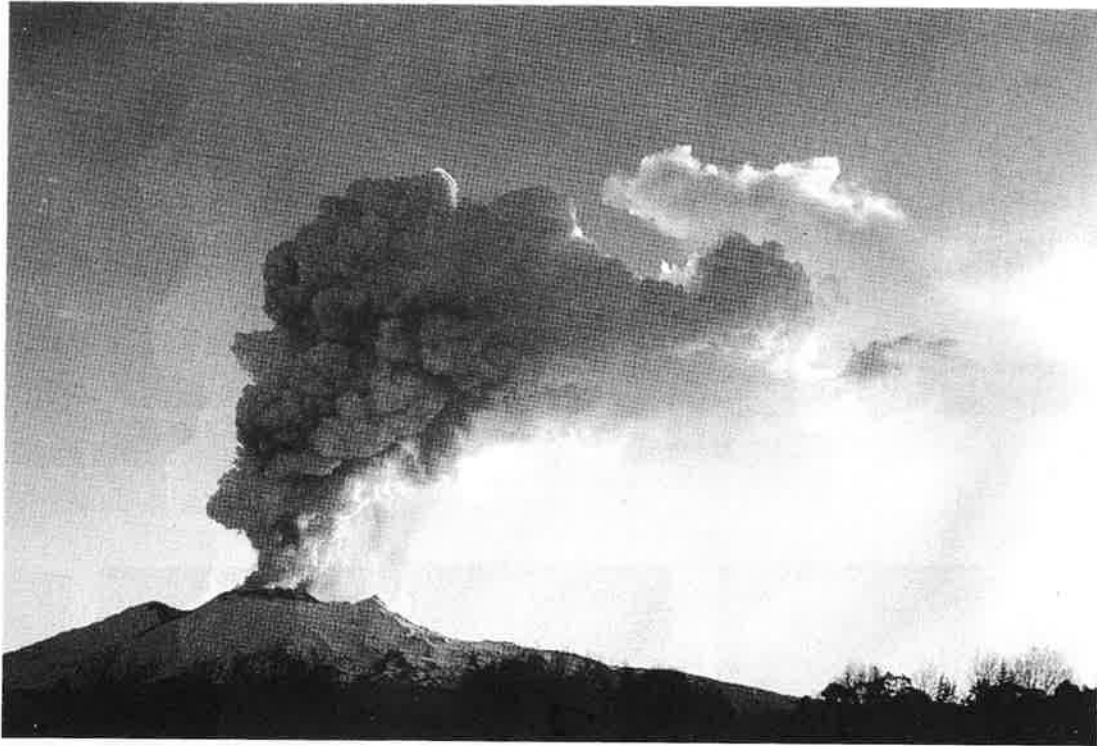


1955 - 1995

1945**1995**

Ruapehu Explodes into Activity



Photograph by Richard Milne

Towering mushroom-like clouds, ash flurries and lahars like rivers in themselves flooding down the mountain side from the Crater Lake - these spectacular volcanic phenomena were happening in front of our very eyes as we tried to work through the daily timetable. The stunningly beautiful backdrop to the Waimarino Plains had exploded into the foreground.

Volcanic activity and volcano watching began in mid-September which was extremely ironic considering that we were celebrating the 50th anniversary of Mount Ruapehu's 1945 eruption. It shocked locals and punters alike sending them into a state of bewilderment and even panic for some. Monitoring of the Crater Lake showed that the temperature had risen to a stunning 48 degrees Celsius with small eruptions occurring within the lake. An increase in the diameter measurement of the crater was recorded with fresh scoria found on the lake edge. The first eruption on 18 September generated a surging flood and lahar down the Whangaehu River and demolished a walking track bridge. A small mud flow also occurred on the upper reaches of the Mangaturuturu Glacier. The second eruption on 20 September produced another small mud flow down the Whangaehu and deposited mud around the lake's edge. 23

September saw a gigantic cloud barrelling upward to three times the height of the mountain, dropping ash as it drifted east away from Ohakune. Spectacular ash flurries and lahars surfacing from the Crater Lake excited many students through that week at school sending them into cheering Mexican waves, "Yeah Ruapehu!"

Radio and television warned listeners and watchers of the

mountain's tantrums which were occurring on a regular basis. Civil Defence declared a Level Four state of readiness on the mountain, which closed both ski-fields, and saw an evacuation of Whakapapa Village as well as a voluntary evacuation of Waiouru families whose parents would have been required for any emergency. Several families took the opportunity. The Tangiwai bridge was closed, which meant that Waiouru students were sent home early. Warnings that the buses and school may not be running were received with no complaints!

Days later the mountain continued to simmer and boil, producing foul-smelling, early morning vog and more lahars. Little study was done as curious students stared in awe towards the mountain producing steam and ash billows which towered high beyond eye's reach. By 28 September much of the mountain's anatomy including that record 3 metres of snow for spring skiing lay below a thick blanket of grey ash. The eruptions had not yet ceased.

Businesses in Ohakune suffered major setbacks as the bottom dropped out of the ski industry first at Whakapapa and eventually at Turoa when the wind finally swung round to the north east. Courageous locals battled on with their livelihoods resigned to seeing this "bombshell" through

It being the fiftieth anniversary of New Zealand's biggest recent eruption, it was only fair that Ruapehu joined the party.

K Evans

Our Principals of 40 Years



Mr Anderson



Mr Meredith



Mr Cast



Mr Lane



Mr Warbrick



Mr Barclay



Mr Prosser



Mr Perry



Mr McCullough



Mr Kennedy

Forty years on and we've seen many changes and experienced a tremendous growth in both the development of the college facilities and the style in which education is delivered.

Students, for whom the school exists, have provided over the years a varied group of people to go into the community and beyond. Our ex-students have gone into all kinds of interesting work situations, to businesses and careers, this small school by New Zealand standards having been the base from which a confident youth emerges. There seems to be a network of ex Ruapehu College all over New Zealand and beyond, 'turning up' and 'calling in' frequently.

Our college in 1955 had a brand new name, a brand new school of nine classrooms, a library, two labs and a manual training suite of homecraft and woodwork room, a typing room and very few offices. Assemblies were held

in the library until the hall was added in 1960 and subjects such as engineering, technical drawing, computer studies, Te Reo Maori were not on the table as such.

Physical education was carried out in all weathers without a gymnasium, the boys wearing shorts and T shirts, the girls wearing big billowy rompers and a blouse, and maybe sand shoes if they were lucky. During that PE some were extra lucky to be able to 'learn to swim' in the school swimming pool, with water supplied from the mountain fresh stream, and watched by many interested students from classrooms west of the library.

Sports were played in all weathers. A plastic rain apron was worn over the netball gym to keep girls dry from the rain or the snow. To have been a well dressed student you would have to be wearing a blue beret for girls and a cap for boys with your winter uniform. The girls had a panama hat to wear with their summer uniform.

...and our Senior Women



Mrs Seerup



Mrs Maiden



Miss Cooper



Miss Erdman



Mrs Beck



Mrs George



Miss Francis

Many teachers wore black academic gowns while they were teaching, and their movement through the corridor was something akin to batman on duty. A common activity at prize giving for parents and students was working out the type of degree the teacher had by the colour of the hood added to the gown for the occasion.

Somewhere in the late sixties the caps and hats came off, the hemlines went up, and soon after the stringent rules about no hair on the collar and all long hair tied back. The gowns have all but disappeared except for the odd appearances at prizegivings.

The school grounds in 1955 were stark. Trees were planted at the front of the school very early in our history, but much of the other planting dates from the seventies.

Clubs and activities have gone through tremendous change. Students from those early years look with envy at the list of activities provided for today's students

during clubs time and activities work. But the boys in the 50s and 60s had a Cadets Week during the summer, where they dressed up in army uniforms and marched, paraded and sweated during the February sun. The girls watched with interest and carried on with a special programme of 'useful clubs'.

In 1995, we have a school facility to be proud of. The buildings have been considerably extended and upgraded. Our school once carried an incentive allowance to get staff to come to the cold climate. Now the cold, with the snow, and the skiing are drawcards to work in this well equipped hospitable school where the students learn to grow and reach their full potential to go out into the workforce with confidence.

And Ruapehu is celebrating!

M George

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DIARY

JANUARY

- 30 The year begins
Powhiri for new arrivals

FEBRUARY

- 6 WAITANGI DAY
- 7 Inter-whanau Touch
- 8 Swimming Sports
- 10 Diving Sports
- 13 Form 3 orientation camps begin
- 15 Interhapu Top Town
- 23 Athletics Preliminaries
- 27 Link Course Basic aaAutomotive and
Woodturning courses begin
Gymkhana

MARCH

- 1 Athletic sports
- 3 Wanganui Swimming Sports
- 8 Inter-whanau summer sports
Variety Club Bash
- 9 Inter-whanau summer sports
4th Form Science Trip to National Park
Headquarters
- 10 Professional athletics coaching
Disabled athletic sports
- 11 MS Appeal
North Island Swimming Champs in
Feilding
- 15 Wanganui Athletics
- 16 Inter-secondary schools athletic
sports
- 20 Link Course - Hairdressing begins
- 22 Taihape Summer sports exchange
- 23 School Photos
- 27 Link Course - Module
- 29 Clubs

APRIL

- 1 North Island Athletic Championships
- 4 Impromptu Speeches
- 10 Interwhanau Netball
- 12 Tongariro Summer Sports Exchange
- 14 Good Friday
- 17 Easter Monday
- 18 Easter Tuesday
- 19 Clubs
4th Form Camp
- 21 Form 7 English Trip to Waiouru
- 24 Stage Challenge
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 26 Clubs
- 27 Nga Manu Korero School Finals

MAY

- 2 Junior speech Finals
- 3 Clubs
- 4 Senior Speech Finals
- 6 TERM ONE ends
- 22 TERM TWO begins
- 24 Interwhanau Maths and Science Quiz

- 25 4th Form Science Fair begins
- 31 Interwhanau English and Social Studies
Quiz

JUNE

- 2 3rd and 4th Form reports issued
- 5 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
- 7 Interwhanau Winter top Town
- 8 5th, 6th and 7th Form Exams
- 14 Interwhanau Winter Sports
Internally Assessed School Certificate
English Reference Test
- 16 Nga Manu Korero Regional Speech
Competition
- 17 NZ Secondary School Cross Country
- 21 Tongariro Winter Exchange
- 26 Start of Interwhanau rugby at lunchtimes
- continues through weeks 6, 8 and 9
- 28 Taihape Winter Exchange
- 29 NZIC Chemistry Quiz (Provisional Date)
- 30 Senior reports issued

JULY

- 1 Mid Term Break starts
- 6 Board of Trustees meeting
- 10 Badminton Champs
Careers instruction for 4R and 4U starts
- 12 Clubs
Parent-Teacher night
- 13 Form 5 Camp (Wednesday to Saturday
inclusive)
- 14 6th and 7th Form Physics tript to
Wanganui Polytech
- 17 4R and 4U out on one week's work
experience
- 18 Media Studies visit to Bulletin
- 19 Clubs
5th Form Camp if prior camp cancelled
due to poor weather
- 21 6th and 7th Form Physics trip to
Wanganui Polytech
- 24 4A out on one week's work experience
6th and 7th Form Geography and History
trip to Wellington
- 25 3rd Form Scince Trip to Palmerston
North Science Fair
- 26 Clubs
Form 4 Camp (Wednesday to Friday
inclusive)
- 28 Telecom Science Roadshow
- 31 Start of Interwhanau Basketball at
lunchtimes
continues through weeks 11, 12 and 13

AUGUST

- 1 Australian Mathematics Competition
- 2 Clubs
Form 4 Camp if prior camp cancelled
due to weather
- 3 Board of Trustees meeting
- 5 Senior Ball
- 7 Musical Dress rehearsal
Musical Production to be held in final
week of term
- 8 Guidance Counsellor visits Ohakune
Primary School

- 9 Guidance Counsellor visits Raetihi
Primary School
Taumarunui Winter Exchange
- 10 Guidance Counsellor visits Waiouru
Primary School
3rd Form Science Fair
- 11 3rd Form Science Fair
- 13 Intersecondary school squash
(Christchurch) Sunday to Tuesday
inclusive
- 14 During last week of term, National Nga
Manu Korero competition
- 16 Clubs
- 19 Start of August holidays

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 11 Start of Term Three classes
- 13 Clubs
- 18 NZ Secondary School Skiing
Championships (NZSSSC) start
- 19 NZSSSC
- 20 Clubs
NZSSSC
- 25 Start of Interwhanau bladderball at
lunchtimes
continues through weeks 3,4 and 5
- 26 Raetihi Primary visit College
Pitmans Typing Examination
- 27 Cross-Country

OCTOBER

- 3 MSP work experience begins
5 History visit Waiouru Museum
- 5 Wanganui secondary schools cross-
country
- 6 Form 5 and 7 internal exams begin
- 10 Link wood turning course begins
- 25 ERO visit begins
- 27 Form 6 examinations begin
- 28 Inter-whanau gymnastics
- 31 Form 5 and 7 reports issued

NOVEMBER

- 1 Blood donations
- 2 Inter-whanau academic quiz
- 8 Brenda Lawson visits
- 9 Impromptu speeches
- 11 Form 3 Dramafest
- 14 Form 6 external examinations begin
- 16 Senior Prizegiving
Form 5 and 7 reports issued
- 18 SFC course completion
Form 6 reports issued
- 21 SC and Bursary Examinations begin
Junior examinations begin
- 28 Activities Week begins

DECEMBER

- 7 Junior tabloid sports
- 9 Junior Prizegiving
Form 3 and 4 reports issued
END OF SCHOOL

Staff of '95



Back Row: Mr G Hubbard DLC, TTC, Dip Gym, HOD Design, Mr D Taylor B Sc, Dip.Tchg, Mrs J Voon BA (Hons),Dip Tchg,

Third Row: Ms K Gibson BA, Dip Tchg, Cert Tchg, Mrs D Dowman Clerical staff, Mrs S Trask,B Sc, Mrs J Knight LTCL, LRSM, DipTchg, Mr K Hagener Cert Ed, Cert ST, Cert PST

Second Row: Mrs A Winter Clerical Staff, Mrs K Campbell Dip Ph Ed, Dip Tchg, Mr R Knight BA, Dip Tchg, HOD Geography, Mr D Hynes , Mr R Milne NZCD (Arch), Dip Tchg, Mrs P McGill,

Front Row: Mrs S Buck B Sc (Hons), Cert Ed, HOD Science, Mr I Mackay B Ed, TTC, HOD English, Mrs M George HTC, HE Dip, DipTchg, Mr G Parker BA, Dip Tchg, Mr J Laurenson BE (Elect), Dip Tchg, HOD Mathematics, Assistant Principal (Acting), Mrs F Fraser Higher Dip Tchg, TTC, HOD Home Economics, Dean of Girls (Acting), Mr N Buck BA, DipTchg,

Absent: Mr D Fournier BBA, B Ed, Mrs S Laurenson B Com, DipTchg, Mr R Lewer BFA, Mrs W Macaskill B Hort Sci, Dip Tchg, Cert Adult Tchg, Mrs J Parker BA, Dip Tchg, Mrs L Ryland B Sc, PG Dip Sci , Miss N Williams BA, Dip Tchg, Mrs L Fetzer Admin Officer



Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes for many years of marital bliss were offered by students and staff to newly-weds Fiona and Derek Fraser who were married in May.





Mr and Mrs Lane

Term Two of "95" brought good news for Ruapehu College with the addition of new Principal, Mr Ralph Lane. A *powhiri* welcoming Mr Lane took place inside the college hall where both students and staff had gathered. Mr Graham Parker and Kaumatua, Matiu Mareikura spoke on behalf of Ruapehu College. Mr Lane accompanied by his family and supporters presented gifts of appreciation. Mr Lane comes to the Ruapehu district from a senior masters position at Napier Boys High. Mr Lane intends to get the best available help for the education of students here and hopes that students will take responsibility for their own development in school in the academic and sporting areas as well as culturally and spiritually.

His first impressions are of the positive outlook students and staff both share within the school and of the excellent facilities here. He sees much involvement by students and staff in all areas of school but says appearance of students could be improved. Mr Lane's family are very supportive of the move to the district. They are all keen on the outdoor activities Ohakune has to offer and enjoy skiing the slopes of Mount Ruapehu! Mr and Mrs Lane have three sons. Their eldest recently graduated Bachelor of Engineering. Their second son last year graduated Bachelor of Science. The youngest son is in his first year of a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry. Mr Lane has a positive outlook for the future and hopes to promote Ruapehu College. Good luck Mr Lane!



New Staff

Well it was a new brand new year for new staff member, Economics teacher, **Miss Nicola Williams**, who was a first year teacher straight from the halls of Massey University and Christchurch Teachers' College with a BA and a Diploma of Teaching. This young, single woman was inspired to come to Ohakune for a change, for something new and her interests include cricket, tennis, rugby and netball.

Mr Daniel J Fournier and his wife, Leslie, were from Canada. On exchange with typing teacher, Mrs Chapman and her family, he found Ohakune very similar to his past location which also has great scenery. Mr Fournier attended Althouse College where he received an honours degree in Business Administration. He also took a Bachelor of Education degree before working at Gravenhurst High School. He has worked for a company that manufactures sporting wear. A teacher of eight years, he says his worst experience was teaching with his zipper down! His interests are ice hockey, basketball, softball, tramping and travelling.

Mrs Suzanne Trask was a part-time teacher. She attended Massey University and Christchurch Teachers' College, where she acquired a Bachelor of Science degree and a Diploma of Teaching, before working at Rangitahi College, Murupara. Mrs Trask has also worked with the DSIR in Palmerston North. Mrs Trask moved here because her husband works at the Tangiwai pulp mill. Her interests and hobbies include tennis, squash, horse-riding, tramping and indoor netball.

Mrs Jan Savell, a mother of three children, worked part time this year with students requiring remedial help. She also graduated from Christchurch College of Education and continued to stay in Christchurch to teach. Her family moved here because of the army. Along with writing for the *Wanganui Chronicle*, Mrs Savell's interests include community involvement and tramping. She listed huhu grubs as her favourite food. Apart from dreaming of having ten children, Mrs Savell is currently doing a mathematics thesis.

Last but not least maths teacher, **Mr Daniel Hynes**, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin (U.S.A.) with a bachelor degree in Science and Biology. A teacher for more than twenty years, Mr. Hynes has previously worked at Hawera High School and moved to Ohakune because he has interests in the area such as hunting and fishing. His other interests are travel and sports. He says his worst experience at school is filling out questionnaires.

The third term started with two new teachers joining the staff. **Mrs Ann Stuckey**, an ex-pupil of Ruapehu College, will be teaching third form Social Studies, fourth form English and Art to all levels. She majored in Science and Mathematics at Massey University and majored in Art at Palmerston North Teachers College as an adult student. Currently completing two Massey Art papers, she is living in Raetihi and has three children, one attending college and two attending Raetihi Primary School. **Mr Chris French**, the Baptist pastor in our community took over classes formerly taught by Mr and Mrs Parker. He became a father for the second time in November. Congratulations Mr and Mrs French.

There you go, a dose of information about the new teachers at Ruapehu College and you're not likely to get any more out of them either as they are a very secretive lot. We all hope they enjoy their stay here and learn to like Ohakune as we do.

Moving On

Mr Graham Parker, his wife, Judy and daughters, Tania and Vanessa, are moving on. Their six year association with Ruapehu College and the Ruapehu community has undoubtedly enriched all of us and while we rejoice with him in his promotion as principal of Patea High School, we will sorely miss the unstinting support this family has given to us. He has achieved his dream of leading a school and being able to run it according to his truly democratic ideals.

Mr Parker the historian was one of the prime movers involved in saving the Ohakune Railway Station from certain destruction in 1990. He became the foundation secretary of Main Trunk Rail Ohakune, then known as PORS (Preservation of the Railway Station) and worked tirelessly in this capacity. He produced the many submissions, reports, plans, displays and newsletters which played a big part in MTRO being recognised by Rail Heritage as the leading rail restoration group in New Zealand in 1994.

Mrs Parker worked both part time and full time in the Science and Social Science departments. We are grateful for the huge amount of meticulous preparation of resources which she did in both the lab and for Social Studies. She too, played a big part in MTRO undertaking the job of archivist and also being responsible for membership from its beginnings until 1993.

We are deeply grateful for the foresight, commitment, hard work and good humour that the Parker family brought to the Ruapehu College.

Moving On But Staying Put Mr Glyn Hubbard

Glyn came to New Zealand in 1978 with his wife Wendy and their two daughters Helen and Carys. After much experience teaching in England and Jamaica he came to Ruapehu College. The family arrived in New Zealand on a perfect summers day, first to Auckland then to Wellington and I am told that during the bus journey to Ohakune the mountain became visible. From that moment he knew it was the place he wanted to settle in.

With positive attitude, and characteristic dedication and enthusiasm, he has touched the lives of many people. Quite apart from his technical skill in the workshop and Graphics and Design department his name will always be associated with the "not very small beginnings" of Turoa Tumblers. In his community service to this community organisation he has coached many youngsters to international standards. He was chosen as manager of the Junior NZ Boys team to Australia in 1985 and to top off his career in gymnastics he was chosen to be a line judge for the mens floor exercise at the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland.

Glyn has always strived to live a life of commitment, and reminded us often about the need to be "consistent".

My friend, there are many people now dispersed far and wide who have been deeply touched by your caring, your teaching, your quotes. All your work has been done with dignity and we thank you for your service to our school and wish you well in your changed lifestyle.

M George



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School Government New Board Elected

The successful candidates following the election earlier in the year were:

Madre S Weinberg (chairperson)
Mrs M Horne
Mr L Knight
Mrs E Carmichael
Mr N Barclay
Mr R Knight (staff representative)
Miss J Barclay (student representative)
Mrs V Wilson (co-opted member)
Mr R Voon (co-opted member)
Mr R Lane (principal, secretary)
(Mrs L Fetzer became the minutes secretary)

Student Council



Back Row: Nathan Fergusson, Scott Goldfinch, Paul Brown,

Fourth Row: Aeneas O'Sullivan, Adrian Fetzer, Jaron Vince, Glenn Marriott, Kebrasca Ratima, Andrew Murdie.

Third Row: Joanne Barclay, Julianne Murray, Vanessa Parker, Shaun McDonough, Kellie Lumsden, Danielle Rodger, Lee McCann.

Second Row: Mr Mackay, Bridie Cleary, Aniwa Mills, Carla Thompson, Shannon Vartha, Tina Bishop, Saija Groonros, Raema Mowat.

Front Row: Tracy Tapa, Misty Smith, Daniel Murdie, Mr Parker, Sandra Smith, Trudy Nation, Rachel Hays.

BOT, PTA and Staff Get Together

During the first term the BOT, PTA, staff and families had a "Get Together" social. The weather was a little doubtful but an interesting game of cricket developed on the new pitch and some of the older talent on show proved they still had not lost the skills of their youth - despite advancing years and portly silhouette.

Thanks to Mr Taylor for organizing the lamb on a spit, which was done to a turn, and having to overcome early problems of trying to get it to rotate in a regular manner.

These events are important in cementing good working relations between all the school bodies and this one proved to be no exception.

R.Knight.

Reports - BOT Principal

"We have some unique opportunities opening up for us at our college in the heart of the Waimarino, and not just because our namesake is exploding and stirring things up, but because we have the potential to copy it."

In this our fortieth year we celebrate, and we reward those who have gained academic, sporting, and cultural excellence. It is right and proper to be acknowledged at the end of the school year. However, I am conscious from my own school days, that for many of us, try as we might, we can't break through the prize receiving barrier. And so we sit and watch those who have received their acknowledgements. I would like to say to you all, that eventually effort and commitment will pay off. For some of us it just takes a bit longer!

If the opportunities offered to you through the gift of the excellent teaching, tuition and guidance which your teachers offer you are taken up, you will succeed. The only limitations are those you place upon yourselves.

This has been a year of changes. You have a new switched on chairperson, (me)! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Horne for her dedication to the chair and guidance of the board. Thank you, Margaret.

I welcome and thank the new board, most of whom are the old board but, I hope, not a boring board!. I also welcome a new principal, Mr Lane and a new deputy principal, Mr Laurensen.

To all staff, I would like to say thank you! Your commitment and effort have created an atmosphere conducive to learning - and that is our aim. To those of you who are staying, have a good year. To those of you who are leaving - eat your heart out! 1996 will be a year of new opportunities, a year to build on the new things being established through 1995.

What this college is, does not depend on the board, nor the teachers, nor you the students. This college depends on us all. We have some unique opportunities opening up for us at our college in the heart of the Waimarino, and not just because our namesake is exploding and stirring things up, but because we have the potential to copy it. We have continued the journey towards academic achievement, sporting achievement, spiritual understanding and cultural excellence.

Let's take the reins off in '96 and truly be a college to be reckoned with.

Madre Weinberg, Chairperson Board of Trustees

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for offering me the principal's appointment and showing their faith in me. 1995 has not been an easy year for Ruapehu College. Mr Harry Cast's promotion to Waitara High School at the end of 1994 left a void that was hard to fill. Mr Graham Parker's efforts as acting principal in the first term were admirable as were the efforts by other members of the senior management team to ensure that the school settled into a good routine.

On behalf of the college I wish to thank all those parents and supporters who have given their time freely to the school. Without such support it would be impossible to offer such a wide range of activities as we do. There are many ways that the community helps to make Ruapehu College the educational institution that it is - for example, coaching, managing and transporting our sports teams, in both summer and winter. The New Zealand Army at the Waiohuru Military Camp generously allow us to use their very wide range of resources and also their personnel. The Raetihi-Ohakune Rotary Club have allowed us, by their generous donation, to set up an audio-telelinking connection with Taihape, Waverley and Rangitikei colleges, and in other ways they have supported our students in such things as leadership training camps. To those dedicated people who come and do remedial reading with our students voluntarily, to our social workers, to our health workers, to our visiting counsellors, and to the many other groups of people who help us, a very sincere thank you to you all.

1995 has seen a number of staff leaving. Time does not allow me today to speak more fully of each of those members of staff. We thank them most sincerely for the effort they have put into ensuring that the students here have gained the very best education possible.

The modern student is now confronted with a wide array of new subjects, new teaching methods, new assessments and new resources. The many things that are happening make for a challenging time. Ruapehu College is certainly prepared to accept these challenges. As we move towards the turn of the century the changes to the NZ Curriculum and the introduction of international unit standards will see major changes take place in terms of development of curriculum delivery.

I wish to thank all those who have supported me since I arrived in May. Your support has been encouraging and augers well for our future together. To all those students who are leaving today, I trust you have enjoyed your years at Ruapehu College and have taken the opportunities offered to you to gain as much as you can from them. Good luck to you all.

I give my thanks also to the team who have been involved in any way with the production of this magazine.

It has been a busy year for us all. I wish everyone the very best for the festive season and look forward to seeing those who are returning in 1996.

Principal, Mr R Lane

In the Beginning.

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On Friday 3rd February the newly elected leaders and the seventh formers formed a very motley crew. We journeyed out to the golf course to find out if we were the stuff leaders were made of. We didn't know what we were letting ourselves in for.

The ice breaker with Corny Kath was a name game. Joyful Jo, Cool Craig, Dumb Dan and Super Scott soon emerged along with a rubber chicken that got tossed about and tied in knots. Mr Parker and Mr Marsh then talked to us about leadership, the types of roles we were to play and we got to contribute ideas on what we wanted done at school.

Team building exercises, leadership roles and communication exercises with breaks to discuss what was happening were part of our learning in the afternoon. One role playing exercise resulted in a yelling match and some irritated people. Nevertheless, I'm sure we all learnt something. After races in teams to tire us out we were ready for the major event - the BBQ.

The master chefs had worked well in the kitchen and everyone got fed, including the teachers who had arrived for free food. The kitchen even got tidied up fairly quickly..

All in all it was a great afternoon in which everyone learnt a lot, even if we did end up with stupid nick names.

S Smith



Head Boy and Girl

Well, before Ruapehu blew up in September, Daniel and I had erupted into student leadership at Ruapehu College as head boy and girl. We were unsure of what our job description was. All we had seen of previous prefects was in assembly saying "Good morning school, please stand." Now we know that there are a lot more responsibilities than that. We co-chaired the student council, helped welcome guests into the school and assisted in student /teacher relations.

Student council in 1995 was very productive. We had several mufti days for worthy causes - one helped the continuation of sponsorship of our child in Honduras. A covered noticeboard for important student information was built and this sturdy structure will last for many years as 1995 council's contribution to the school. The council had many dedicated members and we appreciated their work in keeping it going.

The staff leaders in our school changed during the year and Daniel and I had to adjust to the different views these people had on the running of Ruapehu College. The welcoming of Mr Lane and farewelling of Mr Parker were two major events which we were involved in. Mr Lane brought a new concept for us to Assembly and along with our deputies, Vanessa Parker, Aeneas O'Sullivan and Misty Smith, we gave weekly inspirational readings to the students, and we announced sports results.

Contrary to popular belief the seniors at Ruapehu do have a social life - at times. This year we had the Great Oscar Ball, where we all scrubbed up quite well. The Top of the Club was filled with many wonderfully dressed males and females. The teachers attended us in glitter and gold and for everyone it was a remarkable evening.

Another senior event was the wooden spoon competition between the year five students and the staff. This year we tested our abilities in running, swimming, softball, volleyball, indoor hockey, outdoor soccer and touch rugby. At times the referees decisions were questioned but with respect for our elders we decided after their loss at touch, to let the teachers look after the spoon all summer. We know they will take good care of it.

Overall, 1995 was an experience. Daniel became more confident in public speaking.....

.....and Sandra wouldn't stop talking.

As our high school careers end we must say goodbye. Some teachers are also moving on and we wish Mr Fournier, Mrs Campbell and Mr Marsh the best for the future. To everyone, whether you are staying or going, remember our school motto "Rapuhia Kote Matauranga" - "Seek Further Knowledge". So if the mountain behaves itself, we wish you a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays.

S Smith and D Murdie

New Faces

3R

Back Row: Mark Goldfinch,
Liana Herewini, Tracyann O'Hanlon,
Lisa Marsden

Third Row: Belinda Marsh,
Candace Elers, Anne Jenkins,
Jason Waerea, Chris Dowman,
Dwayne Condon, Robert Te Huia

Second Row: Christine Sue,
Hayley Mackay, Quentin Gordon,
Matthew Bishop, Campbell MacGibbon,
Emma Forster

Front Row: Wayne Metekingi,
Joel Spry, Jade Smith,
Selena Anderson, Kanin Clancy,
Andrew Hansen, Kyla Newton.



3U

Back Row: Danley Vince,
Bojan Legner, Channel Wood,

Third Row: Michael Kyle,
Kieran McDonough, Natalie Paine,
Riona May, Paul McGill

Second Row: Nicola Smith,
Chaana Morgan, Thomas Pui,
Dion Nichols, Michelle Haitana,
Nikki Turner

Front Row: Robert Sands,
Ashley Brown, Samantha Black,
Danica Ehau, Douglas Barclay,
Tony Martin, Ricky Newman

Absent: Kataraina Cassidy,
Neil Bradley

3A

Back Row: Kelly Ann Craig,
Aisha Pomana, Rameka Cawsey,
Tania Shields

Third Row: Stewart Hammond,
Anida Beech, Cameron Morris,
Rebecca McMaster, Sarah Tumataroa,
Jennifer Cresswell, Mariana Johnson

Second Row: Tumoana Rapana,
Leah Stuckey, Llana Waara,
Matthew Bowsher, Jasmin Kiri,
Brian Hays

Front Row: Sean Frederickson,
Russell Bulman, Ashantha Perera,
Innes Clark, Josh Goddard,
Peter Billet, Bernard Deadman

Absent: Marino Akapita



3-P

Back Row: Matthew Deadman, Marc Creedy, Thomas Journeaux, Richard Ormond.
 Third Row: Bree Brown, Marama Hemara, Rakaua Winiata, Dallas Ruke, Nadi Kereopa.
 Second Row: Keri Bates, Danny Foster, Kristine Clark, Jamie Brock, Bevan Nukunuku, Anton Gray.
 Front Row: Erin Newton, Luke Cranston, Brendon Gardner, Mary Bishop, Clay Winter, Meki Pakinga, Carolyn Mastrovich.



Third Form Camp

Tired from staying up all night.

Hardly any sleep

Interesting

Ready to go

Disgusting dinners!!

Flooded out Tents

Orienteering

Really 'choice' river

Misbehaving

Clowning around

Achievements

Mischief

People moaning!

Kris Clarke

"The best thing about camp was playing the trail game and reaching Blyth Hut."

"The funniest thing that happened was all the tents falling down."

"The walk was hard. I was cold, but it was fun and cool!"

"Yes, I can see them in my mind. The stunted trees on the edge of the lake stand clear in my mind."

"Whoever set up that orienteering course was a real dare devil as where ever there was a clue you had to climb up a huge hill through knee high thistles."

"After all that tiring orienteering everyone was very eager to have dinner, but when we found out we had to make it. ourselves we all piped down a bit."

"The game I really enjoyed the most was the Burma Trail. We were told to hold on to the rope and follow it where ever it went. It went over the trees that had fallen and under tangling branches, through the river, along the side of the river bank and back up through the bush. All this we had to do in the dark! I went about ninth after six boys. I was lucky to go then because the ones before got marmite from the rope on their hands. Well, on my go, I went off and at first it was pretty easy. I thought I would make it no sweat but when I got to the river I slipped and got wet. The rest was basically mud and branches and a bit of possum poo here and there. When I got close to the end I noticed that everyone was standing around so I decided to scream and say I was back."

N Paine

"Lake Surprise was a big surprise all right. Maybe it should have been called a puddle not a lake."

"I speak on behalf of a lot of students when I say that no one plans to set eyes on spaghetti bolognaise again!"

Work Experience for Fourth Formers

One week away from school! What a blast for any fourth former. Trouble is, they had to work. Some students had a great time finding out what it was like in the real world, where you have to work day in and day out. Other students realised that school wasn't such a bad place after all. Some found out the hard way - that if you want to be in the catering industry, you have to wash a lot of dishes. Some students found out it could be pretty boring doing the same job again and again. Others had a great variety - a different job each day. Some went as far away as Wellington, others stayed close to home, but tried things they never had before. Some of the occupations looked at were:

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Shepherding	Cleaning	Journalism	Veterinary	Pharmacy	Restaurant
Real estate agent					

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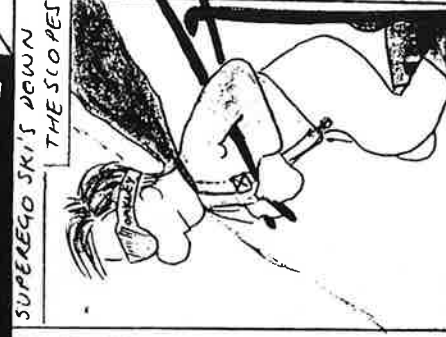
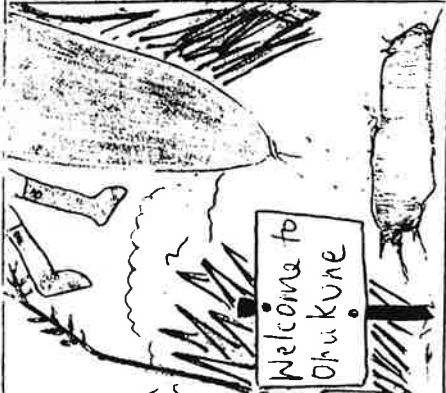
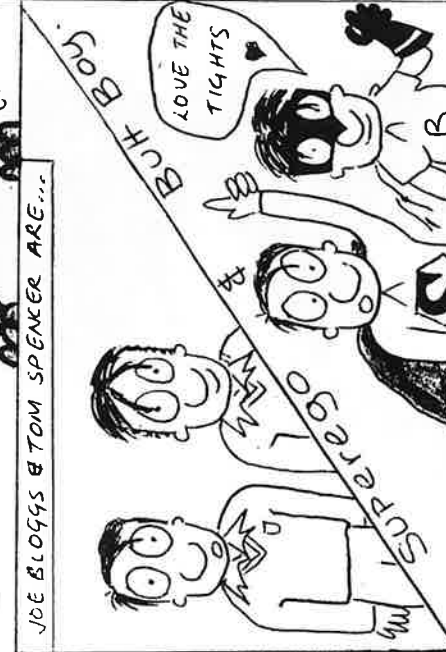
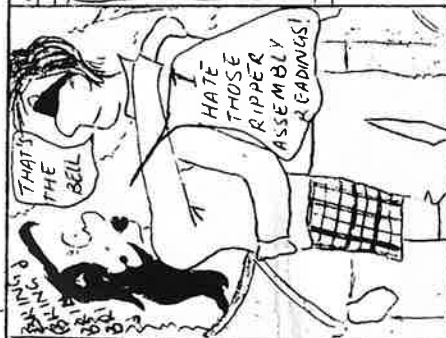
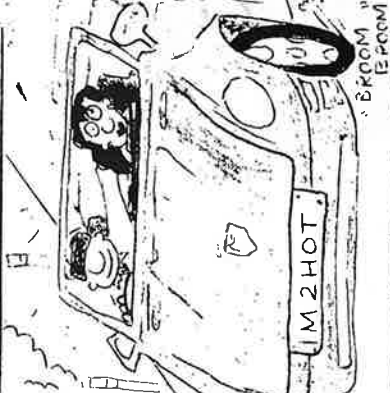
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Huia Whanau

HUNW

Back Row: Edward Lawrence, Shaun Moore, Nathan Fergusson, Deevon Gray, Karn Noble

Third Row: Carla Thompson, Kimi Edwards, Brendon Morgan, Stephen Hawira, Thomas Journeaux, Tumoana Rapana.

Second Row: Georgina Bowley, Kieran McDonough, Natahi Waitokia, Rameka Cawsey, Jillian Lambert, Brad Taituma, Ben Murray, Miss N Williams (Teacher)

Front Row: Kyla Newton, Christopher Dowman, Amanda Garland, Llana Waara, Sue-Joe Allerby, Charmain Oh, Cameron Morris, Angela Fraser.

Absent: Neil Bradley



HURK

Back Row: Craig Dolman, Peter Wikohika, Amy Hiscox, Malcolm Simpson, Zeus Messenger.

Third Row: Trevor Talaroa, Aniwa Mills, Marc Creedy, Carl Weinberg, Alicia Pearson, Rebecca Martin, Christopher Baylis, Nikora Gupwell.

Second Row: Sarah Tumataroa, Dion Nicholls, Julianne Murray, Joel Gray, Sheree Beer, Monica Taituma, Chaana Morgan, Mr R Knight (Teacher)

Front Row: Carolyn Mastrovich, Chad Woodhouse, Bree Brown, Kandace Smiler, Trudie Collier, Tina McFadyen, Russell Bulman, Christine Sue.

Absent: Judith Morris.



HUKH

Back Row: Shaun McDonough, Ricky Shailer, Quantro Takitimu.

Third Row: Saija Gronroos, Nathan Toka, Bojan Legner, Kebrasca Ratima, Gabrielle Kelland, Gloria Peni.

Second Row: Joshua Williams, Tania Shields, Steven Sue, Tineke Hawira, Lee Hiscox, Lee McCann, Joey Bristol, Mr K Hagener (Teacher)

Front Row: Erin Newton, Ashley Brown, Nadi Kereopa, Kushla Edgarton, Peggy Rudkin, Anton Gray, Gregory Tuthill, Coralie Abbott.

Absent: Casandra Guy, Kieran Katene, Cindy Marriott, Phillipa Martin, Alison Munn.



Huia's Year

Well, we won the diving and the volleyball and _____
 well just say we won the diving and volleyball.
 We tried very hard to keep to our whanau leader's motto
 "If we can't win, at least beat Kiwi."

Shaun McDonough

Huia - (Highly understanding intellectual achievers) is a delightful, full of fun, and exciting group of people, who do their best.

This year Huia started off with whanau leaders, Aniwa Mills and Craig Dolman, but soon they both found something better to do than school, letting Shaun McDonough and Lee McCann fill their positions. The deputies were Peter Wikohika and Lee Hiscox.

Miss McEwing became Mrs Fraser as wedding bells rang this year. We as leaders would like to thank Mrs Fraser for never giving up on us even when we came last, and for her joyful words of wisdom and encouragement through out the year. Also our thanks go to hapu teachers Mr Hagener, Mr Knight and Miss Williams for putting up with, and always being there for us. Thanks to the seniors and juniors who helped out when times were difficult.

The whanau wishes everyone a safe holiday and good luck for the future.

And always remember "If you can't win, at least beat Kiwi."

L McCann and S McDonough



Kiwi Whanau Kiwi RM

Back Row: Alec Wallis,
Raymond Hemopo, Tonia
Lumsden, Scott Goldfinch,
David Shanks, Jesse Winiata
Shane Albert.

Third Row: Kelly Godfrey,
Jackie Cresswell, Ricky Arahanga,
Rochelle Te Huia, Shey Rangihū,
Aeneas O'Sullivan, Alastair
Fredericksen, Kelly-Anne McNie

Second Row: Mr R. Milne
(Teacher), Liana Herewini,
Paul McGill, Cheryl Condon,
Robert Tapa, Rakaua Winiata,
Yvonne Cribb, Bevan Nukunuku, Mr
D Taylor (Whanau Leader).

Front Row: Ricky Newman, Bridie
Cleary, Danica Ehau, Mary Bishop,
Paul Wilson, Anne Jenkins, Ashantha
Perera, Talia Hemara.

Absent: Daniel Pearson, Robert
Tapa.



KIKC

Back Row: Dianne Munn, Richard Shanks,
Daniel Munn, Bryan Grossart, Aisha
Pomana.

Third Row: Jennifer Cresswell, Morwenna
Herewini, Ritchie Ormond, Nikki-Lee
Richards, Jessie Ryland, Lisa Marsden.

Second Row: Mrs K Campbell (Teacher),
Ahihera Retikaukau, Jason Waerea,
Rebecca McDougal, Riona May, Marsha
Newman, Janine Hall, Danny Foster, Mr D
Taylor (Whanau Leader).

Front Row: Kanin Clancy, Campbell
MacGibbon, Tracy Tapa, Candace Elers,
Jasmin Kiri, Millica Howe, Brendon
Gardner, Correna Turner.

Kiwi LR

Back Row: Christopher Phillips, Robert
Cresswell, Kellie Lumsden, Paul Brown,
Christopher Hammond, aaron Kalrimu,
Aaron Coogan, Campbell Crossan.

Second Row: Mrs P McGill
(Relief Teacher), Nikki Turner, Mark
Goldfinch, Denise Waerea, Nathaniel
Ranginui, Kelly Evans, Deltina Horne,
Carina McNie, Mr D Taylor (Whanau
Leader)

Front Row: Robert Sands, Belinda Marsh,
Dalvinia Winiata, Kelly-Ann Craig,
Deborah Donaldson, Marama Hemara,
Mereana Hardiman, Clay Winter.

Absent: Todd Haywood, Kurt McLean,
Daniel Noho, Shayna Perkins.



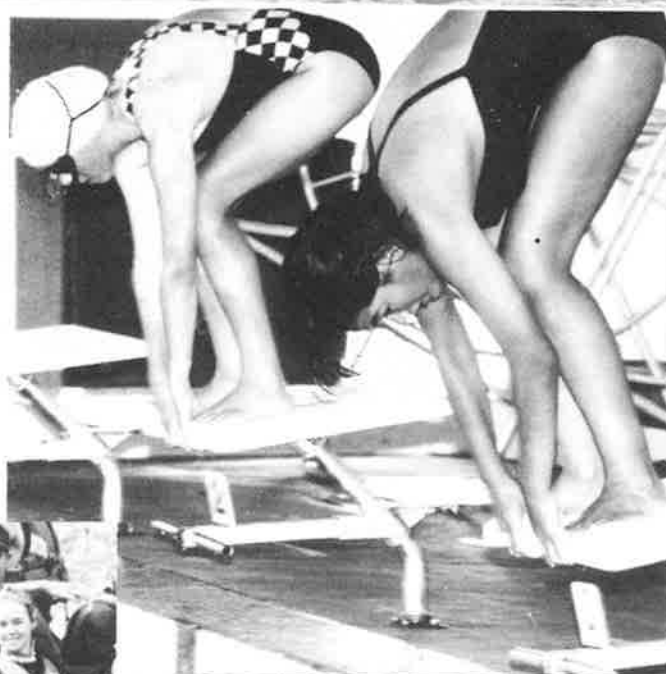
Kiwi's Year

The first whanau meeting of the year was one where all Kiwi students decided it was time they gave the other whanau a chance. To make it a little less conspicuous it was decided they should gain at least a first place in the inter-whanau touch and netball and a second place in the athletics. Quite generous considering Kiwis are usually achievers. A classic example of this was our own Todd Haywood who received the Ruapehu District Junior Sportsperson of the Year award.

The Kiwi teachers had a good year also. Mr Taylor proved to all the seniors at the Ball that it is okay to express yourself through your dancing; and he surely did. Mrs Campbell managed to dig out a uniform for mufti day; her outgoing nature exceeding itself yet again. Mrs Ryland pursued an interest in certain students' hours.

Overall Kiwi had a fun year and the organisation and motivation from all Kiwi leaders and students made it the good year it was by finishing off with the singing. We took the cake!

T Tapa and P Brown



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Tui Whanau TUDF

Back Row: Raana-Ellen Mareikura, Tania Clark, Daniel Forster, Dallas Jensen, Andrew Bates, Tamehana Bishop, Megan Lind, Jason Bright.

Second Row: Mr I Mackay(Whanau Leader), Desarie Wilson, Mathew Deadman, Nicky Attwood, Donna Cranston, Kerrilee Sole, Gail Ruke, Stewart Hammond, Mr D Fournier (Hapu Teacher).

Front Row: Joel Spry, Selena Anderson, Innes Clark, Karen Kyle, Raema Mowat, Kararaina Rewharewha, Shontayne Rihia, Hayley Mackay.

Absent: Arizona Kaata.



TUDH

Back Row: Jed Cornelius, Darren Triggell, Justin Teki, Glenn Most, Justin Mackay.

Third Row: Sarah Lind, Danielle Rodger, Matthew James, Raymond Ruki, Andrew Murdie, Daniel Haitana.

Second Row: Mr I Mackay (Whanau leader) Cherylee Bishop, Tracyann O'Hanlon, Sheena Mareikura, Victoria Duigan, Shiloh Mareikura, Channel Wood, Michael Kyle, Mr D Hynes (teacher)

Front Row: Vernon McIlroy, Aaron Fredericksen, Kalrina Marsh, Angela Reuben, Kelly Thrupp, Meki Pakinga, Shane Thrupp, Bernard Deadman.

Absent: Marino Akapita, Kataraina Cassidy, Liana Collier.



TUKG

Back Row: Anaru Mareikura, William Wood, Paul Akurangi, Tipene Mareikura.

Third Row: Delphina Ruki, Danielle Wilson, Tina Bishop, Daniel Barton, Decadia Pakinga, Margaret Mowat.

Second Row: Mr I Mackay (Whanau Leader), Robert Te Huia, Dallas Ruke, Sarah Mackay, Tineke Hawira, Cathy Cranston, Shanita Bishop, Michelle Haitana, Ms K Gibson (Hapu Teacher)

Front Row: Rebecca McMaster, Luke Cranston, Quentin Gordon, Keri Bates, Emma Forster, Mariana Johnston, Stanley Hawira, Sean Fredericksen.

Absent: Lynette Haitana, Racheal Brown.



The Year of the Tui, Again!

Congratulations, to all in Tui on your achievements in 1995. This is the true spirit of Tui.

We were privileged to lead such a talented, easy going group of students.

Keep the Tui fire's burning in 1996 and you others don't get too close or you'll get burned.

R Mowat and A Murdie



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Weka Whanau WEJK

Back Row: George Taura,
Tane Gunnell, Glen Marriott,
Rawiri Keelan.

Third Row: Brad Nelson,
Scott Nation, Shaun Fredricksen,
Martin Hansen, Adrian Fetzer,
Sandra Smith.

Second Row: Thomas Pui,
Michelle Love, Natalie Paine,
Rebecca Clarke, Kelli Evans,
Joanne Barclay, Frana Christensen,
Mrs J Knight (Teacher)

Front Row: Peter Billett,
Victoria Beech, Brian Hays,
Matthew Bowsher, Ei Leen Voon,
Samantha Black, Nicola Smith,
Felicity Nepia.

Absent: Richard McLean,
Christina Phillips, Jade Cody.



WEJV

Back Row: Shanon Hays,
Vanessa Parker, Jaron Vince,
Manu Tuhoru, Brendon Billett,
Ben Scarf.

Third Row: Tracy Columb,
Angie Preator, Bruce Taylor,
Sean Barclay, Tammy Evans,
Phillip Hansen.

Second Row: Kaye Murdie,
Trudy Nation, Dwayne Condon,
Shanon Vartha, Megan Windle,
Rebecca McMaster, Matthew Bishop,
Mrs J. Voon (Teacher)

Front Row: Andrew Hansen,
Misty Smith, Anida Beech,
Josh Goddard, Janelle Martin,
Tony Martin, Beverley Yewen,
Jade Smith.

Absent: Rhonda Taumata,
Cameron Ross, Luella Sullivan,
Alex Lynden.

WESB

Back Row: Heather Martin,
Nilesh Sharma, Daniel Richards,
John Hays, Daniel Murdie,
Michael Proude, Danley Vince.

Second Row: Mrs S Buck
(Teacher), Kirk Vartha,
Larrissa Green, James Beech,
Anna Sommerfeld, Kristine Clark.

Front Row: Wayne meletekingi,
Phree Edwards, Amy Smith,
Tania Clarke, Leah Stuckey,
Douglas Barclay, Hayley Pike,
Rachel Hays.

Absent: Jamie Brock,
Rebecca Goddard, Matthew King,
Heather Martin, Daniel McGregor.



Weka's Year

1995 Where was WEKA?

Everywhere, that's where we were!

Although Weka underwent a great deal of hardship and suffered from (imagined) conspiracies on the part of the other whanau, we, the leaders of the great WEKA family, strived to overcome the jinx of coming first at the other end. We did not achieve well in the sporting area, but our academic achievements were excellent.

We were not famous for winning but we were famous for participating so - congratulations WEKA - Go hard!

T Clarke and M Tuhoro



Nga Manu Korero

National Speech Competition.

(Korimako Competition)

Gee, there we were, just a small group from the Waimarino and totally surrounded by Maori people. Wide eyed with amazement we gazed at all the schools that had gathered at Orakei Marae for the *powhiri*. Though the journey had been at a snail's pace it was refreshing to know Ruapehu College had been fortunate enough to return to the nationals in Auckland. In the midst of all the chatter, men were in the process of greeting the home people. Each *rohe* (region) spoke in turn with waiata to follow breaking the constant hum of people's talk.

The following day the ceremonial opening for Nga Manu Korero took place in Aotea Centre. An elder of the home crowd officiated at the occasion with prayers and with water which he sprinkled over the trophies to bless them. Then leaves were placed on the trophies. This was a mystical occasion.

The day proceeded with junior speeches. This year mic. control was once again in the hands of the brilliant P. Munroe who introduced each region. Topics were very appropriate - *Racism, A Famous Person* and *The Year of Maori Language* being the most popular topics. This year's competition level was high with many talented youth speaking for everyone's enjoyment.

Then there was a twenty minute recess for lunch seated in nearby steps in Aotea Square. After lunch Ruapehu College proceeded to the back of the stage with their representative, Tomairangi Mareikura, who was participating in the Junior Maori section. Tension grew as the doors were shut meaning the speech competitions were about to resume. Whanganui and Waitara schools joined with anxious Ruapehu College to support each other's speakers. All that was to be heard were throaty chuckles from the audience. The curtains were raised and Tomairangi stood to the side. At the end of her *karanga* the entire place was filled with silence. Her delivery was astonishing. She had spoken from the heart. Unlimited numbers of pleased faces congratulated Tomairangi. She had certainly made her region proud!

The group were on cloud nine as they returned to their host marae Te Puea in Mangere 30 minutes away. We were billeted there with Whanganui which gave us the perfect opportunity to be acquainted with them. During the evening we practised with Waitara and Wanganui for a concert which we performed that night. Another early start next day allowed us to visit Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World. We then headed for the Aotea

Centre for the senior section. The final schools were the host schools and they were much appreciated judging by the loud cheers that the audience gave.

Presentation came late that afternoon, spectators waiting patiently for the results. Tomairangi was placed third in Junior Maori, Tanzen Pui from Waitara was placed first in Senior Maori. This was a boost for our growing closeness as neighbouring schools. Korimako 1995 was an experience for all who were there; the emphasis on Maori language and Maori culture was immense and overwhelming. Though we were just one small group among many, we triumphed greatly.

But most importantly Korimako made me feel proud to be a Maori!

by R. Mareikura.



Stage Challenge 24-4-95

EVOLVE 97.

A real winner!

The Ruapehu College Stage Challenge performers held their breath as results of the contest were announced in Palmerston North and for a good reason. After an energetic and professional performance they were awarded first place in a competition which is becoming more challenging every year. This win brought with it a framed gold CD and a cash prize of \$500 for their school.

As well as being the overall winner of the Palmerston North competition, the college's entry entitled "Evolve It!" was voted by the four judges on the night to have had the Best Choreography, Best Original Concept, and Best Set and Staging Design. Dancers, backstage crew, staff, parents and supporters were delighted with the win. Second place went to Palmerston North Girls High School with their colourful entry about the Year of Maori Language, and third place went to Feilding Agricultural High School.

Competition from the larger city schools is especially formidable for rural students who are not continually exposed to dance and drama in theatre situations. For Ruapehu College students the preparation began with auditions at the end of February. Rehearsals started in earnest three times a week at the beginning of March and meant a big time commitment after school and at weekends for cast and crew alike. The 40 committed students involved may have got a little tired going over the same steps again and again but they knew it would make them more polished in the end.

All work on costuming and staging was done on a voluntary basis by parents, teachers and senior students, with the Form 6 Art Class painting most of the set. Performers themselves screen printed T-shirts, based on a design by Margaret Mowat, for the whole cast to wear to Palmerston North, along with jeans, which depicted the story told in their dance.

For Ruapehu College students the day of Stage Challenge in Palmerston North was not only about winning - it was about learning of theatre, lighting, sound, television; it was about being appreciative of other schools' performances, and making new friendships with performers from other schools present - Feilding Agricultural High School, Wanganui Girls' High School, Palmerston North Girls' High School, Queen Elizabeth College and Waverly High School.

Stage Challenge seems something set to stay on the Ruapehu College calendar of events. It certainly involves a large number of students who become a disciplined team of sharp and dedicated performers.

What is the Stage Challenge? It is exactly as it sounds -

a challenge to blend an original and exciting theme with rock music, costume and dance into a stage performance. For the second year, students have sought this challenge and this year took it on with a more active role in putting forward ideas for themes, music, dance movements, costumes, props and lighting effects. With the help of Mrs Campbell, Ms Gibson, Mrs Knight and Mr Lewer, all ideas were discussed and tried out until *Evolve It* was produced in its final form - a dance sequence which depicted the evolution of life, beginning with the creation of Earth through to a funky tribal period and on to a chaotic and self-destructive modern world dominated by business. The sequence culminated in the re-birth of life.

On June 4 at 5p.m. a special television programme judged the best New Zealand school in the 1995 Smokefree Stage Challenge based on the videos made at each of the seven venues around the country. Even though the Stage Challenge team would like to have won the television contest as well, that was not their main aim. The main aim was to have fun and over the ten weeks they certainly succeeded in that.

As if all that performing wasn't enough the Stage Challenge team was invited to be the local item at the annual Junction Ski Shop fashion parade, held at the Hot Lava in June. With a smaller stage area to work in, the choreography had to undergo a few modifications, as did the number of dancers who could be fitted on the stage. The performers loved the encouragement they received from the local crowd who showed enthusiasm plus for the show. The Ohakune Volunteer Fire Brigade received the proceeds from the evening and they were generous in presenting \$500 of this to Ruapehu College for future Stage Challenge entries.

J Knight



Debating

The college team had its first debate against Hato Paora on April 3, on the moot, *The pen is mightier than the sword* - Ruapehu affirming. Captain Lyndsay Amner from the Officer Cadet School adjudicated. The team, consisting of students Sandra Smith, Amy Smith (no relation), and Joanne Barclay, had a victorious win over Hato Paora 495 - 449.

On May 25, the school debating team, consisting of three speakers Sandra Smith, Amy Smith and Joanne Barclay, travelled to Nga Tawa College to debate the topic, *That what was good enough for our forefathers is good enough for us* - with Ruapehu opposing. Nga Tawa College won this debate.



L to R Mr Mackay, A Smith, S Smith, J Barclay

Speech Finals

2 May

Great delivery of many new and exciting topics including *Ohakune in 2005*, kept audience and judges awake for the 1995 Junior Speech Competition. Judges Mrs S Murdie, Mrs J O'Sullivan and Mr G Fountain had to make difficult decisions but first place was awarded to Ei Leen Voon with her speech, *The Outer Image*. Jenny Cresswell was placed second, with her extraordinary speech about *Nothing*. Steven Sue followed closely in third place with *Violence on Television*. Fourth equal placings were awarded to Margaret Mowat with *The Things We Take for Granted* and Danley Vince with his highly visual *Art of the Taiaha*.

Senior Speech Night on Thursday 5 May, saw the seniors face the judges and audience. Again the judges, Mrs J Dekker and Mrs K Journeaux, were faced with a difficult decision but first place was awarded to Sandra Smith, with *A Slice of Life*. In second place was Vanessa Parker with *A Truly Gross Era*. Third place was shared by Tonia Lumsden's ideas on *What Television is doing to our Minds* and Sarah McKay's *Beauty Contests*.

Cats - the Musical

Cats dancing, singing and jumping around a stage disguised as a junk yard, did not at first seem like my idea of an absorbing musical, compared to say Rene Naufahu prancing around the Rocky Horror stage in a g-string, but it sure bet spending a night in the Burma Lodge reflecting on urban geography and Wellington's heritage. On Saturday 22nd July a small group of Ruapehu College historians and geographers, with quite a few teachers tagging along, went to see the musical *Cats*.

Arriving in Wellington with a few hours to spare, we familiarised ourselves with our accommodation, at the Burma Motor Lodge. Then it was off to see *Cats*.

Once inside the St James Theatre we had to journey up many steps and to our surprise our seats were at the very top of the theatre, which was a wee bit daunting for those afraid of heights. Spotlights obscured our view of the back of the stage and a balcony obscured the view of the stage front. But enough of that; on with the show.

On to the stage romped the Jellicle Cats who sang and danced to the crowd's delight. Then the cats began to sing and introduced their very individual characters. There were many very interesting cats who became crowd favourites; the randy "Rum Tum Tugger" who excited the female felines when he moved his pelvis, like Elvis. Then there was Grizabella, the glainour cat, who'd had a very hard life and of course there was the magical Mr Mistoffelees, who pranced about the stage performing his magic to the crowd's astonishment. The show went through many events including fights between pirate dogs and sailor siamese cats on the high seas.

Then the stage quietened. The cats leapt out in to the audience; crawling, slithering and lying on surprised spectators. Just as fast as they had appeared from the stage, they disappeared back to where they had come from.

At half time the audience was allowed to go up on to the interestingly put together stage. So a few of the Ruapehu theatre goers miraculously found their way out of the theatre and back in via a few dead ends, to end up a few feet away from the stage steps. Just as we were about to walk up the steps it was announced that no more people were allowed on the stage. What a disappointment!

The show went without a hitch, despite young Rufus Knight's threats that he was going to skin the cats and string them up by the lights. A good night was had by all and *Cats* is a show that I recommend to all.

V Duigan

Choir

The singing group for clubs this year was a small but select group. Main emphasis was on practising for the Wanganui Regional High School's Choir Festival, held at Collegiate in August. For this occasion, the singing group rehearsed nine songs which they sang with members of choirs from Collegiate, Wanganui Girls' High School, Sacred Heart College, St. Augustines, Rangitikei High School, and St. Georges School.

The day was spent perfecting parts and then working on massed items. We all enjoyed the Andrew Lloyd Webber medley of songs and the spirituals. We especially enjoyed having so many boys voices to sing with, and the imposing facilities of the Collegiate auditorium to perform in.

Thanks must go to those choir members who regularly turned up for practice and who made the effort to be organised for the Wanganui day. Mrs Knight and Mrs Buck appreciated your efforts.

New Zealand Army Band

For an hour on February 20 students and staff were entertained by the New Zealand Army Band.

The band began with a terrific toe tapping medley of numbers including *Party, Night of a Thousand Dances, Can't Help Falling In Love With You*, and a number of television themes and music from advertising.

The highlight of the concert for most Ruapehu College students was a duo performance by Mr Parker and the band leader. Mr Parker has not forgotten his skills in trumpet playing.

The instruments which made up the Army Band were: cornets, trumpets, trombones, tubas, euphoniums, electric guitar, rhythm guitar, bass guitar, kettle drums, keyboard, a double bass and various percussion rhythm instruments.

The band finished their concert with a great Kiwi rock medley of numbers including *She's a Mod, A Slice of Heaven, What's the Time Mr Wolf?* and *What We Need is a Great Big Melting Pot*.

Cultural Exchanges

Saija Gronoos

LEVYKE Huomenta kaikki!
Good morning everyone!

To me arriving in New Zealand was a new beginning, a new sheet of paper to write on. I decided to become a real Kiwi right away. I buried all the photos and memories of my friends and family back in Finland. After a while I realized that eating weetbix wouldn't make me a Kiwi kid. When watching Shortland Street didn't help either I was feeling pretty desperate.

Talking to other exchange students opened my eyes to see that the purpose of my year wasn't becoming a Kiwi, I was supposed to learn - as a Finn. I have not only learned how to get into trouble, but also a bit more language, things about New Zealand, its people, people in general and myself. After living in Finland nearly 18 years, it isn't easy to adapt the instant Kiwi attitude. More important is accepting what I am, and not trying too hard to be a Kiwi.

If you ever have the opportunity to be an exchange student, do it. It won't be easy, but it doesn't kill you, I'll make you stronger, and it'll widen your views.

I'd like to thank you all for making my year so special. Friends, teachers, faces in the crowd. You mean to me more than you realize. Special thanks to Mr Hagener and Mrs Fraser for understanding and to Mr Lane for talking so much about pride, I's finally getting across.

On behalf of ASSE I'd like to hand you this certificate. It says:- "And I'd like to give this to the school library." It contains a computer disk, twelve transparencies, a map, booklets and it's all information on Finland. And if this day makes you feel sad as we have come to an end, remember, it's not so much an end, just a new beginning, a new sheet of paper to write on.

Takehiro Miyamoto

When Takehiro came to us fresh from Tokyo we couldn't speak Japanese, and he could only communicate by hanging on to the end of a dictionary. After five weeks of total immersion in the local culture, he spoke much more freely in English. He showered us with gifts. He charmed us with his good looks. He awed us with his mathematical prowess.

We still cannot speak Japanese.



ATHLETICS

Wednesday 1st March being overcast with occasional drizzle, did not dampen the spirits of students intent on enjoying the **Twilight Athletic Sports** which began at midday and ran through to approximately 6pm. Good natured rivalry spilled over to supporters and parents who had come to encourage our young athletes. This year an astounding number of records were rewritten, many of which had stood for several years.

New Records

R Hemopo: Intermediate Boys Triple Jump 11.92m
D Cranston: Junior Girls Triple Jump 9.23m
T Clark: Senior Girls Triple Jump 10.20m
J Hays: Intermediate Boys High Jump 1.75m
A Murdie: Intermediate Boys 3000m 10.05.08min.
G Taura: Senior Boys 100m 11.39sec.

This year the programme included a hurdles race, the hurdles being elastic tied to chairs which had been placed on either side of the track. The hurdles brought much laughter as many tried their hand at it. No budding Colin Jacksons here as athletes tripped, walked, fell, ran, jumped, and on the odd occasion hurdled the elastic. A fair number came off the track with less feeling in their limbs than when they started.

The relays proved extremely enjoyable with non-championship runners roped in by their hard-working whanau leaders. The best was undoubtedly the much anticipated student vs teachers vs parents relay. Laughter filled the air as we watched our elders sprint, or rather try to sprint, around the track. Those legs surely brightened up the day! The relay was won, of course, by the students. Better luck next time teachers!

This day would not have been if not for the hard work on the part of all staff. Our thanks go especially to Mr Hubbard our trusty starter, marshall Mrs Knight whom I'm sure has a few more grey hairs, time keepers, officials, recorders, Big D the announcer, and of course Mrs Campbell, whose careful organization and continual enthusiasm made this day a success. A hearty thank you also to the group of parents who ran the food stall, keeping us all fed and happy.

Junior Girls

1st M Mowat, 2nd E Voon, 3rd D Cranston

Junior Boys

1st A Wallis, 2nd S Hammond, 3rd K Clancy

Intermediate Girls

1st C Oh, 2nd S Mackay, 3rd T Evans

Intermediate Boys

1st J Hays, 2nd J Mackay, 3rd A Murdie

Senior Girls

T Clark, 2nd S Rangiihu, 3rd S Smith

Senior Boys 1 S Goldfinch, 2 A O'Sullivan, 3S

M'Donough

Whanau Results

Tui 1109 points

Weka 831 points

Kiwi 1015 points

Huia 714 points

Inter Secondary Schools Championships

Ruapehu students gained many terrific results in the inter-school athletics competition on Wednesday 15 March with Charmian Oh coming first in the intermediate girl's 100 and 200 metres, and achieving third place in the triple jump. Angela Reuben threw an excellent 19.94 metres in discus and also gained second place in shot put for junior girls. John Hays was second in the intermediate boy's high jump with a leap of 1.75 metres. Justin Mackay missed winner's position by a nose in the intermediate boy's 4x800 metres. Andrew Murdie was placed second in the 3000 metres for intermediate boys. Ei Leen Voon's placing in junior girl's triple jump broke Ngaire Foster's 40 year old college record. Tania Clark came second and Denise Waerea third in Senior Girl's Triple Jump. Jason Waerea, competing in the hurdles, jumped three, knocked down one and decided to run around the remaining obstacles.

L McCann



North Island Athletic Championships

Ruapehu students Charmian Oh, John Hays, and Tania Clark represented the Wanganui Region at the North Island Secondary School Athletic Championships which were held on the weekend of April 1 - 2. John came seventh in the intermediate boy's high jump. Tania finished fifth in her heat for the 100 metre sprints, and in the top six for triple jump. Charmian gained fifth placings in both the 100 and 200 metre sprints. Charmian and Tania competed in the senior girl's 4 x 100m relay team coming sixth. Charmian also ran in the 4 x 400 relay team, which came seventh.

BADMINTON

New Zealand Rep - Donna Cranston

14 year old, Ruapehu fifth former, Donna Cranston, played her first international when she represented New Zealand's Central Districts in Adelaide, Australia, over the Easter break. She joined team mates to play several Australian and New Zealand teams for the June Bevan Trophy, the coveted prize for under-16 badminton players either side of the Tasman. "First place would have been nice," said Donna, "but the team were happy with a fifth placing."

Champions in the Wanganui Region

Our boys did quite well in the Wanganui Secondary Schools Badminton Championships on 19 July, being placed fourth. The girls did extremely well and with a final 6-0 win against Wanganui Collegiate School easily took out first place. The team comprising of D. Cranston, E. Voon, C. Cranston, J. Murdie and K. Marsh, represented Wanganui in the regional finals played in Wanganui later in August. There they beat New Plymouth Girls, Horowhenua College, Waverley High and Palmerston North Girls High only to lose against Feilding Agricultural High School on a countback of points. A win would have seen them play in the New Zealand finals.

Cathy and Donna Cranston, Ei Leen Voon and Jenny Murdie were successful in making the Wanganui under 16 representative team. Katrina Marsh was also named in the team but declined because of work commitments.

Donna, Eileen and Jenny also won the Wanganui A grade interclub college competition, followed by Cathy and Katrina in second place against 16 other teams.

Individually Donna and Eileen have done very well, with Donna winning the New Zealand classic singles championship, the Wanganui under 16 championship, the Wanganui A grade open, . Both Donna and Eileen have been nominated for this team again for next year which travels to Sydney. These two girls were also part of the Wanganui under 18 team and Wanganui senior division teams.

The Taihape and Taumarunui sports exchange resulted in convincing wins for Ruapehu.

J Cranston



Badminton team

Back Row: C Cranston, K Marsh
Second Row: D Cranston, J Vince, E Voon
Second Row: A Perera, C Weinberg
Front Row: J Murdie

Athletics Team

Back Row: C Crossan, R Hemapo, G Taura, S McDonough, P Brown, J Mackay.
Fourth Row: S Rangihū, A Murdie, A O'Sullivan, G Ruke, T Edwards,
Third Row: D Cranston, R Mareikura, M Mowat, D Waerca
Second Row: E Voon, A Reuben, C Oh, J Martin
Front Row: M Bowsher, D Vince, S Hammond

TENNIS

1995 The senior champs were played in clear but cold and windy conditions which affected play and forced the postponement of the boys final. From ten players Aeneas O'Sullivan emerged the senior winner beating Jaron Vince 9-4. To encourage juniors, the championships were played in two sections. Lee McCann won the senior event from Misty Smith 9-7 and Ei Leen Voon took the junior event. Ei Leen then lost to Lee. Lee then had won the girls championship four years in a row - barefooted too! Several junior boys forgot to turn up for the tournament. The best junior was Steven Sue who then lost to Aeneas 9-2.

Tennis was smoking in the 50's and 60's but like the mountain in '95, we're not dormant.



THE FOURNIER SEASON OF BASKETBALL

RUAPEHU RUGRATS

Couldn't pass, shoot, dribble or play. That was then but now.....we rule supreme! Not. But seriously folks, at the beginning of the year, five out of the ten girls had never played basketball before so we knew it was going to be a tough battle ahead. Originally Mrs O'Sullivan had been the solitary, hard working coach and manager. However, Mrs Fournier soon graced us with her presence and with her great expertise from the vast land of Canada our skills improved rapidly over the season.

Our first match in the Wanganui Secondary Schools Basketball Tournament (W. S. S. B. T.) was against Collegiate Girls, who were No. 1, and we got annihilated. However, we worked hard and our team work and spirit were of a high standard due to the rigorous training, and we managed to upset some of the better teams including Collegiate Girls later in the season. As the season drew on we lost various team members and were down to the awesome fivesome plus one.

Two reps

Despite the fact that our team finished first at the wrong end, we still managed to get two players in the "All Tournament Team", Charmian Oh and Jasmin Kiri.

The team also competed in the Waiouru Basketball

Competition, with the inclusion of our esteemed coach, Mrs. Fournier. Mrs O'Sullivan defected to another team to play against us ! The team played well, finishing an incredible fourth, and received a prize of \$50.

The Ruapehu Rugrats (us) also competed in their first real tournament in Taumarunui. We did extremely well, coming within two points of beating one of the top teams after only two hours sleep if that. We take the time now to apologise to the guys for taking over their rooms and for the toothpaste (Nathan F), but it just had to be done.

Rugrats played against Taihape College and Taumarunui High School, losing by only a very slight margin, (and we don't mean by twenty points either).

We will take with us some great memories such as "fights" in the van, the ever visible contents of Charmian's stomach and the Great Shaving Cream Incident (eh Jaron and Shanks), also a moving farewell for our much loved coaches where we each received a final gift from Mr and Mrs Fournier. The medals and pins were really nice and will always remind us of the legendary 1995 'Fournier' basketball season. There were many other great times which we will treasure, but I guess you had to be there.

Back Row (left):
Megan Lind (Frizz) # 7
Position: Post and guard.
Queen of Charges who often mistook
the court for a hair salon.

Centre Row (left):
Charmian Oh (Legend # 1) - # 4
Positions: Point guard, shooting
guard and centre.
Enjoyed passing the ball to the ref.
Got on the All Tournaments Team!

Front Row (left):
Vanessa Parker (Butch) - # 10
Positions: Post and guard.
Renowned for beating up the boys
in the van; only girl to get 100% in
the free throw competition, Wanganui.



Back Row (middle) Mrs Lesley Fournier

Back Row (right): Gail Ruke (Gully)
14 Positions: Forward and centre.
Accidentally kicked an opponent
in the head while on the ground.
Outstanding improvement and
commitment.

Middle Row (right): Jasmin Kiri
(Jaz and Legend # 2) - # 6
Positions: Point guard, shooting
guard and centre.
Specialised in tooth pasting
(Nathan F)
and getting in the All
Tournament Team

Front Row (right):
Tonia Lumsden (Tonz) - # 12.
Position: Base.
Had the privilege of shaving
Ears' legs but better known
for losing her cool on court.

We all had a great season and not only did we enjoy the game but most of all the comraderie. "Thank you" to everyone who was involved with the girls basketball team whether it be coaching or supporting. We hope you will see us all again next year with the sad exception of Butch. We will be a force to be reckoned with. Remember girls, "Fly like a bird", - team joke.

T Lumsden

"Don't quit on me." - Fournier

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

"Don't quit on me"

This season was undoubtedly the best ever. The new year began with a new training programme, a new gymnasium floor, new strategies and yep - a new coach - Dan "The Man" Fournier, hailing all the way from Orillia, Canada.

No one thought it would ever be possible to turn Andrew Murdie (Un's) into a "rebounding madman", but Mr Fournier did somehow manage to do this. "Ya little freak.....your're an animal" are the precise words he used to get Andrew's adrenalin running. David Shanks (Piss) has surpassed his own expectations in that he can now shoot at least 70% from the line. Jaron Vince (Jazz), a man in a class all of his own, is now the most accomplished athlete on the floor. And as for me.....well.....I've learnt a lot this year. "Penetrate.....stop.....pass out," Mr Fournier would scream to me every Friday night. "Head up Ne" was another cliché. Few people realise just how much our Canadian Comrade taught us this season.

Training isn't just a matter of "shooting hoops" and "having fun". The word training denotes "pain, suffering, blood, sweat, tears" and in some severe cases cardiac arrest, asthma and cramp. During the infrequent relaxation periods we learned to improve our free throw shooting, some of us making ten out of ten on more than one occasion.

In order to win we had to be "aggressive, pshyco, schizo, insane and/or.....crazy". This theory really suited Andrew. Mr Fournier's philosophy to winning basketball is simple but effective - DEFENCE with a capital F. He engineered the concept of winning into the subconscious of every one of us until we saw it as an obsession. And it worked. None of the prestigious Wanganui Secondary Schools (except one) could conquer Coach Fournier's bunch of mob pshycoologists this year- not even our royal foes, Collegiate..

Unfortunately, we could only manage proxime assecit at prizegiving, but deep down Boys College (Wanganui) knew who the real victors were. To cap of the night we demonstrated our "free throw skills" to a capacity statium (70000 people I think) and won (for the third time) a big silver cup.

Jaron, Ears and Scott also recieved certificates for being "outstanding players". I think the Coach was pleased with this.

Elsewhere we cleaned up the Ruapehu Senior Mens A Grade Competition (Waiouru Comp), kicked Hato Paora College (unscheduled match) pulverized Taihape College and blitzed Taumaranui High School (B). There was also history in the making when we belted Taumaranui High (A) in the highly entertaining inter-school fixture. Score: 50 - 42.

Mr Fornier is more than "just a coach". He's one of the greatest human beings guys I've ever met and he has an outrageous personality. He's down to earth, genuine, caring and understanding. As a team, we love him for what he is and for what he's done for basketball here at Ruapehu College.

Of all the "Fournier Memories" I'll never forget the one during the regional final against Wanganui High School. Near the end of the first half I badly sprained my ankle at the opposition's end. I was in complete and utter torment and clutched my leg in agony. Sir sprinted over and demanded that I "get up". He thought I was cursing myself about missing an easy basket. I continued clutching and rolling. "Don't quit on me Ne, Don't you dare quit on me." I



Back row: Nathan Ferguson, Jaron Vince, Paul Akurangi.

Third row: Danley Vince, Aeneas O'Sullivan.

Second row: Carl Weinburg, Andrew Murdie.

Front row: David Shanks.

Coach: Mr. D Fournier (standing).

recall Mr Fournier saying. It was only moments later that he observed my swelling ankle. Mum and Charmian escorted me to the bench and frantically manipulated the brusing - but to no avail. Mr Fournier in the meantime had forgotten about me and my silly foot: "That's Ne out for the rest of the season.....damn him" was the likely thought travelling through his mind. "Don't quit on me" was the thought going through mine. But within a month I was back on court playing my favourite sport with my favourite team, led by my favourite coach.

We'll see you around Sir: Three cheers from the RODS.

A O'Sullivan

EQUESTRIAN TEAM



On March 29th Ruapehu, competing with 30 other colleges from as far away as Wellington and Napier, entered riders in the annual Wanganui Showjumping Competition hosted by Wanganui Girls College. With a total of over 250 riders and horses, points from the top four riders from each college contributed to the trophy. Ruapehu riders rode extremely well and won the overall points trophy at the end of the day. The top four riders on points were Kelly Godfrey, Victoria Duigan, Cameron Morris and Adrian Fetzer. Others from the Ruapehu team were Nicola Smith, Amanda Garland, Angela Fraser, Kushla Edgarton and Marnie Wenn. Our riders were congratulated by many for their excellent behaviour and cheerful helpfulness during the day.

Victorious Show Jumpers

30 schools from around the lower North Island competed in the Wanganui Show Jumping Competition held on March 29. The Ruapehu College team, outriding the other twenty-nine hopefuls, gained an outstanding first place. Hastings came second, and Horowhenua third.

Nga Tawa One Day Event

While ANZAC day saw many college students sleeping in on their day off, six Ruapehu riders were up preparing to compete at Nga Tawa school in Marton.

A One Day Event has three phases: dressage, showjumping and crosscountry; the winning team having to score best overall.

After an excellent dressage phase, Kelly Godfrey, Amanda Garland, Nicola Smith and Victoria Duigan were lying third. To make sure of a placing, the team had to jump clear rounds, with no time faults during the showjumping and crosscountry phases. This was a difficult task. The courses were demanding, especially the water jump at the crosscountry where many riders were having trouble.

The team rose to the challenge, winning first place overall, taking the shield from Freyburg High and riders from thirty other colleges.

Two other riders from Ruapehu College; Adrian Fetzer and Cameron Morris, also rode well.

Woodford House One Day Event

A team of four riders travelled to Hastings to compete in the annual Woodford House One Day Event on Sunday October 1st. This was the first year Ruapehu College had been invited to this event. The team competed well against tough competition, gaining sixth place overall out of fourteen schools. First place was taken by Napier Girls High School. The team from Ruapehu College comprised Nicola Smith (Team Captain), Adrian Fetzer, Cameron Morris, and Marnie Wenn.

Not a bad sort of a year really.

RUGBY

Ruapehu College 1st XV started the season well, with 95 points for and 0 against in only two games. They worked hard in training and hoped to earn a promotion to first grade.

Congratulations to Shaun McDonough and George Taura who were selected to the under-19 Wanganui Secondary Schools Representative Squad.

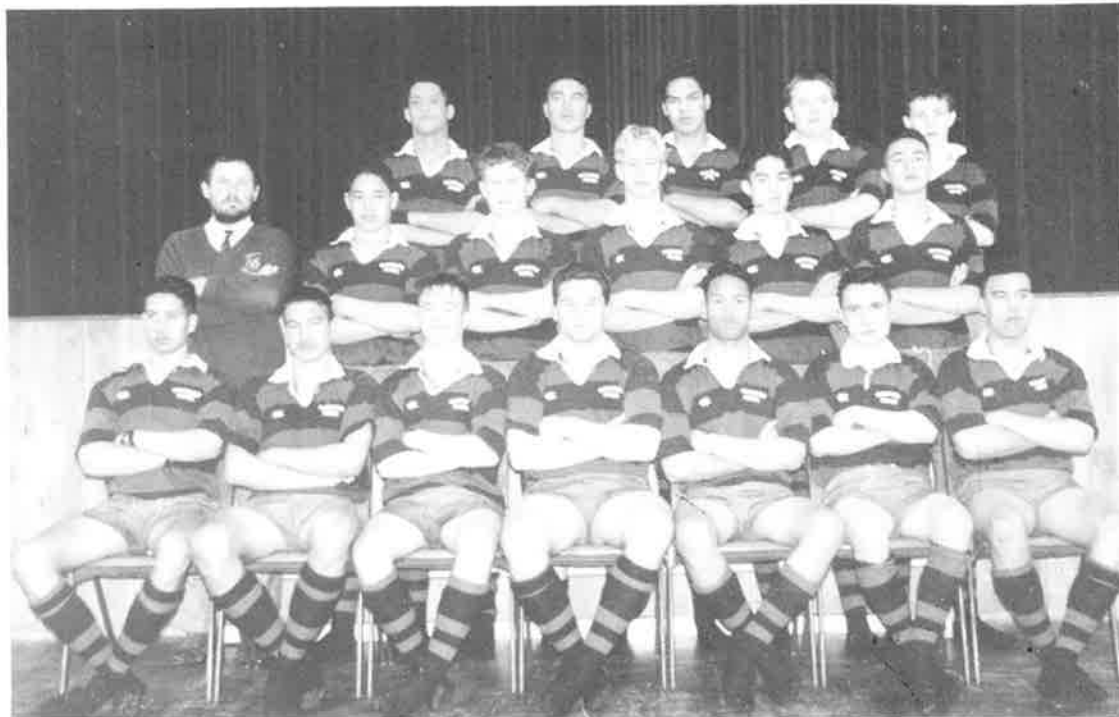
The 1st XV had a convincing win against Wanganui Collegiate the final score being 49-3. Collegiate could hold their heads up high, being the first team to score against Ruapehu this season in the competition. Through the dedication, hard work and determination of the 1st XV they were duly rewarded with promotion to 1st grade, playing in the Manawatu - Wanganui combined competition next round.

First Fifteen

Back Row: Nathan Toka, Aaron Kairimu, Tipene Mareikura, Darren Triggell, S Manson

Second Row: Mr Manson (Coach), Chris Phillips, S Manson, John Hays, Peter Wikohika, Shane Albert

First Row: Paul Brown, Justin Teki, Shanon Hays, Shaun McDonough, Manu Tuhoro, Aeneas O'Sullivan, George Taura



Second Fifteen Rugby

Back Row: S Mareikura, N Gupwell, W Wood, A Mareikura, T Clark,
Third Row: Mr B Journeaux, J Mackay, G Most,
Second Row: D Haitana, T Journeaux, R Shanks, C Crossan, M Proude, S Sue, R Ruki,
First Row: R Keelan, M Mareikura, M Hansen, N Sharma.

SOCCER

1995 Soccer Team

BACK ROW: Sean Barclay, Takehiro Miyamoto, Tammy Evans, Vanessa Parker, Saija Gronroos, Mark Goldfinch, Alec Wallis.

MIDDLE ROW: Mr R Lane (Coach), Christopher Dowman, Russell Bulman, Ashantha Perera, Matthew Bishop.

FRONT ROW: Paul McGill, Michael Kyle.



SOCCER

School soccer got off to a slow start in the winter term due to a lack of a coach. This problem was overcome with the arrival of new Principal Mr Lane, who offered to coach and manage the team himself. The team played in the Wanganui Junior Soccer Association under 15-17 grades with games being played at Wemberly Park, Wanganui East, each Saturday. The team won half of their matches and considering they were playing against some well organised club sides and Wanganui City College teams that had been practising since before the start of the season, the results were more than satisfactory.

The inter-school fixtures started off well with a win against Taumarunui High School 5-4. Some team members were required in other sports for later school fixtures and losses were recorded against Taumarunui High School (seniors) 7-0, and Tongariro High School 3-0. The most valuable players were Aeneas O'Sullivan and Mark Goldfinch.

The team had an international flavour with exchange student, Saija Gronroos, playing for the whole season. Takihero Miyamoto from Japan played in the team for five weeks whilst staying at the college. Saija was unlucky not to be selected to play for the Wanganui Representatives because she was unfortunately too old to make the team. All in all an enjoyable season for those involved.

R Lane

INDOOR SOCCER

From Sydney, Australia, came the co-educational Church of England Grammar School, Redlands known as SCEGS. The team consisted of 14 boys on a tour of New Zealand playing against St Andrews and Christs College in Christchurch; Scots College, Wellington; Wanganui City College, Wanganui; Ruapehu College, Ohakune; Macleans College, Auckland and Kristin School, Auckland. They played indoor soccer against Ruapehu and all other games were outdoor matches.

Team C made up of Paul McGill, Ashantha Perera, Chris Dowman, Mark Goldfinch and Alec Wallis lost 1-5 to SCEGS.

Team B consisting of Chris Hammond, Danny Foster, Sean Barclay, Russell Bulman, Dion Nicholls and Joel Spry scored no goals in a 0-4 win to SGECS.

Team A with Mr Laurenson, Jason Waerea, Joanne Barclay, Aeneas O'Sullivan, Nilesh Sharma and Andrew Murdie scored a 6-3 win for Ruapehu.

The team was billeted Friday night, 30 June, and departed for the skifields on Saturday morning before heading for Auckland.

J Laurenson

SPORTS EXCHANGES on the CENTRAL PLATEAU

Taihape Summer Sports Exchange - a fair go?

This summer Taihape College was unable to field a boys softball team, a boys volleyball team and, at the last moment, a girls tennis team, in the annual exchange. Should the sports being competed for vary from year to year according to the strength of a particular school side? Is this exchange being played on a level playing field?

Games played in Ohakune resulted in wins to Ruapehu for girls volleyball (5-0) and to girls cricket. The cricketers notched up 71 for 5. Taihape replied with 59 for 3 at the end of their 24 overs. Taihape boys touch rugby players met with success in Ohakune with a 7-5 win and Taihape golfers beat their Ruapehu counterparts at Waimarino 225-211 (net points).

Meanwhile in Taihape, Ruapehu went down 12-16 in girls softball, and 13-14 in boys tennis. There was a draw, however, in boys cricket with 95 runs being scored by each side.

The summer exchange plate was handed over to Taihape College, who won overall by 4 events to 2 with one draw.

Taihape Winter Sports Exchange

In June, Ruapehu students narrowly lost the winter sports shield by 5 matches to 4 in the annual exchange against Taihape College.

Taumarunui Exchange

Games in this winter's sports exchange with Taumarunui High School, were all played on the home grounds of Ruapehu College. Most players performed really well in spirited games with wins going to the boys basketball, the badminton and squash teams. The final result of the day was a win to Taumarunui High who won the rugby, soccer and netball.



GIRLS CRICKET



BOYS CRICKET



GOLF

Back row: Andrew Murdie,
Sarah Lind, Steven Sue.

Front row: Brian Hays,
Campbell MacGibbon.

SWIMMING and DIVING

Ruapehu students took over the Burns Pool, Waiouru on February 8th, but this year they did so with a difference. In past years the major flaw in the swimming sports has been lack of participation. This year Mrs Campbell devised a new format, which was well received with many swimmers relishing the shorter width and novelty races. The only flaw was the lack of time available as the day finished after only four or five novelty events.

All events were timed finals. These were held during the first half of the day. During the second half, non-championship one-width races were run in which there was huge interest shown by non-club swimmers. Novelty events which included a tyre race, a pj's and flutter board race, one with life belts and flippers, a balloon race and a polo ball crawl were also of interest to these swimmers, although it was difficult to stop everyone from joining in.

"Can't stop this Kiwi Kid"

Competitors were eager to get into the pool, none more than Clay Winter who sped three-quarters of the way down the pool only to find the start had been a false one.

Students this year seemed to swim with more confidence and competitiveness. Kristine Clark amassed an excellent 35 points out of a possible 36 points for Weka. Charmian Oh and Jaron Vince each earned 34 points out of the possible 36. Those who did not compete played their part by supporting fellow whanau members.

At the end of the day several were thoroughly exhausted, many with blood shot eyes but still in high spirits.

The day was given an extra special touch with the announcement of Miss McEwing's long awaited engagement which almost outshone the announcement of the whanau results.

Champion Swimmers

Senior Girls	Senior Boys
1 C Thompson	1 J Vince
2 S Cooney	2 S McDonough
3 R Mowat	3 G Taura
Intermediate Girls	Intermediate Boys
1 C Oh	1 J Mackay
2 R Te Huia	2 A Mareikura
3 C Bishop	3 J Hays
Junior Girls	Junior Boys
1 K Clark	1 D Vince
2 M Mowat	2 S Hammond
3= H Mackay	3 R Bulman
3= D Donaldson	

Champion Swimmers of 1995

Back Row

Margaret Mowat, Kristine Clark, Hayley Mackay, Charmian Oh

Front Row

Justin Mackay, Danley Vince

Non-Championship Winners:

Senior Girls	Senior Boys
1 A Mills	1 D Gray
2 T Nation	2 G Most
3 V Parker	3= A Murdie
	3= M Tuhoro
Intermediate Girls	Intermediate Boys
1 S J Allerby	1 P Akurangi
2 T Hawira	2= D Forster
3 A Praeter	2= R Lawrance
Junior Girls	Junior Boys
1 D Ruki	1 A Brown
2= J Martin	2 T Mareikura
2= K Newton	3 R Ormand

Whanau Placings

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

As usual, the follow on from swimming was diving at the Raetihi pool. As with swimming, there was greater participation and the winners were: Senior Girl - C Thompson, Intermediate Girl - R Te Huia, Junior Girl - J Murdie, Senior Boy - A Murdie, Intermediate Boy - N Gupwell and Junior Boy - A Brown. First with 55 points was Huia, close behind with 48 points was Tui, third was Weka with 32 points and alas Kiwi was fourth again with 26 points.

C Oh and T Lumsden



SQUASH

Back Row: Darren Triggell, Kelly Thrupp, Sarah Lind

Second Row: Jason Bright, Jenny Murdie, Katrina Marsh, Daniel Forster,

Front Row: Greg Tuthill, Shane Thrupp



VOLLEYBALL

The year started with a number of students showing an interest in playing volleyball. Volleyball practices were few and far between, mainly due to the resurfacing of the gymnasium floor. Attempts at outside practices were usually not worthwhile due to strong cross winds. When other winter sports activities got their teams going, we were down to 15 players still interested in playing volleyball.

Two mixed teams were entered into the first round of the Wanganui Secondary Schools Competition. When we entered this competition we requested to play every second Tuesday, to help reduce travelling costs. The competition started at 6:00 pm and usually finished after 9:30. In the first round games were 30 minutes long and each team played at least three games with a maximum of five games each night. Our 'A' team led the competition after this round. The second round had two sections. The top section contained eight teams. The top 4 teams were very competitive and the team from Wanganui City College seemed the team to beat. In our first match against City College, we won the first set but drew the game when they were leading in the second set when time ran out. All three games we played against City College were very close, but we did not manage to win any of them. City College did not win the

competition, and games they defaulted to Wanganui Girls College allowed Girls College to win the competition. Because we did not play as many games as the rest of the top section, final placing had to be determined by dividing the total competition points earned by the number of games played. We were placed second by 0.01 of a point.

We had a very enjoyable eight trips through to Wanganui and the winter weather did not make the trip impossible even on the day Waiouru pupils did not attend school because of the snow. A quick stop at Macdonald's for tea and off to Springvale Stadium became the regular routine. The strength of the team was their commitment on the court with a number of desperate scrambles needed to get the ball back over the net. The limited number of practices held once the competition started meant a number of the other teams improved more than we did during the season and game scores got closer as the season progressed.

Some of the season highlights would have to include John Hays with his jump serve and Paul Brown's quick spikes close to the net. Shaun McDonough unsettled many a team with some well placed push shots to open spaces in the opponent's court. The highlight of the season must go to Shey Rangiihu for the two-handed block of a City College spiker. This particular player plays for the New Zealand under 17 boys team. Shey's block put the ball straight on to the floor at his feet.

D. Hynes

A Volleyball Team

Back Row: Mr Hynes
Glenn Most
Paul Brown
Second Row: Shey Rangiihu
Morwenna Herewini
Denise Waerea
Tonia Lumsden
Front Row: Brian Hays
Shaun McDonough
Campbell Crossan



THE WEIRD and the... HACKY SACK

This is an exciting game that you can play in or outside. You can get sun, exercise and entertainment, by laughing at the pathetic attempts of others to kick a small sack of material, slightly larger than a golf ball, filled with tiny beads.

Admittedly this is a game more suited to people in pants or shorts, and at school this is mainly the boys. They have the freedom of movement and are able to try the more complicated fancy manoeuvres and kicks of great height, whereas most of us female hacky players are unable to kick higher than the knee without receiving calls of "AH! SNOWBLIND!" But what we lack in movement we make up for in skill.

To those just beginning to play hacky, beware of those who claim to be experts, for example the "I-am-better-at-home" type, who, when with an audience can hardly make two consecutive shots without the sack flying off at a ninety degree angle or flinging up to smack the person right in the face. Ignore the more serious players who shout "Commitment to the game, please!" as you yet again miss the sack. Don't worry. By this time next year you will either be an expert at this game or a beginner in another weird but popular game.

D Rodger



...POPULAR TOP TOWN

Hapu challenged hapu in February in eighteen Top Town competition events which included a gumboot and medicine ball dash, a quiz, a tent pitch, basket ball shooting and a balloon sit. The outcome was a first for Tui DF. Second was Huia KH, third Weka JV with Kiwi RM in fourth position.

TOUCH

Sports Co-ordinator, Mrs Campbell, introduced inter-whanau lunchtime touch, a move which excited many, as various students had already voiced their wish for beginning a touch tournament.

The competition was divided into junior and senior levels and gave our budding touch players a chance to show their talents. The less-than-keen hapu members on whom the competition depended for complete success did not always come to the party but even their non-appearance did not put a dampener on the whole competition.

All games were played in a good spirit with Kiwi and Huia showing the most talent followed by Tui, then Weka.

NISSSC

Secondary students from around New Zealand once again took to the slopes of Mt Ruapehu in the annual North Island Secondary Schools Ski Competition hosted by our college. The competition, which is now in its fifteenth year, was held on Whakapapa's Magic Mountain on September 18, 19 and 20. This year there were 123 schools entered with over 600 competitors.

Unfortunately bad weather caused racing to be cancelled on Monday 18 September, but Tuesday dawned a perfect spring day with crisp snow and warm temperatures.

After the timed giant slalom on Day One the Ruapehu College team were lying in 2nd= place. Individual placings for our team were: Todd Haywood, 1st Senior Men, Daniel Richards, 6th Junior Men, Scott Nation, 15th Junior Men, Darren Triggell, 22nd Senior Men., Kaye Murdie

South Island Championships. Nelson schools have participated in the North Island event over recent years so it was felt that it was a good time to pay them a return visit.

The Ruapehu College teams to compete were: Todd Haywood, Kaye Murdie, Daniel Richards, Misty Smith, Scott Nation, Rebecca McMaster, Darren Triggell, Kandace Smiler, Shanon Hays, Jenny Murdie.

The boys were the fastest timed team in the competition although as a North Island entry they were ineligible for the trophy. The girls team skied well but two falls lead to an unfavourable result.

NETBALL JUNIOR B

Back row: D Ruke, L Waara
Middle row: B Marsh, A Fraser, E Newton
Front row: K Newton



JUNIOR A

Back row: S Rihia, T Hemara, D Ruke, R Clarke,
L. Herewini, J Kiri, L Sullivan
Front row: (kneeling) N Williams (Coach)



SENIOR A

Back row: D Pakinga, S Rangiihu, T Edwards,
A Hiscox, M Mowat
Front row: T Ngatai (Coach), R Mareikura,
B Cleary, K Clark, J Cresswell



SENIOR B

Back row: L Haitana, R May, C Condon, R Brown
Front row: C Morgan, P Mareikura, M Akapita



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At the Chalk Face

Te Reo Maori

Ka, mihi atu mi a Kaoutou Katoa
He tanga te reo ia tau ia tau

Maori language year 1995 is being celebrated all over Aoteroa, and we celebrate within our school.

The essence of our culture is the language. Language is essential to communication. It feels good to communicate in our own language.

This year apart from the usual fun and games learning in 'Te Reo' we have had various excursions. The fifth form class went outdoor bowling during the summer time. Learning the new vocabulary as well as the game was no mean feat. Fourth form went to the home economics room to test their ability in following recipes in 'Te Reo'.

Cultural activities and practices are an extension of Maori language and a large number started off the year in 'Te Roopu mahi a ringa'.

As the work load increased numbers dwindled a little, but the band of loyal and committed students remained.

Speech competitions were held in April and then our school was host to the Wanganui Taranaki secondary schools for the regionals of 'Nga Whauataetae Manu Kohero'. Our students got a placing in all sections, with Tomairanga Mareikura topping the 'Rawhiti Ihaka' - Junior Maori

section. Her success and third placing at the national contest in Auckland was a credit to her, the school, and the elders who helped develop her potential.

In May our group welcomed new Principal Mr Lane, and then in September we escorted Deputy Principal Mr Parker to Patea where he had been appointed principal.

Our group was busy preparing an end of year presentation centred on our mountains, their history and activity in 1995.

Our department is a busy, vital part of our school.

Nga tauira

Whallarongo nga ranatahi!

He maha nga huanga o te ako i te reo Maori.

Ko te reo to taonga tuku iho a kui ma akoro ma. Me mau tatou ki nga taonga o nga tupuna. Ka tika tena Ki te Korero i te reo Maori. Ko te reo te mauri pupuri i to tatou maoritanga. Kia Kore ai e ngaro he KaKano, ruia mai, Rangiatea.

I te reo maori, Ka ako Matou, Ki te reo me nga tikanga Maori me te pou to Ko manawa te tura o nga iwi Maori e pupu ake ai te mana, te ihi, te wehi o te Maori. Ko te reo hoki hei tathuhu rno te hinengaro, hei tikitiki mo mahunga.

Ka Kore to reo, Ka Kore te iwi maori. No reira Kia tatou Katoa, kia Kaha Kia manawanui, whaia te tika, Kia mau te taonga o ou tatou tupuna.

Kia noho te ariki ki a koutou i o ou mahi ako.
naku na.

M. Hori



Mana

On Monday 10th July, for the cost of only two dollars, students were treated to a production by the Artists-in Education-Touring-Scheme of *Mana*, an absorbing play about the closing of a freezing works and how this affected one family who had worked there. Starting with the wrongful act of the mythical Rona and flowing into the story of the life of a television reporter finding her family, the play examined several themes related to what happens when a person's mana is trampled on. The play encouraged audience participation. Two students accepted small parts and the Culture Group got to perform in the pre-wedding scene, much to the delight of the audience.

(Anyone for "tapuware"?)



English

With the new curriculum document coming into school, much of the focus has been on familiarization with the issues and changes and working towards adapting programmes to meet the changes. The English Department has been involved in the contract to implement the new syllabus

At forms three and four the programmes have been restructured to provide a balance of the three strands - written, oral, visual. Assessment issues are being looked at with a wide range of assessments being developed. Teaching strategies are also being examined with greater emphasis on student-centred learning. In the senior school, programmes have been adapted to reflect the balance of the three strands. Further major changes will come into force when unit standards for English became available.

Mr I Mackay

Back to Basics

We, along with the rest of the country were wondering about the state of English basics and are happy to report our findings from heartland New Zealand:

We "look forwards to seeing "homies wearing baggy jeans, jackets and bananas" who "are loyal because they sick up for each other".

And did you know that
"Teenagers these days rely on the doll"?
and that
"She could yous hand gestures"?

and that
"mall" is possibly the opposite of "femall"??

"Too mush!" or as we say in the vernacular,
"tumeke".

Ed



Guidance

As this will be my last report as guidance counsellor of Ruapehu College, I thought I might take the opportunity to reflect on nine and a half years. As counsellor my job has been wide and different from the normal teacher load. The hours also differ greatly at times with some calls arriving at 10pm and the session ending at midnight. Also the call outs in the weekends. However I have enjoyed the position and the variety it has brought.

It has been extremely rewarding in many cases helping students, families and staff through times of crisis. There has also been a sense of frustration when it has been impossible to help in other situations.

Today's teenagers do have a lot of pressures on them to perform, achieve, conform etc. However as long as they are treated fairly and have firm guide-lines then life becomes easier.

Today's teenagers are better informed, better educated so they need to be treated differently than in the days of their parents. I feel this is what brings conflict within families and classrooms today. The days of belting and yelling at them to conform are over. Other strategies need to be put in place. Here lies the difficulty. Many parents only have their parents as role models as to how to bring up families and because times have changed. The "it never did me any harm, I turned out all right" days are gone.

To all the students who have been for counselling over the years, thank you for sharing your problems. You have certainly made me more aware as a person. It is not possible to share with you all the traumas, pain and heartache of these children. The sexual, physical and mental abuse that many have suffered have made it very painful at times to get students back to normal - in some cases impossible.

The best part of this job has been opening the horizons of our students. The visits to the universities, polytechnics and other institutions have been rewarding. Seeing our students plan a future, go for it and finally make it.

My time at Ruapehu College has been made easier by all those I have taught with. Thank you for your assistance and understanding over the years. It has been great.

To the students, thank you for your confidence and trust. I hope I have helped you or brightened your day as you have mine.

I am looking forward to the challenge of being the Deputy Principal at Ohakune Primary. The stability of taking a class will take time to readjust to, but the positive feed-back since my appointment has been heartening.

Thankyou everyone for and enjoyable, rewarding and challenging nine and a half years. All the best in the future.

Wayne Marsh

Library

The library has continued to grow this year. We have processed 214 new books this year 40 of which were donated by the 1994 School council. A second computer with a CD-ROM drive was installed during the year thanks to a grant from the McKenzie Trust and we were lucky enough to have the Encarta 95 and Dangerous Creatures CD-ROMs provided with the computer. The Index New Zealand CD-ROM was well used during the year by students wishing to find magazine articles for their research projects.

We have been very lucky to have Miss Fiona Mills working in the library during the third term. Fiona has relabelled all the books in the library which makes it much easier for students to find books and to ensure they are reshelfed correctly. This has been an enormous task, carried out very efficiently, and it has been a pleasure for staff and students to have Fiona working in the library. Ruapehu College will be participating in the National Library's School Libraries 2000 Focus programme next year. This will assist us to establish a plan for the direction the development of the Library will take over the next 5 years.

During the week 19-23 June, Ruapehu College celebrated Library Week. This was to promote use of the library. Guest speaker, Mrs George spoke on the procedures involved in publishing her book, *Ohakune, Opening to a New World* and also lent for display her hand-made doll, Raana, the storyteller. Staff drew attention to the library as an ideal meeting place when they decided to hold their Monday evening meeting there. Karen Kyle was the winner of the Library Week quiz. Mrs W McCaskill, the school librarian, thanked Mr F Broadbent new owner of Berry's Bookshop for donating the winner's prize, a \$10 gift voucher. The National Library inspired this event and Mrs Wendy McCaskill who was responsible for organizing the various events hoped that everyone who was involved enjoyed themselves.

K. Evans

Remedial

The Remedial Department has undergone a revival this year with lots of students taking advantage of the extra tutoring in reading and maths. Thanks to the generous offer of time given by Mrs Journeaux, Mrs Littlewood, Mrs Horne, Sue Cooper, Fiona Mills and Trish Tuthill, many third and fourth formers spent an hour a week practising word sounds, reading exciting stories and sometimes working on the computer to aid their reading and word recognition skills. Another group of third formers had Form 7 peer tutors this year who spent one hour a week helping them with their reading and school work. Thanks go to Sandra Smith, Kellie Lumsden, Adrian Fetzer and Vanessa Parker for giving up one precious study period per week. During the second term Mrs Knight gave reading assistance to students in some third form Science classes. Mrs Knight enjoyed doing the experiments and helping to write them up!

Many students who have been to the reading room in Term

3 have been tested using the new Waikato Reading Assessment Tests which give a more accurate indication of reading ability and reading age levels.

Special thanks must go to Mrs K Oliver who has been a reader for students sitting external examinations. All students have been successful in these examinations. Mrs Savell has been tutoring students who need extra help with aspects of Maths every Wednesday this year. She has been doing such a good job that they all want to go more than once!

Mrs Knight and Mrs Savell have both been pleased with the remedial work which has happened in 1995. It is great to see students coming and asking for extra help with their studies.



Science

The Science Department has gone through a series of changes this year. New staff member, Mrs Trask, joined our team, new syllabus, for fifth form science and new New Zealand Science Curriculum for third and fourth forms.

All year Science teachers have been trialing new units for Junior Science and spending time re-writing and amending. Both the third form and the fourth form Science Fairs were well supported with plenty of entries. The standard seems to 'rise' every year and the judges certainly had difficulty choosing between the many good projects.

In the future the assessment of Unit Standards in addition to the present examination system will provide pupils with alternatives. All in all, we hope science will go from strength to strength in the coming years.

S Buck

Junior Science Fair

Fourth Form Science Fair projects were judged by R Lane, S Murdie, and C Tuttle. The winners were 1st Megan Windle, Carina McNie, Karen Kyle, Vicky Beech; 2nd Steven Sue, Tipene Mareikura, Shiloh Mareikura, 3rd- Sean Barclay. Highly Commended were Michael Proude and Andrew Bates. The 3rd Form Science Fair was judged by G Barclay, P Walker, and K Grimwald. The third form winners were: 1st - Christopher Downman, Matthew Bishop. 2nd - Shane Thrupp, Matthew Deadman. 3rd - Paul McGill, Douglas Barclay. Highly Commended was Dallas Ruki, Keri Bates, Mary Bishop, Bojan Legner, Dion Nicholls, Wayne Metekingi, Dwayne Condon. When asked how this year's Science Fair compared to other years, Mrs Buck said that this year's had a much higher standard. Mrs Buck also said that the reason we have a Science Fair is to encourage students to see a project through to the end. Students learned how to plan and carry out a research project.

Mathematics

Mr. Laurenson acted as deputy principal for the first term but with Mr Lane's appointment as principal in term two, Mr. Hynes filled in as acting Head of Mathematics in terms one and three. The administrative difficulties were compounded by the fact that a number of mathematics teachers this year were new to the school.

This year was the first for the new sixth form course which follows the implementation of the new curriculum for forms three to five. Third form classes went to the new text book after Easter. Books for the new curriculum at fourth and fifth form level are still to be published. The seventh form mathematics courses will be implemented in 1996. The New Zealand Certificate course has been replaced by the Maths Applied 1 (MAP 1) and Maths Applied 2 (MAP 2) courses. We chose to continue with the NZ Certificate course for this year but Ms Gibson's MAP 1 and MAP 2 courses will operate next year.

A number of students entered mathematics competitions with the largest national competition being the Australian competition. Nineteen Ruapehu students entered this competition with Danielle Rodger receiving a distinction award. Emma Forster, Daniel Forster, Saija Groonros and Sandra Smith received credit awards. We had a few sixth and seventh students enter the BNZ competition. Ei Leen Voon was placed in the National Bank competition. Ruapehu College also entered a number of teams into the Wanganui Mathematics Quiz (Mathex), with a couple of fourth places our top results there. The future will see further changes as new systems of evaluation and qualifications continue to be implemented. The new qualification framework should see credits earned throughout the year, therefore giving recognition for levels achieved without completing the full course.

D Hynes

Metal Work

Another busy year has passed for the Metalwork Department with in excess of 70 students working in this area. The concepts of design and building continue to be grasped enthusiastically by students at all levels. All students at fourth form level have this year attained their stage one Lathe Operators Certificate and their stage one Gas Welding Certificate which is a great improvement on previous years.

Third form numbers were up on previous years with some excellent craft and design skills being displayed. Congratulations to Peter Billett for being the first student to gain a 100% mark for form three metalcraft.

The numbers of students at form five workshop technology declined over the year but the standard of work did not.

look forward to having many of this years students return in 1996 to produce more exiting work.

Richard Milne

Music

Music classes have continued once a week for all form three classes on a ten week cycle this year. Ten weeks is not long to accomplish much but all form three students had a taste of music theory, appreciation, listen, playing with instruments and creating their own music. In 1996 the music department hopes to have a new home -one that will be more soundproof, with better facilities and more equipment. It will be exciting to be able to experiment without worrying about noise level. Unfortunately the college was not able to secure the services of an itinerant instrumental teacher. This was a pity as so many students were keen to learn the guitar, clarinet and saxophone. We shall keep trying to get tutors although isolation is a problem.

Mr Buck spent one hour a week this year tutoring six students on brass instruments. They are progressing nicely and some have made it to the Waimarino Brass Band.

J Knight

Typing

The 1995 school year began with much confusion in the Typing Department. Being an exchange teacher from Canada, I did not understand the New Zealand education system, I had no idea what things like 'hapu' and 'whanau' were, and worst of all, I could not pronounce anybody's names.

We decided that the focus of our year would be an improvement in typing technique and a greater proficiency with word processing programs oops programmes. It seemed that the classes were progressing well. Over 30 students sat Pitmans Word Processing Examinations in September and we eagerly awaited our results. (It is tough to 'eagerly await' for eight weeks). The results of the Intermediate Examination arrived on 9 November and they verified what was suspected - we have some fine students here at Ruapehu College. Fifteen students sat the examination and fifteen students met the challenge of achieving a 98.5% standard of accuracy. Thirteen of those students thought that a 'pass' was not good enough for them and so achieved greater than a 99% standard of accuracy and were awarded a 'first class pass'. Results for the elementary examination had not been received at the time this magazine had been put to bed but we are sure that they will be equally impressive. Congratulations to all!

I would like to sign off by saying good-bye to all those who shared some part of the year with me and would like to thank all those who contributed to making my year so enjoyable by being warm, friendly, funny or motivated and by showing me the best of your personalities. We shared a lot of laughs and a big part of our lives and I will miss you.

Multiple Studies Programme

Multiple Studies students have had a productive and varied year. There has been a commitment to group activities and responsibilities, such as caring for the gardens out at the Rangataua School and organising lunchtime concerts featuring popular music such as Joint Force. We have been busy with individual projects, work experience in particular.

Work Experience placements have included; Utopia Cafe, Fully Turoa Technical Centre, John Anderson Panel Beating, Wanganui Motors, Images Hairdressers, Kiddicare and Hairforce in Wanganui. All these businesses have given us tremendous support and we are very grateful.

All Multiple Studies students have been part of the Polytechnic Link that has been available this year through the Careers Service or the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand. Courses such as Agriculture, Communications, Tourism, Business Management, Computing, Childcare, Catering and many other vocational papers have been made available to M.S.P. students and also to those from the wider school community.

K Gibson

Transition

Catering

In early March, a group of ten students went down to Wanganui Community Polytechnic to participate in the Catering Course (Module One). Later in the year the same ten students completed a total of four modules in the catering course which offered culinary, waiting and cheffing skills.

"We had a massive time. It was a really good experience for us and we are looking forward to going down to complete the other three modules."

Design at the Palmerston North School of Design

Four of our students attended a five day pre-entry design course in Palmerston North this term. The course was offered to the school, free of charge, so that students interested in drawing and design could get 'a taste' of what a career in the design area would be like.

The tutor said the students were "better than any previous pre-entry student". He said that he had never had "visiting students so relaxed, articulate and pleasant to have around" and complimented their work as first rate, original and professional. Raymond Hemopo, William Wood, George Taura and Paul Brown have all been invited to apply for positions in the design course next year. If they are successful, they will receive a year of polytechnic study with all course fees and costs paid for them. Thanks in particular go to Mrs Mercia Wood who took the students down to Palmerston North and was 'mum' to them for the week.

Forestry

The morning started when all the fellas jumped in the van. Our group was made up of eight people. Andrew Beggs, our course supervisor, drove the van down to the bush. We had to stop in Raetihi to pick up some of the lad's lunch. At 10:00am we reached a gate which would take us to the section of the bush which we would be pruning. The van was unlocked and Corgie brought the stereo up with him. After a solid morning's work it was time to knock off for lunch and a game of hide and seek. We got back into the pruning for the afternoon and then Andrew drove us home to some Bob Marley. Martin, Hubba and myself were the new fellas to the group but that day we learned to prune.

Joel Gray

Childcare

As part of M.S.P work experience, I worked at the Kiddie Care Creche in Whanganui seven hours a day for two weeks, doing tasks such as changing nappies and preparing food. I was responsible for childrens' activities. I fed babies (the youngest was two months old), cleaned up after the children, did general childcare, read to and did artwork with the children, folded washing and watched the children in the playground. Working for Georgina Keegan, with half a dozen other people was a great experience that has helped me decide to continue in the childcare area.

Beverley Yewen

Ski Tuning

Our link ski tuning course was in early Term Two at the Ohakune Ski Shed with the very friendly staff who work there. The course taught us how to be friendly to customers, how to set ski bindings, boots and lots of things like that. The thing that was good about this course, was that it taught us about how much work there was in the area and how we could get work if we were interested.

Chad Woodhouse

Wood Turning

On Thursday 2 March MSP students had a chance to do a wood turning course at the Dreadnought Mill. The course was taken by Andrew Beggs. What we learned on the course was how to make wooden bowls on a lathe. We went out into the Winstones Forest to collect wood to make our bowls. We also learnt how to help each other by asking for advice and assistance. Andrew was a lifesaver at times. He kept a sharp eye on us. I think the course would be great for everyone to try.

Nathaniel Ranginui.

Joint Force

Joint Force came to Ruapehu College as part of a Multiple Studies Programme fundraiser for a class trip to Wellington.

Joint Force was a school Hip Hop Show featuring O.J Slave and DLT, special guest Teremoana Rapley and reggae refreshments from Stinky Jim and Mighty Asterix. Joint Force toured a number of places throughout New Zealand including The Hot Lava and Ruapehu College.

When being interviewed on TV, Joint Force stated that Ohakune people were friendly and nice and that Ruapehu College was the hottest place they had played at.

Social Studies

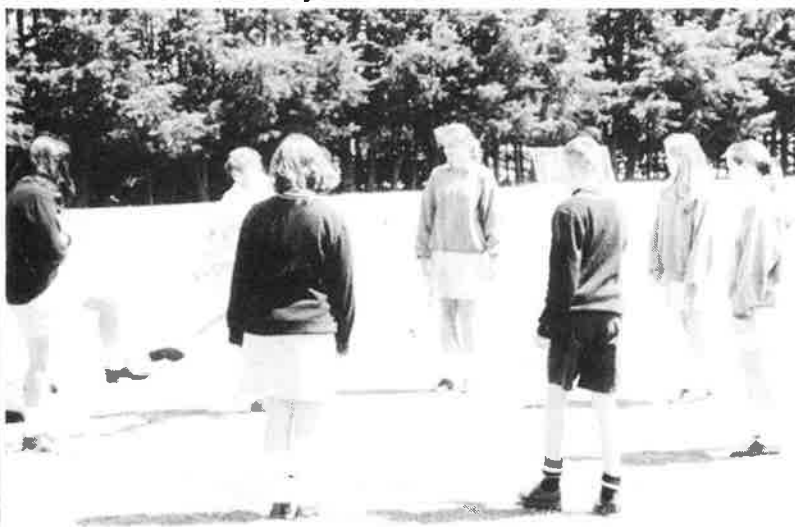
1995 saw the beginning of big changes to Social Studies as the new proposed curriculum for the new National Framework was released. The new programme did not differ greatly from the old syllabus except in the areas of assessment and skills development.

The new curriculum was only draft form and schools were asked to make comments on it. The staff in the Social Studies Department held a series of meetings in the second term to discuss the document and to make suggestions on it. There was a number of areas there there was some concern and the final result saw a submission on the Curriculum being forwarded to Wellington for consideration. At present, the curriculum is still being used and the final new curriculum will be released in 1996.

During the year, Social Studies staff have been involved in a curriculum review and also a professional development programme run by Murray Brown from Palmerston North College of Education. This programme was aimed at becoming familiar with the new syllabus and also preparing some units of work for the new courses. Mr Knight and Mr Buck were both involved in the unit writing programme. The target of preparing one unit for the new curriculum was met, not with one unit but with two. Over the next 2 years, the scheme of the department will be revised again and new units put together. It is hoped the department will be involved with a further contract aimed at developing the new curriculum further in 1996.

There are exciting times in Social Studies ahead. 1995 has been a good year. The course has continued to use the "Newspapers in Education" material as produced by the Dominion and some outstanding work in current events has been completed.

Staff in the Social Studies department in 1995 were Mr Buck, Mr Knight, Mrs Voon and Mrs Parker. In Term 3, Mr French replaced Mrs Parker when the Parker family moved to Patea.



History

1995 saw the beginning of curriculum change in History to develop unit standards in line with the proposed National Certificate. Draft unit standards were issued during the year and a detailed submission on the proposals was forwarded to the appropriate authority in Term 2. At present, there has been no further notification on any changes to these proposals and the final document has not been received.

During Term 1, Mr Buck attended the local History Teachers conference which was held at Palmerston North. This proved to be one of the most worthwhile courses offered for professional development and updating information, especially for senior classes involving New Zealand History.

There was ample opportunity to share material and develop some new ideas. The food was good also.

In the College, History is alive and well, with good classes at all levels. A smaller Form 5 class meant only one class was offered this year. However, the standard was high, especially in the Internal Assessment for School Certificate. All the students have to do now is perform as well in the final examinations. Two field trips were carried out; one to Ohakune Junction and the other to Waiouru Museum.

Form 6 was a large class compared with other years and the competitiveness and enthusiasm for good results was very high. Extremely good results were gained by all students, with all students completing every piece of assessed work for Form 6 Certificate. The two highlights would have to be the Wellington Field trip and the Oral History component.

This year, the Form 6 students were asked by the Ruapehu Bulletin to write a series of articles from interviews with local people who would remember the eruptions of Mount Ruapehu in 1945. Armed with a tape recorder and notebooks, they interviewed a group of local people and then wrote articles which were published in the newspaper for a number of weeks. The work was carried out only a short time before the mountain burst into life again, something most of the people interviewed did not expect to happen.

Field trips were important in the Form 7 course as well. Two trips to Wellington and one to Tauranga kept students busy on course assignments. This group of students had a more disrupted year when Mr Parker left at the end of Term 2 to be replaced by Mr French in Term 3.

1995 has been a good year for History at Ruapehu College. May 1996 be even better.

N Buck

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The 1995 Form 7 Mangatepopo Valley Field Trip.

March 21st

All ten seventh form Geography students once again mustered the courage to trek with RJ Knight up and around the Mangatepopo Valley. We still remembered the "hard out" sixth form trip and thought the same level of fitness would be involved. Unfortunately we were wrong.

The weather was not tropical, as we climbed Pukeonake to draw a cross section. The wind was galeforce, and maybe if old "chocolate mouse Nation" had read the abney level correctly, things would have

been a bit faster.

By the time we had climbed Pukeonake and completed Task One, we were HUNGRY, and the hike back to the arrived, it was pouring with rain, and we were "REALLY HUNGRY".

As all seventh formers are built like machines, we had to feed the machines and then stoke it to the lava flows of Ngauruhoe for a speedy transect exercise. Some of us never made it through, and had a relaxing time in the minivan admiring the German view. The others arrived back 30 minutes later looking worn out. We stoked it back to college with Rick the Truckie.

It was a unique experience.

V Parker



On Pukeonake - the hill of the knackered ones

From L to R: A Fetzer, M Smith, T Nation, K Lumsden, V Parker, R Hays, R Mowat, S. Gronroos, C Dolman.

O.E Report

Exciting things are happening on the Outdoor Ed scene at Ruapehu College. It may not seem so when you look at what took place this year. We had third form camps at the beginning of the year only one fourth form camp went ahead and Form 3 and 4 Activities week has an exciting programme, but that's about it. This was because Outdoor Education has been in transition stage this year. We have spent the year identifying problems and looking at the best ways of solving them. As a result Richard Milne and myself have been working with Susan Millar-Thevenard, the Outdoor Recreation Advisor from Palmerston North College of Education, putting together a comprehensive safety management system for Outdoor Education in our school. We have also looked closely at streamlining our programme so that students get more quality experiences in the outdoors, and we hope to offer an exciting programme at all levels in 1996. During the year we have also made some exciting contacts with providers and instructors who are keen to help us improve our programme for next year. Outdoor recreation in New Zealand is experiencing huge changes at present in order to make the field more accountable, safer and more enjoyable. This has filtered through to our school and we look forward to implementing an excellent programme in the future.

K Campbell

Physical Education

It has been both an exciting and a frustrating year in the Phys Ed Department. Best I get on with the frustrations first! Who would have thought that such an exciting project as the replacement of our floor with a beautiful Tasmanian oak parquet, sprung floor, would cause so many headaches - the January 31st completion date was not met; the sharp angle iron cut feet, the painted lines flaked off, court dimensions were incorrect... More than anything, these things inconvenienced both students and the community who were unable to use the facility for much longer than anticipated.

And then there was 'The Fridge'. I was really excited about the prospect of having our gym room for 6 cert P.E adjacent to the gym, but it soon became apparent that it was necessary to wear thermal underwear, woolly socks and a woollen hat to prevent mild hypothermia during a lesson! Luckily, we phased-type people, both teachers and students, are such a flexible lot!

On the other hand, there have been many highlights in the Phased Department this year. Participation has been at an all-time high this year. Even Hayley took part from time to time! And some of our better alpine sportsmen managed to get their butts off the foyer floor and put smiles on their faces. Well done everyone. It all makes for a healthier, happier you.

Beep Record!

In day-to-day classes mention should be made of John Hays, Andrew Murdie and Shaun McDonough who performed with distinction in the 5 Star Awards gaining 5 Stars in both pentathlon and decathlon and gaining highest possible points in these events.

In all forms, the beep test (that favourite tape with the sound that you all love to hate the most!) was performed with some excellent results. The highest level was reached by Stewart Hammond (14.8)!

Handball

In Term Two the new game of handball, was introduced. We had two players from the N.Z Handball Association (one of whom is in the N.Z Women's team) give a clinic to all our senior classes and we ended the term with a tournament, which was won by "The Idges", the class of Hubbard, Hynes and Marsh.

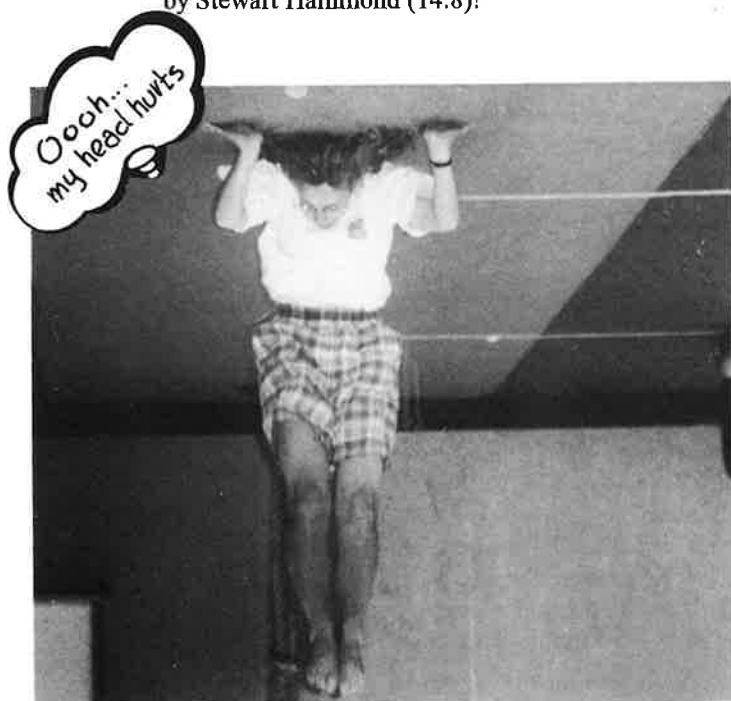
Not to be forgotten were the pre-ball dance classes. There were far too many twinkle toes among you to mention by name. However, I would like to make a special mention of all you males who thought ballroom dancing was for grandmas and poofters but still gave it your best shot. "Strictly Ballroom" eat your heart out!

Our recent gymnastics unit was very popular and students young and old showed skills, stunts and sometimes stupidity in their awesome performances in the pit, and on the trampoline.

The latest craze in Ruapehu College gymnastics is "the dunk". Adapted from the All American Basketball game, and aided by the addition of a mini tramp and a foam ball or cube, many a student has flown through the air, sometimes nearly through the backboard, performing dunks that Air Jordon and Magic Johnson would be in awe of.

Form 7 Friday Recreation

As always, one of the perks of my job has been working with Form 7 Friday Recreation. We have done everything from Dead Ants and Afternoon Tea on the Volleyball court to what looked like Dead Ants on the Rock Wall at Waiouru (especially when you cast your mind back to Dan Fournier after his last climb!) And in between we have golfers, scuba divers, water polo players, rollerbladers... The highlight would probably be the high ropes course in the heavens of the Waiouru Gym where 7th formers were adrenalin buzzed and overcame fears to perform amazing stunts usually saved for the circus. A special mention to Sandra Smith who pushed herself so hard to reach Keano Reeves on the roof of the gym, and of course to Lana for her illustrious performance with the ladder.





Mount Ruapehu Surf Team

Finally the Water Based Camp at Lake Wairua, just south of Wanganui was awesome. All of the seven students left in the course did amazingly well and mastered the art of windsurfing before forming the inaugural Mt Ruapehu Surf Team.

All 'n all it has been a great year in the Phys Ed Department. Whether you enjoy physical activity as a recreation, always remembered that in whatever form, physical activity will enhance your quality of life.

Mrs K Campbell



Sixth Form Certificate PE

I keep talking about highlights, but my absolute highlight this year has been the reintroduction of sixth form cert P E and the Class of '95 who were my guinea pigs for the year. I would like to hope that this course is here to stay and that in the near future a seventh form course may be offered. Sport, fitness and recreation career opportunities are ever increasing and this course is a very good grounding for anyone interested in pursuing a career in this area. We covered some really interesting content, had some great life experiences and a lot of fun during the year. The practical component included a mountaineering camp on Mt Ruapehu where we were introduced to basic mountaineering skills, navigation skills, skiing and working together at problem solving activities in the snow.

Triathlon

All students gave their best in the triathlon at Waiouru. Well done, everyone, and especially to Ears for his outstanding performance and Matty for his personal endeavour and achievement.

Economics

We had a new look Economics Department in 1995 with a new teacher Miss Nicola Williams, and a new programme for the fourth form. As we look forward to 1996 some change are in the pipeline for third and fourth Economics as the subject becomes disguised as Consumer Studies. It can only mean better and brighter things.

The Enterprise Studies programme in the fourth form lead to a very practical year which was topped off by the students running their own business venture on Parent-Teacher interview night- a great life for the teacher and students alike. As for the seniors, after the initial tests and trials I think we have had a very successful year with a lot of growing up done by all, and hey, "While I was in America - "...

N Williams

Stock Market Scandal

The Sixth Form Economics class ventured on to the stock market earlier in March in a secondary schools stock market game. The economics teacher, Miss Nicola Williams was the co-ordinator for the three groups Alpha Beta Gamma, Ruapehu Enterprises and Daniel-Tania.

All was going smoothly until decision time in Week Two when the groups were asked to make a choice: whether they wanted to sell, buy or keep the shares. When the groups Alpha Beta Gamma and Daniel-Tania went to make the second decision on their allocated disks they found all shares had been wiped and there was no trace of the game or the culprit. The money had been embezzled.



Home Economics

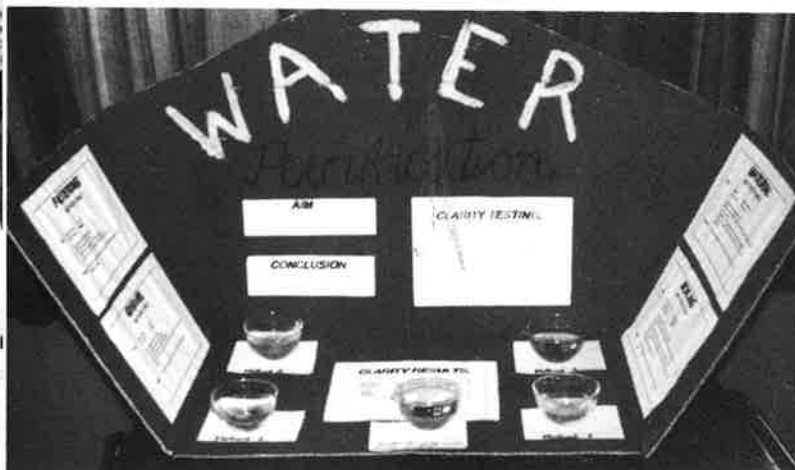
We were off to a winning start with plenty of entries in the Waimarino A & P Show in February. It has become an annual tradition for the Home Economics classes to churn out bran muffins, shortbread and queencakes for the competition and each year our students have achieved placings. Our winners this year were Devalin Reweti (1st) and Morwenna Herewini (3rd) in the shortbread section. **Congratulations!**

The number of students wanting to take fifth form Home Economics this year was high enough to have two classes! That is quite an achievement in a school the size of ours. However, at the same time, the sixth form class was so small that the two students have had to struggle with correspondence work to continue their Home Economics. Numbers are looking more promising for next year's sixth form class.

Once again we have benefited from the generosity of King Country Energy. A new stove and a microwave were presented to the Home Economics Department at the Parent-Teacher Interview Night in October. It is because of the "Stoves in Schools" programme they have been running over the past five years, that our department is now so well equipped with cooking facilities. **Thank you, King Country Energy.**

Clothing has had a boost this year with Mrs George taking the Third Form programme. A day trip to Wanganui was a highlight with our students meeting Polytechnic students.

F Fraser



Art

Something fishy happened in the Art Department at the start of 1995. The art room was invaded by fish-related gear, enthusiastic students and a very enthusiastic teacher, Richard Lewer, who set about studying fish and creating wonderful artworks. It was not long before the fish theme filled the corridors in wonderful displays of senior artwork.

Art was very expressive and bright; the place to be. Other things that happened were trips to galleries to look at art that people would pay money for, "Nude Art", and the students' very own art exhibition at the Grand Chateau - "Kids Just Wanna Rock".

The new Art teacher, Ann Stuckey, arrived at the beginning of the third term. Senior students have been very busy preparing for final assessments. Senior students have done well to accept the change of teacher at such a difficult time of year, and spent the last six weeks doing heaps of hard work to produce impressive portfolios. Junior classes then started to fill the corridor outside the artroom with a display of Maori art and masks.

A Stuckey

Kids Just Wannna Rock

August 31

Two artists, Mr Richard Lewer, Ruapehu College art teacher and Mr Andrew Beggs, local wood turner, held an exhibition of their work at The Grand Chateau. Included in this exhibition were paintings and various wooden bowls. For the sixth formers allowed to exhibit, it was their first canvassed and exhibited work.

The College Culture Group welcomed us and after speeches Mr Lewer presented the Culture Group with one of his paintings entitled 'The Unicorn'.

Wine and a selection of cheeses were available and two young gentlemen from Auckland entertained the gallery with guitar playing and singing. Several of Mr Beggs' bowls and several of Mr Lewer's art works sold on that night. Two young artists, Bridie Cleary and James Beech, also had their pictures sold that night. The exhibition ran until 9th September, during which time William Wood and Tonia Lumsden, had their works purchased by the school.

At the end of the exhibition Mr Lewer left Ohakune. All that will be said is that he will be greatly missed by both staff and students and never forgotten, especially his predilection for pre-loved clothes and for his exotic sense of fashion. It was always amusing to see what he



would wear each day. He was a people's person who taught his students to be individuals, to be themselves and not to worry about anyone else's standards but their own. It is a disappointment that he is gone because he was a 'real good' teacher who gave a breath of fresh air to the Art Department and added a new dimension to the staff. Mr Lewer opened students' minds to their potential and showed them that they can interpret something in many different ways and that that's O.K. He was a very cheerful man, very humorous, who saw good in all situations. He could be described as unique if not crazy and was not afraid to show his 'true colours'. Although Mr Lewer had a tendency to 'goof off', he was a very hard working man, helping out in various activities as well as doing his own exhibitions. When involved in these extra activities for the school, Mr. Lewer would require the assistance of one or more students. Asked for a note, he would find some unusual material to write it on, whether it be a piece of wood or huge piece of paper. I'm sure teachers were appreciative of his poetic efforts. There's so much more to Mr. Lewer than we will never find out. For now he's spending some time at home in Hamilton.

In future years, I'm sure every body who's ever been in contact with Mr. Lewer, will still have a piece of him inside them. Party on sir and don't forget, "Us red heads have to stick together".

Tonia Lumsden.

The Great Oscar Ball

The Senior Ball was the topic of all conversations. What are you wearing? Who are you going with? Are you going out for tea? Everyone talked about it for weeks on end, especially the first timers.

As the day drew closer, the committee worked harder trying to get everything done on time for the night. One thing led to another, with one person deciding on food, the other on decorations and the list went on.

Many thanks go out to various local shops which donated spot prizes such as Jean City vouchers, ski and video hire and meals from the different restaurants around Ohakune. The ball was a supreme success and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The decorations that filled the hall were bright moon-and-star collections, strings and streamers, glittering balloons plus a giant gold Oscar which drew a lot of the attention.

The band from Tokoroa, 50/50, was a great investment, with everyone, especially David Taylor in his trendy black and gold suit, jamming it on the dance floor. Thanks to 50/50 who put on an awesome show.

One of the high points of the night was the entrance of our photographer Mr Richard Lewer, who stunned everyone by arriving in glitter covered bell bottoms to go with the balloons, a spunky brown corduroy jacket and beautifully silver sprayed hair. He surely did look different from the rest of us.

Everyone scrubbed up well. Long dresses were the fashion this year for the girls with the exception of a few wearing black dress jackets with matching trousers. As for the guys it was black tuxedos with the occasional coloured suit.

The supper was an exciting range of seafood, pastries and sandwiches. Many thanks go out to Lil Shanks and her team of caterers who helped make the night one to remember.

Special thanks must also go to Mr David Taylor the organiser, the ball committee, our photographer Richard Lewer, local shops for their much appreciated prizes, staff who attended and to Mr and Mrs Lane for gracing us with their presence. This year's ball will not be forgotten. L Hiscox





SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 1995 SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS

Intermediate Girl Champion (Woodward Cup)	Charmian Oh
Intermediate Boy Champion (Walter Turner Cup)	John Hays
Senior Girl Champion (Turners & Growers Cup)	Tania Clark
Senior Boy Champion (Turners & Growers Cup)	Scott Goldfinch
Aggregate 800m, 1500m, 3000m (Michael Cleary Cup)	
Scott Goldfinch, Tania Clark, Sarah Mackay	

CROSS COUNTRY

Intermediate Girl Champion	Sarah Mackay
Intermediate Boy Champion (Leo Cleary Cup)	Andrew Murdie
Senior Girl Champion	Tania Clark
Senior Boy Champion (Dillon Shield)	Aeneas

O'Sullivan

SWIMMING

Intermediate Girl Champion (PTA Cup)	Charmian Oh
Intermediate Boy Champion	Justin Mackay
Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy)	Carla Thompson
Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy)	Jaron Vince

NETBALL Kapa 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

SQUASH

Outstanding player Darren Triggell

RUGBY

Best and Fairest Player in 1st XV	Shaun McDonough
Most Improved Player in 1st XV	Darren Triggell

SOCCER Joumeaux Senior Soccer Trophy

O'Sullivan Aeneas

An award for a senior pupil achieving a high level of ability and showing dedication to the game

BASKETBALL

Outstanding player (a shared award)
Jaron Vince, Aeneas O'Sullivan, Andrew Murdie

CRICKET

Best Team Member (Presented by 1986 1st X1 Cricket)	Aeneas
O'Sullivan	

Best All Round Bowler (Presented by Darren McDonnell)	John Hays
Batting Award (Presented by David Archibald)	John Hays

TENNIS

Girls Champion (Presented by Sue Laurenson)	Lee McCann
Boys Champion (Presented by John Laurenson)	Aeneas
O'Sullivan	

SKIING

Girl Champion (Taharangi Cup presented by Vic Keppel)	Misty Smith
Boy Champion (Mangaturuturu Cup presented by Graham Brebner)	Todd Haywood

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Ski Team	NISSC Runner Up Trophy	Todd Haywood
Volleyball Team	2nd in Wanganui Sec. School Competition	
	John Hays, Shaun McDonough	

Equestrian Team	Nga Tawa Pony Club Shield	Adrian Fetzer
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INTERWHANAU COMPETITION

KIWI	Netball, Touch and Social Studies Quiz 1= Tracy Tapa and Paul Brown
TUI	Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Winter Sports, Summer Sports, Social Studies Quiz 1= English Quiz Raema Mowat and Andrew Murdie
WEKA	Social Studies Quiz 1=, Mathematics Quiz, Speeches. Tania Clarke and Manu Tuhoro
HUIA	Volleyball, Diving, Social Studies Quiz 1=, Rugby. Lee McCann and Shaun McDonough

Champion Whanau Cup (Presented by Ruapehu Old Pupils Association)
Tui

ACADEMIC AWARDS 1995

FORM 5

Tammy Evans	MERIT AWARD for perseverance and consistent effort in Workshop Technology Wood
Manu Tuhoro	MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Economics
James Beech	MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Graphics
Peggy Rudkin	SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Home Economics
Hayley Pike	SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Typing
Amy Hiscox	SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Horticulture (Turners & Growers Prize for achievement in Horticulture) and MERIT AWARD for

consistent effort in Mathematics

Raymond Hemopo MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Practical English and excellent effort in Art

Christopher Phillips SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in his Physical Education class

Janine Hall MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Ms Gibson's Mathematics class

Sarah Mackay SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Typing and MERIT AWARD for achievement in English, and consistent effort in History

Joel Gray SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Practical English, and a MERIT AWARD for attitude and effort in Physical Education

Felicity Nepia MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Ms Gibson's Mathematics class

Denise Waerea MERIT AWARD for diligence in English

Kushla Edgarton SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Mrs Fraser's Mathematics class

Raana-Ellen Mareikura SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Art

Amanda Garland MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Economics

Brendon Billel SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Workshop Technology Wood (L K Home Memorial Prize)

Shaun Moore SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Workshop Technology Metal (Dixon Engineering Company prize)

Shanon Hays SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Ms Gibson's Mathematics class

Sheena Mareikura MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Practical English

Scott Nation MERIT AWARD for improvement in Geography

Rebecca Goddard MERIT AWARD for most improved in her Physical Education class

Gregory Tutbill MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Graphics

Tina McFadyen MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Geography

Justin Mackay SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in his Physical Education class

Marsha Newman MERIT AWARD for improvement in Physical Education

Brad Nelson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Geography

Rebecca Clarke MERIT AWARD for good effort in Art

Marcia Wood SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Te Reo Maori Korero

Lynette Haitana SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Te Reo Maori Tuhituhi

Paul Akurangi MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Workshop Technology Wood, and consistent effort in Physical Education

Sheree Beer MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and achievement in Horticulture, the Fruit Federation Supplies prize for practical achievement in Horticulture, Country Womens' Institute prize for most promising student in Home Economics, and most improved attitude in Physical Education

Katrina Marsh MERIT AWARD for perseverance in English

Lee McCann MERIT AWARD for improvement and perseverance in Mathematics

Kelly Evans SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Mr Taylor's Science class, and 1st in History

Malcolm Simpson SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Mrs Voon's English class, 1st in Geography and 1st in his Physical Education class

Daniel Forster SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Mrs Buck's Science class, 1st in Mr Mackay's English class, 1st in Graphics, and 1st in Economics

FORM 6

Beverley Yewen MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Practical English, and consistent effort in the Multiple Studies Programme

Anahera Retikaukau MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in the Multiple Studies Programme

William Wood MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Art

Matthew James MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Geography, and personal endeavour in Physical Education

Kararaina Rewharewha SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Te Reo Maori

Alison Munn MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Physical Education

Susan Cooper MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and perseverance in Computer Studies

Chad Woodhouse MERIT AWARD for most improved in his Physical Education class

Rebecca McDougal SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Biology, and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in History and perseverance in Physical Education

Georgina Bowley SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Sixth Form Certificate Typing and a MERIT AWARD for perseverance and attainment in Te Reo Maori

Lee McCann MERIT AWARDS for perseverance and consistent effort in History, and perseverance in Biology

Andrew Murdie SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Certificate Physical Education, 1st in his Physical Education class and a MERIT AWARD for improvement in English Literature Studies

Cherylee Bishop SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Non-Certificate Typing

Gloria Peni MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Non-certificate Typing, and consistent effort in the Multiple Studies Programme

Kaye Murdie SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Geography

Raana-Ellen Mareikura MERIT AWARD for perseverance and

tainment in Te Reo Maori

Kelli Evans SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Computer Studies

Lee Hiscox MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Computer Studies, consistent effort in Physical Education and consistent effort in Art

John Hays SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Certificate Physical Education

Megan Lind MERIT AWARD for initiative and endeavour in Physical Education

Tania Clark MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Certificate Typing

Pikimai Mareikura SUBJECT AWARD for Te Reo Maori and being a role model in all aspects of Te Reo Maori and Te Roopu mahi a ringa

Paul Brown SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in his Physical Education class, and a MERIT AWARD for most improved in Art

Shaun McDonough MERIT AWARD for application in Physical Education, and outstanding performance in Certificate Physical Education

Tracy Tapa MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and improvement in Sixth Form Certificate Typing, perseverance and improvement in Media Studies, and consistent effort in Applied Mathematics

Darren Triggell SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Economics and a MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English Literature Studies

Tonia Lumsden SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Art, and a MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Economics

Julianne Murray SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in English Media Studies

Amy Smith SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Accounting, and 1st in English Literature Studies

Kelly- Anne McNie SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Applied Mathematics, and 1st in Agricultural Science, and a MERIT AWARD for perseverance in English Literature Studies

Charmian Oh SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Chemistry, and 1st in Physics (Winstone Pulp International Prize for Achievement in form 6 Science with excellence in Chemistry and Physics) and MERIT AWARD for improvement in Mathematics

Victoria Duigan SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in History and 1st in Mathematics and MERIT AWARD for achievement in English Media Studies

FORM 7

Raema Mowat MERIT AWARD for diligence and consistent effort in Economics

Shannon Vatha MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Graphics

Misty Smith MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Geography

Sandra Smith SUBJECT AWARD for 1st place and consistent effort in Accounting, and a MERIT AWARD for personal endeavour in Physical Education

Daniel Murdie SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Graphics (Winstone Pulp International prize)

Saija Gronroos SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Mathematics with Calculus

Jaron Vince SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Economics, and excellence in Sport

Todd Haywood SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Art (Dr Jordon Memorial Art prize)

Kellie Lumsden SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Geography, and 1st in Accounting

Trudy Nation SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in History (Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and showing class spirit in History),

Peck - Campbell Cup for Excellence in the Humanities - English / History / Geography (Presented by the Rev and Mrs RL Peck in memory of Ralph Edward Peck and Jeanette Helen Campbell) and MERIT AWARDS for

consistent effort and improvement in English and consistent effort and improvement in Geography

Aeneas O'Sullivan SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Physics, and excellence in Sport, and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Mathematics with Calculus, and consistent effort in Mathematics with Statistics

Joanne Barclay SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Mathematics with Calculus, 1st in Mathematics with Statistics (Cast Family Senior Mathematics award for the student who attains a high standard in both 7th form Calculus and Statistics) 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Biology, 1st in English

Higher School Certificate

Joanne Barclay, Trudy Nation, Adrian Fetzner, Aeneas O'Sullivan, Saija Gronroos, Danielle Rodger, Todd Haywood, Misty Smith, Kellie Lumsden, Sandra Smith, Raema Mowat, Shannon Vatha, Daniel Murdie, Jaron Vince, Julianne Murray

SPECIAL AWARDS

Senior Speech Competition

Impromptu Speech (Alan West Cup)

Te Whai Korero - Wahine

(Girls) T G McCullough Cup

Kaimanawa Cup for Outdoor Education

Presented by R Rowles and G Brebner for outstanding achievement in Outdoor Education Shaun McDonough

Dance Award (George Chan Trophy) Tina McFadyen

Taranaki Daily News Senior Literary Award

Georgina Bowley

Maungarongo Trophy

Presented for leadership, initiative and dedication in the promotion of cultural activities in the college. Decadia Pakinga

Brian Eades Award for perseverance and endeavour

Matthew James

Robin Rowles Memorial Award for leadership in the practical areas

Gloria Peni

Lions Award

For commitment to Ruapehu College - often working behind the scenes giving of his time and energy in the service of the College Aeneas O'Sullivan

Multiple Sclerosis Society Award

Excellence in community service

Lee McCann

ECNZ Scholarship (\$1000)

Joanne Barclay and Sandra Smith

Principal's Award

Tracy Tapa

Waimarino Shield

Donated by the Maori Community of the district for all round pupil in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and value Misty Smith

Loftus Shield

For services to the College

For a very active involvement in a wide range of college activities for five productive years. Sandra Smith

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Trophy presented by Peter Berry and Family O'Sullivan

Aeneas

Dux

Trophy presented by Ian and Dorothy Meredith

Joanne Barclay

Senior Prize Giving

Senior prizegiving this year began with a *powhiri* in the front of the school in a scene reminiscent of one 40 years ago (see photo) when Ruapehu College officially opened 40 years ago in 1945. Half an hour before parents arrived, tangata whenua and the college community welcomed special guests Deputy Mayor, Bob Peck; Lions President, Mr R Winchcombe, and Rotary President, Mr J Bennett. Everyone then moved indoors where the Culture Group under the direction of Mrs V Wilson, with the assistance of Mrs M George and Mrs K Oliver, gave a beautiful, dramatised re-telling of the mythical story of Mount Taranaki's banishment from our *maunga*. Under the musical direction of Mrs J Knight and Mr W Marsh the school sang *Do You Hear The People Sing* from *Les Miserables* - a special request of Mr Marsh who conducted the college massed singing for the last time. Mr Mackay, guitar, Mrs Wilson, guitar, and Mrs Knight, piano, provided the accompaniment.

In his address, Mr Peck spoke of the dignity of work, the need to work hard and to accept any type of work in the pursuit of qualifications and experience. Both the principal and the chair of the Board of Trustees also addressed the gathering. The afternoon ended with the school leading the singing of the hymn *Whakaaria Mai*, which brought the Year of Te Reo Maori into focus and an end to the seniors' year. Leavers joined guests and staff for delicious light refreshments, a welcome cup of tea and for many, sad farewells, in the Senior Common Room.

Prize giving is "helled in the hall", where "we usually have a guess speaker".

1955 Opening of Ruapehu College



The Welcome Party 1995



1995 Guests being Welcomed to Prize Giving



1995 Prize Winners

From left: A O'Sullivan, J Barclay, S Smith, M Smith



