

# **RUAPEHU COLLEGE**

## **2019**



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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a great 2019 year at Ruapehu College as our students continue to rise to the opportunity of learning and gaining NCEA credits to achieve their hopes and dreams for the future. This year there has been a strong focus on creating the values around a positive learning atmosphere with a consideration on wellbeing and a more holistic aspect of the students.

We continued developing a positive school spirit in our whānau groups by developing chants which were included as part of athletics day alongside the normal track and field events. This was great fun. It was also pleasing to see a good number of students heading to Whanganui to represent the school in track and field. I also enjoyed the school spirit day held later in the year, the project time on a Friday and the fact we made cross country compulsory and fun so as to encourage participation. These events were very successful.

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 our school is very proud of this. If students want to go to University, or other training or into a trade or some other employment, then Ruapehu College is well poised to facilitate this. We ran some amazing courses this year including; drivers licence, coffee essentials, the work place health and safety, fence building and outdoor first aid to name a few.

Leadership is an important facet of life here at the College and I was very proud to work with our prefects (an all female group this year); Head Girl-Hayley Artz, Deputy Head prefects-Dylan Te Kura Bishop and Justice-Rose Dennison and prefect Racel Reyes. They all contributed to the leadership of the school in their own way. Their goal was to increase participation in interschool whānau events and they certainly achieved this. It was good to see a large number of sporting events on offer at lunchtimes. The prefects and other leaders also had the opportunity to attend a toastmasters course which was held at National Park. This was enjoyable and pleasing to see students gain confidence in public speaking.

Our current prefects spent time at the leadership camp in Gisborne learning about peer support (and surfing) and were able to bring this training and knowledge to the other students and then work with our new year 9s when they arrived at the College. The peer support programme works well in assisting the transition to College relatively smoothly and our year 9 students enjoy it too.

I had the pleasure of attending the Kiwi Forever Programme and I joined the team as they ran science experiments on the 'other side' of one of the aqueducts to measure water quality, plant life and ph in the river flow beyond. The streams and rivers often disappear down aqueducts for the purposes of electricity. It was pleasing to see a stream recovering after being a dry bed for many years. I also enjoyed attending the first day of the Waka Ama competition at Lake Tikitapu (The Blue

Lakes) in Rototua. It was exciting to be part of the Waka Ama powhiri for all the schools and to watch some races.



The arts were well patronised with the drama production of 'A Tomb with a View', which was outstanding, the visit from the New Zealand Navy Band who played theme tunes from popular movies, our International Day with excellent food from around the world created by students, and the visit from inspirational speaker John Coutis. He came on a skateboard as he has no legs, speaking about his challenges and how he overcame them. We continue to have students in bands and playing instruments.

The sport in our school was very busy as usual this year. I was part of the snow academy and took a group of ski racers that trained at Whakapapa. We have some great skiers coming up in racing, slopestyle and freestyle with some of our competitors in the international arena. Our female snowboarders came 2nd in the Secondary Schools Snowboarding Competition. I have seen the passion and the commitment as to what makes a top competitor. Tui Wikohika's speech at the sports breakfast, talking about his very own challenges, was outstanding.

This year we have revamped C Block from Mr Prasad's room up to the art room. It is nearly completed as I write this. We look forward to being in the freshly renovated part of the school next year.

I would like to wish our year 13s every success as they head out into the wide world. The school magazine provides years of enjoyment in the year it is issued and many future 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



# STAFF CHANGES

Ruapehu College welcomed new staff Miss Nicole Jaquery who teaches Textiles and Art.



Mrs Robin Thomas who is the new SENCO teacher.



We also welcomed back Miss Kiani Rowe teaching Te Reo Maori and Social Studies.



Miss Leah Rogers started at Ruapehu College this year assisting part time in the library and front office. She married Mr Sims. Then left in term four to pursue her career as an ambulance officer.



Mr Mike Clamp left to go back to his family in France after teaching History at college over the past 2 years. He was a great rugby coach. Taking our girls team to a new level.

Mrs Liz Hall left her job as Gateway, Careers and STAR Co-ordinator. She will be missed as she has done a great job.



Miss Lindy Deadman has joined the College staff to work in the Library. Miss Deadman was a past pupil of the College and has a real passion for books!

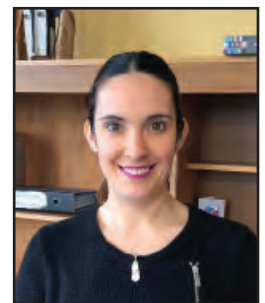


She replaced Miss Shere who has taken maternity leave.

Mrs Shelagh Buck steps down as HOD of Science after teaching for 42 years. She will be in charge of NZQA in our school next year.



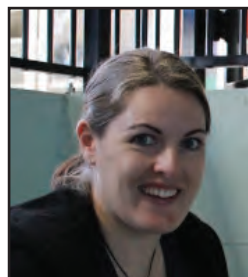
School Counsellor Ruapehu College has employed a counsellor, Charity Garcia, who will be working part time at the College. She is already working for Taumarunui Counselling services two days a week and is now looking to develop her practice closer to home. Charity Garcia lives in Raetihi.



Florence Macdonald stepped into the role of English Teacher while Mr Greene was on leave.



Librarian Katie Shere's baby arrived early so she left at the end of term 1.



Teacher Practicum Mrs Charlotte Harris joined the English Department under Mr Greene, for a six week Practicum, finishing at the end of term three.

# STAFF PHOTOS



Back Row: Mrs Donna Marshall, Miss Leah Rogers, Mrs Wendy Darmody, Miss Meredith Wilson - BSC, Dip Teach,

Third Row: Mrs Kerren Dixon, Miss Kiani Rowe BA, Dip Teach, Mrs Hanlie Bam, Miss Angelique Bam B.Sc, Dip Teach, Miss Nicole Jaquiere BDes, Mrs Ann Stuckey - B.Sc, Miss Lindy Deadman.

Second Row: Mrs Anne McIver, Mr KJ Allen BA, PGradDipTch, Massey; Cert Community Psychiatric Care, Otago; Cert Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling, WELTEC; Cert REBT, EIT, Mrs Robin Thomas MSc in Ed Dip Teach, Mr David Sims B.TchLn, Mr Brian Connelly - M.SpLs, B SocSc, Mr Mike Clamp Dip Teach, Mr Raj Prasad - B.Sc, Mrs Glenda Higginson, Mr Campbell Hart Bspex, Dip Teach.

Front row: Mr Michael Darmody BA (Hons), PGCE, MA in Ed, Mrs Maxine Hakaraia - 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 Johnny Greene - BA, Dip Teach, Mrs Shelagh Buck - B.Sc Hons Dip Ed.

Absent: , Ms Liz Poka, Mrs Liz Hall, Mrs Rauna Te Huia, Mrs Rachel Wills, Mr Phillip Sutton, Mrs Kay Sutton, Miss Katie Shere, Miss Florence Macdonald.



# STUDENT LEADERS

Head Girl  
Hayley Artz

Deputy Head Prefects  
Dylan Te Kura Bishop  
Justice-Rose Dennison

Prefect  
Racel Reyes

# LEADERS REPORT



Over our college years, we have had our fair share of adventures. From Year 12 leadership camp, to those 5am starts to be on time for CACTUS. We've participated in many inter-whanau events, snow sports, ANZAC days, school spirit hour and been involved in multiple fundraisers. Looking at all these different activities, it does make up for all those hours lost through trying to complete school work, to make school just that little bit more enjoyable.

To my fellow year 13s, it has been a rollercoaster journey but we have managed to come out on the other side. From when we started at year 9, barely knowing each other, to where we are now, I would have never imagined us to be such a tight knit bunch. Good luck to each and every one of you moving forward into the big wide world.

To our teachers, our principal, the support staff and our parents and caregivers, we could not have made it five years through college without your support. We have worked as a team to get through those tough times and yes we have made it. For this we owe you a huge thank you!

Congratulations to you all, we wish you all the best as you lead Ruapehu College into the new 2020 year. This relay baton presented from the 2016 prefects is a reminder that a relay race cannot be won alone, you must all work as a team. Have each other's back and stand together as one. So we charge you to uphold the school values and lead by example by showing respect, honesty, confidence and Rapuhia Kote Matauranga – seek further knowledge.

It is traditional for prefects to leave a legacy to the school. In the past, students have always been the ones to be recognised for their contributions to our school but we forget those people who have helped us along the way. The 2019 prefects have decided to leave a legacy which allows us to honour a staff member who we consider to have been the most supportive to our year 13 class. We would like to honour 2 recipients for the award this year and that is Miss Stuckey and Mr Hart. Could you please both come forward.

listen to our cries of help when things are not going to plan. Your art room has been one of our sanctuaries and your precious time has always been available for us to exploit especially at ball time. We could not have had a successful fun filled evening without your help. So thank you Miss Stuckey, you are a legend. Mr Hart, you agreed to take on a bunch of teenagers, knowing an entire prefect team of bossy girls was probably going to be the hardest, most bruising game you have ever played. But you came through 2019 almost unscathed. Your commitment and dedication to not only our prefect team but the entire year 13 form class has not gone unnoticed. For this we want to say a massive thank you.

As I move on from college life, I know I can always reflect on my time here and think, yes I did make the most of it. I went out and tried as many different things as possible, even if it was way out of my comfort zone. This would be my message that I pass on to the juniors. Don't sit here at school and think of how dumb it is to be sitting in a classroom. Make the most of it by trying new things and getting involved in new experiences. Don't be afraid to put your hand up and be the first one in the class to give an answer. Before you know it, you guys will be the ones celebrating your final assembly as year 13s and make sure you have no regrets when you look back on your college years. And just remember, "motivation lasts 10 minutes. Inspiration lasts a lifetime".

Thank you  
Hayley Artz



Miss Stuckey you have always been available to

# STUDENT COUNCIL

Ruapehu College has a school student council and they meet every fortnight in the school library to discuss student issues. Some of the students in the school council are also on the Ruapehu Youth Council and it is hoped that issues discussed at school can progress to that forum and vice versa.

The student council have decided to put a suggestion box in the Library for ideas and comments. One of the things happening at the school is some new equipment for the basketball courts outside. It is also a place where students can share community events and encourage participation outside the school.



Justice-Rose Dennison (student representative on the BoT), Sapphire Mapp, Tayla Goff, Emma Burnard, Tess Morris, Victoria Toho and Shizuki Okumura (youth Rotary representative). Many of the students hope to represent the Ruapehu Council too.

# NCEA ENDORSEMENTS

Students who gained NCEA endorsements were awarded with academic badges at school assembly. An excellence endorsement is awarded when a student gains 50 credits at excellence level.

Congratulations to Nazomi Groot and Kate Rowe who gained excellence endorsements at level 1.

A merit endorsement is awarded when a student gains 50 credits at a merit level.

Congratulations to; Mackenzie Charlton, Rose Collett, Samuel Lyon and Shizuki Okumura who gained level 1 with a merit endorsement.

Also Hayley Artz, Justice-Rose Dennison, Racel Reyes and Alice Walls who all gained merit endorsement at level 2.

A subject endorsement is awarded when a student receives excellence for over 14 credits in any one subject or when a student receives merit for 14 credits in that subject.

All the students listed above as well as level 1-Jeremaia Joyce, Diamond Mapp, Masiya Taiaroa, Izzy Theodore and level 2-Hailong Han, Ebony Hansen, Charley Hika-Wright and T'Leya Wood all received subject endorsements at a merit level.

As well as their overall endorsements, Kate Rowe received merit subject endorsements in six level 1 subjects and Racel Reyes received excellence endorsement in one subject and merit endorsements in 4 subjects at level 2.

# SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Justice-Rose Dennison (yr 13) was fortunate to win a scholarship on the Spirit of Adventure. Justice-Rose, who is Deputy Head Girl and the student representative on the Board of Trustees was awarded the scholarship from the New Zealand Trustees Association. They send students on the Spirit for three days for leadership training and Justice-Rose was lucky to sail out of Invercargill.

"My time on the Spirit of Adventure was one of my best experiences to date. Thanks to the School BoT for giving me the opportunity and helping me to get to Invercargill" said Justice-Rose.

"While on the boat and during down time, we were able to learn the basics on how a BoT works, so we weren't thrown into the deep end when we attend board meetings" she said. "I got to meet other like-minded students from all over New Zealand who were also representing their BoTs".

It wasn't all work though. "During my time on the boat I had the opportunity to learn the basic skills of sailing such as setting sails, waking up at 5am to go to Stewart Island and hear wild kiwi and walk around the protected Ulva Island. I got to experience a minor sea storm, swim in the mountain like ocean of the choppy Foveaux Straight which felt like a roller coaster" she said.

Justice-Rose valued the experience and encourages other students to stand for the BoT so they too, can go on the Spirit. "I enjoyed the three days, but I would love to go on the ten day adventure".



# WHANAU LEADERS

As part of the leadership programme there are a number of students appointed to be whanau leaders. These students are encouraged to promote interwhanau activities in the school such as the swimming and athletics and other whanau events throughout the year. This year's athletics day saw the highest number of participants for a number of years and this was attributed our leaders for their encouragement.

The Whanau leaders are:

Weka-seniors-Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Hayley Artz. Juniors-Malachi Pehi, Sierra Metekingi.

Tui-seniors-Kate Rowe, Ace Akapita. Juniors-Zeb Smith, Santaesjah Wood.

Huia-seniors-Leim Norling, Paige Pearce. Juniors-Mason Richards, Sam Beauchamp.

Kiwi-seniors-Laycie Bennett, Tekaokao Kairimu. Juniors- Una Drayton, Gene Henderson.

This year whanau developed house chants and worked to encourage every competitor.



# SCHOLARSHIP

Dylan Te Kura Bishop (yr 13) has been awarded the Jack Swindells young person scholarship worth \$1000.00 Jack Swindells created an enduring legacy to assist students studying at New Zealand High Schools with their educational expenses so they could achieve their ambitions.

There was a number of criteria including the scholarship had to be applied for by the Principal. "I recognised Dylan as an extremely talented student especially in the field of drama," said Principal Kim Basse, "so I sent off an application on her behalf and was delighted to see that she won the award".

Dylan, who is currently deputy head prefect at the College, intends to go to university. "I initially want to go to Waikato to study drama" she said, "but I am now considering applying for a Bachelor of Arts at Victoria University". It is hoped that this money will assist on her path.



# PEER SUPPORT

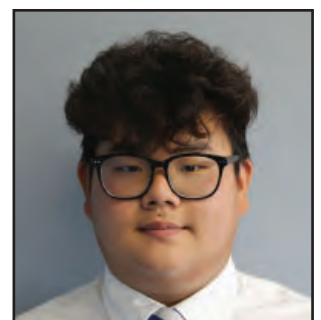
Peer support is underway with year 13's running a programme to assist the new year 9 students to get to know the seniors and the other year 9 students.

There have also been some inter whanau meetings as students gear up for swimming sports and athletics day. Prefects have also been running athletics training at lunch times and after school.



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Shizuki Okumura from Japan and Hailong Han from China.



# WALL OF FAME

## Whanganui Athletics

Congratulations to; Junior Boys Taniora Taitumu -1st Javelin, 2nd Shotput, 2nd High Jump, 1st Discus. Junior Girls Reihana McFadyen - 1st Shotput, Daisy Soverel - 2nd High Jump. Intermediate Girls Santaesjah Wood - 2nd Shotput. Intermediate Boys Cameron Artz - 1st High Jump, Takarangi Metekingi - 2nd Long Jump, 1st 100m, 2nd 200m, Pau Stephens - 3rd Shotput, Leim Norling - 3rd Discus. Senior Girls Hayley Artz - 1st Long Jump, 1st Triple Jump, Dylan Te Kura Bishop - 1st Shotput, Ebony Thomas - Javelin



## Mountain Biking

Cameron Artz entered the North Island Secondary School Mountain biking event and was placed 8th overall.



## Taekwondo

Abilene and Ellen Thomas were awarded a certificate for 2nd grade red 2 in Taekwondo.



## National Secondary Schools Waka Ama Competition

Both our teams came 3rd in the Bowl placings for both the Girls and Boys J16s.



Lola Crump Achievements  
North Island Secondary Schools Ski Competition Slopestyle 1st junior woman and 2nd woman overall  
Under 18 NZ Junior Freeride Tour  
1st place overall in the tour  
1st at remarkables, Mt Olympus and Turoa  
2nd place Turoa Rail Jam - open grade



## Whanganui Regional Smokefree Rockquest Finals

Three-piece band "Altitude" performed their original song "Higher Ground" and was awarded the ZM People's Choice Award at the Whanganui Regional Smokefree Rockquest Finals. This win allowed them to provide a video submission for the National Finals as a wildcard entry, adding two more original compositions for judgement. "Altitude" is comprised of Year 11 students Charlotte Buchanan (Bass & Vocals), Korbyn Garland (Guitar & Vocals) and Jenna Jones (Drums).



## Kiwi Forever

Levana Paul, Shaquana Taylor, Legacy Hiroti, Te Tamata Nelio (behind), Takarangi Metekingi, Pau Stephens and Samuel Lyon all took part in the 'kiwi for ever' programme.





# WALL OF FAME

Heartland XV

Congratulations to staff member Mr Campbell Hart who made the NZ Heartland XV.

He was selected to play a one off match against Manu Samoa. This was played at Eden Park and was the first international game the Heartland team has played. This is part of Manu Samoa's preparation for the Rugby World Cup.

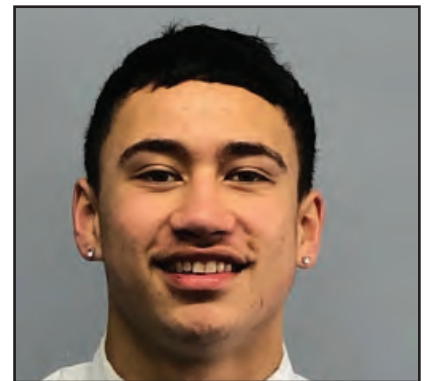
He will also play other games in Auckland and Fiji.



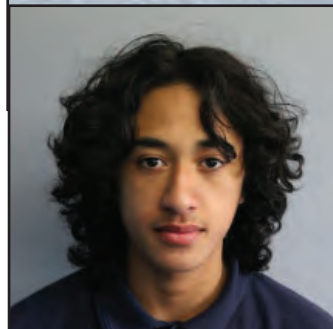
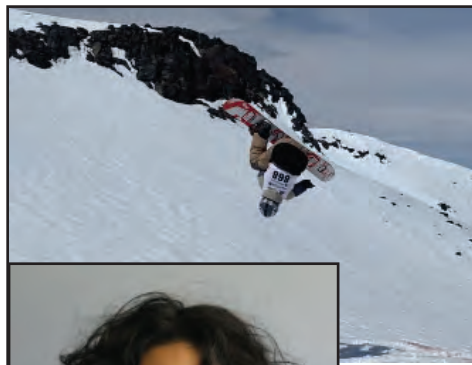
**College Nuptials**  
 Congratulations to two staff members at the College who were married during the school holidays. Performing arts teacher Mr David Sims and the Librarian/sports coordinator, Miss Leah Rogers. We wish them all the best for their future together.  
 Photo Courtesy of Barbara Van der Woerd



To top off a highly successful year for our snow sports students. The girls snowboarding team placed 2nd overall at the North Island Secondary School Snowboard Competition. The collective points of all 3 riders contributed to this place. Congratulations Kaiawa Connelly, Chaya Connelly and Jenna Jones.



Tui Wikohika  
 Snow Sports NZ Slopestyle Series Open Men  
 National Ranking 3rd, NI Ranking 3rd, SI Ranking 3rd  
 Turoa Event -2nd, Mt Hutt, Turoa Rail and Cardrona 3rd place  
 North island Secondary Schools Snow Board - 2nd Junior boy and 3rd  
 Overall  
 1st equal Under 16 Junior Nationals  
 1st junior Under 16 free ride tour  
 2nd junior nationals halfpipe and slalom



Takarangi Metekingi has made a number of Maori representative teams for rugby league and they have placed well in their competitions. Takarangi has also represented our college in the Under16 Rugby Union team. Through this team he was selected and played for the Wanganui Under 16 representative team at the Hurricanes Under 16 Rugby tournament. In athletics he is the college intermediate boy champion. At the Wanganui Secondary School Athletics Takarangi placed in numerous events. He came 2nd in the long jump and 200m and 1st in the 100m.



Libby Graham  
 North Island Secondary Schools Ski Competition Slopestyle 2nd junior woman and 3rd woman overall



Kaiawa Connelly  
 North Island Secondary School Snowboard Competition  
 3rd place overall  
 2nd slope style  
 7th banked slalom  
 Team placed 2nd overall

# VISITORS

## Community Time at the College

Community service is about being part of something greater than ourselves. This has been one of the messages, including citizenship and kaitiakitanga delivered during 'Project' time at Ruapehu College. Troy Brown spoke to the senior students about the Raetihi Park project that involved many of the local youth and gave students an insight into project management. He gave the students many tips such as the benefit of having project leaders.



## Ugli Shakespeare Company

Ruapehu College enjoyed an opportunity to watch 'The Taming of the Shrew' by the Ugli Shakespeare company. This is the second time the Ugliers have performed at Ruapehu College and the performances didn't disappoint. After the show, twenty one performing arts drama students were lucky to have an hour long workshop with 'the ugliers.'



## Royal NZ Navy Band

The Royal NZ Navy band visited many schools in our area and Ruapehu College students enjoyed the performance. They played many movie theme songs which were accompanied by dance moves. The audiences were seen singing, toe tapping and clapping.



## Inspirational School Speaker-John Coutis

John Coutis arrived from Australia on his first trip to New Zealand to talk to students at Ruapehu College about being positive in the face of adversity. He was born with legs that never grew properly and ended up about one sixth their normal size. Eventually, he had both legs amputated.

John has delivered his inspirational messages to many people around the world, speaking at events to complement many famous people including the former South African President, Nelson Mandela. He liked Nelson Mandala because he sat on the stage next to him.



# 9 KR



Back Row: Aroha Lima, Anton Fraser, Jahsiah Anderson, Hunter Jackman, Aylish Jordan, Harry Parker.  
Second Row: Naomi Kepu, Dylan Campbell, Dalton Neho, Quade Chapman, Jayden Bailey, Devon Griffin-Chappel, Miss Kiani Rowe (Teacher)  
Front Row: Grace Burnard, Holly McIlroy-Smart, Waimarama Sinai, Reihana McFadyen, Kataraina Cribb Pearson, Sophie Coller, Skye Perret.  
Absent: Penny Adlam, Pagen Mareikura, Shane Muru-Albert, Myah Smith-Loader, Isabella Tweeddale, Kahukura Williams.

# 9 RP



Back Row: Daisy Soverel, William Warbrick, Ngakau Herewini, George Buan, Veronica Hays, Joshua Simons.  
Second Row: Ila Kingi-Mareikura, Javier Lemburg, Archie Mills, Ui Pehi, Mason Rhodes, Wairakau Matete, Mr Raj Prasad (Teacher)  
Front Row: Sunita Dennison, Uneuku Hansen, Jade Gibson, Mika Story, Tanja Reedy, Keri Osborne, Destiny Ward.  
Absent: Kelayh Brider-Hawkins, Chase Bristol-Job, Jorje Richards, Shirome Gupwell, Lee Hetaraka-Deadman, Jorja Pearce, Tiani Taufu-Howard

# 10 AB



Back Row: Luke Burton, Ella Rowe, Elijah Brown, Dylan Anderson, Ngaikiha Toto, Silas McNaught, CJ Moore.

Second Row: Bella Hohipa, Jahzay Muru-Albert, John Waller, Cameron Smith, Jordan Setiu, Brooke Wilson, Miss Angelique Bam (Teacher)

Front Row: Lola Crump, Aaliyah Dennison, Una Drayton, Kayla Jordan, Marama Groot, Brooke Graham, Jameliya-Rose Hiroti.

Absent: Mason Richards, Tui Wikohika, Janine Francois, Jebidiah Hema,

# 10 MC



Back Row: Chelsea Marsada, Charlee Booth.

Second Row: Samantha Beauchamp, Jireh Pui Gilbert, Santaesjah Wood, Sachin Kumar, Tyler Te-Kani, Mike Clamp (Teacher)

Front Row: Uenuku Biddle Reedy, Gene Henderson, Maina Gray, Tearoha Richards-Wiari, Zebariah Smith, Taniora Taitumu.

Absent: Stephen Cawsey, Dillon Copley, Te Rangimarie Dunn, Keegan Griffin, Sierra Metekingi, Jahzay Muru-Albert, Malachi Pehi, Nathaniel Perkins-Arahanga, Theo Pickery, Usher Taiaroa,

# 11 DS



Back Row: Libby Graham, Keri Baker, Dalton Jordan, Brodie Kahukura, Tai Paul, Sayge Wikohika, Fuschia Aiomanu.

Second Row: Karaitiana Bristol-Job, Jack Walls, Bo Soverel, Montoia Osborne, Kalani Gordon, Byron Griffin-Chappel, Mr David Sims (Teacher)

Front Row: Korbyn Garland, Kyro Wihare-Hansen, Megan Rollerson, Paige Pearce, Ella Hawira, Chaya Connelly, Jenna Jones.

Absent: Emma Burnard, Mackenzy Mareikura.

# 11 JG



Back Row: Victoria Paoratoho, Caleb Murphy, Bailey Mareikura.

Second Row: Mr Michael Darmody (Teacher), Jax Campbell, Gabriel Pohatu, Tristum Griffin-Chappel, Jaidyn Foster, Mr Johnny Greene (Teacher)

Front Row: Cameron Artz, Tess Morris, Tayla Goff, Sapphire Mapp, Brianna McKenna, Allivia Wallace, Connor Halliday.

Absent: Jaye Teateata Akapita, Aleisha Anderson, Charlotte Buchanan, Te Akanui Maraku-King, Alana-Joe Metekingi, Katerina Treanor-Metekingi

# 12 AS 12 BC



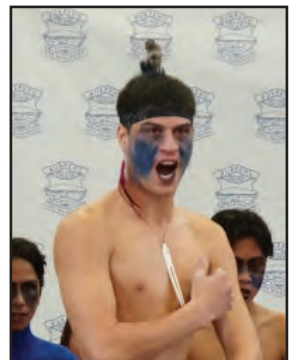
Back Row: Wynyard Baker, Connor Gibson, Kate Rowe, Takarangi Metekingi.  
Third Row: Ryan Burton, Pau Stephens, James Frew, Leim Norling, Israel Christensen, Rose Collett, Lamar Tutemahurangi.  
Second Row: Mr Brian Connelly (Teacher), Mackenzie Charlton, Izzy Theodore, Te Taumata Nelio, Jeremaia Joyce, Samuel Lyon, Devron Takitimu, Mrs Ann Stuckey (Teacher)  
Front Row: Abilene Thomas, Nazomi Groot, Shizuki Okumura, Levana Paul, Legacy Hiroti, Michaelah Sinai, Ellen Thomas.  
Absent: Aciana Akapita, Leonardo Csore, Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi, Duncan Francois, Gabriel Theodore, Masiya Taiaroa, Shaquana Taylor, Eliza Warbrick.



# 13 CH

Back Row: Charly Hika-Wright, Deraileigh Munn, Alice Walls.  
Second Row: Dom Norling, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Teakaokao Kairimu, Daniel Woodhead, Dean Whale, Mr Campbell Hart (Teacher)

Front Row: Racel Reyes, Ebony Hansen, Kaiawa Connelly, Hayley Artz, Ebony Thomas, Justice -Rose Dennison, Laycie Bennett.  
Absent Joey Richards-Wiari, T'Leya Wood, Hailong Han, Michael Tapsell, Tyler Booth.



# PROPERTY

## Building Revamp in the Corridors of Learning

Ruapehu College begins a round of renovations which will affect 6 C Block classrooms including Mrs Stuckey's Art room, all the way down the corridors past the digital technology, Te Reo and Social Studies rooms to Mr Prasad's Maths room. These rooms will have a major revamp. This has meant a clean out of resources and some upheaval such as moving desks and cupboards. There are also 4 resource rooms in that area as well.

"It's a good opportunity to do a stocktake and have a clean out at the same time" said Deputy Principal, Mrs Allen. Chairperson Mr Dean Francois said "this work will conclude the last of the ten-year property plan. The school has had fire compliance work, a new dust extractor, an upgraded electrical panel and various other building upgrades to name a few".

The current renovations will see a fresh coat of paint, new carpet, better lighting in the hall and new fixtures. "This will reflect the changing nature of our learning areas" said Principal Kim Basse and has been designed by 'Spaceworks' from Wellington who also

designed the interior of Te Pae Tata. "Te Pae Tata is an exciting learning environment and we want to have the same reflected at the College". she said. "Some of our curricula are also aligned with Te Pae Tata, especially in the digital technology area, so it makes sense that the building spaces are visually connected".



## BOT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

As the student B.O.T. representative, I was able to communicate to the school from the board. Tasks such as discussing and coming to agreement on decisions such as school trips and funding to each department, were all part of the experience I had. From my time on the board I feel that I was able to make small contributions to the school. I am glad to have been given this opportunity and wish next years BOT student representative, Ryan Burton, all the best.

Justice-Rose Dennison

## DONATIONS

We would like to thank WPI who donated some of their gym gear to the weights room in the school gymnasium. The weights room will now become the 'fitness room' with exercycles, rowing machines and a tread mill. "It means that those of us that prefer other forms of training are not restricted to just weights" said Principal Kim Basse.

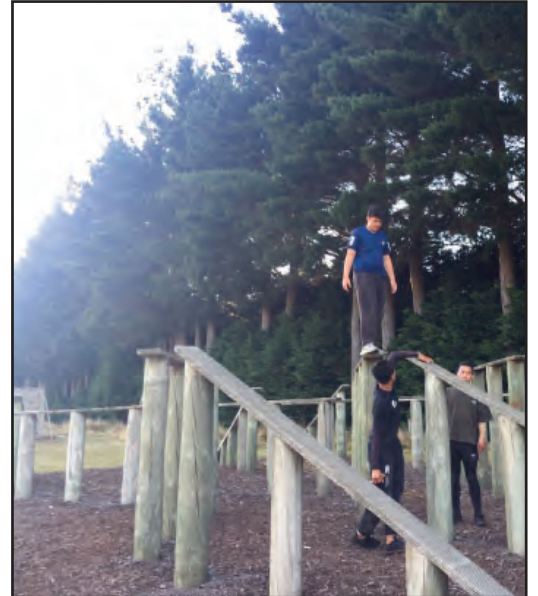
The students were keen to trial the equipment and Head of Physical Education, Mr Campbell Hart, hopes to reorganise the room to make it more functional. "With CACTUS starting this week, there could be opportunities for students to develop their own training programmes when CACTUS finishes at the end of term one" he said.

Thank you to Rachel Ward and the team from WPI for the donation. The equipment will be well used.





# CACTUS



# CACTUS PRIZEGIVING

It was another awesome longest day followed by a special graduating ceremony at Waiouru. Thank you to all the staff from the Police, Army and the College who combined together to make this year CACTUS programme another successful occasion.

Constable Willie Aitken presented awards on behalf of the police  
Guts Grit and Determination - Caleb Murphy  
Peer Award – Sam Lyon and Brodie Kahukura  
Top RFL Female – Korbyn Garland  
Top RFL Male – Samuel Lyon  
Most improved participant overall - Levana Paul  
Top overall participant – Samuel Lyon

Lieutenant Colonel Tim Marsden presented awards from the Army for the Longest day.  
Winning Syndicate was Alpha.  
Alpha top student – Legacy Hiroti  
Bravo top student – Korbyn Garland  
Charlie top student – Gabriel Pohatu

Overall top student for the Longest day was – Samuel Lyon

Congratulations to all these students and to all the students who graduated.



# TOASTMASTERS

Prefects and year 12 potential leaders have been meeting at National Park Primary School for an 8 week Toastmasters course on public speaking. The event, organised by Mr Hart has been facilitated by Toastmasters of Taumarunui.

The students have gained confidence about public speaking and have been learning skills as how to actively listen, how to ask questions, use of gesture and body language. They also have to think about the use of voice such as quality, volume pitch and pace. A real skill has been trying not to start speeches with "so and um..."

Students have also followed meeting protocol with students having turns at chairing meetings, taking minutes and time keeping.

Every week the students have homework which is to prepare a speech while concentrating on a skill. The speeches have been varied with topics such as; NCEA should change at level 1, the benefits of CACTUS, the cultural importance of kiwi forever, rugby and being a country bumpkin!

Students will have more opportunity to exercise their skills at Manu Korero, during formal assemblies at school and at other events.



# GUMBOOT DAY



# SCHOOL SPIRIT

We have been working on a number of projects over term one and the year 13 class decided to organise an afternoon focusing on the developing of school spirit. Academic classes were reduced by 5 minutes to give time for the fun events which encouraged participation at all levels.

All the events were outside and it was lucky the weather was fine as activities included a water slide, volleyball, ki o rahi, and opportunities to buy food from a stall featuring sausage sizzles and home baking. Staff participated in events and the tone of the day was very positive. The event did indeed foster positive school spirit.



# YOUTH COUNCIL

## Student Council Attend Hui

Three Ruapehu College students attended a Māori hui in Taumarunui as part of the Ruapehu Youth Council. Year 11 students Sapphire Mapp, Emma Burnard and Tayla Goff presented youth ideas on how to enhance our community. They all really enjoyed the experience.



# ANZAC SERVICE

Students representing Ruapehu college at the ANZAC Day services in Ohakune and Raetihi

# INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY



# YEAR 13 PROFILES


Name: Hayley Artz

Remembered for: Bossing people around

Famous saying : "I'm not that bossy"

Wants to be: A PE Teacher

Most likely to be: Ohakune Uber Services




Name: Laycie Bennett

Remembered for: Eating

Famous saying : "I'm right tho"

Wants to be: A Nurse

Most likely to be: Fat




Name: Kaiawa Connelly

Remembered for: Laughing at everything

Famous saying : "wait, what"

Wants to be: Youtube famous

Most likely to be: Famous on Tik Tok



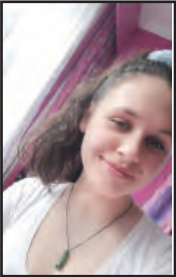
Name: Justice-Rose Dennison

Remembered for: Being brutally honest

Famous saying : "But what the actual"

Wants to be: A Crime Investigator

Most likely to be: Committing the crime




Name: Ebony Hansen

Remembered for: Bringing the cards

Famous saying : "Stop playing"

Wants to be: Rich

Most likely to be: Have a large family




Name: Charly Hika-Wright

Remembered for: Being late

Famous saying : "hehe, I wanna die".

Wants to be: Anywhere but here

Most likely to be: Late to everything



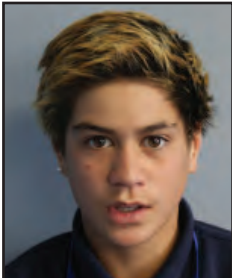
Name: Tekao Kao Karimu

Remembered for: Never coming to school

Famous saying : "Your shout"

Wants to be: In the Army

Most likely to be: On Dilly's couch



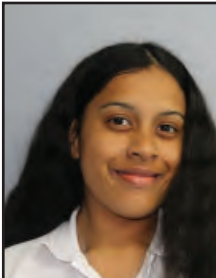
Name: Deraileigh Munn

Remembered for: Gum and perfume

Famous saying : "Drinking the Milgy"

Wants to be: A Lawyer or Travel Agent

Most likely to be: Pregnant



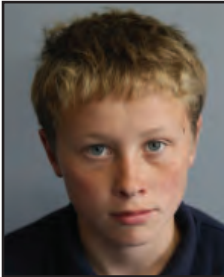
Name: Dom Norling

Remembered for: Being with Daniel

Famous saying : "Where's Daniel"

Wants to be: In the Army with Daniel

Most likely to be: Married to Daniel



Name: Racel Reyes

Remembered for: Overthinking everything

Famous saying : "Sorry"

Wants to be: Working at Weta Workshop

Most likely to be: An Architect




# YEAR 13 PROFILES

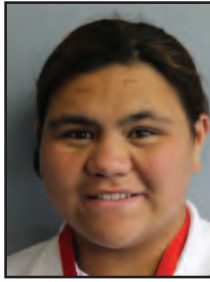
Name: Dylan Te Kura Bishop

Remembered for: Having the latest Apple products

Famous saying : "I won't be at school tomorrow"

Wants to be: A nanny to everyone's kids

Most likely to be: In the sheds



Name: Ebony Thomas

Remembered for: Always being on her phone

Famous saying : "You reckon"

Wants to be: Wealthy

Most likely to be: In the garden



Name: Alice Walls

Remembered for: Going off the rails

Famous saying : "I'm going up the mounatin at lunch"

Wants to be: Out of Kune

Most likely to be: Living in her parents B and B



Name: Dean Whale

Remembered for: Not saying anything

Famous saying : "Hi, how are you"?

Wants to be: A bit louder

Most likely to be: Still silent



Name: T'Leya Wood

Remembered for: Not being at school on Monday's

Famous saying : "Hey my Dudes"

Wants to be: The owner of McDonalds

Most likely to be: Working in a liquor store



Name: Daniel Woodhead

Remembered for: Being with Dom

Famous saying : "Where's Dom"?

Wants to be: In the Army with Dom

Most likely to be: Married to Dom



# ART WORK



Mackenzie Charlton



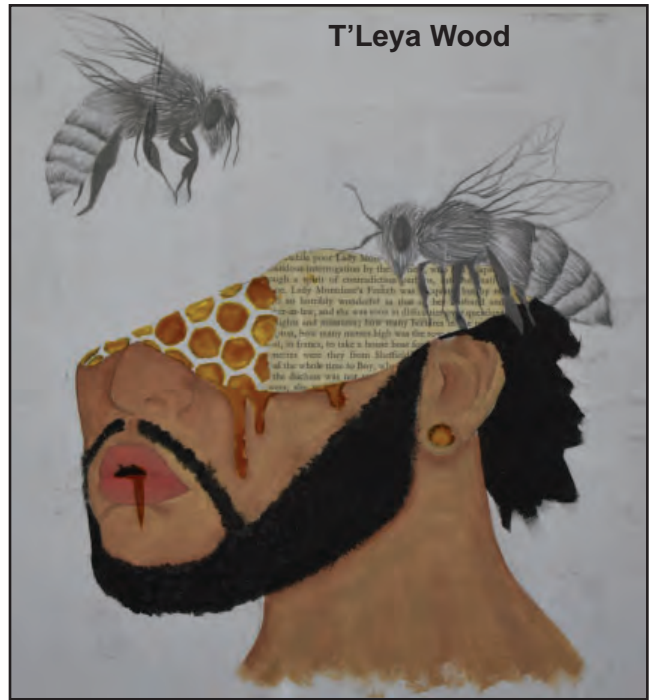
Mackenzie Charlton



Rose Collett



Kaiawa Connelly



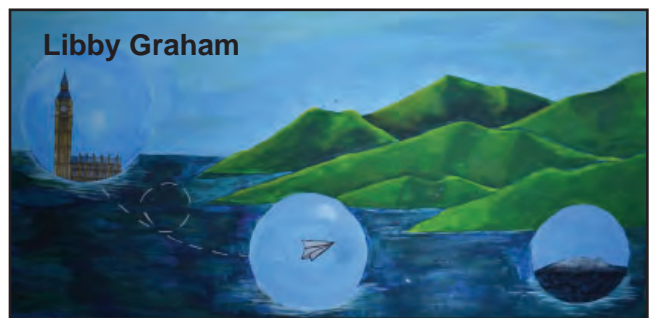
T'Leya Wood



Korbyn Garland



Mackenzie Charlton



Libby Graham

# HILARY OUTDOORS

This year, our year 10s were once again lucky enough to go to Aotea Great Barrier Island for the Hilary Outdoors experience. It was a journey to get there with a long drive to Leigh, north of Auckland, and then a two hour boat ride to Orama in Karaka Bay where we were staying. This place was just north of Port Fitzroy and luckily had a jetty where they were dropped off.

It was noticeably warmer when we arrived and the bay was beautiful. There was no mobile phone coverage and the electricity only came on for certain hours in the day. Orama was a Christian community that had fallen into disrepair. Eleven years ago, Hilary Outdoors leased some of their buildings and used it as another adventure base. Since then, the community has had a revival and now all sorts of groups visit.

The first activity on Monday was surf kayaking and boogie boarding at Maybe's beach just over the hill from Port Fitzroy. The long sandy beach had perfect waves and the beach day was enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday the students headed out for the famous coasteering activity. This was the epic 5km kayak trip past Rabbit Island to the small island of Okokewa where they went coasteering (walking and swimming) around the island itself. Students got to jump from the rocks into the sea below. After this, they kayaked back to camp. Again the weather was perfect.

On Wednesday the group navigated rock climbing via serrata. This meant they had to negotiate a rock climb on a long rope. This was quite a challenge. In the afternoon, they went to Mikes Beach and set up tents for the overnighiter. It was a calm night and all enjoyed a fire as the sun went down. On Thursday they tramped out via Haratonga and completed the beautiful coastal walk.

It was a great camp with students attempting everything. They were brave and hardy. Thank you to teachers Miss Bam and Mr Mackrell and to our two instructors Joel Halliwell and Nick who encouraged the team all the way. Also thank you to Pub Charities' who provided funding for the trip. It was a great experience for our students.



# KAPA HAKA



Back Row: Ila Kingi-Mareikura, Michaelah Sinai, Legacy Hiroti, Takarangi Metekingi, Wairakau Matete, Veronica Hays.  
Second Row: Naomi Kepu, Silas McNaught, Bailey Mareikura, Ngaikiha Toto, Bella Hohipa, Santaesjah Wood, Miss Kiani Rowe (Teacher)  
Front Row: Aroha Lima, Waimarama Sinai, Jordan Setiu, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Taniora Taitimu, Holly Mcllroy-Smart, Sapphire Mapp.  
Absent: Penny Adlam, Aciana Akapita, Jaye Tuaatea Akapita, Reihana McFadyen, Mason Richards, William Warbrick.





# KAPA HAKA

Te āhuareka ana te auaha o ngā teina me ngā tuakana! This year Ruapehu College have been tutored by Whaea Mindy Pakinga and have combined with Ohakune Primary School to perform at this year's Raetihi Festival. Haere mai tētahi ahua! This opportunity for our tauira to learn about Whakawhanaungatanga, Kotahitanga and Manaakitanga with our tamariki nohinohi is exceptional. There have been 30 practices over four months to prepare for te ataamira, the challenge on the stage. Observing our tauira getting amongst Te ao Māori is wonderful, as the practices went on their confidence to express emotion through waiata and haka through their bracket is absolutely incredible. The nature of kappa haka allowed students to learn about the Whakapapa that tie to our Koro Ruapehu. The Students from Ruapehu whom are performing with Ohakune Primary this year are Holly McIlroy-Smart, Waimarama Sinai, Aroha Lima and Bella Hohipa will go on to represent our College with ihi, wehi and mana.

Miss Kiani Rowe



# LEARNING SUPPORT



I feel very fortunate to have been considered for the SENCO role and have enjoyed the year immensely. Ensuring there are suitable programmes of work in place for our students with learning needs was made easier by the funds made available to buy extra resources, the Te Kura (Correspondence School) resources and most importantly, the dedication, care and expertise of our two Teacher Aides - Mrs Darmody and Nana G. Our students work happily at their studies and have shown improvement in their learning and grown in maturity. We look forward to continuing the good work next year.

Robin Thomas (SENCO)

Back Row: Mrs Glenda Higginson, Mrs Wendy Darmody, John Waller, CJ Moore, Mrs Robin Thomas.  
Front Row: Ellen Thomas, Wynyard Baker, Abilene Thomas.

# TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Tourism is a growing industry in New Zealand, generating \$39.1bn and employing over 216,000 people. We have in our region world class attractions such as Koro Ruapehu, our awa tupua and our national parks to name a few. Something to feel quite proud of. The number of students taking Tourism is steady with a very high rate gaining all credits on offer. The majority of the program is self directed as student assessments are open book enabling personalised research to be conducted at each student's individual pace. There are opportunities for students to visit industry providers with the STAR Tasters program via the NZ School of Tourism, studying industry areas such as hotel management, flight attending, travel and tourism, and Walt Disney World (sorry but this isn't a trip to Disneyland). There is also a Maori Tourism program that delivers Maori focused tourism skills where students gain industry

standards at level 3 over a week long wananga. Students get to select their sites for the wananga either at Waiheke Island, Kapiti Island or Waitomo. Exciting stuff! One of the highlights for the 2020 Tourism class is that they will be planning a trip next year, and putting into effect industry skills to make this happen, so watch this space. A final huge thank you to Liz Hall who has tirelessly served the Tourism program both the students over the years and myself as their teacher. Liz will be sorely missed for her generous spirit, flawless administration, and her student centered heart. We wish her the very best for her retirement.

Mr KJ Allen  
TIC Travel and Tourism

# 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 provided by industry experts. The funds were also used to provide useful resources to enhance classroom learning within the areas of Hospitality, Life Skills, Career Preparation (includes work on understanding job applications, careers and building their own portfolio to present to potential employers). We were able to run our popular courses in Barista Training, Food Safety in the Workplace, First Aid in an Outdoor Environment, Outdoor Education (Kayaking) and Workplace Health & Safety.

New this year the school introduced a course over four weeks to prepare students to take their Driver Learners Licence Test. We are delighted that of the three courses run in school across Terms 1, 2 and 3 we achieved a 100% success rate and all thanks to the tutor Rauna Te Huia and, of course, the students being committed and motivated, well done them.

Another new addition this year was the Toastmaster Senior Students programme run at National Park. The aim of this programme is to enable young people under the age of 18 to develop their communication and leadership skills through practical experience. Invaluable in helping to develop our Future Leaders.

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 as well as Vocational Pathways).

Mrs Liz Hall  
Gateway Co Ordinator



## CAREERS



The College had visits from several New Zealand Universities. The introductory visits were held across Terms 1 and 2 with the opportunity for further visits in Term 3 to provide direct student support where required for 2020 degree applications. These are extremely valuable visits for our students who are considering and potentially applying for university study starting next year.

This year the NZ Defence Forces Recruitment Office visited the school during Term 1 covering all the various officer and trades career pathways open to recruits. The presenting officer was Staff Sergeant Grant Edwardson and he met with a range of student across Years 11, 12 and 13.

Mrs Liz Hall

# GATEWAY

During 2019 the Gateway Programme provided Senior Students with the opportunity to undertake various vocational programmes which included work-based placements. Thank you to all the local employers who supported these programmes. Whilst on Gateway students work towards Vocational Unit Standards that are recognised by industry. 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.

This year we had students following a range of vocational pathways including Auto Mechanics, Carpentry, Dairy Farming, Cattle & Sheep Farming, Fencing and, new this year, a student undertook a Design & Print programme based on a range of both Achievement and Unit Standards.

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

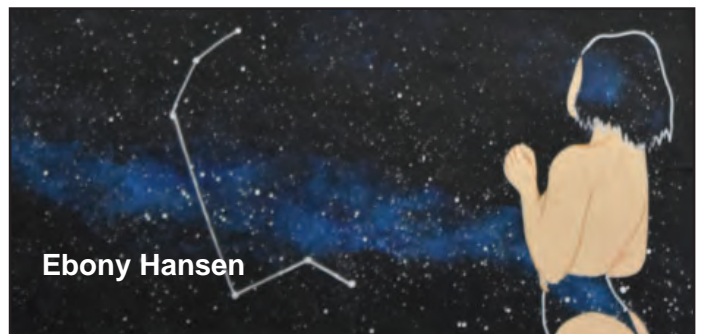
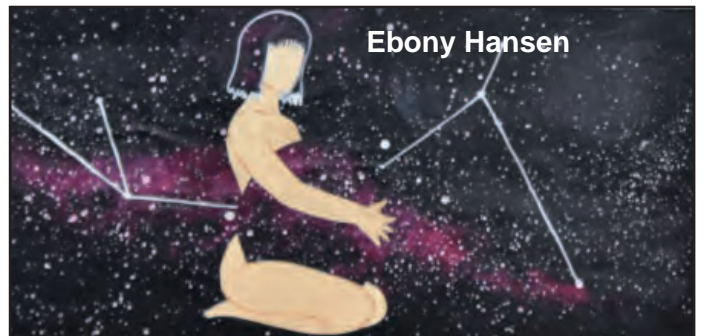
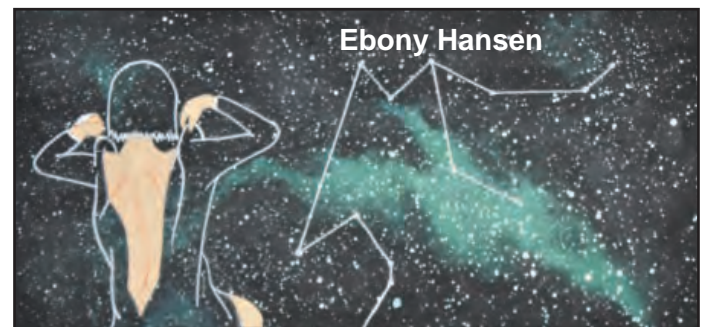
Mrs Liz Hall

## ART

2019 has been a busy year for Art. The artists in the art room have been productive sculpting, printing, painting and photographing alien plants, surreal landscapes with taps, holes and pipes, birds, kowhaiwhai, koru and patterns, flamingo, circles, mycelium, people, bees and honeycomb, rusty objects, playing cards, reflections and chairs. Art students continue to amaze the art teacher with their original ideas and the topics they want to explore.

This year we say goodbye to Ebony H and her celestial women, Ebony T and her spooky old buildings, Dylan and her seasonal women, Deraileigh and her significant women, Dean and the upholsterer, T'Leya and her bees, Racel and her environmental women, Kaiawa and her polynesian women and Charly and her invisible women. It has been great having you all in Art and seeing your work. We are looking forward to hearing about your life adventures in the future.

Now the art room is silent and almost empty as another busy year comes to an end. Students have left and over the summer the painters will come and give the room a fresh coat of paint. We all look forward to seeing that in 2020 ... exciting!  
Mrs Ann Stuckey



# PHOTOS



# AGRICULTURE HORTICULTURE



This year we had a combined year 11, 12, and 13 class. We started off with practical investigations finding the optimal way to grow our crops. Next we took a new pathway researching the myth of recycling in NZ and how to stop our farmlands turning into landfills. We came up with the transformative action of collecting plastic bottles destined for landfill and turning them into a recycled greenhouse to grow organic plants. We didn't quite finish so the challenge is for next year's class to complete the job.

Andy took a group of the boys and constructed a riparian fence on the school paddock to protect our stream from cow effluent. Finally we did a lot of gardening projects including some over-the-top mulching. We have a great bunch of potential ag-scientists, market gardeners, farmers, landscapers, fencers, and professional mulchers ready to ascend on the community. Ki Te Ao (feed the world)

Mr Brian Connelly  
TIC Agriculture and Horticulture

# SCIENCE

Miss Wilson has continued to implement her changes into the Junior Science Programme, we are seeing our students starting to think for themselves. They are turning into real Scientists.

Some senior students also took part in the 2018 Kiwi 4 Ever programme in term one. They did well and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. It is a wonderful programme sponsored by Untouched World, which helps our students to see their place in the natural world as conservationists.

Year 12 Science continued this year leading on from Practical Science in year 11. This is for students with an interest in Science in general but not wanting specialist Sciences. The year 12 Chemistry students travelled to Massey University in term 3 and enjoyed doing practical with the bigger toys they have in their Chemistry Labs.

The Junior classes have followed a programme this year with lots of practical work and learning how to infer from their observations. One year 10 class looked at designing their own investigations in Metal Chemistry as part of a level 1 NCEA internal assessment trial in term 4.

Some of Year 10 was able to travel to Palmerston North at the start of term 4 to a Year 10 Day at Massey University. They enjoyed four sessions in the university labs, seeing and experiencing many new things. Making a solar cell using blueberries in Chemistry, playing with liquid nitrogen in Physics, playing a probability game in Statistics and the cool fruit flies in Biology.

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.

This will be the last report from Mrs Buck as she stands down from the Head of Department role and takes a smaller part in College life. Many hundreds of students have moved through her classes, many of them learning much about the joys and intrigues of Science. All the best to Miss Wilson as she takes over as Head of Science.

Mrs Shelagh Buck  
HOD Science



# KIWI FOREVER

This fantastic opportunity was held in the middle of March. We were fortunate this year to have 7 year 12 students participate. They were Samuel Lyon, Te Taumata Neilio, Levana Paul, Legacy Hiroti, Takarangi Metekingi, Pau Stevens and Shaquana Taylor. The 6 day programme aims to enhance students' understanding about the challenges of conservation and also understanding Ngati Rangi views on conservation and values. Students can take this learning and share with others and also help contribute to conservation and environmental sustainability.

Students arrive on Sunday, where they are welcomed in a powhiri to Tirorangi Marae in Karioi. After a celebration lunch and icebreaker games, we then go on a Hikoi to the Karioi Lakes. This year was still very summery, and many students appreciated the cooling waters of the lake. Monday involved going to the alpine zone of Mt Ruapehu behind the Karioi Pulp Mill. Here we were able to appreciate the journey of the waters of the Whahianoa River and her ability to change her flow depending on the rainfall. Students also came to understand the vulnerability of water management through the Genesis Hydroelectric power scheme. Students then went and did some solid mahi by building traps with the Department of Conservation.

Tuesday and Wednesday involved working with DOC to check trap lines and also to set tracking tunnels to find out if there were any predators (stoats and rats) in the alpine zone of Mt Ruapehu. This was a unique experience to go off trail and find some amazing hidden waterfalls.

Thursday is the ultimate experience with two unique species of bird, whio and kiwi. Half our students were at the release of whio on the Mangawhero River. This was a pretty cool experience as many hours of trapping enabled this to occur. The other students went to the Tongariro forest where they were involved in a Kiwi release. Two kiwi from Christchurch were released to the wild population of Kiwi, hoping to add more variation to the gene pool and further increase the population numbers. Another highlight this year was planting plants at the Ohakune Lakes reserve. It will be great for the students to go back there and see how they have grown and contributed to the restoration of the reserve.

As always we are appreciative of Ngati Rangi, Department of Conservation and Genesis for allowing the programme to continue. Students are encouraged to share their learning with others and be part of actions that will contribute to a sustainable future for New Zealand and especially our Native Birds. We are also lucky enough to be hosted by the Woods family and appreciate the way they look after us so well. Great job to our students this year, they pushed themselves out of their comfort zone, made new friends and faced many fears! Thanks to Liz Brooker from Toi communications for some of the photos.

Miss Meredith Wilson



# DESIGN IN FOOD

Good food is healthy food. Food is supposed to sustain you so you can live better, not so you can eat more. Some people eat to live, and some people live to eat.  
Yolanda Adams



Design in Food aka Food and Nutrition aka Food Technology. These are all areas we cover under the title of Design in Food along with some hospitality in the senior part of the school.

Let me give you an insight into our room. The tables are set up for group work beside a unit. The units double as a work area for food and for theory. The bells rings, students come in and almost always put on an apron. I think this is their idea of 'if we're prepared for practical maybe Mrs Hakaraia won't give us theory'. This doesn't work very often because as you can imagine it does take some preparation to be prepared for 20 students cooking.

The practicals are always the most favourite part of the programme – sometimes not very often it comes with resistance. Those that pretend they're allergic to vegetables (Chase, Ngakau Jireh and Nathaniel among others) are usually sorry when Mrs Hakaraia measures (tips) them in. That's not a problem for Sierra though who is a delight and has the more vegetables the better approach to cooking. Great for getting those 'five plus a day' recommended by the Ministry of Health. Brooke on the other hand doesn't eat anything in here so I'm not so sure I'd trust her cooking (others do though and line up at the door to taste the morsels that come out of the Foods room).

Brodie and Dalton like to tease the rest of the school with the aroma of spices and seasonings wafting through the corridor (they always like to challenge a recipe with chilli and extra seasonings). We have other challenges in here too and our students learn to modify recipes especially when Mrs Hakaraia

forgets to pick something out of her garden (usually parsley) or when someone doesn't quite read the recipe correctly.

There are always those in the classes that everyone loves to have. Waimarama and Reihana showed great efficiency in the kitchen. Always having completed their tasks in time to assist Kahukura and Shane with their cleaning (a ploy from these boys I'm sure). Paige was my tea towel queen (she loved folding tea towels and I loved her love of this). Cleaning being part of the learning in the kitchen, was not embraced by all.

Luckily enough this year only the one fire – James got a bit of a fright but it was handled quickly and nothing damaged except his ego. He will be remembered for this...until the next one.

I often reflect and think I am the luckiest teacher in the school. I have great students who enjoy coming to class (if they don't they're talented actors and maybe should be joining Mr Sims class instead). We get to make and create great things (they'll appreciate some of it later in life). Together our classroom is one where we can learn, create, relax and sing while still getting our tasks and CLEANING done. Enjoy your holidays and we'll see you back in 'The Foods Room' next year.

Eating good food is, to me, one of life's greatest joys, and I will never punish myself for it.  
Miriam Shor

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia  
TIC Design in Food



# DESIGN AND INNOVATION

Design and Innovation - Resistant Materials and Design and Visual Communication.

The emphasis of the subject is very much on developing the critical thinking and creativity of the students using resistant materials. This year there was more work done in the engineering/metal area with the introduction of standards in engineering at level 2 and more Year 11 students using metal in their design and make projects.

Senior students were involved in the making of a model makers vice and adjustable spanner. Year 11 worked on individual projects having studied a particular design style and applying that to projects involving furniture and lighting. Styles included Post Modernism and Art Nouveau.

The Junior school has been involved in a number of smaller projects to develop their skills and knowledge in the subject, including, lighting, phone holders, clocks and chocolate moulds using vacuum forming. A large group of 24 Year 10 were entered into NCEA for one standard, making the Bluetooth Speaker lamp. This is going very well and ensures that the students begin next year with 6 NCEA credits.

More Senior students are choosing to study Design and Communication which enables them to design their own products including Interior Design and Architecture. Some of the work in this area is outstanding and students are beginning to apply for Tertiary courses in this area. Congratulations to T'Leya Wood who has gained a place in Hamilton on a Bachelor of Design course and Racel Reyes who has been accepted into a Design and Innovation course specialising in Industrial Design at Victoria. We wish them well for their future studies and hope they will come back one day and share their experience with the next group of students.

M Darmody (Design and Innovation – Resistant Materials Teacher)



**Cameron Artz British Style Art Nouveau Inspired Table**



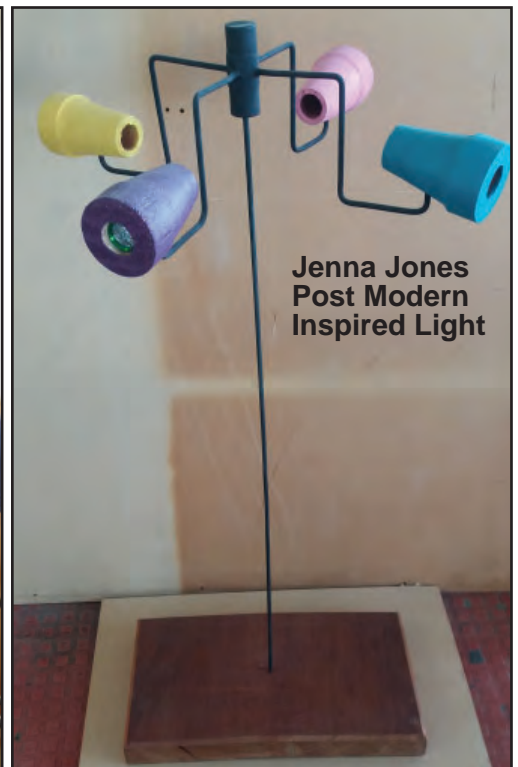
**Keri Osborne Cell Phone Holder**



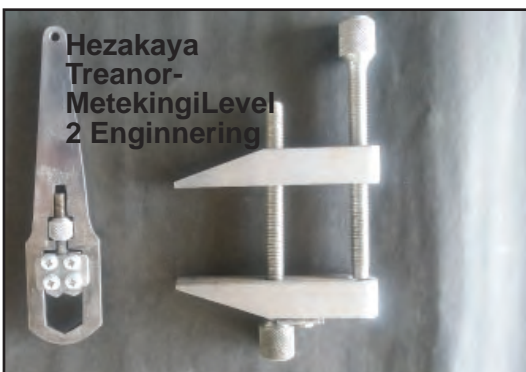
**Mackenzie Charlton Stingway Inspired Furniture**



**Joshua Simons Cell Phone Holder**



**Jenna Jones Post Modern Inspired Light**



**Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi Level 2 Engineering**



# DESIGN AND INNOVATION TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

Each year 9 student transformed into Dr. Frankenstein and used the Textile Room as their lab this year! They found classroom fabric scraps and brought their design ideas to life by creating their own "Ugly Creatures". The students aimed to challenge their current skillset and try out a new sewing or applied design technique. Making "Ugly Creatures" was freeing as they were able to focus on the process of learning and not having the perfect end product because the creatures needed to be wacky, ugly, and unusual.

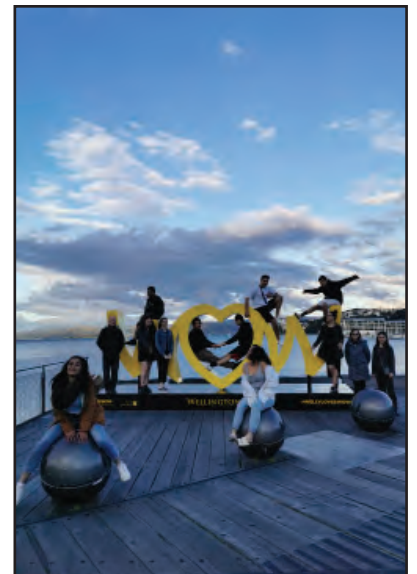
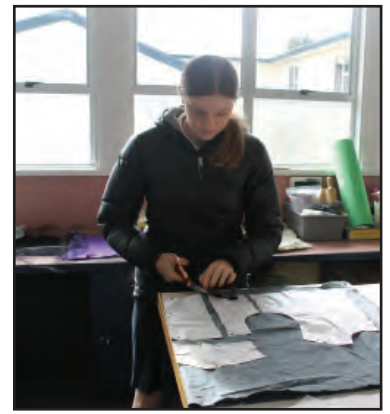
The Year 10 students have been a wonderful class to teach this year. Always busy and focused on the set task. They explored wet and dry felting in Terms 1 and 2. The goal was to create a product that could be sold in a local gift store using materials that could be sourced locally...such as wool! They are currently working hard on finishing their "Hoodies" before the end of the year.

The senior class has been working on creating Jackets and Hoodies this year. It has been impressive to see their pattern making and construction skills develop with their commitment to cultivating a growth mindset. "Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try." – John F. Kennedy. The seniors travelled to Wellington at the end of term 3 to attend The World of Wearable Arts and represented Ruapehu College with outstanding behavior. Thank you to the Laurenson Trust who generously funded our travel for this trip. The students who could attend were very grateful and extremely impressed by the outstanding caliber of the garments in the show. They were also moved by the story of the show this year which was grounded mythology, presented in Te Reo Maori and also paid tribute to the Christchurch Muslim Community.

The Textile Class has also been used by the wider community this year for evening classes. Hosting a weekly REAP Sewing Class taught by Louise Beukes, which has had high attendance for anyone wanting to get creative and upskill. The class also had Emily Jasmine from Ruapehu District Council and local designer Janelle Hinch from Opus Fresh host Zero-Waste sewing classes for anyone in the community wanting to learn how to sew or up-cycle fabric waste. Their merino neonatal baby hat class was a big success.

Thank you to all of those who have donated fabric, books, and magazines to the Textiles Department this year. Special mention goes to Janelle Hinch and Merrilyn George in particular. Overall a very productive year in the Textiles and I look forward to seeing the students develop in Design and Innovation Textiles again next year.

Miss Nicole Jacquery



# ENGLISH

English is about reading and writing. It is what we do.

At college level, reading and writing are hand in hand, Hansel and Gretel, bow and arrow. We want our students to show us that they understand something they have read. We want them to show us that in writing, because being able to write is important.

We will teach them the best ways to put words together. We will introduce them to new words, point out word associations and help to build their vocabularies. They will be introduced to classic novels, magazine opinion pieces, poetry, oratory and mythology. They will study the New Zealand greats; Katherine Mansfield, James K Baxter, Hone Tuwhare, Patricia Grace, Witi Ihimaera.

The thing is, it all works best when students are properly prepared for the requirements of college as we work through the levels. We are meeting too many reluctant readers and resistant writers. It is important that parents intending to send their children to Ruapehu College recognise that reading and writing are a couple of pretty big features of our English course. We are one-armed paper hangers when we do not have the support we need from home.

Our English course is designed as a four to five-year exploration of English. We touch upon Shakespeare, we do New Zealand, we study modernism and track it through to post-modernism.

Currently our Year 9 classes cover themes of place; where we are, and the individual; who we are. They read short stories and poetry by New Zealanders. They watch New Zealand films and they learn how to write about their understanding of what they have read.

The Year 10s go a little wider. They look at themes of belonging, or not. Stereotyping and prejudice. "The Outsiders" and "Of Mice and Men" have been the novels for this year. Plenty of interesting short stories on the same ideas have led to more writing.

At Level 1 students look at our place in the world. They read about war and conflict. They also step

up in their analysis of writing. They learn about the tools of writing and how they are used. Most Year 11 students will face their first English external examination (which is pretty easy really and should be approached as a challenge to do well in).

In Level 2 we look at society. What holds it up? What if it fell down? We read the warnings of dystopian literature and we witness a group of boys going feral on a desert island. Through it all, students build a portfolio of crafted writing.

Level 3 will prepare students for tertiary study. That means reading. We connect with Katherine Mansfield and we get mad with a mental asylum. We compare Hone Tuwhare's words to Ralph Hotere's pictures. We learn the techniques of critical analysis. We establish your ability to express yourself and your understanding of others at a high functioning level.

So, yes, we do reading and writing. They go together all the way. Being able to express yourself is the best thing you can ever take from college.

## Debating

The Debate Club reconvened this year with a few old hands and a group of new debate enthusiasts. Captain Kayla Jordan organised her troops and some very smart arguments were prepared, both for and against the changes we have recently experienced in the operation of RAL. Unfortunately, the debate for the Ruapehu Cup could not go ahead due to illness at the Taumuranui end. The silver lining is that the Ruapehu Cup stays in our cupboard for another year.

Mr Johnny Greene



Back Row: Mr David Sims (Teacher), Dalton Jordan, Devon Griffin-Chappel, Mr Johnny Greene (Teacher)  
Front Row: Izzy Theodore, Una Drayton, Kayla Jordan, Aylish Jordan, Laycie Bennett

DEBATING

# OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Another year of joy in the outdoors.

As we paddled, climbed, rode, walked, and shredded in our blessed land Confidence grew, fears vanished, skills increased, environmental, social, and cultural awareness was enhanced, safety and self-management improved, communication, cooperation and trust discovered, and horizons broadened.

So grateful to share the experience and treasure the memories with such a neat bunch of students.



## GET 2 GO

Back Row: Jordan Setiu, Taniora Taitumu, Cameron Smith.  
Second Row: Daisy Soverel, Korbyn Garland, Hunter Jackman, Ella Hawira, Miss Angelique Bam (Coach)  
Front Row: Bella Hohipa, Sophie Coller, Sayge Wikohika, Skye Perret, Allivia Wallace

# MATHEMATICS

This has been a busy year for all teachers and students alike. The department has been blessed with a wonderful group of enthusiastic teachers, with some experienced and new ones.

Emphasis on acquiring numeracy worth 14+ credits for level one students has been our target since day one this year. Early intervention began earnestly in term one and the current results are indicative of the latest pleasing results. Many thanks to Robin Thomas and Brian Connelly for many hours spent grinding the results out of these students.

Ann Stuckey was responsible for working with the "external examination group" and preparing them well for subject endorsement. Angie Bam completed the group by forming the base work for year 9 students. Most year 13s should complete their 14+ university requirements in the next few weeks to round off

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Physical Education class took the curriculum out into the environment so the yr 13 students could complete a triathlon. The event was running, cycling and swimming and the students had some preparation for the event. The students who did well were the ones who had been training and were aware of what they needed to do.

# 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 Māori.

The Te Reo Māori Department have had an awesome year. A highlight was Hui Rarangatāhi, the Te Reo Māori class had the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about how they can better revitalise Te Reo Māori in the future with all of the Rangātāhi from around the area.

There were different workshops that the students participated and engaged with in Te Reo Māori. The activities were held here in our community hub at Te Paetata. E kii ana te korero, ko o tātau Rangātāhi ngā Rangātira mo tō tātau āpōpo. It was awesome to see our Te Reo Māori class get involved with kaupapa Māori. The highlight was to hear Te Reo Māori spoken between our taurira and other rangātāhi.

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.

a great year and hence provide a stepping stone towards better success in the future.

While there has been a huge shift towards use of technology, the department emphasises the need to do writing and problem solving as well.

While Mathematics has always been a challenging and an abstract subject, the year 12s have been doing well with their group study techniques in preparation for external examinations, pretty much their own making. This augurs well for 2020 and for their future career pathways.

It has also been pleasing to witness a few year 10 students stepping up to do year 11 examinations this year.

Raj Prasad  
HOD Mathematics



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 Māori as I know it has not been easy. To our Year 13 Ebony Thomas, 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.

Miss Kiani Rowe  
TIC Te Reo Maori

# LIBRARY

The Ruapehu College library has been a pleasant hub of the school for 2019, providing spectacular views of the Maunga as well as a cosy shelter from the many storms this year has brought! Lots of hours have been spent by both students and teachers between these walls, working hard and also enjoying time hanging out together during break times.

Our senior study space which is based in the Library and supervised this year by Miss Rogers (now Mrs Sims) and Miss Deadman continues to thrive, with students able to pick up subjects that are not on offer within the internal school curriculum. PC Schools and Te Kura provide a huge variety of subjects from languages to specialist courses to assist with specific career paths for our students, such as psychology and geography. This style of “distance” learning also gives the students an opportunity to work autonomously while still being supervised, which provides them with important life skills and requires them to remain diligent and focused on the task at hand.

Like senior study classes, the Chromebooks which were introduced into the library last year and continue to be a great success, ensuring that students have been able to progress well with their subjects within their classrooms as well as in the library. Due to high demand, their numbers have now risen to 60! The teachers utilise them frequently as they enable quick access of information and ensure researching skills are acquired and practiced by the students and more time is spent focusing on the subject at hand. Students also learn valuable skills for document creation, sharing and editing. Skills they will need out in the workforce in the digital world we now live in.

Our Library staff have had some exciting changes this year, starting with Miss Rogers coming on late in 2018 to support Miss Shere in the library as she picked up the Sport Coordinator role. Miss Shere left in the term 1 holidays to have her first baby! Miss Rogers then stepped into Miss Shere’s role to cover her maternity leave, while Miss Deadman came into Miss Rogers role. Miss Rogers then became Mrs Sims shortly after Miss Deadman announced the arrival of her first baby due at the end of the year! The Library will have new staff next year as Miss Rogers cover comes to an end she is heading off to continue her chosen career path in Emergency Care with St John and Miss Deadman and Miss Shere are going to be busy with the new additions to their families. We have all loved our time in the library working with the students and assisting them with their study classes. Though we will miss our time at Ruapehu College, as we have enjoyed working with such an awesome team and fantastic students, we are also very excited to be starting our new chapters. We are grateful to have had such a rewarding opportunity to work here.

As with staff, lots of changes around the school this year with renovations has meant the library has become a shared classroom space for a few classes for some of term 3 and for term 4. It has been chaotic at times but brings a sense of excitement and youthfulness into the space! We look forward to seeing how the renovations develop and hopefully a

refurbishment for the library won’t be far away given the research done and selection of new furniture completed. There are definitely some exciting times ahead for the Library.

Finally, while the library book issue rate remains slow, there have still been a good few students who enjoy the space to read quietly, or take their novels home to enjoy. The non-fiction section has also seen a few students enjoy a range of books from autobiographies to anatomy. It is great to have such a selection for those who still want to use a tangible source of education or leisure. We have had some great new books enter the shelves this year and wish to encourage students to still read as much as they can, utilizing the amazing resources our library offers. Reading not only improves vocabulary, but also helps to boost analytical thinking, encourages cultural awareness, ensures you continue to learn, enhances memory and can also be very therapeutic! We encourage our students to continue to explore, by reading beyond 2019. “A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies... The man who never reads lives only one.” - George R.R. Martin

Good luck to all our students for your future endeavors!

Mrs Leah Sims (nee Rogers), on behalf of Miss Deadman and Miss Shere).

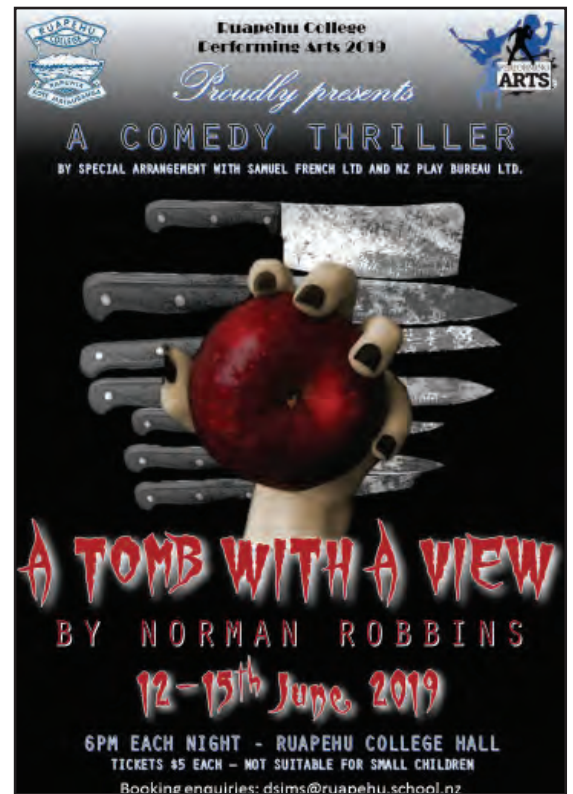


# PERFORMING ARTS

by Mr. David Sims  
TIC Performing Arts

It has been another extremely busy and rewarding year for the Performing Arts Department in 2019 with Music, Drama and Dance all taking their respective spotlights. For the first time, Ruapehu College had dedicated Level 1 and Level 2 Performing Arts classes and growth in the subject continues to trend positively. Students are enjoying the opportunity to increase their performance and playing skills, as well as take on the challenge of presenting to a live audience.

There has been no shortage of inspiration this year with many visiting professionals sharing their talents with us. The "Ugly Shakespeare" troupe visited again, this time with their modernized version of "The Taming Of The Shrew". As usual, the performance was enjoyed by all as they hilariously presented the issue of gender equality in a fun and thought provoking way. A group of 20 Performing Arts students were fortunate enough to participate in an acting workshop with the cast after the performance. We look forward to having 'The Uglies' return to us in 2020 with their interpretation of 'Othello'.



2020. Girl-band 'Altitude' went along to represent us in the live show and gave a great performance. They were awarded the "ZM People's Choice" Award as voted by the public. This group of young ladies write memorable hooks and work hard on their songs. Hopefully we will see more of them as a band in the years to come.

The Production this year was a major success. "A Tomb With A View" was held entirely on the stage behind the curtain, creating an intimate theatre environment. The audience felt as if they were a part of each scene and the actors kept them gripped by the twisting and turning storyline. Our junior dramatists showed a great level of skill in their roles, keeping up with the well-established talents of our seasoned senior crew.

A number of our drama students were lucky enough to enjoy a sneak preview of "Aroha Is A Māori" by local playwright Kahurangi Carter. The one-woman show humorously muses what it means to be Māori and was well-received by our Year 10 class. Kahurangi went on to perform this play across the North Island and in festivals to great reviews and it was a real treat to see a working writer/director/actor working a piece. The Royal New Zealand Navy Band also visited the students this year. They performed popular pieces from the past and today on their instruments. Many thanks to Kathy Clarke from The Music Room for organizing this opportunity for the whole school. The band certainly held the interest of all in attendance. The opportunity to see, hear and experience professional Performing artists in full flight is rare for our students, so we are very grateful to those that make the journey to share their skills with us.



Ruapehu College once again participated in the Smokefree Rockquest this year. Due to growth in the competition for the Whanganui region, only the bands entering the competition had the opportunity to perform at the final. We had a number of Solo/Duo entries which hopefully sets a new precedent for our future music students. Kate Rowe ("Borrowed Time") and Nazomi Groot ("Don't Tell Me To Stay") in Year 12 entered their original solo pieces, as did Sapphire Mapp and Megan Rollerson, both in Year 11. Megan and Sapphire participated for the first time with their song "Revenge", whereas Kate and Nazomi were both previously involved with 'etc, etc...'. Each of the songs were of a very high quality and earned great praise and feedback from the judges. Hopefully they all enter again in



Our annual performance excursion took us to Auckland this year to see “The School Of Rock: The Musical”. Based on the popular film starring Jack Black, the Australian cast was very impressive. It was a long day for our 20-odd students, mostly Year 10 with a few lucky Seniors and Year 9’s. We departed by 7am and braved the big city for the chance to see world-class performers on stage at the Civic Theatre. The students were exemplary and had a wonderful time as the show kept true to the storyline of the film and rocked hard with the young musicians being the highlight for most. Once again, thanks must be given to the Laurenson Trust for their generous financial support in subsidizing the transport costs. Our students simply can not attend such events without this help.

One of the pure delights of being a Performing Arts teacher is getting to see the students grow performers. It takes great courage to get on stage and stand to be judged by an audience and I admire those that continue to do so, improving in confidence and capability with each performance. Every so often, I get the opportunity to perform alongside the students and it is something I really cherish. This year, some of our students performed at my wedding which made me immensely proud. They more than held their own with other adult performers and contributed stunning musicianship to what was a very special occasion. The ability of our students to rise to an occasion is impressive. We see this in the annual Inter-whanau Kapa Haka competition, Prizegiving and a raft of other formal events in which the students present themselves with pride and dignity. Having a sense and appreciation of occasion is vital to developing community and the Performing Arts plays a crucial role in accelerating this.



Before the Prizegiving, our final showing was the NCEA Performance Concert. All of the Level 1 and 2 musicians participated and they performed with energy and accuracy to an appreciative crowd of approximately 100 friends and whanau from the community. For some of the students, this was their last opportunity to gain credits against various Standards and they did not disappoint. There were many highlights throughout the evening, however students performing their own compositions (both solo and in groups) was the crowning achievement for the growing Performing Arts Department. Our students are no longer satisfied replicating others music, they are making their own and doing it to a very high standard. Like any art form, this risk-taking allows for much personal growth. The Concert was a wonderful illustration of just how good our students are at what they do, just as Production highlights our actors.

It has been a tremendous year and the prospects for 2020 are looking very exciting with more Rockquest, Production, songwriting, acting and performing to come. Thank you to the community for the ongoing support of our students and the Performing Arts at Ruapehu College. We hope you enjoy what’s next.



PRODUCTION 2019

# A TOMB WITH A VIEW

The sold-out Ruapehu College Production of Norman Robbins' A Tomb With A View ran for five performances between the 11th and 15th of June, including a preview performance and a closing-night show on the Saturday. It was a massive undertaking by the Director and his young thespians with 80 pages of witty dialogue and an intimate theatre setting. This required the students to work very hard as performers and actors, being careful not to have a single eyebrow raised out of place. The focus and composure demonstrated by the students was exemplary, thus the show was a resounding success. Timing was everything with this one. Dark comedy-thrillers require careful attention to detail, as you can never tell how the audience will respond to certain plot points, innuendo or characters.

The play itself is about an eccentric family, all of whom have gathered at the family manor (Monument House) for the reading of their late father's will. As is predictable of such a title, the basic plot is a familiar one. Keeping the audience guessing were multiple twists and turns to be had as the story was told.

The unpleasant and arrogant eldest sibling Lucien Tomb (Dalton Jordan), who was greatly concerned that someone might discover his laboratory and God-knows-what kind of experiments, is very keen to see his rightful share of the family fortune as the eldest of old Septimus' children. Dora Tomb (Brianna McKenna/Keri Baker) is the wispy, flighty, wine-making spinster who suffers from paranoia – with good reason, as it turns out. Emily Tomb (Silas McNaught) is a sharp-tongued, mannish-woman sort of creature; there to make darned sure she gets what is coming to her. Marcus Tomb (Cameron Smith), the youngest of the siblings, is ever so slightly disturbed believing full well he is Julius Caesar, speaking only from the works of Shakespeare. Monica Tomb (Nazomi Groot/Justice-Rose Dennison) uses her feminine allure to achieve her means and will let nothing stand in her way.

Of course, every aristocratic family must have at least a couple of faithful family retainers, and the Tombs are no exception. Family solicitor Hamilton Penworthy (Mackenzie Charlton, Emma Burnard as Harriett Penworthy) is desperately uncomfortable about the reading of the will. Penworthy knows that some particular provisions therein will make some of the beneficiaries spectacularly unhappy.

The ancient housekeeper Agatha Hammond (Kayla Jordan) has been with the family forever. She knows where all the bodies are buried, you might say, and all of the family secrets except for the provisions of said will. The unassuming Nurse Franklin (Kate Rowe/Korbyn Garland) takes care of Marcus and has no problem voicing her opinion to anyone who will listen.

In the midst of this arrives famous author Freda Mountjoy (Jenna Jones/Grace Burnard) with her timid, but handsome secretary Peregrine Potter (Ryan Burton) in tow. The late Mr. Tomb left her a bequest of some kind, and the entire family is literally dying to find out what it is. Suffice it to say that Ms. Mountjoy and Mr. Potter have an agenda, and secrets, of their own.

The ability and skill level of the Drama students continues to grow at Ruapehu College. Grace Burnard (Year 9), Cameron Smith and Kayla Jordan (Year 10) each performed with confidence and enthusiasm. Silas McNaught, also in Year 10, performed consistently well giving memorable performances as the bolshy and brash Emily Tomb. A number of Year 11 students (Jenna Jones, Emma Burnard, Dalton Jordan, Keri Baker and Brianna McKenna) demonstrated their





growing dramatic ability gaining 'Merit' and 'Excellence' in the new NCEA Level 1 Drama course. Dalton developed his character particularly well as Lucien Tomb. This was the role the Mr. Sims had played at the same age in 1997, so he had a tough task from the outset in trying to impress the Director. Year 13 Justice-Rose Dennison gave demure and sultry showings as Monica Tomb and Nazomi Groot also gave fine performances in her turn as the man-hungry vixen. Ryan Burton was very convincing as the hapless and timid Peregrine Potter, showing fantastic maturity and energy in playing the lead male role. Mackenzie Charlton and Kate Rowe delivered some outstanding character acting. Mackenzie was every bit the slimy, sneaky lawyer as Hamilton Penworthy, his character played with conviction whilst maintaining great comic timing



until his eventual demise. In the role of Nurse Anne Franklin, Kate Rowe was just another potential victim until her character turn revealed her true colours. Kate and Korbyn Garland (Year 11) both worked very hard on not giving the game away as the eventual villain. This was of upmost importance as it was crucial that the audience remained unaware of their potential evil during the unfolding of the plot. Concealed until the final scene, both girls did exceptionally well to manage the workload. Kate's experience on stage allowed her to deliver particularly

gripping performances each run. Backing up our stellar cast this year was Shizuki Okumura (Year 12) who ran the sound effects and lighting for the show adding the finishing touches to what was a very slick production in general.

Having dual casting of some roles in the production meant rehearsing everything with multiple combinations of players. For the Director and the cast, this was very challenging. It did however, give the students some freedom with their other commitments, being able to have another actor fill in. Of most benefit was having actors work together towards common direction, but bringing their own unique interpretation of each shared-role. Because of this, each combination of performers made for different highlights within each performance.



It was an enormous amount of work for all involved, but totally worth it. As usual, it would not have been possible without those behind the scenes, including Marama Groot (Year 9) and Rose Collett (Year 12). I would like to personally and publically thank Mr Aiko Groot (Set Construction), Barbara van der Woerd (Videography and Photography), Miss Nicole Jaquiere (Wardrobe) and Mrs Leah Sims (Miss Rogers at the time - assistant to the Director). Together we created a show that will not be forgotten in a hurry. Another testament to the growing reputation for staging high-quality dramatic productions at Ruapehu College.

by Mr. David Sims TIC Performing Arts



# SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST

Ruapehu College entered the Smokefree Rockquest in 2019, adding to the legacy of participation established in 2017 by 'etc, etc...' ("Best Song" 2017, "ZM People's Choice" 2018).

Growth in participation for the Whanganui Region saw competitors in the Solo/Duo category submit their songs via video for a chance to perform at the Regional Final. This meant that only bands and the Solo/Duo winners would appear at the Opera House for the live event.

Kate Rowe (Borrowed Time) and Nazomi Groot (Don't Tell Me To Stay) in Year 12 entered their original solo pieces, as did Sapphire Mapp and Megan Rollerson, both in Year 11. Megan and Sapphire participated for the first time with their song Revenge, whereas Kate and Nazomi were both previously involved with the band "etc, etc...". Each of the songs were of a very high quality and received great praise and feedback from the judges. Hopefully they all enter again in 2020.

Representing us at the Whanganui Regional Final this year was a group of young women from Year 11, appropriately named: 'Altitude'. Korbyn Garland (Vocals and Guitar) and Jenna Jones (Drums) were determined to enter Rockquest. Attending a meeting to arrange permission slips and entry forms, Charlotte Buchanan arrived in support of the girls and quickly found herself signed up as a the Bass player for the new band. Not that she could play Bass. Or any instrument for that matter!

The trio went about creating their sound and spent many hours trying to play cohesively as Charlotte began to master the basics. As is usually the case with these sorts of creative pursuits, it all came together at the last minute. Korbyn brought the lyrics and melody, Jenna worked and re-worked the rhythm until it was perfect and Charlotte kept the low-end grooving against Korbyn's guitar chords. The band's debut work Faultline was finished and ready. "Altitude" went about building street support for the Finals and practiced their song right up until the day of the event.

On June the 8th, 'Altitude' and a small army of supportive students, friends and whanau made the trip down to Whanganui. The girls were left for the concert briefing and sound-check before re-convening for dinner and beautification at the Jones' motel. What a way to start your rock 'n' roll journey! Around 7pm the Royal Whanganui Opera House blasted into life as the best bands from the region duked it out for the coveted title spots. 'Altitude' overcame their nerves and gave a slick lesson in Pop-Rock music. They stood out in a backdrop of Reggae, Roots and Indie sounds and came across as polished and well-rehearsed, which they were.

Ruapehu College still seeks a 1st or 2nd placing in the Band category. For the second year running, however, we were once again proud recipients of the "ZM People's Choice" Award, voted for by the public. This gave 'Altitude' a wild card opportunity to reach the National Finals with a video submission to the next round of selection. The girls quickly got back to work writing more songs and filmed a live performance video. Unfortunately they were not selected for the next stage of competition, the final 30 from across New Zealand.

We are very proud of the songwriting and performance pedigree that is quickly developing in the Performing Arts Department. Here's hoping that the 32nd annual Smokefree Rockquest brings us just as much success and more.

by Mr. David Sims TIC Performing Arts



## A Rockquest Student Perspective: ALTITUDE by Korbyn Garland and Jenna Jones of 'Altitude'

Like most things we do, Rockquest was kind of a last minute decision. We always had a vision that we wanted to go and that turned into a goal when we put our heads together to write a song. Originally there was going to be Korbyn on the guitar singing with Charlotte, and Jenna on drums. Of course we wanted something more so Charlotte was literally thrown in on Bass. It would be the first time she had held one of these and she started by putting it on backwards (we got a good laugh out of that).



Our first song that we wrote was "Faultline" which is an emotive piece of music about the struggles of modern day relationships. Korbyn had started to write the song last year but had given up on it. This year when Rockquest became a reality Korbyn fished it up out of her memory and that is where we started. For our first ever song we feel as though it was clean and well put together. It's great to get up on stage, jam it out and still enjoy it these many months later.

We hadn't played in front of an audience before except for teachers and classmates so Rockquest was super nerve-racking. We were, however, really excited to show what we could do. We did our sound check first and even that was scary! As we stepped onto the stage, the instruments in our hands were shaking and we couldn't even look into the faces of the crowd, even though it was just a sound check. At the real show the crowd was hidden in a dark light which made things a little easier.

The night of Rockquest was exciting and daunting at the same time. We loved hearing the songs from the other bands and seeing how confident they were on stage. We felt immensely inspired so when it was our turn we went up there and played the best version of the song had to date and had so much fun.

All in all, Rockquest was a magical thing to have participated in and we girls became really close. Rockquest helped us discover our skills and grow amazing friendships, something we had heard could happen from previous performers and had wished the same thing would happen to us. It did, and it was an incredible thing to experience. After competing in Rockquest and winning the People's Choice Award we had the opportunity to submit an entry for the National Finals. We didn't qualify, but we did end up writing two new songs. "Higher Ground" is a rocky tune about struggling to come up with ideas and the difficulty of having to write songs!

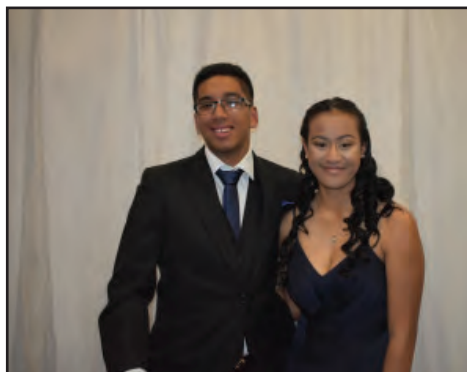
Now we feel confident in jamming out those songs for anything. Whether it be at home in the garage, other concerts or at school. It's all thanks to Rockquest.



# BALL



# BALL



# KAPA HAKA



# SQUASH

Back Row: Jayden Bailey, Grace Burnard, Cameron Smith.

Front Row: Chelsea Marsada, Libby Graham, Sayge Wikohika, Ella Hawira, Brooke Graham.

Absent: Emma Burnard, Brooke Wilson

The College Squash scene was very different this year with our senior boys having left College last year. Without these higher graded players, it was very difficult for us to field College teams in local competitions and the National Secondary School Squash Championships.

Despite this, a group of our College Squash players were very active throughout the season, and while they were not representing the College per se, everyone knew they were Ruapehu College students!!!

Jayden Bailey, Emma and Grace Burnard improved their rankings significantly on the National grading list, due to the points they have accumulated with wins at various event. Jayden started the season as a J grade player (J for Juniors) and finished the season as the E grade Mens' champion in the Ohakune club. He also played at the National E grade Superchamps tournament in the Ohakune Mens' team, representing the Central Squash region.

Emma and Grace both started the season as E graders, and quickly moved through the grades. Emma finished the season in D grade and Grace in C grade. They also played in the Ohakune women's team at the National E grade Superchamps tournament. Their team finished in second place – a great achievement! Libby and Brooke Graham both represented in the Ohakune F grade Women's team at the regional competition. While their team did not qualify to play at National tournament, both of them played well for their team.

These players have also been involved in the fortnightly Interclub competition, which involves teams from Taihape, Waiouru, Ohakune, Raetihi and Taumarunui. And they are always involved in local club events, and often winning placings in their divisions. It's



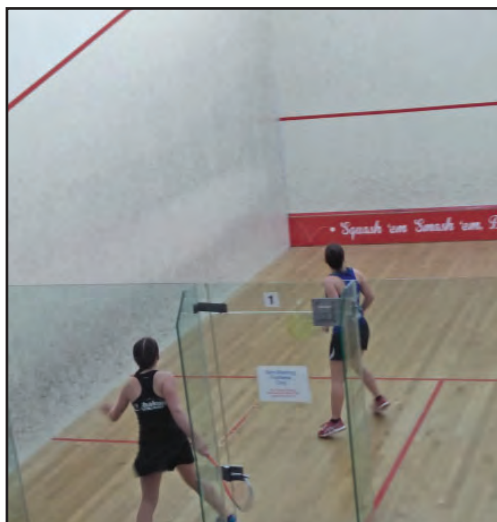
great to see our College students featuring in these tournaments.

Other students have also made use of the Ohakune Squash courts during lunch times. We will be actively making opportunities to help develop these up and coming players next year, and welcome others to join us. The limitations of the short lunch breaks presents difficulties but we'll try to work around that.

A number of players entered the College Squash Championships this year. There was some closely fought competition.

The 2019 Championship titles went to:  
Junior Girl Champion - Grace Burnard  
Junior Boy Champion - Jayden Bailey  
College Girl Champion - Grace Burnard  
College Boy Champion - Jayden Bailey

By Fiona Fraser  
(College Squash Co-ordinator)



# SWIMMING

## Swimming Sports

Congratulations to 'Kiwi' who won the interwhanau swimming sports held at the Waiouru pools in what was a highly competitive event. There were no records broken on the day, but the students enjoyed themselves.

Top points winners on the day were:  
Junior Boys- Hunter Jackman  
Junior Girls- Bella Hohipa  
Intermediate Boys- Gene Henderson  
Intermediate Girls- Libby Graham and Ella Hawira  
Senior Boys- Tetaumata Neilo  
Senior Girls- Alice Walls



## Swimming Team at Whanganui Secondary School Championship Competition

Congratulations to; Usher Taiaroa, Hunter Jackman, Shane Muru -Albert, Bella Hohipa, Aroha Lima and Holly McIlroy- Smart who represented Ruapehu College.

# INTERWHANAU COMPETITION

The interwhanau competition was a tight contest this year with the lead changing between three whanaus numerous times over the year. Congratulations Kiwi for taking out the overall competition for the first time in a number of years. It has been a goal of the prefect team's over the past couple of years to add new life to the whanau competition this has been done by introducing new competitions and increasing the buy in of the traditional competitions. As always the Whanau competition is only as strong as the students who get involved in it. We thank all those parents who encourage their children to participate in all interwhanau events. The more students that participate and get involved the more valuable this event is to the school community.

The year started off with the annual tug of war in the first week back after the Christmas holidays. Tui were the victors this year. Swimming sports remains an opt in event. The number of students involved in this day is slowly increasing with the revival of novelty events which also count for whanau points.

The best way to earn points is still by entering the competitive races. Kiwi took this event out. Athletics day was another strong event with the whole school involved. It is always great to see students giving different events their best effort. Kiwi put in a strong performance and again won this event. 4-way volleyball was introduced by the 2018 prefect team and was continued on this year. This event is when all 4 whanaus play volleyball against each other at the same time. The aim is to get the other teams down to zero while you still have points remaining. Weka gained their first win of the year at this event.

The cross country returned to a full school event in 2019 and this was a success. Of those who went to the rugby club 100% of them participated in either the fun amazing race or the traditional cross country

race. This was great to see and we hope this attitude continues next year. Kiwi was the overall winner of the cross country. Netball was also held in term two and was a fiercely fought competition with Tui coming away with the win.

After some strong years of participation involvement in Kapa Haka was down this year. It was held on the last day of term three the same as 2018. Let's make sure we encourage our tamariki to be involved in 2020. The 2019 prefects introduced turbo touch as an interwhanau sport and this was another very competitive event held over a week of lunch times. Kiwi were the inaugural winners. The last team sport event was basketball and coming home with a late charge Huia won their first event of the year.

Well done to the prefects who organise all the events apart from the major events. The challenge is set for next year's prefects to continue improving and modernising this competition. The challenge is also for every student to get involved in as many events as possible. The competition is only as strong as the students make it.

Mr Campbell Hart  
HOD Physical Education





# BOYS RUGBY



Back Row: Gabriel Pohatu, Connor Halliday, Leim Norling, Zebariah Smith, Israel Christensen, Karaitiana Bristol-Job.

Second Row: Mrs Glenda Higginson (Manager), Takarangi Metekingi, Jax Campbell, Jahzay Muru-Albert, Tai Paul, Gene Henderson, Javier Lemburg, Mr Campbell Hart (Coach)

Front Row: Taniora Taitimu, Bo Soverel, Kalani Gordon, Samuel Lyon, Pa'u Stephens, Tristum Griffin-Chappel, Cameron Artz.

Absent: Jaidyn Foster, Caleb Murphy, Malachi Pehi, Mason Richards, Tui Wikohika.

The Under 15/16's had their most successful year in 2019 since the new competitions formed. This was helped by the Wanganui Rugby Union allowing rural schools to field up to under 16 age players.

This had a really positive effect on the competition and created a fair and equal competition in terms of the standard of rugby on the field. This became a competition where all four of the teams could beat any other team on their day. One of our better results was the close draw at home against the eventual competition winners Cullinane College. All of the games were tightly contested which was great for the boys development rather than 50+ point thrashings we received in previous years. A key aspect to the improvement was increased commitment and attendance at training. We would regularly have over 15 which has not happened before in the past. We thank all the whanau who helped keep the players committed by supporting them with rides home from training. Whanau support is key if sport at Ruapehu College is going to be successful.

One of our goals of the season was to target consistent improvement and aim to cause an upset in the semi-finals. Unfortunately after the school holidays we went back to lacking commitment and only scraped a team of 15 together out of our squad of 23 players to go and contest the semi-final. The 15 players who played in the semi final did a heck

of a job and were locked in a battle with the scores drawn with 5 minutes to go. Unfortunately due to the lack of substitutes the boys ran out of steam and fell away at the end.

Javier Lemberg, Bo Soverel and Cameron Artz all received character and commitment awards at sports breakfast for displaying consistently good character and/or commitment throughout the season. Samuel Lyon received the most valuable player award for the second year in a row. Well done to these players and the whole team on an improved season.

Mr Campbell Hart  
Coach



# GIRLS RUGBY

Back Row: Ila Kingi-Mareikura.  
Second Row: Bailey Mareikura,  
Victoria Paroratoho, Waimarama  
Sinai, Legacy Hiroti, Mr Mike Clamp  
(Coach)

Front Row: Kaiawa Connelly, Sapphire  
Mapp, Paige Pearce (Captain),  
Fuschia Aiomanu, Levana Paul.

Absent: Aciana Akapita, Jameliya-  
Rose Hiroti, Alana-Joe Metekingi,  
Michaelah Sinai, Katerina Treanor-  
Metekingi, Santaesjah Wood.



The Girl's Rugby season was full of some very positive highlights and unfortunately, a little disappointment at the end. Firstly, what was very encouraging was the development and progress individuals made during the season. With commitment and some hard work at trainings, we were able to be competitive with the bigger schools in the Whanganui Rugby Competition. This is shown by some of our results as we were able to beat Rangitikei and Whanganui Girls College. They drew with Cullinane and Whanganui High School and come close to beating Whanganui City College.

A lot of our success was due to the girls moulding together as a team, playing for one another, having some fun, as well as being proud to represent their families and Ruapehu College. A lot of praise has to go to Paige Pearce who was our captain and an inspirational leader both on and off the field. Also to Legacy Hiroti and Fuchia Aiomanu who never missed a training and game, Levana Paul for her commitment on and off the field and to our Juniors Waimarama Sinai and Ila Mareikura who stepped up to the challenge against bigger girls every game.

I would also like to acknowledge the other girls who played on and off during the season, Katerina Metekingi, Sapphire Mapp, Victoria Paoratoho, Jameliya Hiroti, Kaiawa Connelly and Bailey Mareikura. We were also fortunate enough to have three girls from Taihape Area School who were key components in our success this year. Unfortunately, our 10s season in Term 3 was disrupted by unforeseen circumstances and we were unable to field a team and finish the season. This was disappointing and one of the only low points to a very positive season. Everyone should be proud of their achievements in 2019 and hopefully this can be continued through into 2020.

Mike Clamp (coach)

# VOLLEYBALL

Back Row: Takarangi Metekingi, Pau Stephens,  
Taniora Taitimu, Santaesjah Wood, Mr Brian  
Connelly (Coach)

Front Row: Levana Paul, Allivia Wallace, Laycie  
Bennett, Michaelah Sinai, Paige Pearce.



# BASKETBALL



Back Row: Ila Kingi-Mareikura, Kaiawa  
Connelly, Chaya Connelly.  
Front Row: Pau Stephens, Te Taumata Nelio, Mr  
Brian Connelly (Coach), Taniora Taitimu, Samuel  
Lyon.  
Absent: Massiya Taiaroa, Usher Taiaroa.

# FOOTBALL

The Seniors played in their annual fixture with St Bernards College. Our usual eclectic mix of players from across the school, including other sporting codes, made up our team, with a particularly large number of Year 9 and 10 students this year. St Bernards play their football in a strong Wellington competition, so all involved can be very pleased with their efforts.

We showed excellent sportsmanship on the park and excellent manners and courtesy off it, which was commented on by the opposition coaches. We also once again excelled with the after match, maintaining our legendary Ruapehu College hospitality. Thank you to Mrs Sutton for providing the Kai. We look forward to hosting St Bernards again next year in what can now be described as a true traditional fixture.

M Darmody (Football Coach)

# NETBALL



Back Row: Maina Gray, Miss Angelique Bam (Coach), Ella Rowe.

Front Row: Laycie Bennett, Ella Hawira, Allivia Wallace, Sayge Wikohika, Kyro Wihare-Hansen.

The 2019 year saw a successful season for our Netball team, with coach Gaylene Taylor stepping in to take the lead as head coach and Angelique Bam as an assistant coach. Lee Artz also assisted the girls with a solid start as Manager at the beginning of a season. We worked hard to get into a higher grade, ending up in the Secondary School 1 Division, two divisions higher than last year.

We started off strongly with captains' Allivia Wallace and Aciana Akapita encouraging and leading the team. The team maintained this momentum for the best part of the season, however towards the end, we, unfortunately, lost players due to injuries and had to pull out of

the Kurangaituku Tournament in Rotorua. This also meant we played for third and fourth place in our final game against Collegiate Junior A-Team, where we defaulted due to low team numbers. This was a shame for the girls, but they learned a lot throughout the season with Gaylene sharing her knowledge as a coach. The girls are becoming stronger players individually and as a team. We have high hopes to continue with upward momentum next year.

We would like to thank everyone involved in helping this team succeed.

Miss Angelique Bam - Teacher in Charge and Assistant Coach



# ATHLETICS

Athletics day started out really cold with 'nearly a frost', but many of the students came in warm house colours clothes. The students were competing in their ages for the field events. There were points for participation and points for the students who were placed in their activities which included High jump, long jump, discus, shot put, triple jump and javelin.

When the field events were finished, it was time for the track events. This year Mr Hart who organised the event, gave some time for house chants and the teams really got into the spirit of this. The chants were judged by parents and ex-students on the day.

The races were fiercely contested and there were some very fast runs. The day ended with the whanau relays and the famous 'student verses staff' relay with the students winning by the smallest margin.

Congratulations to all our participants, winners and the staff who organised the day. Students will be selected for the Secondary Schools Athletics Competition to be held in Whanganui on the 13th March.

## Age Grade Champions:

Senior Girl – Shaquana Taylor  
Senior Boy – Tekaokao Kairimu  
Intermediate Girl – Una Drayton  
Intermediate Boy – Takarangi Metekingi  
Junior Girl – Bella Hohipa  
Junior Boy – Taniora Taitumu

## Whanau Results:

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



## Ruapehu College at Whanganui at Athletics

Ruapehu College students excelled themselves at the regionals Whanganui Secondary schools athletics competitions. Our results saw several first placings and our results mean that we will have a good contingent representing us at the North Island secondary school champions. Congratulations to;

### Junior Boys

Taniora Taitumu - 1st Javelin, 2nd Shotput, 2nd High Jump, 1st Discus,

### Junior Girls

Reihana McFadyen - 1st Shotput  
Daisy Soverel - 2nd High Jump

### Intermediate Girls

Santaesjah Wood - 2nd Shotput

### Intermediate Boys

Cameron Artz - 1st High Jump  
Takarangi Metekingi - 2nd Long Jump, 1st 100m, 2nd 200m  
Pau Stephens - 3rd Shotput  
Leim Norling - 3rd Discus

### Senior Girls

Hayley Artz - 1st Long Jump, 1st Triple Jump  
Dylan Te Kura Bishop - 1st Shotput  
Ebony Thomas - Javelin



# WAKA AMA

Over 2000 students competed in the National Secondary Schools Waka Ama competition held at Lake Tikitapu (The Blue Lakes) in Rotorua last week. Our teams came 3rd in the Bowl placings for both the Girls and Boys J16s. They were some of only 50 students who stood on the podium and we are very proud of their achievements.

Thanks to Brendon Morgan and the coaches and staff who made the event possible.

Representatives and top place getters will eventually go to the worlds competitions held in Australia this year and Hawaii in 2020.

Check out the website [www.ruapehu-waka.com](http://www.ruapehu-waka.com)



Back Row: Michaelah Sinai, Paige Pearce, Sayge Wikohika, Ebony Thomas, Mrs Marama Allen (Teacher in Charge)  
Front Row: Zebariah Smith, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Gene Henderson, Jahzay Muru-Albert, Ella Hawira.  
Absent: Shane Muru-Albert, Kelayh Brider-Hawkins, Mason Richards, Shaquana Taylor,  
Coaches: Chaana Morgan, Shayna Te Riaki, Whare Te Riaki.



# WELLBEING WORKSHOP

Students attended Au E a 'wellbeing event' in Otaki last week. Seventeen students along with staff and family travelled to Otaki. There were a variety of workshops and keynote speakers for taiohi throughout the day. Workshops looked at cyber safety, self love talk, positive relationships and suicide awareness.

This event was facilitated through different mediums and different agencies; Victoria University, ANZ, Awhi-Ora rongoa, Sons of Zion to name a few – there were make-up tables, free haircuts, drones, photo booths, music, crafts, rongoa and lots of other workshops and activities all to promote positive wellbeing.

The kaupapa of the day was to connect taiohi ma with mentors and facilitators increasing their awareness of dealing with the challenges that youth may face today. "It was a positive day for all involved with positive and inspirational messages and activities" said Mrs Maxine Hakaraia who also attended.

Ruapehu College students were extremely privileged to be invited through Ngati Rangi Trust to Au E! This event was sponsored by Te Puni Kokiri and run by Te Rau Ora held at Nga Purapura in Otaki.



# SNOW SPORTS

## North Island Secondary Schools Skiing

Miss Leah Rogers was in charge of the school teams this year. We entered two teams that were a mixture of girls and one boy in each team. Thanks to Hunter Jackman and Jayden Bailey for accepting the challenge to make the teams happen. Team A members were: Lola Crump, Sophie Coller, Megan Rollerson, Tayla Goff and Jayden Bailey. Team B members were: Michaelah Sinai, Hunter Jackman, Keri Baker, Libby Graham and Alice Walls.

Monday was a very challenging day due to the weather. The Ski race competition was held at Whakapapa and the ski area was on hold. Unfortunately this meant that the students had to spend their time waiting in the cafe before being told that the races were postponed. Bad weather continued through Tuesday forcing a split in the competition. Racing was held around Whakapapa and the Freestyle component was held at Turoa, both on Wednesday but with bluebird conditions!

## Ski Racing Whakapapa

It was a fun day had at Whakapapa with our talented and hard core racers; Sophie, Megan, Tayla, Michaelah and Keri who were amazing in both their races on the Wednesday. Initially the snow was firm and slick, and there were a few nerves to be controlled, however as the girls started racing and the sun kept shining, they really started to enjoy themselves! I had my work cut out for me as I skipped between the two sides of the Valley trying to catch all the girls races, however a delay in the Junior Girls course meant I saw them all and can confirm they all did brilliantly. The determined, competitive and motivated attitudes of these girls is commended, all their hard work during their season of training paid off. The junior girls had the largest age group competing on the ski field, with 138 very strong competitors. Though some of these competitors ended up choosing the Slopestyle for their competition day, it was still very busy and the girls had to work for their positions. Megan lead our pack coming in at 26th place, Sophie Coller was hot on her heels in 29th place, Keri in 36th place and Tayla at 69th place. They should be very proud of their achievements! - Miss Rogers



## Ski Slopestyle Turoa

This was the first time in 5 years where Ruapehu College has entered competitors in the slopestyle. This was obviously confidence that came from some great coaching and days spent on Alpine Meadow and Winter Garden following Joe doing the rails and jumps. It was really outstanding to watch Lola Crump(1st) and Libby Graham(2nd) take out the junior girls competition. Unfortunately they did initially award Libby with 3rd but it was a mistake, and then she received 2nd place medal. The Students pushed themselves to hit the jumps even though we were not really prepared for their size! With a bit of encouragement all students did two runs through and all landed their jumps. Our Junior Boys, Jayden and Hunter, had some tough competition. I look forward to watching those boys train next year and hopefully they will have the confidence to land the bigger spins!

Miss Meredith Wilson  
TIC Snow Sports



# SNOW SPORTS

Back Row: Ms Kim Basse (Principal), Megan Rollerson, Hunter Jackman, Keri Baker, Jayden Bailey, Anton Fraser, Chaya Connelly.  
Second Row: Miss Leah Rogers (Coach), Michaelah Sinai, Daisy Soverel, Alice Walls, Mackenzie Charlton, Libby Graham, Kaiawa Connelly, Miss Meredith Wilson (Coach)  
Front Row: Tayla Goff, Spohie Coller, Elijah Brown, Devon Griffin-Chappel, Dalton Jordan, Jenna Jones, Mika Story.  
Seated: Lola Crump, Aylish Jordan.



## North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding

The successes in this competition always come down to weather. 2019 has been very challenging conditions and this year's snowboard competition had very mixed conditions. We were only able to have Monday as a day of competition where two out of three events were completed.

This year there was a change to the competition structure. Instead of the duel slalom, it was changed to a banked slalom. This was held in the Whynot area at Turoa. Students were timed going through a course that involved flags that they had to go around. The other event held was the slopestyle which included 3 jumps and a street rail. Students competed on the intermediate style park that was in the rollercoaster area next to the highflyer park.

The visibility throughout the day would come in making it challenging. Most of the banked slalom and the qualifying rounds of the slopestyle were completed in relatively clear weather. Unfortunately after lunch, the visibility turned to wet misty cloud cover and competitors had to complete finals for slopestyle in very challenging conditions. All competitors in the girls team made it through to the finals of the slopestyle. They were Jenna Jones, Chaya Connelly and Kaiawa Connelly. Tui Wikohika made it through to the slopestyle finals for the boys team. Not an easy thing to do and he showed off some of his new tricks he has been learning in Cardrona.

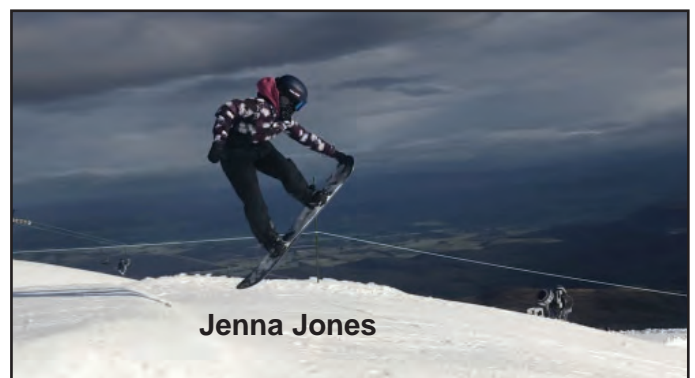
I was really proud of Eli Brown and Mackenzie Charlton who attempted the jumps and tricks. They contributed to the points for the team and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone. There was some tough competition but they gave it a go. Dalton Jordan entered the banked slalom and supported the other students from our school.

Tuesday's boardercross event was cancelled due to the weather and prize giving was held on Tuesday night. For the Boys team Tui placed 3rd for the slopestyle and 9th in banked slalom. For the girls Kaiawa was 7th in banked slalom, Jenna 16th and Chaya 22nd. In the slopestyle final Chaya was 4th, Kaiawa placed 5th after trying a great 180,

and Jenna placed 10th with a very unlucky run in some extremely low visibility. However the points ensured that Ruapehu College Girls team placed second, a really awesome result, and we are all really proud of their efforts to push themselves and be competitive.

A great event and thanks to Daisy Soverel and Mika Story for assisting with results running and supporting our school competitors. I think for sure next year we are due for sunshine and watching the boardercross event! Thanks again to the students, you guys were fantastic!

Miss Meredith Wilson  
TIC Snow Academy



# SNOW ACADEMY

This year the Snow Academy included three different groups. The snowboarders and freestyle/freeskiers were training at Turoa with Miss Wilson and Miss Rogers. The the Ski racers went with Ms Basse to Whakapapa. The challenge for this year was the difficult weather. Many times the Turoa groups were on Alpine Meadow learning rails and boxes and the ski racers were on Happy Valley going through brushes. Not the ideal training but the students were committed and persevered in the cold wet misty conditions.

A small group of ski races headed to Whakapapa for ski training. The rationale for this was RAL had said training was to occur at Whakapapa and NISSSC slalom racing competition would be held on that field. The weather for most of the six lessons was not great with only a couple of opportunities to utilize the whole mountain. Our encouraging instructor, Lyall Crump, made the most of the situation always remaining positive and creative, thinking of appropriate skiing skills to challenge the students. They worked hard and were very competitive even when confined to Happy Valley. Most of the students were also part of the Ruapehu Snow Sports team so had extra training in the weekend. They also attended competitions on Ruapehu and in the South Island.

Our new group that was part of the academy was the freestyle/freeski skiers. They were coached by Joe, an exceptionally great coach who balanced his time between the different levels of ability. He was great at supporting and encouraging students to get out of their comfort zone and try new things. Thanks to Miss Leah Rogers (who started out snowboarding) who followed and supported the students and also learned many things on the skis! Miss Rogers was very impressed with the group. "The students worked together, encouraged and supported each other extremely well as they progressed through the season developing their skills at their different levels. I would like to commend the students on their real "team" attitude, it was an awesome experience to be able to witness their dedication and comradeship. Though the weather didn't play the game as well as we would of liked, that didn't dampen their spirits, we still had a great time." Said Miss Rogers.

The Snowboarders were coached by the very talented Tommy from Austria. Unfortunately we only had him for 5 of our lessons, but he encouraged and pushed the students on the freestyle features that were available. Our students also introduced Tommy to the thrill of sledding, not something he has done before. It must be a Kiwi thing. Students worked on boxes and street style rails. Tommy had the students jumping and starting to do some spins. The weather only allowed us one day when we went up the High noon express, so he taught them many skills that have improved their riding as well as being fun days.

Ruapehu Alpine Lifts gave all Ruapehu College students the opportunity to have a season pass for \$100 and quite a few took up this offer. RAL also offered us high level coaches and transport at discounted rates. We were also able to sell chairlifts, the funds from these have gone towards all students in the Academy as part of their training. We hope that they continue their support and look forward to the 2020 season! Thanks to the students for still smiling, being on time, upholding the values of ROCK and representing our school. We must be due for lots of snow, plenty of bluebird days and getting more air time off the jumps!

Miss Meredith Wilson  
TIC Snow Sports





# CROSS COUNTRY

The whole school ran in the cross country which was made compulsory this year. There were two races that students could enter - a competitive race and a fun run/walk. It was a cool autumn day but the rain stayed away which was good.

The event was held at the Ohakune Rugby Club, Frew's farm and the Carrot Park. This year we had nearly 100% participation in the students entering either race, this was attributed to the compulsory nature of the event.

The other students who took part in the fun run, managed to cover about 3kms and really enjoyed the experience. "I actually didn't mean to run!" one student was overheard saying.

Thank you to Mr Hart who organised the event, staff who supported and the people driving past who also gave their encouragement.



## Champions

Junior Female - Holly Mcilroy-Smart

Junior Male - Hunter Jackman + Shane Muru-Albert

Intermediate Female - Korbyn Garland (broke record)

Intermediate Male - Mason Richards

Senior Female - Hayley Artz

Senior Male - Samuel Lyon

Whanau

1st Kiwi, 2nd=Weka + Tui 4th= 106

# PROJECT

Our senior school spent one hour a week on an environmental project for term 1. Some of our year 11 students were around the school planning, drawing, problem solving and then assisting to promote a better learning environment. The programme, organised by Technology teacher Mr Darmody and Biology teacher Miss Wilson, took blended learning opportunities and inquiry based approach to come up with the plan.

"It's all about making the learning real for our students in a context they can relate to" said Mr Darmody, "and the school grounds are a good place to start to build pride in our school."

It is hoped that through Technology, Science and other subjects the students will be able to relate their problem solving skills to other real community environmental issues.

# TUG OF WAR

This was a great event for the last day of the first week and if some of the students could put as much effort into their school work as they do to the Tug of War,...they would do very well!

The house who won overall was Tui, Year 9s beat the year 10s and staff beat the yr 13s. Well done to all for the competitive spirit.



# CALENDAR

30 Jan	Powhiri for all new students	26 June	Workplace H&S Training
1 Feb	Inter Whanau - Tug of War	27 June	Elections.Org
8 Feb	Whanau meeting - Leadership	2 July	B12/13 Outdoor: bow hunting
14 Feb	Year 9 family BBQ	3 July	International lunch and Mufti Day
18 Feb	Swimming Sports	7 July	Soccer Game - Ruapehu College vs Taumarunui
28 Feb	Athletics Day	27 July	Senior Ball
1 March	WSS Swimming Competition	27 July	Ra wairua- Kuratahi
6 March	Volleyball Tournament Game	30 July	Snow Academy Training Begins
7 March	Biology field trip (12/13)	31 July	Parent / Teacher Interviews
11 March	Year 12 Tramp	1 August	Juniors Get2Go
11 March	NCEA Parent Info Evening	7 August	NASDAP Conference Te Papa
11 March	Toastmasters- Senior Students	7 August	Te Taura Whiri Reo
12 March	School council meeting	9 August	St Bernard's College Football Exchange
13 March	WSS Athletics Competition	15 August	Information Open day
17 March	Kiwi Forever	22 August	Navy Band Performance
18 March	Ra wairua -Kawiu	4 Sept	Indoor rock climbing yr 9
18 March	Toastmasters-senior student	4 Sept	Yr 11 PE mountain biking
19 March	12 Outdoor Kayak Trip	5 Sept	First Aid in an Outdoor Environment
20 March	11 Outdoor: Kayaking	9 Sept	SENIOR PRACTICE EXAMS
20 March	Volleyball Tournament game	9 Sept	Indoor rock climbing yr 9
20 March	Golfing Course Begins	11 Sept	PFA Musical Theatre Trip
21 March	LEVEL 3 NCEA Triathlon	16 Sept	NISSSC
25 March	Waka Ama Nats	17 Sept	12 PE Coaching p5
25 March	Toastmasters- senior students	18 Sept	Yr 11 PE mountain biking
27 March	Victoria University of Wellington visit	19 Sept	MCAT Exam
28 March	Ugly Shakespeare: "Taming Of The Shrew"	23 Sept	NISSSB
29 March	Au E Student Wellbeing	25 Sept	Sport Breakfast
1 April	Toastmasters Senior students	25 Sept	WOW Trip to Wellington
3 April	NZDF Recruitment Presentation	27 Sept	Mufti day fundraiser
3 April	Volleyball Tournament Game	6 Oct	Ra wairua - Ranana
4 April	Parent-Teacher Interviews	12 Oct	NCEA Concert Prep
4 April	Outdoor Academy 12/13 Rock Climbing	14 Oct	Year 13 PE Journey
5 April	11 practical science field trip.	16 Oct	11 outdoor Rock Climbing
6 April	NISSC Athletics	18 Oct	NCEA Concert Showcase
8 April	Workplace H&S Training	22 Oct	Year 9 kayaking/rafting Begins
8 April	Toastmasters senior students	1 Nov	SENIOR PRIZE GIVING
9 April	Outdoor Academy 12/13 Rock Climbing	8 Nov	NCEA EXAMINATIONS BEGIN
10 April	11 Outdoor: Tramping trip	8 Nov	Ra Wairua - Raketepauma
10 April	Senior Get2Go	11 Nov	Junior Examinations
10 April	Y13 Project-Colour Festival	15 Nov	Taster, transition and enrolment day
12 April	CACTUS: Longest day	16 Nov	Ra Wairua - waima
3 May	Troy QS @ Project	22 Nov	Raetihi Cultural Festival
3 May	The Gideons assembly, Juniors	25 Nov	Year 9 Camp
5 May	Year 10 Camp - Barrier Island	28 Nov	Tough Teen Challenge
5 May	Ra wairua Mihiroa	29 Nov	Kahui games
7 May	Massey University Visit	3 Dec	NCEA EXAMINATIONS END
7 May	Food Safety & Team BBQ	6 Dec	Junior Prize Giving
8 May	U16 Rugby Season Begins		
11 May	Netball Season Begins		
14 May	Cross Country		
15 May	11 Outdoor: Navigation		
16 May	13 OUT Bush Craft		
24 May	Academic Mentoring Seniors		
28 May	12 Outdoor Mountain bike		
5 June	11 Outdoor Bike		
6 June	Drivers Learners Licence Course		
8 June	Smokefree Rockquest Regional Final		
9 June	Soccer Taumarunui vs Ruapehu		
10 June	Puanga maunga Karakia		
11 June	Puanga awa Karakia		
12 June	PRODUCTION		
12 June	11 Outdoor Bike		
18 June	Coffee Essentials Course		
19 June	11 Outdoor Bike		
19 June	Soccer vs Wanganui High School		
25 June	Basketball Mixed Team vs RAL		



# LEADERSHIP CAMP 2018



# YEAR 9 CAMP TO VALHALLA 2018



# JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2018

## Sports Awards

Athletics Junior Girl (PTA Cup) Korbyn Garland Junior Boy (PTA Cup) Mason Richards Intermediate Girl (Woodward Cup) Chaya Connelly Cross Country Junior Girl (Mary Whale Cup) Korbyn Garland Junior Boy (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) Intermediate Girl (ECNZ Trophy) Cameron Artz Chaya Connelly Swimming Junior Girl Ella Hawira Junior Boy (TG Drayton Cup) Winiata Wallace Intermediate Girl (PTA Cup) Chaya Connelly Netball Junior Cup (Checkers Netball Cup) for the most outstanding player Kapai Enterprises Trophy (Presented by Ken & Merrilyn George) for qualities of sportsmanship, achievement, dedication and loyalty. Ella Hawira Allivia Wallace Rugby Most Consistent Girl Player (DA Loye Cup) Paige Pearce Squash Junior Girl Champion (Megan Laurenson Trophy) Sayge Wikohika Junior Boy Champion (Jackie Laurenson Trophy) Tui Wikohika Snowboarding Junior Girl Champion Jenna Jones Supreme Snowboarder Award (Callum Green "Pink" Memorial Trophy) Tui Wikohika Skiing Junior Girl Champion (Knight Family Trophy) Lola Crump Waka Ama Junior Girl (Maunga Sports Trust Plaque) Sayge Wikohika SPORTS BLUES AWARDS Tui Wikohika Snowboarding Sayge Wikohika Squash Jaidyn Foster Shooting JUNIOR SPORTS ALL ROUNDER Tui Wikohika YEAR 9 ACADEMIC AWARDS Dylan Anderson EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Digital Technology, Science, Social Studies and English. Achieved Junior Diploma. Samantha Beauchamp EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Digital Technology and Physical Education. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Design in Food, Science and consistent effort in all class work in Social Studies. Uenuku Biddle-Reedy EXCELLENCE AWARD in Digital Technology. Achieved MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Performing Arts and consistent effort in all class work in Social Studies. Achieved Junior Diploma. Charlee Booth MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Textiles. Elijah Brown MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology. Luke Burton Achieved Junior Diploma. Lola Crump EXCELLENCE AWARD for Social Studies. Achieved Junior Diploma. Aaliyah Dennison MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort in Textiles. Achieved Junior Diploma. Una Drayton EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Science, Design Innovation Resistant Materials, Social Studies, English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Digital Technology, Visual Art and Design and Innovation in Textiles and shares the Creative Textile Award donated by M George. Janine Francois MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology, most improved and consistent worker in Mathematics and perseverance and improvement in Design Innovation Resistant Materials. Achieved Junior Diploma. Brooke Graham EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Mathematics and Design and Innovation in Textiles and shares the Creative Textile Award donated by M George. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Design in Food, and consistent and conscientious work in Social Studies. Keegan Griffin MERIT AWARD for emerging leadership in Physical Education, Maina Gray EXCELLENCE AWARD in Te Reo Maori. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and improvement in English, consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology, perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials, consistent work displayed over the year in Mathematics, consistent effort in all class work in Social Studies and consistent effort in Physical Education. Achieved Junior Diploma. Marama Groot EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Digital Technology, Design Innovation Resistant Materials, Social Studies, English Mathematics, Visual Art and Science. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Performing Arts and Physical Education. Kayla Jordan EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Performing Arts, Design Innovation Resistant Materials, Visual Art and Digital Technology. MERIT AWARDS for consistent and conscientious work in Social Studies and English, consistent effort in Textiles and Physical Education and consistent effort and careful application in Mathematics. Sachin Kumar MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology Danella Marsada MERIT

AWARDS for consistent effort and improvement in English, consistent effort in Science, consistent effort in all class work in Social Studies and consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology. Silas McNaught Achieved Junior Diploma. Sierra Metekingi MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology, perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials, consistent effort in all class work in Social Studies and improvement in Physical Education. Jahzay Muru-Albert MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology. Nathaniel Perkins-Arahanga MERIT AWARD for perseverance and improvement in Design Innovation Resistant Materials. Ella Rowe MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Performing Arts, Mathematics and Design in Food. Mason Richards MERIT AWARD for emerging leadership in Physical Education. Cameron Smith EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Performing Arts and Design in Food. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology and perseverance and improvement in Design Innovation Resistant Materials. Zebariah Smith EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Design in Food, Visual Art and Design Innovation Resistant Materials. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology and careful application in Mathematics. Achieved Junior Diploma. Tyler Te-kani MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort in all class work in Social Studies. Winiata Wallace MERIT AWARD for most improved in Mathematics Tui Wikohika MERIT AWARD for consistent and conscientious work in Social Studies. Achieved Junior Diploma. Brooke Wilson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology. Achieved Junior Diploma. Santesjah Wood MERIT AWARD for perseverance and improvement in Design Innovation Resistant Materials YEAR 10 ACADEMIC AWARDS Jaye Akapita MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Level 2 Te Reo Maori. Cameron Artz EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and Mathematics and receives the Dixon Engineering Cup for practical work in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and attainment in Social Studies and for perseverance in Physical Education. Keri Baker EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and Visual Art. Emma Burnard EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Design in Food and Social Studies. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science and Mathematics. Chaya Connelly EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Visual Art and Design, Physical Education and Innovation in Textiles. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and careful application in Mathematics. Jaidyn Foster MERIT AWARDS for perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology. Korbyn Garland EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Visual Art and Junior Performing Arts. She shares the SIMS Award for excellence in Junior Performing Arts. She also receives the Trophy for the Most Improved Junior Performing Artist. MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Science, consistent effort in Physical Education and consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology. Tayla Goff MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology. Achieved Junior Diploma. Byron Griffin-Chappel MERIT AWARD for perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Tristram Griffin-Chappel MERIT AWARD for perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Connor Halliday MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Design and Innovation in Textiles. Ella Hawira MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Te Reo Maori and perseverance in Physical Education. Achieved Junior Diploma. Jenna Jones MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort and attainment in Social Studies and consistent effort in English. She receives the Mowat Voon cup for a student active in both sports and reading. Dalton Jordan MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Tech-

nology and improvement in written presentation in Social Studies. He also receives the Junior Production Trophy. Achieved Junior Diploma. Brodie Kahukura EXCELLENCE AWARD for Digital Technology. MERIT AWARD for improvement in Physical Education. Achieved Junior Diploma. Sapphire Mapp EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Design in Food and Digital Technology, Social Studies and Junior Performing Arts. She shares the SIMS Award for excellence in Junior Performing Arts. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science, English, Physical Education and Mathematics. She receives the Most Promising Student in Practical Foods Trophy donated by Merrilyn George. Brianna McKenna EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Science and English. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort and attainment in Social Studies and improvement in Physical Education. Tess Morris Achieved Junior Diploma. Caleb Murphy MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort in Performing Arts. Victoria Paoratoho EXCELLENCE AWARD for Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science, consistent effort and attainment in Social Studies and consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology. Achieved Junior Diploma. Paige Pearce MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Design in Food and Design and Innovation in Textiles and perseverance in Physical Education. Achieved Junior Diploma. Gabriel Pohatu MERIT AWARDS for perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology. Achieved Junior Diploma. Megan Rollerson EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Mathematics and English. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science, Performing Arts and consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort and attainment in Social Studies. Boden Soverel EXCELLENCE AWARD for Science. MERIT AWARD for good application in Mathematics. Achieved Junior Diploma. Katerina Treanor-Metekingi MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design and Innovation in Textiles. Allivia Wallace EXCELLENCE AWARD for Physical Education. Achieved Junior Diploma. Kyro Wihare-Hansen EXCELLENCE AWARD for Te Reo Maori. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology. Achieved Junior Diploma. Sayge Wikohika EXCELLENCE AWARD for Social Studies. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Design in Food, and Mathematics, perseverance in Physical Education and improvement in Te Reo Maori. ACHIEVED JUNIOR DIPLOMA WITH DISTINCTION YEAR 9 Samantha Beauchamp Una Drayton Brooke Graham Marama Groot Kayla Jordan Danella Marsada Ella Rowe Cameron Smith ACHIEVED JUNIOR DIPLOMA WITH DISTINCTION YEAR 10 Cameron Artz Emma Burnard Chaya Connelly Korbyn Garland Libby Graham Jenna Jones Sapphire Mapp Megan Rollerson Sayge Wikohika SPECIAL AWARDS Office Max Award (junior) For outstanding service to the college Emma Burnard 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 The Logan Dixon Cup For excellence in junior sport cup Tui Wikohika 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. Sapphire Mapp 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 Paige Pearce Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant: \$1000 awarded to a year 10 student to support them in their academic year. Jaye Tuataea Akapita Year 9 Academic Excellence Award Trophy donated by the Milne Family Una Drayton & Marama Groot Year 10 Academic Excellence Award - Junior Dux Trophy donated by the Milne Family. Ruapehu Bulletin for academic excellence in Year 10 and a Laurenson Trust. grant of \$100 Brianna McKinna

# SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2019

Senior Sports and Inter Whānau Awards ATHLETICS Intermediate Boy Champion (Walter Warner Cup) Takarangi Metekingi Senior Boy Champion (Turners and Growers Cup) Tekakao Kairimu CROSS COUNTRY Intermediate Girl Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Korbryn Garland Senior Girl Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Hayley Artz Senior Boy Champion (Dillon Shield) Samuel Lyon SWIMMING Intermediate Girl (PTA Cup) Libby Graham / Ella Hawira Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy) Alice Walls Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy) Te Taumata Nelio RUGBY Most Valuable Female Player (DA Doyle Cup) Paige Pearce Most Valuable Player (Golden Oldies Trophy) Samuel Lyon NETBALL Qualities of sportsmanship (Kapai Enterprises Trophy) Hayley Artz SNOWBOARDING Best Female Snowboarder (Murray Swan Trophy) Kaiawa Connelly SKIING Senior Girl Champion (Tahurangi Cup) Libby Graham Megan Rollerson WAKA AMA Ruapehu College Ki Te Hoe Waka Ama Senior Female Dylan Te Kura Bishop Inter Whanau Competition Huia Leaders Leim Norling 1st in Basketball, 2nd in Kapahaka, 3rd in Athletics, Cross Country Paige Pearce and Turbo Touch, 3rd = in Dodgeball, 4th in Tug of War and Swimming, 4 Way Volleyball and Netball. Kiwi Leaders Tekakao Kairimu 1st in Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country and Turbo Touch, 2nd in Laycie Bennett Netball and 3rd in Tug of War, 4 Way Volleyball. Kapahaka and Basketball. Tui Leaders Aciana Akapita 1st in Kapahaka, Tug of War and Netball, 2nd in Swimming, 4 Way Kate Rowe Volleyball and 2nd = in Cross Country, 4th in Athletics, Turbo Touch Basketball Weka Leaders Hayley Artz 1st in 4 Way Volleyball, 2nd in Athletics, Turbo Touch, Basketball Dylan Te Kura Bishop and Tug of War, 2nd = in Cross Country, 3rd in Swimming and Netball, 4th in Kapahaka. CHAMPION WHĀNAU CUP KIWI SPORTS BLUES AWARDS TOP SPORTS ALL ROUNDER TAKARANGI METE KINGI The Ruapehu College Sports person of the Year Cup TUI WIKOHKA Year 11 Academic Awards Cameron Artz MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Year 11 Physical Education and high achievement in Level 1 Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARDS for Level 1 Design & Innovation Resistant Materials and receives the Placemakers Award and Level 1 Agriculture & Horticulture. He receives the Fruit Federation Supplies Award. Karaitiana Bristol-Job MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Emma Burnard MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 Academic Science and Performing Arts - Drama. SUBJECT AWARD for Design in Food Level 1 and receives the Fiona Fraser Design in Food Award for Excellence in Food Technology Level 1. Jax Campbell MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Chaya Connelly MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 Art and Design & Visual Communication. Korbryn Garland MERIT AWARD for improvement during the year in Level 1 History and consistent effort in English. SUBJECT AWARDS for Level 1 Academic Science, first overall in Art and first in Performing Arts. Libby Graham SUBJECT AWARD for Level 1 Outdoor Education. Tristram riffin-Chappel MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design and Visual Communication. Jenna Jones MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 Performing Arts - Music and English. SUBJECT AWARD for Design and Visual Communication. Dalton Jordan MERIT AWARD for improvement during the year in Level 1 Design in Food. Brodie Kahukura MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 Design in Food and perseverance in Design and Visual Communication. Sapphire Mapp MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design Visual Communication. Brianna McKenna MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 History. Tess Morris MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Level 1 Outdoor Education and Level 1 English. Victoria Paoratoho MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Paige Pearce MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Academic Science. SUBJECT AWARD for Level 1 Physical

Education. She receives the Beukes Design & Sewing Year 11 Trophy. Gabriel Pohatu MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Megan Rollerson MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 Academic Science and excellence in Performing Arts - Music. SUBJECT AWARDS for Level 1 Mathematics, English and History. Bo Soverel MERIT AWARDS for high achievement in Level 1 Mathematics and consistent effort in English. Allivia Wallace MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Physical Education. Kyro Wihare-Hansen MERIT AWARD for improvement during the year in Level 1 Te Reo Maori. Sayge Wikohika MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Physical Education. SUBJECT AWARD for Level 1 Te Reo Maori. Top Year 11 Academic Student MEGAN ROLLERSON Year 12 Academic Awards Aciana Akapita MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 2 Tourism and perseverance in Level 3 Te Reo Māori Wynard Baker Receives the Land Based Training Cup for Agriculture Student of the Year. Ryan Burton MERIT AWARD for improvement in work ethic in Year 12 Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Level 2 Performing Arts. He shares both the SIMS Award for excellence in Senior Performing Arts and Outstanding Contribution in Production Trophy donated by Dave Sims. Mackenzie Charlton SUBJECT AWARDS for Design & Visual Communication and first overall in Year 12 Art. Rose Collett MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Level 2 Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARDS for Level 2 Biology and Chemistry. Connor Gibson MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Level 2 Tourism and improvement during the year in Level 2 Work Ready Passport. Nazomi Groot MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 2 English and perseverance in Year 12 Chemistry. She also receives the Kaimanawa Cup for Outdoor Education presented by R Rowles & G Brebner for outstanding achievement in Outdoor Education. Legacy Hiroti SUBJECT AWARDS for Level 2 Design in Food and for Level 2 Tourism. She receives the Work Hard Play Hard Leigh Hynes Trophy for someone who does well in sports and works hard in class. Samuel Lyon MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 2 Biology, History and English. SUBJECT AWARD for Physical Education. Te Taumata Nelio MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 2 Performing Arts - Music. Shizuki Okumura MERIT AWARDS for excellence in Level 2 Performing Arts practical Music, consistent effort in Level 2 History and consistent effort and perseverance in English. SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Level 2 Mathematics. She receives a certificate from the Volcanics eLearning Community for Diligent, focused and respectful student with a high work ethic and fantastic attitude leading to Excellence results in Level 3 Japanese. Levana Paul MERIT AWARD for working at a high level in Level 2 Physical Education. Kate Rowe SUBJECT AWARDS for first equal in Level 2 Performing Arts and English first overall in Year 12 Photography. She shares both the SIMS Award for excellence in Performing Arts and the Outstanding contribution in Production donated by Dave Sims. She also receives the Peck Campbell Cup for excellence in the Humanities, English and History. Michaelah Sinai MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Level 3 Te Reo Maori. Pau Stephens MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Level 2 Physical Education. Davron Takitimu MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Year 12 Science. Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi MERIT AWARD for steady and careful application in Level 2 Work Ready Passport. SUBJECT AWARDS for Year 12 Design & Innovation Resistant Materials and Agriculture and Horticulture. He receives the Winstone Pulp International Prize for Achievement in Year 12 Design Technology and the Waimarino Tree Resource Incentive Award for Horticulture. Top Year 12 Academic Student KATE ROWE Year 13 Academic Awards Hayley Artz MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 3, Physics and Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARDS for Level 3 English, History and Physical Education. Laycie Bennett SUB-

JECT AWARD for Level 3 Biology. Ebony Hansen MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 3 Tourism. SUBJECT AWARD for first overall in Level 3 Art. She also receives the Dr Jordan Memorial Prize for Art. Deraileigh Munn SUBJECT AWARD for Level 3 Tourism. Dom Norling MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Level 3 Physical Education and Level 3 Work Ready Passport. SUBJECT AWARDS for Year 13 Agriculture & Horticulture and first equal in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Racel Reyes MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 3 English. SUBJECT AWARDS for Level 3 Physics, Mathematics and Design & Visual Communication. She receives the Cast Family Senior Mathematics Award for high attainment, The Early Settlers History Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and class spirit, the Robin Rowles Memorial Award for Leadership in the practical subject areas and the Gordon Lin Trophy for best DTC/DVC student. Ebony Thomas MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 3 Tourism. SUBJECT AWARDS for Level 3 Te Reo Maori and Photography and Design in Food. She also receives the Sue Hardwidge Memorial Cup for Excellence in Practical Foods. Alice Walls MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 3 English. she receives a certificate from the Volcanics eLearning Community for Excellent results consistently throughout the year in Level 3 Psychology. Dean Whale MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 2 Design & Innovation Resistant Materials and Level 3 Design & Visual Communication and a positive attitude and diligence in Agriculture & Horticulture. T'Leya Wood MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 3 Physics and Visual Communication and independence and achievement in Level 3 Art. She receives the Winstone Pulp International award for excellence in Physics. Daniel Woodhead MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Level 3 Physical Education and improvement during the year in Year 13 in Work Ready Passports. SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Year 13 Agriculture and Horticulture. Special Awards Office Max Award For a person who has enhanced the reputation of the college by his or her work outside the college. Racel Reyes Maungarongo Trophy For showing leadership, dedication and initiative in the promotion of kapa haka during the year in school. Dylan Te Kura Bishop Brian Eades Award For perseverance and endeavour. Deraileigh Munn 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. Deraileigh Munn Principal's Award For their valuable contribution as a Board of Trustee member Justice-Rose Dennison 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 the Laurenson Trust. Dylan Te Kura Bishop Loftus Shield For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas - academic, social and sporting plus \$100 from the Laurenson Trust. Hayley Artz The Rotary Trades Award Awarded by the Raetihi Ohakune Rotary Club for a student who shows outstanding promise in the area of Agriculture and Horticulture or Forestry or Trades, to assist them in achieving their goals for the future to the value of \$500. Leim Norling The Lila Pakinga Scholarship For a Year 11 student to support them in the following academic year to the value of \$1000 Sayge Wikohika WPI Scholarship-The Thomas Song Memorial Award WPI Scholarship to the value of \$6000.00 over 3 years. Opportunities to work 14 weeks at WPI earning \$10,000 per recipient. T'Leya Wood Proxime Accessit Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family with \$100 from the Laurenson Trust. Racel Reyes Dux Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. \$200 from the Laurenson Trust, The Raetihi Ohakune Rotary Club Scholarship of \$500, The University of Otago Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Hayley Artz

