

RUAPEHU COLLEGE 2011



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Tihei mauriora!

Tuhia ki te rangi

Tuhia ki te whenua

Tuhia ki te ngakau o te tangata

Ko te mea nui, ko te aroha.

E nga waka, nga mana, nga reo
koutou katoa

E nga karangaranga maha kua
tau mai nei ki te tautoko I o tatou
tauirā

Naumai haere mai, naumai hoki
mai, whakatau mai koutou katoa.

Tena koutou, nga whanau, nga
matua o te kura

Tena hoki koe ki to tatou kai
karakia e Chris

Ki a koutou te ropu kapa haka
e whakatau mai nei I to tatou
manuhiri tuarangi.

Ara ka nui te mihi hoki ki a koe
Che, te kai korero mo te ra nei.

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena
tatou katoa.

Welcome to our senior prize-
giving today. Thank you for
sharing this special time with us,
when we honour our tuakana/
senior students and acknowledge
their achievements over this year.

2011 has been a year of great
challenges for many of us at
Ruapehu College, and indeed, for
many of us in Aotearoa.

On February 22 in the middle
of the day, Christchurch city
was rocked by a devastating
earthquake that changed the
landscape of that city, forever.
Like all Kiwis we were shocked
and saddened by the impact this
had on so many people's lives and
the environment of that beautiful
city. Our students rallied to the
need of those southern citizens
immediately and organised a
mufti day to raise funds to send
to Christchurch. We usually
collect round \$200 on mufti
days but that day, our students'
generosity was overwhelming.
They raised a staggering \$1171
in 6 hours, in true Kiwi spirit! It
is heartening to see the depth of
our students' understanding of
whanaungatanga and their ability
to empathise with fellow citizens
in need in other parts of NZ. This
is what our Civic Assemblies
celebrate: selfless support for
others in our community. Well

done our students, and a
special mihi to our school
leaders who moved into
fundraising mode on 23rd
February the day after the
earthquake.

Our NCEA Level 1 results
from December 2010, have
been a real challenge too
for teachers, students
and whanau. Like all
secondary schools in our
region, our NCEA Level 1
results were much lower
than we had anticipated.
Over the last four
years we have seen an
increasing upward trend
in our results, so we were
saddened by this reversal.
Our NCEA Level 2 pass
rate for 2010 however, was
really pleasing at 63%. This was
the best achievement for 3 years.
The Level 3 pass rate also showed
some improvement on previous
years. This year's year 13 cohort
look to be lifting our pass rate
even more as they move into
sitting their external examinations.
Kia kaha tonu, our seniors!

As a response to the NCEA
Level 1 results of 2010, our
teachers implemented a number
of extra strategies to support
students who wished to succeed
in education. We have tracked
students' progress thoroughly,
we have offered after-school
tutorial classes with refreshments
to sustain our students, we
have run weekend and holiday
classes, we have accessed non-
conventional programmes of
high interest for students, and
teachers/mentors have visited
homes to discuss schoolwork with
caregivers and their children.
Our college has embraced the
learning technologies of the 21st
century. We have introduced an
online learning system: MOODLE
which allows students to access
their lessons at home 24/7 and
work at their own pace. Add this
technology to Google docs, video
conferencing, smart boards,
smart phones and modern
computers and it is clear that
Ruapehu College is at the cutting
edge of modern technology usage
in an education environment. I
reiterate: we are committed to
"future proofing" our students
so they are well enabled to cope



with the expectations of the
workforce they will encounter as
they graduate into adulthood. As
always our mission statement:
Ruapehu College aims to make a
mountain of difference, guides
our vision.

The costs of maintaining this
cutting edge technology increases
by the year. We are very grateful
for the annual donations received
from Pub Charities over the past
5 years. Abe Hepi and his late
wife Roanne of the Oasis Hotel in
Waiouru, have always generously
donated to our college enabling us
to have the latest technologies to
support student learning. Despite
the recession we received \$3,000
towards the cost of a new server,
this year too.

The Whanganui Trust too, kindly
gave a koha of \$5820 toward
our kapa haka ropu. This was
a wonderful help towards their
trip to Waitara, Taranaki, to
compete in the regional Manu
Korero speech competition
and the Pae Rangatahi Cultural
competition. As you can see, our
group is stunning! Their artistic
performance, skill and powerful
singing are second to none. Tenei
te mihi ki a koutou nga kaiako o te
kapa haka.

Thank you sincerely to those
parents who have strived with
our teachers, to encourage and
support your children along their
educational pathways. Our young
people will only value education
and see it's emancipatory worth,
if their families do so too. And a
huge thanks is extended to our

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staff who forever go that extra mile/kilometre to support and nurture our students. When we listen to the media, we often feel that teaching is a much maligned task. The daily, persistent, supportive role of our teachers at Ruapehu College cannot be quantified. They just never give up hope and every day they strive afresh for our young people. Nga mihinui ki a koutou te whanau kaiako. You are magnificent. Thank you for what you bring to our students every day.

This year saw a change in our school term dates because of the Rugby World Cup. What a magnificent experience this has been for all citizens of Aotearoa / New Zealand! Hosting the World Cup 2011, gave us the opportunity to showcase our country and most importantly, gave us the opportunity to show the world the rich generosity of spirit of Kiwis. We have shown the world that we value people and live in a society wherein we value positive relationships with each other whatever race, creed or ethnicity. And so it is at Ruapehu College, we are a microcosm of NZ society. Our staff are dedicated to ensuring that Ruapehu College encapsulates all that it means to be a fine citizen of this great country: Aotearoa.

This year has seen the in-depth professional development of teachers focused on the He Kakano project. Essentially the government's goal of raising the achievement of Maori students has meant that we teachers have examined our classroom practice and strived to develop inclusive teaching strategies that in fact, benefit all students.

The 2011 Annual Plan identified 4 key targets: to improve the attendance of students, to increase student retention at school for 5 years, to increase engagement of students in their learning, and to raise the level of achievement. We have gathered data, analysed the data then set new goals term by term. The final outcome of these 4 key targets for the 2011 year, will be published early in 2012 with the Annual Plan & Variance Report and be available for your perusal.

This year saw a number of staff changes. We farewelled Boyd McManus & family who returned to Hong Kong. We welcomed Brian Connelly into the role of T.I.C. of Outdoor Education and a bonus has been his lovely wife, Liz who has stepped into our learning support department. Our beloved Kai Hagener retired to his farmlet close by and Steve Shaw happily stepped in to teach Technology: hard materials. He is looking to add more automotive units of study in the programmes. We look forward to metallic creations from the workshop! Kia ora Steve. Jenny Robb's departure from the English department was filled by Johnny Greene who entrances us with his weekly column in the Ruapehu Bulletin! Nga mihi, Johnny. Our talented teacher of Japanese, Ritsiko Drayton has taken time out of the classroom so Ryan Jolie, musician extraordinaire, stepped in to fill that role too. Kia ora, Ryan. In term 2 our very creative Art teacher, Lurlene Christiansen had study leave to complete her Ph.D. and Pip Ashburn a local artist, maintained the colourful atmosphere in the art room. Kia kaha, Lurlene. Striving for such lofty heights is a great example for our students. I take this opportunity to thank you Lurlene, for the gifts you shared, and for your devotion & support for the students over the past six years. Best wishes for your future as you return to your family in Whanganui. Nga mihi ki a koe, Lurlene.

Kerryn Stout, teacher aid moved way down the Ruatiti valley and we have been blessed this year with the support & aroha of Teena McCann who assists with the Lexia reading enrichment programme. Phillip too lost one of his team when Maria Gupwell, who had worked here for years, moved back to Hawkes Bay.

Mid year we welcomed Hikoi Te Riaki, a graduate student of Ruapehu College, to the role of Tutor of Alternative Education. The students are thriving under his guidance and even wanting to come to school! Nga mihi nunui ki a koe, Hikoi.

The board of trustees have faced challenges this year too. Koos

Beukes has remained steadfast as chairperson but his team has had some changes. Thank you Koos and your team: Peter Porter, Roberta Williams, Bernie McPherson, Chris McLeod, Elijah Pue our great student rep reporter, and Anne McIver the secretary. Our thanks are extended to Bessina Pehi-Tamatea & Mana Brown who resigned due to work commitments, and we welcomed our enthusiastic new member (with open arms!) Zane Couper. I acknowledge also, Rodger Bidois who continues to offer his help on the property committee after years of service on boards of trustees. Thanks for your support team, over 2011. We look forward to any challenges 2012 has in store for us!

I extend a huge vote of thanks to my management team: John Laurenson & Leigh Hynes. Thank you both for your tireless efforts, for your crazy jokes in the face of all adversity we face together daily! And for your positive hope for our students. Nga mihinui ki a korua nga rangatira.

To all our teachers and teacher aids who strive to support our students in their educational pathways every day: on behalf of all our whanau here at our ceremony and out there in the community: a thousand blessings upon you (as we say in bonny Scotland) THANK YOU.

I want to acknowledge the people who are the important infrastructure of our college: Anne & Liz the lovely faces-at-the-front office who cope amazingly every day, Kerren, our super star of technology, Liz, the scary attendance officer, Kay who dresses the students so beautifully then encourages them to buy kai from her canteen which they then spill on their lovely uniforms! Phil, thanks for all those extras you do, & your cleaning team: Jackie, Honey & Liz, & Marley, many thanks.

Tauira ma, dear students: you are the reason we all come to college every day. You can be really challenging, you can be really haututu, but trust me when I say: we never give up on you. You are worthy of our aroha & support so you must never give up. Remember, the person you are

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with most in life is yourself so it is critical that you make admirable choices for yourself. That way, you will always be with someone you like & admire. Kia kaha, tonu!

Our school leaders of 2011; thank you for all the fun times you have shared with me. We didn't get all the lunch dates we'd planned for but we did manage to sample the delicious fare of various eateries in our community! Henere, Felicia, Shem & Toni-Renee, Jackson & Bianca, & Elijah, a special salute to you our team of 2011! I have watched you blossom and strive to be excellent role models for your peers. I love that you have encouraged and supported our

junior students to just have a go! You have shown that participation in the many facets of college life, is enriching and rewarding. Your leadership will not be forgotten. Nga mihinunui nga tuakana o 2011.

Our graduates of 2011, for 5 years you have heard the wise counsel of caring adults about you. At school new ideas have been thrust at you each day. Out in the big world you will have to find the kaha / inner motivation to search for new ideas of your own. It is now your time to "find the courage to do things you are not yet ready to do" (M. Mayers 2009) This is your century.

Take it as if your life depends on it.

Kia kaha tonu!

It feels as if this year has rushed by! We are indeed drawing closer to the end of term 4.

On behalf of all of us at the college I wish you all a restful, enjoyable Christmas season with those that you love & care most about: whanau and friends.

We look forward to seeing everyone return happy and in great health in 2012.

Tena koutou, tena koutou,

Tena tatou katoa.

Mrs Mikaere

STAFF PHOTO



Front row: Mr R Prasad, Mrs M Hakaraia, Mrs L Hynes (Assistant Principal), Mrs J Mikaere (Principal), Mr J Laurenson (Deputy Principal), Mrs J Voon, Mr R Jolie.

Second row: Mrs S Buck, Mr N Buck, Mrs L Connelley, Mr B Connelly, Mr J Jordan, Mrs K Campbell, Mr J Greene, Mrs L Beukes

Third row: Mrs M Wilson, Mrs M George, Mrs A McIver, Mrs A Stuckey, Mrs E Brewis, Mrs S Laurenson, Mrs K Sutton, Mrs L Christiansen

Back row: Mrs S McKernan, Mrs W Hubbard, Mrs J Brown, Mrs K Crossan.

Absent: Mrs K Dixon, Mrs R Wills, Mrs A Cranston, Mr C McLeod, Mr P Sutton, Ms L Poka, Mrs N Double. Ms J Gupwell, Mr H Te Riaki, Mr S Shaw, Pip Ashburn.

STAFF CHANGES

Steve Shaw moved from Wellington and happily stepped into teaching technology. He has also enjoyed the first season of rugby with the students.



With the departure of Jenny Robb from the English Department, we welcome Johnny Greene wordsmith extraordinaire.



Boyd MacManus moved back to Hong Kong with his family to follow his passion working fulltime in outdoor programmes.



We welcome Brian Connelly into the role as teacher of outdoor education. He is enjoying working in our lovely outdoor environment.

Our beloved Kai Hagener retired in April. We are pleased he remains part of our whanau, returning regularly to relieve classes and ensure our students maintain their wonderful standards.



Liz Connelly has joined our Learning Support Department and is involving herself in all aspects of the school.



Lurlene Christiansen leaves us to move closer to her family. We still hope to see her art work in exhibitions around the country.

Pip Ashburn relieved in the Art Department for term two while Mrs Christiansen was on study leave.



Student teachers Miranda Collins learning to teach economics and accounting, worked with Mrs Laurenson's classes and really enjoyed the students and opportunities here. Sarah Belcher was learning to teach PE and Health and worked with Mrs Campbell's and Ms Cranston's classes. She also loved working in a small school and decided that small schools were where she wanted to teach. It was really enjoyable having these two on our school. They were very positive and forged great relationships with our staff and students.

STUDENT LEADERS



Front row: Toni-Renee Henare, Felicia Fredericksen, Bianca Taylor.
Second row: Shem Brown, Henere Larsen, Mrs Mikaere, Jackson Campbell, Elijah Pue-Feikert.

LEADERS REPORT

This flash of a year all began with our Year 13 leadership camp. Three days of bonding with our year 13 peers in an outdoor environment. Throughout all the mind, body and strength activities the rivalry shone through the group. This camp was the start of the year 13's journey through our last and most important year at school. Relationships were tested and they grew stronger. On that note Halogen Leader's Conference gave our year 13's the motivation to lead Ruapehu College into a positive future. What can we say? It has gone so fast, all you need to do is blink and you would miss it! Through the busy times of class, sport and social extravaganzas the year has turned out to be a successful 2011 school year. Throughout the 5 years at Ruapehu College our year group has been tight from day one. This has helped us with the biggest organisation challenge of the year ... THE BALL! This would not have been possible without the amazing help from Mrs Campbell. This turned out to be a success for us all. Putting the stress and struggles behind us we work very well as a team. To all our teachers over the years we would like to say thank you and good luck for the year 12

students. We appreciate all the effort and time you have put in over the years. Big thanks to Mr Jordan for our morning banter and challenging our views and opinions. Also thanks to Mrs Mikaere for your support and encouragement. For the student leaders next year we wish you the best of luck with your positions. Never forget to strive for excellence in all areas and achieve your goals and dreams.
Head Girl and Head Boy of 2011 –
Felicia Fredericksen and Henere Larsen



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Activities and functions.

During the past year, the BOT worked towards the establishment of a full complement of representatives from parents, on the board. After the election date we were able to co-opt other willing parents and thus made up the required numbers. These members are now formally selected as full board members. Further co-option is now possible to enable the board to address other key goals in our Strategic Plan.

An evaluation of training needs of members was conducted and a training schedule is now being developed through an M.O.E. facilitator.

Staff

We welcomed all new staff members who joined Ruapehu College at the start of the year. Thank you to all staff for your efforts over 2011. We don't tell you enough about how much you are valued. Please be assured that your efforts are noticed and appreciated. To individual staff members that excelled, congratulations and the board is very proud to have you all in our midst.

Students

As always there were students who excelled in sport, academically and in the many other activities offered at Ruapehu College. Well done by all of you! The most applause goes to those that participated at all times, notwithstanding their particular abilities. Remember a successful team is not valued for the star members of the team, but rather for the efforts and the achievements as a team. It was good to see the pride the new sports uniforms instilled in our students. I am sure your performances were enhanced looking so good!

Property

The exterior redecorating was completed during the early stages of the year. The school now looks fit for another 10 years. Although the roll has fallen over the past ten years, re-planning of some areas removed the need to physically remove classrooms from site, certainly a good thing.

Tenders were invited for the repair of the gym floor. Shortly (by the end of the year) the gym floor will be replaced, enabling the gymnasium to be used fully, as per the intended purpose. Not many schools can boast such a great facility.

General

New Zealand wide trends show that country areas are faced with migration issues as people move to find employment.. This obviously will have an influence on the roll of the schools in such areas. Ruapehu College is not immune to this trend. The BOT are mindful of this, so we focus on ensuring the education students receive at Ruapehu College is top quality and equal to any school in New Zealand.

Lastly I would like to wish all students well for the upcoming examinations.

For those in their final year, good luck with your endeavours and do make good choices for yourselves.

Please keep yourselves safe over the festive season. Have a great festive season and return to our "Mountain of Excellence" environment in 2012 with renewed passion.

Koos Beukes



From left to right: Mrs Anne McIver (Board Secretary), Ms Roberta Williams, Mrs Josephine Mikaere (Principal), Hannah Brown (new student representative for 2012), Mr Peter Porter, Mrs Bernie McPherson, Elijah Pue-Feickert (student representative).

Absent: Mr Koos Beukes (Chairperson), Mr Chris McLeod (staff representative), Mr Zane Couper.

VISITORS



Dave Scott was the guest speaker at our Civic Assembly, talking to students about the importance of volunteering in our community.



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



Nicole Dryden from Sport Wanganui talked to students at Sports Assembly about the importance of having a clear vision for your life, planning and setting goals.



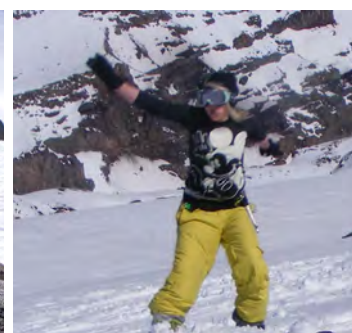
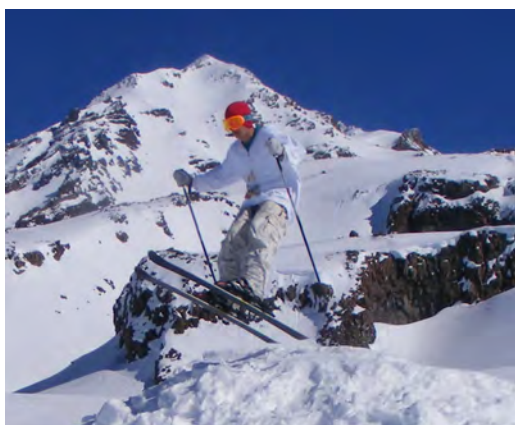
Ex student Daniel Sutton talked to students at Academic Assembly about the opportunities he gained from coming to Ruapehu College and how it has already opened exciting pathways for his future.

Luke Wright did a presentation and workshop to promote Students Against Drink Driving.

Blake Skjellerup talked to students in assembly about how to find the inner strength to cope with bullying in school. His message was that bullying is unacceptable.



ASSORTED PHOTOS



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Zakira Tipene was selected for the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Team for shotput.



Daniel Maunsel was selected for the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Team in shotput



Johannes Akapita was also selected to represent Wanganui at the North Island Secondary Schools athletics in Discus



Jackson Campbell was selected to play in Intercollegiate Golf, the Amateur New Zealand Open and International Pacific College Rugby.



Jackson also broke two school records. The first in swimming. He broke the senior boys 1 length breaststroke record swimming 25.66 seconds, a record that had been held by Zac Dekker since 2004.

The second was in athletics where he broke the 3000metres record running 10.11.08. This record that had been held by Andrew Murdie since 1996.



In swimming Jordyn Eves broke two records, in the 1 length backstroke swimming 25.365 seconds. This was a record that had been held by T Richards, since 1997.

Also the 3 lengths freestyle swimming 1.15.88 seconds, a record that has also been held by T Richards, since 1997.

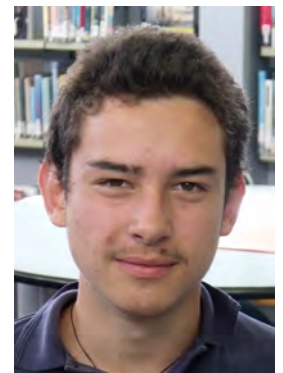


Girls Rugby
Mere Ponga-Te Huia, Zakira Tipene, Essie Chitty and Chiao Ruri were all selected for the Wanganui representative team



Boys Rugby
Jason Paul and Tuhi Akapita for selected for the Wanganui Under 14 Rugby Representative Team.

Tangaroa Joyce was the first year 11 student to achieve his NCEA Level 1 (by the end of term 2) he has gained all the credits necessary and has since been aiming for endorsement of his certificate with EXCELLENCE.



Kataraina Hakaraia was invited to attend the National Cross Country after coming 5th at the Wanganui Cross Country Champs.

SNOW FUN



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE



E nga reo, e nga mana, e nga karangarangatanga, tena koutou katoa.

Both 2010 and 2011 have been busy years for the BOT. We have new board members and the future is looking great for the college. One of the biggest changes which the students are wanting are the refurbishment of the toilets. This is on the 5 year plan. In the two years I have been with the BOT it has been a huge learning curve for me. The

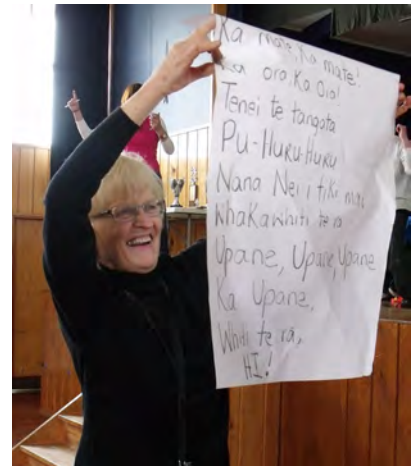
professional development I have gained will be a huge benefit for me and my career. Going to the BOT meeting generally meant I had to report on what the students were up to, and if any, what concerns they had. Most of the time the students wanted uniform changes which was a hard one. I learnt how to be politically correct at meetings and because of my interest in governance, I am now pursuing my dreams and studying political science at Victoria University in Wellington.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the BOT for the support and guidance I received. It has been fun and interesting at the same time. I would like to welcome the new student rep, Hannah Brown to the BOT and wish her all the best with her future on the board. One thing I would like to say to all students at Ruapehu College is to take every opportunity you can get. No matter how hard it is – get out of your comfort zone and learn something new. I did.

Nгаа mihi nui kia koutou katoa te whanau o tenei kura, tenei whanau whanui hoki.

Naku, noa na
Elijah Pue
Student Representative for the Board of Trustees 2009-2011

PHOTOS



STUDENT LEADERS

Weka

Junior leaders: Simon Katene (absent), Catherine Pakai-Dewes.

Junior deputy leaders: Raniera McDonnell, Makayla Taura.

Senior leaders: Jack Kristiansen, Toni-Renee Henare (absent).

Senior deputy leaders: Shaquille McDonnell (absent), Zivana Richards-Winter.



Tui

Junior leaders: Gabriel Hakaraia, Antonia Hoeta.

Junior deputy leaders: Creedence McNaught, Kataraina Hakaraia.

Senior leaders: Daniel Mears, Mikayla Bates.

Senior deputy leaders: Jayden Hakaraia (absent), Raukaura Johnson (absent).



Huia

Junior leaders: Reenal Kumar, Me-Kayla Sue-Waara (absent).

Junior deputy leaders: William Church, Merekatene Tahau-Haitana

Senior leaders: Shem Brown, Darrien Brown.

Senior deputy leaders: Callum Long, Sabrina Tahau-Haitana.



Kiwi

Junior leaders: Jacob Larsen, Lucy Lyon.

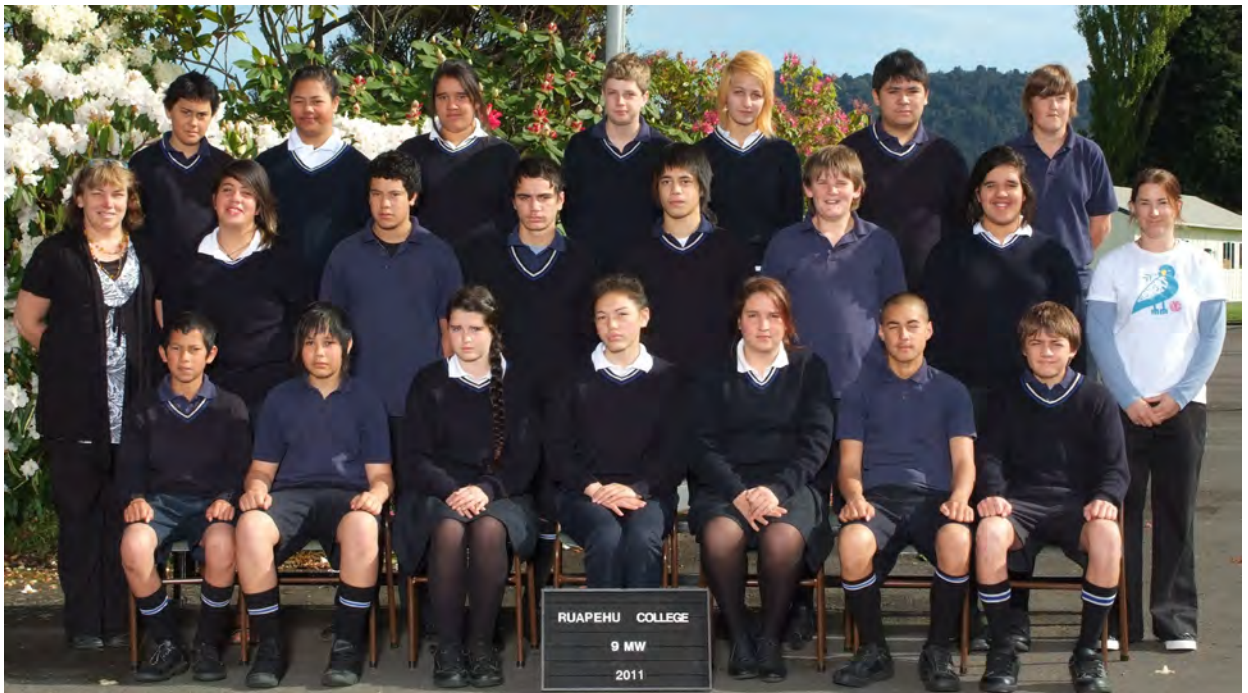
Junior deputy leaders: Jackson Whale, Waipuna Ratapu-Williams

Senior leaders: Hadlee Radford, Jess Hotter.

Senior deputy leaders: Sam Laurenson, Rachel Rowe.



9MW



Front row: Raniera Mc Donnell, Hayze Barker-Pehi, Tamara McCarthy, Kathleen Treanor, Lyna-Mhaire Collett, Jade Matete, Shairone Wood.

Second row: Mrs A Stuckey, Dariayne Prince, Vernon McLeod, Quaid Ponga, Hemi Kohu, Caleb Couper, Ashleigh Kauika, Mrs M Wilson.

Back row: Te Rangitapu Hiroti, Piri kite Atua Callaghan, Holly Kauika, James Hilson, Antonia Hoeta, Peehi Blake-Tahana, Travis Fredricksen.

Absent: Tutangata Ora Mareikura, Newa McLeod, Georgia Read, Cheyenne Faneva.

9KC



Kataraiana Hakaraia, Tiana Rapana-Bell, Rangimarie Akapita-Wanoa, Shontaye Mihinui, Tessa Commins, Amy Thompson, Zynaia Winter-Richards,

Second row: Mrs A Stuckey, Simon Katene, Tiriana Rapana, Jimmy-Ray Rapana-Paul, Ben Agate, Tessa-Marie Paul, Willem Van Hees, Mrs K Campbell.

Back row: Tuhirangi Akapita, Teihorangi Ponga-TeHuia, Raiden Te Huia, Nathan Tutemahurangi, Matthew Dowman,

Absent: Payton Barry Pettigrew, Kathleen Brignall, Matthew Brignall, Maxwell Chitty, Taiko Cribb, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Jason Paul, Makayla Taura, Rangihera Williams, Jasmin Zurbruggen.

10RP



Front row: Lynessa Albert, Creedence McNaught, William Church, Tihi Ote Ora Mareikura, Merekatene Haitana.

Second row: Mrs L Christiansen, Holly McDonnell, Reenal Kumar, Waipuna Ratapu-Williams, Eli Connelly, Mr R Prasad.

Back row: Liam Noah, Trae Maihi, Ngawai Kaire, Kevin McDonnell, Jack Whale.

Absent: Bridget Hiroti, Kayla Pehi, Leighton Richards, RJ Tawhai, Rii Williams.

10SM



Front row: Zivahna Bowring, Ruby Lacy, Lysjahn Wood, Cina Metekingi, Lucy Lyon, Brooklyn Double, Corrineke Windle.

Second row: Mrs L Christiansen, Dylan Pearson, Gabriel Hakaraia, Anaru Hansen, Tayna Tihore, Mrs S McKernan.

Back row: Jacob Larsen, Shaquille McIlroy, Joseph Fluerty, Monique Collett, Ethan Mears.

Absent: Mitchell Cole, Trent Faneva, Caitlin Fowlie, Harlem Hawira, Parekura Mako, Ringitia Mako, Paneta Richards-Wiari, Me=Kayla Sue-Waara, Kataraina Sweet.

11BC



Front row: Raukura Johnson, Jess Agate, Ethan Hyde, Tangaroa Joyce, Luke Deadman, Rachel Hilson, Chas Kumeroa Hawkins.

Second row: Mrs J Voon, Kane Pakai-Dewes, Ngahuapai Hemara, Jane Devonshire, Andre McDonnell, Marley Connelly, Carlos Tahau-Haitana, Mr B Connelly.

Back row: Kiri-Joy Rapana-Bell, Ashleigh Griffin, Kanyakon Kosinanonth.

Absent: Johannes Akapita, Sasha-Lee Anderson, Shamon Barker-Pehi, Waylon Clapp, Tahu Craig, Odette Edmonds, Te Ao Hakopa, Raina Kohu, Joseph Metekingi, Montel Pehi, Quintyn Veltmeyer.

11MG



Front row: Tessa Milne, Kendall Thompson, Hannah Brown, Hayley Fredericksen, Essie Chitty, Jordyn Eves, Maeghan Frew.

Second row: Mrs J Voon, Summer Richards-Warbrick, Samuel Hoeta, Kahl Elers-Green, Tiera Walker-Rapana, Daniel Maunsell, Shaun Brown, Mrs M George.

Back row: Leisihae Katene, Kalijah Rapana-Paul, Eli Rivlin-Myers, Anthony Joureaux.

Absent: Mariah Hiroti, Dana Paul, Jackson Kui-Rickit, James Stace, I Atamai Cribb, Ropata Cribb, Cornelius De Beer.

YEAR 12



Front row: Sensi Rangiahua, Sophie Pearson, Sabrina Tahau-Haitana, Slade Elers, Zivana Richards-Winter, Amber Ryan, Kaitlyn Yeow.

Second row: Callum Long, Anton Waara, Joshua Howell, Jack Kristiansen, Cory Blaney, Mr J Greene.

Back row: Meaw Kosinanonth, Courtney Taylor, Mikayla Bates.

Absent: Darrien Brown, Dylan Chisholm, Adele De Beer, Mac-James Edmonds, Jayden Hakaraia, Tyson Hiroti, Ciana Kui-Rickit, Leroy McLeod, Adam Mitchell, Kiritaua Ruri-Te Rupe, Anahera Tahau-Haitana, Tyler Berry, Tia Brown, Christian Hawira, Savannah Geange-Murray, Jidis Hiroti, Tereinamu Littleton, Sas Maihi, Jerrika McClutchie, Mossimo Pekamu, Tunuiatangi Ponga Te Huia, Zakira Tipene,

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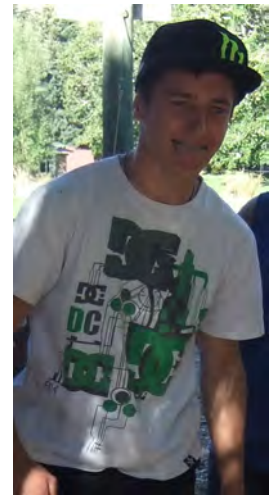


Front row: Jess Long, Jess Hotter, Jordan Heron, Felicia Fredericksen, Chevaugn Maihi, Rachael Rowe, Sophie Greene.

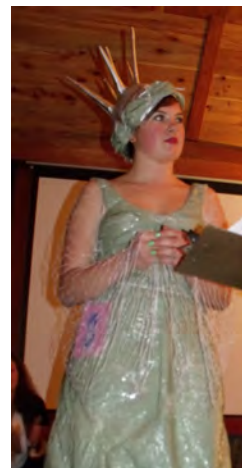
Second row: Hadlee Radford, Daniel Mears, Elijah Pue-Feickert, Henere Larson, Jackson Campbell, Samuel Laurenson, Shem Brown, Mr J Jordan.

Absent: Dane Christensen, Zach Clarke, Dennis Collett, Toni-May Feickert, Toni-Renee Henare, Kahurangi Hira, Shaquille McDonnell, Mere Ponga-Te Huia, Rena Richards, Chiao Ruri, Bianca Taylor, Jayden Turei, Justine Vaughan.

YEAR 13 STUDENTS



ASSORTED PHOTOS



PROPERTY

Our grounds continue to be well maintained thanks to the efforts of Phil Sutton. Helping Phil earlier in the year was Andy Driscoll but he stopped due to other commitments and Jackson Campbell assisted.

The gymnasium has been the centre of attention this year. Firstly we had a problem caused by balls being kicked into the ceiling and dislodging some of the tiles. This then left an unsafe situation as the tiles could then fall and seriously injure a gym user. There were periods where the gym needed to be closed until Phil could make good any loose tiles. Cheapest cost to repair the ceiling with chicken wire or extra metal beads was over \$20,000. As an alternative we are now looking at purchasing a lifting machine that will enable a repair to be done as soon as a tile becomes dislodged and the gym has been closed. Users need to be aware that any use that is likely to dislodge a tile is one that shouldn't be being done in the gym in the first place – eg kicking a rugby ball. The second and more major problem was the breaking down of the glue under the parquet tiling causing sections of the floor to lift. It became evident after we had to do work the previous year to replace the heating units and the floor was not able to withstand the machinery needed to do the job. At time of writing this report, plans were well under way to have a new polyurethane floor installed in late October/early November. All going well the floor should be finished by the time this magazine is printed.

The final selection of floor type was as a result of huge research throughout the year. We looked at wooden flooring options and other types as well. We visited other schools. We are confident the end product will be the best for our gymnasium. At a cost of just under \$150,000 this is a significant chunk of our building expenditure.

Room Two was completely redecorated for the start of the year following the water damage from the burst header tank above the room the previous year. The new video conference gear, security cameras and replacement computers were in action for 2011. A complete re-carpet and redecorate of the Library area was undertaken during the year much to the delight of librarian Wendy Hubbard.

Looking ahead we still haven't progressed on the redesign of the music prefabs to include a recording studio or the redesign of the open space inside the senior studies block outside rooms S1 and S2 to include a new office/resource area or the redesign of the staffroom. Hopefully these will happen in 2012.

An amount of work was done this year on preparing our next 10 year plan from 2012 onwards. We had to make decisions in terms of which over-code teaching spaces need to be removed and which areas need developing. Mr Laurensen



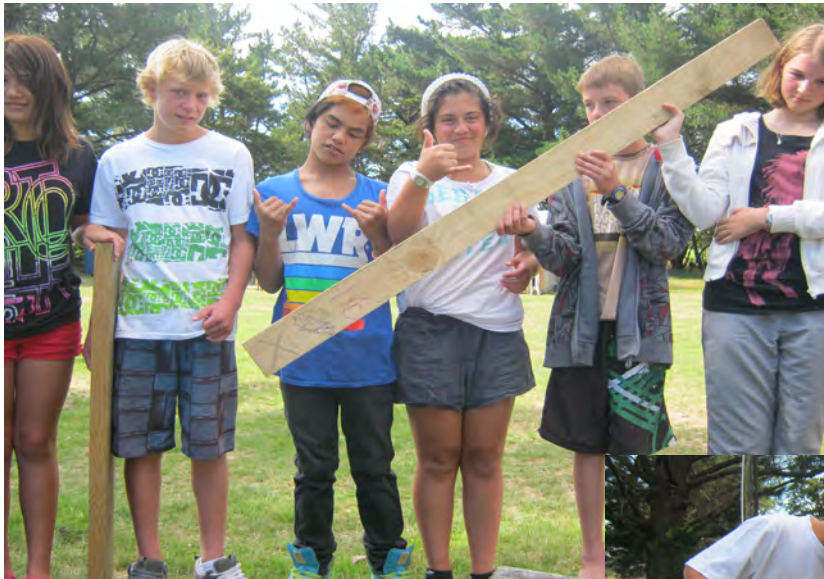
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YEAR 9 CAMP

At the start of this year the year 9's had a vibrant time at the Winiata/Wallace family marae out at Makaranui. The year 9's participated in activities like feeding the pet eels, rock climbing, travelling to Karioi to go crayfishing, cleaning the mountain (it had to be done) and roasting marshmallows around an open fire. They also participated in numerous teambuilding exercises and activities. There was a good supportive turn-out from the local community for the family barbeque. Some of the year 13 students came and helped with the cooking and organised some of the activities.

Mr McLeod



On the 5th of October the Waiouru Military Camp hosted the Central Plateau Inter-School Krypton Challenge.

This is an opportunity for Central Plateau schools to get together to compete in a fun, physically and mentally challenging competition. The focus is on team work and to display the ethos and values of the New Zealand Army. These are courage, commitment, comradeship and integrity. Certainly the emphasis was on fun. The teams ran through a variety of games and obstacle courses, relays and challenges. The contest required some physicality but it actually relied more on teamwork and mental skills, such as in the case of the blindfolded obstacle game. Perhaps not so much in the "Carry the

KRYPTON CHALLENGE

"Medicine" game, where two teams took turns heaving soaking sponges at each other. One game had two teams clambering over a unimog, collecting tags without touching the ground. The games were concluded with an ultra-competitive assault course.

The teams were made up from a boy and a girl from each year group (although we had a late withdrawal of one of our girls). Ruapehu College was proudly represented by Jess Long, Shem, Amber, Slade, Carlos, Lucy, Gabriel, Kataraina and Willem.

Our thanks to the Carolyn Hyland, Community Services Officer at the Military Base, and the Army P.T. staff for planning and hosting a great day.

Mr Greene

YEAR 13 CAMP

This flash of a year all began with our year 13 leadership camp. Three days of bonding with our year 13 peers in an outdoor environment. Throughout all the mind, body and strength activities the rivalry shone through the group. This camp was the start of the year 13's journey through our last and most important year at school. Relationships were tested and they grew stronger. On that note Halogen Leader's Conference gave our year 13's the motivation to lead Ruapehu College into a positive future. What can we say? It has gone so fast, all you need to do is blink and you would miss it. Through the busyness of class, sport and social extravaganzas the year has turned out to be a successful 2011 school year. Throughout the 5 years at Ruapehu College our year group has been tight from day one. This has helped us with the biggest organisation challenge of the year ... THE BALL! This would not have been possible without the amazing help from Mrs

Campbell. This turned out to be a success for us all. Putting the stress and struggles behind us we work very well as a team. To all our teachers over the years we would like to say thank you and good luck for the year 12 students. We appreciate all the effort and time you have put in over the years. Big thanks to Mr Jordan for our morning banter and challenging our views and opinions. Also thanks to Mrs Mikaere for your support and encouragement. For the student leaders next year we wish you the best of luck with your positions. Never forget to strive for excellence in all areas and achieve your goals and dreams. Head Girl and Head Boy of 2011 – Felicia Fredericksen and Henere Larsen



YEAR 13 VERSUS STAFF CHALLENGES

Year 13s still looking for a way to get rid of the SPOON!

The year got off to a great start if you were a member of the Year 13 class in the challenges against the staff.

Year 13s put on a huge performance to win the opening event Tug of War. Year 13's were able to pull their way to victory but not after some major controversy. The staff had the tug of war won but some younger students thought it would be a great idea to jump on and save the Year 13s from defeat. This called for another pull and the youth of the Year 13s was enough to see them to victory. Things got even better for this opportunistic bunch when they followed this up with a victory in the relay challenge as they proved to be too fast for the staff. It looked as though it would be a long and difficult year for the Staff as this talented group began to feel confident that the staff would own The



Spoon for the year. Listening to the year 13s you would think they would break Olympic records in the swimming pool and the staff had no chance. But what the Year 13s did not realise is the staff had the Ian Thorpe of Canada swimming for them. Mrs. Campbell swam a great opening leg and this was followed by another

from Mr McManus and Ms Double. After the first three legs the staff held a small lead but the big man just cruised to a huge victory because of his power in the pool and the staff had their first victory of the year!

After the pool things went from bad to worse



for the poor year 13s, as they were thrashed at indoor soccer. The display of goal keeping and the skills of Mr Laurenson were just too much for a very confident Year 13 team to handle. The staff were so strong that they overcame some very dubious refereeing from a-not-so biased Year 13 student.

At the time of this report the staff were still waiting for another Year 13 challenge. However, it is believed that this group of Year 13s have learned earlier than most that it does not matter how many challenges are put forth at the end, it will only be a Year 13 holding The Wooden Spoon!

Mr Jordan

STAFF PHOTOS

The planking craze hit the staff!



YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Jess Long
Occupation: Unemployed
Famous for: Year 14
Wants to be: Vet
Most likely to be: Bartender

Name: Shaquille McDonnell
Occupation: Professional game freab
Famous for: Sleeping
Famous saying: "Hoomaai!!"
Wants to be: A Sailor
Most likely to be: george !! (haha)
Thought on life: You learn a lot when you are sleepy!

Name: Mere Ponga-Te Huia
Occupation: Smiler
Famous for: Being happy
Famous saying: "Dayum (omgawsh)"
Thought on life: Take each day as a new day.

Name: Hadlee Radford (Radly)
Occupation: wanna be mechanic
Famous for: being whipped
Famous saying: "whatever pussy"
Wants to be: Diesel Engineer
Most likely to be: A fat bald trucky
Thought on life: if in doubt, skid it out

Name: Rachael Rowe
Occupation: Waitress and retail assistant
Famous for: Ballzilla
Famous saying: "I am 18" (age 17)
Wants to be: Married to someone rich.
Most likely to be: Old and single
Thought on life: FML

Name: Bianca Taylor
Occupation: Anime freak
Famous for: The time warp
Famous saying: "I can predict what I'm about to say"
Wants to be: Director/producer
Most likely to be: Armageddon security guard
Thought on life: If everyone were ninjas it would be way cooler.

Name: Chevaugn Maihi (Woodsey)
Occupation: Check out chick
Famous for: Asking bizzare questions
Famous saying: "How do you spell P.E?"
Wants to be: Hotel Manager
Most likely to be: New World supervisor
Thought on life: No question is a stupid question

Name: Daniel Mears (Dingle)
Occupation: Race car driver
Famous for: Boosting the lil Suburu
Famous saying: "Stu reckons"
Wants to be: Diesel Engineer
Most likely to be: Bum boy for Stu
Thought on life: Stu knows best.

Name: Elijah Pui-Feickert (Iije)
Occupation: Barrista/show pony
Famous for: Being a cut above
Famous saying: "don't touch me"
Wants to be: Prime Minister
Most likely to be: Maori Warden
Thought on life: I am better than you.

Name: Rena Richards (Kenax)
Occupation: Waitress
Famous for: Being skux!
Famous saying: "nasty"
Wants to be: Beautician
Most likely to be: Still working at Angel Louise
Thought on life: Love is not just looking at each other it's looking in the same direction.

Name: Chiao Ruri
Occupation: Whipped
Famous for: "Not even famous ow"
Wants to be: Bollo
Most likely to be: Doing hammer time everyday.

Name: Shem Brown
Occupation: barrista /Utopia dish washer
Famous for: His hair
Famous saying: "Seriously"
Wants to be: Starring in a Zombieland cowboy movie
Most likely to be: Flatboy/ cowboy stripper

YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Toni-Renee Henare
Occupation: Waitress at Angel Louise
Famous for: Tuning up Dennis Collett
Famous saying: "Dennis, you dick"
Wants to be: Nurse
Most likely to be: Living down the Paras shearing sheep
Thought on life: Follow love and it will flee, flee love and it will follow.

Name: Jess Hotter
Occupation: Ski rental assistant
Famous for: Goggle tan/scrounging for food
Famous saying: "Can I have a bite?"
Wants to be: Ecologist
Most likely to be: Ski bum
Thought on life: Screw this I'd rather be skiing!

Name: Jordan Heron (J Lee)
Occupation: Err thing @ errwhere
Famous for: L plates
Famous saying: "I'm never going out again"
Wants to be: Winner og keg snowboard
Most likely to be: Sliding on a rubbish bag
Thought on life: If I lie for love, I'll kill for life,
Jackson Harriete Campbell

Name: Henere Larsen (shemere)
Occupation: Dish b****
Famous for: Raging in his undies
Famous saying: "I am right"
Wants to be: Horticulture Business Manager
Most likely to be: Chef at Bearing Point
Thought on life: You are the only person who can get in the way of your own success

Name: Sam Laurenson (slammed)
Occupation: Rentals assistant
Famous for: Being J Lee's husband
Famous saying: "Don't hate on Rangas"
Wants to be: Helicopter pilot
Most likely to be: Deputy Principal Assistant
Thought on life: Ginga pride

Name: Kahurangi Hira (Kahu)
Occupation: Food tester
Famous for: Eating, always hungry
Famous saying: Reals/skux
Wants to be: Air Hostess
Most likely to be: Working at the kohunga
Thought on life: Where's the food?

Name: Jackson Campbell
Occupation: Rubbish picker upper
Famous for: Piddle pants/ uncle chippy
Famous saying: "you won't , you're scared"
Wants to be: Like Tom (his brother)
Most likely to be: like Tom
Thought on life: Don't sit down in my shower, you will get pregnant.

Name: Dennis Collett (Den Den)
Occupation: Unemployed
Famous for: Having his own songs
Famous saying: "Hun!!"
Wants to be: Hugh

Name: Toni May Feickert
Occupation: Full time mum and student
Famous for: Being a mum
Famous saying: "Tarm"
Wants to be: The Best mum in the world
Most likely to be: Working at Raetihi Primary School
Thought on life: Love life.

Name: Felicia Fredericksen
Occupation: Customer services assistant
Famous for: The focus of the week
Famous saying: "The focus of the week is..."
Wants to be: Marketing Manager
Most likely to be: Working up the mountain
Thought on life: Reap what you sow.

Name: Sophie Greene
Occupation: Turoa till girl
Famous for: Waterslide wedgie
Famous saying: "Everyone hates me"
Wants to be: Working for Green Peace
Most likely to be: Crying on Tainui Lane



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education classes and sport in general have been very busy throughout the year. We have some amazingly talented athletes in our school, but not so many who are committed to go the next step further in their sporting attainment. I read a quote recently that said “you have to have the will and the skill to be a successful athlete. But the will must be stronger than the skill”

Year 9 and 10 Physical Education classes have been very practical. All but one of my junior classes has been keen and enthusiastic throughout the year and displayed some great skills and attitude towards Physical Education and being active in general.

The level one year 11 course had changed this year with the alignment of new NCEA achievement standards. It is much more

practically based which has seemed to suit our students. I saw some huge improvements in basketball and squash skills and also in skiing and snowboarding skills on the mountain. Year 12 and 13 students were both great groups to teach and always with a large variation of effort put in by students. A highlight for these two year levels is probably our snow trip to Tukino skifield as part of an achievement standard at each level. We were lucky enough to have perfect weather and snow conditions and enjoyed both on and off snow activities over our three day stay. Charades with the “Guns of Navarone” win by the girls will be remembered for awhile!!

Remember those of you choosing this subject next year, at senior levels especially, we want to strive to be role models as physical education



students. That means being committed to the course, both academic and practical, and understanding the importance of being well prepared for lessons both theoretical and practical. Don't choose this course if all you want to do is play!!!
Mrs Campbell

LAND BASED TRAINING

The agriculture programme year one and two students are working towards a business plan to involve more students in understanding how project development can help widen circles. A great moderating tool for our students has been the development of an on-site practical learning block. Plans are being scoped and put together to understand the possibilities for gaining credits with the resources around the school and gaining support from other programmes such as the Alternative Education programme and the Horticulture Programme. This will create ownership but more importantly learning the life skills, industry knowledge

and the awareness of the resources we all have the role in protecting for the generation that follows.

Mr Te Riaki



HORTICULTURE

This year has been an exciting journey into the world of IT for the teacher and the students. The level three class used Google docs for the first time to collaborate on a resource to study from. The moodle course also developed well, giving students a chance to have access to their resources from home, 24/7. Most of the level 3 class had done the course in the previous year and so were pretty relaxed about the work. It remains to be seen how well they do in the credit race.

The level two class started off as quite a large class but dwindled away as clashes in the timetable and other diversions became too much. Tyler, Dylan and Mikayla soldiered on, however, and achieved a good number of credits, especially when Tyler remembered to come to school. They, too, worked collaboratively on a number of projects online and were able to use Moodle effectively to achieve good outcomes. The kowhai seed experiments worked well this year, the interactive whiteboard was used well and Dylan made a pretty good teacher keeping Tyler up to date with the latest developments in the course!

The level one class perhaps had the most exciting developments this year. They made vegetable seedbeds for credits, took photos as evidence for their assessments, made posters on the computers to inform and brighten up the Horticulture room, created booklets online for credits, made their own videos and used Youtube to spread the word. Mrs Hynes also made contact with a horticulture teacher from Kaitaia whom the class is getting ready to Skype with as this report is being submitted. The photographs show the level one class digging a soil profile which they photographed and then used in a document as the basis for finding out more about soil profiles using an inquiry approach on the computers.
Mrs Hynes



KIWI FOREVER

On a drizzly Sunday afternoon we travelled to Terorangi Marae and met with a group of other students and teachers from other Central District schools. We went to Lake Rotokura and Keith Wood spoke to us about the spiritual connections between Ngati Rangī and the area. On the Monday we were split into four groups and set off with a DOC worker to check trap lines for stoats and rats. On Tuesday we checked tracking tunnels for signs of what type of pests were in the area. On Wednesday we learnt how to distinguish different bird calls. This started off with no one recognizing any calls to at the end of the day everyone being able to recognize at least six different calls. On Thursday it was Kiwi Day and we tracked down two kiwis and changed their transmitters. Each night we gathered together and shared our experiences for the day. One night we had a great debate about 1080. This proved to be hilarious as both sides got distracted from the main point and ended up with a debate about the conditions a helicopter is able to fly in. This was an amazing experience and we met some great new people and the group became quite close by the

end of the week. We experienced amazing hospitality for the people at Terorangi who housed and fed us extremely well. We recommend this trip to Senior students next year as it was heaps of fun and a great learning experience in the outdoors.
Amber and Meaw



TECHNOLOGY HARD MATERIALS DEPARTMENT

Technology has now becoming career-focused as New Zealand is fast becoming the design centre of a global innovative world that is turning to more sustainable manufacturing of everyday products.

The Year 9 rotation continues in Hard Materials again, the first group 9KC were well behaved and most achieved their goals in this subject, although admittedly some did struggle to grasp and understand what technology means in the modern world. Gone are the days of just making projects every lesson. 9MW have been quite studious and settled down into a routine early in their rotation and will achieve good results if they continue in this vein.

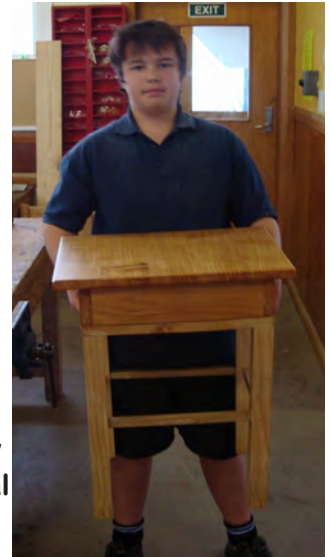
Year 10's are enthused and are working hard to gain credits which will be banked for when they reach Year 11. The project they have worked on, in groups of three, came together well and everyone was involved. The theory side has seen a few students struggle but with a good team and class environment these students have been able to achieve their goals.

Year 11's students have found this year to be a bit tougher than they thought as the theory has been a lot more demanding than previous years. They are all excellent when it comes to hands-on practical skills and have amazed me with some of their designs and knowledge of tools and machinery. So there have been a few bumps in the road this year what with new teacher, new achievements

standards, and more theory, but the majority will have gained credits. Year 12's and 13's have generally shown their maturity and with a lot of the students doing gateway, land based training and forestry they have missed a substantial amount of class time.

There have been some awesome projects done in this subject by year 12's and 13's but a few have struggled with the amount of paper-work involved, though they have all succeeded in gaining credits.

Mr Shaw



HEALTH

Students continue to get a full Health programme with a variety of topics. The basic Haoura 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 main change in this subject is the use of our online learning programme "moodle". This allows students to catch up on missed work, work at their own pace, plus improve the use ICT. Moodle works 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 the junior 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.

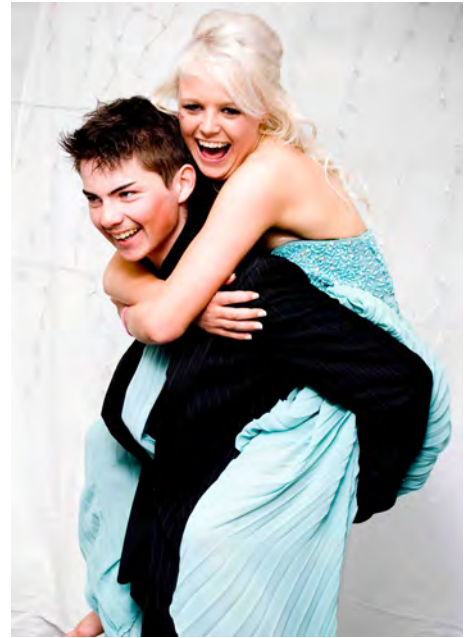
The Health Department also values the input of the health nurse and other outside agencies that help provide the best for Ruapehu College students.

Ms Cranston

KAPA HAKA



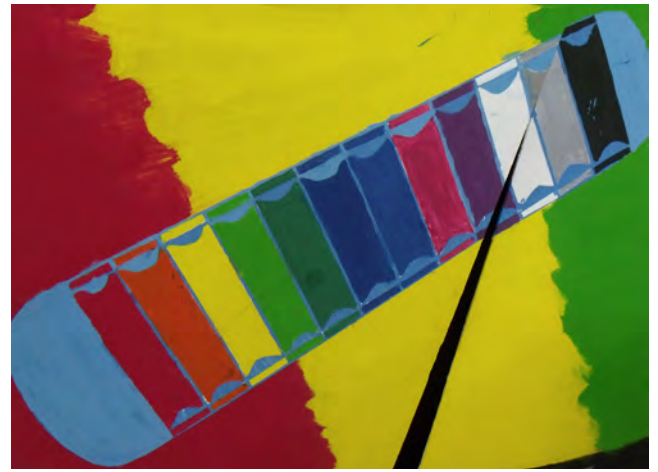
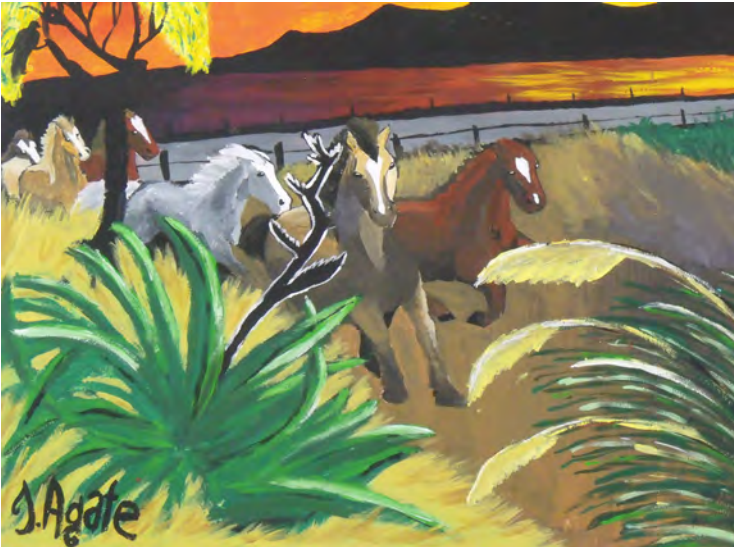
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ART WORK



LIBRARY NEWS

It has been a very satisfying year in the library for me personally and I hope for college students and staff, with the upgrading of computers and of the library itself, making it a pleasant place to visit. Firstly I am delighted to see an increase in the number of library books being issued this year and this boost has been greatly helped with the arrival of some enthusiastic readers in Year 9. These students are consistently devouring the fiction books in the Teenage and Young Adult section of the library (what a picture that conjures up)

This has meant that I have to keep ahead with my purchasing of books as the demand for “new reads” is constant.

The pressure is certainly on! Thank goodness I have found a book shop online that has quick delivery and very reasonably priced books. What a wonderful position for me, as a school librarian, to be in!

Secondly my thanks go to the two new library assistants from Year 9, Tessa Commins and Tiana Rapana Bell, who ably assist with the issue and return of books during their lunch times and English class sessions. They and other interested readers also help with the selection of authors and book titles that they think will be valuable additions to our library collection.

Thirdly the library has had a much needed “make over” earlier on in the year and despite the upheaval and disruption caused during the renovation, it was well worth it as the library now seems to have had a new lease of life. I would like to think that this has had a positive influence on the students as the numbers have

CAREERS

2011 was another successful year for the Careers department. We were able to bring several universities on campus to discuss different options with our year 12 and 13 students. We also had visits from our Armed Services wh discussed the exciting career options that are available to our students. We also had visits from the IRD, Voting and Study Links discussing financial support and other options for our senior students. These meetings are important to our students so they know and understand the financial support that is available to them.



built up during lunch time sessions.

This year we purchased two magazine stands that display latest editions of magazines, an assortment of hunting, rugby, outdoor pursuits, cars, New Zealand music, Pop culture and fashion.

In addition to the new look library, Mrs. Dixon, our Computer Network Manager, has recently replaced the big old computers with twenty slim line models which are more attractive, give more space for students and allow faster access to the internet.

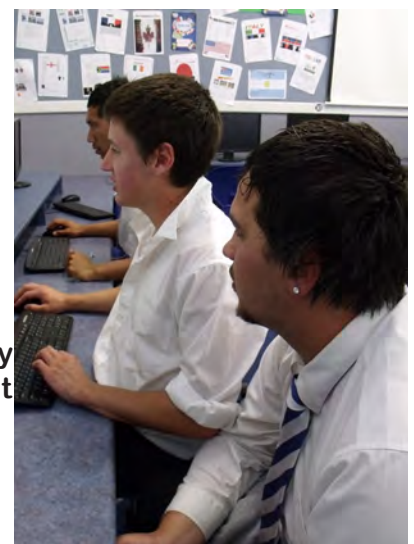
Fourthly the Rugby World Cup fever arrived at the library with flags, rugby jerseys and other memorabilia kindly lent from staff and students to create a colourful display also students took part in daily quizzes all of which contributed to an entertaining time in the library.

Who knows what 2012 will bring but there is one thing that I am certain of, is that the library will continue to thrive with the input of positive, passionate readers that have already made the library “their place”.

Mrs Hubbard

Year 10's had another successful work experience week with several students going out of our region to do their work experience. It was awesome to see our year 10's in the work place hopefully gaining some insight to potential career choices for them.

Mr Jordan



VIDEO CONFERRING AND CORRESPONDENCE

This year fewer senior students were enrolled in courses and in most cases, students worked well and made the most of the opportunity. Students studied Level 3 Physics, Geography and Economics by video conferencing. Level One History was also taken by one student. The Geography class was taught by an ex Ruapehu College teacher, and Rachael and Sophie were a little distracted by the attention given to them by some of the boys at the other site. Year 9 Japanese was taken by Correspondence with Mr Jolie leading the class. Legal Studies and Media Studies at Level Three were also



studied by Correspondence. Correspondence and Video Conferencing allow our students access to a greater range of subjects and where a student is motivated and focused, can work almost as well as having a face to face teacher.
Mrs Laurenson

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

There was one class in 2011 for Travel and Tourism. The course is designed to complete the National Certificate in Tourism: Introductory Skills. This course carries 52 credits and is taken over two years if students want to gain the whole qualification. Completion of the course gives students a qualification that will enable them to gain employment in Travel and Tourism related careers and open the way for further study to gain the required advanced qualifications for the industry.

This year there have been two groups of students working at different levels. The first group has been completing all the compulsory requirements for the course while the second

group has been working towards completing the selected units from the rest of the course.

Students get a great introduction to the travel industry and are required to study business papers as well as units which look at tourist attractions on a global and local basis and tourists' needs in all aspects of the industry. They also are required to look at the huge range of employment opportunities in travel and tourism. They are also required to set a high level of professional standards as they work through the units.

This year, there have been some good results and the year 12 group is well positioned to achieve the course in 2012 when they return to work on the second group of units.

Mr Buck

TE REO MAORI

It has been an enjoyable year for the Te Reo department. Term three has been spent completing speech assessments. Many students have credits and developed knowledge that will be useful to them for the future.

Year 9's have done very well in their assessment work as well as their pepeha. I have had great results from all. I am impressed with what they have done this term.

Year 10's started working on their oral sentence structures, which has been an awesome outcome.

Years 11's have managed to do well on their NCEA and I am sure they will have good positive results at the end of year examinations. Keep up

the good work.

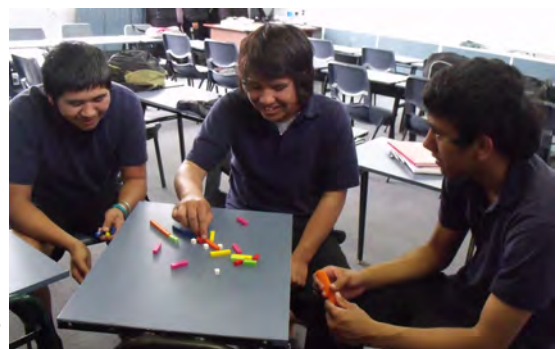
Year 12's & Year 13's have this

term been learning about Maori Tribes of New Zealand and more about their ancestors. Students have all achieved some credits this term great success.

Paerangatahi

Next Year, we will be hosting the Paerangatahi here at Ruapehu College. Everyone is more than welcome to join in to this great event.

Mr McLeod



SCIENCE

The Science department started this year with just three teachers. Mrs Buck teaching Year 9, Year 11 Science and Year 12 Chemistry. Miss Wilson teaching Year 9 and all of Year 10 Science, Year 12 biology and Year 13 Biology, Mr Laurenson teaching Year 12 Physics. During term two some class swapping was done so that Year 11 had the value of Miss Wilson's expertise in Biology. Mrs Buck picked up a Year 10 class for the term.

Another group of students, 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 learnt 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 was 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 were larger this year so we had most students in classes rather than video conferencing. It was great to have these numbers and the students appreciate direct teaching and the results, so far have been really 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 resource for information is becoming increasingly

LEARNING SUPPORT

2011 was a year full of new faces and new things. We farewelled Kerry Stout at the end of term one and welcomed Liz Connelly as the new teacher aid. Kerry got engaged and we wish them both the very best for their future. At the start of term three we welcomed Teena McCann as our "Lexia Lady". She took over the running of the Lexia Reading Programme two days a week.

We ventured deeper into the world of Technology and now have three Neo Writers, a Laptop and 2 e-Booklets to support and assist the learning difficulties of our students who need it most. It is envisaged that 2012 will be

important and it has been good to see classes at all levels able to use some of these resources for their Science work. Some students have applied to go to "Hands on Science" at Otago University in the summer holidays. We wish them well and hope they all get places on the course which is designed to show students the broad spectrum of science work available to them at University level

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 Buck



an even more challenging year and we hope to incorporate Moodle, Skype and Youtube into our learning support programmes.

Another exciting new adventure for the teacher aids is their professional development programme which includes studying online to improve their qualifications.

All the hard work and success could not have happened without the dedication of Rachel Wills, Kaylene Crossan, Jeanna Brown, Teena McCann and Liz Connelly. Their contribution is appreciated.

Louise Beukes
SENCO.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

All my outdoor friends in the Waikato were jealous when they heard I was coming to Ruapehu College to teach Outdoor Education. "Everything is all there" they said, and they were right. From the mountains to the rivers we have an outdoor playground right at our feet. When I started in term two the students had already been kayaking down the Tongariro and Rangiteiki rivers and surfing at the Taranaki beaches. We finished off the kayaking skills, teaching Eskimo rolling at the Waiouru pools. Those who managed to roll up successfully were quite proud of their efforts. A big thank



you to the staff at the Waiouru Army Base for allowing use of the pool. Next we practised our rock climbing skills at Vertigo indoor climbing gym, many for the first time. We then tested ourselves at Castle Rock, a well known (if you are a climber) outdoor climbing crag. I was impressed how much everyone had improved. Everyone at the rock assessment passed easily. With winter came the snowboarding and skiing.



No school that I have ever been at has had snow sports in their curriculum, so I was very excited when the snow finally came. I was constantly checking the snow reports every week for a chance to get our class up the mountain. I enjoyed telling fellow travelers on the ski lifts (who had taken a day off work) that I was actually working. A big thank you to the team at

RAL for supporting our students with the snow sport assessments.

One regret I had was with a long run of extreme weather conditions in the winter we had to cancel our snow cave trip, but with all the rain we decided to do a rafting assessment instead, paddling the grade three rapids down access 10 on the Tongariro.

We are currently working on our navigation skills and how not to get lost in the bush as well as finishing off the year developing our leadership skills through adventure based learning. We will be spending a week at Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuit Centre on the high ropes, low ropes, a night in the bush and either exploring a cave or floating down another river.

Next year we are expanding the Outdoor Education programme by reintroducing Outdoor Education to our Year 11 students. We have a keen bunch of Year 10 students who want to join Outdoor Education Year 11 2012 and earn some credits through fun, challenging, and safe activities. My goal is to use the natural resources around us to give students opportunities for learning outside the classroom. As well as learning fun skills, we hope to better prepare them for careers in the local outdoor/tourism industry.

Mr Connelly



SPEECH COMPETITION

The Inter-Whanau Speech Competition was held on the evening of 14th April.

The orators of the school treated us to an evening of provocative and entertaining presentations before a panel of esteemed judges; Korty Wilson, Jenny Robb and old boy poet Kiriti Mowatt.

Our judging panel all agreed they had a very difficult job determining the winners in the junior section. In the end they awarded first prize to Lucy Lyon, with Tamara McCarthy second and Hannah Brown in third place.

The decision was made harder with polished deliveries from Tessa Milne and Tessa Commins as well as a detailed explanation of the internal combustion engine from Jacob Larsen. Caleb Cooper had us all thinking when he raised the issue of what to do with lawn clippings.

Between the junior and senior dissertations we were treated to a musical interlude from Year 12 student, Ciana Kui-Ricketts. Ciana charmed the audience of sixty people with one of her own compositions. It was clear to all that Ciana has a glowing future in the music industry and her contribution to the evening was simply wonderful.

The seniors then entertained us with persuasive power-point presentations aimed variously at having Motor-Cross in the Olympics, saving and building the bee population, encouraging participation in Outward Bound, showing more pride in your school and preparing for the end of the world.

Again it was a difficult decision for the judges

but Sam Laurenson, with his warning of Armageddon's arrival, came through ahead of Felicia Frederickson and Amber Ryan.

The judges acknowledged the quality of the other senior competitors; Callum Long, Elijah Pue-Feikert, and Henere Larsen.

Before the impromptu speech section we enjoyed another musical item. This time our Music teacher, Ryan Jolie, presented a haunting and innovative interpretation of a poem, "Teacher", written by guest judge Kiriti Mowatt. The impromptu section was quick-fire entertainment and it proved to be a very enjoyable part of the evening. Tessa Milne proved her ability to think on her feet and she took out first place ahead of Henere Larsen and Shem Brown.

The evening wrapped up with a short performance of some of his own work by Kiriti Mowatt.

The Inter-Whanau Speech night was a very entertaining evening. Our thanks go to all the speakers and participants for joining in and again we would like to offer our appreciation to the judging panel.

Mr Greene



ACCOUNTING

2011 saw the introduction of new achievement standards at Level One and the opportunity for a students to gain more credits from internal work than has been the case in previous years. The Level One class was a snug fit into S4. Initially there were so many students in the class that we had to share Room 7 with Mr Jordan. It was pleasing to see a few more boys take accounting this year and they certainly gave the girls a run for their money. The class produced very good work throughout the year and were a delight to teach.

The Level Two class was all female and very hardworking – a very talented group of young career women in the making, all with the potential to do exceptionally well in whatever they choose.

At Level Three, there were four students.

Thanks Elijah, for doing your best to entertain us for the greater part of the year.

In Term Three, Ms Collins, a student teacher from Auckland, came to do her teaching placement with us. She thoroughly enjoyed her time at Ruapehu College and was so pleased to

be working with such lovely students.

The school was very fortunate to receive copies of the Reserve Bank educational game "Skint to Mint". Mrs Laurenson was invited to a day off school in Wanganui to play the game with other accounting and economics teachers, and part of the deal was that all those attending, got 5 free copies of the game. Definitely a deal too good to turn down!! The game was developed by the Reserve Bank following the collapse of a number of financial institutions in the last couple of years. The Reserve Bank felt a real need to educate young people on the relationship between risk and return. The game does this brilliantly and all the accounting classes were able to play this a few times during the year (not nearly enough according to Luke and Jordyn). Not only is the game very realistic, it also involves a lot of mathematical calculations, is really fun and a subtle way of teaching students about the risks involved in different types of investment. The game is a real asset to the department and a great way to teach financial literacy.

Mrs Laurenson

COMMUNICATION ENGLISH AND SPEC

2011 was a year full of new beginnings in the senior classes. Each student had the opportunity to choose a module of high interest for their studies. The modules range from "Behind the Wheel", "Teenage Decisions", "Hunting", "Job Seeking," Fashion Trends", Working with Wood" and "Preparing for Parenthood". All topics were relevant to their young lives.

It was extremely pleasing to see their fantastic Power Point displays on their work and to see how much they have grown in their own persons.

The Level One students trialled the new Literacy Unit Standards and although it was a case of teacher learning with the students, we came through and it was great to see the confidence grow as well.

In the junior classes we went on a golfing day, exploring different cultures and cooking up a feast with a three course meal, showing that we know how to set a table for a formal dinner as

well. We also learned how to weave with flax. All this was done as a foundation for our written work and our reading.

The students and teacher enjoyed this year. Thank you to all the support from the teacher aids – without your support all this would not have happened!

L. Beukes



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

We took a punt appointing an Irishman this year. Not much of a morning person, Mr Greene stamped his high expectations on junior and year 11 classes. Old hand, Mrs Beukes, got a glamorous new look by the end of term three for the visit to her South African homeland to celebrate the 60th birthday of her husband and BOT chair, among family and old friends – in the middle of the Rugby World Cup too! Mrs Beukes put the rest of us under pressure with her up and under kick for Moodle early on in the game.

Old unit standards were sin binned. New literacy unit standards at year 11, however, gave the extra edge to students whose reading and writing were not yet at the Year 11 standard. We welcomed new achievement standards which teachers modified for speaking, writing, poster-making, and for the recording of personal reading. Juniors take note. If you get into the habit now of reading and recording, in year 11, you can score run away tries with this last standard.

New rules around delivery of ICT at Ruapehu College saw English teachers undertake to deliver word processing skills in year 9 and 10.

New star: Not Sonny Bill Williams, but sunny Matt Dowman. Producer, Rebekah 'Bex' Kelly, finally cast our boy in the lead role in 'Cold Snap' after weeks of auditions in the central North Island.

Bex also cast a few other boys as extras, notably hunters Ben Agate and Gabriel Hakaraia.

Problem with the lineout. Two students requested debating but neither jumpers nor lifters appeared for the inaugural line up at lunchtime. Similarly, the idea of study sessions with Milo and toast at 3.30 in the library showed great promise in February, but enthusiasm dwindled to just three or four regulars..

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The English Quiz didn't exactly have the intensity of France versus New Zealand. The thrill of a drop goal. NZQA was able to tell us that they were 'highly confident' in the ability of the English Department to assess the work of students. We await a National Moderation Visit in late September.

A cap for Brooklyn Double whose 30-minute argument on new roads for cars v. cycles was awarded a CREDIT from International Competitions and Assessments for Schools run by the University of New South Wales.

Tena koutau katoa. It has been a privilege leading the English Department for the past few years. Since Tomorrow's Schools in 1989, there have been more changes than a classroom teacher can easily cope with.

I really hope the new curriculum does live up to its expectations and that more change justifies the paperwork.

English teachers

must constantly re-examine what they are doing in class for young people, especially young Maori, in the Waimarino. Why are they are learning what we wheel into the classroom? The challenge is to learn what and how to teach so students learn best. More focus on culturally responsive relationships relationships, the Internet, Smart Boards and Moodle seems to be the way to go and that's the way I'd like the English Department to keep heading. Kia kaha tonu.

Mrs Voon



TECHNOLOGY FOODS-FOOD AND NUTRITION

The nutritional benefits of onions far outweigh the problems posed by “onion breath” and teary eyes. Onion is a powerful antiseptic that is rich in vitamins A, B and C. It is a potent source of folic acid, calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, chromium, iron and dietary fibre, contain quercetin a powerful anti-oxidant and adenosine. The flavour, odour, and tear-inducing qualities of this bulb come from sulphuric compounds released when the vegetable is cut. These dissolve in the water in our eyes, producing a mild sulphuric acid which causes tearing and irritation.

None of these things are the attraction for the mostly male classes that take Foods as a subject. Nor does it seem the attraction for the, mostly male again, visitors we get when the odour of onions cooking in class drifts through the school corridors. We are not sure who comes more frequently, Mr Jolie or Mr McLeod. Strangely they arrive just about when the food is ready!



Our classroom is a busy one. Every day, many come at interval for breakfast with weetbix and milk being provided by Sanitarium and Fonterra, and senior students making hot drinks with the espresso machine. The Year 9 classes this year have been taken by Mrs Stuckey and she has

the classes humming with good basic meal cookery. Year 10 have been fully involved in various units of work, among them being batters and a crepe making competition, dairy products, yeasts and doughs and rewana bread making, preserving and World Rugby Cup cultural food.

The Burger unit created much interest, with Lucy Lyon winning the school competition, and performing with credit at the regional competition.

The on-line student learning system, Moodle is used frequently by students. All assessments and resources are posted on-line and students have access to them at home. This is a big help to keep up to date with work.

We are grateful to Brian Lineman who frequently visits from Katikati, with a truckload of kiwifruit, citrus, avocados or apples to share with others. This food and the donations from locals including market gardeners help make our budget go further.

Mrs George



MUSIC

With the loss of one Canadian comes the gain of another! The fun-loving, smiling, somewhat random and crazy Ryan Jolie took over the music department. His goal ... Musical Awesomeness! This year's music programme was filled with ... nuthin' much ... and you know how we all LOOOVVVEE nuthin' much. Students set out to achieve credits using their creativity and ingenuity. Classroom performances involving solos 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). There were also lessons on

musical theory and the students learned about comparing musical styles.

Lastly, this year saw the short introduction of a music club, thanks to the drive and dedication of Hiko Te Riaki from the alternative education sector. With some of the members of



a local band Common Unity, the club received some rockin' reggae exposure, and some invaluable lessons from real life musicians.

Mr Jolie

GATEWAY

We had 24 students enrolled in Gateway this year. 19 have had the opportunity to work in the industry of their choice. These included Forestry, Engineering, Law, Child-care, Animal Care, Turf Management, Conservation, Retail and Market Gardening. The students are enjoying the workplace experience and are learning quite a bit thanks to the practical experience and knowledge they are receiving with the employers.

The industries that have supported our Gateway students this year include... Ohakune Kindergarten, D.O.C, Ruapehu Veterinary Supplies, Merv Williams (Farming) Ruapehu Toyota, Waimarino Golf Club, TCB Ski & Board, Eades Sprout Farm and Ohakune Auto. We appreciate the support these industries have shown our students as without their help these placements simply would not happen.

In Term Two a unit on Health & Safety was completed by 12 students who gained four credits at level two. At the end of Term 3 all Gateway students have the opportunity to gain their Workplace First Aid Certificate which also

has four credits attached.

As is the same for every year we have several students leaving school and entering the "real world". I wish you all the very best in your chosen career path and hope that the experience you have had in their Gateway Placement gives you a head start in the workforce. Good Luck.

Mrs Double

Gateway Coordinator



VISUAL ART

The Year 9 students have been a wonderful group to teach! Like sponges they have soaked up as much information as they could about how to draw, paint, make sculptures, and create prints. Their "Wild-Things" project was very interesting whereby wild-things popped-up all over the art-room- some very scary "wild-things" indeed! We looked at Maori and Pacific designs in keeping with a Pacific flavour then took these designs into printmaking and then printed on flax paper – some lovely work indeed. Students were introduced to Art History whereby we researched a range of artist movements from Expressionism to Fauvism to Pop Art and more contemporary art movements namely, Street Art and Manga. Overall, a fabulous year 9 group!

The year 10's explored painting, drawing sculpture and printmaking. We worked with alternative media such as using computer parts to make robots. The year 10's continued to refine their drawing and painting skills needed for next year's NCEA art projects. The standard of drawing and painting is very high indeed. So many talented students at year 10 level! I cannot wait to have them back next year!

Senior classes have explored Art History, drawing, painting, printmaking, and some sculpture and digital artwork. Specifically, the year 11's have created individual murals focusing on the local environment and what is in it. Our portrait project looking at Lady Gaga as the artist model, created some excellent drawing

and painting work! Year 12's and 13's took on three Art History projects associated with Italian



Renaissance; to curate a fictitious art exhibition, to researching and analysing how New Zealand artists conceptualise making their artworks. Moreover, practical projects involved sculpture, photography and some design with spectacular works coming out of these investigations. We had quite a lot of fun using shaving crème to make a sculpture!

Other fabulous events that the art department have been part of are the Google 4 Doodle New Zealand competition. Students had to design a Google logo about how they envisioned New Zealand in the future. We also participated in the Look and Learn online art competition that had a monthly theme – students uploaded their images directly to the site to be judged. Ruapehu College was a part of this global art competition! Finally, the Arts Fiesta was a fun event. As well as showcasing students' work we collectively or individually made artwork to sell. The event was well received and artwork sold!

Overall, I have had a very busy year in the art room, and enjoyed every minute!

Mrs Christiansen.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Enthusiastic, dedicated, excited are just a few words to describe the digital technologies here at Ruapehu College.

This year we have seen the expansion of the Technology Curriculum to include Digital Technology as part of the new curriculum this year.

At the end of last year, we have completed the two years project under the initiative of the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Cognition Education to prepare for the introduction of the Digital Technologies curriculum. Ruapehu College joined other schools to introduce Digital Technology Level One. This project has the potential to strengthen the appeal to students of digital technologies as a specialist subject and to connect students with a range of enterprising and innovative employment opportunities and tertiary pathways.

Students of digital technologies were expected to:

- support improved pedagogical practices in the area of digital technologies
- develop clear links to the New Zealand Curriculum
- provide a common framework for teachers in this area
- provide a platform for closer alignment with industry and tertiary, and
- focus on the future by encouraging confident,

JAPANESE

Ohayou!
(Good
Morning!)
This year

the students, with the help of the Wellington Correspondence school began their journey to learn the ancient language of Japan! Students learned greetings, how to address people, how to count and other valuable language skills. Two sets of characters (Hiragana and Katakana),

MATHEX

The Mathex was up and running this year after several years as a result of other events coinciding with Mathex. Despite the snowy conditions, we still made the trip to Palmerston North. After two weeks of practices, Antonia Hoeta, Peehi Blake Tahana, James Hilson and Matthew Dowman's efforts came to reality as they fared well with some bigger schools. Mathex is now divided into two components: Practical and Rapid fire questions, a far cry from the old days. The practical required students to design and paste a jigsaw puzzle

connected, actively involved, life-long learners. In view of the above, our focus for 2011 was digital media and digital information. The numbers in our level one digital technology have grown this year and we have to welcome Mr Ryan Jolie to take the other class.

In line with the view of MOE, our aim is to provide digital literacy to our students. To that end, we believe that: "Digital literacy is the ability to locate, organize, understand, evaluate, and analyze information using digital technology. We endeavour to continue to embrace the wider aspects associated with learning how to effectively find, use, summarize, evaluate, create, and communicate information while using digital technologies, not just being literate at using a computer.

Level 2 and 3 Computing

This year at level two and three, we offered the new version of Computing Unit Standards, however, next year we are ready to move on to align with Level Two Digital Technology and hope to explore other areas of digital technologies, for example, Web Design, Programming, Animation, etc as we access available software applications.

I congratulate all our IT students for their achievement this year.

S McKernan
TIC, ICT Department

word pictures (Kanji), and a Romanized script (roomaji) like the way Good Morning (Ohayou) was written using the English alphabet, all combine to make learning Japanese a crazy experience. The highlight of the year was making Sushi rolls filled with rice, avocado, and other interesting ingredients!

Sayonara! (Goodbye!)

Mr Jolie



using a combination of number patterns. Our students finished in the top half of the 30 teams that took part. All other teams were locals We hope to do better next year.
Mr Prasad

TECHNOLOGY SOFT MATERIALS (TEXTILES)

Education outside the classroom is often valuable as it can show the subject being used in the real world. Such was our trip to Wellington this year to see the show World of Wearable Art . We travelled down in two vans, and despite one having a break-down, students were in high spirits when we arrived in Wellington. The first crew went to the Minerva Gallery to see Adornment, an exhibition of bespoke art coats by Katherine Morrison and silver jewellery by Elsie Fourie, which was a thought provoking exhibition.

When the second crew arrived in taxis, the fifth type of transport they had during the day, they were most excited about the taxi driver, a Fijian named Raj. He seemed a bit bemused that they had shared information about our own Raj. At the show, our students were sitting on the edge of their seats uttering "Wow", as one surprise after another paraded before our eyes. It was an incredible show, and was such an inspiration for a week later when the first wearable art show Snow Queen was to be held in the Ohakune.

At Feilding a week earlier, Hayley Fredericksen had a fine medieval entry in their Evento, and with these two shows behind us, students were inspired and very keen to enter the Snow Queen. With very little class time, but lots of lunch time and after school entries were ready for the show on Saturday night at the Kings Hotel.

Sam Hoeta and Dana Paul were awarded third place, for a stand-apart dress modelled by Sophie Pearson; a dress designed by Lyna-Mharie Collett, Newa McLeod and Antonia

Hoeta, and modelled by Antonia was viewer's choice and a dress designed and modelled by Kataraina Hakaraia was judged 'best of the college' entries. Other entries by Tessa Milne modelled by Lucy Lyon, Hayley Fredericksen, Tutangataora Mareikura and Tamara McCarthy, Amy Thompson and Tiana Rapana-Bell, Katherine Pakai-Dewes and modelled by Miki Sue-Waara, showed a real depth in creativity. In the classroom we have a variety of projects undertaken. The senior textiles class began the year in discussion with the teacher to negotiate their own projects, a project that they have had the passion to work through. The new Technology matrix allows a wide selection of achievement standards to consider and available for various strengths. The on-line student learning system, Moodle is used frequently by students. All assessments and resources are posted on-line and students have access to them at home. This is a big help to keep up to date with work.

The junior textiles class have two terms each doing Soft Materials Technology, and the course is designed to give as wide a selection of techniques and processes to allow students to have skills from which to make good decisions. This year we have been paper making, sewing, stenciling, stamping, rubbing, wearable art, discharge printing and making wall hangings, using digital images printed on fabric. We acknowledge and are very grateful to members of the public who donate fabrics and recycling materials used in our department. Mrs George



SOCIAL SCIENCES

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 live in. Following this the students then looked at the government structure of New Zealand. 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 were looking at how these different cultures had much the same beliefs and life styles even though they lived thousands of kilometres apart in a time where travel and communication

was near impossible.

11 Geography was taught by Mr Jordan. Students looked at geographic issues such as extreme natural disasters, land use, world epidemics and the effects that these issues have on New Zealand and the world. Students also learned map skills and other important geographical concepts.

Year 12 History was taught by Mr Jordan. Students studied the cause and effects of World War I and how these events allowed an individual such as Adolph 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 13 History studied the Elizabethan era. Students researched about Henry VIII to Charles II. The class looked at all aspects of society and how we can still see lasting influence even today in our society.

Mr Jordan

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, National Young Leaders Day, Senior Leaders Course, H.S.I Certificate in Barista Skills, Apiculture, Chainsaw Safety Course, Mereketete Weaving and soon to be completed is 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.

Ngaire Double, S.T.A.R Coordinator



MATHEMATICS

Maths started off the year staffed by Mr Prasad, Mrs Stuckey, Mr Laurenson and Mr McManus. Mr McManus did his sums and realised he would be better off in Hong Kong so we said goodbye to him and we were joined by Mr Connelly in Term 2. It was decided that Mr Connelly's senior class were over Mathematics so they actually got to do real life mathematics on the ski field and at OPC. This worked out well as students studied navigation, slopes and speed in context. Just what the new curriculum demands really!

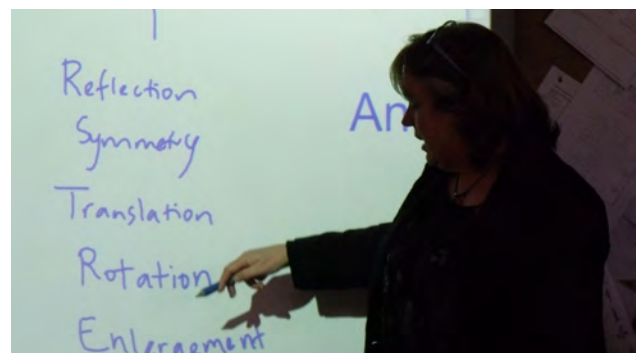
The rest of us were stuck in the class room with the usual pleas for more games and more exercises outside the classroom. Alas, hard as students tried the staff remained resolute and continued to push students for achievement in mathematics.

Mr Prasad took his students out, all the way to Palmerston North. Heavily armed with calculators and heads full of numbers, James Hilson, Matthew Dowman, Peehi Blake-Tahana and Antonia Hoeta took on the best mathematicians of the region and showed they

were well and truly in the top 50%. Good on you guys.

The other big event of the year was the interwhanau mathematics quiz. The mathematics teachers left Mr Connelly to it and went off to Wanganui for the day. This was to catch up with what is happening with the realignment of the standards for NCEA and to hear about how concerned the government is with the numeracy skills of New Zealand adults. So sorry Mr Connelly there will be no skiing in mathematics next year just sums, sums and more sums just so some NZ adults can say they can do mathematics.

Mrs Stuckey



NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SKI AND SNOWBOARD COMPETITION

Ruapehu College again hosted the North Island skiing and snowboarding champs during term three. We kept the same relative times in September but because of the World Cup they ended up in weeks seven and eight instead of weeks nine and ten as usual. There was a huge number of entries again this year with 116 teams in the skiing with 550 competitors. In the snowboarding there were 39 boys teams and 21 girls teams.

The weather was again a big factor in the competitions. In the skiing there had been 23 open days leading up to the competition and then we were faced with closed days throughout the competition. This was so disappointing for all concerned. For the first time it was necessary to put on movies for teams instead. Snowboarding fared a bit better with the loss of only one day and able to get through all events. Ruapehu managed

16th in the boys and 14th in the girls.

The feedback from all those who attended was amazingly positive and appreciative of the efforts Ruapehu College had made in hosting the events, even when we were unable to race in the skiing.

Mr Laurenson



INTERWHANAU SNOW SPORTS

Junior Girls Ski

- 1st Lucy Lyon
- 2nd Antoina Hoeta
- 3rd Kataraina Hakaraia

Junior Girls Snowboard

- 1st Me-Kayla Sue-Waara
- 2nd Catherine Paki-Dewes
- 3rd Zivahna Bowring

Senior Girls Ski

- 1st Jess Hotter
- 2nd Jordyn Eves
- 3rd Tessa Milne

Senior Girls Snowboard

- 1st Mikayla Bates

Junior Boys Ski

- 1st Hemi Kohu
- 2nd Hayze Barker-Pehi
- 3rd Ethan Mears

Junior Boys Snowboard

- 1st Willem Van Hees
- 2nd Joseph Fluerty
- 3rd Tihi Akapita

Senior Boys ski

- 1st Luke Deadman
- 2nd Hadlee Radford
- 3rd Sam Laurenson

Senior Boys Snowboard

- 1st Eli Rivlin-Myers
- 2nd Jack Kristiansen
- 3rd Daniel Maunsel

Skiing

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

Snowboarding

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



SKI TEAMS

TEAM A

Jordyn Eves
Jess Hotter
Luke Deadman
Jackson Campbell
Simon Katene
Slopestyle
Jordyn Eves
Jess Hotter
Jackson Campbell

TEAM B

Tessa Milne
Hemi Kohu
Sam Laurenson
Hayze Barker-Pehi
Hadlee Radford
Dylan Pearson

Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us and there was no competition at all this year. It was such a shame because we felt that we had a real chance of finishing in the top ten with our A team this year after seeing some great performances at Rangitikei races and skiers form on the hill.

Mrs Campbell



Front row: Luke Deadman, Hadlee Radford.
Second row: Simon Katene, Jordyn Eves, Tessa Milne, Jess Hotter, Mrs K Campbell.
Back row: Hayze Barker-Pehi, Jackson Campbell, Dylan Pearson.

SNOWBOARD TEAMS

This year we were luckier with the weather than

compared with last year, and they managed to run all the events including the Boarder X, of which I had not had the chance to see before. Monday was high winds and not very good visibility. There was a delay on starting the Slalom race and the slope style was postponed. The girls got through their races but unfortunately for the boys the lifts shut down because of the winds. They then had to line up in miserable weather and walk back up the course to get their second run. Due to miscommunication and crazy wind shutting all the lifts, some of our boys team did not get to take part in that event. Tuesday was a shut day, and that left Wednesday with blue skies and a fresh top up of new snow. I imagine that the supporters of the other teams left with some very good memories.

There was a tough selection for the boy's team this year. Without the competition of the Inter-whanau races it was a hard choice to get the right boys in the event of their choice. Unfortunately we lost our best hope for the Slope Style competition to a major leg injury. I hope you will be better for next year James! Thanks to those that participated and supported their team mates. For the Girls team, this was a new experience for them. Congratulations to Me-Kayla and Catherine for their dedication and commitment to the team. They will now be much better prepared for the events next year.



Front row: Joseph Fluerty, Tayna Tihore,
Back row: Eli Rivlin-Myers, Willem Van Hees, Mrs M Wilson, Cory Blaney.
Absent: Jack Kristiansen, Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Joshua Howell.

It was great this year to finally witness and help out with the Boarder X event. I happened to have the chance to be at the finish line, and Ruapehu College students were very good competitors. Eli-Rivlin Myers excelled in this event and came 4th out of the boy's competition. A mention goes out to Willem Van Hees. As he has not been snow boarding for that long, he has developed a very good style and has a perseverance to achieve success in this sport. He competed in all three events (even waiting in miserable weather for the slalom), and proved to himself that he has really good abilities. He even had a go in the Slope Style! I look forward to next year's event, with the development of some younger riders demonstrating good skills in the Inter-Whanau races. I know it will be a difficult choice for next year's boy's team! Go DJ Dylan for great music at the social!
Mrs Wilson

SQUASH

Lots of students again took advantage of the squash facilities available to them here at school.

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. The girls section was won by Wanganui High School but our boys team of Sam Laurensen, Jackson Campbell and Eli Rivlin-Meyers was too strong.

In the mixed section there were fifteen teams of which we had four teams. Team number 1 comprising Jackson Campbell, Eli Rivlin Meyers and Matthew Dowman were the winners.

We had both boys and girls teams go to National Secondary School Champs in Auckland. A big thanks to Mrs Double and Mr Laurensen for organising and managing these teams.

Jackson Campbell and Sam Laurensen were our only highly graded players this year but Jackson had to withdraw from the boys team at the last minute due to his selection in a representative golf team which left Sam as our only highly graded player and a seeding that was a bit flattering. All those that went played their hardest and some individual wins were recorded and the girls finished a couple of places above their seeding.

Boys - Sam Laurensen, Jackson Campbell, Liam Noah, Eli Connelly, Matthew Dowman.

Girls – Felicia Fredericksen, Amber Ryan,

Hayley Fredericksen. Summer Warbrick, Brooklyn Double .

Jackson Campbell and Sam Laurensen were the only ones playing regular competitive interclub squash mid-week as the Ruapehu zone interclub did not run again in 2011.

One of the highlights during the year was a visit from the top two New Zealand men's players, Campbell Grason 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. The following morning they gave coaching to those that wanted.

Inter-Whanau squash was again run as part of school champs. Kiwi ran out victors with points with Tui, Huia and Weka second third and fourth respectively. School champions for 2011 were Sam Laurensen and Felicia Fredericksen. The runners up were Jackson Campbell and Jess Hotter. In the juniors, Liam Noah beat Eli Connelly in the final of the boys whilst the girls are yet to complete their division at time of going to print.

Looking ahead to 2012. We wish Sam, Jackson and Felicia all the best for the future. Both have taken their skill levels to a high level and made many life long friends as a result. We will have a gap at the top next year but a lot of strong year 9's coming in.

To the others returning, 2012 will be exciting with hopefully many more junior events and opportunities.

Mr Laurensen



From left to right: Matthew Laurensen, Sam Laurensen, Mr J Laurensen, Liam Noah, Eli Connelly, Matthew Dowman.



SNOW DAYS

Snow Snow and more Snow!!!!

We were blessed with quite an amazing snow season this year. We had, fantastic snow conditions and really good weather, meaning lots of open days. In saying that though, we also had one of the biggest snow storms in town that closed our school for two days in a row.

Both Physical Education and Outdoor Education classes enjoyed improving their skills on the mountain and also had the opportunity to achieve both unit standards and achievement standards in both skiing and snowboarding.

During assessment week, my senior classes amassed more than 200 credits between them over the week.

We entered the Rangitikei Ski Club races for the first time this year. There had been individuals who had entered this race before but not as a school team. The races have been put together to give Wanganui and surrounding schools the opportunity to practice before the North Island Secondary Schools races. We had an awesome day and came away with some excellent results. Jess Hotter was fastest racer overall on the course and took out 1st female skier, Jackson Campbell was 1st male skier, Eli Rivlin-Myers was fastest male snowboarder and Me-Kayla Sue-Waara was fastest female snowboarder. We also had lots of seconds and thirds and brought home a stunning trophy for best male team overall. This has only ever been won by

GOLF

This year's golf team experienced a first for the college. It was an amazing day at the Manawatu/Wanganui Intercollegiate Golf Tournament. Jackson Campbell shot a round of 69 to win the individual stroke play title. This puts his name on a trophy with other players such as Craig Perks who have had great success on the PGA Tour in the United States.

Our other two golfers turned in fine rounds of their own as well. Before the tournament started the boys decided that they would pick out one golfer that they all had to beat. Sizing up the competition a short not very athletic red headed boy was chosen. Hadlee was quite worried as he opened with a 60 on the first nine holes but made a great recovery to shoot 42 on the last nine holes to find himself safe by three shots. As for Sam well the boys are still waiting on him to pay his fine as he lost by one shot to our chosen standard setting competitor. So Sam could you kindly make your donation to

Palmerston North Boys High School in the past. The junior snow days were a huge success this year with the highest percentage of students attending that we have had. The weather was stunning for two days in a row and we saw lots of juniors improving hugely from beginning till end. Some chose only to sled in the sliding park and lots swapped gear around and had a go at both skiing and snowboarding. From the smiles on the faces of those we took, I can confidently say that they had a great time.

Another success on snow was having the interwhanau races on the same day as one of the junior days. The races were great with a fantastic course set on Yahoo with at least five more gates than we have ever had before. During the course of the day more and more juniors started heading higher up the mountain. As a result, approximately 10 juniors had a go at gates for the very first time, with some really good results.

Mrs Campbell



From Left to right: Hadlee Radford, Jackson Campbell, Mr J Jordan, Samuel Laurenson.

your coach's retirement fund. Overall it was a great day enjoyed by all, well maybe Sam did not enjoy quite so much as the ride home was a little long for him. And a huge congratulation to Jackson for a great accomplishment and showing us that potential that I knew was locked up inside of you!
Mr Jordan

RACKET SPORTS

Racket sports have really taken off in this school. Tennis, squash, badminton and table tennis have all had really healthy numbers of students participating in them. On sunny days the tennis courts are always full, during term 2 and 3 the badminton courts were really popular when they were up and the squash courts and table tennis table in the gym mezzanine always have people on them. I have seen the skill levels of players improve immensely over the past two years. Championship results follow:-

Badminton
 Junior girls 1st Newa McLeod

Senior Girls	Runner up	Kataraina Hakaraia
	1st	Zakira Tipene
	Runner up	Mikayla Bates
Junior boys	1st	Hayze Barker-Pehi
	Runner up	Eli Connelly
Senior boys	1st	Jackson Campbell
	Runner up	Sam Laurenson
Tennis		
Junior girls	1st	Newa McLeod
	Runner up	Kataraina Hakaraia
Senior Girls	1st	Mikayla Bates
	Runner up	Zakira Tipene
Junior boys	1st	Hayze Barker-Pehi
	Runner up	Shaq McIlroy
Senior Boys	1st	Jackson Campbell
	Runner up	Sam Laurenson

NETBALL

Netball this year started early training, which was a good way to gauge commitment and get a stable squad for the season. The team consisted of a group from the previous year, 5 year 9's and two never having played netball before. This was no barrier and the girls soon formed relationships on the court making links and learning what each other was capable of. The girls went down in their first game at grading day putting them into the SS4 grade in the Wanganui competition. They would have liked to and were capable of being in a higher grade; however this was not to be. They played all games and had 4 wins, 1 loss and 2 draws going into the top round draw where they won every game. They played College B in the semis and won this by 1 point making them favourites

going into finals. The girls all having contributed to this placing and went on to win the final against Rangitikei B 17 7. During the season the girls were given a few treats (a break from their every day task master and coach) with training from Lisa Murphy (Wanganui netball technical development officer), Walter Edmonds and Larissa Willcox (ex Silver Fern) which I think would have been the high light. Kataraina Hakaraia and Tiriana Rapana were nominated for Wanganui U15's. Thanks to Matariki Cribb for volunteering her refereeing skills most Saturdays and Walter Edmonds for his continual support, expertise and guidance in netball and to all the support of the girls at home and on the sidelines of each game and throughout the season. Mrs Hakaraia



Left to right: Amy Thompson, Bianca Taylor, Chiao Ruri, Mrs M Hakaraia, Mere Ponga-Te Huia, Dariayne Prince, Tiriana Rapana, Zynaia Winter-Richards, Mrs J Mikaere, Kataraina Hakaraia, Courtney Taylor. Absent: Maeghan Frew.

CRICKET

The cricket season started off where we left off in 2010. We played several games and missed one due to bad weather. The team was led ably by Shem Brown, Jackson Campbell and Sam Laurenson. There was baptism of fire for Year 9 students like Willem van Hees, James Hilson and Matthew Dowman. Imagine the hard leather ball hitting their palms at 100km/hr and the opposition bowling whizzing past their bats much to the laughter of the more seasoned members. We had a good victory at home (the coach was away in Auckland) and Mr John Laurenson who took charge was sending SMS to the coach after every few overs. The game plan was sent via SMS to Mr Laurenson to advise players to "Block all line bowling"

Front row: Callum Long, Samuel Laurenson, Shem Brown, Tangaroa Joyce, Liam Noah.

Second row: James Hilson, Matthew Dowman, Ethan Mears, Willem Van Hees, Mr R Prasad.

Back row: Ethan Hyde, Jackson Campbell.

Absent: Waylon Clapp

and the reply was "Too late...two down already". We won at the end but Mr Laurenson declined to coach them again. Ethan Mears travelled with the team down the Paraparas for his first game of his life but the fun began in the school van when coming back home he said "No way I am gonna stop those balls with my hand." In the first game, team captain Jackson kindly gave James Hilson an over to bowl. He got hammered over the park and surprise!!!...he got a wicket on the last ball!!! All the members were ecstatic with joy except for James who had no idea what he had done. Willem was the pick of the juniors with his fine performance and all the members have to be congratulated for their performance.

Raj Prasad

Coach/manager/driver/laundryman/umpire



BASKETBALL

2011 was a year of new experiences and team improvements. It was a big step up for the girls as we played in the Women League in Whanganui on a Thursday night. It was the first year for most of the team at this level and big improvements were seen. Every game was a challenge but we looked to better ourselves each game. The season was a good experience and we learnt a lot so we can now focus on what we need to do better next season.

We started training in term one which meant that basketball is a year-round dedication for us girls. This is the end of our second year as a team; the bonds between all the girls have become stronger. This means that we see ourselves as not only a team but also

Front row: Kataraina Hakaraia, Brooklyn Double, Amber Ryan, Hayley Fredericksen, Tessa Milne.

Back row: Zivana Richards-Winter, Chiao Ruri, Tiera Walker-Rapana, Lucy Lyon, Jerry Jordan.

Absent: Me-Kayla Sue-Waara, Catherine Pakai-Dewes.

as a family.

We are planning a trip to the USA. This trip has been postponed until December 2012. We have been fundraising and we are all excited for it to happen.

Looking forward to a great season next year when we come back after the summer holidays. Hoping to see all the girls back safe and working hard for our last year together.

Oh, shoot, shoot Rock College oh, shoot, shoot that ball!

Amber (Bam), Sivi, Tiera and Chiao.



RUGBY

Girls Rugby Team

Zivahna Bowring
Essie Chitty
Merekatene Haitana
Leishae Katene
Mere Ponga-Te Huia
Sensi Rangiahua
Waipuna Ratapu-Williams
Kiritaua Ruri-Te Rupe
Chiao Ruri
Anahera Tahau-Haitana
Sabrina Tahau-Haitana
Zakira Tipene
Lynessa Albert

Under 14 Rugby Team

Tuhirangi Akapita
Simon Katene
Hemi Kohu
Jade Matete
Raniera McDonnell
Vernon McLeod
Jason paul
Teihorangi Ponga-Te Huia
Quaid Ponga
Jimmy-Ray Rapana-Paul
Ethan Mears

Under 19 Rugby Team

Cory Blaney
Jackson Campbell
Dylan Chisholm
Dane Christensen
Dennis Collett
Mac-James Edmonds
Kahl Elers-Green
Slade Elers
Gabriel Hakaraia
Jayden Hakaraia
Te Uhi Hakaraia
Christian Hawira
Joshua Howell
Daniel Maunsell
Andre McDonnell
Shaquille McDonnell
Leroy McLeod
Joseph Metekingi
Hadlee Radford
Leighton Richards
Carlos Tahau-Haitana
Tyson Hiroti
Callum Long
Shem Brown
Henere Larsen



RUGBY

This year we started with an abundance of keen boys and girls and an abundance of keen helpers.

Rugby was looking good with a proposed Under 19, Under 16, Under 14 and Girls team along with a girls touch team, which isn't bad given the size of our school.

Steve Shaw started getting some enthusiastic students fit pre season and also took a bunch of boys and girls to Taranaki to compete in a Sevens competition. This was a positive start to the rugby season with the boys placing 5th and the girls' team placing 3rd.

Touch rugby was introduced in a local competition in Raetihi and although the school did not field a team of its own, a lot of our students played. This can only be positive in developing a school team for the future.

The Under 19 team this year was coached by Karl Christensen and managed by Annie Chisholm with the help of Danny Rolls (in Karl's absence).

The boys had a core group from the previous year and with a lot of the Under 16 players coming up made a good squad. They had a very successful season playing Rangitikei, Wanganui High School, Collegiate, Kaierau and City College. The Under 19's made it to the finals and also qualified for the home final being on top of the table. This was a hard fought battle by both Ruapehu and City, unfortunately we were unable to get the win placing 2nd overall.

The Under 16's unfortunately did not go ahead with the majority of players going up to the Under 19's.

The Under 14's started the season with the help of Steve Shaw and Nopera Pine, however by the second round interest had waned. Those left combined with Taihape Area School and continued to have a good season with Luana Akapita transporting these boys to trainings and games.

Tuhirangi Akapita and Jason Paul were selected for Wanganui Under 14 Development squad and this saw the two boys go to a camp in Taupo and also play representative rugby for Wanganui.

Girls' rugby was reintroduced this year by the

Wanganui Rugby Football Union and as always we had an enthusiastic group, although a very short season. The team was coached by Rufus Ruri and Wayne Te Huia. The girls played Girls/



Cullinane combined, Wanganui High School and City.

They also travelled to Wanganui in spring to play in a 10 a side tournament hosted by City College. Ruapehu College won their first game against Taihape Area School by default which was disappointing, however then went on to play Girls College drawing 5 - 5, then played Wanganui High School winning 14 - 0, then beating Wanganui City College 27 - 0 before going down to Turakina Maori Girls 26 7.

They then played Girls College again in the semi finals losing 10 - 5. This took the girls to third overall.

Ruapehu College was awarded with the Best Sportsmanship trophy.

Mere Te Huia, Chiao Ruri, Zakira Tipene and Essie Chitty were also named in the Paper tournament team. Well done!

Jordan Farrington (Wanganui rugby development officer) introduced a Northern rugby Academy which ran every Monday at Ruapehu College.

Boys from Taihape were also a part of this academy with Jordan taking the group for extra skills and fitness. The boys travelled to Wanganui and combined with the Wanganui Metro Academy getting some extra training from experts outside the Union.

It was a busy rugby season although a compact one due to the Rugby World Cup. If everyone can work on their fitness now for the next season their rugby can only improve and we will look forward to another successful season next year.

Thank you to all coaches, managers and parents who have given their time and support in making this rugby season a success.

Mrs Hakaraia



CROSS COUNTRY

Athletics Champions

Year 9 Girls

- 1st Kataraina Hakaraia
- 2nd= Antonia Hoeta
- 2nd= Tiriana Rapana

Year 9 Boys

- 1st Jade Matete
- 2nd Simon Katene
- 3rd Hayze Barker-Pehi

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Tessa Milne
- 2nd Jordyn Eves
- 3rd Me-Kayla Sue-Waara

Intermediate Boys

- 1st James Stace
- 2nd Eli Rivlin-Myers
- 3rd Tyler Berry

Senior Girls

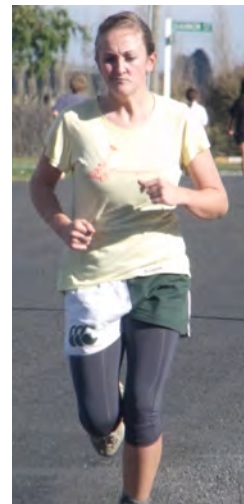
- 1st Mikayla Bates
- 2nd Jess Hotter
- 3rd Courtney Taylor

Senior Boys

- 1st Jackson Campbell
- 2nd Hadlee Radford
- 3rd Sam Laurenson

Whanau points

- 1st Kiwi 176 points
- 2nd Huia 126 points
- 3rd Tui 124 points
- 4th Weka 108 points



SWIMMING

Swimming Champions

Junior Girls

- 1st Merekatene Tahau-Haitana
- 2nd Makayla Taura
- 3rd Georgia Read

Junior Boys

- 1st Tei Ponga-Te Huia
- 2nd Jade Matete
- 3rd Hemi Kohu

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Jordyn Eves
- 2nd Hayley Fredericksen
- 3rd Brooklyn Double

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Ethan Mears
- 2nd Sam Hoeta
- 3rd Tyler Berry

Senior Girls

- 1st Felicia Fredericksen
- 2nd Jess Hotter
- 3rd Courtney Taylor

Senior Boys

- 1st Jackson Campbell
- 2nd Hadlee Radford
- 3rd Shaquille McDonnell

- 1st Kiwi 14 points
- 2nd Tui 11 points
- 3rd= Huia 7 points
- 3rd= Weka 7 points



WANGANUI ATHLETICS RESULTS

Intermediate Boys shot put

- 1st Daniel Maunsell
- 2nd Johannes Akapita

Intermediate Boys discus

- 1st Johannes Akapita
- 3rd Daniel Maunsell

Intermediate Girls shot put

- 1st Zakira Tipene
- 2nd Cina Metekingi

Intermediate Girls discus

- 2nd Zakira Tipene
- 3rd Cina Metekingi

Junior Boys shot put

- 1st Kevin McDonnell
- 2nd Anaru Hansen

Junior Boys javelin

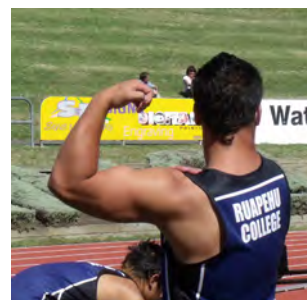
- 1st Tihi Mareikura

Junior Boys 100m

- 2nd Hemi Kohu

Junior Boys Relay 4 X 100m

- 1st Hemi Kohu, Anaru Hansen, Kevin McDonnell and Quaid Ponga.



ATHLETICS

Athletics Champions

Junior Girls

- 1st Kataraina Hakaraia
- 2nd Lucy Lyon
- 3rd Tiriana Rapana

Junior Boys

- 1st= Willem Van Hees
- 1st= Anaru Hansen
- 2nd= Kevin McDonnell
- 2nd= Hemi Kohu

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Me-Kayla Sue-Waara
- 2nd Jordyn Eves
- 3rd Tessa Milne

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Joseph Metekingi
- 2nd Harlem Hawira
- 3rd Carlos Tahau-Haitana

Senior Girls

- 1st Mikayla Bates
- 2nd Jess Hotter
- 3rd Mere Ponga-Te Huia

Senior Boys

- 1st Jackson Campbell
- 2nd Hadlee Radford
- 3rd Shaquille McDonnell

Whanau points

- 1st Kiwi 22 points
- 2nd= Tui 13 points
- 2nd= Weka 13 points
- 4th Huia 12 points



INTERWHANAU COMPETITIONS

Event	Category	HUIA	KIWI	TUI	WEKA	
Swimming / whanau nos.	Junior	1	2	4	3	
	Inter.	3	4	2	1	
	Novelties/relay	2	4	3	1	
Athletics / whanau nos.	Senior	1	4	3	2	
	Jnr Girls	1	3	4	2	
	Jnr Boys	3	4	1	2	
	Int Girls	4	3	1	2	
	Int Boys	1	4	3	2	
	Snr Girls	1	4	3	2	
Snr Boys	2	4	1	3		
CrossCountry / whanau total		3	4	2	1	
Summer	Cricket	3	4	2	1	
	Tennis	1	2.5	4	2.5	
	Volleyball	4	2	3	1	
	Touch	1	2	3	4	
	Softball	2	1	3.5	3.5	
	Winter	Squash	2	4	3	1
		Basketball	3	2	1	4
		Badminton	*	*	*	*
		Hockey	*	*	*	*
		Soccer	4	3	2	1
Rugby		1	4	2	3	
Netball		3	2	4	1	
Skiing		1	4	3	2	
Snowboarding	2	4	3	1		
Tug of war	1	3	2	4		
Maori Speech	*	*	*	*		
Kapahaka	1	3	4	2		
English Speech Senior	3	4	2	1		
English Speech Junior	2	4	2	2		
Maths Senior	3	4	2	1		
Maths Junior	4	2.5	2.5	1		
Science Senior	4	3	2	1		
Science Junior	2	3.5	3.5	1		
English Senior	3	2	4	1		
English Junior	2	3	4	1		
Social Studies Senior	4	2	3	1		
Social Studies Junior	3	2	4	1		
Totals		81	110.5	95.5	63	



STUDENT CALENDAR

Term One

02 Mar Wanganui Touch
 04 Mar 12 Bio field trip
 09 Mar Wanganui Athletics
 11 Mar 12 OUT Kayak, Wanganui Swimming
 12 Mar 12 OUT Kayak
 18 Mar 12 Bio field trip
 19-20 Mar 12 OUT Kayak
 23 Mar Summer Interwhanau
 24 Mar 12 Bio field trip
 27 Mar-01 Apr Kiwi 4 Ever
 30 Mar Math Quiz
 31 Mar-04 Apr 12 OUT surf/tramp
 01 Apr Otago Uni 9am for yr 13
 04 Apr MOD portfolio week
 08 Apr 12 OUT Kayak assessment
 13 Apr Science quiz
 14 Apr Interwhanau speeches
 15 Apr Gateway H & S course, last day of term

Term Two

02 May Start Term 2
 03 May Kapahaka 1
 04 May Cross country
 06 May Kapahaka 2
 09 May Literacy week, Badminton champs
 10 May Kapahaka 3
 12 May Kapahaka 4
 13 May Academic assembly
 20 May Kapahaka final
 25 May Wanganui cross country
 26 May Non interruption week starts
 06 Jun Assessment week
 17 Jun Raetihi Culture festival
 22 Jun Social studies quiz
 04 Jul MOD portfolio week
 06 Jul English Quiz, Wanganui squash team
 11 Jul Yr 10 Science Fair
 11 -14 Jul OUT assessment camp
 12 Jul Yr 10 Science Fair
 13 Jul Parent Teacher evening
 15 Jul Last day of term

Term Three

01 Aug Start Term 3
 02 Aug English ICAS competition
 03 Aug Clubs 1
 04 Aug Australian Maths
 08-12 Aug Yr 10 Work experience
 10 Aug Clubs 2
 15-17 Aug OUT assessment camp
 16 Aug Winter Quad



17 Aug Clubs 3
 19 Aug Snow Interwhanau
 21-23 Aug PE Tukino trip
 24 Aug Clubs 4
 26 Aug Snow Interwhanau backup
 29 Aug Non Interruption week
 05-09 Sep Assessment Week
 11-13 Sep NISSSC Ski
 14 Sep Clubs 5
 18-20 Sep NISSSC Snowboard
 21 Sep Clubs 6
 24 Sep School Ball
 26 Sep MOD portfolio week
 28 Sep Winter Interwhanau
 26 Oct Krypton Challenge
 06 Oct Parent Teacher evening
 07 Oct Sports assembly, Last day of term
 Term Four
 25 Oct First day of term
 08 Nov Senior Prizegiving
 10 Nov NCEA exams start
 14-18 Nov NCEA and Junior exams
 21-27 Nov NCEA exams continue
 28 Nov NCEA exams continue
 30 Nov Junior tabloids
 30 Nov NCEA exams finish
 02 Dec Junior prizegiving
 05 Dec Activity week
 09 Dec Last day of term



PRIZEGIVING

Ruapehu College Junior Prizegiving 2010
ATHLETICS Junior Girl Champion (PTA Cup) Me-Kayla Sue-Waara Junior Boy Champion

(PTA Cup) Harlem Hawira CROSS COUNTRY Junior Girl Champion (Mary Whale Trophy)

Jessica Rowe Junior Boy Champion (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) Harlem Hawira SWIMMING

Junior Girl Champion (Trophy) Cina Metekingi Junior Boy Champion (TG Drayton cup) Anaru Hansen NETBALL Junior cup for the most outstanding Player (Checkers netball cup) Hannah Brown TENNIS Junior Girl Champion certificate Amber Ryan Junior Boy Champion Certificate Gabriel Hakaraia BADMINTON Junior Girl Champion certificate Kanyakon Kosinanonth Junior Boy Champion certificate Tangaroa Joyce Most improved girl (Read Family Trophy) Kanyakon Kosinanonth RUGBY Most improved player in 2nd XV (Richard Lindsay Cup X) Kevin McDonnell Best and fairest player in 2nd XV (Golden Oldies Trophy) Andre McDonnell SOCCER most improved junior Dave Billmore Trophy Eli Rivlin Myers TABLE TENNIS Junior Girl Champion certificate Amber Ryan Junior Boy Champion certificate Kereru Mako SQUASH Junior Boy Champion (Trophy donated by Jackie Laurenson) Eli Rivlin-Myers SKIING Junior Girl Champion (Knight Family Trophy) Tessa Milne Junior Boy Champion (Knight Family Trophy) Luke Deadman SNOWBOARDING Junior Boy Champion Trophy donated by Murray Swan Eli Rivlin Myers KAYAKING Best junior kayaker (Certificate) Jacob Larsen

ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 9 William Church MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and improvement in Art. Ringitia Mako MERIT AWARD for improvement in English Monique Collett MERIT AWARD for improved effort in Health Parekura Mako MERIT AWARD for improvement in English Lynessa Albert MERIT AWARD for improvement in Te Reo Maori Harlem Hawira MERIT AWARD for excellence in Physical Education Anaru Hansen MERIT AWARD for consistent diligence in Social Studies Lew Cadwallader MERIT AWARD for most improved in Horticulture Tayna Tihore MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Food Technology Jessica Rowe MERIT AWARD for high standard of achievement in Technology Soft Materials Rii Williams MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Design Technology and improved effort in Social Studies Ethan Mears MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Horticulture and for a high standard of achievement in Technology Soft Materials Waipuna Ratapu-Williams MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori and consistent effort in Food Technology Lysjahn Wood MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Science and Physical Education, consistent effort in Health and a solid work ethic in Horticulture Kevin McDonnell MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Design Technology, improvement and achievement in Mathematics and diligence in Digital Technology Creedence McNaught MERIT AWARDS for hard work and consistent

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PRIZEGIVING

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Fredericksen MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in NCEA Level 2 Physical Education and for consistent effort and achievement in Textiles and receives the Migos Trophy for practical clothing Rachel Hilson MERIT AWARDS for effort in ICT, consistent effort in Science and consistent effort in Geography James Stace SUBJECT AWARD for first in Design Technology Ethan Hyde SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in ICT Jordyn Eves SUBJECT AWARD for first in Physical Education and MERIT AWARD for diligence and perseverance in ICT, and receives the Errol Sue Taonga for commitment and dedication to Dance Hannah Brown SUBJECT AWARD for first in Health and MERIT AWARD for effort in ICT Tiere Walker Rapana SUBJECT AWARD for first in Food and Nutrition and receives the Fiona Fraser Incentive Award and the Sue Hardwich Memorial Cup for excellence in practical Foods Luke Deadman SUBJECT AWARD for first in Horticulture receiving the Turners and Growers prize for achievement in Horticulture and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Physical Education Carlos Tahau-Haitana SUBJECT AWARD for first in Mathematics and MERIT AWARD for application and achievement in Agriculture and Horticulture, receiving the Fruit Federation Supplies Ltd Prize for practical achievement in Horticulture Summer Warbrick SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in ICT and MERIT AWARD for high achievement in Mathematics Ngahuapai Hemara SUBJECT AWARD for first in Applied Mathematics and MERIT AWARDS for achievement in Te Reo Maori, for most improved student in Design Technology and receives the “Placemakers” Award for the most improved student. Tessa Milne SUBJECT AWARD for first in Textiles and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Art and creative writing in English Tangaroa Joyce SUBJECT AWARD for first in Accounting, first in Te Reo Maori and MERIT AWARD for effort in ICT and receives the Dean’s Award for consistent leadership across all subject areas. Jessica Agate SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Art and first in English and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort and therefore increased understanding in Science Kanyakon (Maija) Kosinanonth SUBJECT AWARDS for first in NCEA Level 2 ICT, first in Geography, first in Science and MERIT AWARDS for outstanding self-management and achievement in English and consistent effort in NCEA Level 2 Mathematics and for consistent effort in Art Year 12 Zivana Richards Winter MERIT AWARD for improvement and effort in Travel and Tourism Anahera Tahau Haitana MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Communication English Callum Long MERIT AWARD for improvement and consistent effort in English Sophie Pearson MERIT AWARDS for most improvement in Physical Education and consistent effort and improvement in NCEA Level 1 Food and Nutrition Cory Blaney SUBJECT AWARD for first in Outdoor Education and receives the Kaimanawa Cup for Outdoor Education presented by R Rowles and G Brebner for outstanding achievement in Outdoor Education and MERIT AWARD for achievement in Design Technology Sabrina Tahau Haitana SUBJECT AWARD for first in History and MERIT AWARD for most improved in NCEA Level 1 Health, and receives the Dean’s Commendation Award for perseverance and achievement. Courtney Taylor SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Art, first in Physical Education and receives the George Chan Trophy for excellence in Dance Panthira (Meaw) Kosinanonth SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Chemistry and first in Physics and MERIT AWARD for improvement in Biology Dylan Chisholm SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Communication English, first in Design Technology receiving the Winstone Pulp International award for achievement in Year 12 Design Technology and MERIT AWARDS for steady and careful application in Health and achievement in Agriculture and Horticulture Mikayla Bates SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Agriculture and Horticulture, and receives the Waimarino Tree Resource Incentive Award donated by Ian Forster and first equal in Accounting, and MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Chemistry, consistent effort

and achievement in English and consistent effort in Biology, and receives the Land Based Training Cup for the best LBT student. Amber Ryan SUBJECT AWARDS for first equal in English, first equal in Accounting, first in Biology and first in Mathematics and MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Chemistry and Physics and receives the Winstone Pulp International Award for excellence in Physics, Chemistry and Biology Year 13 Dennis Collett Receives the Andrew Beggs Memorial Trophy for a student in the Forestry Academy who upholds the values that were held by Andrew Beggs: a good work ethic, respect for the environment and concern for others. Jackson Campbell MERIT AWARD for excellence in practical Physical Education Hadlee Radford MERIT AWARD for achievement in Design Technology Chevaugn Maihi MERIT AWARD for effort and perseverance in Travel and Tourism Shaquille McDonnell MERIT AWARD for improvement in Communication English Felicia Fredericksen MERIT AWARDS for effort and perseverance in ICT and improvement and consistent effort in Biology, winning the Lines Company Ltd Prize for achievement in Technology Sophia Green MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Calculus and perseverance in ICT Daniel Mears SUBJECT AWARD for first in Design Technology and wins the Robin Rowles Award for leadership in the practical areas (Gateway). Mere Ponga Te Huia SUBJECT AWARD for first in Communication English and MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori Elijah Pue Feickert SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in History Henere Larsen SUBJECT AWARD for first in Agriculture and Horticulture Jessica Long SUBJECT AWARD for first in Travel and Tourism Toni-Renee Henare SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in History and receives the Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow family for diligence and showing class spirit in History Jess Hotter SUBJECT AWARD for first in Biology and MERIT AWARDS for achievement in English and for consistent effort in History, and receives the Peck Campbell Cup for excellence in the Humanities Rachel Rowe SUBJECT AWARD for first in Physical Education and MERIT AWARD for achievement in written language in English Bianca Taylor SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Art (receives the Dr Jordan Memorial Prize for Art), first in English and first in Textiles. Sam Laurenson SUBJECT AWARDS for first in ICT, first in Calculus, first in Accounting, first in Statistics, and receiving the Cast Family Award for attaining a high standard in both Statistics and Calculus. Special Awards Senior Speech Competition (M S Gould Cup) Sam Laurenson Impromptu Speaker (Alan West Cup) Tessa Milne Te Whai Korero - wahine Raukura Johnson Te Whai Korero – tane Ngahuapai Hemara Service Awards For service to the College Felicia Fredericksen Elijah Pue Feickert Hannah Brown Tessa Milne Sabrina Tahau-Haitana Anahera Tahau-Haitana School Supplies Award for a person who has enhanced the reputation of the college by his or her work outside the college Felicia Fredericksen Maungarongo Trophy For showing commitment, initiative and loyalty in Te Ropu Kapa Haka during the year Elijah Pue Feickert The Ruapehu College Sports Cup for best overall senior in sport, presented by John and Sue Laurenson Jackson Campbell Brian Eades Award For perseverance and endeavour Elijah Pue-Feickert 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 Elijah Pue-Feickert Principal’s Awards – For leadership and reliability over 2011 Henere Larsen For leadership and support over 2011 Shem Brown For consideration of others, and evoking social conscience amongst the student body Bianca Taylor Loftus Shield For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas – academic, social and sporting Sam Laurenson Proxime Accessit Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family Felicia Fredericksen Dux Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. This year he also receives the Rotary Club Scholarship of \$500 towards the costs of his tertiary studies. Sam Laurenson