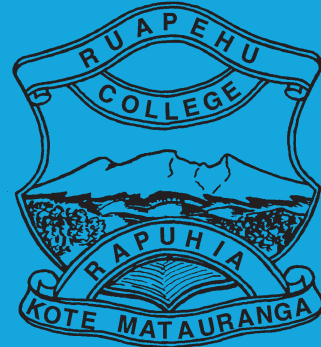


Magazine 2013



Ruapehu College

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ruapehu College students have settled well into the rigours of learning despite the changes at the College in 2013. It is reassuring that no matter what happens, the teaching and learning still goes on and student achievement is at the forefront of the people who make the school what it is. We want our students to do well so they can arrive at the place where they can make choices. We want to give our students every opportunity to succeed. Thank you to the teachers who work so hard at the school to achieve these aims.



It has been rewarding to follow the progress of our senior students as they attain more credits towards their NCEA. One of the major changes we made this year was to introduce 50 minute periods so that students would have continuity of subjects and more contact with their teachers. This was well received and many students have given favourable feedback. It seems to have had a positive outcome in terms of achievement and attendance too. Many of our students are working very hard at their studies and they are given every encouragement to continue this work ethic.

I have really enjoyed all the sports that have been on offer at the school. Thanks must be given to the students who attend practices then travel to various places to compete. We were able to celebrate their success at the inaugural sports breakfast in term 3 and to formally thank all the people who contribute to the sports at Ruapehu College. It was especially poignant to celebrate the start of our snow academy and the success of the



snowboarding and skiing teams at the North Island Championships. A highlight since my arrival at the school would definitely be when Rangitikei College travelled to our school and the place was alive with sporting events and the community came to the school to watch. That was very enjoyable.

The student leaders have made a fine contribution to the school. The ball was a huge success and our leaders worked hard for this event. We also really valued our leadership training session to Takapuna Grammar in Auckland to witness other prefects in action. They spent time discussing aspects of leadership and the team discussed all the things they did this year at the college and were able to hand this over to the new prefects as part of their training experience. It was also exciting to welcome Tuia te here tangata, a group of young leaders who were hosted by Ngati Rangi. They spoke to our leaders about their own leadership experience and their travels around New Zealand working with different communities.



I would like to personally thank all the people who were involved in the powhiri on my arrival to the college in June. The community really made me feel welcome and although it was emotional to leave friends and whanau from the other school, I have a great sense of belonging to Ruapehu College and our local environment. I love living by our beautiful maunga. It was very special to bless the mountain at the puanga (matariki) celebrations. We all hoped for an excellent season to bring prosperity to our community and it seemed this happened.

The community also elected a new Board of Trustees and they have also done some outstanding work for the school. It has been enjoyable to work with such a proactive team and the calibre of the people on the board has had a huge benefit to the school.

I would like to wish our year 13's all the best as they head out into the wide world. Those who have been here for five years will be celebrating the start of a new journey. We hope they enjoy this magazine and take time in future years to reflect back on all the people who were part of school life in 2013. It truly is a special time in one's life. We wish our leavers all the best for their future. Tena koutou, Tena koutou, tena koutua katoa.
Ms Kim Basse



STAFF



Ruapehu College Staff

Front Row: Mrs K Campbell, Mrs M George, Mr B Connelly, Mrs K Basse (Principal), Mr J Jordan, Miss A Brittain, Mrs M Hakaraia.

Second Row: Mrs W Hubbard, Ms M Wilson, Mrs L Beukes, Mrs A Stuckey, Ms A Cranston, Mrs A McIver, Mrs K Dixon, Mrs K Sutton.

Back row: Mr J Greene, Mr L Hicks, Mr R Prasad, Mr C McLeod, Mr R Everton, Mr A Grant.

Absent: Mr J Laurenson (Deputy Principal), Mr P Hargreaves (Assistant Principal), Mrs S Buck, Mrs S Laurenson, Miss M Du Preez, Mr N Buck, Mrs J Robb, Mrs E Brewis, Mr A Brown, Mrs J Brown, Mrs R Dewes, Mrs N Double, Mrs T McCann, Mrs R Wills, Mr P Sutton.

STAFF CHANGES



In 2013 we said farewell to Principal Mrs Josephine Mikaere and welcomed new Principal Mrs Kim Basse who came to us from Takapuna Grammar School.



Sadly Mrs Leigh Hynes left after working at our school for 33 years to pursue her passion of teaching others ICT and blended learning.



Miss Amy Brittain took on the Head of Mathematics and junior ropu teacher job for one year.



Mr Pat Hargreaves returned to college to take on the Assistant Principal's job and also teach Technology Hard Materials.

STAFF CHANGES



Miss Margarietha Du Preez took on the job of teacher in charge of music and also taught year 9 art for one year.



Mr Alan Grant took on the role as Teacher in charge of Horticulture and also taught Science for the year. He coached the students in both outdoor and indoor soccer.

Leigh Hicks was a student teacher studying at Bethlehem Tertiary Institute and did his practicum at our college. He went onto become coach of the girls rugby team.



Mrs Jane Voon left us after many years of service. As students went through the senior school they grew to enjoy and appreciate Mrs Voon's love and expertise of the English language.



Mr Russell Everton a student teacher from Victoria University, Wellington was on placement at Ruapehu College for seven weeks. His subjects were technology and art and has a background in architecture.



Rachel Dewes joined us as a support worker. Rachel has also been involved in lots of extra-curricular activities around the school.



Mr Adrian Brown took on the job as a support worker in the junior classes. He enjoyed returning to school.

FIREFIGHTERS CONNECT WITH THE SCHOOL

With alarms sounding, smoke billowing from the front windows and no prior warning, many students and staff were wondering how our Principal had managed to set fire to her office during term three. This realism was added to with the timely arrival of local Fire fighters, roaring up under full lights and siren. They quickly had water on and a crew entering the building in full breathing apparatus to rescue a couple of 'missing' students. As a school, we are extremely lucky

to have a close knit community who are willing to help out and make events like a fire drill memorable. A big thank you is due to all the members of the Ohakune Fire Brigade. The brigade members also happen to include the father and son team of Brian and Marley Connelly. Well done to them and we encourage all students of Ruapehu College to help out and connect with their community. Mr Pat Hargreaves



STUDENT LEADERS



Student Leaders

Front Row: Tessa Milne (Head Girl), Mrs K Basse (Principal), Tangaroa Joyce (Head Boy)
Back Row: Shaun Brown (Deputy Head Boy), Tiera Walker Rapana (Deputy Head Girl), Carlos Tahau-Haitana (Sports Captain).
Absent: Patricia Mareikura-Taura (Sports Captain)

This year has been a challenging one beginning with our year 13 leadership camp at the start of the year which was joined with the year 9 camp. We learnt many skills: leadership, teamwork, organising the year 9's and other such things such as games and activities where we learnt more about our fellow year 13's.

A huge change in the school took place when we welcomed our new principal Ms Basse in term two.

As leaders we had several ideas and goals that we aimed to complete throughout the year. Mine were more involved with the local primary schools, in the community, organising the ball and supporting Ms Basse.

We were involved with several activities relating to our goals; visiting the primary schools to talk about the college, going on a walk with Ohakune Primary School. We were also given the opportunity to go to a council meeting, the ANZAC service, lunches and other community events.

The ball this year was also a huge success and Tiera and I would like to thank everyone who helped and the students who attended.

To the prefects next year, good luck with the tasks that you have been set and enjoy the leadership roles you have been given in your final year.

Finally I would like to thank the staff at Ruapehu College for all the support they have shown me and the other prefects. Your help and support has been incredibly valuable.

Tessa Milne.



PROPERTY REPORT

With the start of the year brought the drought and by the end of March the grounds and the gardens were looking brown and sad but with a mild winter and a very wet spring the college grounds are looking good once again. During 2013 the Ministry of Education approved our rationalization and our 5 – 10 year property plan. The rationalization means we have to close the senior studies block and remove the music prefab. We also had the fibre connection put in for a faster internet connection in 2014.

The first five contracts of the 5 year property plan are going out for tender shortly. They are the refurbishment

of Lab's A & B, upgrade the toilets in Block B & C, the

repair of roofs in various blocks, upgrade of the plastic water pipes and repair faulty drain by the gym.

The property committee is looking forward to a busy 2014 with lots of projects to be completed to enhance the future learning environment of our college.

Mr Phillip Sutton



WHANAU LEADERS

Huia Leaders

Senior Leaders: Waylon Clapp, Kanyakon Kosinanonth.
Junior Leaders: Lais Morris, Jonty Curtis (absent)



Kiwi Leaders

Senior Leaders: Lucy Lyon, Luke Deadman
Deputy Senior Leaders: Kendall Thompson, Willem Van Hees.
Junior Leaders: Monika Prasad, Caleb Lyon.

Tui Leaders

Senior Leaders: Gabriel Hakaraia, Tiera Walker Rapana.
Senior Deputy Leaders: Marley Connelly, Kiri-Joy Rapana-Bell.
Junior Leaders: Samantha Reyes, Kadin Connelly
Junior Deputy Leaders: Rawinia Thomas, Tom Howell.



Weka Leaders

Senior Leaders: Kevin McDonnell, Zynaia Richards-Winter
Junior Leaders: Quintin Faneva (absent) Miriama Hansen.

WALL OF FAME



Rugby Representatives

Corrineke Windle and Me-Kayla Sue-Waara both made the tournament team for Wanganui Rugby.



North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding Winners

Johnny Double 3rd GS overall
Willem Van Hees 1st GS overall
Our boys team 2nd overall
Johnny Double top junior snowboarder.

WALL OF FAME



Nga Manu Korero

Congratulations to Patricia Taura who was placed third in the Senior Maori Pei Te Hurinui Jones section of the Aotea Regional Nga Manu Korero Speech competition. Patricia delivered a prepared speech and also had to give an impromptu speech. She was in high class company, and gave an exceptional performance.



Netball Representative

Kataraina Hakaraia was selected to play in the Wanganui Under 15 Representative Netball team for the 2013 season.

Agricultural Interschool Competition

Caleb Couper, Travis Fredricksen, Ethan Mears, Daniel Artz and Willem Van Hees won the Ruapehu Regional Agricultural Interschool competition run by Land Based Training



Athletic Stars

Shaun Brown, Emma Dowman and Me Kayla Sue-Waara all broke previous records at our school athletics competition in 2013

Shaun Brown, Johnny Double and Me Kayla Sue Waara were chosen to represent Wanganui at the North Island Athletics Competition.

Me Kayla Sue-Waara was placed 4th in the Intermediate Girls Javelin at the North Island Secondary School Athletics Competition.



Designers

Tihi Ote Ora Mareikura and Hamish Whale both had their winning designs made into the Girls Rugby Uniform.

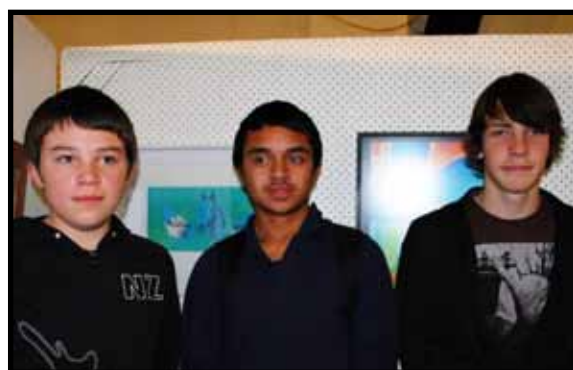
Rugby Representative

Karl Elers Green has been selected to represent Wanganui in the under 18 rugby team.



Waimarino Art Awards

Ruapehu College artists Newa McLeod, Tihi o te Ora Mareikura, Jackson Whale and Mohi Williams submitted work for the Young Artist category of the Waimarino Art Awards. This category is for artists aged 14 to 18 years. George Joyce entered his work into the Junior artist section which is for artists 13 years or younger. George received a \$50 prize for a first place in the junior category. Mohi Williams was awarded a \$300 prize for his drawing of Bob Marley and Jackson Whale was awarded a \$300 prize for his reduction print entitled, "Mechanical Hand". The judge was impressed with the standard of all four students' work and would have liked there to have been four prizes to award. He awarded the prizes to Mohi and Jack because their work demonstrated very good technical control.



VISITORS



The Revolution Group
The Revolution Group performed a concert on the subject of anti bullying. The message given through music and drama was that bullying was a destructive activity and students could choose to make a difference by using the catch phrase 'Stop the bull'



Drug Dog

We had a visit from Stu and his dog Max. They work in conjunction with the police and other organisations for the purposes of drug detection. No drugs were found at the school.



College Chaplain
Mrs Lorelle Chapman visited the school on Mondays and was available to staff and students to talk about any issues.



Junk percussionist
Junk percussionist Chris Wratt, joined our Year 9s last week for a very exciting – and LOUD! - workshop on drumming.



Year 8 students
Year 8 students from local schools visited college for a day to see what they would expect when they attend secondary school next year.



Multi Sport Guest Speaker

Jess Simpson multi sport champion talked to year 12 food and Nutrition students and 11 outdoor students about good nutrition, discipline in training and following your dreams. Jess was sponsored by Harroways and gave the students sample packs of porridge and museli.



'Attitude' presentation
Charlie Laumatia visited the school with the 'Attitude' programme. He talked about life being like a movie and suggested that for anyone the movie is still being made, to design a life to be enjoyed and make a change. He urged students to make good choices and had many humorous experiences to illustrate his messages.

Fire Brigade

The Ohakune Fire Brigade attended an alarm incident and also attended a fire drill that was made to be more realistic with the smoke machine.





YEAR 9



9AS

Front row: Barney Richards-Warbrick, Hamish Whale, Jackson Bishop, Jordan Sialeipata, Dylan Greaney, Zyon Epiha-Netana, George Joyce.

Second row: Mr B Connelly (Dean), Rayven Haitana, Xavia Steedman-Wills, Mohi Williams, Mellissa Cribb-Manihera, Mrs A Stuckey (Teacher).

Back row: Tegan Dickson-Coley, Paengaroa Tekura, Tukutahi Metekingi, Tahana Metekingi, Amy Calder.

Absent: Te Mura Ote Aroha Mareikura, Cheyenne Prentice, Dylan Story, Terry Henry, Georgia Harvey-Cosbrook.



9MD

Front row: Peter Kennett, Monica Prasad, Rawinia Thomas, Joanna Dowman, Daniel Wylie

Second row: Steven Haitana, Zayden Herewini Taiaroa, Thomas Couper, Nicholas Sutton-Dicken, Pikiwo Waara, Mr B Connelly (Dean)

Back row: Zakaycia Winter, Jack Parker, Samantha Reyes.

Absent: Jackson Edmonds, Quintin Faneva, Monica O'Neill, Avril Pehi, Andrew Sutton-Dicken, Ivan Pehi-Tamatea, Tala Thompson, Casey Tarawa, Miss M Du Preez (Teacher)



YEAR 10



10RP

Front row: Caleb Lyon, Connor Wills, Carlin Rewiri, Laurence Mills, Taine Pakai.

Second row: Jeremy Fredericksen, Te Manawaora McLeod, Thomas Howell, Cameron Hotter, Mr R Prasad (Teacher).

Back row: Stephanie Brooks-Richards, Britney Griffin, Shakarn Brown, Miriama Hansen, Jonty Curtis.

Absent: Shania Hawiri, Crystal Cribb-Manihera.



10AB

Front row: Jaakan Horne, Kadin Connelly, Colt Clapperton, Daniel Artz, Kurtis Fredericksen.

Second row: Braden Watson, Serenity Rapana-Paul, Lais Morris, Courtenay McDonnell, Miss A Brittain (Teacher)

Back row: Jonathan Double, Rose Brandl, Matthew Laurenson.

Absent: Alexander Chisholm, Tamati Cribb, D'Avyl Delamare, Emma Dowman, Orewa Hiroti, Dahneka Perkins, Gemini Toho, Tu Irirangi Mareikua-Cassidy.



YEAR 11



11LB

Front row: Piri kite Atua Callaghan, Te Rangitapu Hiroti, Matthew Dowman, Travis Fredricksen, Tamara McCarthy.
Second row: Mrs K Campbell (Dean), Shairone Wood, Delme Te-Kani, Caleb Couper, Quaid Ponga, Mrs L Beukes (Teacher).

Back row: Amelia Crowley, Jade Matete, Antonia Hoeta, Hayze Barker-Pehi, Dariayne Prince.

Absent: James Hilson, Hemi Kohu, Raniera McDonnell, Newa McLeod, Vernon McLeod, Melissa Vaka, Lyna-Mharie Collett, Katrina Muru, Lucus Van Beek, Tess-Marie Paul, Teihorangi Ponga-Te Huia.



11AG

Front row: Zynaia Richards-Winter, Makayla Taura, Shontaye Mihinui, Nathan Tutemahurangi, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Kataraina Hakaraia, Tiana Rapana-Bell.

Second row: Mrs K Campbell (Dean), Simon Katene, Willem Van Hees, Jason Paul, Tuhirangi Akapita, Mr A Grant (Teacher).

Back row: Rangihera Williams, Charlotte Laville, Tessa Commins, Amy Thompson.

Absent: Cheyenne Faneva, Calum McLauchlan, Raiden Te Huia, Katrina Muru, Lucus Van Beek.



YEAR 12



12JJ

Front row: Michaela McIlroy, Lucy Lyon, Ethan Mears, Trae Maihi, Tihi Ote Ora Mareikura, Brooklyn Double, Me-Kayla Sue-Waara.

Second row: Waipuna Ratapu-Williams, Tayna Tihore, Anaru Hansen, Kevin McDonnell, Gabriel Hakaraia, Mr J Jordan (Teacher)

Back row: Ngawai Kaire, Erina Matthews, Delaney Grossart, Merekatene Haitana, Lysjahn Wood.

Absent: Eli Connelly, Joseph Fluerty, Reenal Kumar, Jacob Larsen, Shaquille McIlroy, Kataraina Sweet, Jackson Whale, Rii Williams, Corrineke Windle, Creedence McNaught, Leighton Richards, Shae Haines, Dylan Pearson.

YEAR 13



13MW

Front row: Asheigh Griffin, Shaun Brown, Summer Richards-Warbrick, Tangaroa Joyce, Tiera Walker Rapana, Luke Deadman, Rachel Hilson.

Second row: Andre McDonnell, Carlos Tahau-Haitana, Marley Connelly, Waylon Clapp, Kahl Elers-Green, Regan Calder, Ms M Wilson (Dean)

Back row: Tessa Milne, Kiri-Joy Rapana-Bell, Kendall Thompson, Ngahuapai Hemara, Kanyakon Kosinanonth, Manaia Rangihika Toto, Shayna Prasad.

Absent: Odette Edmonds, Anthony Journeaux, Chas Kumeroa Hawkins, Joseph Metekingi, Sophie Pearson, Kalijah Rapana-Paul, Patricia Mareikura-Taura, Tayla Pearce, Hayley Fredericksen, Samuel Hoeta, Essie Chitty.

YEAR 13



CAMPS

Year 13 Camp

For 2013, the Year 13 Leadership camp was a little different. Our aim was to develop improved leadership skills and give practical skills to those who were nominated for leadership positions by involving the year 9's. Day one included the thrills of white water rafting on the stunning Tongariro River. This was run by the very professional Rafting New Zealand based in Turangi. Day two included the Mangawhero mission (flippers and lifesaving donuts), they also participated in the Mountain clean-up to help support RAL. Day three was where students gained confidence by tackling the Waiouru army assault course which involved plenty of mud! They then were coached by our very own Kath Campbell on how to run games that the seniors would then run with the juniors on Friday. Thursday night was a highlight for many, the Burma Trail. The year 13 group created and guided the year 9's through a very exciting blindfolded experience. Friday finished with the Year 13 group being able to provide games and learning activities for the year 9's. The year 13 group were very happy with their camp experience and developed plenty of great skills that will help create a positive environment at college. We would just like to pass on a big thanks to Rachel Wills who organised food for our group. Also thanks to Liz Connelly. Also a big thank you to the Wallace family in providing the accommodation. It was a great place to have a camp and thanks for sharing it with Ruapehu College. We really appreciate all of your support.

Ms M Wilson



CAMPS

Year 9 Camp
13-15 Feb, Chris
Mcleod and I had
3 days away from
school to look after the
new Year 9 students



on camp. We started with a version of "the amazing race" where we had 4 groups racing each other up the mountain, finding clues, and completing challenges. Thanks to Ngarie and Liz for helping out with the driving. Once up the mountain we met up with the seniors and did a rubbish clean up of the ski slopes and surrounding areas. Each group collected at least 3 big bags of rubbish, a job well done. Back down at the Winiata Te Kohanga camp ground, we had a bbq with parents. It was awesome to see so many turn out. A big thanks to the Winiata Te Kohanga Whanau for allowing us to use their beautiful camp spot, and a big thanks too to Rachel and her helpers for their wonderful

talents in cooking such great meals. From the bbq we headed to Raetihi pools where Angel looked after us for the night.

The next day we took the bus to Waiouru army base where under the command of the Army we took on the challenge of the assault course. Congratulations to the year 9's who, very muddy and tired, came in 30 seconds ahead of the seniors. A big thanks to Margie our bus driver and the Army for donating their time. After lunch we had a swim at a river hole, and then another one at the Raetihi pools. When it got dark the seniors set up and ran one of the scariest and best Burma Trails I have seen. On the last day the seniors helped out again with a number of games before we headed home to catch up on sleep. All in all a great 3 days getting to know our Year 9's, The college is in great hands for the next 5 years.

Thanks to all the helpers on camp, too many to mention, but your efforts are most appreciated.
Mr Brian Connelly

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees

Front Row: Ms Kim Basse (Principal), Mr Zane Couper (Board Chairperson)

Back Row: Mrs Kath Campbell (Staff Representative), Mr Uenuku Wallace, Mr Lane Demchy, Mrs Liz Brewis (Secretary)
Absent: Mr Peter Wikohika, Roberta Williams, Merekatene Haitana (Student Representative)



2013 has been an exciting and challenging year. Seeing both new management and governance in place, Ruapehu College is looking great.

The second week of Term 2 on the 20th May with a large powhiri, our school and community welcomed new principal Kim Basse. This was an exciting day as it was the start of a new era for our college, with Kim taking up her new position together with her management team of John Laurenson and Pat Hargreaves. Her strong leadership was welcomed as she started to put her mark on our school.

May also saw the triennial board elections with a strong number of candidates standing, (thank you to all of those who stood for election) On June 5th results were announced and a newly elected strong and passionate board took office, having their first meeting on 19th June. As the new board evolved each board member took up new portfolios and working together with Kim, our principal we have been able to get some good systems and policies in place, process some good ideas and set some positive goals for the future.

One of our big achievements for the year was being able to sign off on the schools 10-year property plan and 5-year property funding agreement with the Ministry of Education. This means that we have been granted and are able to move forward with a comprehensive budget of \$600,000 to maintain and renew our facilities. This is exciting as not only will we be carrying out long-awaited maintenance but we will be renewing and extensively upgrading a number of our facilities, which you will see

happening in early 2014, in fact some of the facilities will be altered or renewed for the start of the 2014 school year.

Generally speaking our board operations are going well, Ms Basse our principal has developed good reports and updates to keep the board well informed on all progress around student achievement.

Another success has been our Alternative Education unit being set up in Raetihi, this has been overseen by our principal, Ms Basse, and teacher, Louise Beukes, and run by Rona TeHuia who has done an excellent job. Thank you to all involved, not only has it been a great success for the students, but it has been another positive way that we have been able to engage with our community.

Overall, it has been a good year, we have good governance, good management, and good teaching, and I believe our links throughout our community are stronger and more positive than they have been for a long time. On behalf of the board I would like to thank all the staff, not only for doing a great job, but for getting on board and supporting our new principal Kim, and the changes she has made.

Also, on behalf of the board, I would like to wish our students leaving us all the very best, and congratulations to all our achievers and prize winners. To all other students we look forward to 2014, it will be another exciting year, so aim high, and remember

"The person on top of the mountain did not fall there"

Zane Couper Chairman, Board of Trustees

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE



Junior students take on the Tongariro Outdoor Pursuits Centre.

18 lucky students got to spend a week at OPC with Mr Hargreaves and Mrs Morris to experience our great outdoors during August this year.

This was a wonderful experience which challenged the students and staff in terms of their endurance, their courage and their ability to help each other out in the rain and cold. These challenges included scaling the high ropes, which were disconcertingly high, crawling through caves with some students like eels and others

getting stuck, having to camp overnight in high winds and driving rain and even having to piggy back Mr Hargreaves – who is not the lightest. Well done to those who could hold him up and unlucky for those who collapsed under his weight.

This is a great opportunity and students should definitely be thinking about getting on such a course when it runs again next year.

Mr Pat Hargreaves



NGA MANU KORERO

Nga whakataetae mo Nga Manu Korero The Aotea region, being Taranaki, Whanganui and Ruapehu districts, was held Nga Whakataetae mo Nga Manu Korero o Nga Kura Tuarua (Secondary School Speech competition) in Whanganui.

Patricia Taura was entered in the Pei Te Hurinui Jones section- the Senior Maori. Patricia's topic for the prepared speech was 'Kawea te Kura nui, kawea te kura roa', and was to be up to 12 minutes long. She also gave an impromptu speech of three minutes in Maori, the topic only given five minutes before delivery.

This senior contest commemorates the late Dr Pei Te Hurinui Jones, a distinguished Waikato elder and scholar who died in 1976. Dr Jones was a well-known orator and prolific writer, who played an important part in the

revision of the Williams Dictionary, and in fostering the Māori language in many other ways. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Literature by Waikato University for his



contribution to literature. The contest is for secondary school students, both male and female, Māori and non- Māori in years 11, 12 and 13. The objectives of the contest are to give greater impetus and status to the teaching of Māori language in secondary schools and to encourage students to express themselves effectively in spoken Māori. Patricia's results were 3rd overall for senior Maori. Mrs Merrilyn George

TE REO MAORI

Tena ano tatou katoa, te whanau o te kareti o Ruapehu. Year 9 students will continue to have the opportunity to sit NCEA level 1 assessments this year. Seniors are preparing for the external examination assessment approaching in November. I appreciate your continuing support and look forward to the year ahead. It was the privilege to have Patricia Taura represent Ruapehu College at Nga Manu Korero Regionals in Whanganui as a whaikorero speaker. She did Ruapehu College proud by coming third overall. Nga mihi Patricia. Nga mihi nui ki koutou mo te kirihimete me te tau hou.
Mr Chris Mcleod



WEARABLE ARTS

Ruapehu Snow Queen, has been running in our area for three years now, and each year our students have been motivated to enter creations for the catwalk. Thanks to our generous community, we have a wide variety of materials donated which makes choosing how to put things together easier. Year 9 did a special unit on The Snow Queen, and there were some good costumes, and it was pleasing to see support from senior students for modelling.

A number of students won prizes. The overall Open Section winner was Lyna-Mhaire Collett, a year 11 student, who had made two entries, Lumi which is Finnish for Snow Queen and Stayr, the servant of the evil Snow Queen. Lyna-Mhaire won an iPhone and cash. The youngest competitors Monika Prasad and Samantha Reyes won the people's choice award winning a digital camera. Lucy Lyon modelled their creation, the Fire Sorceress. They were joint winners with Joanna Dowman's creation in the Young Person's section, modelled by Maija McIntosh winning a cash award.

Just prior to our own community Wearable Arts, a group of Technology Soft Material students travelled to Wellington for the 25th anniversary (WOW) World of Wearable Art show. It was a wonderful spectacle and the students really enjoyed the art, drama, dance and music.

At Te Papa Tongarewa the next day we were able to see close at hand a large number of garments of previous years in their silver anniversary exhibition. These exhibits were inspiring for the students, being able to see the finer detail and the story behind the making of the garments, which you actually miss at a show.

During the trip home we stopped off at the exhibition of fibre art and taonga exhibition at Te Whare Wananga o Raukawa in Otaki. Students were privileged to be invited to the work room where they were shown some traditional methods of preparing fibre for weaving.

Mrs Merrilyn George



MATHEMATICS

With an optimistic start to the year we were able to build on last year's results to tailor courses to the needs of Ruapehu College students. We were able to run a year 13 Statistics and Modelling course, a year 12 Mathematics course, two year 11 Mathematics course, a year 11 Numeracy course and two classes in each of year 9 and 10.

The Numeracy course this year has been implemented successfully where students gathered evidence to contribute towards the Numeracy Unit Standards. This course included three whanau afternoon teas where we discussed the purpose of the Unit Standards and tracked individual student progress. We had good attendance for the after-school classes.

Students competed in the following competitions, Otago Junior Mathematics competition, Australian Mathematics Competition and the Annual Regional Mathex, Junior Mathematics Quiz. Joanna Dowman and Samantha Reyes were awarded best in school for the Otago



University Junior Mathematics competition. Kadin Connelly, Caleb Lyon, Matthew Dowman and James Hilson were awarded credit for the Australian Mathematics Competition. Two teams travelled down to Palmerston North for the Mathex Quiz, both teams were unplaced.

Good luck Seniors with the upcoming NCEA External Assessments.

Miss Amy Brittan

ACCOUNTING

2013 started well with some fabulous student results from the accounting classes of 2012.

At Level One, there was 100% pass rate in the external examinations and three students had the Level One Accounting course endorsed with merit. Well done to Reenal, Trae and Jacob.

At Level Two, there was an 89% pass rate in the external examinations and both Tangaroa and Jordyn received merit endorsement in the course.

At Level Three, there was 100% pass rate in the three externals. Congratulations to Meaw and Miki.

All levels were achieving above the national average, which was tremendous.

Moving into 2013, students have continued to work well, a positive benefit of the small senior classes at Ruapehu College. Eclairs from Johnny's have been used as a carrot to encourage greater in-depth thinking in internal

assessments, and have met with good success!

In term three, the Level One and Two classes were combined to better rationalise resources. This has created its challenges, effectively halving teacher time for each class. However it has encouraged students to think more independently and has enhanced problem solving skills.

Mrs Sue Laurenson



PHOTOS



YEAR 9 AND 10 SNOW DAYS



This year our first day was fantastic sunshine and blue skies. We had many students discovering the mountain for the 1st time. It also happened to coincide with the North Island Secondary Schools Ski competition. This enabled many students the opportunity to go and see what the competition was like. There were plenty of teachers to help encourage students and also listen to their excited stories of how they did the biggest jump. Miss Dixon even



has photo evidence!

Unfortunately the weather did not go our way for the proposed second day, so hopefully better luck next year. It was also great that Ms Basse was able to come and up and have a ski and enjoy the one of the best things about our school. Thanks to all the students that made the day a pleasure and thanks to the teachers who came up and gave up their time.

Ms Meredith Wilson



KIWI FOREVER PROGRAMME

Kiwi Forever March 17th – March 22nd 2013

The Kiwi Forever programme is now in its 6th year running. The programme is based on a partnership between Untouched World Foundations, Department of conservation, Ngati Rangi and University of Waikato. It involves selected senior students from the secondary schools within the Tongariro – Taupo conservancy. The in-depth field based experience aims to empower students to explore specific issues related to achieving a sustainable future with a particular focus on the recovery of kiwi populations.

The Ruapehu College students who were involved in this opportunity included Lucy Lyon, Shaun Brown, Tessa Milne and Merekatene Tahau-Haitana. Day one included a walk up to Lake Rotokura and Keith Wood sharing connections of Ngati Rangi and the Karioi Rahui. Day two involved Department of Conservation staff where students learnt how to make traps and then went and set new trap lines in the Karioi Rahui. Day three was DOC explaining all the different traps that were used and then into the Karioi Rahui to check other traps and set some tracking tunnels. Day four was more work in the Karioi Rahui on traps, and trap clearing. Day five was the high light for many which was either tracking and finding Kiwi or being involved in a Whio release.

As well as participating in these activities the students were split into groups and given topics that they worked to then give a presentation on Friday. They participated

in learning activities about forest health, the pros and cons of 1080. Kiwi research expert Kerry Oates who gave a presentation.

There was lots of involvement from Brent Guy from the Department of Conservation. Students followed on from this experience by talking to the school and other community groups.

Ms Meredith Wilson



ENGLISH

What a year. NCEA has certainly kept our senior students busy. Levels 1,2 and 3 are now all working with the aligned standards. It has certainly highlighted a need for students to keep up with their work and ensure they meet deadlines.

Our junior classes have worked well this year and it has been pleasing to see an improvement across these cohorts in the areas of reading and writing. Exciting times ahead in 2014 as we move our junior scheme to be more in line with NCEA to better prepare our students. It is very important for our students to be reading and writing as much as they can.

We had some students take part in ICAS – International competitions and assessments for school run by the University of New South Wales. Well done.

We also ran our Inter whanau English quiz. The students enjoyed testing their knowledge of literature and grammar as well as song lyrics and spelling.

On Wednesday 19th June, a group of students and Mrs Robb went to the Ohakune town library to meet with NZ author Mandy Hager. Mandy is the author of teen fiction books such as “The Crossing”, “Smashed” and “The Nature of Ash”. She has received awards for her books. The students had a fantastic time talking with Mandy



about her books and her writing and getting ideas and inspiration for their own writing.

Mandy presented a signed copy of her book “The Crossing” to go in the school library.

As we look back on 2013 and head into 2014 we look forward to our students continuing to build on their successes. My thanks to Johnny Greene and Louise Beukes for your hard work and dedication to the job! Mrs Jenny Robb

LIBRARY

The start of the school year is an exciting time with a new intake of students and a welcome back to staff and other students and this year was no different, getting caught up with the Year 9s exuberance and expectations for a new experience at Ruapehu College. 2013 started off on a good note! The library was lucky to acquire a number of bean bag chairs that had belonged in the Japanese classroom in 2012 and were no longer required. These have added not only a splash of colour but have proved ideal for readers to sit comfortably and get lost in a book. March was New Zealand Book Month and we had a display spanning a wide range of New Zealand books from Reference, General non-fiction, fiction, “quick reads” and magazines. New Zealand writing has come a long way these past few years with excellent Young Adult authors writing material that encourage students to read their books.

There were two fun “Guys and Gals” displays that had an assortment of reading material that included hunting, real life adventure, a variety of sports, war stories, biographies, vampire, dystopian worlds, mystery, history, cooking and humorous stories. It was really interesting to see who took out what books and it showed quite clearly no matter what the content both female and male students chose what interested them. No more “guys” and “gals” books just BOOKS!

One of the most popular displays ever held in our library was the one put on by Mrs. George’s Year 9 Textile class. The theme was Recycling of Books and the whole class was enthusiastic about producing their own individual work. The books had pages folded, pleated, cut, ripped out and some were painted and all artistically presented and on display. The reaction of students who came into the library was intriguing as they were flabbergasted that

I would allow such a thing to happen to library books!



I explained that the books were very old and had been weeded from the library some time ago and that it was a good thing that they had now become “works of art”. A Mr. Lincoln Gould contacted the college recently, he had been a past student in the late 1950s and early 1960s and he was in the area and hoped he could visit his old school and meet up with the school librarian. This he did and we are so fortunate that Mr Gould, who is the Chief Executive of Booksellers New Zealand donated some books to our library and wishes to continue doing this in the future. We are extremely grateful for his generosity and his assistance in acquiring more books for our library.

The library statistics for books issued this year made satisfying reading as they showed that there has been an increase in numbers of books issued each term. One Year 11 student has reached the incredible number of 144 books read up to Term 3, a Year 10 student has 93 books under her belt and three of those new exuberant Year 9 intakes have each read well over 90 books which augers well for my job as librarian at Ruapehu College. I’d like to finish with a quote from Dr. Seuss “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go”

Mrs Wendy Hubbard
School Librarian

MUSIC

Out with the old and in with the new - the year 2013 saw the addition of not only a new music teacher, but also a new space for learning! Room 3 has been the official music classroom this school year where students learned about theory, the symphony orchestra, ragtime and blues music, contemporary NZ music, music composition, and most importantly, how to READ MUSIC! Yes, it has certainly been a busy year, but a very successful one at that. On the evening of September 12th, our music students presented a smorgasbord of musical performances in front of what was expected to be a small audience, but turned out to be a jam-packed school hall of supporters! Performances were adjudicated by Ms Stuckey and Miss du Preez and refreshments were kindly provided by Ms Sutton. The highlight of the concert was, of course, the beautiful piano duet performed by Miss Brittain and Miss du Preez. The following week,

our students received another performance opportunity, this time for the Senior Citizen Group who travelled all the way from Raetihi! Special thanks to Ms Campbell for arranging this event.

Early in the year, our junior music students were treated to the talent and expertise of drummer, Chris Wratt, who provided a workshop on junk percussion. In this workshop, students learned about metre and rhythm and the importance of sound and silence. Students also got a chance to "jam" with their classmates making noise using found household objects such as pots and spatulas. Another high point of the year was the trip to Wanganui Collegiate in mid-June where our music students were exposed to a spectacular performance by pianist Jason Bae, and again in August by The NZ Guitar Quartet. I will not be returning next year, and would therefore I would like to thank all the students and staff for making me feel welcome at Ruapehu College. This has been an exciting and eventful year with lots of great memories! Miss du Preez (TIC of Music)



FOOD AND NUTRITION

Once again the class is full with expectation of yummy treats to be had, teasing the rest of the school with the delightful smells of things cooking, the Food and Nutrition students continued to get frequent visitors to the door at the end of practical periods seeing what they would be able to get from the students doing the cooking. This was not always to be, with good time management, all that would be left were the crumbs of a tasty feed (and usually a few dishes). These were the favourite periods for students while practical cooking is only one part of Food and Nutrition and like the name suggests the students also had to put pen to paper and learn about what is healthy and what is not, why we eat what we do amongst other things from the old age skill of preserving to sustainable food practices in New Zealand today.

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia



STAR

Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource is funding provided to all state schools to meet the identified learning needs of senior students that cannot be catered for within the traditional school curriculum.

This year we have put funding into upgrading resources in several departments...

The Design Technology Department was able to produce some quality furniture for outdoor living with their new tools. The Agriculture Department was able to purchase equipment needed to help for practical assessment in horticulture, Food and Nutrition replaced some much needed resources for use in the kitchen and Outdoors

purchased climbing equipment and also up skilled an assessor in rock climbing.

Other STAR courses that students took part in were the Chainsaw Safety course, Wool Handling Safety course and several students were able to pass their Learner Car Licence test after completing a Learners Licence course. Two Year 13 students have also been able to complete University papers in Te Reo and Linguistics.

Ngairi Double
S.T.A.R Coordinator

GATEWAY

Gateway is a structured workplace learning opportunity for Year 12 & 13 students. The Gateway programme is about students completing work placement (typically one day per week in terms two and three). The workplace is a formalised learning arrangement set in an actual employment industry.

At the beginning of this year we had several tutored courses which are available to gateway students to enhance their workplace credibility. These were Employment Law and Safety in the Workplace, Workplace First Aid, Hearing Conservation, Safe Manual Handling, Customers Services, Telephone Techniques and Interview Techniques. Each Gateway student

achieved a number of credits and received a certificate from each course they completed.

Students also went on various work placements in the Retail, Engineering, Farming, Hospitality, Fashion, Snow Training, Travel & Tourism and Auto Engineering Industry. These students enjoyed the workplace experience where they were treated much like any employee on the job. Students learnt a lot thanks to the employers who willingly passed on their years of knowledge to them.

Ngairi Double
Gateway Coordinator

TEXTILES

Technology lends itself to mixed level classes and this year we have had two classes with Years from 10-11, and another with 11, 12 and 13 together, along with all Year 9 students having six months each in option classes.

Year 9 this year have tried surface decoration, such as printing, stamping, stencilling, rubbing, and discharge printing, as well as learning to use or developing the use of the sewing machine. Students have made book art, wall hangings and have been involved in Snow Queen.

Year 10 – 13 spent the first term studying dyes, both natural and synthetic. Trials of different natural materials from walnut husks, onion skins, eucalyptus, mint, pansies and dandelions to mixtures of materials were interesting.

Students tried and recorded different vessels and mordants to find various results with cotton, silk and wool. The activities included burning tests to ascertain the fibre used in fabrics. The fibre-reactive dyes were another

study to compare with natural dyes. Students then made, using their own dyed fabric book and ipad covers

This study including understanding and the implementation of the process and has enabled students in level one and two to

attain eight credits and at level three six credits.

Added to this Clare Smith a Wellington practising artist and teacher who exhibits internationally, came to school and conducted a workshop for students in the Textiles area. They learnt how to set up screens and make prints using simple materials and textile ink. The



class really enjoyed the learning and their results. This experience builds up knowledge so that students can be better informed when choosing techniques for their own projects.

Fashion and making clothes was the consensus student choice for the next unit of work and NCEA classes in textiles prepared their 'brief' to fit the context of 'Kakahu I raro I te maunga', (Clothing under the mountain). They planned to make a range of things from tights, gloves, scarves, hats to dresses jackets and coats.

To compare bought with recycled, the class travelled to Palmerston North to have 'in store' lessons on buying fabric for the purpose. It is a valuable lesson, not easy to teach in the classroom, and certainly not as exciting. The fabric stores in Palmerston North are so welcoming to our classes and go the extra mile to help our students buy what is needed.

Before we travelled to look at store bought fabric a number of research projects on properties of fabrics was undertaken. Burning fabrics in a controlled way, and wrapping identical vessels containing boiling water with different fibres, were just some of the tests the students conducted to test the warmth of fabric under condition in our area. In this study students get a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the qualities and attributes of different fabrics used for clothing.

Mrs Marilyn George

VIDEO CONFERENCING

During 2013, there were 43 students enrolled in various Correspondence and Video Conferencing courses.

A number of junior students opted to take languages.

There were students enrolled with the Te Kura Pounamu (Correspondence School) in Japanese, French, Spanish and Latin. The nature of the courses taught students the importance of independent learning and time management. Some handled the courses very well and will take good work skills with them into NCEA Level 1. There were also students taking Health Science, Legal Studies and Graphics through the Te Kura.

Video Conferencing courses were mainly taken in the senior school in the science area. Physics, Chemistry and Psychology were opted for, as was Calculus and



Digital Technology.

Both correspondence and video conferencing offer our students a viable means of learning and open up a range of extra subject options. They rely on a student having self-motivation, commitment, and the ability to work independently, skills seen as important in the New Zealand Curriculum.

Mrs Sue Laurenson

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

2013 was another great year in Outdoor Ed. It was awesome to be with such enthusiastic students. One of the biggest rewards of teaching in the outdoors is seeing student's growth in confidence as they take on challenging tasks that progressively stretch their comfort zone. It was good to see their skill level increase rapidly and also their environmental awareness as they took on the principles of kaitiakitanga. This year in Outdoor Education we witnessed a number of changes; we saw the rise of wahine toa. For the first time, the number of brave women equalled the number of guys in most classes. We also saw the end of the hundred minute periods at the end of term two. This was a significant reduction in our practical time but with one door closing another opens.

For 2014 we are starting up the first Outdoor Academy at Ruapehu College for year 12 and 13. It will run for one day a week, so it will be great for our practical learning and developing skills. Each week we can explore the outdoors and really develop our talents. People have asked will I have to choose between another subject and Outdoor Ed? No, you don't have to choose, you get to have it all. The academy will run like gateway, it is not a timetabled subject but you come out of your regular classes for a day. The year will be broken up into about eight modules and students can pick as many modules as they want. Kayaking and mountain biking are scheduled for term one, rock-climbing, tramping, camping, and survival in term two, and skiing, boarding, and snow caving in term three. Year 11 Outdoor will operate the same as previous years but we will be pushing for at least two double periods, as well as our regular day trips. Mr Brian Connelly



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This has been an enjoyable year in the Phys-ed Department. In all year groups, the majority of students have been keen and motivated and participation levels have improved. We have not, however, managed to improve the number of students changing in to appropriate sports gear to do phys Ed in. I would like to have the discussion around having a PE uniform which students would purchase (and have some pretty cool ideas in mind!) I would welcome any feedback from students and parents and caregivers.

We were fortunate enough to have a student teacher with us in term 3. Mr. Leigh Hicks worked with every year group at some stage and the students really enjoyed his teaching and all that he had to offer. He is an excellent teacher and it was great to add a bit of teaching youth to the department for the term!

Some highlights of the senior NCEA programme included; the L1 trip to Action World, Taupo, the L2 basketball coaching unit which identified some excellent young coaches within our class, afternoon snow sports at Turoa and the Tukino snow trip. It really is a worthwhile experience to stay and play on the only club field on our Maunga.

My Year 12 class are looking at Sport Psychology as we speak and every day I witness some excellent performances in play and competition from our very naturally talented athletes at all levels. Your sporting achievements are only limited by your mind...

"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right"

Mrs Kath Campbell



AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE

The year 11 students were offered 24 credits this year in their course. In the first term they cultivated outdoor garden beds and sowed a variety of vegetable seeds. Despite the drought conditions, the students all demonstrated they had 'green thumbs' with Willem achieving the best germination and tidiest garden. Term two saw students investigate the effects of different concentrations of liquid fertiliser on the growth rate of seedlings. Results were inconclusive but we had a surfeit of healthy silverbeet at the end of the term. Students learned how to sow seeds in containers, prick out seedlings, take cuttings and divide plants. They also used a variety of hand tools, controlled weeds with knapsack sprayers and investigated soil and its management.

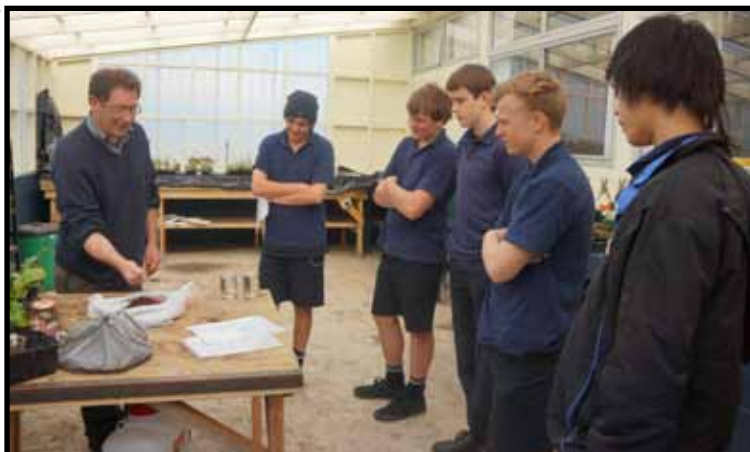
The class of 12AGH was small and much preferred the practical unit standards of controlling weeds manually and with chemicals, and maintaining hand tools and small engines. Sharpening blades became quite competitive among the students. This year a large potting table was successfully converted into a propagation table, with a new heat bed and misting unit installed. This enabled the students to propagate and grow-on plants from stem cuttings successfully under proper industry conditions. Gabriel was particularly productive striking and potting up a variety of native and exotic plants.

The Level 3 students had a challenging year investigating a range of primary products (potatoes, lamb and kiwifruit), the link between their production and marketing, and environmental issues from intensive farming. By the end of the year they were probably tired of hearing the word 'potato'. Field trips were also run to a local market garden and a

Wanganui kiwifruit orchard.

The department would like to extend its thanks to the various farmers, growers and businesses this year that supported the learning of our students through field trips and donations of resources.

Mr Alan Grant



LAND BASED TRAINING

Land Based Training again ran their annual inter school agriculture competitions this year. In June we entered two teams in the regional competition at Karioi. Ruapehu 1 (comprising Caleb Couper, Travis Fredricksen, Ethan Mears, Willem Van Hees and Daniel Artz) won the event with Ruapehu 2 (Tom Couper, Matthew Dowman, Dariayne Prince, Jeremy Fredericksen and Britney Griffin) placed third. For the final North Island event at Otiwhiti Station in September, we decided to enter our strongest line up to defend the title won in 2012. The team of Caleb, Travis, Ethan, Daniel and Tom practised their fencing and ATV riding, among other skills, in preparation for the event. On the day they performed very creditably against eight other schools from Waikato, Taranaki, King Country, Wanganui and Taupo. They were placed second overall, losing by just one point after nine events to the eventual winner, Tongariro High School. The students represented our school with pride and are determined to return next year and win back the LBT shield.

Mr Alan Grant



INTER-WHANAU KAPA HAKA

A picture is worth a thousand words, so the saying goes. You would believe it if you saw the faces on the students performing Kapahaka and entertainment showcase during the inter-whanau competition in term two. Students, in their whanau, organised themselves to perform a haka, the school song and an item of choice for the kapahaka competition, and in a separate entertainment competition they performed an item of choice. The variety was as diverse as "The Sid Shuffle" Ice Age 4 to "We are all in this together", from High School Musical. Students choreographed their own performance. It was clearly enjoyable to those students performing, and to those watching. This competition is like no other, in that the students show wonderful support for each other on the day despite their whanau allegiance. This year a staff group also gave a bracket of the school song, Rapuhia kote Matauranga, and E komako, which was clearly appreciated by the students.

Results were:
 Entertainment Showcase:
 1. Tui 2. Weka 3= Huia and Kiwi
 Kapahaka:
 School song: 1. Tui 2= Huia and Weka 4 Kiwi
 Waiata a ringa: 1= Tui and Huia 3= Kiwi and Weka
 Haka: 1= Tui and Weka 3. Huia 4. Kiwi
 Overall: 1.TUI 2.WEKA 3.HUIA 4.KIWI
 Mrs Marilyn George



SCIENCE

The Science department started this year with just two and a bit teachers. Mrs Buck teaching Year 9, Year 11 Science and Year 12 Chemistry. Miss Wilson teaching Year 9 and Year 10 Science, Year 12 Biology and Year 13 Biology. Mr Grant teaching a Year 10 Science and helping Year 12 Physics with their VC.

Another group of students and Miss Wilson, took part in the week long Kiwi Forever programme in term one. They did very well and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. A wonderful week, the students learn not only about the Kiwi and its biology but also their heritage and the richness of the native forest in our area. The Kiwi as a New Zealand icon is also part of their study. They also found out about themselves and the ways in which they can relate to others.

The student numbers at senior level are holding this year but we had some students using Video Conferencing. These students were linked to a teacher so they had some supervision and help. Results so far in our senior sciences have been good.

BIOLOGY

This year we again focused on the health of the Mangawhero River. We had great weather and students collected some very interesting information including a koura or freshwater crayfish. They also got past their initial squeals when dealing with the fierce looking toe biters! River and stream quality is determined by the type of macro invertebrates (bugs) that live in the stream. This investigation provided information that contributed towards two different internal assessments. With a mixed class of level two and threes, there was plenty of competition and made it an enjoyable class to be a part of. I look forward to continuing our work in the river. Thanks goes out to Liz Brewis who lets us access the river across her property. It is a lovely spot made more enjoyable by visits from their massive kune kune pig Hercules! Miss Meredith Wilson



Rachel Wills, our great Lab Tech continues to manage us and our resources.

We continue to value her contribution and thank her for her diligence. Without her help the staff would not be able to do so much practical work with their classes.

Science is becoming increasingly important as our lives involve more technology and science based thinking. We hope to move towards more skills based teaching in the coming year, helping students to learn about learning. Using computer skills and the internet as a resources for information is becoming increasingly important and it has been good to see classes at all levels able to use some of these resources for their Science work.

We are now looking forward to a new year with lots more changes involving both what we teach and learn and how we teach and learn, but we thrive on it! Science is great if you allow yourself to get into it!

Mrs Shelagh Buck







MIXED PHOTOS



SCHOOL BALL



SCHOOL BALL



ART WORK



PHOTOS



CAREERS



I hope you guys checked out the library information this year; it has plenty of ideas to help you along your career path. There are so many options available and different career directions to take. If it's sport, farming, teaching, hairdressing, music performance or continuing your education through Universities and



other tertiary institutes. The Defence Force is always sending monthly magazines for you to read if you are interested in that career path.

Hopefully, you have thought about life after school and checked out the career New Zealand website. If you have no idea, then go to www.careers.govt.nz. It is full of ideas, quizzes and will help you design a purpose built CV. This is essential if you are applying for jobs. If you do get a summer job, make sure you get a reference from your employer; you can use this as part of your CV. Other useful websites to go look at are: www.workchoice www.justthejob.co.nz and www.youthguarantee.net.nz

For our senior students this year, there were visits from Victoria, Waikato, Otago and Massey Universities. Lincoln University unfortunately got snowed out for this year's visit. These are a great way to see

what the different universities have to offer, and you get up to date information and a pen! We also had a visit from IPC tertiary institute that are based in Palmerston North. The down fall to tertiary study is the cost, so student loans and allowances are important. Study Link always makes a visit to help explain how these can be used effectively. If you are going on to tertiary study, then make sure you have applied, go to www.studylink.co.nz

STUDENT JOB SEARCH – Is a free service created to help students get jobs. Need work this summer?

If you are enrolled in a New Zealand Tertiary Institute for 2014 you can use the Student Job Search website for free! VISIT www.sjs.co.nz LIKE US on Facebook for Competitions & Prizes facebook.com/studentjobsearchnz Year 10's took advantage of the opportunities available to them for careers week.

There were a range of jobs from Ruapehu Alpine lifts, farming, vet clinics, early childhood centre, local cafés and restaurants, market gardening, automotive and architectural design. This is a great way to try jobs you may be interested in and gives you work skills and a reference to add to your CV.

Careers Teacher
Meredith Wilson



STUDENT EXCHANGE

Charlotte Laville has come to live with us for 10 months, she is a long way from home and is from Fontenay-le-comte, France. Charlotte fit into our family well and we all have fun teaching her English, she has taught us French....some good some not so good :) I am enjoying having "Charlotte" live with me. It is a good experience for both of us. Our lives are very similar and we share the same interests, we have "lived" up the mountain this winter and Charlotte has tried to snowboard. I am doing my best to share New Zealand with her and I hope she enjoys her stay with us. I know she loves going to Ruapehu College and has made lots of lifetime friends! One day I intend to visit her and she can show me around France and Paris! Love ya Charlotte. <3
Catherine Pakai-Dewes



SOCIAL SCIENCE

Year 9 Social Studies was taught by Mrs Beukes and Mr McLeod. Students learned map skills by mapping the Ruapehu Region. This project also helped students to understand the area that they lived in. Following this the students then looked at the government structure of New Zealand. The Year 9's also studied how New Zealanders have made their mark on the world.

Year 10 Social Studies was taught by Mr Jordan. Year 10 Social Studies looked at different indigenous societies from around the world. We then looked at similarities and differences between these societies and Maori culture. The students concluded their year by producing a magazine that included work from Science, Social Studies, and English.

11 Geography was taught by Mr Jordan. Students looked at geographic issues such as migration, land use, and the effects that these issues have on New Zealand and the world. The class also looked at extreme natural disasters and how people dealt with these problems.

Year 12 History was taught by Mr Jordan. Students studied the cause and effects of World War I and how these events allowed an individual such as Adolph Hitler to gain control of Germany and much of Europe. The class then studied the My Lai massacre and the effects this had on Vietnam, America and New Zealand. Students also took a very close look at the 1981 Springbok tour and influence this had on New Zealand society then and still today.

Year 13 History had major changes this year as a



realignment of assessments took place. The focus of the year was no longer on Elizabethan History. Students began the year picking a research topic that was related to New Zealand in some way. We had some excellent topics and projects completed they covered events such as Tangiwai disaster, Chinese immigration into New Zealand and the 9/11 Terrorist attacks. Students also studied the different perspectives involved in the My Lai massacre, and concluded the year with a look at the political and economic effects of emancipation of slaves during the US Civil War.

Over all it has been a fantastic year in Social Sciences with some very high quality work completed across all levels.

Mr Jerry Jordan

HEALTH

The Health department has again shown signs of growth and expansion to demonstrate "21 Century learning". Room 4 as a café style class room is popular with the students. This allows them to feel more at home while they learn. It is also their learning environment for them to use and adapt as they see fit.

Health, approached from a humanistic/holistic view, is helpful to our students at all levels. Life skills never go a miss, and many students this year completed Health at NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 gaining valuable credits which also count toward Literacy. The seniors have completed comprehensive research. One project has lead toward the upcoming installation of a multi-purpose water fountain.

Blended learning is used in this subject. That means a combination of ICT devices (Smartboard, Flip recorder, cell phones, ipads, moodle and computers) are used for students to maximise their learning, as well as a "teacher in the classroom". Differentiated teaching is also done. This means that "One size fits one" and individual



learning plans are developed.

The Health Department would like to thank the Senior Management Team of Ruapehu College for their support for Professional Development, and support for trying out new and innovative ideas.

It's a great place to learn!

Mrs Adele Cranston

TECHNOLOGY HARD MATERIALS

In a developing area, students performed well in both creating good projects for themselves and in starting a major clean-up and improvement of the workshop environment. This is work that will need to be continued next year. This will be exciting as students develop further exciting projects and continue lifting the level of respect and care for their workshop and projects.

These projects ranged from simple jewellery pieces, quality native timber projects through to versatile cape cod chairs and solid picnic tables. The standard of work was generally pretty good and clever design thinking was evident at all levels.

Well done to all workshop students and I look forward to hearing all about the wicked pocket bikes and trades projects that are on the books for next year.

Mr Pat Hargreaves



BALL PHOTOS



LEARNING SUPPORT

The fall in numbers had an effect on our learning support this year. We had to make do with only two full time teacher aides and two part-timers. Despite the cut in hours, the quality of support did not. Jeanna (Honey) Brown, Rachel Wills, Teena Morris and Rachel Dewes have done an excellent job of helping to keep their charges on task, supporting them all the way in most of their classes. You are angels in disguise girls – thank you so much!

We were lucky to secure the lease of two laptops, with WordQ, from the Ministry of Education for students with

higher literacy needs. The “Steps to Literacy” programme was re-introduced and students benefitted from the extra focus on their literacy skills.

Another student has been enrolled with MITO (Motor Industry Training Organisation) and is enhancing his opportunities for an apprenticeship when he has completed the Start Up course. Thank you Rachel and Elizabeth Penny for your hard work.
Mrs Louise Beukes



2013 has been an interesting year for Art. Half the school ended up in the art class.

Year 9 had to wait until term 3 to get in the art room and looked at the artwork for Hawaii in preparation for the end of year performance at the Junior prize giving. Miss Du Preez taught one Year 9 art class and Mrs Stuckey taught the other one. Turns out Miss Du Preez is not just a musician, she is also a talented artist. Year 10 students said they did Art because they weren't musical or did not speak Te Reo Maori. Art may not have been their first choice but the work they did was really good. Mr Everton came from teachers' college to work with Year 10 in term 3 and some good animation was produced during that time.

Art became compulsory for some senior students in 2013. Students who were not doing the English class in some lines had to do Art. As the

year progressed, other students decided that maybe they should have been doing Art and joined the class. This is how half the school ended up doing Art in 2013. No! It is really because “We love Art!” Tihi really loved Art and spent most of the day in the art room. Quaid and Amy attended the most art classes in the holidays and after school. That's really showing your love for Art! We loved the field trips to Raetihi to do Photography. We loved entering the Waimarino art awards. The judges loved our work and found it hard to pick a Young Artist Award prize winner. In the end they put in their own money and gave two first prizes. Well done, Mohi Williams and Jackson Whale on your success in this competition. We love your art work!

Mrs Anne Stuckey



DONATIONS AND INITIATIVES



Girls Rugby Uniform

Security Seals Limited from Auckland have kindly sponsored a team at Ruapehu College a set of new uniforms. Our Girls rugby sevens team are the lucky recipients of this very kind donation. Glen Moore (director) asked students and their families to design a jersey in school colours (Royal blue, white and black) and his company had this winning design made up with a full set of jerseys for the school team. The two winners Tihī Ote Ora Mareikura and Hamish Whale each received a \$250.00 cash prize, also kindly donated by Glen Moore of Security Seals Ltd.



Skate Ramp

Thank you to "Monkeys on Yoyos" for their generous donation of a skating ramp and box for students to use in our skating area. They have also made a very generous offer for all students to be able to experience their new skating facility.



Music and Sporting Equipment

We would like to acknowledge Chris Petroff former teacher of Ruapehu College who sadly passed away last year. His wife Sarah kindly donated to our school all his music and sporting equipment for the students to use. Thank you to Richard Milne for coming in and talking to the students about Chris's life in Ohakune and presenting us with the items. The students will enjoy using the equipment.



Attendance-It's Cool To Be at School

Good attendance at school is one of the biggest factors in ensuring good achievement. Historically focus has been on those not attending and the negative consequences. We reversed this around by rewarding those who do attend. There were four \$100 grocery vouchers drawn fortnightly for the parents of students with 100% attendance and four \$50 gift vouchers for the students.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lila Pakinga Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship which is sponsored jointly by Ngati Rangī and Genesis is being actioned soon for 2014. There are two scholarships of \$1000.00 each, one for a year 11 which has been awarded to Tiana Rapana-Bell, and one for Year 12 student Jacob Larsen. The purpose of this gift is to support education, and students are required to be studying NCEA with preferably Science, Maths and Technology subjects. They will also have opportunities to be involved in the many projects that are on-going.

Mrs Merrilyn George



ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

It was with great anticipation that we opened the "new" alternative education class in Raetihi on 24 June this year. We had tremendous support from everybody involved in this venture – Lia and Mark from Ministry of Education, Ms Basse, the parents, and last, but not least, the students. They were and still are true trailblazers for their "Awesome Education class" (the new name).

All 4 students are dually enrolled in the Correspondence School and they are giving the staff there a hard time keeping up with the marking, so eager they are to complete their work. They also do Literacy and Numeracy from the college, as well as other things.

Apart from having a last opportunity to get back in the main stream, these students also receive a lot of advice and support to improve their social skills. They help out serving meals to pensioners, listen to their stories and entertain them with songs accompanied by their ukuleles.

A huge heart-felt thank you to Aunty Rauna, the tutor. She doing a wonderful job with her students and if you have a spare half an hour, do drop in at the class and experience something great.

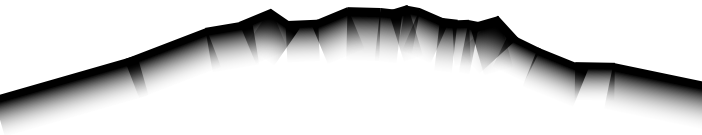
Mrs Louise Beukes



KAI NIGHT

At the end of July, the college hall was transformed for a special meal celebrating Puanga-Matariki and traditional Maori kai(food). The local Iwi decorated the hall, and prepared the magnificent food and our college students set the tables, served the food, and cleared the tables. These tasks were specially designed to assess students at Level 2 NCEA in the catering and hospitality section of the Field Maori domain. The students looked stunning in their dress uniforms, and made a big impression by their professional and helpful manner. The 17 students being assessed all achieved the two credits.

Mrs Merrilyn George



SPORTS EXCHANGE

This year we were lucky to have reinstated some competition from the past with Rangitikei travelling to us to play in an interschool competition. An old quad trophy was dusted off and polished for the occasion. The day involved powhiri, sports (basketball, netball, soccer and rugby) and hakari, and you couldn't have asked for a better day. Koro Ruapehu was certainly smiling for such an occasion. The day was played in good spirits even more so with Ruapehu College retaining the trophy.

Later in the term, a group from Ruapehu College travelled to Turangi to compete in another exchange. Sports included futsal, netball, rugby and ki o rahi. Once again an old trophy was dusted off and the schools competed with the spirit and pride we've come to expect. We were welcomed to another beautiful day at Turangi and their hospitality is commendable. The battle of the mountains trophy returned home with us to take its place in our trophy cabinet awaiting for another challenge next year.

Other exchanges throughout the year included Taumarunui travelling to us to play basketball and St Bernard's to play soccer.

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia



YEAR 13 VERSUS STAFF

Basketball	Staff
Swimming	Year 13
Tug of War	Year 13
Relay	Year 13
Softball	Staff



SQUASH

The year started off with a change to how we used the courts at lunch time. Instead of the court lights just being on we needed to join the Ohakune Squash Club and we could then book the courts at lunch time like any other members would. This seemed to work well. Regan Calder joined us at year 13 after having been away at Palmerston North Boys High School. This gave us another high graded player.

First competitive squash saw some of our boys combine to enter the local interbusiness competition. Team members were Matthew Laurenson, Johnny Double, Taine Pakai, Daniel Arts, Kadin Connelly and Mr Laurenson although Mr Laurenson didn't actually play any games. We went on to win the competition quite comfortably.

We had a boys team and a girls team travel to Wanganui to defend their Wanganui Secondary Schools team titles from 2012. Mrs Dowman was manager for the day and the teams did really well with the girls team of Emma Dowman, Joanna Dowman and Brooklyn Double defending the girls title and the boys team of Matthew Laurenson, Johnny Double and Taine Pakai getting second to Cullinane. It was unfortunate that Regan was sick that day as he would have strengthened the team.

During the year we had some players go to graded team events. Matthew Laurenson in the Ohakune C grade men's team, Regan played for the Wanganui D grade

mens team and Taine Pakai played in the Ohakune F grade men's team. Emma Dowman played in the Ohakune F grade women's team. Taine went on with the F grade team to represent Central at F grade team nationals at Whakatane.

Nationals were in the Waikato region this year. We originally planned to send a boys and a girls team but had to withdraw towards the end due to not enough numbers. Hopefully we will be going in 2014.

Inter-Whanau squash was again run as part of school champs. Huia ran out victors with 24 points narrowly beating Kiwi with 23 points. Weka were third on 11 points narrowly ahead of Tui on 10 points. Individual winners were Jacob Larsen and Charlotte Laville in the seniors and Matthew Laurenson and Emma Dowman in the juniors. Overall school champions were Emma Dowman and Matthew Laurenson.



Mr John Laurenson

SNOW ACADEMY

This year the academy ran very successfully apart from being beaten by the weather on more than one occasion. We formalised the format and structure of the academy this year, and tried to incorporate an incentive to achieve academically as well as on snow. Research clearly shows that those succeeding in sport are more likely to achieve academically and we saw first-hand, some examples of that this snow season. We also received very positive feedback from some parents about how the academy had motivated their children to strive to do better.

We will evaluate 2013 and continue to develop the academy structure to best benefit our students. In the future, we may also consider offering other academies. Sports that have been discussed include golf, rugby and equestrian.

We really are moving towards being the small boutique school of choice!
Mrs Kath Campbell



TOUCH RUGBY

We entered a team in the Raetihi Touch Rugby Competition 2012-2013 season. It was a mixed team (boys and girls, and an old fulla) with a range of experience and ability. We won the competition! Well at least we won the social grade, which was still a mighty fierce battle. Our strength was our girls; they really improved through the competition. Another strength was our consistency. Last year we struggled to find players, this season we had a keen bunch of players turning up each week and developing together as a team.

Mr Brian Connelly



Touch Rugby Team

Front row: Marley Connelly, Kataraina Hakaraia, Tangaroa Joyce, Antonia Hoeta, Carlos Tahau-Haitana.

Back row: Shaun Brown, Taine Pakai, Kadin Connelly, Andre McDonnell, Mr Brian Connelly (coach)

Absent: Eli Connelly



SPORTS BREAKFAST

Breakfast for volunteers

Volunteers were praised and thanked during the special breakfast held early Friday morning at the College, 27th September. It was this very spirit of giving that helped make the breakfast memorable. The tables were set up in the hall and the copious amount of fruit and cereal, bacon, scrambled egg, sausages and spaghetti was mostly provided by generous donors. Thanks are due to Four Square Raetihi, Anne Mclvor and Alex Hakaraia Electrical for the food donations and Nations Skiers Inn for the table settings of cutlery and crockery, as well as those who prepared hall and breakfast: Rachael Pakai, Kerren Dixon, Anne Mclvor, Phil and Kaye Sutton, Maxine and Alex Hakaraia and Jerry Jordan. Maxine Hakaraia, sports co-ordinator at the college spoke in her address about the value of sport, the important lessons it teaches, and how it helps to build character. She thanked the volunteers, "You contribute to this, because without your passion,

your time, your generosity, we would not be able to deliver these important lessons of life through sport". Presentations were made by principal Mrs Kim Basse to students who had achieved representative honours this year.

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia



GIRLS BASKETBALL



Basketball Junior Girls
 Front row: Samantha Reyes, Kataraina Hakaraia, Zakaycia Winter, Antonia Hoeta, Rose Brandl.
 Second row: Courtney McDonnell, Merekatene Haitana, Waipuna Ratapu-Williams, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Tiera Walker-Rapana.
 Back row: Erina Matthews, Tessa Milne.



Basketball Senior Girls
 Front row: Erina Matthews, Katarinaq Hakaraia, Lucy Lyon, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Tessa Milne.
 Back row: Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, Waipuna Ratapu-Williams, Delaney Grossart, Mr Jerry Jordan (coach).



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Another intense basketball season has come and gone, with many exhilarating and challenging moments. 2013 was a year of new experiences for newcomers and old! Preseason we began with a great turn out of students wanting to join, enabling our school to enter a junior girls' team as well as a senior group. Our team ended up with a strong number of committed and willing athletes. Throughout terms' two and three, after school on Thursdays, we travelled to play in the Wanganui Women's League. As the season progressed we worked hard to develop better ball handling skills and fitness. In many of our games the result was close but not close enough. We learnt from these games and always focused on improving ourselves. As a team we also enjoyed a few wins in between, placing 5th in the overall division.

Many will remember the huge fundraising efforts during 2012. This ended in great success as eight of our excited girls, three willing parents and one patient coach embarked on the two week overseas trip to the United States last December. The trip was incredible as we experienced American culture, welcoming hospitality and contrasting surroundings from New Zealand. Being with our team mates 24/7 meant we always had fun and developed amazing friendships and lasting memories. During the two weeks we played against three of the local schools, winning our final game. We also visited these schools, experiencing firsthand what it was like attending an American school. The entire trip was a 'blast' and

ended on a great note, with three days in Disney World (Florida). Without the overwhelming generosity of our community this would have been impossible. Thank you - we really appreciated your support.

I am proud of our team and thank each girl for your commitment, wishing you all the best for next year. Thank you to the boys' teams who joined in on our trainings and helped give us a good run! Thank you to Rachel Pakai- Dewes for being our fun 'chauffeur' and always supporting us no matter what. Lastly, we are grateful to our coach for your advice, sacrifice of time and admire your passion for this sport. We loved every minute of your enthusiasm and your shouts of 'praise' from the sidelines! Thank you Jerry, you're awesome!
Lucy Lyon



JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

This season was a great season for the boys. Thanks to our awesome coach Hayley Fredericksen and her commitment to the team with coaching and getting us to our games. Sadly she had to leave us halfway through the season. The boys improved a lot since last year and only lost games to the two Wanganui High School teams. These two teams ended up becoming our team's rivals! From losing to them by 50 points at the start of the season, (The boys worked on their weaknesses and talked about the weaknesses of their rivals in the van on the way to Wanganui) to losing our last game to them by 1 point. The boys were devastated but happy at the same time.

On behalf of the Junior Boys Basketball Team I would like to thank...
Hayley Fredericksen again for all her help with coaching us and helping us to improve.
Rachel Wills for managing the team, feeding the boys before our games, and washing our uniforms with Cuddly.
The parents for driving us to our games.
Jerry Jordan and Brian Connelly for also helping coach and letting us train with their teams.
Kadin Connelly



SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Basketball Junior Boys

Front row: Connor Wills, Daniel Artz, Kadin Connelly, Taine Pakai, Laurence Mills.

Back row: Tom Howell, Caleb Lyon, Willem Van Hess, Jonty Curtis, Mr Brian Connelly (coach)

Basketball Senior Boys

Front row: Kadin Connelly, Tangaroa Joyce, Carlos Tahau-Haitana, Marley Connelly, Taine Pakai.

Back row: Shaun Brown, Mr Brian Connelly (coach) Tayna Tihore.

Absent: Eli Connelly.

We started off the year with high hopes and a determination to better our 2nd to last showing from last year in the Wanganui Secondary School Basketball competition. Our first game against champions Wanganui High School nearly crushed our hopes when our captain and tactical genius Carlos got shoved from behind in the first half smashing into the floor and breaking his leg in the process. We warned him not to eat that second pie on our drive down.

Eli stepped up to the captaincy and we started doing something radically different from last season. We learnt plays at training that we actually used in the game and they actually worked. The boys developed their skills and confidence from last year and we're coming together as a team.

We witnessed some of the most exciting games of basketball you will ever see. Like our game against City College. We were down by two points with about 5 seconds to go and City had the ball and they were driving for another basket. All seemed lost until Marley made a steal, threw the ball down town to Shaun Brown where he dribbled up to the three point line and with two players on him made the jump and released the shot as the buzzer sounded. All the crowd were silent as the ball arched for the goal. It seemed to take forever but finally "swish" the ball went in and we had won the game by one point. Another time we were down by one point down playing Collegiate with time almost up. But Carlos on his return match had the final say; he managed to get fouled on the last second and had two free throws to determine the result of the game. Both shots went in and we won again in the dying moments.

Another highlight of the season was playing home games. Our first home game in two



seasons was against Rangitikei College. They had just destroyed us at Wanganui ten days ago handing us our biggest defeat of the season. Our in-form player Tayna was out of the country so we were a little apprehensive and not wanting to look bad in front of our fans. We got basketball mastermind Jerry Jordan to teach us a new defence. It worked like a charm and with Tangaroa and Eli leading the way we beat them 64-32.

We finished the season with a credible third placing at the Wanganui Boys competition, but more importantly we played with real passion and a love for the game. We had no one in the team you would call the star, but everyone contributed and we played as a team, a team who did better than anyone expected.

A special thanks to Maxine for all the administration help, especially our new uniforms, we looked sharp; Jerry for the coaching help; the College Admin for the use of the vans; and for everyone else who helped us out through the season.

Mr Brian Connelly

SNOWBOARD TEAM



Snowboard Team

From left to right: Willem Van Hees, Kadin Connelly, Joseph Fluerty, Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Jonathan Double, Tayna Tihore, Ms Meredith Wilson (coach)

Absent: Eli Connelly, Tuhirangi Akapita, Piri kite Atua Callaghan, Antonia Hoeta.

SKI TEAM

Our ski team is in a stage of redevelopment, having lost some skiers to “the other side! Snowboarding of course!” But, interest in skiing, ski racing and especially freestyle skiing are on the increase and we set a realistic school –wide goal of trying to make top 20 in the NISS Ski competition.

Our skiers were all in the Snow Academy and had some specialist coaching during term 3. Most took part in the Rangitikei races with some excellent results, the best being fastest boy down the course for Cameron Hotter. Our boys overall took out best boys team and received the very prestigious Rangitikei ski trophy. Unfortunately, some of our skiers let their team down during the NISS Ski competition, but our top team finished in 21st place, only one point away from our 2013 goal.

We will continue to work hard and maybe in the not too distant future take a podium finish!

Mrs Kath Campbell



Ski Team

From left to right: Ethan Mears, Caleb Couper, Amelia Crowley, Cameron Hotter, Luke Deadman, Charlotte Laville, Brooklyn Double, Mrs Kath Campbell (coach)

Absent: Simon Katene, Avril Katene, Hayze Barker Pehi, Dylan Greaney, Emma Dowman, Matthew Dowman

SNOWBOARD TEAM

With the introduction of Snow Academy, and the continued support from RAL, there was tough competition among the riders to be eligible for this year's snowboard team that competes in the North Island Secondary Schools competition. Many of the boarders had made significant improvements that increased their riding skills and techniques to a very high standard. It was a tough choice to decide on the teams. The Boys team included: Willem Van Hees, Eli Connelly, Kadin Connelly, Tuhirangi Akapita and Johnny Double. The reserves for the Boys team were Joseph Fluerty and Tayna Tihore. The Girls team included: Me-kayla Sue-Waara, Catherine Paki-Dewes, Antonia Hoeta and Piri kite Atua Callaghan. Unfortunately this year, the competition coincided with very bad weather and only one day of competition occurred. Some of the events were significantly modified to suit the snow conditions and make it safe for the competitors. There was no Slope Style event this year. This was disappointing for some of the riders as that was their speciality. Better luck for next year, and hopefully they will have more time land their tricks with style. The Boarder Cross event was changed to one timed run down the course. It was windy and extremely low light, but they managed to get through all the boys and girls. In the Giant Slalom event, it was also changed to one timed run down a set course. Due to technical difficulties and the weather closing the Turoa Ski area, only the boys

competition was completed. My appreciation goes out to the girls who sat at the top of the course waiting patiently in the very miserable weather conditions, only to be told that there was no race. Due to the limited events that ran, the girls teams were unable to have results. There were enough results to be able to give points for the boys teams. Ruapehu College featured exceptionally well in all both events and this gave them enough points to place as second boys team. Willem Van Hees came 1st in the Giant Slalom and Johnny Double came 3rd in Giant Slalom. With Johnny competing in both events he also came 1st Junior boy overall. Well done to Me-Kayla Sue-Waara who came 4th in the Girls Boarder Cross. Well done to all those who love snowboarding, keep practicing those skills with style and I look forward to riding with you next season!

Snow Board Team Manager
Ms Meredith Wilson



CRICKET

We had the usual travel down the "Parapara" for our cricket matches in the Wanganui zone. There were some mixed results, some baptism of fire for year 9's like George Joyce and the end of an era for some senior members like Tangaroa, Waylon and Regan. It was also good to see that Reenal opened the batting to everyone's surprise. While the results were a far cry from national selection level, all the students enjoyed their cricket, their big feed and the fun on the way back home plus a few tender hands. The junior team consisting of year 9/10 are scheduled to play a few matches in term 4 this year. Hopefully we will see a few junior players stepping up next year.



Cricket 1st X1

Front row: Matthew Dowman, Waylon Clapp, Antonia Hoeta, Tangaroa Joyce, Marley Connelly.
Second row: Matthew Laurenson, George Joyce, Kadin Connelly, Willem Van Hees, Mr Raj Prasad (manager/coach). Back row: Johnny Double

Mr Raj Prasad
Coach/driver/laundry man

SOCCER

Soccer has continued to struggle to generate large numbers of participants. This year we have had a core of dedicated senior students who were always keen to attend practices and enjoy 'the beautiful game'.

Our first home match was against Rangitikei High School. It was a competitive game, played in great spirit. We borrowed some junior students for the game, who all performed credibly, but the score was 5-8 to the opposition when the final whistle blew.

In early August we played the annual fixture against St Bernard's College. Our footballing did not match the stunning winter's morning and we were outplayed by a skilful opposition, 1-13. Gabriel Hakaraia scored a wonderful long range goal and celebrated the feat with an even more impressive "caterpillar" move.

Mr Alan Grant



Soccer 1st X1

Front row: Gabriel Hakaraia, Kevin McDonnell, Waylon Clapp, Tangaroa Joyce, Laurence Mills.

Second row: Mr Alan Grant (coach), Willem Van Hees, Marley Connelly, Trae Maihi, Caleb Lyon, Mr Raj Prasad.

Back row: Antonia Hoeta, Mr Leigh Hicks, Kadin Connelly.

Absent: Shaun Brown, Waipuna Ratapu-Williams, Connor Wills, James Hilson.

INDOOR SOCCER

A keen group of players trained and competed in the winter open indoor soccer competition. Despite regular losses and a disturbingly large negative goal differential the team turned up every Wednesday evening and played to their best. Their efforts did however pay dividends in the end as in August the school team defeated Tongariro High School 2-1 in a close indoor encounter in Turangi.

The teams would like to thank Mr Prasad and Mr Grant for assisting with coaching and managing the soccer team, plus the student teachers, Mr Hicks and Mr Everton, for their early morning indoor soccer training sessions.

Mr Alan Grant



Indoor Soccer Team

Front row: Marley Connelly, Trae Maihi, Antonia Hoeta.

Second row: Mr Alan Grant, Tangaroa Joyce, Mr Leigh Hicks, Mr Raj Prasad.

Absent: James Hilson, Jackson Whale.

NETBALL

Netball Team

Front row: Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Kataraina Hakaraia (captain), Erina Matthews.
Back row: Amy Thompson, Dariayne Prince, Corrineke Windle, Mrs Maxine Hakaraia (coach)
Absent: Odette Edmonds (vice Captain), Patricia Mareikura-Taura, Delaney Grossart.



This year, once again there were heaps of keen girls who wanted to play netball. With a trial (consisting of training, skills, and commitment) a team of girls were selected to represent Ruapehu College in the Whanganui competition. The girls did well in the opening day tournament and for most of the season had successful results. They won their grade on opening day and were then put up a grade which also proved to be successful. The girls were able to compete at their level which encouraged them to work hard on court, not always getting their own way. They responded positively to this to then be put up another grade. With the long netball season and the continual travelling that is involved the commitment required to see the season through is huge and to those that do it is commendable. Congratulations to Kataraina Hakaraia who was selected for the Whanganui U15 representative team for 2013. Mrs Maxine Hakaraia



RUGBY -BOYS

This year was a mixed bag for boys rugby. We started the year off with a preseason competition running every Wednesday in Whanganui for Juniors. Blair Dravitski kindly coached and drove the boys down for this. Numbers along with the arduous travel was always a problem and although there were always keen boys, there weren't always enough. Come rugby season time the handful of keen boys weren't able to enter any competition on a regular basis so we had to look at alternate ways of providing this. Adrian Brown worked tirelessly to keep the boys training and enthusiasm

up and the boys were offered playing opportunities throughout the season.

Once again our senior boys played for the club. Mark Green continued his support of the boys and the school looking after them in the Club scene. The boys had a very successful season making the final of the Senior grade but unfortunately were not able to pull off the win and came second overall, no mean feat with such a young team.

Congratulation Kahl Elers-Green for his selection in the Whanganui U18 representative rugby team for 2013.
Mrs Maxine Hakaraia



RUGBY -GIRLS

The girls once again with the passion for the sport which is prevalent at Ruapehu College competed in the Whanganui Secondary schools rugby sevens held at Kaierau Country Club in April. Coached by Thomas Waara, the girls played well and continued in the spirit they have for rugby. This year we were very lucky to have been donated a new rugby kit with training gear from Glen Moore of Security Seals Limited. By the time the second round of rugby sevens came along the kit was ready to be worn and worn proudly. The girls not only looked smart but played smart too. They travelled to Cooks gardens in Whanganui every Wednesday to play other schools from our region. Coached by Mr Leigh Hicks (student teacher who travelled each time from Taumarunui to take them) and managed by Mrs

Kath Campbell, the girls had mixed results but they had goals. Come finals day in Whanganui, the girls won the competition beating rival Wanganui High School in a thrilling final.

Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, Corrineke Windle were named in the tournament team for the competition.

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia



GIRLS RUGBY

Girls 7's Rugby Team

Front row: Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, Erina Matthews, Corrineke Windle (captain) Kataraina Hakaraia, Makayla Taura.
 Back row: Miriama Hansen, Mrs Maxine Hakaraia (sports co ordinator) Waipuna Ratapu-Williams.
 Absent: Merekatene Haitana, Patricia Mareikura-Taura, Dahneka Perkins, Thomas Waara (coach)



BOYS RUGBY COMBINED



Rugby Team

Front row: Quaid Ponga, Barney Warbrick, Gabriel Hakaraia, Jackson Bishop, Shakarn Brown,
 Second row: Jade Matete, Shairone Wood, Kadin Connelly, Kevin McDonnell, Delme Te-Kani, Mrs Maxine Hakaraia (sports co ordinator)
 Back row: Paengaroa Te Kura, Jonty Curtis, Tahana Metekingi.
 Absent: Simon Katene, Mohi Williams, Tamati Cribb, Carlin Rewiri, Dylan Story, Hamish Whale, Joseph Metekingi, Avril Pehi, Quintin Faneva, Leighton Richards, Taine Pakai, Jonathan Double, Kahl Elers Green, Andre McDonnell, Regan Calder.

ATHLETICS SPORTS

Champions

Junior Boys

1st Dylan Greaney

2nd Johnny Double

3rd Mohi Williams

Junior Girls

1st Emma Dowman

2nd Joanna Dowman

3rd Zakaycia Winter

Intermediate Boys

1st Willem Van Hees

2nd Jade Matete

3rd Hemi Kohu

Intermediate Girls

Whanganui Secondary School Athletics Competition Results

100m - IB final 5th Hemi Kohu

200m - SB final 6th Joseph Metekingi

400m- IB final 6th Jade Matete

800m-IB final 6th Jade Matete

1500m-IB final 6th Jade Matete

80m Hurdles-IG 4th Kataraina Hakaraia

80m Hurdles-IG 6th Catherine Pakai-

Dewes

100m Hurdles-SG 2nd Essie Chitty

Long Jump-JG 4th Emma Dowman

Long Jump-SG 4th Essie Chitty

Long Jump-IB 6th Willem Van Hees

High Jump-JG 4th Emma Dowman

High Jump-SG 3rd Hayley Fredericksen

High Jump-JB 2nd Mohi Williams

High Jump-JB 6th Daniel Artz

High Jump-IB 6th Taine Pakai

High Jump-SB 6th Rii Williams

Triple Jump-JG 4th Emma Dowman

Triple Jump-IG 5th Kataraina Hakaraia

Triple Jump-JB 2nd Mohi Williams

Triple Jump-IB 5th Hemi Kohu

Shot Put-IG 2nd Merekatene Haitana

Shot Put-IB 4th Kevin McDonnell

Shot Put-IB 5th Tayna Tihore

Shot Put-SB 4th Waylon Clapp

Shot Put-SB 5th Gabriel Hakaraia

Discus-IG 2nd Merekatene Haitana

Discus-SG 5th Corrineke Windle

1st Kataraina Hakaraia

2nd Antonia Hoeta

3rd Merekatene Haitana

Senior Boys

1st Regan Calder

2nd Tangaroa Joyce

3rd Shaun Brown

Senior Girls

1st Essie Chitty

2nd Corrineke Windle

3rd Tessa Milne

Overall

1st Huia (18), 2nd Weka (17), 3rd

Kiwi (14) 4th Tui (11)

Records broken

Shaun Brown, senior boys javelin

Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, senior girls

javelin

Emma Dowman, junior girls 300m

Records broken

Shaun Brown, senior boys

javelin

Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, senior girls

javelin

Emma Dowman, junior girls 300m

Discus-JB 1st Jonathan Double

Discus-IB 1st Kevin McDonnell

Discus-IB 4th Tuhirangi Akapita

Discus-SB 5th Andre McDonnell

Javelin-IG 5th Zynaia Richards-Winter

Javelin-SG 1st Me-Kayla Sue-Waara

Javelin-JB 3rd Dylan Greaney

Javelin-IB 4th Willem Van Hees

Javelin-IB 5th Eli Connelly

Javelin-SB 1st Shaun Brown

4x100m relay-IG 6th

4x100m relay-SG 4th

4x100m relay-JB 5th

4x100m relay-IB 4th

4x100m relay-SB 4th



CROSS COUNTRY



Cross Country Team

Front row: Samantha Reyes, Taine Pakai, Tangaroa Joyce, Caleb Lyon, Tessa Milne.

Second row: Joanna Dowman, Marley Connelly, Kadin Connelly, Kataraina Hakaraia, Mrs Maxine Hakaraia (sports co ordinator)

Back row: Tegan Dickson-Coley, Zacaycia Winter.

Absent: Zayden Herewini Taiaroa, Andrew Sutton-Dicken.

Champions

Year 9 Boys

- 1st Zayden Herewini-Taiaroa
- 2nd Dylan Greaney
- 3rd Andrew Sutton-Dicken
- 4th Mohi Williams
- 5th Avril Pehi
- 6th Paengaroa Tekura

Year 9 Girls

- 1st Zacaycia Winter
- 2nd Tegan Dickson-Coley
- 3rd Joanna Dowman
- 4th Samantha Reyes
- 5th Monica O'Neill
- 6th Monica Prasad

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Taine Pakai
- 2nd Caleb Lyon
- 3rd Tamati Cribb
- 4th Kadin Connelly
- 5th Daniel Artz
- 6th Tayna Tihore

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Kataraina Hakaraia
- 2nd Emma Dowman
- 3rd Miriama Hansen
- 4th Antonia Hoeta
- 5th Britney Griffin
- 5th Gemini Toho

Senior Boys

- 1ST Marley Connelly
- 2nd Tangaroa Joyce
- 3rd Anthony Journeaux
- 4th Shaun Brown
- 5th Jackson Whale
- 6th Leighton Richards

Senior Girls

- 1st Tessa Milne
- 2nd Erina Matthews
- 3rd Hayley Fredericksen
- 4th Me-Kayla Sue-Waara
- 5th Delaney Grossart
- 6th Kendall Thompson



SWIMMING SPORTS

Swimming Champions

Senior Girls

- 1st Hayley Fredericksen
- 2nd Brooklyn Double
- 3rd Essie Chitty

Senior Boys

- 1st Carlos Haitana
- 2nd Marley Connelly
- 3rd Regan Calder

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Merkatene Haitana
- 2nd Antonia Hoeta
- 3rd Makayla Taura

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Kadin Connelly
- 2nd Jade Matete
- 3rd Kevin McDonnell

Junior Girls

- 1st Rose Brandl
- 2nd Amy Calder
- 3= Samantha Reyes/
Georgia Harvey-
Cosbrook

Junior Boys

- 1st Dylan Story
- 2nd Tukutahi Metekingi
- 3rd Daniel Artz

Whanau Results

- 1st Kiwi 11 points
- 2nd= Tui/Weka 10 points
- 4th Huia 9 points



INTERWHANAU COMPETITIONS



YEAR 13 PROFILES

<p>Name: Andre McDonnell (Dre) Occupation: Stay at home Famous for: Not thinking Famous saying: "hell no" Wants to be: "oh yeah, bit of a stripper" Most likely to be: Teen dad Thought on life: "uhhhh"</p>	<p>Name: Joseph Metekingi (Joe) Occupation: Shearer Famous for: Talking rubbish Famous saying: "cuurap boy" Wants to be: An All Black Most likely to be: Black all over</p>
<p>Name: Odette Edmonds (Kookie) Occupation: Self employed Famous for: Her hair Famous saying: "don't touch my hair" Wants to be: A fashion stylist Most likely to be: Working at Cotton On. Thought on life: Yolo</p>	<p>Name: Shaun Brown Occupation: Dreamer Famous for: Wearing make-up Famous saying: "No! I don't wear make-up" Wants to be: Model Most likely to be: Raetihi babe of the day Thought on life: "Why do you keep asking me for a thought on life?"</p>
<p>Name: Luke Deadman (Lukus) Occupation: Patroller Famous for: Skiing Famous saying: "Don't drop the durkak durk" Wants to be: Skiing Most likely to be: Cooking Brooklyn's breakfast. Thought on life: "I wish it was winter"</p>	<p>Name: Kahl Eler-Green (Bobby) Occupation: Full time gym junkie Famous for: Having big muscles Famous saying: "Train insane and remain the same" Wants to be: Playing international rugby Most likely to be: Captain of the Ruapehu A's Thought on life: "Keep calm and lift weights"</p>
<p>Name: Tangaroa Joyce (Tommy Gun) Occupation: School band member Famous for: Sports Famous saying: "School please stand" Wants to be: Playing for FC Barcelona Most likely to be: Teaching guitar at college Thought on life: "Hakuna matata"</p>	<p>Name: Tessa Milne (Tiny) Occupation: Baby sitter/photographer Famous for: Stressing over everything Famous saying: "Wanna fight" Wants to be: Tall Most likely to be: Starring in Smurfs 3 as Smurfet Thought on life: "Good things come in small packages"</p>
<p>Name: Summer Richards-Warbrick (Winter) Occupation: Leaving schools Famous for: Coming back Famous saying: "I always have nothing to say" Wants to be: Travel Agent Most likely to be: A Science Teacher</p>	<p>Name: Kanyakon Kosinanonth (Maija) Occupation: Walking stationery supplier Famous for: Being Asian / never being quiet (who taught her English) Famous saying: "He's so muscley" Wants to be: Civil Engineer Most likely to be: Owning Paper Plus Thought on life: "Marry rich guy, live happy life"</p>
<p>Name: Rachel Hilson (K2 Queen) Occupation: Dishwasher up the mountain Famous for: Being wrong. Famous saying: "You're wrong Jerry" "Here's Jack" Wants to be: In the UN Most likely to be: District Council (Helen Clarke) Thought on life: "Right is right"</p>	<p>Name: Marley Connelly (Marz Bar) Occupation: Works up the mountain Famous for: Being a Connelly Famous saying: "No, you're wrong Tom" Wants to be: NBA star Most likely to be: Missionary Thought on life: "Yeah, it's pretty good"</p>
<p>Name: Waylon Clapp (Wizzer) Occupation: Argues with Tom Famous for: His chops Famous saying: "I'm gonna knock your block off" Wants to be: A pro wrestler (WWE) Most likely to be: Santa Thought on life: "Huh"</p>	<p>Name: Carlos Tahau-Haitana (Chubbles) Occupation: Shaun's boy Famous for: Being Shaun's b***** Famous saying: "Where's Shaun?" Wants to be: NBA star Most likely to be: Living with Shaun Thought on life: "Shaun is the man"</p>

YEAR 13 PROFILES

<p>Name: Regan Calder (Regals) Occupation: That building thing or something Famous for: Getting on everyone's nerves Famous saying: "Oh dumb" Wants to be: Builder Most likely to be: Sleeping with the sheep Thought on life: "Do I have to do this?"</p>	<p>Name: Ashleigh Griffin (Ashpeewee) Occupation: Truck Enthusiast Famous for: not wanting to reveal what she is truly famous for Famous saying: "No Mum it's ice cream" Wants to be: A Sign Writer Most likely to be: Truck Driver Thought on life: "Pudge controls the weather"</p>
<p>Name: Ngahuapai Hemara (Hua) Occupation: Feeding the pigs Famous for: Taking selfies with his pig, munchies Famous saying: "Yes mum" Wants to be: Married to Monica Most likely to be: Single kapahaka teacher Thought on life: "Oh I donno what-ever"</p>	<p>Name: Patricia Mareikura-Taura Occupation: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat Famous for: Third Wheeling Famous saying: "Whose had lunch?" Wants to be: A Kindy Teacher Most likely to be: A Teacher Aide Thought on life: Tu whitia te hopo "Feel the fear and do it anyway"</p>
<p>Name: Shayna Prasad Occupation: Cleaner Famous for: Bullying Jerry Famous saying: "You cheat Jerry!" Wants to be: Chef Most likely to be: Maths Teacher Thought on life: "If you close your eye, you wouldn't know the difference between waking and dreaming"</p>	<p>Name: Kendall Thompson (Kenelog) Occupation: Waitress at the Clyde Famous for: being Kendall Famous saying: "How do you spell DNA" Wants to be: Designer Most likely to be: Waitress Thought on life: "Don't hate the player, hate the game"</p>
<p>Name: Kiri-Joy Rapana-Bell (Kiri) Occupation: Waitress at Angel Louise Famous for: Bunking with Tihi Famous saying: "Nah!" Wants to be: Rich Most likely to be: Married to Tihi with 6 kids Thought on life: It's just not worth the effort.</p>	
<p>Name: Tiera Walker-Rapana (Tee) Occupation: Babysitter Famous for: Being wheeled around AE in a wheel chair Famous saying: "Who wants my mums sandwiches" Wants to be: Teaching professional basketball Most likely to be: Coach of Ruapehu College girls team married to Kevin Thought on life: Makeup fixes everything</p>	



PRIZEGIVING

Junior Prize List 2012

Athletics Junior Girl (PTA Cup) Kataraina Hakaraia Junior Boy (PTA Cup) Jade Matete Intermediate Boy (Walter Warner Cup) Willem Van Hees Aggregate Girls 800m. 1500m, 3000m (ECNZ Trophy) Kataraina Hakaraia Cross Country Junior Girl (Mary Whale Cup) Emma Dowman, Miriama Hansen Junior Boy (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) Caleb Lyon Intermediate Girl (ECNZ Trophy) Kataraina Hakaraia Intermediate Boy (Leo Cleary Cup) Jade Matete Swimming Junior Girl (Cup) Dariayne Prince Junior Boy (TG Drayton Cup) Kadin Connelly Intermediate Boy (Cup) James Hilson Netball Kapai Enterprises Trophy (presented by Ken & Marilyn George) 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 / loyalty Kataraina Hakaraia Triana Rapana Junior Cup (Checkers Netball Cup) for the most outstanding player Dariayne Prince Rugby Most improved player in 2nd XV (Richard Lindsay Cup) Jonty Curtis Best & fairest player in 2nd XV (Golden Oldies Trophy) Best Team Man in 2nd XV (Kui & Proude Trophy) Tuhirangi Akapita Shakarn Brown Basketball Outstanding leadership Badminton Junior Girl Champion Kadin Connelly Kataraina Hakaraia Junior Boy Champion Simon Katene Tennis Junior Girls Champion Kataraina Hakaraia Junior Boys Champion Hayze Barker-Pehi Squash Boy Champion (Triggell Trophy) Matthew Laurensen Junior Girl Champion (Trophy presented by Megan Laurensen) Emma Dowman Junior Boy Champion (Trophy presented by Jackie Laurensen) Matthew Laurensen Touch Rugby certificates) Most Outstanding player Kadin Connelly Snowboarding Junior Girl champion Catherine Pakai-Dewes Junior Boy Champion Willem Van Hees Supreme Snowboarding Award (Callum Green “Pink” Memorial Trophy) Willem Van Hees Ski-ing Junior Boys Champion (Knight Family Trophy) Cameron Hotter Year 9 Stephanie Brooks Richards MERIT AWARD for perseverance in English Britney Griffin MERIT AWARD for conscientious work in Technology Soft Materials Shakarn Brown MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Field Maori Kadin Connelly MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education Serenity Rapana-Paul MERIT AWARD for improvement throughout the year in Design Technology Soft Materials D’Avyl Delamare MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and achievement in Field Maori Braden Watson MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Social Studies Jaakan Horne MERIT AWARD for perseverance and improvement in Technology Soft Materials Miriama Hansen MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Food and Nutrition and Te Reo Maori Connor Wills MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Social Studies and Health Jeremy Fredericksen MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Social Studies and consistent effort in Technology Hard Materials Johnny Double MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Technology Hard Materials and Physical Education Laurence Mills MERIT AWARDS for Improvement in Social Studies, Science, English and Health Taine Pakai MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Japanese, Science and English and excellence in

Physical Education Carlin Rewiri SUBJECT AWARD for first in Te Reo Maori Kurtis Fredericksen SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in 9U Social Studies, MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Technology Hard Materials and a MERIT AWARD for Junior Turners and Growers Cup for excellence in Horticulture. Rose Brandl SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in 9R Social Studies, MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health and effort and improvement in Science. Matthew Laurensen SUBJECT AWARD for first in Technology Hard Materials, MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Food and Nutrition, Science and in Art Cameron Hotter SUBJECT AWARDS for first in 9R Food and Nutrition and Art, MERIT AWARD for work of a high standard in Technology Soft Materials Emma Dowman SUBJECT AWARDS for first in 9U Technology Soft Materials and Art, MERIT AWARDS for Consistent Effort in Japanese, Social Studies and Food and Nutrition Caleb Lyon SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9R Social Studies and Science, MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and achievement in Food and Nutrition, English and excellence in Physical Education Lais Morris SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Japanese, English, and Science. MERIT AWARD for diligence and consistent effort in Health Year 10 Matthew Dowman MERIT AWARD for improvement in Science Dariayne Prince MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Field Maori Nawa McLeod MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Social Studies Zynaia Richards-Winter MERIT AWARD for improvement in Science Triana Rapana MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and achievement in English Tamara McCarthy MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health Ben Agate MERIT AWARD for improvement in English James Hilson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science Piri kite Atua Callaghan MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in English Catherine Pakai Dewes MERIT AWARD for improvement in Technology Soft Materials Hayze Barker-Pehi MERIT AWARD for improvement in Music Makayla Taura MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and manaakitanga in Food and Nutrition and achievement in Mathematics Lucas Van Beek MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Health and Science Jade Matete MERIT AWARD for improvement in English and Mathematics Travis Fredericksen MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and achievement in Year 10 Food and Nutrition, Technology Hard Materials and English. Amelia Crowley SUBJECT AWARD for first in Mathematics Willem Van Hees SUBJECT AWARD for first in Physical Education Caleb Couper SUBJECT AWARD for first in Technology Hard Materials and receives the Dixon Engineering Company Prize for year 10. Tessa Commins SUBJECT AWARD for first in Science, MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Technology Soft Materials, Social Studies and Health, and achievement in Mathematics. Kataraina Hakaraia SUBJECT AWARD for first in Technology Soft Materials and receives the Creative Textiles Trophy. Kataraina also receives the Mowat-Voon Cup for a student who is active in sport and reading. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Year 10

Physical Education. Hemi Kohu SUBJECT AWARD for first in Music. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and Te Reo Maori. Peehi Tahana- Blake SUBJECT AWARD for first in Food and Nutrition, MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health and Te Reo Maori. Tiana Rapana-Bell SUBJECT AWARDS for first in 10R Social Studies and Te Reo Maori. MERIT AWARD for achievement in Field Maori. Antonia Hoeta SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Science, first in 10U Social Studies, and first in English. Special Awards Speech Competitions Junior Whai Korero – wahine (certificate) Piri Kite Atua Callaghan -tane (certificate) Tuhirangi Akapita Best Impromptu Speech Thomas Howell Yr 9 Speeches (L.D. Eden Cup) Caleb Lyon Yr 10 Speeches (Mr & Mrs F.A. Martin Cup) Tiana Rapana-Bell Cultural Te Kaahu Trophy – donated by Mr & Mrs Murphy-Peehi for leadership, initiative and dedication in the promotion of cultural activities among juniors at Ruapehu College Tuhirangi Akapita Ruapehu College Junior Citizen Award for a student of good character having personal integrity including the qualities of honesty, caring for other people and supporting the peer group. Donated by the Lyon family 2008. Matthew Dowman School Supplies award for service (donated by SS) – junior Tessa Commins The Logan Dixon Cup – for excellence in junior sport. Kataraina Hakaraia Jim Perry Prize for the Yr 10 student who has shown the most improvement across a range of academic, sporting, social and cultural activities (\$100 REAT plus book) Triana Rapana Junior Dux (\$100 REAT plus book) Antonia Hoeta



PRIZEGIVING

Ruapehu College Senior Prizegiving 2013
ATHLETICS Intermediate Girl Champion (Woodward Cup) Kataraina Hakaraia
Intermediate Boy Champion Senior Girl Champion (Walter Warner Cup) (Turners and Growers Cup) Willem Van Hees Essie Chitty
Senior Boy Champion (Turners & Growers Cup) Regan Calder Aggregate Boys 800m, 1500m, 3000m Aggregate Girl 800m, 1500m, & 3000m (Michael Cleary Cup) (ECNZ trophy)
Regan Calder, (Johnny Double) Tessa Milne, Kataraina Hakaraia, (Emma Dowman)
CROSS COUNTRY Intermediate Girl Champion Senior Girl Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Kataraina Hakaraia Tessa Milne
Senior Boy Champion (Dillon Shield) Marley Connelly
SWIMMING Intermediate Girl Champion Senior Girl Champion (PTA Cup) (John Evans Trophy) Merekatene Haitana Hayley Frederiksen Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy) Carlos Haitana
NETBALL Kapai Enterprises Trophy (presented by Ken & Merrilyn George) 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 / loyalty
Most Improved BASKETBALL Certificate Kataraina Hakaraia Amy Thompson
Contribution to basketball Basketball supporters Club Trophy Kataraina Hakaraia
Most Improved Girl Basketball supporters trophy Catherine Pakai-Dewes
Most Improved Boy Basketball supporters trophy Tangaroa Joyce
SKIING Senior Girl Champion (Tahurangi Cup presented by Vic Keppel) Amelia Crowley Senior Boy Champion (Mangaturuturu Cup presented by Graeme Brebner) Luke Deadman
SNOWBOARDING Senior Girl Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan Me-Kayla Sue-Waara Senior Boy Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan Willem Van Hees Supreme Snowboarding Award (Callum Green "Pink" Memorial Award) Willem Van Hees
CRICKET Best Team Member Cup (Presented by 1986 1st XI) Tangaroa Joyce Best All Round Bowler (Cup presented by Darren McDonnell)
Tangaroa Joyce Batting Award (Presented by David Archibald) Waylon Clapp
RUGBY Most Consistent Senior Player DA Loye Cup Kahl Elers-Green Most Improved Senior Player (Cup) Kevin McDonnell Best and Fairest Senior Player (Cup) Gabriel Hakaraia
GIRLS RUGBY Most Outstanding Player Certificate Corineke Windle
NEW AWARD Play Hard – Work Hard Leigh Hynes Trophy Lucy Lyon Interwhanau Competition Huia Leaders Waylon Clapp
Kanyakon Kosinanonth First in Athletics (EF BUCK Cup), Squash, Tug of War, Senior Maths Quiz, Senior Social Studies Quiz, Junior English Quiz Kiwi Leaders Luke Deadman Lucy Lyon First in Swimming (cup), Junior Maths Quiz, Equal Senior Science Quiz. Tui Leaders Gabriel Hakaraia Tere Walker Rapana Kapahaka Trophy (Joan Akapita and Matiu Mareikura Memorial Trophy), Senior English Quiz, Junior Social Studies Quiz, Basketball, Volleyball, Equal Senior Science Quiz Weka Leaders Kevin McDonnell Zynaia Richards-Winter Cross Country (Pearce Cup), Netball (cup), Soccer, Softball, Touch, Francis Hotereni Memorial Award for winter sports, Junior Science Quiz. Champion Whanau (cup) Kevin McDonnell Zynaia Richards-Winter
WEKA Year 11 Academic Awards 2013 Hayze Barker-Pehi
MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English and for improvement in Music. Amy Thompson
MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Health and consistent effort in Art. Makayla Taura
MERIT AWARD for achievement in Numeracy. Shairone Wood
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in English. Tamara McCarthy
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and attainment in Technology Soft Materials. Dariayne Prince
MERIT AWARD for improvement in Music. Piri Kite Atua Callaghan

MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Te Rangitapu Hiroti
MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Food and Nutrition. Travis Fredricksen
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Horticulture. Kataraina Hakaraia
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Technology Soft Materials. Willem Van Hees
SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Outdoor Education. James Hilson
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Accounting. Zynaia Richards-Winter
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Music. Lyna Mhaire Collett
SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Art. Quaid Ponga
SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Art. Caleb Couper
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Technology Hard Materials and for first equal in Horticulture and receives The Fruit Federation Supplies Ltd Prize for Practical achievement in Horticulture and the Land Based Training Cup for Best Land Based Training student. Antonia Hoeta
MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science and Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Physical Education. Matthew Dowman
SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Horticulture. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science and Mathematics and Technology Hard Materials. Tiana Rapana-Bell
SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Health and first equal in Geography. MERIT AWARD for achievement in Food and Nutrition. Tessa Commins
SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Science, first in Mathematics, first in English, first equal in Geography and receives the Home Economics Incentive award presented by Fiona Fraser for first in Food and Nutrition.
Year 12 Academic Awards 2013 Manaia Rangihika Toto
MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Food and Nutrition and for improvement in Technology Soft Materials. Lysjham Wood
MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Health. Rii Williams
MERIT AWARD for improvement in Technology Hard Materials provided by Placemakers. Kevin McDonnell
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Technology Hard Materials. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mathematics. Waipuna Ratapu-Williams
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Tayna Tihore
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Gateways. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. Tihii Ote Ora Mareikura
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Art. MERIT AWARD for improvement in Music. Joseph Fluerty
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and commitment to his gateway placement. Reenal Kumar
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Accounting Eli Connelly
SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Physical Education and first in Outdoor Education. Brooklyn Double
SUBJECT AWARDS for first in History and first in Music and first in English. Gabriel Hakaraia
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Food and Nutrition and receives the Sue Hardwidge Memorial Cup for excellence in practical foods, first in Horticulture and receives the Turners and Growers Ltd prize for achievement in Horticulture. Gabriel also receives the Robin Rowles Memorial Award for leadership in the practical areas. Jacob Larsen
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mathematics and for achieving a high standard in practical work in Technology Hard Materials. He also receives the Andrew Beggs Memorial Trophy for a student who upholds the values that were upheld by Andrew Beggs: a good work ethic, respect for the environment and concern for others
Lucy Lyon
SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Biology, first in Mathematics and first in level 3 Technology Soft Materials and receives the Migos Rose Bowl for Practical Clothing. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in History and English.
Year 13 Academic Awards 2013 Odette Edmonds
MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Health. Patricia Taura
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Music. Waylon Clapp
MERIT AWARD for improvement in Year 12 Communication English and for consistent work in Technology Hard Materials. Shayna Prasad
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Year 12 Communication English. Ngahuapai Hemara
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Te Reo Maori. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Year 12 Music. Luke Deadman
SUBJECT

AWARDS for first in Physical Education and first in Outdoor Education and receives Kaimanawa Cup presented by R Rowles and G Brebner for outstanding achievement in Outdoor Education. Summer Richards-Warbrick
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Agriculture and Horticulture and receives the Horticulture Incentive Award-donated by Ian Forster from the Waimarino Tree Resource Tessa Milne
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Art and receives the Dr Jordan Memorial Prize for Art. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in History and receives the Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and showing class spirit in History (book). MERIT AWARD for creativity and achievement in Textiles and the Winstones Pulp International award for achievement in Technology. Rachel Hilson
SUBJECT AWARDS for first in English and first in History and receives the Peck Campbell Cup for excellence in the Humanities Tangaroa Joyce
SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Accounting, first in Mathematics with Statistics and first in Music. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in History. He also receives the Balance Chartered Accountants Award for excellence in senior Accounting. Kanyakon Kosinanonth
SUBJECT AWARD for first in Mathematics with Calculus, excellence in Chemistry. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort, improvement and perseverance throughout the year in English. Kanyakon also receives the Winstone Pulp International Prize for excellence in Physics, Chemistry and Biology and the Cast Family Senior Mathematics award for the student who attains a high standard in both Calculus and Statistics and the Lines Company Ltd Prize for excellence in a science. Special Awards Senior Speech Competition (M S Gould Cup) Tessa Milne Impromptu Speaker (Alan West Cup) Tessa Milne Te Whai Korero – wahine Speech making in Maori Language – girl (T G McCullough Cup) Patricia Taura Te Whai Korero – tane Speech making in Maori Language –boy (T G McCullough Cup) Ngahuapai Hemara Office Max Award for a person who has enhanced the reputation of the college by his or her work outside the college. Tangaroa Joyce Maungaronga Trophy For showing commitment, initiative and loyalty in Te Roopu Kapa Haka during the year. Patricia Taura Brian Eades Award For perseverance and endeavour. Shayna Prasad Cheal Consultants Scholarship: \$750 awarded to a student pursuing tertiary study in Civil Engineering. Kanyakon Kosinanonth Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant: \$1000 awarded to a year 11 student to support them in their following academic year. 2013 recipients Kataraina Hakaraia. Tiana Rapana-Bell Jacob Larsen Rotary Trades Award: \$500 donated by the Ohakune Rotary Club for a student who shows outstanding promise in the area of Agriculture and Horticulture, Forestry or Trades to assist them in achieving their goals for the future. Waylon Clapp Snow Queen Scholarship: \$1400 to a student pursuing tertiary study in the arts or design fields. Kendall Thompson Waikato University Vice Chancellor's Academic Excellence School Leaver Scholarship: Based on Level 2 NCEA results. Awarded to students intending on going to Waikato University who impress with the calibre of their application and achievements. \$500 towards his fees in 2014. Tangaroa Joyce The Ruapehu College Sports Cup for best overall senior in sport, presented by John and Sue Laurenson (+ \$100 RCEAT) Me-Kayla Sue-Waara Waimarino Shield Tangaroa Joyce Donated by the Maori community of the district for all-round student in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and values (+ \$100 RCEAT) Loftus Shield Tessa Milne For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas – academic, social and sporting. (+ \$100 RCEAT) Proxime Accessit Tessa Milne Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family. (+ \$100 RCEAT) Dux Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. This year she also receives the Rotary Club Scholarship of \$500 towards the costs of her tertiary studies. (+ \$200 RCEAT) Kanyakon Kosinanonth

