

RUAPEHU COLLEGE 2017



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a great 2017 at Ruapehu College as our students continue to rise to the opportunity of gaining NCEA credits and to achieve their hopes and dreams for the future.

Our staff and senior leadership team have worked hard to achieve the best for our students and we are constantly grateful for their efforts. Our academic results continue to be very good and we are very proud of this. If students want to go to University, other training or into a trade or some other employment, then Ruapehu College is well poised to facilitate this. Our school role grew this year with a number of students joining us from other towns as their parents move into the area to work.

Leadership is an important facet of life here at the College and I was very proud to work with our prefects; Head Boy-Jackson Bishop, Head Girl Naydah Bishop, Deputy Head Boy Te Matua O Te Rangi Allen, Deputy Head Girl and Board of Trustees representative-Samantha Reyes and prefects-George Joyce and Monika Prasad. They all contributed to the leadership of the school in their own way.

Our current prefects spent time at the Prefect Leadership camp in Gisborne learning about peer support they were able to bring this training and knowledge to share with students who then work with our year 9's, when they arrived at the College. The peer support programme works well making the transition to College relatively smooth and our year 9 students enjoy it too.

The student council met throughout the year and it was good to see their influence in the school. Some representing youth on the Ruapehu Youth Council and also providing steady reports to the Board of Trustees. Under the watchful eye of Samantha Reyes, they also conducted a mock election in the school and campaigned for some additions to the school uniform. This year, we had five students nominated for the position of student representative on the BoT and a school wide vote resulted in Ashley Akapita winning that position. Our whanau leaders and cultural leaders continue to have a positive impact on our school. Congratulations to all our leaders.

The school enjoyed a busy this year of sport. We introduced Waka Ama and our students were so passionate they ended up heading to the Nationals. We had a school netball team and a number of students playing for the Ruapehu netball club. We also consolidated our rugby and it was pleasing to see how the boys are improving. Soccer started again and we had a number of students playing badminton. I enjoyed seeing our students perform well in the skiing competition gaining a 6th placing in one of the races.

It was awesome to see the growing number of sports on offer at the College. Some of our individual students did well on the national and international arena and it is always pleasing to recognise their

talents. We have some very talented sports students at our school. I am looking forward to the CACTUS programme involving our community

Police and Army and other personnel.

The Teacher Led Innovation Fund (TLIF) and the Digital Technology fund were a success as both programmes investigated ways to develop combined assessments in History/English and to develop a curriculum in Digital Technology for the 2018 nationwide implementation. Ruapehu College was very lucky to have these opportunities and I would like to thank all the staff who assisted with this. This year, Miss Meredith Wilson has won a scholarship to the Royal Society of New Zealand Te Apārangi which supports the Government Strategic plan for science. These innovations continue to be exciting opportunities for the College and can only benefit our students.

This year I really enjoyed the ball. The theme this year was Beauty and the Beast. I managed to join the snow academy on the mountain on a few occasions and that was great. I enjoyed the international food day and hope that we do this every year. I would like to thank Matua KJ and Mrs Allen who organised the Travel and Tourism trip to Rarotonga. I really enjoyed supporting Mr Connelly's Year 13 survival camp to the Ruatiti Domain and admired (from the safe distance of my own tent) the students who slept in some very skimpy handmade bivouacs!. Another enjoyable experience this year was the Year 10 OPC outdoor skills camp and look forward to the Year 9 leadership camp to Valhalla.

This year we said farewell to our Deputy Principal, Mr Jason White, History and Social Science teacher, Mr Jerry Jordan and Sports co-ordinator Mr Walter Edmonds. We appointed Mr Steve Mackrell as Deputy Principal, Mr Grant Collie for History/Social Studies and Miss Nicole Young as sports coordinator. We welcomed Mrs Wendy Darmody as teacher aide.

I would like to wish our year 13's every success as they head out into the wide world. The school magazine provides enjoyment in the year it is issued and for many years. School is often something we look back with fond memories even if we didn't fully appreciate it at the time.

Te Tamaiti e kai te matauranga, Nona tea o. The child who partakes of education, owns the world. We wish all our leavers the best for the future.
Tena koutou, Tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Ms Kim Basse

Photo
Ms Basse with husband Simon off to the school ball.



STAFF CHANGES

Mr Mackrell began his teaching career in Liverpool, England in 2002 where he taught Science and Mathematics in an inner city school.



After two visits to New Zealand he made the decision to move here permanently and in 2009 began teaching at Whanganui High School. He taught Science, Physics and Outdoor Education during his time there. Mr Mackrell was appointed Deputy Principal mid-way through the year.

Wendy Darmody joined us as a teacher aide and also has taken on the job organising the NCEA examinations.



We also welcomed Mr Mick Darmody who came from Hastings Boys where he has been teaching for 16 years. He is originally from Newcastle in England and supports Newcastle United Football Club. He is our new Hard Technology teacher.



Miss Kiani Rowe arrived from Wellington after completing an Arts degree in Te Reo. She is teaching Te Reo and Social Studies at the College. Kiani comes from Whanganui.



Finance Administrator Departs

Miss Myra Babalo has left Ruapehu College after working for a year successfully revamping the College's finance systems.



Grant Collie was born in Scotland and arrived in Aotearoa in 1997. Mr Collie worked in the museum sector as a Museum Director and Consultant before deciding to become a teacher specialising in History and Social Studies. He taught Social Studies and Digital Technology at Rangitikei College, before moving to Whanganui High School three years ago to teach History and Social Studies.



Mr White Departs
Mr Jason White left his position as Deputy Principal of Ruapehu College to move to Levin to take up the position of Deputy Principal at Horowhenua College.



Head of Social Sciences and enthusiastic Basketball coach Mr Jerry Jordan left during the year to take on another job.



STAFF CHANGES

Student Teacher Miss Angelique Bam has been working at the College as a student teacher of Physical Education. She is training through the Bethlehem teachers training campus in Tauranga. We wish her every success with her teaching career.



Nicole Young taught Social Studies, Health and also does an amazing job as our sports co-ordinator.



Mrs Gaylene Edmonds also joined us late last year and taught Ag/Hort for a short time.



Walter Edmonds has been working as the Sports Co-ordinator at the Ruapehu College for the last two years. He has taken up a position at Whanganui Netball as their new Game Development Officer.



STAFF PHOTOS



Back Row: Miss Nicole Young BPE, Miss Meredith Wilson - BSC, Dip Teach, Miss Kiani Rowe BA, Mrs Wendy Hubbard.

Third Row: Mrs Louise Beukes - B.Ed, TESOL, Dip Teach, Mrs Kerren Dixon, Mrs Wendy Darmody, Mrs Maxine Hakaraia - Dip Teach, Mr Grant Collie BA (Hist), GDipTchg(Secondary), PGDipMusStud, Mrs Ann Stuckey - B.Sc, Mrs Anne McIver.

Second Row: Mr David Sims B.TchLn, Mr Brian Connelly - M.SpLs, B SocSc, Mr Raj Prasad - B.Sc, Mr Ben Plant BSc, ACA, Dip Teach, Dip Fine Arts, Mrs Glenda Higginson, Mrs Liz Hall.

Front row: Mr Michael Darmody BA (Hons), PGCE, MA in Ed., Mr Johnny Greene - BA, Dip Teach, Deputy Principal Mr Steven Mackrell BSc, Principal Ms Kim Basse - M.EdAdmin, BA, Dip Teach, Deputy Principal Mrs Marama Allen - BA, Dip Ed, Dip Teach, Mr KJ Allen BA, PGradDipTch, Massey; Cert Community Psychiatric Care, Otago; Cert Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling, WELTEC; Cert REBT, EIT, Mr Campbell Hart Bspex, Dip Teach.

Absent: Mrs Shelagh Buck - B.Sc Hons Dip Ed, Mrs Kay Sutton, Mr Phillip Sutton, Mrs Gaylene Edmonds, Mrs Rauna Te Huia, Miss Myra Babalo, Mr Jerry Jordan - B.Sc, Mrs Rachel Wills.

STUDENT LEADERS

Back Row: Samantha Reyes (Deputy Head Girl), George Joyce (Prefect), Te Te Matau O Rangi Allen (Deputy Head Boy), Monika Prasad (Prefect).
Front Row: Naydah Bishop (Head Girl), Ms Kim Basse (Principal), Jackson Bishop (Head Boy),

LEADERS REPORT



Kiaora, Kia Orana, Malo lelei, Bula Vinaka, Konichiwa, Fakalofa lahi atu, Velkomme (velcomma)

This year kicked off with CACTUS. That was an amazing way to start the year. With the early starts of not knowing what we were up against, it was challenging and full of obstacles that we conquered each morning.

We enjoyed the Inter Whanau events. Tug-of-war was fiercely contested with each team striving to win. We were both in Weka and we were first equal with another whanau, Tui.

It was great to celebrate Athletics as a full school event. We also really enjoyed the inter whanau Kapa-haka competition where we embrace our own Maori culture which show us unity as a school.

We hope that our prefect team will leave a legacy and that they will continue this event in the future. We would like to acknowledge the help and support of our fellow prefects. Samantha Reyes, Te Matua te Rangi Allen, Monika Prasad and George Joyce. They have all contributed in their own way to the leadership of the school.

To our families who support and love us unconditionally, words cannot explain the sacrifices you make day in and day out. Your constant support with helping us finish assessments for school, encouraging us to do homework to cheering for us on the sidelines. Thank you, we love you dearly.

To our principal, our teachers and all staff for showing us endless support. You encouraged us in year 9 when we arrived at school and you continue to do so. Thank you for investing your time in us

throughout the years.

Congratulations to our prefects for 2018

Finally, each new day is a blessing. Let go of all worries and be grateful for all the good things in your life. Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best. Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

We may not be the most intelligent students at the college, but you don't have to be if you really want to do something. You can make it happen. With a bit of hard work, commitment and integrity, you can be whatever you want.

This journey could start with being a future perfect at Ruapehu College. We encourage everyone try for prefect as it is a great experience.

Our advice to you all is to live life. Take every opportunity that is thrown your way and don't look back. Think of each day as your last and live it to the fullest. You will make mistakes. It's okay, think of it as a lesson learnt.

To our fellow Year 13s, We wish you all the best for the future. It has been an awesome year being prefects at Ruapehu College and we will never forget the many memories we have made with everyone. We look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Keep calm and trust the process.

Naydah Bishop and Jackson Bishop

STUDENT COUNCIL



Back row: Victoria Bethell, Samuel Lyon, Hezakaya, Treanor-Metekingi, Dylan Te Kura-Bishop, Justice-Rose Dennison, Kate Rowe, Sapphire Mapp, Tessa Morris, Emma Burnard.
 Front row: Scott Fraser, Jackson Bishop, Samantha Reyes, Sara Mandy, Jenna Jones.
 Absent: Macy McNaught, Dalton Jordan.

NCEA ENDORSEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who have had their NCEA qualification endorsed with merit or excellence.

Aciana Akapita - Level 1 Te Reo Maori endorsed with Merit
 Te Matau O Te Rangī Allen - Level 2 Maths endorsed with Merit. Naydah Bishop - Level 2 Physical Education endorsed with Merit. Rose Brandl - NCEA Level 3 endorsed with Merit. Dylan Budge - Level 1 English and Physical Education endorsed with Merit, Level 1 Maths endorsed with Excellence; NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Merit.

Rebecca Csore - Level 1 Art and Maths endorsed with Merit. Scott Fraser - Level 1 Accounting, Maths, and Physical Education endorsed with Merit; NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Merit. Kaheiana Hansen - Level 1 Science endorsed with Merit, Level 1 Accounting and Maths endorsed with Excellence; NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Excellence.

Caleb Lyon - NCEA Level 3 endorsed with Merit. Judah Lyon - Level 1 English, History, Maths and Physical Education endorsed with Merit; NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Excellence. Nicholas McDonnell - Level 1 Physical Education endorsed with Merit. Macy McNaught - Level 1 Accounting endorsed with Merit; NCEA



Level 1 endorsed with Merit. Keaton Norling - Level 1 Physical Education endorsed with Merit. Molly Parker - Level 1 Art and Maths endorsed with Merit; NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Merit. Monika Prasad - Level 2 Maths endorsed with Merit.

Samantha Reyes - Level 2 Accounting, Biology, English, History, and Maths endorsed with Merit; NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit. Samuel Reyes - Level 1 English and Maths endorsed with Merit; NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Merit. Julian Toho - Level 1 Physical Education endorsed with Merit. Warren Williams - Level 1 Physical Education endorsed with Merit.

WHANAU LEADERS



Back Row: Pippy Williams -Weka, Lara Edmonds-Tui, Keaton Norling- Huia, Amy Calder-Huia
Front Row: Hamish Whale-Kiwi, Ms Kim Basse-Principal, Nathaniel Bethell-Tui
Absent: Ashley Akapita-Tui, Tukutahi Metekingi-Weka

CULTURAL LEADERS



Back Row: Victoria Bethell- Tui, Caleb Murphy- Tui, Nathaniel Bethell- Tui, Sara Mandy- Kiwi, Connor Halliday- Huia
Front Row: Jenna Jones- Kiwi, Mr KJ Allen, Ashley Akapita- Tui, Ms Kim Basse, Monika Prasad- Kiwi
Absent: Aciana Akapita- Tui, Wynyard Baker- Kiwi, Korbyn Garland- Huia, Zayden Herewini Taiaroa- Weka, Tekaoakao Kairimu- Kiwi, Dom Norling- Huia, Sequoia Sue-Waara- Huia, Masiya Taiaroa- Weka, Dylan Te Kura Bishop- Weka, Juilan Toho- Weka, Jett Tumataroa- Huia.

WALL OF FAME

Dance Success

Dalton Jordan and Korbyn Garland are well known for their dance successes. They have won numerous competitions.



Dom Norling -Whanganui Rugby U16 Team 2017 -Hurricanes U16 Rugby Tournament 2017



Broken Record Swimming Sports 2017 Kaiawa Connelly Intermediate Girls 3 length medley - Record of 1m 35.34s

Whanganui Secondary Schools Swimming 2017 Girls 14-15 50m Backstroke – 2nd



Matthew Smith won a gold medal in his division at a Taekwondo tournament over the weekend in Tauranga.



Record Broken Ruapehu College Athletics Dylan Te Kura Bishop – Intermediate Girls Shot Put Record – 11.39m and North Island Secondary Schools Athletics – Intermediate Girls – Shotput



Hayley Artz - North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Intermediate Girls High Jump Long Jump Triple Jump



Masiya Tairaoa - Junior Boys 3 length medley - Record of 1m 52.56s in the Ruapehu College Swimming Sports.



Whanganui Secondary Schools Swimming Boys 13 and under 50m Freestyle – 2nd

Leim Norling – U14 Rugby Whanganui Team.



Dylan Budge – Squash Central Regional Champion of Champions Tournament B Grade B Grade Men's Title



Jett Tumataroa Whanganui U18 Rugby team.



Sayge Wikohika Ohakune Squash Club team competing in the National Superchamps Finals 2017 in the F Grade Women's Team



Jack Parker – Ohakune Squash Club team competing in the National Superchamps Finals in the D Grade Men's Team



Nazomi Groot, Kate Rowe and Ryan Burton received the Lowdown Award for 'Overall Best Song' at Rockquest



WALL OF FAME

Nash Jordan won various equestrian events throughout the year.



Harry Toho
Whanganui Rugby U16 Team 2017
Hurricanes U15 & U16 Rugby Tournament 2017



Xavia Steedman-Wills entered the solo/duo category with his melodic and soulful ballad: "Exactly". He composed this using the ukulele and gave a performance of such merit that he was awarded 2nd place in his category.



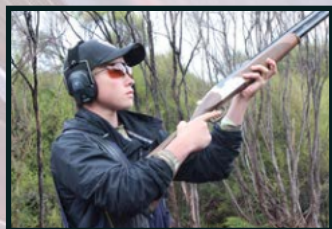
Chaya Connelly (Yr 9) who won her category in the Schools fashion competition in the Brother Design Stars Craft Award



Tekaokao Kairimu, Te Taumata Nelio and Cameron Artz all played in the Hurricanes U15 Rugby Tournament



Keaton Norling
New Zealand Clay Shooting Nationals A Grade 1st, Junior Overall 3rd, FITASC Championships of Oceania Sporting Clays in New Caledonia, top NZ Junior Shooter and various other competitions.



Samantha Reyes
Ohakune Squash Club team competing in the National Superchamps Finals 2017 in the F Grade Women's Team Squash National Champion of Champions Tournament 2017 F Grade Women's F Grade Women's Title



Ruapehu Xpress
Congratulations to the following students who took part in different events in the Ruapehu Xpress.
16km Run
Hayley Artz placed 2nd junior and 15th overall woman.
Chaya Connelly placed 4th junior and 35th overall woman.
Libby Graham placed 6th junior and 43rd overall woman.
Kaiawa Connelly placed 7th junior and 44th overall woman.
21km Bike Ride
Cameron Artz placed 2nd junior and 6th overall male.
James Frew placed 3rd junior and 13th overall male.
Ms Basse and Mr White both completed the 58km bike ride.

Scott Fraser
Ohakune Squash Club team competing in the National Superchamps Finals 2017 in the D Grade Men's Team Squash National Champion of Champions Tournament 2017 E Grade Mens



Ruapehu College Waka Ama 2017 National Secondary School Championship U19 Boys Bowl 3rd Te Matau O Te rangi Allen, George Joyce, Tukutahi Metekingi, Tekaokao Kairimu, Jackson Bishop, Jett Tumataroa.
Dylan Te Kura Bishop Girls Rowing Ergometer (machine) - 1st



Julian Toho - Whanganui U18 Rugby team 2017

VISITORS

Self Defence Programme

Many of our female students were put through a Self Defence programme in May. Catherine Donovan works with an organisation which teaches young women how to look after themselves.



Youth Services

Youth services personnel Loretta Cuff and Dennis Tucker presented to the senior student assembly the services they offer in the area.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Ruapehu College has hosted two International students from Japan who arrived late January and will depart late November. Yuzuki Sekigushi (Year 11) and Yuri Shirai (Year 12) say they have had an amazing experience in New Zealand and "don't want to go home."

Both girls are from Tokyo and live in apartments in a city of neon lights, 24-hour shopping and a population of nearly 14 million people.

Yuzuki has really enjoyed the skiing. For a young person who had never been on skis, she got "very good at it", said home stay Mum, Kerren Dixon. Yuzuki is keen to experience skiing in some of the excellent locations in Japan. Yuri also loved the great outdoors and tried everything. She was well placed in her home stay with the Connelly family. With Brian Connelly, who is the outdoor teacher at Ruapehu College, ensured she experienced all on offer in the area. Yuri enjoyed it all, but really rated her experience at Tongariro Hillary Outdoors especially the caving.

The girls have also enjoyed their tramping and Yuzuki performed well in a local badminton competition while Yuri tried her hand at sewing and then modelling her garment at the Snow Queen Fashion competition in Ohakune.

Politicians visit the College

Our year 9 students were lucky to have the opportunity to address some politicians this week.

Our local Member of Parliament; Mr Ian McKelvie, NZ First's; Tracey Martin and PPTA president;



Jack Boyle payed a visit to Ruapehu College. They were visiting schools in the Rangitikei and Whanganui areas.

Ian McKelvie commented later that our year 9s students were intelligent and polite. He was very impressed with the willingness to discuss the future issues concerning our youth.

Caption

National MP Ian McKelvie and NZ First list candidate Tracey Martin flanked by year 9 students (left to right) Kennedy Reid, Kalani Gordon, Dalton Jordan, Jenna Jones, Emma Burnard and Korbyn Galand.



Both Girls said they loved the school ball. "We just don't have anything like it at our schools," said Yuzuki.

Both girls have really improved in their speaking of the English language and Yuri attempted her Japanese assignments in English. Yuzuki went to Maori language classes to gain an understanding of Te Reo. Both girls intend to make the most of their last weeks at the College. "Everyone was so friendly when we arrived," said Yuri. "All the students said hello". Yuzuki said "I don't want to go back to Japan." "We wish them well when they journey home and hope they will remember this amazing experience for the rest of their lives," said principal Kim Basse. "We have enjoyed having them at Ruapehu College."

Kim Basse.

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Back Row: Siete Pakinga, Connor Halliday, Cameron Artz, Taylor Richards, Tristum Griffin-Chappel
Second Row: Caleb Murphy, Tess Morris, Allivia Wallace, Gabriel Pohatu, Brianna McKenna,
Miss Kianai Rowe
Front Row: Tayla Goff, Jaye Tuaeatea Akapita, Sapphire Mapp, Victoria Paoratoho,
Katerina Treanor-Metekingi
Absent: Bailey Mareikura, Aleisha Anderson, Jax Campbell, Awa Taylor, Jaidyn Foster, River Smith

9 DS



Back Row: Brodie Kahukura, Tai Paul, Montoia Osborne, Kalani Gordon, Keri Baker
Second Row: Kennedy Reid, Dalton Jordan, Bo Soverel, Jack Walls, Byron Griffin-Chappel, Mr David
Sims, Sara Mandy
Front Row: Emma Burnard, Kyro Wihare-Hansen, Jenna Jones, Ella Hawira, Sayge Wikohika
Absent: Oskar Williams, Kingston Wiari-Te Huia, Paige Pearce, Alana-Joe Metekingi, Libby Graham,
Korbyn Garland, Gemma Day, Chaya Connelly, Stephen Cawsey.

10 AS



Back row: Samuel Lyon, Izzy Theodore, Duncan Francois, Te Taumata Nelio, Leonardo Csore, Gabriel Theodore, Rose Collett
Second Row: Wynyard Baker, Connor Gibson, Mackenzie Charlton, Ryan Burton, Jude White, Mrs Ann Stuckey
Front Row: Abilene Thomas, Nazomi Groot, Aciana Akapita, Levana Paul, Taty Hiroti, Kate Rowe, Ellen Thomas
Absent: Maeya Crown, James Frew, Harry Toho, Eliza Warbrick.

10 BC



Back Row: Liam Norling
Second Row: Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi, Victoria Bethell, Lamar Tutemahurangi, Masiya Taiaroa, Mr Brian Connelly
Front Row: Diamond Mapp, Michaelah Sinai, Tanaeya Henare, Shaquana Taylor, Jeramaia Joyce
Absent: Liam Twigley, Rona Condon, Jaelyn Herewini, Legacy Hiroti, Aaron Richards,

11 LB



Back Row: Dean Whale, Dylan Kennett, Hayley Artz
Second Row: Rory Fredricksen, Yuzuki Sekiguchi, Laine Robson, Lilnita Wallace, Kaiawa Connelly, Mrs Louise Beukes
Front Row: Charly Hika-Wright, Ebony Hansen, Racel Reyes, Ebony Thomas, Alice Walls
Absent: Levi Bowring, Ngahuia Brider-Wiari, Jack Herewini, Jayne Metekingi, Joey Richards-Wiari, James True.

11 CH



Back Row: William Smith, Tekaoakao Kairimu, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Daniel Woodhead, Te Whenua Ranginui
Second Row: Dom Norling, Sequoia Sue-Waara, Deraileigh Munn, Kah-lani Phillips, Sophie Couper, Mr Campbell Hart
Front Row: T'Leya Wood, Kayla Pearce, Justice-Rose Dennison, Tayla White, Chloe Garland
Absent: Chellecia Akapita, Kauri Harris, DJ Pearson, Western Pickery, John Richards,

12 JG AND 12 RP



Back Row: Macy McNaught, Nicholas McDonnell, Scott Fraser, Nash Jordan, Warren Williams
Second Row: Mr Johnny Greene, Judah Lyon, Amba Carter, Keaton Norling, Mason Baker, Samuel Reyes, Dylan Budge, Mr Raj Prasad
Front Row: Kaheiana Hansen, Molly Parker, Anamaraea McDonnell, Yuri Shirai, Ashley Akapita, Pippy Williams, Daynah Bishop.
Absent: Rebecca Csore, Dante Gordon, Julian Toho, Samara Windle, Cheyann McDougall, Jett Tumataroa, Dion-tre Wood

PERFORMING ARTS-MOLLIE



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Back Row: Peter Kennett, Kyran Jones, Michael Gibson, Hamish Whale, Matthew Smith, Nathaniel Bethell, Mohi Williams,
Second Row: Amy Calder, Skye Pohatu, Xavia Steedman-Wills, Jack Parker, Rawinia Thomas, Lara Edmonds, Miss Meredith Wilson
Front Row: Samantha Reyes, Zayden Herewini Tairoa, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen, Naydah Bishop, Jackson Bishop, George Joyce, Monika Prasad.
Absent: Te Mura Ote Aroha Callaghan, Tukutahi Metekingi, Simone Taura, Zakaycia Winter, Jana Von Restorff, Tai Malcolm, Sakoyia Waitokia



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We are also currently finalising quotes etc, for our next 10 year property plan.

2017 has flown by, a very busy/successful year all round, success and achievement been good and thank you to all who have made it happen and congratulations to all who have achieved.

Business is good at Ruapehu College. Our academic and achievement levels are something to be proud of, as are our sporting, cultural and community achievements. It's great to be part of, and great to be surrounded by an active, passionate and involved team on our BOT, working behind the scenes to keep Ruapehu College moving successfully in the right direction.

A big achievement for the BOT this year was the engagement of consultation with our community. A survey was put together and presented to students, parents and the greater community, gathering data on how we are doing, what we are doing right and wrong, what we look like and where we should be heading. The feedback has been wonderful, both positive and negative, invaluable information helping us with the strategic planning for our school.

There have been many people involved in the community survey, but special thanks goes to Erena for co-ordinating and making this happen.

A big part of our BOT compliance is around Health and Safety – a special thank you to Mike, Lane and Roberta for their continued work in the health and safety role. They have done a great job of ensuring that policies are being adhered to, and have worked well, meeting regularly with management in overseeing compliance procedures.

Property – a busy year with alterations to the hall and the new Performing Arts facilities, also the huge project of fire compliance, a massive job, with a massive cost. However, our school is now completely up to spec with all of the fire compliance regulations. A special thank you to Phil, our property manager for overseeing all of this.

A special thank you to Dean and Erena for your continued support on the property portfolio.

Finances are in good shape. We changed our finance service provider to Balance Chartered Accountant's which has worked very well. Also, having employed our own Finance Officer, Myra Babalo, it has been great having our reports on time and in a good format. Ruapehu College is in a strong financial position, a great way to move into 2018.

Overall another excellent year.

A special thank you to our senior management team – Kim, Steve and Marama. Jason White left us part way through the year, we then welcomed Mr Steve Mackrell to our senior management team, and together are doing a great a job. I cannot thank enough my fellow board members for your commitment and support, Ruapehu College is 'in good hands'.

To our students moving on, all the very best for a prosperous future.

"Aim High"

Zane Couper, BOT Chair

BOT Members

Kim Basse, Zane Couper, Dean Francois, Roberta Williams, Erena Mikaere-Most, Mike Craig

Johnny Greene- Staff Representative
Samantha Reyes-Student Representative
Roles and Sub-Committees

Principal: Kim Basse

Chairperson: Zane Couper

Finance: Kim Basse, Zane Couper,

Health and Safety: Kim Basse, Phillip Sutton, Zane Couper.

Discipline: All members available.

Property: Phil Sutton, Kim Basse, Zane Couper.

Staff Representative: Johnny Greene

Student Representative: Samantha Reyes

Iwi Representative: Roberta Williams

Secretary: Kay Sutton

BOT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

I began my role as Student Board of Trustee Representative (Student BOT Rep.) on September 2016 and had my training in early January on the Spirit of Adventure. Those five days sailing around Auckland Harbour with other Student BOT Reps was an amazing experience, although climbing up the mast was a bit terrifying.

When school started up again, I along with several students ran the Student Council. Meetings occurred fortnightly on most Tuesdays during Term 1, Term 2 and during the first few weeks of Term 3. This made it very easy to communicate what the majority of the student body wanted and I was very impressed with the ideas, discussions and the way these students conducted themselves at these meetings.

It has been a challenging year as I stepped into the leadership position of Student BOT Rep, however

I have enjoyed the experience.

Ashley Akapita will be taking over my leadership role and I am confident that she will do a great (if not better) job as Ruapehu College's Student BOT Rep for 2018.

This is Samantha Reyes signing off.



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CACTUS PRIZEGIVING

Eight weeks of the toughest times ended with the longest day and graduation dinner. Students and parents attended their graduation dinner at the Waiouru Military Camp Officers' Mess in the evening, to celebrate and recognise the accomplishment of the students.

Top over all, Best Required Fitness Level (RFL) male, Julian Toho, best RFL female, Skye Pohatu, most improved RFL, Matthew Smith (who cut 4 minutes off his run time). Most improved overall, Matthew Smith, who showed impressive improvements physically (lost 10kg), but also showed significant growth in confidence.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It has been another year of hard work, learning and enjoyment in the PE department. In PE classes students learn about themselves and how to best interact with others through movement contexts. Year 9's and 10's started the year competing against other teams within their class in a top team challenge where the focus was on self-management. They have also had to run 15 minute coaching sessions to demonstrate independence. Students learnt about being responsible class citizens, analysing skills and running a sports tournament in term two. In term three students had to demonstrate interpersonal skills while competing in non-traditional games. For the last assessment of the year we have been making use of the squash courts close proximity. Learning squash skills and biomechanics.



The year 13's started the year training for and completing a triathlon in Palmerston North. This was a practical assessment. In term two we studied biomechanics and students had to analyse themselves performing a lacrosse shot. We finished the year with the class planning and implementing a two day journey which involved completing the timber trail. This is an 85km bike ride in the Pureroa Forest Park. Day 1 is 40km and day 2 is 45km. We camped overnight at the Piropiro campsite which is located at the halfway point.

The year 12's began the year planning and

Leadership Nash Jordan-consistently stepped up to offer encouragement and support his peers. Guts, grit, determination, Rebecca Csore. Though she struggled with the physicality

of the course, she never gave up. Peer award, Julian Toho, voted by his peers as the person who, overall contributed the most as a leader and as a contributor to the team.

Lt Col Marsden presented awards to three students who, over the course of the longest day, demonstrated the CCCI values: Amy Calder, George Joyce, Pipi Williams.

Colonel Karyn Thompson presented the Commanders Coin to the student who overall, through the course and the longest day demonstrated the values of CCCI, Julian Toho.



implementing an overnight tramp. We walked to the Whakapapaiti Hut via the Silica Rapids. After staying the night at the hut we were picked up the next day after walking to the Mangahuia Campsite. This class has also completed an assessments which involved coaching students at Ohakune Primary School. As well as completing a 4 week training programme which prepared them to compete against each other in turbo touch and gain fitness for their winter sports.


The year 11's have made the step up into NCEA and had a successful year. They have participated in a range of different activities and sports. Term one involved them being presented with different team building challenges and required them to demonstrate interpersonal skills to solve these. Students have also learnt about bones, muscles and biomechanics and used this knowledge to improve their volleyball skills. This class finished the year learning about self-management and demonstrating this in high ropes and mountain bike trips.

Mr Campbell Hart



YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Monika Prasad
 Occupation: Professional sleeper
 Famous for: Being late for class
 Famous saying: "where's your proof?"
 Wants to be: Accountant
 Most likely to be: Crazy cat lady



Name: Mohi Williams
 Famous for: Art
 Wants to be: NZ SAS
 Most likely to be: NZ SAS




Name: Lara Edmonds
 Occupation: Stay at home daughter
 Famous for: Her long hair
 Famous saying: Silence
 Wants to be: The Stig
 Most likely to be: Rich, single and lost in a foreign country




Name: Jack Parker
 Occupation: Mummy's boy
 Famous for: Being massive
 Famous saying: "stop swearing"
 Wants to be: Nick Matthews
 Most likely to be: A bus driver



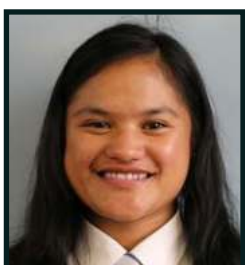
Name: Rawinia Thomas
 Occupation: Professional eater
 Famous for: Most handing in a single History Assessment in two years
 Wants to be: Chef
 Most likely to be: Still working at OCR




Name: Skye Pohutu
 Occupation: Third wheeler
 Famous for: Not putting her alarm on for school
 Famous saying: Yawn
 Wants to be: Professional eater
 Most likely to be: Homeless



Name: Naydah Bishop
 Occupation: Teacher's pet
 Famous for: Laughing
 Famous saying: "hahahah"
 Wants to be: A helicopter load master
 Most likely to be: Manager at New World



Name: Zayden Herewini
 Occupation: Pro baller
 Famous for:
 Famous saying: Ball up
 Wants to be: Pro baller
 Most likely to be: Pro baller



Name: George Joyce
 Occupation: Third prefect
 Famous for: Missing in action
 Famous saying: "noice"
 Wants to be: Cricket Player




Name: Michael Gibson
 Occupation: Tree loader
 Famous for: Big South African
 Famous saying: "got ta catch em all"
 Wants to be: Mechanic
 Most likely to be: Drifter



Name: Hamish Whale
 Occupation: Woggy dog
 Famous for: Long boarding
 Famous saying: "eager"
 Wants to be: Professional surfer
 Most likely to be: Stay at home dad



Name: Matthew Smith
 Occupation: Danni's follower
 Famous for: His jokes
 Famous saying: "Danni is...."
 Wants to be: An Olympian
 Most likely to be: Tae Kwon Do Coach



YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Amy Calder
 Occupation: Self employed
 Famous for: Getting a drink and not coming back
 Famous saying: "I'm getting a drink"
 Wants to be: Looking after pandas
 Most likely to be: Living in Wnanga/Whanganui



Name: Jackson Bishop
 Famous for: Head boy
 Wants to be: 3s
 Famous saying: "Trust the process"
 Wants to be: Happy
 Most likely to be: A stay at home dad



Name: Nathaniel Bethell
 Occupation: Chrome book inspector
 Famous for: Not doing any work
 Famous saying: "Te's got it"
 Wants to be: A fork lift driver
 Most likely to be: A caddy



Name: Kyran Jones
 Occupation: Amy's side kick
 Famous for: Dropping it too hard
 Saying: "she needs some milk"
 Wants to be: Travelling the world
 Most likely to be: Living at home



Name: Peter Kennet
 Occupation: Ex SAS
 Famous for: Military slogans
 Famous saying: "meh"
 Wants to be: A marksman
 Most likely to be: A cook



Name: Xavia Steedman-Wills
 Occupation: Gamer
 Famous for: Ukelele
 Famous saying: "who you fightin"
 Wants to be: Musician/gamer
 Most likely to be: Pokemon trainer



Name: Samantha Reyes
 Occupation: Nerd
 Famous for: Doing everything
 Famous saying: eye roll "what"
 Wants to be: Triple threat (Lawyer, Doctor, PM)
 Most likely to be: Teaching at Ruapehu College



Name: Tukutahi Metekingi
 Occupation: Lady Slayer
 Famous for: His biceps
 Famous saying: "you're a roar alright"
 Wants to be: Atihau CEO
 Most likely to be: Caught on film



Name: Te Matau ote Rangi Allen
 Occupation: Unemployed burger boy
 Famous for: Hitting the gym
 Famous saying: "is my mum in the staffroom"
 Wants to be: Megatronic Engineer
 Most likely to be: Gym junkie



YOUTH COUNCIL

Congratulations to the Ruapehu College students who were selected to represent youth in this region for the Ruapehu Youth Council. The College students already meet every two weeks to discuss issues so it was an honour to see these students apply and be selected for the youth council for the district. This means that the voice of youth is heard in our schools and community.

Samantha Curtis runs the programme for the District and this includes the youth in Taumarunui. There are many leadership opportunities and newly elected students in this area were presented with the district plan. This was followed by a meeting at the College with interested college students to expand on how youth might contribute to their future in this area.

(picture) Mr Clive Manley, Chief Executive of the Ruapehu District Council with students Mac Madsen and Ruapehu College's Dalton Jordan, Samantha Reyes, Justice-Rose Dennison, Emma Bernard (absent Laine Robson) and Mayor Don Cameron at the signing in of the youth council in Ohakune Council Chambers



INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY

Students tasted a range of foods from different countries as we celebrated the different ethnicity groups in our school community.



PUANGA MAUNGA KARAKIA

Students attended the Puanga Maunga Karakia which was an opportunity for the iwi and community to come together to acknowledge and celebrate our maunga, Koro Ruapehu, to remember our loved ones and look forward to the times ahead. Ngati Rangi share their cultural traditions and knowledge of Puanga and their maunga with the wider community.



MOCK ELECTIONS

Ruapehu College Mock elections

The social studies class and members of the student council ran a mock election to reflect what was happening in our communities during the Election. The classes were inspired by William Waiirua and the 'For Futures Sake' campaign which looks to encourage the youth to vote.

Well done to the 72 students at school that voted in our mock election.! This included 80% of Year 9, 64% of Year 11 and 54% of Year 13.

Te Tai Hauauru - Maori Electorate , Howie Tamati (Maori Party) Received 50% of our 'registered' Maori votes. Rangitikei - General Electorate, Ian McKelvie (National Party) received 37% of our General votes.

The student party votes were: Labour - 27.77%, National - 19.44%, Maori - 15.27% and Greens - 9.72%. All others - Less than 7%. The students have spoken! Jacinda Ardern, Bill English and TeUruoa Flavell and Marama Fox.

The event was also an opportunity for students eligible to vote to gather information on how to go about the process. There were also links provided to online places so students could be informed as to whom they were voting for. Thank you to Mr Sims, the student council and the prefects who ran the event.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award students give the thumbs up on their final adventurous journey with; Sophie Couper, Alice Walls, Justice-Rose Dennison, Yuzuki Sekiguchi, (standing), and Racel Reyes and Chloe Garland (kneeling)



ANZAC SERVICE

Students represented Ruapehu College at ANZAC ceremonies in their local towns. They spoke and placed wreaths in remembrance.

Pictured Nash Jordan and Samantha Reyes whom represented the school at the Ohakune ceremony.



MANU KORERO REGIONAL SPEECH COMPETITION

On Thursday 29th June at Ratana Pa, Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen placed third in the prepared speech for the Senior English section, Te Korimako. His topic was 'Spiritual health is an important part of our education'.



DONATIONS

New School Van

The school has a new van. Deputy Principal Jason White hands the keys over to Principal, Kim Basse.

The Toyota Hiace Minivan a 12 seater van will replace an older school van. The College would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Pub Charity for their donation of \$16,500.00 and the Clyde Hotel in Ohakune and the Oasis Hotel in Waiouru who are the contributing venues. We would also like to thank Mr Marty McGrath from Toyota for his assistance.



Defibrillator

Thank you to ex student Wayne Termatt from Veolia for the very generous donation of a defibrillator to have at our school.

We hope that we do not ever need to use it but it is so important to have on hand if there is ever a need to save someone's life. The defibrillator is located next to the front office.

Pictured: Charlotte Richards from St John's talked to the assembly and explained how to use the defibrillator.



INTERWHANAU COMPETITION

This year has been a tight competition between Tui and Weka with Tui taking it out by just 2 points. Huia came in 3rd and Kiwi 4th.

In the Tug-of-War competition Tui and Weka took out first place, Huia came 3rd and Kiwi in 4th place. Swimming and Kapahaka had Tui in 1st place, Weka 2nd, Huia 3rd and Kiwi 4th. Athletics and Cross Country, Weka took the trophy, Tui in 2nd, Huia 3rd and Kiwi 4th. Basketball had another draw for 1st place between Tui and Weka, Kiwi in 3rd and Huia in 4th place. And finally Snowsports with Tui bringing home the win again, Kiwi in 2nd, Weka 3rd and Huia 4th. It has been a great year for our Interwhanau competitions.

Look forward to more next year with with greater participation numbers.



YEAR 9 CAMP TO VALHALLA 2016



LEADERSHIP CAMP 2016



RAROTONGAN TRIP

2017 saw the first ever international trip for Tourism students at L2 and L3, as they spent seven days in the beautiful island of Rarotonga.

The trip extended student knowledge of the tourism industry with hotel inspections and assessment of tourist operator services.

Students also visited Tereora College, a co-ed school of over 600 students with an \$11m world class upgrade to the school.

Students walked away from the experience with more than just a sharper tourism focus, but relished in the food, culture, history and lifestyle of this amazing Cook Island tropical paradise.

Mr KJ Allen



PB4L

This year we continued with the PB4L program and it is becoming part of our day to day operations. We are aiming for a 4 positives to 1 criticism ratio. We are also giving students points every time they meet our expectations in the classroom and around the school. This has led to a positive culture change throughout Ruapehu College.

Our team had a change of Coach due to Jason White leaving. He is replaced by Steve Mackrell who is familiar with the PB4L systems from his old school. He is looking forward to continuing with the strengths of this program and its values in our everyday practices. We welcome him and look forward to new ideas and motivation.

The rest of the team consists of Meredith Wilson (team leader), Ann Stuckey (data), Louise Beukes (secretary), Dave Sims, Kim Basse and Wendy Hubbard in the Library. We thank Wendy as she displays a record of points for all students. She updates this every fortnight and also exchanges the points for prizes. Sometimes we also call on Rachel Lyon if we need a parent voice and idea.

Our main celebration this year involved students

having a free mufti day. This was a reward for academic and out of school achievements. This was well received by students. One aim is to teach expected student behaviour and routines in classrooms and other school settings. One aspect of this was the peer mentoring program that the Year 13's ran with the Year 9's. They did an exceptional job of teaching our values and demonstrating these to the Year 9's with pride.

We look forward to more developments next year and refinement of our systems so we can 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 Meredith Wilson

Photo Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi (Most PB4L points earned this year)



HILLARY OUTDOORS

Year 10 students headed to the Hillary Outdoors (OPC) in Tongariro. The week started with great weather which was quite a change from previous years. Mr Brian Connelly, teacher in charge of outdoors, accompanied the students on all the activities including kayaking, rock climbing, the famous rope course, problem solving situations over streams, a bridge jump, caving, and camping out overnight. "That was cold" said Wynyard Baker, "but I enjoyed it."

Each activity was supervised by qualified instructors so it is an opportunity to focus on these skills. Most of students relished the challenge although a few found it too tough!

We are lucky to have this facility available to us and to be sponsored by Genesis so our students can attend. Thanks to our sports co-ordinator Miss Young, who also attended the week. "I absolutely loved it and had so much fun. It was a great way to get to know the students" she said.



KAPA HAKA



GATEWAY

During 2017 the Gateway Programme provided Senior Students with the opportunities to undertake various vocational programmes which included work-based placements.

Thank you to the local employers who supported these programmes.

Whilst on Gateway Programmes, students can work towards vocational unit standards that are recognised by employers within the industry sector for their work placement. This is an excellent way for them to begin gaining work skills, knowledge as well as credits that will help them when they start to look for employment or move into tertiary education.

Building on the programmes run in 2016, new programmes for this year included Barbering, Fencing, Plumbing and the Printing Industry sectors.

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

Mrs Liz Hall



Back Row: Amba Carter, Dean Whale, Macy Mcnaught
Front Row: Jack Parker, Rawini Thomas, Mrs Liz Hall, Molly Parker, Michael Gibson.

CAREERS

The College had visits from seven of New Zealand's eight Universities. The introductory visits were held across Terms 1 and 2 with further visits in Term 3 to provide direct student support for their degree applications.



The second visits are invaluable for students making application as they have one-to-one guidance on subject choices as well as any accommodation or funding queries. These were extremely valuable visits for our students who are applying for university study starting in 2018.

The visits and presentations during Terms 1 & 2 were also valuable for students in Years 11 and 12; helping them decide if university might be for them and if so, providing guidance for their 2018 Subject Selections.

Mrs Liz Hall



SECONDARY TERTIARY ALIGNMENT RESOURCE (STAR)

This year the College once again utilized the STAR funding to facilitate short courses that helped to enhance students' skills and knowledge in a variety of work areas.

We were able to run our popular courses in Barista Training, Food Safety in the Workplace, First Aid in an Outdoor Environment, Chainsaw Safety Training, Outdoor Education (Kayaking) and Workplace Health & Safety. New for this year was a Level 3 Food & Hospitality correspondence programme provided by the school in partnership with Industry Training Solutions. The STAR resource was also able to provide support for our Tourism Students to meet with a range of tourist accommodation providers as well as tourism activity businesses based in Rarotonga.

Where possible we try to maximise all STAR activities and short courses to provide students with the opportunity to gain industry unit standard credits which are recognised by employers and NZQA (and count towards NCEA Qualifications). Although not all STAR activities provide opportunities to work towards credit achievement, this year over 50 senior students achieved in excess of 600 credits as a result of STAR supported activities.

Mrs Liz Hall



SOCIAL SCIENCE

This has been a somewhat disrupted year in Social Studies, with long time Head of Department Jerry Jordan leaving during the year and Grant Collie stepping in as Acting HoD at the end of term 2. Despite this, the Social Studies team have had a fruitful year with our students, with Kiani Rowe, Marama Allen and Ben Plant looking after the Year 9 classes and firstly Nicole Young and lately Grant Collie working with the Year 10 students. Year 9 students have been working mostly on developing skills that will be with them throughout the years ahead. Year 10 students have been focusing on project based learning opportunities and we have begun to look at some opportunities across different subjects for end of year projects and this will be fully integrated in 2018.

History has had a busy year, with a blended learning opportunity with English at Level 2 and 3. This is detailed in the English Department entry, but overall students have taken the opportunity to produce one comprehensive piece of work that covers assessments in both subjects with some very good outcomes. 2018 will see the subjects split again, but with thematic links at all 3 levels which will hopefully retain the benefits of the blended opportunities with a more detailed attention to subject specific focus.



In the latter part of the year, Level 1 and Level 3 students have benefited from research visits to the National Army Museum in Waiouru and this will be an important part of courses in 2018. We are very lucky to have such a valuable resource on our doorstep and we will make the most of our excellent relationship. We hosted a meeting for History teachers from across the region at the Army Museum in April and will be working collaboratively to develop local resources.



For the first time in recent years, we have a student working towards a Level 3 History Scholarship and we have been lucky to have been part of a series of Scholarship workshops given by eminent historian Danny Keenan. We are hopeful of more Scholarship entries in 2018 and beyond as this gives both a higher level of skills to take to University, and of course success brings money to help with studies.

In 2018, there will be a slight change in the Senior Social Sciences, with a new Level 1 New Zealand Heritage course replacing Level 1 History. This will give students a chance to experience our local heritage in a "Mountains to the Sea" place based portfolio presentation. This will feature one Geography Assessment, two History ones and a new Senior Social Studies social action assessment. At level 2, students will choose either a History or Senior Social Studies Course and at Level 3 in 2018 History will be the only offered subject. Across the board we will be working to offer local topics where possible.



Mr Grant Collie

ART WORK

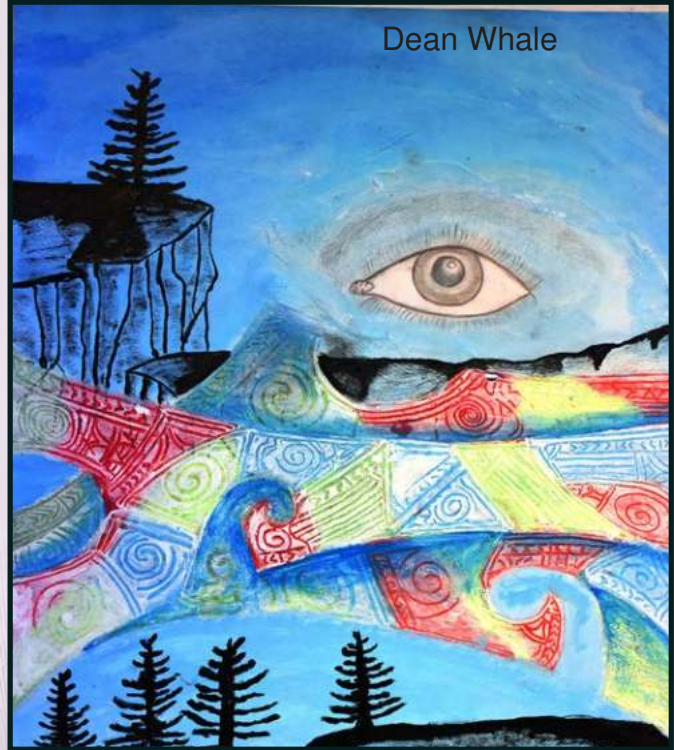
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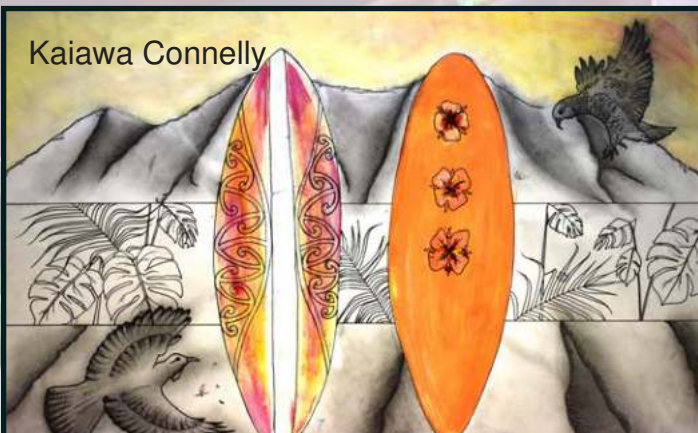
Molly Parker



Racel Reyes



Kaiawa Connolly



T'Leya Wood



SCIENCE

The Science Department was well staffed this year, with Miss Wilson and Mrs Buck covering all the Science classes. Later in the year Mr Mackrell joined the staff as DP and we look forward to his Physics teaching next year.

Some senior students with Miss Wilson took part in the 2017 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 the Waimarino.

The Kiwi as a New Zealand icon is also part of their study. They also found out about themselves and the ways in which they can relate to others.

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

Year 12 Chemistry travelled to Massey University and did some practical work in the Laboratory there, finding out what organic molecules were in orange oil.

As part of their internal assessments Year 11 enjoyed their time with the Hot Wheels cars and track, learning about the physics of movement was cool fun. Also they investigated the action of Rennin on milk in the stomachs of babies by setting up an artificial situation in test tubes in the Lab.

The Junior classes have followed a programme this year with lots of practical work, the year 10 classes looked at designing their own investigations as part of a level 1 NCEA internal assessment trial in term 4.



Rachel Wills, our great Lab Tech continues to manage us and our resources. We continue to value her contribution and thank her for her diligence. Without her help the staff would not be able to do so much practical work with their classes.

Science is very relevant to all aspects of our lives and will be increasing in importance in our futures. Work hard and enjoy as you study and understand your life and the connections and influences involved in living.

Mrs Shelagh Buck

ART WORK



DESIGN AND INNOVATION - TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY



The absolute highlight of the year was Chaya's winning entry in the Brother Design Star competition. Her headgear in black was one of a kind. Ruapehu College is making a name for itself in this competition and I am looking forward to the wonderful creations that next year's students will produce.

The Year 13 students, who were all first time Textile students, proved to be excellent designers and sewers in producing their garments, a trendy hoody. Our theme this year was "Summer at the Beach" and their garments will come in handy if the weather turns a bit cooler.

Two Year 12 students attended the Gateway Programme with our local designer, Janelle Hinch. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to get an insight into the real world of fashion. We also had entries in the Brother Design Star competition and the judges had a tough time this year with wonderful entries from all over New Zealand.



Racel Reyes, not a Textile student, designed a beautiful paper dress for her entry in to local Snow Queen Competition and won the first prize. Kaiawa Connelly, using her tube creation with some alterations was a worthy runner-up.

The juniors created interesting small quilts on Kiwiana and Animals of New Zealand. We have some budding designers coming through. Watch this space.



The annual pilgrimage to the World of Wearable Arts in Wellington again proved to be a night to remember. The bus trip down was good, the show fantastic, walking back in the rain and having a warm up cuppa at Mamma Brown on the way. The Youth Hostel's beds were great and we all enjoyed a bit of a sleep before we hit the road back to Ohakune. Looking forward to another awesome year in 2018.



DESIGN AND INNOVATION - FOOD TECHNOLOGY

It's that time of year again when we reflect on the year that has been – 2017.

As always, the Food technology room is a hive of activity with the business of students enjoying the fruits of their labour – mostly in the form of a full puku.

Once again in 2017, we have been privileged to be provided with courses for our students thanks to STAR and Gateway including Food safety 167, 168 and Coffee Essentials at Level 2 and 3 whilst continuing to study Food Technology and Nutrition.

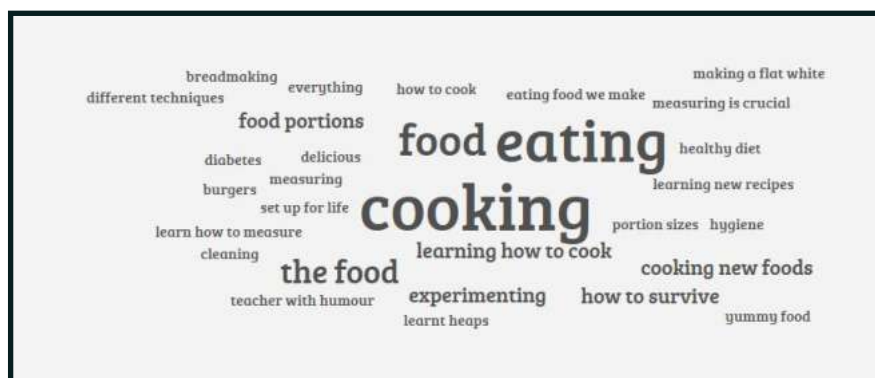
Level 1 has also had a combination course of Technology, Nutrition and Hospitality. Our department has so many things to be grateful for, STAR, Gateway, Outside Providers, new stoves and microwaves, food donations but mostly, and more importantly it is the happy and satisfied students who are enriched with the experiences they have at school.

The students don't always know what they want or what they need but Mrs Hakaraia makes it a priority to educate and assist in the learning of what it takes to be healthy, hoping for life long learning of nutrition beyond school and the classroom.

One of her pet tasks and she has a few, is to continually let students know how much sugar is in the food or drinks they are consuming. Did you know in an 800ml bottle of E2 is 20 teaspoons of sugar? Astounding!!

600ml bottle of Coke is 18 teaspoons and a 600ml bottle of Fanta – 16 teaspoons of sugar. 400ml bottle of juice contains 10 teaspoons of sugar while 250ml of Calci-yum has 6 teaspoons. Flavoured water has 4 teaspoons of sugar while plain water has 0.

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia



The students' description of the year in the Foods room:

ENGLISH

Another busy year for the English Department began by welcoming David Sims on board. He has proven to be a welcome addition to the team, bringing with him a fresh eye and a fresh approach to the department and, together with Ms Basse, providing a warm and thorough

introduction to college English to our Year 9 entrants.

The highlight of the year for our senior English students would have had to have been the History/ English trip to Wellington. The trip is covered in some detail elsewhere in this magazine, but it is worth mentioning here as well. The group took in a couple of magnificent First World War commemorative exhibitions and, as their English teacher, it was marvellous to see the poetry we had studied in class suddenly become something poignant and real in the eyes of my students.

We were also able to visit parliament on the day of Prime Minister Key's valedictory and we were afforded a very informative session with Rangitikei M.P. Ian McKelvie. It was an interesting day, one that has taken on even more significance given this politically charged year.

Here at Ruapehu College we are encouraged, even expected, to look at new ways to deliver our syllabus.

For the last two years we have been working on a project blending the delivery of English with History.

This project has been very worthwhile and has informed our approach to the delivery of our English

curriculum in the future. All departments are now discussing the possibilities of cross-curricula involvement and the opportunities presenting themselves are really quite exciting.

At the same time, we are not averse to looking behind us. 2018 will see the reinstatement of some old English favourites. We will be entering our junior students into the Australian ICAS tests where students (and parents) will be able to gauge their progress against thousands of students internationally. We will also be returning to our strong tradition of speech competition. Due to various circumstances, we were not able to hold a speech night this year and for that I apologise. I can assure parents and students that every effort will be made to deliver a robust and entertaining speech night again next year. We also have plans to form a debating team for some interschool challenges. A call will go out to interested students early in the first term.

It has been a busy year and the hard work of our students has been rewarded with great success. I congratulate our graduates and I wish them the very best for the future. My thanks and appreciation goes to the diligent, innovative team in the English department, Ms Basse, Mrs Beukes and Mr Sims.

Mr John Greene



TE REO MAORI

Mōkōri anō kia rere ā mihi ki tatau te whanau o te Kareti o Ruapehu. Katahi ano ko te tau whakahirahira ko tēnei. Ko tāku te maringa nui te noho tahi me ngā taurira e pirangi ana ki te ako i te reo Maori. Te reo Maori Department have had an awesome year. A highlight was Puanga, the reo Maori class had the opportunity to celebrate Puanga with all of the Kohanga Reo from around the area. There was a Cosmo dome, taonga maori, painting and kemu maori. The activities were held here in our school hall.

It was awesome to see our Te Reo Maori class

get involved with kaupapa Māori. The highlight was to hear te reo Māori spoken between our taurira and

the tamariki nohinohi. Year 9 and 10 have had the opportunity this year to sit NCEA level 1 and level 2

Assessments which they will continue to do. Seniors are preparing for external examination that is fast

approaching in November. I would like to thank you all for the year we have had. This year has been

awesome and it wouldn't be a great year without you taurira. You all have taught me patience and gratitude.

I was fortunate to have taurira who want to learn te reo Maori as I know it has not been easy. To the year

13's Rawinia Thomas, Xavia Steedman -Wills and Te Mura Ote Aroha Callaghan, Tenei ka mihi ki koutou e

peka atu ki taumata atu, ki huarahi atu. Kua pai te noho tahi, te wananga tahi. Inaianei kei koutou te ao ki

ō ringa wepua! Ka mihi hoki ki ngā taurira katoa e hoki mai ana a terā tau. Hoki mai me te hiakai ki te ako.

Nāku iti nei Whaea Miss Kiani Rowe.



LIBRARY

We are coming to the end of yet another busy school year and it's time to reflect on what has happened in the library in 2017. This year the library has been utilized much more as a classroom as we have allowed teachers to book either the Fiction area where there are sofas and bean bag seating and/ or the Library class area, which is really where the Non Fiction books are shelved. This is where seven tables with chairs are situated, and can seat up to thirty students. Here the class can work on Chrome books or of course on writing up their work. In the Fiction area students quietly read either their set English textbook or choose recreational reading.



This seems to have worked successfully this year so hopefully more teachers will be encouraged to use this setup in 2018.

When we have visiting University personnel they enjoy meeting up with interested Year 12 and 13 students in the library as they find students seem to be more relaxed and able to communicate more easily with them rather than being in a classroom.

Some teachers who are mentoring students bring them to the library during the quiet time before lessons begin at nine o'clock as it's an ideal time and place for all concerned.

Chrome books are still held in the Library workroom and are constantly in use and my job is to keep "tags" on numbers and where possible provide teachers with their required number. I have become quite an expert on "wheeling and dealing" when trying to satisfy everyone's bookings!

Sadly this is yet another year when students generally aren't being issued many library books but on the other hand there are a number of really avid readers who enjoy reading and have taken out plenty of issues.

Recently Louise Beukes, the Soft Materials teacher brought a striking and unique piece of work created earlier in the year by her Year 9 students, wanting it to be displayed in the library. It's delightful and adds a splash of colour and has pride of place on the wall in the library and can now be appreciated by students and staff.

I wish everyone a happy holiday and hope that you return to Ruapehu College with renewed energy and enthusiasm for 2018.

A couple of quotes to finish:

"Reading gives us somewhere to go when we have to stay where we are" Mason Cooley.

"You can't buy happiness but you can buy books and that's kind of the same thing" Anonymous

Mrs Wendy Hubbard

MATHEMATICS

It has been a great year as far as Mathematics is concerned. The year began with some good results and a record number of subject endorsements including some Excellence ones. The department ensured that every student had the opportunity to learn or excel in Mathematics, hence, different pathways were created to cater for their future careers. While there is a shift in more usage of technology in modern-day teaching, a major emphasis in basic sums and writing mathematical solutions in logical steps was always given. This ensured sequenced learning, a greater exercise for a students minds and greater application of all acquired skills. More work continues to lie ahead.

"Mathematics is the most beautiful and powerful creation of the human spirit."

Stefan Banach Polish Mathematician



Mr Raj Prasad

ART

The art room was a busy creative space again in 2017.

All Year 9 students had a taste of Art for a term and could then decide if they would do it again in Term 4. Half of them opted to continue to do Art. This is so cool as they are a talented group of students. Year 10 had a go at everything; Painting, Printmaking, Photography and Clay Sculpture. The class kept getting bigger and there is a good group of them going on to Year 11 Art next year.

Year 11 had an awesome year. All students completed portfolios and the pass rate was good. Year 11 will be remembered by soup Thursdays as we had soup and toast for lunch between our double period of Art. It will also be remembered for the unique and individual art of the students. Every student had their own unique style.

Year 12 Art had Rebecca, Amba, Pipi and Molly continuing to do Art and Nic and Dante joining us for 2017. Molly was definitely the serious artist. No

matter what Molly was painting and drawing. Year 13... what can we say? We are going to miss these guys. They have been here for five years, they even come in the holidays. Mohi won the Young Artist Award at the Waimarino Art Awards again for 2017 with his amazing portrait painting. Kyran asked and tried to answer the question, "Is it okay to decorate with dead animals?" and he won the Open Photography Award at the Waimarino Art Awards with his "Layers" photograph. Amy tried to get started, made some very nice watercolour but not enough for a portfolio. Hamish was at school to get Level 3 but also did some thinking about milk and the environment. "Would you give up your latte to save the rivers?" The answer was starting to look good but then there was docking to be done and that was more important. These guys are true artists and we hope they do well in their future endeavours.

Jeff was in a class of his own. This year he is leaving school, putting on his leavers' jersey after 23 years in the department and going off to travel the world. It will be sad to see him go but it is time... Mrs Ann Stuckey

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped support our programme this year including the NZ Army, TCB, Vertigo, Ruapehu College Trust, and all our parents. I really enjoyed the enthusiasm of our students as they worked together and experienced the joy and growth that comes from being immersed in our rivers, bush, mountains, and other outdoor

environments. You can check out all the highlights of the year by going on our Facebook page Ruapehu College Outdoor.

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, harere whakamua.
Mr Brian Connelly



OUTDOOR EDUCATION





For 2017, Ruapehu College had 12 students enrolled in 5 different video

conference subjects two of which were taught by our own staff and the rest were taught amongst the cluster, they were:

13 Physics, 13 Chemistry, 12 Psychology
10 French, 10 Japanese, 10 Spanish

KJ Allen is the eTeacher for our school and taught Psychology Level 2 with 19 students enrolled including two of our own.

Kim Basse holds the position of Chairperson on the Volcanics Board, and at a recent Volcanics principal's meeting Kim received great feedback from the other principals about KJ Allen evidenced from student surveys, eDean feedback and student achievement. KJ has been invited by the ePrincipal Sara Field to provide a workshop at the next national meeting.

Mrs Marama Allen

PERFORMING ARTS

by Mr. David Sims
TIC Performing Arts & Media Studies

2017 has been a year of continued growth for the Performing Arts at Ruapehu College. Student numbers increased and the continued expectation for confident, quality performances made for many highlights throughout the year, including the original drama Production of "Mollie".

NZ Music Month provided the opportunity for our students to dive into the unique and eclectic world of the New Zealand music industry. They listened to, critiqued and re-created a number of works, showing genuine interest and appreciation for many of the artists (Ray Columbus, SplitEnz, Crowded House, Moana Maniapoto, Supergroove etc) that paved the way for today's more well known stars such as Lorde, Kimbra, Six60 and Stan Walker.

2017 saw a purposeful focus on composition, with the inclusion of a new song-writing standard for NCEA Level 3. Classes did much listening and analysis of song structure, chord progression and lyrical content through the ages. Students had the opportunity to compose individually or in a duo initially and it was once again a great privilege to work with Whanganui-based musician Karl Thomas (K-Dread, House Of Shem) as a part of the NZ Music Commission Mentoring project. NCEA students worked collaboratively in year groups with Karl, producing wonderful original songs that contributed to gaining credits in the new Standard.

Songwriting and composition proved popular with the students, including the Year 10 class. For the first time in many years, Ruapehu College was represented at the Smokefree RockQuest for 2017. Our entrants went to the Whanganui Royal Opera House with little to no reputation as songwriters and came away with a great deal of credibility and mana, including an award for overall 'Best Song' and a runner-up placing in the 'Solo/Duo' category.

A trip was taken to Palmerston North to see "It's A Kinda Magic", the world renowned Queen tribute show. 24 students aged from Year 9 to 13 danced, laughed and sang all night to what was a thoroughly enjoyable (and convincing) musical showcase of Queen classic rock monster-hits.

Many students were surprised at how much of the music they realised they were familiar with, whilst others studied the performers and their exceptional musical abilities in earnest.

Musical performance and showcasing of our students is crucial to sharing the 'added value' of a Performing Arts education. Crucially, in early Term 1, Ruapehu College made a significant investment in purchasing new equipment and instruments. This significant investment has allowed the students to present to an even higher standard, as well as affording the opportunity to learn about care and maintenance of high-quality instruments. This has resulted in a real sense of student ownership of the equipment. This attitude from our young people will ensure the survival of such tāonga. The Board of Trustees and Principal should be commended for this worthy and sound investment in our students Performing Arts futures.

The Year 9 cohort demonstrated great potential this year, with a class of 16 returning for a second 'taster' in Term 4. These numbers have no doubt been boosted by the use of some of our NCEA students as instrument teachers for two terms this year. Included in that Year 9 group are actors, singers, instrumentalists and some very talented dancers.

We say goodbye to a number of Year 13 students that have found a cosy home in the Performing Arts department over their years at the College. They have been crucial to the function and unity of the department and I wish to thank them all for their support as the sole-teacher. They are talented and capable performers in their own right and I wish them well in their musical and performing futures. My final advice is courteously of yet another lost 'great':

"Well, I won't back down, no, I won't back down. You can stand me up at the gates of hell, but I won't back down. No, I'll stand my ground, won't be turned around and I'll keep this world from draggin' me down. Gonna' stand my ground."

Tom Petty
1950-2017

AGRICULTURE HORTICULTURE TEEN AG

After a slow start to the year the Agriculture/ Horticulture department has sprung into life in terms three and four. Students from levels one, two and three have all been hard at work carrying out a range of activities from Horticultural investigations to digging and planting crops to learning about environmental “best practices” in agriculture. Our “TeenAg” group have also been active these last two term under the strong leadership of Sophie Couper and with help from Megan Bates (Young Farmers NZ). The group have enjoyed a visit to Manfield park showgrounds, Feilding, to watch part of the Young Farmer of the Year final, a visit to Balance Nutrition and a farm visit, as well as meetings throughout the term at school. As we start to prepare for 2018 we will continue to build on our already successful Agriculture and Horticulture programmes at the College. We recognise the huge opportunities the primary sector offers to our students and the advantages being in our rural community affords the students at Ruapehu College.

Mr Steven Mackrell



DESIGN AND INNOVATION

There have been many changes in the Hard materials Technology area including a change to the name to bring it into line with a 21st Century curriculum. The emphasis is very much on developing the critical thinking and creativity of the students using resistant materials.

Senior students were involved in the making of a Butchers block before working on a range of projects of individual choice. Year 11 also worked on individual projects having completed the making of a Bluetooth speaker lamp.



The Junior school has been involved in a number of smaller projects to develop their skills and knowledge in the subject, including, lighting, pin ball machines, clocks and chocolate moulds using vacuum forming. Work is currently been done to get the engineering side of the workshop to a similar level as the wood side and next year will see the introduction of Architecture and Interior Design through the Design and Visual Communication course, so these are very exciting times to be involved in Technology at Ruapehu College.

Mr Michael Darmody (Design and Innovation – Resistant Materials Teacher)

SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST

By Mr. David Sims

TIC Performing Arts & Media Studies

The Smokefree RockQuest is the biggest and most influential nation-wide youth event held in New Zealand. Former entrants include Kimbra, Opshop, Brooke Fraser, Anika Moa, Aaradhna, Nesian Mystik, Bic Runga, King Kapisi, The Naked and Famous and many more. In 2017 Ruapehu College had it's first entries for many years and although they went along with only one of the two required songs each, the results were very impressive.

The students embarked on their 'Quest' in their own time. They could be found in class after school every Wednesday evening and most weekends, especially in the days leading up to the competition. They wrote and re-wrote lyrics, worked and re-worked chord progressions and developed riffs and runs in an effort to communicate what they wanted to say. The commitment and perseverance required of them was a big ask for musicians with such little competition experience.

Year 13 student Xavia Steedman-Wills entered the solo/duo category with his melodic and soulful ballad: "Exactly". He composed this using the ukulele and gave a performance of such merit that he was awarded 2nd place in his category. The judges commented that Xavia had a "good stage presence, tone of voice and a very memorable chorus hook". Following the regional final, he was required to write three more original songs and record a video performance for national judging. Xavia worked extremely hard on these songs and completed them in just under a week, before recording his performance live without any use of computer editing or enhancement. Each of Xavia's songs were catchy and engaging, yet lyrically clever and intriguing.

Year 10 band etc, etc... (Ryan Burton, Nazomi Groot and Kate Rowe) entered the band category of the RockQuest and were among the youngest in the field. Lyrically, their song "Maze" turned the pressures they faced at the time into a catchy and lively tune that had the crowd clapping in full swing. Ryan provided the driving kick-drum beat and Nazomi the bright and crisp rhythm having never played an electric guitar before. With harmonic backing from Nazomi, Kate took lead vocals and charged the song into life on a borrowed keyboard. The judges remarked that the song was "positively anthemic and a real stadium-filler" with a great groove, structure and strong vocal line. etc, etc... were humbled (and surprised) to receive the Lowdown Award for 'Overall Best Song'.

As their music tutor, I would like to congratulate these four students and their families for their efforts in the pursuit of musical excellence. It was an absolute privilege to work with such determined, dedicated and passionate students. You have set a standard for future entries to emulate and perhaps exceed. Well done.



Our Rock Quest – The student perspective by Xavia Steedman-Wills, Nazomi Groot and Kate Rowe.

Once we had agreed to Mr. Sims' demands ("You are going to RockQuest") we started staying after school so that we could begin writing our lyrics and trying to form melodies. We all found that it was hard to write lines that were personal to us, but didn't make us cringe (even though they eventually still did!). Once we were on a roll, it became much easier. At the point that we had to practice the song over and over and over again, we soon realised it could eventually become the worst song ever!

On the night of the competition concert we got backstage at the Whanganui Royal Opera House and we were immediately terrified! Our parents, families and Mr. Sims were all outside, waiting to join the audience. The man organising the event said we could have a teacher with us, so we ran to get one! Mr. Sims came in and helpfully said: "It's up to you guys now!"... then disappeared. It was scary seeing all the other acts, super-confident and singing loudly, all crowded in such a small space; so we stuck together and kept our heads down. Maddy Eades, who some of us knew from Primary School, came to chat and told us it doesn't matter how experienced you are, it's always nerve-racking.

We ran into some difficulties realising we had a lack of stage practice, only one song each (not two!), needed to borrow a keyboard and use a mic to amplify the ukulele. None of those worries compared to when our name was called to hit the stage. The nerves just piled up even more, however, when we performed it was actually liberating. Being on stage was calming. The nerves just disappeared. The applause was worth all of the anxiety and freaking out. Suddenly, our annoying songs became something to treasure. When our performance was over, we joined the audience to watch the other acts.

At the end of the night, after 'Alien Weaponry' blew the roof off the Opera House, we all stood on stage for the results. All of us, except Ryan, hid ourselves at the back of the group of about 60 student performers.

We never, ever expected to receive prizes! It was such an amazing feeling to have our hard work given such praise and recognition. Xavia earning 2nd place in his category and the band, "etc, etc...", winning the overall 'Best Song' award caught us all very much off-guard. It was such a buzz. We're already planning for next year!

PRODUCTION MOLLIE

Mollie: A Big Story In A Little Town”
by Mr. David Sims.
TIC Performing Arts & Media Studies

Principal Kim Basse came up with a script for a concept she had been thinking about, which eventually became the 2017 Ruapehu College production: “Mollie”. Based on a true story, the seemingly typical love story plays out around historically accurate events. In 1957, nine elephants came to Ohakune as part of the Bullen’s circus. They took the elephants over to the Mangawhero stream to drink water and one of them ate the tutu leaves, which are highly poisonous. The elephant, named Mollie, sadly died. The Auckland University came to Ohakune and took the head away. The remains were buried in Ohakune.

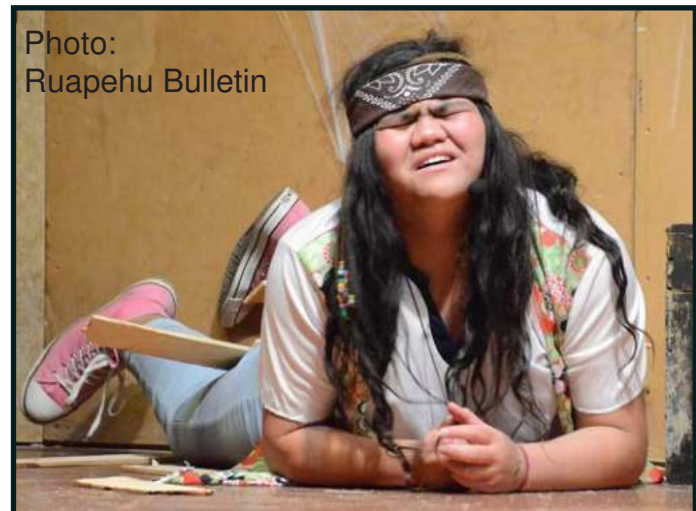
Whilst the show begins in 1957 with the arrival of the circus, the real action occurs ten years later. The head of “Mollie” is to be returned to Ohakune and reunited with the remains in a civic ceremony. Unfortunately, two disgruntled circus workers want to spoil the occasion. They left the circus in ‘57 fearing blame for the untimely death of “Mollie”. With railway life having been fairly tough, the plan to make a quick buck. The plot is overheard by a group of hiding teenagers that have broken into what they thought was an abandoned warehouse.

In classic storytelling style, each character has their own distinct personality: Martin the easy-going pacifist poet, Mollie the justice-filled, strong-willed free speaker, Suzy the face-friendly femme fatale, Bertha the lovable dim-wit and Jack the know-it-all who would rather just “go home and come back in the morning” at the first sign of trouble. The kids are formidable as a unit however, and under Mollie’s leadership and sense of justice a plan is forged to stop the villains from ruining everything, even though Martin is keen to stay well clear of any confrontation with authorities, criminals... or Mollie! The only other trouble is that it’s 1967. The police don’t care much for the teenagers “lay-about hippy ways” and the school secretary is always on her break. The teens find themselves inadvertently caught up in deep trouble, with Mollie trying to solve the problem herself and the others too slow to escape. Throughout the narrative, Martin and Mollie struggle to understand each other in their love/hate relationship as young-adults whilst Suzy waits eagerly for Martin to respond to her charms. The crooks discover the gang of teens hiding and threaten them to reveal themselves with the life of Suzy at risk, quickly forgetting about the desired ransom for the stolen elephant remains. In an action packed finale, Martin and his friends save the day, allowing the “head and the heart” of himself, Mollie and the elephant to be reunited as they should be.

It was immense fun directing and producing this production and its players. We all grew very fond of the story and the students did a fine job of embodying the vision of the characters. Each actor

brought elements of their own unique personality and embedded them honestly and purposefully regardless of experience or skill level. They took direction expertly and used their instincts to help tell the story of their characters. Above all else, the performances were believable. This should always be the primary goal of young actors. To make a performance so believable that your audience forget it is “you” on stage. The performances of Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen and Kate Rowe truly exemplified this. They were ably supported by the high calibre of Nazomi Groot and Mackenzie Charlton. Dylan Tekura-Bishop and Xavia Steedman-Wills contributed wonderful comic timing and the Year 9 and 10 ensemble cast provided great confidence in the future of Ruapehu College drama.

I had high expectations of these students and they worked extremely hard (especially with our Year 10’s and seniors under a great deal of exam pressure) to produce a memorable and very well executed season of shows. They rehearsed up to 5 times a week with 95% of this outside of school hours including Saturdays and Sundays. In light of this, a huge thanks must go to the families for supporting the students and I in getting the show on stage. From running lines and transporting each other to baking, making and designing; I am most grateful for your support, patience, time and understanding.



BALL



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SPORTS EXCHANGE

This years annual sports exchange with Taihape Area School and Rangitikei College grew to include Whanganui Girls College as well.

The exchange was held at Rangitikei College this year and was a great day with a lot of mud! Ruapehu College did a great job coming second to Rangitikei College by only half a point! Our badminton teams tied first with Whanganui Girls College. Our netball girls unfortunately had no wins on the day but had fun. Our Football team played some great games but were unfortunately unable to bring home a win. Our Rugby 7s teams, however, smashed it out of the park bringing wins in all but one game. Our Girls 7s and U15 boys were undefeated, and our U19 team lost only one of their games.

Overall it was a fantastic day and I would like to thank all those who participated and helped out on the day - Campbell Hart, Mick Darmody, Glenda Higginson and Grant Collie.
Miss Nicole Young



KAPAHAKA

Te āhuareka ana te auaha o ngā teina me ngā tuakana! This year Ruapehu College combined with Whanganui City College, Whanganui Girls College and Wanganui Collegiate to compete at this year's Paerangatahi (Aotea Regional Secondary schools Kapa Haka Competition) held in Whanganui. Haere mai tētahi ahua! This opportunity for our taura to learn about Whakawhānaungatanga, Kotahitanga and Manaakitanga was exceptional. There were 14 noho in total over four months to prepare for te mura o te ahi, the challenge on the stage. Observing our taura getting amongst Te ao Māori was wonderful, as the practices went on their confidence to express emotion through waiata, haka, and moteatea

through their bracket was absolutely incredible. The nature of noho which alternated between Whanganui and Ruapehu allowed students to learn about the Whakapapa of each school which tie to our Koro Ruapehu. The Combined group's name was Ngā Taonga Manga iti. The name represented each schools' cultural identity. The Students from Ruapehu who started the journey with Ngā Taonga Manga iti, Te Kaokao Karimu, Caleb Murphy, Connor Halliday, Nathaniel Bethell and Victoria Bethell, Ella Hawira, Allivia Wallace, represented our College with ihi, wehi and mana.

Miss Kiani Rowe



SQUASH

There are probably not many secondary schools that have such ready access to squash courts. We have an award-winning squash club on our front door step! The Ohakune Squash Club was named NZ Club of The Year in 2015, and the Central Region Club of the Year in 2016. We are grateful to the Ohakune Squash Club for the opportunities they provide to our students – encouragement, development opportunities, competition, access to great facilities, affordable membership fees, to name a few.

For the Inter-whānau squash competition this year, the points were not calculated as it was considered that our tournament was not going to make a difference to the overall points standings. Hopefully next year, Squash will be a recognised event within the Inter-whānau Competitions. Individual winners were – Boys 1st Dylan Budge; 2nd Scott Fraser. Girls 1st Sayge Wikohika; 2nd Samantha Reyes.

It's always good to see players 'giving back' to their sport and club. Jack, Scott and Samantha were coaches in the Ohakune Squash Club Junior squash programme in Term 2, coaching primary school players. Dylan coached the Ohakune E Grade Men's team in the Superchamps District Eliminations tournament.

The Ruapehu College team of Dylan Budge, Jack Parker, Scott Fraser, Nash Jordan, Samuel and Samantha Reyes competed in the Ruapehu Zone Interclub competition. They played home and away matches against Taumarunui, Taihape, Waimarino and Ohakune clubs, and placed second overall.

National Secondary Schools Squash Tournament, 4-6 August

Our College Boys Squash team competed in the National Secondary Schools Squash Tournament held in Palmerston North.

The team was seeded 23rd in a field of 32. Our team of five boys - Dylan Budge, Jack Parker, Scott Fraser, Nash Jordan and Sam Reyes - played five matches, and had a mixture of results that were in keeping with their ranking.

We lost 1-4 to Takapuna Grammar (10th seed), won 3-2 against Francis Douglas Memorial College (26th seed), lost 1-4 to St Johns College, Hamilton (15th seed), won 4-1 against Hawera High School A (27th seed), and lost 3-2 to Auckland Grammar B (28th seed).

All five members of our team played well, and Dylan won all five of his matches.

The team is grateful to the Ruapehu Education Trust for the sponsorship of travel costs, and to Sarina Budge, and Derek Fraser for being with us and organising the details so we could focus on the squash.

It was a great experience to be a College team involved in a national tournament.

Superchamps District Eliminations, 11-13 August
A number of our College squash players participated (playing and coaching) in the Superchamps District Eliminations. This is a regional graded teams event, with the winning team at each grade then

moving through to represent the Central region at the Superchamps National Finals, held at the end of September.

Congratulations to Jack Parker (D grade men's team), Samantha Reyes and Sayge Wikohika (F/J grade women's team) who were members of the successful Ohakune Squash Club teams that qualified for the Superchamps National Finals. Scott was invited to join the D Grade Men's team. While their teams did not win national titles, Jack, Scott, Samantha and Sayge all played exceptionally well.

Individual Championships

Several of our students were successful in the Ohakune Squash Club Championships, winning club championship titles. Dylan Budge is the 2017 B Grade Mens' champion, Scott Fraser won the E Grade Mens' title, and Samantha Reyes won the F Grade Women's' title. They went on to compete in the Central Region Champion of Champions tournament, held in Inglewood this year.

Scott and Samantha won the title of Regional Champion in their respective grades.

They were both entitled to then play in the National Champion of Champions tournament, hosted here, at home, by the Ohakune Squash Club. After a weekend of great squash, Samantha was placed second NZ F Grade Women's Champion, and Scott was placed third NZ E Grade Men's Champion. Dylan was also invited to play in this tournament, and played creditably against some very strong opposition.

NZ Junior Age Groups Championship

Dylan was selected to be part of the Central Region's Junior team to play in Christchurch in the NZ Junior Age Groups Championship, in October.

This is the biggest Junior squash event in NZ.

Dylan is one of the top juniors in the Central Region. He was seeded 19th of 26 in the Individuals event and finished to his seeding.

It was a full-on week of squash for him as the Individuals section started on a Wednesday and finished on Sunday afternoon, followed by the Inter-district Teams event starting on Sunday evening and finishing on Wednesday morning. Dylan played the number three position in his team of four. His team was seeded 8th of 10 and they came 9th.

Jack leaves us this year to seek his fortune, and we wish him well. We expect to continue seeing him around the Squash Club – just not at lunch times – maybe!?

Mrs Fiona Fraser



UNDER 15 RUGBY

Under 15 rugby had another mixed year. The team started strong with good numbers at the training camp and initial trainings. This gave us early momentum and helped us to defeat city college in our first game who were the defending champions. After a strong first round things were looking positive. However numbers started to dwindle and the team was let down by student's attendance, poor behaviour in school and players not showing up to trainings. A positive was we did manage to sneak into the semi-finals but further commitment issue meant only 10 showed up on the day and we had to default.

Congratulations to the boys who had the attitude to commit to the whole season. This team has the potential to do well, success will come with more commitment to trainings and support from parents.

A massive thank you must go to manager Donna Francois who washed jersey's, drove vans to Whanganui and supported all season. We would not have had a team without her help.

Also congratulations to Tekaoakao Kairimu - Player of the Season and Te Taumata Nelio- Most consistent Player
Mr Campbell Hart



UNDER 19 RUGBY

The U19s have had a good year making it into the Semi Finals and 5 players making it into rep teams. "Just want to thank the boys and the family support for the work they have put in and a thank you to Kim Horne for her role as manager"
Paora Toho, U19 Coach 2017.

We look forward to next years season and hopefully making it into the finals.

Keaton Norling – Player of the Season
Julian Toho – Player of the Season
George Joyce – Most improved Player
Hamish Whale – Most consistent Player



FOOTBALL

This year has seen the reintroduction of the Football programme. Students from Year 9

and Year 10 trained once a week during terms three and four culminating in a mini tournament hosted by Rangitikei College. Ruapehu College was up against teams that were much older and more experienced but gave a good account of themselves. The most pleasing result was a 2-1 loss to Whanganui Girls College made up of senior students. This bodes very well for the future of our girls football team who are all Year 9 students.



The Seniors played in their annual fixture with St Bernards College losing that game 6-3. This was a particularly pleasing result given that Ruapehu College was mainly made up of rugby players who had never trained together. Congratulations has to go to Sapphire Mapp, a Year 9 student who came on as a substitute and helped to turn the game in our favour and who was also named as the Football player of the Year for 2017.



In concluding I wish to congratulate all the players for their sportsmanship on the park and excellent manners and courtesy off it, which has also been commented on by opposition coaches, referees and spectators. It has been a pleasure to work with this group of players and their parents, school and most importantly the individuals themselves can be proud of how they have conducted themselves. These things are as important to a coach as the results. I look forward to developing the game further next year and hope to be able to put a girls team together to compete in a National tournament in 2018.

M Darmody (Football Coach)

NETBALL

Netball this year had its ups and downs throughout the season with commitment issues by some of the team members. However, due to the commitment and dedication put in by the coach Gaylene Taylor and the fantastic players at Ruapehu College who did put in the effort and commitment, they were able to bring their team to the semi finals. This is a great result and those that put in the hard work and effort should be very proud of themselves.

Congratulations
Shaquana Taylor - Player of the Season



WAKA AMA

Despite being miles from any usable water, a bunch of Ruapehu College students decided to have a go at Waka Ama (outrigger canoe) this year – surprising everyone including possibly themselves when they had a podium finish. “Who would’ve thought after an eight-week introductory campaign, Ruapehu College first timers at the 2017 Te Wananga o Aotearoa New Zealand secondary school Waka Ama championships would make the medal podium,” said Brendon Morgan, campaign manager.



Ruapehu were among 112 schools, the most in 16 years to descend upon the shores of Lake Tikitapu in Rotorua, with the College fielding a J19 girls and a J19 boy’s crew. Sixteen Ruapehu students took part, with Maunga Sports Trust leading the campaign with coaching staff Whare and Shayna Teriaki and Chaana Morgan. Ruapehu College teacher Brian Connelly told Maori TV that it was a big learning curve but they were all excited and raring to go. The campaign incorporated water competency and safety sessions at the Raetihi pools, twice weekly lunchtime trainings using waka ergs (rowing machines configured to waka paddling) and weekend paddling an outrigger canoe on the Whanganui River. Many students had never known, seen or paddled a Waka Ama before. The effort has been compared to the 1993 film Cool Runnings, about a Jamaican bobsledding team who have never seen snow before, but made the Olympics.



The students entered the Raukotahi Marae challenge in Whanganui under Paraweka Marae, where they achieved 1st and 2nd in the plate finals. Both teams competing against 48 other schools in their respective divisions on Tuesday, with Ruapehu coming 5th in their heat in the W12 mixed (double hull waka) – no progression. On Wednesday in the 250m heat races, the girls placed 5th and the boys 6th. With many disqualifications, this saw both crews in the semi-finals for Thursday.

On Thursday the girls performed extremely well, placing 5th in their bowl semi but didn’t progress to the finals. The girls were overwhelmed with their efforts to reach the semi-finals and spirits were high. The boys took to the water Thursday afternoon in their bowl semi and with a time of 1.03.92 placed the boys 3rd in their heat. As they waited for the final two heats to conclude, the boys qualified 8th giving them lane 8 for the finals on Friday. Lane eight for the slowest qualifier can be very challenging but as the green flag was raised the boys powered through an intense race to cross the line in 1.03.87, and placing 3rd.

GIRLS RUGBY

Ruapehu College Girls Rugby 2017
Shaquana Taylor – Player of the Season (most tries scored)

Team:
Aciana Akapita, Jaye Akapita, Kaiawa Connelly, Sophie Couper, Tanaeya Henare, Legacy Hiroti, Anamaraea McDonnell, Jayne Metekingi, Levana Paul, Laine Robson, Sequoia Sue-Waara, Shaquana Taylor, Tayla White, Samara Windle,



SNOW SPORTS

Interwhanau Snow Sports

Skiers

Junior Girls

- 1 - Michaela Sinai
- 2 - Aciana Akapita
- 3 - Keri Baker

Senior Girls

- 1 - Yuri Shirai

Senior Boys

- 1 - Nash Jordan
- 2 - Dylan Budge
- 3 - Judah Lyon

Snowboarders

Junior Boys

- 1 - Jude White

- 2 - Oskar Williams

- 3 - Dalton Jordan

Junior Girls

- 1 - Chaya Connelly

- 2 - Ella Hawira

- 3 - Jenna Jones

Senior Girls

- 1 - Kaiawa Connelly

- 2 - Ashley Akapita

- 3 - Sequoia Sue-Waara

HOUSES

- 1 - Tui 25

- 2 - Kiwi 14

- 3 - Weka 10

- 4 - Huia 8



North Island Secondary School Skiing Results

Junior Women's

Michaela Sinai - 6th

Aciana Akapita - 11th

Jaye Akapita - 26th

Libby Graham - 74th

Keri Baker - 153rd

Tayla Goff - 167th

Senior Men

Nash Jordan - 27th

Dylan Budge - 55th

Scott Fraser - 68th

Judah Lyon - 69th

Snow Academy

This involved training on Tuesdays for both skiers and snowboarders. We travelled up with Dempsey Transport and started training at 9.30 and finished by 2.00. This year we had around 13 skiers and 10 snowboarders who all progressed really well under their instructors. The skiers had Sophie Odgen ISIA and Level 2 race coach qualified. We had Nick who has been with the boarders for three years.

Unfortunately the weather was not in our favour this year and we only got about 5 sessions. One was pretty wet and we all ended up with puddles in our boots. Thanks to Nicole Young who boarded with the skiers and for Miss Basse who was able to come and see what the students were up too. Another big thanks to Turoa Snowsports who sponsored the students training. Lets hope that we can continue with another season in 2018.
Miss Meredith Wilson

North Island Secondary School Snowboarding

This was held on September 25th to the 27th of September. It involved 3 events: Giant Slalom and Slopestyle and the Boardercross. The Slalom is a timed run through gates, slopestyle involves rails and jumps and students are judged on difficulty of trick, amplitude and style. Boardercross is a race of 4 students through a track and the first two students go through to another race until there is a final 4 students. This year we entered a boys team that had Oscar Williams and Jude White. The Girls team consisted of Kaiawa Connelly, Ashley Akapita, Ella Hawira, Chaya Connelly, Jenna Jones and Sayge Wikohika. They were all very strong competitors and placed fifth in the Girls Competition. Sayge came in the top 8 for the boardercross.

Thanks to Dalton Jordan for helping with the results running in some very windy conditions, and hope we have some more boys train up for the Snow Academy to so we can start a complete team. Bring on the snow for 2018!
Miss Meredith Wilson

TUG OF WAR

This first interwhanau competition was very close with only 1 point separating the top 3 Placings

4th- Kiwi
3rd - Huia
1st=Weka + Tui.



INTER-WHANAU SPIRIT

Our wonderful new flags to be used for whanau competitions. Go Huia, Kiwi, Tui and Weka.



CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country Champions

Junior Female
 1st Chaya Connelly
 2nd - Korbyn Garland
 3rd - Libby Graham

Junior Male
 1st Taihore Paul
 2nd Cameron Artz
 3rd - Kennedy Reid

Intermediate Female
 1st Racel Reyes
 2nd Aciana Akapita
 3rd - Ellen Thomas

Intermediate Male
 1st Harry Toho
 2nd Wynyard Baker
 3rd Jeramaia Joyce

Senior Female
 1st Hayley Artz
 2nd Chloe Garland
 3rd Samantha Reyes

Senior Male
 1st Julian Toho
 2nd Nash Jordan
 3rd Judah Lyon

Whanau Points
 1st Weka
 2nd Tui
 3rd Huia
 4th Kiwi



ATHLETICS

On Tuesday the 7th of March we had our annual athletics day. Participation was high as students ran, jumped, hopped and threw in an attempt to earn Whanau points. The day finished off with Whanau relay's. Final Whanau results were 4th - Kiwi, 3rd - Huia, 2nd Tui and 1st Weka.

A special mention goes to Dylan Te Kura Bishop who broke the 26 year old intermediate shot put record (previously held by L Stephens since 1990) with a throw of 11.39m. She beat the previous record by half a metre.

Whanganui Secondary School Athletics Results

Girls 14-15 High Jump
3rd Hayley Artz, 1.45m
Boys 14-18 Javelin Throw
3rd George Joyce, 47.25m
Girls 14-15 Long Jump
1st Hayley Artz 4.80m
Girls 14-15 Triple Jump
1st Hayley Artz 10.14m
Girls 14-15 Shot Put
1st Dylan Bishop 12.25m
Girls 16-18 Shot Put

4th Naydah Bishop, 10.00m
Girls 16-18 Discus Throw
3rd Ashley Akapita, 25.12m
Boys 12-13 High Jump
5th= Cameron Artz, 1.35m
5th= Awa Taylor, 1.35m
Boys 14-15 High Jump
4th Tekaokao Kairimu, 1.55m
Boys 12-13 Triple Jump
1st Cameron Artz, 9.17m
Boys 16-18 Triple Jump
3rd Zayden Tairaoa-Herewini, 10.88m
Boys 12-13 Discus Throw
3rd Kalani Gordan, 26.68m
Boys 16-18 Discus Throw
4th Te Matau o Te Rangī Allen, 29.75m
Girls 12-13 1500 Metre Run
4th Korbyn Garland, 5:46.42

Champions

Senior Girl
1st Naydah Bishop -36
2nd Samantha Reyes – 34
Senior Boy
1st Julian Toho – 51
2nd Mohi Williams – 26
Intermediate Girl
1st Hayley Artz – 59
2nd Shaquana Taylor-20

Intermediate Boy
1st Tekaokao Kairimu -31
2nd John Richards – 19

Junior Girl
1st Korbyn Garland – 49
2nd Sapphire Mapp – 34

Junior Boy
1st Tai Paul – 38
2nd Cameron Artz



ATHLETICS PHOTOS



SWIMMING



Junior Female - Chaya Connelly
 Junior Male - Masiya Taiaroa
 Intermediate Female - Kaiawa Connelly
 Intermediate Male - Jude White
 Senior Female - Rebecca Csore
 Senior Male - Zayden Herewini Taiaroa

Records broken
 There were two records broken in the 3 length Medley.

Whanganui Swimming Results

Ruapehu College students recently attended the Whanganui Secondary School swimming competition. A number of our students did well. Congratulations to:

Kaiawa Connelly- 2nd in the Girls 14-15 50 Metre Backstroke and 4th Girls 14-15 50 Metre Freestyle.

Masiya Taiaroa- 2nd in the

In the Junior Boys Masiya Taiaroa set a new record with a time of 1m 52.62s. Breaking a record held by Anaru Hansen since 2010.

In the Intermediate Girls grade Kaiawa Connelly broke her own record with a new time of 1m 35.34s.

Whanau results - 4th Kiwi, 3rd Huia, 2nd Weka & 1st Tui.

Boys 13 and under 50 Metre freestyle and 4th in the 100 Metre freestyle.

Chaya Connelly- 4th Girls 13 and under 100 Metre Freestyle and 5th 50 Metre freestyle and 5th in the 50 Metre backstroke.

Alana-Joe Metekingi- 4th Girls 13 and Under 50 Metre freestyle and also 4th in the 50 Metre backstroke.

Well done to all the students who attended this event.



PROPERTY

Security Cameras

We had 28 new security cameras installed into the school. We replaced the older cameras and also installed new cameras in places that we have found needed them. These cameras help to keep our students and their property as well as our school property safe.

Fire Alarm System

Contractors have put new smoke detectors, emergency lighting and exit lighting throughout the school.

School Hall

The stage was lowered this year and new windows fitted in the school hall. The hall will also be used as a classroom for the Performing Arts classes.



CALENDAR

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Senior students only
 Peer Support Training
 All students attending
 Year 9 Peer support
 Powhiri
 Tug-O-War
 Kayak Module
 Love Me Nots Yr

 PAT Testing
 Year 9 and 10 Maths
 Testing
 Academic Mentoring
 Kayak Module
 Academic Mentoring
 Kiwi
 Academic Mentoring
 Weka
 New parents meeting
 School Swimming
 Sports
 CACTUS begins
 Kayak Module
 Food Safety & Team
 BBQ
 Kayak Module
 Community Careers &
 Job Expo
 Whanau meeting
 Uni Visit: Massey
 WSS Swimming and
 Lifesaving
 Biology Stream Field
 Trip
 Academic Meetings
 School Athletics
 11OUT Kayaking
 Parent/Teacher
 Interviews
 Kayak Module
 Rock Module
 WSS Athletics
 12PED Tramp
 11OUT Kayaking
 Senior Prep Week
 History English Trip to
 Wellington
 Young Women in
 Leadership Program
 Academic Mentoring
 WDHb Health Careers
 Day
 Senior Assessment
 Week
 Kiwi4Eva
 Waka Ama
 Rock Module
 Workplace H&S - Best
 Practices
 11OUT Tramp
 Yr13 Triathlon
 Rock Module
 English Experience

 CACTUS Longest day
 CACTUS Graduation
 Dinner
 Yr 13 Survival outdoor
 module
 Rugby preseason
 camp
 Whanau meetings
 U19 Rugby starts
 Kapahaka noho
 Year 10 Girls Self
 Defence Programme
 Year 11 Girls Self
 Defence Programme
 Yr 13 Survival module
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 Year 12/13 Girls Self

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Defence Programme
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 Open Evening/
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 Coffee Essentials
 Victoria University Visit
 Yr 11 Outdoor

 School Cross Country
 U15 Rugby starts
 Yr 11 Outdoor tramp
 University of Auckland
 Visit
 First Aid in Outdoor
 Whanau meetings
 U19 Rugby
 Netball
 Kapahaka noho
 Interwhānau Kapahaka
 WSS Cross Country
 Assessment Prep

 Yr 11 Outdoor

 Academic Mentoring
 Rugby U15 Game
 Girls Rugby Game
 PFA - Concert Trip
 Kapahaka Noho
 Yr 12/13 Outdoor
 Mountain biking
 Rugby U19 Game
 Rugby U15 Game
 Preventing Injury in the
 Workplace
 Girls Rugby Game
 Rugby U19 Game
 Kapahaka Noho
 OPC-Outdoor pursuit
 Centre yr 10
 Rugby U15 Game
 Girls Rugby
 Game
 ICAS
 Rugby U19 Game
 Kapahaka Noho
 Interwhanau Basketball
 Powhiri new staff
 yr 12/13 Outdoor Bow
 Hunting
 Manu Korero
 Girls Rugby Finals
 Interwhanau Basketball
 Finals
 Paerangatahi
 Academic Mentoring
 Otago University Visit
 Netball Game
 Rugby U15 Game
 Rugby U19 Game
 Rugby U15 Game
 Netball Game
 Snow Academy
 Rugby U15 Game
 3 Day Chainsaw Safety
 Training
 Netball Practice
 U15 Rugby Game
 Netball Game
 Snow Academy
 Massey Open Day
 P/T Interviews
 Rugby U15 Game
 U19 Rugby Game
 L1 History Waiouru
 Museum
 Netball Game
 Rarotonga Tourism Trip
 Snow Academy
 Rugby U15 Semi Finals
 Rangitikei sports
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St Bernards Football
 Rugby U19 Semi Finals
 Netball Game
 Snow Academy
 Junior snow day (yr9)
 Youth Services BBQ
 Rugby U15 Final
 Y11 High ropes
 School Ball
 Rugby U19 Final
 Netball Game
 Snow Academy
 Interwhanau Snow
 Sports
 L3 History Waiouru
 12/13 Chemistry @
 Massey
 Yr 11 High ropes
 Netball Finals
 Snow Academy
 Junior Snow day (yr
 10)
 Ice Skating tour
 Year 11 High ropes
 Non Interruption Week
 Snow Academy
 Yr 11 mountain biking
 Snow Academy
 Year 9 swimming
 Year 9 swimming
 Yr 11 mountain biking
 NISS Ski
 Mock Election Voting
 Snow Academy
 Year 9 rock climbing
 Year 9 rock climbing
 Teen AG farm visit
 Victoria University
 Course Planning
 Academic P/T
 Interviews
 MCAT Exam
 NISS Snowboarding
 Snow Academy
 YR 13 PE expedition
 Sports Breakfast
 Juniors Krypton
 Challenge
 Non Interruption Week
 Production Rehearsals
 NZ Music Commission
 Mentoring
 WSS Sports Awards
 Senior Prize Giving
 Leavers Dinner
 Production Evening
 performance
 Production Matinee
 (Schools)
 Production Evening
 performance
 NZQA Exams Start
 Production Closing
 Night
 Junior Exams
 PAT Testing
 Year 9 Camp
 NCEA PFA Concert
 Junior Prize Giving



JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2016

Sports Awards Athletics Junior Girl (PTA Cup) Aciana Akapita Junior Boy (Walter Warner Cup) Harry Toho Intermediate Girl (Wooward Cup) Hayley Artz Cross Country Junior Girl (Mary Whale Cup) Chloe Garland Junior Boy (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) Harry Toho Swimming Junior Girl (Cup) Dylan Te Kura Bishop Junior Boy (TG Drayton Cup) Timothy Brown Intermediate Girl Kaiawa Connelly Netball Junior Cup (Checkers Netball Cup) for the most outstanding player Hayley Artz Girls Rugby Most Outstanding Player Tayla White Most Improved Player Ace Akapita / Sequoia Sue-Waara Sportsmanship Sequoia Sue-Waara Rugby Most Improved Player U15 (Richard Lindsay Cup) James True Best Team Mate U15 (Kui & Proude Trophy) Joey Richards Wiari Squash Junior Girl Champion (Trophy presented by Megan Laurenson) Hayley Artz Junior Boy Champion (Trophy presented by Jackie Laurenson) Dylan Kennett Tennis Girls Champion (Cup donated by S Laurenson) Kaiawa Connelly Snowboarding Junior Girl Champion Aciana Akapita Junior Boy Champion Jude White Supreme Snowboarding Award (Callum Green "Pink" Memorial Trophy) Aciana Akapita Skiing Junior Girls Champion (Knight Family Trophy Kaiawa Connelly **Year 9 Academic Award** Aciana Akapita EXCELLENCE AWARD for Level 1 Te Reo Maori. Wynyard Baker MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Victoria Bethell EXCELLENCE AWARD for Te Reo Maori. Timothy Browne MERIT AWARD for improvement in Performing Arts and Beginner French. Mackenzie Charlton MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort throughout the year in Science and Beginner Spanish, consistent effort in Health, most improved in Mathematics. EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Hard Material Technology and Art. Rose Collett MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Food and Nutrition, Hard Material Technology and Health. Duncan Francois MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Health and improvement in Physical Education. Connor Gibson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education Nazomi Groot MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Food and Nutrition, Science and Health. EXCELLENCE AWARDS for English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Beginner Spanish and Performing Arts. Legacy Hiroti MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Health and consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Tatyana Hiroti MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Food and Nutrition and consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Jeramaia Joyce MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science, Health and Performing Arts. Samuel Lyon MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort throughout the year in Science, English, Te Reo Maori and Health. EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Physical Education and

Hard Material Technology Diamond Mapp MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. Levana Paul MERIT AWARD for improvement in Physical Education. Aaron Richards MERIT AWARD for improvement in Health. Kate Rowe MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education and Mathematics. EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Food and Nutrition, Science, Health, English, Social Studies, Performing Arts and Beginner French. Michaelah Sinai EXCELLENCE AWARD for Level 1 Te Reo Maori. Abilene Thomas MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Ellen Thomas MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Lamar Tutemahurangi MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science. Eliza Warbrick MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Numeracy. **Year 10 Academic Awards** Chellecia Akapita MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Physical Education, consistent effort in Health and Te Reo Maori. Hayley Artz MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort through the year in Science, consistent effort in Health and most improved in Mathematics. EXCELLENCE AWARDS for English, Physical Education, Social Studies, Food and Nutrition and Performing Arts and receives the Mowat Voon Cup for a student who is active in Sport and Reading. Kaiawa Connelly MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort through the year in Science and consistent effort in Health. EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Art, Social Studies and Soft Fabric Technology and receives the Creative Textiles Award presented by Marilyn George and Physical Education. Sophie Couper MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and improvement in Soft Material Technology, consistent effort in Physical Education and Performing Arts. Justice-Rose Dennison MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Science, Beginner Spanish and Health. Rory Fredricksen MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English, Numeracy and improvement in Social Studies. EXCELLENCE AWARD for Hard Material Technology and wins the Dixon Engineering Trophy for practical work in Technology Hard Materials. Chloe Garland MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science and Food and Nutrition. EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Health and Beginner Spanish. Charly Hika-Wright MERIT AWARD for improvement in Art. Dylan Kennett MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Hard Material Technology. EXCELLENCE AWARD in Numeracy. Jayne Metekingi MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori Kayla Pearce MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Numeracy. Western Pickery MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Numeracy. Racel

Reyes MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health. EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Science, Art, Physical Education, Mathematics, Social Studies and Food and Nutrition and receives the Most Promising Student in Practical Foods. Trophy presented by Marilyn George. Joey Richards-Wiari MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori and Numeracy. Laine Robson MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Health and Social Studies. Dylan Te Kura Bishop MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science, Mathematics and improvement in Art. EXCELLENCE AWARD for Te Reo Maori. Ebony Thomas EXCELLENCE AWARD for Level 1 Te Reo Maori. James True MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Numeracy Lilita Wallace MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Numeracy Alice Walls MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort through the year in Science, consistent effort in Health and in Mathematics. EXCELLENCE AWARDS for English, Social Studies, Food and Nutrition and Pre NCEA Spanish. Dean Whale MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Numeracy. Tayla White MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health. T'Leya Wood MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science, Food and Nutrition and Health. EXCELLENCE AWARD for Art. **SPECIAL AWARDS** Speech Competitions Year 9 Prepared Speech - LD Eden Cup Samuel Lyon Year 10 Prepared Speech - Mr & Mrs FA Martin Cup Hayley Artz 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 - Plate Wynard Baker Office Max Award (junior) For outstanding service to the college Hayley Artz The Logan Dixon Cup For excellence in junior sport cup Hayley Artz and Dylan Te Kura Bishop Ruapehu College Junior Citizen Award Cup donated by the Lyon family 2008. For a student of good character, having personal integrity including the qualities of honesty, caring for other people and supporting the peer group. Sophie Couper Jim Perry Prize For the Year 10 student who has shown the most improvement across a range of academic, sporting, social and cultural activities. Cheque and Voucher Dylan Te Kura Bishop Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant:\$1000 awarded to a year 10 student to support them in their academic year. T'Leya Wood Year 9 Academic Excellence Award Trophy donated by the Milne Family Kate Rowe Year 10 Academic Excellence Award - Junior Dux Trophy donated by the Milne Family. Ruapehu Bulletin for academic excellence in Year 10 and R.C.E.A.T. grant of \$100 Racel Reyes

PERFORMING ARTS



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

George Joyce Receives the Migos Trophy for Practical Clothing and shares the Kaimanawa Cup for outstanding achievement in Outdoor Education presented by R Rowles & G Brebner. Peter Kennett MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and perseverance in Level 3 Design Hard Materials Technology. Jack Parker SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 3 Food and Nutrition. Skye Pohatu MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 3 Biology, English, Tourism and for quality of work in History. Monika Prasad MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Level 3 Accounting, consistent effort in Tourism and History. Samantha Reyes SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 3 Accounting and receives the Balance Accountants Award for High Attainment in Accounting, first in Biology, Chemistry and Physics she receives the Winstone Pulp International prize for excellence in Chemistry, Physics and Biology. First in English, History, Mathematics. She receives the Cast Family Senior Mathematics Award for high standard in Level 3 Mathematics and receives the Peck Campbell Cup for Excellence in Humanities. She also receives Excellence in Online Learning from the Volcanics eLearning Community. Hamish Whale Shares the Kaimanawa Cup for outstanding achievement in Outdoor Education donated by R Rowles and G Brebner Xavia Steedman-Wills MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Te Reo Māori and consistent effort in Level 3 Media Studies. SUBJECT AWARDS for Senior Performing Arts and receives the George Chan Trophy for Performing Arts and first in Level 3 Tourism. Rawinia Thomas Receives the Sue Hardwidge Memorial Cup for excellence in Practical Foods. Mohi Williams MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in

Senior Performing Arts and Excellence in Art and receives an award for his continual contribution and service to the Visual Arts. He also receives the Robin Rowles Memorial Trophy for Leadership in Practical Areas.

Special Awards

Office Max Award For a person who has enhanced the reputation of the college by his or her work outside the college.

Samantha Reyes Maungarongo Trophy (Presented by Nana Biddy) For showing leadership, dedication and initiative in the promotion of kapa haka during the year in school. Te Kaokao Kairimu Brian Eades Award For perseverance and endeavour. Naydah Bishop 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.

Mohi Williams Principal's Award For their valuable contribution as a Board of Trustee member Samantha Reyes Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant: (Presented by Vince Pakinga) For a year 11 student to support them in their following academic year to the value of \$1000

Ebony Thomas Rotary Trades Award: Awarded by the Ohakune Rotary Club for a student who shows outstanding promise in the area of Agriculture and Horticulture, Forestry or Trades to assist them in achieving their goals for the future to the value of \$500

Judah Lyon The Ruapehu College Sports Cup for best overall senior in sport, presented by John

and Sue Laurenson plus \$100 from Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust. Keaton Norling Waimarino Shield Donated by the Maori community of the district for an all-round student in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and values plus \$100 from Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen Loftus Shield For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas – academic, social and sporting plus \$100 from Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust Samantha Reyes Proxime Accessit Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family with \$100 from Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust Skye Pohatu Dux Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. \$200 from RCEAT, The Rotary Club Scholarship of \$500. Samantha Reyes.



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Senior Sports and Inter Whānau Awards
ATHLETICS Intermediate Boy Champion (Walter Warner Cup) Te Kaokao Kairimu Intermediate Girl Champion (Woodward Cup) Hayley Artz Senior Girl Champion (Turners and Growers Cup) Naydah Bishop Senior Boy Champion Turners and Growers Cup) Julian Toho CROSS COUNTRY Intermediate Girl Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Racel Reyes Senior Boy champion (Dillon Shield) Julian Toho Senior Girl Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Hayley Artz GIRLS RUGBY Play Hard Work Hard (Leigh Hynes Trophy) Sophie Couper Play hard in rugby and work hard in class RUGBY Most consistent Senior Player (DA Loye Cup) Hamish Whale Most Improved Senior Player (Cup) George Joyce Best and Fairest Senior Player (Cup) Keaton Norling Best and Fairest Under 16 Player (Golden Oldies Trophy) Te Kaokao Kairimu SQUASH Boy Champion (Triggell Trophy) Dylan Budge SWIMMING Intermediate Girl (PTA Cup) Kaiawa Connelly Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy) Rebecca Csore Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy) Zayden Herewini-Taiaroa SKIING Senior Boy champion Nash Jordan (Mangaturuturu Cup presented by Graeme Brebner) WAKA AMA Ruapehu College Ki Te Hoe Waka Ama Senior Female (a taonga gifted by the Allen Whānau) Naydah Bishop Ruapehu College Ki Te Hoe Waka Ama Senior Male George Joyce Inter Whanau Competition Huia Leaders Keaton Norling Amy Calder 3rd in Tug of War, Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country and Kapa Haka. 4th in Snow Sports and Basketball. Kiwi Leaders Hamish Whale Lara Edmonds 2nd in Snow Sports, 3rd in Basketball, 4th in Tug of War, Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country and Kapa Haka. Tui Leaders Nathaniel Bethell Ashley Akapita 1st in Kapa Haka (trophy) Swimming (cup) Snow Sports and 1st= in Tug of War and Basketball. 2nd in Athletics and Cross Country. Waka Leaders Tukutahi Metekingi Pipi Williams 1st in Athletics (cup), Cross Country (cup) and 1st= in Tug of War and Basketball (cup), 2nd in Swimming and Kapa Haka and 3rd in Snow Sports. Champion Whanau CUP Tui SPORTS BLUES AWARDS Keaton Norling Clay Shooting Matthew Smith Taekwondo Hayley Artz Netball Nash Jordan Equestrian Year 11 Academic Awards Hayley Artz MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 Mathematics, consistent effort throughout the year in Level 1 Science. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 1 Physical Education, Food and Nutrition she receives the Home Economics Award donated by Fiona Fraser, first in English and first equal in History and receives the Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and showing class spirit in History. Levi Bowring MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and perseverance in Level 1 Design Hard

Materials. Ngahua Brier-Wiari MERIT AWARD for courage and determination during outdoor activities. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 1 Practical Science. Kaiawa Connelly MERIT AWARD for Consistent effort in Level 1 Art. She receives the Design and Sewing Year 11 Trophy donated by Louise Beukes. Sophie Couper SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 1 Agriculture and Horticulture and first in Performing Arts. She receives the Land Based Training Cup as the Agriculture Student of the Year. Justice-Rose Dennison MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 Food and Nutrition, perseverance in Level 1 Mathematics and consistent effort in Level 1 Science. Rory Fredricksen SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 1 Design Hard Materials. He receives the PlaceMakers Award for Level 1 Hard Materials. Chloe Garland MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 History and perseverance in Accounting. Dylan Kennett MERIT AWARDS for improvement by challenging/pushing himself in Level 1 Physical Education and improvement during the year in English. Jayne Metekingi MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Agriculture and Horticulture. Deraileigh Munn MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Level 1 Food and Nutrition and SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 1 Practical Mathematics. Racel Reyes MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 English. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 1 Art, Accounting, Mathematics, Science and first equal in History. Laine Robson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and perseverance in Level 1 Performing Arts. Dylan Te Kura Bishop SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 1 Design Visual Communication and receives the Gordon Lin Trophy for the Best Design Visual Communication Student. Ebony Thomas MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 2 Te Reo Maori SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 1 Outdoor Education Alice Walls MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 Accounting, Spanish and History. Lilnita Wallace MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Practical Science. Dean Whale MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and perseverance in Level 1 Design Hard Materials, consistent effort in Practical Mathematics and consistent effort in English. Tayla White MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Physical Education. T'Leya Wood MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and perseverance in Level 1 Design Visual Communication. Daniel Woodhead MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Agriculture. Yuzuki Sekiguchi MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Level 1 Textiles. Year 11 Top Academic Student Racel Reyes Year 12 Academic Awards Mason Baker MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Practical Science. Dylan Budge MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort

and perseverance in Level 2 Design Hard Materials and consistent effort throughout the year in Chemistry and Physics. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Mathematics. Rebecca Csore MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 2 Performing Arts and Food and Nutrition. Scott Fraser MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort, perseverance and improvement during the year in Level 2 Design Hard Materials, consistent effort in English and Physics. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Chemistry Kaheiana Hansen MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 2 History and Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 2 Accounting, Biology, English and Textiles. She receives the Design and Sewing Year 12 Trophy donated by Louise Beukes. Judah Lyon MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 2 Mathematics, Physical Education and Physics. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 2 Design Hard Material and History. He receives the Winstone Pulp International Prize for Achievement in Design Technology. Macy McNaught MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Level 2 Textiles Keaton Norling MERIT AWARDS for improvement during the year in Agriculture and Horticulture. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Physical Education Molly Parker MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 2 History and Textiles. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Art. Samuel Reyes MERIT AWARDS for perseverance to understand Level 2 Chemistry and consistent effort in Physics. Pipi Williams MERIT AWARD for improvement in Level 2 Biology and consistent effort in Tourism. Warren Williams MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 2 Physical Education. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Agriculture and Horticulture and receives the Fruit Federation Supplies Award for Level 2 Horticulture. Dion-tre Wood SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Food and Nutrition. Year 12 Top Academic Student Kaheiana Hansen Year 13 Academic Awards Te Matau O Te Rangi Allen MERIT AWARDS for an outstanding dramatic performance in drama, consistent effort in Level 3 Physical Education and perseverance and consistent effort in Media Studies. He also receives a Massey University Accommodation Scholarship for 2018 valued at \$5000.00. Nathaniel Bethell SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 3 Design Hard Materials Technology. Naydah Bishop MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 3 Physical Education. Michael Gibson MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 3 Design Hard Materials Technology and Food and Nutrition. Kyran Jones MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and careful application in Level 3 Textiles SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 3 Art and receives the Dr Jordan Memorial Prize for Achievement in Art and first in Level 3 Media Studies.