



# Ruapehu College School Magazine 2016

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



2016 has been a successful year as Ruapehu College continues to provide excellent education and opportunities for our students. The education review office (ERO) has returned us to a three year review cycle and this is a testament to the hard work of our senior leadership team and our teaching staff. Our NCEA results continue to improve and we can be safe in the knowledge that Ruapehu College offers students the ability to achieve their dreams whether it be university, business or further education.

Leadership is an important aspect for our school and the year started with a prefect leadership camp to Gisborne. This included some surfing which proved



to still be a challenge for those of us who have never been able to get up on a board! I have really enjoyed working with our prefects this year; Head Boy Caleb Lyon, Deputy Head Boy Daniel Artz, prefect and BoT rep Matthew Laurenson, Head Girl Lais Morris, and prefect Helena Bethell. They have made a really positive contribution to the school. Our prefects spent time at the camp learning about peer support and were able to bring this knowledge back to the other year 13 students and then work with our new year 9s when they arrive at the College. The peer support programme is good in making the transition to College relatively smooth and our year 9 students enjoy it too.

The student council had a busy year and has been successful in their campaign for a new drinking fountain out on the field side of the school. Some of our students have been nominated to student council representatives on the Ruapehu Council as part of their youth initiative. Our whanau leaders and cultural leaders have also had a positive impact on our school.

The CACTUS programme has continued to be a great success again this year and our students value the early morning start and training alongside staff, police and army. This event involves the whole community. Students also value listening to motivational speakers. Another event which I have also enjoyed this year was the rugby. It's been

many years since we were entered into a Rugby Competition and we appreciated Whanganui Rugby organising something for us. We managed to enter two teams, an U19 and U15, and the games were enjoyed by all. Thanks must go to the coaches and supporters.

This year, Ruapehu College has received the teacher led innovation fund around blended learning curriculum with HoD English, Mr Johnny



Greene and HoD Social Sciences Mr Jerry Jordan, taking the lead in this initiative. We have also received Ministry funding to develop the digital technologies collaborating with the technology hub Te Pae Tata. Ruapehu College is also a member of a community of learning. The school has also been involved with the Te Kākahu project which assists our 'at risk' learners. Thanks to Mrs Marama Allen for her work in this area. These are all exciting opportunities for Ruapehu College.

This year I have really enjoyed time on the mountain with the snow academy and biking with Mr Campbell's yr 11 PE class. The school ball was a great success and we all enjoyed the 'city of lights' theme. The year 10 camp to OPC and the year 9 camp to Valhalla are always amazing events. It was great to see the performing arts class singing at 'the Rocks' and view the excellent garments created by Mrs Beukes soft materials class. I enjoyed hearing our speakers at the Manu Korero in Whanganui. The Gateway and STAR programmes have continued to be a success. It was really pleasing to see a number of our young scientists researching alongside Massey University staff and PHD students.

It is with regret that we farewell Mrs Sue Laurenson who retires after many years of service to the College. We wish her every enjoyment for the future. We also farewellled our hard technology teacher Mr Darren Alexander and welcomed Mrs Julie Downey. Mr Chris McLeod also departed midyear to which we welcomed Matua KJ Allen in his place. We also welcomed Mr Ben Plant who took over from Mr Josh Smith who left part way through the year. Mrs Brewis retired and headed north and we were sad to see her leave the front office.

I would like to wish our year 13s every success as they head out into the wide world. The school magazine provides much years of enjoyment in the year it is issued and many years into the future. School is often something we look back on with fond memories even if we didn't fully appreciate it at the time. Te Tamaiti e kai te matauranga, Nona tea o. The child who partakes of education, owns the world. We wish all our leavers the best for the future.

Ms Kim Basse



# STAFF



Back Row: Mrs M Wilson - B.Sc, Dip Teach, Mrs Kerren Dixon, Mrs Debbie Clunie, Mrs Glenda Higginson, Mr W Edmonds, Mrs S Laurenson - B.Com, Dip Teach, Mrs Wendy Hubbard.

Second Row: Mr Campbell Hart Bspex, Dip Teach, Mr David Sims B.TchLn, Mr J Jordan - B.Sc, Mr R Prasad - B.Sc, Mr J Greene - BA, Dip Teach, Mr B Connelly - M.SpLs, B SocSc, Mrs L Beukes - B.Ed, TESOL, Dip Teach, Deputy Principal Mr J White - B.Ed,

Front row: Mrs A Stuckey - B.Sc, Mr Ben Plant BSc, ACA, Dip Teach, Dip Fine Arts, Deputy Principal Mrs M Allen - BA, Dip Ed, Dip Teach, Principal Ms K Basse - M.EdAdmin, BA, Dip Teach, Mr KJ Allen BA, PGradDipTch, Massey; Cert Community Psychiatric Care, Otago; Cert Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling, WELTEC; Cert REBT, EIT. Mrs E Brewis, Mrs J Davidson.

Absent: Mrs S Buck - B.Sc Hons Dip Ed, Mr D Alexander - B Soc Sci, B Teach, Mrs M Hakaraia - Dip Teach, Mrs A McIver, Mrs K Sutton, Mr P Sutton, Mrs L Hall, Mrs Jude Hotter, Mrs Gaylene Edmonds, Miss Nicole Young, Mrs Rauna Te Huia, Miss Myra Babalo.

## STAFF CHANGES

Mrs Sue Laurenson arrived at the college in 1980 as Miss Batt and is leaving us at the end of 2016. Mrs Laurenson has taught in many subject areas over the years, Accounting, Economic Studies, Mathematics and a form teacher for many years. Sue has also been in charge of the stationery shop, NZQA and school finances at different times.

With the birth of her first child in 1985 Sue became part-time focusing on teaching accounting and continued as a part time teacher thereafter.

Sue has taught all five of her children and four of them have gone to university and completed commerce degrees.

Sue has always been extremely dedicated to the students, going the extra mile for them. She taught many students accounting and several of those students have gone onto further education in that subject and are now working in that field. This is a true credit to her.

Sue also taught many of the students preschool gymnastics over the years and contributed to many community groups, auditing finances and volunteering her time. She will be missed. We wish her well in the future.

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# STAFF CHANGES

Mr Chris McLeod (or Papa Chris as the students refer to him) left the College to take up the position of acting Principal of Te Kura Kaupapa Maori Ngati Rangī.



Mrs Brewis moved to Auckland after working as our receptionist for 14 years.



Mrs Julie Davidson took over teaching Hard Technology after Mr Alexander left. Mrs Davidson was with us in a relieving capacity last year and she assisted many of our senior students with their NCEA programmes.



Matua KJ Allen has been teaching Maths at Ruapehu College this year and also stepped up to fill the position of Mr Chris McLeod who had left.



Mr Campbell Hart (at right) started as the new head of Physical Education. He was previously acting head of PE at Longburn Adventist College. He has a keen interest in rugby and played for Whanganui.

Mr David Sims (centre) took the position as head of Performing Arts. He worked two days at Ruapehu College and the other three days at Raetihi Primary School. Mr Sims is well known in the community for his drama and music abilities.

Mr Joshua Smith (left) arrived at the College to teach Science. He came from Taumarunui College where he was Head of Science. He also assisted in the performing arts area as he had an interest in music.

Mr Alexander our Hard Technology Teacher departed for Freyberg High School.



Mr Ben Plant is a very talented and versatile teacher who taught year 9 Maths, assisted with the Performing Arts classes, Physics, Chemistry and Business Studies classes. He was previously teaching at Whanganui High School.

Miss Myra Babalo is the new Finance Administrator for our school. Myra has an accounting degree and has 12 years experience working in the finance industry overseas.





# STAFF CHANGES

Mrs Glenda Higginson (Nana G) has been working with students in the Special Education area. Mrs Higginson also managed a rugby team and has been a great supporter of all the students.



Student Teacher Steve Grant was studying his post graduate diploma in secondary school teaching (part time) with Massey University, and was also a full time serving soldier in the NZ Army.



# STUDENT LEADERS



## Head Girl Report

2016 at Ruapehu College has been an eventful year, ranging from inter-whanau events, to snow queen entries and student performances at The Mountain Rocks. On a more personal level, one of my favourite experiences was the Gisborne prefect trip. This not only united the prefects as a team for the rest of the year, but also taught us many invaluable leadership skills. Another defining experience was CACTUS, this programme brought together a range of students who would

all the way from Germany. Kadin Connelly was also offered the opportunity to travel to America on a rugby scholarship. This is very exciting as it shows the level of opportunity available to us here.

Looking back on my time at Ruapehu College I have many fond memories and know that it has set me in good stead for my future. I am privileged to be a part of the leavers class of 2016. Over the years these people have become not only my class mates, but my brothers and sisters. I wish you the best and know that with enough perseverance and the right attitude you can all achieve whatever you set your mind to. In the words of Paul Brandt "Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon". Reach for your goals and don't stop reaching until you've achieved them, then set new ones.



I would like to offer a profound thank you to all of the teachers who have helped sculpt us into the young adults that we are today. I have felt nurtured, inspired and tested by you over the last five years, and for that I cannot express how truly grateful I am.

I would also like to thank the parents who have supported us through our journey to adulthood. I know that at times we have not made it easy for you, but the amazing young ladies and gentlemen graduating this year are a testament to that parenting.

As the latest chapter of our lives unravels, I wish you all luck, although I am confident that you will not need it.

Lais Morris  
Head Girl 2016

Daniel Artz (Deputy Head Boy), Lais Morris (Head Girl), Ms Kim Basse (Principal), Caleb Lyon (Head Boy), Matthew Laurenson (Board of Trustees Representative)

never usually bond and pushed us to our physical and emotional limits over a ten week period. This encouraged positive relations with the local police force and incorporated intensive training into giving back to the community.

On an international level, we were lucky enough to receive Jana Von Restorff as an exchange student



# STUDENT LEADERS

I am proud to represent my fellow year 13 leavers as we reflect on our journey so far, and look forward to the future. The year began with the early mornings of CACTUS. The unifying inter-whanau tug-of-war, ANZAC commemorations, Kapa Haka inter-whanau competitions. City of Lights, night of the Ball, international and national sporting achievements, Exams, field trips, camps and conferences and not forgetting the three new Ruapehu College rugby teams formed this year.

From year 9 to year 13 and in between, whether you realise it or not I have learnt and gained so much from you all. I thank you for your support, for all the good laughs and the way you see things differently. "You da realist!"

My encouragement to you is to be "intentional". Ruapehu College becomes what you make it. Work hard in sports and academia and enjoy the benefits. Learn to seize opportunities. Stop waiting for Friday and summer but rather make the most of the moment you are in now.

Each year we the prefects acknowledge someone in the community who has made a positive contribution to the college. Someone who relates well and adds to the college. This year we have 2 recipients, Paora Toho and Glenda Higginson.

Rugby this year has been an incredible journey, Paora, this team would never have known the pride in representing not only our school but our community as well. This team would never have known the great camaraderie we have all experienced.

The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination. So thank you Paora for making it happen and leading us through a great season.

Nana G, you've lived up to your name and looked after us all. From stuffing tissues up bleeding noses to strapping shoulders, knees and ankles and not letting us play, washing 20 pairs of socks, for organising a feed after matches, thank you for all you've done.

To our parents we love you. We deeply appreciate the multitude of things you have done for us even when we don't say thank you enough. Day in day out there is constant support.

# MENTORING

All students at Ruapehu College are assigned an academic mentor from our teaching staff. The mentors role is to oversee the student's academic progress, and help them with future pathway planning. The mentors met with the students to touch base on their progress, and continue conversations about their future plans.

To our Principal, our teachers and all staff. Thank you. You make this school ROCK. We've seen and appreciated the colour orange every day. We like the conversations about Fiji. The smell of coffee and the stapler gun we won't forget. The moment of fun we had locking you out of your own class room. The generous fish n chips and pizza you fed us to keep us healthy and focused.



To my year 13 class, we journeyed together, we dug under woolsheds, we got up at 5 for CACTUS, we have known what it's like to click the submit button at one second before midnight to hand in history assignments, we have known what it's like to depend on each other on the rugby field. To you I thank you for those memories and wish you all the very best for the future.

To the up and coming prefects, well done for earning this position. The staff and students recognise the character, potential and the skill all of you possess. As we hand over the baton, run hard and don't care what people think.

And Finally.... This is your life. Do what you love and do it often. If you don't like something, change it. If you don't have enough time, stop watching T.V. If you are looking for the love of your life, stop; they will be waiting for you when you start doing things you love. Stop over analysing, life is simple. When you eat, appreciate every last bite. Open your mind, arms, and heart to new things and people. We are united in our differences. Ask the next person what their passion is, and share your inspiring dream with them. Travel often; getting lost will help you find yourself. Some opportunities only come once, seize them. Life is about the people you meet, and the things you create with them so go out and start creating. Life is short... be intentional.

Caleb Lyon  
Head Boy 2016





# WHANAU LEADERS

Tui  
Senior-Tom Howell (absent), Waimaria Matete  
Junior- Rory Fredericksen, Kaiawa Connelly  
(absent)

Weka  
Senior-Mohi Williams (absent), Naydah Bishop  
Junior-Joey Richards-Wiari, Dylan Tekura Bishop

Huia  
Senior-Laurence Mills,  
Lais Morris  
Junior-Dom Norling  
(absent), and Sequoia  
Sue-Waara

Kiwi  
Senior-Hamish Whale,  
Simone Grossart  
Junior-Tekaokao Kairimu  
(absent), Tayla White  
(absent)

Cultural Leaders  
Huia - Sequoia Sue-

Waara and Dom Norling (absent)  
Kiwi - Tekaokao Kairimu (absent), and Wynyard  
Baker  
Tui - Ashley Akapita  
Weka - Tukutahi Metekingi (absent), Dylan Te Kura  
Bishop.



# STUDENT COUNCIL



Back row: Racel Reyes, Laine Robson, Justice-Rose Dennison, Judah Lyon, Kaiawa Connelly, Michaelah Sinai.  
2nd row: Harry Toho, Mohi Williams, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Macy McNaught, Samantha Reyes, Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi, Ms Kim Basse (Principal).  
Front row: Scott Fraser, Jackson Bishop, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen, Lais Morris, Matthew Laurenson, George Joyce, Samuel Lyon.



# WALL OF FAME

Rugby Scholarship  
Kadin Connelly won a scholarship to America to play rugby.



Swimming Record Broken

Kaiawa Connelly broke the three length medley record that had been held by Amber Ryan since 2010.



Good Sorts  
Ruapehu College featured on television's One News to celebrate the college's "very own Good Sort". Lane Demchy was nominated by Jason White to acknowledge Lane's contribution to CACTUS (Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support).



Spirit of Adventure  
George Joyce won a scholarship for a ten day voyage on the Spirit of Adventure.



Equestrian  
Nash Jordan a talented equestrian rider competed at National Pony Club Dressage and Show Jumping Championships. He was the sole representative of the King Country at both of the events.



Fashion Finalist Kaiawa Connelly  
After judging, Kaiawa's entry was selected by the expert panel as a finalist in her division. Her design featured on the runway at New Zealand Fashion Week in the NZFW Graduate Show supported by Brother.



Dylan Te Kura Bishop competed in the shot put event at the NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Competition held at Mt Smart Stadium she was placed 5th overall. This was a great achievement.



Keaton Norling is a talented clay shooter. Highlights for this year were winning the NZ junior open Championship, the Taupo 300 sporting clays and Junior Championships.



Mr Jason White completed the Rotorua Marathon.





# WALL OF FAME

Squash  
Dylan Budge  
and Matthew  
Laurenson both  
competed in the  
North Island age



group Champs and  
both were selected  
for several Central  
Development squads  
and teams

## Top Academic Awards

The top awards for these students who gained Merit and Excellences endorsement across all their subjects. From left  
Rose Brandl - NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit  
Samantha Reyes - NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Excellence  
Caleb Lyon - NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit  
Monika Prasad - NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Merit  
Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen - NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Merit (absent)  
Waimaria Matete - NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit



Whanganui  
Secondary  
Schools Sports  
Awards

Matthew  
Laurenson won  
Coach of the Year  
for his time spent  
coaching squash  
players of various  
abilities.



## Waimarino Art Awards

Congratulations to Mohi Williams, Mackenzie Charlton and James Gowland-Douglas who all won placings for their work at the Waimarino Art Awards. We have some amazing talent in our school.

Nash Jordan  
competed in the  
'tough guy gal  
challenge' in the  
Hawkes Bay Nash  
placed 3rd out of  
140 competitors.  
This was in the Open  
Men's Under 39 so  
the competition was  
tough.



Mr  
Campbell  
Hart played  
for the  
Whanganui  
Rugby  
Team over  
the season  
winning the  
Meads Cup.



Ruapehu College in the news again, an article featuring Gateway in the Education Gazette. Amy Thompson on the cover.



## Rugby Representatives

Julian Toho and Garth Metekingi were selected for the Whanganui U16 representative team.  
Leim Norling was selected for the Whanganui U13 representative team.





# VISITORS

We have been honoured to have a number of authors visit the school and talk about their work whilst visiting Ohakune for the Writers Festival. Amy Hicks (poet) spoke to the students on poetry writing and challenged them to produce some work.



Webb Ellis Trophy. The Whanganui rugby union organised the rugby world cup visit to the school with the single purpose of promoting secondary school rugby.



Nicky Hager talked to senior students about his life's journey.



Visit from NZDF Recruitment Officer Shane Foster. Year 12 & 13 students who are interested in the career opportunities available through the New Zealand Defence Force were treated to an insightful overview of these as well as the whole recruitment process



University Visits We had many university visits over the year offering student support with their degree applications including subject choices and any accommodation or funding queries students had.



EnviroChallenge. Chairman Calum Revfem of Enviro Challenge NZ (a charitable trust delivering a sustainability education and leadership programme in high schools), spoke to students in assembly about the environment and taking part in the challenge.



# DONATIONS

The college is the grateful recipient of a brand new 3D printer, donated by Mayhla Howell from Auckland. She won the printer as part of her prize at the Snow Queen Wearable Art Show held in Ohakune which had been donated by Shane Nottage of Spark Whanganui. She was so impressed with the creativity of the girls work entered, that she decided to donate the printer to the college, to further inspire all the creative students of the college. Ruapehu College publicly thank Mrs Howell for her generosity and inspiration.







Back row: Michaelah Sinai, Lamar Tutemahurangi, Rona Condon.  
2nd row: Ryan Burton, Teddy Condon-Allen, Duncan Francois, Leim Norling, Cruze Fisher, Mr Brian Connelly (Teacher).  
Front row: Timothy Browne, Jeramaia Joyce, Diamond Mapp, Aaron Richards, Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi.  
Absent: Victoria Bethell, Legacy Hiroti, Koebe Mareikura, Masiya Taiaroa.



Back row: Abilene Thomas, Mackenzie Charlton, Connor Gibson, Jude White, Wynyard Baker, Ellen Thomas.  
2nd row: Aciana Akapita, Harry Toho, Leonardo Csore, Rose Collett, Tanaeya Henare, Nazomi Groot, Mr Ben Plant (Teacher).  
Front row: Levana Paul, Eliza Warbrick, Gabriel Theodore, Samuel Lyon, Izzy Theodore, Kate Rowe, Taty Hiroti.  
Absent: James Gowland-Douglas, James Frew, Te Taumata Nelio, Kaija Ruatara.



# TOCH



Back row: Chellecia Akapita, Tekaoakao Karimu, Sophie Couper.  
2nd row: Daniel Woodhead, Emanuelle Taura-Hawira, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Justice-Rose Dennison, Mr Campbell Hart (Teacher).  
Front row: Chloe Garland, T'Leya Wood, Kayla Pearce, Tayla White, Michelle Evans.  
Absent: Dom Norling, Kauri Harris, Jess Taura, Sequoia Sue-Waara, DJ Pearson, Deraileigh Munn, Tia-Louise Stevens-Wilkie.

# TOZLB



Back row: Rory Fredricksen, Jayne Metekingi, John Richards, Kaiawa Connelly, James True.  
2nd row: Hayley Artz, Dean Whale, Joey Richards-Wiari, Dylan Kennett, Western Pickery, Mrs Louise Beukes (Teacher).  
Front row: Lilnita Wallace, Alice Walls, Ebony Hansen, Charly Hika-Wright, Ebony Thomas, Laine Robson, Racel Reyes.  
Absent: Jack Herewini, Ngahuia Brider-Wiari, Te Whenua Ranginui.



# VJG



Back row: Pipi Williams, Dion-tre Wood, Molly Parker, Mr Johnny Greene (Teacher).  
 2nd row: Nicholas McDonnell, Nathan Thompson, Warren Williams, Judah Lyon, Keaton Norling.  
 Absent: Mystique King, Temirimai Hawira, Samuel Reyes, Dakota Horne, Joshua Gunn, Amba Carter, Seth Howe, Claudia Reed.

# VJP



Back row: Rebecca Csore, Macy McNaught, Kaheiana Hansen.  
 2nd row: Dylan Budge, Nash Jordan, Scott Fraser, Julian Toho, Karl Ioannidis, Mr Raj Prasad (Teacher).  
 Front row: Daynah Bishop, Dante Gordon, Ashley Akapita, Mason Baker, Anamaraea McDonnell.  
 Absent: Michaela Kumeroa, Tia Bristol-Job, Talitha Twigley, Garth Metekingi, Pani Henare, Kororia Wall-MacAlister.



# 12AS



Back row: Amy Calder, Tukutahi Metekingi, Lara Edmonds, Mrs Ann Stuckey (Teacher).  
Front row: Mohi Willaims, Jackson Bishop, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen, George Joyce, Xavia Steedman-Wills.  
Absent: Naydah Bishop, Hamish Whale, Dylan Greaney, Te Mura Ote Aroha Callaghan, Barney Richards-Warbrick, Avril Pehi.

# 12JD



Back row: Steven Haitana, Pikiao Waara, Zayden Herewini Taiaroa.  
2nd row: Jack Parker, Samantha Reyes, Rawinia Thomas, Zakaycia Winter, Monika Prasad.  
Front row: Daniel Wylie, Michael Gibson, Nathaniel Bethell, Kyran Jones, Tom Couper.  
Absent: Tai Malcolm, Peter Kennett, Zyon Epiha-Netana, Mrs Julie Davidson (Teacher).





Back row: Simone Hawira, Lais Morris, Waimaria Matete.  
 2nd row: Rose Brandl, Jana von Restorff, Jonty Curtis, Tom Howell, Courtenay McDonnell, Mr Jerry Jordan (Teacher).  
 Front row: Laurence Mills, Caleb Lyon, Daniel Artz, Matthew Laurenson, Crimson Rangihika Toto.  
 Absent: Cameron Hotter, Helena Bethell, Connor Wills, Aria Wihare-Hansen, Te Arani Rawiri, Tu-Irirangi Cassidy, Jeremy Fredericksen, Kurtis Fredericksen, Kadin Connelly.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Jana von Restorff is our International student who came from Hamburg, in Germany. She is enjoying her stay so far and is coming to terms with the Kiwi accent. "My understanding of English is getting better" she says. Hamburg has a population of 1.8 million so "this is smaller and different." She is adapting to life at the college commenting that the teachers are friendly, "much friendlier than the teachers in Germany". Jana is a keen skier. She also enjoys horse riding. She is considering a career in law and already has entrance into a University in Germany. Jana will be with us until April, 2017.

Photo Jana von Restorff with Lais Morris





# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Chairman's Report

2016 has been a very successful year with lots happening and high achievement in all areas of our school.

It has been more than 'business as usual' at Ruapehu College this year. What better way to start the school year than to receive a letter from the Minister of Education, the Hon. Hekia Parata congratulating and commending us on our raised achievement in our NCEA results for the past year.

We saw another successful CACTUS programme, run exceptionally well – this is a great event and a thank you to all involved.

Early Term 2 saw the return of ERO and ended up being an excellent report. Successfully seeing us return to a 3-year review. This is awesome and a big thank you to staff, management and board. Especially, thank you, to Kim and her management team for the extra work involved in facilitating and achieving this.

Congratulations to Johnny Greene and Jerry Jordan who received a teacher-led innovation grant to continue and grow their English-History subject combination, this has been a real success. As is our partnership with the Tech-Hub (Te Pae Tata), providing a future digital technology curriculum. This initiative has been deemed a success, hence once again gaining funding to facilitate this through an innovation grant from the Ministry of Education. This is exciting as Ruapehu College are leaders in the implementation of the new digital technology curriculum in New Zealand.

In June, our new board took office, with the nominations received we had enough to form a board without going to an election. Our new board;

Kim Basse – Principal  
Johnny Greene – Staff Rep

Zane Couper – Chair  
Samantha Reyes – Student Rep  
Matthew Laurenson - Student Rep  
Dean Francois  
Roberta Williams  
Mike Craig  
Erena Mikaere-Most  
Lane Demchey  
Gaylene Edmonds - Secretary

This is exciting and we are all looking forward to governing our school and moving Ruapehu College to a bright future.

Our Board is about to engage in school and greater community consultation. We are looking forward to your input so we can plan to accommodate the community's needs for our college.

Financially everything is good, we have tracked to budget well, and we are looking forward to changing our financial services provider to our local Balance Accountants. This has many advantages, not only in cost saving, but giving us greater control and a better way of reporting.

We are also currently working on our 5YA property agreement and addressing 'hold-ups' with current projects, so we are hoping that early 2017 will see the result of this.

Overall, an excellent year.

Thank you to all our staff, to our Principal Kim, and our senior management team Jason and Marama. Thank you also to my fellow board members. As we look forward to 2017, together we will achieve well.

To all our students moving on – all the very best for a prosperous future.  
'Aim High'.

Zane Couper  
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Back row:  
Gaylene Edmonds (Secretary) Mike Craig, Roberta Williams, Erena Mikaere-Most, Dean Francois, Samantha Reyes – Student Rep, Kim Basse (Principal), Zane Couper (Chairperson), Johnny Greene (Staff Rep)



# CACTUS



Back row: Mr Jason White (Teacher), Ashley Akapita, Samuel Reyes, Samantha Reyes, Kaiawa Connelly, Laine Robson.  
 3rd row: Nicky Schrafft (Police), Cameron Hotter, Pikiaro Waara, Caleb Lyon, Waimaria Matete, Anamaraea McDonnell.  
 2nd row: Shane Rowland (Police), Dylan Budge, Hayley Artz, Jackson Bishop, George Joyce, Justice-Rose Dennison, Judah Lyon, Daniel Porter (Army).  
 Front row: Laurence Mills, Daniel Artz, Mike Craig (Police), Lais Morris, Nick Savage (Police), Matthew Laurensen, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen.

CACTUS is a well established programme implemented nationwide with a proven track record of developing students physical and mental well being, assisting local youth in their personal development and reducing crime.

CACTUS was based on an Armed Forces fitness programme and designed to extend a young person's mind and physical capability and to build motivation, resilience, problem solving skills and self esteem so that they are motivated to reach their potential. This year the physical training component had an increased focus on teamwork, leadership and discipline. It also aimed to build relationships between Police and the school and the wider school community.

CACTUS ran for ten weeks commencing on 10 February 2016. It consisted of physical training sessions each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings starting at the Ruapehu College gymnasium at 05.45am.

- Monday sessions consisted of an indoor circuit session involving high intensity interval training.
- Wednesdays were battle PT sessions where the students would engage in military style exercise working in a team unit to overcome challenges, carrying army stores such as logs, tyres, Jerry cans, ammo tins to various locations with problem solving tasks along the way.
- Friday sessions were aerobic fitness sessions

usually involving a long slow run.





# CACTUS

The fitness levels of the students were gauged throughout the programme through a RFL (required fitness level) test used by both the Police and the Army. This consisted of a 2.4km run, maximum effort press ups and sit ups.

The 'Longest Day' was held on Thursday the 14th and Friday the 15th of April. Students were transported to the Waiouru Army Base where they were set up in the accommodation. Students were then taken to the pool where they were put through a number of challenges requiring them to work as a team to complete tasks.

At 3am, staff woke the group up and asked them to dress appropriately for PT. Students formed in



ranks and were then given the following challenges: Jerry Can relay, tyre stacking challenge, Log carry, assault course.

After students had been fed they were transported to the beginning of Old Coach Road in Horopito. The students ran the track they were faced with the following challenges. Transporting stores the whole way including a long rope, Jerry cans, a plank, and personal water supplies, quiz questions, a memory task, threading a needle and an 'Egg drop' challenge off a viaduct.

Then onto Christie Park in Ohakune where the local volunteer fire brigade had set up a game of 'fire hose football' there students were tasked with completing setup challenges before facing off with fire hoses to blast a ball through their opponent's goal.

Following this, ropes were attached to the fire engine and staff and students joined forces to pull the fire engine the 1.7kms past Ohakune Primary School to Ruapehu College.

The students had endured 12 hours of physical, mental and emotional challenges they all pulled together as a collective to support each other achieve success. Police, Army and College staff were with them for the duration and were able

to witness the lengths at which students pushed themselves, and each other, to complete the challenges presented.

## Graduation

CACTUS participants and their whānau were invited to attend the graduation dinner, held at the Officers Mess at the Waiouru Army Camp. It is a privilege to be invited to this facility, this shows the support and recognition of the army.

## Prize giving/awards

- CCCI award (Courage, Comradeship, Commitment, Integrity) - Kaiawa Connelly.
- Top overall CACTUS Participant - Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen
- Most improved overall - Cameron Hotter
- Top Male RFL Result. - Dylan Budge.
- Top Female RFL Result. - Kaiawa Connelly
- Most improved RFL. - Ashley Akapita
- 'guts, grit, and determination' - Daniel Artz
- Peer award - Laurence Mills

We would like to acknowledge the following people and organisations: Anne Stuckey, Anne McIver, Snowhaven Accommodation, Cyprus Tree Restaurant, Powderhorn Chateau, BeeDee's, The Whanganui Community Foundation, Genesis Energy, Winstone Pulp International, Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust, Atihau Incorporation, Ngati Rangī Trust, Lamberts Business Solutions, AlSCO, Station Lodge, NZ Police, NZ Army providing resources in the form of vehicles, college staff, Jane Sherrit Dentist, Justines, Cookie Time, Stephanie Rodgers, Liz Brooker.

Mr Jason White





# CACTUS





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It has been an exciting year in PE. Mr Hart has enjoyed his first year at Ruapehu College. Physical Education is about developing students physically, mentally and emotionally. Students learn being pushed out of their comfort zones and trying new experiences. The year 13s began the year training for and completing a triathlon with other



Whanganui secondary schools. This was a practical assessment and all who started completed the race. Three of the students managed to gain excellence grades for their times. We have also studied biomechanics through lacrosse and looked at different coaching approaches in NZ. We finished the year with the class planning and implementing a two day journey which involved mountain biking the 42 traverse, camping overnight and rafting down a river. It has been an exciting year for this class.

The year 12s began the year planning and implementing an overnight tramp. We walked from the Desert Road to Whakapapa staying the night at Waihohonu Hut. This class also completed assessments which involved coaching students at Ohakune Primary School. They also completed a four week training programme which prepared them to compete against each other for turbo touch glory.

The year 11s have made the step up into NCEA and had a successful year. They have participated in a range of different activities and sports. They have learnt about bones, muscles and biomechanics utilising this knowledge to improve their volleyball skills. The class finished the year learning about self-management and demonstrating this during high ropes and mountain bike trips.



Year 9 & 10 students have enjoyed learning about self-discipline, social responsibility and interpersonal skills through sports such as basketball, hockey, tennis, fitness, softball and volleyball.

We look forward to seeing what exciting things happen next year....

Mr Campbell Hart



# SOFT FABRIC

Wow! What a year 2016 has been! We started with two small classes, with more students joining us by the middle of the year.

Our theme for the year was "Wearable Art" and we lived up to it. A personal high-light for me was the Brother Design Star competition. Congratulations again to Kaiawa, Rose and Sophie for designing and constructing three amazing garments. Kaiawa's entry, created from recycled bicycle tyre tubes, was a finalist in the Year 10 to 13 category of the competition. It was modelled on the catwalk during the New Zealand Fashion Week. But that was not all, Brother Sewing also sent her a top of the range sewing machine to get even more creative. You have done us proud Kaiawa!

Winter came and so did the Ruapehu Snow Queen Wearable Art Show. Again, the girls shone like bright stars with their super creative garments, based on Hans Anderson's fairy tale, *Snow Queen*. It was an open competition and it was fiercely contested. Perhaps in the future the organisers will have more categories in the future, that would cater to primary schools, secondary schools and professional designers. Despite the fact that our entries did not make it to the top, they were brilliant. The college was the grateful recipient of a 3D printer donated by Maylah Howell, winner of the 2016 Snow Queen. She praised our girls' creativity and inspired us for next year's competition. Bring it on!

To end a most successful year, the seniors travelled to Wellington to attend the annual World of Wearable Art Show. It was a great experience for us all: the shared lunches in the park in Levin, the "night-life" in Courtenay Place, looking for a late night snack, the Sherlock game and even a parking ticket because someone pushed too many buttons. We came back full of ideas for next year when we will do it all again. Thank you Mrs Stuckey, you were an amazing driver in Wellington's peak hour traffic and finding Nomad's in record time.

Mrs Louise Beukes





# FOOD AND NUTRITION



## Food and Nutrition classes serve up skills for life.

Food and Nutrition classes teach the basics of cooking and nutrition while exploring technology processes in food.

We prepare and make healthy dishes (following the food and nutrition guidelines) which luckily includes cheese for Jack but does not include the high amounts of sugar that Steven enjoys.

The hands-on aspect of these classes is still a large part of the course, which helps students stay motivated and understand concepts better.

Topics this year have ranged from sausage making to healthy eating for adolescents and everything imaginable in between including food safety, barista, bread making, cultural foods and hospitality to name a few.

Ask the students what their favourite thing in the Foods room was this year and I guarantee 99.9% answered eating.

Asked what their favourite thing they made or did and depending on the level. It ranged from fried rice at year 10 (Cultural food), coffee making at year 12 (Barista course), and cheese cake at year 11 (Hospitality) however they were pretty happy as long as they were cooking something to eat.

2016 served up a busy year and a great bunch of happy students who could leave with their puku full, and a smile on their face.

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia

# DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

The year 11's have spent a year on project, "Model Canoe". Their patience and diligence has resulted in six completed models. On kind invitation by the owner of G J H Fibreglass Company in Bulls, the students had an opportunity to see how fibreglass can be used to make products. The year 11 students experimented and used fibreglass to waterproof their model canoes.

The achievements in Design Technology have extended to the level 2 students' completion of several barbecue tables and saw horses, these were made to complete the BCAT'S Unit Standard Level 2. A range of different styles of pedestal tables showed that technology is very much about design, problem solving and ingenuity. Imagination, diversity and team work have all been elements that have made this department shine and has shown what can be achieved through hard work and commitment.

Mrs Julie Davidson





# ENGLISH

The English department began the year with a trip to Whanganui's Basin Botanic Gardens. The gardens proved the perfect setting for a twilight performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Two van-loads of students soaked up the atmosphere and followed the tragedy closely. It was interesting to note the level of understanding of the play through watching. We can sometimes run scared of Shakespeare because of the language, but when you see it performed the meaning is quite apparent.

Ruapehu College, in particular the English department, was honoured and delighted to be involved with the inaugural Ruapehu Writer's Festival, held in Ohakune in March. This was a busy weekend of lectures, discussions and readings with some of the really big names of New Zealand writing. Anna Jackson, Associate Professor of English at Victoria University and one of the festival organisers, involved the school as much as possible over the weekend. Leading up to the event she spoke to our senior classes regarding academic writing. She also arranged poetry classes for our seniors with some very qualified and talented festival participants.

The festival provided all sorts of opportunities for our students to engage with professional writers. Several students were able to ask various questions of some of their favourite writers. These interviews were later published in the Bulletin. Dan Rolls of the Ohakune New World supermarket and Kath Campbell at NZR Real Estate very kindly gave us some window space for a display of student work. Our Year 10s were able to fill the allocated space with some very sharp looking adverts for the Writer's Festival. As an extra bonus, we have been able to use these advertisements as part of the Year 10 entry into NCEA and the students will gain NCEA credits for their work.

This year we have been trialling a blended curriculum delivery at the senior levels (Levels 2 and 3). This is an exciting innovation. Initially this is a joint project between the English and the Social Sciences departments. The goal is to raise academic achievement at our senior level. The blend is unashamedly academic. Expectations are

set high and students are encouraged to read and write at a level that will fully prepare them for a seamless transition into tertiary study.

There has been some interest in this project from several schools from all over the country. The Ministry has taken an interest to the tune of \$50,000 as a grant to assist us in getting the project up and going. This is a challenging project, both for the teachers involved and for the students. However, to achieve a goal of normalising academic achievement and aspiration, the effort will be all worthwhile.

I end this year's report with an apology. Through the year we have been working to link up with Taumarunui High School for a debating competition.

Unfortunately we have not been able to bring this about. I can promise that we will have a debating competition for the Mayoral Cup next year. We will also return to the annual favourite, the Speech Evening.

I offer my thanks to my English teaching colleagues, Ms Basse and Mrs Beukes, and my best wishes for the holiday season and for a successful and happy 2017 to everyone.  
Mr Johnny Greene





# LIBRARY

They say "Time flies when you're having fun" well that must be the case for me as this year has flown by.... and now is the time to reflect on what has been happening in the School library in 2016.

At the end of 2015 it was decided that the library would have a new library system that meant transferring all information from the old system to the new. So lots of really old data had to be removed first - and there was heaps to clear out! There were a few hiccups, as there always is with something different, but finally we had the new system Athenaem up and running. This system is part of the KAMAR Programme which the college uses so it fits in well.

The college has acquired more Chromebooks and these continue to be fully utilized by students. My job is to ensure that the numbers requested by staff are fulfilled, which sometimes requires a lot of juggling. Not physically of course but a lot of "give and take" between teachers and myself!

Mrs. Hall who is in charge of Careers and the Gateway Co-ordinator. Her office based in a room in the Library and has display shelving and magazines to help students in their decision making about their futures. Mrs. Hall is planning to expand this display for next year to include more helpful information.

Books purchased for the library this year have been aimed at all levels of reading abilities with brilliant colourful graphic novels that can easily be read in a short time to series books which "hook in" readers with up to three or more books in a particular series. Of course we have the "stand alone" novels which cover a wide variety of subjects but sadly the book issue this year is the lowest since I first came in 2008. Students may well be reading e-books at home and/or visiting their local library for books, I do hope this is the case as they are missing out so much if they are not reading.

We supported the New Zealand team at the Rio Olympics by having posters of athletes and giving

up to date information and results. We also had a Medal Board of Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners. It was an amazing fortnight as there were so many highs and lows and some fantastic results in a variety of sports.

Last term we had a delightful lunch held in the library. Now normally food in the library is a definite "no no" but this was for a special occasion - It was a celebration for junior students who had won Junior student of the Week Award and also those nominated for an award. They were presented with certificates and tasty finger food for their hard work and success. We were given a wonderful haka which was performed by Wynyard Baker to thank staff who had organized the event.

PB4L - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING is a programme "to engage school, whanau and community in positive behaviour which enhances student learning outcomes".

The school has a points system where students earn points by demonstrating respect, honesty, confidence and rapuhia kote matauranga and these are recognized by teachers. My job is to collate the points of each student and when they want to use those points they come to me and select a reward. These rewards range from pens at 10 points to beanies at 150 points. It is a pleasure to reward deserving students.

We have received another generous donation from Books in Schools Libraries, Bridget Williams Publishing Trust which allows "Access award-winning books anywhere, anytime and on any device". We are grateful for these wonderful historical books as we would never be able to afford them ourselves.

A long and hopefully sunny break coming up for everyone to revitalize and re-charge batteries so that we can return in 2017 with plenty of energy to meet whatever challenges that come our way. "You can find magic wherever you look, sit back and relax with a book" quote from Dr. Seuss.

Mrs Wendy Hubbard  
Librarian



Junior students of the week gather together for lunch.



# SCIENCE

The Science department had some hiccups this year with staff changes, but our students have adapted well and we look forward to some great results. The senior students did good things in NCEA in 2016.

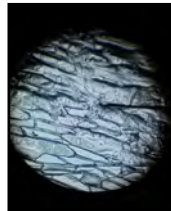
Some senior students with Miss Wilson took part in the 2016 *Kiwi 4 Ever* programme in term one. They did very well and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. It is a wonderful programme sponsored by Untouched World. During the week, the students learnt not only about the Kiwi and its biology but also 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.

Freshwater Ecology in local rivers was also part of internal assessments this year. Years 11, 12 and 13 using this local resource to study ecology. The year 11 Practical Science class again used a river study with their first internal assessment, this linked well to some iwi assistance from Keith Wood and DOC helping with these studies.

Some senior students were able to take part in the Curious Minds project, which was great. Year 11 enjoyed their time with the Hot Wheels cars and track,

learning about the physics of movement was cool fun. They also investigated the action of Rennin on milk in the stomachs of babies by setting up an artificial situation in test tubes in the Lab.

The Junior classes have followed a programme this year with lots of practical work. This photo along side was taken by a year 9 student looking at onion cells with one of the new monocular microscopes purchased this year.



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 very relevant to all aspects of our lives and will be increasing in importance in our futures. Work hard and enjoy as you study and understand your life.

Mrs Shelagh Buck



# ART WORK

Kyran Jones



T'Leya Wood





# ART

## Art in the year of Jeff

Lots of new students joined Art this year... I think they heard there was a new teacher, Jeff. In fact Jeff was not new at all. He had been here for over 20 years, well before Mrs Stuckey. This did not seem to matter as he became very important to some people this year-Amy, Kyran, Monika. Jeff was taken out of school for different social occasions including the ball. And then... the unthinkable happened. Jeff was kidnapped. Excellent detective work by Jerry Jordan, Kyran and Amy, soon revealed he had been removed by a sneaky school caretaker. It would seem that Jeff did not mind too much as while he was being held captive he looked down on students, yes even art students, Jeff was student of the week and hid with Mr White in the DP's office. Jeff almost got too good to be in Art, but thankfully he is now back where he belongs.

Enough about Jeff though. The important things that happened in Art this year were: Mohi Williams was Young Artist, Mackenzie Charlton was Junior Artist and James Douglas-Gowland, Junior Photographer, at the Waimarino Art Awards. Well done to you all. Year 9 had Art as an option this year and had a go at painting, printmaking and clay. Some must have enjoyed it because they are coming back next year...hurrah!

The year 10's became really good with painting, printmaking and photography. They also wanted to learn how to paint and draw people. Mrs Stuckey had to give that a go too. The year 10 art class were amazing. They truly ROCK.

Seniors were all together again and there seemed a lot of them at times. Work included roses, and flowers, ballerinas and rusty sheds, dandelions, our maunga, skiing, chickens, forests, the Beatles and zebras. What a diverse group of artists. Mostly though, Art was about friends and laughter. We say good bye to Rose, who has spent five years doing Art. Congratulations on receiving the

Dr Jordan Art Memorial Prize this year and good luck with University.

We also say goodbye to Cameron, Jonty, Tom, Lais, Simone, Connor, Courtenay, Kadin, Waimaria, Laurence, Crimson, Dylan G and Daniel W. Some of you have been in Art two years, others only this year, some not even all of this year and some only one term. Thank you for coming, feel free to come and visit any time. Remember "hard work is the most likely way to enjoy a successful future".

Mrs Ann Stuckey

Mohi Williams



Kaiawa Connolly



Mohi Williams



Amy Calder



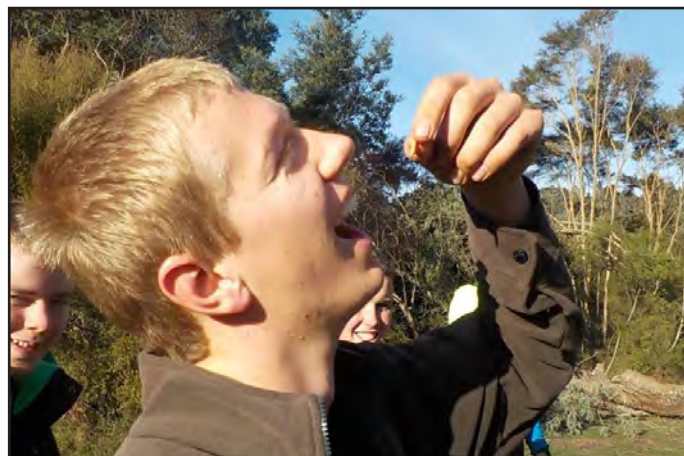
# OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Back row: Anamaraea McDonnell, Tukutahi Metekingi, Jonty Curtis, Tom Howell, Dion-tre Wood.

2nd row: Waimaria Matete, Cameron Hotter, Jackson Bishop, George Joyce, Mohi Williams, Brian Connelly (Coach)

Front row: Laurence Mills, Matthew Laurenson, Daniel Artz, Caleb Lyon, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen.





# ACCOUNTING

2016 will be the end of an era for me as I finish teaching at Ruapehu College after 37 years of being in the Accounting Department.

During this time I have had the privilege of educating some amazing young adults. There is immense satisfaction in having a part in moulding someone's future and I feel so proud when I see students from our College graduating from university and going onto successful and challenging careers. There is as much pride also in seeing some of these young people out in the community making amazing parents to the next generations who will come through the College.

Our PB4L values are so important for success. If you can respect yourself and give an honest effort in everything you do, approaching work with confidence because you know you have worked hard enough to achieve, then you will achieve. Too often I see work not being submitted for assessments because of fear of failure, or simply not being bothered. This is not showing respect to yourself or giving an honest attempt. It is hard to fail but it is worse not to have tried to succeed.

Huge congratulations go to 2015 students who achieved great results in the external examinations at the end of last year. Samantha Reyes achieved NCEA Level 1 Accounting endorsed with Excellence, Monika Prasad achieved NCEA Level 1 Accounting endorsed with Merit. All three Level 2 students – Daniel Artz, Matt Laurenson and Caleb Lyon received Level 2 Accounting endorsed with Merit. These

results were outstanding especially considering that all these students were taught in a multi level class, with all three levels being in the same class together.

I look forward to the 2016 results. Results time is a bit like Christmas for me – I think I get more excited about results than the students, and I log in to the NZQA website every day to see if they have been released yet.

I will miss the challenges that teaching brings, and the amazing young people that I have taught and I leave with a huge number of wonderful memories. Remember life is a journey. Goals are your destination and hard work is your set of wheels to help you get there. Nothing comes for free.

Mrs Sue Laurenson



## TE REO MAORI - STUDENT WORK

Toku kura

Tēnā koutou, ko Ebony Thomas tōku ingoa. Tekau mā whā hōku tau. Ko Ruapehu te maunga, ko Aotea te waka, ko Uenuku te iwi, ko Ngāti Kowhai kura te hapū, ko Mangamingi te marae. Kei te tāone o Raetihi ahau e noho ahau. Ka haere ahau ki te kura tuarua o Ruapehu.

Kei Ohakune toku kura he tawhito noa te kura. Kei te whakanui matou e ono tekau ma tahi ngā tau i tēnei tau mō te kura. I whakatūwheratia te kura o Ruapehu i te tau kōtahi mano iwa rau, rima tekau ma rima, kōtahi rau rima tekau ngā taiohi, kua haere iti noa nga taiohi e kuraina ana ki tēnei kura i tēnei wa.

Ka timata te kura i te rua tekau meneti ki te iwa karaka ia ata ia ata, ā, ka ringi te pere i te rima meneti pahi mai i te toru karaka mo te mutunga o te kura. Kei roto ahau i te reanga tekau, i mua o tēnā i haere ahau ki te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ngāti Rangī. A muri o te wāhanga tuarua kei a matou te paramanawa ka huaki te toa o te kura ia paramanawa me kai tina. He maha nga kai ki te hoko mai i te toa o te kura.

Tēnā koe,  
Ko Ngahuia Ngarimu Wiari Brier tōku ingoa. Nō Raetihi ahau.  
He Kaikuti makawe taku umanga wawata.  
Ko aku kōrero mutunga, mo tēnei tau, "Look upon the doughnut, not upon the hole"

Kia ora. Ko Joey tōku ingoa  
Nō Raetihi ahau.  
He kaitākaro pahiketepōro taku umanga wawata.  
Ko taku kaha rongonui "whatsgood !!"













# PERFORMING ARTS

Kia kaha. Kia māia. Kia manawanui.

2016 has been a year of change, opportunity, experimentation and development. It has been most satisfying to lead the unfolding of this, working with a number of students who just 'get' the Arts. In the words of the late, great David Bowie: "Tomorrow belongs to those who can hear it coming."



At Ruapehu College, we now have a whakatauki specifically for the Performing Arts. It is all that underpins what we want, strive for and do as aspiring Artists:  
"Kanikani, ētia ano kāore he tangata i te mātakitaki.  
Waiatatia, ētia ano kāore he tangata i te whakarongo.  
He take tō te whakaatu.  
Kia kaha.  
Kia māia.  
Kia manawanui."

Dance like no-one is watching. Sing like no-one is listening. Act because it matters.  
Be strong. Be brave. Be confident.

These are the simple yet profound attitudes that we are attempting to establish within our students as not only performers and learners, but young men and women. So far there have been excellent strides towards upholding these values as the students have embraced the change without fear. I wish to acknowledge the way the students and the wider college community have not only accepted this challenge, but embraced it and my ideas throughout 2016.

A particular focus for this year was to ensure that the students realise the need to share the gifts and talents they possess. The NCEA standards do not only seek to reward technical ability and



'theoretical knowledge', but the elements of performance that are often, difficult to teach: confidence, connection, heart or swag. Whatever you call it, it is often reserved for our most-inner circle. Channelling this into a live performance for the enjoyment of others is one of the greatest challenges around. Especially where judgement and critique is almost certainly guaranteed. Our students are doing well to embrace our whakatauki and 'get out there' for the community and themselves.

With the support of The Mountain Rocks Café, we held our first public performance: 'Pumanawa'. Most of the senior performing arts students planned, practiced and executed performances they can be proud of. The community and whanau support we received on the night was outstanding. Literally! As in standing room only and many watching through the windows outside! This seriously raised the spirits of our nervous Artists, along with much raucous applause and hollerin'. It was a memorable night to say the least! A 'pub-style' gig is a valuable experience for aspiring musicians as it can become your 'bread and butter' in the search for a big-break. I would like to give a huge thanks to the owner/operators of 'The Rocks', Karl and Maureen Christensen, for their support with 'Pumanawa'. Hopefully we can make it an annual event.





# PERFORMING ARTS

The middle of the year was loaded with basic music theory and a great deal of time looking at various genres of music and how they are essentially all connected. We studied everything from Mozart and Beethoven to Bob Marley and the artist most commonly known as 'Prince'. We absorbed Bowie and listened to the songs of Glen Frey from 'The Eagles'. Appreciating these 'roots' and 'branches' allowed us to be open to engaging with a much more diverse diet of material. I have come to enjoy Reggae and Blues at the hands of my students. In turn, they have come to love Grunge, Rock and everything about the 90's. Other aspects of the course involved exploring composition and how songs are formed. It was a great privilege to work with musician Karl Thomas (K-Dread, House Of Shem) as a part of the NZ Music Commission project celebrating 15 years of NZ Music Month. Both the senior and junior groups created original songs that have the all hallmarks of 'classic-kiwi' hits.

At the time of writing, we are polishing our performances for the NCEA assessment concert. The students have been working hard on the items and I anticipate awarding a number of 'Merits' at the least. Seniors, you have surprised many this year. Well done. Let's keep the surprises coming!

The interest in Performing Arts in the junior years has been infectious with numbers for 2017 trebling! The Year 10 class was small but they made a fantastic group to teach and in all cases: introduce to instruments! Exploring everything from Coldplay to Dave Dobbyn to Guns 'n' Roses, the girls have consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic and commitment to their tasks. Natural talent has been handy too, as they explore multiple instruments. Their potential is very exciting. So too, is that of the Year 9 group. A braveness and desire to share their abilities has allowed them to be every bit a part of our performances, not only holding their own – but often providing a number of highlights. Whether it be Nirvana or Adele, Year 9 gave it everything! The enthusiasm, dedication and desire to perform takes artists a long way towards wonderful careers in the industry. I expect we have a number of future stars in our midst.



I am very excited about the prospects for 2017. We will be driving towards having Ruapehu College

'on the map' as a place where Performing Arts is valued and excelled in. This will include having all students sitting external exams in music notation and aural theory. Keep an eye out for 'RockQuest', 'Play It Strange', School Production, and other concert events as we continue to 'walk the talk' in Performing Arts. We may even get out and busk to raise much needed funds to overhaul our instruments!



Here's to singing, dancing and acting like it really matters in 2017. Remember, one great performance can change everything! Bring it on. Let's see what 'change' we can make.

"I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring!"  
David Bowie  
1947 – 2016



Mr David Sims



# GATEWAY

During 2016 the Gateway Programme provided 15

senior students to undertake various vocational programmes which included work-based placements. Thank you to the local employers who supported these programmes. We were delighted to work again this year with Awhi Dairy Farm, Ohakune Automotive, Ohakune i-Site and McCarthy Transport. We were also pleased to welcome further employers including Mt Ruapehu (their



Native Nursery and Carl & Mel Deadman (who supported an agriculture programme). Students on Gateway have the opportunity to work

Customer Services team and their Food and Beverage team), Eves Construction, Angel Louise Café, Winstone Pulp International (Electrical Team), Carina's



towards vocational unit standards recognised by their employer's industry sector; an excellent way for these future employees to begin gaining skills, knowledge and credits that will help them when they start to look for employment.

Building on the programmes run in 2015, new programmes for this year included Horticulture, Electrical Engineering, Cafe Skills, Carpentry and Business Services.

The College is hugely grateful for all the employers who supported these students, without them we would not be able to run Gateway programmes.

Mrs Liz Hall

## STAR - SECONDARY TERTIARY ALIGNMENT RESOURCE



This year the college once again utilized the STAR funding to facilitate short courses that help to enhance students' skills and knowledge in a variety of work areas. Once again we ran courses in Barista Training, Food Safety in the Workplace, First Aid in an Outdoor Environment, Chainsaw Safety Training, Outdoor Education (Kayaking) and Workplace Health & Safety Training.

Where possible we try to maximise short courses to provide students with the opportunity to gain industry unit standard credits which are recognised by employers and NZQA (and count towards NCEA qualifications). Although not all STAR activities provide opportunities to work towards credit achievement, this year over 50 senior students achieved in excess of 500 credits as a result of STAR activities.

Other STAR activities this year included:

Fire Arms Safety Training and an on-farm "Taster Day" with Awhi Dairy Farm. STAR



funding also enabled Year 13 students to attend the National Young Leaders Day in Wellington. This is New Zealand's largest and longest running leadership event for high school students and aims to develop and inspire student leadership skills.

Later in the year five senior students were supported by STAR funding to attend the jointly run NZ Defence Force & Police Force's "Life Skills" week, run at El Rancho in Waikanae. This five day programme is organised by Blue Light, a registered charity who has been running programmes for young people for over 30 years. The focus of the Life Skills programme is the building of leadership qualities, self-confidence and self-esteem in youth.

Mrs Liz Hall



# CAREERS

The College had visits from seven of New Zealand's eight Universities. These visits were held across Terms 1, 2 and 3 with some coming back for a second visit to provide direct student support with their degree applications including subject choices and any accommodation or funding queries students had. These were extremely valuable visits for our students who are applying for university this year. In addition, these visits are beneficial for students in Years 11 and 12, helping them decide if university is for them and if so, helping them to select the right subjects. Mrs Liz Hall



# SOCIAL SCIENCES

Year 9 Social Studies began the year learning new skills that would help them throughout the year. Students learned mapping and geography skills as they studied the regions of New Zealand. They also studied many of the amazing physical features that make New Zealand a special place. Following on students studied topics such as economics, government, how the United Nation works and the role that it plays in the world. They also researched different countries from around the world and looked at the ancient civilizations that have influenced the world.

Year 10 Social Studies began the year learning about New Zealand from before the arrival of people through to the writing of the Treaty of Waitangi. From there we studied other indigenous cultures from around the world. Looking at the similarities and differences between these cultures and Maori culture. The students concluded their year by producing a magazine that included work from Science and Social Studies.

Year 11 History learned about the First World War and the significance of this event to New Zealand. We researched many different aspects of the war from the role of women has to conscientious objectors and other topics involving New Zealand and the war. We then moved onto look at topics involving Civil Rights and how this movement influenced the world. Years 12/13 History was our first attempt at blended learning and combined the subjects of History and English. It was a very good learning experience that was taught by Mr. Greene and Mr. Jordan. The purpose of the project was to create a class that stressed academic writing, which could help students going on to further studies after college. Year 13 students



researched a variety of topics from the 1960s and the Year 12 students explored the 1981 Springbok Tour. This subject allowed students to work in both History and English using the same topics to complete work in both subjects.

Overall it has been a fantastic year for the Social Sciences with some very high quality work completed across all levels.

Mr Jerry Jordan





# KIWI FOREVER

This year's event was held on Sunday 22nd March to Friday 27th March. It was held at Tiorangi Marae as a partnership program between Department of Conservation, Genesis Energy, Ngati Rangi Trust and Untouched World Charitable Trust. Ruapehu College students involved were Mohi Williams, Samantha Reyes, Rawinia Thomas and Issac Marekura-Cassidy. This is a full on week of hands on experiential learning about conservation, especially looking at the Whio and Kiwi. It also involved students from other schools from Taupo and Turangi.

This year we had fantastic weather. We were however in a high risk season for wasps. Many of the groups had great stories of escapades through the bush to escape the menacing threat of the wasps who chased us. The wasps even tried to hide in Mohi's hat! We all learned to build traps and how to set and clear them of the pests. Rawinia did quite a lot of walking, something that she said she actually enjoyed!

Another highlight this year was going to Wairaki resort in Taupo. This is a very fancy golf course that has a predator proof fence around it. Students were able to drive in golf carts with the Department of Conservation workers, track a young kiwi with the help of Fern the kiwi tracking dog and then complete a health check on the kiwi. Afterwards, we were allowed a tour of the golf course on the carts.

I would also like to mention the food and hospitality from Keith and Mercia Woods whanau. As always it was awesome. The food tastes even better after a hard days work of tramping through the bush and clearing the traps of dead rats and stoats. As always it is a privilege to see and know you are helping increase the population of kiwi and whio.



This year we also added a visit to Genesis Energy in Turangi. Students presented to the staff that they had learnt and what they did during the week. Genesis are a major contribution towards the program.

Miss Meredith Wilson  
Science



# OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE

Year 10 students had a fantastic time at the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre despite the wet weather. They were very lucky to have a large part of the cost subsidised by Genesis Energy.





# VIDEO CONFERRNCING

## Benefits

As a member of Volcanics, we are able to provide students with access to teachers from other schools nationally through eLearning. There are multiple benefits to enrolling in an eLearning Community course.

Students are able to take courses that are not currently offered at their school and "timetable" clashes can be resolved.

Year 10 students are welcome to enrol in NCEA Level One courses as an extension opportunity.

We also have access to a number of courses provided by tertiary institutions which adds to the range of options available.

Successful eLearners are also very well prepared for tertiary study.

Video Conferencing Highlights over the year were -

WERO for the Gifted and Talented  
The college is participating in the Volcanics WERO extension mathematics and problem solving programme for juniors. Students worked collaboratively in groups with other volcanic schools using the BOPMA Mastermaths material that challenges their thinking.

The junior Spanish students enjoyed a tutorial with guest tutor Ana Allen who spent a year in Spain on a AFS Exchange. Ana covered familiar language features to cement their current learning and shared her experiences of being immersed in the Spanish language and culture.

Mrs Marama Allen



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# KAPA HAKA

Back row: Taty Hiroti, Levana Paul, Aciana Akapita, Anamaraea McDonnell, Michaelah Sinai.  
 2nd row: Chellecia Akapita, Macy McNaught, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Kauri Harris, Joey Richards-Wiari, Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi.  
 Front row: Tekaokao Kairimu, Jayne Metekingi, Dion-tre Wood, Waimaria Matete, Rona Condon, Ashley Akapita, Harry Toho.



# MANU KORERO

Manu Korero was hosted by the Whanganui secondary schools at the War Memorial Hall. Our speakers were Waimaria Matete for senior Maori and her topic was 'Whakamanatia te reo, waiho kia mate hauwarea noa ranei?' Is Te Reo Maori valued or a dying insignificant language? Also Te Matau o te Rangi Allen spoke in the senior English section his topic 'Don't be afraid to try something different.' We were very proud of them both.



# LEARNING SUPPORT

Abilene Thomas, Wynyard Baker, Ellen Thomas, Glenda Higginson (Teacher)

Thank you to Glenda Higginson who volunteered many hours each week to work with students in the Learning Support area. She is a much valued member of our staff.





# OUTDOOR EDUCATION PHOTOS





# ANZAC SERVICE



# ATHLETICS PHOTOS





# DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Back row: Chloe Garland, Ashley Akapita, Chellecia Akapita, Racel Reyes.  
 2nd row: Mr Brian Connelly (Teacher) Kaiawa Connelly, Dylan Budge, Judah Lyon, Sophie Couper, Ms Kim Basse (Principal)  
 Front row: Scott Fraser, Alice Walls, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen, Hayley Artz, Caleb Lyon, Justice-Rose Dennison, Nash Jordan.

Gold Award Recipient – Kadin Connelly  
 Silver Award Recipients – Caleb Lyons, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen  
 Bronze Award Recipient – Samantha Reyes

The Duke of Edinburgh, Hillary Award is a three year programme where participants commit to completing regular community service, skill development, recreation, and an adventurous journey.

The bronze award students have completed their training at OPC and are about to do their adventurous journey. The slivers completed a training tramp.  
 Kadin and Caleb completed a four day tramp, mountain bike and kayak through the Tongariro National Park to Taumarunui as well as a week away sailing on the Spirit of Adventure.  
 Kadin also worked as a volunteer fireman with the Ohakune Fire Brigade.





# YEAR 9 CAMP TO VALHALLA 2015

In late November 2015, thirty five year nine students and a number of adults went to camp at 'Valhalla' near Leigh, North of Auckland. Valhalla belongs to the Danish Society in Auckland.

The weather was warm and sunny as students camped in tents for the week. Valhalla is situated on a peninsula so there is the sea on one side and the harbour on the other. This means that there was plenty of opportunity for activities such as fishing, swimming, paddle boarding and snorkelling. Students were also able to snorkel around Ti point. The fish were very friendly.

We also visited Warkworth, Leigh and Matakana. The walk to Leigh resulted in a restocking of the students' pantry. The University of Auckland also has a research centre as part of the marine reserve. We enjoyed their presentations and took time to look closely at the aquarium.

The evening activities included building a fire and cooking sausages, making pizza in the oven, and on the last night we enjoyed a production where students danced and performed skits on how teachers teach. There were jokes and rendering performances of the school waitata and haka. Kaiawa Connelly and Kauri Harris were voted by the students as leaders of the camp. Some of the students slept under the stars too.

It was a great week. Thanks to camp mums Lee Artz and Adele Couper, as well as the organisers of the camp.

Ms Kim Basse





# TEEN AG COMPETITION

Ruapehu College's Teen Ag team went to the Agricultural competition in Feilding Saturday the 5th March which also included the Agri Kids and The Young Farmers of the Year regionals. Our team included, Kurtis Fredericksen, Tom Couper, Judah Lyon, Samuel Lyon, Duncan Francois and Rory Fredricksen. The day was very successful with a goal to enter again next year. We welcome any students that are keen to join the team.



# SQUASH

Several students rejoined the squash club this year and enjoyed many hours on the courts. A big up to Matthew Laurenson again this year for running things.

First competitive squash saw us enter a college team in the local inter-business competition on Thursday nights. Matt, Jack, Nash Scott and Ashley were the starting team with Ace and Sam as our reserve. Dylan was too good to be in our team, so he played number 1 for Budgies and Josh played for the Waiouru team to help with the transport. Whilst we held our own we weren't able to win over-all. There was a handicap system that meant if you won convincingly one week, you had a harder starting deficit the next week.

Central District age group champs. Only Dylan and Matt competed in these this year with both gaining second place in their respective age groups.

Inter-whanau squash saw Kiwi run out victors with Tui second Weka third and Huia fourth. Individual winners were Matthew Laurenson and Ashley Akapita in the seniors, and Dylan Kennett and Hayley Artz in the juniors. Overall school champions were Ashley Akapita and Matthew Laurenson.





# SQUASH

Back row: Mackenzie Charlton.  
 Second row: Anamaraea McDonnell, Ashley Akapita, Waimaria Matete, Aciana Akapita.  
 Front row: Nash Jordan, Scott Fraser, Matthew Laurenson, Samuel Reyes, Dylan Budge.



Dylan Budge and Matthew Laurenson both competed in the North Island age champs in Rotorua. The standard was very high with 170 of the best players from throughout New Zealand competing. Neither were placed. Both boys were also selected for the Central development squad and then the Central junior team and travelled to junior nationals in Hamilton in September where they played in the individuals and teams competition. Matthew won the consolation plate in the boys open individuals.

The Ruapehu College interclub team of Matthew Laurenson, Josh Gunn, Jack Parker, Scott Fraser, Nash Jordan, Ashley Akapita, Aciana Akapita and Sam Reyes played in the senior Ruapehu Zone competition. They played home and away matches against Taumarunui, two Waimarino teams and two Ohakune teams. By the end of the season they had maintained the lead they had throughout, retaining the title last year's team had gained. The team was recognised for their performance in a local competition at the Whanganui Secondary School Sports Awards.



Matthew helped out with coaching primary juniors on Wednesdays after school and at lunch times so, there was plenty of good talent coming through.

During the year we had some players go to regional graded team events. From there Josh and Jack then qualified for National E grade teams finals in Invercargill where they finished third. Scott qualified for F grade Nationals in Auckland but was injured skiing just prior to the finals. Dylan's team narrowly missed qualifying for C grade Nationals as his team was runner up at regionals.

Matthew and Jack won their respective club grade champs but were unable to get past the regional champion of champions competition.

Matthew will be finishing at college this year and will be greatly missed next year. He has been encouraging, coaching and helping new players and old throughout the year. His coaching was recognised by the Whanganui Secondary Schools sports people when he was awarded the 2016 Whanganui Secondary Schools Coach of the Year award.





# NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL SNOW COMPETITIONS

## North Island Secondary Schools Snowboard Competition

This event was held at Turoa Ski area on Monday 19th to Tuesday 20th of September. Monday's events included the Giant Slalom and Slopestyle. Tuesday's event was the, always exciting, Boardercross. Ruapehu College entered two teams, boys and girls. The boys team included Jude White, Mackenzie Charlton, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen and Kadin Connelly. Highlights were that Jude came 7th in the Slalom. The Girls team included Kaiawa Connelly, Sequoia Sue-Waara, Aciana Akapita and Ashley Akapita. The girls team placed 7th. Highlights included Aciana placing 7th in the Giant Slalom and Boarder Cross and Ashley placing 10th in both the Giant Slalom and Boarder Cross. Ashley also braved the slope style course for her first time.

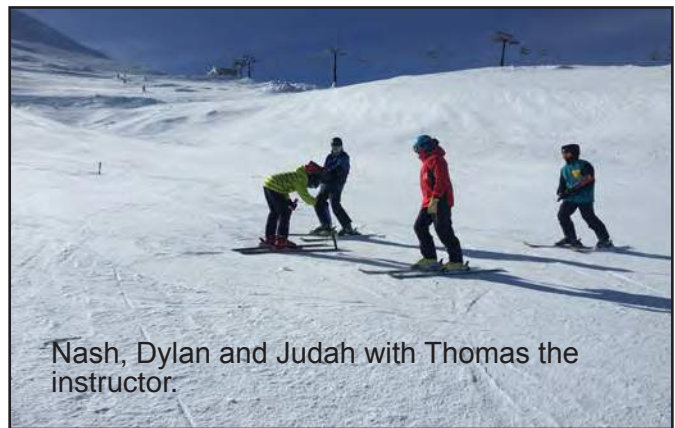
## North Island Secondary Schools Skiing Competition

The Ski competition was held from 12th to 14th of September. Monday was an epic snow day with Tuesday not so great. Nash Jordan was our fastest male skier and Aciana Akapita, was our fastest female skier. The rest of the team had mixed results but competitors Michaelah Sinai, Kaiawa Connelly, Judah Lyon and Dylan Budge enjoyed their racing. Ruapehu College came 65th out of 129 teams. Thanks to John Laurenson and the team who helped organised this event.

Below: Mackenzie, Sequoia, Te and Ashley with Nick the instructor.



Dylan Budge setting up the course for the Secondary Schools races



Nash, Dylan and Judah with Thomas the instructor.



Dylan Budge



Ashley Akapita



Nick The Snowboard Instructor



# SNOW ACADEMY



Back row: Aciana Akapita, Jude White, Nazomi Groot, Mackenzie Charlton.  
2nd row: Michaelah Sinai, Kaiawa Connelly, Judah Lyon, Samuel Reyes, Ashley Akapita, Miss Meredith Wilson (Coach).  
Front row: Nash Jordan, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen, Scott Fraser, Mohi Williams, Dylan Budge.



Jude White



Nash Jordan



# CURIOUS MINDS

## CURIOUS MINDS PROJECT IN ASSOCIATION WITH MASSEY UNIVERSITY

As part of a collaboration between Massey University, Aquanet consulting and Ruapehu District Council, a project called "Curious Minds" was proposed. It's intention was to find an answer to the mystery of the National Park Wetland. The wetland as the ability to remove phosphorus, a pollutant to waterways and is the only wetland of its size in New Zealand to do this. The curious minded would ask "why is that so?" A group was gathered from Ruapehu College and we joined the project. Professor Benoit Guieysse from Massey University came and met with us in June and discussed his proposal. We put on our gumboots and headed to the wetland for a look.

Our next meeting was at the council chambers in Ohakune. We discussed our hypothesis and looked at the data that Ruapehu District Council had found. We also got to sit in some very comfortable seats. The method designing and equipment trialing was carried out at the Powderhorn Chateau. Here we were introduced to Max and Paul, students who are both postgraduate students working on their doctorates. The coincidence being, that they are all French. We are all much better at understanding the French accent now! The Mayor Don Cameron came in for a quick chat and was very encouraging of our work.

Day four and five was the actual field work. We took water and soil samples to find out pH (that's how acidic the water is), the oxygen levels, the temperature and tested for aluminium, iron and phosphorous. Once we got the samples we headed back to school to do the tests.

The project grand finale was an overnight trip to Massey University. We really appreciate the work that Benoit did to create such a special trip. Highlights included going to the wildbase centre where the Wildlife Veterinarian told us about their job and the work that they do. They let us interact with a Kiwi who was missing a digit and a Tuatara that had a misshaped front leg. We toured around other parts of the engineering faculty and checked out the



micro-brewery that all students who do engineering get to use. In the evening we went and played some very fun games of laser tag and enjoyed pizza! The following day we had a tour of the equipment that is available in the engineering faculty and watched the 3D printer and Laser cutters in action. We also had a look at plasma cutters and the aviation simulator. Then a brief discussion about the results of the National Park Wetland. We identified where the phosphorus is getting absorbed but need more enquiry to find out more in depth knowledge of the process! I hope we can continue in the project in 2017!

Miss Meredith Wilson



# GIRLS RUGBY

Not only did 2016 see the return of boy's college rugby but also a return for girl's rugby. The side was coached by Thomas Waara and assembled in the early weeks of Term 3 to prepare for the upcoming sports exchange and season in Whanganui.

The first hit out of the season was at the Tri sports exchange that we hosted. The girls played two games, one each against Taihape Area School and Rangitikei College. For half the team, this was their first ever game. Starting off strong in both games and running in some good tries, the girls narrowly lost to Taihape by 2 tries and Rangitikei by 1. The day had the girls even hungrier for more games.

The team travelled down to Whanganui to the Wednesday afterschool competition in the secondary schools 7's round robin competition, which was run by the Whanganui Rugby Union. They played games against Rangitikei College, Wanganui Girls College, Cullinane and Wanganui City College. Despite being one of the smaller teams in the comp they managed wins over Girls College and Rangitikei.

The girl's team attracted a healthy amount of interest and had student representation from each year group from year 9 to 13. The team had so many keen girls that the squad needed to be rotated on a weekly basis. It was really pleasing to see the junior students show a real keen interest as we look to build a strong team in the coming years around them.

We would like to thank Mr. Thomas Waara for his commitment to coach the girls for the season and also Mr. Chrissy Winters for his contribution to training.

Mr Walter Edmonds  
(Sports Co-ordinator)

# SOCCER



## St Bernard's Visit School

The annual visit from St Bernard's includes a friendly soccer game as part of their tour around the North Island. The final score had St Bernards winning 5-2 but it was a fantastic defensive effort by Ruapehu's boys playing a top team.





# BOYS RUGBY UNDER 15

New players, new coach and new competition! A new competition was established by the WRFU to rebuild school boy rugby within the region. This meant that for the first time in a number of years we had a regular competition to compete in.

The U15 side was coached by new HOD of Physical Education Campbell Hart, and Troy Brown. They played on a Wednesday night in a home and away round robin series.

The boys endured a tough season, coming away with a couple of big home game wins. They made it

all the way to semi-finals and finished fourth overall.

Leim Norling was a stand-out and was selected for the Whanganui U13 representative team.

The season would not have been possible without all the work that goes on, off the field. Thanks to all the whanau support and to team manager Donna Francois.

Mr Walter Edmonds  
(Sports Co-ordinator)

Back row:  
Teddy Condon-Allen, Ryan Burton, James True, Keaton Norling, Jude White, Lamar Tutemahurangi.  
2nd row: Dante Gordon, John Richards, Leim Norling, Garth Metekingi, Duncan Francois, Mr Campbell Hart (Coach)  
Front row:  
Diamond Mapp, Daniel Woodhead, Aaron Richards, Tekaoakao Kairimu, Harry Toho, Western Pickery, Joey Richards-Wiari.





# BOYS RUGBY UNDER 19



Back row:  
Dakota Horne,  
Harry Toho,  
Julian Toho,  
Judah Lyon,  
Garth Metekingi,  
Dante Gordon.  
2nd row: Mr  
Paora Toho  
(Coach), Warren  
Williams,  
Jaakan Horne,  
Kadin Connelly,  
Tom Howell,  
Mrs Glenda  
Higginson  
(Manager)  
Front row:  
Laurence Mills,  
Kauri Harris,  
Caleb Lyon,  
Jonty Curtis,  
Jackson Bishop,  
Daniel Artz.

2016 saw the return of school boy rugby, back to the Whanganui region. This meant that for the first time in three years, we were able to pull together our talented boys to represent our school in the newly launched Whanganui Secondary School Open competition.

Coached by Paora Toho and assisted by Adam Hinana the boys eagerly assembled at the beginning of the year for their first training. It was awesome to see such a large group of boys keen. They were bolstered by a number of ex-students who were eligible to pull on the school jersey due to the grade being an open grade.

The boys played in a double round robin home and away series throughout term two and three. They managed five wins from 12 games to make it all the way to the semi-finals and finish fourth overall.

Julian Toho and Garth Metekingi were selected for the Whanganui U16 representative team.

After such an absence from schoolboy rugby we are super proud of the effort, commitment and dedication put into the rugby this year, by everyone involved, including the coaching and management staff and tremendous whanau support.

We are excited by the prospect of talented boys to come through and look forward to watching the game re-evolve at our school, as we continue to build on the success from 2016.

Many thanks to Paora Toho, Adam Hinana, Glenda Higginson and all the parents who drove vans, cooked kai and helped along the way.

Mr Walter Edmonds  
(Sports Co-ordinator)





# NETBALL

After making such strong progress last year unfortunately we weren't able to retain many players or attract new players for our college team.

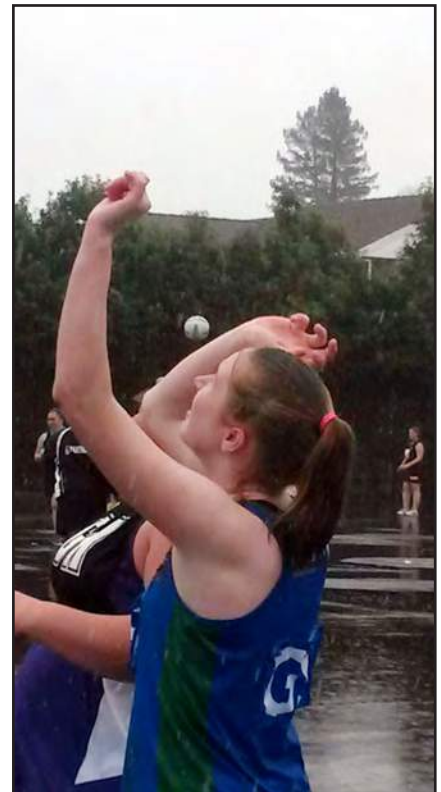
A core group of girls who still wanted to play netball turned out this season for our local Ruapehu rugby and sports club.

Year 10 student Hayley Artz made the Ruapehu A1 team, competing in the premier 2 competition in Whanganui. This was a huge year in terms of development for Hayley as she was thrust into a team with some very experienced players and expected to perform against much older women. She starred in the teams' final game and helped them to finish third. Hayley's progress throughout the year was recognized when she was awarded "most improved player" at the club prize-giving.

Anamaraea McDonnell and Aciana Akapita also turned out for the Ruapehu Rugby and Sports Club for the Ruapehu A2 team. They blossomed under the tutelage of coach Chaana Morgan, playing in the division two grade on a Saturday in Whanganui. Both girls were the youngsters of the team and played huge roles in getting them to the final of their grade where they ultimately finished second overall.

Many thanks to all who were involved in the development of these girls this year and your continued support. Chaana Morgan, Erena Mikaere-Most, Nicole Dryden and managers Mel Booth and Aunty Jaq Condon.

Mr Walter Edmonds(Sports Co-Ordinator)



# INTERWHANU COMPETITIONS

Event	Huia	Kiwi	Tui	Weka
Tug of War	2nd=	4th	2nd=	1st
Athletics	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
Swimming	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
Cross Country	4th	2nd	3rd	1st
Netball	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
Basketball	3rd	4th	2nd	1st
Dodgeball	3rd	4th	2nd	1st
Kapa Haka	3rd	4th	1st	2nd





# SPORTS EXCHANGES

## Triangular Sports Exchange 2016 Rangitikei – Ruapehu – Taihape

This year in term 3 we had the pleasure of hosting Taihape Area School and Rangitikei College for our annual Tri sports exchange. We played junior boys' sevens, senior boys' sevens and girls' rugby sevens, netball and mixed basketball.

Sevens was a great success run by Mr Hart. Some really competitive games saw both our boys' teams get a couple of good wins and then some close losses. The girls' suffered from close losses but were pleased with how they progressed throughout the day, considering the amount of new and young players they had this year.

While we didn't have a college netball team this year, we did manage to pull the girls together for the one off tournament. Their lack of experience and time together showed and they went down heavily to both Taihape Area School and Rangitikei.

Basketball was played inside the gym, run by Mr Connelly. Our mixed team carried on from where they left off last year. Setting up a big win against Rangitikei and then drawing with Taihape.

The day was a success, enjoyed by all who took part. We look forward to heading to Rangitikei College in 2017.

Many thanks to Mr Hart for coordinating all the sevens program and coaching both boys teams, Thomas Waara who coached the rugby girls, Mrs Hakaraia and Nicole Dryden for their contribution to netball, Mr Connelly for coordinating the basketball and Mrs Sutton who prepared the after match kai.

Mr Walter Edmonds (Sports Co-Ordinator)



Sport	Ruapehu	Taihape	Tongariro
Senior 7's	2	1	3
Junior 7's	2	1	3
Girls 7's	1	3	2
Netball	1	3	2
Mixed Basketball	2.5	2.5	1
Total Scores	8.5	10.5	11



# CROSS COUNTRY



Back row: Wynyard Baker, Kaiawa Connelly, Judah Lyon, Chloe Garland.  
Front row: Julian Toho, Daniel Artz, Hayley Artz, Caleb Lyon, Harry Toho.



Under 15 Girls  
1st Chloe Garland  
2nd Kaiawa Connelly  
3rd Hayley Artz

Under 16 Girls  
1st = Diontre Wood  
Rebecca Csore

Over 16 Girls  
1st Samantha Reyes  
2nd Naydah Bishop

Under 15 Boys  
1st Harry Toho  
2nd Wynyard Baker  
3rd Samuel Lyon

Under 16 Boys  
1st Julian Toho  
2nd Judah Lyon  
3rd Nash Jordan

Over 16 Boys  
1st Caleb Lyon  
2nd Daniel Artz  
3rd George Joyce



**Whanganui Cross Country**  
The team headed to Whanganui Collegiate to compete in the cross country schools event. Our team performed well in good conditions against teams that were fast and fit. Congratulations to Hayley Artz, Kaiawa Connelly and Chloe Garland who ran like the wind.



# SWIMMING



Back row: Michaelah Sinai, Kaiawa Connelly, Anamaraea McDonnell.  
2nd row: Tukutahi Metekingi, Leonardo Csore, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Hayley Artz, Sophie Couper, Waimaria Matete.  
Front row: Nazomi Groot, Alice Walls, Jackon Bishop, Kate Rowe, Ashley Akapita.

## Champions

Senior Girls - Helena Bethell  
Senior Boys - Tukutahi Metekingi  
Intermediate Girls - Kaiawa Connelly  
Intermediate Boys - Garth Metekingi  
Junior Girls - Dylan Bishop  
Junior Boys - Timothy Brown

## Whanganui Secondary Schools Swimming Competition.

Our swimming champions and a few others headed to Whanganui for SS Swimming Championships at the Whanganui Splash Centre. We had swimmers compete in all age groups. Congratulations to Kaiawa Connelly who came 3rd in the intermediate girls 50m breaststroke and Garth Metekingi finishing 4th in the 50m freestyle. All swimmers did extremely well and should be proud of their performance. Thanks to our parent helpers Liz Connelly, Barbara Van der Woerd and Marama Sinai for all the support throughout the day.

Mr Walter Edmonds  
(Sports Co-Ordinator)





# ATHLETICS

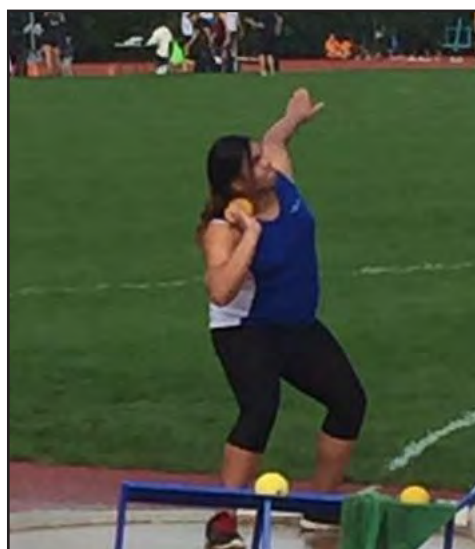


Back row: Racel Reyes, Chloe Garland, Nazomi Groot, Aciana Akapita.  
 2nd row: Harry Toho, Warren Williams, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Judah Lyon, Ashley Akapita, Waimaria Matete.  
 Front row: Julian Toho, George Joyce, Caleb Lyon, Hayley Artz, Lais Morris, Mohi Williams, Tekaoakao Karimu.

## Champions

Senior Girls - Naydah Bishop  
 Senior Boys - Caleb Lyon  
 Intermediate Girls - Hayley Artz  
 Intermediate Boys - Julian Toho  
 Junior Girls - Aciana Akapita  
 Junior Boys - Harry Toho

The interwhanau athletics competition was also fiercely contested on the day. Congratulations to Weka who was placed first and Tui who came second.



## NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Competition

It was great to see Dylan Tekura Bishop compete in the shot put event at the NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Competition held at Mt Smart Stadium. Dylan has an amazing natural ability and we were grateful to Sport Whanganui's Nicole Dryden for her support and coaching. There were 15 competitors from all regions in the North Island and the atmosphere was tense.

Dylan's first throw was over 10m with the second being a 'no throw'. Her third was again over 10m and put her in the top eight, gaining her a place in the second round. Thanks to Richard Drabczynski (Whanganui Collegiate teacher and Athletics Coach) who gave Dylan some coaching on the day. We were delighted with Dylan's performance as she was placed 5th overall. This was a great achievement.

## Whanganui Athletics

A squad of about 20 athletes headed to Whanganui for the athletics competition.

These students were placed in their age group  
 Hayley Artz 1st in high jump and 1st in long jump  
 Dylan Bishop 1st in shot-put  
 Avril Pehi 2nd in discus and 3rd in shotput  
 Mohi Williams 2nd in high jump  
 Tekaoakao Kairimu 2nd in triple jump  
 Te Arani Rawiri 3rd discus and 2nd in javelin  
 George Joyce 3rd in javelin  
 Julian Toho 3rd in 400m.

Congratulations to these students and to the whole team. It was an epic day.



# YEAR 13 PROFILES



Back row: Simone Hawira, Lais Morris, Waimaria Matete.  
 2nd row: Rose Brandl, Jana von Restorff, Jonty Curtis, Tom Howell, Courtenay McDonnell, Mr Jerry Jordan (Teacher)  
 Front row: Laurence Mills, Caleb Lyon, Daniel Artz, Matthew Laurenson, Crimson Rangihika Toto.

Name: Daniel Artz  
 Occupation: Stud  
 Famous for: Being a super model  
 Famous saying: Not sure if he can talk  
 Wants to be: Farmer  
 Most likely to be: Goat Herder  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Buy a farm.



Name: Tom Howell  
 Occupation: DJ Carrot Top  
 Famous for: His Ronald McDonald impersonation  
 Famous saying: "Oh nah"  
 Wants to be: Damien McKenzie  
 Most likely to be: A killer clown  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Buy my way into the All Blacks



Name: Jonty Curtis  
 Occupation: Wannabe Body Builder  
 Famous for: Getting in fights  
 Famous saying: "Where can I get a croissant for my ball date?"  
 Wants to be: Builder  
 Most likely to be: A Hairdresser



Name: Courtenay McDonnell  
 Occupation: Professional bunker  
 Famous for: Keeping Tom on the whip  
 Famous saying: "Nah, I'll come tomorrow"  
 Wants to be: Tom's wife  
 Most likely to be: Not here



Name: Caleb Lyon  
 Occupation: Troll Model  
 Famous for: his curly hair  
 Famous saying: "Good morning school, please stand"  
 Wants to be: A bad boy  
 Most likely to be: A labradoodle  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Save the world



Name: Rose Brandl  
 Occupation: Mystical 'Mama Mojo' Reader of Tarots  
 Famous for: Her evil stare  
 Famous saying: "I can't catch"  
 Wants to be: A writer  
 Most likely to be: writing adult books  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Build a castle





# YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Helena Bethell  
 Occupation: Mess waitress  
 Famous for: Sleeping in class  
 Famous saying: zzzz  
 Wants to be: Sgt. Bethell  
 Most likely to be: A peace campaigner



Name: Kadin Connelly  
 Occupation: Pimp  
 Famous for: 9 3/4  
 Famous saying: "Wassup ese"  
 Wants to be: A DJ  
 Most likely to be: A priest  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Put a bounty on Cam's fingers.



Name: Cameron Hotter  
 Occupation: Firefighter  
 Famous for: Cutting off Kadin's finger  
 Famous saying: "Nah bo"  
 Wants to be: An Electrician  
 Most likely to be: Luigi Hotter  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: I would buy Kadin a new finger.



Name: Matthew Laurenson  
 Occupation: BOT Rep  
 Famous for: Ditching for squash  
 Famous saying: Doesn't have one because he talks too much.  
 Wants to be: A pro squash player  
 Most likely to be: President of Ohakune Squash Club  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: live off the interest



Name: Waimaria Matete  
 Famous for: Going for walks and not knowing how she got there.  
 Famous saying: "how did I get here?"



Name: Laurence Mills  
 Occupation: Pokemon Trainer  
 Famous for: Being a useless goal keeper  
 Famous saying: "Look at my gains bro"  
 Wants to be: A Physical Trainer  
 Most likely to be: Whatever Archie tells him to be.



Name: Lais Morris  
 Occupation: Mystical Healing Dancer  
 Famous for: Yoga  
 Famous saying: AAAA feminist  
 Wants to be: As great as her form teacher  
 Most likely to be: Herbal Scientist  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Spend my money trying to recreate the 60's



Name: Simone Grossart  
 Occupation: Creator of better uniforms  
 Famous for: Carrying her wardrobe in her bag  
 Famous saying: "I'm coming to school" but never shows up  
 Wants to be: A musician  
 Most likely to be: A shower singer  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Buy a van to carry my make up around.



Name: Connor Wills  
 Occupation: Mama's boy  
 Famous for: Going home for lunch  
 Famous saying: "Just going home for lunch"  
 Wants to be: A gamer  
 Most likely to be: Bogan  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Buy a V8 and live on the Westside.



Name: Kurtis Fredericksen  
 Occupation: Tractor Driver  
 Famous for: His ninja turtle collection  
 Famous saying: "Don't call me turtle"  
 Wants to be: 4X4 expert  
 Most likely to be: A turtle  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Buy a new turtle shell



Name: Crimson Rangihika Toto  
 Occupation: Rawinia's boy friend  
 Famous for: Following Rawinia  
 Famous saying: "have you seen Rah"  
 Wants to be: Rawinia's husband  
 Most likely to be: Her bag boy  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Spend it on Rah



Name: Jana von Restorff  
 Occupation: Butcher  
 Famous for: Producing Christmas lamb  
 Famous saying: "Mmm cc"  
 Wants to be: A carnivore  
 Most likely to be: Wiesn Kaslnerin  
 If I had \$1 million, I would: Travel the world to find the best steaks.





# STUDENT CALENDAR

1 Feb	Senior Students Only	30 June	Outdoor Academy MTB Craters of the Moon, Taupo
2 Feb	Powhiri for new students and staff	1 July	Academic Mentoring
2 Feb	Peer Support for Year 9	1 July	Otago University Visit
5 Feb	Interwhanau Tug of War	4 July	Police/NZDF Life Skills Program Wellington
10 Feb	CACTUS Starts	5 July	Outdoor Academy Bow Hunting Ruatiti Domain
10 Feb	Outdoor Academy Kayak	27 July	P/T Interviews
11 Feb	Macbeth Performance	1 Aug	Curious Minds Visit
17 Feb	Outdoor Academy Kayak	3 Aug	Open Evening for New Students
24 Feb	Snr Careers Expo P5	5 Aug	School Photos
26 Feb	Swimming Sports	12 Aug	Curious Minds Visit
2 March	Athletics	12 Aug	Junior Snow Day
2 March	WSS Triathlon	18 Aug	Triangular Sports Exchange
3 March	Elections.Org talk to Y13s	19 Aug	Academic Mentoring
4 March	WSS Swimming/Lifesaving	20 Aug	School Ball
10 March	Food Safety L2 & Team BBQ Course	24 Aug	Mike Joy/Nicky Hager speaking tour
11 March	Young Farmers Get Ahead Careers Day Whanganui	2 Sept	Junior Snow Day
16 March	WSS Athletics	5 Sept	Practise External Exams
17 March	Victoria University Visit	12 Sept	NISSSC Ski
23 March	University of Auckland visit for Seniors	15 Sept	Curious Minds Visit - Field work
30 March	NZDF Recruitment Officer	16 Sept	Otago University Visit
30 March	CACTUS Army Camp Waiouru	19 Sept	NISSSC Snowboard
31 March	WSS NCEA L3 Triathlon	19 Sept	11OUT Indoor Rock Climbing Vertigo
3 April	Kiwi4Eva	21 Sept	9OUT Indoor Rock Climbing
4 April	12PED Tramp	22 Sept	P/T Interviews/Subject Selection
6 April	P/T Interviews	23 Sept	Curious Minds Visit - Field work
6 April	Outdoor Academy Rock Climbing Vertigo	23 Sept	9OUT Indoor Rock Climbing Vertigo
7 April	Health and Safety Course	11 Oct	Curious Minds Massey Visit
7 April	11OUT Day Tramp Mt Ruapehu	12 Oct	Waiouru Xpress Hub Noho
12 April	11PSC Field Trip	13 Oct	11PED Trip Fishers Track
13 April	Outdoor Academy Rock Climbing Mangatepopo Valley	13 Oct	10OUT Rock Climbing
15 April	CACTUS Longest Day and Graduation dinner	14 Oct	Academic Mentoring
5 May	University of Canterbury	19 Oct	13PED Trip Raetihi - Pipiriki
7 May	Rugby exchange vs Wanganui Collegiate	20 Oct	11OUT Abseiling Trip Tree Trunk Gorge
9 May	Outdoor Academy Survival Ruatiti Domain	21 Oct	9BC Swim Test
11 May	Massey University Visit	26 Oct	WSS Sports Awards
11 May	NZDF Recruitment Visit	26 Oct	9BP Kayaking Lakes Reserve
11 May	Sergeant Shane Foster, Regional Recruitment for Defence Forces visiting	27 Oct	11OUT MTB Trip National Park
12 May	First Aid in Outdoor Environment	28 Oct	9BC Kayaking Lakes Reserve
16 May	National Young Leaders Day	3 Nov	Performing Arts Concert School Hall
20 May	Whanganui Careers Expo	4 Nov	Senior Prize Giving
20 May	School Cross Country	4 Nov	Leavers Dinner
23 May	PE Coaching Ohakune Primary	9 Nov	NCEA External Examinations Start
24 May	Outdoor Academy MTB Old Coach Road	9 Nov	9BP Raft Building Lakes Reserve
24 May	NZDF Recruitment Display Bus	10 Nov	Yr 8 Transition Day
26 May	WSS Cross Country	11 Nov	9BC Raft Building Lakes Reserve
27 May	Lianne Kohere Talk about careers in health	18 Nov	Academic Mentoring
27 May	Senior Academic Mentoring	28 Nov	Year 9 Camp Valhalla - Leigh
27 May	Yr12 PE Coaching Ohakune Primary	29 Nov	Gisborne Leadership Camp
30 May	NZ Music Month: Performance at The Mountain Rocks Cafe.	9 Dec	Junior Prize Giving
31 May			
4 June	Outdoor Academy MTB Redwoods, Rotorua		
7 June	Yr12 PE Coaching Ohakune Primary		
13 June	Curious Minds Wetland Investigation National Park		
14 June	Outdoor Academy Bow Hunting		
15 June	Firearms Course		
16 June	11OUT MTB Old Coach road		
16 June	Coffee Essentials Course		
17 June	Enviro schools challenge		
20 June	Yr10 Outdoor Pursuit Centre		
21 June	Outdoor Academy Tramping Tongariro National Park		
23 June	Chainsaw Course		
24 June	Manu Korero		
28 June	Outdoor Academy Tramping Tongariro National Park		





# JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2015

Athletics Junior Girl (PTA Cup)  
 Hayley Artz Intermediate Boy (Walter Warner Cup)  
 Julian Toho Cross Country Junior Girl (Mary Whale Cup)  
 Chloe Garland Junior Boy (Herbert Smith Trust Cup)  
 Steven Dowman Intermediate Girl (ECNZ Trophy)  
 Ayla Story Intermediate Boy (Leo Cleary Cup)  
 Julian Toho Swimming Junior Girl (Cup)  
 Kaiawa Connelly Junior Boy (TG Drayton Cup)  
 Garth Metekingi Intermediate Girl  
 Rebecca Csore Netball Junior Cup (Checkers Netball Cup) for the most outstanding player  
 Emma Haitana/Hayley Artz Basketball Most Improved Girl  
 Hayley Artz Badminton Junior Boy Champion  
 Dylan Budge Squash Junior Girl Champion (Trophy presented by Megan Laurenson)  
 Emma Haitana Junior Boy Champion (Trophy presented by Jackie Laurenson)  
 Dylan Budge Football Most Improved Junior  
 Judah Lyon Snowboarding Junior Girl Champion  
 Emma Haitana Junior Boy Champion  
 Steven Dowman Ski-ing Junior Boys Champion (Knight Family Trophy)  
 Dylan Budge Junior Girls Champion (Knight Family Trophy)  
 Kaiawa Connelly

## Year 9 Academic Awards

Emanuelle Taura Hawira The Librarian's pick of top year 9 boy reader.  
 Dean Whale MERIT AWARD for perseverance and diligence in Mrs Laurenson's year 9 Mathematics class.  
 TeKaokao Kairimu MERIT AWARD for outstanding practical skills in year 9 Physical Education  
 Daniel Woodhead MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English  
 Laine Robson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in 9LB Food & Nutrition  
 Rory Fredricksen MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in year 9 Design Hard Materials and improvement throughout the year in Social Studies  
 Jessica Kemp MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in year 9 Social Studies and the Librarian's pick of top year 9 girl reader.  
 Chloe Garland MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in year 9 Social Studies, consistent effort and application in Correspondence Studies and for consistent effort and careful application in year 9 Science  
 Dylan Te Kura Bishop MERIT AWARDS for conscientious work in Technology Soft Materials, consistent effort and achievement in Physical Education and Health, consistent effort in 9KC Food & Nutrition and consistent effort in year 9 Social Studies  
 Tayla White SUBJECT AWARD for first in Mrs Laurenson's year 9 Maths class  
 Ebony Thomas SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Te Reo Maori Kah-Lani Philips SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9LB Food & Nutrition  
 Emma Haitana SUBJECT AWARD for first in Performing Arts (Dance) and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori  
 Joey Richards Wiari SUBJECT AWARD for first in Performing Arts (Music) and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori  
 T'Leya Wood SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9LB Art and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Music and consistent and careful application in year 9 Science.  
 Justice Rose Dennison SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9KC Social Studies and MERIT AWARDS for conscientious work in Technology Soft Materials, consistent effort in 9KC Food & Nutrition and consistent effort in Design Hard Material  
 Hayley Artz SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Te Reo Maori  
 MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English, consistent effort in 9LB Food & Nutrition

consistent effort in Design Hard Materials, consistent effort in Art and consistent effort in year 9 Mathematics and for excellence in Drama for The School Production.  
 Sophie Couper SUBJECT AWARDS for first equal in 9 Technology Soft Materials and first in 9KC Food & Nutrition and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in 9 Social Studies, for consistent effort in Art and consistent effort in Design Hard Materials  
 Racel Reyes SUBJECT AWARDS for first equal in year 9 Mathematics and first equal in 9 Social Studies and MERIT AWARDS for conscientious work in Technology Soft Materials, consistent effort in Art and for consistent and careful application in year 9 Science  
 Kaiawa Connelly SUBJECT AWARDS for first equal in Te Reo Maori, first equal in year 9 Mathematics, first equal in 9 Technology Soft Materials, first equal in 9 Art and first in year 9 Physical Education and Health  
 Book voucher Alice Walls SUBJECT AWARDS for first in year 9 English, first in year 9 Design Hard Materials first in year 9 Science first equal in Social Studies and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in year 9 Mathematics and consistent effort in Art  
 Book voucher

## Year 10 Academic Awards

Dakota Horne Wins the Dixon Engineering Trophy for practical work in Technology Hard Materials  
 Rebecca Csore MERIT AWARD for improvement in Art  
 Keaton Norling MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design Hard Materials  
 Mystique King MERIT AWARD for improvement in year 10 Te Reo Maori  
 Pani Henare MERIT AWARD for perseverance in year 10 Te Reo Maori  
 Daynah Bishop MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in year 10 Te Reo Maori  
 Joshua Gunn MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in all aspects of Food & Nutrition  
 Grace Elliot Brown MERIT AWARD for conscientious work in Technology Soft Materials  
 Nash Jordan MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and application in Correspondence Studies  
 Karl Ioannadis MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Science, excellence in 10 Social Studies and The Librarian's pick of top year 10 boy reader.  
 Dylan Budge MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education and for consistent effort in Design Hard Materials  
 Molly Parker MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in 10KB English and consistent effort in Science  
 Temirimai Hawira MERIT AWARDS for 1st Girl in Physical Education and for consistent effort and improvement in Numeracy and receives the Mowat Voon Cup for a student who is active in Sport and Reading  
 Julian Toho MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education and for consistent effort in all aspects of Food & Nutrition  
 Warren Williams MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in 10LB English, consistent effort in Design Hard Materials, perseverance in Performing Arts, consistent effort and improvement in year 10 Mathematics and consistent effort in Social Studies.  
 Ashley Akapita SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Te Reo Maori  
 Dion-tre Wood SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Te Reo Maori and receives a trophy donated by Merrilyn George for the Most Promising Student in Practical Foods.  
 Macy McNaught SUBJECT AWARD for first in year 10 Food & Nutrition. and the Librarian's pick of top year 10 girl reader.  
 Ayla Story SUBJECT AWARD for first in 10 Technology Soft Materials and receives the

Creative Textiles Award presented by Merrilyn George and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in 10KB English  
 Kaheiana Hansen SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Performing Arts (Music) and first in year 10 Art and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science and consistent effort in year 10 Mathematics  
 Judah Lyon SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Physical Education and first in 10 Design Technology Hard Materials and MERIT AWARDS for most improvement in Music, most improvement in Maths and most improvement in 10KB English, consistent effort in 10 Social Studies and consistent effort in Science.  
 Samuel Reyes SUBJECT AWARDS for first in 10KB English, first equal in 10 Social Studies and first in 10DA Science book  
 Scott Fraser SUBJECT AWARDS for first in 10AH Science, first in year 10 Mathematics and first equal in 10 Social Studies  
 MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Art book  
**SPECIAL AWARDS**

Speech Competitions Junior Whai Korero – wahine  
 Daynah Bishop Best Impromptu (L Beukes Cup)  
 Year 9 (LD Eden Cup)  
 Nash Jordan Kaiawa Connelly Year 10 (Mr & Mrs FA Martin Cup)  
 Top Junior Student in The School Production (Cup)  
 Ayla Story Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant: \$1000 awarded to a year 10 student to support them in their following academic year.  
 Macy McNaught 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.  
 Trophy Ashley Akapita Office Max Award (junior) – for outstanding service to the college  
 Envelope Nash Jordan Rawinia Thomas The Logan Dixon Cup – For excellence in junior sport.  
 Cup In Wanaka Keaton was awarded 1st junior at the South Island South Zone NZ qualifying shoot and was placed 2nd in the A grade. He then travelled to Timaru to the NZ Open and was again awarded 1st Junior Keaton Norling 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. (Cup donated by the Lyon family 2008)  
 Macy McNaught Jim Perry Prize – for the Year 10 student who has shown the most improvement across a range of academic, sporting, social and cultural activities. (\$100)  
 Warren Williams and Judah Lyon Year 9 Academic Excellence Award Trophy presented by the Milne Family Book voucher  
 Alice Walls Year 10 Academic Excellence Award and Junior Dux Trophy presented by the Milne Family Book voucher  
 Scott Fraser





# PRIZEGIVING

## Senior Sports and Inter Whānau Awards

**ATHLETICS** Intermediate Boy Champion (Walter Warner Cup) Julian Toho Senior Girl Champion (Turners and Growers Cup) Naydah Bishop Senior Boy Champion (Turners & Growers Cup) Caleb Lyon **CROSS COUNTRY** Intermediate Boy Champion (Leo Cleary Cup) Julian Toho Senior Boy Champion (Dillon Shield) Caleb Lyon Senior Girl Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Samantha Reyes **EQUESTRIAN AWARD** Most Conscientious Dedicated Rider (Waimarino Pony Club Trophy) Nash Jordan **GIRLS RUGBY** Play Hard Work Hard – play hard in rugby and works hard in class (Leigh Hynes Trophy) Naydah Bishop **RUGBY** Most Consistent Senior Player (DA Loye Cup) Julian Toho Most Improved Senior Player (Cup) Daniel Artz Best and Fairest Senior Player (Cup) Caleb Lyon Best and Fairest Under 16 Player (Golden Oldies Trophy) Judah Lyon **SQUASH** Girl Champion (Triggell Trophy) Te Wheturere Akapita Boy Champion (Triggell Trophy) Matthew Laurenson **SWIMMING** Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy) Helena Bethell Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy) Tukutahi Metekingi **SKIING** Senior Boy Champion (Mangaturuturu Cup presented by Graeme Brebner) Nash Jordan **SNOWBOARDING** Senior Girl Champion (Trophy donated by Murray Swan) Te Wheturere Akapita Senior Boy Champion (Trophy donated by Murray Swan) Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen **TENNIS** Senior Boy Champion (Cup presented by John Laurenson) Matthew Laurenson **WHANGANUI SECONDARY SPORTS AWARDS 2016** WSS Junior Sportsman or the Year – nominees Julian Toho, Nash Jordan WSS Coach of the Year – Squash Recognition of Team Performance by the Ruapehu College Interclub Squash Team Matthew Laurenson Inter Whanau Competition Huia Leaders Laurance Mills Lais Morris 1st in Attendance 2nd = in Tug of War 3rd in Dodgeball, Basketball and Kapa Haka 4th in Fourth in Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country, Netball and Tennis. Kiwi Leaders Hamish Whale Simone Taura 2nd in Cross Country 3rd in Athletics, Swimming, Tennis and Netball 4th in Basketball, Dodgeball, Kapa Haka and Attendance. Tui Leaders Waimaria Matete 1st in Kapa Haka and Tennis 2nd = in Tug of War 2nd in Athletics, Swimming, Netball, Basketball and Dodgeball 3rd in Cross Country and Attendance. Weka Leaders Mohi Williams Naydah Bishop 1st in Tug of War, Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Netball, 2nd in Attendance, Basketball and Dodgeball 2nd in Kapa Haka and Tennis Champion Whanau Cup Weka

**Year 11 Academic Awards** Dylan Budge MERIT AWARD for steady and careful application in Mathematics Rebecca Csose MERIT AWARDS for Performing Arts Practical Music and most improved in Food and Nutrition Scott Fraser MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Mathematics Joshua Gunn MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Agriculture and Horticulture Kaheiana Hansen MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 English and steady and careful application in Level 1 Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 1 Accounting and first in Level 1 Science Judah Lyon MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Science.

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**SUBJECT AWARDS** for first in Physical Education and first in Level 1 History. Anamaraea McDonnell MERIT AWARD for improvement in Practical Science Nicholas McDonnell SUBJECT AWARD for first in Applied Mathematics Macy McNaught MERIT AWARD for improvement over the year in Level 1 Science Keaton Norling MERIT AWARD for improvement in Physical Education Molly Parker MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 History. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 1 English, first in Level 1 Art and first in Soft Fabric Technology Julian Toho SUBJECT AWARD for first in Food and Nutrition Samuel Reyes MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Hard Material Technology and receives the Place Makers Award for Level 1 Hard Materials Pipi Williams MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Soft Fabric Technology and Improvement in Art. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Agriculture and first in Practical Science Warren Williams SUBJECT AWARD for first in Hard Material Technology Dion-Tre Wood SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Hospitality and Practical Food she receives the Sue Hardwidge Memorial Cup for excellence in Practical Foods and first in Level 1 Outdoor Education Top Year 11 Academic Judah Lyon Student.

**Year 12 Academic Awards** Naydah Bishop MERIT AWARD for improvement in Mathematics SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Physical Education and first in Agriculture and Horticulture and receives the Fruit Federation Supplies Award for Level 2 Horticulture Thomas Couper MERIT AWARDS for service to Agriculture and Horticulture and improvement and perseverance in Level 2 History and receives the Land Based Training Cup as the Agriculture Student of the Year Michael Gibson MERIT AWARD for attainment in Level 2 Food and Nutrition and receives the Robin Rowles Memorial Award for Leadership in Outdoor Practical areas Zayden Herewini-Taiaroa MERIT AWARDS for most improved in Level 2 Food and Nutrition and Performing Arts Practical Music Peter Kennett SUBJECT AWARD for first in English Literacy Jack Parker SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Food and Nutrition and receives the Home Economics Award donated by Fiona Fraser Monika Prasad MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 2 English. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Photography Samantha Reyes SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 2 Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, English, Physics, Mathematics and History and receives the Winstone Pulp International for excellence in the Sciences Xavia Steedman-Wills MERIT AWARD in Performing Arts Practical Music Studies Hamish Whale SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Outdoor Education and receives the Kaimanawa Cup donated by R Rowles and G Brebner Mohi Williams SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 2 Financial Literacy and first in Level 2 Art Top Year 12 Academic Samantha Reyes Student.

**Year 13 Academic Awards** Daniel Artz MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 3 Biology and improvement in Mathematics Rose Brandl MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 3 English. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 3 Soft Fabrics Technology and receives the Migos Trophy, first in Level 3 Art and receives Dr Jordon Memorial Prize for Achievement in Art and the Lines Company Award for Achievement in Design Hard Materials, Soft Materials and Food Technology.

She also receives the Early Settlers Award for diligence & class spirit in History donated by the Scarrow Family and the Gordon Lin Trophy for the Best Design Technology Student Matthew Laurenson SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 3 Accounting and receives the Balance Accountants Award for High Attainment in Accounting, first in Level 3 Mathematics and receives the Cast Family Senior Mathematics Award for a high standard in Level 3 Mathematics, Statistics and Calculus and first in Level 3 Physical Education Caleb Lyon SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 3 Biology and first in History. He receives the Peck Campbell Cup for excellence in Humanities Waimaria Matete Receives the Winstone Pulp International Award for achievement in Design Technology Laurence Mills MERIT AWARD for improvement in Level 3 Physical Education. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 3 Photography Lais Morris MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 3 History. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 3 English. She also receives the Waimarino Tree Resource Incentive Award

**Special Awards**  
Duke Of Edinburgh Gold Award Kadin Connelly The T.G McCullough Cup (cup missing) Te Whaikōrero Wahine. Speech making in Te Reo Maori by a female Waimaria Matete The M S Gould Cup Senior Speech Competition Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen Office Max Award For a person who has enhanced the reputation of the college by his or her work outside the college. Matthew Laurenson Maungarongo Trophy For showing leadership, dedication and initiative in the promotion of kapa haka during the year in school. Te Wheturere Akapita Brian Eades Award For perseverance and endeavour. Waimaria Matete 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. Lais Morris. Principal's Award For their valuable contribution as a Board of Trustee member Matthew Laurenson Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant: For a year 11 student to support them in their following academic year to the value of \$1000 Te Wheturere Akapita Rotary Trades Award: Awarded 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 to the value of \$500 Tom Couper The Ruapehu College Sports Cup for best overall senior in sport, presented by John and Sue Laurenson plus \$100 from RCEAT Nash Jordan Matthew Laurenson Waimarino Shield Donated by the Maori community of the district for an all-round student in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and values plus \$100 from RCEAT Waimaria Matete Loftus Shield For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas – academic, social and sporting plus \$100 from RCEAT Caleb Lyon Proxime Accessit Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family with \$100 from RCEAT Matthew Laurenson Dux Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. \$200 from RCEAT, The Rotary Club Scholarship of \$500 and the University scholarship of \$5000 for the costs of tertiary studies. Caleb Lyon





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