



instead. They enjoyed the Danish but found the process labour intensive, although enjoying the end result. Filling the Danish with the preserve (jam) they made (which actually was quite easy aye Ashya). Harry and Quade worked quietly often I'm sure sharing private jokes between themselves or maybe it was just Quade making statements and Harry laughing at them. Nolan did a fantastic job with his cake decorating and George had the knack with presentation, always putting in that extra bit of effort. Mika and Tanja and then in the latter part of the year came Jade (who deep fried everything, we had to teach her about using a LITTLE oil) worked together. Tanja they decided was the most imaginative for her lack of grating cheese, and instead would cut it into little cubes. Isabella was the most helpful in the room, along with Harry who was the best dishwasher. Mason was the best tea towel flicker (followed closely by Nolan). Might I add, tea towel flicking is not allowed.

Level 2 were a great bunch of students who started the year making lasagna. This is always a popular assessment because it has meat. It soon became apparent who had the skills for what, those that specialized in the pasta making and those that were in charge of the bechamel sauce and meat sauce. These students were also privileged to take on some extra courses with outside providers Industry Training Solutions, who come to school to present and put the students through Food Safety, Coffee Essentials and High tea.

These courses run for two days at a time and are always fun while learning these essential skills that look great on their CV. The students have once again named those whose skills in the kitchen became obvious throughout the year with Te Rehita coming up tops as best dishwasher (nothing to do with him avoiding other tasks which is worrying considering Tyler, Tearoha and Te Rehita were said to be the best at avoiding and they most often worked together). Samantha and Chelsea were the most reliable, Chelsea was also the most imaginative and the best cook (her attention to detail was fantastic) shared with Zeb. Dillon and Tearoha were great supervisors (I think their groups actually said bossy but isn't that a great skill to have). Uenuku was the messiest and a great tea towel flicker (still not allowed in the classroom). I think they were all helpful and pitched in when each other needed it. A great team overall and a pleasure to have in the classroom.





Level 3 enjoyed desserts in the first part of the term perfecting their choux making skills. They were also privileged to be part of the Food Safety course run by Industry Training Solutions. Showing the maturity of students who were in their last year of school, they worked well with each other and by now knew each other's quirks and characteristics. They were also very honest with each other and about each other. For example, those in the class that would complain they never got to cook (because they were away consistently during cooking sessions).

Tayla was the best dishwasher. This was helpful for Tristrum because he avoided doing dishes and possibly only did the dishes five times in the five years he spent in the Foods room. It is said that Tayla did the hard work and had no treats (because she was fussy) and Tristrum did none of the work and all of the treats until he worked with Paige alongside. Paige would very sternly supervise Tristrum cleaning up, ensuring he rinsed and used hot soapy water resulting in clean dishes. It was always a pleasure to observe by all. Tristrum was also the best tea towel flicker. This was shared with Connor (by the way, tea towel flicking is still NOT allowed).

Most imaginative was also Tristrum (I think they were referring to his avoidance of working). This could be contested by Brodie and Dalton who were renowned for adding so much spice that no one else wanted or

could eat their creations. They definitely had a love for chilli everything. Paige worked diligently always, often by herself (because Kyro was away) and was voted best cook in the class alongside Brodie (not sure why Brodie because they complained a lot about his extra spices). But Brodie and Paige, always polite and with a great work ethic. Connor, was a great team player and was never afraid to ask for help unless it was tea towel flicking, he needed no help with that.

2021, thank you Design in Food students, it has been a great year with a few disruptions (Covid). I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back in here for 2022 (except the Year 13s of course, who I will miss dearly).

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia  
TIC Deign in Food



## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Our free Healthy Lunches for Schools programme started at the beginning of the year with great success. The students love the lunches.

Thank you to Bubba Wood, Christine Te Riaki and Linda Larsen for the amazing food throughout the year.





# DESIGN AND INNOVATION

This is an exciting, vibrant, 21st Century subject which enables the students to bring their skills, knowledge and experience to solve problems. The course is designed for students who are or have the will to become innovative, creative high level thinkers who believe that anything is possible through the power of Design thinking.

The emphasis of the subject is very much on developing the critical thinking and creativity of the students using resistant materials with a focus on using the latest research on brain development and the "The Design Process" to develop the three main capabilities that our brains require when solving a problem:

## IMAGING – PRESENTING – EVALUATING

Understanding of the Design Process and the development of these areas prepares the students for future study and work in any area of design, technology, research, innovation or entrepreneurship including Product, Architecture, Fashion, Graphic, Information Technology, Engineering, Electronics, Manufacturing, Science, Education, Business and Industry or Trades.

Senior students were involved in the making of a model makers vice and adjustable spanner. Year 11 worked on individual projects having studied a particular design style and applying that to projects involving furniture. Styles included Post Modernism and Maori Art. The building students in all Senior levels produced a Butchers Block.

The Junior school has been involved in a number of smaller projects to develop their skills and knowledge in the subject, including, mirrors, phone holders, clocks and chocolate moulds using vacuum forming. A large group of 30 Year 10 were entered into NCEA for one standard, making the Bluetooth Speaker lamp. This is going very well and ensures that the students begin next year with 6 NCEA credits.

A special thank you to Mr Kai Hagener who stepped in to teach the students when we were unable to appoint a new Technology teacher. His good will and assistance has ensured that we were able to get the students through to the end of the year. Also to Hansen



who has assisted as a department technician.

Mr Michael Darmondy  
HOD Technology



# DESIGN AND INNOVATION TEXTILES

## TECHNOLOGY

Adaptability, honesty, and confidence has been displayed by all Textile students in 2021. Due to this attitude and approach in class the students have been able to continue to seek further learning despite the challenges that this year has presented for practical subjects like Technology. Kia kaka raphuia ko te mātauranga Ruapehu ākongā!!



The focus this year was to work on a series of smaller projects in the Junior classes that students could work on at home if need be. In the Senior classes the focus was on building our textile skills in both practical and theory areas for different design processes, pattern-drafting, construction skills, production processes, group and individual projects. Now I will hand it over to the senior students who would like to share their challenges and high-lights of 2021, and hopes for Textiles next year...

### Highlights of 2021

The highlight of the year for the 11 Design and Innovation Students was the production project where they worked as a team to make the t-shirts for each cast member in the Wheeler's Luck Show and helped to create custom garments for the main characters. The Year 12 students enjoyed attending the Gateway at Opus Fresh Apparel where they worked as a workroom assistant once a week for Jannel Hinch.



### Challenges of 2021

The students thought that the biggest challenge for year 11 this year was the Pattern Adaptation Assessment as it was their first time adjusting a commercial pattern to fit their clients.



### Hopes for next year in Textiles

It was a challenge missing out on attending the World Of Wearable Arts Show in Wellington due to travel restrictions this year. The senior and year 10 students hope that they can travel to the show in 2022.

### Miss Nicole Jaquery TIC





# ENGLISH

As the year ends in a fog of uncertainty due to covid, it is almost surprising, upon reflection, that we did actually have long periods of relative normalcy in past twelve months.

Year 11 enjoyed a day at the National Army Museum Te Mata Toa, in Waiouru at the start of Term 2. This was part of the cohort's study of war poetry and their inquiry into the concept of security in general as it relates to New Zealand.

What a treasure we have at our doorstep with this excellent museum. The displays are marvellous. While the museum, naturally, holds many artefacts of the Great War, it dedicates itself to so much more of our history than that one momentous war. Our students were absorbed by stories of battle tactics at Pyes Pa, by New Zealand's involvement in several South East Asian conflicts and they followed the story right through to our recent engagements in Afghanistan and the Middle East. And then there was the mystery parcel, the sad story of a never opened gift.

The library upstairs is really one of the country's best reading rooms. As a military history resource, it is quite extraordinary. Our intention was that our students have their interest kindled for the war poetry we are studying this term. We also wanted to ignite some thought about what security means to New Zealanders. I don't think you could visit the National Army Museum Te Mata Toa without considering these things. Mission accomplished. Our thanks go to Debbie Clunie and her team at the Museum; Linda and Lucy in the library and Tyler and Pipi at reception. We want to acknowledge the generosity of the Laurenson Trust, without whose assistance this trip would not have been possible. Miss Keeley and I also would like to thank Bubba and her team in the school kitchen for having lunch ready early for us. Mr Saunders for organising the trip and Miss Jaquiere for simply coming along.

## NCEA Changes

2022 sees the introduction of a revised NCEA programme. While we are not one of the trial schools for English. We will be paying close attention to the discussion and reports of participating schools.

In English, one of the major changes we see coming will be the idea of external marking for the writing assessments we have always done 'in house'. This will put some pressure on students to have the work done on time and to a level where a stranger will mark it against the norms of a national cohort. Students will be doing assessments similar to the ones we do now, for Year 11 that means creative and formal writing, but now the work will be packaged up into a writing portfolio. It will leave very little room for mucking about. Students will have to maintain a steady and consistent effort throughout the year; they will not be able to run hot and cold or try to cram things in at the end of Term 3. It will be even more important that students are prepared for the rigours of external assessment by Year 11. Naturally then, we will have less time available to remediate students coming to College in

Year 9 without adequate skills in reading and writing. This is a problem for English departments up and down the country. We need students to arrive at secondary school skilled in punctuation, grammar and how to take meaning from a context.

It all starts with reading. Here I go again. We all have to read more. Students, teachers, parents, all have to read more. Reading is (generally) the only homework we ask of our students. Every student is expected to be reading for 20 – 30 minutes each evening. Parents, please be aware that the first question we will ask of you at any parent/teacher interview will be is your child reading? If you have primary school children and you are looking at sending them to Ruapehu College, then be aware that they will be asked to read. How are they going with that so far? If they are not strong readers, then you should be looking at that now. Wonders can be worked by sitting with your child and encouraging them to read. While the system is changing, the onus will be where it has always been, on reading and writing. Parents should be paying attention to the progress of their children on these two fronts, at primary school.

Mr Johnny Greene  
HOD English





# MATHEMATICS

The overall aim of the Mathematics Department at Ruapehu College remains the same. Every student is given the opportunity to work and learn within the department's learning areas and in line with the requirements of the New Zealand Curriculum. By learning, students have the opportunity to develop skills better, work with precision, predict outcomes, justify comments they make, find relevant patterns, break-off into different pathways and be able to link practical applications to everyday life. Technology is also playing an important part of this learning. The selection of courses also determines the pathway and creates a better "job fit" attitude of students.

The pandemic has continued to hit hard, with some disruptions along the way, and some experiencing mood swings in classes. With these experiences, these students are expected to come out wiser in future.

Online teaching worked well and the use of Zoom and writing pads made life much easier. Teacher learning has also taken place. It is good to observe the rise in online learning and sharing. While cell phones come with restrictions, students have been sharing work with classmates who have been away.

The college has introduced a fully internally based 12 Statistics class in 2020. This has continued this year. This was designed to encourage those

'getting over the line" year 11 students to gain some academic credits and enhance their mathematical spectrum of understanding a wee bit more.

Early intervention continued this year. Teacher aides assisted students who were identified at risk/unable to work in large numbers. Some success helped these students to gain more confidence along the way.

With the remaining few weeks, all teachers have been supporting students by providing extra lessons and preparing them well for the remaining assessments. Some have been sacrificing their valuable time to help students complete all work before the year ends. Our Year 11 Numeracy rates have improved from 71% in 2018 to 97.6% in 2020. We are always hoping for 100%, fingers crossed.

There were an overall thirteen (13) endorsements recorded last year(11 in 2019) and we expect similar or better results this year. The focus on external examinations every year remains our priority.

The department is aware and looking forward to the new re-structure of the NCEA assessment format at Year 11. Interesting times ahead.

Mr Raj Prasad  
HOD Mathematics

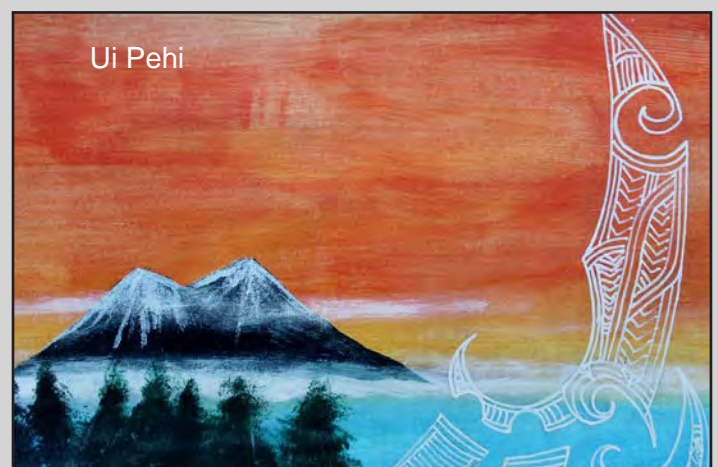
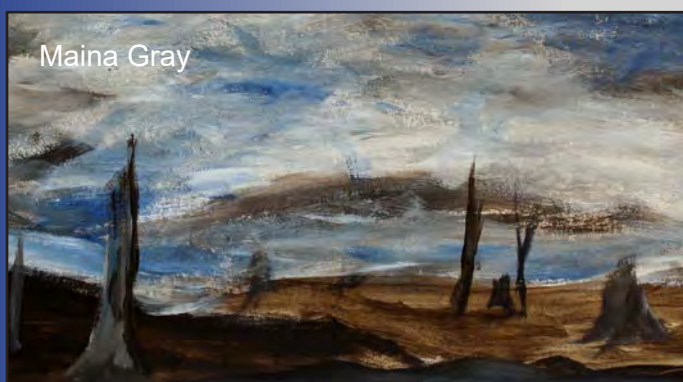
# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Technology is part of our everyday lives. Understanding how to function in environments that require the use of computers and the internet is no longer an optional extra but is becoming an essential life skill. Digital Technology teacher, Paul McClean, has been putting students through a series of exams in order for them to earn their IC3 Digital Literacy certifications.

Whether the students' plan is to pursue a career in IT or simply want to be a proficient user of digital technologies, this certification programme ensures students are learning computing fundamentals, key applications and how to live online safely and productively.



# ART WORK





# LEARNING SUPPORT

Thank you to our teacher aides, Wendy Darmody, Alexis Gault, Nicole Boslem and Rauna Te Huia who assist our students who need support with their learning.

This year we have attended professional development webinars in Structured Literacy. Structured Literacy is an approach to teaching oral and written language based on the science of how students learn to read. As our local primary schools move to this approach, we want to be able to continue their good work. For anyone interested in learning more the 'Agility with Sound' website has information and videos explaining the programme.



Thank you to our new RTLBI liaison, Aimee Holloway, for her help with our small group piloting the structured literacy approach and for the funds made available to purchase the necessary resources. Thanks also to our departing RTLBI liaison and new LSC, Yvonne Bielecki who was always ready with her expert advice especially when I was preparing applications for In Class Support funding.

With covid and the refurbishing of our Learning Support room, there has been plenty of upheaval this year. Well done to our students who have worked diligently and have gained more confidence and improved their literacy/numeracy levels. We look forward to a calmer 2022.

Robin Thomas (SENCO)

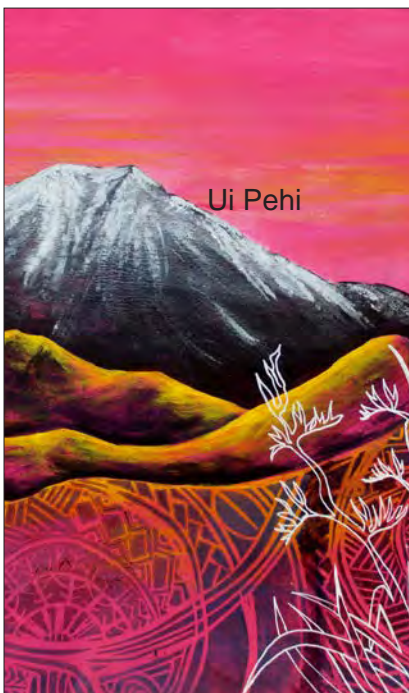
## ART WORK



Maina Gray



Veronica Hays



Ui Pehi



Marama Groot



Silas McNaught



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It has been another busy year in the Physical Education and Health Department. In PE classes students learn about themselves, develop confidence and how to best interact with others through movement contexts.

Year 9's and 10's started the year getting to know each other and learning about self-management through top team challenges. The next assessment involved developing and showing independence to be able to plan and implement a 15-minute coaching session of touch skills for their peers. In term two we worked on developing our skills at working in groups through badminton and running tournaments. In term 3 we explored a range of non-traditional sports such as kin-ball, hand-ball, tchouckball, spikeball and ultimate Frisbee while learning how to demonstrate social responsibility. We also participated in a number of traditional Maori games at the end of term three. We finished the year by doing a practical softball assessment. Students needed to show perseverance to learn new skills, tactics and strategies in a sport they are not familiar with.

In health this year 9's and 10's have covered topics such as change, loss and grief, puberty and sex ed and how to keeping ourselves safe in a modern world and basic first aid skills.

The year 13's started the year training for and completing the Ruapehu College Duathlon which consists of a 1km sprint, 12km bike and 3km run. Those that put the required effort into training and worked hard on the day gained pleasing results. In term two we studied biomechanics and students had to analyse themselves performing a lacrosse shot. We finished the year with the class planning and implementing a two-day adventure journey. Day 1 involved completing 'Fishers Track' a 28km track from National Park to Kaitieke. Then looping back to Raurimu on a very tough 16km back road including a very steep hill. We camped at Blue Mountains Adventure Centre in Raurimu. On Day 2 we completed 14kms of white-water rafting on the Tongariro river. This was a total of 58km in two days. A great effort from those students involved.

The year 12's began the year planning and implementing an overnight tramp. They completed a tramp from the Desert Road to Whakapapa staying the night at Waihohonu Hut. This class completed an assessment which involved coaching students at Ohakune Primary School. They also completed a 4 week training programme which prepared them to compete against each other in turbo touch and gain fitness for their winter sports.

The year 11's have made the step up into NCEA. They have participated in a range of different activities and sports. Term one involved them being presented with different survivor team building challenges and required them to demonstrate interpersonal skills to solve these. Students have also learnt about bones, muscles and biomechanics and used this knowledge to improve their volleyball

skills. This class finished the year learning about self-management and demonstrating this in a series of mastery challenges and a rock climbing trip to SLR in Ohakune.

Mr Campbell Hart  
HOD Physical Education





# VISUAL ART

What can we say about 2021? It's been fun? Yep, mostly.  
We started the year in our happy place... the art room!!!

The Year 9s came and went, impressing Mrs Stuckey with their talent and motivation. Their taster course for art was over far too quickly. We are looking forward to them coming back.

Year 10 spent most of the year painting and drawing, getting ready for next year. They also did the most amazing reduction prints. Year 10 nailed some pretty good skills for studying Art for NCEA.

Year 11 was a really awesome crew. They started off the year with lots of energy and worked well on drawing and painting for their internal assessment and to develop the skills needed for their portfolio. Lockdown came and they came back with lots of new ideas. Somehow we had to mash it all together to finish our portfolios for the new deadline. The year ended with a lot less energy and a well-deserved summer break on the horizon.

Year 12 painters started to work like real artists. Developing their own ideas and making impressive artworks. Flowers, people and landscape dominated the room. The photographers looked at hunting, roast lamb, landscape and stock cars. Nice effort, Year 12!

Year 13 ... we loved your art! There was...  
Libby, comparing Noah's Flood to global warming... maybe? Haha, it really doesn't matter when you paint what you like, and do it like a pro. We expect to see your paintings around town in the future.  
Bo, being true to himself and making a visual commentary on life in Florida. We all understand surf, sunshine, combi vans and hibiscus a little better. Really, there was no talking you out of it so good on you, Bo!

Ella, searching for the children of the mist, patupaiarehe and trying to paint the mystical world of nature. Like an artist using the last minute adrenaline rush to meet the deadline. Experimenting with ideas and paint. Be a lifelong painter.

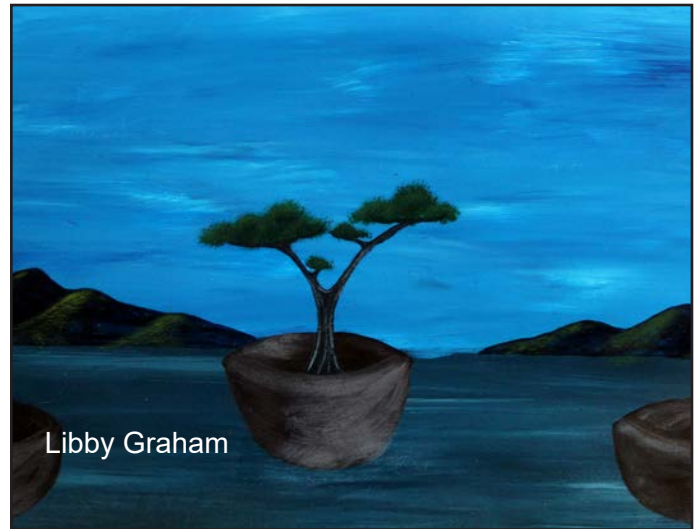
Allivia and Sayge who came back, trying hard to tell their stories through the lens of a camera. Connecting to people and values are great stories to tell with nature and lambs' tails.

Marama... whose art was phenomenal. Yay! She'll be back next year.

Oh and then there was Jack, sneaking out of his study class to sit and soak up art ideas. Give it a go one day Jack. We are sure you want to be an artist, really!

Good luck to the Year 13 artists, keep painting and photographing and seeing the world through the eyes of an artist.

Mrs Ann Stuckey  
HOD Art



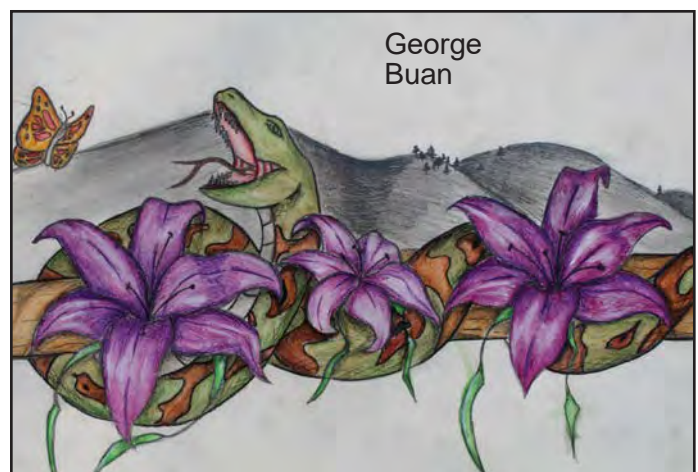
Libby Graham



Ella Hawira



Bo Soverel



George Buan



# GEOGRAPHY

## Place-Based Learning for Geography Students

Place-Based Learning is the process of using the local community and environment as a starting point to teach concepts in subjects across the curriculum.

On Tuesday the 30th of March, Year 11 Geography students partook in a field trip to learn about river characteristics. This trip took them to three locations along the Mangawhero River to sample changes in river velocity, river profiles, and sediment characteristics. Students demonstrated resilience and leadership qualities by planning the research and by taking charge of the sampling. The teacher demonstrated how not to walk across slippery rocks! Some students shared comments. "I enjoyed learning outside the classroom", Sophie. "Fieldwork was more challenging than I expected", Joshua. Thanks to Rex Martin for supporting the college, allowing the school to access the river through his property.

On Thursday the 1st of April, Level 2 and 3 Geography students participated in a field trip to Tongariro National Park. The purpose of the field trip was for students to experience the research process. Specifically, they collected primary data on changes in vegetation, soil and erosion characteristics with increasing altitude up Ohakune Mountain Road. The students showed great initiative and possessed good observational powers. Before heading out, students learned how to design and plan fieldwork. The students demonstrated initiative by taking ownership of sampling. The students also demonstrated great resilience in the face of poor weather conditions and simply collaborated well as a team. Putting the purpose of the trip aside, the class, teacher included, bonded well over humour. "We enjoyed our trip to the backyard but enjoyed the warm comforts of the van better. It was great to make it back, van intact" Cameron, Ray, Emma, Nat, and Tayla.

## Geography & Tourism Blended Learning

On Friday 4th of June, Geography and Tourism students experienced Rotorua tourism first hand. Thanks to the Laurenson Trust for helping the students out with the cost of travel. Prior to the trip, the level 3 Tourism students took responsibility for planning and managing the requirements of the day's learning outcomes and activities. With consultation, they developed the day's itinerary, gained approval for all health and safety protocols, and set budgets. The Tourism students were fortunate to be the beneficiaries of Mr Saunders generosity who contributed to their costs directly, resulting in significant savings "Mr Saunders has helped us so much" Connor.

Starting at the crack of dawn, students travelled to Rotorua where they learnt about the history and development of geothermal and multicultural tourism at Te Puia. The highlight of this visit for

most of the students was the interactive kapa haka performance. The boys quickly mastered the haka – Ka Mate. After a tour of the Whakarewarewa geothermal fields, students were delighted by the antics of the kiwis in the Kiwi House. The day continued with a visit to Te Runanga Tea House in Government Gardens, where students learned about the development of tourism in Rotorua, from the Pink and White Terraces to the impacts of Covid-19 on the tourism industry. After indulging in lunch, students partook in some contemporary tourism taking on the Treetop Walk in the Redwoods and the not to be missed Skyline Rotorua Adventure Centre with gondola and luge rides. "This was a massive day out" Sayge.

Mr Warren Saunder and Mr KJ Allen





# PERFORMING ARTS

In yet another year hindered by Covid-19, the Performing Arts Department was fortuitous to, like the Government, “go hard, fast, and early”. The bulk of our mahi was contained in Term 2 (which became known as ‘The Beast’) and our efforts to push through the challenges therein proved to be a major coup as the year unfolded. The sheer determination of all involved further solidified the relationships, legacy, and quality of performance that Ruapehu College is well-known for.



Early in the year the Ugly Shakespeare crew arrived for what has become their annual visit. For 2021 we were treated to “Romeo & Jules” which was, as always, very well received by the whole-school audience. The performance was high-energy and engaging as it brought many contemporary issues to the fore such as gender stereotyping and equality, anxiety of expectation, and safety in relationships. Twenty students from Years 9 to 13 were invited to participate with the actors in a workshop after the performance, which all enjoyed. After missing out on the Ugly Shakespeare tour last year, it was great to have them back and presenting to the whole school as a joint venture with the English Department.

The Smokefree Rockquest saw the highest ever number of Ruapehu College students (22) signing up as the mana of competing in the competition continues to grow. The entire Year 11 class made up the band “Violent Attraction”, there were six Year 12 and 13 students in “Hiraeth”, and seven in “Out Of Order” from Year 10, including ex-student Ben Burton from Fielding High School on vocals. In the Solo/Duo category, Year 9 Isla Thompson and Year 10 Tarn Hoyle formed the duo “Below Zero”. All of the students put in an exceptional amount of work into the Rockquest journey both in and out of school. Writing, jamming, rehearsing and refining their original music became an immensely satisfying process for all. With a performance practice to the school under their belts, the groups hit the stage at the Whanganui Royal Opera House and were very well received. The environment at the Rockquest show is always wonderful. It is a crucial part of our young songwriters and musicians feeling validated in what they do as the support and enthusiasm from the other competitors from other schools shows



our students they are not alone in their creative pursuits. The performances on the night were excellent and “Hiraeth” walked away with the “ZM People’s Choice” award. This was the second time receiving this honour for Year 13s Jenna Jones and Korbyn Garland, who had won this award with their band “Altitude” in 2019. In it’s 32nd year, the Smokefree Rockquest continues to provide the major national songwriting and performance platform. It is a significant part of the Senior NCEA curriculum within a real-life context, project-based learning environment. It breeds excellence and I am proud of our students’ track-record at the event.

Remarkably, of the 21 of our students at Rockquest, 19 of them were also in rehearsal for the production of “Wheeler’s Luck” which went to stage just a week after the Whanganui finals. Over the nine weeks preceding Week 10, these students and half a dozen more were rehearsing up to four times a week, almost entirely outside of their classroom commitments. The Ruapehu College hall had either band practice or drama rehearsals occurring after school every day except Saturday. Sometimes the students had to split their time between music, drama and sports practice. It can not be said that our performers are not worthy of the praise they get.





2021 saw the largest cast for a Ruapehu College production since its resurrection in 2015. 24 students from year 9-13 inclusive came together to present kiwi comedy, "Wheeler's Luck". Held over five nights, including a Saturday finale, the show was a sold out success. A number of the cast had originally signed on to be a part of the crew but quickly found themselves assuming important roles, some as lead characters. Set in small town coastal New Zealand, "Wheeler's Luck" was highly relatable for our community and our students. This type of subject matter provides the foundation for effective storytelling. The cast and crew worked long hours and many days to bring the story to life and the unanimously positive feedback was well deserved.

In the first week of the Term Three holidays, more than 20 students made the journey to Auckland to see "Disney's The Lion King: The Musical". With support from the Laurenson Trust, we were able to venture to the city and stay overnight for what became a genuine highlight of the year for many. Staged at Vector Arena, the performance was simply spectacular leaving all in attendance astounded. From costuming and choreography, to set and singing, we could clearly appreciate why this Musical has become one of the most successful of all time. Considering the nature of Covid-19 and government lockdowns, I am grateful that our students were able to experience this world-class example of Performing Arts. Many thanks to Shelagh Buck for her assistance in arranging tickets and accommodation through Hello World Ohakune.

The 2021 recipients of major awards at the Senior Prizegiving were all thoroughly deserved. In Year 12, Kayla Jordan was not only an outstanding student in class, but also a critical member of the Production. She received the award for 'Outstanding Senior contribution to Production' for her role as Assistant Director. Her ability to organise and motivate the cast was impressive, as were her own performances on stage.



Korbyn Garland received the award for 'Excellence in Performing Arts', a trophy bestowed on a Year 13 student that has consistently performed and achieved at an exceptional standard. Korbyn has danced, acted, sung, composed and performed to this criteria since Year 9 and leaves her own 'triple-threat' legacy on the reputation being created in performance at Ruapehu College.

Our departing students each deserve to be acknowledged as they embark into the adult world. Along with Korbyn; Brodie Kahukura, Jenna Jones and Megan Rollerson have all been wonderful advocates for the Department. We have been treated to a string of high-quality performances over the years from Megan (Bass) and Jenna (Drums) and I am sure that creative pursuits will remain a priority for them in the future. Brodie has been our resident comedian in class and the type of kid that is hard to be grumpy around, always wearing a wide grin and dishing out the lollies where needed. You should all be extremely proud of what you have achieved and I wish you luck with the future whether you are rockin' out in your band, lighting up the stage, tending to animals, tasting new beverages or searching for Michael Jackson! Whatever you do, give it everything you've got. To end, I leave you with the wisdom of one of Death Metal's most innovative and talented composers and drummers:

"When you have the power of music within your soul and your heart, nothing can stop you."

Joey Jordison  
1975—2021

Mr Dave Sims  
TIC Performing Arts

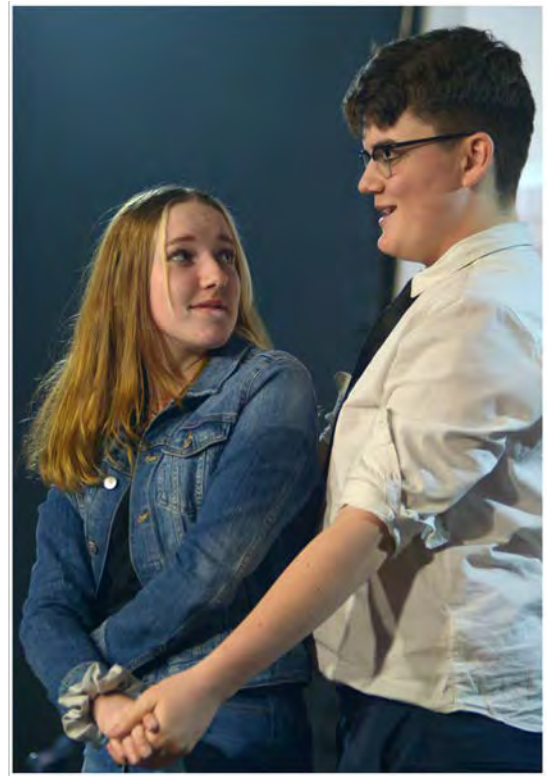




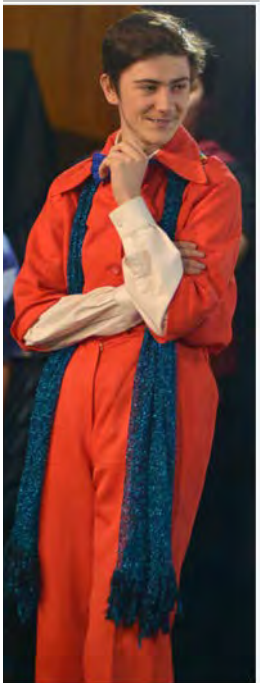












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**Ruapehu College Performing Arts  
 Production 2021**

**Wheeler's  
 LUCK**

**A RURAL KIWI COMEDY**  
 by Nigel Collins, Toby Leach & Damon Andrews

**6-10 JULY**

by arrangement with Playmarket

**WARNING  
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**PERFORMING  
 ARTS**

The 2021 Production was a sold-out success. "Wheeler's Luck" told a relatable story about community uniting to protect what's important to them. Our students did an outstanding job of bringing this wonderful piece of Kiwi theatre to life.

"Wheeler's Luck" maintained a cast of 24 students with performers from every year level. Students also assisted as crew members, working backstage, front of house, and lighting. Miss Jaquiere's Textiles students measured and made a number of costumes for the cast, custom constructed to fit and the Director's design.

The set was minimal, using digital backdrops and rich soundscapes to transport the audience to Cox Point in the fictitious small town of Bell End. Here the audience was introduced to a wonderfully diverse selection of characters, the likes of which exist in every small town across Aotearoa.

As has come to be expected of the Production each year, there were some outstanding performances, a number of which were used for NCEA Drama assessments. Our strength in storytelling on stage seems to be in good hands with the junior cast members more than holding their own. The audiences were most impressed.

The show served as curtain call for our longest-serving dramatists. We acknowledge and thank Year 13 students Dalton Jordan, Brianna McKenna, Korbyn Garland and Jenna Jones for their fine performances over the last five years.



# BALL





# BALL



Thank you to Barbara van der Woerd from B Photography NZ for taking and letting us use these amazing photos.



# INTERWHANAU SPORTS

Interwhanau sports were going well but lost momentum when the prefects had planned interwhanau netball and interwhanau junior tchouckball which were interrupted by the term three covid break.

The traditional tug of war played at the end of the first week of school was a tough fought battle. It was closely taken out by Tui whanau winning by 1 battle and Kiwi in second.

Kiwi was very strong this year and went on a winning streak winning the other main interwhanau events. They came first in Swimming Sports, Athletics and Cross Country.

Four way volleyball is becoming a popular event held as part of school spirit afternoon. Kiwi came first place in this event closely followed by Huia. Traditional 6 vs 6 volleyball was introduced as a new competition this year by the prefects in term two. This was again taken out by Kiwi coming first and Huia coming second.

The prefects also introduced another new competition, an interwhanau chalk draw competition. Each whanau was allocated a frame on the ground. They were given the theme of 'Kiwiana and Your Whanau'. They had two lunch times to complete their art work. This was a great new addition. The results were 1st Kiwi, 2nd Weka, 3rd Huia and 4th Tui.

## Quiz

The interwhanau quiz was resurrected in 2021. This was held during a mentoring period with year levels in each whanau battling it out against each other. Every year level's points contributed to the overall tally. Huia came first in year 9. Kiwi first in year 10. The year 11 champions were Weka and the year 12/13 champions were Kiwi. Overall 1st place went to Huia and Kiwi came 2nd.

## Full Results

Tug of War  
1st - Tui  
2nd - Kiwi  
3rd - Weka  
4th - Huia

## Swimming Sports

1st Kiwi  
2nd Tui  
3rd Huia  
4th Weka

## Athletics

1st Kiwi  
2nd Huia  
3rd Tui  
4th Weka

## Chalk Draw

1st Kiwi  
2nd Weka  
3rd Huia  
4th Tui

## 4 Way Volleyball

1st Kiwi  
2nd Huia  
3rd Weka  
4th Tui

## Cross Country

1st - Kiwi  
2nd Huia  
3rd - Tui  
4th -Weka

## Traditional Volleyball

1st - Kiwi  
2nd - Huia  
3rd Tui  
4th Weka  
Quiz  
1st Huia  
2nd Kiwi  
3rd Weka  
4th Tui





# SQUASH

Back Row: Harry Rowe,  
Cameron Smith, Raynardt  
Botha

2nd Row: Maraea  
Buckingham, Liam Burnard,  
Bella Hohipa, Brooke Graham,  
Emma Rowe (Coach)

Front Row: Emma Burnard,  
Matthew Smith, Grace  
Burnard, Jayden Bailey, Sayge  
Wikohika



College Squash has seen an increase in participants during 2021 with many college squash players participating in Ohakune Squash Club's inter business weekly squash competition at the beginning of the year and interhouse events throughout the year. There has been an increased in students' skills and abilities on court as they practice and commit to training often for many hours a week. Our more senior and experienced players show leadership to help grow the sport within the school, aiming for our newer participants to get better and develop the same passion they have for the sport. Grace Burnard and Jayden Bailey sit on the Ohakune Squash Club Committee bringing the college voice to the Club which sits on the school grounds.

Jayden and Grace were named in the Central Juniors team. The Central region covers a big portion of the North Island from Taranaki across to Dannevirke down to Levin and up to Ohakune. Jayden and Grace participated in coaching sessions in Whanganui throughout the year. Some sessions were taken by a top NZ squash coach in preparation for the Junior National competition, to compete in the individual and team event in Timaru during the October school holidays. Unfortunately, this was another casualty of Covid, so it didn't take place.

In February Jayden Bailey, Grace Burnard and Emma Burnard were selected in their age group to represent Central juniors vs Eastern juniors. The Central team won the challenge 21-15.

Many students participated in Central District Graded Superchamps across the central region. The best results were the F grade men's team including Cameron Smith, Harry Rowe and Mathew Smith whom won the F Grade men's title which enabled them to compete in the National Superchamps competition.

The college had a team in the Ruapehu interclub competition throughout the season. The team was made up of Jayden Bailey, Grace Burnard, Liam Burnard and Harry Rowe. They competed fortnightly for points playing at home and away. Before the competition abruptly ended in August, they had team wins each time they played so we think it's safe to assume that they won the competition.

The highlight of the squash year was sending both a Boys and Girls team from Ruapehu College (a great achievement for a small school) to Tauranga

to compete with the 50 other teams in the New Zealand Secondary School Nationals Special thanks to both Ruapehu College and Ohakune Squash Club for their efforts to make this possible, and especially John Laurenson for his years of service ensuring this is an opportunity for our young players.

Ruapehu Girls Squash team consisted of 7 girls; Grace Burnard, Sayge Wikohika, Emma Burnard, Maraea Buckingham, Libby Graham, Brooke Graham, non-travelling reserve Bella Hohipa and coached by Lauren Wikohika. The team were 11th seed and held onto this which was huge. The Ruapehu College Boys Squash consisted of 7 boys; Jayden Bailey, Liam Burnard, Harry Rowe, Cameron Smith, Matthew Smith, Raynardt Botha, and non-travelling reserve Archie Mills coached by Emma Rowe. Going into the National Tournament the boys were seeded at 24th out of 32 boys teams. Overall, for the event, the team had a first round loss, backed up by 4 team wins is a fantastic result and secured the team the Ross Norman Plate. Two of their games televised on Sky Sport. These boys are to be commended on their improving skill level. A special thank you to our coaches Emma Rowe and Lauren Wikohika plus supporting parents Andrew Burnard and Craig and Tia Buckingham.

Other significant achievements this year included:

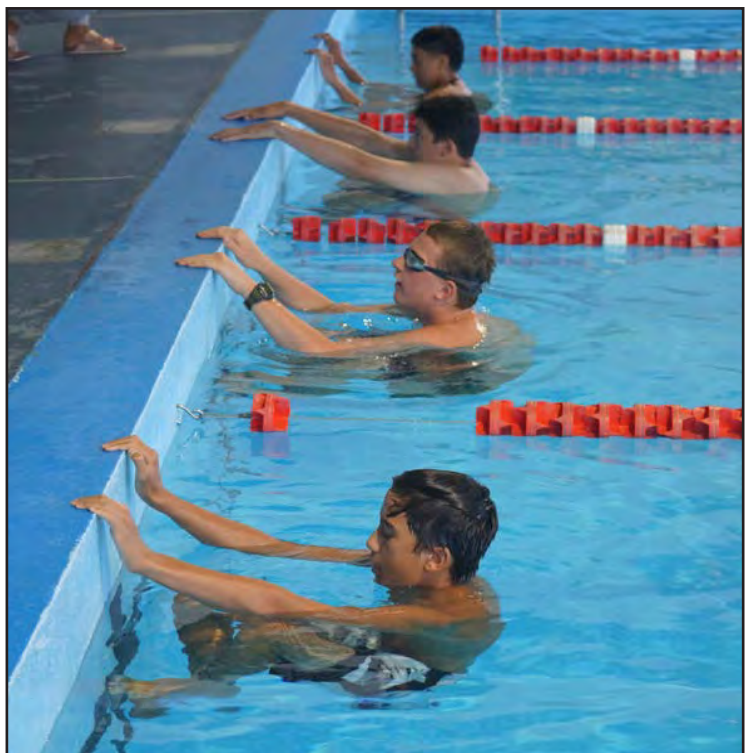
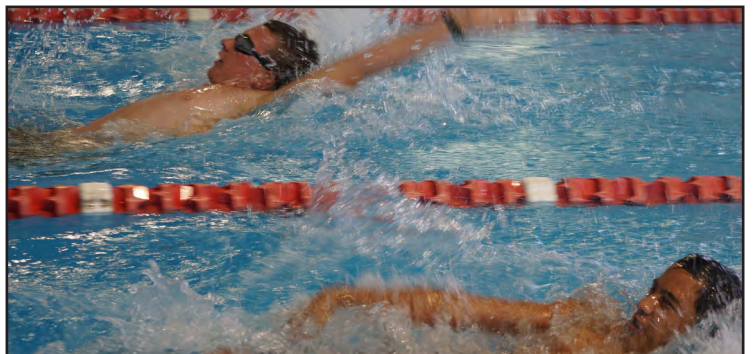
Central Juniors Competition:  
Jayden Bailey U17 Boys title, runner up U19 Boys  
Grace Burnard U17 Girls title, third U19 Girls  
Grace and Liam then went on to play in the North Island Age group Champs in New Plymouth. Both played well staying the main draw and finishing above their seedings with some great squash played. Grace was awarded the Girls Sportsmanship award for the tournament.

Ohakune Squash Club Champs:  
Jayden Bailey: Runner up B grade men, Winner Junior boy, Winner Mens Open  
Grace Burnard: Runner up C grade women, Winner Junior Girl  
Liam Burnard: Runner up Junior boy.  
Maraea Buckingham: Runner up Junior Girl  
Harry Rowe: Winner F grade Men  
Libby Graham: Winner J grade

Thank you to Brenda Burnard for writing this article.



# SWIMMING SPORTS





# BOYS RUGBY

Back Row: Levi Setiu, Tiori Arahanga, Jaydis Hammond, Shane Muru-Albert, Barron Cawsey

2nd Row: Tukotahi Goodwin, Ronnie Richards, Robert Gray, Dayton Muru Albert, Hunter Williams, Mr Campbell Hart (Coach)

Front Row: Brent Siemonek, Jarelle Kaukau-Kerei, Dalton Neho, Harry Rowe, Tahatika Te Riaki, Te Orangi Te Riaki, Jim Rowe.



2021 was a very mixed year for the Under 16 Rugby Team. It started off strongly with good numbers of keen students after initially looking like there was not going to be a team. Whare Te Riaki joined the coaching team and helped to motivate a number of the boys as well as taking charge of the backs. We thank Whare for his time, generosity and sacrifices made in order to help coach the boys.

For the first time ever, we won our first game 19-0 vs Cullinane home at the college. Unfortunately this was as good as it got, we had a close game to City College only going down by one try but could not get another win before COVID ended the season early. In the end this was good timing for us as we only had 10 boys committed at this stage and were not taking full teams away to play games.

I want to thank those boys that were committed to training and worked hard all season. You guys were a good backbone and showed lots of promise for the coming years. As a community, if we want to continue to have a college boys rugby team we have to support our whanau and be committed to training and games for a whole season.

Robert Gray, Harry Rowe and Abel Harland gained character and commitment awards for their work through the season. Taha Te Riaki was awarded the most valuable player award.

Mr Campbell Hart  
Coach





# GIRLS RUGBY

Back Row: Daisy Soverel, Maina Gray, Reihana Mcfadyen, Sayge Wikohika, Kirsty Osborne

2nd Row: Rauna Te Huia (Coach), Malena Hawira, Hine Hall, Te Moana Hagley, Mapihi Taoho, Mr Wayne Te Huia Jnr (Coach)

Front Row: Rose Soverel, Paige Pearce, Hye-le Wihare-Hansen, Santaesjah Wood, Allivia Wallace, Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds, Ella Hawira



A great year was had by our girls rugby team they have made huge growth in their personal development and as a team under the guidance of coach Wayne Te Huia.

They took part in a King Country competition which consisted of 3 games in Te Kuiti and Taupo. This was great preparation leading up to the weekly school competition with Whanganui Rugby.



The girls put in a lot of hard work and trained 2-3 days a week and finished 3rd place in the Whanganui competition. A lot of the girls then went on to make the U15 and U18 Whanganui rep teams.

A great support network in the background helped to support these girls. A big thank you to Te Maire Hawira, Michelle Brough, Rochelle Te Huia and Rauna Te Huia.

Sarah Demchy  
Sports Coordinator





# VOLLEYBALL

## Senior Mixed

Back Row: Tui Wikohika, Bo Soverel, Connor Halliday, Mr Campbell Hart (Coach)

Front Row: Santaesjah Wood, Maina Gray, Ella Hawira, Sayge Wikohika, Allivia Wallace



## Juniors Mixed

Back Row: Blake Takitimu, Stirling Elers, Tahatika Te Riaki, Lukas Kumeroa Ponga, Haeley Perkins-Tamatea

2nd Row: Te Moana Hagley, Mapihi Taoho, Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds-, Hiria Hancy, Alissia Hiroti, Mr Campbell Hart (Coach)

Front Row: Anahera Hansen, Hye-le Wihare-Hansen, Hine Hall, Kirsty Osborne, Sandra Thomas



Volleyball has taken off at the college over the past couple of years. It is great to have a sport where students are fighting for a place. Due to the numbers of players, a couple unfortunately have to miss out each week. We had 26 players and only 21 spots in the van.

This has been great as students came to training keen to learn and do their best. We have two mixed teams a tuakana (senior) team and a teina (junior) team. We go down to Whanganui every two weeks and play 2 games on those nights. Students have also been keen to do extra practices at lunch times. Results have been mixed. We are often asleep in the first game having just got out of the vans but wake up and play well for the second game.

The students have a great attitude and there is heaps of potential with this sport in terms of taking students to tournaments if the buy in and support is there. Sanatesjah Wood was named most valuable player for the tuakana team. Kirtsy Osborne was named most valuable player for the teina team, and Hine Hall best team member. Hye-le Wihare Hansen, Rayden Waller, Zeb Smith and Sayge Wikohika received character and commitment awards at sports prizegiving for their efforts during the season.

Mr Campbell Hart  
Coach





# FOOTBALL

Back Row: Jayden Bailey, Harry Parker, Anton Fraser, William Barlow, George Buan

2nd Row: Sarah Demchy (Coach), Kodo Drayton, Breeanah Tweeddale, Veronica Hays, James Tweeddale, Mr Michael Darmody

Front Row: Jason Young, Sophie Watt, Ambrose Demchy, Jamie Taitoko, Archie Mills, Elaina Beukes



For the second year in a row the Football programme was greatly affected by the restrictions placed upon us because of COVID. St Bernard's from Lower Hutt did not come on their tour of the Central North island and a number of junior games that we had arranged had to be cancelled.

However, we did manage to get one match in against Taumaranui High school. A mix of Juniors and Seniors, boys and girls played their first eleven, who play against Waikato schools in their local league.

Both teams were equally matched and in an exciting end to end game Ruapehu College ran out the winners 5 goals to 3. Archie Mills bagging all the goals for Ruapehu.

Trainings were well attended on a Wednesday evening all through term 3. They all worked hard to improve their basic skills and understanding of the game. Let's hope that next season we are able to play some more games and put our training into action.

Congratulations to Archie Mills and Jason Young for gaining awards for their contribution to football this year. Thank you to Sarah Demchy for her assistance this year, it is very much appreciated.

M Darmody (Football Coach)





# NETBALL

## Junior Team

Back Row: Jahnaia Brown, Hiria Hancy, Cheyenne Muru-Albert, Benji Maraku (Coach)

Front Row: Paetyn Brown, Jorja Ritchfield, Haeley Perkins-Tamatea, Tahleena Atkins-Wihongi, Te Moana Hagley

## Netball Whanganui Competition

Back Row: Tearoha Richards-Wiari, Megan Botha

2nd Row: Jahnaia Brown, Paige Perkins-Topine, Cheyenne Muru-Albert, Te Moana Hagley, Benji Maraku (Coach)

Front Row: Keri Osborne, Tahleena Atkins-Wihongi, Haeley Perkins-Tamatea, Ella Rowe, Hiria Hancy

2021 was a very successful year for our netball girls. After a few years struggling for numbers and coaches, we were finally able to put together two teams which was really exciting!

We also had the introduction of a new, local initiative called Central Plateau Netball. Our junior team consisting of year 9 and 10 students won this competition and as a school we were able to host the finals. This competition was great for our local rural schools and meant we had an awesome afternoon of sport with 4 schools playing at the same time on our outside courts, followed by sausages on the BBQ and a prizegiving in the gym. It was a great event to get our whanau and community involved with.

We also had a team that played in the Saturday Netball Whanganui competition made up of senior and junior students. This team did so well over the course of the season climbing their way up the ranks and winning most of their games. They placed 3rd in the SS1 division, the highest secondary school division.

Overall, it has been a great year for our netball girls and some great coaching and assistance provided by Benji Maraku and Cressida Pue. Thanks also to Meha for your umpiring efforts.





# ATHLETICS

The whole school left the classrooms and took to the field for Athletics Day. Students came to school wearing their whanau colours proudly and had a good time competing in individual events.

Santaesjah Wood broke the Senior Girls Shotput record with her throw of 11.07metres. This record was previously held for 45 years by P Marumaru and her throw of 11.06metres.

The day ended with sprints and relays. This saw the students chant loudly for their whanau team members competing. The year 13's only just made it across the finish line in front of the staff relay team.

The prefects awarded Veronica Hays with their own Prefect Award for her outstanding commitment, participation and support for her house Weka.

## Whanganui Athletics

The team selected for Whanganui Secondary Schools Athletics travelled to Whanganui on the 17th March to compete. Congratulations to the following students for their results.

Santaesjah Wood  
2nd Senior Girls Shot Put

Matthew Smith  
1st Junior Boys 3000m

Ambrose Demchy  
2nd Intermediate Boys 3000mt

Tannar Goff  
2nd Junior Boys Javelin

Jaydis Hammond  
2nd Intermediate Boys Discus





# WAKA AMA

Back Row: Shane Muru-Albert, Ambrose Demchy  
2nd Row: Tukotahi Goodwin, Robert Gray, Te Orangi Te Riaki, Ronnie Richards, Sarah Demchy (Coach)  
Front Row: Levi Setiu, Tahatika Te Riaki, Tui Wikohika, Tiori Arahanga, Poutama Kingi-Mareikura



Back Row: Haeley Perkins-Tamatea, Stirling Elers  
2nd Row: Malena Hawira, Paetyn Brown, Zoe Southall, Te Moana Hagley, Sarah Demchy (Coach)  
Front Row: Cheyenne Muru-Albert, Hiria Hancy, Ella Hawira, Maina Gray, Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds

Rotorua turned it on for 26 Ruapehu College students and their team of coaches, mentors, supporters and followers on 28 March. They took to the waters of Lake Tikitapu to compete in the National Secondary School Waka Ama Championship.

It was a great experience for them all in so many ways on and off the water. The students displayed the College ROCK values and conducted themselves with great sportsmanship. In regards to the competition, the teams performed well and all made it to the finals. There were a few unfortunate mistakes but the end result put simply – was an awesome learning experience. Overall, the teams just got stronger over the course of the week. Congratulations to our U19 boys' team that placed 3rd in the Plate Final.

“On behalf of Ruapehu College, we want to celebrate and thank the dedicated and hardworking team of students, coaches, helpers, parents, and supporters that put in many hours of training, transporting and organizing to get the team of 26 students to the Nationals held at Lake Tikitapu last week. What a beautiful event it was to be part of, everyone loved it! Bring on 2022!”

Mrs Sarah Demchy sports coordinator





# SNOW SPORTS

Back Row: Tannar Goff, William Barlow, Levi Setiu, Harry Rowe, Tarn Hoyle

2nd Row: Mr Michael Darmody (Deputy Principal), Hye-le Wihare-Hansen, Te Moana Hagley, Isla Thompson, Maraea Buckingham, Zoe Southall, Jenna Jones, Meredith Wilson (Coach)

Front Row: Jayden Bailey, Matthew Smith, Brooke Graham, Daisy Soverel, Bella Hohipa, Noah Swift, Brandon Wallace.



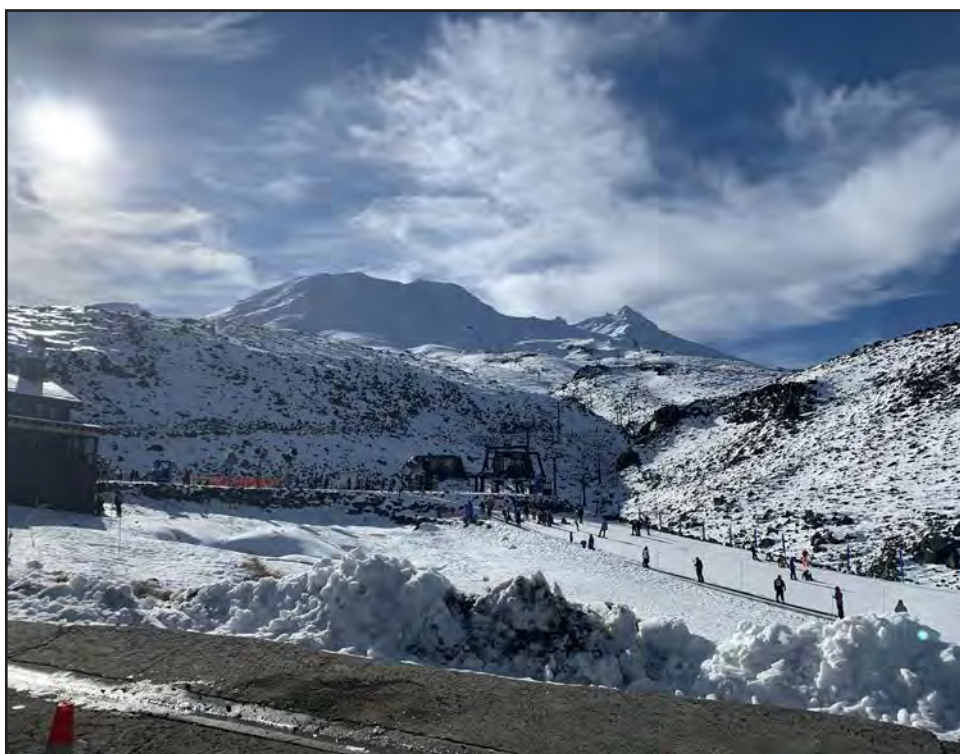
We were fortunate enough to have two trips up Turoa ski field before covid restrictions impacted extra curricular activities at Ruapehu College. We had Max for the snowboarders and Ryan Barkley - new to Turoa leading the skiers. Training sessions ran from 9.am through to 1.00pm. We are grateful to Ohakune Mountain Transportation for discount prices for our students. It was nice to have a few year 9's joining the program.

Our first training day started on August 3rd and we were hoping to run through to September 14th with the ski comp on 20 - 22 September and the board comp 27 - 29 September. Both of these events were cancelled due to covid. As usual the first training day was low visibility but fresh snow, it was just very hard to see. Our second trip on August 10th was full of challenges. There was snow on the roads and the Mountain was on hold. School was only open for those students that were not on the buses. We managed to get 8 students on the transport at 10.30 and were on snow at 11.00. By the time we arrived it was bluebird and 15 cm of fresh snow:) It was an epic Turoa day.

Our goals for the Academy are about improving performance and looking ahead to NISSSC/ NISSBC. Students can also use the training to develop skills and characteristics for students needed for the snow industry pathways. This has been successful for a few of our senior students who now have qualifications as instructors and part time employment on both Turoa and Whakapapa.

Students will need to remember to organise season passes in term 1 to be eligible for Snow Academy in 2022.

Meredith Wilson  
Snow Academy Coordinator





# CROSS COUNTRY

They took time out of school to participate in the College Cross Country event. There were two events that took place on the afternoon; the individual 4km cross country event and a fun team event through the carrot park.

Congratulations to our school cross country champions:

Junior girl-Izybel Graham  
Junior boy-Matthew Smith  
Intermediate Girl-Carla Ball  
Intermediate boy-Ambrose Demchy  
Senior girl-Korbyn Garland  
Senior boy-Bo Soverel

Whanganui Secondary Schools Cross Country

Well done to both Matthew Smith who was placed 16th and Ambrose Demchy who was placed 17th in the Whanganui Secondary Schools Cross Country.



# MOUNTAIN BIKING

We had lots of students keen on mountain biking and we were able to get one training ride in on the Old Coach Road before this also was affected by covid restrictions, with the Whanganui Mountain Biking Championship cancelled.

This is a sport we hope to grow in our school with the great access we have to our fantastic mountain biking tracks in our area. Watch this space!





# KAPA HAKA

Back Row: Drevahn Wood, Levi Setiu, Tahatika Te Riaki, Barron Cawsey, Dayton Muru Albert

2nd Row: Cheyenne Muru-Albert, Malena Hawira, Te Moana Hagley, Zoe Southall, Sandra Thomas, Pikimai Ouknider (Teacher)

Front Row: Haeley Perkins-Ta-matea, Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds, Hiria Hancy, Hye-le Wihare-Hansen, Stirling Elers

## Ngā Manu Kōrero

Ruapehu College would like to celebrate with the Waimarino

community the return to the Pae Rangatahi Regional Secondary School Kapahaka Competition for the first time since 2011. Audiences at the regional Ngā Manu

Kōrero secondary school speech competition held at Whanganui Collegiate were encouraged by impressive orators speaking on national issues.

Representing the college was Hye-le Wihare Hansen [Junior English] and Sandra Manaaki Thomas [Junior Te Reo Māori] whose topics addressed the significance of family, identity and culture. In a pool with ten other speakers, the girls engaged the audience with humor and a persuasive speech with Hye-le placing second in the Junior English section.

## Pae Rangatahi

On the 9th of July 2021, students from Ruapehu College went on a small haerenga to contribute to the Pae Rangatahi Festival. Most of the students that participated in this event had never performed in front of such a huge crowd, so it was really new to them but also absolutely thrilling.

Although the performance occurred on the stage, behind the curtains showed the commitment and confidence of each student and parent helper; the students' and helpers' sacrifice in order to absorb and teach all the Aroha within each Waiata; the bravery of stepping onto that stage. It gave every other contestant a taste of what Ruapehu has to offer, finally after 10 years emerging



from the ashes of the phoenix to regain our flame. Hye-le Wihare-Hansen.

Some quotes;

"Being kaea was an amazing experience for the big event." Hiria Hancy

"We did our best, we did our all and it showed what we were capable of." Cheyenne Muru-Albert

"Ka mau te wehi!!" (Awesome experience for our students) Mrs. Allen

"It was pretty nerve racking on the stage but in the end you had your team with you." Zoe Southall





# CALENDAR

29 January Prefect Training  
 1 February Front of school blessing  
 3 February All Students - Yr9 Powhiri  
 5 February Interwhanau Tug of War  
 18 February Food Safety course  
 26 February 12 Biology Freshwater  
 10 March Yr 9 Whanau BBQ  
 17 March WSS Athletics  
 14 April Outstanding Achievement Assembly  
 15 April Whole school parent teacher inter-views  
 12 May Year 10 Stream Planting Papa  
 21 May Y11 English Nat. Army Museum Visit  
 8 June Cultural Meeting  
 15 June Full Faculty 1 Meeting  
 17 June Girls in High Vis  
 17 June Girls rugby vs Cullinane  
 24 June BOT Meeting  
 30 June Soccer Rua vs Taumaranui  
 5 July Production  
 9 July Pae Rangatahi  
 27 July Sports Meeting  
 4 August Parent Teacher Interviews  
 4 August Yr 8 Invite Assembly  
 5 August Sec Sch Squash Nationals  
 10 August 1st Covid Injection Staff and Seniors  
 13 August School Photographs  
 17 August Snowsports

23 August Yr11 Rock Climbing  
 24 August Snowsports  
 30 August Yr11 Rock Climbing  
 31 August 12PE Coaching  
 31 August Snowsports  
 1 Sept 13 PE Mini Trip  
 3 Sept Quad Sports Tournament  
 7 Sept 12PE Coaching  
 20 Sept 13PE Journey  
 27 Sept SENIOR EXAMINATIONS  
 30 Sept MCat Examination  
 30 Sept Year 9 Vision and Hearing  
 27 Oct What about Me National Survey  
 27 Oct High Tea Level 2 Course  
 28 Oct Prefect Interviews  
 30 Oct NCEA Drama Workshop  
 1 Nov PFA Rehearsals  
 3 Nov Sports Breakfast Awards  
 6 Nov Performing Arts Concert Evening  
 12 Nov Year 8 Experience Day  
 15 Nov Junior Exams  
 16 Nov Junior Exams  
 17 Nov Junior Exams  
 23 Nov Year 9 Lakes Reserve Field Trip  
 25 Nov Raetihi Cultural Festival  
 6 Dec Junior Prizegiving  
 10 Dec Staff Retirement Dinner

## Pink Shirt Day

Friday 21 May, Students wore PINK in support of the movement to raise awareness about bullying prevention in our schools and communities.



## Year 9 'Fun on the field' BBQ

Students, their families and teachers enjoyed spending some time after school playing some sports, using the water slide and just getting to know one another at the 'Fun on the field' BBQ.





# YEAR 13 PROFILES

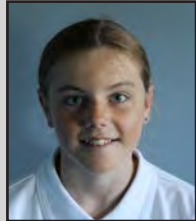
Name: Brianna McKenna  
 Remembered for: Ghosting  
 Famous saying: "I'll come next week."  
 Wants to be: Covid safe.  
 Most likely to be: Married to Sara.



Name: Jack Walls  
 Remembered for: Having loose knees  
 Famous saying: "My knee hurts."  
 Wants to be: Out of the friend zone  
 Most likely to be: In the friend zone



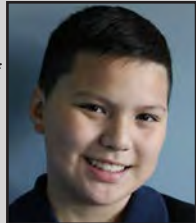
Name: Libby Graham  
 Remembered for: Getting salty  
 Famous saying: "Jack get out"  
 Wants to be: A hairdresser  
 Most likely to be: A Parking Enforcement Officer



Name: Jenna Jones  
 Remembered for: Being blonde  
 Famous saying: "Your mum"  
 Wants to be: An Ecologist  
 Most likely to be: A Biology Teacher



Name: Brodie Kahukura  
 Remembered for: Candyman  
 Famous saying: \*punches Dalton\*  
 Wants to be: A Digital Designer  
 Most likely to: Own a Four Square



Name: Dalton Jordan  
 Remembered for: Being the loudest  
 Famous saying: \*Thats what she said"  
 Wants to be: An Actor  
 Most likely to be: Working for Nash



Name: Emma Burnard  
 Remembered for: Thing for ranga's  
 Famous saying: "Stoop Jaaack"  
 Wants to be: An Enviromental Planner  
 Most likely to be: A Soccer Mum



Name: Megan Rollerson  
 Remembered for: Hearty goggle tan  
 Famous saying: "Rarimu"  
 Wants to be: Rich and making wine  
 Most likely to be: Still a Ski Instructor.



Name: Tayla Goff  
 Remembered for: Being towered over  
 Famous saying: "I've got something to tell you"  
 Wants to be: Yacht Stewardess  
 Most likely to be: Still in National Park



Name: Bo Soverel  
 Remembered for: Getting up close with Mr Greene rubbish tin  
 Famous saying: "Heaps good"  
 Wants to be: Male Dancer  
 Most likely to be: Still harassing Connor at 50



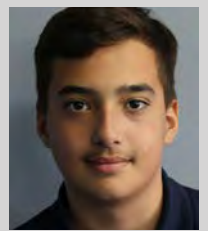


# YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Paige Pearce  
 Remembered for: Being dyslexic  
 Famous saying: "Queentown, Queensland. Same thing."  
 Wants to be: A Train Conductor.  
 Most likely to be: Teen mum with 20 kids.



Name: Connor Halliday  
 Remembered for: Not knowing 12 ÷ 6  
 Famous saying: "I hate you guys."  
 Wants to be: An Army Man  
 Most likely to be: Lifetime Z employee



Name: Ella Hawira  
 Remembered for: Being spastic  
 Famous saying: "Huh"  
 Wants to be: An Outdoor Instructor  
 Most likely to be: Helping koro grow his 'business'"



Name: Korbyn Garland  
 Remembered for: Height  
 Famous saying: "Only excellence?"  
 Wants to be: Vet  
 Most likely to be: Crazy horse chick



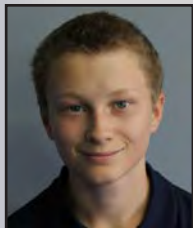
Name: Jaye Akapita  
 Remembered for: Coming to school once a term.  
 Famous saying: "Whats this one?"  
 Wants to be: A Kohanga Teacher  
 Most likely to be: Masons wife



Name: Byron Griffin-Chappel  
 Remembered for: Showing up on Mondays  
 Famous saying: "Age is only a number"  
 Wants to be: A Mechanic  
 Most likely to be: In trouble



Name: Tristrum Griffin-Chappel  
 Remembered for: Hitchhiking back to Raetihi. Famous saying: "Is it clean"  
 Wants to be: In the Army  
 Most likely to be: Living with Mummy at 30



Name: Kyro Wihare-Hansen  
 Remembered for: Dating younger guys  
 Famous saying: "Jack so you have any lunch?"  
 Wants to be: A Nurse  
 Most likely to be: At Wini's house



Name: Sayge Wikohika  
 Remembered for: Hugging Kalani in the corridor  
 Famous saying: "ffs"  
 Wants to be: An Architect  
 Most likely to be: Babysitting her siblings



Name: Allivia Wallace  
 Remembered for: One eyed hyena laugh  
 Famous saying: "Nah the table suck"  
 Wants to be: A Beautician  
 Most likely to be: Working at New World until retirement.





# CAMP

Gisborne Leadership Camp 2020

On the 7th to 10th of December, 15 year 12 students went for the Leadership camp in Gisborne. Leaving Ohakune with strong winds, rain and a high of 10 degrees, they arrived on Monday afternoon to a complete contrast- blue skies, sparkling ocean and a high of 29 degrees.

Students were greeted by Surfing with Sarah who gave them coaching and gear to start surfing. With offshore winds and gentle waves, it was a fantastic introduction. Tuesday was more of the same except at the afternoon session was spent at Makarori beach to escape the winds that had increased.

In the evening, students got involved in learning peer support activities ready for next year. We also completed an amazing race which got the students learning facts and walking around the coastal walkway. Wednesday we were up at 6, and headed to Tatapouri for the stingray feeding. The winds calmed down and we ate breakfast under the red flowers of the pohutukawa. We put on waders and walked out across the reef with a guide. At the edge of the reef we were greeted by both short tailed and eagle rays. They liked pats on the back and especially liked the food that we hand fed them.

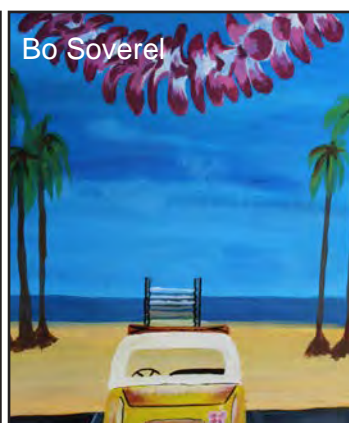
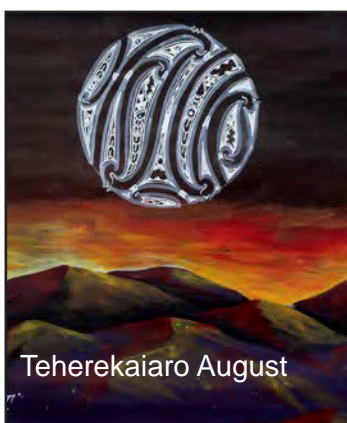
We then went up to Tolaga bay to jump off the wharf. In the afternoon it was back to Makarori for our last surf. The winds were calm, and the water clear and many students made significant progress in their surfing and paddling thanks to the help of Frank. Many past Ruapehu College students have been coached by Frank in previous camps at Gisborne. We then organised a bbq and enjoyed dinner at the beach to end our surfing experience.

Students worked together to keep camp tidy and cook their food. Thanks to Campbell Hart for the peer support activities, surfing with Sarah for the coaching and words of encouragement that she passed on to our students.

Miss Meredith Wilson



# ART WORK





# JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2020

## Sports Awards

Athletics Junior Girl (PTA Cup) Shae Lyons Junior Boy (PTA Cup) Tiori Arahanga Swimming Junior Girl Shae Lyons Junior Boy (TG Drayton Cup) Harry Rowe Squash Best Female Squash Player (Triggell Trophy) Grace Burnard Best Junior Female Squash Player (Megan Laurenson Trophy) Best Male Squash Player (Triggell Trophy) Jayden Bailey Best Junior Male Squash Player (Jackie Laurenson Trophy) Waka Ama Junior Boy (Maunga Sports Trust Plaque) Tahatika Te Riaki Top Mountain Biker Ambrose Demchy Top Duathlon Student Matthew Smith JUNIOR SPORTS ALL ROUNDER Shae Lyons

## YEAR 9 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Te Pere Akapita Achieved Junior Diploma. John Anderson MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. William Barlow EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Social Studies and Performing Arts. MERIT AWARDS for high achievement in English, consistent effort in Science and perseverance in Mathematics. Kohatu Bauer MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English. Shaniqua Bellamy MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design and Innovation Textiles and enthusiastic participation in Science. Ryan Bell Achieved Junior Diploma. Maraeta Buckingham MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and Art. Achieved Junior Diploma. Lucy Cody EXCELLENCE AWARD for Design and Innovation Textiles MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Art. Achieved Junior Diploma. Ambrose Demchy EXCELLENCE AWARDS in English and Science. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Mathematics and Physical Education. He receives the Mowat Voon cup for a student active in both sports and reading. Kodo Drayton EXCELLENCE AWARD in Mathematics. MERIT AWARDS for high achievement in English consistent effort in Science, Social Studies and Physical Education. Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds Achieved Junior Diploma. Tukotahi Goodwin MERIT AWARD for improvement in Design in Food. Achieved Junior Diploma Hine Hall MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori, and Physical Education and Leadership in learning for Design & Innovation Textiles. Achieved Junior Diploma. Anahera Hansen Achieved Junior Diploma. Linkin Harding-Gray EXCELLENCE AWARD for Art. Achieved Junior Diploma. Alissia Hiroti EXCELLENCE AWARD for Design in Food. Achieved Junior Diploma. Phoebe Holloway EXCELLENCE AWARD for English Tarn Hoyle EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Art and Performing Arts MERIT AWARD for high achievement in English. Shae Lyons MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Claire Moore Achieved Junior Diploma. Kirsty Osborne EXCELLENCE AWARD for Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Mathematics and consistent effort in Science. Jorejina-Lee Paoratoho MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Social Studies. Achieved Junior Diploma. Haeley Perkins-Tamatea Achieved Junior Diploma. Lukas Kumeroa Ponga Achieved Junior Diploma. Levi Setiu MERIT AWARD for improvement in Physical Education. Matthew Smith MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science and English and improvement in Mathematics. Noah Swift EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Science, Mathematics and Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. MERIT AWARD for high achievement in English. Harry Rowe EXCELLENCE AWARD for Physical Education. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials Jamie Taitoko MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Design in Food, Art, Science, Social Studies and Mathematics. Mapihi Taoho EXCELLENCE

AWARD for Design in Food, Tahatika Te Riaki MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Physical Education and Design in Food. Sandra Thomas MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and Physical Education. Breeanah Tweeddale MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science. Achieved Junior Diploma. Haarlem Wade Achieved Junior Diploma. Brandon Wallace MERIT AWARD for improvement and perseverance in Design & Innovation Textiles. Hye-Lye Wihare-Hansen EXCELLENCE AWARD for Social Studies. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science and Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Achieved Junior Diploma.

## YEAR 10 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Carla Ball MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort Physical Education and improvement in Mathematics. Megan Botha MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Mathematics, Design in Food, Physical Education and improvement in Social Studies. George Buan MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science and high achievement in Art. Grace Burnard EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Mathematics, English, Design in Food and Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science Sophie Coller MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Design in Food, improvement in English and perseverance in Design & Innovation Textiles. Achieved Junior Diploma. Arnav Deepak Ram EXCELLENCE AWARD for Performing Arts. MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Mathematics and consistent effort in Science. He receives the SIMS Award for excellence in Junior Performing Arts. Sunita Dennison MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Design & Innovation Textiles and perseverance in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. She receives the Creative Textiles Award donated by M. George. Achieved Junior Diploma. Anton Fraser MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science. Jade Gibson EXCELLENCE AWARD for Design & Innovation Textiles MERIT AWARD for improvement in Physical Education. Devon Griffin-Chappel EXCELLENCE AWARD for Design & Innovation Textiles- MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and consistent effort and enthusiasm in Performing Arts. Achieved Junior Diploma. Uenuku Hansen MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Mathematics and consistent effort in Physical Education. Achieved Junior Diploma. Veronica Hays EXCELLENCE AWARD for Art. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English, Social Studies, Design in Food, Physical Education Performing Arts and Science. Ngakau Herewini MERIT AWARD for improvement in Social Studies. Aylish Jordan Achieved Junior Diploma. Javier Lemberg MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and perseverance in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Achieved Junior Diploma. Aroha Lima Achieved Junior Diploma. Reihana McFadyen MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Achieved Junior Diploma. Archie Mills EXCELLENCE AWARD for Physical Education, Achieved Junior Diploma. Dalton Noho MERIT AWARD for improvement in Physical Education Keri Osborne EXCELLENCE AWARDS for English, Science, Art, Social Studies, Design in Food and Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. She jointly receives the Most Promising Student in Practical Foods Trophy donated by M. George. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and documentation in Mathematics. Harry Parker MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science and Design in Food. Ui Pehi MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Science and improvement shown in the second half of the year in Mathematics. Matariki Ranganui MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English, Te Reo Maori and Art. Achieved Junior Diploma. Tanja Reedy MERIT AWARD for improvement in English. Achieved Junior Diplo-

ma. Joshua Simons EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English and consistent effort and application in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Daisy Soverel MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Social Studies. Achieved Junior Diploma. Mika Story MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design & Innovation Textiles. Achieved Junior Diploma. Nolan Tahu MERIT AWARD for improvement in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials and receives the Dixon Engineering Cup for practical work in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Achieved Junior Diploma. Ashya Taura Achieved Junior Diploma. Isabella Tweeddale MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English. Achieved Junior Diploma. William Warbrick He jointly receives the Most Improved Junior Performing Arts Award donated by D Sims Destiny Ward MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Art and leadership in Design & Innovation Textiles. Ryan Young MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and Physical Education. He jointly receives the Most Improved Junior Performing Arts Award donated by D Sims. Achieved Junior Diploma.



## ACHIEVED JUNIOR DIPLOMA WITH DISTINCTION YEAR 9

Hunter Anderson, John Anderson, William Barlow Kohatu Bauer, Ambrose Demchy, Kodo Drayton Phoebe Holloway, Tarn Hoyle, Shae Lyons, Kirsty Osborne, Harry Rowe, Matthew Smith, Noah Swift, Jamie Taitoko, Sandra Thomas

## ACHIEVED JUNIOR DIPLOMA WITH DISTINCTION YEAR 10

Jayden Bailey, Carla Ball, Megan Botha, George Buan, Grace Burnard, Arnav Deepak Ram, Anton Fraser, Veronica Hays, Keri Osborne, Harry Parker, Joshua Simons, Destiny Ward

## SPECIAL AWARDS

**Principals Award** John Anderson For special recognition **Office Max Award** Arnav Deepak Ram For outstanding service to the college **Te Kaahu Trophy** Reihana McFadyen Donated by Mr & Mrs Murphy-Peehi for leadership, initiative and dedication in the promotion of cultural activities among juniors at Ruapehu College **The Logan Dixon Cup** Jayden Bailey For excellence in junior sport cup **Ruapehu College Junior Citizen Award** Veronica Hayes For a student of good character, having personal integrity including the qualities of honesty, caring for other people and supporting the peer group. (Cup donated by the Lyon Family) **Jim Perry Prize** Jayden Bailey For the Year 10 student who has shown the most improvement across a range of academic, sporting, social and cultural activities. Cheque and Voucher **Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant:** Matariki Ranganui \$1000 awarded to a year 10 student to support them in their academic year. **Junior Diploma Awards** Yr 9 William Barlow & Kodo Drayton Achieved Top Junior Diploma of Learning Student Yr 10 Grace Burnard **Year 9 Academic Excellence Award** Kodo Drayton Trophy donated by the Milne Family **Year 10 Academic Excellence Award - Junior Dux** Keri Osborne Trophy donated by the Milne Family. Ruapehu Bulletin for academic excellence in Year 10 and a Laurenson Trust grant of \$100



# SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

**Senior Sports and Inter Whānau Awards**  
ATHLETICS Intermediate Female Champion (Woodward Cup) Daisy Soverel Senior Male Champion (Turners and Growers Cup) Mason Richards Senior Female Champion (Turners and Growers Cup) Una Drayton CROSS COUNTRY Intermediate Female Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Carla Ball Senior Female Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Korbyn Garland Senior Male Champion (Dillon Shield)  
Bo Soverel SWIMMING Intermediate Female Champion (PTA Cup) Noah Harto Senior Female Champion (John Evans Trophy) Ella Hawira Senior Male Champion (John Evans Trophy) Bo Soverel NETBALL Most Valuable Player (certificate) Megan Botha RUGBY GIRLS Most Valuable Female Player (DA Doyle Cup) Santaesjah Wood VOLLEYBALL Most Valuable Player Tuakana (Certificate) Santaesjah Wood WAKA AMA Ruapehu College Kaihoe Waka Ama Senior Female Ella Hawira (a Toanga gifted by the Allen Whanau) Ruapehu College Kaihoe Waka Ama Senior Boy Tui Wikohika (a Toanga gifted by the Allen Whanau) SQUASH Best Female Squash Player (Triggell Trophy) Grace Burnard Best Male Squash Player (Triggell Trophy) Jayden Bailey.  
**SPORTS AND INTE-WHANAU AWARDS**  
Huia Paige Pearce Connor Halliday 1st in Quiz, 2nd in 4-Way Volleyball, Athletics, Volleyball Cross Country. 3rd in Chalk Draw and Swimming, 4th in Athletics and Tug of war Kiwi Bo Soverell Ella Hawira 1st in Swimming, Athletics, Chalk Draw, 4-Way Volleyball, Cross Country, Volleyball and 2nd in Tug of War and Quiz. Tui Zeb Smith Santaesjah Wood 1st in Tug of War. 2nd in Swimming, 3rd in Cross Country, Athletics, and Volleyball, 4th in 4-Way Volleyball, Chalk Draw and Quiz. Weka Dalton Jordan Veronica Hays 2nd in Chalk Draw, 3rd in Tug of War, 4-Way Volleyball, Volleyball and Quiz, 4th in Athletics and Swimming. CHAMPION WHĀNAU CUP Kiwi WORK HARD PLAY HARD TROPHY Sayge Wikohika TOP SPORTS ALL ROUNDER Ella Hawira TOP SPORTS PERSON 2021 Jayden Bailey

## Year 11 Academic Awards

Carla Ball MERIT AWARD for improvement during the year in Design in Textiles. Megan Botha Level 1 History for consistent effort award in Online Learning. George Buan MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Art and Design in Foods. Grace Burnard MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education and English, improvement throughout the year in Mathematics. - SUBJECT AWARDS for Design Innovation Resistant Materials and Science. She receives the Place Makers Award for Level 1 Hard Materials Quade Chapman MERIT AWARD for improvement during the year in Level 11 Science 2 Sophie Coller MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Design Innovation Resistant Materials and improvement in Geography. Anton Fraser MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health. Devon Griffin-Chappel MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and application in Music and Drama. Uenuku Hansen Receives the Migos Trophy for Practical Clothing. Veronica Hays MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science. SUBJECT AWARDS for Performing Arts (1st in class), Art and Physical Education. AYlish Jordan MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in practical disciplines in Performing Arts and perseverance in English. Reihana McFadyen MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health. Archie Mills MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. Shane Muru-Albert MERIT AWARD for improvement throughout the year in Applied Mathematics. Keri Osborne MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Art, Design Innovation Resistant Materials and Science. SUBJECT AWARD for Design Visual Communication. Harry Parker MERIT AWARDS for improvement in English, improvement throughout the year in Mathematics and perseverance in Geography. SUBJECT AWARDS for Health and Design in Foods. He receives the Year 11 Food Technology Incentive Award (donated by Fiona Fraser). Uī Pehi MERIT AWARD improvement throughout the year in English. Joshua Simons MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design Visual Communication. SUBJECT AWARDS for English, Mathematics,

Science and Geography. Online Learning Level 1 Chinese consistent achievement award. Daisy Soverel SUBJECT AWARD for Design in Textiles. Ashya Taura MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design in Food. Puhianitana Isabella Tweeddale MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design in Textiles. Puhianitana Hanika SUBJECT AWARDS for Maori Performing Arts and Te Reo Maori. Top Level 1 Academic Student Joshua Simons

## Year 12 Academic Awards

Dylan Anderson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physics. Samantha Beauchamp MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English, Design Visual Communication and perseverance in Design in Foods. Uenuku Bidle-Reedy SUBJECT AWARD for Work Ready Passport. Raynardt Botha MERIT AWARD for improvement in Geography. Online Learning Level 2 Accounting consistent achievement and effort award. Aaliya Dennison MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health. Una Drayton MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Year 13 English and Physics. SUBJECT AWARDS for Year 12 Biology, Chemistry and Year 13 Mathematics and she receives the Cast Family Senior Mathematics Award. Brooke Graham MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Biology and Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARD for Health. Maina Gray MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education and Art. SUBJECT AWARD for Tourism. Marama Groot MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Year 12 Chemistry and Year 13 Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARDS for Year 13 English. Art, Design Visual Communication and Physics. She receives the Dr Jordan Memorial Prize for Art and the Gordon Lin Trophy for the best Design Visual Communication Student. Noah Harto MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. Bella Hopia MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and application in Music and Drama. Kayla Jordan MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Chemistry and Mathematics, SUBJECT AWARDS for English, Art, Design Visual Communication and (1st in class) Performing Arts and receives the Outstanding Contribution to Senior Production Trophy. Sachin Kumar MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Work Ready Passport and Design Innovation Resistant Materials. Chelsea Marsada SUBJECT AWARD for Design in Food. Tearoha Richards-Wiari MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Tourism. Ella Rowe SUBJECT AWARD for Agriculture and Horticulture and receives the Fruit Federation Award for Level 2 Horticulture. Cameron Smith MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English. SUBJECT AWARDS for Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics and Geography and receives the Early Settlers Award for diligence and showing class spirit (donated by the Scarrow Family). Zebariah Smith MERIT AWARDS for improvement throughout the year in English and consistent effort in Agriculture and Horticulture and receives the Waimarino Tree Resource Horticulture Incentive Award donated by Ian Forster. Yler Te Kani MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Tourism. Santaesjah Wood SUBJECT AWARD for Design Innovation Resistant Materials and receives the Winstone Pulp prize for Achievement in Year 12 Design Technology. Top Level 2 Academic Student Kayla Jordan

## SPECIAL AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

Nga Ara Scholarships, outstanding engagement in stem Donated by Genesis Energy This scholarship provides two students with a financial contribution to recognise their engagement in stem and encourage their continued engagement in stem subjects. Una Drayton and Marama Groot Nga Ara Scholarships, outstanding engagement in Puhoro Genesis Energy. This Scholarship recognises two students who have shown outstanding engagement in Puhoro. Keri Osborne and Isabella Tweeddale Lila Pakinga Scholarship For a year 11 students to support them in the following academic year to the value of \$1000 Reihana McFadyen

## Year 13 Academic Awards

Jaye Tuateata Akapita SUBJECT AWARDS for Maori Performing Arts and Te Reo Maori. Emma Burnard MERIT AWARDS for improve-

ment in Geography and receives the Peck Campbell Cup for excellence in the Humanities. Korbyn Garland MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Physics. SUBJECT AWARDS for Biology and Performing Arts (1st in class) and receives the SIMS Award for excellence in Performing Arts and the Winstone Pulp International Prize for Biology. Tayla George MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design in Foods. SUBJECT AWARD for Geography. Libby Graham MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Art. SUBJECT AWARD for consistent effort in Tourism. Tristram Griffin-Chappel SUBJECT AWARD for Design Innovation Resistant Materials. Connor Halliday MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Tourism and Work Ready passport Ella Hawia SUBJECT AWARD for Physical Education and she receives the Robin Rowles Memorial Award. Jenna Jones MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and application in Music and Drama and Biology. Brodie Kahukura MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in English and consistent effort and perseverance in Design in Foods Paige Pearce MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education SUBJECT AWARDS for Design in Foods, Physical Education and Work Ready Passport. She receives the Sue Hardwide Memorial Cup for excellence in practical Foods. Megan Rollerson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Music. Kyro Wihare-Hansen MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Work Ready Passport. Allivia Wallace MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. Sayge Wikohika MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education and Tourism.

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Nga Ara Scholarships Donated by Genesis Energy to support 2 year thirteen students going onto further education in, or a career in, the Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics Fields. Korbyn Garland and Jenna Jones Inspiring local minds scholarship Donated by The Lines Company (TLC) for a school leaver planning to pursue tertiary education or trade training linked to skills required by TLC. Emma Burnard WPI Thomas Song Memorial Award; a demonstration of WPI's commitment to our people and our community. Jenna Jones Office Max Award For a person who has enhanced the reputation of the college by his or her work outside the college. Dalton Jordan Maungarongo Trophy For showing leadership, dedication and initiative in the promotion of kapa haka during the year in school. Jaye Akapita Brian Eades Award For perseverance and endeavour. Connor Halliday Andrew Beggs Memorial Trophy For a student who upholds the values that were upheld by Andrew Beggs: a good work ethic, respect for the environment and concern for others. Jenna Jones Waimarino Shield Donated by the Maori community of the district for an all-round student in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and values plus \$100 from the Laurenson Trust. Ella Hawira Loftus Shield For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas – academic, social and sporting plus \$100 from the Laurenson Trust. Korbyn Garland The Rotary Trades Award Awarded by the Raetihi Ohakune Rotary Club for a student who shows outstanding promise in the area of Agriculture and Horticulture or Forestry or Trades, to assist them in achieving their goals for the future to the value of \$500. Byron Griffin-Chappel Principal's Award For their positive contribution to school life. Connor Halliday Proxime Accessit Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family with \$100 from the Laurenson Trust. Megan Rollerson Dux Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. \$200 from the Laurenson Trust, The Raetihi Ohakune Rotary Club Scholarship of \$500. Korbyn Garland









