

Ruapehu College



1993



IMAGES 1993



DIARY

FEBRUARY

- 1 TERM ONE begins
- 12 GM Bayer (NZ) visits
- 16 Swimming Sports
- 18 Diving Sports
- 19 3A Orientation camp begins
- 22 3R Orientation camp begins
- 24 3U Orientation camp begins

MARCH

- 3 Ruapehu College Athletic Sports
- 4 WRCC Catering Course
- 5 Intersecondary Schools Swimming Sports
- 17 MS Appeal
Intersecondary Schools Athletic Sports
- 18 Taihape Summer Sports Exchange
- 23 Navy careers visit
- 24 Ruapehu College versus Taihape College
1st XV Rugby curtain raiser for Bruce Hansen's 1st XV versus Waikato
- 26 CIT visit - seniors
- 29 Junction Visit F5 History
Netball trials begin
Maths and Science Initiative begins
- 30 Report Night
- 31 Interwhanau Summer Sports

APRIL

- 7 Debate with Tauhara College in Taupo
- 9 EASTER HOLIDAYS begin
- 20 Junior Speech finals
- 22 Senior Speech finals
- 26 National Bank Mathematics Competition
- 29 F5 Geography field trip
- 30 Massey Liaison Officer visits

MAY

- 4 Debate with Reparoa College in Ohakune
- 4 School disco
- 6 F6 Home Economics trip to the Grand Chateau
- 10 TERM ONE ends
- 24 TERM TWO begins
- 26 Nga Manu Korero o nga Kura Tuarua school finals
- 27 Form 4 Science Fair
- 31 School-based Information Technology in-service training begins

JUNE

- 3 Maths and Science initiative begins

- 7 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
- 9 Ruapehu College Maori Culture Group Concert
- 10 Mid-year examinations begin
- 16 Agricultural Science trip to Hamilton
- 21 Interschool Debates - Rotorua
Taranaki Polytechnic visit
- 23 SC Internal English Reference Test
Interwhanau Winter Sports
- 25 Nga manu korero o nga Kura Tuarua regionals at Ratana
BNZ Senior Mathematics Competition
Phantom of the Opera - Wellington
- 29 Pitmans Typing exams
Senior Health Day

JULY

- 2 Form 7 visit Victoria University
Senior Reports issued
- 5 MID-TERM BREAK begins
- 13 Sport for Understanding. American girls soccer team arrives
- 14 American girls versus Ruapehu College
Disco
- 15 American girls leave
- 20 Form 7 trip to Massey
- 22 Taumarunui Sports Exchange
Report Night
- 26 Wellington visit F6/7 History and Geography
- 27 F3 Science trip to Palmerston North

AUGUST

- 2 Form 4 Work Experience begins
- 3 Australian Mathematics Competition
- 4 Taihape Winter Sports Exchange
- 5 School-based English Department in-service day
- 10 MSP trip to Wanganui
- 11 Nga Manu Korero Nationals - Wanganui
- 17 Shopping for Health Seminar for seniors.
- 18 *Footrot Flats* season opens
- 16 Y-One Concert
- 20 TERM TWO ends

SEPTEMBER

- 13 TERM THREE begins
Link Auto and Welding Course begins
- 14 Agriculture Careers talk
Elementary Auto and Welding Course begins
- 20 NZSSC
- 21 Taranaki Polytechnic talk
Mathex in Wanganui
- 27 School-based Science Department in-service training
- 28 F6 Media Studies visit Ruapehu Bulletin
- 30 Ruapehu College Cross-Country

OCTOBER

- 1 F5 Horticulture trip to Taratahi
- 4 F5 History field trip to Tangiwai
- 6 Intersecondary Schools Cross-Country at Nga Tawa
- 7 Form 5/7 Examinations begin
F4 Te Reo Maori 'koha' trip to Otaki
- 13 Forestry Course - Pipiriki
Interwhanau Skiing Competition
- 15 Seminar - Reading Disabilities and Irlen Lenses
- 18 MSP trip to Wellington
School-based Science Department in-service training
- 25 LABOUR DAY
- 26 Advanced Auto Link Course begins
- 28 F6 Examinations begin

NOVEMBER

- 5 Interwhanau Gymnastics Competition
- 10 Interwhanau Mathematics and Science Quiz
- 17 Interwhanau Humanities Quiz
- 19 Prizegiving
SFC Course Completion. Reports issued
Form 5/7 examination leave
- 22 School Certificate and Bursary Examinations begin
Form 3/4 End of Year Examinations begin
- 29 F3/4 Activities Week

DECEMBER

- 7 Dramafest begins
- 8 Tabloid Sports
- 10 Junior Prizegiving. Junior reports issued
TERM THREE ends



Principal's Report

Ms Williams, distinguished guests, parents, Board of Trustee members, staff, and students I would like to present the Principal's report for 1993.

Prizegivings acknowledge success; success of the individuals or groups that gain awards and most importantly the success of the school.

Everyone at this College is a winner. Individuals cannot gain awards unless they have others to compete with. There are individuals who will gain awards today who have gained their success with the support of others, whether the support comes from the school or the community. We all share in that success.

1993 has been a particularly busy year and I would like to thank the staff for their support this year - particularly over Term Three which has not been an easy time. A school cannot function without a co-operative staff working together and I feel Ruapehu College is well served by the teaching staff and support staff. We as a staff also appreciate the community support, the efforts of the Board of Trustees, and the co-operation of our students.

While a prizegiving acknowledges success, this school has a major failing - we do not tell enough people about our success. We need to stress our successes to the wider community, or perhaps our community needs to look more at what we achieve. Since the last prizegiving we have had considerable academic, sporting and cultural success at the local, regional and national level.

We as a school have organised and run a national sports competition (NZSSSC), hosted a large regional event (Lions Convention), two national events (Outdoor Education Conference and Sing Aotearoa). I challenge any school irrespective of size to match those achievements.

Our community utilises our buildings, our grounds, the community education programme runs 700 hours of classes and we organise and host the blood donors twice a year. Now we do weather recordings for the Meteorological Service. This school hums and all of you are welcome to be part of it.

I have concerns about the future of education and indeed the future of our students; it is the future of these two I wish to touch on briefly. The first is the way education at the moment seems to be driven by the needs of industry and treasury. No longer is it controlled by educational experts and the parents.

Education policy should be decided by discussion

round the table - not the round table. Education must have a major input from the professionals in education and the parents through boards of trustees. NZ still has one of the world's most comprehensive and successful education systems - though it has been under threat recently. When NZ education led the world our industry struggled; yet those who led those struggling industries appear to have a major input into the direction of education today. There is an irony here. Perhaps it is time for industry to look at our education system and look at the way we do things.

Ruapehu College is a business with 350 workers. It runs effectively on a limited budget, has a major role as a social provider and has to operate in a constantly changing environment with little control over some outside influences. Yet despite our success at doing the above things, we are still encouraged to adopt a style of management that operates in industry, a style I feel is inappropriate.

There are some positive changes in curriculum direction, but some of these are channelled into serving the needs of industry. The new curriculum and qualifications will cause major changes in the way our schools are run. The intention is to equip NZ for the twenty-first century. I hope the schools are given the resources to achieve this.

My second concern is one that most adults are aware of - teenagers. Teenagers today do not want to be teenagers; many want to go from age twelve to twenty, missing the years in between. We have students who expect the experiences and the rights of adults, yet are not aware of the responsibilities adults have. (We are not alone; all secondary schools have this problem).

In many ways we have a lost generation, a generation impatient for success, but living in a country that is unable to provide for that expectation. No one can apportion 'blame' but I think there are three areas we can look at.

Parents are facing considerable pressure to lower accepted standards of behaviour. Some parents no longer enforce standards because that can cause conflict. Others do not have the strategies to deal with unco-operative and wilful family members and so the teenagers in the family set the standards. Parents cannot opt out of their role as parents - but unfortunately some do.

Sometimes parents have to say no and teenagers have to accept that it is the parents' right. The concept of tough love was in vogue a few years ago and it is a concept which still has merit. Saying no can be tough - but it pays off in the long run. Schools face the difficult situation of insisting on standards and on occasions (seldom thankfully) have had to point out to

occasions (seldom thankfully) have had to point out to parents that behaviour accepted at home is not acceptable at school. Schools do not expect to be the arbiters of acceptable behaviour but we will take a stand for what we believe to be acceptable behaviour.

The media, especially television, must take some blame as the viewer is bombarded with expectations that are unrealistic - both in terms of acceptable behaviour and realistic goals. Teenagers must wear Levi 501's and have Reebok pumps; some aspire to the life style of Melrose Place or Paradise Beach and see the life style shown in these programmes to be an acceptable one. In reality those expectations cannot be reached; the lifestyles shown on television programmes are fantasy and should be seen as such - but for teenagers the glamorous life appeals.

Our towns have a problem with alcohol. It is too freely available and students as young as thirteen have on occasions been served alcohol. The school often picks up the pieces on the following day as students come to terms with the realities of their actions from the previous night. There is a need for people to say 'enough is enough'. Let the licensed premises follow the law as it supposed to be or they should be closed down. Some licensed premises give

every outlet a bad name.

All, however, is not doom and gloom. Our students generally are receptive, polite and considerate. They genuinely care for each other and can be relied upon to provide support to both other students and staff. My plea to them is to enjoy being a teenager. It is a time of excitement and expectations - do not try to grow up too fast. Sometimes being an adult is not as much fun as it appears.

To the senior students leaving at the end of the year, I would like to acknowledge your substantial contribution to the college in your time with us. Because we are a smaller college our seniors get a far greater degree of responsibility and an opportunity to exercise that responsibility. We rely on them to use their initiative and show leadership. With this year's leavers we have had a group of seniors that have made a valuable contribution to the school. I wish them well in whatever the future brings - and remember you are always welcome back.

Finally to all those who have helped Ruapehu College in any way this year - thank you. This school cannot do without you.

H Cast

Teaching and Clerical Staff 1993



Back Row	R Knight, R Milne, D Friar, R Lindsay, K Campbell.
Third Row	C Chapman, L Ryland, B Cast, J Parker, K Robinson, J Manson, J Voon.
Second Row	C Donaldson, C Bron, J Hollier, J Knight, K Hagener, L Fetzner.
Front Row	S Buck, J Laurensen, G Parker, H Cast, M George, G Hubbard, I Mackay.
Absent	N Buck, W Marsh, F McEwing (on leave), D Taylor, S Laurensen, G Herdman, L Eades, A Winter.

HONOURS BOARD

Sporting Honours

This year marked a very successful season in the sporting arena. Not only was the college very well represented in a variety of sporting arenas, but some people also went on to represent Wanganui and even New Zealand, in their respective fields.

Warwick Hays

New Zealand Gymnastics Team (to Australia)

Charmian Oh

Wanganui Secondary Schools Athletics Team
New Zealand Athletics Team (to Australia)

Allen Prince

New Zealand XV Rugby Team
New Zealand Maori Rugby Team

Richard Lindsay

Lachlan Harding

Brendon Wills

Wanganui Mens Rugby - representatives

Raema Mowat

Wanganui Womens Rugby- representative
Wanganui Secondary Schools Touch Rugby
- representative

William Sutton

Wanganui U16 Rugby - representative

Kirsty McIlroy

Wanganui Open Womens Touch Rugby
- representative

Natasha Journeaux

Natasha was selected for the secondary schools netball camp to be held in Feilding, 1994.

Amanda Te Huia

Wanganui Secondary Schools Touch Rugby
- representative

Shear Success

Joe Metekingi who completed a number of Link shearing courses shore his way to second place at the King Country Secondary Schools' Shearing Championships held this year in Pio Pio. Link course provider Jimmy Pearce has now taken Joe on as an assistant instructor.

Academic Honours

Warwick Allen

Gained a Distinction Award in the Australian Mathematics Competition (Senior Section)

Lindsay Cast

This year Lindsay was again a finalist in the Telecom Art Awards. He was kind enough to allow his entry to grace our magazine cover.

Craig McDonough

Awarded a 1993 Bayer (NZ) Science Scholarship.



Charmian Oh

Charmian Oh is one of New Zealand's promising young athletes who went to Canberra, Australia, in December to compete in the Australian All-Schools Championships.

She had competed with great success in junior events, both outdoor and indoor, held in recent months in Wanganui. In the Jubilee Stadium at the start of the new athletics season Charmian won the junior girls 40m and the 240m sprint, as well as the high jump. She also ran in the senior girls 40m and came second to the New Zealand sprint medallist Kelly Miller.

In Canberra, although she ran a personal best of 12.76s, she failed to qualify for the 100m final. Charmian's other best results to date are 40m - 6.0s and 240m - 41.2s.

Board of Trustees Chairman's Report

As 1993 draws to an end I find myself having to do the honours this year as I stand in for Mrs Horne who has been in Canada and North America for the last three months. The Board missed her direction and struggled on under mine. Welcome back, Mrs Horne.

This year has seen many changes with Tomorrow's Schools now in its fifth year. The College has taken on the challenge and innovative programmes have been offered; hence for example, the appearance of an unusual teaching aid, namely seventeen cars in the backyard. Some have been dismantled, some sold, and a lot of experience gained on what's left.

As most of you are aware 1994 will see new curriculum changes which will affect third formers through to seventh form level and 1995 will enable us to offer qualifications at polytech level. These changes will be challenging and rewarding. The board is allocating resources to ensure Ruapehu College is able to make the most of the new opportunities.

One project almost completed is the college canteen being built on the end of the hall. This is a joint venture between the Board of Trustees and the Ministry and will be a great asset for our students and the community.

Although we have great material resources in the school it is human resources which are our greatest assets - students who look after the buildings and the grounds; students who present themselves at formal occasions such as this and represent the college when they travel. They are assets the board and staff are proud of. The reaction of visitors to the school is one of surprise at the resources available and invariably a comment is made about the excellent condition of the buildings and grounds.

On behalf of the board I would like to acknowledge the support staff who work so hard to assist in the running of the school and the maintenance of the buildings and grounds. This group includes the caretaker, cleaners, groundstaff and the office staff. The teaching staff deserve a special thanks for their continued commitment to providing a quality

education. Thank you for coping so well in an ever-changing environment.

I would like to thank Mrs Hollyer for relieving for Miss McEwing during her study leave and Mr Norman for relieving for Mrs Cast in Term Three.

My greatest thanks must go to Mr Harry Cast, our principal who still continues to smile after board meetings and that's after working all day. My thanks also go to the Board of Trustees, a varied group of people who work well for Ruapehu College.

Lastly to all students who have sat or are sitting examinations I wish you all the best. For those of you who are leaving, I wish you well for 1994 in whatever endeavour you do. To all of you who are returning in 1994 I wish you a successful year and to everyone present I wish a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mr L Knight



"...it is human resources which are our greatest assets..."

Whanau Leaders

Huia

Leaders

Kylie Edwards
Craig McDonough

Deputies

Violet Carmichael
Dalton Waara

Kiwi

Leaders

Roberta Williams
Edward Poka

Deputies

Melanie Mitchell
Leonard Pirere

Weka

Leaders

Elizabeth Melrose
Mathew Gordon

Deputies

Shannon Taura
Avinesh Sharma

Tui

Leaders

Rose-Marie Clark
Wikeepa Rewharewha

Deputies

Corrina Hawira
Andre' Moore



Prefects

Warwick Hays (W), Leanne Ellis-Ruru (H), Sam Condon (W) absent, and Chc Wilson (T) were originally voted whanau leaders. On being chosen as student leaders they gave up the whanau leadership to their deputies.

Leadership Camp

Ruatiti Domain was taken over in early February by whanau and student leaders for the purpose of building friendship, confidence and leadership skills.

Debriefing suggested that Mr Milne's organisation and the willingness of students to throw themselves into the various activities guaranteed successful outcomes. It also suggested that all year five students could well benefit from leadership training, and that a dog can be accommodated on camp - "Pssst, it's me, Shaka."



Student Government

Student Council

Chairpersons Che Wilson, Leanne Ellis-Ruru

Secretary Rachel James **Treasurer** Malcolm Chan

The Student Council began the year with a hiss and a roar hoping to aspire to great heights. But with time often seeming to be against us and perhaps more talk than action, many of our plans were not accomplished. Meetings seemed to become less frequent as the year proceeded. Despite this, the council has had a fairly successful year, with Che and Leanne as our leaders.

One major project which we worked on this year was landscaping the area between the third form lockers and the metalcraft and woodwork rooms. The landscaping was intended to complement the recently constructed tuckshop situated at the rear of the hall. Our second major project was the College Ball which was immensely successful, a lot of work and time being contributed by Mr Taylor, to whom many thanks are owed. Thanks also are owed to the ball

committee, comprising members of the Student Council. The council continued sponsorship of Thomas Chimillo, our CCF child from Honduras. We also continued our association with SADD, Students Against Drunk Driving.

School Council

The School Council held three meetings through the duration of the year chaired by Deputy Head Boy, Warwick Hays and Deputy Head Girl, Sam Condon under the guidance of Mrs Voon. The junior school took the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns back to the senior school, through the Student Council.

Thanks must go to Mrs George, Mr Parker and Mrs Voon who contributed their valuable time to help and guide the councillors through their lunchtime meetings. Overall student representatives are to be commended on their efforts to strive to improve the general well-being of Ruapehu College.

Rachel James

STUDENT COUNCIL

Back Row: Wikeepa Rewharewhia, James Cleary, Edward Poka, Leonard Pirere.

Third Row: Craig McDonough, Rachel James, Mathew Gordon, Kylie Edwards, Violet Carmichael.

Second Row: Shannon Taura, Melanie Mitchell, Malcom Chan, Christopher Winter, Andre Moore, Roberta Williams

First Row: Corrina Hawira, Warwick Hays, Leanne Ellis-Ruru, G Parker, Che Wilson, Avinesh Sharma, Kelvin Hammond.



JUNIOR COUNCIL

Back Row George Taura, Leonard Pirere, Warwick Hays, James Cleary, Chris Winter.

Third Row Adrian Felzer, Rebecca Clark, Rawiri Keelan, Justin Mackay, Andrew Murdie.

Second Row J Voon, Vincent Waipouri, Victoria Duigan, Sandra Smith, Decadia Pakinga, Tania Harris, Joel Gray.

Front Row Amy Cranston, Rebecca McDougal, Jodie Walker, Trina Paul, Marcia Wood, Corrina Hawira, Frankie Matangi.

Absent Samantha Condon.

Head Boy and Girl Report....

LEANNE: As head girl and head boy, one of our many jobs is to chair the school council. With the help of other student leaders, 1993 has been a very challenging year for the student body.

CHE: Our main functions are to be active within the school, help with public relations, and be the mouthpiece for student concerns. This is done with co-operation from staff, students and Board of Trustees. Unfortunately many of the tasks embarked on were not completed as time was a major factor and our main priority was to excel academically, culturally and in the sporting areas.

LEANNE: This year we continued our sponsorship of Thomas Chimillo from Honduras through the Christian Children's Fund programme. We are happy to say that he is in good health, and his community is benefiting from our funds.

CHE: To complement the school we have also helped contribute to the new kitchen canteen which is to the rear of the hall. This is going to be a great asset for school discos which help with fundraising within the school and the community. The big highlight this year for the senior school was a very successful ball for which we owe a great deal to Mr Taylor. Without his assistance and time the ball may not have been so successful - thank you.

CHE: Education today! While the student-teacher ratio throughout most of New Zealand is often not desirable, we here at Ruapehu College are fortunate in that we do not share that problem. Therefore, we both urge you to take advantage of a good student-teacher ratio situation which can provide quality teaching. So make the most of it, and don't let peer pressure be a hindrance to furthering your education.

LEEANE: This year, year five students competed against the teachers in various sports. We decided beforehand that we would show compassion towards our older and more knowledgeable counterparts. We graciously thank you for the wooden spoon, and apologise to the rest of the students for our defeats against the teachers.

CHE: Finally, we would like on behalf of the students to thank Mrs Hollyer and Mr Norman for their contribution to the school, and to wish both you and Mrs George who will be on study leave next year, good luck. To Mrs Cast we extend good wishes for a speedy recovery. To those who are leaving, take heed of our school motto, "Rāpūhia kōte matauranga" - "Seek further knowledge".

We wish you a safe and enjoyable festive holiday.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Culture Group

E Komako Te Tangi
A Te Huia
Tui Tuia
Mai Tatou Katoa

As the Year of Indigenous Peoples and the Women's Suffrage celebrations are slowly coming to a conclusion, so too does Culture at Ruapehu College for 1993.

First on the agenda was the *powhiri* for the third formers, other new students and Mrs J Hollyer who was Miss McEwing's replacement for 1993. This warm welcome then encouraged new and old students alike to enter into the spirit of another facet of college life - our multiculturalism. It also increased the importance of the role of our *roopu* which is multi-cultural itself.

This year we took centre stage at the annual fashion parade, which is a local fundraising event for schools of the area, in this case for Rangataua Primary School. Our contributions were well received and enjoyed by all.

Term Two began with a hiss and a roar as students eagerly prepared for the Maori section of the inter-whanau speech competition. The placegetters then represented the school in the regional Nga Manu Korero Speech Competition held at Ratana Pa, with Che Wilson winning Senior Maori and Raylene King coming second in Senior English. Our juniors, Cathy-Anne Cranston and Raana-Ellen Mareikura were highly commended in Sir Turi Carrol and Rawhiti Ihaka sections respectively. The journey home was daunting (but enjoyable) with transport complications and the Parapara Road being beautifully blanketed with snow.

The Pei Te Hurinui-Jones Trophy returning to Ruapehu for the second time meant that the National Manu Korero Speech Competition was the next upcoming event for the budding Winston Peters...oops...I mean Che Wilson. This year the Nationals were held in Wanganui so we were part of the mass *powhiri*. After the official ceremonies we then departed to Te Ao Hou Marae, Aramoho, and were billeted with Nga Tapu Wae College from Auckland. After three days of learning and enjoyment the final results came out with young Winston being placed a well deserved third in Senior Maori (Pei Te Hurinui-Jones). Huge numbers of

people were more than rewarded for turning out to support the speakers. Apparently the contest drew unparalleled interest at home as people tuned in to Iwi FM to listen to the words of these powerful, talented speakers.

In conclusion, our *roopu* wish to thank parents and supporters for their unsurpassed *tautoko* and *manaaki* throughout the year special thanks going to Mrs George, Aunty Vera and Miss K Wilson for their on-going commitment to us, and to Mr M. Callaghan Senior for getting us safely to and from destinations when we travelled.

At this time I would like to wish Mrs George who will be on leave in 1994, and those who are entering the world of many faces for the first time, good fortune. Finally, Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. See you all next year.

Noreira e hoa ma, purutia to mana, kia mau, kia ita, ita mautonu.
Tena Koutou
Tena Koutou
Tena Koutou Katoa.

Na Leonard Pirere.



Footrot Flats - The Musical

The major drama production for 1993 was the musical "Footrot Flats". Based on the well-known characters created by Murray Ball, this was a full-length musical comedy revealing life as it really is down on the farm at Raupo, that typical New Zealand country town that has Wal Footrot and his mates on its doorstep.

The show is full of lively music written by Phillip Norman with lyrics by A K Grant. The play is written by Roger Hall. With such a talented team of New Zealand's top writers, this show has something for everyone.

All of Murray Ball's characters are here. There is Wal, (Kelvin Hammond) complete with black singlet and gumboots and the manners you would expect of a man of the land. There is Cheeky Hobson, (Natasha Mitchell) Wal's girlfriend, with her love of the town and, in the beginning, a totally romantic view of country life. Then there is Aunt Dolly, (Shannon Taura) who thinks she can control Wal and the farm as well. And, there is Cooch, (Leonard Pirere) the environmentalist who not will cut down a tree even if it is growing through the floor of his house.

Then there are the animals. The most famous of all is Dog (Che Wilson) that sly, cunning, brave animal with many dreams and skills that only he knows about, and who desperately works to protect Wal from the charms of Cheeky Hobson. There is Jess, Dog's girlfriend, (Sandra Smith and Pikimai Marcikura) constantly protected from Dog by Cooch. There is Horse, (Jacob Tamapo) the farm cat that is able to terrify Dog and everyone else on the farm. There is Prince Charles, Aunt Dolly's corgi, (Adrian Fetzner) who is out of place in the hard-working environment of the farm. There is also a likable collection of other farm animals including Cecil the Ram, (Tania Clark), Dolores the Pig (Korty Wilson) and a flock of ewes, (Trudy Nation, Vanessa Parker and Sandra Smith)

With a cast of twenty-two and a further thirty-one in the production crew, this was one of the most ambitious shows produced at Ruapehu.

There were three public performances in the College Hall each night from Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 August and most nights the performers played to packed houses. Many in attendance agreed that this production was one of the best ever produced by Ruapehu College.



Nothing but Harmony

We started singing for fun, and it was fun, until one day the principal overheard us singing outside his office. He asked us to sing at senior prize giving which gave us something to look forward to.

Our *a capella* group consists of four people, who live in Waiouru, and are all students of Ruapehu College. The four students are Wikeepa Rewharewha who sings bass, Manu Tuhoro who sings tenor, Kebrasca Ratima who also sings tenor and lead, and then there's me, Solomon Vaetoru. I can sing any part, but usually I sing lead or alto.

After we sang at the prize giving (which I thought was very good, apart from little mistakes) we were asked to sing at a couple of functions which we made some money from. That was quite an experience for us country boys.

Singing is something we all enjoy and I think that it keeps us out of trouble. You never know, there could be something in the future for us.

Solomon Vaetoru

Phantom of the Opera

Another version of *The Phantom*? What were we to expect? For the mixed group of students and teachers who saw the show in Wellington there could be few, better introductions to live theatre than this Ken Hill production.

It exercised our emotions and massaged our funny bones from the dance opening which was both spell-binding and hilarious to the chilling events in the cellars below the Paris Opera House. It had ballet; it had opera; its pace was slick. It never dragged. It was pure entertainment.

The trip home had some of the elements of the show itself including sudden changes of direction. The same snowfall that had contributed to the woes of the Korimako people trying to get home from Ratana, forced us to turn back at Taihape and use the Parapara which was white from Houghton's Hill on. Romantic? Hardly - at two o'clock in the morning when sleep was the order of the day.

Betty's Story

When I got hit by a car, I saw my dad cry.

Sometimes I go for holidays with Mum and Dad. Nan says I'm lucky - that I have more holidays away than she's ever had in her whole life, and she says I'm big for my age. Must be because I like to eat her cooking. She makes the best chocolate cake in the whole of Pipiriki. Sometimes when I come home from school I can smell cake cooking all the way down the road. My dad, he can make good kai too.

Now Nan's here. She's bought me over a blanket from the house but I'm not cold. A nurse is looking at my leg. I want to kick her away. "Don't touch it," I tell her.

She says, "I just need to take a look at your leg. I won't touch it." But she does. I keep telling her it hurts. She says to wriggle the toes on my sore leg but nothing happens. My leg looks like it's in the wrong place.

"The doctor will be here soon and give you something to make the sore better."

But my leg was all right after a while. When it was better I went back to school and saw all my friends again.

B Cribb

Dramafest

Third and fourth formers again took the opportunity to tread the boards and experience what it is like to present a story to a real live audience. Some groups even managed to polish their performances within the short time available to very acceptable standards.

Form 4IM reduced the audience to tears of laughter with *What Really Goes on in the Staffroom*. 3JK's *Snow White and the Seven Wharfies*, *Crimewatch* from 3IM and the rap dancers from 4JM's *Three Little Pigs* went down well with the receptive and courteous audience.

Work

Saturday morning, 6:45, and time to get going for work. So outside I go and get on my bike and start pedalling down the street and out on to the main road. As I head out of town on State Highway 49 I'm overtaken by a cattle truck and have to stop to wipe off all the mess that comes out of the pipe dragging along behind it. When I get out to the potato fields I'm early so I sit down and have a hot drink out of my thermos.

Saturday morning 8:00 am. The boss gets here and it's time to start work. The boss starts his tractor and the harvester. So up we climb on to the harvester and start sorting the potatoes. The other workers spark up a smoke while I get sick from the fumes of the smoke which I'm not used to.

Saturday morning 12:00. Time to stop for lunch, so I tuck in to my roast beef sandwiches and chips.

Saturday afternoon 12:30. Time to start work again, so up we climb on to the harvester and start sorting the potatoes. The other workers spark up a smoke again while I get sick from the fumes of the smoke which I'm not used to. This time we go down the road to another field, and we can see our competition better because we are closer.

They don't stop for lunch. They must be hungry. The boss reckons they must have some orders to get out by three. We work all afternoon.

Saturday 3:30. We stop for about fifteen minutes while the boss talks to his boss who has come across the paddock in his flash '93 model 4WD Subaru Legacy. The other workers scoff at him. "Look at him bringing his flash car across the paddock."

Saturday evening 5:00 pm. Knock off time but we keep on working. "Must be another of those 6 o'clock knock offs," say the other workers. But it's not. We finish at 5:30.

Saturday evening 5:45. I get on my bike and start to ride home. Along the road and out on to State Highway 49, I'm overtaken by a cattle truck and have to stop and wipe off the mess.

J MacKay

Speeches

Some time during this year's speech evenings one of the judges, Mrs Journeaux, commented on how much the standard of public speaking among our students has improved over the past ten years. Supporters at all our speech making this year would heartily agree.

Junior finalists in the English section this year were: Marina Bristol, Peggy Rudkin, Sheree Beer, Daniel Forster, Rebecca Clarke, Tania Harris, Sarah Mackay, Charmain Oh, Tane Gunnell, Amy Cranston, Kelly-Anne McNie, Donna Clark, Elizabeth Scorrige, Kimi Edwards, Tineke Edwards, Helena Auton, Kelly Swain.

At the end of the first night the three judges delivered their decisions to the anxious contestants and the junior winners were:

First	Amy Cranston
Second	Daniel Forster
Third	Kelly Swain
Very highly commended	Donna Clark
	Charmain Oh
Highly commended	Tineke Edwards
	Tania Harris

Senior speechmakers took the floor the following night in the Senior Common Room and included Leanne Ellis-Ruru, Kelvin Hammond and Che Wilson from Form Seven, Nathan Davies, Adrian Fetzer, Jason Schrier and Roberta Williams from Form Six and Lindsay Cast, Correna Hawira, Raylene King, Sandra Smith and Caleb Tumataroa from Form Five. All were commended by Mrs M Hancock for the very high standard of their delivery. The audience responded enthusiastically to these polished performers.

First	Che Wilson
Second	Raylene King
Third	Leanne Ellis-Ruru

Lively speechmaking was also a feature of the Nga Manu Korero Competition the results of which were:

Junior English

First	Cathy Cranston
Second	Georgina Bowley
Third	Monica Taituma

Junior Maori

First	Raana-Ellen Marcikura
Second	Lynette Haitana
Third	Decadia Pakinga

Senior English

First	Che Wilson
Second	Lance Jones
Third	Raylene King

Senior Maori

First	Che Wilson
Second	Pikimai Mareikura

Debating

Fifth form debating continues to throw up likely contestants willing to enter the world of secondary school debating, and the team's brief introduction in 1992 was enough to convince our debators to commit themselves again this year.

Against Tauhara College in Taupo they argued successfully, "That success in life is measured by bricks and mortar". The Reparoa team was the surprising winner when the two teams verbally clashed here in Ohakune. On the day fortune did not favour the brave! Entering the Plate Round, the team travelled to John Paul College in Rotorua to argue against the moot, "That TV dulls the brain". Again this was a close loss.

As the team builds on experience and if younger speakers take up the challenge, next year could be an even better year for Ruapehu and interschool debating.

Thanks must go to the coach-cum-driver, Mr Mackay, for his time and effort.

Debating Team 1993

Che Wilson	First Speaker
Leanne Ellis-Ruru	Second Speaker
Sandra Smith	Third Speaker



....."fortune did not favour the brave"

Cultural Exchange Students

An Interview with Cecilia Aspeheim
AFS Student from Sweden

What do you miss about home?

My family, friends, school, Sweden, food and guys. I've got a brilliant family that really supports me.

Where is home and what's it like?

Well, I come from Vaxtorp. It's not big with a population of around 2000 people and believe it or not, Ractihi has more shops than home.

How is schooling different in New Zealand to that in Sweden?

School rules are more strict in NZ than Swedish schools, for example, in Sweden students may consume alcohol and the smoking of cigarettes is not prohibited in the school boundaries. The enrolment age is 16 as opposed to 13 in NZ secondary schools, the reason being that students are treated as adults. In NZ the uniform is a worry but in Sweden uniform is not compulsory. I think you have more rules. Here you are not allowed to have necklaces, rings or beards in school and that is so strange for me. School is more relaxed here but I find the Maths more difficult. To start school was a shock for me as I finished school in Sweden on June 5th and had about three months holiday until I started again.

Why did you choose NZ as your exchange country?

Most people go to America but I thought NZ would be a different experience.

What are your main interests?

I enjoy skiing and used to play a bit of golf. I also enjoy blowing into a big shiny brass horn and was a member of Vaxtorp's brass band. I listen to U2, INXS and I love listening to Supergroove.

What do you like and dislike about this area?

Likes? Well, people are friendly. The food is lovely but a bit too fatty and I love my host family.

Dislikes? Drunk drivers and Ruapehu College bullies.

My first impressions?

My first impressions of NZ were really positive. People were friendly and open minded, and the land was very beautiful but very hilly. Where I come from it's very flat and there are no winding roads. I didn't expect Ractihi to be so small and isolated but it's nice. I think life is more easy-going here. People don't get dressed up so often and the attitude of "help yourself" is very nice.

I never thought there would be so many Maori here! I thought there would only be a few in the whole of NZ. Their culture is very interesting and so different. People in NZ drink more beer than we do. We don't drink so often and if we do it's usually stronger stuff. I think people here don't get embarrassed as easily either about getting (vernacular) and (vernacular).

Well I think I like NZ so far. You're great. But it's very different!

L Pirere

In October Cecilia Aspeheim (pictured below) went with our fourth form Te Reo Maori class on a trip to Otaki to St Peter Chanel School where Mrs George's daughter teaches. We went to the school because the bilingual classroom had burnt down and all the children's work had been lost. For about two weeks before the trip we had been involved in making resources for the children such as poi and educational games. We finally presented the things we had made and listened to a talk on the history of the marae and the two churches. After looking inside we went to Pukekaraka which is the hill into which twelve steps have been cut marking the twelve stations of Jesus carrying his cross. From that hill, we could see all over Otaki. Before we left the children thanked us for all that we had made ... a long day but definitely worth it.

G Bowley



Rotary Exchange Students

Melinda Marsh and Ben van de Veght arrived in Term Two with returning Ruapehu student, David Hammond.

David's hosts were city people and this situation was decidedly different from life down on the farm. For a start Ben's family did not have hearty farm appetites or "many roasts". They lived only two kilometres from a surf beach. Attending Year 10 classes in a private Christian school with 900 on the roll, David had to learn to cope with this new environment in near-tropical temperatures.

David thinks that intending exchange students should keep their noses rather close to the grindstone if they want to avoid a heavy work load when they return to the pressure of fifth or sixth form courses in the second term.

SPORT

Athletics Day

A large group of parents and spectators turned out for the annual, twilight Athletics Day and gave the students all the support they needed. It was a superb day, the weather held, and despite the gale force winds of Cyclone Polly the sun shone brightly. Some even managed to get sunburnt or was that windburn?

The high standard of sportsmanship was a noticeable feature with two records broken and one equalled. Scott Goldfinch broke the 3000 metre intermediate boys record, with a smart time of 10.41.54. John Hays broke the junior boy high jump record with a jump of 1.58m. The pair were 'pleased' but 'extremely tired'. In breaking the record, this year must also be the year of the rabbit, with a jumper such as James Cleary looking as if he had built-in springs! The sprinters also did extremely well. Blink and you missed them.

All in all the day went smoothly. The PTA had a profitable afternoon with the sausage sizzle. Thanks to all those supporters who gave the encouragement we needed, and the willing help in cleaning up at the end of the day.

C Oh

1993 Athletic Champions

Junior Girls

- 1 Charmian Oh
- 2 Tammy Evans
- 3 Jessie Pope

Junior Boys

- 1 John Hays
- 2 Jamie Morrissey
- 3 Cameron Ross

Intermediate Girls

- 1 Denise Waerea
- 2 Kirsty McIlroy
- 3 Tracy Mathews

Intermediate Boys

- 1 Scott Goldfinch
- 2 Willie Sutton
- 3 Shaun McDonough

Senior Girls

- 1 Janine Maru
- 2 Melanie Mitchell
- 3 Roberta Williams

Senior Boys

- 1 James Cleary
- 2 Warwick Hays
- 3 Mathew Gordon

North Island Secondary Schools Championships

On 3 and 4 April, Ruapehu College had two fourth form students, John Hays and Charmian Oh representing the Wanganui Region at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships in Hamilton. They were selected from a field of approximately 150 students or more.

Saturday morning John and Charmian arrived at the Porrit Stadium at 8:45. The first event was the junior girls 100 metres which Charmian was participating in. It was a fast race, with difficult opponents. At the end of the heats, Charmian was eighth overall out of 26 runners. Unfortunately she just missed out on the finals. She was picked to run in the junior girls relay team which finished fifth. Later in the day, John competed in the junior boys long jump. He managed a hard-earned eighth overall placing out of 35 competitors.

The last day was an eventful one, with Charmian qualifying third in the junior girls 200 metre finals. In the final, she went one better, coming second. Later, Charmian was selected to run in the senior girls relay team for the finals. This team came fourth.

Overall, the weekend went well, with John and Charmian experiencing not only their first major athletic meet, but also good results.

Old Lady

She used to be filled with elegant grace.
Years from young to old now appear on her face.
Young laughter has now faded away
For death approaches her and she prays for that day.

Skin a long time ago, so silky and smooth
But all that is left is groove after groove.
Now old and grey, always wanting to sleep,
Her great brown eyes cast shadows so deep.
Hands very shaky like opening bill mail,
Colour of the skin, a lighter shade of pale.
Her knees so wobbly, like red sticky jelly
To go with that a soft hollow belly.
When she walks, her back goes crooked and bent.

But don't think that she is poor, because the pension
pays the rent.

Going back to when she was young, beauty was
always first in her book.

That was what boys loved about her.
It was the way her braids looked.

R Wanoa

Basketball

College basketball has gradually developed since Ruapehu entered the Wanganui Secondary Schools Basketball Competition in 1990. Throughout the next two years college basketball was still in its infancy with only one boys team competing in the Friday night Wanganui League. In 1993 we welcomed the addition of an under-16 girls squad as well as one additional boys team.

The senior boys team which is now in its third year of competition has continued on its winning way. Coaches, referees and outside competition have all played their part in helping our team to improve. This year we were placed third equal with Wanganui High School. The two new college teams also performed remarkably well with commendable sportsmanship. Despite heavy losses against Taumarunui High School, the scoring margin in the boys game was much closer than the score would suggest.

This year the Ruapehu College Basketball Association was granted \$2000 by the Ohakune Hotel Charitable Trust. This money is to be put towards the purchase of two sets of new uniforms and four mini-basketballs for the 1994 season.

Coaches and team members wish to take this opportunity to show their gratitude to Mr Sutton, Mr Parker and Mrs Fetzer for the time and effort which they put into the organisation of the transport, and to all those who have assisted with fundraising and administration. Their efforts are recognised and much appreciated.

A O'Sullivan

Girls Basketball

K Scobie
M Zohs
R Godfrey
M Herewini
L Haitana
V Parker
K McIlroy

Boys Basketball

E Poka
A O'Sullivan
W Sutton
R Vole
M Tuhoro
A Murdie
D Shanks
J Pepene
C Winter
V Te Miha

Bowls

Earlier in the year local secondary schools were invited to take part in an outdoor bowling competition in Wanganui.

Managed by Mrs George, the team members who participated in this exciting escapade were Olivia Haitana (Skip), Che Wilson, Scott Goldfinch and Willy Sutton. Although they did not win the competition, they discovered that bowling was a very enjoyable experience. It provided a combination of fun, learning and competition.



Badminton

Extra training at lunch time on Fridays meant that our players were well prepared for their match against Taihape on 4 August. The teams were as follows:

Girls

Leanne Ellis-Ruru (Captain)
Stacy Cranston
Amy Cranston
Evania Rennie
Cathy Cranston
Katrina Marsh
Rosemary Wanoa

Boys

Lindsay Cast
Andre Moore
Jacob Tamepo

These players defeated their Taihape rivals to the tune of 15-1, the games being played in a fine spirit of sportsmanship. Taihape had many new players and we look forward to stronger competition from them next year as their skills develop.

Ruapehu junior badminton has benefited greatly from training given by members of the Ohakune Badminton Club. They have over recent years given generously of their time and College badminton is now also reaping the benefit. Our thanks go especially to Colin and Jocelyn Cranston, Elaine Weller and parent helpers.



Poem

An invalid immortal penetrates this earth,
But quickly it's subdued.
The pain it felt and further feels,
Humanity is untrue.
It lives its life without a say,
It cannot speak,
It cannot pray.
For death it dreams, a soul that waits
For God to keep,
For God to take.
Darkness is its only path.

V Te Miha

Touch Rugby

In November, seven students from Ruapehu College travelled to Wanganui to trial for a secondary school touch team. The students were Aroha Williams, Tina Bishop, Bridie Cleary, Raema Mowat, Kirsty McIlroy, Shanita Bishop and Amanda Te Huia.

The girls were split up into two teams, which consisted of other students from different schools. It was sad to see two of our girls pull out as they were tired from the first game they played. Selectors said they had never seen so much talent and skill among girls, and selecting was full of hard decisions. The selectors eventually made their final decisions, and out of the seven girls who represented Ruapehu College, Amanda and later, Raema made it. Congratulations!

A Williams

Mixed Touch Rugby Team 1993

Amanda Te Huia
Deina Fremlin
Dale Clark
Sheree Bentley
Decadia Pakinga
Lee Butler
Che Barlow
Sabrina Cooney
Todd Wise
Deevon Gray
Shaun McDonough
Paul Callaghan
Miss K Wilson and Mr R Lindsay (Coaches)

Muscle Magic

In Term Three Mr Hubbard ran an elective called Muscle Magic. Twelve senior students took part. Over the six weeks, students were introduced to such topics as Body Mechanics, Body Preparation - warm up and warm down, Resistance Training, Anatomy and Physiology, Injury Prevention and so on. Basic Massage Techniques generated the most interest from the participants whom Mr Hubbard said were a very mature and enthusiastic group. All passed and received a certificate.

G Bowley

Netball

The college netball season started with a lot of girls turning out for Mrs Campbell's trials. At the end of the trials there were five teams: the A and B teams, a fourth form team, a third form team and another team that had a mixture ranging from fourth year to first year students.

Opening day was in early June. This was our grading day. The A Team made it into the A grade while the rest of the college teams made the B grade.

Getting used to team mates and learning how each other played occupied our minds and within two to three weeks all the teams were working well. Even though none of the college teams came first in their grades, we all gave it our best and enjoyed ourselves.

At the end-of-year prize giving for all association teams the food was great and the company even better. The venue was the Ohakune Club. It was a good turn out and once again everybody enjoyed themselves.

B Cleary

Squad A

College 1

B Cleary
K McIlroy
P Mareikura
R Brown
D Pakinga
G Peni

Coach:

Squad B

College 3

D Waerea
L Haitana
S Waipouri
C Phillips
F Christensen
K Edwards
A Tamepo
N Journeaux
T Edwards

Coaches

College 2

R Mareikura
A Te Huia
D Clark
C Oh
L Green
S Cooney
K Scobie
Rauna Te Huia

College 4

W Cribb
K Ehau
G Ruke
M Wood
T Hawira
A Hiscox
R Gilbert
V Richards
R Iraia

D Edwards and K Edwards

R-e-l-a-x!

Oops..!

I like it...
I like it!



I'm trying...
I'm trying!

DON'T PANIC!!!



Mathex

Mathex '93 came rolling around in late September. A large number of students travelled to Whanganui to take part in this annual event supported by Mr Wayne "Roger Freeth" Marsh, Miss Korty "Just about a Gonna" Wilson, Mr and Mrs Graham and Judy "Come Later" Parker and respected parents.

Enjoyment seemed to be the objective of the evening but rumour had it that the "Big Mac" was the true objective of the evening. No, no some of the teams did well. Our third form Number 1 Team came seventh out ofno not 7 teams but 34 teams. As for the others, well they knew how to add 3 Big Mac's and 6 McNuggets together and subtract the whole lot within ten minutes as well as multiply several calories to gain a few extra kilos. Choice eh!

Miss Wilson's van load was followed by Mr Parker's car load as we travelled up the Parapara Road to make our way home. At the bottom of Houghton's Hill, out from the night walked..... well it looked like "Mr Ed" the talking horse. We thought we were just about a gonna. My heart went boom bang a bang, boom bang a bang. I never thought my heart would miss a beat or two over a horse... maybe an ox?

K Wilson

Henry

Henry was a slimy bloke,
But popular with the ladies.
So he couldn't resist the good-looking chick,
Who pulled up in a Mercedes.

He slithered up to her,
To see if he could score,
But she sprayed him with her mace,
And he fell rolling to the floor.

Henry tried many times,
But she dodged all his advances,
So Henry decided the time had come,
For him to take his chances.

Thinking about his cunning plan,
Almost brought him to tears,
But he still decided to have a bath,
The first in seven years.

Lindsay Cast

Mathematics Competitions

In 1993 we had entrants in three mathematics competitions. These were the National Bank Junior Mathematics Competition, the BNZ Senior Mathematics Competition and the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Warwick Allen was our most successful competitor this year. He gained a Distinction Award in the senior section of the Australian Mathematics Competition.

A number of pupils throughout the school earned Credit Certificates in the Australian Competition. They are as follows:

Third Form Daniel Forster, Justin Mackay,
Kelly Swain, Peggy Rudkin.
Fourth Form Jason Bright, Victoria Duigan.
Fifth Form Shaun McDonough, Sandra Smith.
Seventh Form Avinesh Sharma.

It is hoped that in 1994 we continue to have pupils keen to participate in these competitions, and that we will again be able to report on good performances.

Scrapbook Competition

Social Studies teachers again organised a current affairs scrapbook competition this year for third and fourth formers. Twenty juniors took away highlighters, Moro bars and chocolate fish.

Fourth Form

First	V Duigan	
Highly Commended	J Beech	K Murdie
	B Yewen	A Munn
	A Mareikura	

Third Form

First	M Wood	
Highly Commended	S Beer	A Hiscox
	C Cranston	T Evans
	S Bishop	H Pike
Commended	A Coogan	D Forster
	N Gupwell	S Hays
	A Garland	D Clark
	R Rewharewa	

Cross-Country Run

30 September was an unusually brilliant day. Some people who had been determined not to run this year were soon persuaded by threats of spending the hour with Mr Parker or Mrs George, but there were also those who wanted to run!

Two thirds of the school lined up when their age groups were called. Grins came to people's faces as others threatened to throw mud, or glide past rivals at the finishing line. The starter calmed excited runners, raised the clapper and everybody took off.

Andrew Murdie was the first person to be seen coming over the hill... then the second... then the third. Spectators started to cheer. The excitement of winning lifted the runners and they picked up speed. One by one, all returned home. Another cross country over till next year.

M Zohs

Cross-Country Champions 1993

Junior Boys

A Murdie
J Mackay
D Forster

Junior Girls

S Mackay
T Evans
K Marsh

Intermediate Boys

S Goldfinch
A O'Sullivan
S McDonough

Intermediate Girls

V Duigan
L McCann
R Mowat

Senior Boys

M Hope
A Moore
M Gordon

Senior Girls

M Mitchell
V Pearson
C Hawira

Intersecondary Schools Cross-Country

On 6 October, a group of six representative runners travelled to Nga Tawa Girls School near Marton, to compete in the Intersecondary Schools Cross-Country.

Arriving at Nga Tawa in our flash college vans with plenty of time to spare, we girls decided to familiarise ourselves with the course. Half way around the course, we heard Mr Hagener's frantic whistling and calling. The first race was about to begin! We sprinted to the line with no time to spare, and so ran the race without even a proper warm-up or stretch.

The course was extremely difficult, with terrain suited to those who wanted a broken leg. We ran over horse jumps and through paddocks riddled with hoof marks. The weather was atrocious - pouring rain and a head wind nearly all the way. We were all extremely glad to see the plastic ribbons of the finish lanes.

By contrast, the junior and senior boys were well prepared for their races and achieved some good individual placings. Overall our school was placed twentieth in the Wanganui Secondary Schools Competition. This was an excellent effort for such a small school. Our thanks go to Mr Hagener for taking us to the competition. The Cross-Country Team comprised Sarah Mackay, Katrina Marsh, Tammy Evans, Michael Hope and Andre Moore.

Sarah Mackay



Rugby

This year was a very difficult one for the 1st XV. Half way through the season our team was divided after one game against another school. Tempers had flared, the game had erupted in a brawl and everyone sent to the showers early. Some of the players chose not to accept our new coach, his strict discipline and a change of grading. Consequently these players left the team.

Loyal team members remaining were generally young. These new players are considered by many to have the potential to be built up into a 'boomer' team in time to come. We appreciated the efforts of Mr Graeme Pike who dedicated himself to getting us match fit at our Wednesday evening training sessions. We also have to thank him for his efforts in getting us kitted out in new uniforms.

Possibly our best result was having Vice-Captain Willy Sutton selected for the under-16 Wanganui team. Our team finished eighth (out of 16) in the Wanganui Sevens Competition and enjoyed a win over Taumarunui. Taihape College defeated us this year. The Saturday competition will be remembered less for the results since we lost every single game and more for the fun and also the good sportsmanship that developed.

Our thanks go to our captain, Jason Schrier, to our core group of supportive parents including the 'catering and support lady', Mrs Honey Winter, and of course to our coach who brought us through a difficult season.

Around the Mountain Relay

Ruapehu College staff, students and a few extras competed in the annual race around Mount Ruapehu, organised by the Army Training Group at Waiouru.

Initially the team was all staff or staff family, but injuries and other pressures forced some to withdraw. Final participants in the College Castaways included Mr R Knight, Mrs K Robinson, Mr K Hagener, M Hagener, Mr R Lindsay, Mrs L Fetzer, A Fetzer, A Moore, Mr and Mrs P Norman, D Knapp, Mr R Milne and C Melody, together with a fine support crew headed by Mr and Mrs Cast, Mrs Winter and Miss McEwing.

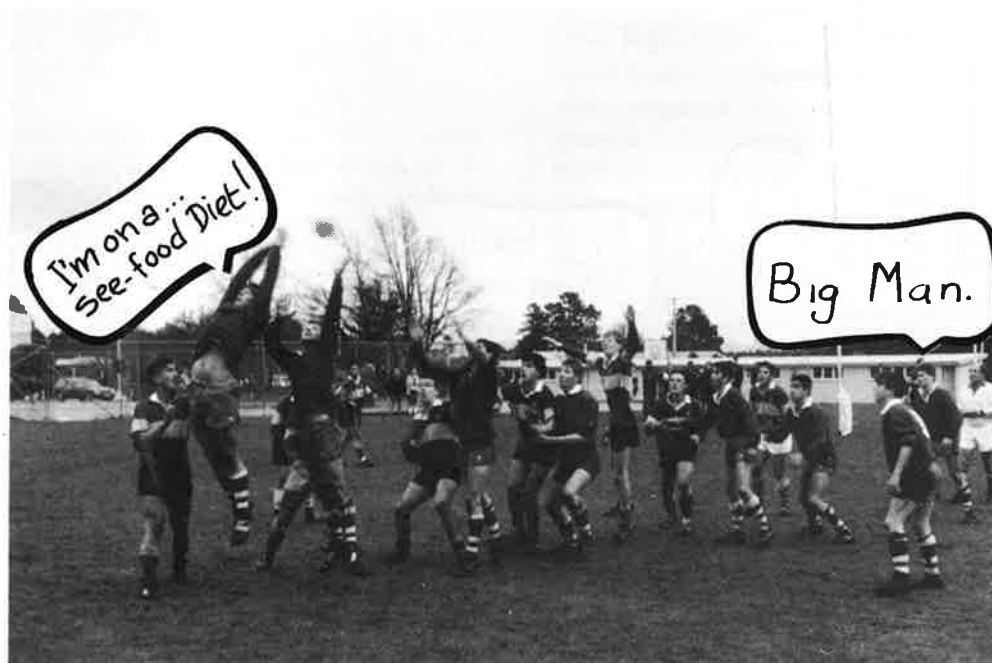
The team competed in the Social Grade beginning at 3:00am and finishing at 4:51pm. We'll be back meaner and leaner next year.

I Mackay

Frost

I feel the crisp, cold breeze as it rushes past me.
Quietly but swiftly it whispers to me.
It has attacked the earth bearing its whiteness.
Like thistledown blowing in the wind,
Grasping at the ground.

Lynette Haitana



Taihape and Taumaranui Sports Exchange Results

(from the viewpoint of Ruapehu)

Summer Exchange with Taihape

Girls Cricket	Win
Boys Cricket	Loss
Girls Volleyball	Win
Boys Volleyball	Win
Tennis	Win
Girls Softball	Loss
Boys Softball	Won
Touch Rugby Mixed	Loss

Silver Plate to Ruapehu

Winter Exchange with Taihape

Netball A	Loss
Netball 2	Loss
Netball 3	Loss
Netball 4	Loss
Rugby 1st XV	Loss
Soccer Mixed	Draw
Badminton	Win
Croquet Mixed	Draw
Squash	Win

Principals' Trophy to Taihape

Winter Exchange with Taumaranui

Netball A	Loss
Netball 2	Loss
Netball 3	Loss
Rugby 1st XV	Win
Girls Basketball	Loss
Boys Basketball	Loss
Soccer 1st XI	Loss

Tennis

Some very promising junior players emerged this year. The tennis courts were well used again during lunch hour in the first term, players generally preferring to practise in the form of 'hits' rather than playing ladder matches.

Lee McCann and Rhys Langdon ran out the eventual winners of the 1993 Championships with Bridie Cleary and Stacy Cranston as runners-up.

The team played very well in Taihape and managed to beat their hosts on rain-swept courts, the final score being 12 games to 6.

Boys Team

R Langdon
S Cranston
L Cast
D Forster
D Triggell
W Hyslop
L Chan

Girls Team

L McCann
A Cranston
E Rennie
G Ruke
K Swain
T Bishop
M Lind

Squash Team

Andre Moore
Carl Triggell
Darren Triggell
Blair Cornwall
Jason Bright
Warren Hyslop
Nathan Swain
Delia Siddells

Croquet Team

Leonard Pirere
Adrian Fetzner
Olivia Haitana
Raema Mowat

First XI Cricket

Over the past two years College has entered a cricket team in the local senior competition, and this year was no exception.

The team plays in a men's competition every Saturday, and wins are hard to come by. Our record reads heaps of losses and one win against Ohakune earlier in the year. Inter-school against Taihape was again an unhappy experience, as we were soundly beaten yet again.

Although all this sounds disappointing the team is young and has a number of promising players, so we have the nucleus for a solid team in years to come.

We would like to thank all those who assisted with transport, our coaches Mr Marsh and Mr Lindsay and also John Furlong and Rodger Trose from Central Districts for their excellent coaching session.

1993 Cricketers

Glen Marriot (captain)
Aeneas O'Sullivan (vice captain)
William Sutton
Daniel Murdie
Murry White
Craig McDonough
John Hays
Shannon Hays
Andrew Murdie
Jamie Morrissey
Nathan Swain
Lindsay Cast
Stacy Cranston
Greg Tuthill

Glen Marriot

Girls Soccer - Sport for Understanding

Lunch hour training for six long weeks could mean only one thing. The girls concerned improved their soccer skills dramatically. At the end of the six weeks they were ready to play.

The American girls arrived on Tuesday 13 July and were billeted out for the following two days. This was a new experience and for many there was a lot to learn. Americans do cook and eat in ..well at least once a year at Thanksgiving. Milo and kumara were entirely new culinary delights for most of the Americans.

The visit may not have been very successful for us in terms of the 8-0 score in favour of the visitors, but the teams and supporters enjoyed one another's company immensely. Sport is a great way to improve understanding between different cultures. Perhaps the peoples of Bosnia could try a little soccer diplomacy.

Ruapehu College Girls Soccer Team 1993

Sandra Smith (captain)

Terina Abbott

Joanne Barclay

Mary-Anne Goven

Corrina Hawera

Karen Howard

Sarah Mackay

Katrina March

Tina McFadyen

Trudy Nation

Charmian Oh

Vanessa Parker

Danielle Rodger

Patrica Tuthill

Coaches

Mr K Hagener and Caleb Tumataroa



The Wind

Its bodiless embodiment flows across the land.
Its often sudden changes heralded by a roar.
With its insubstantial legs it strides - a solid
moving wall.

The trees, a silent audience, a captivated crowd
Their leaves a-clapping in the wind while listening
to its howls.

You hear it coming from the sky,
You hear its battle cry that promises man
problems,
And to kites the promise of flight.

Adrian Fetzer

Indoor Soccer

This is an open competition for male or females of any age group. It is run on Wednesday nights in the soccer season for both the keen and the non-competitive player. For the past few years, College has been involved in this competition being represented by keen teachers and students.

In the 1993 season, we decided to enter two teams. Being known as 'just a bunch of college kids', *Damage Inc* set out to do the damage. They finished fourth in the first round. Then they showed what a bunch of college kids could really do when they won the second round. They gained the respect of opposing teams from this result. The third round consisted of mixed results because of injuries and other commitments. Overall they did quite well in the competition.

Dementia, the other team, were consistent and never gave up throughout the season. I'm sure both teams were pleased with their performance and look forward to an even brighter 1994 season for College.

A Sharma

Damage Inc.

A Sharma (Capt)
N Sharma
G Marriott
A Murdie
J Laurensen
N Swain
W Sulton
A O'Sullivan

Dementia

Mathew James
Lindsay Cast
Lindsay Chan
Murray White
Darren Triggell
David Hammond

First XI Soccer

1993, a season of ups and downs, wins and losses, joy and sadness. This was a relatively successful year for all involved. Last year's cruise win in the Wanganui Youth League showed us that we needed some stiff competition. We entered the same competition again and boy did we get some 'stiff competition'. The season started with a number of one-off games against Taihape and Turangi Wanderers in which we triumphed.

Prepared for the major league, our main competition was East Athletic Raiders, who turned out to be the third best under-16 team in the country. We were indeed 'raided' every time we met on the field. However, we earned a well-deserved, second placing overall and were pleased with the result.

Inter-school games were not comfortable affairs. In pouring rain and hail we played Taumarunui. This game ended in a close 4-1 win to our visitors. An improved effort gained us a 2-2 draw against a much stronger Taihape side than we have encountered for many years.

All the best to next year's up-coming side of Diego Maradonas and to the in-coming captain.

Avinesh Sharma

South Island Tour

This was the highlight of the soccer season. Our coach, having been particularly pleased with the enthusiasm and commitment of team members, decided to reward us with a trip away to the South Island.

Our destinations were Geraldine High School and Waimate High School. We fundraised a large amount of money and our opponents were warned of our impending arrival.

Aboard the plane one of the members (AM) passed as a ten year old and got the special treatment which kept him quiet for the rest of the flight. Thank God for that.

Having arrived in Geraldine, some of our hosts kept some of our players up late for some reason. It showed the next day!

The opposing team from Geraldine was mistaken for a pack of rugby forwards. The final result was a 5-0 win to Geraldine, which did not bother us since we played your hearts out. We were even more pleased when we found out that Geraldine had been invited to participate in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Soccer Tournament later on in the year. We departed from Geraldine with sad looks on some players' faces for some reason.

The next destination was Waimate High School. Again our hosts enjoyed having us there. The following game was the 'all or nothing' game. It was a tough one, playing against a team coached by former Ruapehu College soccer coach, Mr John McCartney. Eventually we put that significant look on Mr McCartney's face when we came out victorious, the score 3-2 to Ruapehu College.

After the game we headed to Christchurch for the night. The next day was spent shopping and at Q.E II Park, where Mr Laurensen was taught a game of miniature golf.

We departed the following day from Christchurch Airport for Wellington and then headed home in the school van. One of the players reached home with something white and sticky on his face, while others weren't so lucky.

The trip was enjoyed by all and thanks go to the following who made this trip possible:

Mr Laurensen (Coach)

Ruapehu College Board of Trustees

Geraldine High School hosts

Waimate High School hosts

All who helped us with our fundraising by buying manure and raffle tickets.

A Sharma

Soccer

Our soccer team has never had
The credit it deserves.
We only have two spectators
And they are both reserves.

L Cast



Interwhanau Skiing

Every year the best skiers battle it out to win the inter-whanau ski races.

Weka won it last year and was planning on winning it this year, but there was some tough competition from Tui.

Rachel Hays, who had won the girls cup for Weka two years in a row, had some competition from Tui's Kelly Swain and had to beat her time to keep the cup. Unfortunately for Weka, Kelly won the cup from Rachel.

Weka had better luck with its boy skiers. The boys from the other whanau who were thought to be a threat, were having a bad day. A lot fell or were disqualified for missing gates.

Weka boys did their best, and were finally placed overall first (Daniel Richards), second (Shanon Hays), and fourth (Scott Nation).

Overall Weka did it again and won the skiing, with Tui coming second, Huia coming third, and Kiwi in fourth place.

Everyone enjoyed themselves, and had free skiing for the rest of the day.

Hayley Pike

NZ Secondary Schools Ski Competition

This year the NZSSSC again took place on the Whakapapa Ski Field, Mount Ruapehu. The competition was hosted for the fourteenth time by Ruapehu College.

120 different schools competed in this event. Each school entered a team of five people. This meant that 600 people, plus coaches and supporters had to be organised. An excellent job of organisation was done by Co-ordinator, Mr John Laurenson, Chief of Race, Mr Rick Knight, Day 3 Organiser, Mrs K Campbell, the staff of Ruapehu College and Whakapapa Ski Field, local businesses, as well as enthusiastic parent and other helpers from the community.

The Ruapehu College Ski Team this year consisted of Todd Haywood, Darren Triggell, Carl Triggell, Nathan Swain and Rachel Hays. Our team amassed a total of 70 points and came 28th overall. In past ski competitions Ruapehu College has regularly been in the top team placings and next year will be back to challenge this year's winners - King's College (first), Saint Paul's Collegiate (second) and Saint Cuthbert's (third).

Thanks must go to our sponsors: Salomon Products, Powderhorn Ski Shop and Minolta.

G Bowley



LEAVERS

Getting to the Essence of Form Seven

Che (Uncle) Wilson

"If you've got a mouth use it."

"You've got to love yourself before you can love any one else."

1994 - Victoria LLB

Leanne Ellis-Ruru

the look that sank a thousand ships

1994 - Massey BBS

Avinesh (Avi) Sharma

1994 - buying a dairy or

BSc - specialising in carrots

Malcolm (Chingi / Bruce) Chan

"Well, it could be a possibility."

1994 CIT - NZCE (Mechanical) or

BE - Canterbury

Edward(Eddie/Spaghetti/Woggadog)Poka

"What's up?/ Where's the next party?"

1994 - Victoria BCA

Warwick (Wick/ No 1) Hays

1994 Atlanta, looking at schools of architecture

Gymnastics to continue - Level 10

Rachel (one of the boys) James

1994 CIT - Dental Technology

Craig (Maggie/ Tombstone/ Top table man)

McDonough

"I slept in, eh. Not allowed to take the car to school any more"

1994 Massey - BTech Computers or Canterbury - BE (a different side of PE)

Kelvin (Ducktail) Hammond

"Can I have some of that?"

"If I'd known I sing that badly, I wouldn't have sung."

1994 CIT-NZCE(Comprehensive electronics)

Wooden Spoon

1993 was a dismal year for New Zealand sport. We saw how the All Blacks were beaten by the weaker English team and how the poor NZ cricketers sadly lost to the Australians. To top off a bad year the fifth year students lost to the staff. One can only put these shock defeats down to plain bad luck. How else to explain the loss of hockey and volleyball and soccer and netball. Besides bad luck, for us there was always the knowledge that our older and wiser opposition had had decades of practice against fifth year students. Just ask any past student who is approaching 90 and they will probably recall playing against these same teachers!

Despite the shame of losing to the staff we are also very pleased with the sportsmanship displayed by both sides and wish next year's fifth years the best of luck - they'll need it!

L Ellis-Ruru



BURSARY

Back Row Edward Poka, Rachel James, Warwick Hays, Che Wilson.

Front Row Leanne Ellis-Ruru, Kelvin Hammond, Malcolm Chan, Craig McDonough, Avinesh

"It will change your life."

It was March 1992. I found myself in Japan, a country of big cities, amazing traditions, strange food and a language I couldn't speak - only a slight challenge for the average Kiwi!

As my new family drove me to my new home in the city of Nara, I was going through a few stages of shock. One of the first was their driving. Imagine a city street, tailor made to mix people walking, people on bikes, scooters, trucks and your car; on a road you could have sworn was a one-way street, till you spotted the 4WD trucks heading towards you. SCARY. Here was a place someone could easily inherit a phobia to travelling. Thank God the Japanese train system is so extensive. Mind you, they weren't such a safe deal either. Let me warn you, that if you ever find yourself in Osaka on a crowded train, remember to take anti-perspirant, because being so packed on all four sides that you're touching people, you can get sweaty. Also remember if you're one of the smaller ones who gets pushed out

h the flow of people getting off where you don't want to, and then you can't fight your way back on; another train will arrive in two minutes, so don't worry.

Yes, you experience many different things in a different culture. The food tended to be raw a lot of the time - raw egg, raw fish, raw octopus etc, but the idea is not to ask what it is you're about to eat and see how it goes. It also pays to not ask what you've just finished eating either, as they may say something like deep fried jellyfish, and you'd feel like you need a quick trip to the toilet.

The culture was most intriguing. The Japanese have many traditions all so interesting I could write this whole school magazine with the details. As that would be kind of out of the question, I'll leave you to experience it for yourself, by reading my book when I write it. (Yeah, right - as if I could write a book). Well, you can find out plenty of information about Japan in other books, and if any of you have a notion to go on exchange, I say, "Do it."

It will change your life.

Rachel Chan

Ruapehu Graduates '93

Growing numbers of Ruapehu College students are graduating from universities around the country. This year saw the following receive their degrees:

Sheryl A Drayton (1965)	
BEd	Massey
Noami L F Friar (1989)	
BSc	Massey
Patricia Bendall (1957)	
Cert Library Studies	Canterbury
Frances A Boulton (1985)	
BA (Hons)	Victoria
Helen J Burgess (1988)	
BA	Victoria
Susannah E Gardener (1986)	
LLB	Victoria
Timothy D Journeaux (1979)	
BSc	Waikato
Keir J Whipp (1988)	
Dip Drama	Auckland
Kerry J Baker (1988)	
BPhEd	Otago
() Graduation year from Ruapehu College	

Multi Studies Programme



Back Row Caroline Pui, Roberta Williams, Linda Cribb, Teneya Takitimu, Whetu Cribb, Frankie Matangi.

Front Row James Yewen, Michael Hope, Michael Wihapi, Mrs J Manson, Keelan Pehi, Walter Metekingi, Christopher Winter.

VISITS, VISITORS AND SPECIAL THINGS

Agricultural Visits to.....

...Wanganui Community College

The Horticulture Link Course at Wanganui Community Polytech was a three day affair that left the pupils busy, and the teachers tired.

Nicola at the polytech, is a great teacher and we had tastes of all sorts of horticultural experiences, from driving tractors (Stacey was the best) to whip and tongue grafting (Todd thought he was the best) to kiwifruit pruning (Dayna was pretty good at that). As well as the added benefits of mixing with pupils from Wanganui schools (Tania was the best at that), we packed a lot into those three days. We also visited commercial horticultural enterprises and learnt a lot there.

Staying at Quaker's Acres was an experience too. We all learnt about alternative life styles and appreciated their great facilities. You will also be pleased to know that Ruapehu College teams easily beat Wanganui Boys and Wanganui Girls teams in the confidence courses.

Special thanks to Mr Herdman who came to help supervise overnight (contrary to Carrie's ideas that he was there to keep Mrs Ryland from being lonely).

It was a great three days, full of experiences which hopefully inspired some of the Horticultural students to continue their education in this field.

...and to Taratahi Agricultural School

Mrs Ryland promised to pick all students up at 6 am and she wasn't too far behind in her estimates but she got moaned at anyway! The College van motored off to Masterton which is a very long way in a college van. All the boys were singing keen to have a look at what the Taratahi Agricultural School offered.

It's a great place to learn farming skills - whether you're into sheep, beef, dairy farming or forestry. The staff were friendly and helpful, and even provided us with lunch, after showing us around the farm and the hostel. The facilities must have impressed Todd and Ricky because they're off to Taratahi next year, and with a 90% job placement rate after training, it may be an option that you could consider if you're into the rural life.

All in all, it was a worthwhile day on the road, with the comfort stop in Fielding providing some light relief!

The Future

The future is a spirited whore,
Some would try to control her
With rushed, fumbling fingers,
Groping, crudely manipulating their destiny
While others burn in the present
Under the oppression of subsistence
But the future is not so tame
That it should lie like a lamb
Subdued.
Rather it is a truculent beast.
Temperamental and filled with
The unexpected.

The Rape

The elephant roamed proud in vibrant glee
Unfettered and rampant in wild designs
And his maelstrom of lines, sign of his times.
The fauna gaze on immortality.
His ivories are born erect with pride,
And jubilant roars rings out with each stride.

Nearby poachers await, thieves of rapture,
Their nonchalance of the glory showing,
One thing on thier minds, that is to capture,
Then slay for teeth, leaving loved ones waiting.

The killers move in for the coup de grace
Like cowards they creep, bullets, then butcher.
The tasks then removed, souvenirs of waste
Fondre en larmes, the rape of Mother Nature.

Nathan Davies.

Home Economics

Apart from the usual weekly benefit of eating whilst you work in the Home Economics Department, senior students visited the kitchens of the Grand Chateau to see catering in action and on a grand scale. Later in the year these same students had the opportunity of investigating trainee chef courses at the the Army Catering School, Waiouru.

The department was also visited by Plunket Nurse Mrs Carol Harford who came in to discuss with seniors child rearing strategies as part of their Parenting Unit.

Regional Science Fair

Megan Lind and Kaye Murdie recently attended the Regional Science Fair in Palmerston North, representing Ruapehu College. Exhibitors from Form One to Seven were selected from schools all over the region. A popular event, approximately 150 people visited the Fair in one hour!

Megan and Kaye's Chemistry project, "A Soapy Feeling" did extremely well, earning them a commendation. This is an excellent effort on their part, considering that they funded the majority of the project and had to compete against larger city schools who had the help of major sponsors. Well done!

Third Form Science Fair

Mrs Buck organised a successful Science Fair for third formers in September. The venue was the Senior Common Room.

First placing went to Rebecca Clarke with her amazing display of dyes. Her purpose was to make successful solutions of dyes using natural resources such as onion skins. Her experiment was one of nineteen other entries to the fair, with most entries being prepared by two or three students.

Second place went to Sarah Mackay and Sheree Beer. Their project was on decaying teeth, the aim being to see which soft drink decayed teeth the fastest. Their result was....

Coca Cola, so if you'd rather be gummy, drink Coke.

Third placing went to Justin Mackay and Daniel Forster. Their project was called Hot Air Balloons. The aim was to make working hot air balloon. They must have been successful because they came in a strong third place.

Geography-History Visits

Geography and History students again ranged widely over the country this year. Perhaps the highlight this year was the Wellington trip.

A prerequisite of both the History and Geography syllabus, is the study of a large metropolitan area in New Zealand. Wellington, as the seat of government, provides an ideal opportunity for pupils to fulfill this part of the course and experience some aspects of life in a large city. Students visited a variety of areas and completed tasks that required observation skills, survey skills and analytical skills.



Male Race

"I will never hurt you. You are safe with me."
Are these true lyrics? Many will disagree.

"You are a blue rose, one of the special kind."
If I looked harder I could always find.

"You are my only true love. No one will take your place."
Except for the blonde down the road. Better body, better face.

"I would climb the highest mountain, cross the widest sea."
Just so you wouldn't be seen with me.

"I would give you every last penny, everything that I own."
But just remember it's only on loan.

"We don't need protection I'll get off at the first stop."
It's her problem if out they pop.
These are the common lies the male race has told.
As your life goes on the truth will unfold.

J Walker

Suburbs such as Porirua, Whitby, Newtown and Wadestown were visited for comparative purposes. The Bolton Street Cemetary provided useful information for History students, as did Antrim House and the Archives. Wellington Central and waterfront high rise development gave Geography students challenging planning tasks.

Ten pin bowling proved to be very popular on Monday evening and friendly competition brought out a great range of ability.

R Knight

Third Form Camp

At the start of the school year third form classes went on camp. We were based at the Mangawhero Lodge one or two miles en route to Mount Ruapehu.

The idea of the camp was for students to get to know each other and to work together as core groups. Students, teachers and parents all stayed in tents and there was a wide range of activities for us to do such as tramping, orienteering, attempting to follow the Burma track by moonlight, Storming the Heights as well as a bit of community service. We helped DOC staff spread bails of lucerne higher up alongside the Mountain Road.

We hope that when the hay decomposes it will provide young seedlings with the necessary soil to be able to grow and stop the steep banks from eroding any further. Some of us became extremely hungry waiting for the lunch that got lost. Those who weren't lucky enough to get hold of face masks inhaled tons of hay dust. The weather was not exactly summery, though. Some groups got soaked.

There was plenty to do. Mrs Hollyer even found time to do some off-trail exploring, by van. Bruises and wet clothes aside, we had a great time.

K Weyde

Activities Week

Activities Week is a welcome event for the third and fourth formers, it being a fun way to learn new skills after exams. There is a wide range of activities to do, depending on your behaviour throughout the year.

Mr and Mrs Knight offered the week-long, overseas trip to Abel Tasman Park and survived the rough crossing and the sun burn. Activities around the local area included

Bowls,
Motor Bike Riding,
Horse Riding,
Golf,
the Wanganui Trip,
Adventure Week,
Raetihi Surprise,
Christmas Cake and Tart Making,
Sport,
Christmas Crafts,
Blue Duck Spotting,
Kayaking,
Mountain Biking,
Squash,
the Tokaanu Visit,
Lake Surprise, Rotopounamu and Titoki Point visits
Workshop Presents,
Sweet Making and Art.

The worst things about the week were having to choose between the activities and the cold, wet weather which prevailed except, it seems, in Nelson. Thanks to Mr Taylor for the hours of extra work he put into the organisation of the activities. Thanks also to staff, parents and other helpers without whose support this programme just could not happen.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The Year of the Hangi

1993 was the year we had a change from the chips and school pies that students devour each lunchtime. The college was abuzz with anticipation to see whether MSP could pull it off. Wisecracks and jokes enveloped the school but lo and behold MSP were working hard to meet the deadline. A lot of things had to be organised and Mrs Manson was a key player. She rang round local market gardeners who supplied all the vegetables free of charge. A team of trusty hunters, notably Joe Metekingi, Keelan Pehi and Chris Winter were deployed to catch the pig.

The hangi was now finally taking shape and eager students and staff were flocking to buy their tickets. The most talented hustlers turned out to be Teneya Takitimu and James Yewen. Final preparations included peeling potatoes, carrots and kumara. The meat had to be skinned and cut, all this being done by MSP with a little help from parents and friends. Michael Wihapi jumped in to fill the breach when the promised load of firewood failed to materialise at the last moment.

MSP stayed the night in the Senior Studies Block so they could get an early start in the morning. There was still a lot to do. The fire was lit, the stones heated and the right sized hole dug, the food packed and the hole finally covered in by the boys in white gumboots and mufti.

By the start of lunch time a lot of wide-eyed hungry people were running down to the same garage that MSP had built two years earlier. They fetched their orders and the verdict was unanimous -not too heavy, not too light, but just right.

MSP and Mrs Manson made just under \$1000 for their Wellington trip and would like to thank everyone who helped make it the success it was, particularly B Eades, R Frew, R Wilson, A Foster, P Perkins, H and S Chan, S Pearson, J and S Eades, G Deadman and B Taylor.

J Cleary



Notes from the College Garage

Since the start of 1993, Multi Studies Programme (MSP) students and other mechanically interested people have been restoring and renovating old and derelict cars with the help of John Anderson who owns and runs an auto body repair shop in the town of Ohakune.

These students have been able to increase their knowledge of the processes involved in getting an automobile up to running condition. With the skills they have obtained they will certainly have more of a chance in making a good go of it in the world of work.

Mr Parker and Mr Sutton spearheaded the operation organising the purchase of vehicles from the McLeod Estate, Karioi. A wide variety of tools and engine parts was also purchased to help make the course the finely tuned machine it is.

The students need a bit more help, be it more tutors or donations from the public. This course is just the thing for students who want to pursue a career in the field of auto mechanics. The course is open to anyone who shows an interest in this line of work.

J Law



Weather Station

At Ruapehu College there is a newly installed weather station. The equipment was provided by the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd after Mr David Taylor asked to have the station set up. The equipment came from a station in New Plymouth which had closed down. The station tests temperature, humidity, rainfall and soil temperature. All the results go to

Wellington. They are also published in the local newspaper every week. The readings are taken by students on week days between 8.00 and 9.00 am, and by teachers on weekends and holidays. This year the two students were Sandra Smith and Andre Moore. By taking the readings it is teaching students how to read results accurately. The first reading was taken on August 1st.

G Bowley



School Canteen

Ruapehu College is in the process of building a new canteen. The existing canteen is being replaced because it is badly sited, and too small for the needs of the school. The new canteen has been designed as a commercial kitchen, and will provide a wider range of food than is offered at present.

It will cost about \$75000 to \$80000, half of which will come from the Ministry of Education as a subsidy.

One side of the canteen is against the back of the hall, so when it is wet, the students can be served inside. There is another serving area facing the outside, for fine weather. It is planned to have another storey on top of the kitchen, for seating. To create more space, this mezzanine floor will be constructed over and into the back of the hall.

The canteen is being constructed by local firms. Building is being done by Horne Brothers, Fetzer Electrical is doing the wiring, John McIlroy is doing the plumbing, John Porter - vinyl, James Ennis - painting and John Dobson the heating. All the plumbing and wiring are concealed and the canteen will be heated by the school boiler.

It is hoped that the canteen will be finished by December, ready for school use next year. It will be a major asset and also available for the wider community to use.

G Bowley

Shopping for Health

All seniors were invited to attend a health seminar organised in two sessions by Mr Marsh and Public Health Nurse, Jeanette Osborne.

Information was given relating to alcohol and drug problems, violence, abuse, sexuality, contraception, cervical smears and sexually transmitted diseases.

Other local health professionals then came in to demonstrate the kinds of services available which students are able to "shop" for so as to maintain good health. These included the services provided by the public health nurse, the community midwife, the hospital social worker, the police, physiotherapists, dieticians, alcohol and drug educators as well as providers of traditional Maori medicine.

Students appreciated the seminar and the effort which went into its organisation.

The Ball to Remember

Even though the organisation had been under way weeks before the ball actually took place thanks to Mr Taylor and his loyal helpers, everyone was required to work at a frantic pace to get everything ready in the last few days leading up to the event. Decorations were put up only the night before. This was not just any ball. This was 'the ball to remember'.

The excitement of the pre-ball hype finally came to a climax as 7 August dawned. The ball venue was the Ohakune Club and on the day, finishing touches were added to complete the 1920's theme - Dick Tracy silhouettes, Johnny Fedora cigars and pump action guns reminiscent of the era adorned the walls.

The ball kicked off at about 7:30 with the awesome sounds of Zig-Zag, who would continue to provide music for the entire evening. Girls entering in glittering gowns and boys smartly dressed in tuxedos signalled that all were there for a good time. As the students slowly poured in, you could sense that this was going to be a night to remember. The night started off slowly with people sitting, socializing and drinking (grape juice) but after the first hour, things started to get going. Dancing continued until about 10.30 when supper was held, and for some it seemed as if this was the highlight of the evening. Supper (for some) ceased at about 11 when the band resumed playing again. At midnight a net suspended above the dance floor was dropped. It released five hundred balloons over the 97 students present, the ball finishing with a big 'bang'.

Attendance at the clean-up the next day was just a small fraction (four to be precise) of those who had attended the ball but with the help of a few others, the hall was transformed to its previous condition. A big vote of thanks must be given to Mr Taylor and the ball committee, as the people largely responsible for organising and running the function, making this truly a 'ball to remember'.

J McGill





HUIA KH

Back Row Murray White, Caleb Tumataroa, Shaun McDonough,

Third Row K Hagener, Frankie Matangi, Lindsay Cast, Lee Hiscox, Jacki Waipouri, Lee McCann.

Second Row David Taku, Kebrasca Ratima, Dalton Waara, Quantro Takitimu, Joshua Smith, Gregory Tuthill.

First Row Alison Munn, Gloria Peni, Tineke Edwards, Coralie Abbot, Jennifer Frame, Veronica Richards, Rewa Gilbert.

Absent Kushla Edgerton, Mana Phillips, Peggy Rudkin, Kim Morris, Robert Vole, Anton Zanetich.



HUIA BC

Back Row Jillian Lambert, Kimi Edwards, Kelly Scobie, Christopher Wise, Nathan Davies.

Second Row B Cast, Warwick Allen, Georgina Bowley, Flora Taku, Deina Fremlin, Carla Thompson, Leanne Ellis-Ruru, Lee Baranauskas, Deevon Gray.

First Row Vincent Waipouri, Patricia Tuthill, Charmian Oh, Amanda Garland, Alisha Tamepo, Shaun Moore, Marina Bristol.

Absent Tania Albury, Edward Laurence, Terina Abbott, Delia Siddells, Solomona Vaetoru, Tracey Berry, Cecilia Aspeheim.

HUIA JH

Back Row Peter Wikohika, Jacob Tamepo, Craig McDonough, Michael Wihapi.

Third Row David Melsop, Amy Hiscox, Kylie Edwards, Teneya Takitimu, Patrick Vaetoru.

Second Row J Hollier, Chad Woodhouse, Joel Gray, Jamie Morrissey, Lee Butler, Nikora Gupwell, Johnson Waipouri.

First Row Tina McFadyen, Mary-Anne Goven, Natasha Journeax, Sheree Beer, Alisha Pearson, Renee Iraia, Monica Tailuma.

Absent Priscilla White, Dayna Collier, Evania Rennie.



KIWI DT

Back Row Blair Cornwall, Edward Poka, Mariner Jackson, Vaughan Te Miha, Lance Jones.

Third Row Trayton Hardiman, Daniel Munn, Christopher Winter, William Cosford, Gou Gordon.

Second Row D Taylor, Serena Howard, Carrie-Anne Marsden, Rachel Taipari, Aroha Williams, Jodi Walker, Morwenna Herewini, J Manson.

Front Row Correna Turner, Marsha Newman, Whetu Cribb, Janine Hall, Natasha Mitchell, Rebecca McDougal, Tracy Tapa.

Absent Kylie Ehau, Brian Te Hore, Rebecca Godfrey, Natasha Hughes.



KIWI RM

Back Row Leonard Pirere, Scott Goldfinch, Richard Jones.

Third Row Daniel Pearson, Paul Wilson, Tracy Matthews, Roberta Williams, Amanda Te Huia, Alistair Fredericksen.

Second Row R Milne, Tiana Tapiki, Ricky Arahanga, Raymond Hemapo, Raymond Munn, David Shanks, Jack Gordon, J Manson.

Front Row Helena Auton, Toni Pakau, Trina Paul, Talia Hemara, Kelly-Anne McNie, Yvonne Cribb, Bridie Cleary.

Absent Kirsty Weyde, Lynda Godfrey, Jesse Winata, Rangi Abraham, David Hammond, Aeneas O' Sullivan,

KIWI LR

Back Row James Cleary, Jason Pepene, William Sutton.

Third Row Tamati Martin, Melanie Mitchell, Aaron Kairimu, Tony Prince, James McGill, Linda Cribb, Jamie Law.

Second Row L Ryland, Karen Howard, Kirsty Mellroy, Denise Waerea, Kelly Evans, Andrew Richbell, Johnette Albert, J Manson.

First Row Tracy Cosford, Mercana Hardiman, Christopher Phillips, Aaron Coogan, Peter Manson, Sheree Herewini, Betty Cribb.

Absent Richard Abraham, Todd Haywood,



TUI JP

Back Row Nathan Swain, Carl Triggell, James O' Hanlon, Che' Wilson, Dorothy Kyle.

Third Row Mark Haddon, Lisa Irwin, Decadia Pakinga, Sharon-Marie Waipouri, Tina Bishop.

Second Row J Parker, Rachael Brown, Angelique Te Aramakutu, Todd Wise, Chad Hughs, Warren Hyslop, Lynette Haitana.

Front Row Shanita Bishop, Pikimai Mareikura, Jacquilene Clark, Cathy-Anne Cranston, Tineke Hawira, Donna Clarke, Sarah MacKay.

Absent Paul Akurangi, Anaru Mareikura, William Wood.



TUI RL

Back Row David Bright, Matthew James, Andre Moore, Malcolm Chan.

Third Row Rosemary Wanoa, Raymond Ruki, Glenn Most, Darren Triggell, Danielle Rodger.

Second Row Justin Mackay, Victoria Duigan, Gisela Bauer, Corrina Hawira, Edwina Herewini, Jed Cornelius, R Lindsay.

Front Row Rakai Rewharewha, Amy Cranston, Andrew Murdie, Sheena Mareikura, Kelly Swain, Cherylee Bishop, Katrina Marsh.

Absent Charles August, Vicky Pearson.

TUI CC

Back Row Stacy Cranston, Tamehana Bishop, Nicholas Shewring, Rachel James, Andre Jenson, Megan Lind.

Third Row Elton Drylie, Michael Hope, Kelvin Hammond, Lindsay Chan, Wikeepa Rewharewha,

Second Row C Chapman, Tania Clark, Olivia Haitana, Stacey Paul, Justin Bishop, Gail Ruke, Rhys Langdon.

Front Row Elizabeth Scorrige, Steven Pitts, Marcia Wood, Jason Bright, Raana-Ellen Mareikura, Raema Mowat, Daniel Forster.

Absent Desarie Wilson, Nicky Attwood, Robert Liddle, Paul Callaghan.



WEKA JV

Back Row Lee Williams, Jason Schrier,
Billy Pehi, Chris Billington, Daniel
Gunnell, Taron Breen.

Third Row Kaine Harris, Tammy Evans,
Dale Clark, Vanessa Parker, Tracy Columb,
Shannon Vartha, Manu Tuhoro.

Second Row J Voon, Phillip Hansen,
Shanon Hays, Joe Metekingi, Ricky Rhodes,
Cameron Ross, Daniel Grey.

Front Row Beverly Yewen, Rhonda
Taumata, Kaye Murdie, Luella Sullivan,
Natasha Richards, Trudy Nation, Michelle
Zohs.

Absent Shane Gaby, Samantha Condon.



WEKA SB

Back Row Anthony Talbot, Bruce Mill,
Che Barlow, John Hays, Daniel Murdie.

Third Row Daniel Richards, Nilesh Sharma,
Shannon Taura, Christopher Hamilton, Eric
Vaughan.

Second Row S Buck, Kirk Vartha, Tania Harris,
Sabrina Cooney, Elizabeth Hanham, Cindy Hansen,
James Beech.

Front Row Rebecca Goddard, Rachel Hays,
Larissa Green, Nicholette Bridger, Raylene King,
Tania Clarke, Hayley Pike.

Absent Jan De Moor, Daniel McGregor,
Elizabeth Melrose.

WEKA GH

Back Row James Yewen, Nicholas Bonham,
Warwick Hays, Glen Marriott, Mathew
Gordon, Rawiri Keelan.

Third Row Joanne Barclay, Tracy Taura,
Sandra Smith, Rebecca Clarke, Angie Fahey.

Second Row G Hubbard, Brad Nelson, Tane
Gunnell, George Taura, Keelan Pehi, Martin
Hansen, Avinesh Sharma.

Front Row Christina Phillips, Frana
Christensen, Raymond Parr, Adrian Fetzer,
Scott Nation, Kelli Evans, Sonya Priday.

Absent Isiaha Barlow.



3R

Back Row Tania Harris, Alicia Pearson, Toni Pakau, Raymond Hemopo, Kelly Evans.

Third Row Janine Hall, Nikora Gupwell, Jed Cornelius, Justin MacKay, Aaron Coogan, Shamon Hays, Yvonne Cribb.

Second Row Kelly Swain, Monica Taituma, Donna Clark, Daniel Forster, Luella Sullivan, Rebecca Goddard, Tracy Cosford, Betty Cribb.

Front Row Rakai Rewharewha, Marina Bristol, Talia Hemara, Johnson Wai-pouri, manda Garland, Katrina Marsh, Gregory Tuthill.

Absent Nicky Attwood, Mana Phillips.



3U

Back Row Daniel Richards, Christopher Wise, Tamehana Bishop, Richard Jones, Joshua Smith, Paul Akurangi.

Third Row Peggy Rudkin, Kylie Ehau, Sheena Mareikura, Angelique Te Aramakutu, Marcia Wood, Tineke Edwards, Sheree Beer.

Second Row Vincent Waipouri, Alistair Fredericksen, Shaun Moore, Peter Manson, Daniel Gray, Paul Wilson, Amy Hiscox.

Front Row Sarah Mackay, Sonya Priday, Rewa Gilbert, Nicholette Brider, Cathy Cranston, Tineke Hawira, Hayley Pike.

Absent Lynda Godfrey, Robert Liddle

3A

Back Row Brad Nelson, Cameron Ross, Jamie Morrissey, Nicholas Shewring, Tamati Martin, Christopher Phillips.

Third Row Gou Gordon, Desarie Wilson, Tammy Evans, Rebecca Clarke, Trina Paul, Sheree Herewini, Trayton Hardiman.

Second Row Kirk Vartha, Phillip Hansen, Daniel Pearson, Scott Nation, Raymond Parr, Joel Gray.

Front Row Amy Cranston, Shanita Bishop, Marsha Newman, Renee Iraia, Elizabeth Scorringe, Helena Auton, Corrina Turner.

Absent Kushla Edgarton, Tracy Hinton



Back Row Lee Hiscox, Glen Most, John Hays, Charles August, William Wood.

Third Row Nilesh Sharma, Raymond Ruki, Sabrina Cooney, Jan De Moore, Aaron Kairimu, Justin Bishop, Christopher Hamilton.

Second Row Morwenna Heriwini, Victoria Duigan, Veronica Richards, Tracy Colomb, Natasha Journaux, Kelli Evans.

First Row: Andrew Murdie, Raana-Ellen Marcikura, Flora Taku, Alisha Tamapo, Rebecca McDougal, Mary-Anne Govan, Cherylee Bishop.

Absent Ricky Arahanga, Glen Haami, Chevell Martin, Kim Morris, Tony Stewart,



4U

Back Row Kaine Harris, Rawiri Keelan, Manu Tuhoro, Patrick Vaetoru, Quantro Takitimu, Darren Triggell.

Third Row Gail Ruke, Jillian Lambert, Kimi Edwards, Martin Hanson, Tane Gunnell, Megan Lind, Rachel Taipari.

Second Row Cindy Hanson, Jodi Walker, David Shanks, Serena Howard, Kelly-Anne McNie, Gloria Peni.

First Row Kaye Murdie, Christina Phillips, Lynette Haitana, Frana Christensen, Charmian Oh, Mereana Hardiman, James Beech.

Absent Jarrod Billington, Sonia Herewini, Brian Te Hore.

4A

Back Row Mark Haddon, Andre Jenson, George Taura, Jason Pepene, Billy Pehi, Anthony Talbert, Jesse Winiata.

Third Row Daniel Munn, Larrissa Green, Decadia Pakinga, Ricky Arahanga, Sharon Waipouri, Denise Waerea, Warren Hyslop.

Second Row Gisela Bauer, Lee Baranauskas, Rora Cribb, Jason Bright, David Taku, Rachael Brown.

First Row Tina McFadyen, Alison Munn, Tiana Tapiki, Coralie Abbott, Georgina Bowley, Rhonda Taumata, Beverly Yewen.

Absent: Priscilla White, Natasha Hughes, Anaru Marcikura, Brad Taituma, Ty Twigden.



RUAPEHU COLLEGE JUNIOR PRIZE LIST

SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS

Junior Girl Champion (PTA CUP) Charmian Oh
 Junior Boy Champion (PTA CUP) John Hays
 Intermediate Girl Champion (Woodward Cup) Denise Waerea

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Girl Champion (Mary Whale Cup) Sarah Mackay
 Junior Boy Champion (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) Andrew Murdie

Intermediate Girl Champion Victoria Duigan

SWIMMING

Junior Girl Champion (Cup) Charmian Oh
 Junior Boy Champion (T G Drayton Cup) Jan de Moor

DIVING

Junior Girl Champion Tina McFadyen
 Junior Boy Champion Andrew Murdie

GYMNASTICS

Junior Girl Champion Kelly Swain
 Junior Boy Champion Scott Nation

NETBALL

Junior Cup
 For junior who has made an outstanding contribution to netball within our school (Checkers Netball Cup)
 Gloria Peni

RUGBY

Most Improved Junior Shanon Hays
 Most Promising Junior Player Jamie Morrissey

SKIING

Girls Champion (Taharangi Cup) Kelly Swain presented by Vic Keppel
 Boys Champion presented by Graeme Brebner (Mangaturuturu Cup)
 Daniel Richards

SOCCER

Most Improved Junior Player (Dave Billmore Trophy)
 Andrew Murdie
 Junior Ball (Donated by John Laurenson)
 awarded to a junior player showing commitment and achieving a high skill level. Nilesh Sharma

ACADEMIC AWARDS FORM 3

Sheena Mareikura Subject award for 1st= in Te Reo Maori
 Marcia Wood Subject awards for 1st= in Te Reo Maori and 1st in 3U Physical Education
 Luella Sullivan Merit award for consistent effort and attainment in Te Reo Maori
 Brad Nelson Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in Term 1 Graphics, consistent effort in 3A Social Studies
 Elizabeth Scorrige Merit award for perseverance in Art
 Katrina Marsh Merit awards for consistent effort throughout the year in 3R Science and improvement in Mathematics
 Raymond Hemopo Merit award for consistent effort and achievement in Term 2 Graphics
 Helena Auton Subject awards for 1st in 3A Science and 1st in 3A Social Studies
 Nikora Gupwell Merit award for consistent effort in 3R Physical Education
 Peggy Rudkin Subject award for 1st in Mrs Knight's English class
 Paul Wilson Merit award for perseverance in 3U Science
 Rewa Gilbert Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in 3U Science and effort and achievement in 3U Social Studies
 Kelly Evans Merit award for consistent effort throughout the year in 3R Science
 Cathy Cranston Merit awards for consistent effort and attainment in Te Reo Maori and consistent effort and achievement in Term 3 Graphics
 Talia Hemara Subject awards for 1st in 3rd Form Clothing and 1st= in 3rd Form

Home
 Joel Gray
 Metalcraft

Tania Harris

Kushla Edgarton

Christopher Phillips

Marsha Newman

Amy Hiscox

Sheree Beer

Shanita Bishop

Sarah Mackay

Rebecca Clarke

Hayley Pike

Joshua Smith

Aaron Coogan

Gregory Tuthill

Kelly Swain

Daniel Forster

Economics

Subject awards for 1st in Term 1 and 1st in Term 1 Woodcraft, Merit award for consistent effort in 3A Physical Education
 Merit award for consistent effort in 3R Physical Education
 Merit award for consistent effort in Mr Mackay's English class
 Subject award for 1st in 3A Physical Education
 Merit award for consistent effort in Mathematics
 Subject award 1st= Term 3 Keyboard Skills
 Subject award 1st= Term 3 Keyboard Skills
 Merit awards for perseverance and effort in Mr Mackay's English Class and consistent effort in Mathematics
 Merit awards for effort in Mrs Knight's English class and consistent effort in 3U Physical Education
 Subject award for 1st in Mr Mackay's English class, merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in 3A Science, improvement in 3A Physical Education and consistent effort in 3A Social Studies
 Subject awards for 1st in 3U Science, 1st in 3U Social Studies and 1st in Term 1 Keyboard Skills
 Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in 3U Science, consistent effort and perseverance in 3U Social Studies, perseverance in Mrs Knight's English class, consistent effort in 3U Physical Education and effort and achievement in Term 2 Economics
 Subject award for 1st= in Form 3 Home Economics, Merit awards for consistent effort in 3R Social Studies, consistent effort and achievement in Mrs Voon's English class and Outstanding effort in Term 3 Economics
 Subject awards for 1st in Term 2 Economics, 1st in Term 3 Graphics, 1st in Term 3 Computer Studies, Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in 3R Science, consistent effort in 3R Social Studies and improvement in 3R Physical Education
 Subject awards for 1st in 3R Physical Education, 1st= in Term 2 Keyboard Skills, 1st= in Term 3 Economics, 1st in Term 2 Graphics, 2nd Overall in Form 3 Mathematics, Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in Mrs Voon's English class, consistent effort in 3R Social Studies, consistent effort in 3rd Form Clothing, and achievement in Art
 Subject awards for 1st in Mrs Voon's English class, 1st in 3R Science, 1st in 3R Social Studies
 1st in Form 3 Local Studies, 1st in Term 1 Graphics, 1st in Term 2 Metalcraft, 1st= in Term 2 Keyboard Skills, 1st in Term 3 Woodcraft, 1st= in Term 3 Economics, 1st in Term 1 Computer Studies

FORM 3 CORE SUBJECT AWARDS

1st Overall in 3rd Form Science

1st Overall in 3rd Form Mathematics

1st Overall in 3rd Form English

Gregory Tuthill

Daniel Forster

Daniel Forster

Daniel McGregor

Lee Baranauskas

effort in 4R Science

Subject award for 1st in Economics

Merit awards for improvement in

Form 4 Art, and consistent effort

in 4A Physical Education

ACADEMIC AWARDS FORM 4

Raana-Ellen Mareikura

Subject award for 1st in Form 4 Te

Reo Maori

Tina McFadyen

Merit award for consistent effort in

Mathematics

Lynette Haitana

Merit award for consistent effort

and achievement in Form 4 Te Reo

Maori

Aaron Kairimu

Merit award for achievement in

Mrs Knight's English class

Anaru Mareikura

Merit award for improvement in 4A

Physical Education

Jodi Walker

Merit award for consistent effort,

achievement and leadership in Mrs

Voon's English class

Rachael Brown

Merit award for perseverance in 4A

Physical Education

Beverley Yewen

Merit award for consistent effort

and perseverance in Miss Wilson's

Mathematics class

George Taura

Subject award for 1st in 4A

Physical Education

Manu Tuhoro

Subject award for 1st= in 4U

Physical Education

Morwenna Herewini

Merit awards for consistent effort in

Miss Wilson's Mathematics class,

improvement in Clothing and

perseverance in Mrs Knight's

English class

Chris Hamilton

Merit awards for consistent effort

and achievement in F4 Horticult-

ure and consistent effort in 4R

Science

Megan Lind

Merit awards for consistent effort in

4U Science, consistent effort in 4th

Form Mathematics and consistent

effort and achievement in 4U Social

Studies

Natasha Hughes

Merit awards for achievement in

4A Science Examination and effort

and achievement in Economics

Alison Munn

Subject award for 1st in Mrs

Manson's English class, Merit

award for effort and achievement

in 4A Social Studies

Kimi Edwards

Merit award for consistent effort

and achievement in Mrs Manson's

English class

Kelly Anne McNie

Merit award for consistent effort in

Mathematics

Cindy Hansen

Merit award for consistent effort

and achievement in Mrs Manson's

English class

Rebecca McDougal

Subject awards for 1st in Form 4

Home Economics, 1st in Clothing

1st= in 4R Social Studies

Kelli Evans

Merit award for consistent effort in

Mathematics

Tracy Columb

Merit award for consistent effort in

Form 4 Home Economics

Warren Hyslop

Subject award for 1st in Form 4

Woodcraft, Merit award for

consistent effort in Mathematics

Kaye Murdie

Merit awards for consistent effort

and achievement in Form 4

Graphics and consistent effort and

achievement in 4U Social Studies

Tane Gunnell

Merit award for consistent effort in

Mathematics

Darren Triggell

Subject award 1st in 4 Metalcraft

Andrew Murdie

Subject award 1st in 4R Physical

Education, Merit awards for effort

and achievement in Mr Mackay's

English class, and consistent

Daniel Munn

Subject award for 1st in 4A Social

Studies

Denise Waerea

Merit awards for perseverance in

Art, and perseverance in 4th Form

Mathematics

Lee Hiscox

Merit awards for consistent effort in

4R Science, consistent effort in

Home Economics and consistent

effort in Mathematics

Gail Ruke

Merit awards for consistent effort

and achievement in Mrs Voon's

English class, consistent effort in

4U Physical Education, and

perseverance in Woodcraft

Kaine Harris

Merit awards for consistent effort

and achievement in Form 4

Graphics, achievement in the 4U

Science Examination, Outstanding

effort in 4U Physical

Education and consistent effort and

achievement in 4U Social Studies

Georgina Bowley

Subject awards for 1st in 4A

Science, 1st in Typing, merit

awards for effort and achievement

in Mr Mackay's English class,

effort and achievement in Te Reo

Maori, effort and achievement in

4A Social Studies

Charmian Oh

Subject awards for 1st in 4U

Science, 1st in 4U Social Studies,

1st= in 4U Physical Education, 1st

in Graphics and 2nd Overall in

Form 4 Mathematics

Victoria Duigan

Subject awards 1st in Horticulture,

1st in 4R Science and 1st Overall

in 4th Form Science, 1st= in 4R

Social Studies, 1st in 4R English

and 1st Overall in 4th Form

English, 1st Overall in 4th Form

Mathematics.

SPECIAL AWARDS 1993**SERVICE AWARDS**

Service to the school (Bell Ringing)

Andrew Murdie

Service to the school (Student Centre)

Kaye Murdie

F3 SPEECH (L D Eden Cup)

Amy Cranston

F4 SPEECH

(Mr and Mrs F A Martin Cup)

Kimi Edwards

JUNIOR WHAI KORERO

Wahine

Raana-Ellen Mareikura

TE KAAHU TROPHY

(Donated by Mr and Mrs Murphy-Peehi for leadership, initiative and

dedication in the promotion of cultural activities among

juniors at Ruapehu College)

Decndia Pakinga

Rangi Abraham

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Kaimanawa Cup for outstanding achievement in Outdoor

Education (presented by Robin Rowles and Graeme Brebner)

John Hays

DANCE AWARD (George Chan Trophy)

Tineke Edwards

JUNIOR LITERARY AWARD

for attainment in Creative Writing

Amy Cranston

MIGOS TROPHY FOR PRACTICAL CLOTHING

Rebecca McDougal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

For greatest overall contribution to college

life in the junior school

Charmian Oh

What Really Goes on in the Staffroom?

The bell rang. All the teachers let out a sigh. They were thinking the same thing. Lunch. But the dangers for the teachers were still there. They had to risk being trampled in the corridors. They had to fight their way through tuck-shop lines. All morning teachers waited for the bell that signalled lunch and the sanctuary of the staff room.

The relieving teacher burst into the staff room, and collapsed into a chair. "I swear they get worse every day," she said, greedily slurping her coffee.

"Have a biscuit," was the helpful reply of the headmaster. The door opened again and the Science teacher staggered in. "You should see what the little blighters are making in Chemistry," he gasped. "I'm sure if I hadn't seen they would've blown themselves up." An evil glint came into his eyes. "I think I'll leave them to it next time." Before the headmaster had a chance to say anything, the Maths, Science and English teachers came in. "There weren't any mince pies left," came the exasperated voice of the English teacher. "I had to get chicken. I hate it when that happens."

"Gradually, the teachers started their own conversations, except for the English teacher. He was burbling away happily to himself. Every now and then, one of the other teachers would look over to him. "Poor chap," said the Science teacher, and discreetly moved the knife out of the teacher's reach. Suddenly, from the other side of the room came a cry of, "Oh, no!" Instantly everyone in the room was on edge.

"What? A fight?" came one voice.

"No," said the Maths teacher. "Worse. I've got Marmite sandwiches for the fourth day in a row."

"I say," said someone, "Did you see that tennis racquet fly past the window just then?"

"Oh, that's all right," said the PE teacher. "I told the sixth form students they could practise their tennis for the tournament tomorrow."

"With a third form boy as the ball?"

"I don't remember saying that. Someone should go out there and stop them. That backhand shot was quite good," said the PE teacher as he got up to leave. The English teacher burst into song without any warning, and made them all jump. The Science teacher moved the knife further out of his reach. After about five minutes, they saw the PE teacher trying to break up the crowd of people on the tennis court. Half a tennis racquet went past the window. The Headmaster sighed and started thinking about a reliever for PE the next day.

The Science teacher looked at the clock and shuddered, "Only five minutes to go."

There was silence in the room. You could almost hear the seconds ticking away. Then the sound of the bell screamed through the air. the colour drained from faces. "Oh, well," said someone, hesitantly. "I suppose we had better go."

They couldn't put it off forever. They all knew they had to go. Shuffling out of the room, they tried to force smiles, but it didn't work. As they tried to quieten their classes they kept one eye on the clock. It would soon be home time.

Georgina Bowley

Magazine Team

At last we present what one member of the team refers to as, the eighth wonder of the world. The school magazine is a co-operative project and we would like to acknowledge the encouragement of Mr Cast to get the magazine printed professionally. Mr Robert Milne kindly allowed *Ruapehu Bulletin* photographs to be reproduced on pages 6 and 17 and provided technical advice. The photograph on page 10 was reproduced with permission from the *Wanganui Chronicle*. To all those who lent photographs particularly K Murdie, R Goddard, Mr Lyndsay, Mrs George, Mr Milne and K Harris we are most grateful. We thank all who contributed stories and reports wittingly or otherwise. Intimately involved to the bitter end in the production of the magazine this year were Malcolm Chan (typing, layout and captions), Avinesh Sharma (graphics and captions, photographer and writer extraordinaire) and Georgina Bowley (reporting and typing). Stringers of the indispensable kind included C Oh, J McGill, L Pirerc, R James, L Ellis-Ruru, C Wilson, T Albury, T McFadyen, B Cleary, T Clarke, J Schrier, R Taumata R Hays, L Irwin, A Moore and Form 6 Media Studies class members.

J Voon



SENIOR PRIZE LIST

SPORT AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION AWARDS

ATHLETICS

Intermediate Boy Champion (Walter Warner Cup)
Scott Goldfinch
Senior Girl Champion (Turners & Growers Cup)
Janine Maru
Senior Boy Champion (Turners & Growers Cup)
James Cleary
Aggregate 800, 1500, 3000m (Michael Cleary Cup)
Scott Goldfinch

Janine Maru

CROSSCOUNTRY

Intermediate Boys Champion (Leo Cleary Cup)
Scott Goldfinch
Senior Girl Champion (Certificate)
Melanie Mitchell
Senior Boy Champion (Dillon Shield)
Michael Hope

SWIMMING

Intermediate Boys Champion (Cup)
Shaun McDonough
Intermediate Girls Champion (Cup)
Amanda Te Huia
Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy)
Samantha Condon
Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy)
Christopher Winter

NETBALL

Kapai Enterprises Trophy (An award for the person who by his/her actions displays the qualities of sportsmanship that we regard as important at Ruapehu College - achievement, dedication and loyalty. Bridie Cleary

RUGBY

Best and fairest player in 1st XV
Craig McDonough
Most Improved Player in 1st XV
Deevon Gray

SOCCER

Most improved senior player
Lindsay Cast
Journeaux Senior Soccer Trophy
Avinesh Sharma

An award for a senior pupil achieving a high level of ability and showing dedication to the game. Avinesh has been a dedicated 1st XI team member for five years, captaining the side in 1993. He has led by example assisting with refereeing where necessary. He has also captained a college indoor soccer team, which won an adult competition.

Student Presentation Avinesh Sharma

TENNIS

Boys Champion Rhys Langdon
Cup presented by Mr J Laurenson
Girls Champion Lee McCann
Cup presented by Mrs S Laurenson

CRICKET

Best team member Glenn Marriott
Presented by 1986 1st XI Cricket
Best all-round bowler William Sutton
Donated by Darren McDonnell
Batting Award Aeneas O'Sullivan
Donated by D Archibald

INTERWHANAU COMPETITION

WEKA Mathew Gordon, Elizabeth Melrose Cricket, Soccer, Rugby, Skiing, Gymnastics, Mathematics, Science Quiz=

TUI Wikepa Rewharewha, Correna Hawira
Cross country, Hockey, Speeches, Science Quiz=, English

HUIA Craig McDonough, Deina Fremlin Swimming, Volleyball, Tennis, Netball, Science Quiz=, Social Studies, KIWI Eddie Poka, Melanie Mitchell

Athletics, Diving, Softball, Basketball, TUI Champion Whanau Cup
Presented by Ruapehu Old Pupils Association

ACADEMIC AWARDS 1993

FORM 5

Elton Drylie: Subject award - 1st in Science
Tina Bishop: Merit awards for consistent effort in Central Districts

Science and achievement in NZ Mathematics Certificate
Daniel Murdie: Merit award for improvement in Graphics
Trudy Nation: Merit awards for diligence and consistent effort in History and consistent effort in Geography
Aeneas O'Sullivan: Merit awards for diligence and consistent effort in History and consistent effort in Mathematics
Edwina Herewini: Merit award for perseverance in NZ English Certificate
Mathew Gordon: Merit award for achievement in English
Pikimai Mareikura: Subject award - 1st in Te Reo Maori
Isiaha Barlow: Merit awards for achievement in NZ Mathematics Certificate and Achievement in NZ English Certificate
Scott Goldfinch: Merit award for consistent effort in English
Shaun McDonough: Subject award - 1st in Physical Education
Michelle Zohs: Merit awards for consistent effort and achievement in Typing and English and consistent effort in Graphics
Lindsay Chan: Subject award - 1st in Workshop Technology metal based
Dixon Engineering Workshop Prize
Rosemary Wanoa: Subject award - 1st in Central Districts Science, merit awards for perseverance in English and consistent effort and achievement in NZ Mathematics Certificate
Danielle Rodger: Merit award for consistent effort in Science
William Cosford: Merit award for perseverance in NZ Mathematics Certificate
Kirsty McIlroy: Merit award for perseverance in English
Deina Fremlin: Merit award for consistency and perseverance in Te Reo Maori
Dale Clark: Merit award for Achievement in NZ Mathematics Certificate
Mathew James: Subject award 1st in Horticulture (Turners & Growers Ltd Prize for achievement in Horticulture) and Merit award for consistent effort in Geography
Rachel Hays: Merit award for consistent effort and achievement in Typing
Lindsay Cast: Subject award - 1st in Art
Dr Jordan Memorial Prize and Bob Bradley School Photography Art Prize
Lisa Irwin: Merit awards for consistent effort in Geography, English, and consistent Effort and Achievement in NZ Mathematics Certificate
Che Barlow: Merit award for achievement in English
Aroha Williams: Merit award for perseverance in NZ Mathematics Certificate
Johnette Albert: Merit award for perseverance in NZ Mathematics Certificate and NZ English Certificate
Jennifer Frame: Subject award - 1st Graphics
Merit award for consistent effort and achievement in Typing
Kylie Edwards: Subject award - 1st in Workshop Technology Wood based
L K Home Memorial Prize
Olivia Haitana: Merit awards for improvement in English and for consistent effort and achievement in NZ Mathematics Certificate
Tania Clark: Merit award for achievement in NZ English Certificate
Tracy Tapa: Merit award for perseverance in Home Economics
Sandra Smith: Merit awards for consistent effort in science and for effort and achievement in English
Lee McCann: Merit award for consistent effort and excellence in Practical Horticulture Work
Fruit Federation Supplies Ltd Prize for Practical Achievement in Horticulture
Vanessa Parker: Subject award - 1st in Geography and merit awards for diligence and consistent effort in History and for effort and Achievement in English
Glenn Marriott: Subject awards - 1st in History, 1st in Home Economics
James McGill: Subject awards - 1st in Typing, 1st in Economics and merit awards for consistent effort in Geography and Mathematics
Joanne Barclay: Subject awards - 1st in Science, 1st in English, 1st in Mathematics and merit awards for achievement in Economics and for diligence and consistent effort in History

FORM 6

Melanie Mitchell: Subject award - 1st in Typing
Michael Wihapi: Merit award for achievement in Practical English Level 2
Nathan Davies: Merit award for consistent effort in Economics
Wikepa Rewharewha: Subject award - 1st in History
Adrian Fetzer: Merit award for perseverance in Physical Education
Todd Wise: Subject award - 1st in Agriculture Science
Jamie Law: Merit award for achievement in Mathematics Applied
Lee Williams: Merit award for consistent effort in Graphics

Winstone Pulp International Ltd prize for achievement in F6 Design and Technology

Jason Schrier: Subject award for 1st= in Computer Studies

Andre Moore: Merit award for consistent effort in Physical Education

Evania Rennie: Merit awards for consistent effort in Biology and for effort and perseverance in History

Nicholas Bonham: Subject award - 1st in Geography

Elizabeth Melrose: Merit award for consistent effort in Physical Education

Jacob Tamepo: Country Women's Institute Prize for most promising student in Home Economics

Daniel Gunnell: Subject award- 1st in Graphics

Michael Hope: Merit awards for achievement in Mathematics Applied and for consistent effort in Physical Education

Mariner Jackson: Subject awards - 1st in Accounting, 1st in Physical Education and merit award for improvement in Graphics

Natasha Richards: Subject awards - 1st in Art, 1st= in Computer Studies, 1st in Media Studies

Patricia Tuthill: Subject awards - 1st in Biology, 1st in Economics, 1st in English

Warwick Allen: Subject awards - 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Physics, 1st in Mathematics

Winstone Pulp International Prize for Achievement in F6 Science

FORM 7
Kelvin Hammond: Merit awards for perseverance in Graphics and consistent effort and perseverance in Geography

Taron Breen: Subject award - 1st in Art and

merit award for consistent effort in Graphics

Bob Bradley School Photography - Graphics Art Award

Avinesh Sharma: Subject award - 1st in Physical Education

Craig McDonough: Merit award for consistent effort in Chemistry

Rachel James: Subject Award 1st in Geography, Merit award for consistent effort and achievement in English

Che Wilson: Peck Campbell Cup for excellence in the humanities English, History and Geography

Presented by the Rev and Mrs R L Peck in memory of Ralph Edward Peck and Jeanette Hellen Campbell,

Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and showing class spirit in History (Joint Award)

Malcolm Chan: Subject award - 1st in Physics, 1st in Mathematics with Calculus

Warwick Hays: Subject awards 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Graphics

Leanne Ellis-Ruru: Subject awards - 1st in Accounting, 1st in History, 1st in Economics, 1st in Mathematics with Statistics and 1st in English,

Berry's Bookshop prize for senior Commerce for excellence in both Accounting and Economics, Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and showing class spirit in History (Joint Award)

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Malcom Chan, Leanne Ellis-Ruru, Kelvin Hammond, Rachel James, Warwick Hays, Craig McDonough, Edward Poka, Che Wilson, Avinesh Sharma

SPECIAL AWARDS

Senior Speech Competition Che Wilson
MS Gould Cup

Impromptu Speech Che Wilson
Alan West Cup

Te Whai Korero - Wahine Pikimai Mareikura
Speech Making in Maori Language (Girls)
T.G. McCullough Cup

Te Whai Korero - Tane Che Wilson
Speech Making in Maori Language (Boys)
T.G. McCullough Cup

Senior Literary Award Nathan Davies
Presented by Taranaki Daily News

Maungarongo Trophy Presented as an award for leadership, initiative and dedication in the promotion of cultural activities in the college
Pikimai Mareikura and Che Wilson

Robin Rowles Memorial Award for leadership in the practical areas
Teneya Takitimu

Brian Eades Trophy for perseverance and endeavour
Andre Moore

Lions Award for five years commitment to Ruapehu College often working behind the scenes giving of their time and energy in the service of the college.

Malcolm Chan and Kelvin Hammond
Principal's Award for showing the values we hold high at Ruapehu College; commitment to studies, involvement in college life and always showing concern for others

Elizabeth Melrose
Waimarino Shield Donated by the Maori community of the district for best all-round pupil in academic and social areas including Maori culture and values.
Che Wilson

Loftus Shield For services to the College
Che Wilson

Proxime Accessit Trophy presented by Peter Berry and family
Warwick Hays

Dux Trophy presented by Ian and Dorothy Meredith
Leanne Ellis Ruru



Staff 1993

Principal Deputy Principal Assistant Principal

Mr H Cast
Mr G Parker
Mrs M George

BA, Dip Tchg
BA, Dip Tchg
HTC, HE Dip, Dip Tchg

Positions of Responsibility

Careers Advisor
Design
English
Guidance Counsellor
Home Economics
Mathematics
Physical Education
Science
Social Sciences

Mrs J Manson
Mr G Hubbard
Mr I Mackay
Mr W Marsh
Miss F McEwing
Mr J Laurensen
Mr R Knight
Mrs S Buck
Mr N Buck

B Ed (Hons)
DLC, TTC, Dip Gym
B Ed, TTC
TTC
Higher Dip Tchg TTC
BE (Elect), Dip Tchg
BA, Dip Tchg
B Sc (Hons), Cert of Edn
BA, Dip Tchg

Mrs B Cast
Mrs C Chapman
Mr K Hagen
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