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DIARY

JANUARY

- 31 TERM ONE begins
- Powhiri for new arrivals
- New canteen blessed

FEBRUARY

- 9 Inter-whanau Top Town contest
- 14 Form 3 orientation camps begin
- 16 Swimming sports
- 17 Diving sports
- 18 Youth for Understanding speaker
- 28 Ohakune Primary classes begin using college prefabs

MARCH

- 2 Athletic sports
- 3 New English curriculum in-service training in Marton
- All Black visit
- 4 Inter-secondary schools swimming sports at Marton
- Twilight tennis championships
- 7 MSP work experience begins
- 8 Waiouru Form 1 and 2 parents tour the college
- 9 Inter-whanau summer sports
- 10 Professional athletics coaching
- Disabled athletic sports
- 11 MS Appeal
- 16 Inter-secondary schools athletic sports
- 23 Taihape summer sports exchange
- New English curriculum in-service training
- 24 Professional tennis coaching
- School photographs
- Report evening
- 25 Link shearing course begins

APRIL

- 1 EASTER HOLIDAYS begin
- 7 Netball trials
- Massey liaison officer visits
- 8 Form 7 English visit Gallipoli display at the Waiouru Museum
- Rugby camp begins at Waiouru
- 11 Link hairdressing and catering courses begin
- 5 History visit the Junction
- 5 Economics visitTangiwai pulp mill
- 12 Smokefree Stage Challenge in Palmerston North
- Gideon Society visit
- 12 Guidance Advisor visits
- 13 Debate against Tongariro High
- 19 English Advisor visits
- 21 Civic welcome for Patrick Cooper
- Army careers presentation
- 22 Colours modern drama concert
- 24 Musical - *Jesus Christ Superstar*
- 26 Link nursing, mechanics and spray painting courses begin
- 27 National Bank Maths Competition
- 28 Junior speech night
- 29 MUNGA weekend begins
- 30 MTRO photographic display and social in the hall celebrating the re-commissioned Junction turntable

MAY

- 3 Senior speech night
- 4 Avondale College visit
- 5 Mr D Friar leaves
- 6 Mufti day for Thomas Chimillo
- TERM ONE ends
- 23 TERM TWO begins
- Mr C Ellis (ASSTTC) arrives
- 26 Culture Group *wananga*
- Police PCT unit visit
- 27 Form 4 Science Fair
- 31 Navy Careers visit
- Debate against John Paul College
- Junior reports issued

JUNE

- 6 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
- 7 Mid-year senior examinations begin
- MSP work experience begins
- 10 Nga Manu Korero o nga Kura Tuarua regionals at Opunake
- 14 Manawatu Smokefree Choir Festival
- 15 Inter-whanau academic quiz
- 16 Agricultural Science trip to Hamilton
- 17 Rockhampton School visit begins
- Form 6 Physics trip to Wanganui
- Form 6 and 7 visit CIT
- 20 Form 7 leadership camp begins
- 21 English curriculum in-service training in Marton
- 22 SC Internal English Reference Test
- 23 New Technology curriculum in-service training
- 24 Blue Light Disco in college hall
- 26 Quadrangular tournament for junior netballers in Taihape
- 29 Work Day
- New curriculum workshops for staff

JULY

- 1 Form 7 visit VUW
- Debate against Rotorua Boys' High
- 4 MID-TERM BREAK begins
- 11 Ms Gibson replaces Mr Matheson
- Mr R Lewer replaces Mr D Friar
- 12 Form 3 Science Fair
- 17 Basketball against St Augustine's
- 18 Form 4 work experience begins
- Auckland Grammar Music Group concert
- 20 Form 7 trip to Massey
- Inter-secondary regional badminton competition in Wanganui
- 21 Debates with Officer Cadet School
- Life Skills advisor visits
- Report evening
- 22 Staff visit Waiouru Museum
- 24 Form 6/7 History and Geography
- Wellington visit begins
- 26 Form 3 Science day out

AUGUST

- 1 Form 3 Health Week begins
- 2 Australian Mathematics Competition
- 5 English school based in-service training
- 9 Nga Manu Korero disco
- 10 Taihape winter sports exchange
- 13 *Once were Warriors* Ohakune première
- The school ball

- 16 Nga Manu Korero o nga Kura Tuarua team leaves for nationals in Christchurch
- 15 Inter-secondary school squash-Whangarei
- 19 TERM TWO ends
- 22 Inter-secondary school basketball-Napier

SEPTEMBER

- 12 TERM THREE begins
- 13 Navy careers presentation
- 14 Musical *Buddy* in Wellington
- 15 Anti-smoking course begins
- 16 Inter-hapu indoor soccer begins
- 19 NZSSSC begins
- 22 Sports photographs
- Telford visitor
- Mathex
- 26 5 History Field Trip - Army Museum
- 27 Pitmans Typing Examination
- 28 Ruapehu College Cross-Country
- Basketball against Hato Paora

OCTOBER

- 3 MSP work experience begins
- 5 History visit Waiouru Museum
- 5 Wanganui secondary schools cross-country
- 6 Form 5 and 7 internal exams begin
- 10 Link wood turning course begins
- 18 3 *The Hard Way* concert
- 25 ERO visit begins
- 27 Form 6 examinations begin
- 28 Inter-whanau gymnastics
- 31 Form 5 and 7 reports issued

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

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Didn't they do well!

Patrick Cooper (pictured upper right)

Triple gold medallist in the Lillehammer Paralympics for down hill, giant slalom and slalom; New Zealand Skier of the Year 1994; National Open Disabled Champion Skier; 6th - National Able-Bodied Skiing and Ruapehu District Sportsperson of the Year

Ricky Arahanga

Wanganui rugby representative (under-16)

Lindsay Cast

A finalist in the Telecom Art Awards

Donna Cranston

Winner of the under 14's singles plate at the New Zealand Badminton Championships and with Turangi partner winner of the plate doubles; a Central Districts Representative to play in the June Bevan Cup in Australia next year.

Shaun Frederickson

5th in the New Zealand Motor Cross Championships (12 - 13 age group)

Deevon Gray

Wanganui rugby representative (under-16)

Sherry Hansen

NZ women's rugby representative (non-travelling reserve)

Todd Haywood (pictured lower right)

Ruapehu District Junior Sportsperson; the country's fastest senior secondary school male skier, 3rd - New Zealand Slalom, 24th - F.I.S Citizen Slalom Race (Italy), 26th - Giant Slalom - Arnold Lunn World Cup, Austria

Winner of the Junior District Award in the Ohakune Art Awards

Carys Hubbard

New Zealand's top Under-21 Female Body Builder and New Zealand representative at next year's Australasian Championships

Awhina Kingi

Winner of the regional Nga Manu Korero o Nga Kura Tuarua

John Laurenson

Ruapehu District Sports Administrator of the Year for skiing and all sports

Richard Lewer

Winner of the Premier Award in the Ohakune Art Awards with *A Happy Childhood*

Richard Lindsay

Wanganui Senior Rugby representative

Shaun McDonough

Under-19 Wanganui Rugby representative

Scott Nation

New Zealand Primo Under-15 Skiing Champion

Alan Prince

Canterbury and national rugby representative

William Sutton

Manawatu Rugby League representative (under-17 division)

Che Wilson

Regional winner of Nga Manu Korero o Nga Kura Tuarua for the third time



Mr Cast's Last Report

After just over eight years at Ruapehu College it is with mixed feelings I write my final piece for the magazine. I am sad to be leaving, but looking forward to new challenges Waitara High School will bring.

A school's success is due to a combination of factors and Ruapehu College has been fortunate to have that combination: a committed Board of Trustees, a dedicated and hard working staff, a generally supportive community and a student body that involves itself in school activities which promote the common good of all.

Too often detractors of a school judge that school by the worst students - the ones who for a variety of reasons are not in correct uniform, look untidy around town and generally are not a good "advertisement" for a school. The large majority of students who dress well, behave well and work hard are tarnished with the image those few detractors portray.

Ruapehu is particularly well renowned; much of this is due to students' respect for property and school equipment. There are schools in New Zealand that spend thousands of dollars on repairing vandalism. In 1994 Ruapehu College spent under \$300 on repairing damage. Money that is saved can then be put into resources. This saving plus staff efforts have resulted in one of the best equipped schools, if not the best equipped school of its size in New Zealand. Next time you are in the college look at these resources and appreciate them. Very few schools can match them.

In leaving this area I know that the next principal will get good support and that with the developments in progress Ruapehu College will be providing an even wider range of educational opportunities in the near future.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to the success of Ruapehu College and who has supported me in my endeavours.

A special thanks to all those who wrote, edited and produced this record.

Mr and Mrs Cast

When we heard Mr Cast's shock announcement of his impending departure for Waitara we wondered if things would ever be quite the same again without Mrs Cast in the Maths Department and without the extraordinarily early morning starts of Mr Cast, his readiness to chat with that quick and off beat sense of humour, the great deals he obtained on anything from cars to cameras, his wrestling prowess... The corridors would look a little barer lacking the elegant mathematical models with those terrible names which Mrs Cast seemed able to inspire her students to produce.

We will also remember Mr Cast for his love of sport which ranged from hockey and swimming coaching to Round the Mountain running, tennis and vigorous encounters with Form 7. He was always there on the sideline actively supporting every student sport going whatever the weather. The Culture Group as well as students taking part in school musicals all benefited from his encouragement. During his time the development of physical resources was a priority and among other things we saw our computers, software and audio visual gear upgraded, classrooms and corridors carpeted, new sound systems installed in the hall and in the gym and the purchase of three school vehicles. Mr Cast's intimate knowledge of school organisation and seemingly every student who enrolled here was remarkable. He had time and a word for everyone.

Both Mr and Mrs Cast will be remembered as very effective and talented teachers who worked hard for their students from whom they expected and obtained the best. As a token of our appreciation of their work here the school presented the Casts with a Paul Beckett rimu urn at an informal public farewell in November. The Casts' donation of a prize for senior maths as well as a beautiful ceramic vase will provide something tangible by which we can remember these two clear sighted, funny and generous people.

Arohanui Mr and Mrs Cast, Nicola and Lindsay.

Board of Trustees

Chairperson Mrs M Horne's Report

It is almost time to bid farewell to 1994, bringing to an end another action-packed year. This year has brought changes putting immense pressure on staff and board as we all struggle to come to terms with new concepts. We hope these changes will eventually be to the benefit of all schools.

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The canteen which was almost completed this time last year has been put to good use for all of this year. Looking very good also is the completely refurbished Lab B. Trustees and the management team worked really hard juggling finances to make the best use of the funding available. Very recently the college had a visit from the Education Review Office. The team of four was in the school for four days. At the final summing up, the school received many favourable comments from all members of the ERO team, complimenting staff on their efforts on behalf of the pupils, and especially the pupils on the way they care for their school and grounds and their friendly, helpful behaviour. The report of the ERO team becomes a public document early next year. Ruapehu College has always been fortunate to have a hard working and truly dedicated staff - management, teaching and ancillary. With the willing co-operation of all, it makes the BOT task a much happier and easier one - my thanks to all.

Uniform

There is one other subject I would like to comment upon - that is uniforms. Ruapehu College years ago decided that its students should wear a uniform. There are many reasons why we feel that wearing a uniform is beneficial to all. Students, while you all may not particularly like the uniform we ask you to wear - it is a rule of the school that you do. By not attending school dressed in all of your uniform you are lowering the standard of the college, wasting the time of staff who are engaged primarily to teach you all and being unfair to those students who do come correctly dressed. Parents, I implore your co-operation in this regard.

I would like to wish all students good luck with examinations - school or external. To all who have won awards and prizes, congratulations. To those who missed this year - keep trying. Remember many very successful people never won an academic prize at school. It is the trying and the "sticking to it" that is important.

Gallery

Parents and caregivers are reminded that the Board of Trustees meet the first Thursday of each month. These meetings are open to all who wish to attend - indeed Board would welcome a gallery. Finally I wish all staff, pupils and board members a happy festive season and a successful 1995. I would like to thank all board members for their continued support, and look forward to another challenging year ahead.

Student Representative J Barclay's Report

STOP! Look no further for explosive, decisive, hard-balled action than, yes you guessed it, the position of student representative on the Board of Trustees.

Workshop

I began my term in office with youthful eagerness. I must admit, I didn't have the faintest idea what my job entailed. So when it was suggested I attend a student rep workshop I eagerly agreed. The workshop was excellent. I learned the in's and out's of board procedures, my role as student rep and most importantly I learnt that knowledge is power. The highlight of the day, however, was arriving ten minutes late at Palmerston North Boys High, fully clad in designer school uniform and finding out, to my horror that everyone was dressed in civi gear. Once I had the knowledge of the workshop under my belt, I really got down to business. First on my agenda, communications. This is where Mrs Weinberg, the parent representative for Waiouru entered the scene.

Interaction

In Term One Mrs Weinberg and I organised a parent-student-teacher night. The aim was to get students, parents and teachers talking and interacting with each other. What I want is to pull down communication barriers. I hope nights like this will enable students to express their concerns more freely with their parents, teachers, friends and of course myself as student rep. I don't want this programme to be a Waiouru-only activity. I hope that the Raetihi and Ohakune communities will carry out something similar.

Board is fair

Many students think that the Board won't listen to them or that the Board will listen but won't do anything. I would like to point out that this isn't the case. The Board is fair, and the Board does listen. For example, many of you may remember the issue of girls wanting to wear trousers in winter. There was a lot of debate. When I say debate, I mean calm rational discussion not performing wrestling holds in the middle of the staff room. In the end I didn't get what the girls wanted. However, a compromise was achieved and black tights were the alternative.

All in all, I enjoyed being on the Board. I didn't achieve all the objectives that I had planned for this year. Doing six sixth form subjects took up a lot of my time. Next year I plan to help the next student rep with the communication programme that Mrs Weinberg and I began this year.

White knuckle ride

My final word of advice for any student today who is considering running for student rep next year is to go for it. But remember being a student representative involves real life action in a high speed, white-knuckle ride through the unpredictable highways of the school system.

SCHOOL GOVERNMENT

Board of Trustees

Back Row: Mr L Knight,
Madre S Weinberg,
Mrs M Horne,
Mr R Knight,
Mr M Cleary,
Mr H Cast,
Mr A Allen

Front Row: Mrs L Fetzner,
Mrs V Wilson,
Miss J Barclay,
Mr R Voon



Student Council

Back Row: N Davies, L Pirere,
M Jackson, N Bonham,
M James, K Scobie

Third Row: K Ratima, C Wilson,
D Gunnell, S Mc Donough,
L Williams, V Parker,
B Cleary

Second Row: M Smith, L Irwin,
W Allen, W Rewharewha,
M Mitchell, J Barclay

Front Row: R Hays, E Rennie,
E Drylie, Mr Cast,
P Tuthill, S Smith,
L Moore

Class Council

Back Row: A O'Sullivan*, M Tuhoro,
J Walker

Third Row: E Lawrence, K Ratima,
D Kyle, V Parker, J Smith

Second Row: S Mackay, A Coogan,
K Wallis, R Clarke,
O Haitana, A Mills

Front Row: M Mowat, S Sue,
W Rewharewha,
Mrs J Voon, M Mitchell,
J Gray, T Hemara

*Aeneas was also the 1994 college representative on the Ruapehu South Junior Council.



Head Girl and Head Boy report...



Back Row:
Patricia Tuthill,
Melanie Mitchell (left)

Front Row:
Elton Drylie, Mr Cast,
Wikeepa Rewharewha

Absent:
Misty Smith

E NGA IWI E TAU NEI, TENA KOUTOU, TENA KOUTOU, TENA KOUTOU.

The past year has been challenging, disheartening but also successful. Our initial reactions to becoming head boy and girl were surprise at being given such prominent roles and of apprehension because we were unsure of what our roles within the school would entail. There was a certain amount of pride as well.

Together with the help of the deputies Misty Smith and Wikeepa Rewharewha we took responsibility for chairing the Student Council, organising the ball, liaising with staff and being the mouthpieces of the student body.

This year did have its disheartening moments many of which could have been prevented with a little more student commitment. Whanau leaders need to have their roles more clearly defined and have an overall greater position in the school to increase interest and to help the Student Council run more efficiently. The chairing of the Student Council was one challenge that brought about much nervousness and apprehension at first but after settling into our role, nervousness was replaced with some frustration. The council did, however, raise substantial funds from Work Day and this money has been spent on reference material in the library, and on sports equipment.

The fifth year camp was a most challenging and enjoyable experience. Twenty senior students, abandoned by the college and the ones we love, learned to survive hard and ruthless NZ Army training. For a week we were required to do everything the way the army wanted us to do it including fatigues, 6am wake up calls and the art of ironing till 1 o'clock in the morning. We were split into two groups and were made to do all our activities competitively such as the army assault course, aerial rope course and a night in the field. For our main exercise we navigated our way around a set course of various tasks to test our leadership skills and to see how we could work together as a team.

The year also had other marked successes. The senior ball of 1994 was a huge success with 110 students attending, a very good band and Rena Owen, star of *Once Were Warriors* making an appearance. I would like to thank the students involved in the organisation of the ball, Miss Wilson and especially Mr Taylor, who went above and beyond his role as supervisor.

Overall 1994 has been a enjoyable year. We would like to wish those leaving Ruapehu College all the best for the future. To those remaining, we hope 1995 is as successful for the school as 1994.

Elton Drylie and Patricia Tuthill

Staff 1994



Back Row: Mr I Mackay B Ed, TTC, HOD English, Mr R Lindsay BA, B Ed, DipTchg, Mr D Taylor B Sc, DipTchg, Mr P Matheson BA, Careers Advisor (left), Mr R Milne NZCD (Arch), Dip Tchg

Third Row: Ms K Wilson Dip Tchg, Mrs J Parker BA, DipTchg, Mrs L Ryland B Sc, PG Dip Sci, Mrs K Campbell Dip Ph Ed, DipTchg, HOD Physical Education, Mrs L Fetzler Administration Officer

Second Row: Mr W Marsh TTC, Guidance Counsellor, Mrs J Voon BA (Hons), DipTchg, Mrs B Cast B Sc, DipTchg, Mrs K Robinson TTC, Dip Fitness and Nutrition, Mrs A Winter Clerical Staff, Mr K Hagener Cert Ed, Cert ST, Cert PST

Front Row: Mr G Hubbard DLC, TTC, Dip Gym, HOD Design, Miss F McEwing Higher DipTchg, TTC, HOD Home Economics, Dean of Girls (Acting), Mr J Laurenson BE (Elect), DipTchg, HOD Mathematics, Assistant Principal (Acting), Principal Mr H Cast Dip SM, BA, DipTchg, Deputy Principal Mr G Parker BA, DipTchg, Mrs S Buck B Sc (Hons), Cert of Edn, HOD Science, Mr N Buck BA, DipTchg, HOD Social Studies

Absent: Assistant Principal (on leave) Mrs M George HTC, HE Dip, DipTchg, Mr R Knight BA, DipTchg, HOD Geography, Mrs C Chapman Adv Com T Dip, TTC, Mr D Friar B Ed, TTC, Ms K Gibson BA, DipTchg, Cert Tchg, Mr R Lewer BFA, Mrs J Knight LTCL, LRSM, DipTchg, Mrs S Laurenson B Com, DipTchg, Mrs L Eades Librarian (left), Mrs W McCaskill B Hort Sci, Dip Tchg, Adult Tchg Cert, Librarian, Mrs C Donaldson Clerical Staff (left).
Caretaking and Cleaning Staff: Mr P Sutton Caretaker, Mrs D Hawira, Mrs B Hagley, Mrs P Knight, Mrs E Weller (left), Mrs E Kaata
Grounds Staff: Mr P Bishop



On the Level

Third Formers

This year's third form was introduced to college life with a warm welcome from members of the Culture Group. The powhiri eased us into the school, introduced us to staff and then we settled into our classes.

Although we were vaguely accustomed to the school there were still a lot of people we had not met so we were sent off on core group camps. Left on a mountain to co-operate and get to know each other 3R, 3U and 3A's camps involved huge water fights and battles of the sexes.

As the year went on and the competitions passed, individual third formers began to shine. Donna Cranston cleaned up the majority of the awards for the juniors as well as being selected as a reserve for the Central Districts June Bevan Badminton Team, which will play in Australia some time next year. She was also nominated for Junior Sportperson of the Year. Shaun Fredricksen came fifth in his age group in the New Zealand Motor Cross Championships. Campbell Crossan produced outstanding results in junior boys athletics, swimming, cross country and played second XV rugby as did Shane Albert, Steven Sue, Robert Tapa and Michael Proude.

The third form made a mark in other events as well, such as the Australian Maths Competition with Sarah Lind, Steven Sue and Ei Leen Voon gaining credits. Our clowns Joey Bristol, Brendon Morgan, Joshua Williams and Donna Cranston (again) stole the show at the Spring Carrotfest.

This year's third form has been a strong one, in sporting activities, with third form competitors taking most of the top placings. Aside from Donna and Campbell, Robert Tapa, Margaret Mowat, Sarah Lind, Janelle Martin and Ei Leen Voon were always up there in top form. As the new fourth form year looms, the third form stands tall and undefeated.

Deborah Donaldson



Fourth Formers

Being a fourth former this year was definitely been a challenge no matter which category you were in. Those who doubt this, I guess weren't at school enough.

This year determined for us all what subjects we will be doing next year. It gave some people a chance to try out a School C subject - Geography.

All of our form participated in a work experience week. The jobs people chose to do ranged from market gardening to looking after and teaching primary school children.

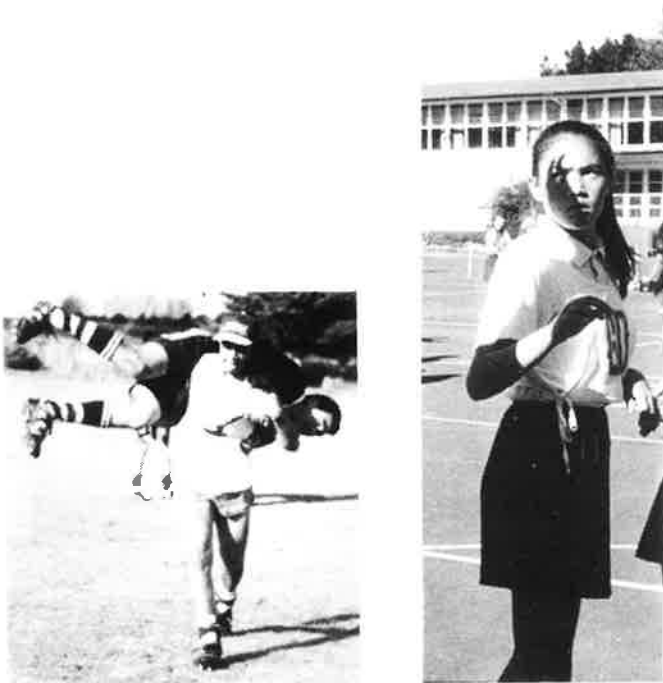
Whatever it took, we can be proud of this year's fourth formers.



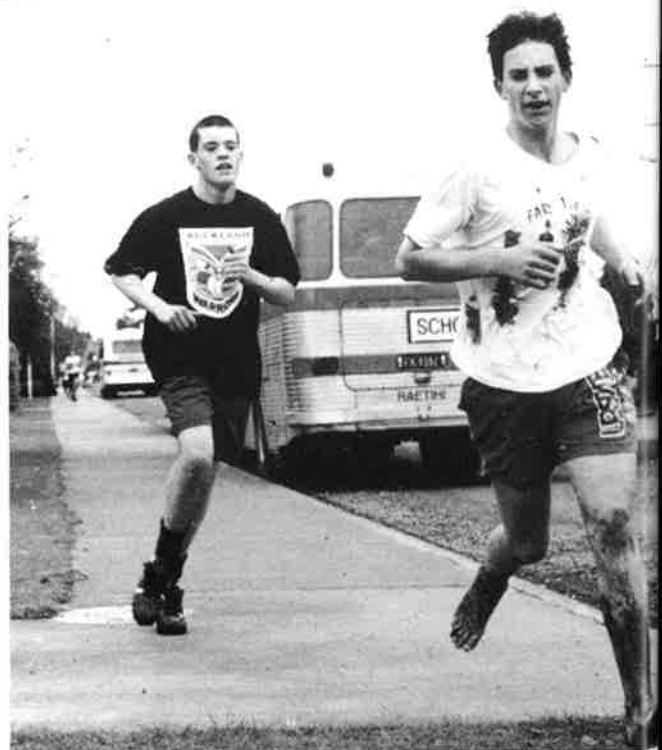
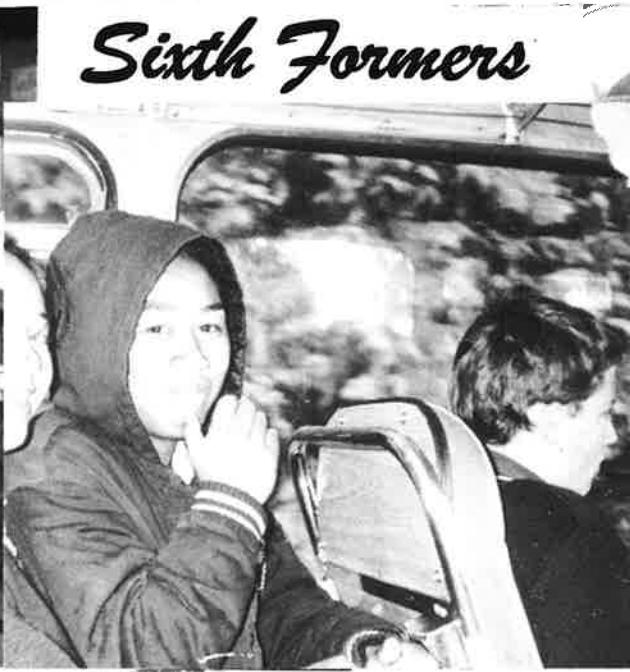
Fifth Formers

This year's fifth formers did not achieve or do anything extraordinary or even special.

This was due to the fact that we were basically a physically and mentally challenged bunch although there was a strong emphasis on learning. Tracey Columb learned that applying the front brakes before going down hill was a sure way to get the whole school reduced to tears of laughter. Daniel McGregor learned that Common Room chairs were not as strong as they should be while Nilesch learned that hitting the Head Boy in the head with a hockey stick was not a good idea.



Sixth Formers



A vertical strip of four cartoon panels showing a character's face in different expressions: surprised, neutral, smiling, and laughing.

A cartoon illustration of a male teacher with a wide-brimmed hat and a bow tie, falling backwards with his arms outstretched. He has a surprised expression. Above him, the text "Teachers Win!!!" is written in a large, stylized font. To the right, a crowd of students is shown from the chest up, with their arms raised in excitement. One student is shouting "Hero" with an arrow pointing towards the teacher. The scene is set outdoors with some foliage in the background.

A cartoon illustration of a teacher falling upside down. The teacher has a surprised expression, wide eyes, and an open mouth. A speech bubble coming from the teacher's mouth says "Yah!". Below the teacher, a crowd of people is shown from the chest up, with their arms raised in the air. One person in the crowd is holding a sign that says "HERO" with an arrow pointing towards the falling teacher. To the left of the teacher, the text "Teachers win!!!" is written vertically.



The game begins!



11. **WAH!**

7th form retain the wood



7th form retain the wooden spoor

A cartoon drawing of a boy with glasses and a girl with a netball. The boy is on the left, wearing glasses and has a surprised expression. The girl is on the right, holding a netball with a band that says "NETBALL". Above her is the text "Nathan under Pressure" with an arrow pointing to the boy.

A cartoon illustration of a man with a large nose and a speech bubble saying "Hymph!". He is looking up at a pair of feet wearing shoes, which are part of a larger figure whose legs and feet are visible at the top of the page. The man is wearing a dark jacket and a light-colored shirt. The feet are wearing dark shoes with white laces. The background is plain white.

Fifth Year Profiles

Light Relief

Seventh form students encountered a challenging physical education programme this year. The army was involved in many of our activities including abseiling down the Moawhango Dam wall, rock climbing in the army gym, kayaking and aerial rope work. The whole programme was extremely enjoyable. Thanks go to Mrs Campbell for organising the programme and to the army for helping with activities.

Wooden Spoon Rivalry

This was not so much a challenge, more of a chance to relax with our peers and humiliate our elders. During the year we played a great variety of sports such as softball, netball, volleyball and soccer. The fifth year students threw all of these games to keep up morale among the staff. The swimming relay, running relay, basketball, not to mention the recent touch rugby game, which I'm sure the teachers would like to forget, were all won by the fifth years. On behalf of the fifth year students we would like to thank the staff for their sportsmanship and for being such gracious losers. We believe that this is, in fact, the first time the fifth year students have beaten the staff.

(to be continued)

Nathan Davies

Nickname: Curious George
Probable destination: Massey
Quote: I was only five minutes late for hapu!

Misty Smith

Nickname: Roar
Possible destination: LA-LakeAlice
Probable destination: Ruapehu College
Probable destination: Otago University
Quote: That's great!

Mariner Jackson

Quote: Shot!

Che Wilson

Nickname: Cher-cher, Tahī
Possible destination: Night clubs Wellington
Probable destination: Night clubs of Wellington
Quote: Shut up!

Elton Drylie

Nickname: The Man
Possible destination: BP Waiouru
Probable destination: CIT
Quote: I'm the Man!

Wikepa Rewharewha

Nickname: Wigs, Raindrop
Possible destination: Night clubs of Wellington with Che
Probable destination: VUW

Evania Rennie

Nickname: Van
Possible destination: Auckland U
Quote: #@!! %\$*

Craig Dolman

Nickname: Fish Lips, Ball Boy
Quote: This is not your country!

Trish Tuthill

Nickname: Fritter, The Lovely One, Trishca
Possible destination: USA
Immediate destination: New World
Quote: Shut up Nathan!

Adrian Fetzer

Nickname: Adi-man
Possible destination: Proctologist
Probable destination: Ruapehu College
Quote: Good night Corporal.. Who's got my army pants?

Warwick Allen

Nickname: Sue
Possible destination: The Beehive of Raetihi
Probable destination: Thailand
Quote: My name is Sue. How do you do?

Nick Bonham

Nickname: Thrash
Possible destination: Anger management course
Probable destination: Auckland
Quote: I'll do you!

Daniel Gunnell

Nickname: Luke Perry
Possible destination: Ski Slopes of the World
Probable destination: Liftie

Kara Breen

Nickname: Portable
Probable destination: New World
Quote: Phat! Two dogs!

Lillian Moore

Nickname: Mrs Cash
Quote: Oh you d**k!



Seventh Formers

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| Back Row | N Davies, N Bonham, M Jackson, L Pirere (left), M Gordon (left) |
| Second Row | S Pitts (left), E Drylie, W Allen, L Williams, D Gunnell, W Rewharewha, C Dolman, C Shortland (left) |
| Front Row | K Breen, E Rennie, P Tuthill, C Wilson, M Mitchell (left), L Moore, M Smith |

Whanau Whiparound 1994

| Event | Huia | Kiwi | Tui | Weka |
|----------------|------|------|-----|------|
| Swimming | 10 | 15 | 20 | 5 |
| Diving | 2 | 3.5 | 1 | 3.5 |
| Athletics | 5 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
| Volleyball | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Softball | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Tennis | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Touch | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Basketball | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Netball | 3 | 4 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Rugby | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Soccer | 2 | 1 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Hockey | 4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 3 |
| S/Studies Quiz | 1 | 2.5 | 4 | 2.5 |
| English Quiz | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Cross-Country | 5 | 10 | 20 | 15 |
| Speeches | 5 | 10 | 20 | 15 |
| Gymnastics | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Skiing | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Maths Quiz | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Science Quiz | 2.5 | 1 | 2.5 | 4 |



Whanau Leaders

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| Back Row: | W Allen, G Marriott, M James |
| Second Row: | Mr H Cast, W Rewharewha, L Williams, L Pirere, S McDonough, K Ratima |
| Front Row: | K Scobie, S Smith, M Mitchell, V Parker, L Irwin, B Cleary |
| Absent | D Murdie, R Mowat, W Sutton, K McIlroy E Rennie |



Huia Whanau

Huia BC

Back Row: Kelly Scobie, Edward Lawrence, Deevon Gray, Warren Teller, Warwick Allen, Kimi Edwards, Shaun Moore

Second Row: Nathan Davies, Charmian Oh, Alisha Tamepo, Brendon Morgan, Lee Baranauskas, Karenza Taiaroa, Terina Abbott, Mrs B. Cast (Teacher)

Front Row: Cecilia Aspeheim, Patricia Tuthill, Georgina Bowley, Sue-Jo Allerby, Marina Bristol, Amanda Garland, Angela Fraser

Absent: Jillian Lambert, Flora Taku, Robert Speers



Huia KH

Back Row: Joshua Smith, Shaun McDonough, Murray White, Robert Vole, Lindsay Cast

Third Row: Lee Hiscox, Kebrasca Ratima, Jason Lawrence, Gabrielle Kelland, Jennifer Frame

Second Row: Tineke Edwards, Alison Munn, Gloria Peni, Lee McCann, Veronica Richards, Steven Sue, Joshua Williams, Mr K Hagener (Teacher)

Huia RK

Back Row: Malcolm Simpson, Craig Dolman, Peter Wikohika, Nikora Gupwell, Natasha Journeaux

Second Row: Mr R Knight (Teacher), Carl Weinberg, Aniwa Mills, Rebecca Martin, Alicia Pearson, Amy Hiscox, Trevor Taiaroa, Joel Grey

Front Row: Judith Morris, Lillian Moore, Kandace Smiler, Lina Marumaru, Sheree Beer, Trudie Collier, Tina McFadyen



Huia's Year

This has not been a successful year for Huia with most of the seniors doing all the work and most of the juniors watching the seniors, especially when it came to such events as swimming and athletic sports.

I think that if Huia want to improve their placing in the inter-whanau competition from fourth to first, there is a lot of work which needs to be done. I hope next year will see an improvement in the attitudes of Huia students taking part in interwhanau events.

My thanks on behalf of the whanau go to fellow leaders Kelly Scobie, Shaun McDonough and Evania Rennie.

K Ratima



Kiwi Whanau Kiwi RM

Back Row: Tonia Lumsden,
Scott Goldfinch, Leonard
Pirere, David Hammond

Third Row: Shane Albert,
Jesse Winiata, Aeneas
O'Sullivan, Lynda Godfrey,
Raymond Hemopo

Second Row: Mr R. Milne
(Teacher), Ricky Arahanga,
Toni Pakau, Rochelle Te
Huia, Shey Rangiihu,
David Shanks, Amanda Te
Huia, Kelly-Anne McNie

Front Row: Alec Wallis,
Bridie Cleary, Paul Wilson,
Yvonne Cribb, Alastair
Fredericksen, Talia Hemara,
Robert Tapa

Absent: Richard Jones,
Daniel Pearson,
Awhina Kingi, Cheryl Condon



Kiwi DT which became Kiwi KC

Back Row: Daniel Munn, Mariner
Jackson, Vaughan Te Miha, Ricky Shailer

Third Row: Aroha Williams, Katy Wallis,
Rebecca Godfrey, Morwenna Herewini,
Serena Howard

Second Row: Mr D Taylor (Teacher),
Richard Shanks, Marsha Newman, Kylie
Ehau, Jodi Walker, Bryan Grossart,
Anahera Retikaukau

Front Row: Jessie Ryland, Rebecca
McDougall, Natasha Mitchell, Janine Hall,
Carrie-Anne Marsden, Millicca Howe, Tracy
Tapa

Absent: Whetu Cribb, Lance Jones, Brian
Te Hore

Kiwi LR

Back Row: James McGill,
William Sutton, Tony Prince

Third Row: Chris Hammond,
Aaron Kairimu, Kellie
Lumsden, Richard Abraham,
Todd Haywood

Second Row: Mrs L Ryland
(Teacher), Aaron Coogan,
Henry Whittaker, Melanie
Mitchell, Kelly Evans,
Campbell Crossan,
Chris Phillips

Front Row: Carina McNie,
Johnette Albert, Dellina
Horne, Deborah
Donaldson, Kirsty McIlroy,
Denise Waerea,
Karen Howard



Kiwi's Year

The bird of our national heritage
The emblem of freedom and pride
Weka, Tui, and Huia alike
Deep down are Kiwis inside.

The time has now come to disclose the secret of Kiwi's success over the years of inter-whanau rivalry. For the benefit of the other three whanau, we simply 'get out there and give it a go'. For instance, if we can't swim we are told to dog paddle the length of the pool, float on our backs or fasten some kiddie floaters to our arms, then tread water, until the time keepers get sick of waiting and so automatically award us the point.

If the cross country isn't our cup of milo then we are told to temporarily make as many friends as possible with the competitors of the other whanau. Then it is just a matter of somehow persuading these people to walk the course with you, while the other Kiwi competitors make an effort to win the race. If we achieve personal satisfaction in knowing we did our best to become the best, we are then capable of becoming so. That to Kiwi means a lot more than winning itself.

Traditionally Kiwi is renowned for its outstanding achievements in sport. This year was no exception in winning the athletics, diving, rugby, netball, basketball and volleyball. There was also history in the making when Kiwi won the English and Mathematics quizzes for 1994. A great effort all round.

Kiwi would like to express their congratulations and gratitude to Mr Taylor. There is absolutely no doubt that his role was a vital one in terms of Kiwi success for 1994. A special thanks to co-Leader, Bridie Cleary and Deputies, William Sutton and Kirsty McIlory.

Lastly, Kiwi wishes to congratulate Tui for their overall victory for 1994. Obviously their observation of Kiwi tactics has paid off for the time being. However, as they say, there's always next year. Goodbye and good luck to the Kiwi whanau leaders of 1995. I'm sure the experience will be as challenging and rewarding for you as it has been for me.

Aeneas O'Sullivan Kiwi Whanau Leader 1994



Tui Whanau Tui CC

Back Row: Wikepa Rewharewha, Megan Lind, Andrew Bates, Paul Callaghan

Third Row: Jason Bright, Elton Drylie, Donna Cranston, Lindsay Chan, Tania Clark

Second Row: Dallas Jensen, Marcia Wood, Steven Pitts, Gail Ruke, Olivia Haitana, Raana-Ellen Mareikura, Mr I Mackay (Whanua Leader)

Front Row: Shontayne Rihia, Karen Kyle, Nicky Attwood, Desarie Wilson, Cheyl Shortland, Daniel Forster, Elizabeth Scorrings

Absent: Arizona Kaata, Dhyana Thomas, Raema Mowat, Mrs C. Chapman (Hapu Teacher)



Tui RL

Back Row: Darren Triggell, Justin Tekl, Glenn Most, Matthew James

Third Row: Steven Hawira, Jed Cornelius, Danielle Rodger, Andrew Murdle, Sarah Lind

Second Row: Justin Mackay, Kellee Biggs, Gisela Bauer, Victoria Duigan, Sheena Mareikura, Rosemary Wanoa, Cherylee Bishop, Mr R Lindsay (teacher)

Front Row: Vernon McIlroy, Katrina Marsh, Rakai Rewharewha, Angela Reuben, Arahia Keepa, Kelly Thrupp, Aaron Frederickson

Absent: Raymond Ruki



Tui JP which became Tui KG

Back Row: Tipene Mareikura, Dorothy Kyle, Che Wilson, Chad Hughes, William Wood, Paul Akurangi

Third Row: Danielle Wilson, Warren Hyslop, Decadia Pakinga, Anaru Mareikura, Lisa Irwin, Tina Bishop, Lynette Haitana

Second Row: Mrs J Parker (Teacher), Daniel Friar, David Hall, Cathy Cranston, Racheal Brown, Donna Clark, Stanley Hawira, Mr I Mackay (Leader)



Year of the Tui

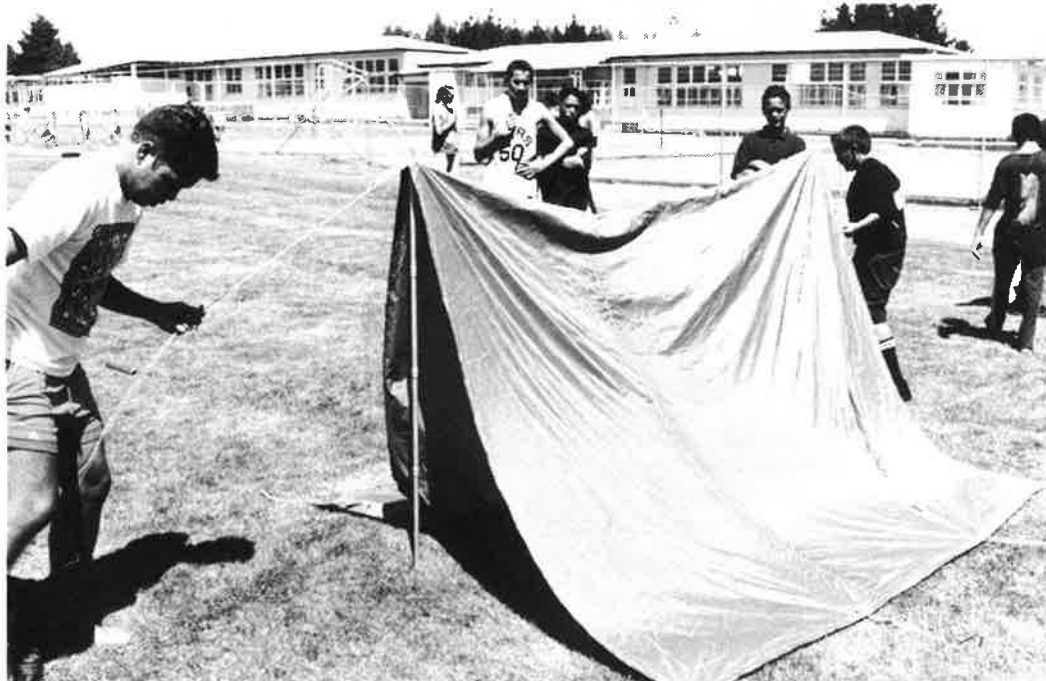
1994 was another very good competitive year for Tui. We succeeded in winning the largest number of inter-whanau competitions, but we also suffered losses.

This year's whanau leaders were Lisa Irwin and Wikepa Rewharewha with deputies being Raema Mowat and Mathew James. For them and the rest of the whanau, the year started off with a huge splash as we won the very first of the competitions, the swimming sports. We also ran away with the cross-country and scored with the soccer and touch. As usual we talked ourselves into the first place in the speeches and in the end also did quite well in the academic competitions. With all the losses we experienced we continued to hold our heads high knowing that we did our best at whatever it was. So as you can see 1994 saw great success for the Tui troops again, as we defeated enemies Kiwi, Huia and Weka. This was done through determination and effort as well as team spirit, which one mustn't forget, that showed right to the very end.

We would like to thank Whanau Leader, Mr Mackay, and our hapu teachers, especially Mrs Chapman and Mr Lindsay. This is their last year with Tui because they are moving on, so good luck to them. We would also like to wish good luck to all our senior students who are moving on.

For 1995 I would like to put out a warning to watch out for us as we have some great juniors on their way through.

Lisa Irwin



Weka Whanau Weka GH

Back Row: Tane Gunnell,
Islaha Barlow, Riki Harris,
Glen Marriott, Nicholas
Bonham, Rawiri Keelan

Third Row: Tracy Taura,
Adrian Fetzer, Martin
Hansen, George Taura,
Mathew Gordon, Sandra
Smith, Brad Nelson

Second Row: G Hubbard
(Teacher), Scott Nallon,
Kelli Evans, Rebecca
Clarke, Shaun Fredrick-
sen, Joanne Barclay,
Frana Christensen

Front Row: Michael
Bischof, Sonya Priday,
Felicity Nepia, Christina
Phillips, El Leen Voon,
Kara Breen, Victoria
Beech



Weka JV

Back Row: Manu Tuhoro, Billy Pehi,
Daniel Gunnell, Lee Williams

Third Row: Ben Scarf, Dale Clark,
Vanessa Parker, Tammy Evans, Shanou
Hays

Second Row: Mr N Buck (Leader),
Ngarama Herewini, Shannon Vartha,
Daniel Gray, Tracy Columb, Luella
Sullivan, Bruce Taylor, Mrs J. Voon
(Teacher)

Front Row: Megan Windle, Trudy Nation,
Kaye Murdie, Sean Barclay, Beverley
Yewen, Misty Smith, Janelle Martin

Absent: Phillip Hansen, Rhonda Taumata

Weka SB

Back Row: Jan De Moor,
Daniel McGregor, John
Hays, Bruce Mill

Third Row: Cindy Hansen,
Sabrina Cooney, Daniel
Richards, Daniel Murdie,
Chris Hamilton, Niles
Sharma, Michael Proude,

Second Row: Mrs S Buck
(Teacher), James Beech,
Eric Vaughan, Mana
Phillips, Heather Martin,
Rebecca Goddard,
Nichollette Bridger

Front Row: Phree Edwards,
Joanne Lough, Tania Clarke,
Rachel Hays, Hayley Pike,
Kirk Vartha, Jamie Hackett

Absent: Larrissa Green



W..E..K..A..

W.. E.. K.. A.. What does that spell? No, not weak! It spells Weka, the participation whanau for 1994. At every major competition the people of Weka went out there and gave it a go. Congratulations to all of you who participated this year. It made a difference.

We did win some events, if not the overall competition. Skiing, softball, the science quiz and gymnastics were activities Weka excelled in, with the top place on the champions' podium reserved for us. We shared the winning glory in diving, soccer and the English quiz with other whanau.

Thanks must also go to the senior students who assisted in the organization of teams and morale on sports days. While we're recognizing winners and participants, the indoor soccer champs should take a bow. Weka SB cleaned up in that competition. The deputies, Vanessa Parker, Lee Williams and Daniel Murdie, have all been great assets to the whanau and they will do well in positions of power next year if they are elected to do so.

At the end of 1994 I would also like to thank the co-leader of the whanau, Glen Marriott, and to say, "Look out for us in 1995 with a new image and the old attitude we are famous for... participate! Even if we don't come first, we give it a try."

Sandra Smith Weka Whanau Leader



Cultural Activities

Te Roopu Waiata-a-Ringa

1994 has been a hectic year for the Culture Group. As a new student to Ruapehu College being part of a culture group was not a new experience, but having been a part of this culture group has left many memories; among them the ...

Wananga

Thanks to Uncle Mat, Nana Vera, Nana Kaye and Kory the culture group was able to hold two wananga throughout the year. Staying in the senior studies block overnight provided an opportunity for many students to interact with each other out of school hours. Uncle Mat would have been the entertainment for the night with his evening talks about this area's history, protocol and anything else that arose. All of us came away from those talks with something new, whether it be his knowledge, his jokes or just having the odd bit of fun!

Early Mornings

...3 am starts with heaps of *toretore* in the eyes, piling everything into the *waka* (bus or ferry, that is).
...the familiar voice of Che getting irate with the rest of us, making sure that everyone was in correct uniform. Wouldn't you know it? He was the only one to walk out of the bus without his tie on!
...our long suffering bus driver who put up with constant moaning from the back of the bus.

Fundraising

...a very successful fundraising disco with the help of the whanau at the marae.

Otutaki

...all gathering at the marae with an immediate fine of 50c if anyone was late. Note - only one person was there at five. After karakia in the meeting house and a performance for the home people, the first session of 'Marae Court' began with the honourable judge Mr W Rewharewha, and Bally Ms M Smith presiding. Fines for being late and various other criminal offences were paid for with either money or humiliation. Kia Ora Manu.

The Trip South

...another 3am start.

...the odd sight of a Kaikoura seal or an imaginary whale satisfying simple minds, eh Rhonda, Trevor and Che?

And the rest, as they say, is history with a wonderful few days soaking up the atmosphere of Nga Whakataetae o Nga Manu Korero held this year in Christchurch.

In Action

...endless lunchtime practices.

powhiri for third formers, ERO and examiners; the Easter Hui; prizegivings and concerts; launching the Older and Bolder Week, farewelling Mr and Mrs Cast...

I have learned more than the odd waiata.

Misty Smith

Awhina in action in Christchurch



Top speakers from left :
Lance Jones, Rebecca
Clarke and Che Wilson

Absent Awhina Kingi

Cultural Activities

Choir

Apart from massed school singing for prizegivings, a talented and dedicated group of singers rehearsed throughout the Term One clubs cycle for the Manawatu Heat of the 1994 Smokefree Lifespan Choirs Competition. In June *Rhapsody in Blue* travelled to Palmerston North Girls High for an entertaining and awesome night of singing.

We were the second choir to perform and our three numbers - *Didn't my Lord Deliver Daniel?*, *You'll Never Walk Alone*, and *Hei Oranga Pumau* - went without a hitch, although the PNGHS hall was packed with hundreds of strangers and that was pretty nerve-racking!

The standard of singing was exceptionally high. We especially enjoyed the *a cappella* singing of the PNBHS chorale group, and the Sister Act performance of the Nga Tawa choir.

Although we were not recommended to go on to the Wellington concert, the experiences of practising, performing, mixing with and listening to other choirs, were new and exciting for lots of us.

Thanks go to Mrs Buck, our conductor, Mrs Knight our pianist, and Mrs Wilson our guitarist.

Rhapsody in Blue Members

Wikepa Rewharewha, Manu Tuhoru, Kebrasca Ratima (pictured below from left to right)), Che Wilson, Edward Lawrence, Carl Weinberg, Brendon Morgan, Trudy Nation, Sarah Mackay, Karen Kyle, Heather Martin, Megan Windle, Angela Fraser, Rebecca Godfry Jaime Hackett, Marina Bristol, Tina McFadyen, Rebecca Martin, Sue-Jo Allerby, Rebecca Clarke and Lisa Irwin.

Mrs J Knight



Smokefree Stage Challenge



Theme

Beaming lights, dancers, complex sets and ornate costumes flood my mind when thinking about what I experienced at the 1994 Smokefree Stage Challenge Competition. The Stage Challenge invites all secondary schools in New Zealand to select a theme and set it to a backdrop of rock music in a performance that can be acted out in front of a live audience. This is its second year running in New Zealand but it has been operating in Australia for 15 years where it originated. Our challenge was to produce an act between five and eight minutes long for the Palmerston North Regional Heats within the period of a month. A challenge it was but with courage and motivation, well courage anyway, a small group of us got together and chose our theme - Twentieth Century Dance. We decided our performance would be broken into five parts namely 1930's - Swing, 1950's - Rock n Roll, 1970s - Disco, 1990s - Hip Hop with an end dance to tie all five together.

Rehearsals

It was a pity the turn out at our first meeting was poor but we managed to scrape up 28 dancers and 10 backstage crew members. We closed our eyes to this though and with the assistance of Mrs Knight arranged our first practice - 17 March. Every day from that date on was spent mastering the dance steps, painting the set, selecting music and locating costumes. We did have our 'moments' with short tempered performers but this was to be expected as the rehearsal schedule was quite demanding. One unforgettable incident occurred when Che tried on a pair of fluoro yellow, crinoline flares with a purple shift dress. A sight for sore eyes!

Showtime

The days seemed to fly by and the date of the heats - 12 April soon arrived. Four schools had entered and one school in particular - New Plymouth Girls High School (NPGH) surely made their presence felt with a cast and support team in excess of 100. By the end of the practices it was pretty clear that NPGH would win with a breathtaking Garden of Eden dance involving 80 plus dancers, but despite this, our morale remained



high. We were the first to perform adding extra stress to already-nervous performers. However, as our dance progressed we seemed to gain more and more confidence drawing off the positive vibes from the audience. A few even managed smiles.

Best New School

Though we did come last the general consensus was that we deserved second place. But we did win Best New School. What we gleaned from this year's competition is that next year's act needs a stronger theme, all of our performers on-stage have to look as if they're enjoying what they're doing, our organisation on and off-stage has to be improved and we need, too, much more of that elusive factor - time - if we are to improve our placing.

I challenge students to join next year's Stage Challenge team as it is well worth it. NPGH, you'd better hold on tight to that trophy next year, because Ruapehu College have time on their side and they're going to be bigger and better!

J McGill



Jesus Christ Superstar

On April 24 a bus load of students, parents and teachers boarded a bus bound for Wellington. We were off to see *Jesus Christ Superstar*. We arrived in Wellington, went and dined and all met back at the Michael Fowler Centre, where the performance was held. There were people everywhere and when we were allowed in, it was like a stampede. After the rush, we all found our seats, which were good ones, and awaited the beginning of the show about Jesus and his struggle to win the people over from Pontius Pilate.

Spectacular
From the minute the first actor took the stage, to when the curtains were pulled at the end, we were all enthralled by this fantastic performance. The actors were wonderful, enthusiastically portraying characters who amazed us and completely captured our attention. David Lovegrove as Jesus, Margaret Uffich as Mary Magdalene and Frankie Stevens as Caiaphas hushed the theatre, created an amazing atmosphere and astonished us with their perfect and professional voices. The special laser lighting effects were spectacular especially in the crucifixion scene.

Standing Ovation
The audience appreciated this magnificent drama and showed their appreciation with a standing ovation which was returned with an open invitation to join in the encore, *Jesus Christ Superstar*. This we now understood and knew after hearing it so many a times.

In my opinion, which I'm sure I share with others, this performance was definitely worthwhile going to.

Kaye Murdie

Buddy Holly

On the third day back in Term Three, those going to the 'Buddy' musical managed a day off school. The only hitch to this was leaving at seven in the morning when most of us would have rather been in bed. When everyone had arrived at College, the two vans one with Mr and Mrs Buck and the other with Mr Sutton and Mrs Knight headed down to Wellington.

Bird Business

By the time we arrived in Wellington we were all starving and you can guess where everybody headed - McDonalds. After that we had about one and a half hours shopping before we had to meet to get our tickets. While we were waiting for the others and resting our legs a bird flew over and did its business which landed on a certain person who shall remain nameless causing the rest of us to burst into laughter.

Rock 'n Roll

Then it was time to enter the State Opera House to see *Buddy*. It was a very entertaining show which involved a lot of audience participation and at one stage everyone was on their feet clapping with some even dancing in the aisles. It had a wide range of popular rock 'n roll songs that we knew such as *Chantilly Lace*, *La Bamba*, *Rave On*, *Peggy Sue* and many more that kept us entertained right to the end. Time to head back home, with tea to be had in Levin and all you could hear from the back seat of the Bucks van was singing, anything from *Buddy Holly* to *The Sound of Music*, but the singing died down when Mrs Buck asked if we were auditioning for next year's musical.

Accident

Perhaps the most interesting part of the trip for those in the Buck's van was when we stopped for an accident just outside Levin and got to see what happens in an event like this. Ambulance, police, then the fire brigade and finally the press arrived. By the time Mr and Mrs Buck had finished helping we were all hungry and after tea at McDonalds we headed for home.

Trudy Nation

Cultural Activities

That The 1994 Debates Have Been Very Busy

As a warm up for the Jaycees Debating Competition we pitted our wits against the officer cadets at Waiouru. With little preparation from either side Ruapehu came out on top. It was a good morning with a presentation on the Officer Cadet School and lunch was also provided.

The second week of April saw Trisha, Joanne and me travelling to Turangi to debate against Tongariro High School. We took the negative view of the moot *"That speed cameras are good for the community"*. Once again preparation was at a minimum as we had been busy with the Stage Challenge. We came out victorious, if not a bit embarrassed at the use of the expression "Madam Chair" addressed to the male chairperson.

At the beginning of Term Two we were travelling again, this time to Rotorua to meet with John Paul College. *"That the youth of today are more aware of physical beauty"* was the moot and Che, Trisha and I took the negative. We won. The fact that they beat us last year had nothing to do with our ecstatic state.

Now we were into the third round of competition, and at long last a debate at home. This time our team didn't change, but the result did. Against Rotorua Boys' High with the topic *"That the family comes first"* we won, then we lost, then we won! It got quite confusing. Trouble with the judging was that it caused us to have a rematch in Turangi at mid-term break. Through rain, hail, sleet and snow we got there. We still had the affirmative view, but the moot became *"That life was better in the past"*. This debate did not result in a win for us. We handled the loss well, glad that the year's debating was over.

But we were wrong. Mr Mackay had organised another debate against the officer cadets. The first team of Che, Trisha and Amy defeated them with a cutting argument on *"That problems today are caused more by delinquent parents"*. Then after a break a team for 1995 was tried - Joanne, Rebecca and myself. We were also triumphant with the moot *"That tomorrow never comes"*. Finally thanks to Mr Mackay for the chauffeuring, for coaching us and putting up with us, especially Che in his pyjamas trying to play the piano. Thanks to the students who supported us and of course thanks to the team of Che Wilson, Trisha Tuthill, Joanne Barclay, Sandra Smith, Amy Smith, Rebecca McDougal and Jodi Walker.

Sandra Smith

Speeches

Much interest was generated by the speech finals held in Term One with the Senior Common Room being well filled for both senior and junior speech nights. Juniors were especially commended by the judges for the consistently high standard of all the contestants. Three-time winner, Che Wilson, beat off stiff competition before the title of best senior English speaker was awarded to him by the judges for the fourth time - a record if ever there was one. In the junior speeches Ei Leen Voon came first with her speech *TV turns your brain to soggy weetbix*. Second equal were Margaret Mowat with a speech on *Docking* and Rebecca Clarke who spoke on school life. Highly Commended were Justin Teki and Donna Clarke.



From left to right: E Voon, R Clarke, M Mowat, J Teki

Che Wilson was first in the senior section with his speech on *What New Zealand means to me*. He was followed by Sandra Smith who was second with her treatment of blondes and Vanessa Parker was third speaking about spiders. Highly commended were Lance Jones and Misty Smith. The judges who kindly donated their time on these two nights were Mrs M. Cornwall, Mr T. Morgan, Mrs J. Dekker, Captain L Amner and Mrs N Wilde

In an afternoon of speech making a little later on in the year, Te Kura Tuarua O Ruapehu speakers had their audiences spellbound. In the Korimako Senior English section Lance Jones came first with Lynette Haitana coming second.

In the Sir Turi Carrol Junior English section Rebecca Clarke came first, Phree Edwards came second and Cathy Cranston and Sarah Mackay came third equal. The judges for these were Mrs A. Vincent, Mrs K. Oliver and Miss J. Ward. In the Pei Te Hurinui Jones speeches Che Wilson came first and Raana-Ellen Mareikura came second. Awhina Kingi won the Rawhiti Ihaka Teina Maori section, Marcia Wood came second and Katy Wallis third. The judges for this were Mrs M George and Mr J Pohatu.

Cultural Exchanges

Kiwi Colleges and Aussie High Schools

Just How Different Are They?

Recently I had the opportunity to really experience life in a New Zealand secondary school. This year I was amazed how much I had to change in discipline, conduct and dress. As well as these adjustments, I also found the work harder. Ruapehu College is much more smaller than Peel Technology High School and the students at Ruapehu start college a year later than at Peel. So instead of having six years at college, as at Peel, there are only five.

At Ruapehu College the discipline is much stricter and the way of disciplining is also much different. At Peel there is a fair discipline code. This is judged by the number of pink (good) or yellow (bad) slips awarded. These slips could be given out for anything. A certain number of each colour either raises or drops your level. Level 10 (the highest) gives you privileges such as discounts on disco tickets and first selection for school trips. But if you drop to Level 3 you are suspended for four days. All privileges are lost, no trips or discos. At Ruapehu straight away it's detention. This leads to loss of privileges. To get suspended something major has to be done.

I was quite shocked also to see the differences in how the school uniform has to be worn and how strict Ruapehu is with what can and can't be worn. In Australia the uniform is neat yet multicoloured due to the amount of mufti while Ruapehu has such a neat and tidy uniform. The students are made to take off wrong coloured clothing, tuck in shirts and pull up socks, I think this is good as it means everyone is looking the same.

I don't know whether it is the usual New Zealand standard or just Ruapehu College but the work is really pushed upon you. There is continuous assignments and homework whereas at Peel it was usually carefree and easy, hardly any stress and I was top of most of my subjects.

This year I've enjoyed but I've had to work hard. Both the schools I think have their advantages and disadvantages but I would have to say that Ruapehu College outdoes Peel Technology High in many ways. Well done New Zealand.

Kellie Lumsden

Cecilia . . .

When Cecilia Aspeheim left in July she talked about her "experience of a life time". Eighteen year old Cecilia returned to Sweden to continue high school for a further two years and then go on to university. After her one year adventure spent for the most part in the Waimarino, Cecilia listed as her highlights skiing on Mount Ruapehu, belonging to the Culture Group while at college, touring the South Island and having her family visit during the Christmas holidays.

Cecilia sincerely thanked Neil and Margaret McLean of Raetihi, for giving her the opportunity of experiencing New Zealand family life. Thanks were also extended to students and teachers of Ruapehu College who made her feel very welcome. Finally she thanked Rotarians for making this student exchange possible. Arohanui, Cecilia.



Cecilia's farewell feast during the Sixth Form Wellington Trip

. . .and Anna

In coming from Germany to Ohakune this year, Anna Sommerfeld has retraced her brother Jan's footsteps. Recently Anna spent Activities Week in the Abel Tasman National Park with Mr and Mrs Buck's group. Here are a few of the experiences which Anna felt were worth recording in her diary:

...played touch rugby for the first time

...I held one (glow worm) in my hand. They look disgusting when you see them in the light.

...Day 3 (would have been) fun without all the hills and there were more than one.

...Day 4 (would have been) fun without the b*** walking!

...*Forest Gump* is a really good movie. I cried a little bit.

...Day 6 All the day was fun because we were most of the time sitting.

Thai Lad

I flew out of Auckland in April with fifteen other New Zealanders to start my new life as an American Field Scholar in Thailand. Our first real glimpse of Thai life was an exciting ride through Bangkok's crowded streets crammed in a small bus with all our luggage. At the end of the arrival camp my host parents and fifteen year old brother came to pick me up and we drove to what would become my home for the next ten and a half months. We live in a city of 60,000 about two hour's drive from Bangkok. That's approximately 50 kilometres.

In my first week of school I had to give a short speech in front of over three and a half thousand students - half in English and half in Thai. I'm sure no one understood a word I said - in either language. All the students are very friendly, sometimes a little too much so. A *farung* is something special here, so you have to get used to people calling out your name and, "Hey you!" wherever you go. The students often seem younger than what they are - both in their looks and in their behaviour. It rubs off too. I was told before I left I would gain ten years in maturity. I think I've lost about five so far. Thai students have to study quite hard. They go to school in the weekends but my school life is very relaxed. I study some regular subjects which I don't understand much, as well as some personal ones, such as Thai history and language. I go to a Thai boxing club every evening. A while back I had a fight with another New Zealand exchange student, with an audience of a couple of hundred people.

The average person in the street here is very friendly, but given to staring at *farungs* which is annoying. The Thais don't like to do things alone at all, and sometimes have trouble understanding my need for independence. Related to this is their lack of respect for privacy. They hold a lot of respect for their elders and the royal family is held in an almost religious awe.

The shopping is excellent, especially when it comes to clothes. I won't buy jeans for more than NZ\$7. Levi shirts are about the same price. I catch a bus into Bangkok quite often (shopping)! The traffic can be a pain though. You can move 100 metres in an hour sometimes. The road rules are simple. The bigger vehicle gets the right of way.

When we arrived, the weather was really hot. It is the rainy season now and the temperature is quite pleasant. It rains heavily for a few hours each evening. I am looking forward to the 'cool' season, which starts in November. I have six weeks holiday at the moment and begin the second term at the start of November. The second term goes through until March. There are only two terms in a year. I go home in February, which I'm not really looking forward to. Another few months would be good.

Warwick Allen.



Warwick and his friends offering respects on Teachers' Day at Paphrethorn Wittiala School

Terina Abbott in the U S A

Earlier this year sixth former Terina Abbott decided to fly off to America, as a Youth for Understanding exchange student. Terina impressed the YFU representative with her interest in the programme and her potential to be a good ambassador for New Zealand, when he came to Ruapehu College earlier this year.

Terina is now living in Sumner, Iowa. Sumner has in the vicinity of twenty one hundred people and is about the size of Ohakune. Terina attends Sumner Community High School. Approximately 740 attend this school from kindergarten through to high school. Terina had to get used to seven subjects a day, held at the same time every day, five times a week. The compulsory subject she had to take was American Government but was able to opt out and take American History. Terina is a senior, equivalent to a NZ seventh former, while her 'sister' who is six months younger is a junior, equivalent to a NZ sixth former.

Since arriving in America, Terina has made it into the cheer-leading squad and is the co-captain. She helped cheer the school's football team to victory in the first game of the season. They haven't won a game since. The cheer-leading uniform consists of black jeans, a white polo-neck skivvy and a rugby jersey in the school colours. Terina can expect around four feet of snow in the middle of winter. The senior prom is definitely on Terina's agenda and she is saving hard for her PROM DRESS. She has also just had her senior photos taken.

To get from A to B, Terina has been provided with a push bike and is a lot more active than she used to be. She is enjoying herself immensely but she still has bouts of homesickness. Although she loves hearing the news from home, we haven't written to her yet because she keeps ringing all the time. Terina will be in America until July 1995.

Coralie Abbott

ATHLETICS

Athletics Sports Day

The annual twilight Athletics Sports started a week late due to miserable weather. A total of five records were broken.

S Goldfinch: Sen B 3000m 10.32.60min (by 5s)

J Mackay: Jun B 3000m 11.30.02 (by 8s)
Jun B 1500m 4.56.44min (by 4s)

L Cast: Int B 3000m 10.34.00 (by 7s)

T Clark: Int G High Jump 1.45m (by 1cm)

The PTA ran a food stall selling hot chips, hotdogs and drinks with the money raised going towards school improvement projects. All in all we had a good day and the atmosphere around such events as the senior boys high jump was intense, as the guys went into a jump off.

Individual champions were:

Junior Boys: 1st J Mackay, 2nd R Hemopo, 3rd Campbell Crossan **Junior Girls:** 1st D Cranston, 2nd J Martin, 3rd Ei Leen Voon **Intermediate Boys:** 1st L Cast, 2nd J Hays, 3rd J Morrissey **Intermediate Girls:** 1st C Oh, 2nd T Clark, 3rd D Kyle and S Rangiihu **Senior Boys:** 1st S Goldfinch, 2nd W Sutton, 3rd A O'Sullivan **Senior Girls:** 1st R Mowat, 2nd D Waerea, 3rd M Mitchell

After the sports day our athletes were given extra coaching by two of New Zealand's top track and field athletes, New Zealand middle distance runner Peter Conder and hurdler/jumper Scott Newman. The pair were at school for two to three hours giving helpful hints about warm-ups, warm-downs, starts, basic diet and training. The team gained a lot from the short but enjoyable experience.

Wanganui Regionals

On Wednesday 16 March a college team comprising 45 athletes travelled down to Wanganui to compete in the Wanganui Secondary Schools Athletic Championships. Despite a good start the athletes

finally succumbed to the weather. Track and jumping pits were turned into temporary swimming pools. The meet was cancelled after just 30 minutes, the first time in the championships' 22 year history. Despite the cancellation, it was decided that the championships would be incorporated into the School Night the following Tuesday.

Thus on Tuesday 22 March a smaller but equally enthusiastic team travelled down to Wanganui. It was a fabulous night with many of our athletes achieving placings. School records were broken by J Mackay J Morrissey, and C Oh. A feature of the night was the school's good natured team work and support for one another. A few students, namely Scott Goldfinch, Willie Sutton and Charmian Oh decided to enter the 60m hurdles just for fun, despite not having run a hurdles race before. The outcome was a fourth and fifth placing for Scott and Willie respectively and a first for Charmian. The college can be assured of contributing talented athletes to the New Zealand secondary schools nationals which will be held in Wanganui at the new Cooks Gardens Sports Complex in 1995.

Five students were chosen to represent Wanganui at the North Island Secondary School Championships. They were R Hemapo, J Mackay, J Morrissey, C Oh, and V Te Miha.

Charmian Oh

Disabled Athletics

Much interest was generated by the Disabled Athletic Sports which gave senior students an idea of what it is like to be disabled. Shaun McDonough in a wheelchair is the inaugural record-holder of the Medicine Ball Put with a throw of 17.91 metres. Leonard Pierere and his guide dashed around the 40-metre blind-sprint course in the best time of 11.21 seconds. Tony Prince, Scott Goldfinch and Lindsay Cast all cleared 1.45 metres in the knee-amputee high 'hop'.

School Athletes 1994

Back Row: L Cast, J Hays, W Sutton, S Goldfinch, V Te Miha, N Bonham, S McDonough

Third Row: A Kairimu, R Hemopo, D Gray, L Pirere, G Taura, D Kyle, R Abraham

Second Row: Mrs K Campbell (Coach) R Mareikura, C Crossan, J Mackay, S Rangiihu, V Parker, T Clark, O Haitana, M Woods

Front Row: E Voon, C Oh, C Marsden, Y Cribb, S Lind, A Williams, K McIlroy,



CROSS-COUNTRY

A window of fine weather opened briefly in October allowing the annual cross-country to be completed. Competitors ran a new course this year designed by PE Head, Mrs K Campbell. With a bias toward more road running, the course in its sodden condition was best suited to runners from Tui Whanau which took first place overall ahead of Kiwi, Weka and Huia in that order. Weka harriers may have been slower but turned out in the greatest numbers to participate.

Junior Girls: Janelle Martin and Sarah Mackay 1st=, Margaret Mowat and Donna Cranston 3rd=

Junior Boys: Justin Mackay 1st, Campbell Crossan 2nd, Robert Tapa 3rd

Intermediate Girls: Dorothy Kyle and Tania Clark 1st=, Cathy Cranston 3rd

Intermediate Boys: Andrew Murdie 1st, Lindsay Cast 2nd, Deevon Gray 3rd

Senior Girls: Tina Bishop 1st, Raema Mowat 2nd, Denise Waerea 3rd

Senior Boys: Scott Goldfinch 1st, Aeneas O'Sullivan 2nd, William Sutton 3rd

BASKETBALL

If basketball is ever to be recognised at Ruapehu College then players, coaches and co-ordinators have to work together and do more to promote the game. I'm talking about regular training sessions (ideally twenty hours a week) that focus primarily on the fundamentals of the game - passing, shooting and dribbling. When these concepts are mastered and put into practice then as a basketball school, Ruapehu

College is sure to go a long way. Of course there must

be a commitment from both sides. Players need to ensure that they will attend every practice session while coaches and outside interests must make their own sacrifices. Yes, basketball is a team sport, but as yet, there are no individuals from Ruapehu College who have mastered the basics to qualify as outstanding players.

Because of infrequent practice sessions and lack of player commitment, this season proved to be the worst ever in terms of victories. The senior boys played a total of thirty eight games this year. These ranged from the Friday night competition games in Wanganui to the Monday night men's open in Waiohuru to a National Secondary Schools Tournament in Napier, to inter-school fixtures against Taumaranui High School and Hato Paora.

One could make lots of excuses for the team's overall poor performance, but of all the excuses the following really took the cake:

"We're never gonna win this game. Just look at the size of the substitutes", or "I'm sure that ref didn't like us. Didn't we have her last Friday?" or get this one "Five more minutes and I reckon we would have won that game." Despite there being more losses than wins the senior boys must be given credit for their team spirit and sportsmanship throughout 1994. Having more to be proud of than the boys with two wins from ten games was the senior girls team consisting of Bridie Cleary, Kelly Scobie, Kirsty McIlroy, Aniwa Mills, Morwenna Herewini, Denise Waerea and Shey Rangiihu.

With a keen interest and mutual commitment from both coaches and players there is no doubt that Ruapehu College will become renowned for its ability in the game.

Aeneas O'Sullivan



Ruapehu Rockets 1994

Back Row: Andrew Murdie, Scott Goldfinch, Willie Sutton, David Shanks,

Front Row: Aeneas O'Sullivan, Mariner Jackson, Jaron Vince, Kebrasca Ratima

1993/94 CRICKET SEASON



Boy Cricketers 1994

Back Row: D Hammond, D Gray,
J Hays
Middle Row: Mr W Marsh,
R Arahanga, D Murdie, S Hays,
A Murdie
Front Row: L Cast, W Sutton,
G Marriott (Capt), M White,
A O'Sullivan

This past season saw Ruapehu College's first eleven entered once again in the local men's league. The season began with a series of disappointing losses but as the season progressed the team began to function well and achieve better results, pushing several of the opposition teams including the Ohakune team, and nearly pulling off some wins.

Then in March the team played its annual interschool fixture with Taihape College. Having not beaten Taihape for 25 years the team was not expected to win. But after a solid batting effort and Deevon Gray top scoring with 25, Ruapehu was in a good position with a score of 87 all out. Ruapehu's fielding effort began sensationally with a beautiful spell of bowling by William Sutton and Murray White, who

between them dismissed six batsmen and were well backed by the fielders. Ruapehu kept up the pressure throughout Taihape's innings and finally dismissed them for 61, 21 runs short, giving Ruapehu its first inter-school victory in 25 years.

On the strength of last year's performances, the team is looking forward to some improved and more consistent results in the 1994/95 season. Also to look forward to is the upgrading of the cricket equipment with \$700 being spent on new gear. We will also soon see the installation of a new multi-purpose, all-weather cricket pitch. These improvements should lead to a higher standard of performance by the team and, we hope, to some well deserved wins.

Glen Marriott

Girl Cricketers 1994

Back Row: G Ruke, R Martin,
R Goddard
Second Row: Mr R Knight,
C Marsden, L Hiscox,
H Martin, J Barclay,
K Howard
Front Row: C Aspeheim,
T Nation, V Parker,
S Smith, R Hays,
K Marsh



EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Early in Term One the equestrian team went to an inter-school gymkhana in Turangi, hosted by Tongariro High School. The team consisted of three intermediates, Amanda Garland riding Saffron Sky, Victoria Duigan on Chamahl, Rebecca Clarke on Boss, and two juniors; Kushla Edgerton on Bolero and Cameron Morris on Fraulein. A good day was had by all and the team finished third overall, which was a creditable result as we were by far the smallest team there. Individual results were:

Amanda Garland, 2nd Flag Race, 3rd Bending, 3rd Hit and Jump (with Victoria).
Victoria Duigan, 2nd Best Rider, 2nd Best Working Combination, 2nd Best Paced and Mannered, 2nd Show-Jumping and 1st Dual Jump.
Kushla Edgerton, 1st Dual Jump, 1st Best Rider over Hurdles, 2nd Best Working Combination, 4th Best Paced and Mannered and 4th Hit and Out.

A week later, a reduced team of Rebecca, Amanda and Cameron attended the Wanganui Inter-school Show-Jumping. The team finished a creditable third, as again they were the smallest team there. The event was won by the hosts, Wanganui Girls College and over 150 riders competed at this competition.

Thanks must go to Rose Morris and Jo Clarke for transporting the team to this events. Also thanks to King Country Spraying and Winstones for their sponsorship which enabled us to purchase team show-covers and saddleblankets and also helped towards our travel costs.



From left to right: A Garland, C Morris, R Clarke, V Duigan, K Edgerton

BADMINTON

This year badminton proved very popular both as a club and at lunchtimes during Term Two. The badminton team did extremely well in the inter-school fixtures beating both Taihape and Taumarunui.

J Murdie played in the second under-14 team to represent the Wanganui region while D Cranston, E Voon and S Lind made it into the first under-14 Wanganui team. This team went on to be ranked seventh in New Zealand in their grade and became the champion team in the lower North Island. In the under-16's grade both K Marsh and C Cranston played for Wanganui.



Badminton Team 1994

Back Row: Katrina Marsh, Cathy Cranston, Donna Cranston, Sarah Lind, Charmian Oh, Ei Leen Voon

Front Row: Chris Hamilton, James Beech, Lindsay Cast, Carl Weinberg, Jaron Vince

Absent: Malcolm Simpson

SPORTS EXCHANGES

Taihape

The first of these was the Taihape summer sports exchange, our school being the winners of the boys cricket (which was a long awaited win), tennis, girls volleyball and boys softball while Taihape were the winners of the girls softball, girls cricket, girls touch and the boys touch. Even though Taihape won the overall winter competition the games were very close with our school winning the rugby (both teams), badminton and soccer.

Avondale

The school also accepted an invitation to a sports exchange with Avondale. Sports included rugby, netball and volleyball. Despite losing the competition the teams showed great sportsmanship and individual talent.

Taumarunui

We also took part in a sports exchange with

Taumarunui High School in August intending to play the usual variety of sports. The non-appearance of some Taumarunui teams was disappointing and confused the overall results.

Wanganui

A game of basketball against Hato Paora College saw our school emerging as winners.

In July the basketball match against St Augustines ended with the score being 52-51 in favour of Ruapehu. It was the first time the team had won a game in Wanganui.

Rockhampton

The school also hosted Rockhampton Grammar School and played a game of rugby on the Sunday. We were not successful in this attempt. Students of the visiting school were billeted out and enjoyed the hospitality. A King's School cross country team from Sydney also enjoyed their stay here.

Boys Softball

Back Row: R Shailer, B Pehi, V Te Miha, J Mackay, Mr I Mackay

Front Row: N Gupwell, G Taura, L Pirere, A Kairimu, C Phillips, J Beech



Girls Softball

Back Row: L Haitana, R Mareikura, O Haitana, A Mills, M Wood

Front Row: A Kingi, C Phillips, V Richards, B Cleary, J Walker

VOLLEYBALL AND TOUCH RUGBY

Girls Volleyball

Back Row: R Brown,
S Rangiihu, M Herewini,
C Hansen

Front Row: K McIlroy,
A Mills, K Scobie,
R Mareikura, A Tamepo



Boys Touch

Back Row: R Arahanga,
V Te Miha, P Callaghan,
S Albert

Second Row: R Hemopo,
C Crossan, L Pirere,
A Kairimu, B Morgan

Front Row: J Bristol,
A Mareikura, E Drylie,
T Mareikura, D Jenson,
R Tapa

Girls Touch

Back Row: A Te Huia,
S Cooney, D Pakinga,
R Wanoa

Front Row: S Bishop,
A Williams, B Cleary,
T Bishop, C Bishop



NETBALL



Senior A

Back Row: S Rangiihu, D Pakinga, A Hiscox
 Front Row: F Christensen, A Mills, G Peni,
 K McIlroy
 Absent: R Mareikura



Senior B

From left to right:
 B Cleary, R Brown, N Journeaux,
 K Scobie, Mrs K Campbell
 Absent: S Cooney, A Tamepo, L Green,
 J Lambert, D Clark



Junior A

Back Row: D Wilson, K Ehau, T Edwards,
 D Cranston
 Front Row: C Condon, E Voon, M Mowat



Junior B

Back Row: K Wallis, R Te Huia
 Front Row: T Hemara, F Nepia, S Rihia
 Absent: J Lough, T Hawira, D Wilson

RUGBY

This year proved to be a very successful one for the First Fifteen. The coaches, Mr Graeme Pike and Mr Brian Wilson together with Manager Mr Mark Hays, did an excellent job of keeping their team together, improving the skills of the team as a whole and, of course, controlling the tempers of those who had aggressive streaks.

Throughout the year, the team gained more skill and a more positive attitude towards the game. The fact that they won all competition games, I think, had a lot to do with that. The 1st XV had tough games against Rockhampton Grammar School of Queensland, and Avondale College from Auckland, with both Rockhampton and Avondale coming out on top. A big confidence builder for three of the 1st XV players was being selected to play for regional teams.

Shaun McDonough was selected to play for the Wanganui Under-19's and also played for the Wanganui Secondary Schools Team. Deevon Gray and Ricky Arahanga were selected to play for the Wanganui Under-16 rep team.

The sportsmanship that the players of the 1st XV showed during the 1994 season was amazing. Although a few players got a little aggressive during the year and got a nice warm shower early, the sportsmanship of the majority of the players went a long way in making up for it. Congratulations must go out to Captain Willy Sutton, Vice-Captain Paul Callaghan, to the other members of the team for their commitment and efforts, and to the supporters for their loyalty and encouragement.

S McDonough



1st XV

Back Row: A Kairimu, S McDonough, J Hays, S Goldfinch, P Brown, L Jones, T Prince

Second Row: J Smith, S Hays, C Dolman, W Sutton, J Teki, P Callaghan

Front Row: R Arahanga, D Gray



2nd XV

Back Row: N Ranginui, C Ross, R Abraham, R Keelan, R Hemopo, S Albert, N Toka, C Crossan, C Phillips

Front Row: M Proude, P Wilson, R Shanks, J Gray, N Gupwell, R Tapa, S Sue, J Mackay

WATER SPORTS

SWIMMING

The swimming sports held early in Term One at the Waiouru pool were well supported by both students and parents and some very good results were obtained. Junior girl champion for 1994 was R Te Huia, M Mowat was runner-up, D Donaldson was third and S Mackay fourth.

In the Junior Boys J Mackay emerged as champion, J Smith came second with J Gray third and R Abraham fourth.

S Cooney came first in Intermediate Girls, C Oh second, T Clarke third and C Phillips fourth.

J de Moor came first in the Intermediate Boys, G Taura second, J Hays third and L Cast fourth.

In the Senior Girls T Clark was first, A Te Huia second, K McIlroy third and D Waerea and R Cribb were fourth equal.

S McDonough became senior boy champion for the year, P Wikohika was runner-up, E Drylie was third with J McGill and L Jones fourth equal.

The Wanganui Swimming regionals were held at Marton this year with a 16-member team from Ruapehu College. Intermediate swimmer, Jan de Moor, was placed second in both the 50 metre freestyle and butterfly events and third in the 100 metres freestyle. Justin Mackay gained third place in the junior 100 metres backstroke.



1994 Swimming Representatives

Back Row: Mrs K Campbell (Coach), T Clark, P Wikohika, J Hays, J de Moor, J Mackay

Front Row: M Mowat, D Donaldson, R Te Huia, K McIlroy, S Mackay, T McFadyen



DIVING

The diving finals followed the swimming sports and were held on the 18 February at the Raetihi Swimming Pool. There were few surprises on the day as the following divers plunged their way to success.

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| Junior Girl: | R Te Huia |
| Junior Boy: | J Smith |
| Intermediate Girl: | T McFadyen |
| Intermediate Boy: | A Murdie |
| Senior Girl: | A Te Huia |
| Senior Boy: | P Wikohika |

The day was enjoyed by all even if the pool was freezing in the morning.



1ST XI SOCCER

This year was one of rebuilding for the soccer team after losing eight players from the 1993 side. We also had a change in management with Dave Nimmo taking over as coach of the team. Many new players turned up to our Wednesday practice sessions but even with these new players we struggled to field a complete team for the first few games.

Our Wednesday practices involved not just working on ball skills which can be rather dull, but also games between members of our team.

As in previous years we played in the under-17 section of the Wanganui Competition. After our initial difficulty in finding enough players we fortunately attracted more people to the sport and with these new members found it much easier to field a team. All the teams in our Saturday competition were mixed except for Wanganui Collegiate. Our mixed team failed to beat Collegiate but we did have success over all the other teams on a number of occasions. This resulted in our coming second to Collegiate overall which was a pleasing result given the large number of new players in the team. Some of our wins were very good ones including the interschool match against Taihape College which we won 5-nil.

Over the year the team's soccer skills improved considerably and towards the end of the season we were playing some good football. A result of our improvement was a 10 nil-win over Taihape.

The team would like to thank our coach Dave Nimmo for his efforts and all the other people who helped and supported us during the season.

1994 Soccer Team

Back Row: G Marriott (Captain), J Barclay, V Parker, S Smith, M White, L Cast

Front Row: A O'Sullivan, N Sharma, A Murdie, L Chan, D Hammond



INDOOR SOCCER

Right from the onset Sir John and his loyal crusaders prepared themselves for the **Round Two** of the battle royal. "Advance if you dare," Sir John bellowed across the battle field to his challengers.

"It's your kick off buddy," came the reply.

"Oh ... so it is," Sir John realised. Climbing down from his armoured stallion, Sir John cautiously approached the centre circle where the ball lay. He turned to confront his men and gave a jolt of his head. They too, dutifully and spontaneously, took their positions. As he had predicted the challengers had made the transformation into a ferocious flock of Magpies. Sir John, an experienced fighter, grinned at the utter foolishness of his opponents. His men would take out the battle royal and rightfully claim the Waimarino Indoor Soccer Trophy for 1994. But he knew that the road to victory would not be an easy one. A long drawn out struggle eventually favoured Sir John's men over the blood thirsty Magpies, five goals to four.

At the end of a two week recess **Round Three** commenced. This involved a knockout comprising the best of the best (Championship Round) and the best of the worst (Plate Round). Sir John's men, as they expected, were finalists in the Championship Round and were once again greeted by their former foes - The Magpies. Again Sir John's men narrowly defeated their challengers four goals to three. To add to their collection of honours, Sir John's lot also won the Powderkeg Trophy 1994 for the second year running, a remarkable achievement for the only college team in the open league.

Overall, 1994 has been the most successful year for any college indoor soccer team. Winning all three rounds has generated enormous confidence for next year's league. We hope that in 1995 we'll see some new talent among the ranks of Sir John's Men, commonly known as Damage Inc: Sir John Laurenson (Captain), Sir Avenish Sharma, Sir Nilesh Sharma, Sir Andrew Murdie, Sir William Sutton (Keeper - we'll miss you Willy), Sir Glen Marriott and Sir Aeneas O'Sullivan

Aeneas O'Sullivan

TENNIS

Some very promising players emerged this year and won the annual tussle with Taihape.

Lee McCann and Craig Dolman took the titles of girl and boy champions for 1994, with Evania Rennie and Lindsay Cast runners up during the course of a good evening of tennis which was enjoyed by parents and other supporters.

We hope to engage the services of a professional coach again, but at an earlier time next year.

Back Row: Sean Barclay, Sarah Lind, Daniel Forster, Carl Weinberg

Front Row: Ei Leen Voon, Megan Windle, Lee McCann, Misty Smith, Jenny Murdie

Absent: Evania Rennie, Warren Telfer, Craig Dolman, Nathan Davies, Lindsay Chan



HELD

At about 12:35 every Monday to Friday, rain or shine, some thirty senior and a few junior boys venture to the area just below the hockey field to display their talents in a game which usually starts off as touch rugby. Gradually as the tension mounts somebody yells, "It's held now, boys." This is usually followed by, "Yeah bro, straight runners, big hits," and what started out as a (usually) good competitive game of touch is now a team versus team all out brawl for the ball where each team receives a set of five tackles followed by a kick, provided that the ball is not intercepted or fumbled during the set of five tackles. If a ball is not on hand, many variations of the rubber, oval shaped object can occur, for instance a coke bottle or a rolled school jersey.

Play is heavily dominated by Maori students who duck, dive and pass to places that seem impossible to many people. Then, in the one in ten times the ball does reach the pakeha students waiting on the wing, it is quite often fumbled or else an extremely big hit is induced. There is never a referee, so it is generally a 'majority rules' situation whether a foul has been made or not.

Quite often players will try to sneak out on to the field before the lunch eating bell has gone. This can sometimes result in confiscation of the ball for a set amount of time but sometimes the students are able to worm their way around the teacher and are occasionally let off the hook. Then play resumes. This is what the game, often referred to as "held", is about.

David Hammond



SQUASH

The squash courts were well used by students at lunchtime and during Wednesday club time. On Friday afternoons after school Mr Laurensen and Mr Marsh spent time coaching players in the finer points of the game which must have paid off because not only did our squash players beat Taihape, the boys also took out first place in the regional Inter-Secondary Schools Squash Championships. This team comprised:

Darren Triggell
Warren Hyslop
Jason Bright
Greg Tuthill
Daniel Forster

SKIING

Probably more students went skiing this year because in addition to Mr Knight's club skiers who go up in the second and third terms, Mr Hubbard also took a group spring skiing during Activities Week.

NZSSSC

Once again we, Ruapehu College, hosted the New Zealand Secondary Schools Skiing Competition on the Whakapapa side of Mt Ruapehu. Monday 19 September saw 124 teams raring to go and compete for the number one positions. With the sun shining, a light breeze blowing and a big cloud band hanging off to the east, every competitor was hoping to get in a good clear run.

Our college team consisting of Todd Haywood, Daniel Richards, Darren Triggell, Shanon Hays, Kaye Murdie and reserves Rachel Hays and Scott Nation were ever so confident of taking out first place. Todd was the first competitor from our team to race. He had a good clear run taking out the fastest time for the senior men's course. Daniel, Darren, Shanon and Kaye each had a clear run with Daniel taking out third position in the junior men's course.

Tension was running high in the Function Room between the members of our team as we waited for the results of overall team placings. Cheering went up all around the room when the result of second place was announced.

Unfortunately Day Two was a different story. Over the radio that morning it was announced that the races were still going ahead with rain and wind affecting the course. We thought we were in for a chance of first place as our racers are so used to these conditions. Once 124 teams had arrived around at Whakapapa and were already wet from running to the cafes from the vans, organisers decided to postpone the racing until Day Three. Our team went away feeling extremely disappointed that we weren't racing and felt the same way when we were announced as second placegetters at prizegiving that evening.

Day Three didn't go the way of the team once again. The racing was cancelled due to poor weather and the competition was over. St Cuthbert's were, no doubt, happy at the outcome as they knew that their first place position was in jeopardy.

1st St Cuthbert's College, 2nd Ruapehu College, 3rd King's College, 4th Tauhara College, 5th Westlake Boys' High School and Diocesan School for Girls.

The competitors from Ruapehu College did extremely well this year both as a team and as individuals. Congratulations must go out to the organisers, Mr Knight and Mr Laurenson; Mr Cast and team for producing the results and magazine; Mrs Knight and team for the lunches; the results runners and assistants, Whakapapa staff (RAL) for their helpfulness and course setting; everyone else who helped and finally to Todd, Daniel, Darren, Shanon and Kaye on a great effort.

Rachel Hays



1994 Ski Team

Back Row: Rachel Hays, Todd Haywood, Kaye Murdie
Front Row: Scott Nation, Daniel Richards, Shanon Hays, Darren Triggell



Spring skiers Joel Gray and
Brendon Morgan

Maths Department

The Maths Department was involved in introducing the new curriculum to SC level.

Several new teachers joined the department. Ms Gibson replaced Mr Matheson teaching NZ Maths. Eleven staff overall have taught the maths classes this year.

Sadly we farewelled Mrs Cast who left after over eight year's full-time service in the Maths Department. She will be remembered with much gratitude by her students and colleagues.

Mathex

A bit of advice for those who do not know already - food, the Paraparas and a van full of people just don't mix.

The journey to Wanganui was uneventful so I shall get to the main reason why most of the students went. Yes, McDonalds! Cheeseburgers. Big Mac combos. Oh YUM! Here, as in the van nothing much happened except for evil looks received from some snobbish customers.

Well enough about that. What about the competition? There were many entries from this school. In the third form there were Deborah Donaldson, Margaret Mowat, Ei Leen Voon and Jessie Ryland in Team 1; Donna Cranston, Jenny Murdie, Janelle Martin and Sarah Lind in Team 2; Sean Barclay, Steven Sue, Robert Speers and Henry Whittaker in Team 4; Shaun Fredrickson, Chris Hammond, Alec Wallis and Michael Proude in Team 4

The only fourth/fifth form team consisted of Edward Lawrence, Coralie Abbott and Cathy Cranston.

And the only sixth form team included Shannon Vartha, Danielle Rodger, Joanne Barclay and Daniel Forster.

The competition itself was held in a large hall packed with students, teachers and parents. Sounds like prize giving. It was a historic event because in the history of Mathex, never before had Ruapehu ever won anything and the sixth form team came FIRST!

Australian Maths

Nineteen people willingly took part in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition. Age was no barrier for this madness. Not only did they take part willingly but they also paid to do this maths test.

Seven of the nineteen people ranging from third to seventh formers gained credit passes. These people were third formers Sarah Lind, Steven Sue and Ei Leen Voon, fourth former Daniel Forster, fifth formers Victoria Duigan and Chris Hamilton and from the sixth form Sandra Smith. Congratulations to all those people above and good luck to any foolish enough to try again next year.

Danielle Rodger

Maori Department

The Maori Department in 1994 saw many changes and highlights. Mrs George who normally teaches Maori, was given a year's study leave to further her knowledge. Ms Korty Wilson temporarily replaced her.

The Whanganui-Taranaki regional Nga Manu Korero finals were held in June. The competition was hosted by Opunake High - Taranaki. This year was a proud year for Ruapehu College, as two of its students took out two of the four prizes. Once again Che Wilson did us proud by winning his section of the Nga Manu Korero, the third time in a row. Che will be leaving us this year on the completion of his seventh form year but there is another up and rising Maori speaker to take his place - fourth former Awhina Kingi. Awhina did well to win her section of the Nga Manu Korero.

Winning at Opunake meant the National Nga Whakataetae o Nga Manu Korero held this year in Christchurch in August. A twenty-strong group of supporters gathered to support Awhina and Che in their bid to be the best Maori speakers in New Zealand. The trip was to cost a lot of money and this meant some serious fundraising including a school disco and the highlight of the year, the Ohakune premier screening of the New Zealand blockbuster *Once were Warriors*. Tickets were \$15 which included a pre-movie function attended by special guest stars Rena Owen and local boy Sonny Arahanga, who was Nig in the movie.

For the nationals the college team was hosted by Hillmorton High. The team spent approximately five days in Christchurch and by all reports the college team performed with distinction, although Awhina and Che were not placed in the top three.

Also on the Maori Department calendar were over night *wananga* held in the senior block to teach students protocol and *tikanga*. The *wananga* were thoroughly enjoyed by all and were great learning experiences.

This year a new song was composed especially for our school. It is called *Rapuhia Kote Matauranga*. This song was one of the last composed by Mrs Joan Akapita before her sad and untimely death in May.

Other changes in the Maori Department included the learning centres, set up to incorporate co-operative learning and a new form of assessment for fifth form Te Reo Maori.

Ms K Wilson

Art

The end of Term Two saw the departure of Art teacher, Mr Denis Friar, and family for Auckland. The school presented him with a token of their appreciation and Mr Friar responded with a gift of one of his paintings of the Rangipo Desert together with an illustrated book for the library. Based in Auckland, Mr and Mrs Friar are aiming to build up the photographic and publishing business which they started shortly after arriving in Ohakune in 1987. With the arrival of a new Art teacher, Mr Richard Lewer, came the arrival of a fresh new look. Students in the art options were inspired to brighten up anonymous areas around the school such as Lab B and the Typing room which are now characterised with bright graphics. Art students also acted on a School Council initiative and produced an array of designer-painted rubbish bins. It is hoped that these attractive bins will also attract more rubbish. A jungle collage and drawings in pencil and paint were on display in the front of the school and were well worth a look.



Horticulture

This year the fourth form horticulturalists made a new garden to beautify the Horticulture Room surroundings. The fifth formers pruned Mrs George's roses as part of their assessment and gave Mr Laurenson a break by pruning his roses while he was expecting his son to arrive. Sixth form Agricultural Science visited a forestry nursery, the Tangiwai pulp mill and a deer farm.

The fourth formers have dug new ground and planted trees, shrubs and flowers in a blue, yellow and white theme.

Mrs L Ryland

Design

Mr. R Milne, (Metal), and Mr K Hagener (Wood) continued to provide facilities and opportunities for students to fully develop solutions to design problems. Mr G. Hubbard, Graphics, continued to introduce the graphics concept to all forms including the fifth form with some remarkable results in all areas. S.C Graphics is now 40% internally assessed. During the second term, the Graphics and Design Department adopted a student teacher fresh from the Auckland Secondary School Teachers Training College (ASSTTC). Craig Ellis assisted in the Graphics and Design Department, putting into practice his skills for six weeks. We hoped he enjoyed his stay.

Mr G Hubbard

Computing

New software has recently been purchased for the IBM Compatible computers. We now have the latest version of Publisher and will be installing Word for Windows - a sophisticated word processing programme to half of the computers.

Several students from the sixth form typing classes decided they would like to gain a qualification in word processing. They sat Pitmans word processing exams at intermediate and advanced levels.

Mrs C Chapman

Economics

Economics as a subject seems to have appealed to more students in 1994. There were a high number of students taking the subject in the third and fifth forms. Some actually found the subject quite difficult in the fifth form and did not take seriously enough the internally assessed component.

Mr Lindsay leaves this year as teacher in charge of the department to accept a position at Palmerston North Boys High School. The teacher who takes over Economics for 1995 will take over the reins of a thriving subject.

Mr R Lindsay

Library

Our library at Ruapehu College is well equipped and a great environment to work and learn in.

We have bought 201 new books this year and the students have access to thousands of books through the National Library Service. Students have also been able to send away for magazine articles relevant to themes they are researching by using our two microfiche readers to look up the Index New Zealand database.

An exciting development for next year is that we have bought this database on CD-ROM so students and teachers will now have access to approximately 200,000 records providing an index to over 300 New Zealand magazines, newspapers, reports and other publications in and about New Zealand and the South Pacific. By using this CD-ROM students will be able to learn some of the skills of CD-ROM and online searching which will become an increasingly important method of accessing information in the future.

We have also bought the New Zealand Encyclopaedia on CD-ROM to add to our existing collection of encyclopedias on compact disc.

The biggest change in the library this year has been the resignation of Mrs Eades after years of working in the library and her replacement by Mrs Wendy Macaskill.

The following fifth formers have been helpful in the library throughout the year: Anahera Retikaukau, Coralie Abbott, Beverly Yewen, Alison Munn and Georgina Bowley. Third formers Vicky Beech, Karen Kyle, Rebecca Martin and Angela Fraser also been helped out in the third term.

Mrs W McCasgill

Home Economics

In Term Three, King Country Energy presented the Home Economics Department with a new stove and microwave as part of the "Stoves in Schools" campaign. This was in conjunction with Phillips, Fisher and Paykel and ECNZ.

On 19 February 33 students entered the cooking competition at the Waimarino A and P Show. They were competing against people who have been cooking for many years. In the Shortbread Section Anahera Retikaukau came first and Ricky Vaughn came second. Sonya Friday's bran muffins were placed third, Steven Pitts' pikelets came second and in the Queen Cakes Section Ei Leen Voon came second.

Miss F McEwing

Typing

This year the Typing Department purchased a dedicated word processor (second hand). We are still coming to grips with the particular type of technology that it uses which is halfway between that of a typewriter and a computer.

All students who entered the Pitmans Typing exams in July passed. Some gained a first class pass. These exams are at several levels (beginner, intermediate and advanced) and may be sat by Form Four to Form Seven students.

Mrs C Chapman

In 1995 Mrs Chapman will be teaching in Canada on a one year teacher exchange. We wish the Chapmans well in their return to Mr Chapman's cultural hearth.



Sixth Form typists from left to right R Hays, L Irwin and K McIlroy



Junior Science Fairs

The Science Department organised a successful Science Fair for third formers in July. First placing went to Sarah Lind and Jenny Murdie for their display on *Making Paper*. Second placing went to Megan Windle, Corina McNie and Karen Kyle who had a well presented project on *Bacteria*. Third equal were Janelle Martin and Margaret Mowat with their research on *Talcum Powder* and Joanne Lough, Jessie Ryland and Ei Lee Voon with their findings on *pH and Alkaline Testing*. Highly commended for effort and perseverance were Bryan Grossart, Brendon Morgan and Aaron Fredericksen with their spectacular presentation of a hydro power station. Commended for effort were Steven Sue, Tipene Mareikura and Shiloh Mareikura for their combined display on *Batteries*, and also Vicky Beech with her research on *Perfumes*. Judges for the third form section were Mrs Fountain, Mrs M Horne and Mr P McNaughton.

The Fourth Form Science Fair featured a smoking machine and a hot air balloon. Rebecca Clarke's glue making entry came first; second were soap makers Sheree Beer and Amy Hiscox; and third were Gregory Tuthill and Daniel Forster who built a wind generator. Every fourth former needs one of these. Highly commended entries came from H Pike, C Cranston, S Mackay, S Nation, D Pearson and J Teki. Mr G Peper and Mrs L Tuthill kindly judged this section.

River Survey

A man ever chasing new challenges is scientist, Mr David Taylor. He has captured the enthusiasm of students and the interest of sponsors ACI Glass Limited and Trust Bank, who in agreeing to sponsor a river survey project have recognised the importance of monitoring water resources from the Whangaehu and Mangawhero which are crucial to life in the local area. Measuring pH, dissolved oxygen and temperature, Mr Taylor and his students intend to establish a baseline of river conditions so that any future changes in water quality may be monitored.

Success for these people in the Form 3 Science Fair :

Back Row: B Grossart, J Lough, B Morgan

Middle Row: E Voon, J Murdie, J Martin,
M Mowat, J Ryland

Front Row: S Lind, C McNie, K Kyle



Testing the Waters

It was a typical Saturday spring morning. Yeah, that's right, frost. Mr Taylor and a small group of students set out to survey the Mangawhero and Whangaehu rivers with eagerness. How else would you describe doing school work on a weekend? The group consisted of Aeneas O'Sullivan, Sandra Smith, Danielle Rodger, Joanne Barclay and Mr Taylor. These foolish, I mean brave, dashing, intelligent people were on a mission - a mission of hell! Challenges faced included treacherous man-eating quicksand, deadly cow dung, double barbed wire fences, thistles and perilous river bank edges. We managed to collect various data (that's scientific for information) from our several sampling sites. The highlight of the day, however, was seeing Big D get sucked into quicksand, trip over a rock and stumble feebly on the ground. Ah yes, at last a teacher had finally realised his place in life. Back to chemistry. The pH in the Whangaehu which originates from the Crater Lake was slightly acidic at a pH of 3. I wouldn't recommend cleaning your designer school uniform on the rocks. I mean even the fish were suspiciously absent. Another major disaster occurred at Tangiwai. The oxygen probe unfortunately malfunctioned or in other words went bust. The valley below Turoa is the source of the Mangawhero whose pH was fairly constant at a neutral pH of 7 - this despite the Mangawhero passing oxidation ponds, the Ohakune rubbish dump, market gardens and other farmed land. All in all the day was, from a scientific point of view, gnarly. See you all in 1995, I'm going surfing on my scientifically engineered board.

Joanne Barclay

Geography

The Geography Department has been quite busy with many field trips. The sixth and seventh formers have had trips to the Mangatepopo Valley to study volcanoes and to Wellington to study an urban landscape. The fifth form have had trips to Turoa skifield to study vertical zonation and interaction

between vegetation, relief and climate as well as a trip around Ohakune as part of a local area study. This year Mr Knight has taken fifth, sixth and seventh form Geography. Mr Cast has taken fourth form Geography and this is the first time Geography has been able to be taken by fourth formers at Ruapehu College. Mr Parker has also taken fifth form. Mr Knight was made PRI HOD Geography 1994.

Mr R Knight



Sixth Form Geographers in the Mangatepopo Valley

"Now make sure you've got warm clothing", said Mr Knight the day before the field trip.

So the next day we arrived at school, thermals and all, ready to combat the Mangatepopo Valley. Typically by 9am we already had a dilemma on our hands due to Mr Knight's 'number one' organisation. The problem was we were not told 'not' to go to hapu, so we had to wait ten minutes for the hapu lovers to get to the bus

Mr Knight, the experienced truckie drove us to the Mangatepopo Valley. When we arrived all of us were ready to roll, unaware of the mammoth trek ahead. It was a ten hour walk. Well it felt like it. We were in warm clothing and it was an incredibly hot day! Of the five hot, hot girls, three of us wanted to relieve ourselves of the burden of our heavy clothing. So we decided to change at the Mangatepopo Hut, only to find a huge bunch of Palmerston North High School Girls having a rest. So the three 'hot, hot' girls had

change in the middle of a track. Talk about 'budget'. We trekked off again up Mt Everest (not really, but it sure felt that big). Kellie definitely felt the strain as she lagged behind. When we had conquered half of Mt Everest, work was in order, but the view was so spectacular that none of us had work on our minds. From our position we could see right through to Mt Taranaki. The work we had to do included two sketches, one on the landscape components, another of glacial features and a quick landscape evaluation. It was lunch time before we finished our work. Then we trekked down Mt Ngaruahoe. Kellie was the first down. Through swarms of trampers we sped towards Mangatepopo Hut for a well deserved lunch, and a last task on environmental impact.

The walk back to the bus took at least three quarters of an hour. By then we were all very tired. Mr Stripy Long Johns Knight chauffeured us home with a free running commentary on the volcanic landscape. The day was enjoyed by all. Sixth Form Geography is a definite *must* for all upcoming sixth formers.

Vanessa Parker

History

This year's fifth form History classes were large again. Fifth form field work involved two successful day trips to the Ohakune Junction and the Waiouru Army Museum. The sixth form Wellington field trip took place in July for three days. Seventh form historians were involved in an extensive research programme in Wellington.

Social Studies

Three classes of Form Three and three of Form Four took Social Studies this year. All were involved in the NIE current affairs programme and the high standard of work made judging of the scrapbook competition very difficult. The winners were:

Form Three

First Rebecca Martin
Second Ei Leen Voon
Third Jenny Murdie

Form Four

Luella Sullivan
Marsha Newman
Katrina Marsh

Geography/History Field Trip to Wellington

Day One

We departed Ohakune at approximately 9.30 am all aboard a Dempsey bus with the experienced Mr Knight as our driver. First stop was Palmerston North. Two hours shopping were a bit of a bonus. We then travelled on to Wellington and after sixth form geographers had studied Whitby/Porirua, it was off to the Burma Lodge, Johnsonville, for dinner, a bit of night fever and a well deserved sleep for most.

Day Two

Today was a day of rest for Six Geography, a day of research for Seven History and Geography and a special day of serious speed walking for Six History who began the day with an early 8.30 sprint down Lambton Quay and Boulcott Street to Antrim House, an interesting cemetery study at LUNCHTIME, and quite frankly an interesting historic hike around Thorndon with the help of Mr Buck and Mrs Winter, which was a bonus. That night we all went ten pin bowling which was a rare occasion for most of us, especially for a few teachers. The night ended with a relaxing sauna, hunting for a key that was never found and a peaceful sleep.

Day Three

Today Seven History worked in the libraries, Seven Geography worked in Courtney Place and Six Geography did their Markey Basket surveys. Mr Knight's number one organisation again came to the fore. Tonight was Cecilia Aspeheim's last night, and a feast was prepared for her by some excellent cooks. Even though a few tears were shed at the railway station, we had a good night with a relaxing sauna and an interesting game of pool for some.

Day Four

Today quite frankly was a dreadful day. We had to leave Wellington. The day began with both the sixths and sevenths working in the libraries and doing a bit of well deserved shopping. Before travelling home, we had the bonus of a quick pit stop in Bulls where five girls were caught in the midst of an intersection, and then home!

The Wellington trip was the BEST!

Vanessa Parker

P.E. Department

This year in the P E Department the lines on the floor in the Gymnasium were repainted and there was the news of a new sprung wooden floor to go in over the Christmas break. The introduction of "thunderball", similar to ice hockey proved popular with everyone. Mrs Campbell has been working on a new programme which will be introduced to all levels next year.

A double period of P E on a Friday for the seventh formers allowed them to do many exciting activities. These included abseiling, rock climbing, skiing, golf, snooker and darts. The last section of work they did was kayaking; with great instruction and facilities at the Waiouru Military camp. A special thanks to everybody who was involved and made this possible.

Mrs K Campbell



LINK COURSES

Link courses were set up to provide additional opportunities for students still at school to develop a range of personal, social, academic and work-related skills which will enhance their potential to make a successful transition from school to further education, training, work and adult life. It aims to supplement the school curriculum, provide additional options, expand educational and vocational horizons and provide experience of adult, non-school study. This year at Ruapehu College a variety of Link Courses have been offered. Students were able to take courses in Mechanics, Shearing, Panel Beating and Spray Painting, Hairdressing and Forestry.

In Term Three an Introduction to Beauty Careers run by Taranaki Polytechnic was held at the college over a two day period. Third, fourth and fifth formers were fortunate to be offered a course in Woodturning. This course was taken by Andrew Beggs over a five day period and students spent time in the Waimarino Forest, Dreadnought Mill and the workshops at College. Sixth and seventh formers were given the opportunity to take the Computer Assisted Design course run over two days by the Taranaki Polytechnic.

The Shearing Course

Take one shearing shed, a few woolly sheep, select ten or twelve students, put them together for five days and there you have it, a shearing course, OR something like that.

Earlier this year, with the help of Jim Pearce (a shearing ace) some of our agriculturally aware dudes took up the challenge to learn about shearing. First up we had to crutch the sheep, a supposedly easy task, or so we thought but a bit of sweat, a few cuts, and run-away sheep later, we realised it wasn't as cruise as it looked. However, these minor complications didn't at all deter us from the task at hand and by the end of the first day you could pretty much say we had the crutching part sussed. By the time we reached the third day we were all quite active rousies and pressers, if you call throwing wool at each other and kicking back in the cosy wool bales active.

We were very proud of ourselves when we shored our first whole sheep each and by that stage there were those who didn't want to get back on the stand and those whom you couldn't keep off.

The last day of the course was Judgement Day. We all had to undergo a practical exam - the task, to shear a sheep single handedly. We did quite well and were generally satisfied with our performance.

All things considered this was an excellent course, which turned out some budding young shearers. Watch out David Fagan!

Raema Mowat



M.S.P

Multiple Studies Programme students welcomed Mr Matheson to the college in January. Mr Matheson took over areas previously organised by Mrs Manson who left on promotion to become assistant principal at Waverley High School. Mrs Manson will be greatly missed as she contributed a considerable amount of time and effort in assisting our students. Mr Matheson brought ideas and expertise from his previous school in Darwin where he was a senior staff member. For health reasons, Mr Matheson had to leave us at the end of Term Two to return to Australia. Ms. Gibson then took over for the rest of the year. In October M.S.P organised a *Three The Hard Way* school and community concert fund-raiser. The money raised went towards a highly successful educational trip to Wellington in early December. Gloria Peni was the class representative responsible for the organisation of the concert. Other events that M.S.P have organised include the Carrot Day Festival fund-raiser raffle. Frana Christensen, Larrisa Green, Anaru Mareikura and Veronica Richards were responsible for the Carrot Day raffle. Sausage Sizzles which ran every Monday and Friday lunchtimes for a month were the responsibility of Ricky Vaughn, Tony Prince, Anahera Retikaukau and Anaru Mareikura.

On Conservation Day M.S.P students dug holes to plant 400 native trees. 25 of the students were given certificates of appreciation by the Department of Conservation. M.S.P also participated in extensive work experience. Some of the business involved were Virtuosity, Information Centre, Ohakune Primary School, John Anderson's and Hair Care to whom many thanks are extended.

Ms K Gibson

College and Community

The college has kept up its involvement with the community, helping out in appeals and other community work with students reaping the benefits in many ways.

Blood Donations

Twice this year we opened our veins for blood donations, in May and November. Each time the student numbers were up on previous visits. Not only are we giving but many of us are realising the advantages, such as getting off class and having a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Appeals

Students also went out and pounded the pavement in collecting for the Multiple Sclerosis Appeal and there are always plenty of willing volunteers. Here at Ruapehu College we not only take money, but when the time comes we can give it. For the Rwanda Appeal over \$660 was raised. That is a great effort from students. Halfway through Term Two we were set free on the communities from which we come, our mission was only to do good, to help others and to raise some money. To the everyday citizen this is called the Ruapehu College Work Day. The money raised - \$4500 - is being spent on library resources and sports equipment.

Clowns

The Carrot Spring Festival gave some students a chance to show their true colours by being clowns in the parade and around Ohakune township during the market day. Adrian Fetzer had the top honour of being the Carrot who mingled with the crowds.



Carrot Spring Festival clowns (above)
Railway Club members (right) S Bishop, C Bishop and T Bishop



Beautifying the Junction Turntable garden from left to right are R Vaughan, D Hall, D Shanks, A Bates and Jed Cornelius.

Environment

In 1994 we continued working at the Ohakune Railway station in clubs time. During this time work with the Department of Conservation was also taking place in the shape of track maintenance. More tracking was made for wetter areas. As well as this, MSP planted trees for DOC and in February all third formers laid lucerne along a section of the Mountain Road in an effort to establish native seedlings and so control roadside erosion. A variety of students took part in these activities and at times it was a lot of fun even if it was hard, dirty work.

Weather Station

Mr Taylor and three dedicated students continued to brave the elements each morning collecting weather data. Reporting weekly to the community through the Bulletin made their efforts seem more worthwhile.

Donations

This year donations to the school from the community were gratefully received. The Pulp and Paper Worker's Union from Winstones donated \$1288 which bought a camera for use in the Art Department, in Media Studies and in magazine work. The same area also benefited when Mr C Olsen presented the school with a Durst photograph enlarger. The community at large has also donated well over \$2000 through Telecom School Connection contributions.

S Smith



Thumbs up for...

The Great Leg Spotting Competition

All shapes, sizes, colours and states of hairiness. What am I talking about? The inaugural Great Leg Spotting Competition. This is where you have to match the legs you see with the names on the entry form. It was suggested as a fundraiser for the senior ball, but turned into a lot of fun for the teachers. Many of them braved the jeers of students as they paraded across the stage with only their legs visible, even if they were not exactly natural, some pink, some striped, some clad in black rubber. Though it raised many laughs, entry fees from students were sadly lacking. For this amusing event to feature in the future we require the support of the senior school, which it was designed to help. The hard work of teachers and a few students should be reciprocated with people actually taking part in the competition, instead of standing at the back of the hall or sitting in the common room hoping that the tickets to the ball will be free.

The winner of the competition was Jenny Murdie, not because she had the best legs, but she had the most correct answers. Her prize was a twenty dollar voucher to be spent at the tuckshop.

Primary School Club

Ideas Man, Mr David Taylor, introduced the new Primary School club this year. It gave college students a chance to work with younger children. They started off in Term One taking tabloid sports and working with microscopes in Lab A with two primary classes who were using the old prefab block while their own Ohakune Primary classrooms were being refurbished. The term finished with the older students reading to the younger children.

In Term Two the college kids got the chance to go to the primary school and work in the classrooms. On one occasion they helped organise the sports exchange with Taihape Primary School.

Those taking part in these two terms were Kellie Lumsden, Tonia Lumsden, Anahera Retikaukau, Beverley Yewen, Tania Clarke, William Wood, Trudy Nation, Rachel Hays, Rosemary Wanoa, Tina Bishop, Carrie Marsden, Rebecca McDougal, Christina Phillips, Tammy Evans, Tracy Columb, Elton Drylie and teacher-in charge, Mr Taylor.

Cooking for Seniors who didn't take Home Economics

For a small fee (she's quite big really) some seniors had the privilege of spending Wednesday afternoons



creating culinary delights with a view to future flattening.

Who would have thought that healthy food could taste so good? Definitely a highly rated elective.

German Club

A group of students met with Mr Hagener from the beginning of the year to spend time learning basic German phrases. They moved on to translating recipes and then on to an entirely higher plane when they put their words into action by cooking up delicious German dishes. They enjoyed the results of their translations.



The Grand Masquerade Ball

Once again the highlight of the Ruapehu College social calendar, the Senior Ball, has come and gone. Hopefully it didn't leave too many people over tired and penniless. I'm sure once all the commotion and gossip had died down everyone will look back on the eventful night with very fond memories.

In recent years the ball committee have been ridiculed for producing non-events with bad food and bad music, but I must say that the organisation of the ball this year, from the exceptional band right down to the production of tickets was as good as the glamorous turn out of all the students present on the actual night.

Talking about glamorous people, the prize for the best dressed couple of the night went to Morwenna Herewini and Craig Dolman who truly deserved it. Various other spot prizes were presented. All prizes were donated by local shops in Ohakune.

The band *Chicago Maid* from Taupo played superbly all night, playing music that everyone could dance to, unlike last year's ball where everyone kept their boogie shoes off until the very last song.

One of the main highlights was of course having the presence of the great actress from the New Zealand film "Once were Warriors", Miss Rena Owen. Thanks go out to Miss Kory Wilson for inviting Miss Owen to attend our ball. Miss Owen danced with students, socialized and took photos with us. Students felt very privileged to have her there.

The ball committee voted for the masquerade theme and worked on the decorations weeks before the ball during Wednesday clubs and lunchtimes, making a few finishing touches the night before and day of the ball.

So that was the 1994 Senior Ball. I think congratulations have to be given to Mr David Taylor and the ball committee for making the evening possible, to the caterers, venue owner, the community for buying tickets in our fund-raising raffles and for donating prizes, to Miss Rena Owen, *Chicago Maid* and of course to seniors and staff who went.

Kirsty McIlroy.





Ruapehu College Senior Prize List

SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS

Intermediate Girl Champion (Woodward Cup)
Channian Oh
Intermediate Boy Champion (Walter Warner Cup) Lindsay Cast
Senior Girl Champion (Turners & Growers Cup) Raema Mowat
Senior Boy Champion (Turners & Growers Cup) Scott Goldfinch

Aggregate 800m, 1500m, 3000m, (Michael Cleary Cup) Justin Mackay, Lindsay Cast, Scott Goldfinch

CROSS COUNTRY

Intermediate Girl Champion Tania Clark,
Dorothy Kyle
Intermediate Boy Champion (Leo Cleary Cup) Andrew Murdie
Senior Girl Champion Tina Bishop
Senior Boy Champion (Dillon Shield) Scott Goldfinch

SWIMMING

Intermediate Girl Champion (PTA Cup) Sabrina Cooney
Intermediate Boy Champion Jan de Moor
Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy) Tania Clark
Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy) Shaun McDonough

DIVING

Intermediate Girl Champion Tina McFadyen
Intermediate Boy Champion Andrew Murdie
Senior Girl Champion Amanda Te Huia
Senior Boy Champion Peter Wikohika

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. Natasha Journeaux

RUGBY

Best and Fairest Player in 1st XV George Taura
Most Improved Player in 1st XV Scott Goldfinch

SOCCER

Most Improved Senior Player Sandra Smith
Journeaux Senior Soccer Trophy - An award for a senior pupil achieving a high level of ability
Aeneas O'Sullivan
and showing dedication to the game
Lindsay Cast

TENNIS

Boys Champion Cup presented by Mr J Laurenson
Craig Dolman
Girls Champion Cup presented by Mrs S Laurenson
Lee McCann

CRICKET

Best Team Member (Presented by 1986 1st XI) Glen Marriott
Best All Round Bowler (Donated by Darren McDonnell) William Sutton
Batting Award (Donated by D Archibald) Aeneas O'Sullivan

SKIING

Girl Champion (Tahurangi cup presented by Vic Keppel) Kirsty McIlroy
Boy Champion (Mangaturuturu Cup presented by Graeme Brebner) Todd Haywood

INTERWHANAU COMPETITION

WEKA Glen Marriott and Sandra Smith
Diving 1st=, Skiing, Softball, Soccer 1st=, Science Quiz 1st=, English Quiz 1st=, Gymnastics
TUI Wikepa Rewharewha and Lisa Irwin
Speeches, Swimming, Cross Country, Soccer 1st=, Touch, Social Studies Quiz, English 1st= HUIA Kebrasca Ratima and Kelly Scobie
Hockey, Tennis, English Quiz 1st= KIWI Aeneas O'Sullivan and Bridie Cleary
Athletics, Diving 1st=, Rugby, Netball, Basketball Volleyball, English Quiz 1st=, Mathematics Quiz
CHAMPION WHANAU CUP
(Presented by Ruapehu Old Pupils Association)
TUI Wikepa Rewharewha and Lisa Irwin

ACADEMIC AWARDS 1994

Form 5

Lee McCann MERIT AWARDS for Perseverance and Hard Work in Mathematics and Improvement in English
Carrie Marsden MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Art
Bruce Mill SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Practical English Level 1
Shey Rangihui MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Home Economics
Kelly Anne McNie SUBJECT AWARD 1st = in NZ Mathematics Certificate
Frana Christensen MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Multiple Studies Programme
Kaye Murdie MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Geography and Mathematics
James Beech MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in English
Amy Smith SUBJECT AWARD for 1st= in her Physical Education class and MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Economics
Anahera Retikaukau MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort and Perseverance in Multiple Studies Programme
Daniel Barton MERIT AWARD for Improvement in Practical English Level 1
Cherylee Bishop MERIT AWARD for Achievement in English
Pikimai Mareikura MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Mathematics
Veronica Richards MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort and Improvement in NZ Mathematics Certificate
William Wood MERIT AWARD for Improvement in Art
Gloria Peni MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Certificate in Practical English Level 1
Alison Munn MERIT AWARD for Most Improved Student in her Physical Education class
Kebrasca Ratima SUBJECT AWARD 1st= Workshop Technology Wood (L K Home Memorial Prize for best student in Workshop Technology Wood)
Lynette Haitana SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Maori of Te Reo Maori, Tuhituhi and MERIT AWARD for Perseverance in English
Paul Brown MERIT AWARD for Conscientious Effort in Te Reo Maori and 1st in Korero Maori
Coralie Abbott SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Typing
Larissa Green MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Multiple Studies Programme
John Hays SUBJECT AWARD for 1st= in his Physical Education class and MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Mathematics
Christina Phillips MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Practical English Level 1
Jan De Moor SUBJECT AWARD for 1st= in his Physical Education class
Georgina Bowley MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort and Perseverance in Typing and for Consistent Effort in Mathematics and Te Reo Maori
Ricky Arahanga SUBJECT AWARD for 1st= in Workshop Technology Wood
Lee Hiscox MERIT AWARDS for Achievement in Graphics, Perseverance in Art and Improvement in English
Aroha Williams SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Mrs Voon's English class
Scott Goldfinch SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Mr Mackay's English class and MERIT AWARD for Diligence and Effort in History
Raymond Ruki MERIT AWARDS for Improvement in Art and Improvement in NZ Certificate Mathematics
Rebecca McDougal MERIT AWARDS for Diligence and Effort in History and Consistent Effort in Mathematics
Dorothy Kyle MERIT AWARDS for Diligence and Effort in History and Consistent Effort

and Improvement in Mathematics Applied

David Shanks SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Ms Gibson's NZ Certificate Mathematics class
Denise Waerea MERIT AWARD for Perseverance in Mathematics
Aniwa Mills SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Mrs Knight's English Class and 1st= in her Physical Education class
Lance Jones MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Geography
Warren Hyslop SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st = in his Physical Education class and 1st in Workshop Technology Metal (Dixon Engineering Workshop Prize)
Christopher Hamilton SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Horticulture (Turners & Growers Ltd prize for Achievement in Horticulture) and MERIT AWARDS for Consistent Effort in Science and Most Improved student in his Physical Education class
Megan Lind SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Graphics and MERIT AWARDS for Diligence and Effort in History and Consistent Effort in Science
Tracy Columb SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st= in NZ Mathematics Certificate and 1st in Home Economics (Country Women's Institute Prize) for most promising student in Home Economics and MERIT AWARDS for Improvement and Consistent Effort in Science and for Achieving a High Standard in Horticulture (Fruit Federation Supplies Ltd Priz) for Practical Achievement in Horticulture
Tonia Lumsden SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Mathematics and 1st in Economics and MERIT AWARDS for Consistent Effort in Geography and Science
Andrew Murdie SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in Art and 1st= in his Physical Education class and MERIT AWARDS for Achievement in Graphics and Improvement in Mathematics
Victoria Duigan SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in History and 1st= in Geography and MERIT AWARDS for Consistent Effort in Science, Achievement in Mathematics and Steady and Careful Application in English
Charmian Oh SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st= in Geography 1st= in her Physical Education class, 1st in Science 1st in English and MERIT AWARDS for Consistent Application and Achievement throughout the year in Mathematics and Diligence and Effort in History

Form 6

Jaron Vince SUBJECT AWARD for 1st= in his Physical Education class
Jennifer Frame MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Graphics
Kirsty McIlroy SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Home Economics
Adrian Fetzer MERIT AWARD for Outstanding Effort in his Physical Education class
Sandra Smith SUBJECT AWARD for 1st= in her Physical Education class
Todd Haywood MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Art
Kellie Lumsden MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Geography
Lindsay Chan SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in Design and Technology (Winstone Pulp International Prize) for Achievement in Form 6 Design and Technology
Tracy Tapa MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Home Economics
William Sutton SUBJECT AWARD for 1st= in his Physical Education class

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| James McGill in Economics and 1st in Media Studies | SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st | Form 7 Nicholas Bonham Consistent Effort in Geography | MERIT AWARD for | SPECIAL AWARDS Senior Speech Competition | Che Wilson |
| Lindsay Cast in Graphics and 1st in Art (Dr Jordan Memorial Art Prize) and (Photolife Graphics Arts Award) | SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st in | Misty Smith Consistent Effort in Te Reo Rangatira | MERIT AWARD for | Impromptu Speech (Alan West Cup) | Sandra Smith |
| Pikimai Mareikura Te Reo Rangatira | SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in | Daniel Gunnell Graphics | SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in | Te Whai Korero - Wahine -Speech Making in Maori Language (Girls) | Raana-Ellen Mareikura |
| Danielle Rodger | MERIT AWARD for | Evania Rennie Excellent Skills in Form 7 Physical Education | MERIT AWARD for | (T G McCullough Cup) | |
| Consistent Effort and Achievement in Computer Studies | | Wikepa Rewharewha | SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in | Te Whai Korero - Tane - Speech Making in Maori Language (Boys) | Che Wilson |
| Shaun McDonough | SUBJECT AWARD for 1st= | Accounting | | (T G McCullough Cup) | |
| in his Physical Education class | | Che Wilson | SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in | Dance Award (George Chan Trophy) | Sandra Smith |
| Nicholas Bonham | MERIT AWARD for Effort in | Geography and 1st in Te Reo Rangatira (Peck Campbell Cup) for Excellence in the | | | |
| History | | Humanities English/History/Geography Presented by | | Senior Literary Award Presented by Taranaki Daily News | Sandra Smith |
| Trudy Nation | SUBJECT AWARD for 1st= | the Rev and Mrs R L Peck in Memory of Ralph | | | |
| in her Physical Education class and | | Edward Peck and Jeanette Helen Campbell | | (Maungarongo Trophy) Presented as an Award for | |
| | MERIT AWARDS for | Mariner Jackson | SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st | Leadership, Initiative and Dedication in the | |
| Consistent Effort in Geography and Music and for | | in Mathematics with Calculus and | | promotion of Cultural Activities in the College | Che Wilson |
| Improvement in Biology | | Best All Rounder in Form 7 Physical Education | | | Decadia |
| Raema Mowat | SUBJECT AWARD for 1st= | (Berry's Bookshop Prize) for Senior Commerce for | | Dedication to the group | |
| in her Physical Education class | | excellence in both Accounting and Economics | | Pakinga / Pikimai Mareikura | |
| Rachel Hays | SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in | Nathan Davies | SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st= | | |
| Typing and | MERIT AWARD for | in History and | | (Brian Eades Trophy) for Perseverance and | Lee McCann |
| Perseverance in English | | 1st in Mathematics with Statistics | | Endeavour | |
| Daniel Murdie | MERIT AWARDS for | (Early Settlers Award) Donated by the Scarrow | | | |
| Improvement in English, Achievement in Graphics | | Family for Diligence and showing class spirit in | | (Robin Rowles Memorial Award) for Leadership in | |
| and Consistent Effort in Biology | | History -Joint Award | | the Practical Areas | Brad Taituma |
| David Hammond | SUBJECT AWARD for 1st in | Patricia Tuthill | SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st= | | |
| Agricultural Science and | | in History, | | (Lions Award) For commitment to Ruapehu College | |
| | MERIT AWARD for | 1st in Biology, | | often working behind the scenes giving of their time | |
| Achievement in his Physical Education class | | 1st in Economics and | | and energy in the service of the college | Sandra Smith and Kaye Murdie |
| Vanessa Parker | SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st | 1st in English and | | | |
| in History and | | | MERIT AWARDS for | (Principal's Award) for showing the values we hold | |
| 1st in Geography and | | Perseverance in Mathematics with Statistics and Most | | high at Ruapehu College; commitment to their | |
| | MERIT AWARDS for | Improved Student in Form 7 Physical | | studies, involvement in college life and by always | |
| Consistent Effort in Biology, Economics and English | | Education | | showing concern for others | Patricia Tuthill and Elton Drylie |
| Aeneas O'Sullivan | SUBJECT AWARDS for 1st | (Early Settlers Award) Donated by the Scarrow | | | |
| in Accounting and | | Family for Diligence and showing class spirit in | | (Waimarino Shield) Donated by the Maori | |
| 1st= in his Physical Education class and | | History -Joint Award | | Community of the District for best all round pupil in | |
| | MERIT AWARDS for | | | academic, social areas including Maori Culture and | Che Wilson |
| Consistent Effort and Achievement | | HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE | | value | |
| in Mathematics and for Consistent Effort in Physics | | Nathan Davies | | (Loftus Shield) for services to the College | Che Wilson |
| and Chemistry | | Daniel Gunnell | | | |
| Joanne Barclay | SUBJECT AWARDS for | Mariner Jackson | | (Proxime Accessit Trophy) presented by Peter Berry | Nathan Davies |
| 1st in Mathematics, | | Lillian Moore | | and Family | |
| 1st in English, | | Evania Rennie | | (Dux Trophy) presented by Ian and Dorothy | Patricia Tuthill |
| 1st in Biology, | | Wikepa Rewharewha | | Meredith | |
| 1st in Chemistry, | | Misty Smith | | | |
| 1st in Physics and | | Patricia Tuthill | | | |
| 1st in Computer Studies | | Che Wilson | | | |
| (Winstone Pulp International Prize) | | | | | |
| for Achievement in Form 6 Science | | | | | |

Senior Prize Giving

Guest speaker at Senior Prize Giving this year was Mayor Garrick Workman who highlighted the range of opportunities available locally for imaginative, qualified young people to take advantage of.

The Culture Group opened the proceedings with several spirited action songs. Appropriately in this the fiftieth anniversary of the Second World War's Italian Campaign the school sang *Ake! Ake! Kia Kaha E! - The Maori Battalion Marching Song*. Wikepa Rewharewha, Kebrasca Ratima and Manu Tuhoro entertained the large crowd with an *capella* medley and before closing with *The National Anthem* the school sang *There's a Place in the Sun* a special request from a special student, Che Wilson. Mrs J Knight played the piano, Mrs V Wilson and Ms K Wilson the guitar, Mrs K Oliver was the recordist and Mr W Marsh the conductor.



From left: C Wilson, P Tuthill and N Davies

Ruapehu College Junior Prize List 1994

SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS

Junior Girl Champion (PTA Cup) Donna Cranston
Junior Boy Champion (PTA Cup) Justin Mackay
Aggregate 800m, 1500m, 3000m (Michael Cleary Cup) Justin Mackay

CROSS-COUNTRY

Junior Girl Champion (Mary Whale Cup) Sarah Mackay and Janelle Martin
Junior Boy Champion (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) Justin Mackay

SWIMMING

Junior Girl Champion Rochelle Te Huia
Junior Boy Champion (TG Drayton Cup) Justin Mackay

DIVING

Junior Girl Champion Rochelle Te Huia
Junior Boy Champion Joshua Smith

GYMNASTICS

Junior Girl Champion Ei Leen Voon
Junior Boy Champion Daniel Pearson

NETBALL

(Checkers Netball Cup) For the Junior who has made an outstanding contribution to netball within our school Tineke Edwards

RUGBY

Most Improved Junior in 2nd XV (Richard Lindsay Cup) Michael Proude
Best and Fairest in 2nd XV (Ruapehu Rascals Golden Oldies Rugby Cup) Shane Albert
Best team man in 2nd XV (Kui-Proude Trophy) Richard Shanks
Most Consistent player in 1st XV (D.A. Loye Cup) Shannon Hays

HOCKEY

Captain's Trophy - presented to the most valuable hockey team member Angela Fraser

SOCCER

Most Improved Junior Player (Dave Billmore Trophy) Daniel Forster

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Form 3

DONNA CRANSTON MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Mahi Maori
MERIT AWARD for Effort in 3R Social Studies
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Term 3 Economics
MERIT AWARD for Achievement, showing Initiative and Contribution to Outdoor Education in 3rd form camps
SHONTAYNE RIHIA SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Mrs Robinson's English class
MERIT AWARD for Commitment in Te Roopu Mahi Waiata a Ringa
ANDREW BATES SUBJECT AWARD 1st in 3 Metalcraft
DANIEL FRIAR SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 1 Computer Studies
KATY WALLIS Subject Awards 1st in Tuhituhi aori and Korero Maori
JESSIE RYLAND MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Term 2 Graphics
KELLY THRUPP MERIT AWARD for Achievement and Consistent Effort in Art
MERIT AWARD for Improvement in Mathematics
SEAN BARCLAY MERIT AWARD for Improvement in 3R Physical Education
MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Term 1 Graphics
VICTORIA BEECH SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 1 Woodcraft
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3A Physical Education
DAVID HALL MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3A Physical Education
PHREE EDWARDS MERIT AWARD for Achievement and Consistent Effort in Art
REBECCA MARTIN MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Term 3 Home Economics

SUBJECT AWARD 1st in 3U Science

MERIT AWARD for Diligence, Achievement and Unassuming Helpfulness in English
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3U Social Studies
MERIT AWARD for Outdoor Education and Perseverance on Activities Week
DANIELLE WILSON MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3R Physical Education
CARINA MCNIE MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Term 1 Graphics
MERIT AWARD for Improvement in Term 3 Woodcraft
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Clothing
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in English
MERIT AWARD for Achievement, showing Initiative and Contribution to Outdoor Education in 3rd Form Camps
KANDACE SMILER MERIT AWARD for Achievement and Consistent Effort in Art
SARAH LIND SUBJECT AWARD 1st in 3U Social Studies
MERIT AWARD for Attainment in 3U Science
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Mrs Voon's English Class
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 3 Computer Studies
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 1 Graphics
MERIT AWARD for Excellent Skills in all areas of 3U Physical Education
CAMPBELL CROSSAN MERIT AWARD for Perseverance and Effort in Te Roopu Mahi Waiata-a-Ringa
MERIT AWARD for Excellent Skills in all areas in 3A Physical Education
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in 3A Social Studies
KAREN KYLE MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Mathematics
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 3 Home Economics
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort and Application in 3A Social Studies
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3A Science
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Term 2 Economics
MERIT AWARD for Perseverance in English
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3A Physical Education Class
HEATHER MARTIN MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3A Science
MERIT AWARD for Improvement in English
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Mathematics
CHRISTOPHER HAMMOND MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Mathematics
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 3 Economics
MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Term 3 Graphics
ROCHELLE TE HUIA MERIT AWARD for Perseverance in Mathematics
MERIT AWARD for Perseverance in English
CHRISTOPHER BAYLISS MERIT AWARD for Initiative in 3U Science
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3U Physical Education
MILLICIA HOWE MERIT AWARD for Improvement in Mathematics
BENJAMIN MURRAY MERIT AWARD for Consistently Fine Effort in Keyboard Skills
MARGARET MOWAT MERIT AWARD for Attendance, Diligence and Achievement in all areas in Mrs Voon's English class
MERIT AWARD for excellent skills in all areas of 3U Physical Education
BRENDON MORGAN MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Drama
MERIT AWARD for Achievement, showing Initiative and Contribution to Outdoor Education in 3rd Form Camps
DEBORAH DONALDSON MERIT AWARD in Achievement and Consistent Effort in Art
MERIT AWARD for Effort in 3R Social Studies
MERIT AWARD for Effort in Term 1 Economics
PUNA O'NEILL MERIT AWARD for Excellent Skills in all areas of 3A Physical Education
MEGAN WINDLE MERIT AWARD

for Achievement in Term 2 Graphics

MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort and Application in 3A Social Studies
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3U Music
SHAUN FREDRICKSEN MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Mathematics
JANELLE MARTIN MERIT AWARD for Excellent Skills in all areas of 3U Physical Education
MERIT AWARD for Effort and Improvement in 3U Social Studies
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Mathematics
JENNY MURDIE MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Term 3 Graphics
Migos Trophy for Practical Clothing
MERIT AWARD for Attainment in 3U Science
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 1 Keyboard skills
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3A Music
MERIT AWARD for Excellent Skills in all areas of 3U Physical Education
MICHAEL PROUDE SUBJECT AWARD 1st in 3A Science
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Mathematics
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Mrs Knight's English class
EI LEEN VOON SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 2 Graphics
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 2 Economics
SUBJECT AWARD 1st= in 3R Physical Education
SUBJECT AWARD 1st= in 3R Social Studies
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 1 Home Economics
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 3 Keyboard Skills
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3R Music
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Mr Mackay's English class
SUBJECT AWARD 2nd overall in F3 Mathematics
SUBJECT AWARD 1st Overall in F3 Science
STEVEN SUE SUBJECT AWARD 1st= in 3R Social Studies
SUBJECT AWARD 1st= in 3R Physical Education
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Term 1 Home Economics
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 3R Science
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in English
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 1 Economics
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 2 Computer Studies
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 2 Keyboard Skills
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 3 Graphics
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Term 3 Woodcraft
SUBJECT AWARD 1st overall in F3m Mathematics

Form 4

TALIA HEMARA MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in all areas in 4R Physical Education
SUBJECT AWARD 1st= in Mrs Knight's English Class
RAYMOND HEMOPO MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in all areas in 4R Physical Education
LYNDA GODFREY MERIT AWARD for Improvement in 4U Physical Education
PHILLIP HANSEN MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Woodcraft
KELLY EVANS MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Typing
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort and High Attainment in 4R Science
JUSTIN MACKAY MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Economics
KIRK VARTHA SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Mrs Robinson's English class
DELTINA HORNE MERIT AWARD for Perseverance in 4U Physical Education
DANIEL RICHARDS MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Graphics
SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Mr Buck's Social Studies class
MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 4U Science
MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Art
MARCIA WOOD SUBJECT AWARD 1st= in Mrs Knight's English Class

KIRK VARTHA SUBJECT
 AWARD 1st in Mrs Robinson's English class
 DELTINA HORNE MERIT AWARD
 for Perseverance in 4U Physical Education
 DANIEL RICHARDS MERIT AWARD
 for Achievement in Graphics
 SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Mr Buck's Social Studies
 class
 MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 4U Science
 MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Art
 MARCIA WOOD SUBJECT
 AWARD 1st= in Mrs Knight's English Class

SUBJECT AWARD for Achievement in Mathematics
 MERIT AWARD for Effort and Perseverance in
 Social Studies
 NATHAN TOKA MERIT AWARD
 for Excellent Skills in all areas in 4A Physical
 Education
 TINEKE EDWARDS MERIT AWARD
 for Consistent Effort in 4U Physical Education
 MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Home
 Economics JOEL GRAY MERIT AWARD
 for Excellent Participation and Attitude in Physical
 Education
 SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Mr Knight's Social
 Studies class
 REBECCA GODDARD SUBJECT
 AWARD 1st in Typing
 BRENDON BILLETT SUBJECT
 AWARD 1st in Woodcraft
 PEGGY RUDKIN SUBJECT
 AWARD 1st in Home Economics
 MERIT AWARD for Attainment in Horticulture
 GREG TUTHILL MERIT AWARD
 for Achievement in Graphics
 MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Written
 Language in English
 MERIT AWARD for Achievement in Art
 HAYLEY PIKE MERIT AWARD
 for Consistent Effort in Economics

Did 3U really need to do the confidence course?
 KATRINA MARSH SUBJECT
 AWARD 1st in Mrs Parker's Social Studies Class
 JOSHUA SMITH SUBJECT
 AWARD 1st in 4U Science
 AWHINA KINGI MERIT AWARD
 for Achievement in Art
 LUELLA SULLIVAN MERIT AWARD
 for Consistent Effort in Social Studies
 AMY HISCOX MERIT AWARD for
 Attainment in Horticulture
 AARON COOGAN SUBJECT
 AWARD 1st in Economics
 TAMMY EVANS MERIT AWARD
 for Perseverance in English
 RICHARD ABRAHAM MERIT AWARD
 for Consistent Effort in English
 SHEREE BEER MERIT AWARD
 for Perseverance and Effort in Mathematics
 MERIT AWARD for Attainment in Horticulture
 SARAH MACKAY MERIT AWARD
 for Consistent Effort in Mathematics
 AMANDA GARLAND MERIT AWARD
 for Perseverance in Social Studies
 REBECCA CLARK MERIT AWARD
 for Achievement in Spoken Language and Drama in
 English
 MARINA BRISTOL MERIT AWARD
 for Improvement and Effort in 4R Physical Education
 BRAD NELSON MERIT AWARD
 for Consistent Effort in English
 MERIT AWARD for Improvement in Woodcraft
 MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in Social
 Studies
 CATHY CRANSTON MERIT AWARD
 for Achievement in Art
 MARSHA NEWMAN MERIT AWARD
 for Effort in Horticulture
 MERIT AWARD for Improvement in 4A Science
 MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort and
 Perseverance in English class
 MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in
 Mathematics

JED CORNELIUS MERIT AWARD
 for Improvement in English
 NIKORA GUPWELL MERIT AWARD
 for Consistent Effort in all areas in 4R Physical
 Education
 SHANITA BISHOP MERIT AWARD
 for Consistent Effort in 4A Physical Education
 MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 4A Social
 Studies
 MERIT AWARD for Consistent Effort in 4A Science
 DANIEL FORSTER SUBJECT AWARD
 1st overall in Form 4 Science
 SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Metalcraft
 SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Form 4 Geography
 SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Graphics
 SUBJECT AWARD 1st overall in Form 4
 Mathematics
 SUBJECT AWARD 1st in Mrs Voon's English class

SPECIAL AWARDS 1994

SERVICE AWARDS
 Service to the School Cathy Cranston

SPEECH AWARDS
 F3 Speech (L D Eden Cup) Ei Leen Voon
 F4 Speech (Mr & Mrs F A Martin Cup) Rebecca Clarke
 Junior Whai Korero - Wahine Awhina Kingi

JUNIOR LITERARY AWARD
 For attainment in Creative Writing Shanita Bishop

TE KAAHU TROPHY
 Donated by Mr and Mrs Murphy-Peehi for leadership,
 initiative and dedication in the promotion of cultural
 activities amongst juniors at Ruapehu College
 Awhina Kingi and Tineke Edwards

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD Sarah Mackay, for all
 round involvement and contribution at Ruapehu
 College. Sarah has been successful in sporting and
 academic areas as well as contributing to the social
 and cultural success of the school.



