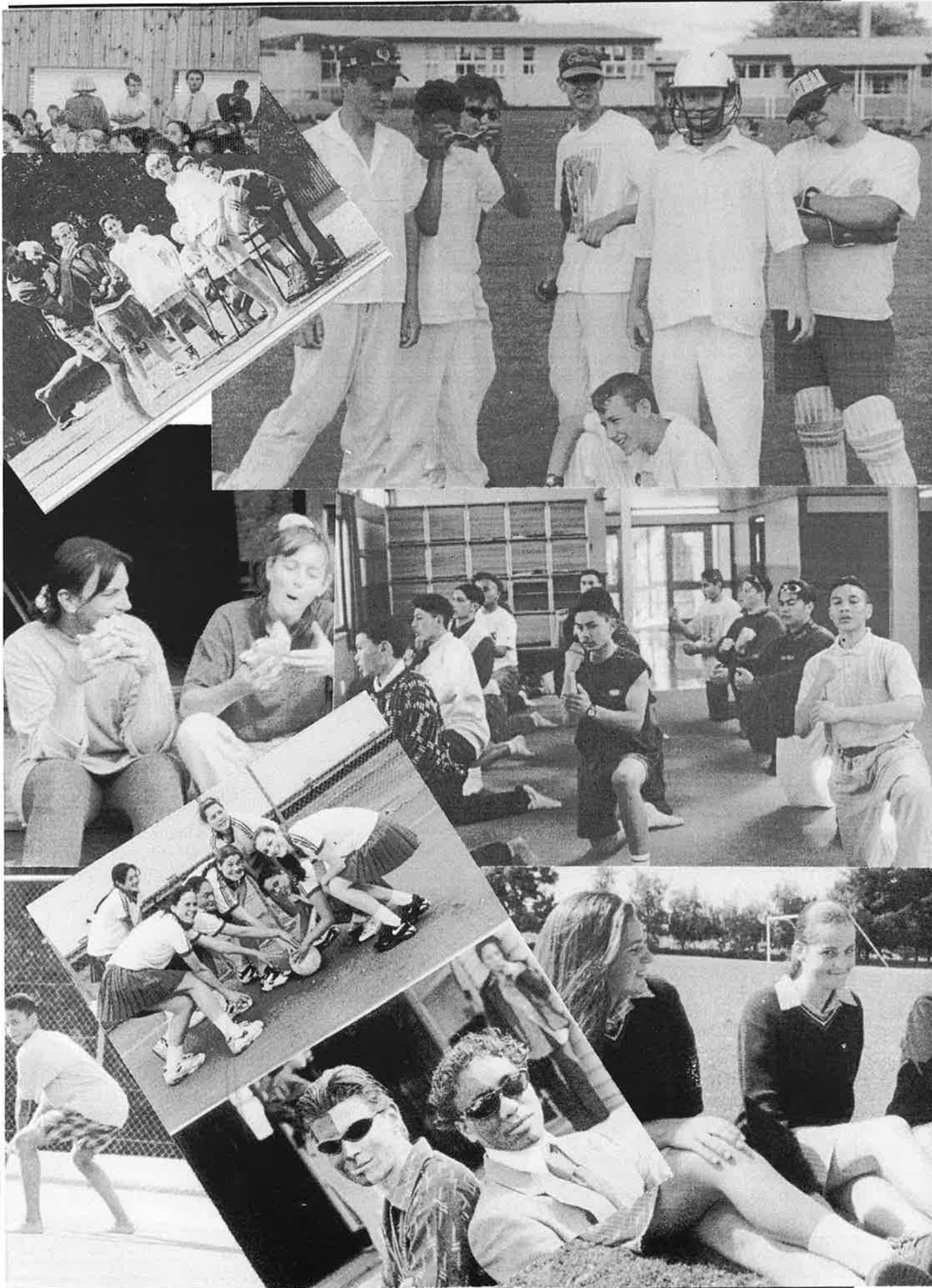




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School Diary



JANUARY

- 29 The year begins
Sixth and seventh formers attend
- 30 Full school attendance
Head girl and head boy announced
- 31 Student whanau leaders appointed

FEBRUARY

- 8 Swimming Sports
- 9 Diving Sports
Election of Board of Trustees student representative. R Clarke elected
- 13 Athletics preliminaries
- 14 3A camp begins
- 15 Alcohol/drug education officer visits
First Aid course at Winstones mill
- 16 English curriculum development
programme begins
- 20 Athletics sports
- 21 3R camp begins
Alcohol and drug education officer
- 27 Tennis championships
- 28 3U camp begins
Taihape summer sports exchange
- 29 Detective Mike Hill speaks about
drugs

MARCH

- 5 Vision liason teacher visits
- 6 Strike day
- 7 Staff vs 7th form touch rugby
- 8 Form 7 to Mangatepopo (Geography)
- 12 School photos taken
- 13 Secondary school athletics Wanganui
- 14 Parent - Teacher interviews
- 15 MS appeal
- 20 Equestrian team competes Wanganui
- 22 Form 6 to Mangatepopo (Geography)
Form 7 History trip to Tauranga
- 25 Equestrian team-Taihape Gymkhana
- 26 Massey liason officer visits
Staff vs 7th form volleyball
- 27 Inter-whanau summer sports
- 30 Student leaders attend leadership
camp at Outdoor Pursuits Centre

APRIL

- 5 Good Friday
- 7 End of Term One
- 22 Start of Term Two
- 24 Anzac service
- 26 7th form trip to Waikato University

MAY

- 2 Inter-school golf competition
- 7 Junior speech finals
- 9 Senior speech finals
- 15 Regional cross country competition
- 17 Careers expo
- 21 4A trip to Waiouru museum
- 22 Senior examinations start

JUNE

- 3 Queen's Birthday
- 4 Navy display
- 5 Taihape winter sports exchange
Form 3 rostered home
Form 4 rostered home
Form 5 rostered home
- 7 Form 6 and transition first aid course
- 10 Air force liason officer visits
- 11 Stage Challenge dress rehearsal
Modelling and DJ display in hall
- 20 Form 3 rostered home
Stage Challenge in Palmerston North
- 21 Form 3 rostered home
- 24 6CPE trip to Auckland
- 27 Form 3 clothing trip to Taupo
- 28 End of Term 2

JULY

- 15 Term 3 starts
- 17 6FC Home Economics trip Auckland
- 22 Student teacher, Miss J Frew, begins
- 23 New Zealand hockey trainers visit
- 24 6FC Media Studies editing course in
Wanganui
- 29 Form 6 and 7 Geography and History
trip to Wellington
Careers evening

AUGUST

- 2 Nga Manu Korero regional
competition in Wanganui
- 5 Form 4 work experience begins
- 7 Taumaranui winter sports exchange
- 14 Tongariro winter sports exchange
- 15 Massey liason officer visits

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Mathex held in Wanganui
- 6 Correspondence School exams
Trip to Poutamatia trip Wanganui
- 9 North Island Secondary Schools
Skiing Competition starts
Melissa Schlegal visits the army for
and officer cadet course
- 12 Junior basketball competition Levin
- 18 Inter-whanau winter sports
- 19 Mufti day fundraising for Cambridge
High School
- 20 End of term 3

OCTOBER

- 7 Term 4 begins
Telecom Roadshow
- 10 Form 5 and 7 exams begin
- 28 Labour Day
- 29 Sixth form exams begin

NOVEMBER

- 1 Form 5 and 7 reports issued
- 13 Form 5 and 7 study leave begins
- 15 Senior prizegiving
- 20 Form 6 completion date
- 21 Bursury and School Certificate
exams begin
- 22 Unit standards training English Dept
- 25 Activities Week begins

DECEMBER

- 5 Local truancy initiative
- 6 Junior prize giving
- 9 Top Town and final day

Back Row:

Mr R Milne
NZCD (Arch),
Dip Tchg,
Mr D Taylor
B Sc, Dip Tchg
Miss N Rattray
BEd, BCAPs,
Dip Tchg,
Miss F Wilson
Canteen

Third Row:

Mrs L Fetzer
Principal's Sec,
Mr K Hagener
Cert Ed, Cert ST,
Cert PST,
Mrs J Voon
BA (Hons), Dip
Tchg, Mrs A Stuckey
B Sc, Dip Tchg



Ms K Gibson BA, Dip Tchg, Cert Tchg, Mrs J Knight LTCL, LRSM, Dip Tchg, Mrs A Winter Receptionist,
Second Row:

Mrs C Quick Office Ancillary, Miss N Williams BA, Dip Tchg, Mrs L Ryland B Sc, PG Dip Sci, HOD
Horticulture, Careers Advisor, Mrs Fraser Higher Dip Tchg, TTC, Guidance Councillor, Mrs S Trask B Sc,
Dip Tchg, Mrs W Jervis Librarian

Front Row: Mr D Hynes B Sc, Dip Tchg, HOD Mathematics Mr I Mackay B Ed, TTC, HOD English, Mrs M
George HTC, HEC Dip, Dip Tchg, HOD Te Reo Maori, Mr R Lane B Sc(Hons), Dip Tchg, Principal, Mr J
Laurenson BE (Elect), Dip Tchg, Deputy Principal, Mrs S Buck B Sc (Hons), Cert Ed, HOD Science, Mr R
Knight BA, Dip Tchg, HOD Geography

Absent: N Buck BA, TTC, HOD History, Mrs C Chapman Adv Com T Dip, HOD Computer Studies, Miss J
Frew BA, Dip Tchg, Mr M Haig Dip Tchg, HOD Physical Education Mrs S Laurenson B Com Dip Tchg, Mr
P Ranchod B Sc, Dip Tchg, Mr A Swart BA HE Dip,

Principal's Report

If people had not realised already that the nature of education was changing, then the events of 1996 certainly brought it to their attention. The change to a four-term year, the uncertainty of School Certificate, Bursary and Sixth Form Certificate as well as the introduction of Unit Standards have all demanded the time and efforts of staff and students alike to ensure that students reach their potential. The action by teachers over work conditions negotiations with the government were laudable. Once again the people of New Zealand were reminded that good teachers, satisfied with their working conditions are at the core of the country's education system.

It has been a delight during the year to go into so many classes to see students working so hard with high degrees of motivation to succeed. The senior students have been positive leaders in this regard. By their actions both in the classroom and in the co-curricula activities, they have shown the rest of the college that education is important in their future and I thank them for their efforts in 1996.

There are challenges ahead of us as we move into a new system but I am confident that not only will we be able to cope, but we will also succeed in ensuring that our students get the very best opportunity for success that is possible. Thank you for a very enjoyable 1996. R G Lane Principal

Support Staff



Mr P Sutton Caretaker

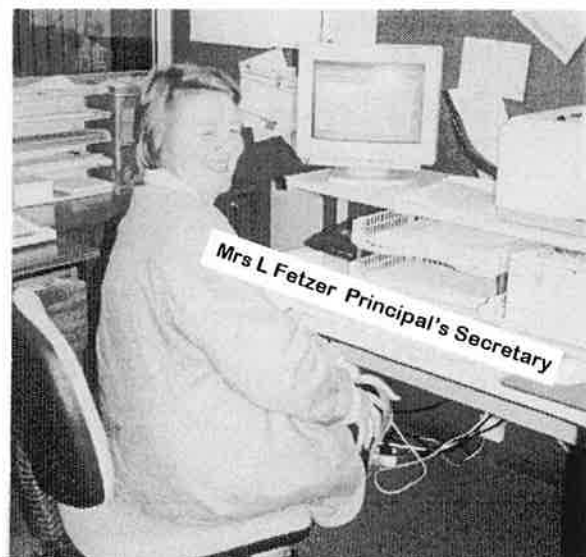
Absent

Mrs J Gupwell Cleaner,
Mrs D Hawira Cleaner,
Mrs L Howe Cleaner,
Mrs E Kaata Cleaner,
Mrs P Knight Cleaner,
Mr R McGinnis Asst
Groundsman,

Imagine life at school
without daily notices,
heaters going, empty
rubbish bins, hot pies,
clean classrooms, clean
toilets, tidy grounds,
first aid, truancy
tracking, receipting,
reception, reality
checks...?

We appreciate the work
of the support staff.
Without them the
smooth day-to-day
running of school would
be impossible.

Thank you.



Mrs L Fetzer Principal's Secretary



Mrs A Winter Receptionist



Mr P Bishop Groundsman

New Faces

Miss Nicki Rattray, came to us from Dunedin as HOD Home Economics. She also taught English and Social Studies. This young face become well liked by many of her students.

Mr Malcom Haig, the new head of Physical Education came with his family from Cambridge High School. He became involved in basketball in a big way and in the North Island Secondary Schools Ski Competition. He is also a new hapu teacher for Weka.

Mrs Wendy Jervis came from the Kapiti Coast as our new librarian. She has not only been a familiar face in the library, but has also become a familiar face on the netball court being the coach of the Netball B team.

New faces which appeared briefly during the third term were Mr and Mrs L Pienaar from South Africa and Mr and Mrs Minty. Social scientist, Mr Abie Swart and cricketer/mathematician, Mr Peter Ranchod, took up the positions vacated by the Minteys. Old girl, Miss Jenny Frew, bravely stepped into the breach after her graduation from the Auckland College of Education in Term 4. We also welcomed Mr Tiri Sotiri, the new Visiting Teacher in the Waimarino and Taihape regions and his wife, Diana, Mrs Jill Haig, Mrs Ruth Swart, Mr Kelvin Jervis and families. We wish them a happy stay in Ohakune (and Rangiwae!)!

Good Bye Mr Milne

Mr Milne stylishly wore all of these hats and other items of colourful clothing during his time at Ruapehu College. This year he departs to take up the position of technology teacher at the Ohakune Primary School. After ten years in the Design Department we thank him for his enthusiasm and dedication to excellence which he has brought out of his students. We wish him all the best in his new position and look forward to seeing the results of his work as they progress to Ruapehu College.

Mr Design. Mr Photographer. Mr High Jump. Mr Magazine (driving to Marton in the middle of the night to get it printed). Mr Outdoor Ed aka RAMS.

Good Bye...

Mr Taylor (DT)

Mr Taylor was offered promotion as assistant principal at Patea High School. Who could resist such an offer? So after six years of science teaching he said good bye at the end of Term One. Always close at heart were students' interests. He was an active leader within Kiwi Whanau and closely involved with organising the school ball. He initiated several projects. He set up the weather station, the third form orienteering course, and he measured the quality of the Mangawhero water supply. He ran weekend revision courses for exam candidates. Always at the forefront of things, he established health and safety procedures in the college and for more than two years represented staff on the Board of Trustees.



"Watch out, Sir. She'll bowl you over!"

Good Bye...

Miss Williams

After two years of teaching at Ruapehu College the bride-to-be is following her heart and we don't even have to think about where that is! (Patea for those of you who don't know.) Miss Williams came to us as a first year teacher at the start of last year. Miss Williams was the teacher in charge of Economics and taught Economics and Consumer Studies. Over the two years she has also had other responsibilities such as third form co-ordinator, Huia whanau leader, sports co-ordinator and clubs co-ordinator. We wish Miss Williams all the best and ask her to be sure to keep that mad scientist under control!

Mrs Knight

We will dearly miss Mrs Knight, who taught English, was cheerful and always prepared to lend a helpful hand or a sympathetic ear. She was a positive lady and always had faith in her students to do well. Mrs Knight was involved in not only teaching English but many other activities. She taught piano both in and out of school and was involved in a number of the college musicals. Another event Mrs Knight was involved in was Stage Challenge which she put a lot of work and dedication in to. Mrs Knight was also a bit of a gardener in her spare time and according to sources there is little bit of Mrs Knight in all the staff gardens!



Mr Knight

Mr Knight was an easy-going kind of guy and always had a smile on his face. He taught Social Studies, Science and Geography and was well liked by his students. Mr Knight held a variety of positions at different times over the years such as staff representative on the Board of Trustees, head of Physical Education, head of Geography, Huia whanua leader and sports co-ordinator. He was chief of course for the North Island Secondary Schools Skiing Competition, took skiing for Wednesday clubs and always took part in staff-student matches and Round the Mountain runs.

Many students have had the pleasure of spending activities week with both Mr and Mrs Knight at the Knight family holiday house in Mahia. They also took a group to the South Island one year and you couldn't help but have a great holiday with them!

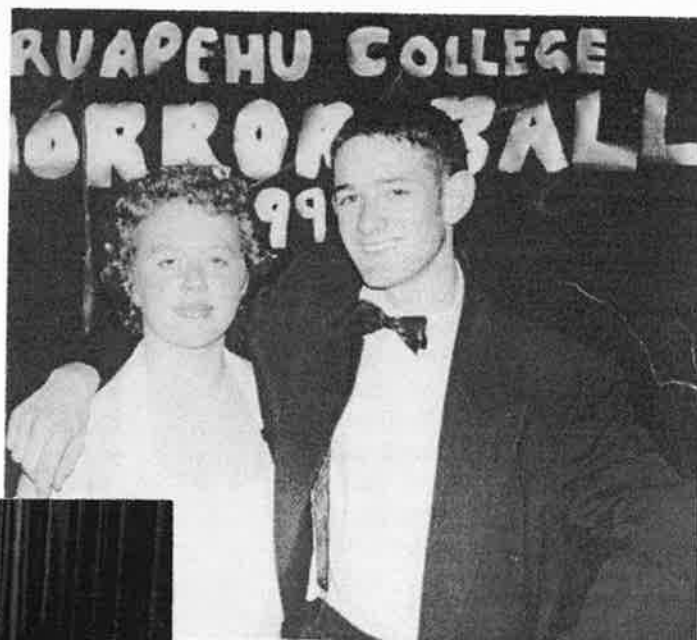
Mr and Mrs Knight were with us for six years and have now gone on to Napier where they are teaching.

"These were well loved teachers
who brought helpfulness and fun
into our schooling."

H Pike

They Led us through 1996

"Although this school is small,
It has a large heart.
The memories of this place in our lives
Will play a large part.
The year just gone has gone so fast,
The hard work and fun now all in the past...
...we must say thanks before we leave
To those who have helped us, we believe.
You made the year a success -
All the staff, our friends,"



Student Leaders

Back Row	
Deputy Head Girl	R Mareikura,
Deputy Head Boy	M Tuhoro
BOT Representative	R Clarke

Front Row	
Head Girl	R McDougal
Principal	Mr R Lane
Head Boy	A Murdie

Whanau Leaders

Back Row	T Lumsden, R Shanks, J Hays, R Hemopo.
Middle Row	M Wood, D Forster, M Tuhoro, J Mackay, S Rangiihu, N Gupwell
Front Row	K Murdie, G Tuthill, G Ruke, R Clarke, L McCann.



Top People



Student Council

Four new Trustees

Mrs C Bradley (second from left)

Mr J Clarke (second from right)

Absent: Mrs F Fraser, R Clarke

Longer-Serving

Board Members from left

Mr R Lane,

Madre Weinberg (retiring chair)

Mr R Voon

Absent: Mr L Knight, Mrs M Horne,

Mrs V Wilson,



left to right

Raana-Ellen Mareikura was the best all-rounder and won the Waimarino Shield and the Maungarongo Trophy. Tonia Lumsden served the school in an amazing number of ways and received the Loftus Shield and Principal's Award.

Amy Smith was top scholar.

Kaye Murdie was runner-up to the dux.

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Huia Whanau

HUIA KH

Back Row: Steven Sue,
Gabrielle Kelland, Nathan Toka,
Bojan Legner

Third Row: Ashley Brown, Angela Bradley,
Tineke Edwards, Alison Munn,
Fabian Marumaru,

Second Row: Mr R Knight (whanau leader),
Serina Cawsey, Anton Grey,
Peggy Rudkin, Lee McCann,
Robert Lawrence, Kushla Edgerton,
Mr K Hagener (hapu teacher)

Front Row: Coralie Abbott, Katie
Woodhouse, Lantana Noble,
Joshua Williams, Gregory Tuthill,
Reece Morrissey, Erin Newton

Absent: Phillipa Martin, Gloria Peni,
Waylon Richards



HUIA NW

Back Row: Kimi Edwards, Shaun Moore,
Thomas Journeaux

Third Row: Llana Waara, Rameka Cawsey,
Steven Hawira, Brendon Morgan,
Kieran McDonough

Second Row: Mr R Knight (whanau leader),
Sue-Jo Allerby, Charmian Oh,
Cameron Morris, Mathew Richards,
Georgina Bowley, Rachel Beer, Miss N Williams
(hapu teacher)

Front Row: Richard Carmichael,
Kyla Newton, Neil Bradley, Angela Fraser,
Jeffrey Baylis, Barbara Munn,
Shaun Mott

HUIA ST

Back Row: Carl Weinberg,
Amy Hiscox, Tony Stewart, Trevor Taiaroa,
Nikora Gupwell

Third Row: Naida Rudkin,
Sarah Tumataroa, Travis Tamatea,
Joel Gray, Alicia Pearson, Chris Baylis,
Dion Nicholls

Second Row: Mr R Knight (whanau leader)
Carolyn Mastrovich,
Matthew Katene, Trudie Collier,
Chaana Morgan, Russell Bulman, Bree Brown,
Mrs S Trask (hapu teacher)

Front Row: Riki Toka, Christine Sue,
Kendyl Edgerton, Kandace Smiler,
Robert Fraser, Dennis Wihapi, Pinenga Williams



Huia - more brains than brawn

This year Huia proved that we had more brains than brawn by winning the English, Maths and Science quizzes. We did very well in the volleyball beating all the other whanau as well as being successful in the soccer and softball. Unfortunately, this year we continued our tradition of "As Long as we Beat Kiwi" which left us in third place behind Tui and Weka.

We saw a change in hapu teachers and whanau leaders, with Mr Knight leaving and Miss Williams taking over as whanau leader. Mrs Crowley filled in until the Mrs Picnaar arrived and then soon after, she left again. We are bound to see another re-shuffle next year in Huia's leaders as Miss Williams leaves to marry an ex-Kiwi leader and new teachers arrive to fill other places.

G Tuthill



Kiwi Whanau

KIWI RM

Back Row: Raymond Hemopo, Lynda Godfrey, Geoffrey Foley, Tonia Lumsden, Shane Albert, Shey Rangihū.

Third Row: Cheryl Condon, Liana Herewini, Rochelle Te Huia, Alec Wallis, Tracey Scholes, Hikoi Teriaki, Robert Tapa.

Second Row: Mr R Milne (hapu teacher), Ricky Newman, Kimberly MacGibbon, Mary Bishop, Aaron French, Toby Hutchings, Anne Jenkins, Mr D Taylor (whanau leader).

Front Row: Samuel Arahanga, Tessa Mangos, Amoa Crossan, Lavinia Styles, Tamara Taputoro, Danica Ehau, Paul Wilson.
Absent: A. Perera



KIWI LR

Back Row: Chelsea Wall, Melissa Cameron, Nicola Brell, Chris Hammond, Mark Goldfinch, Melissa Schlegel, Steven McAneney.

Second Row: Mrs L Ryland (hapu teacher), Renee Waionio, Aisha Kumeroa, Belinda Marsh, Kelly-Ann Graig, Carina McNie, Neil Shanks, Mr D Taylor (whanau leader).

Front Row: Catherine Godfrey, Jasmine Robertson, Robert Sands, Scott Nuku, Deborah Donaldson, Shayna Perkins, Sean Dobbs.

Absent: Alan Walkley, Clay Winter.

KIWI AS

Back Row: Richard Ormond, Danny Foster, Richard Shanks, Jenny Cresswell.

Third Row: Marsha Newman, Dianne Munn, Lisa Marsden, Jessie Ryland, Nikki-Lee Richards.

Second Row: Mrs A Stuckey (hapu teacher), Kelly Foley, Candace Elers, Janine Hall, Rebecca McDougal, Brendon Gardner, Campbell MacGibbon, Mr D Taylor (whanau leader).

Front Row: Kane Simpson, Correna Turner, Christine Tapa, Millica Howe, Raymond McDougal, Amelia Jackson, Kanin Clancy.

Absent: Jason Waerea, Fumi Suzuki, Janine Bridgeman.



Kiwi - never to fail again!

1996 is to be the last unsuccessful year for Kiwi and never again should you be surprised by the lack of enthusiasm from either senior and junior students - although we were disadvantaged when it came to senior events, having only five competitors. With the sad departure of the inspiring and encouraging Mr Taylor, Kiwi had to look up to their student leaders, Shey, Richard, Shane and Tonia. But in losing Mr Taylor, we got a leader who stood out like a ruby from the other teachers. Kiwi did have some highlights to the year, such as easily taking out the interwhanau netball, captained by our youngest player **Amoa Crossan**. Another shining light in Kiwi was **Raymond Hemopo**, with his Waimarino Art Award. Others achieving in Kiwi were rugby players, **Shane Albert** and **Robert Tapa**, who were selected to be travelling reserves for the Wanganui under 16's. Unfortunately, we had an unenviable record in detentions, but we know that the other teachers were biased, so we didn't take it personally. The deputy and whanau leaders would like to thank all those people who gave it their best in 1996.

R Shanks and S Rangiihu



Raymond Hemopo's picture which earned him the Barnes Junior Young Artist Award in this year's Ohakune Art Competition.



Tui Whanau

TUI CC

Back Row: Marcia Wood,
Andrew Bates, Dallas Jensen,
Raana-Ellen Mareikura

Third Row: Stewart Hammond,
Megan Lind, Mathew Deadman
Dhiana Thomas, Sharleszane Mareikura

Second Row: Daniel Forster, Joel Spry,
Marama Akupita, Karen Kyle,
Donna Cranston, Gail Ruke, Innes Clark,
Mrs C Chapman (hapu teacher)

Front Row: Jennifer Mellroy,
Louisa McIlroy, Shontayne Rihia,
Selena Anderson, Hayley Mckay
Linda Grave, Ebony Moore.



TUI NR

Back Row: Andrew Murdie,
Michael Kyle, Glenn Most,
Darren Triggell

Third Row: Channel Wood,
Rakai Rewharewha,
Sarah Lind, Justin Mackay,
Victoria Duigan,
Sheena Mareikura,
Te Kawai Mareikura

Second Row: Ms N Rattray
(hapu teacher),
Aaron Frederickson, Angela
Reuben, Marino Akapita,
Kelly Thrupp, Kataraina Cassidy,
Cherylee Bishop, Vernon McIlroy,

Front Row: Katrina Marsh,
Meki Pakinga, Alicia Radford,
Shane Thrupp, John Anderson,
Rangi Ruki, Bernard Deadman

TUI KG

Back Row: Robert Te Huia,
Margaret Mowart, Tipene Mareikura,
Danielle Wilson

Third Row: Mariana Johnson
Lynette Haitana, Michelle Haitana
Dallas Ruke, Cathy Cranston

Second Row: Keri Bates, Shanita Bishop
Sarah Mackay, Tineke Hawira
Venessa Irwin, Stacey Sefton,
Ms K Gibson (hapu teacher)

Front Row: Dwayne Marsh, Jenny Murdie
Danian Manahi, Luke Cranston
Emma Forster, Sean Fredericksen,
Amie Vine

Absent: Delphina Ruki,



Tui Whanau

Interwhanau Competition

EVENT	Hu	Ki	Tu	We
Swimming	10	5	20	15
Diving	2	1	3	4
Athletics	5	10	20	15
Softball	4	2.5	2.5	1
Tennis	1	2	3	4
Touch	1	3	4	2
Netball	3	4	2	1
Rugby	2.5	2.5	4	1
Soccer	4	2	2	2
Hockey	2	2	2	4
S/Stdies Quiz	3	1	4	2
English Quiz	4	2	2	2
C/Country	5	10	20	15
Speeches	10	5	20	15
Math Quiz	4	3	2	1
Science Quiz	4	1	2.5	2.5
Volleyball	4	1	2.5	2.5
Shooting	3	2	4	1
Final Placings	3rd	4th	1st	2nd



Weka Whanau

WEKA JK

Back Row: Ariana Taura, Brian Hays, Shaun Fredricksen, Scott Nation, Brad Nelson.

Second Row: Mrs JKnight (hapu teacher Term 1), Victoria Beech, Shaun Hawira, Ei Leen Voon, Rebecca Clarke, Mathew Bowsher, Arnold Henry, Thomas Pui.

Front Row: Kelly Brock, Laura Windle, Peter Billett, Patricia Thomas, Felicity Nepia, Christopher Adams, Nicholas Costello.

Absent: Mrs M.Minty (hapu teacher Term 3), Christina Phillips, Nicola Smith, Samantha Black, Martin Hansen, Mr A Swart (hapu teacher Term 4)



WEKA JV

Back Row: Shanon Hays, Sean Barclay, Phillip Hansen, Manu Tuhoro, Bruce Taylor.

Third Row: Luella Sullivan, Angie Preater, Megan Windle, Tammy Evans, Joshua Goddard.

Second Row: Mrs J Voon (hapu teacher), Tony Martin, Melissa Hodder, Rebecca McMaster, Matthew Bishop, Janelle Martin, Trajan Schwencke.

Front Row: Andrew Hansen, Jade Smith, Anida Beech, Kaye Murdie, Julie Imhoff, Terehia Richards, Hadlee Breen,

WEKA MH

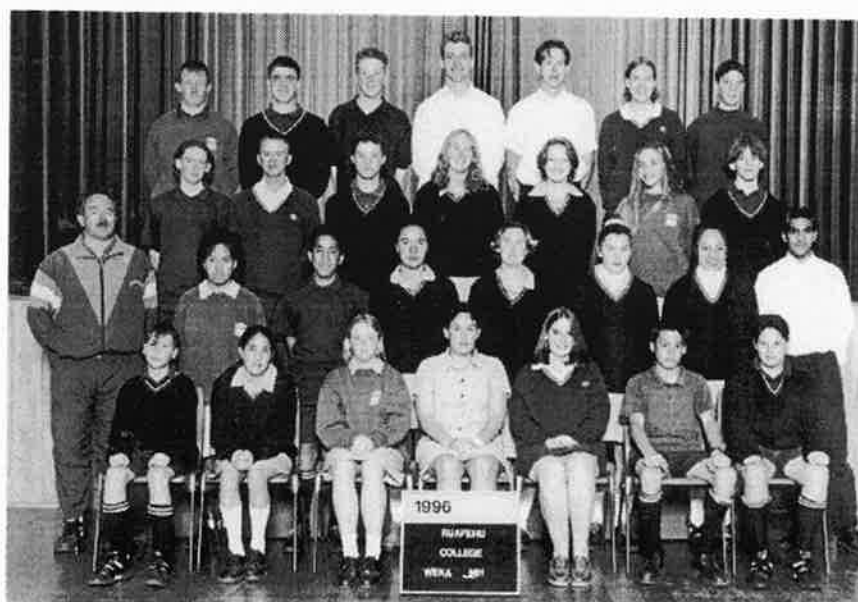
Back Row: Jamie Brock, Michael Proude, Andrew Evans, Jan de Moor, John Hays, Caroline Lundberg, Danley Vince

Third Row: Kirk Vartha, James Beech, Douglas Barclay, Heather Martin, Rebecca Goddard, Leah Stuckey, Matthew King.

Second Row: Mr M Haig (hapu teacher), Lila Taputoro, Wayne Metekingi, Kristine Clark, Amy Smith, Candy Morris, Phree Edwards, Nilesh Sharma.

Front Row: Damon Joyce, Tania Hansen, Karen Richards, Candice Osborne, Hayley Pike, Andrew Taylor, Che Joyce.

Absent: Sarah Thomson, Daniel Richards



Weka Whanau

Once again Weka has been the most successful, the most committed, the most 'on to it' whanau, oops sorry, wrong whanau - that's Tui. We'll start again. Once again Weka has been close, but no cigar. We have gained many second places and a couple of firsts but placing doesn't matter, does it? What matters is that we were the only whanau that worked hard, participated well and didn't cheat! Anyway, we have overcome the jinx of "first at the wrong end", and hopefully, next year we will be leading the way to where Weka whanau rightfully belongs. Look out Tui, Weka's going to make a come-back, we hope. Thanks and congratulations to Mrs Buck, Mr Haig, Mrs Knight, Mr Swart and Mrs Voon and all the whanau for participation and support. Remember, go hard and make a comeback in 1997 because if you don't, we'll have to invest some needles to pop all the Tui hot air balloons.

R Clarke

Weka is full of confidence, attitude, and pride. Commitment and participation are attributes Weka just can't hide.

We take pity on our admirers Kiwi, Tui and Huia,
Because compared to outstanding Weka,
All we can say is, "Nah,
You'll never be as 'on to it' as us!
Sweet as. Thanks for the competition,
Fellow whanau."

M Tuhoro



New Faces New Faces New Faces New Faces



Back Row

Mrs J O'Sullivan (coach), Andrew Evans, Hikoi Teriaki, Mathew Richards.

Front Row

Riki Toka, Robert Fraser, Rangi Ruke, Shaun Hawira, Damian Manahi

"Kiss what- ever you believe in"- Form 3 Camp



3U set off well prepared; **Richard** with his whistle, **Catherine** and her little blue pills, **Serena** had her first aid kit, **Ebony** with her own powdered drink, **Hadlee** and his new haircut and Mr Taylor with his cellphone. They were going to be the luckiest campers in 1996, blessed with perfect weather, the company of absolutely terrific campers and with the lucerne running out they were back in camp by 11:00am and lounging about in the sun until lunchtime.

There were many memorable moments that were to make this camp the kind of stuff worth talking about at school reunions in years to come; things like **Melissa Cameron** showing us all that she really was in touch with Mother Earth as she "kissed" the ground. **Damian Manahi** enlightened us all with the most amazing strategy for confusing the enemy during a game *Storm the Heights*. Steal your own cone. Gee Damian, it's lucky you're on our side! There was **Matthew Katene** showing us all what a bush pig he was. He stayed out on that hill for ages and ages. We were all convinced he was hard. Everyone else left. It was getting too cold to stay out and play "Storm the Heights" any longer. We were heading to camp for hot drinks, maybe a biscuit. Anyway it was getting dark. Only Matthew stayed on. No one realized he was entangled in a lawyer bush. Tough, Matthew! Most impressive!

It was **Trajan Schwencke** who showed true grit on the Burma Trail. Everyone else had screamed their way through the darkness and quickly left wetas and Hoofman behind but not Trajan. He went the extra mile, crossed the river and on he went. You weren't lost, were you Trajan?

Neil Shanks was a very considerate camper, breaking the fall of **Julie Imhoff** (Best Dressed Camper) and was awarded the prize for Most Spectacular Night Squashing.

In fact all campers were awarded prizes on the last night as each had made a contribution to the camp in

their own way and Mr Taylor and Mrs Stuckey reckoned they were the greatest third form group ever. There was also a special word of thanks to Miss Rattray for planning the Most Exciting Camp Tucker Ever! The Biggest Worse (pronounced like horse) Award went to Brian Wilson who said he couldn't do lucerne because he had to go to court. Yeah, a likely story, Fluff!

Of course camp life is not all perfection. There was disappointment in having to stop our game of *Smugglers and Coastguards* at midnight when someone decided to cheat so the game would be over more quickly. Gee, Miss Williams, that's hardly sporting! Didn't you know **Sean Dobbs** had been waiting all night to be a coastguard?

There was disillusionment for some campers when they put up a ripped tent. Couldn't someone have sorted that out before we put up our tents up? There was disparagement when we couldn't barbecue our burgers. Luckily Mrs Trask is a true camper and got those Girl Guide frypans cranked up on the stove. She knows how to brown a burger!

There was disarray when everyone realised they were really going to need weta cream and that it wasn't just Vegemite. "Hold on, campers, you'll just have to wait your turn. I can't put it on everyone at once."

Gee, thank you, Mrs Stuckey. You're so kind. NOT!

But mostly the camp was terrific. I will end by saying to **Melissa, Shaun, Sean, Damian, Nicholas, Matthew, Hadlee, Richard, Serena, Catherine, Linda, Kara, Tessa, Ebony, Matty, Trajan, Neil Travis, Lila, Tamara and Amie**, "Thanks for a wonderful time and all the best for your years at secondary school. Remember to kiss whatever you believe in, use the most amazing strategies, go hard at everything but watch out for lawyers. Always go the extra mile, consider others even if you risk a squashing. And never be a Worse (pronounced like horse)! Good luck 3U."

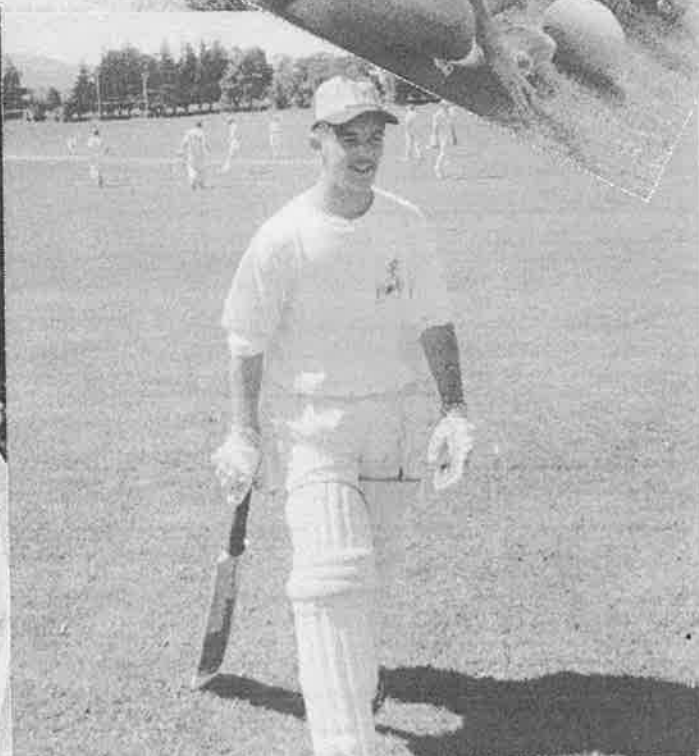
A Stuckey

Form 4
Year 10



Forms 5 and 6
Years 11 and 12

Shaun Fredrickson - holder of the NZ Junior Supercross, NZ Junior Motorcross and the North Island Junior Motorcross titles 125cc class for 1996.



Who was it who set the trend for wearing pencils for hair ties?
What a pity the pencils were the wrong colour,
Kandace!



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Year 13



Back Row

Tonia Lumsden Mary Do-Do Head - wants to go to Massey, John Hays - left Term 1, Jan de Moor - left in Term 3, T Stewart - "T" Bone, Glenn Most is working in 1997 and then off to Hawaii in '98.

Third Row

Darren Triggell - Mr Held 96, Kimi Edwards - Kai My is moving to Christchurch or to Turoa Lodge as a permanent resident, Shey Rangiihi, Manu Tuhoro is returning, Andrew Murdie - Ears is destined for Waikato University.

Second Row

Raana-Ellen Mareikura, Gail Ruke - Bo is heading for Wanganui, Victoria Duigan - "I've crashed my car again." is off to Wellington to become a lawyer, Megan Lind - Muff aka Boom is heading to Waikato or Ohakune New World, Alison Ali Munn - "fights fire with fire, and heads for Massey or Ohakune Fire Sation, Nilesh Sharma.

Front Row

Coralie Abbott - left in Term 3, Charmian Oh - Oh Dear, Charms is off to Otago. Whose manual dexterity is inversely proportional to the accuracy of their memory, Charmi? Lee Dog McCann is off to find a rabbit hole in Tauranga, Amy Smith - "Where's my fork?" still wants to be New Zealand's first woman prime minister, Becks McDougal will be at Otago Uni or slicing fingers at a Dunedin Kentucky Fried Chicken establishment, Georgina George Bowley is off to Waikato silently but violently, Kaye Murdie - Kaye Bro "You are so judgemental and condescending" is heading for Christchurch or Massey.

Absent

James Beech won a study grant to the Manawatu School of Design, Cherylee Bishop wants to study Human Science at Taranaki Polytechnic, What is Lynette Haitana planning for 1997?

Bursary





TeRöpu mahi waiata a ringa

Our 'Te Rōpu mahi a waiata' (the Culture Group) has, as usual, practised all year. We need to be prepared for powhiri (welcomes), for the often impromptu performances and for the end of year senior prizegiving.

We enjoyed our wānanga in the third term. It was 'almost' completely run by students. We stayed at school, cooked and served our own food. Our classroom was set up like the marae with mattresses. We used the common room for practices and homework.

Many thanks to Mrs George and many of the other parents and supporters for without their help our group would not have come so far. I would like to give a special thank you to Aunty Vera and Nanny Kaye. These two women have been with our culture group right throughout the years, have seen many new faces and become acquainted with them. *Kia ora kōrua.*

We have had a lot of laughs in our group with Meki being his usual self and the antics of the haka boys. Congratulations to each and every member of the culture group, welcome to the newcomers and to the ones staying on, "*Kia kaha*"

To leavers may all your wishes come true and good-luck for the future. *No reira kia ora koutou katoa.*

Na L Haitana me Nga Tauira



*E ngā mana
E ngā reo
Rau rangatira mā
Tēnā koutou
Tēnā koutou
Tēnā koutou katoa*

Tēnā koutou e noho mai na i ou koutou kainga.

Nga mihi mui ki a koutou katoa ki ngā korōua, ngā kuia, a, ngā mātua, kia ora mō ou toutoko i te ako o tō tātou reo i te tau.nei. Ki ngā tauira i te kura, kia mau ki ngā taonga o ngā tūpuna. Whaia ko te mātauranga. Kia mau ngā whakaaro tonu ki te wairua o te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ko te reo te mauri pupuri i tō Maoritanga. Kia kore ai koe e ngaro he kākano i ruia mai i Rangiatea.

Kia noho te ariki ki a koutou katoa.

Our students acquitted themselves well in the regional competitions of Ngā Manu Kōrero with **Channel Wood** being placed second in the Junior Māori, **Raana-Ellen Mareikura** third in the Senior Māori section and **Rebecca Clark** who gave a very convincing speech about Winston Peters. She wore a classic suit, swept her hair back and carried a wine box and maybe New Zealand First can thank her for their improved voting in our area.

From the student's view, this year hasn't been quite as busy as previous years, because for the first time in five years we did not have an entry in the national speech finals of Ngā Whakataetae Manu Kōrero. In Te Reo classes there is as much emphasis on oral language as written, and we have lots of games and activities to support our learning. We have learnt our reo this year by cooking, sewing, playing bowls and games.

Nāku nā Whaea George



Kathrin Seiselberg

Hello everybody! My name is Kathrin. I'm the exchange student from Germany and some of you know me already. I'm staying in New Zealand for five months. I like it here very much and I have really enjoyed my stay so far.

One thing in New Zealand that is most fascinating for me is that there are so many places where nobody is; no houses, just nature and bush. So it was really nice and exciting for me to go with Mr Hagener and his two sons on a trip to the Bridge to Nowhere. We pushbiked to Bill Cornelius' farm on Labour Weekend and walked from there for two days through the bush to the Bridge to Nowhere, went on a raft down the Whanganui River and walked back to Bill Cornelius' farm. I was never before in my life in such empty and nice places, so it was a great experience for me. And I'm very pleased that Mr Hagener took me with him. Thank you! I often wish that my time here would not run out so fast, because at the end of January I have to go back to Germany. But first I will have my first Kiwi Christmas in the sun (hopefully!) and I'm looking forward to that. I wish all of you the best; enjoy your life!

'Bye, Kathrin

Euphony ONE MIND ONE PEOPLE

Stage Challenge 1996

From April 24 to June 3 our young performers, backstage crew, teachers and helpers all pitched in, giving our 98% all to *Euphony* - the title of our Stage Challenge this year

From the very first Stage Challenge Ruapehu College entered, students have looked forward to this event. Although we didn't come out on top that very first year we definitely pulled together last year and became best school overall. We didn't come first this



time but we managed a very close second. I must admit that there were times when the dancers just wanted to give up, because of the snow, buses not running, some people having other commitments and some people just not bothering to turn up at all. If it weren't for Mrs Campbell and Mrs Gibson, with the help of Mrs Knight, who virtually carried the dancers through, we wouldn't have come out so successfully. Oh, and cheers too, Rakai Rewharewha, for that first dance.

Doing the administration was no easy task to complete but Mrs Buck hung in there to see us through.

There was also the backstage crew with Mrs Stuckey, keeping her happy elves working with smiles, getting our costumes ready for performance. And ah yes, our lovely tailoresses who made all the beautiful, bright and colourful pants, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Martin. Thank you.

The evening was most enjoyable maybe not for those who were sick all day, but for those of us who weren't we definitely enjoyed ourselves. Being with the different schools was also interesting, meeting new faces and reminiscing with old ones. It was great to see Mrs Knight again.

The trip home was enjoyable (especially for those on the back seat.) Before we were all carted off home we stopped in at McDonalds for a munch, were told not to bring food on the bus, but as per usual the students didn't listen and enjoyed their food from jackets, bags and blankets.

L Haitana

Speeches

The Nga Manu Koero college competitions were held on 23 May. Raana-Ellen Mareikura won her Senior Maori section with a perfect score of 200.

The other winners were:

Senior English **Rebecca Clarke**,

Junior English **Liana Herewini**

Junior Maori **Channel Wood**

The annual finals for interwhanau speeches in English were held in the Senior Common room in May. All the speeches were of high standard and everyone got to laugh a lot when **Sarah Mackay** was talking about hair-colour problems of blondes and when **Rebecca Clarke** told us that she was dreaming about going on the dole. **Margaret Mowat** won the senior speeches with an excellent speech about news media and when a six-metre high rabbit ate the Ohakune carrot! Judges were Mrs W Jervis and Mrs L Haami (junior speeches) and Mrs W Jervis and Mrs J Dekker (senior speeches).

Top Speakers:

Senior English:

1. Margaret Mowat

2. Ei Leen Voon

3. Rebecca Clarke

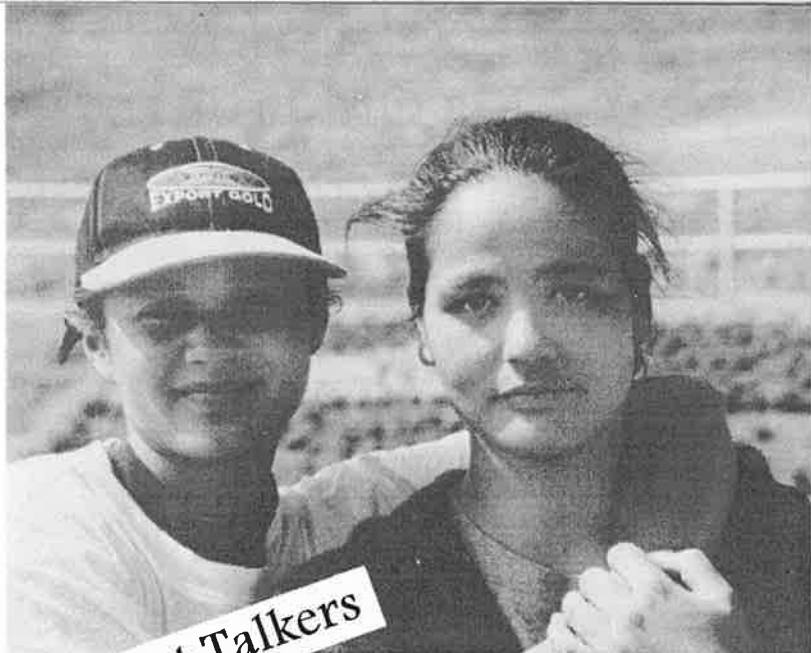
Junior English

1. Caroline Mastrovich

2. Tamara Taputoro

3. Emma Forster

Debate Team



Sarah Mackay, Ei Leen Voon, Rebecca Clarke, Mr Mackay

Colenso High School Band



Kia Ora Bro!



Why was I different?

Thank you for making 1996 the best year of my life!

A year as an exchange student is filled with happiness, laughs, tears, fun, and excitement. It is a big adventure and I loved it!

My year in New Zealand, or Nya Zealand as we would say in Swedish, is almost over and I'm looking back at it with a big smile on my face and with tears in my eyes because I don't want to leave. I arrived from -25 degrees Celsius in Sweden to a warm Ohakune. I felt like some alien from out of space when I walked around in town and everyone was staring at me. I don't know if it was because of my short shorts or if they figured out that I came from the Northern Hemisphere because of my extremely white skin

Naked Swedes

School uniform was something new for me and I had been looking forward to wearing one for so long. Now I finally had one and I loved it so much that I even wanted to wear it on multi-day. When I put my school-uniform on to go to school the first day, I wrote in my diary: "I felt like Little Miss Perfect who's going with an apple to the teacher." I didn't find any problems with making new friends, and that's probably because the kiwi's are the most friendly and open-hearted people I've ever met. People were also very interested and curious in me because everyone had heard about "the shy, naked, Swedish people, who showered after PE".

I had such an awesome year at Ruapehu College and by attending/playing almost every sport and activity possible, I kept myself fairly busy. The highlight of my sporting year was when I received sponsorship from Mt Cook Airline to fly down to Wanaka and won the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Skiing Championships.

I have been told more than once that I haven't been like the previous exchange students at the college. That could be both good or bad, but I take it as a compliment. Maybe I was very loud, a big nutcase, not as shy as a "normal" exchange students and I probably broke all the records of crying at school. I may not be remembered as the good ambassador for Sweden. But I'll be the Swedish girl who made the whole school stand up and sing *Du gamla, du fria*, the Swedish national anthem, to celebrate the Swedish National Day on 6 June, and the girl who asked Mrs Fraser to explain what masturbation is. I'll always remember my year at Ruapehu College and I wish that I could stay for longer. I'll look back at my year and remember Stage Challenge, the Ball (which was just awesome!), volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, everyone believing there were polarbears and igloos in Sweden and, of course, the nice kiwis!

Thank You!

I have always thought that "Thank you speeches" are boring, but if you want to thank a lot of people, it is the only way of doing it. These are the people I would like to thank for making 1996 so awesome:

*Mummy and Daddy Jervis and Schrier - for opening their homes and making me a member of the family.

*Melissa Schlegel - for being my little sister.

*Mrs Fraser and Mr Haagener - for understanding.

*The Mansons - for being like a second family.

*Sarah Mackay - for being my absolute best friend and for eating so much chocolate.

*Hayley P, Katrina, Cathy, Darren, Justin, Danley, Greg and Carl - you can't have better friends.

*All the students and staff of Ruapehu College.

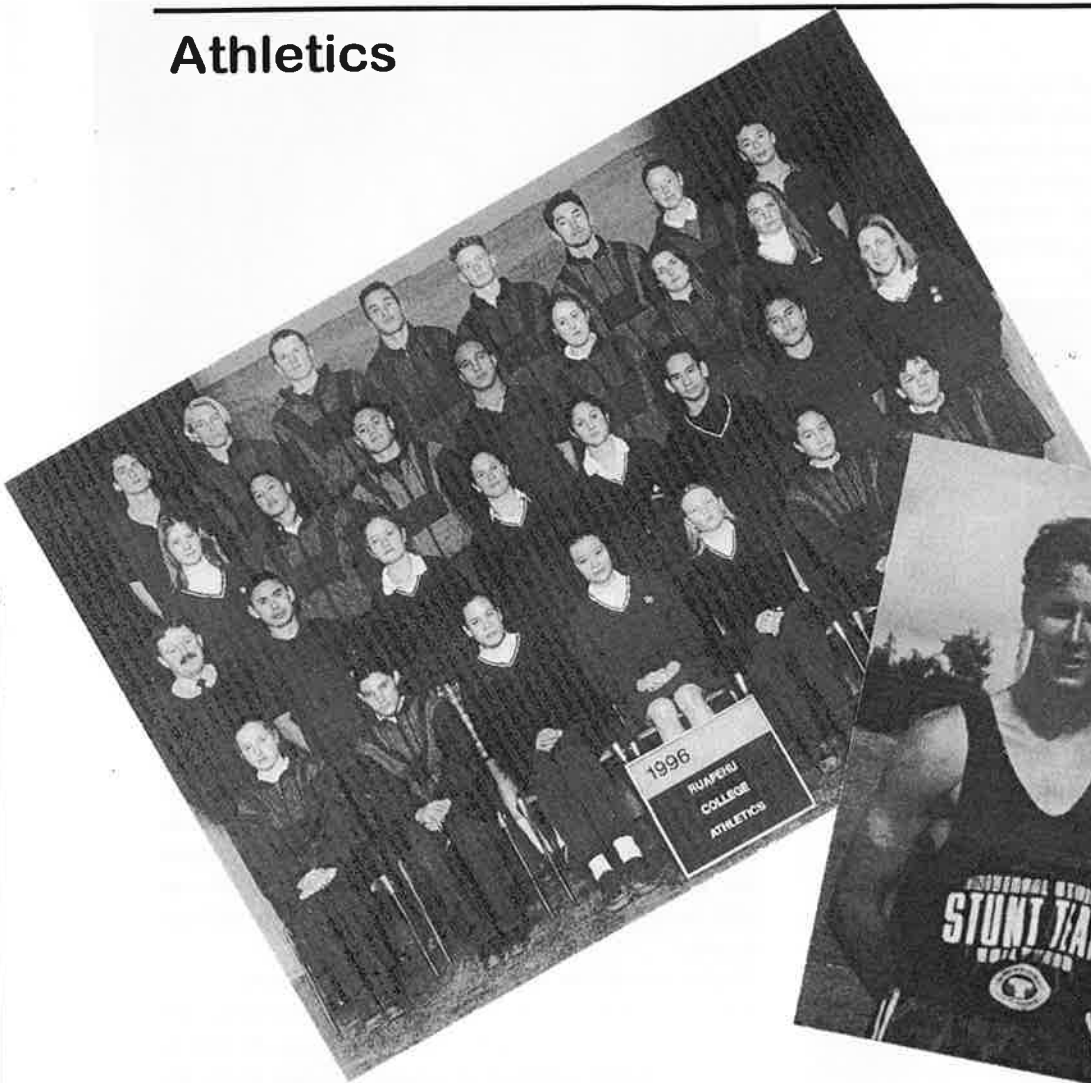
I just want you all to know that I'll miss you heaps and don't be surprised if you see me again, walking around in my short shorts in Ohakune. Anyone who wants to is welcome to write to me in Sweden. Thank you once again, I'll never forget my year at Ruapehu!

Hugs from Caroline!

Caroline Lundberg
Atlasvagen 29
S-854 68 Sundsvall
Sweden



Athletics



Athletics Day

Although the weather was unpleasant, the late midday start gave athletes extra time to rest up for their big events. By two o'clock the skies had cleared and the events were well under way, with people flocking around the fundraising canteen, run by the Level 12 Certificate Physical Education class. The day came to a conclusion at 6.30 pm shortly after the inter-whanau relays had been completed. Unfortunately the popular relay between teachers and Year 13 students did not take place because of lack of time.

Records Broken

Lack of time was very much on **Tipene Marcikura's** mind. He succeeded in breaking two sprint records held by W Marcikura and L Harding since 1978, with times of 11.71 seconds for the 100 metres and 24.97 seconds for the 200 metres. Both **Terehia Richards** and **Reece Morrissey** broke the junior boys and junior girls 300 metre records. **Raymond Hemopo** added 2 centimetres to the intermediate boys triple jump record which now stands at 11.55 metres. **Andrew Murdie** ran the 3000 metres in 10.15.50 minutes, breaking Bruce Francis' time of 10.37 seconds, set in 1987. **Ariana Taura** put the shot 9.95 metres, to better Aroha Williams' 1991 throw of 9.76 metres.

Athletic champions for 1996

Junior Girls	1st Hayley Mackay, 2nd Terehia Richards, 3rd= Naida Rudkin and Tamara Taputoro
Intermediate Girls	1st Donna Cranston, 2nd Margaret Mowat, 3rd Ei Leen Voon
Senior Girls	1st Charmian Oh, 2nd= Raana-Ellen Marcikura and Shey Rangihū
Junior Boys	1st Reece Morrissey, 2nd= Ivan Hall and Kanin Clancy
Intermediate Boys	1st Raymond Hemopo, 2nd Daniel Forster, 3rd Richard Shanks
Senior Boys	1st John Hays, 2nd Andrew Murdie, 3rd Nikora Gupwell.

Tui Whanau finished the meeting in first place with 932 points followed by Weka with 733; Kiwi was third on 275 and Huia fourth on 154.

M Wood

Basketball

Thanks to coaches, Mrs O'Sullivan and Mr Haig and everyone who supported us in any way because without it, the season would not have been the same. Both third form teams finished in the top three places. To pay for the new uniforms and travel, coaches and parents organised fundraising such as, catering for a birthday and cleaning up at the sawmill.

Alec Wallis



Basketball Senior Boys (above)

Back Row: R Cawsey, A Wallis, B Hays, J Waerea
Front Row: M Bowsher, R Ormond, D Vince, C Weinberg, D Foster

Basketball Junior Girls (below)

Back Row: M Te Muunu, Mr M Haig, J Imhoff
Front Row: J Robertson, L Grave, T Taputoro, P Thomas, H Mackay



Basketball Senior Girls

Back Row: Mr M Haig, T Lumsden, C Lundberg
Front Row: D Ruke, M Windle, S Rangiihu, M Lind, C Oh

Cross-Country

The course for the 1996 cross-country on May 10 was a totally new one. It was schemed up by "Mr Cross-Country" himself, Mr Mackay, and involved many new challenges from climbing gates and fences to jumping drains and running through mudpits which everyone enjoyed. A group of primary school pupils ran with us and did extremely well, maybe even too well, because they embarrassed some of us slow college people!

These were the fastest through the mud:

Junior Boys: Brian Hays with an outstanding run

Junior Girls: A shock win by Pinega Williams

Intermediate Girls: The course was just made for Donna Cranston

Intermediate Boys: "Not old enough for seniors" Another battle between Justin Mackay and Daniel Forster was fought over this title with Justin winning.

Senior Girls: Won by the one and only Caroline Lundberg, all the way from Sweden!

Senior Boys: Won by Andrew Murdie, keeping his record of winning every year he has been at school.

The Wanganui Secondary Schools Cross-Country Championships were held in Ohakune. A lot of Ruapehu College pupils both participated and helped, even though for many it was just an excuse to get out of class. Everyone did very well and the best placing from the college was Andrew Evans with a third place in junior boys. When the runners from out of the area stopped to look for dry places to run on, the brave and good looking Ruapehu students ran straight through the mud because we already knew the course, but it meant that we were not very good looking afterwards.

S Mackay and C Lundberg

Ruapehu Cross Country Team

Back Row: A Murdie, J Mackay, S Fredricksen, A Evans, B Hays, A Crossan,
Middle Row: Mr I Mackay, C Cranston, N Rudkin, C Lundberg, M Schlegel, R McMaster, D Marsh
Front Row: J Murdie, C Tapa, T Taputoro, A Fraser, S Mackay, H Mackay, P Williams

Tennis



Front Row: Ei Leen Voon, Steven Sue, Sarah Lind, Carl Weinberg,
Second Row: Jenny Murdie, Donna Cranston, Andrew Murdie,
Darren Triggell (Champion Boy 1996) Danley Vince.
 Absent: **Lee McCann** (Champion Girl for the fifth year in a row!)



Badminton

No one wanted to play us this year. Taihape declined the invitation, as did Taumarunui. Even our Tongariro rivals turned us down. And when we did want to have a crack at Feilding Ag girls for the chance to represent the Wanganui region at the national secondary schools championships, our players were not available. Katrina, Jenny and Sarah were playing rep squash, and Donna was playing for Hutt Valley in the A Grade Slazenger Cup finals.

The school championships were held on Sunday 8 September. This time Donna and Ei Leen were not available as they were playing in the New Zealand Under-16 Championships. In a closely fought girls singles final, **Cathy Cranston** beat Katrina Marsh 24/22. **Ashantha Perera** won the boys singles from Mark Goldfinch. **Cathy and Katrina** went on to win the girls doubles. **Dwayne Marsh and Scott Nation** won the boys doubles from Ashantha and Mark, 21/1. The next night, **Donna and Ashantha** beat Dwayne and Katrina Marsh for the mixed doubles title.

Development Squad Players

The high mileage put in all year by **Donna Cranston** and **Ei Leen Voon** saw their doubles combination taking them to the quarter finals of both the Australian Under-16 championships in Sydney in April, and of the NZ Under-16 championships in September. Donna also reached the singles and mixed doubles quarter finals. As a result she is now training in the NZ Junior Development Squad with Ei Leen joining the Central Region Development Squad for further training.

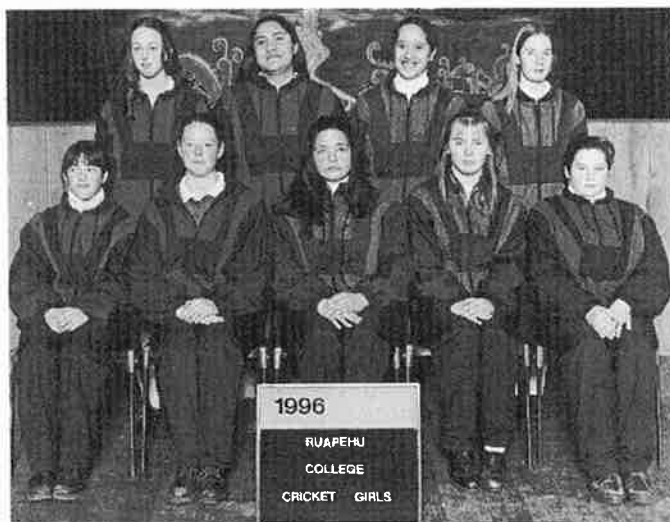
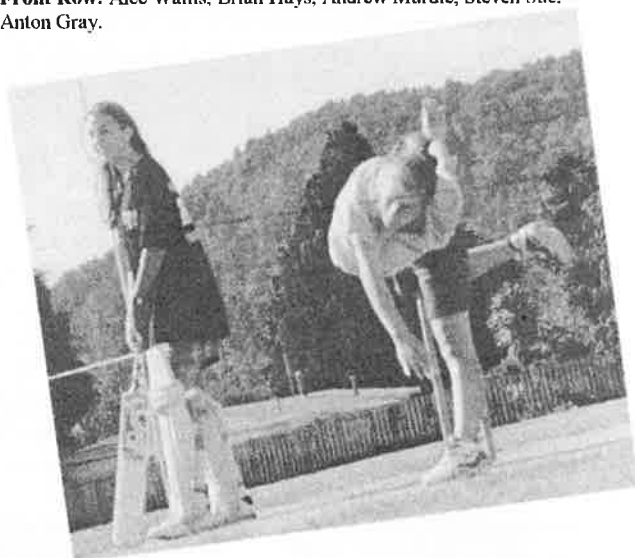
First XI Boys Cricket

The 95-96 season started like a dream as the First XI won their first game against Ohakune with ease scoring over 200 runs and bowling out the other team for around 100 runs. Unfortunately, the next game was not as successful and the First XI was defeated by Saint Augustine's College in the first round of the Gillette Cup. The team was left without a coach when Mr Marsh left to start his new job at the Ohakune Primary School. Even though the team was stacked with skilled players the effect of having no coach showed. College lost narrowly to Taihape in the summer exchange and suffered a few other defeats as well. Although the season was not as successful as in previous years, the First XI is a very talented team and with the 96-97 season on its way, the team will surely be one to be reckoned with.

M Proude



Back Row: Shane Albert, Richard Shanks, Shanon Hays.
Middle Row: Dwayne Marsh, Darren Triggell, Michael Proude, Mr Marsh (coach).
Front Row: Alec Wallis, Brian Hays, Andrew Murdie, Steven Sue, Anton Gray.



Second Row: Cathy Cranston, Aisha Kumeroa, Luella Sullivan, Katrina Marsh.
Front Row: Jenny Murdie, Tammy Evans, Rebecca Clarke, Sarah Mackay, Kelly Brock.

Girls Cricket

So you may have heard of the girls cricket team, or you might not have known that we existed. Whatever the case, this year the girls cricket team got down to some serious ball and bat handling. We managed to get in a few lunch time practices, which some people saw as a major laugh, as well as a couple of after school ones. Although we only managed to play one serious game this year which was against Taihape, we all enjoyed ourselves. It could be said that we lost our one and only game, but if you thought that guys were the only ones who could get rough on the field, think again. Remember the ball in the back incident? Our thanks to Miss Williams for the time she put into coaching and the organisation of the team.

C Cranston

Horse Report

The Ruapehu Equestrian Team took part in two events this year. The first was show jumping in Wanganui hosted by Wanganui Girls' College on 20 March. This was an important competition for us as our team was defending the shield which was won last year. Our riders were **Erin Newton, Angela Fraser, Nicola Smith, Victoria Duigan and Karen Richards**. Everyone rode very well against extremely tough competition. **Nicola Smith** gained two places; second and third in the senior section. The shield unfortunately went elsewhere this year.

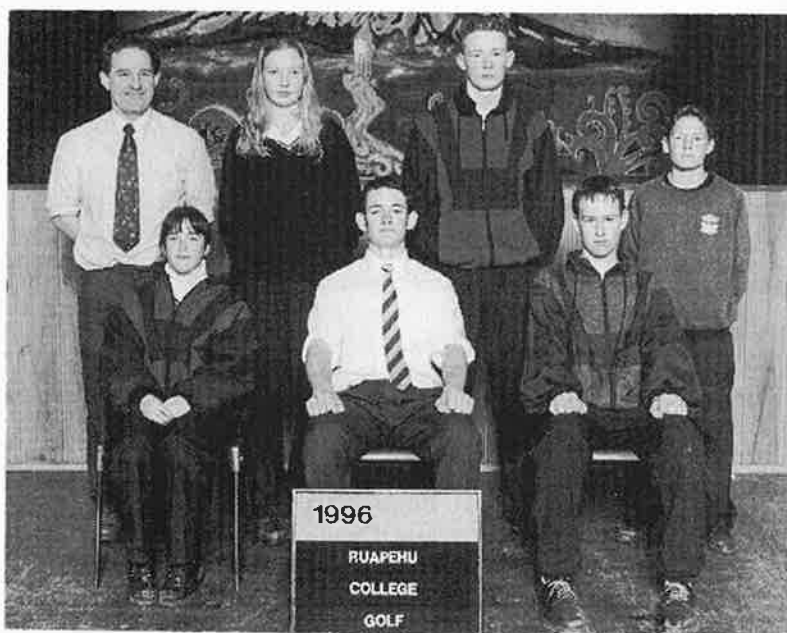
A gymkhana hosted by Taihape College on 25 March was the second event. In this competition, our riders were **Nicola Smith, Erin Newton, Kyla Newton, Jennifer Mellroy, Victoria Duigan and Karen Richards**. Many riders won ribbons in a range of events, putting our college in sixth place overall. Again, many thanks must go out to all parents and supporters for their willingness to give their time and resources. We look forward to new riders joining our team next year.

S Trask



Golf

Back Row Mr J Laurenson, Sarah Lind,
Front Row Andrew Evans, Dwayne Marsh,
Jenny Murdie, Andrew Murdie,
Brian Hays



Hockey

*The hockey team was new this year
Its leader was a Swede.
We didn't win a game all year
Next year we're in the lead.*

*Mrs F and Tammy E
Drove us to the brink,
We did improve: they told us so
But they've driven us to drink.*
Lundberg, Fraser and Voon

Girls Hockey

Back Row: C Cranston, M Schlegel,
C Lundberg, R Clarke,
S Tumataroa

Middle Row: A Jackson, E Forster,
A Fraser, S Mackay,
M Hodder, E Newton

Front Row: C Godfrey, C Sue,
T Evans, K Marsh,
K Brock



Netball

Netball got off to a slow start this year with school trials being held three days before our first games. Grading day was held on 27 April which started off the 1996 season. Each team played 12 games with the Senior A being A-graded and the Senior B, Junior A and Junior B teams placed in the B grade.

During June a team of seven were lucky enough to travel along with the 1st XV to play Flaxmere College. The team was billeted out all over Hastings for the long weekend.

The games we played were tough and we had a loss but we met a lot of new friends and had a great time.

We had our annual Interschool Winter Sports Exchanges with Taihape, Taumarunui and Tongariro, with losses to Taumarunui and Taihape and a great win over Tongariro.

Under-18 Waimarino Representatives

This year the Netball Association decided to make up an Under-18 Waimarino Representative Team. The ten college girls chosen were:

Raana-Ellen Mareikura (captain), **Aisha Kumeroa** (vice-captain), **Marcia Wood**, **Shey Rangiihu**, **Nicola Brell**, **Lynette Haitana**, **Tineke Edwards**, **Amy Hiscox**, **Cheryl Condon** and **Chaana Morgan**. The coach was **Ali Hamlin** with **Marcia Apatu** as assistant coach and **Rosline Foster** as manager. We took part in two competitions. The first was in Wanganui in which we did quite well but did not get a placing. We also played in the Kurangaituku Secondary Schools Competition in Rotorua which we won.

Under-15 Waimarino Representatives

An Under-15 Waimarino Representative team was also chosen which included:

Linda Grave (captain), **Amoa Crossan**, **Naida Rudkin**, **Sarah Thomson**, **Tamara Taputoro**, **Ariana Taura**, **Pinenga Williams**, **Terehia Richards**, **Patricia Thomas** and **Angela Fraser**.

Overall 1996's netball year was tiring but challenging. Thanks to everybody including our coaches who worked hard to make the year a success.

A Hiscox



Netball 2 Senior B

Back Row: W Jervis (coach), N Brell, A Kumeroa
Front Row: H Mackay, C Lundberg, M Schlegel, C Mastrovich, M Johnson



Netball 3 Junior A

Back Row: T Taputoro, A Taura, N Rudkin, R Foster (coach)
Front Row: L Grave, P Thomas, A Crossan, A Fraser, S Thomson



Netball 4 Junior B

Back Row: T Richards, B Marsh, R Foster (coach)
Front Row: T Mangos, C Osborne, P Williams, E Newton, L Taputoro

Netball Senior A

left to right
R Mareikura,
T Edwards,
S Rangihū,
M Mowat
Absent:
L Haitana
A Hiscox,
C Morgan



Volleyball

1996 saw Mr Hynes and parents take a girls team and a boys team of volleyballers down to the Springvale Gymnasium in Wanganui every Tuesday night. Games were played in good spirits with no Ruapehu students behaving badly - maybe acting a bit foolishly at times. Both teams had a lot of fun playing some really good teams like Rangitikei, Wanganui City and Taihape colleges.

Girls Volleyball

Back Row:
Mr D Hynes,
M Lind,
R McMaster
Front Row:
S Tumataroa,
R Clarke,
C Lundberg,
L Stuckey,
D Donaldson

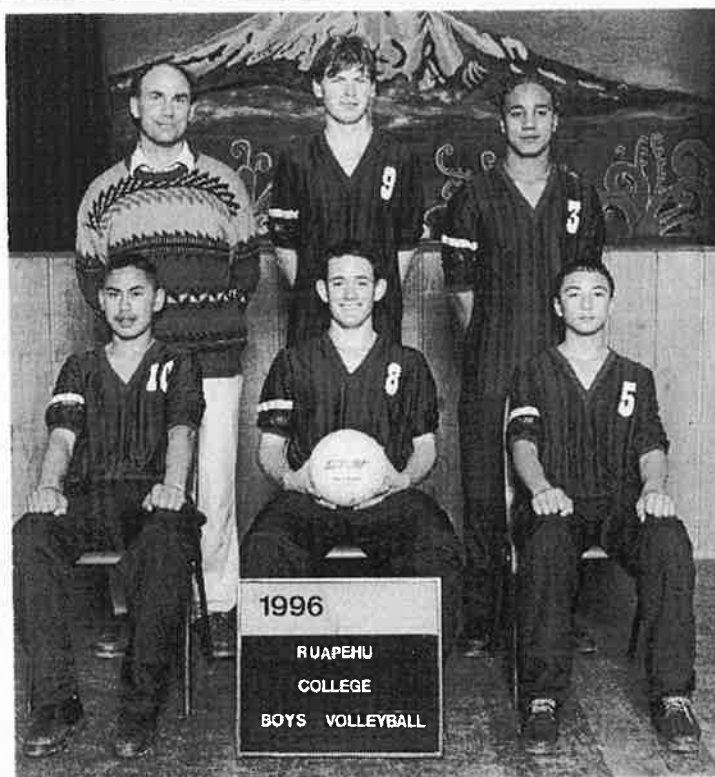


The highlight of each trip was the stop for dinner. I think that was all most went down for. Andrew Murdie was another highlight - showing off and being greedy, but also his all-round consistent play was most enjoyable.

Boys Volleyball

Back Row:
Mr D Hynes.,
T Stewart,
N Gupwell,

Front Row:
R Te Huia,
A Murdie,
K Clancy



The girls did not get off to a good start with losses on their first night, but the experience they gained turned them into better players than they were before. The boys for 1996 were a very unorganised. The first night went well with wins and no losses but unlike the girls, they did not settle into their games.

Overall it was a most enjoyable season.

G Most

Skiing - more off than on piste

On-going ash eruptions on Mount Ruapehu and bad weather kept the Wednesday club skiers and school reps off the slopes for most of the season.



Ruapehu College Ski Team

Left to right: D Triggell, S Hays, Mrs F Fraser (manager), C Smiler
R McMaster, F Suzuki

Absent: S Thomson, J Murdie, C Lundberg

Darren Triggell is a talented skier who was distracted from training by seventh form studies and rugby. Reaching B Grade in squash also kept Darren off the slopes.

Two years ago Japanese exchange student, **Fumi Suzuki**, was the Number 8 skier in her mixed Urabandai Junior Ski Racing Team based at Fukushima, north of Tokyo. With 13 years skiing, under her belt, Fumi was to be a force to be reckoned with.

Shanon Hays was a member of the Turoa Ski Racing Team from 1991-93 and in his age group came second in the North Island Ski Championships in 1993. Shanon's love for rugby (he played for the 1st XV from his third form days four years ago) meant that his ski training was put on hold in 1996.

Rebecca McMaster and **Kandace Smiler** are both members of the Turoa Ski Racing Team who train every weekend and every day of the school holidays. On days when the mountain is closed, Rebecca and Kandace do dry land training in the gymnasium.

Sarah Thomson a National Park third former was a member of the National Park Primary School Ski Team which has been so successful in recent years.

North Island Secondary Schools Skiing Competition 1996

Day One

Despite volcanic activity, 94 schools did converge on the Whakapapa Skifield in September for the 1996 NISSC. Only Day One's competition was postponed - because of poor visibility and driving rain.

Day Two

Individual Competition

Japanese student, **Fumi Suzuki**, of Ruapehu College was competing for the title of fastest senior woman in Day Two of the competition. By the slenderest of margins she was beaten into second placing by just 39 hundredths of a second by Elizabeth Shand of St Cuthbert's College, Auckland. Skiers, course officials, runners, managers, and parents braved bitterly cold, wet, uncomfortable conditions and in the morning could barely see two gates ahead of themselves. Slushy snow added to skiers' difficulties. The

weather improved in the afternoon and results were obtained in all four sections of the giant slalom competition. Ex-Ohakune boys, Scott and Ben Mazey of Tauhara College, had a successful day. Scott was the fastest senior man with a time of 27.90 seconds and Ben came first in the junior men's section with a time of 27.94 seconds. **Shanon Hays** was 3.8 seconds behind Scott in 10th place with **Darren Triggell** only 42 hundredths of a second behind Shanon in 11th position. In 19th position was **Rebecca McMaster** of Ruapehu College who recorded 29.19 seconds in the junior women's event. Her team mate, **Kandace Smiler**, came home in 34.68 seconds - 66th out of a field of 116 starters.

Day Three - Teams Competition

The girls of St Cuthbert's took out first placing in the teams event for the third year in a row - two points ahead of St Peter's School, (Cambridge). Sharing third place were Ruapehu College and Auckland Grammar who were six points behind St Cuthbert's. Shanon Hays and Darren Triggell both recorded wins for their team.

Fastest Woman

Fumi Suzuki had the personal satisfaction of beating her St Cuthbert's counterpart in the dual slalom on Day Three.

Rugby

First XV

Back Row:
D Triggell,
T Journeaux,
R Shanks,
G Most,
S Albert,
S Hawira

Second Row:
Mr R Manson (coach)
S Manson,
N Toka,
M Tuhoro,
R Hemopo,
S Sue,
K McDonough

Front Row:
R Tapa,
S Mareikura,
S Manson,
S Hays, (captain)
M Proude,
S Hammond,
C Winter



Second XV

Back Row:
F Marumaru,
A Wallis,
R Cawsey,
J Campbell,

Third Row:
J Waerea,
S Hawira,
A Henry,
A Brown,
A Gray,
N Costello

Second Row:
Mr R Hawira (coach)
K Vartha,
J Beech,
R Ruke,
A Walkley,
I Hall,
M Pakinga

Front Row:
D Manahi,
R Morrissey,
A Evans,
Q Gordon,
R McDougal,
S Dobbs,
R Carmichael



Sports Exchanges

Taihape Summer Sports Exchange

On 28 February, Ruapehu and Taihape athletes competed for the silver tray in the annual Summer Sports Exchange.

Ruapehu girls lost the touch rugby (2-16), and boys cricket also went down (110-131) in the games played at Ohakune, but in the softball the boys ran out the winners (13-4). At Taihape College, Ruapehu lost the girls cricket (59-85). However, the girl softballers won their match (28-2) as did the tennis team (9-3). The overall result (4-3) saw Ruapehu retain the silver tray.

Winter Exchanges

Taumarunui

On Wednesday 8 August the college bused a squad consisting of nine teams and five sporting codes (110 students in all) to take part in the traditional exchange with Taumarunui High School. Despite some disorganisation at the Taumarunui end which saw the games starting late, early-arriving Ruapehu basketball teams won both their games, 60-54 (boys) and 26-20 (girls). The mixed squash team played well to win six matches to two. The mixed hockey side went down 9-0. The First XV were outweighed and lost 57-7. The Second XV played well but also lost 25-17. Netball had three teams with high scores being put up by more experienced Taumarunui sides. Overall Taumarunui won the exchange 6-3 matches.

Fair Play Awards

This year also saw the introduction of fair play awards and the following players received awards: **Darren Triggell** (squash); **Charleszane Marcikura** (1st XV); **Andrew Evans** (2nd XV); **Megan Lind** (girls basketball); **Andrew Murdie** (boys basketball); **Shey Rangiihu** (netball 1); **Angela Fraser** (netball 2); **Sarah Thomson** and **Linda Grave** (netball 4), (Miss) **Justin(e) Mackay** (mixed hockey)

Taihape

Taihape College was able to field just the traditional netball and rugby teams for the annual winter clash against Ruapehu on 6 June. Golfers, basketball, badminton and squash players did not get to compete. Games started in brilliant sunshine with plenty of sideline support from parents and friends. The results were not in favour of Ruapehu College. Lack of fitness probably accounted for Netball A going down 50-38 after leading 32-30 at the end of the third quarter. Netball B lost 24-20. The First XV were beaten 15-5 with fans exclaiming at Shane Albert's courageous tackle on one of the Taihape giants. The Second XV suffered a 48-3 loss. Good fair play was a feature of the games and the day concluded with refreshments provided by Ruapehu team members.

N Toka



College v The Golden Oldies

The Golden Oldies and their equally colourful supporters came to the college on Friday 13 September to play rugby against the First XV. It was supposed to be played in four quarters but ended up in five. In the fifth, both teams had all their players on the field. After the fun game refereed by the principal, Mr Lane, no one knew the score but it was approximately 35-35 with a win of course to the Golden Oldies. At half-time Mr Lane was stretchered off by Mr P Sutton and Mrs E Carmichael. He made a miraculous recovery and returned to the field to referee the remainder of the game.



Photo courtesy A Teki, Ruapehu Bulletin

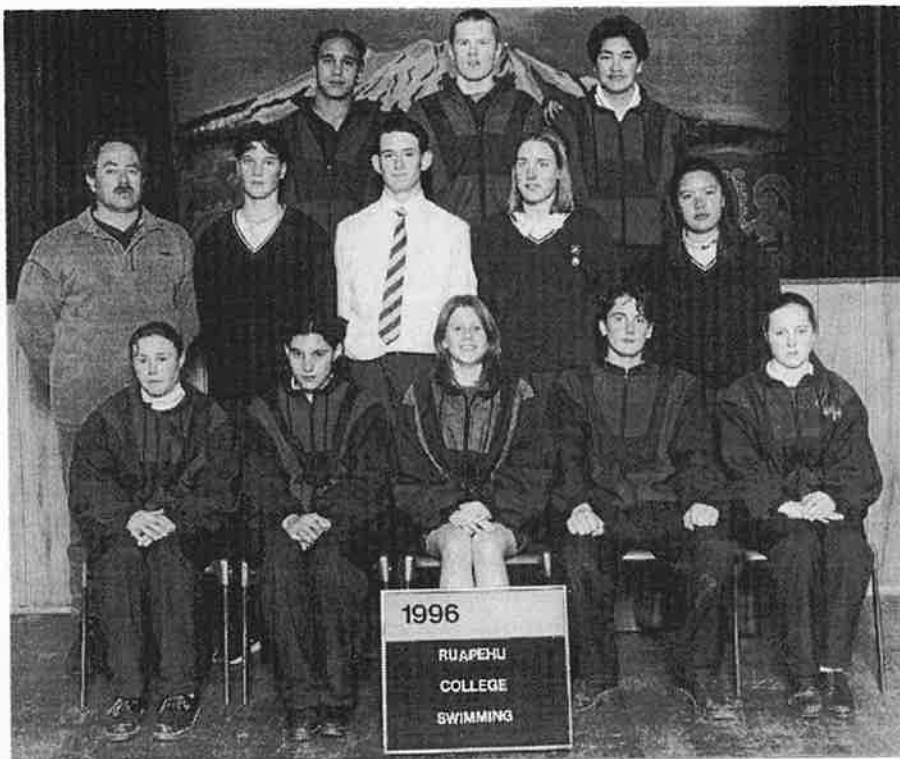
Waimarino Under-18 Netball Representatives Winners of the Kurangaituku Tournament in Rotorua in September

Back Row: S Rangiihi, M Wood, A Hiscox, N Brell
Front Row: E Hamlin (coach), L Haitana, A Kumeroa,
R Mareikura, C Wood, L Tapatu (coach)

Swimming

On the 8 February we had our annual interwhanau swimming sports in Waiouru. A very proud **Danley Vince** took the intermediate boys' title after beating Justin Mackay by four points. The students who didn't swim did a good job on the side screaming, cheering and supporting their whanau mates. Everyone had a great time, even though some of us swam into the lane markers and the tiles, and one guy lost his pants while diving into the water. But accidents like the ones we had always make things more fun. The teachers swam against level 13 students and the students won, of course. In the fun events we swam with balloons, soccer balls and hoops. Tui won the interwhanau competition followed by Weka, Huia and Kiwi.

C Lundberg



Ruapehu Swimming Team

Back Row:
Second Row:

Nikora Gupwell, Justin Mackay, Rochelle Te Huia
Mr Haig, Danley Vince, Andrew Murdie, Caroline Lundberg,
Kristine Clark
Sarah Thomson, Terehia Richards, Carolyn Mastrovich,
Stewart Hammond, Hayley Mackay

Front Row:

"I came from a school with over 700 students and their enthusiasm wouldn't come up to half that of Ruapehu College," Mr Haig, after the swimming sports.

"Mr Haig, we know! We are just awesome aren't we?"



Swimming champions:

Junior Girls:

- 1 Terehia Richards
- 2 Linda Grave
- 3 Hayley Mackay

Junior Boys:

- 1 Damian Manahi
- 2 Shaun Hawira

Intermediate Girls:

- 1 Rochelle Te Huia
- 2 Kristine Clark
- 3 Sarah Mackay

Intermediate Boys:

- 1 Danley Vince
- 2 Justin Mackay
- 3 S Hammond

Senior Girls:

- 1 Charmian Oh
- 2 Caroline Lundberg
- 3 Gisela Bauer

Senior Boys:

- 1 Jan de Moor
- 2 John Hays
- 3 J Beech

DIVING

Students who wanted to participate in the diving competition went to Raetihi on Friday 9 February. Some divers were very good, some were less. But the important thing was to participate and collect those points for your whanau, and everyone certainly did their best. You didn't even have to know how to dive! As long as you could jump from a diving-board, anyone could take part. This year Weka won the interwhanau competition, followed by Tui, Huia and Kiwi.

Diving Champions:

Junior Girls

Intermediate Girls

Senior Girls

Junior Boys

Intermediate Boys

Senior Boys

Ariana Taura

Rochelle Te Huia

Christina Phillips

Samuel Arahanga

Ashley Brown

Andrew Murdie

C Lundberg

Squash

1996 was a very busy squash season with both teams entered in a Ruapehu District Interclub Competition and the boys in the Central Districts (Palmerston North) Interclub which meant we were playing every week. The boys team comprising **Daniel Forster**, **Shane Thrupp** and **Greg Tuthill** won the Central Districts Division and went on to win in a regional game against the winner of the Taranaki District Competition.

The highlight of the year was the National Secondary Schools Squash Competition. This year it was held in Palmerston North. The competition was held over three days instead of the four as it was last year which was a disadvantage for the boys who had three hard games in one day. The boys team finished in 20th place out of 40, winning three out of five matches.

This year was the first year that we entered a girls team in the national competition as well. The girls improved greatly from the beginning of the season and finished in 18th place.

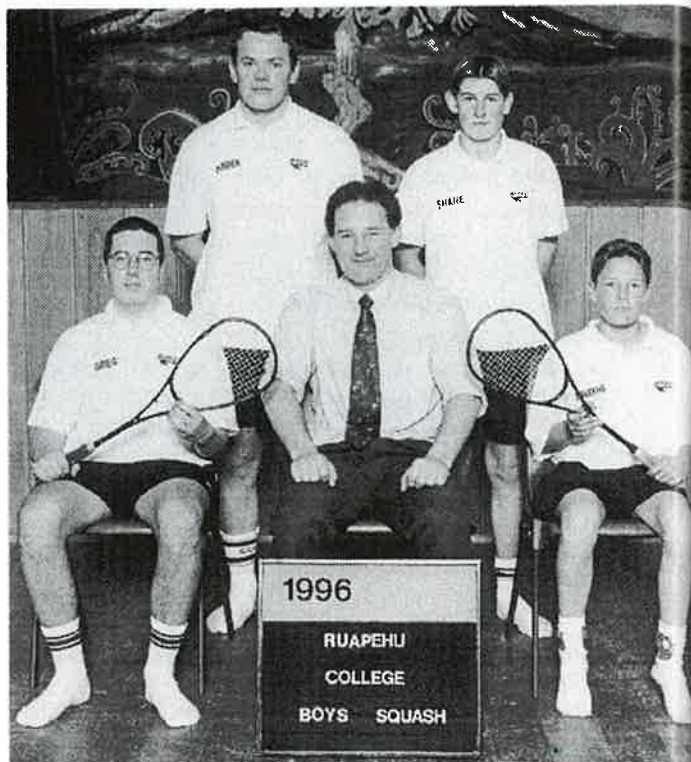
In October, **Sarah Lind**, **Jenny Murdie** and **Katrina Marsh** travelled to Hastings to play in the National F-Grade Competition where they played against the winners of regions from all around New Zealand. The girls won third place which was a great effort in a National Competition.

Darren Triggell won the Ohakune Club Open C Grade Championship, and the Boys Division and was promoted to B Grade in October. Both teams are looking forward to more success next season.

G Tuthill

Boys Squash

Back Row: Darren Triggell, Shane Thrupp.
Front Row: Greg Tuthill, Mr Laurensen (coach), Dwayne Marsh.
Absent: Daniel Forster, Fabian Marumaru.



Girls Squash

Back Row: Mrs Trask (Coach), Sarah Lind, Vanessa Irwin.
Front Row: Katrina Marsh, Jenny Murdie, Kelly Thrupp.





STAR's in Ms Gibson's Eyes



Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource

This fund is awarded to the school to assist in setting up tertiary level courses for students at secondary school. This year we have run several courses that have given students credits towards national certificates. Forty three students have completed their comprehensive first aid course with Red Cross. Five students have been awarded credits towards their National Certificate in hairdressing and eight students have gained credits towards the National Certificate in Agriculture through the Open Polytechnic and Taratahi Agricultural Centre.

Ten students have been working towards their pre-entry to the Automotive Trades Certificate while thirty or more students have participated in the forestry course with ten of these students gaining credits towards their National Certificates. Two students have completed tourism certificates with the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand. Other Open Polytechnic courses being taken by our senior students include food safety, childcare, computers, and work skills.

Twenty five students took a two day camera and darkroom course with Kevin Capon and forty students were awarded KiwiHost certificates. Taster courses for junior and senior students have included modelling, DJ sound technician and DJ, hairdressing, forestry, video production and catering courses.

STAR funded the Wanganui Polytechnic trip for Activities Week this year where students selected a range of courses including sport and recreation, pottery, painting, horticulture, automotive and hairdressing.

Raymond Hemopo and **James Beech** were funded to attend the trial week at Manawatu School of Design in the hope that they would be accepted on to a fully funded two-year course in 1997. Newsflash - they were accepted!

This year we purchased equipment to set up our hairdressing salon, automotive and forestry courses.

STAR also pays for the cost of running Rangataua School as a learning centre venue.

K Gibson



Taratahi

Tammy Evans, Paul Wilson, Aaron Fredericksen, Chris Hammond, Phillip Hansen and Thomas Journeaux travelled to the Taratahi Agricultural Centre in Masterton for a week in September to do a general farm skills course based on fencing, docking, pruning, tractor driving and motorbike skills. Taratahi was set up in 1919 as a training farm for men returning from the First World War. It now runs courses for schools and students stay on site. Taratahi's total area of 299 hectares is divided into two farms and an administration, workshop and hostel area. The beef and sheep unit is 185 hectares and holds 1700 Romney Breeding ewes and 300 Dairy cattle. The dairy unit is 98 hectares and holds 270 dairy cattle. T Evans



Back Row M Newman, L Godfrey, S Moore, R Hemopo, S Mareikura
Middle Row C Turner, N Gupwell, P Hansen, A Pearson
Front Row P Wilson, C Phillips, Ms K Gibson, K Vartha, R Lawrence

Art Work "Aunty won't give it back"

Transition students had an hour a week in the art room this year and learned three practical skills that could be used in the real world. All students learned simple ceramic techniques and made bowls and plates which were later glazed. **Paul Wilson** and **Marsha Newman** were the stars here.

The second term focused on "Making things for yourself". Students chose a product that was already on the market, eg devil sticks, and worked out how it was made and the cost of making it. We sourced the materials needed and made a copy. We were all stars at this and our sticks were so popular that Mrs Stuckey had a club for others to make the sticks. This was after we had done all the hard work of working out how to make them. **Kirk Vartha** seemed to think he had a patent on the ideas and was not impressed!

In terms three and four we focused on recycling - how to take an old product and make it useful again. Some of us turned faded old T shirts into 1970's versions of rad. That was sad because **Nikora Gupwell** really liked his T shirt and his aunty won't give it back. Others used old books to make jewellery boxes and **Linda Godfrey's** was really impressive.

Well done Transition students! I hope you learned some skills that could either make you money or save you some money in real life.

A Stuckey

Hairdressing

Two days a week from 14th March at Rangataua eight students took the challenge to see what hairdressing had in store. Joy Harper our course teacher took it easy on us at first. She knew that the words and techniques were all new and shocking to us. We took a couple of trips to the Taranaki Polytechnic in Taumarunui to use the facilities. As time went along it got harder. When we had learned and practised everything we practised our hardest for our final theory and practical exams. On August 23 we packed up and said a big good bye to Joy and thanked her for the great time we had had learning. Because of the success of these students, the college has now fully resourced the hairdressing course with all the necessary equipment to run a basic salon in 1997.

S-J Allerby

Transition

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History! Marcia Wood and Thomas Journeaux- the first Ruapehu students to receive Unit Standards (in First Aid) towards their National Certificates.

Guidance

**“is a
confidential
service”**

There is not a lot one can report on from the guidance area - not because nothing happens but because it is a confidential service available to all students. Please make use of it and encourage your friends to do so also because the counsellor is there for you.



F Fraser

Careers

The Careers Department has been very active this year with many students making use of the facilities and opportunities available to them for investigating careers choices.

Fifth, sixth and seventh formers travelled by bus to the Wanganui careers expo at Springvale, while the juniors enjoyed a bus trip to 'Poutamatia - Life to The Max'. This was a weekend event where Maori and Pacific Island-role models were put in front of students to help them realise their own potential.

The seventh formers had open days at Waikato University and Massey University. Other trips available to them were the open days at CIT and Victoria University. Forestry was catered for when students attended a seminar in Upper Hutt.

We also had visitors to the school which included representatives from the army, navy, airforce, Taratahi Agricultural School, Massey and Lincoln Universities.

The fourth form careers education week and work experience week saw students trying their hands at marine biology, food technology, catering, plumbing, and zillions of other choices.

A careers evening was held at school where polytechs, universities, CIT and local employers all joined in to put courses and job choices in front of students and parents. A course selection evening was also held at the college which allowed parents and teachers to discuss and help students make the right choices for their futures.

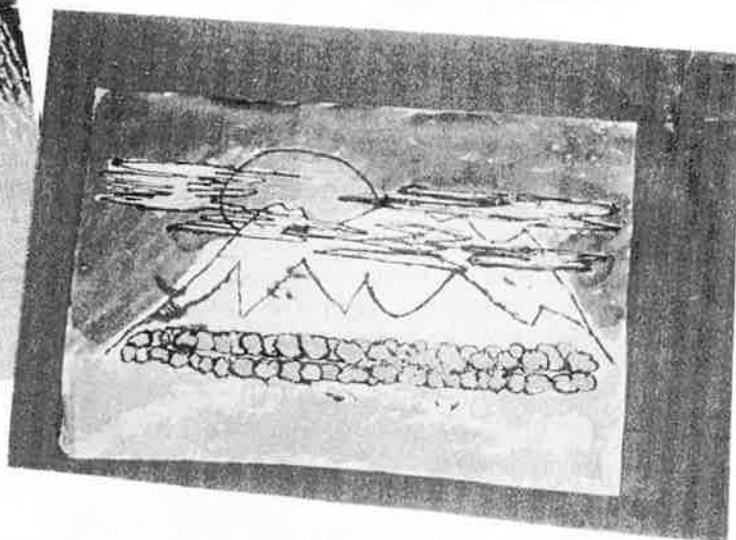
All in all a busy but productive year. New facilities and resources are being bought and upgraded every year so make sure you use the Careers Department.

L Ryland

Chocolate Fish Accountants' Dish

A fifth form course was re-offered in 1996 and history was made in this class (twice in fact) with two students getting 100% in two tests. How many chocolate fish did this cost Mrs Laurenson and where do you put fringe benefits like these?

Quality rather than quantity also counted in the sixth and seventh forms with good results again being expected here.



Design

The productive Design Department continues to increase its resources for the benefit of students. The graphics room now has two Macintosh computers meaning that students are able to gain experience in a number of computer applications. In the improved workshop area there is now an increased range of cutting and finishing machines. Mr Hagener and Mr Milne worked throughout the year to draw the best out of the students in workshop classes. Mr Minty helped out in the third term while Mr Milne was released to concentrate on some Outdoor Education tasks. Examination classes continue to improve. 1996 looks like being our best year for results in School Certificate Workshop Technology. Stop Press! 1996 results were 100% better than in 1995, and two students got B passes.

R Milne and K Hagener

Computing and Keyboarding

The distinction between Keyboarding and Computing continues to become more blurred.

Fifth form Keyboarding class decided they would like to complete their School Certificate Typing exam on computers and have now moved permanently into the Computer Room.

Both sixth and seventh form Keyboarding classes have been working on word processing packages all year.

Junior classes will continue to learn their skills on the typewriter, but senior keyboarding classes will be known as Information Processing.

With the introduction of computing at all levels, there has been a change to the course content for juniors. There is now a much larger theory component, which may have taken some fourth formers by surprise.

Computer Studies is not a School Certificate subject and the fifth form class concentrated more on the practical skills. Mastery tests were offered in word processing and the number of word processing functions mastered by each student will be listed on a certificate. This will be a useful addition to their CVs. It has been a very busy year in the Computer Room, especially during the last few weeks for the sixth form.

C Chapman

Correspondence

Japanese, Home Economics, Chemistry and Te Reo Maori required the assistance of the Correspondence School - either because this year we did not have anyone qualified to teach that particular subject or because the classes were too small to be timetabled with a teacher. Studying through the Correspondence School requires high levels of organisation and self motivation, though assistance is available from people within our own college.

F Fraser

Home Economics

So what has been happening in Home Economics? Serious changes occurred in the Home Economics Department in 1996 involving a new teacher, new programmes, a new room set up and new resources.

Levels Nine and Ten have been kept busy cooking up some exquisite feasts and trying out some Technology-based units of work. Level Eleven have been kept amused by attempting an array of assignments and practicals based on School Certificate topics while Level Twelve have worked hard-out (in a particularly casual sense) on all sorts of nutritional and food projects. They have as well taken a trip to Auckland to explore the food industry. All in all, 1996 was a good year where heaps of learning and fun were had by everyone. More changes for Home Economics are in the pipeline for 1997.

N Rattray

Rising Demand for Economics

Demand for Economics and Consumer Studies rose sharply this year, with some classes seeing a 50% increase in student numbers brought about by an increase in student preferences to make money. The ESP saw good profit margins being reached through the sales of hair ties, devil sticks, key-rings and recycled paper (see photo at right). At senior levels the preferences for good grades seemed to be a determining factor but it may well have been the lack of substitutes available which saw such a big swing in demand. The marginal social benefits definitely outweighed the costs.

Supply was very inelastic but is predicted to shift next year due to market forces causing regional differences. Supply may be unstable for the time but will adjust early January as supply and demand find an equilibrium. The changes in supply are suspected to be caused by the costs of production (namely engagement rings) and the price of related goods rising; travel to Patea is expensive. These are thought to be irregular changes and will not affect the area next year. As we look ahead to '97, may our marginal utility be rising, and our cost curves be forever on the downward slope.

N Williams

English on Trial

Chalkdust, chewing gum, chattering students - into another great year with the English Department well staffed. But the scene was a little different for some. After a good beginning, we farewelled Mrs Knight. Some classes had to deal with several staff changes as well as their course work. Most students responded well.

Form three and four students worked on programmes based on the new curriculum document. These and remaining programmes will be revised so as to implement Unit Standards for the new National Certificate in the senior school.

Ruapehu College English Department has begun taking part in trials of form five level Unit Standards alongside School Certificate. This will not mean a harder year for students but they will be able to gain credits from the New Qualifications Framework.

Past student **Miss J Frew** spent some weeks in the school as student and then relieving teacher. Her input was much appreciated by students and staff. It's great to hear she has a permanent teaching position to go to next year at Wanganui High.

Change is still a key word for the future. As long as we manage it carefully it should bring greater opportunities to students.

I Mackay



Geography -

*Seventh Geography was a major catastrophe.
We spent the year hunting teachers and finally Mr
Swart did reach us.*

*Six before him couldn't stay; They had to go on
their way*

*Student,s however did their best
And didn't worry about the teacher mess.*

Mr Knight, in shining armour, left us at the end of the first term. After this our teacher-hunting started. First came Mrs Allomes who relieved until a full time teacher could be appointed. However, she fell ill and had to leave. Mr Buck helped us out but he still had the responsibility of his History Department and other classes, so Mr Chapman came. He was with us only a short while as he fell off his bike and was unable to come to school. Mrs Donaldson then supervised us for a time. It was moments like these we needed Minties. However, they too moved on and we were again left teacher hunting. Our anti-profanity South African saviour then arrived. Later was better than never. Not letting the teacher problem upset our learning, we put in lots of hard work, using our initiative with different levels and helping one another when relieving teachers were unable to. All in all, Geography was an unforgettable educational experience in 1996

Kaye, Gail, Ali, Kimi and Lee

Mighty Mathematicians

A first for Ruapehu! We took eight teams to the Mathex competition quiz night for Wanganui schools where one of our Level 10 teams was placed first in their section. Members of the winning team were:

Neil Bradley
Bojan Legner
Kelly Brock
Katie Woodhouse



The college also entered students into the Australian Mathematics Competition and the Bank of New Zealand Competition. Awards won in the Australian Mathematics Competition are:

LEVEL 9

Jasmine Robertson	Distinction
Angela Bradley	Credit

LEVEL 10

Neil Bradley	Prize
Emma Forster	Credit
Hayley Mackay	Credit

LEVEL 11

Steven Sue	Credit
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LEVEL 12

Daniel Forster	Credit
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LEVEL 13

Tony Stewart	Credit
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Neil Bradley's award was particularly outstanding. It was a special prize for those in the top 1% of all the thousands of entries in that age group.



This year the number of staff changes affected meant extra energy was required from a small number of teachers. We also needed to look toward the . Staff were to attend inservice training on the implementation of the new unit standards but this has been delayed by the Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA). Maths courses are being changed and new text books published. Ms K Gibson has continued to develop the level 11 and 12 applied courses, along the unit approaches required by NZQA.

D Hynes

"You know Miss, where Mr Hynes come from, they have a White Christmas every year - and we haven't had even one!"
(Good one, Neil.)



Horticulture

"Get a little dirt on your hands, boy"

Major melt-down in the glass house was perhaps the lowest point of in the year as hundreds of dollars worth of equipment was lost due to an electrical fault. However, the equipment was replaced and even upgraded, so there was a silver lining to that cloud. On a positive note, the fifth and sixth form were the largest they have been for years.

The old trial patches have been allowed to go back to grass while the new areas for these will be entirely in the fenced off section. Some tidying up still has to be done to make the area more presentable, but it will eventually look a lot better. Some facility upgrades have yet to be carried out.

The usual day trips horticultural and agricultural points of interest were carried out as required for assessment. On a final note I still can't understand why people who don't like getting their hands dirty still choose Horticulture as an option. Our theme tune is "Get a little dirt on your hands, boy!" All are welcome, but be prepared! We are dirty people!

L Ryland

Who tried to communicate with Mr Ranchod using an Indonesian dictionary?
The same person who was actually looking for an English word!

Physical Education

Some new activities and a new face arrived in the PE Department in 1996. Malcolm Haig arrived from Cambridge to replace Mrs Campbell, who turned her energy and enthusiasm to the new role of Sports Recreation Co-ordinator for the Ruapehu District.

Petanque balls, croquet, chatter rings, devil sticks and juggling balls now complement the traditional PE activities and new games like "Headache" and "Four Square Volleyball" have been added to the bag of tricks.

Students and parents should be very proud of their excellent gymnasium-squash facility that would be the envy of many a city school. To have the beautiful setting of Mount Ruapehu and the Tongariro National Park at your front door is a real bonus. The only resource "lacking" in easy access is a heated indoor swimming pool, where local children and adults could learn to be safe in water. I hope the community will give serious consideration to this idea and turn the gymnasium into a truly multi-use facility.

Sixth Form Certificate

The class fundraised for trips by catering at the Athletics Sports and producing a mountain of firewood. The mountain erupted again and caused the mountain craft camp to be cancelled but wind surfing and surfing proved a big hit at Lake Wairua. We checked out gymnasiums and sports science courses in Auckland and Hamilton. **Caroline Lundberg** and **Justin Mackay** were "guinea pigs" and were hooked up via electrodes and oxygen measuring equipment for an experiment at Waikato Polytech. Justin achieved scores to rival international runners. Caroline, our Swedish exchange student, worked hard at everything and proved an excellent ambassador and role model.



Bursary PE

The four students who completed the first bursary course at Ruapehu College deserve gold medals for perseverance and tolerance. It turned into a frustrating year using a telephone computer link up sometimes once a week with a teacher two hours away at Rangitikei. Next year when Ruapehu has its own course, all the teething problems should be eliminated and already a number of students have signed up.

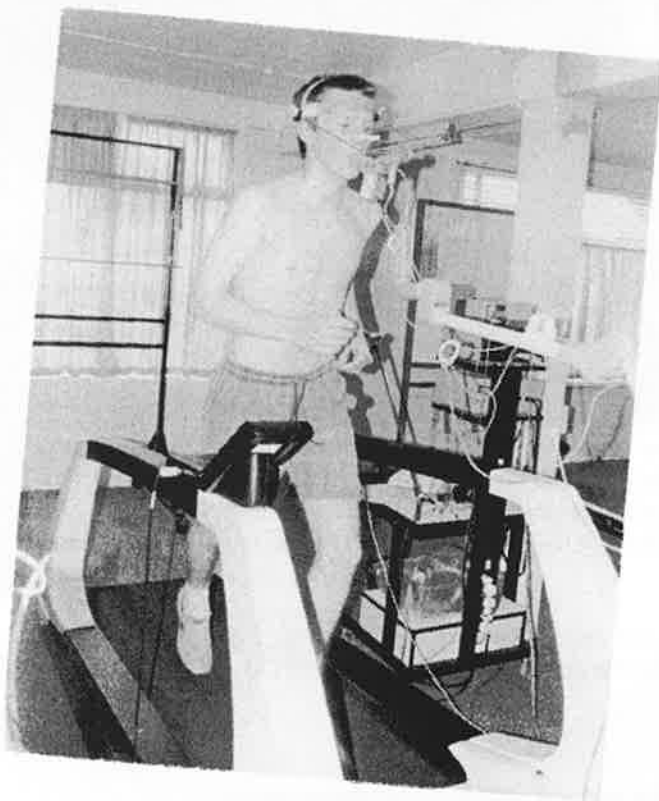
Form 7 Recreation

Thanks to strong support from parents and the seventh form, the popular Friday recreation afternoon was resurrected. A variety of activities was tried from golf to yoga to karate and aerobics. Who could forget Lee McCann bouncing sideways on a bridge during the mountain descent while Darren leaving everyone in his spray and Charmian taking a bath when her horse decided to sit down in a very large puddle. The high cost "user pays" charge of army policy was a disappointment and caused the high rope course to be cancelled. We hope they will be more generous next year. The highlight for some was facing their fears, rafting the Tongariro and later soaking the bruises at Rock 'n' River Adventures hot pool. It was fun. Good luck next year,

Malcolm Haig

Remedial Reading

In the first term of 1996 Mrs Knight set up a very professional remedial reading programme making the task of this worthwhile programme very easy for others to follow after she and Mr Knight resigned at the end of Term One. With the help of wonderful volunteers such as Mrs K Journeaux, Mrs V Littlewood and Mr G Davis, remedial reading has been successful with quite a few students who have gained tremendous benefits and confidence. Mrs Pincar was the co-ordinator during her time at the college. Mrs W Jervis worked very hard for the programme and was a big help for the students.



Science Alive

So who was wanting to see Mrs Buck in her lavatory after school?
Hope you found her, Amelia.

Science is alive and well at Ruapehu College despite some staff changes, Mr Taylor leaving and Mr Minley only staying a term! Our students are achieving and broadening their science skills and knowledge. Rebecca McDougal attended "Hands on Science" at Otago University in January and really enjoyed the experience.

Some senior students did well in the Australian Chemistry Competition gaining distinctions and credits. Form three and four students both participated in Science Fairs and learnt much from the experience. The Telecom Roadshow visited in Term 4 and a group of students also enjoyed an electricity display put up by King Country Energy.

S Buck

Healthy Lifeskills.

A new face at the front this year. We farewelled Mr Marsh last year and are pleased he is enjoying his new job as deputy principal at Ohakune Primary.

There were four lifeskills classes this year. The programme included goal setting, time management, study skills, resolving conflict, going flatting, household budgeting and consumer awareness. Francis Mason (Good Health Wanganui) took a drug and alcohol education programme. Drink-drive awareness was taken by Brian Wilson. Contraception was the topic introduced by Jeanette Osborne, our adolescent health nurse, while Thea Brok from the Wanganui Youth Advice Centre dealt with HIV/AIDS. Plunket nurse, Ruth Tuhoro, led discussions on pregnancy and childcare. A variety of guest speakers gave us information about drugs and alcohol, drinking and driving, STD's, HIV/AIDS, pregnancy and childbirth.

The fourth form programme started off with the *Theta Sexwise* touring group giving us an entertaining look at relationships, contraception and peer pressure.

For form three students, Jeanette Osborne ran a programme on how the body works and on friendships and relationships. Some third formers were able to meet the asthma educator from Good Health Wanganui.

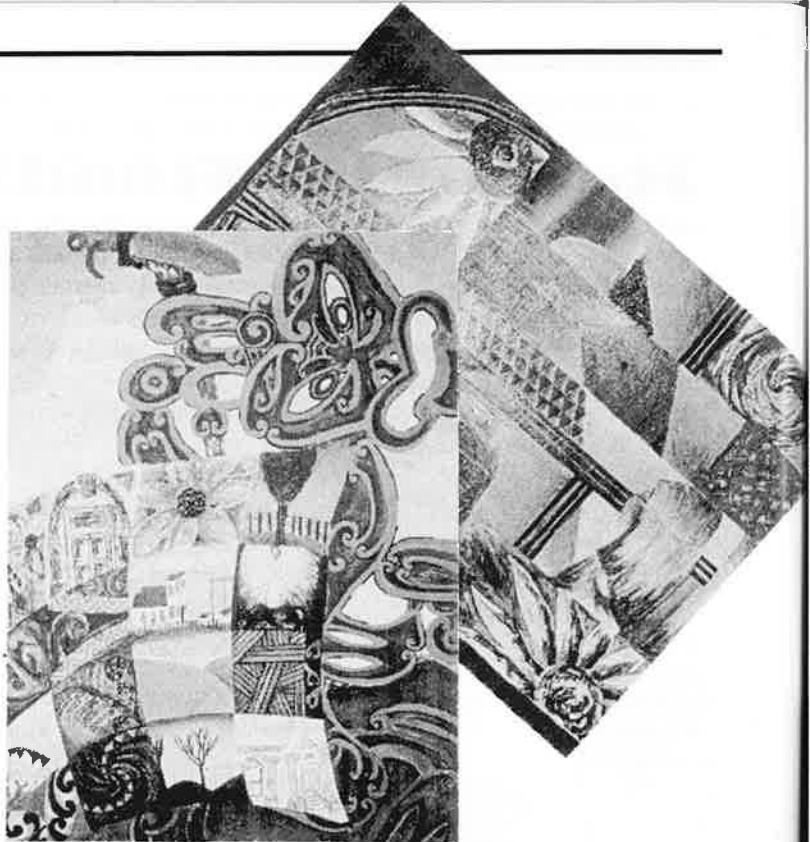
Electives time was also used to provide a programme in self assertiveness for women. We had some good discussion and afternoon teas while we learned lots. Watch out next year for an even fuller programme!

F Fraser

Art is... sunflowers and snow

Summer brought sun flowers. Winter brought snow. And the art students used both as an inspiration for art works. The snow was an opportunity for an impromptu snow sculpting session for fourth formers.

Senior students went on two separate art trips. Sixth and seventh formers went to Auckland; Mrs Stuckey's first time ever driving in Auckland and she was great, taking the van down a one-way street the wrong way. We were all very exhausted when we arrived back, as there were so many galleries to see in two days. The guide on this trip was none other than Ruapehu's ex art teacher, Mr Lewer, and I'll have you know he is fine. We got to see the pieces that he was working on. He showed us all the major art galleries where most of New Zealand's famous artists hang their work. In general I think the sixth and seventh formers learned a lot about the way artists think, the way they work and most of all what inspires them to do what they are doing. By the end of this trip I think the sixth and seventh had a lot to think about with regard to what their art work was all about, what their work meant to them and gained a bit of inspiration to improve back at Ruapehu College.



Fifth formers packed a bus and a day with visits to polytechnics and art galleries in Palmerston North and Wanganui. We would have got every thing done in plenty of time but the bus was inadvertently involved in an accident at Mangaweka. The bus and we were unscathed.

Art students entered work in various art competitions.

Julie Imhoff received a personal pager from Telecom for her poster on communication technology.

Raymond Hemopo won the Barnes Young Artist award at the Ohakune Art Awards. He received the award and money toward tertiary education next year.

Raana Ellen Marcikura participated in a successful winter exhibition by four women artists held in the railway station cafe.

It is goodbye to many talented young artists this year and we wish them all the best especially those who have chosen to study in the art field next year. Good choice-well done! We look forward to next year as there are many talented young artists opting to continue art studies.

M Wood and A Stuckey

Clothing

The third form clothing class wanted to do clothing again, so we had this option all year. We made a variety of garments as well as designing specific objects to a design brief. During times when we didn't have fabric, we worked on a 'college patchwork quilt'. Mrs George collected the old uniform garments and we cut them into interesting shapes and basted them on to a background fabric in a crazy patchwork design. We plan to sell names and dates to people who have gone to our school and sew them over the edges of the pieces, before we line and back the quilt.

Our class had a trip to Taupo to see the Hoffmann Challenge exhibition. It was 'eye-opening' to see so many different ways a wall hanging could be made using the same style of fabric. We learnt that textiles is a much wider topic than we first thought.

Sleeping in the Classroom

Mrs George gave us the chance to work towards the fifth form Practical Clothing Certificate during clubs time. To complete this certificate there are two units: Resource Management and Textile Management. We were also required to make two practical projects. Because we only had clubs time to do our work, we sewed during lunch times and for extra time we stayed at school overnight, sleeping in our classroom. It was fun working, eating and sleeping together and we got a lot of work done without having to start and stop as we need to do when we are in school.



THE 1996 HORROR BALL

The 1996 Horror Ball was preceded by the usual hype which grew as the night came closer. This year a limousine service was provided at very reasonable rates by the usual suit and gown hire company which added a touch of class to the occasion and was a new experience for most. The ball started at 8.30 and people slowly arrived, being greeted by Mr and Mrs Lane at the door. The Rangataua Hall was a suitable venue and the decorations were superb with a large grim reaper on one side of the entrance and a similar sized sheet ghost on the other. The floor was sprinkled with glitter and the tables decorated with candles on polystyrene which one by one as the night went on, caught fire as the candles burnt out. The band The Heaving Beavers, was suitably loud and played a wide variety of music from New Zealand bands as well as from abroad. There was also a D.J. as a break for the band as well as the dancers. The ball officially ended at 1.30am. By then there were only a few people left waiting for their ride home in the limo. The 1996 horror ball was a success - the result of a lot of hard work by a relatively few people.

G Tuthill







's no days like Snow Days

This winter we were treated to several days of thick snow on the ground. For Waiouru and National Park students this simply meant a day or two off school, and for everyone else a new way to pass interval and lunch time. For teachers the snow meant a whole new set of school rules to enforce and dish out detentions for. Snow activities included sculpting, sliding and generally trying to get other people covered in it. There were only a few serious injuries, mostly to people's egos and everyone enjoyed themselves. G Tuthill



Slave Auction -
Another
B Morgan
Production



Business Management Team

Thanks to King Country Energy's sponsorship, Ruapehu College entered a team in the *National Review Business Management Game*. Members were (from left) Megan Lind, Tonia Lumsden, Tony Stewart, and Amy Smith (absent) with teacher, Mr John Laurenson. They were out after Round Two but not before beating the likes of teams from Telecom, Phillips and New Zealand Post. Better luck with the draw next year, team, when we hope you compete against school teams first. Ruapehu finished sixth overall.

Telecom Roadshow

"I went to the Telecom Roadshow. It was quite difficult for me because the people spoke fast. But I enjoyed it. We watched the 'Fire and Ice' show. The woman used dry ice, and she made freeze eggs. The method she used was to break the eggs into a frying pan, put in the liquid and the egg 'cooked!!!' The *shirami* or albumin of the egg turned white. I liked the egg experiment, so I had trouble remembering other things. They had a lot of machines about science, and we played with these. We made sounds by touching two silver plates. They were about the size of a saucer. If I touched for a longer time the sound was longer. We moved an object by using a robot. One button was to grip the object, the next button was to move the object, and third button was pressed to put the object in place. In the first show a third former wore a special suit made from velcro. He stood on the chair against a board, and when the woman took the chair away, the student stayed on the board!"

Fumi Suzuki

Library

We are soon to have completed an additional area to library which will house our multi-media section including our newest acquisition the Internet and E Mail computer system. This area will also include video and sound systems and our CD ROM Computers.

We have purchased several new CD ROM programmes this year and the use of these computer systems is growing daily.

Our INNZ connection with the National Library has had maximum use this year and we feel that students and staff are benefiting more and more from this service. This year we participated in the National Library's School Library 2000 Focus programme and we will continue to develop and grow with this programme over the next five years.

W Jervis



Photo courtesy Ruapehu Bulletin

Junior Prize Giving 1995

ATHLETICS

Junior Girl Champion (PTA Cup)
Margaret Mowat
Junior Boy Champion (PTA Cup)
Alec Wallis

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Girl Champion (Mary Whale Cup)
Hayley Mackay
Junior Boy Champion (Herbert Smith Cup)
Sean Fredericksen

SWIMMING

Junior Girl Champion (Cup) Kristine Clark
Junior Boy Champion (TG Drayton Cup)
Danley Vince

NETBALL Checkers Netball Cup for the Junior who has made an outstanding contribution to Netball within our school
Margaret Mowat

RUGBY

Most improved Junior in 2nd XV (Richard Lindsay Cup) Michael Proude
Best and Fairest in 2nd XV (Ruapehu Rascals Golden Oldies Rugby Cup)
Steven Sue
Best team man in 2nd XV (DA Loye Cup)
Shane Albert

SOCCER

Most improved junior player (Dave Billmore Trophy)
Mark Goldfinch

FORM 3

BERNARD DEADMAN Subject award for 1st in Term 1 Graphics. Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in Science and consistent effort in Metalcraft
ERIN NEWTON Merit award for consistent effort in Graphics
LEAH STUCKEY Subject award for 1st in Term 2 Home Economics. Merit awards for effort in project work in Music and consistent effort and achievement in Computer Studies
MARY BISHOP Subject award for 1st in Term 3 Graphics Merit awards for consistent effort in Science, improvement in Typing and consistent effort in English
DANLEY VINCE Merit award for consistent effort and achievement in Physical Education
PETER BILLET Subject awards for 1st in Term 1 Woodcraft and 1st overall in Metalcraft. Merit award for consistent effort and achievement in Social Studies
TRACY-ANN O'HANLON Merit awards for effort in project work in Music and improvement in English
SELENA ANDERSON Merit awards for consistent effort in Metalcraft and effort in project work in Music
SARAH TUMATAROA Merit award for consistent effort and achievement in Science and consistent effort in Te Reo Maori
RICHARD ORMAND Merit award for effort in Mathematics
MATTHEW DEADMAN Subject award for 1st in 3P Science. Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in Computer Studies and achievement in English
KATARAINA CASSIDY Merit awards for attainment in Te Reo Maori and for her dynamic approach to design and production in Clothing and Textiles
ANTON GRAY Merit award for effort and improvement in Mathematics
MARAMA AKAPITA Subject award for 1st in Mrs Knight's English class. Merit award for attainment in Te Reo Maori
CAROLYN MASTROVICH Merit award

for consistent effort in Typing and Social Studies and achievement in English
CHAANA MORGAN Merit award for perseverance in Mathematics
KERI BATES Subject awards for 1st in Mr French's English class and 1st in 3P Social Studies
CAMPBELL MACGIBBON Merit awards for consistent effort in Graphics and consistent effort in Science
SAMANTHA BLACK Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in Computer Studies, effort in Social Studies and consistent effort in Typing
REBECCA MCMASTER Subject award for 1st in 3A Science, 1st in 3A Social Studies and 1st in Term 2 Economics. Merit awards for consistent effort in Graphics and consistent effort and achievement in Computer Studies
THOMAS JOURNEAUX Merit award for improvement in Woodcraft
KELLY-ANN CRAIG Merit award for consistent effort and achievement in skills in Social Studies
TONY MARTIN Merit awards for consistent effort in Metalcraft and effort in Social Studies
ANIDA BEECH Merit awards for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori and consistent effort and attainment in Clothing and Textiles
ROBERT TE HUIA Subject award for 1st in Term 3 Art. Merit award for consistent effort in Woodcraft
DALLAS RUKE Subject award for 1st in Term 1 Home Economics. Merit award for consistent effort and achievement in Computer Studies
CHRISTOPHER DOWMAN Subject award for 1st in Term 1 Economics. Merit awards for perseverance in Woodcraft, perseverance in Typing, outstanding effort in Physical Education, effort in project work in Music and diligence and effort in Social Studies
KANIN CLANCY Subject award for excellence in Physical Education. Merit awards for improvement and consistent effort in Woodcraft
BRENDON GARDNER Merit award for effort in English
TOMAIRANGI MAREIKURA Merit award for consistent effort in Art
SHANE THIRUPP Merit award for improvement in Mathematics
ASHANTHA PERERA Merit award for improvement in Art
STEWART HAMMOND Subject awards for 1st in 3A Physical Education and 1st= in Term 2 Computer Studies
KRISTINE CLARK Subject award for 1st in Te Reo Maori Tuhituhi. Merit awards for attainment and consistent effort in Clothing and Textiles, consistent effort in Social Studies and consistent effort in English
MARIANA JOINSON Subject award for 1st in Te Reo Maori Korero
LISA MARSDEN Merit awards for consistent effort and attainment in Clothing and Textiles and conscientious effort and achievement in English
DOUGLAS BARCLAY Subject award for 1st in Term 1 Computer Studies. Merit award for excellent effort in Mathematics
CLAY WINTER Subject award for 1st in 3P Physical Education
CHRISTINE SUE Subject award for 1st=

in Term 3 Home Economics. Merit awards for effort in project work in Music, consistent effort in Mathematics, effort and improvement in English and perseverance in Science
RUSSELL BULLMAN Subject award for 1st in Term 2 Woodcraft
MATTHEW BISHOP Subject awards for 1st in 3R Science and 1st in Term 3 Woodcraft. Merit award for achievement in English
RIONA MAY Merit awards for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori, attainment and consistent effort in Clothing and Textiles and consistent effort in Science
JENNY CRESSWELL Merit award for improvement in Social Studies
BOJAN LEGNER Merit awards for improvement in Typing, perseverance in Woodcraft and excellent effort in Mathematics
NEIL BRADLEY Subject award for 2nd overall in Form 3 Mathematics and 1st in 3U Science. Merit awards for improvement and consistent effort in Typing and consistent effort and achievement in Computer Studies
BELINDA MARSH Subject award for 1st= in Clothing and Textiles (Migos Trophy). Merit award for consistent effort in Home Economics
KYLA NEWTON Subject award for 1st= in Clothing and Textiles (Migos Trophy) and 1st= in Term 2 Computer Studies. Merit awards for effort in project work in Music and consistent effort in Mathematics
NATALIE PAINE Subject awards for 1st in Term 1 Typing, 1st= in Term 3 Computer Studies and 1st in 3U Social Studies. Merit award for improvement in Science
HAYLEY MACKAY Subject awards for 1st in term 3 Typing, Term 3 Economics, excellence in Physical Education and 3rd overall in Form 3 Mathematics. Merit award for effort in project work in Music
EMMA FORSTER Subject award for 1st in Term 2 Typing, 1st in Term 2 Graphics 1st= in Term 3 Home Economics, 1st= in Term 3 Computer Studies, 1st overall in Form 3 Mathematics, 1st in 3R Science. Merit award for effort in project work in Music
FORM 4
DANIELLE WILSON Merit awards for effort in Mathematics and most improved in Mrs Stuckey's English class
REBECCA MARTIN Subject award for 1st in 4U Social Studies. Merit award for effort in English and consistent effort in Science
STEVEN HAWIRA Merit award for effort in Mathematics
CHERYL CONDON Subject award for 1st in Mrs Voon's English class. Merit award for perseverance in Mathematics
ROCHELLE TE HUIA Merit awards for excellent effort in Mathematics and perseverance in English
KAREN KYLE Merit awards for perseverance and endeavour in Physical Education, improvement in English, consistent effort in Mathematics and diligence and effort in Social Studies
BRUCE TAYLOR Merit award for improvement in English
DONNA CRANSTON Merit awards for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori Tuhituhi, consistent effort and achievement in typing
MARGARET MOWAT Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in Social

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SHARLESZANE MAREIKURA Subject awards for 1st in Te Reo Maori and excellence in Physical Education

BRENDON MORGAN Merit awards for improvement and effort in Te Reo Maori and outstanding effort in Physical Education

KANDACE SMILER Subject award for 1st in Mr Mackay's English class. Merit awards for improvement in Mathematics and diligence and effort in Social Studies

CHRISTOPHER BAYLIS Subject award for 1st= in Woodcraft. Merit award for practical achievement in Horticulture

DELPHINA RUKI Merit award for perseverance in Mathematics

DANIEL HAITANA Merit award for consistent effort in Art

JACKIE CRESSWELL Subject award for 1st in Mrs Stuckey's English class

SHAUN FREDRICKSEN Subject award for 1st overall in Metalcraft (Trade Tools prize)

ANGELA FRASER Merit award for effort and attainment in Horticulture

GABRIELLE KELLAND Merit award for most improved in her Physical Education class

TRUDIE COLLIER Subject award for 1st in Home Economics

KELLY THRUPP Merit award for consistent effort in English

DEBORAH DONALDSON Merit award for diligence and enthusiasm in Economics, improved effort and attainment in Science and diligence and effort in Social Studies

RICHARD SHANKS Subject award for 1st= in Woodcraft. Merit award for improvement in Home Economics

CARINA MCNIE Merit award for consistent effort in Art

CAMPBELL CROSSAN Subject award for excellence in Physical Education

SHONTAYNE RIHIA Merit award for achievement and care with her work in English

CIRIS HAMMOND Merit award for attainment in Horticulture

ANGIE PRAETER Merit award for consistent effort in Home Economics

JENNY MURDIE Subject awards for 1st= in Economics and 1st in Typing. Merit award for consistent effort in Science

SARAH LIND Subject awards for 1st in 4U Science and 3rd overall in Mathematics. Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in Social Studies and consistent effort in Graphics

MICHAEL PROUDE Subject awards for 1st in 4A Science, 1st in 4A Social Studies and 1st in Horticulture. Merit award for outstanding effort in Physical Education.

EI LEEN VOON Subject awards for 1st

in Art, excellence in Physical Education, 2nd overall in Mathematics, 1st in 4R Science, 1st in Mrs Knight's English class and 1st in 4R Social Studies. Merit award for consistent effort in Graphics

STEVEN SUE Subject awards for 1st= in Economics, excellence in Physical Education, 1st in Graphics, 1st overall in Mathematics and 1st= in 4R Social Studies. Merit award for effort and attainment in Science

SPECIAL AWARDS

SERVICE AWARDS

REBECCA MARTIN Helpfulness and perseverance as a student librarian

VERNON MCILROY Perseverance as a student librarian

CAMPBELL CROSSAN & RICHARD SHANKS For attainment and loyal, sustained participation in Te Roopu mahi a ringa

TE KAAHU TROPHY donated by Mr & Mrs Murphy-Peehi for leadership, initiative and dedication in the promotion of cultural activities among juniors at Ruapehu College

Sharleszane Mareikura

Form 3 Speech (LD Eden Cup)

Jenny Cresswell

Form 4 Speech (Mr & Mrs FA Martin Cup)

Ei Leen Voon

Whai korero Tane Marino Akapita

Wahine Tomairangi Mareikura

Junior Literay Award Ei Leen Voon

Principal's Award Steven Sue

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For those who assisted us and have not been specifically acknowledged, please forgive the omission. Believe me, the smallest effort was gratefully appreciated.

J Voon (Co-ordinator)

THANKS!

Ruapehu College Senior Prizegiving 1996

ATHLETICS

Intermediate Girl Champion (Woodward Cup) Donna Cranston
Intermediate Boy Champion (Walter Turner Cup) Raymond Hemopo
Senior Girl Champion (Turners & Growers Cup) Charmian Oh
Senior Boy Champion Turners & Growers Cup) John Hays
Aggregate 800m, 1500m, 3000m (Michael Cleary Cup) Andrew Murdie
Aggregate 800m, 1500m, 3000m (ECNZ Challenge Cup for Girls) Donna Cranston
CROSS COUNTRY
Intermediate Girl Champion (ECNZ Challenge Cup) Donna Cranston
Intermediate Boy Champion (Leo Cleary Cup) Justin Mackay
Senior Girl Champion (ECNZ Challenge Cup) Caroline Lundberg
Senior Boy Champion (Dillon Shield) Andrew Murdie

DIVING

Intermediate Girl Champion Rochelle Te Huia
Senior Girl Champion Christina Phillips
Senior Boy Champion Andrew Murdie

SWIMMING

Intermediate Girl Champion (PTA Cup) Rochelle Te Huia
Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy) Charmian Oh
Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy) Jan de Moor

NETBALL Kaipai Enterprises Trophy
An award for the person who by her actions displays the qualities of sportsmanship that we regard as important at Ruapehu College - Achievement / Dedication / Loyalty aana- Ellen Mareikura

SQUASH

Girl Champion (John & Yvonne Triggell Trophy) Jenny Murdie
Boy Champion (John & Yvonne Triggell Trophy) Darren Triggell

RUGBY

Best and Fairest Player in 1st XV (Cup) Shanon Hays
Most consistent Player in 1st XV (D A Loye Cup) Shane Albert

BASKETBALL

Contribution to Basketball (Trophy) Andrew Murdie

CRICKET

Best Team Member (Presented by 1986 1st XI Cricket) John Hays
Best All Round Bowler (Presented by Darren McDonnell John Hays
Batting Award (Presented by David Archibald) Darren Triggell

TENNIS

Girl Champion (Presented by Sue Laurenson) Lee McCann
Boy Champion (Presented by John Laurenson) Darren Triggell

BADMINTON

Girl Champion (Certificate) Cathy Cranston

HOCKEY

Player of the Season Girls 1st XI (Cup, plus prize donated by the Journeaux Family) Cathy Cranston

SKIING

Girl Champion (Taharangi Cup presented by Vic Keppel) Fumi Suzuki
Boy Champion (Mangaturuturu Cup presented by Graham Brebner) Darren

Triggell

Shanon Hays

VOLLEYBALL (Girls)

Most improved (Certificate) Deborah Donaldson

Best & Fairest Lee McCann

(Boys)

Most improved Nikora Gupwell

Best & Fairest Andrew Murdie

INTERWIANAU COMPETITION

KIWI Shey Rangihui Richard Shanks
Netball

TUI

Marcia Woods Justin MackaySwimming (Cup), Athletics (Mr & Mrs EF BuckCup), Social Studies quiz Rugby Cup, Badminton, Touch Rugby Shooting Trophy, Cross Country (N Pearce, R Jenkins & D Bond Trophy)

WEKA Rebecca Clarke Manu Tuhoro Hockey, Cricket, Tennis, Diving

IIUIA Lee McCann, Nikora Gupwell English Quiz, Mathematics Quiz, Science Quiz, Soccer, Volleyball, Softball

Champion Whanau Cup TUI

Presented by Ruapehu Old Pupils Association)

ACADEMIC AWARDS 1996

LEVEL 11 (FORM 5)

Kelly Thrupp MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mrs Voon's English class

Vernon McIlroy MERIT AWARD for improvement and dedication in Graphics

Shanita Bishop MERIT AWARD for perseverance in School Certificate Mathematics

Che Joyce MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in his Physical Education class

Sarah Lind MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Economics, and consistent effort in English

Trudie Collier MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Miss William's English class

Victoria Beech MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Computer Studies

Angela Fraser MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Horticulture

Margaret Mowat MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Keyboarding, and enthusiasm and performance in Physical Education

Bruce Taylor MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Applied Mathematics, and consistent effort in Workshop Technology Metal

Danielle Wilson MERIT AWARD for most improved in Art

Nicola Brell MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Applied Mathematics

Kandace Smiler MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in History

Fumi Suzuki MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Workshop Technology Wood

Angie Preater MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Applied Mathematics

Janelle Martin MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Science, consistent effort in Geography, and consistent effort in Mr Mackay's English class

Carina McNie MERIT AWARDS for high attainment in Art, and consistent effort in Applied Mathematics

Sue Jo Allerby SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Applied Mathematics

Megan Windle SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Computer Studies, and 1st in her Applied Mathematics class (citation)

Christopher Baylis SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Miss William's English class, and MERIT AWARD for improvement in Workshop Technology Wood

James Beech SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Workshop Technology Wood (L K Horne Memorial Prize)

Shaun Moore SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in his Physical Education class, and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in School Certificate Mathematics

Shaun Fredricksen SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Graphics, and MERIT AWARDS for excellence in Workshop Technology Metal, and perseverance and improvement in Mrs Voon's English class

Chris Hammond SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Mrs Voon's English class

Alec Wallis SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Geography, and MERIT AWARD for most improved in School Certificate Mathematics

Brendon Morgan SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Home Economics

Jenny Murdie SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Keyboarding, and 1st in School Certificate Mathematics and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Mr Mackay's English class, and consistent effort in Physical Education

Ei Leen Voon SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Art, and 1st overall in School Certificate English, and MERIT AWARD for all round performance in Physical Education

Deborah Donaldson SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in History, and 1st in Mr Mackay's English class, and MERIT AWARDS for effort and attainment in Science, and consistent effort in Keyboarding

Michael Proude SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Horticulture (Turners & Growers prize for achievement in Horticulture, and Fruit Federation Supplies Ltd Prize for Practical Achievement in Horticulture), 1st in Workshop Technology Metal (Dixon Engineering Company prize) and MERIT AWARD for effort and attainment in Science

Steven Sue SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Science, 1st in Economics, 1st in Accounting with outstanding results, and 1st in his Physical Education class and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English

LEVEL 12 (FORM 6)

James Beech MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Applied Mathematics

Nilesh Sharma MERIT AWARD for improvement in his Physical Education class

Steven Sue MERIT AWARD for most improvement in Mathematics

Cherylee Bishop MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Economics

Nicola Brell MERIT AWARD for conscientious and consistent effort in Te Reo Rangatira

Katrina Marsh MERIT AWARDS for 2nd place in Certificate Physical Education, and perseverance in Economics

Paul Wilson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Transition

Luella Sullivan MERIT AWARD for conscientious and consistent effort in Te Reo Rangatira

Aisha Kumeron MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Applied Mathematics
Marsha Newman MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Transition
Marcia Wood MERIT AWARD for high attainment in Art
Lynda Godfrey MERIT AWARD for improvement in Transition
Sarah Mackay SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in History and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education, and consistent effort in English Literature option
Greg Tuthill MERIT AWARDS for consistently high quality work in Graphics, consistent effort in Geography, and consistent effort in Physical Education
Rebecca Goddard SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Applied Mathematics
Cathy Crauston SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Geography
Hayley Pike SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Economics, and MERIT AWARD for high attainment in Agriculture / Horticulture
Melissa Schlegel SUBJECT AWARD for high attainment in Agriculture / Horticulture
MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English Literature option, and consistent effort and attainment in Chemistry
Shey Rangihū SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in her Physical Education class
Tammy Evans SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Practical English
Peggy Rudkin SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Accounting
Raana-Ellen Mareikura SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Art (Dr Jordon Memorial Art prize), and 1st in Te Reo Rangatira with conscientious work all year, and MERIT AWARD for all round performance in Physical Education
Caroline Lundberg SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in her Physical Education class, 1st in Certificate Physical Education, and 1st in English Media Studies option, and MERIT AWARD for diligence in Biology
Amy Hiscox SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Home Economics, 1st in Computer Studies and 1st in Agricultural Science, and MERIT AWARDS for perseverance and consistency of attainment in English Media Studies Option, and constant effort in Certificate Physical Education

Daniel Forster SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in English Literature option, 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Graphics (Winstone Pulp International prize), 1st in Physics, 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Biology (Winstone Pulp International Prize for Achievement in form 6 Science with excellence in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology)
LEVEL 13 (FORM 7)
Gail Ruke MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Geography
Megan Lind MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in History, and consistent effort in English
Darren Triggell MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Economics
Georgina Bowley SUBJECT AWARD in History (Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and showing class spirit in History) and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English
Amy Smith SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in English, and the Peck - Campbell Cup for Excellence in the Humanities (Presented by the Rev and Mrs RL Peck in memory of Ralph Edward Peck and Jeanette Helen Campbell)
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in History
Andrew Murdie SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Art, and 1st in Bursary Physical Education, and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Statistics
Tony Stewart Cast Family Senior Mathematics award for the student who attains a high standard in both Calculus and Statistics
Victoria Duigan SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in History, and 1st in Statistics
Rebecca McDougal SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Physics, MERIT AWARDS for continued effort in Biology, and consistent effort and attainment in Chemistry
Kaye Murdie SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Economics, 1st in Accounting, 1st in Geography
Charmian Oh SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Biology, 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Calculus, and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physics
Higher School Certificate
 Georgina Bowley, Victoria Duigan, Kimi Edwards, Megan Lind, Tonia Lumsden, Lee

McCann, Rebecca McDougal, Alison Munn, Andrew Murdie, Kaye Murdie, Charmian Oh, Gail Ruke, Amy Smith, Tony Stewart, Darren Triggell
SPECIAL AWARDS
Senior Speech competition Margaret Mowat (M S Gould Cup)
Impromptu Speech Margaret Mowat (Alan West Cup)
Te Whai Korero - Wahine Raana-Ellen Mareikura, (T G McCullough Cup) **Te Whai Korero - Tane** Charleszane Mareikura (T G McCullough Cup)
Dance Award (George Chan Trophy) Rakai Rewharewha
The "Daily News" Senior Literary Award Deborah Donaldson
Multiple Sclerosis Society Award Lee McCann for excellence in community service Alison Munn
Robin Rowles Memorial Award for leadership Paul Wilson in the practical areas
Maungarongo Trophy Presented for leadership, initiative and dedication in the promotion of cultural activities in the College Raana-Ellen Mareikura
Brian Eades Award for perseverance and endeavour Georgina Bowley
Lions Award for leadership and service Rebecca McDougal
Andrew Murdie
Commander's Award for dependability, acceptance, involvement, and leading by example Darren Triggell
ECNZ Scholarships Victoria Duigan, Amy Smith
Waimarino Shield donated by the Maori Community of the district for all round pupil in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and values Raana-Ellen Mareikura
Principal's Award Loftus Shield For services to the College Tonia Lumsden
Proxime Accessit Trophy presented by Peter Berry and Family Kaye Murdie

Dux Trophy presented by Ian and Dorothy Meredith, Amy Smith

Senior Prizegiving 1996

The days leading up to senior prizegiving didn't seem like prizegiving without Mr Marsh and Mr Knight but Mr Mackay had a band of girls (mainly) and they did play "Ten Guitars" for us which is what we asked for. Sarah and Hayley Mackay did a great job on piano accompanying us for the national anthem and for "Can you Feel the Love Tonight?". Mrs Vera Wilson, Mrs Kaye Oliver, Mrs George and the Culture Group's presentation of the loss of our forests was a great hit. Guest speaker, Robyn Matthews, spoke of following her dream from a small country school to the top of women's hockey in New Zealand. Mayor Weston Kirtan spoke of growing up in small towns and Madre Weinberg's address focused on the Jonathon Livingston Seagulls among us who are reluctant to fly out of our comfort zones. On the day, the school sang brilliantly.

