

# RUAPEHU COLLEGE 2015



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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 2015 year has been a successful year as we continue to provide excellent learning opportunities for our students. It has been pleasing that our roll has stabilized throughout the year and this is good for the future funding and resourcing of our school. The Ministry of Education Review Office (ERO) has been pleased with our progress as has the New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) with the latter returning us to the three year review cycle. These results are a testament to the hard work of our senior leadership team and our teaching staff.

This year students have had a number of wonderful opportunities to participate in exciting school



events. I have had the pleasure of being actively involved in some of these amazing activities. I really enjoyed the year 9 leadership summer camp at Valhalla in Leigh at the end of 2014 and the leadership winter Outdoor Pursuits Centre experience with the year 10's this year. It is a long time since I abseiled down a rock face and spent a night in a tent in the middle of winter. Both camps were a great success and thanks to all the staff who also braved the elements.



I was able to join the students on various tramping excursions around Ruapehu as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. We have a number of students who have finished bronze, silver and



gold so this is a great achievement. The School Ball was a memorable event well organised by our prefects and parents. I also really enjoyed seeing our students perform in the school production 'Mountain Uplift' and it was a real pleasure to clean out the green room and get some new lights on stage. Again, thanks to David Sims and the people in the community who helped make the performance a success. I was also proud to be part of the committee that organised the 60th school reunion. This was an excellent opportunity to meet previous students of the college and to hear their stories.

Leadership is an important facet of the school and the prefects, student council, cultural and kapahaka leaders have all shown what great potential we have for the leaders of the future. Our students are now well represented in the wider community as volunteer fire fighters, social workers and on various committees. It is also great to see the influence of the STAR and Gateway programmes under the guidance of Mrs Liz Hall which sees students combine work experience with gaining NCEA qualifications.

It is with regret we farewell Mrs Merylyn George who has been at the college for many years both as a pupil and as a staff member. She was Head Girl many years ago and has gone on to take leadership roles in her time as a teacher at the college. Mrs Kath Campbell who has also worked at the college on and off for many years will also be leaving to follow a new career. Miss Amy Hemi who taught Performing Arts is also leaving. We wish them every success for the future.

I would like to wish our year 13's every success as they head out into the wide world. The school magazine provides years of enjoyment. School is often something we look back on with fond memories even if we don'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, Mr W Edmonds, Mr J Laurenson BE (Elec) DipTeach, Mrs A Stuckey - B.Sc, Mrs W Hubbard  
 Second Row: Mrs S Buck - B.Sc Hons Dip Ed, Mrs E Brewis, Mrs K Campbell - Dip Ph.Ed, Dip Teach, Mr D Alexander - B Soc Sci, B Teach, Mr B Connelly - M.SpLs, B SocSc, Mrs M Hakaraia - Dip Teach, Mrs S Laurenson - B.Com, Dip Teach, Mrs L Beukes - B.Ed, TESOL, Dip Teach  
 Front Row: Mr R Prasad - B.Sc, Mrs M George - HTC, HE T Dip, Dip Spec Subjects(Sec), Deputy Principal Mr J White - B.Ed, Principal Ms K Basse - M.EdAdmin, BA, Dip Teach, Assistant Principal Mrs M Allen - BA, Dip Ed, Dip Teach, Mr J Jordan - B.Sc, Mr J Greene - BA, Dip Teach  
 .Absent: Mr C McLeod - BA, Miss A Hemi - BA, Dip Teach, Mrs A Mclver, Mrs K Sutton, Mr P Sutton, Mrs J Downey, Mrs K Dixon, Ms R Dewes, Mrs L Hall, Mrs T McCann.

# NEW STAFF

Mrs Marama Allen was previously HoD of Maori at Whanganui High school and has joined the senior leadership team as Assistant Principal. She comes very highly recommended in all things cultural.



Mr Walter Edmonds, a past pupil of the College took up the sport coordinator position. He also ran the interwhanau competition.



Mrs Liz Hall became the new careers adviser taking responsibility for Gateway and the Star programmes. She has contacted many businesses in the area over the year to seek work experience placements for our students.

Annalise Hall was studying Teaching (secondary) part time while working as a physical trainer in the Army out at Waiouru. This was her first teaching placement as part of her study and she was excited to get Ruapehu College.



Mrs Julie Downey spent time relieving and then was employed to work with students on achievement support.



# STUDENT LEADERS



Back Row: Quaid Ponga (Sports Captain) Matthew Dowman (Head Boy) Willem Van Hees (Deputy Head Boy)

Front Row: Kataraina Hakaraia (Sports Captain) Catherine Pakai Dewes (Head Girl) Zynaia Richards-Winter (Deputy Head Girl)

## Head Boy and Girl Report

Once again this year has gone by so quickly and both Matthew and I are sad to say goodbye. We have enjoyed every aspect of school life here at Ruapehu College, from all of the inter-whanau sports events to the Teachers vs. Year 13s competition. At the beginning of the year we had a Year 13 leadership conference which was followed by a whole term of getting to know the Year 9s and helping them settle into college life. From that we learnt many skills: leadership, teamwork, organising games and activities to play with the Year 9s to learn more about them.

This year our school has done exceptionally well in snow sports, in the North Island Secondary Skiing and Snowboarding Competitions both the girls and boys snowboarding teams managed to grab a spot

on the podium. In the Rangitikei Races both the boys skiing and snowboarding teams came first overall.

The highly anticipated Senior Ball was another event this year that was a great success. As leaders of the school, all of the prefects had to help plan, decorate and attend the ball and in this case we all had a spectacular time and thank you to all of you that helped out.

To the future prefects, good luck with your last year and the leadership tasks that have been set. Make sure you all have fun as your last year at high school flies by.

Lastly to the teachers and staff here at Ruapehu College, thank you for all of your support, guidance and somewhat philosophical advice.

Catherine Pakai-Dewes  
Matthew Dowman

## YOUNG LEADERS DAY

The Young Leaders Day NZ was filled with inspirational speakers who are trying their best to make a difference in the world. They told the young leaders attending High School that just because you don't know what you want to do now doesn't mean you won't be great in the future. It's an event targeting young people at high school to carry on with their education and not to settle for plan B because plan A just sounds like a dream. It was beautiful. Speakers included: CEO of Zeal - Brook Turner, Musician - Jamie McDell, University Students, Para-Olympian Athlete - Cam Calkoen

Some good quotes from the day:

"Challenge yourself, make mistakes and follow your passion".

"Failure is not a character trait, you fail at something, you're not a failure."



Thank you to Liz Connelly and Ngaire Double for driving the students to Palmerston North.

# STUDENT YOUTH COUNCIL



It was great to see so many of our students elected as youth ambassadors for the Ruapehu District Council. Justice-Rose Dennison, Lais Morris, Emma Dowman, Kadin Connelly, Amy

Stevenson, Kaiawa Connelly, Mystique King and Paurini Taylor. We look forward to their contributions to our community.

# KAPA HAKA

Outstanding Leadership in Kapa Haka  
 Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates for showing leadership for Interwhanau Kapa Haka.  
 Ashley Akapita, Tuhirangi Akapita, Daniel Artz, Ngahua Brider-Wiari, Piri kite Atua Callaghan, Emma Dowman, Matthew Dowman, Kataraina

Hakaraia, Antonia Hoeta, Tekaoako Kairimu, Tu-Irirangi Cassidy, Waimaria Matete, Tukutahi Metekingi, Lais Morris, Keela Nohona, Dariayne Prince, Manaia Rangihika Toto, Zynaia Richards-Winter, Clay Robson, Laine Robson and Willem Van Hees.

# WHANAU LEADERS

- Huia
  - SB- Laurence Mills,
  - JB- Steven Dowman
  - SG- Emma Dowman
  - JG- Kayla Pearce
- Kiwi
  - SB-James Hilson
  - JB-Judah Lyon
  - SG- Amy Thompson
  - JG-Tamara Double
- Tui
  - SB Tuhirangi Akapita
  - Deputy Kadin Connelly
  - SG Kataraina Hakaraia
  - Deputy Antonia Hoeta
  - JB Samuel Reyes
  - Deputy Karl Ioannidis
  - JG Macy McNaught
  - Deputy Ashley Akapita
  - Cultural Leaders
  - Tuhirangi Akapita and Piri kite Atua Callaghan
- Weka:
  - SB: Daniel Artz
  - SG: Zynaia Winters
  - JB: Nash Jordan
  - JG: Emma Haitana



Back row: Emma Haitana, Judah Lyon, Samuel Reyes, Ms Kim Basse (Principal)  
 Front row: Tuhirangi Akapita, Laurence Mills, Kataraina Hakaraia, Daniel Artz, Emma Dowman.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Chairman's Report

2015 has been an extremely intense and sometimes frustrating year for the governance and management of our school as the demands of compliance and red tape indicative of current times, have kicked in. However, in working through all of these issues as well as the pains of being a small school with a united and consistent board, and a good management team and staff it has shown our strengths and how well our school is tracking.

Financially we are strong, with a decile change earlier this year, we saw a slight lift in our funding. Thanks to good management we have run well, keeping strictly to our budget and once again we would like to thank Mr David Hilson for his assistance on our finance committee. We are currently working on our 10-year property plan (10YP) which will be finalised and signed ready for the start of the 2016 school year. As promised, we were to see a new hall and performing arts facility as well as changes to the front entrance of our school. This was all on the drawing board for early this year. However, due to extra compliance and red tape, this has been one of the frustrations we have had to contend with, instead of the project being finished we are currently only at the tendering process, with a vision of the construction being ready to start very early in 2016.

With a visit from ERO (Education Review Office) and an NZQA audit we were faced with more compliance. With the success of our NZQA audit where they examine our procedures and policy for our student assessment we will not have to undergo another audit for three years which is a really good outcome. Working with ERO who are due back in term two of 2016 with suggested changes we will be on track for a two to three year review. Working through the issues outlined above has been made possible with an extremely good management team. I would also like to thank our Senior Advisor from the Ministry of Education, Mrs Lia Tuffield who has been a big part of supporting us and we would like to wish her well in her retirement. As always on our board we are reviewing policies and term two saw the review of our lock-down

policy which is a part of our Health and Safety, this was timely as Term 3 saw our first ever lock-down. All went well and thanks to Lane Demchy for his continued work on Health and Safety.

We have also seen many other achievements this year, including the running of our first CACTUS programme which was a huge success. We also had our first overseas student from Sweden. We anticipate this being the first of many. Our success on the mountain with our ski and board teams in the NISSC Competition.

So, overall another successful year, a special thank you to my fellow board members, thank you to our student representative Zynaia Winters, and welcome to our new student representative Matthew Laurenson.

Thank you to Kim Basse our principal, and to Jason White and Marama Allen - our senior management team for supporting her. Thank you to all our staff, without you we would not have a school.

To our staff members and students who are leaving us, all the very best.

As we look forward to 2016 – Aim High.  
Best Wishes  
Mr Zane Couper, Chairman, Board of Trustees



Back row: Roberta Williams, Matthew Laurenson (Student Representative) Liz Brewis (Secretary)  
Front row: Lane Demchy, Zane Couper (Chair), Kim Basse (Principal) Nuku Wallace.  
Absent: Peter Wikohika

# VISITORS

## Sustainable House Project

Canterbury University Professor Susan Krumdieck, and final year Mechanical Engineering students talked to our school assembly about a project to design and build a 'Ngati Rangi house' later in the year. The Ruapehu Whanau Transformation team and Ruapehu District Council have engaged with the southerners, as part of the project's focus to find environmental, sustainable solutions for the region.

The rural Ruapehu area has many economic challenges including the lack of affordable, healthy, comfortable housing while keeping families health and safety at the forefront of their thinking.

The district's un-insulated homes are contributing to health and socio-economic issues.



## National Park Visit

Students from National Park Primary school visited us to learn about speeches. Ayla Story, winner of the Year 10 speech competition, Nash Jordan Year 10 competitor and winner of the junior impromptu speeches, as well as top of class speaker Dylan Budge Year 10 and other finalist, Grace Elliot-Brown Year 10 were happy to share information about how to make a good speech.



## Marcus Akuhata-Brown

Marcus spoke to students at the school about his journey and what made him believe he could succeed.

He challenged students to also realise their potential and chase their dreams. Marcus grew up on the East Coast – he's a qualified teacher and has led a number of innovative alternative education programmes addressing the learning needs of youth at risk and young offenders. Over the past seven years Marcus has travelled all over the world as both a national and international representative. He founded a global consultancy in 2000 and is currently involved in a number of education and training initiatives. He is also previous director on the international board of CIVICUS and member of the Commonwealth Youth Caucus.

Marcus has done everything from meeting the Queen and dining with members of the Royal Family to working with the poor and marginalised in countries around the world. Thank you to Blair Dravitski for organising this visit.



## Self Defence Course for Girls

The course helped the girls learn ways of dealing with unsafe situations and threats to their safety.

This included how to deal with acquaintance and stranger attacks including being followed, obscene phone calls, and safety issues relating to text and the internet. The course also covered distinguishing between good and bad touching and strategies to deal with inappropriate touching. These skills were reinforced through discussion and the development of verbal and physical skills to help the girls keep themselves and others (e.g. friends / siblings) safe. This course offers each girl the opportunity to take a positive step to reinforce her ability to think confidently, speak strongly, and use her physical skills when necessary.

It was run by qualified trainers through the Self Defence project -Wahine Toa from Geraldine.





# VISITORS

Taihape Area School Exchange  
Students from the Taihape Area School visited Ruapehu College for a day. Students performed for each other to help gain the confidence to perform in front of an audience. It was a great success with both schools enjoying themselves and it's wonderful to see the amazing talent in our small communities.



## Leadership

Our school prefects invited and hosted the leaders from Ohakune and Raetihi Primary schools and Te Kura Kaupapa Ngati Rangi. Students introduced themselves and discussed the leadership role they took at their respective school. They participated in an ice breaker game that the college prefects had learnt in their peer support programme before enjoying morning tea and some shared conversation.

Later in that week, some of the Ruapehu College prefects and leaders then went to Raetihi Primary school to make a presentation at their assembly. It is great to see all these students becoming fine young leaders of our future.



## Overseas Student

We said farewell to Vilma Vikstrom after 5 months at Ruapehu College. She said "New Zealand has been the best time of my life and I can't wait to come back".

Students and staff at Ruapehu College enjoyed having Vilma. She made many friends whom she is sure to keep in touch with.



Our Local Member of Parliament Ian McKelvie visited our school and met with staff and students.

# 60TH REUNION

Ruapehu College hosted the 60th school reunion at Labour weekend for the previous students and teachers of the college. It was a great opportunity to meet some of our foundation pupils and to hear stories of the college from days gone by from the other attendees at the reunion.

The reunion committee worked tirelessly to make the weekend a success starting with registrations on Friday night, followed by Saturday's events which included a powhiri, speeches, lighting the candle and cutting an amazing (carrot) cake. This was followed by tours of the school, and a formal dinner in the evening with a guest speaker, band and dancing!

Students and staff enjoyed the photographic displays as they were being set up in the staffroom, resource room and along the corridor for the celebrations at the weekend. Students' phones were quickly in use when parents and teachers from the past were discovered. Uniforms and 'hairdos' were commented on.



Ms K Basse

# WALL OF FAME

## Textiles Competition

Kataraina Hakaraia and Rose Brandl both had wall hangings art quilts judged at the National Quilt Symposium Exhibition held during January in Palmerston North. This competition was open to secondary schools all over New Zealand. Rose received an entry award and some haberdashery and fabric. Kataraina received a merit rosette and award with \$150.00 cash.



## Sky Tower Challenge

Students Matthew Dowman and Willem Van Hees, both volunteer firemen trained and completed the Sky Tower Challenge doing it in a time of 17.25 and 17.29 seconds respectively. They ran up 1103 steps with 750 other firemen who collectively raised over \$1 million for leukaemia.



## Athletics Records Broken

The Junior Girls Javelin record was broken by Ebony Thomas throwing 20.7m. The Javelin record was held by Me-Kayla Sue-Waara since 2010.



Athletics Records Broken  
Emma Haitana broke the Junior Girls 300m record running 53.28 seconds.



## Spirit of New Zealand Trip

Steven Haitana came back from this trip enthused and excited by his experience, and was very grateful for his sponsorship from The Spirit of Education Trust, Ruapehu College and Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust. He said he loved every minute of his time on board, especially seeing the wildlife such as dolphins, orca whales and penguins. He said, "On day nine of our voyage the crew let 37 trainees loose with 37 million dollars worth of tall ship.

Trainees voted for people taking specialist roles and I was

voted engineer. The day started at 6:15 and I was responsible for powering the boat. I learnt lots of valuable skills throughout the day but I think being an engineer in the future is unlikely.

This was an awesome 10 days experience", said Steven.

"I met a lot of amazing people from different walks of life. I made friends whom I aim to keep in touch with for the rest of my life". Thank you to Rachel Wills for filling out his application and making this happen.



## Whanganui Under 18 Rugby Representatives

Congratulations to Tuhirangi Akapita and Quaid Ponga for being named in the Whanganui Under 18 rugby squad.



# WALL OF FAME

## Cadet at Gallipoli

Helena Bethell travelled to Chunuk Bair to attend the Centennial Commemorations of the World War One battle. Helena was one of two New Zealand Cadet Forces cadets at Gallipoli.



## Athletics Records Broken

Johnny Double broke the Intermediate Boys discus throwing 40.65m and Javelin throwing 42.75m. The IB discus record had been held by John Baxter from Waiouru since 1965, and the IB Javelin record was held by Maya Patterson, also from Waiouru since 1989.



## Swimming Sports Record Broken

Johnny Double broke the medley 3x33 1/3 yard record swimming 141.906. This record had been held by Zach Ryan since 2010.



## Netball

Kataraina Hakaraia has been selected to represent Ikaroa Ki Te Raki at the annual Aotearoa Maori Netball Healthy Lifestyles Tournament in Wellington. She will join some of the best and brightest players from Manawatu, Horowhenua, Taihape, Dannevirke and Hastings to make up the Ikaroa Ki Te Raki U17 team. Kataraina also captained the Whanganui U17 netball team.



## Keaton Norling -Sporting Clay Shooting

Keaton was placed 2nd in the Junior Under 18 New Zealand Champs and also placed 2nd in the Oceania A Grade Champs.



## Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment.

Emma Dowman and Daniel Artz have been selected for the Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment.

## Squash

Matthew Laurenson won the Central District Junior Boys under 17 and Open under 19 titles in 2015. Matthew is the first Ruapehu College boy to achieve the Central Boy Champion title.



## Dylan Budge

achieved a national ranking of 10th in Boys Under 15 during the year.



Matthew Laurenson and Emma Dowman won the Inaugural Whanganui Secondary Schools squash titles.



# PRODUCTION - MOUNTAIN UPLIFT



There has been some debate about when the last school production was, but everyone agrees it was a long time ago. The college has had a number of other performances but this year it was the opportunity for a number of keen dramatists to put their acting skills to use.

The Principal Ms Kim Basse wrote the story Mountain Uplift and it was brought to life by the excellent acting ability of the students under the guidance of Mr David Sims. The story started when a young Moana (played by Grace Bernard

from Ohakune Primary School) is leaving her friend James (played by Andy Bate from Raetihi Primary school) and moving from Ohakune to Auckland. She is very excited whereas he knows she will miss the skiing and the mountain.



later and Moana (now played by Ayla Story) has returned to Ohakune. She meets up with her old friend James (now played by James Hilson) and

there is immediate tension between them.



The central characters then attempt a rollicking journey to try to fix the broken lifts on the mountain. There are some obstacles

on the way like Sarah (Grace Elliot-Brown) who claims James for her own, the chief engineer Ms Andy Stewart (Kaiawa Connelly) who is the saboteur,



the Mayor (Sophie Couper) and Councillors and friends (Justice-Rose Dennison and Laine Robson). The play was linked together by the excellent comic and acting ability of Hayley Artz who played the role of Carrot; the clown and great philosopher!

The scenes were enhanced by Wild Suzy and the Production Band consisting of Miss

Amy Hemi and students; Steven Haitana, Zayden Herewini, Piri kite Atua Callaghan, Xavia Steedman-Wills with Dariayne Prince and Zynaia Richards-Winter also singing' and David Sims performed an excellent rendition of 'Slice of Heaven.' There were a number of behind the scenes personnel who also contributed to the success of the play. Congratulations to all.  
Ms K Basse



9KC



Back Row: Jessica Kemp, Dom Norling, Tayla White  
Second Row: T'Leya Wood, Chloe Garland, Daniel Woodhead, DJ Pearson, Keela Nahona, Mrs K Campbell.  
Front Row: Sophie Couper, Kayla Pearce, Kauri Harris, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Justice-Rose Dennison.  
Absent: Chellecia Akapita, Cody Hartley-McArthur, Tekaokao Kairimu, Tia-Louise Stevens-Wilkie, Amy Stevenson, Sequoia Sue-Waara, Emanuelle Taura-Hawira.

9LB



Back Row: Lilnita Wallace, Laine Robson, Rory Fredricksen, Emma Haitana, Racel Reyes.  
Second Row: John Richards, James True, Kaiawa Connelly, Ngahuia Brider-Wiari, Steven Dowman, Mrs L Beukes.  
Front Row: Alice Walls, Ebony Hansen, Hayley Artz, Kah-lani Phillips, Ebony Thomas,  
Absent: Charly Hika-Wright, Western Pickery, Te Whenua Ranginui, Joey Richards-Wiari, Dean Whale.

# IOAH



Back Row: Tia Bristol-Job, Karl Ioannidis, Julian Toho, Garth Metekingi.  
Front Row: Kaheiana Hansen, Dylan Budge, Daynah Bishop, Scott Fraser, Rebecca Csore.  
Absent: Ashley Akapita, Ryan Chisholm, Tamara Double, Pani Henere, Nash Jordan, Michaela Kumeroa, Anamaraea McDonnell, Macy McNaught, Sativa Rewiri.

# IODA



Back Row: Pipi Williams, Samuel Reyes, Dion-tre Wood, Miggy Barham, Mystique King, Dakota Horne, Mr D Alexander.  
Front Row: Keaton Norling, Joshua Gunn, Warren Williams, Nathan Thompson, Judah Lyon.  
Absent: Grace Elliot-Brown, Dante Gordon, Temirimai Hawira, Nicholas McDonnell, Molly Parker, Shakaia Rapana, Ayla Story,

# IIAS



Back Row: Amy Calder, Naydah Bishop, Ingrid Herbert.  
Second Row: Joanna Dowman, Mohi Williams, Barney Richards-Warbrick, Jordan Sialeipata, Xavia Steedman-Wills, Mrs A Stuckey.  
Front Row: Hamish Whale, Jackson Bishop, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen, George Joyce, Dylan Greaney.  
Absent: Flynn Bellerby, Te Mura Ote Aroha Callaghan, Tegan Dickson-Coley, Jodie Lee, Tukutahi Metekingi, Avril Pehi, Blake Spurr, Dylan Story,

# IIJG



Back Row Rawinia Thomas, Samantha Reyes, Tai Malcolm.  
Second Row: Monika Prasad, Steven Haitana, Zayden Herewini Tairaoa, Jack Parker, Tom Couper, Mr J Greene.  
Front Row: Kyran Jones, Zyon Epiha-Netana, Peter Kennett, Paurini Taylor, Clay Robson.  
Absent: Nathaniel Bethell, Bayden Brown, Jordan Downs, Michael Gibson, Kloe Hagley, Justace Lee Kui-Rickit, Zakaycia Winter, Daniel Wylie.

# 12RP



Back Row: Alysa Sarich, Waimaria Matete, Britney Griffin, Jonty Curtis, Courtenay McDonnell, Rose Brandl.  
Second Row: Matthew Laurenson, Cameron Hotter, Lais Morris, Emma Dowman, Carlin Rewiri, Braden Watson, Mr R Prasad.  
Front Row: Caleb Lyon, Jeremy Fredericksen, Connor Wills, Daniel Artz, Laurence Mills, Kurtis Fredericksen, Kadin Connelly.  
Absent: Helena Bethell, Stephanie Brooks-Richards, Johnny Double, Miriama Hansen, Orewa Hiroti, Jaakan Horne, Tom Howell, Tu-Irirangi Mareikura-Cassidy, Te Manawaora McLeod, Dahneka Perkins, Crimson Rangihika Toto, Serenity Rapana-Paul, Geema Toho.

# 13JJ



Back Row: Manaia Rangihika Toto, Tuhirangi Akapita, Amy Thompson.  
Second Row: Mr J Jordan, Antonia Hoeta, Shairone Wood, Nathan Tutemahurangi, Piri kite Atua Callaghan.  
Front Row: Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Matthew Dowman, Tessa Commins, Willem Van Hees, Kataraina Hakaraia.  
Absent: Issy Alexander, James Hilson, Te Rangitapu Hiroti, Jade Matete, Vernon McLeod, Quaid Ponga, Dariayne Prince, Zynaia Richards-Winter, Vilma Vikstrom.



# SECONDARY TERTIARY ALIGNMENT RESOURCE (STAR)

Again this year the College was able to utilize the STAR funding to facilitate a range of short courses as well as activities away from the classroom. This funding is available to schools to provide senior students with opportunities to gain skills that will help them in their work choices and/or onto Tertiary Education. Courses organised for 2015 include:

- Barista Training
- Basic Food Safety in the workplace
- Chainsaw Safety
- Design and Screen Printing in Textiles
- Livestock Handling
- Outdoor Education – Level 1, 2 & 3
- Kayaking
- SOND Technology & Music Performance
- Workplace Health & Safety across a range of work situations

Many of the short courses that have so far been completed included opportunities for students to be assessed against Unit Standards and over 600 credits have been achieved so far across over 70 senior student participants. There are still courses to run in November amounting to a possible further 180+ credits.

STAR support was also made available for the following:

- Maori Tourism students' trip to Rotorua
- Students interested in the Primary Sector to attend the Young Farmers 'Get Ahead' activity day at Massey
- Students interested in health pathways to attend Whanganui District Health Board's 'Careers in Health' day
- Year 13 students to attend the National Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North

Mrs L Hall

## CAREERS

The College was visited by a range of New Zealand Universities. These are invaluable visits to help Senior Students understand the demands and opportunities of University work and life as well as consider the undertaking both in commitment and financial. These visits also help Year 11 & 12 students in their subject selections to ensure they follow academic pathways that will allow them to undertake a degree of their choice.

To supplement these visits the Library has opened up a section exclusively focused on universities and tertiary education. This section also includes resources on Vocational Pathways and online tools to help students in deciding study or work areas of interest to them.



In 2016 Ruapehu College will have students beginning their degree programmes at Otago, Victoria, studying sports science.

Earlier in the year one student had the opportunity to complete the week-long Defence Careers Experience at the RNZAF base in Ohakea. This is a much sought after activity as there are only a few places compared to the number of secondary school applicants. We were delighted a Ruapehu College student was successful in applying for this programme. Another senior student was able to undertake work shadowing with the RAL Electrical Team; providing him with valuable work experience alongside trained electricians.

Mrs L Hall

# HILLARY OUTDOORS

On the 8th June, thirty enthusiastic year 10 students set off for Hillary Outdoors (Outdoor Pursuits Centre) to spend a week in the wilds of the Tongariro National Park. This event was sponsored by Genesis Energy and we were given instructors to teach us skills in caving, abseiling, map reading, tramping, team work, negotiating the kayaking and staying over night in a hut, cave or tent. It was an exciting week.



On arrival we were put into dormitories and then given instructions on our activities for the week. This involved a trip to the store room to equip ourselves with suitable clothing. OPC had a great shed full of thermals, raincoats, tramping boots, maps and everything needed for adventure. It was raining and cold outside but as the instructors said "there is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing".



We began a week of adventure. We tramped around Mt Ruapehu, kayaked in the lake, and generally got to know our great backyard. In the evening we enjoyed indoor activities. The week ended in an overnight sleep-out. It was great fun and quite an achievement as the evening was cold and wet!

We were sad to leave the instructors who had supported us on our travels to and head back to school and comforts of home. It had been an awesome week and we were very lucky to have the experience of Hillary Outdoors.

Ms K Basse

# DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Ruapehu College has continued to offer Duke of Edinburgh Award this year under the auspices of Mr Brian Connelly and Ms Kim Basse. The Award Programme was first introduced in the United Kingdom in 1956 as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, to encourage and motivate young people over the age of 14 to become involved in a balanced programme of voluntary self-development activities.

The award has four sections which are: service, skills, adventurous journey and physical recreation. The service section require the participants to give help in the local community, the skills section covers almost any non physical hobby, skill or interest. The adventurous journey includes training for, practising, planning and completing a journey on foot, horseback or by boat or cycle and the physical recreations section involves participation in sport, dance and fitness.

This year the bronze students conducted a training session and practice tramp along the Waihonunu saddle walking from Whakapapa town to the Desert Road staying the night in the Waihonunu

hut. The adventurous journey was epic and part of the Hillary Outdoor course where the students abseiled, caving then camped out under canvas in the middle of the bush in the Tongariro National Park. It was a real adventure.

There were also opportunities for community service based around the school while the students undertook their own recreational sport and skill learning. We look forward to awarding the Bronze to the students in the next coming weeks then enrolling for the Silver.



Ms K Basse

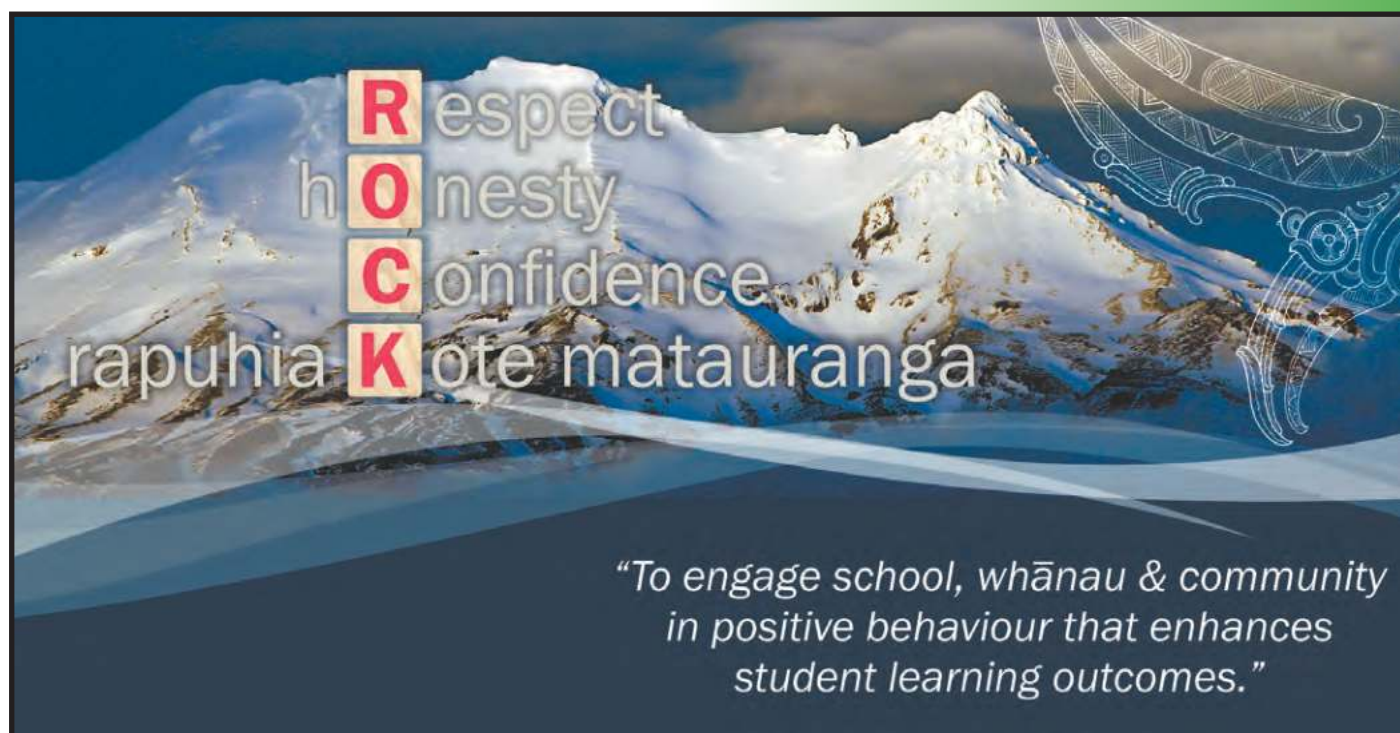
# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - PBYL

This was the first year that the whole school has been exposed to the expectations of ROCK. So for you that have forgotten: Respect, hOnesty, Confidence and rapuhia Kote matauranga. We have aimed these expectations at the whole school so that we can improve our positive behaviour and student learning outcomes. So the cliché of "It won't happen overnight, but it will happen." is very true for embedding these values in our school.

Students will notice the arrival of signs showing up around the school, these identify the behaviours that we want to see in the different areas of the school. We also started a reward program, this had very mixed success, so we are working on ideas to make this work for all staff and all students. It did result in a competition between some year 9 girls who embraced this system. For them this gave them an outing on the Old Coach Road and they sure are looking forward to the 'Principal's Day Out'! So great job to Kaiawa Connelly, Hayley Artz, Racel Reyes, Alice Walls, Sophie Couper and Justice-Rose Dennison. The best overall winner for the seniors was Zayden Taiaroa Herewini.

We look forward to more developments next year and refining of our systems so we can get further momentum by creating a climate of positive behaviour and learning in the classroom and this will then spread out to the wider community.

Miss M Wilson/Mr J White



## TE REO MAORI

Students have been working on the new NCEA Level 1 and 2 assessments. Evidence for these assessments can be collected outside of school, allowing students to collect video evidence where ever they are speaking Te Reo. I have enrolled many students from Year 9 through to Year 13 in external examinations. It is imperative that they attend these. Does your son, daughter, mokopuna take Te Reo Maori? Are they enrolled in an external examination? If you are unsure please take the time to talk to your children or ring and enquire with the school. The more support we offer them, the greater the chance of success.

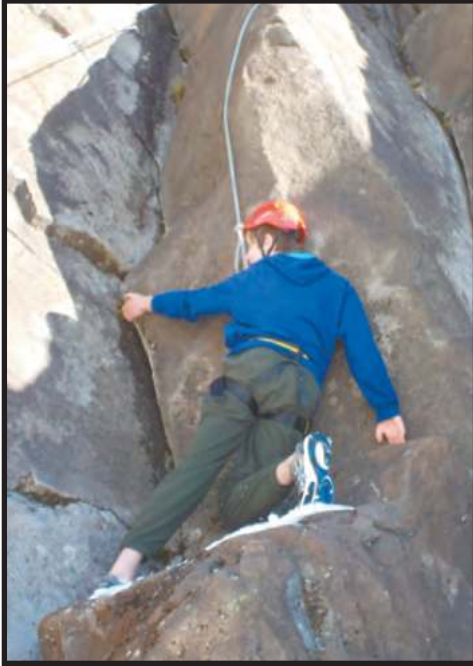
Helena Bethell has taken on the new role as Cultural Prefect for 2016. We are organising a

lunch time Rumaki session that will start Term 1 of 2016. If you are out in the community and speak Te Reo Maori, please come along and support this kaupapa. Details of time and day will be published in our school newsletter. Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora ai te reo o a tatou tamariki mokopuna.

No reira ki koutou nga tauira me nga whanau whanui o to tatou kura, ki pai nga hararei, te kirimete me te tau hou. Ma te atua tatou e manaaki, e arahi, noho ora mai.

Mr C McLeod

# OUTDOOR ACADEMY



# SOCIAL SCIENCE

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. After that 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 influenced the world.

Year 10 Social Studies began the year learning about New Zealand from before the arrival of people through 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.

Senior History was taught as one class with three different levels this year. Year 11 students covered the topics of New Zealand Nuclear Issues, Palestine/Israel conflict, and Civil Rights. Year 12 students looked at World War I and II and how they were significant to New Zealand. They also studied the Springbok tour of 1981 and the impact this had on New Zealand. Year 13 students undertook a huge research and paper of their choice. We had topics such as the Women's Movement, Gallipoli, and the history of the All Blacks Haka. Students also studied the use of nuclear weapons in World War II and the impact that has had on global security.

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

Mr J Jordan

# ACCOUNTING

2015 started well with a number of students from 2014 gaining merit endorsement in accounting when the final results came out. Congratulation to Daniel Artz, Caleb Lyon, and Matt Laurenson who had merit endorsement at Level One and James Hilson who achieved Level Two Accounting with merit.

In 2015, all three levels of accounting were taught together at the same time in a class which also had a number of correspondence students in it. Students were amazing and exceptionally patient. All students completed the internal standards to a very high standard and it is anticipated that there will be a number of merit endorsements this year also.

Students in Year 10 Social Studies completed a unit of work in accounting to give them a taster of the subject. This worked really well and will help guide students in their subject choice for 2016.

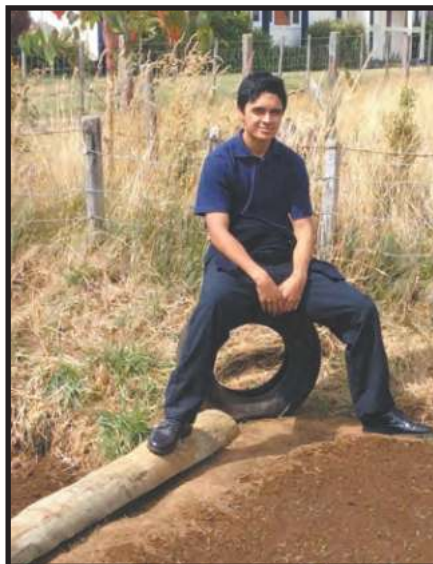
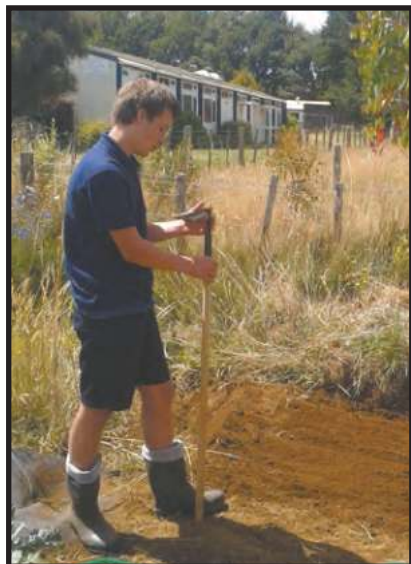
Mrs S Laurenson



# AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE

The senior Agriculture and Horticulture classes had another successful year with students gaining the opportunity to show prior knowledge, and learn new skills. The relationship between the programme and the school's Gateway programme was enhanced, with many Year 12 students succeeding in both. Year 10 students were given the opportunity to get gardens going at the end of the year, to enable them to have produce to take home before next winter arrives.

Mr J White



## LAND BASED TRAINING FINALS

A young team went to Hunterville to compete in the finals of the Landbased Training Ag Challenge in September. They were presented with challenges in electric fencing, fencing, outdoor pursuits, scaffolding, cooking, sheep weighing, quad bikes and general knowledge. The competition was very tight, and our team finished 5th out of the eight teams.

The students that competed were:

- Tom Couper
- Daniel Artz
- Kurtis Fredericksen
- Nash Jordan
- Judah Lyon.



# SPEECH COMPETITION

## Junior competition

### Year 9 prepared speech

- 1st Kaiawa Connelly
- 2nd Alice Walls
- 3rd Hayley Artz

### Year 10 prepared speech

- 1st Ayla Story
- 2nd Judah Lyon
- 3rd Nash Jordan

### Best impromptu junior Kaiawa Connelly Year 9 Nash Jordan Year 10

## Senior competition

### Prepared speech

- 1st Lais Morris
- 2nd Daniel Artz
- 3rd Antonia Hoeta

### Best impromptu senior Lais Morris

### Most entertaining speech Lais Morris

### Te Whai Korero (best speech in Te Reo Maori) Waimaria Matete

The English Department held its annual speech evening in August. The library provided the ideal venue for our highly entertaining speakers and their appreciative audience.

Students took us through such varied topics as medicinal marijuana use to farm-bike safety. Once again Lais Morris brought the house down with her presentation; this year being on "The Over

Conceptualisation of Success."

The quality of speakers from our junior school bodes well for the future. We look forward to a year of public speaking in 2016, with plans afoot for a debating team and a poetry slam tied into the Ruapehu Writers Festival.

Mr J Greene



# MANU KORERO SPEECH REGIONALS

Two Ruapehu College students travelled to Hawera to enter into Nga Whakataetae Manu Korero Regional finals of public speaking. Ruapehu's region covers the area from Ruapehu to Taranaki including Whanganui. Waimaria Matete entered Pei Te Hurinui – the Te Reo Senior section, and Antonia (Toni) Hoeta entered the Korimako section, speaking in English.

Both students acquitted themselves well.

"My topic was about the power of belonging and how it both positively and negatively affects society," said Toni Hoeta.

"My three main points were: Who are you? Where are you from? And why are you here? I plan to do it in the Ruapehu College speech contest so I won't give too much away".

Mr Mcleod and a small group of students travelled to support the speakers



# EXTRAMURAL STUDIES

For 2015 we had students enrolled into thirty eight courses ranging from International Languages for juniors and Geography, Graphics, Physics, Chemistry, Te Reo Maori, Health, Computers and Classical Studies for seniors.



Because our college belongs to the Volcanic eLearning Community <https://sites.google.com/site/volcanicselearning>, we are able to offer a wide range of subject choices to meet a student's needs. The community provided students with access to specialist teachers from other schools nationally through eLearning and using the technology that today's generation are using with confidence.



The junior students enjoyed their language studies and the majority have chosen to continue learning their chosen language next year.

Paurini Taylor studying Level One Geography is placed as one of the top 3 students in his VC class.

Matthew Laurenson receives the VC award for Ruapehu College this year for his success in his assessments and his diligent attitude towards his studies in Level Two Physics.  
Mrs M Allen

## FOOD AND NUTRITION

Once again the Food and Nutrition Department has been caressing the corridors with aromas found in heaven (and on the odd occasion some not). A bustling year starting with the year 9's experiencing the Foods Room in term one and two with some very keen chefs in the school and on more than one occasion boys with a healthy appetite. This makes for a happy room, happy students and a lovely place to teach.

Year 10 Food and Nutrition is always a large group who equally enjoy eating and many a creation is made, appreciated (ever so briefly) then digested. Always there are extras at the door checking what they can score from this generous bunch of foodies.

Our annual burger competition is always a highlight and a fantastic example of technology at its finest. Who doesn't like testing and tasting meat patty flavours and their accompaniments? Enhancing your burger and thinking outside the square (or triangle) to create the tastiest best looking burger in the Waimarino.

Senior Food were able to mix their achievement standards with hospitality units doing a Level 2 Food Safety course and over a two day period became proficient at coffee essentials learning the art of coffee service and some barista. If you are lucky enough, you may have been privy to some of gourmet products that have been produced in our room.  
Mrs M Hakaraia





# LIBRARY

To begin the Library news for 2015 I must go back to the Junior Prize-giving of 2014 as some amazing students need to be recognised for their love of reading.

Looking through the records of how many books were issued to individual students throughout the school year the following students stood out.

Macy McNaught and Scott Fraser from Year 9 and Rawinia Thomas and Nathaniel Bethel from Year 10 and they were awarded library prizes. Special mention must go to Samantha Reyes, Te Mura Ote Aroha Mareikura Callaghan and Xavia Steedman - Wills. Between them they had read almost 700 books, a truly remarkable effort and what was even more pleasing was that three out of the six were boys. Yeehah!

There has been a dramatic change to the library set-up this year, firstly the Library computer room has been cleared of computers as has the library. With the majority going to Room 9 and the remainder to other classrooms. This has made the non-fiction area of the library more spacious as we have seven round tables able to seat four students when their class has to work with Chromebooks.

Thirty two chromebooks have been acquired by the college these are laptops that are easy to use for students and light enough to carry as they are used in classrooms as well as in the library. These are based in the Library workroom where they are issued to classes through the school day and placed in purpose built cabinets overnight to be re-charged for the following day.

The Library computer room has had some alterations to make it more effective as an office for Liz Hall who has taken on the role of Careers/Gateway Coordinator for the college.

The Library has a section focusing on Universities and Vocational Pathways to help students in deciding study or work areas of interest to them.

Once again the annual Speech Night was held in the library and it has proven to be a popular evening for families and students and despite not having snow falling as happened last year, to fend off the chilly winter's night hot home-made soup was provided.

Teachers used the Library for student mentoring which ran for a few days in term three, the facility offered a comfortable setting with plenty of room for quiet discussion and guidance between student and teacher.

The college recently received an incredibly generous donation of eight New Zealand history books from The Grace Memorial Trust, the Stout Trust and the family of Alan Ward with the books provided by Bridget Williams Books. They are a wonderful asset both for the students and staff of Ruapehu College.

I look forward to 2016 and all that it will bring for Ruapehu College.

Mrs W Hubbard



# SCIENCE

The Science department marches on. This year we needed help with some junior classes so we recruited Mrs Stuckey and Mrs Allen to help us out. Our Senior students did good things in NCEA in 2014 and we look forward to some grand results again this year. Some senior classes were taught by Video Conferencing and we are glad that we can have Miss Wilson teaching by VC for other schools.

Some senior students with Miss Wilson took part in the 2015 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 learn not only about the Kiwi and its biology but also their heritage and the richness of the native forest in our area. The Kiwi as a New Zealand icon is also part of their study. They also found out about themselves and the ways in which they can relate to others.



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 used a river study for their first internal assessment.



Year 11 enjoyed their time with the Hot Wheels cars and track, learning about the physics of movement was cool fun.

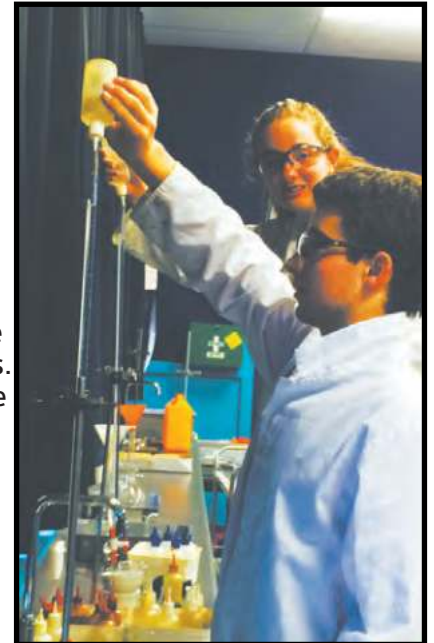


The Science Roadshow visited the college this year and our junior students enjoyed the many and varied exhibits and hands on activities. The tall guy with the huge feet will be remembered by many.



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.

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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 S Buck



# TECHNOLOGY HARD MATERIALS

Technology Hard Materials started with a trip in the second week for the Year 12s and Year 13s to ITM's pre-nail and truss fabrication plant in Whatawhata, outside of Hamilton. The class was walked through the plant and learned how the automated process improves quality, saves time and reduces wastage in the modern building environment. The students replicated this process in a truss building assessment in the workshop during Term 1 and 2. In term 3, the seniors planned and worked on several projects including tables, drift trikes, desks and Cape Cod chairs. Students demonstrated advanced skills in workshop technology through working on their own design and construction projects.

The Year 11s worked through the design process and made secure safes and display cabinets within the personal storage item context. The students researched materials, special features and wrote a planning brief. Then students constructed their products in the workshop. Several design disciplines were assessed including skills, processing, working drawing, 3D sketching and trade mathematics. The students made aluminium fish smokers as part of their planning and skills based assessment.

This year, the Year 10 students focused on skills and working safely in the workshop. The students constructed components for drift trikes and gained a range of skills including measurement, lathing steel and welding. The students also learned about timber joints and made small tables in term 3 and 4.

The Year 9s were introduced to workshop safety, design and shield making. 9LB along with a few Y10s also helped with the ANZAC crosses provided for the RSA in April. 9KC helped with making some predator traps for DOC. The demand for traps is in the tens of thousands for Tongariro National Park and DOC is appreciative of any efforts to meet this demand.  
Mr D Alexander

## ART

Year 9 learnt about painting methods; under painting, scumbling, dry brushing, masking, stencilling, over painting, resists, shellac and Indian ink. They completed reduction prints, small ceramic taonga and learnt the mathematics of making boxes. They did all this in one hour a week and they did an awesome job. They worked really well, laying a good foundation for future art study.

Year 10 learnt about painting and drawing; marbling, masking, stencils, grid painting, grounds, using artist models and composition. They revisited reduction printing. This was an excellent class that did work to a really good standard.

Level 1 Art had Mohi, Kyran, George and Amy in it. Mohi spent most of the year fitting into an art class wherever he could but changed to art in Term 3. Kyran, George and Amy set up at the back of the class. They had their own space, found the art room guy and set him up as their teacher. Their portfolios looked amazing so they must have been

working in their corner. They even came in during the holidays to do extra art ... or was it to play with the ghost?

Level 2 started off big but numbers went down during the year. In the end there was Stephanie, who photographed Brussels sprouts, Rose, who did all her art after school due to timetable clashes and Gemini taking selfies remaining.

Level 3 was a great class. Willem, Quaid, Nathan, Piri kite Atua, Tuhirangi, Amy, Manaia, Boldie, Vernon, Cathy Donut and Sharione. Other art classes are still trying to finish the mural you started in Year 10 but you have been a positive group with some good results over the years. You have set a great benchmark for the Art Department and Shairone's quote, "Seriously, have we got time for this?", will be remembered whenever students need to go to the library to get printing in the future. Good luck with all your future endeavours and looking forward to hearing about how your lives turn out.

Mrs A Stuckey



# II OUTDOOR



## KRYPTON FACTOR IN WAIOURU



# BALL



# BALL



# CACTUS

The inaugural CACTUS program was run in term 1. 27 students started out the

year by arriving at school by 6am three mornings a week for eight weeks. Corporal Lauren Terry, a physical training instructor from the Waiouru Army Camp, put them through their paces with some tough sessions based around circuit training, military drill, battle PT, and distance running. These sessions were supported by Katherine Bourke and Daniel Porter, two Military Police staff. After each session the students showered and were then provided breakfast, prepared by the students parents and caregivers.

After breakfast we had a roster of guest speakers from around the country speak to the students on topics such as nutrition, finance, motivation, career planning and goal setting.

The eight week program culminated with 'The Longest Day'. The students assembled at 5.30am and were taken to the Waiouru Army Camp where they completed a beep test before doing the assault course. Breakfast followed, before being tasked to make their way to Raetihi, on foot, working in their teams to support each other. On arrival at the Kaumatua Flats in Raetihi they were able to recover by painting a fence at the flats. Lunch was then provided, and their resolve tested when they learnt they were heading back to Ohakune, again on foot, but this time carrying a strainer post and plank in their teams. The old train line was used to navigate across farm land and other obstacles all the way back to the carrot. The sense of achievement upon arrival was high, but the challenge was not over yet as they had to make their way back to school where the military fire crew had an appliance there with challenges ready to go. The finale for the day was special as the group ran back to town again and found a Unimog waiting to be pulled through the town in front of a large crowd of supporters. Over the day the students had covered approximately 36km over nearly ten hours, an amazing effort that many of them didn't think they were capable of.

They were then treated to some very nice hospitality at the Officers Mess in Waiouru. The graduation dinner was a great way to recognise the achievements of the group, and also to thank everyone who had contributed to the success of the program.

The Ohakune Police were instrumental with their support in planning and coordinating the program, and also their presence at every session. We would like to thank Lane Demchy in particular, for his passion and energy, without which the program would not have happened.

Special awards were presented to the following students:

CCCI award (Courage, Comradeship, Commitment, Integrity) - Kadin Connelly  
Peer Award - Caleb Lyon  
Top Overall Participant - Caleb Lyon  
Most Improved Overall - Zyon Epiha-Netana  
Top Female RFL Result - Kataraina Hakaraia  
Top Male RFL Result - Caleb Lyon  
Most Improved RFL - Jonty Curtis  
Mutton Award - Vernon McLeod

We would like to recognise the contribution of the following organisations:

The Whanganui Community Foundation  
Genesis Energy  
Winstone Pulp International (WPI)  
Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust  
Ngati Rangī Trust  
Lamberts Business Solutions  
Alsco  
Station Lodge  
NZ Police  
NZ Army

CACTUS is going to be run again in 2016, with a new cohort of students ready to be pushed physically and mentally, and again supported by local police and army.  
Mr J White



# ART WORK





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



active and are usually pretty good athletes. Most of our achievement standards have a written component to them, and this becomes quite in-depth at Level 2 and 3. The trick to success is to engage our students to have the same passion for their theory as they do for being active!!!...a work in progress!



Another busy and fun year in the department...we had a slight change of personnel and Mr. Jason White joined us to teach the Year 9's while Kath Campbell taught all other year groups. Health Education, which was more stand alone when Mrs. Cranston was here, has merged back in to our department and continues to be developed in the junior school.

Getting out of the classroom is always fun and some highlights this year have been...

- Year 13 golf
  - Year 13 Tough Guy and Gal Challenge
  - Year 12 Ohakune Primary School coaching and tournament
  - Year 12 Palmerston North Hikoi
- ...and of course, Daniel Artz wrecking the Palmerston North Indoor Cricket Stadium!!

Our junior classes have a strong focus on the enjoyment of, and participation in physical activity. There has also been slightly more emphasis on preparation for those wanting to take Physical Education at senior levels, and a five credit opportunity given to Year 10 students.

To the students, you're a great crew, thank you for the respect and the good times and remember to take your love of play and participation with you long after you leave school.  
Mrs K Campbell

Senior classes have had mixed success. Most students who take Physical Education love to be



# ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Alternative Education AKA Awesome Education tutor Rauna Te Huia with the support of her daughter Rochelle were not content to get their students through the programme, she set out to see them thrive. With the support of Te Puke Karanga Hauora health worker George Potaka sharing his artistic skills, and Charity Mora-

Garcia the Mexican Psychologist teaching the students about Emotional Intelligence, and The Dream Makers Trust lead by Jude Rivlin helping to push the AE students to achieve their goals, not only did they gain their NCEA credits but they also developed great social skills that will help transform them to become great leaders in their community in the future.  
Mr B Connelly

# TEXTILES - SOFT MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

## Textiles

Education Outside the Classroom is often valuable as it can show the subject being used in the real world. Such was our annual trip to Wellington this year to see the show World of Wearable Art.

We travelled down in the school van, and students were in high spirits when we arrived in Wellington.

Part of the afternoon was spent exploring various textiles related places including Te Papa Tongarewa before getting dressed up to walk to the arena for the show.

In the morning after the show we visited the Suzanne Aubert Visitors Centre to see something of our wider local history and saw photos of her with projects she started in Jerusalem, and afterwards visited her burial place.

At the show, our students were sitting on the edge of their seats uttering "Wow", as one surprise after another paraded before our eyes. It was an incredible show, and hopefully will be an inspiration for a future Snow Queen show which has become part of the calendar in Ohakune.

Our own Snow Queen was an inspiration to a number of students who completed outfits for both the Waimarino Junior Wearable Arts and the Snow Queen. In the Junior competition, Amy Thompson won the Senior section(15-18 years), and Kaiawa Connelly won the Junior (13-15) section. Sophie Couper came third in the Junior section.

Amy had used recycled offcuts from safety masks, beads and fabric from old garments. Her short skirt outfit was stunning with a long decorated train. Kaiawa used recycled hessian and rope from the store in the classroom. She had unravelled the rope and couched it to the garment. It was a stunning use of materials.

In the Open Snow Queen, commendable entries were paraded by Kaiawa Connelly, Grace Elliot-Brown, Ayla Story and Amy Thompson, whose garment was modelled by Manaia Toto.

In the classroom we have a variety of projects undertaken. The Senior Textiles class began the year in discussion with the teacher to negotiate their own projects, a project that they have had the passion to work through. The Technology matrix allows a wide selection of achievement standards to consider and available for various strengths. The on-line student learning system is used frequently by students. All assessments and resources are posted on-line and students have access to them at home. This is a big help to keep up to date with work.

This year the senior student's context was 'clothing for school leavers' making it a relevant study to do surveys, research and plan for suitable garments. The students opted to make The Traditional Kai Night the place to parade their finished garments. The other major study for Senior classes has been deconstructed screen printing, where the screen is pulled across a design made of textured materials with dye thickened with alginate, and after drying

the clear alginate is used over the screen onto fabric, where the dye is slowly released to give many different prints.

The junior textiles class have two terms each doing Soft Materials Technology, and the course is designed to give as wide a selection of techniques and processes to allow students to have skills from which to make good decisions. This year we have been harakeke weaving, sewing, stencilling, stamping, rubbing, wearable art, discharge printing and making wall hangings, using digital images printed on fabric or painted images.

Textiles Technology is a wonderful subject allowing very individual and creative work. Students can work at their own pace against a criteria set down by the technology process.

We acknowledge and are very grateful to members of the public who donate fabrics and recycling materials used in our department.

Mrs M George



# LEARNING SUPPORT

We started this year with three teacher aide's as a result of a drop in our roll. Despite this, our two Rachels, Rachel Wills and Rachel Dewes, and Teena McCann did a fantastic job in supporting the students they are working with, in their learning. I want to acknowledge their efforts, sometimes under difficult conditions. The students do appreciate the extra support they receive. There are currently four students who are receiving special assessment conditions support in their NCEA internal and external assessments. This number will grow as we are busy preparing applications for 2016. Students who qualify have

# THE RUAPEHU WRITERS FESTIVAL

Ruapehu College is proud to be associated with the Ruapehu Writers Festival. This is planned as a long weekend of readings, panel sessions, seminars and workshops, bringing writers and readers from around the country to Ohakune, 17-20 March 2016.

We look forward to being entertained, stimulated and in some cases, no doubt, mesmerised by some of the big names of the New Zealand literary

# HELENA BETHELL

On the 25th of June I received an email from the Senior Advisor Commemorations, this said I had been selected to represent the New Zealand Cadet Forces and the youth of New Zealand in the 100th year commemoration for Chunuk Bair. I needed to be in Auckland in the 27th of July to prepare for the trip and what it entailed. 51 people were selected, including myself and one other representing New Zealand's Youth and Cadet Forces. This trip was a huge success and an amazing opportunity. I got to travel to Gallipoli, Turkey with some of the New Zealand Defence Force participate in one of the WW100 commemorations, this was incredible. Being a 17 year old and having never travelled outside New Zealand it was an amazing experience.

On arrival in Auckland I joined the others and we became like a family, I was invited to perform with the Maori cultural group as well as my responsibilities as the youth/ cadet representative. The first week in Auckland was spent having lessons and learning about where we were going, who will be there, why this is happening, and how and what we will do when we get there. This only increased the excitement. On the 1st August I flew out with 12 others to Singapore, from here we travelled to Istanbul, Turkey. We were the first group to arrive so we did some sightseeing. Turkey is a very different country in both people and food. There were many things to look at and find, from shops to restaurants to street stalls. From here onto Gallipoli and Chanakale.

permission to use computers or have a reader/writer with them in the assessment.

We are saying farewell to Tiri Sotiri, our current RTL (Resource Teacher Learning and Behaviour). Tiri has worked with our students for a long time and we wish him a happy retirement. Thank you for the support given to me as SENCO and the other members of the staff over the years.

Thank you to the volunteers who came in and helped, especially Dianne in Mathematics.

Louise Beukes

Special Needs Co-ordinator.

scene. Writers confirmed so far include; Antony Millen, Bianca Zander, Carrie Rudzinski, Elizabeth Knox, Harry Ricketts, Jenny Pattrick,

Johanna Aitchison, Ken Arkind, Laughton Pattrick, Paula Green, Stacy Gregg and Sue Orr.

This will really be quite an event and we would urge as many of the school community as possible to become involved.

Mr J Greene

The Gallipoli Peninsular is only a tiny piece of land, however the terrain is rough and not made for trekking. The saddest sight I saw was what was written on so many of the graves, this was 'believed to be buried here.' This was because they could only recall where most men fought but not died.

The most remembered and hear-felt part was the Lone Pine and the Chunuk Bair commemoration services, this was certainly the highlight of the trip. Never have I experienced something so heart tugging nor something with so much meaning.

It was a privilege to be a part of these services and something I will always look back on and enjoy the memories of the time I spent in Turkey for the 100th year Anniversary for Chunuk Bair and the August Offensive.



# GATEWAY

The Gateway 2015 Programme provided 15 students the opportunity to work towards

NZQA and industry recognized Unit Standards whilst also gaining first-hand experience in the workplace. Many of these students were able to gain new work skills and undertake practical assessments whilst on work placement. In addition to this, Gateway Students also successfully completed a range of Health & Safety in the Workplace training.

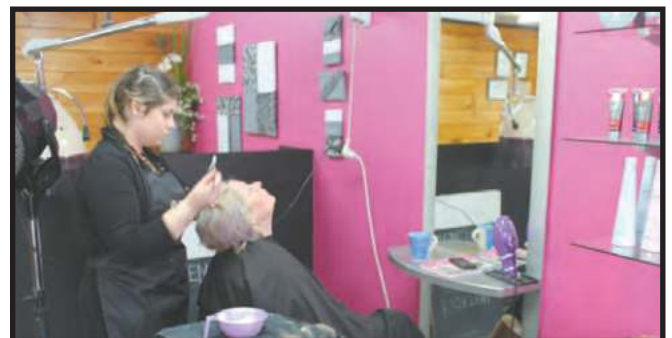
Whilst on placement, students can often create valuable relationships with industry professionals in our community, which can lead to employment opportunities later in their careers.

On behalf of all 2015 gateway students the College would like to thank the following community employers who supported us this year:  
 Matt Mills on the McCoubrie Farm, Waipuna  
 Ohakune Automotive



*Janelle Finch*

Mrs L Hall- Gateway Co-ordinator



# MUSIC

## Letter to my Students

In Music my aim for the students was always about developing your ability to think, question, opine, contribute, participate, create and lead.

I have the upmost faith in education and its ability to uplift everyone. Music to me is simply a vehicle in which to journey toward the bigger picture; that of your learning. My music is a privilege because I sing the realisation of potential, the optimisation of intellect and the blossoming of beautiful young people.

To this extent; I am proud of you. Please remember

above all, my "you are" lessons. You are capable, you are intelligent, you are talented, valuable, and you are beautiful.

As someone from outside the community and having interacted with young people from all walks of life, I can truly attest that this place is full of young people with musical talent. Your talent is God-given, natural and innate. You are blessed in that way.

These were the teachings I shared with you, with all my heart.

Always and thank you!

Whaea Ames.



# VOLLEYBALL

Back Row: James Hilson, Mrs K Campbell, Catherine Pakai-Dewes.

Front Row: Lais Morris, Matthew Dowman, Amy Thompson, Willem Van Hees, Emma Dowman.

Absent: Vilma Vikstrom, Ashley Akapita.

This year we had a mixed volleyball team who played in the Whanganui Secondary League. We had varying results but definitely won more games than we lost, and improved markedly along the way.

Our most improved player was Matt Dowman and the top player this year was Willem Van Hees. I really do have to ask the question...did you really join up to play the game or was it really about what takeaways you would get for dinner in Whanganui?

Mrs K Campbell



# SNOW ACADEMY

What great coaches we had this year, what great athletes we had, and what great improvements we saw throughout the season. We were lucky to be able to get on to the hill for most weeks of the third term, even if one was in hideous weather on the meadow! The inclusion of a development squad this year was successful and I hope those students will continue next year, and probably be part of the academy group. The academy has a philosophy of athletes achieving excellence both on snow and in the classroom. To be honest, there is still some tweaking to do in this respect and it will only happen when we have buy in from students and parents as well. If you are considering applying to be in the academy next year, talk to your teachers at the beginning of next year and do everything you can to achieve as much as you can in terms one and two, so that you are not under huge pressure in term three when you are out of school regularly. That is what a well managed snow athlete would do!!

Mrs K Campbell



# NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SKIING

North Island Secondary Schools  
Ski teams are as follows

## Team 1

DJ Pearson  
Cameron Hotter  
Kaiawa Connelly  
Nash Jordan  
Judah Lyon  
Team 2  
Scott Fraser

Paurini Taylor  
Grace Elliot-Brown  
Miggy Barham  
Mathew Dowman

We were blessed with excellent weather for the ski champs this year. We had two teams compete again and all athletes did themselves proud. Everyone finished their Grand Slalom race

on Day 1 without faltering and Cameron Hotter was our best placed gaining 15th place out of 76 senior boys in his field. On Day 2 all but one skier won their Dual Slalom. Our final results were Team 1 24th= and Team 2 65= out of 126 teams.  
Mrs K Campbell

## RANGITIKEI SNOW RACES

The day started out bluebird, but visibility was poor and there was a freezing mist by the time we started racing. Competitors only got one run in before lifts went on hold and racing was over. We were competing against WHS, WGC, PNBHS and Nga Tawa. Our boys won the boys

team trophy again and Nga Tawa took home the girls trophy. Everyone left prizegiving with something and Nash Jordan and Alice Walls were the lucky recipients of the spot skis. There was a huge range of prizes from lots of very generous sponsors, and we would like to thank Mike and Jen Tracey for organising the event every year.



## INTERWHANAU SNOW RACES

Inter whanau snow sport races were completed in near perfect conditions on Tuesday 8 September. There were some really close results apart from Willem Van Hees who took out the fastest male boarder and was over 2 seconds quicker than his next rival.

Results are

Male skiers

1= 23.38 secs DJ Pearson and Dylan Budge

3rd 24.60 Cameron Hotter

Female skiers

1st 27.19 Kaiawa Connelly

2nd 28.16 Grace Elliot-Brown

3rd 28.33 Miggy Barham

Male boarders

1st 28.03 Willem Van Hees

2nd 30.25 Tom Howell

3rd 30.28 Flynn Bellerby

Female boarders

1st 32.13 Catherine Pakai-Dewes

2nd 32.93 Antonia Hoeta

3rd 36.97 Emma Haitana

Whanau placings

1st Tui 16 points, 2nd Weka 15 points

3rd= Kiwi and Huia 14 points

# NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SNOWBOARDING

The lead up to this year's NISSSC was a mixture of powder days and unfortunately an injury. Tuhirangi Akapita was unable to compete this year, due to breaking his elbow in rugby! Thanks for coming to support us this year! So the powder days gave our students plenty of practice at jumping and gaining confidence in riding in more challenging conditions. This was evident in their results for the competition.

The weather was predicted to be stormy, and it was on the Sunday and Monday leading up to the competition so that near half a metre of fresh snow dropped. The expert groomers from RAL managed to groom a course so the GS was completed on the Tuesday. No ice to be seen! Willem van Hees gained 3rd place in the boys event, so lucky his Mum came and watched the prizegiving to see him receive his medal.. In the girls event Catherine Pakai Dewes placed 4th and Antonia Hoeta placed 5th.

The next day gave us more snow showers and the



with fantastic results. The boys team placed 2nd for the 3rd year in a row! Kadin was super stoked as he was placed in the top 10 for all 3 events. The girls also had a fantastic result with the Girls placing 3rd overall! What a way to finish for Antonia and Catherine in their final year in this competition, walking away with some cool medals!

Well done to Alya Story and Emma Haitana who both competed in their first ever event, and helped the girls achieve their podium finish.

2015 Girls Team: Catherine Pakai Dewes, Antonia Hoeta, Ayla Story and Emma Haitana

2015 Boys Team: Willem Van Hees, Kadin Connelly, Flynn Bellerby, Tom Howell and Dylan Story

boardercross and slopestyle events were held. This gave some very low light conditions which made the competition that much more challenging. Antonia Hoeta was outstanding in this competition placing 3rd in the girls. Willem Van Hees and Kadin Connelly both placed in the top 10 for boardercross so great result for them.

Over in the Slopestyle the competition was very hard with the extreme low light. Flynn Bellerby was our best competitor placing 6th, closely followed by Kadin Connelly placing 8th. The girls faced their fears and went over the big jumps with Antonia placing 14th and Catherine placing 15th.

The strong placings of both the teams ended

Miss M Wilson





# SQUASH

National Secondary School Squash Teams

Back Row: Emma Dowman, Emma Haitana, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Joanna Dowman, Steven Dowman, Mr J Laurenson.

Front Row: Jack Parker, Dylan Budge, Matthew Laurenson, Joshua Gunn, Paurini Taylor.

Absent: Johnny Double, Tamara Double.



Several students joined the squash club this year and played throughout the year. A big up to Matthew Laurenson for pretty much running things.

First competitive squash saw us enter a college team in the local interbusiness competition on Thursday nights. We narrowly missed winning our pool by as little as bonus points for new members. Waiouru were the eventual winners which was Josh Gunn's team so we still had a player in the winning team.

Whanganui secondary school competition was held here. Our girls team was ready to defend their title and the boys team wanted to regain theirs. With limited schools prepared to travel, only Taihape fronted. Both the girls and boys teams had walk over wins. In the individual sections, which were introduced for the first time in the Whanganui competition, Mathew Laurenson beat Dylan Budge in the Boys Final and Emma Dowman beat Tamara Double in the Girls Final meaning Matthew and Emma were the Inaugural Whanganui Secondary Schools Champions for 2015.

Several players played in the Central District age group champs. The player to impress most was Mathew Laurenson who won the Under 17 and the Under 19 Open titles. This is the top junior boy's title for Central and the first time it has been won by a Ruapehu College student.

Inter-Whanau squash saw Weka run out victors with Huia second Kiwi third and Tui fourth. Individual winners were Matthew Laurenson and Emma Dowman in the seniors and Dylan Budge and Emma Haitana in the juniors. Overall school champions were Emma Dowman and Matthew

Laurenson.

Dylan Budge and Matthew Laurenson both competed in the North Island Age Champs in Lower Hutt. The standard was very high with 170 of the best players from throughout New Zealand competing. Dylan finished 10th in the under 15 section two ahead of his seeding and narrowly losing in a close five set battle to the fifth seed in his second match. He recorded three wins out of five over the weekend.

Matthew won two of his five matches ending up 26th, one below his seeding. As a result of this tournament Dylan gained a national under 15 ranking of 10th.

Secondary School Nationals was a big event which involved travelling to Palmerston North. We had a boys team and a girls team. The boys team of Matthew Laurenson, Dylan Budge, Johnny Double, Stevie Dowman, Josh Gunn, Jack Parker and Paurini Taylor were seeded 16th and ended up in 14th. They had some excellent wins, particularly against Rathkeale first up to put them in the top half championship division. They were then beaten by top seed Westlake Boys but went on to have an excellent win against Tawa College and then narrowly lose 3-2 to 9th seeded Whangarei Boys High School and 13th seeded Hutt International Boys School. The girls team of Emma Dowman, Tamara Double, Joanna Dowman, Emma Haitana and Catherine Pakai-Dewes were seeded 14th and also bettered their seeding finishing 13th. They started with a good win against Sacred Heart Girls College before coming up against 3rd seeded Whangarei Girls. They then narrowly lost to 11th seeded Long Bay College 3-2 after an injury in what would have been the winning match. They then beat Saint Matthews Collegiate and beat Wairarapa College in their final game.

## SQUASH CONTINUED

The Ruapehu College interclub team of Matthew Laurenson, Dylan Budge, Emma Dowman and Stevie Dowman with Paurini and Jack as reserves, played in the senior Ruapehu Zone competition. They played home and away matches against Waiouru, Taumarunui, Waimarino, and two Ohakune teams. Tamara Double, Johnny Double and Josh Gunn were also playing in other teams. The team led throughout the competition finishing on 115 points with Taumarunui in second on 99 followed closely by Waimarino on 96. We also had an F grade men's team comprising of Mr Jason White, Jack Parker, Paurini Taylor, Stevie Dowman, Josh Gunn and Nash Jordan. They ended up in second place behind the Taumarunui team.

Matthew, Emma and Dylan helped out with coaching primary juniors on Tuesdays after school so there will plenty of good talent coming through.

During the year we had several players go to Regional Graded Team Events. From there nine then qualified for National Graded Teams. Tamara Double and Joanna Dowman were in the Ohakune

E Grade team that competed in Masterton finishing third in New Zealand. Similarly Johnny Double and Dylan Budge were in the Ohakune D Grade team that went to Cromwell and finished fifth in New Zealand. Josh Gunn, Paurini Taylor, Stevie Dowman and Jack Parker all travelled in the F Grade Mens team to Christchurch and finished fifth in New Zealand. Emma Haitana was in the Womens F Grade Finals also in Christchurch which ended up placed fourth in New Zealand.

Matthew Laurenson, Emma Dowman and Jack Parker also won their respective Club Grade Champs and then went on to win District Champion of Champions at Hawera, giving them the opportunity to compete at National Champion of Champions in Palmerston North. Jack Parker was 3rd in New Zealand Men's F Grade. Emma was 3rd in New Zealand D Grade Women and Matthew was 2nd in New Zealand for C Grade Men.

Unfortunately both Tamara and Johnny Double left during the year and will be greatly missed. There are some other changes likely for 2016 but we will have some strong players for sure for 2016.  
Mr J Laurenson

## CRICKET

Back Row: Paurini Taylor, Steven Dowman  
Second Row: Antonia Hoeta, Caleb Lyon, Kadin Connelly, Jonty Curtis, Mr R Prasad  
Front Row: Hamish Whale, Matthew Dowman, Matthew Laurenson, George Joyce, Willem Van Hees.  
Absent: Johnny Double, Nash Jordan, Clay Robson.



We had a wonderful season back in term one this year and we played some wonderful 20/20 matches. We witnessed some big sixes and some excellent diving catches including one inches off the ground by Johnny Double. The team was led well by the two Matts (Laurenson and Dowman) together with some sublime but deceiving bowling from George Joyce. It was good to see the likes of Kadin Connelly continuing with his usual batting and superb fielding and occasionally psyching up the younger ones. We also had a great match against a full Whanganui High team, restricting them to a 100 odd runs but we fell short in the

chase. On the same day, we finished third as Clay Robson blasted a four and a two to win off the last two balls against Cullinane. We also finished third in the season-long Monday Cricket. Many thanks to players who stepped up in the absence of others. Thanks for the good memories when travelling down the Parapara and it was good to see the likes of Steven Dowman joining the cricket team.

Raj Prasad  
Coach/Driver

# BASKETBALL

Back Row: Keela Nehona, Ngahua Brider-Wiari, Kaiawa Connelly, Emma Haitana  
 Front Row: Ebony Hansen, Hayley Artz, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Ebony Thomas, Miggy Barham.  
 Absent: Anamaraea McDonnell.



Our Junior Girls Basketball Team consisted of mainly year 9s and a couple of year 10s and very few had any previous experience playing the game. However, that did not deter them from having fun and giving it their all.

Practices mainly consisted of learning the basics and the rules of the game. Due to their awesome commitment to practices and natural sporting talent, they picked up the necessary skills quickly and finished the season in 5th place out of eight regional teams.

It was a pleasure coaching and driving the girls to Whanganui Friday evenings, enjoying their singing and laughter which still rang in my ears a day later. I would like to thank Brian Connelly and Daniel Artz for stepping in as substitute coaches and Liz Connelly and Lee Artz as substitute drivers. Presenting the Ruapehu College Junior Girls Basketball

Hayley Artz – This girl has stamina! Every basketball team wants a player like Hayley. Tall and never gives up.

Miggy Barham – Has a lot of guts for someone small. It was a thrill seeing her face light up after she made a basket. It will be a loss not having Miggy in the junior team next year.

Ebony Hansen – Developing into a nice tidy player who will be lethal once she shows the ‘thug’

attitude on court.

Kaiawa Connelly – Miss Surprising! She may not look threatening, but she will surprise you with some solid defence and a gutsy attitude to drive. Kaiawa would be the player that has improved the most.

Emma Haitana – This girl has wheels! Fastest player on team, who will be unstoppable once she nails the fast break finisher.

Ebony Thomas – A thinker, and once she understands the game better, she will be lethal to her opposition.

Ngahua Brider-Wiari – Good aggression on court, and once she fine tunes key basketball skills, you will not want to be in her pathway.

Dylan Te Kura Bishop – The gentle kind giant! Next year I want to see the aggressive (Grrrr!) giant, but only on the court. Off court, stay the beautiful person you are.

Anamaraea McDonnell – A lot of natural talent and with focussed skill practice can be a deadly player.

Keela-Rae Nahona – ‘He manu tioriori’. Who needs a boom box when you have Keela-Rae in the pahi. On the court, we could always rely on her to score.  
 Mrs M Allen

# SNOW PHOTOS



# RUGBY

With no secondary school rugby competition again in Whanganui this year a few of our seniors made the step up to club rugby. Quaid Ponga and Tuhirangi Akapita both played for the Ruapehu Rugby and Sports Club senior reserves team, winning the Whanganui senior championships. Both boys going on to make the Whanganui U18 2015 rep team.

A huge thank you to Karl Christensen who gave up his time to come on board and pull together our boys for a sports exchange game against Taihape Area School.  
Mr W Edmonds



## INTERWHANAU RESULTS

Event	Huia	Kiwi	Tui	Weka
Softball	2nd =	2nd =	1st	4th
Volleyball	1st	3rd	2nd	4th
Netball	4th	3rd	1st	2nd
Football	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Skiing	3rd	1st =	1st =	4th
Snowboarding	2nd =	1st	2nd =	2nd =
Tug of War	2nd =	2nd =	4th	1st
Kapa Haka	3rd=	3rd=	1st	2nd
Swimming	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
Athletics	4th	2nd=	2nd=	1st
Cross Country	1st	2nd	4th	3rd
Speech Junior	3rd=	2nd	1st	3rd=
Speech Senior	1st	3rd=	3rd=	2nd
Basketball	4th	2nd	1st	3rd
Speech Maori	0	0	1st	0
Squash	2nd	3rd	4th	1st



# Soccer

The team played in the Whanganui 17th grade which started in May. They travelled to Whanganui and Marton for weekly fixtures. The home games were also well supported by family, and visiting teams appreciated the catering. The highlight for the season was getting a new strip with funding donated by the NZ Fire Service and BOT. The team strip is royal blue shirts, shorts and socks.

The season was unfortunately disrupted by the flooding and the Parapara Road closure. This made games and trainings difficult as commitment diminished.

The team gelled this year with some close games. The best result for the season was the 4-1 loss to St Bernards College from Lower Hutt who needed to come from behind to win. The season finished with a friendly against Rangitikei College junior side in November. The top goal scorer was James Hilson. Laurence Mills, Daniel Artz and Judah Lyon had a great season in defence.

Back Row: Amy Calder, Mr D Alexander, Tia Bristol-Job  
Front Row: Miggy Barham, Joanna Dowman, Lais Morris, Monika Prasad, Samantha Reyes.  
Absent Ashley Akapita, Rebecca Csore, Tamara Double, Kaheiana Hansen, Dion-tre Wood.



Back Row: Samantha Reyes, Kaiawa Connelly, Samuel Reyes, Monika Prasad, Tayla White.  
Second Row: Judah Lyon, Paurini Taylor, Lais Morris, Joshua Gunn, Willem Van Hees, Mr D Alexander.  
Front Row: Caleb Lyon, Hamish Whale, James Hilson, George Joyce, Kadin Connelly.  
Absent: Daniel Artz, Matthew Dowman, Laurence Mills, Braden Watson.

# GIRLS FUTSAL



The junior girls futsal team played in the weekly competition at Whanganui High School during term 3. The team started with limited skill and game experience. However, the team were a tight knit group and played and represented the college well. The team played against Whanganui Girls High School in their last game winning 10-2. The team were rewarded for their participation with certificates. Thank you to Teena McCann and Ngaire Double for helping with the driving.  
Mr D Alexander



# SPORTS EXCHANGES



This year in term 3 we travelled to Taihape for a school sports exchange with Taihape Area School. We played 10 a side boys rugby, netball and mixed basketball. The netball girls enjoyed a win over Taihape Junior A and a narrow loss against Taihape Senior A. Our mixed basketball team cruised to a comfortable win but unfortunately the rugby boys could not do the same against their Taihape counterparts.

Throughout the day we saw our teams pull off some stunning passages of play. Next year we look to build on the success of the exchange in Taihape and reintroduce the summer and winter Quadrangular with Taihape Area School, Rangitikei College and Tongariro High School.  
Mr W Edmonds

# JUNIOR SKI DAYS



# NETBALL

## Junior Netball

This year saw Ruapehu College start a new

rebuilding phase for netball. We entered a junior netball team filled with Year 9 & 10's to compete in the Whanganui netball competition. The team was coached by Walter Edmonds and managed by Serena Taylor.

The season started earlier than usual for our junior team as they took part in a number of pre-season training sessions, focusing on strength and conditioning, speed and agility, and balance before moving into ball skills and team work to ensure they were prepared as best they could be. Once in season the team trained every Tuesday after school and occasionally meet during the week at lunch for a second training.

A strong outing in the opening day tournament in Whanganui saw the girls finish runners up. They would eventually go through the first round of competition undefeated.

The beginning of the second round was the start of a hard time for all Ruapehu teams as the Whanganui River flooding resulted in the closure of the Parapara road which meant we had to take the two hour trip through Taihape and Marton to get to our games. This did little to halt the girl's spirits as they remained committed – most making the trip twice on a Friday night for Basketball as well.

The second round also provided a lot tougher competition as the girls struggled at times to find form consistently against teams with older players. Losing two games saw them miss out on the opportunity to play in the final but they did well to rally together and finish the season off with a 16-

17 win to end up third overall for the season.



Huge thanks to Serena Taylor for her support throughout the entire season from driving the van to umpiring each week. Also to Kataraina Hakaraia, Dariayne Prince and Lee Artz for their contributions to team trainings.

## Senior Netball

A core group of senior players played their netball for the Ruapehu Rugby and Sports Club this year. Girls Sports captain Kataraina Hakaraia played for the Ruapehu OGs who competed in the Whanganui premier 1 competition on a Monday night. Kataraina also made the Ikaroa ki te Raki U17 team and captained the Whanganui U17 representative netball team this year. She was also selected for the Northern Whanganui Senior team.



Zakaycia Winter, Amy Thompson, Manaia Rangihikia Toto, Waimaria Matete, Dariayne Prince and Zynaia Richards-Winter played for Ruapehu DKs this year, they placed 2nd in the Division 2 competition in Whanganui. In term 3 the Junior Girls' team was bolstered by our senior players to form a school team to play Taihape Area School in a sports exchange. They had a comfortable win over Taihape Area School Junior A team and a suffered a narrow loss against Taihape Area School Senior A team. Mr W Edmonds



Back Row: Keela Nohana, Mr W Edmonds, Emma Haitana.  
Front Row: Miggy Barham, Ebony Hansen, Hayley Artz, Ebony Thomas, T'Lea Wood.  
Absent: Anamaraea McDonnell.

# SWIMMING

## Swimming Champions

### Junior Boy

- 1st Garth Metekingi
- 2nd Emmanuelle Taura
- 3rd John Richards

### Junior Girl

- 1st Kaiawa Connelly
- 2nd= Hayley Artz/Alice Walls

### Intermediate Boy

- 1st Johnny Double
- 2nd Tukutahi Metekingi
- 3rd Daniel Artz

### Intermediate Girl

- 1st Rebecca Csore
- 2nd Monica Hansen
- 3rd MJ Kumeroa

### Senior Boy

- 1st Kadin Connelly

- 2nd Matt Dowman
- 3rd= James Hilson/Quaid Ponga/  
Caleb Lyon

### Senior Girl

- 1st Dariayne Prince
- 2nd Tessa Commins
- 3rd Kataraina Hakaraia

### Swimming Sports Record Broken

Johnny Double broke the medley 3x33 1/3 yard record swimming 141.906. This record had been held by Zach Ryan since 2010.

Whanganui Secondary Schools Swimming Results  
Kaiawa Connelly: Girls 12-13: 100m breaststroke 2nd; 50m freestyle, 3rd; 50m breaststroke 2nd. Dylan Te Kura Bishop: Girls 12-13 50m freestyle 4th.





# CROSS COUNTRY

## Cross Country Champions

### Junior Girls

- 1st Chloe Garland
- 2nd Emma Haitana
- 3rd Kaiawa Connelly

### Junior Boys

- 1st Steven Dowman

### Under 16 Girls

- 1st Ayla Story
- 2nd Temirimai Hawira
- 3rd Samantha Reyes

### Under 16 Boys

- 1st Julian Toho
- 2nd Daniel Artz
- 3rd Dylan Story

### Senior Girls

- 1st Kataraina Hakaraia
- 2nd Helena Bethell

### Senior Boys

- 1st Caleb Lyon
- 2nd Matthew Dowman
- 3rd James Hilson

## Whanganui Secondary Schools Cross Country

Well done to the students who took part in the Whanganui Secondary Schools Cross Country. It was nice not having to travel far holding it in Waiouru. It was a challenging course organised by Ruapehu College and the NZ Army.

## Results

Steven Dowman 10th Y9 boys  
Chloe Garland 8th Y9 girls  
Kaiawa Connelly 12th Y9 girls  
Judah Lyon 6th Junior boys  
Julian Toho 7th Junior boys  
Nash Jordan 13th Junior boys  
Junior boys x3 team 2nd overall  
Ayla Story 16th Junior girls  
Grace Elliot-Brown 17th Junior girls  
Te Mirimai Hawira 18th Junior girls  
Junior girls x3 team 3rd overall  
Caleb Lyon 10th and Matt Dowman 21st Senior boys  
An excellent effort by all in a very competitive field.

Mr W Edmonds



# ATHLETICS

## Athletics Champions

### Senior Girl

- 1st Kataraina Hakaraia
- 2nd Antonia Hoeta
- 3rd Amy Thompson

### Senior Boy

- 1st Caleb Lyon
- 2nd Willem Van Hees
- 3rd Kadin Connelly

### Intermediate Girl

- 1st Emma Dowman
- 2nd Temirimai Hawira
- 3rd Ashley Akapita

### Intermediate Boy

- 1st Julian Toho
- 2nd Johnny Double
- 3rd Daniel Artz

### Junior Girl

- 1st Hayley Artz
- 2nd Emma Haitana
- 3rd Kaiawa Connelly

### Junior Boy

- 1st Te Whenua Ranginui
- 2nd Tekaoakao Kairimu
- 3rd Western Pickery

## Athletics Records Broken

Johnny Double broke the Intermediate Boys Discus throwing 40.65m and Javelin throwing 42.75m. The Junior Girls Javelin record was broken by Ebony Hansen throwing 20.7m. Also Emma Haitana broke the Junior Girls 300m record running 53.28 seconds. The IB discus record had been held by John Baxter from Waiouru since 1965, and the IB Javelin record was held by Maya Patterson, also from Waiouru since 1989. The JG Javelin record was held by Me-Kayla Sue-Waara since 2010.



# WHANGANUI ATHLETICS TEAM

## Whanganui Secondary School Athletics Results

A contingent of 37 athletes travelled to Whanganui for the annual secondary schools meeting, which began at midday at Cooks Gardens. Four staff members and a number of parents travelled to support the team. "The Ruapehu Athletics Team was a pleasure to take away. I was very proud of their attitude towards participation and achievements, but I was most proud of their awesome behaviour throughout the whole day.

They represented their families, the community and the school with pride and dignity", said Mrs Marama Allen, Assistant Principal. "I also received comments from WCC and Cullinane on how nice our students looked and how well they performed. If you compare school roll to placings in events, we out-performed the other schools.

Thank you to the staff and bus driver for a great team effort".

### Results:

Senior Girls: Kataraina Hakaraia Long Jump 3rd; Javelin 3rd; Miriama Hansen 100m Final 4th; Zynaia Richards- Winter Javelin 4th; Amy Thompson Shot Put 4th; Discus 3rd.

Senior Boys: Kadin Connelly Javelin 2nd; Shairone Wood High Jump 3rd=; Tuhirangi Akapita Discus 3rd; Intermediate Girls: Ashley Akapita Discus 2nd; Te Mirimai Hawira 800m 2nd; Emma Dowman 80m Hurdles 1st; Triple Jump 4th.

Intermediate Boys: Julian Toho 400m 2nd; 800m 4th; Johnny Double Javelin 2nd; Zayden Herewini Triple Jump 4th; George Joyce Javelin 3rd; and Int Boys 4th in 4 X100m Relay.

Junior Girls: Hayley Artz High Jump 1st, Long Jump 1st; Dylan TeKura Bishop Shot Put 2nd; Ebony Thomas Javelin 4th; and Junior Girls 4th in 4 X100m relay.

Junior Boys: Western Pickery 1st 100m; 200m 4th; Kauri Harris Shot Put 4th, Discus 4th; and Junior Boys 3rd in 4 X100m Relay.



# PHOTOS



YEAR 13  
PHOTOS



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# YEAR 9 CAMP TO VALHALLA 2014

In late November 2014, 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 of 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 kayaking, fishing, swimming and snorkelling. Students were also able to snorkel over at Leigh Marine reserve which includes Goat Island. The fish were very friendly.

We also visited Warkworth and Leigh. We went to Mahurangi College and beat them at ki-o-rahi. This was very exciting. 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 teachers sang and danced. Some of the students slept under the stars too.

It was a great week.

Ms K Basse



# STUDENT CALENDAR

5 Feb	Outdoor Academy Kayak	21 May	Outdoor Academy Rock Climbing
5 Feb	Interwhanau Tug of War	26 May	11OUT MTB Old Coach Road
6 Feb	Academic Mentoring	27 May	Firearms Licence Course
11 Feb	3000m - Athletics Event	27 May	TAS Music exchange
12 Feb	Outdoor Academy Kayak	28 May	Chainsaw Course
13 Feb	DHM Trip to ITM-Whatawhata	28 May	Outdoor Academy Rock Climbing
16 Feb	1500m - Athletics Event	2 June	Outdoor Academy - ROCK
18 Feb	School Athletics	4 June	Coffee Essentials Course
19 Feb	Outdoor Academy Kayak	7 June	Year 10 Hillary Outdoors-Tongariro
24 Feb	School Swimming Sports	8 June	Hillary Outdoors Centre
25 Feb	Careers Expo	8 June	L2 and L3 Safety in the Workplace Course
26 Feb	Outdoor Academy Kayak	8 June	Maunga Karakia - Mountain Opening
26 Feb	11PSC Field Trip to Tokiahuru Stream Karioi	9 June	11OUT MTB-Taupo
4 March	BIO Field Trip Mangawhero River	17 June	Interwhanau Kapahaka
5 March	Outdoor Academy Kayak Rangitikei River	18 June	Outdoor Academy Tramp
6 March	Wanganui SS Swimming	22 June	Information Evening
11 March	Wanganui SS Athletics	23 June	Outdoor Academy Rock
12 March	Outdoor Academy Kayak Tongariro River	24 June	Yr13 PE Tough Guy Challenge Auckland
16 March	Parent/Teacher Interviews	25 June	Outdoor Academy Tramp
16 March	National Young Leaders Day (Y13)	29 June	L3 Prevention of Injuries in Workplace Course
19 March	Wanganui SS Triathlon	2 July	Outdoor Academy Tramp
19 March	Outdoor Academy MTB Local Tracks	22 July	Parent/Teacher Interviews
20 March	Science Road Show	27 July	Electrical and Fire Safety in the Workplace Course
20 March	12BIO Field Trip Turangi	29 July	Interwhanau Netball
20 March	Health Careers Day Whanganui	2 Aug	Whanganui Secondary Schools Squash
20 March	Duke of Edinburgh Tramp Waihohonu	5 Aug	NASDAP Conference
22 March	Kiwi 4 Eva	7 Aug	NZ SS Squash Palmerston North School Ball
23 March	Kiwi4Eva	15 Aug	Yr12 PE Hikioi
24 March	Kiwi4Eva	24 Aug	Interwhanau Basketball
24 March	Get Ahead Experience Day NZ	25 Aug	Taihape Sports Exchange
	Young Farmers - Palmerston North	25 Aug	Self Defence for Girls
25 March	Kiwi4Eva	31 Aug	Interwhanau Snowsports-Turoa
26 March	Kiwi4Eva	1 Sept	Yr9+10 Snow Day-Turoa
26 March	Outdoor Academy MTB Craters of the moon - Taupo	3 Sept	Rangitikei Races
27 March	Kiwi4Eva	4 Sept	Waimarino Junior Wearable Art Football
31 March	11Outdoor - Navigation Mountain road	5 Sept	Yr9+10 Snow Day-Turoa
2 April	CACTUS Longest Day	8 Sept	Snow Queen
2 April	Outdoor Academy MTB Local Tracks	10 Sept	NISS Skiing Competition Turoa
2 April	Mufti Day for Leukaemia	12 Sept	Central Plateau Inter-School Krypton Challenge-Waiouru Military Camp
23 April	Outdoor Academy - Survival	14 Sept	MCAT Exam
28 April	Senior Textiles Trip-Palmerston North	16 Sept	11OUT MTB/Nav-Rangataua
30 April	Outdoor Academy - Survival Ruatiti	17 Sept	Sports Breakfast/Brunch
30 April	11PED Action World in Taupo	18 Sept	NISS Snowboarding Competition-Turoa
1 May	Food Safety Course	21 Sept	School Photos
4 May	Huia and Kiwi Academic Mentoring	25 Nov	Whanganui SS Sports Awards
4 May	Massey University Visit	28 Nov	Senior Prizegiving
5 May	Tui and Weka Academic Mentoring	6 Nov	Raetihi Cultural Festival
6 May	Cross Country	20 Nov	Year 9 Camp Valhalla - Leigh - Auckland
7 May	Otago University Visit	30 Nov	Junior Prizegiving
8 May	11OUT Navigation-Mountain Road	8 Dec	
20 May	Marcus Akutata-Brown presenting		
21 May	Wanganui SS Cross Country		

# JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2014

ATHLETICS Junior Girl Champion (PTA Cup) Zakaycia Winter Junior Boy Champion (PTA Cup) Julian Toho CROSS COUNTRY Junior Girl Champion (Mary Whale Trophy) Ayla Story Junior Boy Champion Intermediate Girl Champion (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) (ECNZ Cup) Julian Toho Samantha Reyes Intermediate Boy Champion (Leo Cleary Cup) Dylan Story SWIMMING Junior Girl Champion (Trophy) Rebecca Csose Junior Boy Champion (TG Drayton cup) Joshua Gunn CRICKET Best junior player certificate George Joyce TENNIS Junior boy champion certificate Nash Jordan RUGBY Most Improved player in the U16's (Richard Lindsay Cup) Zyon Epiha-Netana FOOTBALL Most improved junior (Dave Billmore Trophy) Samantha Reyes NETBALL Most outstanding junior player (Checkers Trophy) Tegan Dickson-Coley SQUASH Junior Girl Champion (Trophy donated by Megan Laurenson) Tamara Double Junior Boy Champion (Trophy donated by Jackie Laurenson) Dylan Budge SKIING Junior Girl Champion (Knight Family Trophy) Zakaycia Winter Junior Boy Champion (Knight Family Trophy) Dylan Budge SNOWBOARDING Junior Boy Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan Flynn Bellerby ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 9 Grace Elliot-Brown MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Drama. Rebecca Csose MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Art. Temirimai Hawira MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Maths. Sativa Rewiri MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Design and Visual Communication and consistent effort in Social Studies. Dion-tre Wood MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Music and for consistent achievement in Technology Soft Materials. Miggy Barham MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English and consistent effort in Dance. Dylan Budge MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education and achievement in English. Dakota Horne MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Practical Cooking, consistent effort in Technology Hard Materials and consistent effort in Design and Visual Communication. Judah Lyon MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education, consistent effort in Social Studies, consistent effort in Science, consistent effort and improvement in Maths, consistent achievement in Technology Soft Materials and for consistent effort in Technology Hard Materials. Joshua Gunn SUBJECT AWARD for first in Technology Hard Materials. Garth Metekingi SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9KC Physical Education Nash Jordan SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in 9DA Social Studies. Ashley Akapita SUBJECT AWARD For first in 9JG English and MERIT AWARDS for most improved in 9KC Health and for consistent effort in Technology Soft Materials. Warren Williams SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9DA Physical Education and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Music and consistent effort in Maths. Ryan Chisholm SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9DA Design and Visual Communication and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Practical Cooking and for most improved at Kapa-

haka. Samuel Reyes SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in 9DA Social Studies and a MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science and for consistent effort at Te Reo Maori. Macy McNaught SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9DA Food and Nutrition and a MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health and the librarian's pick of top year 9 girl reader. Tia Bristol-Job SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9KC Design and Visual Communication and a MERIT AWARD for improvement in Science. Molly Parker SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9DA Science and first in 9DA Art and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and consistent effort in Health. Tamara Double SUBJECT AWARD for first overall in year 9 English and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Food and Nutrition, consistent effort in Technology Soft Materials and for consistent effort in Physical Education. Ayla Story SUBJECT AWARDS for second overall in year 9 English and first in 9DA Technology Soft Materials and receives the Creative Textiles Award presented by Merrilyn George. She also receives MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Food and Nutrition, consistent effort in Physical Education and consistent effort in Art and consistent effort in Drama. Scott Fraser SUBJECT AWARDS for first equal overall in year 9 Maths, first in 9KC Social Studies and a MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and application in correspondence Latin and the librarian's pick of top year 9 boy reader. Kaheiana Hansen SUBJECT AWARDS for and first equal overall in year 9 Maths, first in 9KC Food and Nutrition, first in 9KC Art, first in 9KC Science and first in 9KC Technology Soft Materials. She also receives MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori and for consistent achievement in Social Studies. YEAR 10 Barney Richards-Warbrick MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Social Studies. Daniel Wylie MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Technology Hard Materials. Michael Gibson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. Tukutahi Metekingi MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Maths. Monika Prasad MERIT AWARD for improvement in English. Jackson Bishop MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Social Studies Peter Kennett MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Technology Hard Materials. Kloe Hagley MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Dance. Amy Calder MERIT AWARDS for consistency and improvement in Food Technology and for improvement in English. George Joyce MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Physical Education. Clay Robson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health. Nathaniel Bethell MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science and the librarian's pick of top year 10 boy reader Kyran Jones MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Maths and for high achievement in Art. Rawinia Thomas MERIT AWARDS for steady and careful application in Food Technology and for consistent effort in Social Studies and in English and the

librarian's pick for top year 10 girl reader. Paengaroa Tekura SUBJECT AWARD for first in Ms Hemi's numeracy class Dylan Greaney SUBJECT AWARD for first in 10MW Physical Education and a MERIT AWARD for improvement in Science. He also receives the Dixon Engineering trophy for practical work in Technology Hard Materials. Mohi Williams SUBJECT AWARD for first in Art. Thomas Couper SUBJECT AWARD for first in Technology Hard Materials. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and consistent effort in Science and consistent effort in Music. Xavia Steedman-Wills SUBJECT AWARD for second overall in year 10 English and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health and for consistent effort in Science. Pikiao Waara SUBJECT AWARDS for first in 10LB Physical Education and first in Music. Joanna Dowman SUBJECT AWARD for first in Food Technology and first in 10MW Science and first in 10MW Social Studies and a MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English. Samantha Reyes SUBJECT AWARD for first in 10LB Social Studies, first overall in year 10 English, first in 10LB Science and first overall in year 10 Health and first overall in year 10 Maths. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and application in correspondence NCEA Level 1 Spanish and for consistent effort in Physical Education. Samantha also receives the Mowat-Voon Cup for a student who is active in sport and reading and receives a new trophy presented by Mrs George for most promising student in practical cooking. Speech competitions Junior Whai Korero – wahine Rawinia Thomas Best Impromptu (L Beukes Cup) Scott Fraser Year 9 (LD Eden Cup) Ayla Story Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant: \$1000 awarded to a year 10 student to support them in their following academic year. Rawinia Thomas 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 Rawinia Thomas Office Max Award (junior) – for outstanding service to the college Rawinia Thomas The Logan Dixon Cup – For excellence in junior sport. Dylan Budge 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) Samantha Reyes 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) Jackson Bishop Year 9 Academic Excellence Award New trophy presented by the Milne Family Kaheiana Hansen Junior Dux Ruapehu Bulletin Trophy for academic excellence in Year 10 and R.C.E.A.T. grant of \$100. Samantha Reyes



# SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2015

ATHLETICS Intermediate Girl Champion (Woodward Cup) Emma Dowman Senior Girl Champion (Turners and Growers Cup) Kataraina Hakaraia Intermediate Boy Champion (Walter Warner Cup) Julian Toho Senior Boy Champion (Turners & Growers Cup) Caleb Lyon Aggregate Boys 800m, 1500m, 3000m (Michael Cleary Cup) Caleb Lyon Aggregate Girl 800m, 1500m, & 3000m (ECNZ trophy) Kataraina Hakaraia CROSS COUNTRY Senior Girl Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Kataraina Hakaraia Senior Boy Champion (Dillon Shield) Caleb Lyon SWIMMING Intermediate Girl Champion (PTA Cup) Rebecca Csore Intermediate Boy Champion (Cup) Johnny Double Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy) Dariayne Prince Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy) Kadin Connelly NETBALL Kapai Enterprises Trophy (Donated by Ken & Merrilyn George) an award for the person who by his/her actions displays the qualities of sportsmanship that we regard as important at Ruapehu College – achievement / dedication / loyalty Kataraina Hakaraia SKIING Senior Girl Champion (Tahurangi Cup donated by Vic Keppel) Lais Morris Senior Boy Champion (Mangaturuturu Cup donated by Graeme Brebner) Cameron Hotter SNOWBOARDING Senior Girl Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan Catherine Pakai-Dewes Senior Boy Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan Willem Van Hees Supreme Snowboarding Award (Callum Green "Pink" Memorial Award) Willem Van Hees CRICKET Best Team Member Cup Donated by 1986 1st XI) Matthew Laurenson Best All Round Bowler (Cup donated by Darren McDonnell) George Joyce Batting Award (donated by David Archibald) Kadin Connelly FOOTBALL For achieving a high level of ability and showing dedication to the game Journeaux Trophy James Hilson TENNIS Girl Champion (Cup presented by Sue Laurenson) Kataraina Hakaraia Boy Champion (Cup presented by John Laurenson) Matthew Laurenson BADMINTON Girl Champion Certificate Kataraina Hakaraia Boy Champion Certificate Matthew Laurenson VOLLEYBALL Most consistent player Certificate Willem Van Hees Most improved player Certificate Matthew Dowman SQUASH Girl Champion (Triggell Trophy) Emma Dowman Boy Champion (Triggell Trophy) Matthew Laurenson TABLE TENNIS Girl Champion Certificate Kataraina Hakaraia Boy Champion Certificate Flynn Bellerby Interwhanau Competition Huia Leaders Matthew Dowman Emma Dowman First in Volleyball, first in Football, first in Cross Country and first for Attendance. Kiwi Leaders James Hilson Amy Thompson First in Snowboarding and first equal in skiing. Tui Leaders Tuhirangi Akapita Kataraina Hakaraia First in softball, first in netball, first in Basketball first equal in skiing, first in Speeches, first in kapahaka (Joan Akapita and Matiu Mareikura Memorial Trophy) and receives the Francis Hoterani Memorial Award for winter sports. Weka Leaders Daniel EF Zynaia Richards-Winter First in athletics (EF BUCK Cup), first in swimming (cup), first in Squash and first in Tug of War. Whampion Whanau (cup) Tui Year 11 Academic Awards 2015 Joanna Dowman MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in History. Jackson Bishop MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Agriculture and Horticulture. Te Mura Ote Aroha MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Mareikura Callaghan Barney Richards-Warbrick MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Practical Science. Zyon Epiha-Netana MERIT AWARD for improvement in Numeracy. Amy Calder MERIT AWARD for improvement and consistent effort in Science. Steven Haitana MERIT AWARD for perseverance in the Performing Arts. Ingrid Herbert MERIT AWARD for improvement and consistent effort in Food and Nutrition and receives the

Home Economics Award donated by Fiona Fraser. George Joyce MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Art and Physical Education. Zayden Herewini Taiaroa MERIT AWARDS for improvement in the Performing Arts and improvement and effort in Numeracy. Hamish Whale MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Literacy and improvement in Practical Science. Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen MERIT AWARDS for steady and careful application in Design Technology Hard Materials and consistent effort in Mathematics. He receives the Waimarino Tree Resource Incentive Award donated by Ian Forster for improvement in Level One Design Hard Materials. Paurini Taylor SUBJECT AWARD for first in Geography. Flynn Bellerby SUBJECT AWARD for first in Physical Education. Tom Couper SUBJECT AWARD for first in Agriculture and Horticulture. MERIT AWARD for perseverance in English. Mohi Williams SUBJECT AWARD for first in Art. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Agriculture and Horticulture. Xavia Steedman-Wills SUBJECT AWARD for first in Performing Arts. MERIT AWARDS for improvement and consistent effort in Science and consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Dylan Greaney SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Design Technology Hard Materials and first in Outdoor Education. He receives the PlaceMakers Prize for Level One Hard Material Technology. Samantha Reyes Is the Top Year 11 Student for 2015. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in English, first in Science, first in Mathematics, first in Accounting, and first in History. Year 12 Academic Awards 2015 Laurence Mills Receives the Lines Company Ltd Prize for achievement in Technology Tom Howell MERIT AWARD for perseverance in English Literacy. Jeremy Fredericksen MERIT AWARDS for steady and careful application in Design Technology Hard Material and for consistent effort in Applied Mathematics. Daniel Artz MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English, Physical Education and Mathematics. Rawinia Thomas SUBJECT AWARD for first in Te Reo Maori. Cameron Hotter SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Outdoor Education. Tu-Irirangi Mareikura-Cassidy SUBJECT AWARD for first in the Performing Arts. MERIT AWARD for steady and careful application in Design Technology Hard Materials Emma Dowman SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in History. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Biology and Physics. Kurtis Fredericksen SUBJECT AWARD for first in Design Technology Hard Materials and receives the Winstone Pulp International prize for achievement in Level Two Design Technology. MERIT AWARDS for Agriculture and Horticulture and receives the Fruit Federation Supplies Ltd prize for Level Two Horticulture. Rose Brandl SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Technology Soft Materials Kadin Connelly SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Food and Nutrition and receives the Sue Hardwidge Memorial Cup for excellence in practical foods and first equal in Outdoor Education. Lais Morris SUBJECT AWARDS for first in English and first equal in History. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Chemistry. She receives the Winstone Pulp International prize for achievement in Chemistry. Caleb Lyon SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Biology and first in Physical Education. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mathematics. Matthew Laurenson SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Physics, first in Mathematics, first in Accounting and is the Top Year 12 Academic Student for 2015. Year 13 Academic Awards 2015 Amy Thompson Receives the Migos Trophy for Practical Soft Materials Technology Nathan Tutemahurangi SUBJECT AWARD for first in Design Technology Hard Materials. Zynaia Winters-Richards SUBJECT AWARD

first in the Performing Arts. Willem Van Hees SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Outdoor Education and shares the Kaimanawa Cup for Outdoor Education donated by R Rowles and G Brebner and he receives the Robin Rowles Memorial Award for leadership in outdoor practical areas. Matthew Dowman SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Outdoor Education and shares the Kaimanawa Cup for Outdoor Education donated by R Rowles and G Brebner. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mathematics. Kataraina Hakaraia SUBJECT AWARD for first in Technology Soft Materials. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in History. Catherine Pakai-Dewes SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Photography and first in Physical Education. She receives the Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and class spirit in History. Tessa Commins SUBJECT AWARD for first in History. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English and Biology and perseverance in Chemistry. She receives the Peck Campbell Cup for excellence in Humanities. Antonia Hoeta SUBJECT AWARDS for first in English and first in Biology. James Hilson SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Mathematics and first in Accounting. He receives the Cast Family Senior Mathematics Award for a high standard in level 3 Mathematics, Statistics and Calculus and the Balance Award for high attainment in Accounting. He also receives the Chan Trophy for excellence in Drama. Special Awards Volcanics eLearning Award selected from students studying one or more subjects by video conference. Matthew Laurenson Senior Speech Competition (M S Gould Cup) Lais Morris Impromptu Speaker (Alan West Cup) Lais Morris Most Entertaining Speech (Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Martin Cup) Lais Morris Te Whai Korero – wahine Speech making in Maori Language – girl (T G McCullough Cup) Waimaria Matete Office Max Award for a person who has enhanced the reputation of the college by his or her work outside the college Helena Bethell. Play Hard-Work Hard Leigh Hynes Trophy Someone who does well in sport but also works hard in class Catherine Pakai-Dewes Maungarongo Trophy For showing commitment, initiative and loyalty in Te Roopu Kapa Haka during the year. Piri Kite Atua Callaghan Brian Eades Award For perseverance and endeavour. Tessa Commins 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 Matthew Dowman Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant: For a year 11 student to support them in their following academic year. (\$1000) Mohi Williams Snow Queen Scholarship: For a student pursuing tertiary study in the arts or design fields. (\$1000+) Amy Thompson 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 (\$500) Kurtis Fredericksen Principals Award Student representation on the Board of Trustees Zynaia Winter-Richards The Ruapehu College Sports Cup for best overall senior in sport, presented by John and Sue Laurenson (+ \$100 RCEAT) Kataraina Hakaraia Waimarino Shield Donated by the Maori community of the district for all-round student in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and values (+ \$100 RCEAT) Antonia Hoeta Kataraina Hakaraia Loftus Shield For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas – academic, social and sporting. (+ \$100 RCEAT) Catherine Pakai-Dewes Proxime Accessit Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family. (+ \$100 RCEAT) Antonia Hoeta. Dux Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. She also receives the University of Otago Dux Scholarship of \$6000.00 towards the costs of her University studies. (+ \$200 RCEAT) Tessa Commins