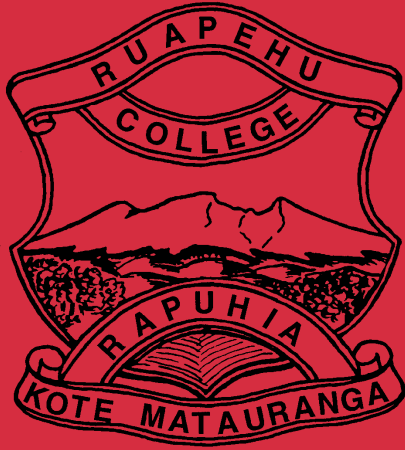


# Ruapehu College

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## 2012



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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

E te whanau, e nga matua, nga kaumatua me nga kaitautoko o te kura, koutou katoa e kia nei te whanau whanui o Ruapehu Kareti. Tena koutou Tena koutou Tena koutou. Te poari, nga tauira me to tatou manuhiri tuarangi, anei te mihi maioha kia koutou hoki Te hau kaianga: Ngati Rangī, Ngati Uenuku, Te Atihaunui-a-paparangi me ki koutou nga hau e wha o tenei rohe: te Waimarino. Tena koutou. Piki mai, kake mai, whakatau mai E tika ana ki a mihi ano kia ratou kua wheturangitia mai I te whanau o Tutangata Ora. Kei te tangi tonu matou mo ratou taonga kua ngaro atu.

No reira e moe, haere, haere, e moe.

Ratou te hunga mate ki a ratou. Tatou te hunga ora ki a tatou He mihi ano tenei ki a koutou mo to tautoko I te ra whakangahau nei mo nga tuakana o tenei tau.

Tena koutou.

Welcome everyone today and thank you for joining with us to celebrate the successes of our senior students of 2012. A special welcome is extended to our deputy mayor Don Cameron. Despite your busy schedule, you have made time to join us today and we really appreciate this. Your contributions to our community are wonderful & very much appreciated Don. Nga mihi ki a koe.

Our guest speaker today too, Sue Winters has a very busy life as e-principal of our Volcanics Cluster of schools, teacher via video conferencing and in her private life, she is wife of the mayor of Rotorua. Thank you sincerely for contributing to our day today.

The greatest gift one generation can bequeath to the next, is EDUCATION. That is the taonga that we at the college, strive to gift to our students every day. It was disappointing therefore, to note the lower results for NCEA Level 1 for 2011. To improve our results for 2012 we initiated some changes. We have tracked student progress at an individual level. Mr King's year 11 group in particular responded positively to his regular catch-up chats. The Period 4 initiative, wherein students elect to attend after school tuition with a specific subject teacher, has proved a very positive move. I take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thanks to those wonderful teachers who committed their time every Tuesday and Thursday after school, to offer extra support for our students.

He mihi nunui ki a koutou! We offered holiday courses too: in Wool Handling ensuring our students have experience and qualifications relevant to employment in our community; and a Taonga Puoro workshop enhancing matauranga Maori for the student participants. Special thanks is extended to Ngaire Double, Gateway administrator for all the extra support she offers our students during the holidays and to Jerome Kavanagh for his contribution to our kete of knowledge. He mihi nui ki a koe, Jerome, mo to taonga mo nga tauira o tenei kura. Our NCEA Level 2 and Level 3 results for 2011 however, were extremely pleasing. The participation pass rate of 100% for Level 2 and 60% for Level 3 is laudable. It is our intention to continue this trend. As the universities move the goalposts for entrance to their higher education even further, it is critical that we all know the expectations and assist our students to achieve these standards.

My thanks to Sue Laurenson for her very informative

NCEA workshops for parents at parent/ teacher evening recently. The parents were very happy with the presentation and ensuing discussion which they felt enhanced their understanding of requirements for the qualifications. Kia ora, Sue.



It is of interest to note that our achieving students have whanau who make contact with the college regularly, who value the education we provide for their children and who have high expectations for their children. Nga mihi nunui ki enei whanau. You, the whanau are an extremely important element in your child's success at school. From ensuring they rise early enough to catch the bus, have some kai and all their school equipment, to enquiring about their learning each evening. As the T.V. ad. states " Don't bail out now! Teenagers need you more than ever in their lives!"

In term 2 this year, Ruapehu College hosted the regional Manu Korero Speech competition and the Pae Rangatahi Cultural competition, which encompassed secondary schools from the Taranaki and Whanganui regions. This was an extremely enjoyable and successful experience. We watched & listened with pride as our speakers captivated the audience with their thought-provoking and witty dialogue. A special mihi to Tayla Pearce, Dariayne Prince and Lyna-Mhaire Collett. Congratulations, you were inspiring!

Our Kapa Haka Roopu performed beautifully welcoming our manuhiri to the special occasion and gracing the stage first to open the competition. They were outstanding, lifting the MANA of our college to new heights. He mihinui ki a koe, Riwaru, me o hoa hoki. Riwaru did an outstanding job as tutor for our roopu. Special thanks are extended to the organising committee: Chaana Morgan, Joanne Peacock, Mrs George, Phil Sutton, Hikoi Te Riaki, Moana Rapana-Bell, Chris McLeod and all the whanau who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure such a successful occasion. I make mention of the huge whanau support for our Kapa Haka Roopu: evening after evening as the group practised there was always a large contingent of parents/whanau ever ready to support their children. Thank you, your support is what empowered them. Kia ora koutou. In term 3 the Computers in Homes project began. Families who signed up for this great learning opportunity attended tutorial classes every week, with our very enthusiastic trainer: Mr Jolie. There was much hilarity and very tasty suppers I believe! At the end of term the whanau graduates received their certificates and their own computers to take home. Congratulations! You are now empowered to assist your children with their homework & to keep an eye on them ensuring their cyber safety!

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our Sports Assembly was a fun event again with hot competition between the two opposing teams led by Amber and Courtney (school leaders) in the Rock of Two Halves competition. Our students took this opportunity to express their gratitude to all coaches, team managers and supporters for the endless hours they volunteer encouraging students to seek their personal greatness in the realm of sports. I would like to reiterate my thanks too, to this parent group for assisting our students participation in sports and for maintaining the positive reputation of excellence in sports that our college has enjoyed over the years. In particular, Maxine our Sports Co-ordinator, nga mihi nui ki a koe! Your input & organisation is tremendous. That day too, a college team comprising staff & students, enjoyed a very competitive game of soccer with a team of our local police. The competition was pretty fierce and players from both sides suffered injuries! The final score: 6-4 saw a triumphant college team cheer with pride! This year we have formed a positive community partnership with our local police which has been extremely helpful and beneficial to both parties. They visit our school regularly and chat with students as they walk through our grounds. This friendly relationship, coupled with school programmes focused on the DARE education project has resulted in a safe school environment where teachers are free to teach and students are enabled to learn.

There have been a number of staff changes this year. With both Mrs Voon & Mr Laurensen on leave we welcomed the zany Mrs Robb back as HOD of the English department and we welcomed Jeff King as A.P. for the year. His teaching load included Japanese, junior Math and junior English. What a wonderful year his students have had! Mrs Hubbard was delighted at the library usage statistics. Mr King's year 9 boys English class read more books than any other class all year. Well done boys! And his Japanese class did exceptionally well with two of the year 9 students entering the Japanese Speech contest at Massey University this year. A first for Ruapehu College. Great effort, Lais & Kaden! Our athletics team too benefitted from his passion for coaching athletics. Thank you, Jeff, for your outstanding contribution to life at Ruapehu College 2012.

The Technology department saw 3 changes of teacher in Hard Materials this year. Mr Kevin Rowlands has joined us on a permanent basis and we look forward positively to him developing automotive studies in the programme. Maxine Hakaraia joined us on a permanent basis this year as Foods teacher and has already worked her magic on the students with a win in the Whanganui Burger competition.

Mrs Hynes, our D.P. for the year, continues to enhance the e-learning programmes in the college to better enable our students to flourish in this 21st century digital world. She had sabbatical leave in term 3 to research e-portfolios. She visited schools in N.Z and the USA and has returned chock full of wonderful ideas that will continue to keep us apace, in fact ahead, of all other schools in NZ. Kia ora koe, Leigh.

While Mrs Hynes was away, Ms Stuckey joined our SMT and offered valuable, insightful suggestions to

help with the daily management of the college. I want to acknowledge the incredible work that the SMT do at Ruapehu College. 2012 has been a year of challenge: Leigh, Jeff and Ann you have made a mountain of difference to me. Thank you for your loyalty, your wisdom, your unending concern for our students and your wicked sense of humour! I am blessed. Mihi nui ki a koutou nga rangatira.

Thank you, our teachers. You are the people who encourage and inspire the rangatahi of Ruapehu College showing them the opportunities knowledge can offer. Your mission every day has been to encourage our students to become confident, connected life long learners: a sentiment embodied in our school motto/ our whakatauki, Rapuhia kote Matauranga. On behalf of all our grateful students and their families, I extend a huge vote of thanks to the dedicated, hard working teachers of our college. Nga mihi ki a koutou.

I thank our BOT for the time and effort they have volunteered over the year. You have full and busy lives but you willingly sacrifice the little free time you have, to support our students. Nga mihinui ki a koutou te poari.

Our student leadership team, ably led by Mikayla & Callum have had opportunity to input their own flavour into the many civic duties expected of them. We started the year with Amber, Dylan, Slade and Courtney, and Hannah BOT rep, supporting the heads of school and Tangaroa joined them as the other boys left. Thank you our student leaders of 2012, for your support and effort in many school and community events over the year. Our graduates of 2012: our year 13 tuakana: We have strived with you to ensure you received the best education possible; we have watched you grow; admired you; challenged you and now we watch as you take those first independent steps into adult life.

Earlier this year I quoted a wonderful Dr. Seuss story beginning. I remind you again:

“ Congratulations! Today is your day.

You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!  
You have brains in your head. You feet in your shoes  
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.  
You're on your own. And you know what you know.  
And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go. “  
Reflect on this.

Over the past 5 years YOU have made choices which will shape your future.

Remember, this is the first day of the rest of your lives. Choose your direction, with wisdom. Over the past five years we have endeavoured to make a Mountain of Difference to your lives. Henceforth the Mountain of Difference is YOU!

Kia kaha tonu. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou I o ra whakangahau.

As summer approaches and the pipiwharau calls, we look forward to special times with family & friends over the festive season. From all the kura whanau we wish you a restful and memorable summer holiday.

Best wishes to coach Jerry and his Girls' Basketball team as you head off to the USA for the tour of a life time.

Tena koutou, tena koutou tena koutou katoa.

Mrs J Mikaere

# STAFF PHOTO



Front row: Mr R Prasad, Mrs A McIver, Mrs A Stuckey (Assistant Principal), Mrs J Mikaere (Principal) Mr J King (Deputy Principal), Mrs M George, Mr R Jolie.

Second row: Mrs L Beukes, Mr K Rowlands, Mr B Connelly, Mr G Cowen, Mr M Corbett, Mr J Jordan, Mr J Laurenson, Mr J Greene.

Third row: Mrs S McKernan, Mrs T McCann, Mrs S Laurenson, Mrs K Campbell, Mrs M Hakaraia, Mrs E Brewis, Mrs K Sutton.

Fourth row: Mrs K Dixon, Mrs N Double, Miss C Edwards, Miss S Southall, Ms M Wilson, Mrs W Hubbard.

Absent: Mrs L Hynes, Mrs S Buck, Mr K Hagener, Mr C McLeod, Ms K Anderson, Mr N Buck, Mrs A Cranston, Miss T Mareikura, Mrs J Robb, Mrs J Brown, Mr A Groot, Mrs R Wills, Mr P Sutton, Mrs L Joseph, Mr H Te Riaki, Mrs S Rangihi, Mr W Brown.



## YEAR 13 VERSUS STAFF CHALLENGES

Results	
Tug of war	Staff
Indoor Soccer	Staff
Swimming relay	Staff



# STAFF CHANGES



Mr Jeff King returned from the Emirates to join our staff as Acting Assistant Principal teaching Japanese and English. We really appreciate the enthusiasm he brings to all he does. Also the skills he has which have enhanced athletics and cross country programmes within our school.



Mrs Jenny Robb returned to Head of Department English while Mrs Jane Voon was on leave for 2012. The injection of fun and dialogue she brings to our school has been a breath of fresh air.

Mrs Girl Joseph continues to do relief teaching and has this year stepped in to the role of Truancy Officer.



Student Teacher Miss Carladayna Edwards came from Tauranga. She gained experience teaching students in the Physical Education and Health areas at Ruapehu College. She was passionate about encouraging students to excel at everything they do.



Mr George Cowan came from the top end of the King Country to take on the position of Head of Mathematics Department and to be Year 11 Dean. He has shared a lot of his life experiences with his students.

Mr Kevin Rowlands came to us from Taranaki with special skills in automotive and engineering. Our students have benefitted from this new programme.



Mr Matthew Corbett worked with students in classes as a teach aide. The students enjoyed his role modelling and help in learning.



Former student Mr Kris Vine returned to Ruapehu College as a student teacher, teaching in the Physical Education Department, students loved his youthful exuberance.



Miss Kristen Anderson spent term 3 teaching junior art while Mrs Stuckey has been relieving as Assistant Principal.

Mr Ryan Jolie leaves college to return to Canada. He was an asset with his technical skills and especially in the delivery of the Computers in Homes Programme.



# STAFF CHANGES



Mrs Kaylene Crossan was a wonderful Teacher Aid spending much time “above the call of duty” and although she has a new job she is still involved with our students.



Mr Patrick Hargraves returned to the country after 7 years away and taught Technology in Term One.



Mrs Liz Connelly was a valuable Teacher Aide, going to great lengths to enhance the learning of students and helping teachers.

Mrs Rosalie Dowman has stepped into the role of relieving Office Staff and Librarian.



Ms Teena McCann adds to our list of great support staff, enriching our school and learning for the students.



Miss Tiare Mareikura spent Term Three teaching Junior Te Reo Maori while Chris Mcleod was supporting the Senior Management Team.

Mr Hikoi Te Riaki has been running the Alternative Education Programme and helping with Land Based Training. He has been involved in music and Kapa Haka support, especially in the co-ordination of Pae Rangatahi and Manu Korero.



After relieving for many years, Mrs Maxine Hakaraia was appointed to the position of teacher of Food and Nutrition and Sports Co-ordinator to add to her roles in rugby co-ordination and netball coaching. She is an asset to our school.



Mr Aiko Groot as Teacher Support has brought his diverse talents to our school community as well as providing support to learning in the classroom.

# IN MEMORY

TU TANGATA ORA MAREIKURA – ELLERY  
 5 Dec 1997 ---- 25 Feb 2012.  
 Our hearts were filled with great sadness when we heard that Tu Tangata Ora had passed away on Saturday 25th February 2012.  
 We are all shocked and saddened that he made this choice.  
 Tu Tangata Ora enjoyed many activities on offer at Ruapehu College. He was particularly talented in the field of creative design. His entry in the Snow Queen Wearable Art competition, was unforgettable. It was amazing to see his growth in self- confidence. He spoke to the crowd about his design ideas explaining how he had created the costume with his friend who modelled it. Many of his teachers and friends joined with the whanau at Maungarongo Marae to share the happy memories we

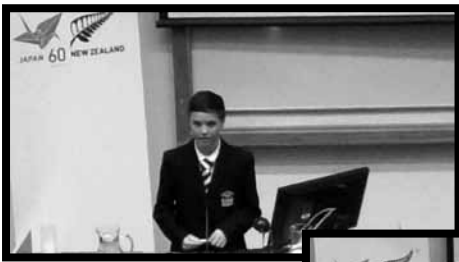
have of him.  
 I share a special quote with you that best describes our Tu Tangataora:  
 “ THE GREAT TRAGEDY OF LIFE IS THAT SOME PEOPLE DIE WITH THEIR MUSIC STILL IN THEM “  
 Such is the case for Tu Tangata Ora.

Josephine Mikaere  
 Principal.



# WALL OF FAME

Kadin Connelly and Lais Morris were chosen to represent Ruapehu College in the prestigious Year 10 Japanese Speech Competition at Massey University.



National Cross Country Team  
Caleb Lyon, Taine Pakai, Kataraina Hakaraia, Mr J King (Coach)

The Business Challenge Team finished second in their finals qualifying round narrowly missing final five.



Kataraina Hakaraia and Catherine Pakai-Dewes with their entry "Alice's Crazy Twin Sister, Matilda" in EVENTO Feilding. Won an award: Best Use of Recycled Materials.



Jordyn Eves completed the first ascent of a natural rock climb on Mt Ruapehu, and has thus earned naming rights. Jordyn was placed 4th fastest senior woman in the North Island Secondary School Snowboard Competition and also placed 3rd in the slopestyle.



The Ruapehu College Girls' Rugby Team won the Wanganui Secondary Schools Girls Rugby Sevens competition in April. The girls also won the Wanganui Secondary Schools Rugby competition.



Tessa Commins and her entry "Thalassa" in EVENTO Feilding. Won an award: Best Use of Recycled Materials. Tessa also gained a distinction in her Australian English Examination



Emma Dowman and Matthew Laurenson were both selected to play squash for Central team against Wellington.



Squash Girls Team of Brooklyn Double, Amber Ryan and Emma Dowman who won the Regional Interschool Competition. Absent from photo; Emma Dowman.

Squash Boys Team of Matthew Laurenson, Johnny Double and Liam Noah who won the Regional Interschool Competition.



# WALL OF FAME



Amber Ryan was selected as a Palmerston North under 19 basketball representative.



Sharkarn Brown was selected as a Wanganui Under 14 Representative



Catherine Pakai-Dewes was placed 3rd top junior girl in the North Island Secondary School Snowboard Competition.

Me-Kayla Sue-Waara was selected to attend the North Island Secondary School Athletics Competition and also selected for the Wanganui Girls Rugby Team and the Manawatu Regional Talent ID.



Willem Van Hees was placed 3rd in the giant slalom, 4th top individual boy and 3rd top junior boy in the North Island Secondary Schools Snowboard Competition.

Essie Chitty, Corrineke Windle and Zakira Tipene were selected for the Wanganui Girls Rugby Team and also the Manawatu Regional Talent ID.



Eli Rivlin Myers was placed 4th in the North Island Secondary Schools Snowboard Competition in the giant slalom and was also placed 2nd in the boardercross.



Hayley Fredericksen was selected as a Palmerston North under 16 basketball representative.



Land Based Training Team who won the inter-schools competition competing with schools from all over the North Island. The team consisted of. Mikayla Bates, Christian Hawira, Jackson Kui-Rickit, Ethan Gordon and Kane Pakai-Dewes.

Johnny Double and Liam Noah both played in the F grade teams national finals in Invercargill. Their team finished fourth.





# STUDENT LEADERS



Back row Courtney Taylor (Sports Captain), Amber Ryan (Deputy Head Girl), Tangaroa Joyce (Deputy Head Boy), Hannah Brown (Board of Trustees Representative).  
Front row: Mikayla Bates (Head Girl), Mrs J Mikaere, Callum Long (Head Boy)

2012 started with more Year 13's than when it finished, but it was a great year for all students. We began our leadership and team building skills off with our year 13 camp. This was followed by the Halogen Leadership Conference.

This year, once again, Ruapehu College has excelled in sports and academia. We have had students compete at a national level for athletics, cross country, snow sports and many more. We had the privilege of hosting Nga Manu Korero and Paerangitahi earlier this year. This brought many competing schools to the area, sharing with us their kapahaka and speeches. We also benefitted from having a number of visitors sharing personal stories, advice, guidance and a bit of humour.

We would like to thank the students and staff for making 2012 a great year. Too our fellow Year 13 students, thank you for the continual support and friendship you have provided, school memories will be cherished and laughed at forever.

Congratulations to 2013 leaders. Best wishes to the future leaders and have fun!

Mikayla Bates and Callum Long, Head Girl and Head Boy.

# WEBB ELLIS TROPHY

The rugby world cup came to Ohakune when the Webb Ellis Trophy was travelling around the country. It was accompanied by rugby officials and players. Our students joined other local schools at the Ruapehu Rugby Club, and two of our students (Gabriel Hakaraia and Merekatene Haitana) became stars for a moment on Television One News.



# ANZAC SERVICE

Amber Ryan, Courtney Taylor and Callum Long attended the ANZAC day memorial parade in Ohakune. They read the addresses prepared for the day by the Governor General and Prime Minister.



# HOUSE LEADERS

## Huia Leaders

Front Row: Tessa Commins, Hannah Brown, Sabrina Tahau-Haitana, Emma Dowman.

Back row: Matthew Dowman, Tangaroa Joyce, Carlos Tahau-Haitana, Jonty Curtis.



## Kiwi Leaders

Front Row: Jordyn Eves, Amy Thompson, Lyna-Mharie Collett, Tessa Milne.

Back row: Willem Van Hees, Eli Rivlin-Myers, Kahl Elers-Green, Jason Paul.

## Tui Leaders

Front Row: Antonia Hoeta, Hayley Fredericksen, Chiao Ruri, Kataraina Hakaraia.

Back row: Tuhirangi Akapita, Gabriel Hakaraia, Travis Fredricksen.



## Weka Leaders

Front Row: Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Tayla Pearce, Gemini Toho.

Back row: Taine Pakai, Joseph Metekingi, Andre McDonnell, Simon Katene.

# VISITORS



THETA are a group of professional actors from Dunedin who teach lessons on sexuality via theatre. They held workshops with students after their act. This group is part of a government initiative travelling around schools in New Zealand.



Former student Emma Rowe spoke to the students' at our Academic Assembly about her life at Ruapehu College and taking the opportunities they have to excel throughout their lives.

Nathan Fa'avae visited us in conjunction with Sport New Zealand (formally SPARC) and Sport Wanganui as part of their program of getting athletes in school.

Nathan Fa'avae has been one of the best all round adventurer racers in the world and Captain of the Balance Vector – the highly successful New Zealand Adventure Racing Team.

Nathan is an expert navigator with a broad range of skills and experience in the outdoors. As a professional outdoor instructor, Nathan is no stranger to sleeping on the ground, having wet feet, being attacked by mosquitoes and long days in the mountains with a heavy pack on! He is a qualified instructor in white water kayaking, sea kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, snow boarding, mountain safety and navigation. While here he talked to the students about his adventures in different parts of the world and New Zealand and explained the endurance needed to be an adventure racer. He told us about his winning race in Queenstown starting on the Monday and finishing on the Thursday with only four hours sleep in between. He shared some of the techniques involved and the trials and tribulations of adventure racing, involving planning equipment and navigation, food while competing, lack of sleep and going through the night.

Mrs M Hakaraia



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Nathan Mikaere -Wallis is a sought after trainer in the area of neuro-science research and its implications for how we relate to children. Taihape R.E.A.P. procured his services to hold seminars in our district.



The Education Review Office Team visited our school in Term 4.



The police drug dog was bought in to search the school during the year and we were pleased to say that there were no drugs found on the school property. He did later show us a demonstration hiding some food to prove that the dog was able to sniff it out.



Year 8 students from local schools spend a day in the life of a Ruapehu College students.

# HUKR



Front row: Te Manawaora McLeod, Tangaroa Joyce, Panthira Kanyakon, Carlos Tahau-Haitana, Carlin Rewiri.  
Second row: Delme Te Kani, Baeley-Rose Gray, Emma Dowman, Lucas Van Beek, Mr K Rowlands.  
Third Row: Jonty Curtis, Te Rangitapu Hiroti.  
Absent Kanyakon Kosinanonth, Tamara McCarthy, Lais Morris, Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, Sabrina Tahau-Haitana, Nathan Tutemahurangi, Essie Chitty.  
Left during year: William Church, Francis Joseph, Whakapono Matangi, Sensi Rangiahua.

# HUJG



Front row: Trae Maihi, Anthony Journeaux, Callum Long, Hannah Brown, Waylon Clapp, Amber Ryan, Courtney Taylor.  
Second row: Merekatene Haitana, Tessa Commins, Laurence Mills, Raiden Te Huia, Matthew Dowman, Reenal Kumar, Mr J Greene.  
Third row: Hineanewa McLeod, Amelia Crowley, Braden Watson, Corrineke Windle, Rose Brandl.  
Absent: Colt Clapperton, Kataraina Sweet, Mikaela Haitana.

# KIMW



Front row: Willem Van Hees, Kahl Elers-Green, Jessica Agate, Kaea Bishop, Cameron Hotter.  
Second row: Jason Paul, Joseph Fluerty, Ben Agate, James Hilson, Mrs Meredith Wilson.  
Third row: Shayna Prasad, Matthew Laurenson, Amy Thompson.  
Absent: Te Ao Hakopa, Shania Hawira, Crystal Cribb-Manihera, Tessa-Marie Paul, Quaid Ponga, Waipuna Ratapu-Williams, Eli Rivlin-Myers, Mac-James Edmonds, Slade Elers, Waiora Ranginui, Alexander Chisholm.  
Left during year: Zivahna Bowring, Tihei Kereopa-Rerekura, Te Mamae Tahuparae.

# KIRP



Front row: Dariayne Prince, Jordyn Eves, Kendall Thompson, Luke Deadman, Rachel Hilson, Tessa Milne, Brooklyn Double.  
Second row: Stephanie Brooks-Richards, Lucy Lyon, Trent Faneva, Jackson Whale, Caleb Lyon, Mr R Prasad.  
Third row: Purotu Cribb, Jacob Larsen, Dana Paul, Jaakan Horne, Teihorangi Ponga-Te Huia  
Absent: Christian Hawira, Dahneka Perkins, Lyna-Mhaire Collett, Jonathan Double, Odette Edmonds.  
Left during year: Dylan Chisholm, Abi-Rose Johnston, Aniceto Martinez Samper, Quintyn Veltmeyer.

# TUBC



Front row: Conner Wills, Gabriel Hakaraia, Jane Devonshire, Marley Connelly, Chas Kumeroa Hawkins, Ngahuapai Hemara, Kurtis Fredericksen, .

Second row: Tiriana Rapana, Antonia Hoeta, Britney Griffin, Eli Connelly, Ethan Mears, Creedence McNaught, Mr B Connelly.

Third row: Kiri-Joy Rapana-Bell, Ngawai Kaire, Tuhirangi Akapita, Jeremy Fredericksen, Shairone Wood, Kadin Connelly.

Absent: Chiao Ruri, Tia Brown, Jade Matete, Liam Noah, Jimmy-Ray Rapana-Paul, Serenity Rapana-Paul.

# TUSM



Front row: Hayley Fredericksen, Sophie Pearson, Cory Blaney, Summer Richards-Warbrick, Mikayla Bates.  
Second row: Thomas Howell, Travis Fredricksen, Tihi Ote Ora Mareikura, Piri kite Atua Callaghan, Lysjahn Wood, Mrs S McKernan.

Third row: Tiana Rapana-Bell, Ashleigh Griffin, Kataraina Hakaraia.

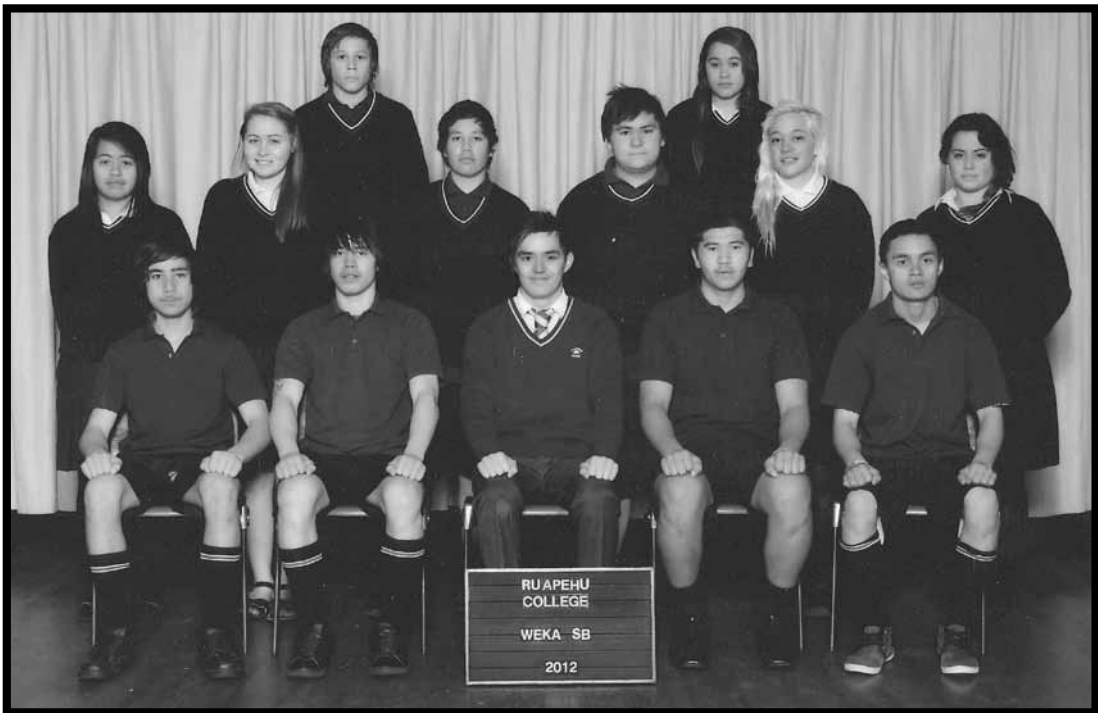
Absent: Caleb Couper, Sameul Hoeta, Joshua Howell, Dylan Pearson, Kalijah Rapana-Paul, Roy Topia.  
Passed away: Tutangata Ora Mareikura.

# WEJJ



Front row: Shontaye Mihinui, Tayla Pearce, Joseph Metekingi, Andre McDonnell, Anaru Hansen.  
Second row: Taine Pakai, Tayna Tihore, Daniel Artz, Miriama Hansen, Mr J Jordan.  
Third row: Raniera McDonnell, D'Avyl Delamare.  
Absent: Simon Katene, Erina Matthews, Holly-Tanielle McDonnell, Shaquille Mcllroy, Leroy Mcleod, Kane Pakai-Dewes, Rangihera Williams, Ropata Cribb, Taiko Cribb, Shakaya Tweeddale.  
Left during year: Zivana Richards-Winter, Paneta Richards-Wiari.

# WESB



Front row: Shakarn Brown, Hemi Kohu, Shaun Brown, Kevin McDonnell, Rii Williams.  
Second row: Olive Green-Hiroti, Gemini Toho, Hayze Barker-Pehi, Peehi Blake-Tahana, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Zynaia Richards-Winter.  
Third row: Shae Haines, Makayla Taura.  
Absent: Leishae Katene, Jackson Kui-Rickit, Ruby Lacy, Vernon McLeod, Countemay McDonnell, Leighton Richards, Zakira Tipene, Mrs S Buck, Mr N Buck  
Left during year: Jack Kristiansen, Wiremu Teppett, Nakita Tamepo-Pehi

# SENIOR CAMP

This year the Year 13 Leadership camp was held at the usual YMCA Raukawa Falls camp, half way down the Parapara. It is a chance for the students to push themselves outside of their comfort zone and learn to work with other people. The teachers involved at this years camp were Mr Jeff King (Assistant Principal). Miss Meredith Wilson, (Teacher) she was also accompanied by her daughter Jenna, It was a busy few days. It started by driving down after school. That afternoon, the brave ones went for a swim and of course the flying fox was very popular. There was not enough time to go to the falls unfortunately. Day two had a variety of activities including the popular high ropes, archery, indoor climbing and some team building on the low ropes. The weather was not in our favour and we had to dodge between the showers of rain. During the

evening we took the students to the Bermuda trail. This is where you are blindfolded and have to follow a rope trail. It is fine until another student grabs you by the ankles, as Josh Howell loudly exclaimed! On day three, it was my highlight of the flying Kiwi. It involves quite a bit of muscle and lots of teamwork. The better the team work together the bigger the swing the person in the harness gets. For Mr King, the team worked really well together and gave him a good swing! I would like to compliment the group on their exceptional tidying skills; the camp was left in a much better condition than when we found it! They put up with the 'camp style' food and seemed to enjoy their time away. They were all definitely ready to get back to civilisation as there was no phone coverage at the camp!  
Mrs M Wilson





# YEAR 9 CAMP

If we had to choose two words to describe Year 9 camp they would be fun and learning. The activities were fun. "It was fun feeding the eels". The activities were really fun. "Doing the amazing race on the first day was really fun." "Cray fishing was really fun." Or the activities were heaps of fun. "I had heaps of fun jumping of the banks." "I had heaps of fun jumping off the cliffs at Owhango." "It was heaps of fun playing spotlight." To sum up, Year 9 camp was fun, fun, fun. Thanks, Mr Connelly, you are a fun guy. (No not fungi!), thanks to Papa Chris too, and Kaylene who let us stay at the Wallace family camp site on the Mangawhero River.

What about the learning? Year 9 camp is about learning to get to know all the students in your core group who did not attend the same primary school as you. Apparently that was fun too! "It was fun learning who everybody was and learning to work in teams." "It was a really good thing to start off the year. We got to know the other year 9's. Some year 9's got to know their old friends better too!" "It was cool spending time with our mates. And what else can we say about Year 9 camp. "The fried bread was really good!!!"

Mrs A Stuckey



# YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Amber Ryan (Bam)  
Occupation: Nerd  
Famous for: Always having cramp  
Famous saying: "You're a clown"  
Wants to be: Vet  
Most likely to be: Uni drop out  
Thought on life: The line grabbed me

Name: Callum Long (Fishboy)  
Occupation: Football (soccer) enthusiast  
Famous for: Not doing work  
Famous saying: "Did you watch the match?"  
Wants to be: Diver  
Most likely to be: Life guard at Waiouru pools  
Thought on life: I'll wing it

Name: Sabrina Tahau-Haitana (Brina)  
Occupation: Volcano coffee and Pizza  
Famous for: Speaking her mind  
Famous saying: "Oh hello/hey babe"  
Wants to be: Social worker  
Most likely to be: Maori Warden  
Thought on life: Dreams are free

Name: Zakira Tipene (Sax)  
Occupation: Hide and seeker  
Famous for: Always wearing socks  
Famous saying: "Don't look at my feet"  
Wants to be: Cop  
Most likely to be: Criminal  
Thought on life: Don't touch my bag

Name: Sophie Pearson (Sooph)  
Occupation: Clyde and Finch  
Famous for: Being with Cory  
Famous saying: "That's so cute" "I'll bite your finger"  
Wants to be: Cory's wife  
Most likely to be: Super Model  
Thought on life: It's not the same without Cory

Name: Tia Brown (STI Brown)  
Occupation: Fish and chip shop girl  
Famous for: Being with Goosh  
Famous saying: "Your feet are ugly"  
Wants to be: Mrs Hawira  
Most likely to be: Mother of 15 kids  
Thought on life: Ohakune's okay



Name: Meaw Kosinanonth (Meaw)  
Occupation: Dreamer  
Famous for: Mobile stationery hire  
Famous saying: "Chur brotha!"  
Wants to be: Nano Scientist  
Most likely to be: Still confused  
Thought on life: School's hard, that's why they call it Rock!

Name: Mikayla Bates (Mickey Mick)  
Occupation: Occasional rousie  
Famous for: Being over friendly  
Famous saying: "Did you miss me?"  
Wants to be: Horse Trainer  
Most likely to be: Rousie for Maca Edmonds  
Thought on life: Farming is a real job

Name: Courtney Taylor (Cockney)  
Occupation: Dancer  
Famous for: Being ginger  
Famous saying: "Would you be my friend if I walked like this?"  
Wants to be: A famous dancer  
Most likely to be: Teaching dance at Rock  
Thought on life: Get over yourself

Name: Cory Blaney (Papa Glenn)  
Occupation: Loader  
Famous for: Being with Sophie  
Famous saying: "This is gay"  
Wants to be: Engineer/ Mechanic  
Most likely to be: Stay at home husband  
Thought on life: G2G Sophie's coming

Name: Slade Elers  
Occupation: Bum/ stay at home boy friend  
Famous for: Not coming to school  
Famous saying: "School....what's that?"  
Wants to be: Rugby Player  
Most likely to be: PE Teacher at Rock  
Thought on life: Ummmm.....



# YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Mac-James Edmonds (Mac attack)  
Occupation: Shearer  
Famous for: Having all the girls  
Famous saying: "Chur aunty" "Like a horse"  
Wants to be: Shearer  
Most likely to be: Married to Mickey  
Thought on life: When in doubt, munch it out

Name: Zivana Richards-Winter (Stiffy)  
Occupation: Angel Louise worker  
Famous for: Getting her way  
Famous saying: "Richard's my husband"  
Wants to be: Television Presenter  
Most likely to be: Working in the sheds  
Thought on life: boys, boys, boys

Name: Sensi Rangiahua (Bush)  
Occupation: Hairdresser  
Famous for: Her laugh  
Famous saying: "I might go home"  
Wants to be: Hairdresser  
Most likely to be: A Dog Groomer  
Thought on life: Don't be ugly

Name: Leroy McLeod  
Occupation: Kaitlyn's pool boy  
Famous for: Having lots of lunch  
Famous saying: "Oh na, na...na" "Ow give us some"  
Wants to be: A Ski Instructor  
Most likely to be: Millionaire  
Thought on life: I want to go skiing!

Name: Christian Hawira (Goony)  
Occupation: A member of the Brown whanau  
Famous for: Being with Tia  
Famous saying: "True bro"  
Wants to be: With Tia  
Most likely to be: Following Tia  
Thought on life: Three's a crowd, four's a party!

Name: Josh Howell (Jewpoo)  
Occupation: Roamer  
Famous for: Being a Jew  
Famous saying: "Oi"  
Wants to be: Professional Snowboarder  
Most likely to be: Bludging off Kelly  
Thought on life: This is gay bo

Name: Dylan Chisholm (Armadylan)  
Occupation: Fulltime absentee  
Famous for: Being a yeti  
Famous saying: "Miki's just awesome"  
Wants to be: Chef  
Most likely to be: Doing Mrs Hynes's job  
Thought on life: Very nice vanilla face

Name Jack Kristiansen (Eh Jack ur late)  
Occupation: Full time dreamer  
Famous for: Annoying Mr Greene  
Famous saying: "Cheers mate"  
Wants to be: Famous Snowboarder  
Most likely to be: Boarding  
Thought on life: Everything's better when you're boarding.

Name: Chiao Ruri (Mama)  
Occupation: Stay at home student  
Famous for: Smashing people  
Famous saying: " Oh ok then"  
Wants to be: Accountant  
Most likely to be: A thug  
Thought on life: Make it black



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Board Activities and Functions.

During the latter part of 2011 the BOT welcomed Zane Couper onto the Board. A new student trustee, Hannah Brown, was appointed, but Peter Porter resigned from the BOT due to a particularly busy personal programme that included further study. Well done, Peter.

Zane found himself, very quickly, totally immersed in the property portfolio and delivered some valuable outcomes.

The BOT received valuable training from Kevin Palmer through MoE training support to the BOT. The BOT also decided to appoint him to appraise the Principal, Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal, a process that assists in the development of the incumbents.

## Staff

We welcomed new staff members, permanent and fixed term, to Ruapehu College at the start of the year. The Deputy Principal took refreshment leave and the Assistant Principal was awarded a sabbatical during the year. We hope they will be returning refreshed for the task ahead.

The input of all the staff is highly valued by the Board and be assured that all your efforts are very much appreciated and we are proud to have you all in our midst.

Last but not least, thank you to Jane Voon, who decided to cross the ditch to Australia for a well deserved retirement. She will be sorely missed.

## Students

The students are why we are all here. Their academic development is paramount and it is the BOT's main aim to ensure a safe environment, where students can excel. As usual, we had several outstanding performances on the academic front as well as the sporting front. Falling numbers have an impact on some team sports, but participation levels were still good, confirming commitment by all.

## Property

During this year a lot of time was spent on the development of the 10 year maintenance plan. A problematic area of this plan was to determine/decide on the removal of classrooms, to satisfy the spatial allocation of the college. The operational grant received per year, to maintain the college, is based on the roll

numbers allocation. It is therefore good policy to remove superfluous infrastructure as although it is great to have the space, we will just not receive the funding to maintain the existing college infrastructure.

The gym floor was completed and the college now really has a facility to be proud of again.

## General

A big concern for the BOT is the NCEA results of students at NCEA Level 1, in particular. Action had to be taken to address this and after several meetings with representatives of the MoE, the BOT opted for the appointment of a Limited Statutory Manager to assist the BOT to address this area of concern.

Our roll is falling further, resulting in a reduction of our staffing allocation. The CAPNA process will now have to be applied to reduce staff levels to the required allocation.

The college hosted ERO at the end of October and I would like to thank everybody for their efforts to ensure that all the required information was available for the visit.

The above certainly does not indicate a situation of "business as usual" at our college and the BOT is acutely aware of this. We ourselves are feeling the pressure and be assured that our main goal is to ensure that our students achieve to their full potential.

Please be safe over the festive season, take a good rest and see you in 2013, ready to face the challenges ahead. Koos Beukes.

## Board of Trustee members

Josephine Mikaere -Principal  
Koos Beukes - Chair  
Zane Couper  
Roberta Williams  
Bernie McPherson  
Chris McLeod-Staff Representative  
Hannah Brown-Student Representative  
Anne McIver-Secretary

## VARIOUS PHOTOS



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# SPEECH COMPETITION

The Ruapehu College English Department hosted its annual Speech Evening. The library was filled with parents and supporters as a dozen students displayed their talents and their humour. The evening was a great success.

The intimacy of the library provided the perfect setting for the students to entertain and provoke their enthusiastic audience with a range of speeches and presentations drawn from their work this year in various subjects.

Public speaking is, as Caleb Lyons reminded us in his address, one of the major fears that we all share. It was impressive, then, how our students presented themselves with such confidence and clarity.

Particularly impressive was the showing from our junior school. Six Year 9 students competed for the L. D. Eden Cup for the best Year 9 speaker. This was won by Caleb Lyons with a well-written and confidently delivered speech. Our judges for the evening, Assistant Principal Jeff King and Bev Jones, herself a former school principal, admitted to a degree of difficulty in making their determinations and the other five contestants; Te Manawaora McLeod, Taine Pakai, Lais Morris, Thomas Howell and Kadin Connelly were all highly commended.

The senior students competed for the M.S. Gould Cup. In this section the audience was entertained and enlightened in a variety of subjects. Lucy Lyons discussed the importance of whanau, its resilience and its strength. Tayla Pearce combined her skills in Te Reo as well as English in urging us to embrace modern technology. Head Girl Mikayla Bates shared her research on the language of farming and Deputy Head Girl Amber Ryan displayed great confidence in her audience inter-active

discussion on body language.

Tessa Milne took on the persona of a 1981 Springbok Tour supporter in accordance to her Level 2 English task of showing an understanding of other perspectives.

Again the judges had a difficult decision to make but in the end Tessa's creativity in becoming an entirely different character saw her take the title of Senior Champion.

The evening was rounded off with the often hilarious impromptu section.

The stars and winners of the quick-fire speaking segment were Thomas Howell for the Juniors and Amber Ryan for the Seniors.

The English Department was delighted with the night. Speaking is a big part of our curriculum but it remains a very scary thing for people to do. It was great to see this group tackle the task head-on. The deliveries were terrific, but so too was the writing of the presentations. We were excited by the willingness of the Year 9 group to participate. This can only bode well for the years ahead.

Mr J Greene



# TECHNOLOGY SOFT MATERIALS

2012 has been a very full and successful year. We began the year having had extremely good results in NCEA assessments with a number of merits and excellences in external examinations in 2011.

We had discussions early in the year to discuss a programme that suits both students and teacher, and it wasn't long before heads were down working. For Years 10 to 13, a brief was decided and we all went off to Palmerston North to look and maybe buy fabrics or clothing from Save Mart for our projects.

Wearable Art was in the sights of students for both Feilding Event, and also our own Ruapehu Snow Queen. We took the students entering the Feilding show to FAHS for an explanatory afternoon run by judges. This was very good and showed techniques and the criteria for wearable as opposed to costume.

In term two Jim and Brigitte from Junk and Disorderly in Palmerston North, came to our school to take a workshop on techniques for Year 10 students. This was invaluable. Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Kataraina Hakaraia and Tessa Commins finished and had entries accepted for Feilding, and all also won 'Best Use of Recycled' awards.

Snow Queen was a fund-raising venture for Basketball again this year and we had several entries from Soft Materials students. Amy Thompson, Kataraina Hakaraia, Sam Hoeta, Tonie Hoeta, Lyna-Mhaire Collett, Catherine Pakai-Dewes and Tessa Commins were involved in designing or modelling. Tessa Commins won the Young Artist award with her design.

At the end of September two vehicles full of very excited students were off to WOW – the Bancroft Wearable Art Show. The students got all dressed up for the show and it didn't disappoint anyone. On the way down we visited the Foxton Flax Mill Museum and through the kindness of Tony Hunt, students were treated to a potted history of the industry, and watched the flax stripper and scutcher in action. It was surprising to see how quickly flax was stripped.

This was a good background learning to the exhibition we visited the next morning at Te Papa Tongarewa which was Kahu Ora, Living Cloaks. We were able to view cloaks that were very precious and rare.

The final competition for the year is an on-line challenge for students. The topic is Stories of Our Place, and students have had to make an A3 size quilt, upload to the Aotearoa Quilters website and they will be subject to on-line voting. To help our students make their work meaningful, our junior classes went out into the community and were told stories about our history, wrote komninos (a form of poetry) to help ideas and concepts and then went about designing and making a quilt to depict the story.

It has been a productive year with good results.

Mrs M George



# FOOD AND NUTRITION

Kai for the body, kai for the mind and soul, that's what we are all about in the foods room. That and warding off the many visitors we find approaching our door when the fantastic aromas of freshly made food travels throughout the corridors of our school.

Our focus at year 9 level was enjoyment of food and cooking. And we certainly did while learning to prepare and cook food suitable for our families and budgets.

In year 10, we had some self professed master chefs (Peehi) and some fussier eaters but we covered subjects providing good nutrition for individuals and families. I think pizza and ice cream making may have been among the favourites with some pretty impressive hot cross buns (Willem and Caleb).

Gearing towards NCEA Level 1 we were always looking at nutritional needs of teenagers and made sure to make the most of our Olympic games this year, too, looking at the needs of our elite sportsman.

Year 11 and Year 12 combined this year and while some of our students were able to do some hospitality standards complimenting their gateway placements in the food industry others worked both on the balancing act of being happy gaining knowledge theoretically alongside the more popular practicals. We covered subjects like preserving, cultural foods and nutritional needs of a teenager before some going on to demonstrating how packaging affects our food choices.

This was my first year teaching in this area and I have enjoyed the students I have taught. We have been able to enjoy the partnerships formed in the classroom and the kitchen alike.

Mrs M Hakaraia



# SCIENCE

The Science department started this year with just three and a bit teachers. Mrs Buck teaching Year 9, Year 11 Science and Year 12 Chemistry. Miss Wilson teaching Year 9 and Year 10 Science, Year 12 Biology and Year 13 Biology. Mr Buck teaching a Year 10 Science and Mr Laurenson helping Year 12 and Year 13 Physics with their VC.

Another 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.

The student numbers at senior level are holding this year but we had some students using video conferencing. These students were linked to a teacher so they had some supervision and help. Results so far in our senior sciences have been good.

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 becoming increasingly important as our lives involve more technology and science based thinking. We hope to move towards more skills based teaching in the coming year, helping students to learn about learning. Using computer skills and the internet as a resources for information is becoming increasingly important and it has been good to see classes at all levels able to use some of these resources for their Science work.

Some great work has been done by year 9 and 10 using "IT" this year. The year 10 competition for their Olympic presentations was a good event.

We are now looking forward to a new year with lots more changes involving both what we teach and learn and how we teach and learn, but we thrive on it! Science is great if you allow yourself to get into it!

Mrs S Buck





# SOCIAL SCIENCE

Year 9 Social Studies was taught by Ms McKernan. Students learned map skills by mapping the Ruapehu Region. This project also helped students to understand the area that they lived in. Following this the students then looked at the government structure of New Zealand. Year 9 students learned world geography by studying countries that participated in the Olympic games. Year 9 also did a study of career options using the Career Quest resource which gave them insight into potential career options and the subjects they will need to study to reach their career goals.

Year 10 Social Studies was taught by Mr Jordan. Year 10 Social Studies looked at different indigenous societies from around the world. We then looked at similarities and differences between these societies and Maori culture. The students also looked at the influence and place New Zealand has in the world today.

11 Geography was taught by Mr Jordan. Students looked at geographic issues such as migration, land use, and the effects that these issues have on New Zealand and the world. The class also looked at extreme natural disasters and how people dealt with these problems.

Year 12 History was taught by Mr Jordan. Students

# ACCOUNTING

Firstly a huge congratulations to those 2011

students who did so well and had their accounting endorsed with merit or excellence. At Level 2, Amber and Meaw received merit endorsements, and at Level 1, Luke, Jess, Jordyn and Anahera received merit endorsements as well. Tangaroa had his Level 1 Accounting endorsed with excellence. A great effort by all!

There are students in 2012 classes who are in the running for endorsement, and we will hopefully see some good results from them in the externals, which will enable them to achieve this.

The realignment of Level 2 standards was introduced in 2012 and saw significant changes to the Year 12 programme. A fairly long report had to be written to achieve two of the standards and this was not well accepted. "Gggrrrr Miss, we chose to do accounting NOT English". However, report writing is becoming more important in all aspects of life and employment and NZQA have recognised this in all subjects. Despite

# LEARNING SUPPORT

During 2012 we saw new faces and said goodbye to familiar faces; threw out old things and started new things. New support staff were Matthew Corbett who joined us for a short while and then moved on to Auckland, Sarah Southall who joined us in Term 2 and left at the end of Term 3; Ann Vincent left us to take care of a beautiful grand daughter, and we welcomed Bev Johns in her place. Thank you, Ann, for years of support. We replaced "Lexia Reading" with "Steps to Literacy". This is a more robust interactive reading and writing programme. Students who used this programme

studied the cause and effects of World War I and how these events allowed an individual

such as Adolf Hitler to gain control of Germany and much of Europe. The class then studied the rise of Ho Chi Minh and the influence he had on Vietnam and Southeast Asia. Year 12 students also studied the 1981 Springbok tour and the lasting affects this has had on our country.

Year 13 History studied the Elizabethan era. Students researched about Henry the VIII to Charles the II. The class looked at all aspects of society and how we can still see lasting influence even today in our society. Mr J Jordan

all the moaning, the reports presented were well written and a good example of "If you set your mind to it, you can succeed".

In Term 4, a representative of NZICA (the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants) came and spoke to the Year 12 and 13 students. She gave out lots of packets of jelly beans and really inspired the students to think about a career in accounting. There are numerous opportunities for accountants and the average pay is considerably above that of other professionals (especially teachers!). Accounting skills also lead on to, and complement a number of other professions. Ruapehu College, over the years, has produced a number of successful chartered accountants and the future looks bright for this current bunch of accounting students!

Mrs S  
Laurenson

enjoyed it and some improvement

was noted in their English work. More students will be enrolled in this programme in 2013. We hope to incorporate Moodle, Skype and Youtube into our learning support programmes as well.

My heartfelt thank you to all the support staff – without your willingness and dedication, our students would not have enjoyed the success they had.

Louise Beukes SENCO



# ENGLISH

Our lovely HOD Jane Voon decided to take leave for a year in 2012.

What to do, what to do? Jenny Robb assisted by Johnny Greene, Jeff King and Louise Beukes kept the well oiled machine ticking.

We have had a busy year with loads of great teaching and learning.

Mr Greene has kept his senior students well on task and had many of them attending P4 classes to make sure they achieve these credits they need.

Mr King and Mrs Beukes separated their Yr9 classes into boy-only and girl-only classes. This was fantastic and results showed a clear improvement.

We had some students take part in ICAS – International Competitions and Assessments for Schools run by the University of New South Wales. Well done, Lais Morris, on a CREDIT in the writing assessment. Well done, Tessa

Commins, for a DISTINCTION in the English assessment.

A few of our students gained the opportunity to audition for parts in a short film “Eyes wide shut” being filmed locally. Excellent work, guys, we look forward to seeing the short film. Congratulations to all of the students involved. As we look back on 2012 and head into 2013 we look forward to our students continuing to build on their successes. Ways to help at home, keep reading , writing and talking to each other.

Mrs J Robb



# PROPERTY

The property committee consists of Mr Sutton, Mrs Hynes and Mr Couper. They have worked to keep the school a good environment to learn in. Some areas of the school require money to be spent on them and this comes under the ten year plan for the school. The Ministry of Education has indicated to the school that we have too many classrooms for our roll, so the planning for losing some of the classrooms is underway. The remaining classrooms will continue to be upgraded and enhanced for learning.

The senior studies block roof had to be renailed to stop leaks at the beginning of the year. It was also painted to finish off the whole school paint that was mainly finished last year.

The new gymnasium floor has been a real hit, but we are still struggling with leaks in the roof. This problem has seen several people come into the school to advise us and it is due to be repaired as soon as possible. The weights room has been repaired as well. Other areas around the school continue to be monitored.

We have installed three more Smart boards bringing to a total of 11 in the school and wireless routers around the school to enable students to bring their own electronic devices for use in the classroom.

A few accidents around the school have meant that we have had to use funds to repair the damage. Students need to be aware that each time that this happens, less

money can be spent on other property matters.

Mr Sutton works hard to maintain the grounds, and it is disappointing that some students do not understand how dropping rubbish lowers the standard of our grounds.

Other students have worked hard to keep their roopu areas clean.

Ruapehu College is lucky to have enjoyed large, extensive grounds and building spaces over the years.

This era may be coming to an end, but the property committee will work hard to ensure the best possible outcome given the restraints we work within.

Mrs L Hynes



# SCIENCE ROADSHOW



# MUSIC

Monique says you're dumb ...  
wait no that's not right it's all in  
your head ... Legend ...

Students set out to achieve credits using their creativity and ingenuity. Classroom performances involving soloists and groups allowed some to achieve while others were creative, and produced their own music. Tools used to create music ranged from vocals, guitars, Fruity Loops and Reaper (software tools used to record and create mean beats and rhythms). Mr. Jolie even became D.J. Jolie at the senior ball where he helped the students use and mix a DJ program called Mixxx. There were also lessons on musical theory and the students learned about comparing musical styles ... well ... at least they tried.

Lastly, this year saw the continuation music club, thanks to the drive and dedication of Hikoi Te Riaki from the alternative education sector. Using some of the members of the local band Common Unity, the club received some rockin' reggae exposure, invaluable lessons from real life musicians and some invaluable stage time.

Mr R Jolie



# ART

2012 was all about loving paint and 4B pencils. Serious painters Jess and Maija completed some seriously amazing work. Tessa was the busiest student. Joe, Andre and Leighton did not paint much. Tihi was the most incredible creator of Maori design. Liam and Ruby produced exciting landscape paintings. Ngawai was the best worker. Dana and Kiri used the most pink paint. Leishae had the best sense of colour! Brooklyn was first over the finishing line. Rii and Shaq were the best drawers! Christian, Kalijah and Te Ao were the best mates and Ngahuapai told us the best stories and sang great songs. Lysjahn was the best at rainbows and Jane was the most focused on horses. Chas was the most organised. Holly and Chiao were absent the most and Erina was the newest student in class. And... they all learnt to love paint and 4B pencils.

Year 10 and 9 students worked with paint, flowers, vases, graffiti, clay and printing ink. They were keen to try it all. This is the best way to learn about Art.

Mrs Stuckey came back to Art from Mathematics but

then she was sent to the Assistant Principal's office for 10 weeks. During this time Ms Anderson came and

taught us Art. She did not mind a bit of chaos and junior classes studied street art and made a mural while she was here. Mrs A Stuckey



# KAPAHAKA



# BALL



# BALL



# ART



# GATEWAY

Gateway is designed to give students a real life work experience while still at school gaining qualifications towards their chosen career path.

We started off this year with a series of workshops aimed at giving students confidence, skills and knowledge based on the employment industry requirements. All the students who attended these workshops gained their Workplace First Aid Certificate, Kiwihost Certificate for Applied Services and Interview techniques. We also ran two

workshops based on Employment rights and responsibilities and Workplace safety.

Several students attended a Farm based skills course at Taratahi where they learned valuable agriculture skills and more about the farming industry. Students on placement enjoyed the workplace experience and learned a lot thanks to the employers willingly passing on their years of knowledge and wisdom to them.

Ngairé Double  
Gateway Coordinator



# 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.

Courses run this year included...

Land Based Training Agriculture Skills, National Young Leaders Day, Senior Leaders Course, Chainsaw Safety Course and the Wool Harvesting Safety Course. Also a number of lucky textiles students were able to attend the World of Wearable Arts in Wellington this year.

Ngairé Double  
S.T.A.R Coordinator

# CAREERS



Hopefully many students managed to browse the array of information provided by tertiary training institutes in the library this year. I am sure many would have gained ideas to help them with their future planning and also to find out what is available if they really want to achieve their dreams.

This year involved the usual visits from the universities, study link and even the Queenstown Resort College. Some of the

seniors have been using their free highlighters and pens regularly! We also had the visit by the armed forces bus, and next year I hope to improve the variety of visitors as there are so many that are happy to stop by.

This year we also took some students on trips away. Some of the year 12's visited the Manawatu Careers Expo; this was good to find out what was available to do not too far away from home. It also had some good give-aways for the students to take home. The Ruapehu Council was very helpful in the form of Steve Carson, his role being the youth liaison officer. He helped organise and provide transport to UCOL in Palmerston North and

Wanganui for many of our students to visit and see what was available in the trades areas.

As always, the year 10's participated in work experience week. There was an array of different types of experiences around including Ruapehu Alpine lifts and the Waiouru Library. Thanks to those

students who participated and we hope that you can use those skills in the future. This was also followed up in English with students completing a CV and formal thank you letter. Careers is a journey, not a destination. Enjoy and remember to follow your dreams of success!

Ms M Wilson





# HORTICULTURE

There were a few disruptions this year to the normal programme. Mrs Hynes went away on a sabbatical for a term, leaving Mr Hagener to fill in as the relief teacher. Most of the course went ahead, using Moodle on Educo as a resource for the learning. It is great that we have access to this online learning as students can now access their work 24/7.

Level One students were great achievers. They started the year with their vegetable seed beds, earning 5 credits for cultivating, planting and caring for seeds. They should all be able to make your vegetable gardens at home now.

They also planted kowhai seeds trialling scarification as a method to break dormancy.

They then learnt about 3 different types of agriculture and horticulture so that they could be assessed on their poster presentations.

The effects of agriculture and horticulture on the environment were the next studies and they had to prepare a leaflet for growers and farmers to say what some of the good and bad effects were.

During term 3, with Mr Hagener in charge they studied Soils and Structure and function of plants which were exam topics. We await, with interest, the results of their learning with the January exam grades.

The Level Two class achieved 5 credits to start their year when they learned about the structure and function of plants.

They visited an Atihau beef farm and a market garden to find out what effects these primary industries have on the environment and wrote reports on this.

Propagation of pine trees was also studied but there was no time to finish this and be assessed, as Mrs Hynes hit the road including a trip to USA, including visiting other schools and Yellowstone National Park. When she came back the topic of irrigation had still to be assessed which is what the students worked on to the end of the year, and modifying plant environments will be assessed in the exam.

The Level 3 class fell away in numbers to leave just Mikayla, working solidly by herself on a study of a locally important product - wool and a nationally important product - tomatoes, during the year. Good on you, Mikky, for sticking with elearning through Moodle.

Mrs L Hynes



# LAND BASED TRAINING

Take 50 enthusiastic secondary school pupils and a competition testing all manner of farming skills and you have the ingredients for a great day out. The annual Land Based Training (LBT) Inter-schools final competition was recently held on Otiwhiti Station and tested the knowledge, skills and endurance of pupils from all over the North Island.

Otiwhiti Station, near Hunterville, is also home to the Land Based Training Otiwhiti Station Agricultural School so proceedings were watched with interest by directors Charlie Duncan and Rob Gollan looking to spot potential future candidates. School teams were faced with individual and team challenges such as cattle handling, fencing (wire and electric), sheep handling, tractor hazard identification, health and safety, identifying weeds and breeds and general knowledge.

Twenty minutes was allocated for each challenge with encouragement coming from each team's support teacher and fellow pupils. Palmerston North Boys High were the defending title holders but after a hard fought battle, Ruapehu College were the victors with Palmerston North Boys High coming in second. Te Awamutu College were third. The teams were fuelled by donated Angus Pure beef and donuts prepared by the LBT Marton team.

Other teams who helped make the competition such a tight one were Hauraki College, Te Kuiti High, Wanganui High, Wanganui Collegiate and Coastal (Okato). "It's great to see the enthusiasm the students bring to an event such as this," said Land Based Training operations manager James Towers. "Agriculture continues to be a major driver of New Zealand's economy and we need more skilled entrants to ensure the industry continues to grow and thrive".

Mr James Towers



# TE REO MAORI

It has been an exciting year for the Te Reo Maori Department. Tiera Mareikura took junior classes during Term Three. She encouraged many students to stand and speak, building confidence and experience in oral language. Tiera will be missed, we wish her all the best for the future and hope to see her back at Ruapehu College. Students have been working on the new NCEA Level 1 and 2 assessments. Evidence for these assessments can be collected outside of school, allowing students to collect video evidence where ever they are speaking Te Reo. I have enrolled many students from Year 9 through to Year 13 in external examinations. It is imperative that they attend these. Does your son, daughter, mokopuna take Te Reo Maori? Are they enrolled in an external examination? If you are unsure please take the time to talk to our children. The more support we offer them, the greater the chance of success.

# MATHEMATICS

This has been a major year of change for our college's Mathematics Department.

On arrival, I found a very dedicated group of people who welcomed me to the College. They are: -

- Mr R. Prasad, who is a tower of strength and support for this department and the teachers in it.
- Mr B. Connelly, who teaches one year 9 class, has done a sterling job of delivering the curriculum.
- Mr. J. King who along with his AP responsibilities, teaches a year 10 class to a very high standard. So at the end of my first year here at Ruapehu College, I feel very privileged and humble to be part of a very professional, dedicated and supportive group of teachers.

Year 9: A small group of year 9's have proven themselves capable and willing to attempt NCEA Level 1 Number Achievement Standard.

Year 10: We have 6 students sitting full NCEA Level 1 this year while a number of other students will attempt varying numbers of units. By doing this we have raised our expectations and set clear goals so giving these students a good lead into attaining numeracy.

# JAPANESE

Year 9 Japanese has had a great year and the students have gained in confidence as the year has progressed. The class started with the most basic and important phrase in any language "Toire wa doko desuka"- "Where is the toilet?". The main focus for lessons were communication and learning how to speak and listen. For students living in the Ruapehu area this is very important as they often have the opportunity to meet Japanese who come to the area for tourism. Students were often required to create role-plays in Japanese and then act them out in front of the class. This built confidence and fluency, both important aspects of learning any language. All students can now introduce themselves and their family, as well as talk about their likes and dislikes. Others can confidently talk about their day and what they study at school and talk about their teachers, always a popular activity. Along the way there were a few linguistic

Next year I plan to hold several Hui Rumaki or Total Immersion Gatherings. If you are out in the community and speak Te Reo Maori, please come along and support this kaupapa. Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora ai te reo o a tatou tamariki mokopuna. There are also plans to collect some of the evidence for NCEA Assessments by having more interaction between the college students and those of Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Ngati Rangi. The Kura have been very supportive of this initiative but time has not allowed it to happen this term. No reira ki koutou nga tauira me nga whanau whanui o to tatou kura, ki pai nga hararei, te kirimete me te tau hou. Ma te atua tatou e manaaki, e arahi, noho ora mai.

Mr C McLeod



Year 11: This year there has been a major emphasis on students attaining numeracy. With the changes brought about by the realignment of Unit Standards (now referred to as Level 4 Numeracy Standards) and Achievement Standards we have seen a clear line drawn for the academic requirements.

Year 12: Because there is an academic step up at this level, some of our students have found the course very challenging while others have met the challenge, and through hard work, have succeeded.

Year 13: Only 1 student completed Calculus this year and she undertook her learning online using video conferencing. The statistics class had 5 students who have worked tirelessly within their demanding schedule. Regardless of their career paths, Year 13 Statistics enables them to do research, do analysis, write reports and make conclusions of their findings.

Mr G Cowen

miscues with one boy describing himself as an eight year old basketball. You can guarantee that when you learn a language you will always make mistakes!

In term three, two year nine students entered the Massey University Year 10 speech competition. Although they did not win they delivered very good speeches and made everyone at the college very proud. This is the first time students have had this opportunity but it is hoped that Ruapehu College students will take up this challenge again in the future. It was also an excellent chance to meet Japanese students from other schools around the area.

A big thanks to all the students who made the year a success and good luck for your future studies. Hontou ni arigatoo gozaimashita, itsumo totemo tanoshikatta desu. Rainen mo gambatte kudasai!

Mr J King

# LIBRARY

It's that time of the year again when Ruapehu College staff are busy gathering information for articles for the annual school magazine and it was only when I was reflecting on what I had previously written that I realised that this would be my fourth piece of writing.

There is a saying that time seems to fly by when you are old and/or when you are having fun (I wonder if both could apply in my situation) as I can hardly believe it was four years ago in September 2008 that I commenced work here as the college librarian!

Earlier on this year the library acquired some "pre-loved" furniture, which had been on my "wish list" for some time. Three two-seater sofas, three Hub chairs and two vinyl bean bags. They have added not only extra seating options but created a colourful, relaxing reading area which the library previously lacked.

This Comfy Corner is situated where students have easy access to a great selection of printed material such as fiction, magazines and quick read books. I feel that this new setup has created a library environment that positively invites and encourages students to come in and read.

It has been pleasing to see that the library has been used in a number of different ways this year. For the first time the Junior and Senior Speech competitions had a very successful evening in the library with many favourable comments from staff, student participants and visitors. I do hope this will now become an annual event on the library calendar.

This year Period 4 was introduced and takes place in the library. It is an hour long after-school session on Tuesdays and Thursdays where students are encouraged to meet with their subject teachers to have extra tuition. This has proved to be a worth while venture with many students taking up this opportunity to help them achieve credits.

Recently the teaching staff on a teacher-only day utilised the whole of the library area for their restorative practice seminar as it proved to be the most suitable facility for them to carry out their training.

Hopefully the use of our library will continue to grow and so become a vital part of college life.



We have purchased almost two hundred books this year with a diverse range of themes and styles of young adult fiction dealing with social and personal issues that teenagers can identify with. Some authors write about teenage ideology while others present fantastical stories based on dystopian themes or the supernatural worlds of werewolves, vampires and angels which are still very popular with a number of students.

Hopefully in our library collection we have books for the discerning reader and even the most reluctant of teen readers.

I feel positively encouraged with the number of issues of library books this year especially with some Year 9 boys regularly taking out books.

This all came about through Mr. King bringing his English class to the library for weekly "quiet" reading. I would like to think that having the Comfy Corner helped in some way too!

In today's busy world where it is easier to switch on TV or play a DVD let's not forget the magic created when you can pick up a book and escape to your own world. I would like to finish with a couple of quotes

"Reading is an effective way to keep your brain active and since your brain is the most important muscle you have, it's essential to keep it fit"

"Reading - it's one addiction that should be encouraged in our children".

Mrs W Hubbard Librarian

# VIDEO CONFERENCING

In 2012, video conferencing was used for students studying Level 2 and Level 3 Physics, Level 3 Chemistry and Level 3 Calculus.

The Correspondence School provided a beginner French course to three students.

The video conferencing students are all completing a reasonably successful year of work and those in Level 3 going off to university, will take with them good independent work skills, self motivation and good time management skills.

Mrs S Laurenson



# OUTDOOR EDUCATION

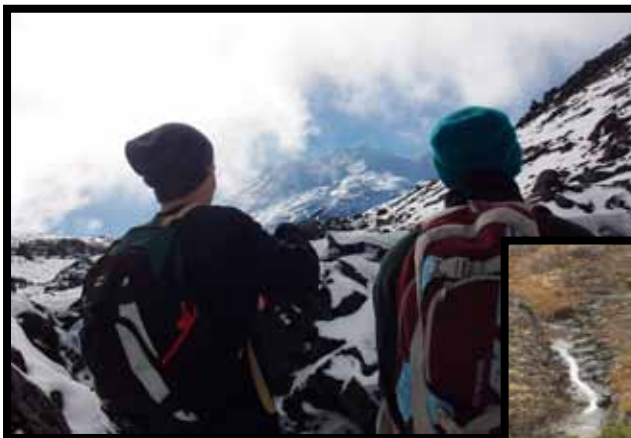
Exciting things have happened in Outdoor Education 2012. This year our number of classes and participants have trebled. We have got costs down and activities and credits up.

In term one we spent a lot of time in our local pool, lakes and rivers developing our kayaking skills. Paddling technique, river running skills, and rescues were all assessed on the Waikato, Rangitikei, and Tongariro rivers, with myself and fellow instructors being very impressed at the ability of our students. Term two saw all classes involved in mountain biking including assessments at the Craters of the Moon, Taupo. Rock climbing was another major activity, the year 11's completed indoor climbing and the 12 and 13's went outdoor climbing. Thanks to Aiko a new crag was developed and some of the year 12 students managed the first official ascent and thus earning naming rights. Some individual class activities included a survival night for the year 13's where they caught their own food using their survival kits and constructed their own shelter from natural materials in the bush. The year 12's with the guidance of Aiko built and spent the night in a snow cave up the mountain, and

the year 11's completed a series of tramps including an awesome day trekking through frozen streams. In term three snow sports became the major theme with students earning a whole lot of credits skiing and snowboarding down the mountain. Other activities for the year included orienteering, abseiling, navigation, river crossing, adventure based learning and risk management assessment and analysis.

It has been another fantastic year working with our youth in our wonderful environment. We have seen a lot of achievements this year not only in credits but in gaining practical, social, and personal skills and an increase in self confidence that will hopefully transfer into all aspects of their lives.

Mr B Connolly



# FIELD MAORI

A big focus for this year was to be hosting the Aotea Regional Secondary School Competitions for Manu Korero (speech) and Pae Rangatahi(Kapahaka).

A small group of dedicated and hard-working volunteers met frequently during the first six months of the year to organise what was expected to be a very big competition over two days at the end of June.

Under the tutorship of Riwaru Tihema, supported by Chaana Morgan and many parents, aunties and uncles, the school Rōpu put in hours of practice, some in school time but most in their own time. They learnt many new songs and had the added responsibility of being hosts on the days.

Our Rōpu did not win any placings in either the speeches or Kapahaka, but we were very proud of their

performance on the day.

An added extra this year has been the availability of Field Māori Unit Standards. An on-line class was created on Moodle, some period 4 classes made available and units were loaded onto Moodle for students to be able to work on assessments. A number of students have taken advantage of this opportunity to gain more credits. The practical performance has been recorded and this acts as evidence for NZQA.

During the recent holidays, students were also given an extra opportunity to make a study of Taonga Puoro to complement the practical class of making two musical instruments. Jerome Kavanagh shared his expertise on the history and workings of his very large collection of Māori musical instruments. The level 3 credits gained are a bonus after the skill of learning to play these instruments.

Mrs M George



Te Roopu Kapahaka o Ruapehu

Front row: Kataraiana Hakaraia, Carlin Rewiri, Piri ki te Atua Callaghan, Tuhirangi Akapita, Zynaia Richards-Winter, Shairone Wood, Miriama Hansen,

Second row: Mrs J Mikaere (Principal), Shakarn Brown, Jade Matete, Hemi Kohu, Raiden Te Huia, Tihi ote Ora Mareikura, Simon Katene, Mrs M George.

Third row: Tiana Rapana-Bell, Kiri-Joy Rapana-Bell, Dariayne Prince, Dana Paul, Lysjahn Wood, Ngawai Kaire, Makayla Taura.

Back row: D'Avyl Delamare, Jonty Curtis.

Absent: Tamara McCarthy, Odette Edmonds, Olive Green Hiroti, Christian Hawira, Shania Hawira, Andre McDonnell, Courtney McDonnell, Vernon McLeod, Holly-Tanielle McDonnell, Jason Paul, Zivana Richards-Winter.



# DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Department has had a number of changes with staff over the past two years, with me starting at the College during the second term of this year. These changes have been a little difficult for the students at the College to adjust to as each new staff member brings different expectations and strengths. But having said that the students have adjusted well now and enthusiasm and good results have been achieved.

Year Nine student rotation continues to allow students to try out different options in preparation for their senior years. We chose a wood-based project, a working model of an oil derrick. This we called a Nodding Neddy. This project involved marking out and scroll sawing a number of parts to be assembled on a chosen base. Most of the students appeared to enjoy the practical component of this project and many achieved proud results.

Year Ten students struggled the most with staff changes, and took a little more time to settle into expectations and routines. We started with a clock design project, where students researched and developed a design that suited their taste and room at home. We worked with different materials, aluminium, plastic and wood. The students were introduced to a range of new tools including the metal lathe. Success was mixed, with some excellent outcomes and some not so good. Lack of enthusiasm was the biggest hurdle, so we did not pursue and introduced a new project. The new project is to design and make a foot stool for home. Students were allowed to choose either steel or wood for its construction. This project is working well and the students are much more motivated to achieve a good outcome.

Year Eleven students are currently working on a project that involves the investigation and development of improving a simple product using engineering materials. This proven successful tools 4 work project is moderated by the engineering industry training organization. The construction of this weather vane project has been a

great success with ten credits earned to those who have applied a consistent effort in its design and construction during the third term.

Year twelve students had struggled to get much achieved prior to my start at the College and enthusiasm doing well in this subject was not important to them. To regain some enthusiasm we consulted both the students and senior management and decided to change the course and introduce an automotive programme for this class. We located a car, and with the help of caretaker, Phil, towed it to the college. We dismantled this car and this has paved the way to introduce a number of aligned automotive unit standards. With funding help from gateway, we have engaged Fairfield Motors in Hamilton and are currently completing these automotive unit standards.

Year thirteen design technology class is small, with a small number of students opting to work with achievement standards on a wood based project. Absenteeism has been the big hurdle, with students out of class on other school based programmes. The enthusiasm is good, so we are still hopeful of completing these large chosen projects.

Kevin Rowlands



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This year has seen Mrs. Campbell teaching Year 9, 11, 12 and 13 classes and Mr. Connelly teaching the Year 10 classes. We have also been fortunate enough to have two student teachers in our department this year as well. Kris Vine (who is an ex-student of our school) taught Year 9's and 12's in term one and two and Carladayna Edwards taught the same year levels in term three. Our student teachers brought youth, passion and some excellent ideas to our department and the students really enjoyed their input.

Throughout the country new achievement standards are being introduced in all subject areas for Year 11 and above. We started using the new standards last year at Year 11 and introduced the level two standards at Year 12 this year. Next year will be the final step and the introduction of these standards at level 3. There are some excellent new standards covering interesting topics that the students are really interested in. There has also been some excellent professional development for staff and this will help improve and further develop the existing programme.

We have thoroughly enjoyed having our gym back in one piece and love the new blue floor! Most students are really respectful of our gym and enjoy the use they have of it, although, I have had to close the gym on a few occasions when students have not looked after the space or used the gym inappropriately. Thanks to all the students who make an effort and remind others of how it should be kept. Participation in physical activities is a huge part of Physical Education and our goal is to have 100% participation at all levels. I would like to take my hat off to all the boys at all year levels who engage enthusiastically in physical education. Senior girls have been great but quite a number of our junior girls have been hesitant to take part this year. Healthy body, healthy mind is the message our department is giving you this year. If you are physically active on a regular basis, you will feel great, be more successful in your school work and keep yourself fit and healthy. To those of you who hold back, give it a go. You never know, you might enjoy it!  
Mrs K Campbell

# HEALTH

Students continue to get a full Health programme with a variety of topics. The basic Hauora model is used and built on at each level. Unit Standards have been used for the last time this year. They will be replaced by the new and exciting Achievement Standards. This subject is offered at senior level which gives students excellent career pathways as well as life skills.

The use of "moodle" continues to allow students to catch up missed work or to work at their own pace. Moodle also continues to work well with Smartboard technology, and the inquiry learning model S.A.U.C.E. is also being developed for best learning.

The "Theta" team from Dunedin addressed all students, and added value to learning around relationships and sexuality. It was relevant and accessible for our students. They will be most welcome to return.

The Health Department also values the input of the health nurse and other outside agencies that help provide the best for Ruapehu College students. Although this has not always been easy, ongoing communications with these agencies are improving.

Maori students' academic improvement has been a focus, and it is pleasing to apply some of the concepts learned in the He Kakano programme. Credit rates are

improving and there is less classroom disruption. Room 4 (where most Health classes are held) has been refurbished. Desks and chairs have been replaced with lounge suits, comfortable chairs, floor squabs and floor cushions. This reflects the modern learning environment for our student. There is less of a difference between home and school, and students have been encouraged to take pride in their learning environment.

This expanding concept of ako, (practice in the classroom and beyond), has so far been greatly appreciated and enjoyed by Ruapehu College students. Some of the comments made by students have been:

"It feels more relaxed."

"I can take my shoes off and work where I want to."

"It feels like we are not at school."

"It seems to change the way I feel about learning. It's like we are not lectured at."

"Can we have milo in class next winter?"

Room 4 now has the nickname "Café 4", and you are most welcome to come into the health classes at any time.

All in all, it has been another good year in the Ruapehu Health Department, and hopefully next year will bring even better chances for learning.

Ms A Cranston

# TRAVEL AND TOURISM

2012 has been a great year for the students in this subject. This is a two-year course so there have been two groups of students working on their own programmes; One group continuing with their studies from 2011 and the other beginning the course in 2012. There is a double bonus with this course; NCEA credits and entry to the travel industry doing a course that would cost up to \$4000.00 if it was taken by an outside provider.

The new group of students have taken advantage of the opportunity this course offers. It is a career-based course and leads to a future and job opportunities in the most exciting industry of travel and tourism. Whether the goal is to be a flight attendant or a chef or a hotel manager or a travel agent or a tour guide, this programme gets students on their way to achieving their goal. This year all the students have moved somewhere along this pathway, completing a good number of units towards their National Certificates in travel and tourism.

The highlight of the year has been the educational trip to Rotorua in term 3. The group spent one day visiting a range of hotels and accommodation properties, even managing to get into the royal suite at the Novotel. Then they became

tourist for a day and visited tourist attractions such as Tikitere (Hell's gate) and Rainbow Springs.

At one attraction, they had the opportunity to play with the beauty mud and at the other they got wet with the big splash and well as meeting the kiwi and Jenny the kea.

Travel and Tourism gives a great start to a fantastic future. Next year this group of students will hopefully continue and gain the qualification that will get them into the industry and have some more fun on the way. The big question is where will the next educational trip go to?

Mr N Buck



# INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Another year is almost over. The NCEA Level 2 alignment was implemented in the classroom. It was pleasing to get some grades of excellence from the level 1 and 2 students this year. The focus in the department this year was on using digital media and business technology for all levels. The students have been learning about digital citizenship and creativity. For example one of the level 2 units of work looked at advanced film making tools and the use of animation.

Students had also analysed websites. Digital technology helps students develop career pathways by being useful across all subjects at school and beyond. At the time of writing this article students were still working on their achievement and we are looking forward to them gaining more credits. I hope that all students have an enjoyable Christmas break and I see them come back refreshed for next year.

Mrs Susana McKernan

## BUSINESS CHALLENGE TEAM

The Business Challenge is a business simulation where teams or individuals from around New Zealand compete against each other in the running of a fictitious company. This was the first time the College had a team since 2009. Mr Laurenson was our mentor and we were Amber Ryan, Tangaroa Joyce, Mikayla Bates, Kanyakon Kosinanonth and Panthira Kosinanonth. We were competing against mainly businesses.

The business decisions we made each period were entered into the simulation website, where the computer simulation analyses the effects on the competing companies.

Our opening round scenario was to manage a company responsible for the manufacturing and sale of the official Olympic branded mascot toys, Wenlock & Mandeville for domestic and international tourists. All teams operated within five distinct markets within England along with two export markets in Australia and USA. One of the UK zones was a home zone with distinct market share and distribution advantage, due to ownership of a warehouse there. There was the potential to purchase further warehouses within other UK markets as the competition progressed. We competed against four businesses including AMI Insurance, Industrial Research Ltd and Milk Test NZ.

Initially, each of the market places was relatively small but grew significantly during the actual game. There were a number of contracts also on offer to the lowest bidder each round, some for instant delivery and some for on-going regular delivery. Our company started in a relatively healthy state although required investment in some areas, particularly evident in the distribution area where emergency contractors had been used to deliver sales. As the game progressed the market grew and we made significant investment in new plant. We had to consider and set expenditure figures for pricing, marketing, production, consultancy, cashflow management and stock levels among other things. Unfortunately as the Olympic games concluded there were huge reductions beyond our expectations in demand.

The competition was relatively expensive to enter with businesses paying \$1375 per team. There was a big discount for educational institutions and in our case we were fortunate to have the Ruapehu College Education

Assistance Trust sponsoring our entry.

The competition was very exciting, especially as we led for parts and narrowly missed making the final five teams, finishing a close second in the qualifying round. Milk Test NZ finished ahead with a retained profit for the six decision periods of \$5,952,228 and went on to contest the final. We had a retained profit slightly behind on \$5,811,364. This was actually a higher retained profit than two of the other finalists but only the five leading teams from the five qualifying games got through. We had led earlier in the round but suffered midway through by not realising how severe the market drop would be, overproducing and ending up overstocked in round four. We dropped over \$500,000 behind. Restructuring saw us recover and again showing the best results in the last period but unable to catch up. Combined markets had dropped almost 75% since period 4. This meant that profits were a lot harder to come by and in fact, some teams were unable to make it into the black. The reduction in profits meant that consolidation was the name of the game for the final period.

Main sponsors for the 2012 Business Challenge were NV Interactive and KiwiHost

Out of our team of six, three are back again next year and keen to take up the challenge again. We all gained immensely from the experience.

Mr J Laurenson



Tangaroa Joyce, Mikayla Bates, Amber Ryan, Kanyakon Kosinanonth, Mr J Laurenson  
Absent: Meaw Kosinanonth.



# BASKETBALL

2012 has been a huge year for the Girls' Basketball Team. Our training and fund raising for our trip to the USA has been a huge focus. We have spent many hours working towards our goal. Our season was a huge step up and the girls played exceptionally. Our season came to an end after we lost to Wanganui High School in our semi-final.

Since the end of season we have been training four times a week to prepare ourselves for our trip. It has been great to have many of the boys coming in on Thursdays to have a run. This has been beneficial for us to see where we are at.

To conclude the year we had an end of season BBQ. This was enjoyed by all. The game between the parents and players was humorous and much enjoyed by all involved. Thanks to those who helped in organising this.

I am sad to have come to the end of my time in the team but I am sure all the girls who continue to play will have



an amazing time. As for Jerry Jordan, our coach, I want to make sure you know how much we all, especially me appreciate the time and effort you put into our team. You have passed on your passion for the game to us all and we thank you for that. I wish the team the best of luck for the future, I am going to miss you all.

Amber Ryan Captain of Ruapehu College Girls Basketball Team



Girls Basketball, Front row: Emma Dowman, Hayley Fredericksen, Amber Ryan (Captain), Chiao Ruri, Lucy Lyon. Back row: Tessa Milne, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Kataraina Hakaraia, Mr J Jordan (Coach)  
Absent: Me-Kayla Sue-Waara

# TOUCH

Taine Pakai  
Kadin Connelly  
Eli Connelly  
Katariana Hakaraia  
Tiriana Rapana  
Tangaroa Joyce  
Brian Connelly  
Tayna Tihore

Mr Brian Connelly took on a group of students who played in the local touch module in Raetihi during term one. It has restarted again in term four with great turnout of students.



# BASKETBALL

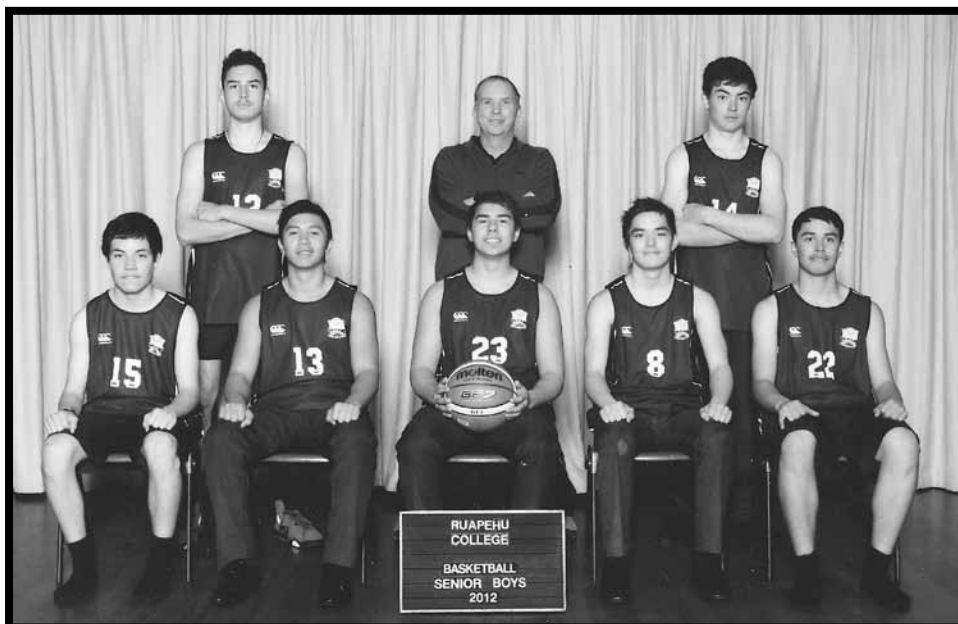
We have not had a boys' basketball team at Ruapehu College for a number of years, so we asked Jefferine O'Sullivan to coach and hoped we could find five boys who wanted to play. I guess "if you build it they will come" some boys saw the girls training in term one and asked if I could get something going. I thought it would be a good idea just to get them used to bouncing the ball so we started training expecting four or five to turn up, but instead every night we had twenty boys. Luckily Hikoï also turned up to training and so we decided to split the boys into a junior team coached by Jefferine and a senior team coached by Hikoï Te Riaki and myself.

The first few weeks in the competition were quite discouraging for me, I wondered if it was worth going all the way down to Wanganui on a Friday night just to get thrashed. However the boys were an inspiration to me, they never seemed to let it get them down, maybe they were more into the McDonalds after the game, but they were always keen to get back to training and work on some new moves.

Finally all the hard work and effort paid off. Our skills and knowledge of the game improved, our shots were starting to sink, our defense was getting tighter, and we managed to pull off our moves. We finished the competition tasting the sweet taste of success by winning our last three games.

With many of our boys returning to school next year and with some impressive players coming up from the juniors we hope to build on the progress we made this year in 2013.

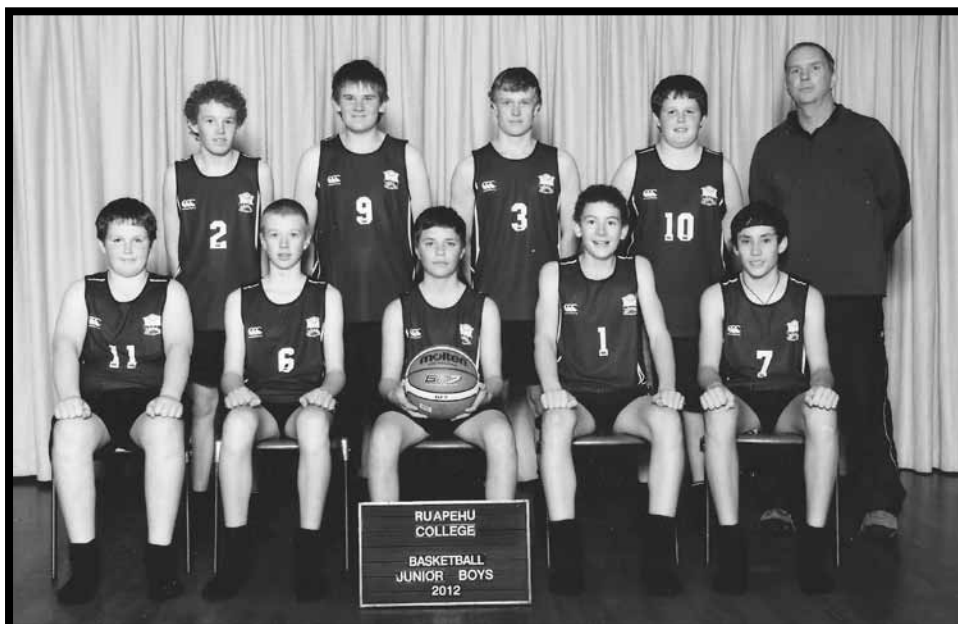
A big thanks to all those who helped out our teams this year, Jerry and the Girls B Ball team for their help at trainings, Maxine for organizing things and especially for sorting out some new uniforms for next year (Hikoï remembers playing in our uniforms we used this year), the school management for helping to subsidise some of the costs, Jefferine and Hikoï for all the time they sacrificed, the parents for all the support, and to the players for always playing hard and fair every week.  
Mr B Connelly



## Senior Boys

Front row: Eli Connelly, Andre McDonnell, Carlos Tahau-Haitana, Shaun Brown, Tayna Tihore.

Back row: Tangaroa Joyce, Mr B Connelly, Marley Connelly.



## Junior Boys

Front row: Kurtis Frederickson, Daniel Artz, Kadin Connelly, Caleb Lyon, Taine Pakai  
Back row: Thomas Howell, Caleb Couper, Willem Van Hees, Jeremy Fredericksen, Mr B Connelly.

# BOYS RUGBY

This year after much pondering over numbers we were unable to field any full Ruapehu College rugby teams we still wanted to encourage our students to play the game so many love so we looked outside the square and had success under the umbrella of the Ruapehu Senior team and the Northern Rebels.

Our more senior players played for the Senior team at Ruapehu Rugby Club helping create some stiff competition and some pleasurable rugby for spectators. The boys thrived under the club, leading by example in their commitment to trainings and dress each Saturday, entering the club rooms as a team to be proud of. They played off for the plate final against Border winning 47 25. Special thanks to Mark Green for your passion and commitment in looking after our boys.

Gabriel Hakaraia – most promising player, Andre McDonnell - best back and Kahl Elers- Green – best and fairest were all recognised with trophies for their team at the prize giving.

Players were:

- Gabriel Hakaraia
- Andre McDonnell
- Kevin McDonnell
- Slade Elers
- Kahl Elers Green

- Mac James Edmonds
- Carlos Tahau Haitana
- Leighton Richards
- Joseph Metekingi
- Callum Long

Our junior boys combined with Taihape Area School to form the Northern Rebels, meeting for trainings in Waiouru each week and sharing the home games between Taihape Area School and Ruapehu Colleges. Along with their committed coaches and Managers they were a very formidable team in the Wanganui Division 3 (Year 9/10) competition. Often playing above their weight and age the teams commitment and passion saw them winning most games and going into a final with Wanganui City College.

They were unable to clinch the win but played with such spirit that their efforts were commendable. Special thanks to Peter Porter and Adrian Brown for the time and commitment you have shown to this group of boys.

- Tuhirangi Akapita
- Jonty Curtis
- Shakarn Brown
- Shairone Wood
- Simon Katene
- Quaid Ponga
- Mrs M Hakaraia



# GIRLS RUGBY

Girls rugby as usual is very popular at Ruapehu College and this year was no different. They started the year winning the Wanganui Secondary schools sevens competition. This was meant to be the beginning of a great competition but unfortunately the other schools could not continue to field teams. Ruapehu Girls did play a team from Marton and Wanganui Girls college winning both games. They also played Taupo-Nui-A-Tia College and won 42-10 and Reporoa/Lakes combined winning 73-5. The girls are always eager for more games. With the focus on the upcoming 2016 Olympics and the introduction of women's rugby 7's the NZRFU are putting an emphasis on girls rugby and identifying talent.



A group of our students travelled to Palmerston North to undergo a fitness and skills session with Essie Chitty being asked to come back for another days trialling. Thank you to Wayne Te Huia for your ongoing enthusiasm and passion and Sherry Hansen for taking our girls. Their passion and excitement for the game is a credit to you.  
Mrs M Hakaraia



Front row: Merekatene Haitana, Corrineke Windle, Essie Chitty.  
Back row: Mrs M Hakaraia (Rugby Administrator) Makayla Taura, Miriama Hansen, Kataraina Hakaraia, Mr W Te Huia (coach).  
Absent: Mrs R Te Huia (Manager), Mrs S Hansen (Assistant Coach), Shania Hawira, Dahneka Perkins, Waipuna Ratapu-Williams, Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, Sabrina Tahau-Haitana, Mikaela Tahau, Zakira Tipene.

# CRICKET

As usual we had several games and the occasional washout while playing in the Wanganui region. It was a baptism of fire for players like Jaakan Horne, Thomas Howell and Kadin Connelly as they saw rock hard ball flying past their helmets at over 100 km/hr. John Laurenson and I witnessed Jaakan tooting along the 22 yard pitch to get his first ever run amidst all the high fives. Willem and Matthew L continued to improve with the guidance of senior players like Callum and Tangaroa. The school has also entered for the Junior Cricket 20/20 in Term 4 and we are hoping that they learn more skills over the summer. All other students also contributed well. Many thanks for Matthew Corbett for using his expertise and his valuable time to assist these students.

Raj Prasad  
Coach/Manager/Driver/Laundry

Front row: Thomas Howell, James Hilson, Willem Van Hees, Matthew Dowman, Carlin Rewiri.

Second row: Mr R Prasad (Coach), Callum Long (Captain), Anaru Hansen, Waylon Clapp, Marley Connelly, Mr M Corbett (Assistant Coach)

Back row: Kadin Connelly, Tangaroa Joyce, Jaakan Horne, Matthew Laurenson.



# SOCCER

Our annual soccer match against St Bernard's College from Upper Hutt was held in winter. We had two weeks of preparation with the assistance of Jeff King who provided some good fitness and basic football drills. The result did not go in our favour but the word was that within a short span of time we had done better than the previous year. It was good to see the likes of Kevin M, Liam N and Kaea B displaying their skills much to the delight of the cheering girls of our college.

At the end of Term 3, an inaugural student/staff vs Police ("Rock vs Cop") match was organised at our grounds.

We came away winners 6-4 despite the police displaying some good skills. The visitors scored their last goal when the goal keeper was exchanging jerseys 30 metres from an open goal mouth. The staff scored all the goals. Brian Connelly's bulldozing run was worth witnessing and his goal was a cracker. He began celebrating by pulling his jersey over his head and running. Funnily enough he needed assistance to get it down again. The college appreciates the police team participating and we are hoping for an annual fixture from now on.

Many thanks for Phil Sutton to preparing the ground.  
Raj Prasad



# NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SKIING



Team 1 Jordyn Eves  
Luke Deadman  
Cameron Hotter  
Simon Katene  
Tessa Milne

Team 2 Makayla Taura  
Jackson Whale

Front row: Tessa Milne, Mrs K Campbell, Makayla Taura.  
Back Row: Simon Katene, Hayze Barker-Pehi, Jackson Whale, Luke Deadman, Cameron Hotter, Antonia Hoeta.

## ROCK COLLEGE ON TUROA 2012

We have had a very good year on Turoa this year with record numbers of students taking advantage of the wonderful, unique opportunities that are given to them. The senior Outdoor and Physical Education classes made use of afternoon classes whenever they could, working towards improving their skills to sit a number of different snowsport assessments, from beginner to advanced in both snowboarding and skiing. Between the two subjects and across year 11 to 13, the students gained 200 credits between them in term 2. The only snow disappointment was the fact that the Physical Education year 12 and 13 Tukino trip was unable to go ahead this year. We'll definitely try again next year. Clubs was a real success for snow sport this year. We had a record number of students choosing and participating in this club over the six week period that it ran, and the weather was kind enough to allow us to go riding for four out of the six weeks. Unfortunately, Clubs has been removed from the calendar next year and will not run in 2013.

Year 9 and 10 snow days were a blast and there are some student comments in here reflecting what they thought of their two days in the snow.

The inter whanau ski and snowboarding competition was held on the first Year 9 and 10 snow day on what was quite a challenging course on Raceline. Miss Wilson and Mrs. Campbell who officiated on the race were both most impressed with all students who took part. They gave it their best and all had fantastic positive attitudes on the day. It is always a pleasure to be with Ruapehu College students like that!

The snow development squad trained on as many Thursdays as they could. Feedback from their coaches was very positive and some athletes improved out of sight.

We entered the Rangitikei races again this year having

two shots at running them because of bad weather. Mr. Connelly took the team up and once again they raced on a pretty tricky course and came away with some good results. Our boys team took out the overall first place, beating Palmerston North Boys College for the second year in a row. And Cam Hotter was lucky enough to walk away with the spot prize of a pair of skis. Our snow term culminated with the North Island Secondary Schools competitions. Jordyn Eves did exceptionally well in our ski team, but we will have to work hard as a team to improve enough to get a top 10 placing in the future. On the other hand, our snowboard team did amazingly well finishing 3rd overall. We look forward to further developing snow sports at Ruapehu College and will keep you all posted.  
Mrs K Campbell

### Student Comments

It was a great two days skiing up the mountain  
There weren't enough of them

Was an awesome day and the jumps in the park were mean, even though I had stitches in my knee...it was still mean

It was mean as! I enjoyed it very much. The jumps are pimp daddy!

It was fun racing down the mountain  
Had a mean day with the bros Brother T and Shai hitting the park

It was just fun to be up there with people that made me laugh so much because of all our falls!

It was super funny watching mates crash and fall  
I had fun going up the top for the first time...but scary at times

I enjoyed skiing with Amy, Kataraina, Piriteatua, Lyna and Te Rangitapu

Nathan kept ditching me and I broke my board!!

# NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SNOWBOARDING



Front row: Kadin Connelly, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Sophie Pearson, Thomas Howell. Back row: Cory Blaney, Joseph Fluerty, Willem Van Hees, Ms M Wilson, Hayley Fredericksen, Eli Connelly, Tayna Tihore. Absent: Jonathan Double, Eli Rivlin-Myers, Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, Tuhirangi Akapita.



2012 was a year for the snowboard team to be very proud of. All that training and practise made us very strong competitors, and so we should since we are so lucky to have the Mt Ruapehu at our back door. The development team progressed in their techniques significantly. This made it very tough competition to be chosen for the North Island Secondary Schools Snowboard team. There is a strong contingency of junior boys pushing themselves faster down the slopes and higher over the jumps. I look forward to seeing the improvements as more training will sure to make our team even more competitive.

The Boys snowboard team was made up of Eli Rivlin-Myers, Willem Van Hees, Tuhirangi Akapita, and Cory Blaney, but unfortunately those rails denied Cory the chance to compete.

My highlight for the boys team, was witnessing the fierce rivalry between Eli and Willem when they were in the Boardercross. I was a spectator near the bottom of the course; Willem was in front with Eli breathing down his neck. Then something happened and Willem hit the ground on the last corner, and Eli was able to take the win, and progress to the next round. Eli then continued on to place second in the Boardercross.

Willem did not go without, he successfully came third in the Duel Slalom, and placed 3rd top junior boy overall. This was Tuhi's first experience of competition and hope he is going to work hard on stomping those tricks as he is a jumping machine. The points of boys then made their team come 5th overall, well done boys.

The girls have progressed in their skills compared to last year. The team consisted of Hayley Fredericksen, Catherine Pakai-Dewes and Me-Kayla Sue-Waara. Last year Hayley had concussion and was unable to

participate. It was touch and go whether she would get the chance this year due to another concussion, but she was fine and did not push the limits too much.

It was Catherine's and Me-kayla's second competition, and you could see a huge improvement in their confidence. This was evident in the Slope Style, where Catherine did a tidy jump with plenty of height, stomped it down and then did a stylish 'shifty' on her second jump. She was stoked! Me-Kayla showed her skills off in the Boardercross, but unfortunately was crashed into during the semi-finals. It was a great effort from all the girls in the competition, and congratulations to Catherine who was 3rd junior girl overall.

Congratulations to all those that participated in Snowboarding during Inter-Whanau race, the Rangitikei races and the development team. May you continue to progress in your skills and technique, and let's hope we have some more success stories in 2013.

Ms M Wilson



# SQUASH

With most of our higher graded players having left this year, 2012 was always going to be a rebuilding year. Lots of students again took advantage of the squash facilities available, with Mr Laurensen coming in at lunch times to help supervise and give help where needed. There were some keen new juniors.



We were offered the hosting of the Wanganui Sports Open College competition again this year and had several teams competing against teams from throughout the Wanganui region. Surprisingly, we managed to win both the girls and the boys trophies. The girls team was Amber Ryan, Brooklyn Double and Emma Dowman. Hayley Fredericksen was reserve due to injury. The Boys team was Matthew Laurensen, Johnny Double and Liam Noah.

We entered a boys' team to go to National Secondary School Champs in Tauranga but had to withdraw at the last minute due to injuries and unavailability of a full team. We probably would have been a bit weak as a team this year but it gives us something to aim at next year. Both Liam Noah and Johnny Double were part of the Ohakune Men's F grade team that won at district level in Okato and then travelled to Invercargill to compete in the national teams final, with Johnny playing at number one. They finished fourth.

Matthew Laurensen and Emma Dowman both got selected in the Central Squash junior development team that travelled to and played Wellington.



One of the highlights during the year was a visit from the top two New Zealand men's players, Campbell Grayson and Martin Knight. They played a demonstration game in the evening after players were also given the opportunity to take them on in front of the audience which several of our players did.



Another highlight was how well college teams went in the local business house competitions, recording good overall wins. Mr Laurensen combined with Matthew Laurensen,

Matthew Dowman, Taine Pakai and Kaden Connelly won the last one. Inter-Whanau squash was again run as part of school champs.

Tui ran out as victors with 25 points with Kiwi (23), Huia (17) and Weka (7) second third and fourth respectively. In the senior girls final Amber Ryan (Huia) beat Hayley Fredericksen (Tui). In senior boys Liam Noah (Tui) won with Gabriel Hakaraia (Tui) runner up. In the junior boys Matthew Laurensen beat Johnny Double both from Kiwi in the final and in the girls Emma Dowman (Huia) beat Kataraina Hakaraia (Tui). The overall school champions were Matthew Laurensen and Amber Ryan.

Looking ahead to 2013. There are a bunch of players who have been putting a lot of time in at lunch time that have already progressed to a level way ahead of where they were at the start of the year. Taine Pakai is a good example, he filled in, in a senior tournament at the end of this year and beat a much higher graded senior player. Next year will be very exciting for those who start to play the more competitive tournament games. Mr J Laurensen





# ATHLETIC SPORTS

## ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Junior Girls	1st	Kataraina Hakaraia	35 pts
	2nd	Emma Dowman	30
	3rd=	Miriama Hansen	20
Junior Boys	1st	Jade Matete	35
	2nd	Tuhirangi Akapita	32
	3rd	Caleb Lyon	30
Intermediate Girls	1st	Me-Kayla Sue-Waara	35
	2nd=	Jordyn Eves	29
		Hayley Fredericksen	29
Intermediate Boys	4th	Lucy Lyon	27
	1st	Willem Van Hees	33
	2nd	Hemi Kohu	27
Senior Girls	3rd	Gabriel Hakaraia	21
	1st	Mikayla Bates	34
	2nd=	Zakira Tipene	22
Senior Boys		Tessa Milne	22
	4th	Essie Chitty	21
	1st	Joe Metekingi	30
	2nd=	Eli Rivlin-Myers	28
	Daniel Maunsell	28	
	4th	Christian Hawira	21



## ATHLETICS WANGANUI RESULTS

1st's	Tuhirangi Akapita	JB Discus
	Me-Kayla Sue-Waara	IG Javelin
2nd's	Mikayla Bates	SG 200m
	Zakira Tipene	SG Shotput
3rd's	Zakira Tipene	SG Discus
	Joseph Metekingi	SB 200m
	Jordyn Eves	IG 1500m
	SG Relay	SG 4x100m
	Essie Chitty	SG Long jump
	Kataraina Hakaraia	IG Triple jump
	Jade Matete	JB Shotput
	Gabriel Hakaraia	IB Shotput
	Jade Matete	JB Javelin
	Willem Van Hees	IBJavelin



### Athletics Team

Front row: Andre McDonnell, Shaun Brown, Kahl Elers-Green, Carlos Tahau-Haitana, Joseph Metekingi, Luke Deadman, Tangaroa Joyce.

Second row: Tuhirangi Akapita, Willem Van Hees, Caleb Lyon, Kevin McDonnell, Gabriel Hakaraia, Taine Pakai, Shairone Wood, Mrs K Campbell.

Third Row: Emma Dowman, Antonia Hoeta, Anthony Journeaux, Essie Chitty, Hayley Fredericksen, Lucy Lyon, Catherine Pakai-Dewes.

Back row: Mikayla Bates, Miriama Hansen, Kataraina Hakaraia, Tessa Milne.



# SWIMMING SPORTS

## SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2012

Junior Girls	1st	Dariayne Prince	28 points
	2nd	Tessa Commins	23
	3rd	Dahneka Prince	15
Junior Boys	1st	Kadin Connelly	34
	2nd	Jade Matete	20
	3rd	Tuhirangi Akapita	15
Intermediate Girls	1st	Jordyn Eves	36
	2nd	Hayley Fredericksen	29
	3rd	Cina Metekingi	24
Intermediate Boys	1st	James Hilson	20
	2nd=	Ethan Mears	14
		Anaru Hansen	14
	4th	Willem Van Hees	12
Senior Girls	1st	Amber Ryan	36
	2nd	Courtney Taylor	15
Senior Boys	1st	Carlos Tahau-Haitana	35
	2nd	Marley Connelly	27
	3rd	Joe Metekingi	23

### Overall Whanau Placings

1st	Tui	11.5
2nd=	Huia	11
	Kiwi	11
4th	Weka	6.5



# INTERWHANAU SKI AND BOARD

## SKIING

JB	1st	Cameron Hotter	22.56 secs
	2nd	Simon Katene	24.38
	3rd	Hayze Barker-Pehi	24.60
JG	(none)		
SB	1st	Luke Deadman	23.37
	2nd	Ethan Mears	26.41
	3rd	Jackson Whale	31.28
SG	1st	Jordyn Eves	22.96
	2nd	Amber Ryan	26.91
	3rd	Lucy Lyon	27.44

OVERALL	1st	Kiwi	35 points
	2nd	Weka	15
	3rd=	Huia	6
		Tui	6

## BOARDING

JB	1st	Willem Van Hees	29.15 secs
	2nd	Kadin Connelly	31.84
	3rd	Nathan Tutemahurangi	35.97
JG	1st	Catherine Pakai-Dewes	43.25
	2nd	Antonia Hoeta	46.75
	3rd	Amelia Crowley	54.07
SB	1st	Cory Blaney	31.18
	2nd	Joseph Fluerty	33.07
	3rd	Eli Connelly	33.78
SG	1st	Hayley Fredericksen	37.72
	2nd	Sophie Pearson	41.78
	3rd	Brooklyn Double	45.53

OVERALL	1st	Tui	48 points
	2nd	Kiwi	19
	3RD	Weka	15
	4th	Huia	10



# CROSS COUNTRY

## Year 9 Girls

1=	Emma Dowman	19.58
1=	Miriama Hansen	19.58
3	Dahneka Perkins	25.29
4	Rose Brandl	27.00

## Year 9 Boys

1	Caleb Lyon	13.46
2	Taine Pakai	15.07
3	Daniel Artz	15.24
4	Carlin Rewiri	17.37
5	D'Avyl Delamare	17.42
6	Kadin Connelly	19.52

## Intermediate Girls (U16)

1	Kataraina Hakaraia	15.14
2	Jordyn Eves	15.31
3	Hayley Fredericksen	17.26
4	Me-Kayla Sue-Waara	18.42
5	Lucy Lyon	19.12
6=	Antonia Hoeta	22.20
6=	Tiriana Rapana	22.20

## Intermediate Boys (U16)

1	Jade Matete	18.50
2	William Church	19.28
3	Simon Katene	19.32
4	Jackson Whale	19.38

5	Willem Van Hees	19.42
6	James Hilson	19.47

## Senior Girls

1	Mikayla Bates	15.11
2	Tessa Milne	16.11
3	Kendall Thompson	25.00
4=	Zivana Winter	30.00
4=	Leishae Katene	30.00

## Senior Boys

1	Marley Connelly	19.27
2	Tangaroa Joyce	20.42
3	Anthony Joyce	20.56
4	Eli Rivlin-Meyers	21.11
5	Andre McDonnell	28.52

## Wanganui Cross country results

### Year 9 Boys

Taine Pakai 5th  
Daniel Artz 18th

### Year 9 Girls

Emma Dowman 18th

### Junior Boys (U16)

Jade Matete 14th

### Junior Girls (U16)

Kataraina Hakaraia 5th



## Cross Country Regional Team

Front row: Taine Pakai, Daniel Artz, Caleb Lyon.  
Back row: Kataraina Hakaraia, Emma Dowman, Mr J King.



# NZ NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

This year Caleb Lyon, Kataraina Hakaraia and Taine Pakai participated in the New Zealand National Cross Country held at Saint Kentigern College in Auckland. They travelled to Auckland on Friday and went straight to the College to pick up their race packs and for a 'walk over' of the course. The course was held at the school and was an excellent spectator course that circuited the lower area of the huge St Kentigern grounds.

The year 9 boys lined up along with around 200 other athletes from around New Zealand. Both boys knew they had to get away for a strong start otherwise they would spend the race trying to pass people on a narrow and

muddy course. Kataraina then raced in the intermediate girls' race.

All three students ran particularly well considering the level of competition. Caleb Lyon placed 108th, Taine Pakai placed 116th and Kataraina Hakaraia placed 86th. This was a great opportunity to experience a National Cross Country and their efforts were particularly pleasing considering this was the first time for Ruapehu College students to compete at this top event. It is hoped that this year's experience can be used as a platform to compete in further cross country competitions.

Mr J King

# NETBALL

This year we had a lot of interest in netball with more than enough for one team but not quite enough for two. So we elevated three of our students to play for the Ruapehu Rugby and Sports Club and that is where Courtney Taylor, Tiriana Rapana and Kataraina Hakaraia played for the season. The three girls helped DKs go up a grade to Senior second in the Wanganui competition finishing 4th on the table. Tiriana was named best defender and Kataraina best attacker for their team at the end of season prize giving.

Ruapehu College team were a mix of girls, some never having played before. We suffered from a lot of injury throughout the season but always had girls ready to step in. They were an enthusiastic group who were a pleasure to take to Wanganui for the season forging relationships on the many trips down the Parapara. Ruapehu College girls also were put up a grade and finished 4th for the season in the grade, having had many close games.

Players were:  
 Dariayne Prince  
 Odette Edmonds  
 Amy Thompson  
 Me-Kayla Sue-Waara  
 Mikaela Tahau  
 Waipuna Ratapu-Williams  
 Chiao Ruri  
 Sabrina Haitana (injured)  
 Merekatene Haitana (injured)  
 Zynaia Winter (injured)  
 Corrineke Windle  
 Amber Ryan  
 Leishae Katene  
 DKs  
 Courtney Taylor  
 Tiriana Rapana  
 Kataraina Hakaraia



Front row: Amy Thompson, Courtney Taylor, Emma Dowman, Corrineke Windle, Kataraina Hakaraia. Second row: Dariayne Prince, Amber Ryan, Chiao-Bhonet Ruri, Merekatene Haitana, Mrs M Hakaraia (coach) Third row: Tiriana Rapana.  
 Absent: Odette Edmonds, Waipuna Ratapu-Williams, Sabrina Tahau-Haitana, Mikaela Tahau.



# INTERWHANAU COMPETITIONS

Event	Category	HUIA	KIWI	TUI	WEKA
Swimming	Junior	2	3	4	1
	/ whanau nos. Inter.	4	3	2	1
	Novelties/relay	1	4	2.5	2.5
	Senior	4	1	3	2
Athletics	Jnr Girls	3	2	4	1
	/ whanau nos. Jnr Boys	1	4	3	2
	Int Girls	4	3	2	1
	Int Boys	1	4	2	3
	Snr Girls	4	2	3	1
	Snr Boys	3	4	2	1
CrossCountry	/ whanau total	2	8	6	4
Summer	Cricket	4	2	3	1
	Tennis	3	2	1	4
	Volleyball	3	4	2	1
	Touch	1	3	2	4
	Softball	1	2.5	4	2.5
Winter	Squash	2	3	4	1
	Basketball	1	3	2	4
	Soccer	1	3	4	2
	Rugby	1	3	4	2
	Netball	1	3	4	2
Skiing		2	4	1	3
Snowboarding		1	3	4	2
Tug of war		1.5	4	1.5	3
Kapahaka		2	3.5	1	3.5
English Speech	Senior	3	4	1	2
English Speech	Junior	4	2	3	1
Science	Senior	4	3	2	1
Science	Junior	4	3	2	1
Social Studies	Senior	4	2	3	1
Social Studies	Junior	2	4	3	1
Totals		74.5	99	85	61.5



# COMPUTERS IN HOMES

This educational intervention programme began as a pilot project in 1999, in the lowest-income community in the country, its purpose being to raise the literacy level of children from low decile schools.

The aim of the 2020 Communications Trust who launched the project is to provide a recycled computer, Internet access, training and technical support to families who would not otherwise have the opportunity to be part of the online world.

Parents complete computer training at their children's schools and make a small financial contribution before the PC goes home. They learn basic care of their machine, plus the support procedures set in place via the school. As the scheme has developed, parents have also embraced the learning experience for themselves, so the focus has broadened to family literacy.

In some regions, the steering committees have expanded their vision further to encompass community literacy, and schools report increased school/home communication and more positive interaction between parents and teachers. Some parents have completed university degrees and other qualifications in teaching, social work, computing and the arts.

What began as a project to bridge the digital divide has become a notable contribution to social capital in low income communities. Government new settler

programmes have incorporated CIH into their education strategy for newly arrived refugees, with the additional support of interpreters, family liaison workers, transportation and babysitting to remove barriers to participation.

It is envisaged that the access to information for new settlers and the engagement with their children's schools will assist families to readjust to a new country and become part of the wider community.

In term three of this year Ruapehu College ran its first ever computers in homes classes. Nineteen people graduated from the programme and all shared in an awesome learning opportunity ... Way to go Ruapehu!  
Mr R Jolie



From Top Left: Paula Renata, Sue Topia, Mel Evans, Sachamarie Brown, Emma Wiari, Barney Warbrick, Ryan Jolie From bottom left: Kim Matete, Rachel Mott, Edith Wiari, Christina Turner.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

A very generous scholarship was provided this year for two students especially to assist in their education. The joint sponsorship of Ngati Rangi and Genesis Energy donated \$1000.00 each to Merekatene Haitana and Hannah Brown. This scholarship has been named The Lila Pakinga Scholarship, acknowledging the work she was doing for the area. The funding provided money for school trips, books, and electronic material including a laptop for one and an iPad for the other.

Mrs M George



# STUDENT CALENDAR

## Term One

01 Mar	13 Leadership camp
02 Mar	13 Leadership camp, Wanganui Triathlon
05 Mar	Swimming Sports"
07 Mar	Wanganui Athletics
08 Mar	Social Studies quiz
09 Mar	11 OUT Taupo
13 Mar	Wanganui Athletics evening
15-17 Mar	12 OUT Mangaweka
16 Mar	Wanganui Swimming
20 Mar	12 Out Kayak
21 Mar	Summer Interwhanau
23 Mar	11 Out Tramp, Wanganui Aquathon
25-28 Mar	Kiwi 4 ever
26 Mar	Science Roadshow
27-31 Mar	13 OUT Mohaka River, Summer IW
28-30 Mar	Gateway applied services
03-04 Apr	Gateway First Aid
05 Apr	12 OUT biking

## Term Two

23 Apr	Start Term 2
24 Apr	Kapahaka 1
26 Apr	11 OUT
27 Apr	Academic Assembly
30 Apr	Kapahaka 2
02 May	Cross Country
04 May	11 OUT Biking
08 May	Kapahaka 3
09 May	13 OUT Ruatiti
11 May	Kapahaka 4
14 May	Kapahaka 5
16 May	11 OUT Mangaweka
18 May	Kapahaka Final
22 May	Computer skills ICAS
23 May	Wanganui Cross Country
31 May	13 OUT Tongariro National Park
06 Jun	Science ICAS
14-16 Jun	Chainsaw course
18 Jun	Writing ICAS test
19 Jun	Spelling ECAS test
20 Jun	Winter Interwhanau
21 Jun	13 OUT Rock
24 Jun	Manu Korero
25 Jun	Manu Korero
26 Jun	Parent Teacher evening
27 Jun	Maths Quiz, Wanganui squash
28 Jun	12 OUT Navigation

## Term Three

16 Jul	Start Term 3
25 Jul	Clubs 1
30 Jul	12 OUT Mountain Craft
31 Jul	English ICAS test
01 Aug	Clubs 2
08 Aug	Clubs 3
14 Aug	Mathematics ICAS test
15 Aug	Clubs 4
17 Aug	Rangitikei Snow races
19-21 Aug	Travel & Tourism trip
22 Aug	Clubs 5
29 Aug	Clubs 6

30 Aug-05 Sep	Non interruption week
06-11 Sep	Examinations week
12 Sep	Yr 9 & 10 Ski day
13 Sep	School Photos
14 Sep	Yr 9 & 10 Ski day
17-19 Sep	NISSSC Ski
18 Sep	13 OUT Tramp
20 Sep	Parent Teacher interviews
24-26 Sep	NISSSC Board
28 Sep	Sports Assembly, Last day of term

## Term Four

15 Oct	Start Term 4
08 Nov	Senior Prizegiving
09 Nov	NCEA exams start
28 Nov	Junior tabloids
30 Nov	Junior prizegiving
03 Dec	Activity week
07 Dec	Last day of term



# PRIZEGIVING

Ruapehu College Junior Prizegiving 2011  
ATHLETICS Junior Girl Champion (PTA Cup)  
Kataraina Hakaraia Junior Boy Champion  
(PTA Cup) Willem Van Hees Intermediate Girl  
Champion (Woodward Cup) Me-Kayla Sue-  
Waara

Girls Aggregate Cup (ECNZ Trophy)  
Kataraina Hakaraia (shared with Mikayla  
Bates)

CROSS COUNTRY Junior Girl Champion  
(Mary Whale Trophy) Kataraina Hakaraia  
Junior Boy Champion (Herbert Smith Trust  
Cup) Jade Matete

SWIMMING Junior Girl Champion (Trophy)  
Merekatene Haitana Junior Boy Champion  
(TG Drayton cup) Teihorangi Ponga Te Huia  
Intermediate Boy Champion (Cup) Ethan  
Mears

NETBALL Junior cup for the most outstanding  
Player (Checkers netball cup) Kataraina  
Hakaraia and Tiriana Rapana Certificate  
Most improved junior netballer Amy Thomson  
TENNIS Junior Girl Champion certificate Nawa  
McLeod

Junior Boy Champion certificate Hayze Barker-  
Pehi CRICKET Best junior player certificate  
Willem Van Hees BADMINTON Junior Girl  
Champion certificate Nawa McLeod Junior Boy  
Champion certificate Hayze Barker-Pehi Most  
improved (Read Family Trophy) Hayze Barker  
Pehi

RUGBY Most consistent player in 1st XV DA  
Loye Cup Gabriel Hakaraia Most improved  
player in 2nd XV Richard Lindsay Cup  
Tuhirangi Akapita

Best and Fairest Player in 2nd XV (Golden  
Oldies Trophy) Tuhirangi Akapita Best Team  
Man in 2nd XV (Kui and Proude Trophy) Jason  
Paul GIRLS' RUGBY Most outstanding player  
certificate

Waipuna Ratapu-Williams Most improved  
player  
certificate Lynessa Albert Sportsmanship  
certificate

Merekatene Haitana BASKETBALL Most  
improved junior certificate Lucy Lyon SQUASH  
Junior Boy Champion (Trophy donated by  
Jackie Laurenson) Liam Noah SKIING Junior  
Girl Champion (Knight Family Trophy) Lucy  
Lyon

Junior Boy Champion (Knight Family Trophy)  
Hemi Kohu SNOWBOARDING Junior Boy  
Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan  
Willem Van Hees Junior Girl Champion  
(Trophy donated by Murray Swan) Me-kayla  
Sue-Waara

## ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 9

Nathan Tutemahurangi MERIT AWARD for  
improvement in Social Studies Lyna-Mhaire  
Collett MERIT AWARD for consistent effort  
and achievement in Technology Soft Materials  
Hayze Barker-Pehi MERIT AWARD for  
consistent effort in Art Shairone Wood MERIT  
AWARD for excellence in Physical Education  
Willem Van Hees  
MERIT AWARD for excellence in Physical  
Education Piri kite Atua Callaghan MERIT  
AWARD for first in Mrs Voon's English class  
Tuhirangi Akapita MERIT AWARDS for  
consistent effort in Health and first in  
Mrs Beukes' English class Zynaia Winter  
MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and  
achievement in Foods and in Te Reo Maori

Hemi Kohu MERIT AWARDS for excellence  
in Physical Education and consistent effort in  
Health Catherine Pakai-Dewes  
MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in  
Mathematics and consistent effort throughout  
the course in Technology Soft Materials.  
Tiriana Rapana MERIT AWARDS for  
improvement in Mathematics, consistent  
effort in Science and effort and improvement  
in Technology Soft Materials Tiana Rapana-  
Bell MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in  
Mathematics, consistent effort and diligence in  
Social Studies and consistent effort in Health  
Kataraina Hakaraia

SUBJECT AWARD for first overall in  
Technology Soft Materials and MERIT AWARD  
for excellence in Physical Education Tamara  
McCarthy

SUBJECT AWARD for first in Art and MERIT  
AWARD for consistent effort in Health  
Caleb Couper SUBJECT AWARD for first  
overall in Foods and MERIT AWARDS  
for consistent effort and achievement in

Technology Soft Materials, for achievement  
in Horticulture, receiving the Turners and  
Growers Junior Cup, and for achievement and  
application in Mrs Voon's English class Peehi  
Blake-Tahana SUBJECT AWARD for first in

Te Reo Maori and MERIT AWARDS for high  
attainment in Mathematics, consistent effort  
in Science, perseverance in Social Studies  
and improvement in Art Matthew Dowman  
SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in 9KC  
Social Studies and MERIT AWARDS for high  
attainment in Mathematics, consistent effort

and achievement in Foods, consistent effort in  
Science and diligence in Design Technology  
James Hilson

SUBJECT AWARDS for first overall in  
Mathematics and first in 9MW Science and  
MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and  
diligence in Social Studies Antonia Hoeta  
SUBJECT AWARDS for second overall in  
English, and first in 9MW Social Studies  
and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in  
Design Technology and consistent effort in  
Science Tessa Commins

SUBJECT AWARDS for first overall in English,  
first in 9KC Science, first equal in 9KC  
Social Studies and MERIT AWARD for high  
attainment in Mathematics YEAR 10 Ethan  
Mears MERIT AWARD for consistent effort  
and achievement in practical Foods Trae  
Maihi MERIT AWARD for high attainment in

Mathematics Shaquille McIlroy  
MERIT AWARD for excellence in Physical  
Education Reenal Kumar MERIT AWARD for  
first in Mr Greene's English class Monique  
Collett

MERIT AWARD for improvement in Te Reo  
Maori Eli Connelly MERIT AWARDS for  
excellence in Physical Education and for  
improvement in Health Merekatene Haitana  
MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social  
Studies and Science Anaru Hansen MERIT  
AWARDS for improvement in Art and Te Reo  
Maori Zivahna Bowring MERIT AWARDS for  
consistent effort in Health and attainment in  
Design Technology Jackson Whale SUBJECT  
AWARD for first in Art and MERIT AWARD  
for high attainment in Mathematics Waipuna  
Ratapu-Williams SUBJECT AWARD for first in  
10RP Social Studies and MERIT AWARD for  
consistent application in Art Gabriel Hakaraia

SUBJECT AWARD for first in Foods and wins  
the Country Women's Institute Award for the  
most promising student in Home Economics  
and MERIT AWARD for excellence in Physical  
Education Tihi Ote Ora Mareikura SUBJECT  
AWARD for first in 10RP Science and MERIT  
AWARDS for high attainment in Mathematics  
and most improvement in English  
Jacob Larsen SUBJECT AWARD for first  
in Design Technology, winning the Dixon  
Engineering Cup for Year 10 Technology  
and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in  
Mathematics and Science and consistent effort  
and achievement in Foods  
Kevin McDonnell SUBJECT AWARD for first  
overall in Mathematics and MERIT AWARDS  
for excellence in Physical Education and  
consistent effort in Health, Science and Social  
Studies, and for first in Mrs Beukes' English  
class Brooklyn Double SUBJECT AWARDS  
for first overall in English, and for first in 10SM  
Science and MERIT AWARD for consistent  
effort in Social Studies

Lucy Lyon SUBJECT AWARDS for second  
overall in English, winning a new award –  
the Mowat-Voon Cup for the student who is  
most active in reading and sport, for first in  
10SM Social Studies and first in Technology  
Soft Materials and receives a new trophy for  
Creative Textiles and MERIT AWARDS for  
consistent effort in Mathematics, consistent  
effort in Health, Science and Physical  
Education SPECIAL AWARDS Speech  
Competitions Junior Whai Korero - wahine  
Ngawai Kaire Junior Whai Korero - tane Tihi  
Ote Ora Mareikura Year 9 (LD Eden Cup)  
Tamara McCarthy Year 10 (Mr & Mrs FA Martin  
Cup)

Lucy Lyon 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 Zynaia  
Winter and Tihi Ote Ora Mareikura School  
Supplies Award (junior) – for outstanding  
service to the college Tessa Commins Junior  
Excellence in Sport –The Logan Dixon Cup for  
the top junior sportsperson Kataraina Hakaraia  
Ruapehu College 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)

Lucy 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 Jackson Whale Junior  
Excellence Award

For excellence in the academic area Lucy  
Lyon





# PRIZEGIVING

Ruapehu College Senior Prizegiving 2012  
ATHLETICS Intermediate Girl Champion (Woodward Cup) Me-Kayla Sue-Wara Senior Girl Champion (Turners and Growers Cup) Mikayla Bates Senior Boy Champion (Turners & Growers Cup) Joseph Metekingi Aggregate Girl 800m, 1500m, & 3000m (ECNZ trophy) Mikayla Bates, Jordyn Eves  
CROSS COUNTRY Senior Girl Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Mikayla Bates Senior Boy Champion (Dillon Shield) Marley Connelly  
SWIMMING Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy) Amber Ryan Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy) Carlos Tahau-Haitana  
BASKETBALL Contribution to basketball Basketball Supporters Club Trophy Amber Ryan/Carlos Tahau Haitana Most Improved Girl Basketball supporters trophy Hayley Frederickson Most Improved Boy Basketball supporters trophy Tangaroa Joyce  
RUGBY Most consistent in 1st XV DA Loye Cup Gabriel Hakaraia Most improved player in 1st XV (Cup) Andre McDonnell Best and Fairest Player in 1st XV (Cup) Kahl Elers  
GREEN GIRLS RUGBY Most Outstanding Player Certificate Corrineke Windle Most Improved Player Certificate Zakira Tipene Sportsmanship Certificate Waipuna Ratapu-Williams  
SQUASH Girl Champion (Triggell Trophy) Amber Ryan  
SKIING Senior Girl Champion (Taharangi Cup presented by Vic Keppel) Jordyn Eves Senior Boy Champion (Mangaturuturu Cup presented by Graeme Brebner) Luke Deadman  
SNOWBOARDING Senior Girl Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan  
Hayley Frederickson Senior Boy Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan  
Cory Blaney  
TENNIS Girl Champion (Cup presented by S Laurenson) Amber Ryan Boy Champion (Cup presented by John Laurenson) Marley Connelly  
TABLETENNIS Girl Champion (certificate) Amber Ryan  
BADMINTON Girl Champion (certificate) Mikayla Bates Boy champion (certificate) Marley Connelly  
CRICKET Best Team Member Cup (Presented by 1986 1st XI) Tangaroa Joyce Best All Round Bowler (Cup presented by Darren McDonnell) Tangaroa Joyce Batting Award (Presented by David Archibald) Callum Long Interwhanau Competition Huia Leaders Carlos Tauhau-Haitana Hannah Brown First in Cricket, Junior English Speech, Senior Science Quiz, Junior Science Quiz, Senior Social Studies Quiz Kiwi Leaders Kahl Elers Green Jordyn Eves First in Athletics (EF BUCK Cup), Cross Country (Pearce Cup), Skiing (cup), Volleyball, Social Studies Quiz- Junior, Senior Speeches (cup) Tug of War, Interwhanau Kapahaka Trophy (Joan Akapita and Matiu Mareikura Memorial Trophy) Tui Leaders Gabriel Hakaraia Hayley Frederickson First in Swimming (cup), Netball (cup), Soccer, Snowboarding (Swan-Begg Trophy), Interwhanau Winter Competition (Francis Hotereni Memorial Award), Softball, Squash Weka Leaders Andre McDonnell Tayla Pearce First in Basketball, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Interwhanau Kapahaka Trophy (Joan Akapita and Matiu Mareikura Memorial Trophy) Champion Whanau (cup) Kahl Elers Green and Jordyn Eves Kiwi Academic Awards 2012 Year 11 Rii Williams MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Communication English Liam Noah MERIT AWARD for improved effort in Applied Mathematics Tayna Tihore MERIT AWARD for effort and attainment in Food and Nutrition Waipuna Ratapu-Williams MERIT AWARD for improved effort and attitude

in Health Jackson Whale MERIT AWARD for effort and perseverance in English Ngawai Kaire MERIT AWARD for improvement in Art Lysjham Wood MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Accounting Joseph Fluerty MERIT AWARD for achievement in Agriculture and Horticulture Anaru Hansen MERIT AWARD for achievement in Agriculture and Horticulture Reenal Kumar MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Geography Erina Matthews SUBJECT AWARD for first in Te Reo Maori Brooklyn Double SUBJECT AWARD for first in Art. Kevin McDonnell SUBJECT AWARD for first in Agriculture and Horticulture, MERIT AWARD for effort in Design Technology Gabriel Hakaraia SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Physical Education and first in Food and Nutrition. Gabriel receives the Fiona Fraser Food and Nutrition Award and the Sue Hardwich Memorial Cup for excellence in practical foods. Eli Connelly SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Outdoor Education and first in Physical Education Jacob Larsen SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Accounting and first in Mathematics, first in Design Technology Hard Materials and winner of the Placemakers Award. MERIT AWARD for improvement in English. Lucy Lyon SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Science, first in Geography, first in English, first in Health, first in NCEA Level 2 Technology Soft Materials, and a MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mathematics Year 12 Tayla Pearce MERIT AWARD for effort and perseverance in Travel and Tourism Chas Kumeroa Hawkins MERIT AWARD for The Fruit Federation Supplies Ltd Prize for Practical achievement in Horticulture Kane Pakai-Dewes MERIT AWARD for Andrew Beggs Memorial Trophy for a student in the Forestry Academy who upholds the values that were upheld by Andrew Beggs: a good work ethic, respect for the environment and concern for others Leishae Katene MERIT AWARD for improvement in Communication English, Kiri Joy Rapana-Bell MERIT AWARD for improvement in Food and Nutrition Kendall Thompson MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Technology Soft Materials and receives the Migos Rose Bowl for practical Sewing Jessica Agate MERIT AWARDS for effort and improvement in Biology and Mathematics, for consistent effort in English, and for achievement in Art. Ashleigh Griffin MERIT AWARDS for effort in Agriculture and Horticulture, for effort and perseverance in Travel and Tourism, and for consistent effort and perseverance in Design Technology and receives the Winstone Pulp International award for achievement in Year 12 Design Technology Dana Paul SUBJECT AWARD for first in Food and Nutrition Luke Deadman SUBJECT AWARD for first in Agriculture and Horticulture and receives the Turners and Growers Ltd prize for achievement in Horticulture Shaun Brown SUBJECT AWARD for first in Outdoor Education Jordyn Eves SUBJECT AWARD for first in Physical Education and receives the George Chan Trophy for dance Carlos Tahau-Haitana SUBJECT AWARD for first in Mathematics, MERIT AWARD for achievement in Agriculture and Horticulture Tessa Milne SUBJECT AWARD for first in Biology, MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Technology Soft Materials and for achievement in Art Tangaroa Joyce SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Te Reo Maori and Accounting Rachel Hilson SUBJECT AWARDS for first in History and English Summer Richards-Warbrick SUBJECT AWARD for first in Travel and Tourism and first in Digital Technologies

Kanyakon Kosinanonth SUBJECT AWARD for first in Chemistry and first in Art and receives the Dr Jordan Memorial Prize for Art. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in History. Year 13 Leroy McLeod MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Communication English Callum Long MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Design Technologies and winning the Lines Company Ltd Prize for achievement in Technology Sabrina Tahau-Haitana MERIT AWARD for Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and showing class spirit in year 12 History Sophie Pearson SUBJECT AWARD for first in NCEA Level 2 Health Cory Blaney SUBJECT AWARD for first in Physical Education Marley Connelly SUBJECT AWARD for first in Outdoor Education and receives Kaimanawa Cup for Outdoor Education presented by R Rowles and G Brebner for outstanding achievement in Outdoor Education, MERIT AWARD for achievement in Design Technology Mikayla Bates SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Biology, first in Agriculture and Horticulture and receives the Horticulture Incentive Award- donated by Ian Forster from the Waimarino Tree Resource, and the Land Based Training Cup for Best Land Based, Mikayla also receives the Robin Rowles Memorial Award for leadership in the practical areas, and a MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English Meow Kosinanonth SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Chemistry, and Accounting Amber Ryan SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Biology and receives the Winstone Pulp International Prize for excellence in Physics, Chemistry and Biology, first in English, first in History and receives the Peck Campbell Cup for excellence in the Humanities, MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Statistics Special Awards Senior Speech Competition (M S Gould Cup) Tessa Milne Impromptu Speaker (Alan West Cup) Amber Ryan Te Whai Korero - wahine Hannah Brown Te Whai Korero - tane Tangaroa Joyce Service Awards For service to the College Callum Long Hannah Brown Rotary Trades Award: a new award kindly donated by the Ohakune Rotary Club for a person who shows outstanding promise in the area of Agriculture and Horticulture, Forestry or Trades. The winner receives \$500 to assist them in achieving their goals for the future. Mikayla Bates School Supplies Award for a person who has enhanced the reputation of the college by his or her work outside the college Tangaroa Joyce Maungarongo Trophy For showing commitment, initiative and loyalty in Te Roopu Kapa Haka during the year Christian Hawira The Ruapehu College Sports Cup for best overall senior in sport, presented by John and Sue Laurenson Amber Ryan Brian Eades Award For perseverance and endeavour Meaw Kosinanonth Waimarino Shield Donated by the Maori community of the district for all-round student in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and values Amber Ryan Principal's Awards -For coaching and leadership of younger students in sport Callum Long For social responsibility 2012 Tia Brown Loftus Shield For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas - academic, social and sporting Amber Ryan Proxime Accessit Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family Mikayla Bates Dux Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. This year she also receives the Rotary Club Scholarship of \$500 towards the costs of his tertiary studies. Amber Ryan

