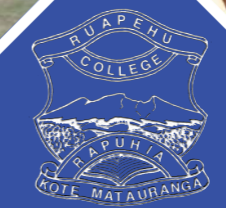


Ruapehu College

Magazine



2014



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2104 has been an amazing year at the College as we go from strength to strength. The year started with a letter from the Hon Hekia Parata, Education MP, recognising our great NCEA results. This was an amazing testament to our students and our staff who have worked so hard. The school had been under limited statutory management and our success meant that that status was revoked. Our students are generally performing to the best of their ability and the College is providing vocational pathways for both our strong academic students and the students who are looking for careers in other areas.



contributed to the overall positive tone of the school and this is pleasing. The year 13s did an epic job of peer mentoring the Year 9 students at the beginning of the year and assisting with the transition into college. I feel the students have really raised the bar when it comes to understanding aspects of leadership.

It has been a pleasure to see some of the sports and cultural events at the school such as the athletics and swimming sports days, the inter whanau competition (of which the inter whanau cultural competition is my favourite) as well as the various events hosted by the school. The outdoor events such as the OPC and the Year 9 camp were also awesome activities and we are so lucky to have these experiences. It has been great to see the progress of the snow and outdoor academies and well as students performing with international musicians such as Papa Flava! We have a lot of talent at our school.

This year has seen some major property renovations as we have up graded the toilets, replaced carpets, upgraded the hall, staffroom and the hard and soft technology rooms. Our facilities at Ruapehu College are amazing and the buildings are in top condition. Our BoT is working hard behind the scenes to make sure the school is operating efficiently. We are in a healthy financial position. Thank you also to the organisations and people in the community who have assisted the school this year.

It is with regret that we farewell staff member, Mr John Laursen who is retiring after 35 years of service to Ruapehu College. He has made a great contribution to the school and the community. We wish him every enjoyment for the future.

I would like to wish our Year 13 students all the best as they head into the wide world. Those who have been here for five years will be celebrating the start of a new journey. We hope they enjoy this magazine and in future years reflect back on all the people who were part of the school life in 2014. School is a special time in one's life which is more often fully appreciated after one leaves. 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



I have really enjoyed aspects of student leadership in 2014. Our prefects have been fantastic and I thank Head girl; Lucy Lyon and Head boy; Eli Connelly for their amazing contribution to our school. All of our prefects and leaders have been great ambassadors for our school. It was also good to acknowledge our student council which has had some contribution in the wider community when the community youth council was established. Our whanau leaders and our cultural leaders have also



Office of Hon Hekia Parata

Minister of Education

27 MAR 2014

Kim Basse  
Principal  
Ruapehu College  
30 Tahiri Street  
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Tēnā kōwhiri Kim Basse

Ruapehu College NCEA achievement for Māori and Pasifika students has improved over the last two years. Well done!

I want to acknowledge this improvement in your students' achievement, as well as the great work being done by you, the Board of Trustees, and your schools' support staff to support student success at your school.

As I am sure you are aware, the Government is committed to helping five out of five young people achieve their education potential. We aim to do this by setting specific targets such as, in 2017, 85% of all 18-year-olds achieve NCEA Level 2 or equivalent. Supporting our young people to achieve this qualification will ensure that they are on track for educational achievement and to reach their potential in a modern world.

Ruapehu College demonstrates the powerful contribution that quality schools and teachers make to lifting overall student achievement.

The NZQA provisional results show that you have made significant improvement in NCEA Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 achievement for your Māori and Pasifika students over the last two years. These results are a testament to the hard work being done by the school, its teachers and Board, and your students, their families and whānau to achieve this success.

It is important that we celebrate excellence in education, and that we acknowledge the powerful contribution that quality education makes to lifting overall student achievement. I encourage you to continue your hard work in supporting your students to achieve educational success.

Honi anō

Hon Hekia Parata  
Minister of Education

# STAFF



Back Row: Meredith Wilson, Anne Mclver, Kay Sutton, Rachel Wills.  
Third Row: Shelagh Buck, Ngaire Double, Jerry Jordan, Sue Laurenson, Ann Stuckey, Wendy Hubbard.  
Second Row: Johnny Greene, Chris McLeod, Amy Hemi, Darren Alexander, Brian Connelly, Kath Campbell, Raj Prasad.  
Front Row: Elizabeth Brewis, Louise Beukes, Jason White (Deputy Principal), Kim Basse (Principal), John Laurenson (Deputy Principal) Merrilyn George, Adele Cranston.  
Absent: Kerren Dixon, Rachel Dewes, Philip Sutton, Maxine Hakaraia.

## STAFF CHANGES

### **John Laurenson Retires from Ruapehu College**

John Laurenson, the Deputy Principal, is retiring from Ruapehu College at the end of this year after 35 years of service to the school.

John first came to the college to teach Maths in 1980 after graduating from Christchurch University. In 1986 he became HoD of the Maths and Computer Studies Department and in 1995 he was appointed Deputy Principal. Sue also arrived here from Christchurch in 1980 and the two were married in 1981. Their five children have all attended the College and the youngest is still here. The family involvement with the college goes back a long way.

John started the North Island Secondary Schools Skiing Competition in 1980. The event has grown over the years.

Some of the highlights for John have been coaching and managing the football team, which he did for many years. He reminisces about the tours. He has also been involved in tennis, golf and other sport. John developed the squash and conceptualised the squash courts in 1982 even though they weren't completed until 1993.

John has been involved in business management teams, investment teams, looked after property, finance and spent years on BoTs. He bought all the first computers

for the school, (which were commodores). John quietly admits that he has taught the students, and their parents and their grandparents.... he is truly an important part of our community.

He and wife Sue set up the Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust to assist our students to have equitable opportunities in New Zealand. The trust has helped our students to attend many events over the years. We are thankful for the foresight and to all the students who have benefitted from this organisation (which will continue). We know that John loves living in Ohakune and enjoys the seasons here. We wish him every enjoyment with the next phase of his life and that he can continue be an integral part of our community. Perhaps he may even continue in some facet with his associations with Ruapehu College.





At the beginning of the year we welcomed three new staff members.

Jason White was appointed as Deputy Principal. Jason came to us from William Colenso College. He previously played rugby for Whanganui and taught Agriculture and Horticulture. Jason has enjoyed making many changes to the college

Amy Hemi arrived from Whanganui Girls College. She taught performing arts including music, drama and dance. Amy also took students for private music lessons.

Darren Alexander came from Morrinsville College. He came from a building background and had taught trade skills at various places. Darren has taken on the job as coach for the school soccer team.



Ngaire Double left her Gateway and Star Co ordinator position to move to Auckland. Ngaire was also involved in coaching and helping with many sports at her time at the college.

Student teacher Vicky Chandler was studying at Otago University in Dunedin. Her subjects are Outdoor Education and Health, Social Studies and Drama. Vicky is an avid snowboarder and jumped at the opportunity to teach at Ruapehu College whilst also experiencing a smaller rural North Island town. Friederike von Schlippe was studying to become a Physics, Science, and Maths teacher at Massey University in Palmerston North and this is the last practicum as part of her teacher training.



We welcomed student teacher Derrick Newton. Derrick came from Auckland and is teaching in the Physical education and Health Areas.

## STUDENT LEADERS



Once again our College has excelled in all areas of school life, locally and internationally. The year has gone by extremely rapidly,

through the busy times of class, sport commitments, leadership demands and social extravaganzas. From the annual tug-o-war to the highly anticipated night of the ball, events such as these created a fun atmosphere that permeated throughout the year. We have made an emphasis of connecting with our community, focusing on networking with local primary schools, and the Local Council. Each term had a thematic goal, featuring cultural, environmental and performing arts focuses, which brought an aspect of unity. As leaders, our vision

was to stimulate a positive culture change, encouraging students to reach their full potential. We want our school to radiate, with well- equipped individuals.

Thank you to Ruapehu College, every student and teacher- you have sparked motivation and inspired us to put drive behind our hopes and dreams. We appreciate the guidance and patience our teachers have illustrated over the past five years. Your invaluable mentoring has instilled in us life long principles and skills.

Our tightly knit group has enabled us to grow in a supportive and lively environment! To our fellow Yr 13 students, thank you for your friendship and the cherished memories we will treasure as we venture into an exciting stage of our lives.

To the future Prefects... we leave our badges and reputations in your capable hands - do us proud! Nelson Mandela once said... "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

Head Girl, Lucy Lyon & Head Boy, Eli Connelly

# STUDENT LEADERS



Back Row: Kevin McDonnell (Deputy Head Boy), Eli Connelly (Head Boy) Gabriel Hakaraia (Sports Captain).  
Front Row: Waipuna Ratapu-Williams (Sports Captain), Lucy Lyon (Head Girl), Merekatene Haitana (Deputy Head Girl)

## NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Monday 7th April the year 13 students accompanied by Brian and Liz Connelly went down to the National Young Leaders Day at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington.

The challenge was given to the students by a series of inspirational speakers to live a 3D life. The 3D's stood for DREAM what your life could be like, then chase that dream; DARE to do the scary brave things that make life an adventure; DEVELOP your strengths, there is more in you waiting to be discovered. The students were great and we all had an enjoyable and inspirational time in the capital.



## STUDENT COUNCIL

Front row: Rawinia Thomas, Reenal Kumar, Merekatene Haitana, Eli Connelly, Matthew Dowman.

Back row: Erina Matthews, Macy McNaught, Zynaia Richards-Winter, Lais Morris, Ashley Akapita.

Absent: Caleb Lyon.

The students had regular meetings and feedback from their meeting was then passed onto the Board of Trustees. They have been fundraising for the student council fund and looking at buying fitness equipment with the money raised.



# WHANAU LEADERS

## Tui

Deputy Senior Boy: Eli Connelly  
Deputy Senior Girl: Antonia Hoeta (abs)  
Senior Leader Boy: Gabriel Hakaraia  
Senior Leader Girl: Kataraina Hakaraia

Junior Deputy Boy: Tom Couper  
Junior Deputy Girl: Samantha Reyes  
Junior Leader Boy: Barney Warbrick  
Junior Leader Girl: Rawinia Thomas



## Weka

Senior Leader Boy: Tayna Tihore  
Senior Leader Girl: Zynaia Richards-Winter

Junior Leader Boy: Zayden Herewini Taiaroa  
Junior Leader Girl: Zakaycia Winter

## Huia

Deputy Senior Boy: Matthew Dowman (abs)  
Deputy Senior Girl: Tessa Commins (abs)  
Senior Leader Boy: Trae Maihi  
Senior Leader Girl: Emma Dowman

Junior Deputy Boy: Scott Faser  
Junior Deputy Girl: Joanna Dowman  
Junior Leader Boy: George Joyce  
Junior Leader Girl: Rebecca Csore



## Kiwi

Deputy Senior Boy: Johnny Double  
Deputy Senior Girl: Brooklyn Double

Senior Leader Boy: Willem Van Hees  
Senior Leader Girl: Delaney Grossart

Junior Deputy Boy: Judah Lyon  
Junior Deputy Girl: Ayla Story  
Junior Leader Boy: Dylan Greaney  
Junior Leader Girl: Tamara Double



# WALL OF FAME

Lucy Lyon winner of the Senior Speech Competition.



Taekwondo experts Anaru Hansen and Jackson Bishop were awarded a Silver and Bronze Medal at the championships in Tauranga.



Garth Metekingi - 1st in 50m freestyle, 1st in 50m backstroke and 2nd in 50m breaststroke at the Wanganui Secondary Schools Swimming Competition.



Ohakune Fire Brigade Volunteers - Matthew Dowman and Willem Van Hees.



Lyna-Mhaire Collett who won the Young Artist Award at the recent Waimarino Art awards with her work 'Stallion'.



Ayla Story winner of the Junior Speech Competition



Eli Connelly awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award for Excellence. Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae, GNZM, QSO, Governor-General of New Zealand, at Government House in Wellington.



Shairone Wood broke Intermediate Boys 100m record which had been held since 1996 by Tipene Mareikura running a time of 11.59 Seconds.



Congratulations to Kevin McDonnell and Gabriel Hakaraia who have both been chosen to receive a grant from the Infinity Foundation to attend the International Rugby Advanced Players Course.

Movie star Matthew Dowman who played a part in the short film Cold Snap by Leo Woodhead.



Gabriel Hakaraia Under 19 Whanganui Rugby Representative. Awarded most promising player and top try scorer for Senior Rugby Team



Congratulations Keaton Norling who travelled to New Caledonia to compete for NZ in clay shooting. He was placed 3rd sub junior and placed 2nd in the sub junior teams event.



Kataraina Hakaraia - U17 Ikaroa ki te Raki Netball, U 17 Whanganui Netball and Northern Whanganui Netball Team representative-- Awarded the best attacker senior netball and Ruapehu Rugby and Sports Club Player of the Club



# WALL OF FAME

Mohi Williams won the people's choice award with his drawing Eminem at the Waimarino Art Awards.



Flynn Bellerby performed solidly and came second in slope style at the North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding Competition. Photos Supplied by Liz Brooker.



Johnny Double first equal overall boy demonstrating a strong performance in slope style, boarder cross and placed 5th in the dual slalom at the North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding Competition.



This fantastic effort by Willem Van Hees, Johnny Double and Kadin Connelly placed us second boys team for the second year in a row at the North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding Competition.



Congratulations to Zynaia Richards-Winter who was elected by the students for the position as student representative on the Ruapehu College Board of Trustees for 2015. Thank you to Merekatene Haitana who represented the students in 2014.



Squash New Zealand Graded Team Title Holders Tamara Double Women's F Grade Dylan Budge and Johnny Double Men's E Grade.



Helena Bethell winner of the Maori Speech Competition.



Emma Dowman, Johnny Double, Dylan Budge and Matthew Laurenson. Winners of Squash Ruapehu Zone Senior Interclub.



Dylan Budge won the Junior Division of the Waimarino Golf Club Championship. He played in the Manawatu-Whanganui age group. Dylan also won the best net at the Marton Secondary Schools Golf Competition.



Nash Jordan - competing in Horse of the year.





# CULTURAL LEADERS



Tui Lysjahn Wood  
 Weka Nick McDonnell  
 Huia Jonty Curtis  
 Kiwi Dariayne Prince

Tuhirangi Akapita  
 Zynaia Winter  
 Merekatene Haitana  
 Jacob Larsen



# VISITORS

## Sports Breakfast

It was fantastic to host a breakfast to thank both volunteers and coaches who have committed their time throughout the year. Thanks also must go to those students who represented the school at the highest level possible, also the students who committed to a formal competition lasting more than ten weeks.



## University Visits

The Liaison Officers from different Universities visited our school throughout the year and talked to students about university life.



Primary schools in the Waimarino have been mixing it up with Ruapehu College Art Department during the year. Art students went to Raetihi Primary School to help the New Entrants class paint their mural. The college students really enjoyed the experience. Ohakune Primary Year 7s and 8s spent Wednesday afternoons at Ruapehu College for six weeks



Caroline the Public Health Nurse visited college twice a week throughout the year to be available to students who needed her service.



Sammi Curtis the Youth Development Officer for the Ruapehu District Council. She came into talk to students about joining the Youth Council.



Mike King and Tai Tupou talked to students at morning assembly. Mike and Tai regularly travel around New Zealand talking to schools and community groups. They work for the charitable trust Key to Life

The Key to Life Charitable Trust is a community peer support group, aiming to forever change the way New Zealanders think, act and feel about mental health.



PaPaFlava, a reggae and dance hall artist from Ghana now residing in Australia was visiting family in the area last week and took time out to visit Ruapehu College for some cultural exchange.



Anti violence campaigner Vic Tamati talked to students about his journey and his campaign "it's Not Ok".



# VISITORS

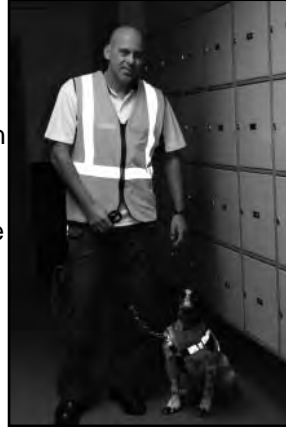
## PTA Barbecue

There was a wonderful turn out of families who attended the barbecue hosted by the college PTA. Every one who came enjoyed the music and games along with the food.



**Drug Dog**  
We had a visit from the drug dog Max and his handler Chris on Monday 14 April. We are again proud to say there were no drugs found in the college or in the grounds

This is the third visit from the dog in the past year and each time there has been no drugs found.



**Visiting Author- Writer in residence**  
Tania Roxborough was the writer in residence at the College from 9-13 June. She also spent time in classes as well as at surrounding schools. Tania Roxborough has written over 25 books and is currently at Otago University completing a degree in Maori.



## Revolution

Anti Bullying group 'Revolution' started their secondary schools tour at Ruapehu College by doing an interactive performance. They then talked to students about everybody having a responsibility in making sure bullying does not happen in our school and community.



We were visited by 24 students from Singapore on Friday 30 May. They assisted the school with some work around the grounds before being part of a shared lunch and an opportunity to meet our students.

We started their arrival with a formal greeting.



## Open Day

There was a good turnout for our annual open day. Parents and primary students were shown around the school by our senior leaders. They were then given afternoon tea supplied by the PTA.



Peter Porter the Kaihono Whanau Kaimahi for the Ngati Rangi Trust spoke about his mission to film the positive events and activities around the community. He and the crew came to the school to film some of the excellent achievements of the students and to interview our leaders.



## Mufti Days Proceeds.

On behalf of the Department of Conservation. Kerry and Amanda Department of Conservation staff received a cheque from student leader Lucy Lyon for \$344.50 This money was fundraised by the Student Council organising a mufti day. It is to be used in the building of traps near the Mangawhero stream.



9KC



Back Row: Scott Fraser, Karl Ioannidis, Pani-nohi Henare, Michael Gibson, Julian Toho.  
Second Row: Michaela Kumeroa, Kaheiana Hansen, Garth Metekingi, Sativa Rewiri, Dakota Horne, Mrs Kath Campbell (Teacher), Dylan Budge.  
Front Row: Anamaraea McDonnell, Ashley Akapita, Mystique King, Rebecca Csore, Tamara Double.  
Absent: Tia Bristol-Job, Nicholas McDonnell

9DA



Back Row: Joshua Gunn, Nathan Thompson, Macy McNaught, Ryan Chisholm, Warren Williams.  
Second Row: Pipi Williams, Keaton Norling, Samuel Reyes, Judah Lyon, Nash Jordan, Mr Darren Alexander (Teacher), Miggy Barham.  
Front Row: Temirimai Hawira, Molly Parker, Ayla Story, Grace Elliot-Brown, Dion-tre Wood  
Absent: Shakaia Rapana

# 10LB



Back Row: Daniel Wylie, Pikiaro Waara, Kyron Jones, Zyon Epiha-Netana, Zayden Herewini Taiaroa.  
Second Row: Jack Parker, Thomas Couper, Nathaniel Bethell, Peter Kennett, Clay Robson, Mrs Louise Beukes (Teacher), Steven Haitana.  
Front Row: Kloe Hagley, Samantha Reyes, Rawinia Thomas, Monika Prasad, Zakaycia Winter.

# 10MW



Back Row: Hamish Whale, George Joyce, Dylan Greaney, Barney Richards-Warbrick, Jordan Sialeipata.  
Second Row: Paengaroa Tekura, Tukutahi Metekingi, Mohi Williams, Xavia Steedman-Wills, Ms Meredith Wilson (Teacher).  
Front Row: Joanna Dowman, Ingrid Herbert, Jackson Bishop, Amy Calder, Tegan Dickson-Coley  
Absent: Flynn Bellerby, Te Mura Ote Aroha Callaghan, Aleishia Redfern-Jennings, Dylan Story,

11RP



Back Row: Caleb Lyon, Laurence Mills, Connor Wills.

Second Row: Brian Connelly (Dean), Kadin Connelly, Thomas Howell, Matthew Laurenson, Jeremy Fredericksen, Mr Raj Prasad (Teacher).

Front Row: Serenity Rapana-Paul, Helena Bethell, Gemini Toho, Rose Brandl, Courtenay McDonnell.

Absent: Alexander Chisholm, Jonty Curtis, Rangi Elers, Britney Griffin, Shania Hawira, Tu-Irirangi Mareikura-Cassidy, Waioira Ranginui, Braden Watson.

11AH



Back Row: Jaakan Horne, Taine Pakai, Daniel Artz, Kurtis Fredericksen.

Second Row: Brian Connelly (Dean), Te Manawaora McLeod, Cameron Hotter, Alysia Greaney, Jonathan Double, Miss Amy Hemi (Teacher)

Front Row: Lais Morris, Miriama Hansen, Stephanie Brooks-Richards, Alysa Sarich, Emma Dowman.

Absent: Colt Clapperton, Crystal Cribb-Manihera, Orewa Hiroti, Dahneka Perkins, Carlin Rewiri.

## 12JG



Back Row: Amy Thompson, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Kataraina Hakaraia, Mr Johnny Greene (Teacher)  
Front Row: Zynaia Richards-Winter, Willem Van Hees, Tessa Commins.  
Absent: Tuhirangi Akapita, Shontaye Mihinui, Jason Paul, Teihorangi Ponga-TeHuia, Te Rangimarie Ranginui, Raiden Te Huia, Dylan Taylor, Nathan Tutemahurangi, Tiriana Walker.

## 12AS



Back Row: Raniera McDonnell, Caleb Couper, Matthew Dowman, Vernon McLeod, Mrs Ann Stuckey (Teacher).  
Front Row: Dariayne Prince, Quaid Ponga, James Hilson, Travis Fredricksen, Antonia Hoeta.  
Absent: Piri kite Atua Callaghan, Lyna-Mhaire Collett, Amelia Crowley, Te Rangitapu Hiroti, Jade Matete, Newa McLeod, Shairone Wood.



Back row: Trae Maihi, Anaru Hansen, Kevin McDonnell, Jackson Whale.  
 Second Row: Mr Jerry Jordan (Teacher), Tiera Walker-Rapana, Delaney Grossart, Shayna Prasad, Jacob Larsen, Mr Brian Connelly (Dean).  
 Front Row: Reenal Kumar, Waipuna Ratapu Williams, Lucy Lyon, Eli Connelly, Tayna Tihore.  
 Absent: Brooklyn Double, Joseph Fluerty, Merekatene Haitana, Gabriel Hakaraia, Ngawai Kaire, Tihi Ote Ora Mareikura, Erina Matthews, Dana Paul, Manaia Rangihika Toto, Dayna Turchie, Lysjahn Wood, Jesse Woodhead.



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2014 has been a year of achievement, learning and generally good business for Ruapehu College. Our board has worked well and achieved well and with all of us paddling the same waka, we are heading in a good direction.

The past year has seen a lot of change to our facilities around the school, refurbished science labs, new ablution facilities, upgrades to our school vehicles to name a few. As we move into 2015 we will be seeing a lot more, with our new hall and performing arts facilities on the drawing board to be started early in 2015.

Financially 2014 has been good, we have tracked well with our budgets, and generally speaking our financial position is in good shape. I would especially like to thank Mr David Hilson for his time and assistance on our finance committee.

This past year has also seen a lot of work put into policy review, both Health & Safety and General Governance. This is an ongoing task and an important one. We are starting to make progress in this, and I thank the Board for their continued work.

Most important of all, for the BOT is the tracking of student progress and achievement. 2014 started on a real positive, with the 2013 NCEA results being published as being well up on the previous year and also a letter addressed to our Principal from the Minister of Education the Hon. Hekeia Perata congratulating us on our success in lifting achievement for our Maori and Pacifica students.

As we have worked through 2014 tracking progress through good reporting to our Board, thanks to Ms Basse and her senior management team, we can see that student achievement for 2014 is also heading for good result.

For our BOT another highlight for 2014 was at our May



Back row: Lane Demchy, Liz Brewis (Secretary) Roberta Williams, Peter Wikohika, Nuku Wallace.

Front row: Zane Couper (Chair) Kim Basse (Principal), Zynaia Richards-Winter (Student Representative)

meeting a visit from our Ministry of Education senior advisor, Mrs Lia Tuffield, at which she told our Board that the MOE were extremely happy with our operations and achievements in the way we were governing Ruapehu College. This was followed up by an official letter dated July 1st, revoking us from all our past statutory intervention. Although we had been operating free of our LSM for most of 2014 this officiated the process.

So, overall, everything is looking really good, I would like to thank our Board for their commitment this past year, not only for their hard work, but also for all of the training we have undertaken. A special thank you to Merekatene Haitana and best wishes for her future as she moves on from being our student rep, and a special welcome to Zynaia Richards-Winter, we are looking forward to working with you.

A big thank you to all our staff, you've done a great job and a special thank you to our principal Kim Basse, and our senior management team Jason White and John Laurenson. All the best John, as you move on in 2015 and thank you for your service and commitment to Ruapehu College over the last 30+ years.

All the best to our students leaving us this year, and congratulations to our achievers and prize winners. 2014 has been a good year and lets make 2015 even better. Aim high, and remember" the only place in the world where success comes before work is in the dictionary".

Zane Couper – Board Chair

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Our college is grateful for the opportunities for our students to be able to apply for educational assistance with the Lila Pakinga Memorial Scholarship jointly provided by Ngati Rangi and Genesis Energy. Students are required to make applications and be interviewed, to talk about their aspirations, and how they plan to succeed. Emphasis is given to Mathematics and Science and how they can lead to job opportunities. Scholarship winners for 2014 were Kataraina Hakaraia and Serenity Rapana-Paul.





# BLUE AND GOLD E MENTORING SPORT PROGRAMME

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to be part of the Blue and Gold sports mentoring programme this year. The programme is co-ordinated by Jodi Todd-Elliott and Kylie Lang). Anaru Hansen, Gabriel Hakaraia, Eli Connelly, Kataraina Hakaraia and Catherine Pakai-Dewes.



The Blue and Gold Foundation is a registered charitable trust which was established in 2008. The initial purpose was to support young netballers. However, more recently the scope has been widened to embrace young people across any sporting codes. The "Better than a Sporting Chance Programme" has been developed by the Foundation. The 2014 pilot of the programme was being delivered in partnership with The Volcanics eLearning Community. The Foundation is currently supported by Four Winds, The Rotorua Energy Trust and The NZ Community Trust.

The programme

The "Better than a Sporting Chance Programme" was coordinated by current Northern Mystics netballer Jodi Todd-Elliott and Kylie Lang. Jodi has been involved in High performance sport for the last 10 years and understands the commitment and time needed to give to advance. Kylie started out as a swimmer, trained as a teacher and at present is a Life Design Partner. She walked through the whole of New Zealand in October and did it with the "I'm Not Alone" theme so this means having a person join me for a day each so I always have someone with me. Collectively they were fundraising for the Mental Health Foundation to raise awareness about how important it is to set goals, be fit, get outdoors and talk to others.

The programme consisted of mentoring through on-line tools where athletes can ask for advice, information and support regarding their sporting needs.

Throughout the year the athletes worked with their mentor, Kylie and Jodi in writing goals both in their sporting field and the classroom. Each month there was a new topic for the athletes to work on. The programme covered- physical conditioning; building good foundations; work ethic; nutritional ideas for training, pre and post competition; motivation for the times when things feel too hard; time management, leadership and role modelling. All of these topics required personal responsibility. The athlete received an email each Monday and has been responsible for training logs, nutritional diaries and committing to the programme.

Highlights have been video conferencing with Sarah Cowley (NZ Commonwealth Games high jumper) and Sam Cane (All Black).

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia

## DONATIONS

### New Boys Rugby Uniform

The boys rugby team look fantastic in their new uniform sponsored by Mr Glen Moore and his company Security Seals. This is the second time Security Seals has sponsored our team uniforms. The jersey was originally designed by two students last year winning a competition, set up by Glen wanting to give the students ownership on the design of the jersey. We would like to thank Security Seals very much for this amazing donation.



### Pub Charity Donation

Thank you to Pub Charity for the donation of \$16000,00 towards the purchase of a new Mitsubishi van valued at \$34,247.50. The van will be used to transport students and



staff members to academic and sporting events. Due to our rural area having vans to transport our students to their sporting and academic endeavours is essential.

Pictured above is salesman Marty McGrath handing the keys over to our Principal Ms Kim Basse. We would also like to thank Jim and Charlotte from The Clyde Restaurant and Bar for assisting us with this application.

# OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE

Most year 10 students and some year 11 students braved the weather and enjoyed their time at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre. Board of Trustees Chairperson Zane Couper also spent the week with the staff and students at OPC. Thank you to Zane for sharing his valuable time.



# PROPERTY

2014 has been a very busy year with many projects being completed. The refurbishment of Lab's A and B was completed by Horne Bros Building. The upgrade of the boys and girls toilet in Blocks B and C was completed by Wat's On Building of Wanganui. Roof repairs, heating and plastic pipe replacement and repair of the gym drain was completed by Dave Gilbert Plumbing. Switch board and mains cable replacement was completed by Phillip's Electrical. Flotex floor covering and autex wall covering in Block E was completed by Hobday & Lorentzen. The final plans are being drawn up for the last four jobs being the hard technology room, hall heating and upgrade and the staff room kitchen. These jobs will be completed in early 2015. The property committee will then be looking at the next 5 year property plan.



# LEARNING SUPPORT

We have SWANS at the College! They are 'students with additional needs or special learning needs, who are entitled to equal learning opportunities. They get that and achieve with the support of our two fantastic Rachels, namely Rachel Wills and Rachel Dewes. You are doing an amazing job, thank you.

Due to our falling numbers, we had to say farewell to two of our teacher aides at the beginning of this year. To Aunty Honey (Jeanna Brown) and Liz Connelly: A huge thank you for the time and dedication you have given to our swans to enable them to fly successfully.

Individual Education Plans and Individual Behaviour Plans are put in place for students in consultation with teachers and caregivers. Students tend to be more focussed with an IEP.

Two students have applied successfully for Special Assessment Conditions for the external examination. This means that they will have the support of either a Reader/Writer or just a Reader during examinations. Special Assessment Conditions is a venue opened up by NZQA to ensure that all students have the best opportunity to achieve in their examinations.

Ruapehu College is part of the Volcanic Cluster and I have attended two very useful and interesting workshops on Learning Support in Whanganui. Thanks to Mrs Basse for letting me go.

In 2015 there will be new challenges to our swans, and we will support them again to fly as high as they can.

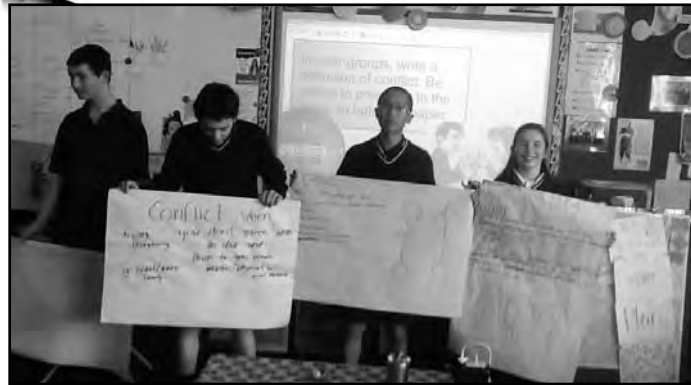
Louise Beukes  
SENCO

# HEALTH

This year has seen some changes in the Health Department. Juniors have one period of Health a week and the senior classes are mixed level. The use of Chromebooks and Google docs has allowed the teaching and learning to be effective. Students are working more effectively in groups, and understand that they must keep up with work either as homework or tutorials. In 2015, there will be more digital devices available for students to use, and all lessons will be on line. This will be in the Moodle online learning management system or Google classes.

Room 5 continues to be appreciated by all who use it. The comfort of a café style classroom has become known as other schools have enquired about its part in "modern learning environments". However, other schools cannot copy the magnificent view outside the window!

Having student teachers this year in the department have been added value. Vicky Chandler patiently taught students Drug and Alcohol safety, and Derrick Newton was effective in his Cybersafety course with the Year 9s. Ms Cranston



# ACCOUNTING

With the closure of the Senior Studies Block at the end of 2013, the accounting department moved to what previously had been the IRC room. This was renamed Room 3 and became the hub of business activity. 2014 saw Accounting taught at Levels 1,2 and 3. There was a rather unusual trend, with more males than females taking the subject at all levels. Class numbers were small and mostly multi-level, and some good results are expected, especially at Level One. During the year, a representative of what was formerly known as ICANZ (Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand) visited the school and spoke to students

about careers in accounting. He was most impressed with the calibre of some of the students. 2014 also saw the introduction of Financial Literacy to Year 13 students. This course is mainly designed for students in Year 13, who do not have NCEA Level Two. It covers topics of a day to day nature that will be encountered when they leave school, such as insurance, banking, Taxation and earning an income. It is hoped that these students will leave school feeling more confident dealing with such matters. Mrs Sue Laurenson

# ENGLISH

School Principal Kim Basse, a vastly experienced English Teacher, was welcomed aboard the English Department this year. Ms Basse has been running an 'enrichment' programme for the Year 9s, and some fantastic work has been produced. Her class provided more speakers than any other class at the Speech Evening, they have entertained other classes with readings from Macbeth and the poster work advertising Macbeth would be the envy of any Hollywood publicity department. Adele Cranston continued her sterling work with a careers-based unit. This unit is specially designed for students who are not finding college English a straightforward subject. With Ms Cranston's help and guidance, students are building confidence in the subject and the school is enjoying a pass rate of over 90% at Level 1 from this unit. The senior courses have been guided by Louise Beukes and Johnny Greene. Mrs Beukes has patiently chipped away with a Vocational Pathways based course. The Vocational Pathways papers are Assessment standards at Level 2 focused on industry and career paths. These



assessments are proving very popular nationwide and we can expect to see more of this type of focus coming into Levels 2 and 3 over the next couple of years. It has been a busy year for the Department. There have been many learning curves to negotiate, but thankfully the bus stayed on the road and we have been rewarded with some degree of success. My thanks go to Kim, Adele and Louise for their help and support. Mr Johnny Greene  
Head of English

# SOCIAL SCIENCE

In 2014 Year 9 Social Studies classes were very lucky to have the services of Mrs George. She brought a wealth of knowledge to the topic of local history, and she gave meaning to many areas in the Waimarino region. Year 9's also were taught civics and geography by Mr Jordan.

Year 10 Social Studies explored many cultures from around the world. In this study the focus was on how they were similar to New Zealand culture, and what was New Zealand's place in the world. Miss Chandler, a student teacher, also taught Mr Jordan's class about different theories on where the first people of Polynesia came from. Mr. McLeod also taught Year 10 Social Studies.

Year 11 History studied topics such as Nuclear stance of New Zealand and how the Middle East influences the world. They also learnt about segregation and its effects on society.

Year 12 History looked at how Adolf Hitler was able to rise to power and manipulate so many people. They studied the 1981 Springbok tour and how this changed New Zealand. They finished the year by looking at different perspectives of the Vietnam War.

Year 13 History started the year with an independent research project. Some of the topics students chose

to investigate were Maori Battalion, Treaty of Waitangi, Ratana Movement, and the Israel/ Palestine Conflict. They then looked at the issue of Atomic bombs used in World War II, and the lasting effects of these weapons on the world.

Overall it was a very successful year. Students were given the opportunity to learn about many new topics they had very little knowledge of and how these topics have shaped New Zealand today.

Mr Jerry Jordan



# FOOD AND NUTRITION

Our senior foods class was like a tray of free range eggs – some were cracked, other were a 'raw' and there was always plenty of 'yolking' around amongst the serious learning that took place. (Thanks Tayna for the inspiring starting line).

On a serious note we had the opportunity to gain credits in technology, food and nutrition and hospitality throughout the year.

Senior students were given the opportunity to do their coffee essentials course over a 2 day period teaching them the basic skills of coffee making and service. Year 13s also completed their Level 3 Food safety certificates. As well as producing some outstanding meals Year 11 students studied food from other countries, nutrients and menu planning, eating healthy as a teenager, food safety and preserving. Year 12s enjoyed producing Danish pastries and experimenting with different shapes and fillings while Year 13s should be experts in choux pastry and menu planning as well.

Junior Food and Nutrition classes enjoyed a range of topics from basic hygiene to café dining with some innovative and incredibly creative meals and menus coming out. Enjoying food is a criteria for taking this subject and I don't know anyone who does not enjoy eating.

Always a joy, never a chore would be how I would describe my Food and Nutrition classes.

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia



# ART

Year 9 created patterns for Hawaiian shirts, learnt about reduction printing, experienced a range of painting materials and techniques and had a go at drawing a self-portrait. Lots of these students should be doing Art in the future as they have amazing ideas and natural talent.

Year 10 was a small class this year which made them rather special. Their designer ice creams were awesome. They also, started preparing themselves for serious Art in the future.

They developed a range of skills in Painting, Printmaking and Drawing and are well on their way to producing a Level 1 drawing portfolio.

Mohi Williams, from the Year 10 art class, was presented with the "People's Choice" award at the Waimarino Art Awards. What an amazing accomplishment for a 14 year old. His drawing of Eminem was voted the best by the viewers of the exhibition.

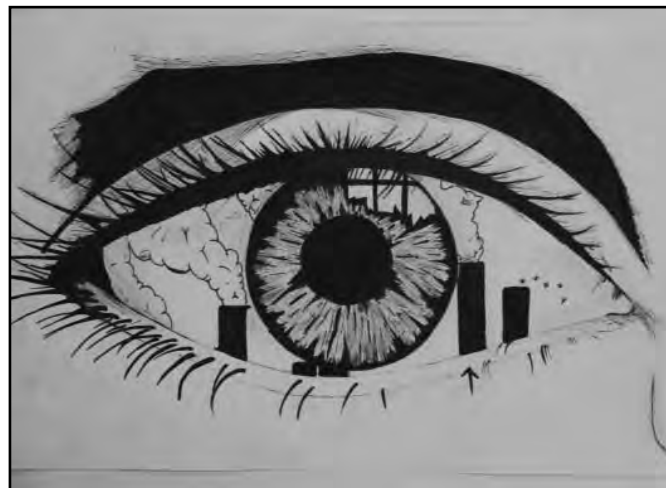
Year 11 Art did not fit the timetable this year so students were invited to attend after school art classes on Tuesday. Rose Brandl attended almost every week. She did a very good job of her Level 1 Visual Art Portfolio and got everything finished on time for the external assessment.

Year 12 was quite a large class. 67% of Year 12 decided that they were artists and selected Level 2 Art. Most of them ended up doing photography which is easier to learn in one year than other art disciplines. Six students also did painting. Photography topics were varied and interesting. Vernon and Jason followed their passion for skateboarding and Boldie started looking at clothing but ended up putting together work that explored change. Lyna painted amazing horses (Mrs Stuckey was moved by her work) so were people who saw it on Facebook. Sorry everyone it has to go on her portfolio for external assessment.

Quaid explored the idea, "that the man in the suit does not care what grief he causes as long as he is making money." Boldie painted flowers. So did Amy but she painted butterflies as well. Manaia painted the sea, trees, grid patterns ... she says she will finish it next year.

Lyna won the Waimarino Youth Artist Award and got a really good sum of money to spend in Australia. The judge was impressed with her understanding of the horse as a painting subject.

Year 13 started the year with 13 students. Tihi was the only painter, the rest were photographers. Tihi headed off for Wellington mid-way through the year. We saw his art on Facebook from time to time. Everyone else was doing photography. It was fun times mostly, Mere loves to laugh, Kevin looked at the deforestation of NZ, Eli looked at the impact the junk we leave lying about has on the environment, Tiera looked at Metamorphosis (kind of) – it ended up with looking at young children at play, Gab followed his passion for Deer (Trophy or meat – maybe just interior décor), Anaru continues to take stunning landscape shots, Ngawai still likes the lady in red, Dayna explored the idea that a derelict house had occupants once, Lysjahn looked from the mountains to the sea and Jackson drew amazing things that he should turn into art for sale, he will do photography because "he probably should". Year 13 will be missed, for the fun and laughter and Mrs Stuckey wishes you all the best with whatever you do in the future.



# AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE



Students doing these courses this year enjoyed the increased practical aspects of this course. They were offered extensive opportunities to learn and practice skills such as germinating seeds, propagating plants using a variety of methods, caring for gardens and lawns, using mechanical and hand tools, natural and chemical fertilisers and pest control, collecting and stratifying seeds. These skills were linked with assessments and students enjoyed a high rate of success and grew in confidence as a result.

Mr Jason White



## LAND BASED TRAINING

Unfortunately our regional qualifiers were cancelled due to low entry numbers, however, this did give us direct entry to the finals in Hunterville.

Adele Couper and Lee Artz took down 10 competitors to the event that was held at Otihiti Station in sunny and fine conditions. Our senior team worked well together and finished a creditable 2nd out of the ten teams. Caleb Couper was awarded top tractor safety, and Thomas Couper top temporary fencer. Our junior team showed plenty of promise that we will continue to compete well in the future by finishing in 8th place. Ruapehu College traditionally does well in this event and our teams this year did us proud again.

Mr Jason White



# VIDEO CONFERENCING

Video conferencing has been a very important part of schooling at Ruapehu College for a number of years now. If insufficient students in the senior school choose to take a subject, then that class will not be able to go ahead. Instead students will be enrolled in a video conferencing class. They will have a one hour lesson once a week with a teacher from another school and students in similar situations from throughout New Zealand will also be in the class. They are set work and various resources are made available to them through special webtools like Moodle and Google Drive. They can email the teacher if they have problems or ask other students in the class. Friendships are formed with the other students through social media like Facebook.

When video conferencing was first introduced, classes were very small. A number of schools doubted the effectiveness of learning this way. However as time has gone by, research has shown that the results achieved in most video conferencing classes have been just as good as if a student had a face to face teacher in their own school. Average class sizes have virtually tripled as more and more schools buy into it.

This year, for the first time, a national e-learning awards ceremony was held. These awards recognised the achievement of video conferencing students and also the input of a number of teachers from throughout the country who had changed the face of learning. Maija Kosinanonth was one of two students who received an award for achievement. Maija studied Chemistry, Physics and Calculus last year by video conferencing at Ruapehu College and gained merit endorsement in Chemistry and Calculus. Asnett Technologies, who sponsored the awards flew Maija up to Wellington from Canterbury University where she is currently studying. She was presented with her award by Nikki Kaye the Associate Minister of Education. Huge congratulations to Maija for this achievement.

This year senior students studied Physics, Chemistry and Economics by VC. A number of junior students had language lessons taught using this medium (French, German and Japanese), and a group of our more able mathematicians in Year 9 and 10, had enrichment classes to challenge their thinking in this area. Some of our top athletes also received motivational and nutritional advice from some notable New Zealand sports persons (Sam Cane and Sarah Cowley) as part of a blue and gold sports mentoring programme  
Mrs S Laurenson



Maija Kosinanonth Receives National E-Learning Award



# TE REO MAORI

Te Reo Maori classes have been very good this year. Seniors are currently preparing for external examinations. The Year 9 boys should be commended for their perseverance in learning the Ti-Rakau and school haka. Seniors will have the opportunity to re-sit any internal assessments that they may not have passed even if they have officially finished. I wish everybody 'he mere kirihimete me ngā mihi mot e tau hou'  
Mr Chris McLeod

# MUFTI DAYS

Students dressed up in various mufti themes to raise funds for the local charities. The school tries to support one mufti day per term for a charity that will help others.



# LIBRARY

Yet another school year almost over and it has certainly felt as if it has flown by but I can still recall that there have been many enjoyable and interesting times both for me and my time in the library.

The Year 9s yet again brought with them that irrepressible enthusiasm that breathes new life into the school and it never fails to impact on me and the school library. Having eager students searching for books and informing me that it is difficult to choose what books to borrow and that the college has a "cool library", are really encouraging words to hear.

This year we increased the library hours for students, opening every morning break and all through lunchtimes which has proved to be a very popular move.

The library lunchtimes are enjoyed by students who want to read or use the computers for recreational purposes or even to catch up on schoolwork, some play a game of cards while others use it as a meeting place where they can "catch up" with friends. I love it when I hear students say "I'll meet you in the library" as I have always thought that the school library could and should play a significant role in the life of the school and it is pleasing to see this now happening.

On August 14 the school held their annual Speech Night in the library which has proved to be an excellent venue as it is warm and comfortable and is not too big to make it a daunting place for nervous speech makers. It turned out to be an extraordinary night as it started to snow and naturally caused great excitement and the inevitable happened.....everyone outside to play and of course a



Top placed Science fair projects on display from Mrs. Buck's Year 9 science class

snowball fight! A shame we can't guarantee it happening again next year.

Trying to manage the book budget is always a challenge as I always want MORE BOOKS but this year I have found an online book shop that offers a reasonable choice of books at realistic prices so I was able to buy a number on a regular basis throughout the year.

Libraries have to move with the times and it certainly is the age of technology and with that comes the eBooks and students being able to download books onto their own devices, so the future looks to be an interesting time for students and librarians. The library will continue to encourage students to develop an enthusiasm for lifelong learning and an enjoyment of reading and to embrace information technology. We must accept that in our world "change is the new normal".

Mrs Wendy Hubbard  
Librarian

# SPEECH COMPETITION

An intimate but enthusiastic group of students, parents, teachers and well-wishers battled the blizzard to enjoy the Speech Evening. Once again the school library provided a cosy venue in which our students were able to display their talents in public speaking. And what talents they have! The audience were impressed with the speakers as they covered topics ranging from the evils of gossip to reconciling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Special mention must go to Lais Morris for her advice to the squeamish on how to watch a horror movie. Ayla Story was awarded the LD Eden Cup for the best junior speech. Lais Morris earned the Mr & Mrs FA Martin Cup for her hilarious horror movie guidance. Helena Bethell impressed with speeches in both English and Te Reo and was awarded the TG McCullough Cup for best Te Whai Korero. The MS Gould Cup for best senior speaker went to Head Girl Lucy Lyon who displayed all the polish and grace of a



seasoned orator.

The evening was completed with a quick-fire round of impromptu speeches. The best junior impromptu was awarded to Scott Fraser. Tessa Commings and Merekatene Haitana shared the senior impromptu. Mr Johnny Greene.



# SCIENCE

The Science department still has just two and a bit teachers but we will be sadly fare welling John Laurenson at the end of the year. Mrs Buck taught Year 9, Year 10 Science, and 11 Science. Miss Wilson taught Year 9 and Year 10 Science, Year 12 Biology and Year 13 Biology. Mr Laurenson with Year 12 Physics and helping year 13 VC.

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



Seniors studied Freshwater Ecology in local rivers as part of their internal assessments.

The Science Fair for Year 9 was an exciting time with some great ideas for projects. Congratulations to the winners and great work from most. Thanks to the two Rachels for their work.

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 life and will be increasing in importance in our future lives. Work hard and enjoy as you study.

Mrs Shelagh Buck

# KIWI FOREVER

Students selected from Ruapehu College this year for the Kiwi Forever scholarship were Waipuna-o-te-Aroha Ratapu-Williams, Antonia Hoeta, Tessa Commins and Matthew Dowman. They were joined by other students from around the Tongariro conservation area, Whanganui and Auckland. There were 6 very busy days of learning, listening and participating in activities organised by Department of Conservation. They were also given insights into the significance of Ngati Rangī's relationships with the land and water. We visited the eastern diversion of the Tongariro Power Scheme and looked at the effects that this has on the environment. We then learnt about the Genesis programme that is enabling populations of Whio to increase in many of the rivers that are in the Tongariro conservation area. Students were able to participate in a Whio release. Another highlight was the health checks on Kiwi and the many ways that are required to trap stoats and rats. Students were also able to participate in a Kiwi release in the Waimarino forest, where four healthy juveniles were released back into the wild to increase the Kiwi population. The final day involved working in groups to present their chosen topics. Ruapehu College students represented our school with pride and spoke very well to representatives from Department



of Conservation, Ngati Rangī, Genesis and Untouched World Charitable trust

## Excellence Programme

As part of the step up to excellence programme that Ruapehu College is running for students at the Primary school, four students from Ohakune Primary attended the Kiwi Forever presentation at the Tiorangi marae.



Lucy Lyon is pictured with Dom Norling, Maddison Entwisle, Alice Wells and Kaiawa Connelly as they heard about how our senior students aim to save the kiwi and other endangered species. Miss Meredith Wilson

# DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This year was busy for the technology workshop with students making furniture, designing landscapes and engaged in simple engineering projects across all year levels. The senior classes made some high quality tables and cabinets using timber and other composite boards. They learned about materials testing, planning, power tools and safety. The junior school was introduced to wood and metal skills, safety and design and visual communication projects.

In July, the year 13 group visited Laminex Wood Panels in Taupo as research for their materials development assessment. It was a valuable experience as the plant promotes green manufacturing and is supplying 85% of its manufactured boards to the domestic market including the Christchurch rebuild. Thank you to teacher aides: Rachel Dewes and Rachel Wills for working with this group to produce their reports for external assessment.



The year 11 and 12 group were busy completing at least two wood and/or metal projects for the year. Wrapped around these projects, the students learned about safety, planning, power tools, materials testing and compositions. They made furniture including tables, cabinets and Cape Cod chairs. This class was divided up into building trades and hard materials. The building trades class made cabinets, saw stools and Cape Cod chairs. They also prefabricated a fence and gate, then installed it over two days in June at 62 Shannon Street in Ohakune. The engineering side swung into action during term 3, this class made mini motor 49cc bikes. The students needed to recreate the main frame using mild steel and show competency in measurement and welding. This also required the use of the metal lathes and proved



challenging but enjoyable for the students.

The senior design class completed a variety of assessments including media design such as; postcards, design eras, landscape design, formal technical drawings, cladding research and 3D modelling to explore design outcomes. This was a small class that generally worked well in what was a new programme for technology.



The year 10 class completed some good examples of technological modelling. They researched the legal requirements for letterboxes and transferred this into full scale aluminium letterboxes. In the wood area, they researched and modelled footstools. They even upholstered the tops of their stools, which was assisted by Liz Connelly and Rachel Wills. They were great help! In terms 3 and 4 we looked at recycle and reuse by reconstructing unwanted bicycle frames into drift trikes. This challenged the group with students using the metal lathes and welding to achieve the desired result. The idea is to create a drift trike team that can compete in the Ruapehu Gravity Festival which is held annually in March at Whakapapa.

The year 9 classes completed a term each of design and visual communication and hard materials. They designed their own coat of arms, making shields from laminated boards. They expressed their own identity and design flair as well as a small research project. The hard materials class looked at recycle and reuse with the class designing their own wind chimes in the first half of the term. The second weeks they assembled predator traps for the Kiwi and Blue Duck Recovery programmes operating in the Ruapehu District. The materials were donated by the Department of Conversation (DOC) which in turn was money raised by a College mufti-day. The trap line will be set under the direction of DOC during year 9 camp week, the students will be able to see their handy work in action.

Mr D  
Alexander



# MUSIC

February: "Right- give this a go aye", I play a riff and nod at the kid in front of me, (Tihī o te Ora), "your turn". I get a big cocked eyebrow and a loud and clear, "shuuuaaar Whaea"! "Hurry up-just do it", as I turn to the drummer, (Mirīama). "Here, this is you", boom-chik, boom boom-chik; I get a "What are you on Whaea"? "Hurry up just do it". To the bass- "Alrite a girl on bass; (Courtenay), nice an easy- here it is", she laughs and "assures" me, "that ain't gonna happen aye Whaea"! "Hurry up just do it". And then to the keyboard, "Bub did you just swear at me?" "aw sorry Whaea- but man how am I suppose to do that?" "Hurry up-just do it-(and watch your language)"!

April: Ry Cooders "Little Sister" is keeping our guitarist intrigued, KC's "Give it up" is challenging the keyboardist, "Stop That Train"- is teaching the buzz of ensemble. Is everybody happy- you bet your life we are!. "Okay- cool. Let's move on- here it is, (Rude)". "Shuaaar Whaea, what are you on, that ain't gonna happen aye, how am I suppose to do that".

June: "Right let's put Rude away now and....". "Hey Whaea I know- lets do Redemption Song, Titanium, Who you are, Cry to me, this number and that number"! Whaea Ames "Chur- you fullas must be neat now aye"?! August: "Kai Night's coming and you're to do your first formal assessments". Shuuah, ain't gonna happen,



what are you on Whaea and poor ole Whaea Ames "it pains me to have to remind you- you do not swear in my classroom"! Oh-Kai Night it happened alrite- Zynaia, Dariayne, Mirīama in the spotlight delivering solo performances, backed by Olly and Courtenay

in the rhythm section- the hall was packed.....and away they all went. Man am I dancing on the inside!

Term 4: "Prizegiving- and the last of our solo performances to go- time to step it up". It was a big step up too; Master-blaster for a bass solo, Tenor Madness as a guitar solo- big leaps forward technically, so I'm all geared up for the ole "shuuuar Whaea-it ain't gonna



happen" nonsense.....but there is none. Everyone is just "doing it" and I just wanna go hug a tree!

I've had a fantastic first year at Ruapehu College. I've had the privilege of nurturing some fine innate talent and feel proud of their development over the year, (especially because it was so delicate and reserved- "whakamaa", in the beginning). I congratulate my senior students for taking their first plunge into the public performance arena- no easy feat but one that enables us to share and grow. I'm proud of each of you and look forward to continuing on next year. "Thank You".

Junior Performing Arts was a real hoot. There's a cool little core group of muzo's in Year 10 who are starting to gel really nicely. At year 9 we have some aspiring muzos, ballerinas and thespians- all bound for greatness I'm sure! All my junior classes gave me great joy as they were keen, characterful and talented. "Thanks Bubs- Rock On"!

The future looks exciting with the first phase of the new Performing Arts facility set to start soon. I'm sure we all want good things for our kids and we will do our best to ensure that they receive the best in terms of the Arts. Feel free to come in and see us if you have ideas or comments you'd like to contribute.

I've enjoyed working with a new team- and meeting some wonderful people...(yay that Kim Basse is a muzo herself)! I especially enjoy meeting and hearing both the good and bad from whanau- because in the end it's all about making things better for our kids. My classroom has an open door and you are all welcome- any time. (Check out our website for a more formal lowdown of what we're about)!

Thank You All - It's been a pleasure.

Tihēi Mauri Ora!  
Miss Amy Hemi

# KAI NIGHT

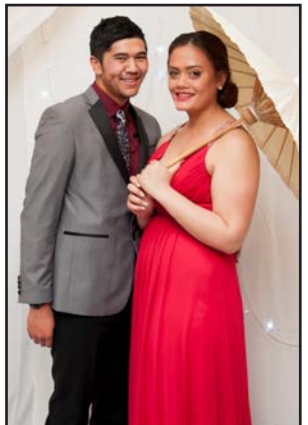
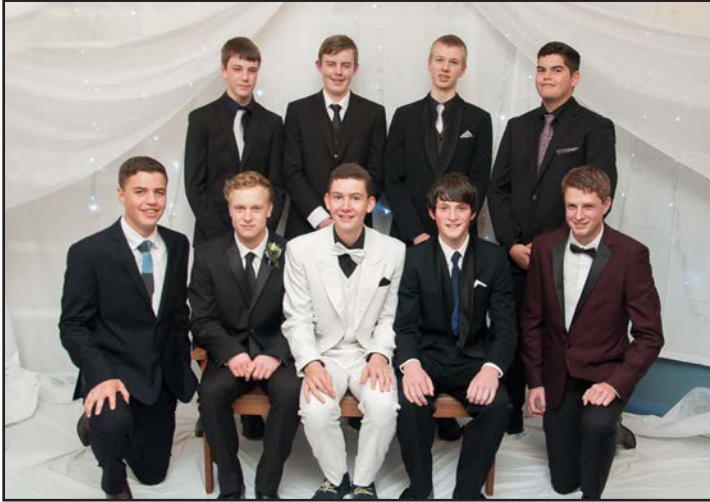
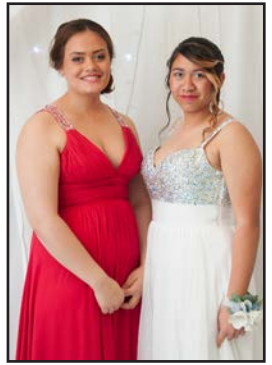
A very successful Traditional Kai Night was held in the college hall during the Puanga celebrations. The host Marae was Raketepauma, and our college students worked with Whaea Nicole Dryden to prepare and set tables in the afternoon, and returned to wait on the tables during the evening. This assessment comes under the umbrella of Field Maori. Our students were gracious waitresses, and all met the criteria to achieve two level two credits.



# KAPA HAKA



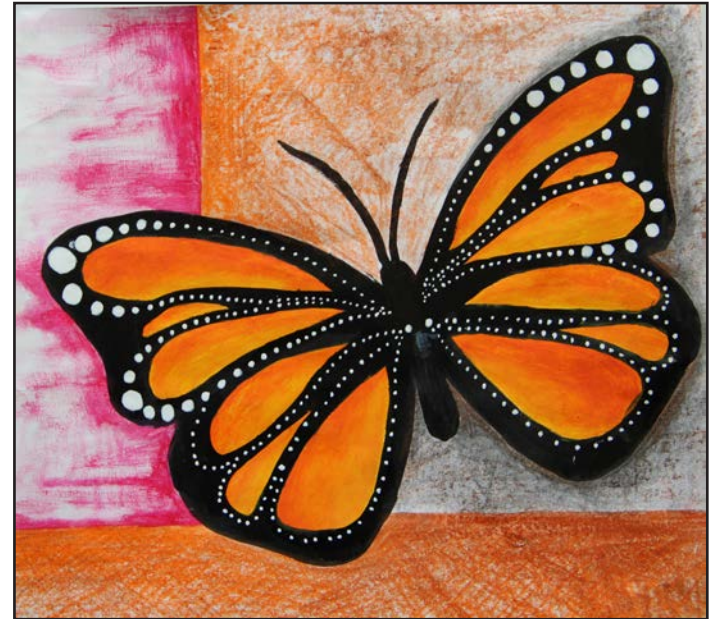
# BALL



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ART WORK







# RUAPEHU COLLEGE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE TRUST

The Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust continues to provide funding to assist students to attend various events where otherwise the cost of travel would have been a barrier. In 2014 approximately \$7500 was granted.

Of this, almost \$2500 went to individual students, the main recipient being Keaton Norling who received \$1000 to attend the Oceanic Skeet Shooting competition in New Caledonia. Other students competing in various representative teams also received monetary assistance.

The travel costs of students playing in regular teams competitions was subsidised by almost \$3000, and students representing Ruapehu College at the Whanganui Secondary Schools athletics competition, had the cost of the bus paid by the Trust.

The major prize winners at the Ruapehu College prizegiving also received a monetary award from the Trust and the school received a donation of \$300 towards the cost of other prizes awarded.

Any parent/caregiver who wishes to apply for financial assistance through the Trust may complete an application form which is available on the Ruapehu College website.

John and Sue Laurenson



## PHOTOS



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our department enjoyed larger numbers in senior classes this year which gives more opportunities for students when looking at what practical activities students can choose from.

There were lots of highlights including the Year 13's playing golf; there were some great shots and always with golf...some pretty hairy shots too, but everyone managed to shoot achieved and more in their final 9 holes. The 13's also took part in the multisport event with a kayak, bike and run leg. Some achieved their goals, others of us didn't quite (aye Lucy? And so close Eli!!) but everyone did exceptionally well and completed the course.

The Year 12's excelled at turbo touch which was a first for the department. They also coached basketball to Ohakune Primary School students and both gained in confidence and developed some great leadership qualities which will set them in good stead for 2015 as Year 13's. In fact four of the six leaders for next year are in this class!!

Year 11's were a great class



with many very motivated and genuinely interested students. They participated fabulously in our survivor challenges and some did exceptionally well in snow assessments, with individuals gaining up to 20 credits. With the help of our fabulous coach Jocelyn Cranston, students improved out of sight in their badminton unit. Juniors were engaged in a mainly practical programme for the year. Next year the Physical Education department will have a unit standard based course running alongside the current course, giving students more options and pathways within our subject. Year 10 will also be offered a level one achievement standard worth five credits.

A minimum number of students were disengaged at times, but I hope you all enjoyed what you learnt and look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Mrs Kath Campbell



# OUTDOOR

Another great year to be in the outdoors at Ruapehu College. We introduced the outdoor academy for year 12 and 13 for the first time. Students picked different modules that went out on a Thursday. Modules went from two to six weeks. The students enjoyed this format because it allowed them more choice and it had less impact on their academic subjects. It also gave us the time we needed to explore and develop our skills.

White water kayaking and mountain biking were popular and exciting choice for the year 12's. I was impressed to see how the class confidence and skills grew over a short period of time. We had half the year 13's sign up to the survival module in the pouring rain, again I was amazed at how resourceful they were. Bear Grylls got nothing on these guys. Other memorable modules were rock climbing at Kinloch, tramping, risk management, and snowsports. Next year we hope to fit even more modules in.

The year 11 outdoor class had some great trips to Taupo kayaking on moving water and mountain biking at the Craters of the Moon, as well as some spectacular hikes around our national park. We also had some fun days in



our local lakes, rivers, bush, and cliffs, and of course fun times skiing and boarding on our mountain.

It has been very rewarding to see our students' skills, confidence, team work, and appreciation of our natural environment grow throughout the year. A special thanks to all those who supported the program this year including the parents, teachers, management, and business and organizations like RAL, TCB, SLR, and the NZ Army.

Mr Brian Connelly

# TEXTILES

We are the highest college in the North Island, but it is attitude, not altitude that governs our work in this busy classroom. Visitors to our classroom will vouch for that.

Our year begins by discussing a programme of study which will suit all students, so that students take ownership for the work they undertake. The second question students ask is “when are we going shopping?”, and yes, once our projects are designed we head off to Palmerston North to look at suitable fabrics.

The senior classes started the year with surface decoration and used the techniques to make cushion covers for a processing unit. From the second term they have worked on art and comfort quilts with very good results ( and NCEA credits) and some will be entered for jurying into the next NZ Quilting Symposium being held this coming season in Palmerston North

The Snow Queen featured in September, and our students were involved with making, modelling and makeup. As it becomes a regular in the local calendar it may become the chosen focus. The WOW wearable art extravaganza trip along with visits to Te Papa and other Textiles related subjects was the usual enjoyable learning experience.

Junior students were introduced to about twenty different surface techniques at the beginning of their option and continued with making wall hangings with a ‘local icon’ focus, including the fabrics they made along with other available fabrics. These were displayed in a virtual exhibition on the college Facebook page.

Mrs Merrilyn George



# ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is a key factor in students progressing well with their achievement in all subjects. Whilst lots of time was still spent chasing up students that were absent, we also approached the need for students to attend better by rewarding those that did attend regularly.

HYPE Academy Ltd, who are our truancy service providers were successful in gaining a grant through the Ministry of Education’s ‘ecase’ attendance initiative. In term 1 we were able to offer \$1000 in prizes to individual students and parents of students that had 100% attendance during the week. Two \$50 vouchers were awarded each week, one for a student with 100% attendance the previous week and one for the parents of a student with the 100% attendance.

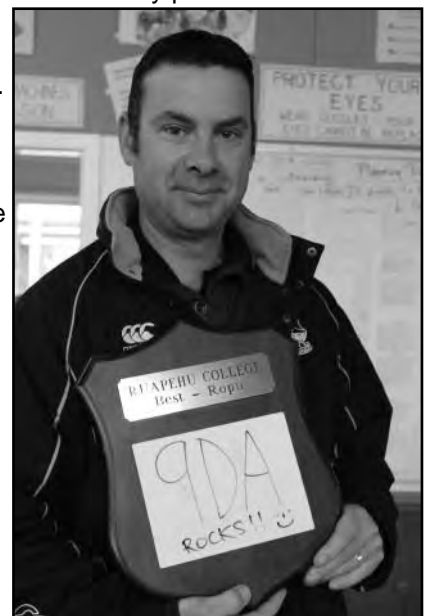
We were able to get extensions of the grant and have a few more vouchers throughout the year. Mr Laurensen also tracked each roopu’s attendance rate each week and gave feedback on how they were doing each week with a best roopu shield being up for grabs each week. Term 1 saw 9KC and 9DA lead the way with the best being 100% one week. The other roopu groups

had their turns with 10LB being right up there several times.

In terms three and four best monthly performances were tracked with a free lunch to all roopu members up for grabs. These were gobbled up by 9DA (more than once) and 10LB. Our overall attendance rate was better each term than it had been in 2013.

Our Annual goal of “improving attendance to 80% using innovative initiatives and involving parents” was well on track at the time of writing this article.

Mr John Laurensen



# ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Our Alternative Education Programme started at a new venue at the beginning of the year. These students have worked well to complete correspondence work and they should be commended on some excellent results. A big thank you to Aunty Rauna who is their main tutor. I would also like to acknowledge the late Wyne Te Huia Snr who took these students for extra-curricular activities

on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, he will be missed dearly. We look forward to this programme continuing next year as it is an opportunity for these students to achieve in an alternative environment where they feel comfortable.

Mr Chris McLeod

# MATHEMATICS

The department has been blessed with some wonderful and enthusiastic teachers this year. John Laurensen has just come back into the NCEA fold based on the new alignment of assessing but sadly he is resigning this year. His contribution in terms of critiquing has been beneficial to the department. Brian Connelly also worked tirelessly with the specialists classes and a lot of students have obtained numeracy. Lastly, our harmonic teacher, Amy Hemi has been tirelessly working with the specialist Year 9 and Year 10 classes.



Maths Enrichment, was offered to the top Maths students in Year 9 and 10 who are within the Volcanics cluster. The program aims at extending the students and getting them to solve different problems by applying their maths knowledge.



There was great feedback on how well students in the math enrichment classes taught by e- Principal Mrs Sue Winters have been doing. She said they approached the maths challenges confidently, answered well, spoke well,

and looked amazing in their uniforms and they were great ambassadors for Ruapehu College!

Well done to

Yr 9: Sam Reyes, Dylan Budge, Scott Fraser and Kaheiana Hansen

Yr 10: Kyron Jones, Samantha Reyes, Rawinia Thomas and Tom Couper

The national MCAT examinations went well. All the 17 students completed the one hour examination under strict conditions and this was a good experience. We hope they use this experience to excel in other external examinations later in the year. Some students did well and some students found the structure of the examination different compared to the past years examinations. We are hoping for some good results come January 2015. Thanks to Sue Laurensen and Jason White for being great invigilators.

Also 55 students also sat the Australian Mathematics Competition(AMC) in August this year.

Mr Raj Prasad

# ART WORK



# STAR

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

Through STAR funding our Year 13's were lucky to attend the National Youth Leaders

Conference in April this year, an experience they all enjoyed.

One student was able to attend the National Youth Drama School at the beginning of the year.

STAR courses that students took part in this year were the Chainsaw Safety course, Wool Handling Safety course, ten students completed a Barista course run through Industry Training Solutions and several students also completed US168 later on during the year to help them with their hospitality class. The Outdoor Academy was able to purchase kayaks and safety equipment.

Financial literacy was also able to purchase resources for their class this year.

Ngairé Double



# GATEWAY

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

Student placement this year included Electrical, Hospitality, Beauty therapy, Hairdressing, Accounting, Engineering, Fashion and Butchery.

Students on placement enjoyed the workplace experience and learned a lot thanks to the employers who willingly passed on their years of knowledge to them.

Ngairé Double



# CAREERS

This year in Careers saw many visits from the Universities of New Zealand to help our senior students in the choices regarding which University to attend and what courses to take.

We hosted the NZ Defence Careers bus which gave all students the opportunity to see what a career would be like in the Army, Navy or Airforce.

Several senior students visited the Career expo in Taupo where there were well over 50 stalls covering a variety of career pathways.

Our junior's have been completing a Career workbook which helps them to take a look at themselves and which careers might be best suited to their personality. Also some students have taken on the EPIC challenge which is a competition in the NZ Dairy industry.

Ngairé Double



## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



Back Row: Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Antonia Hoeta, Waipuna Ratapu-Williams, Ashley Akapita, Mrs Kath Campbell (Teacher)  
Front Row: Emma Dowman, Amy Thompson, Aylsia Greaney, Kataraiana Hakaraia, Lais Morris.

Absent: Merekatene Haitana.

Trips to Whanganui to play volleyball were heaps of fun. But the best part was going into town to get the food on the way home. (McDonalds, KFC, Pizza and Subway) after a hard game.

One trip we stopped on the side of the road to take selfies. We climbed through prickles and sheep droppings up a slightly steep hill to take a girls volleyball photo. Most of us were puffing. It was a great team and we built great relationships and bonded. The teamwork was the best.

Merekatene Haitana

## FUTSAL



Back Row: Monika Prasad, Mrs Ngaire Double (Coach) Kaheiana Hansen.  
Front Row: Tegan Dickson-Coley, Tamara Double, Lais Morris, Rebecca Csore, Joanna Dowman.

Absent: Tia Bristol-Job, Antonia Hoeta, Samantha Reyes, Tiriana Walker.

Futsal was a great experience for those girls who travelled to Whanganui every Wednesday night for six weeks. Ngaire Double managed our team and she drove us down in the van. We thank her for the chance to be involved in this sport. We also went to McDonalds (Tia's favourite). We were lucky to miss out on a fire at McDonald's the one week we did not go there.

So what is futsal? It is indoor soccer with boundaries.

Tamara Double

## INDOOR SOCCER



Back Row: James Hilson, George Joyce.

Front Row: Anaru Hansen, Laurence Mills, Trae Maihi.

Absent: Lais Morris, Hamish Whale.

Playing indoor soccer against adults was scary at first but getting to play against a few teachers made it slightly better!

It got pretty rough at times and there was heaps of running involved.

We thought we won had not won any games, but correction we won one by default, the games were fun.

Trae Mahi

# SQUASH

Several students joined the squash club this year and were allowed to play at lunch times.

First competitive squash saw us enter two teams in the local interbusiness competition on Thursday nights. College-M was headed up by Matthew Laurenson who had Dylan Budge, Matthew Dowman, Jack Parker, Nash Jordan and Josh Gunn in the team. College-J was in the other pool and headed up by Johnny Double with Taine Pakai, Tamara Double, Brooklyn Double, James Hilson and Antonia Hoeta. College-S also took part made up of staff but they were really just also-rans. After the first round of mixed pool play, College-M made the top division. College-J were in division 2 and College-S were where they belonged in division 3. College-M eventually ended up third in the top division and College J won the second division.

Whanganui secondary school competition was meant to be held here. Our girls team were ready to defend their title and the boys team wanted to regain theirs. We had another five teams ready to play as well. Two different dates were tried but each time we couldn't get more than one other school prepared to travel. Unfortunately we ended up with no competition. We consider it as a victory. Next year we will again be hosts but the competition will be on a Sunday so there isn't the problem of schools not releasing and the competition will also have individual winners as well.

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

Secondary school nationals was a big event which involved travelling to Nelson. We had a boys team and a girls team. We needed to fundraise several thousand dollars to cover the travel, food and accommodation. We did food sales at club nights and a major catering job for one of the senior tournaments. We even spent a day shovelling sheep manure to clear out a shearing shed. Jack is keen to do again next year NOT. A big thanks to those who took us including Mrs Double, Mr Laurenson, Mr Dowman and Mr Parker. Our best result was second



out of the schools that had both boys and girls teams.

Our interclub team of Matthew Laurenson, Johnny Double, Dylan Budge and Emma Dowman played in the senior Ruapehu Zone competition. They played home and away matches against Waiouru, Taumarunui, Waimarino, Ohakune and Taihape. Tamara Double, Matthew Dowman and Braden Watson played as reserves some times and Josh Gunn played for the Waiouru team. We led throughout the competition but still needed to do well on the final night against Waimarino, which we managed to win.

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

We had several players achieve district representative status. Tamara Double, Emma Dowman, Dylan Budge and Matthew Laurenson all played two matches for Central against Wellington juniors in Masterton with all players recording personal wins. Johnny was also selected but did not travel.

During the year we had several players go to regional graded team events. From there seven then qualified for national graded teams. Tamara was in the Ohakune F grade team than won the national title. Similarly Johnny and Dylan were in the Ohakune E grade team that won the national title in Christchurch, with both key players. Emma Dowman, Joanna Dowman, Josh Gunn and Jack Parker also travelled to their respective graded team nationals.



# SQUASH CONTINUED

Tamara, Emma Johnny, Matthew and Dylan also won their respective club grade champs and then competed at district champion of champions. Out of those Tamara, Emma and Dylan went on to compete at national champion of champions in Wellington. Emma Dowman finished in 3rd place and Tamara Double and Dylan

Budge both finished in 4th place in their respective grades.

Looking forward to 2015. Not sure how things will go with neither Mrs Double nor Mr Laurenson at the college. Will also miss Johnny and Tamara.

Mr John Laurenson

# SPORTS PHOTOS





# NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SNOWBOARDING

What great talent to choose our representative team from this year. Competition was tough to get in the team and this resulted in outstanding performances in the North Island Secondary School Snowboard Competition. Through the development of the riders throughout the last few years of having the snow academy, our style and strength in the various disciplines was outstanding and put Ruapehu College at the top end of the results table. I would like to acknowledge the following students representing our school with pride: Catherine Paki-Dewes, Antonia Hoeta, Willem Van Hees, Tuhirangi Akapita, Kadin Connelly, Johnny Double and Flynn Bellerby.

This year a weather system dumped 15cm of snow on the Monday, which delayed competition. This meant that Ruapehu Alpine Lifts had to put in a massive effort to set the courses, as the park and boarder cross course needed a complete rebuild. It did however mean they had plenty of snow to push around. Both Tuesday

and Wednesday were bluebird and all the different events of the competition were completed. It also meant some very exciting performances as all the courses were new to all the competitors. The Slopestyle is an event that involves riders demonstrating tricks on rails and jumps. The boys Slopestyle competitors included Tuhi, Johnny, Flynn and Willem. Tuhi, Johnny and Flynn all performed very strongly in the first round and all went through to the top twenty. This was out of a field of 120 competitors. Flynn ranked the highest score from round 1, and Johnny the second highest score.

Competition was very tough for the next round, but the boys all performed as best as they could with some tricky features to perform on. Flynn performed the best and placed 2nd in Boys Slopestyle. Catherine was the only girl to perform in the Slopestyle. She hit her first rail with style, but boosted into the first jump with a bit too much speed, and unfortunately crashed! Lucky there were no injuries!

The Dual Slalom is a course that involves riders racing through gates. This demonstrates great technical ability on a snowboard if you want to get the best time. All riders were at the top end of the results table. For the girls, Antonia placed 5th, with Catherine placing 6th. In the boys results, Johnny placed 5th, Willem placed 6th, Tuhi placed 11th and Kadin placed 20th. An amazing result

to have all four competitors in the top 20!

The Boardercross was run on the Wednesday. It was another bluebird day with great snow conditions. The track had been completed that

night and was super fun to ride and very exciting to watch especially when they came around the last bend and boosted over the finish line. It was great to be in my position at the finish line as many of our team were finishing first or second in the heats. For the boys, the competition got really tough when they had to compete



against one another. This meant that Johnny had the inside line to push out Willem and Tuhi from the finals. Flynn got pushed out earlier when he crashed into a gate. Johnny, made it to the top 4, but due to the nature of the event, he was unable to get past. The girls also gave some serious competition in their heats with Antonia placing 5th and Catherine placing 10th. The strong performances in the Slopestyle and Dual Slalom contributed to the overall team event and the boy's team achieved 2nd place, only 1 point behind the winners. Johnny's strong performance also placed him first equal boy overall, an amazing result that demonstrates his talent and

competitiveness. With the girls team only having two members they were at a disadvantage. But due to their competitive nature and talent they placed 5th in the team event.

The 2014 Snowboard Competition was a great success for Ruapehu College. With lots of competition to get in the team, it will continue to push the skill level higher and keep us up in the top end of the results table. I hope that some junior girls will be motivated to join the academy and improve their skills and be able to be at a level to compete. I would also like to thank Dylan Story for assisting with jobs and supporting the team.

Team Manager  
Miss Wilson

# NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SKIING

This year we had more interest in skiing for the snow academy than we did boarding. However, when it came to the North Island Secondary Schools Ski Champs we had some skiers unavailable through injury and other reasons. Our two teams were changed at the last minute. The championships were unlucky with weather and

we only had one day of competition. The giant slalom was raced on the Tuesday in relatively poor visibility conditions. Our second team was depleted in numbers and did not place well and our top team placed 34th this year.

Mrs Kath Campbell

# SNOW ACADEMY RAMPING UP!



Back Row: Scott Fraser, Cameron Hotter, Willem Van Hees, Johnny Double, Dylan Greaney.  
Second Row: Miggy Barham, Alysia Greaney, Nash Jordan, Sativa Rewiri, Judah Lyon, Zakaycia Winter, Mrs Kath Campbell (Teacher)  
Front Row: Dylan Budge, Matthew Dowman, Lucy Lyon, Grace Elliot-Brown, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Caleb Couper, Kadin Connelly.

Ruapehu College...the top freestyle snow sport school in New Zealand! That's what we want to be!

Last year saw Ruapehu College once again take podium finishes in the North Island Secondary Schools snow events. We did especially well in the snowboarding event and wanted to capitalise on this success and see our students enjoy more podium finishes this year and in the years to come.

With the amazing continued support and partnership with RAL, Turoa Snow School are right on board to help the local college achieve and build success on snow for our students.

This year students went up the mountain one day a week, having specialist training from 10-12 and 1-3 on that day. We used Tuesdays but had the added bonus of having Thursdays as our back up day in case of bad weather conditions.

This year we had one snowboarding group and two ski groups who trained hard to improve their skills in all disciplines of ski and snowboard events. The second ski group was a development group who worked to consolidate on all the good training they had at their respective primary schools.

Individual students set both on-snow goals and academic goals, alongside both skiers and snowboarders setting school goals for their respective teams for the season. Extra academic tuition was put in place for term 3 thanks to the dedication from teachers at school who support

the academy and gave extra time to try and ensure our athletes stay on top of their studies. The ultimate is that our athletes find the snow academy an incentive to succeed academically as well, and that we start seeing excellence on snow and in the classroom.

Once again, the boys snowboarding team excelled with the team coming 2nd (by one point!) overall, Flynn Bellerby placing 2nd in slopestyle and Johnny Double coming 1st equal overall in the North Island Secondary Schools Snowboard event.

Rangitikei races did not happen this year due to time and weather.

The big picture looks at our snow sport athletes representing Ruapehu College in the Junior Nationals at Cardrona, setting up a "sister" school or town in the northern hemisphere where we can go and train in the Christmas holidays, and developing an exciting off-snow training facility at our school for students to use.

A huge thanks to RAL for their fantastic sponsorship of our programme, and a special thank you to Ali Chamley and Matt Alcock at Turoa's snow school, for their professionalism and passion to support us to make the Ruapehu College Snow Academy a huge success.

We look forward to bigger and better for next year and congratulations to all students involved for your commitment and hard work throughout the season.

Mrs Kath Campbell

# BASKETBALL



Back Row: Connor Wills, Daniel Artz, Laurence Mills,  
Second Row: Mr Brian Connelly (Teacher), Nash Jordan, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Willem Van Hees, Kataraina Hakaraia, Mr Jerry Jordan (Teacher).  
Front Row: Taine Pakai, Tomas Howell, Eli Connelly, Tayna Tihore, Kadin Connelly.

## Basketball

This season our teams goal was to win the Whanganui secondary school competition and even though we didn't accomplish our goal it was still a solid season that was a lot fun. Everybody on the team improved in one way or another this year. But it was our teamwork that helped us win so many games.

This year we travelled to Auckland to watch a Breakers game. It was a great way to start the season and we learnt a lot from watching the pros. It was an awesome experience going to Vector Arena and watching the Breakers play but we were also fortunate enough to meet Alex Pledger the Breakers centre and member of the Tall Blacks.

We trained three times a week. Working on our game and even though it was a lot of hard work it was worth it once we started the season.

We used a new defence this year called "The Cowboy defence". It took many teams we played by surprise and most of them couldn't get past half court. This is one of the many things we worked on in practice and it helped us win a lot of games.

We all enjoyed our time playing on this team and would like to sincerely thank our dedicated coaches, Jerry Jordan and Brian Connelly for all their hard work contributed towards the team.

Good luck to the team for the years to come.  
And remember... hard work beats talent, when talent fails to work hard. Kevin Durant (The greatest player in the NBA)

Eli Connelly



# CRICKET

We had a wonderful season in term one this year with a record 7 games and a 1 day/two game tournament in Whanganui. A good number of junior players from last year stepped up to join the senior team which was small in numbers. Matthew Laurenson, Kadin Connelly, Johnny Double, Taine Pakai and even Jonty Curtis who picked up some valuable wickets with his slow cutters. George Joyce stepped up well with his slow run up but pace bowling. Hopefully we get a chance to play more cricket in term 4. Many thanks to John Laurenson for his contribution.  
Mr Raj Prasad.



Back Row: James Hilson, Taine Pakai.  
Second Row: Caleb Lyon, Willem Van Hees, Zayden Herewini Taiaroa, Johnny Double, Mr R Prasad.  
Front Row: George Joyce, Matthew Laurenson, Antonia Hoeta, Matthew Dowman, Kadin Connelly.  
Absent: Jonty Curtis.

# SNOW DAYS

## Student comments

"I really enjoyed how we were able to do snowboarding with our friends. It was a great day and I hope we can do it again".

"It was my first time and I hope we can do it again next year". #socool

"It was amazing"

"We had so much fun and I went up and skied down from the top and I even got to ski with some of the teachers"



# RUGBY



## Boys Rugby

With the collapse of Whanganui rugby this year the boys found it hard to find regular competition. We had teams compete in the Under 19 7's tournaments, and had fixtures arranged against Taihape Area School, Rangitikei College, Tongariro College, and Taupo-nui-a-Tia College. We are excited by the possibility of having a regular school boys rugby competition in Whanganui again next year and look forward to being able to play regular rugby again.

Kevin McDonnell, Gabriel Hakaraia and Quaid Ponga all played for the Ruapehu Seniors and enjoyed a successful season, unfortunately losing in the final. Gabriel was then selected for the Wanganui Under 19's and captained them in a successful season. Kevin and Gabriel were awarded scholarships to the International Rugby Academy of New Zealand by the Infinity Foundation.

## Girls Rugby

The girls team competed in the Under 19 7's in April, as well as the September Development Series in Whanganui. With a very young team they learnt quickly and showed impressive progress and picked up wins over Rangitikei College and Whanganui Girls College. The highlight for the year was hosting the inaugural 'ROCK Girls Rugby 7's' tournament in October. Teams from our region, and from as far as Taupo, Paraparaumu, Taumarunui, and Manawatu, travelled to Ruapehu College for the tournament. Unfortunately we had a 'four seasons in one day' spring day that included a cold hail storm. However the competition was held in good spirits, with the impressive Feilding High School beating Paraparaumu College in the final. Our girls competed well and enjoyed playing against the visiting teams that we would otherwise not get to play against. We will be making this an annual tournament and aim to use our central locality to attract schools from around the North Island.

Mr Jason White



## BOYS RUGBY



Back Row: Johnny Double, Jackson Bishop, Connor Wills, Kevin McDonnell, Caleb Lyon, Tukutahi Metekingi, Raniera McDonnell, Julian Toho, Vernon McLeod, Teihorangi Ponga-Te Huia, Mr Jason White (Teacher).

Front Row: Paengaroa Tekura, Zyon Epiha-Netana, Quaid Ponga, Kadin Connelly, Clay Robson.

Absent: Gabriel Hakaraia, Tuhirangi Akapita, Shakarn Brown, Jonty Curtis, Jade Matete, Garth Metekingi, Jason Paul, Dylan Story, Shairone Wood, Carlin Rewiri.

## GIRLS RUGBY



Back Row: Shania Hawira, Waipuna Ratapu -Williams, Tiere Walker Rapana, Antonia Hoeta.

Front Row: Ingrid Herbert, Zakaycia Winter, Kataraina Hakaraia, Miriama Hansen, Kloe Hagley.

Absent: Ashley Akapita, Dahneka Perkins, Helena Bethell, Serenity Rapana Paul.

# SOCCER



This year Ruapehu College entered a mixed team into the Whanganui Junior Division playing in the 15th grade. This was the first time that soccer had been played on a regular weekly basis for some time. The mild winter ensured that the team played most weeks between May and September with only one game cancelled due to snow and ice on the Parapara. The competition was well organised by Central Football to guarantee all teams home games. This meant Ruapehu hosted 6 games out of 13 played. All games were played on Saturday mornings and were supported well by the community. For the away games the team travelled to other venues in Whanganui and Marton to compete in the competition. Our best result was the 1-1 draw against Whanganui Collegiate second X1. We were well beaten by the other teams, however we scored some great goals and secured a name for ourselves as good hosts with side line bbq's and home baking popular among our rivals.

In addition to the Saturday competition the College had its first triangular tournament with Taihape Area School and Rangitikei College in Marton this year. In previous years the fixture had only included Rangitikei. The Ruapehu team performed very well at the tournament losing narrowly to both teams in what was a very even showdown. In August, we had the annual fixture with St Bernards College from Lower Hutt and Tongariro Area School. Unfortunately, we lost both games, with our team revered for their heart and sporting spirit. The team

represented the College well playing with passion.

The team trained every Thursday after school for over an hour and a weekly second practice was encouraged from within the players as they looked at bettering their results. The second training meant that we needed a second coach. By chance Ollie from the Snow Centre stepped up and the team trained well with him for the final few weeks of the competition.

The team were also donated new nets by Daniel Mills (Laurence's father) that really promoted our ground for hosting games.

Next season, it is hoped that a new strip will be available for our soccer players. As coach I am very proud of how the team have improved since the start of the season in May. The team showed commitment to training and away travel. Most weeks we had to take two vehicles to Whanganui because of good numbers. My wife Jennie was the second driver.

This season was a good experience for the College. I look forward to the 2015 season. Three cheers for Ruapehu College hoopray!, hoopray!, hoopray!

In term 3, several team members also formed a futsal indoor soccer team that competed in the community league played on Wednesday nights. They too had mixed results but enjoyed the season.

Mr Darren Alexander



Back Row: George Joyce, Trae Maihi, Matthew Dowman, Anaru Hansen, Caleb Lyon.

Second Row: Samantha Reyes, Samuel Reyes, Judah Lyon, Nash Jordan, Mr Darren Alexander (Teacher).

Front Row: Monika Prasad, Zayden Herewini Taiaroa, Laurence Mills, James Hilson, Lais Morris.

Absent: Hamish Whale

# SPORTS EXCHANGES

This year we were lucky enough to be involved in two sports exchanges, travelling

to Marton in Term 3 for a triangular tournament with Rangitikei College and Taihape Area School. We played U16 rugby, football and soccer. We had some close games but were not able to secure the trophy.

Later in the term, we hosted Tongariro Area School in our annual 'Battle of the Mountains'. The weather was kind and the day was filled with the sounds of laughter and cheering. We competed in netball, rugby, football and ki o rahi. Once again some close competition however we had to hand over the trophy to the winning team and will wait another year to try and win it back.



# NETBALL

Netball started well, with a junior team coached by Kataraina Hakaraia each Wednesday after school. There was a great bunch of committed girls who made huge leaps and bounds in skill and ability from the start to finish. They had a few inter school games and this saw progress and development in their general play. Our senior netball team came together for inter school matches and once again showed great promise and progress with each game. They had a narrow loss against both Rangitikei College and Taihape Area School then won against Tongariro Area School.

Both these teams show promise of flair and natural ability that when married with training and fitness will make them teams to be reckoned with.

Students

Kataraina Hakaraia and Tiriana Rapana played their netball for the Ruapehu Rugby and Sports Club this year. Kataraina played for Ruapehu OGs who won the Whanganui premier 2 competition this year. Tiriana played for Ruapehu DKs.

Congratulations to Kataraina Hakaraia who made both Ikaroa ki te Raki U17 and Whanganui U17 representative netball teams this year seeing her go to Tauranga and Auckland for two national tournaments amongst other weekend tournaments throughout the year, along with being selected for the Northern Whanganui Senior Team this year.

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia



Kataraina Hakaraia (Coach), Zakaycia Winter, Ayla Story, Dion-tre Wood, Tegan Dickson-Coley, Rebecca Csore, Amy Calder, Anamaraea McDonnell, Miggy Barham, Grace Elliot-Brown.

Absent: Kaheiana Hansen





# SWIMMING

## Swimming Champions

### Senior Girls

1st	Merekatene Haitana	36
2nd	Waipuna Ratapu-Williams	27
3rd	Tiere Walker Rapana	16

### Intermediate Girls

1st	Dariayne Prince	28
2nd	Rose Brandl	20
3rd	Tessa Commins	16

### Junior Girls

1st	Rebecca Csore	31
2nd	Grace Elliot-Brown	28
3rd	Zakaycia Winter	22

### Senior Boys

1st	Eli Connelly	29
2nd	James Hilson	24
3rd	Kevin McDonnell	21

### Intermediate Boys

1st	Johnny Double	35
2nd	Kadin Connelly	33
3rd	Jade Matete	15

### Junior Boys

1st	Joshua Gunn	27
2nd	Garth Metekingi	23
3rd	Warren Williams	12



## Whanganui Secondary School Swimming

This year four students travelled to Whanganui to compete in the Whanganui Secondary School swimming championships.

They were, Rebecca Csore, Garth Metekingi, Dariayne Prince and Grace Elliot-Brown.

Results were pleasing with Garth Metekingi placing 1st in 50m back stroke, 1st in 50 free style and 2nd in 50m breast stroke. A grand result considering he was competing against students who train every day in the pool. Congratulations Garth.

Thank you Judith Elliot for driving them to Whanganui and managing this team on the day.



# CROSS COUNTRY

## Cross Country Results

### Year 9 Girls (3 kms)

1st	Ayla Story	15.04 min
2nd	Tamara Double	16.12
3rd	Temirimai Hawira	16.47

### Year 9 Boys (3 kms)

1st	Julian Toho	12.43
2nd	Warren Williams	13.21
3rd	Nash Jordan	13.22

### Intermediate Girls (3 kms)

1st	Samantha Reyes	17.38
2nd	Joanna Dowman	24.21
3rd	Tegan Dickson-Coley	24.22

### Intermediate Boys (4 kms)

1st	Dylan Story	14.54
2nd	Daniel Artz	15.58
3rd	Jonny Double	19.12

### Senior Girls (4 kms)

1st	Kataraina Hakaraia	18.41
2nd	Antonia Hoeta	21.33
3rd	Lucy Lyon	22.29

### Senior Boys (5 kms)

1st	Caleb Lyon	20.36
2nd	Taine Pakai	22.06
3rd	Tom Howell	23.12

### Whanau placings

1st	Kiwi	56 points
2nd	Weka	48
3rd	Tui	44
4th	Huia	18



### Whanganui Secondary School Cross Country

A team of eight travelled to Whanganui to compete against the other schools in Whanganui and surrounding districts. In perfect running conditions Julian Toho was placed 7th in year 9 boys, Warren Williams 15th and Nash Jordan 27th. Ayla Story placed 17th in Year 9 girls and Grace Brown-Elliott 26th. Samantha Reyes placed 22nd in U16 Girls and Taine Pakai and Caleb Lyon placed 15th and 16th in Senior boys. Thank you Mr Jim Lyon for your ongoing support.



# ATHLETICS

## Athletics Champions

### Senior Girls

1st	Erina Matthews	32
2nd	Antonia Hoeta	30
3rd	Lucy Lyon	28

### Intermediate girls

1st	Kataraina Hakaraia	36
2nd	Emma Dowman	29
3rd	Miriama Hansen	17

### Junior Girls

1st	Zakaycia Winter	33
2nd=	Temirimai Hawira Samantha Reyes	27

### Senior Boys

1st	Willem Van Hees	33
2nd	Jackson Whale	32
3rd	Kevin McDonnell	29

### Intermediate Boys

1st	Caleb Lyon	32
2nd	Shairone Wood	31
3rd	Johnny Double	27

### Junior Boys

1st	Julian Toho	35
2nd	Zayden Tairaoa	34
3rd	Warren Williams	29

## Records Broken

Shairone Wood broke IB 100m record. T. Mareikura 1996, 11.71 sec to S. Wood 2014, 11.59 secs

## Whanganui Secondary School Athletics Results

JB 800m final-3rd Julian Toho  
 JB 100m final-6th Nicholas McDonnell  
 IB 200m Final-6th Jade Matete  
 JG 300m final-5th Temirimai Hawira  
 IG 80m Hurdles-4th Kataraina Hakaraia, 5th Emma Dowman  
 JG 800m final-6th Samantha Reyes  
 JB 1500m final-4th Julian Toho  
 SB/IB 1500m final-Taine Pakai, Jackson Whale  
 SG 4 x 100m final-2nd Ruapehu College  
 SB 4 x 100m final-6th Ruapehu College  
 IB 4 x 100m final-2nd Ruapehu College  
 JG 4 x 100m final-6th Ruapehu College  
 JB High jump-5th Warren Williams  
 IB High jump-2nd Taine Pakai, 6th Shairone Wood  
 IB Discus-1st Johnny Double, 2nd Jade Matete



JG Discus-3rd Zakaycia Winter, 4th Ashley Akapita  
 SB Discus-4th Kevin McDonnell, 5th Gabriel Hakaraia  
 SG Discus-3rd Merekatene Haitana  
 IB Javelin-5th Johnny Double  
 JB Javelin-1st Dylan Budge, 6th Scott Fraser  
 JG Javelin-1st Zakaycia Winter  
 SG Javelin-4th Amy Thompson, 5th Merekatene Haitana  
 IB Long jump-5th Quaid Ponga  
 SG Long jump-4th Lucy Lyon  
 JB Long jump-3rd Julian Toho  
 6th Warren Williams-JG Shot put  
 2nd Te Mirimai Hawira-5th Ashley Akapita  
 SB Shot put-1st Gabriel Hakaraia  
 SG Shot put-1st Merekatene Haitana

IG Triple jump-  
 4th Kataraina Hakaraia, 5th Emma Dowman  
 JB Triple jump-  
 1st Warren Williams,  
 2nd Zayden Herewini-Tairaoa  
 JG triple jump-  
 6th Joanna Dowman  
 SB Triple jump-  
 5th Willem Van Hees



# WHANGANUI ATHLETICS TEAM



Back Row: Johnny Double, Anaru Hansen, Taine Pakai, Kevin McDonnell, Caleb Lyon, Willem Van Hees.  
Second Row: Anamaraea McDonnell, Samantha Reyes, Garth Metekingi, Dylan Budge, Zakaycia Winter, Tamara Double, Mrs Kath Campbell (Teacher)  
Front Row: Scott Fraser, Kataraina Hakaraia, Eli Connelly, Emma Dowman, Quaid Ponga, Lucy Lyon, Julian Toho.  
Absent: Ashley Akapita, Tuhirangi Akapita, Joanna Dowman, Delaney Grossart, Merekatene Haitana, Gabriel Hakaraia, Miriama Hansen, Temirimai Hawira, Zayden Herewini Taiaroa, Jade Matete, Erina Matthews, Nicholas McDonnell, Dariayne Prince, Amy Thompson, Jackson Whale, Warren Williams, Dion-tre Wood, Shairone Wood.

## INTERWHANAU COMPETITIONS



# YEAR 13 PROFILES

**Name: Lucy Lyon**

Occupation: Peppa Tree Pixie  
 Famous for: Being Head Girl, #alpha  
 Famous saying: "come on guys"  
 Wants to be: Physiotherapist  
 Thought on Life: "carpe diem" - seize the day.



**Name: Merekatene Tahau-Haitana**

Occupation: Angel Louise Waitress  
 Famous for: Nae nae, scream laugh  
 Famous saying: "sumfink" "you"  
 Wants to be: Happy  
 Most likely to be: Crazy cat lady  
 Thought on Life: "a day without laughter is a day wasted"



**Name: Waipuna Ratapu-Williams**

Occupation: Babysitter 101  
 Famous for: Her hat  
 Famous saying: "thats good for your soul"  
 Wants to be: A Primary School Teacher  
 Thought on Life: "Know your strengths and weaknesses, own them before they own you"



**Name: Delaney Grossart**

Occupation: Customer Service (RAL)  
 Famous for: Eating everyone's food  
 Famous saying: "Can you not"  
 Wants to be: An Air Hostess  
 Most likely to be: Travelling the world  
 Thought on Life: "People wanna see you do good, but never better than them"



**Name: Anaru Hansen**

Occupation: Forestry  
 Famous for: Not having correct shoes  
 Famous saying: "nah not me, nah"  
 Wants to be: Jackie Chan  
 Most likely to be: An Army man  
 Thought on Life: "You either win or you learn"



**Name: Trae Maihi**

Occupation: Un-employed  
 Famous for: Being a soccer junkie  
 Famous saying: "...Fat pig"  
 Most likely to be: Computer geek  
 Thought on Life: "You live, you die"



**Name: Rennal Kumar**

Occupation: Butter Chicken Cooker  
 Famous for: His daddy girl car  
 Famous saying: "21"  
 Wants to be: A Chartered Accountant  
 Most likely to be: A Street Racer  
 Thought on Life: "Tomorrow never comes. Today is always here, so whatever you want to do, do it today"



**Name: Eli Connelly**

Occupation: I site  
 Famous for: Being a Connelly #tribe  
 Wants to be: Owner of 'Big E Burgers'  
 Most likely to be: On a mission  
 Thought on Life: "You reach, I teach"



**Name: Kevin McDonnell**

Occupation: Gas Pumper  
 Famous for: Being T.P. (Stuckey dog)  
 Wants to be: A fireman  
 Most likely to be: Papa Kev  
 Thought on Life: "Work hard, play hard"



**Name: Gabriel Hakaraia**

Occupation: Being a 'Horse'  
 Famous for: Being in the Bulletin  
 Famous saying: "That's the taki my nega" #nanny's boy  
 Wants to be: Bob the builder  
 Most likely to be: Living with Nan



**Name: Tayna Tihore**

Occupation: Chef  
 Famous for: Dougie  
 Wants to be: A Pro Basketballer  
 Most likely to be: Popular  
 Thought on Life: "Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard"



**Name: Jacob Larsen**

Occupation: Self Employed  
 Famous for: His bread bag full of sandwiches  
 Famous saying: "I'm allowed to be gay"  
 Wants to be: Electrical Engineer  
 Most likely to be: Electrician  
 Thought on Life: "girls"



**Name: Jackson Whale**

Occupation: Stay@home  
 Famous for: Catching eels and doodling  
 Famous saying: "Mute" and smiling  
 Wants to be: An artist  
 Most likely to be: An Art Teacher  
 Thought on Life: "A picture speaks a thousand words"



**Name: Shayna Prasad**

Occupation: Wine  
 Famous for: Owning 2 leaver's jerseys  
 Famous saying: "Seriously"  
 Wants to be: A Social Worker  
 Most likely to be: A Motivational Speaker  
 Thought on Life: "Don't cry because it's over, laugh because it happened"



# YEAR 13 PROFILES

**Name: Lysjahn Wood**

Occupation: Marae Cooker  
 Famous for: Playing music  
 Most likely to be: Health Professional  
 Thought on Life: "One good thing about music. When it hits you, you feel no pain"



**Name: Tiera Walker Rapana**

Occupation: I Site  
 Famous for: Birthday cakes  
 Famous saying: "Where's Kev"  
 Wants to be: An Early Childhood Teacher  
 Most likely to be: Married



**Name: Manaia Toto**

Occupation: Music  
 Famous for: Non-Uniform Pants  
 Famous saying: "...That's hallary l"  
 Wants to be: A lotto winner  
 Most likely to be: Poor #YOLO  
 Thought on Life: "Reach for the moon. Don't worry if you fall, cause you'll land among the stars"



**Name: Jerry Jordan**

Occupation: Teacher (Year 13 Mentor)  
 Famous for: Wearing orange  
 Famous saying: "Fine, you'll get a fine"  
 Wants to be: Tall  
 Thought on Life: "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care"



# STUDENT CALENDAR

24 January	Year 13 leadership training	20 June	Under 16 Rugby vs Cullinane
30 January	Powhiri	24 June	Outdoor Academy - Tramping
30 January	Peer Support	24 June	Mufti Day for Starship
31 January	Inter-whanau Tug of War	25 June	Primary B/Ball tournament
13 February	Outdoor Academy starts	25 June	Hillary Challenge
13 February	PTA BBQ	1 July	Outdoor Academy - Tramping
17 February	Athletics 1500m finals	3 July	Snow Academy starts
19 February	Interwhanau Swimming	3 July	Outdoor Academy
21 February	Athletics 3000m finals	21 July	Under 16 Rugby vs Taupo nui a Tia
24 February	Interwhanau Athletics	22 July	Kai Night
25 February	Careers Expo	23 July	Yr13 Tech to Taupo
4 March	Interwhanau Touch	24 July	Table Tennis Champs
5 March	Outdoor Academy kayaking	25 July	Taupo Careers Expo
6 March	Whanganui Swimming	28 July	Snow and Outdoor Academy
7 March	Kiwi Forever	28 July	Sports Quad tourni
10 March	Whanganui Athletics	29 July	School Photos
11 March	Interwhanau Cricket	30 July	School Ball
12 March	Interwhanau Tennis	1 August	Interwhanau Rugby
14 March	Gateway First Aid Course	1 August	Snow and Outdoor Academy
14 March	T20 Cricket Challenge	5 August	NZSS Squash in Nelson
17 March	11 Outdoor assessment	5 August	Australian Maths Competition
17 March	Interwhanau Touch	7 August	St Bernards College Exchange
18 March	Interwhanau Tennis	8 August	Interwhanau Soccer
18 March	Barista Course (STAR)	8 August	Snow and Outdoor Academy
21 March	TeenAg regional comp	12 August	Speech Competition
24 March	Agriculture Careers Day	14 August	Academic mentoring meetings
26 March	Marton Golf Champs	15 August	Tongariro sports xchange
31 March	Interwhanau Hockey	18 August	Interwhanau Snow Races
2 April	11 Outdoor MTB and tramp 1	18 August	Snow and Outdoor Academy
4 April	North Island Athletics	22 August	Snow and Outdoor Academy
4 April	National Young Leaders	25 August	Senior Academic Inter Whanau Quiz
7 April	Interwhanau Ki o Rahi	27 August	Non-Interruption week
8 April	NCEA Info Evening and Report Night	1 September	Snow Academy
9 April	Whanganui 7's	1 September	Science fair judging
9 April	Outdoor Academy kayaking	1 September	Girls Rugby 7's
10 April	Student Mufti Day	1 September	Junior Academic InterWhanau Quiz
14 April	U19 Rugby 7's	2 September	Defence Force Bus here
5 May	Interwhanau Volleyball	3 September	Senior Assessment Week
7 May	Outdoor Academy - MtB Yr12	4 September	Years 9 & 10 Snow Day
12 May	Badminton Champs start	8 September	Snow Academy
12 May	Interwhanau Badminton	8 September	Whanau meetings
12 May	Open Day	9 September	Rangitikei Snow Races
13 May	Cross Country	9 September	NISS Skiing Competition
15 May	Outdoor Academy - MtB Yr12	12 September	Snow Academy
19 May	Weka and Tui Academic Mentoring	12 September	Girls Rugby 7's
19 May	11 Outdoor MtB	15 September	12/13 PED at Tukino
19 May	Interwhanau Badminton	16 September	MCAT examination
20 May	Whanganui Cross Country	17 September	Girls Rugby 7's
20 May	Huia and Kiwi Academic Mentoring	17 September	NISS Snowboard Comp
2 June	Interwhanau Basketball	19 September	Snow Academy
2 June	Assessment week	22 September	WOW - wearable arts trip
3 June	Uni of Otago Liaison visit	23 September	Victoria University Liaison
5 June	OPC year 10	23 September	Sports Breakfast
5 June	Puanga Maunga Karakia	24 September	Inter-Roopu Dodgeball
5 June	11 Outdoor tramp 3	13 October	DTH pump bike testing
9 June	Outdoor Academy Rock Climbing	21 October	ROCK Girls Rugby 7's
16 June	Under 16 Rugby vs Taupo-nui-a-tia	28 October	Mike King Key to Life talk
17 June	Kapahaka final	07 November	Senior Prizegiving
18 June	Outdoor Academy Rock Climbing	10 November	Experience Day for Year 8's
18 June	Primary Sports day	19 November	Year 9 Camp
19 June	11 Outdoor Tramp	1 December	Junior Prizegiving
20 June	Interwhanau Netball		

# JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2013



ATHLETICS Junior Girl Champion (PTA Cup) Emma Dowman Junior Boy Champion (PTA Cup) Dylan Greaney Girls Aggregate Cup 800m , 1500m, & 3000m Boys Aggregate Cup 800m , 1500m, & 3000m (ECNZ Trophy) (Michael Cleary Cup) Emma Dowman (shared with seniors Tessa Milne Kataraina Hakaraia) Johnny Double (shared with senior Regan Calder) CROSS COUNTRY Junior Girl Champion (Mary Whale Trophy) Zakaycia Winter Junior Boy Champion Zayden Herewini-Taiaroa (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) Intermediate Boy Champion (Leo Cleary Cup) Taine Pakai SWIMMING Junior Girl Champion (Trophy) Rose Brandl Junior Boy Champion (TG Drayton cup) Dylan Story Intermediate Boy Champion (Cup) Kadin Connelly CRICKET Best junior player certificate Matthew Laurenson RUGBY Best and Fairest Player in 2nd XV (Golden Oldies Trophy) Shakarn Brown GIRLS' RUGBY Most outstanding junior player certificate Dahneka Perkins Most improved junior player certificate Tala Thompson BASKETBALL Most improved junior boy certificate Lawrence Mills Best and fairest junior boy certificate Kadin Connelly Most improved junior girl certificate Zakaycia Winter SQUASH Junior Girl Champion (Trophy donated by Megan Laurenson) Emma Dowman Junior Boy Champion (Trophy donated by Jackie Laurenson) Matthew Laurenson Girl Champion (Triggell Trophy) Emma Dowman Boy Champion (Triggell Trophy) Matthew Laurenson SKIING Junior Girl Champion (Knight Family Trophy) Emma Dowman Junior Boy Champion (Knight Family Trophy) Cameron Hotter SNOWBOARDING Junior Boy Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan Johnny Double Ki-O-Rahi Most outstanding player certificate Tala Thompson Best and fairest certificate Daniel Artz ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 9 Jack Parker MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education. Tukutahi Metekingi MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English. Nicholas Sutton-Dicken MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science and music. Daniel Wylie MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Social Studies. Pikiao Waara MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Food Technology and Te Reo Maori. Melissa Cribb-Manihera MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Food Technology. Paengaroa Tekura MERIT AWARD for most improved in Te Reo Maori. Tegan Dickson-Coley MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Art and Technology Soft Materials and for improvement in Music. Hamish Whale MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Art Jackson Bishop MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English and Physical Education and for improvement in Social Studies. Monika Prasad MERIT AWARD for improvement in English and for consistent effort in Technology Soft Materials. Barney Richards-Warbrick MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education, Technology Hard Materials and Te Reo Maori. Rayven Haitana SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9AS Technology Hard Materials. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Amy Calder SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9AS ART and Technology Soft Materials. MERIT AWARD for improvement in Music.

George Joyce SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9AS Social Studies. Mohi Williams SUBJECT AWARD for excellence in Physical Education. Joanna Dowman SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9MD Social Studies and year 9 Health. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science, music and Art. Xavia Steedman-Wills SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9AS English, Science and music. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health. Dylan Story SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9AS Food Technology. MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Mathematics and for consistent effort in Social Studies and Technology Soft Materials. Thomas Couper SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9MD Technology Hard Materials. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English, Physical Education, Food Technology and Technology Soft Materials. Rawinia Thomas SUBJECT AWARD for first in 9MD Art and Food Technology. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Mathematics and Technology Hard Materials. Samantha Reyes SUBJECT AWARDS for first in 9MD Science, first in Music, first in 9MD Technology Soft Materials, first in 9MD English and first overall in year 9 Mathematics and excellence in Physical Education. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Art and Social Studies. YEAR 10 Jeremy Frederickson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English and Technology Hard Materials. Jaakan Horne MERIT AWARD for improvement in Technology Hard Materials. Laurence Mills MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science and Social Studies Britney Griffen MERIT AWARD for improvement and consistent effort in Technology Soft Materials Miriama Hansen MERIT AWARD for improvement in Music Rose Brandl SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Technology Soft Materials and receives the Creative Textiles Award presented by Merrilyn George for practical work. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English Kurtis Frederickson Dixon Engineering cup for practical work in Technology Hard Materials. Courtenay McDonnell SUBJECT AWARD for first in Te Reo Maori Cameron Hotter SUBJECT AWARD for first in 10RP English. Taine Pakai SUBJECT AWARD for first in year 10 Physical Education Serenity Rapana-Paul SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Technology Soft Materials. MERIT AWARD for improvement in Health. Lais Morris SUBJECT AWARD for first in 10AB English and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Social Studies. Daniel Artz SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Art. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Mathematics

and for improvement in English and for consistent application in Food Technology. Kadin Connelly SUBJECT AWARD for first in Music and in practical Food. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Physical Education. Emma Dowman SUBJECT AWARD for first in Health and 10AB Science. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and high achievement in Art. Emma also receives the Mowat-Voon Cup for a student who is active in sport and reading Caleb Lyon SUBJECT AWARD for first in 10RP Social Studies and first in 10RP Science and first in Food Technology. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Music, English and Mathematics and for consistent effort and improvement in Physical Education. Matthew Laurenson SUBJECT AWARD for first in 10AB Social Studies, first overall in year 10 Mathematics, first in Technology Hard Materials and first equal in Art. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Science. SPECIAL AWARDS Speech competitions Junior Whai Korero – wahine Courtenay McDonnell Best Impromptu Jackson Bishop Year 9 (LD Eden Cup) Tegan Dickson-Coley Year 10 (Mr & Mrs FA Martin Cup) Lais Morris Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant: \$1000 awarded to a year 10 student to support them in their following academic year. Serenity Rapana-Paul 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 Courtenay McDonnell Office Max Award (junior) – for outstanding service to the college Matthew Laurenson The Logan Dixon Cup – For excellence in junior sport. Johnny Double Ruapehu College Junior Citizen Award – for a student of good character, having personal integrity including the qualities of honesty, caring for other people and supporting the peer group. (Cup donated by the Lyon family 2008) Caleb Lyon Jim Perry Prize – for the Year 10 student who has shown the most improvement across a range of academic, sporting, social and cultural activities. Serenity Rapana-Paul Junior Dux For excellence in the academic areas. Matthew Laurenson





# PRIZEGIVING

Senior Prizegiving 2014 ATHLETICS Intermediate Girl Champion (Woodward Cup) Kataraina Hakaraia Intermediate Boy Champion (Walter Warner Cup) Caleb Lyon Senior Girl Champion (Turners and Growers Cup) Erina Matthews Senior Boy Champion (Turners & Growers Cup) Willem Van Hees Aggregate Boys 800m, 1500m, 3000m (Michael Cleary Cup) Jackson Whale Aggregate Girl 800m, 1500m, & 3000m (ECNZ trophy) Erina Matthews & Kataraina Hakaraia CROSS COUNTRY Senior Girl Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Kataraina Hakaraia Senior Boy Champion (Dillon Shield) Caleb Lyon SWIMMING Intermediate Girl Champion (PTA Cup) Dariayne Prince Intermediate Boy Champion (Cup) Johnny Double Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy) Merekatene Haitana Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy) Eli Connelly NETBALL Kapai Enterprises Trophy (presented by Ken & Merrilyn George) an award for the person who by his/her actions displays the qualities of sportsmanship that we regard as important at Ruapehu College – achievement / dedication / loyalty Kataraina Hakaraia BASKETBALL Contribution to basketball Basketball Supporters Club Trophy Kataraina Hakaraia Most Improved Girl Basketball supporters trophy Catherine Pakai-Dewes Most Improved Boy Basketball supporters trophy Tayna Tihore Best and fairest Boy Certificate Eli Connelly SKIING Senior Girl Champion (Tahurangi Cup presented by Vic Keppel) Lucy Lyon Senior Boy Champion (Mangatururu Cup presented by Graeme Brebner) Cameron Hotter SNOWBOARDING Senior Girl Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan Catherine Pakai-Dewes Senior Boy Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan Johnny Double Supreme Snowboarding Award (Callum Green "Pink" Memorial Award) Johnny Double CRICKET Best Team Member Cup (Presented by 1986 1st XI) Kadin Connelly Best All Round Bowler (Cup presented by Darren McDonnell) Matthew Laurenson Batting Award (Presented by David Archibald) Taine Pakai RUGBY Most Consistent Senior Player DA Loye Cup Kevin McDonnell Most Improved Senior Player (Cup) Quaid Ponga Best and Fairest Senior Player (cup) Gabriel Hakaraia Best and Fairest Under 16 Player (Golden Oldies Trophy) Shairone Wood GIRLS RUGBY Play Hard – Work Hard - someone who does well in girls rugby but also works hard in class Leigh Hynes Trophy Kataraina Hakaraia FOOTBALL For achieving a high level of ability and showing dedication to the game Journeaux Trophy Laurence Mills TENNIS Girl Champion (Cup presented by Sue Laurenson) Kataraina Hakaraia Boy Champion (Cup presented by John Laurenson) Matthew Laurenson BADMINTON Girl Champion Certificate Kataraina Hakaraia Boy Champion Certificate Matthew Laurenson SQUASH Girl Champion (Triggell Trophy) Emma Dowman Boy Champion (Triggell Trophy) Matthew Laurenson Interwhanau Competition Huia Leaders Trae Maihi Emma Dowman First in indoor football, first equal in senior academic quiz, first in senior English speeches, first in junior English speeches, first in tennis. Kiwi Leaders Willem Van Hees Delaney Grossart First in squash, first in badminton, first in cross country (Pearce Cup), first in snowboarding, first equal in skiing, first equal in senior academic quiz. Tui Leaders Gabriel Hakaraia Kataraina Hakaraia First in volleyball, first in touch, first in softball, first in table tennis, first in basketball, first in hockey, first in netball, first in tug of war, first in kapahaka (Joan Akapita and Matiu Mareikura Memorial Trophy), first in junior academic quiz. Francis Hotereni Memorial Award for winter sports. Weka Leaders Tayna Tihore Zynaia Richards-Winter First in athletics (EF BUCK Cup), first in swimming (cup), first equal in skiing Champion Whanau (cup) Gabriel Hakaraia Kataraina Hakaraia Tui Year 11 Academic Awards 2014 Britney Griffin MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Technology Soft Materials

Orewa Hiroti MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English and endurance in music. Emma Dowman MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in History Jeremy Fredericksen MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Agriculture and Horticulture Thomas Howell MERIT AWARD for improvement and effort in Food and Nutrition Daniel Artz MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science and in English Courtenay McDonnell MERIT AWARDS for achievement in Applied Mathematics and perseverance in music and for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Braden Watson MERIT AWARD for improvement in Level One Technology Hard Materials prize donated by Placemakers and the Horticulture Incentive Award donated by Ian Forster from the Waimarino Tree Resource. Laurence Mills SUBJECT AWARD for first in Design and Visual Communication. MERIT AWARD for improvement in Science Serenity Rapana-Paul SUBJECT AWARD for first in Health. MERIT AWARD for a consistent and good standard of work in Technology Soft Materials Kadin Connelly SUBJECT AWARD receiving the Home Economics Incentive award presented by Fiona Fraser for first in Food and Nutrition. Rose Brandl SUBJECT AWARD for first in Art and Technology Soft Materials. MERIT AWARD for improvement in Science Caleb Lyon SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Accounting and first equal in Physical Education. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mathematics. Kurtis Fredericksen SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Technology Hard Materials and first in Agriculture and Horticulture and receives the Turners & Growers Ltd Prize for achievement in Level One Horticulture. Lais Morris SUBJECT AWARDS for first in English, first in History and first in Outdoor Education. Matthew Laurenson SUBJECT AWARDS for first equal in Accounting and first equal in Physical Education, first in Mathematics and first in Science Year 12 Academic Awards 2014 Zynaia Richards-Winter MERIT AWARD for leadership in Performing Arts. Nathan Tutemahurangi MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Trades. Raniera McDonnell MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Trades. Amy Thompson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health. Lyna-Mhaire Collett SUBJECT AWARD for first in Art and receives the Dr Jordan Memorial Prize for Art. Tuhirangi Akapita SUBJECT AWARD for first in Outdoor Education. MERIT AWARD for improvement and attitude in Technology Hard Materials. James Hilson SUBJECT AWARD for first in Accounting Caleb Couper SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Technology Hard Materials and receiving the Fruit Federation Supplies Ltd Prize for practical achievement in Level Two Horticulture and the Winstone Pulp International Prize for achievement in Technology Hard Materials. He also receives the Robin Rowles Memorial Award for leadership in the practical areas. Kataraina Hakaraia SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Physical Education and first in Technology Soft Materials and receives the Migos Trophy for Practical Clothing. Catherine Pakai-Dewes SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Physical Education and first in Photography. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English and History. Matthew Dowman SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Physics and first in Mathematics. Tessa Commins SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Biology, first in Chemistry, first in History and first in English and receives the Winstone Pulp International prize for excellence in Senior Sciences and the Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and showing class spirit in History. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mathematics. Year 13 Academic Awards 2014 Ngawai Kaire MERIT AWARD for improvement in Technology Soft Materials Jackson Whale MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Technology Hard Materials. Dayna Turchie SUBJECT AWARD for first in Photography Jacob Larson SUBJECT AWARD The Lines Company Ltd Prize for achievement in a science or technology subject Gabriel Hakaraia

SUBJECT AWARD for first in Food and Nutrition and receives the Sue Hardwidge Memorial Cup for excellence in practical foods. Lysjahrn Wood SUBJECT AWARD for first in Financial Literacy. MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Health. Waipuna Ratapu-Williams SUBJECT AWARD for first in Te Reo Maori. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Level Two English. Eli Connelly SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Outdoor Education and shares the Kaimanawa Cup presented by R Rowles and G Brebner for outstanding achievement in Outdoor Education. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Food and Nutrition Tayna Tihore SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Outdoor Education and shares the Kaimanawa Cup presented by R Rowles and G Brebner for outstanding achievement in Outdoor Education. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English and in History Reenal Kumar SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Accounting and first in Mathematics and the Cast Family Senior Mathematics award for the student who attains a high standard in both Calculus and Statistics and receives the Balance Award for high attainment in Accounting. Lucy Lyon SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Biology, first in Physical Education, first in History and first in English and receives the Peck Campbell Cup for excellence in the Humanities. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mathematics Special Awards Volcanics eLearning Award selected from students studying one or more subjects by video conference. Tessa Commins Senior Speech Competition (M S Gould Cup) Lucy Lyon Impromptu Speaker (Alan West Cup) Merekatene Haitana/Tessa Commins Most Entertaining Speech (Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Martin Cup) Lais Morris Te Whai Korero – wahine Speech making in Maori Language – girl (T G McCullough Cup) Helena Bethell Office Max Award for a person who has enhanced the reputation of the college by his or her work outside the college. Lucy Lyon Maungarongo Trophy For showing commitment, initiative and loyalty in Te Roopu Kapa Haka during the year. Kevin McDonnell Brian Eades Award For perseverance and endeavour. Jackson Whale 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. Eli Connelly Principal's Award For her valuable contributions as student representation on the Board of Trustees for two years. Merekatene Haitana Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant: For a year 11 student to support them in their following academic year. (\$1000) Courtenay McDonnell Snow Queen Scholarship: For a student pursuing tertiary study in the arts or design fields. (\$1000+) Lyna-Mhaire Collett Rotary Trades Award: Awarded by the Ohakune Rotary Club for a student who shows outstanding promise in the area of Agriculture and Horticulture, Forestry or Trades to assist them in achieving their goals for the future. (\$500) Jacob Larsen AUT University Significant Student Scholarship 2015: Covers tuition fees for three years valued at approximately \$15,000. "Congratulations to Ruapehu College for delivering such a worthy scholarship recipient" - AUT University Lucy Lyon The Ruapehu College Sports Cup for best overall senior in sport, presented by John and Sue Laurenson (+ \$100 RCEAT) Kataraina Hakaraia Waimarino Shield Gabriel Hakaraia Donated by the Maori community of the district for all-round student in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and values (+ \$100 RCEAT) Loftus Shield Lucy Lyon For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas – academic, social and sporting. (+ \$100 RCEAT) Proxime Accessit Reenal Kumar Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family. (+ \$100 RCEAT) Dux Lucy Lyon Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. This year she also receives the Rotary Club Scholarship of \$500 towards the costs of her tertiary studies. (+ \$200 RCEAT)