

RUAPEHU COLLEGE 2023



RAPUHIA KOTE MATAURANGA

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Celebrating the people who have had an impact in our college and sharing their stories enriches our experiences as a college. Understanding the college's rich history is necessary in order for us to make sense of our present and our hopes for our future. Knowing our belonging and connectedness to people and place is critical to our wellbeing, engagement and achievement, therefore, it brought great satisfaction during this year's prize giving to see our ākonga and their whānau enjoy the series of college photo boards that started in 1955, and knowing that these beautiful photos include many family members of our current ākonga.

At the rear of the hall, we now display with pride, two new installations. The first, written by Whaea Marilyn George, is the history of our college crest and motto. She shares our stories of 'Rāpūhia Kōte Mātāuranga' and of Waru Blackburn and John Hazeldine who designed our crest in 1955.

The second installation is of our new Honours' boards, fabricated by Matua Kai Hagener. They acknowledge outstanding student accomplishments in academic, sporting and cultural dimensions and our student leadership over the years.

I think of the wonderful things our college has been blessed with this year and I am humbled by the many people who contribute to the successes at the college; whose combined efforts provide another narrative for our current ākonga and college alumni.

Therefore, thank you teachers and academic mentors, parents and whānau, and to our many community supporters. Our students and the college are very lucky to belong to such a wonderful supportive community.

Finally, to our year 13 graduates, and those in our student body in younger year levels that are moving on, I thank you for your amazing contributions over your time at our college. I wish you every success as you journey through life. I hope that your journey is full of challenges to strengthen you, purpose to focus you, and joy to reward you with what's most important in all our lives, and that is people. As the graduating class of 2023, we wish you all the best.

Mrs Marama Allen



POWHIRI



'Kei runga noa atu' is what should come to mind when watching students stand with so much pride performing the haka powhiri to manaaki our manuhiri/visitors into our kura. It is inspirational and also humbling to see many of our students stand with the confidence to tautoko the achievements of their peers in both assemblies and at prize-giving. Instruction given by Mrs Pikimai Ouknider during her time with us has instilled a sense of confidence in both students and staff that has been further strengthened by inter-whānau kapa haka competitions.

STAFF COMING AND GOING



We thank Mrs Amber Bergman for her year teaching Digital Technology and coaching netball. We wish her and her family well as they move on with their new adventure.

Mrs Tamyzn Paewai-Te Riaki was employed to work in the Digital Technology, Design Visual Communication, Art, English and Social Studies areas. She is a real asset with her diverse skills.



Ms Fleur Loram moved from the South Island to Ohakune to teach our students English at the beginning of this year. She is a real asset to the English Department.



Student teacher, Ms Abigail Bitoun, spent some time with us earlier in the year for her practicum and returned for the last term to cover Mr Greene while he was on leave.



Miss Mareikura Kaire and Miss Ana Allen both took over as Te Reo Maori Teachers when Mrs Pikimai Ouknider was appointed as Principal of Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ngati Rangi.

We said farewell to Ms Kashual Gounder who has been teaching Chemistry, Science and Mathematics over the past few years.

Miss Jane Parker taught Science and Ag Hort covering teachers on maternity leave.



Mrs Abby Morgan left to move to Whanganui and teach at Cullinane College.



Miss Lara Kumeroa left to open 'Honeycomb Kitchen' in town. The staff are familiar with her delicious creations so she is sure to see them as frequent customers.

Miss Chaana Morgan took on the roll as whanau engagement. Chaana works alongside families to increase engagement and attendance in Kura.



STAFF PHOTO



Back Row: Johnny Greene, Sarah Demchy, Tamyzn Paewai-Te Riaki, David Sims, Kendall Richards, Amber Bergman, Abigail Hungerford-Morgan.

Second Row: Leba Phillips, Lara Kumeroa, Liana Herewini, Hansen Ihle, Fleur Loram, Poppy Dekker, Rajinesh Prasad, Saskia Brosnan, Ann Stuckey.

Front Row: Wendy Darmody, Nicole Jaquiere, Steven Mackrell (Deputy Principal), Marama Allen (Principal), Michael Darmody (Deputy Principal), Warren Saunders, Kerren Dixon.

Absent: Karl-John Allen, Louise Beukes, Helena Burns, Chris Chamorro, Wendy Culpan, Subhasani Devi, Jimmy Edmonds, Charity Garcia, Maxine Hakaraia, Maria Hawira, Angelique Helliwell, Linda Larsen, Matthew Laurenson, Chaana Morgan, Liz Poka, Tamika Steinhardt, Kay Sutton, Rauna Te Huia, Christiane Te Riaki, Robin Thomas, Channel Wall, Meredith Wilson, Douglas Webb, Kaushal Goundar, Mareikura Kaire, Abigail Bitoun, Shelagh Buck.

We welcome Mr Doug Webb to the teaching team. He previously taught at Taihape College and he will be teaching Physics, Chemistry and Science.



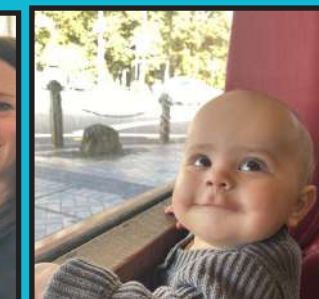
School Babies



Welcome to our new school babies. Below left. Mr David Sims with his wife Leah and two daughters Niamh and Briar. Below right is Mrs Angelique Helliwell's new baby boy Micah. On the left is Sofia Chamorro Cantillana who is Mr Christofer Chamorro's new baby.



Miss Tamika Steinhardt and Miss Liana Herewini look after many of our students.



HEAD GIRL REPORT

Firstly, I would just like to say a huge thank you. Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us to be where we are today. Thank you to the parents, the grandparents, the aunts and uncles, the friends, the mentors, the teachers, the support staff, the coaches, the volunteers and anyone who has been involved with our learning, over not just the past five years, but for the past thirteen years that we have been at school. Poipoia te kakano kia puawai, Nurture the seed and it will blossom. Thank you for helping inspire us, teach us, humble us when we needed it and for supporting us as we have grown into the young men and women you see today.

And how we have grown. Gone are the faces of us scared out of our minds as we entered this school for the first time as year nines. Scared that we would get lost in what seemed like an impossibly endless school. Now, I feel that I can say that for most of us, that the scared, lost look is gone as we now go out into the world as the school leavers of Ruapehu College for 2023. I want to thank my peers for everything you have taught me about friendship and camaraderie. Without knowing it, we have made lifelong friends and lifelong memories, and I hope that in ten years time, we'll still be able to look back and laugh at all of the funny and dumb things we did as kids. I wish you all the best for your future endeavors with whatever you decide to do, and always remember that if you get lost out in the world, you will always have a place back here at home under the mountain.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge, on behalf of the prefects, a member from the community that has had an impact on the school. That person is Jane Parker. This special lady has been the warm face that many students see at the start of every school day. She is always there for a laugh, always there for a talk if you need, and will always give a smile. I'm not too sure if she knows the impact she has on the students here, but she always puts a positive mindset into people's heads as they hop off the bus

HEAD BOY REPORT

As we move forward, let's carry the lessons we've learned here, the friendships we've made, and the knowledge we've garnered along the way. Let's face the future with courage, determination, and the belief that we can make the world a better place. AndTo quote eminem I ain't much of a poet, but i know somebody once told me to seize the moment and don't squander it.

Furthermore, myself, teachers, your nan (probably) implore on the immensely important virtues of hard work and perseverance, because of how far these seemingly simplistic and illubrius fragments of advice can take you. Don't get swept up in fatalistic apathy. Be happy and smile. Life's pretty good for us in the west. There are injustice's and terrible crimes against humanity occuring, and we should thank our lucky stars that we get a warm, tidy school to come to every day, with a delicious meal in the middle to sweeten the deal.



and head to school for the day.

The past five years have been a roller coaster of a ride. We've had the highs of school camps, field trips, the annual schoolball, sports exchanges and competitions as well as the lows of Covid 19 lockdowns and school strike days. But we've made it out to the other side now, and I think we may have just learnt some things along the way (surprisingly).

So here is my message that I leave to the future generations of Ruapehu College. Give everything your all and leave nothing behind. Every opportunity that comes your way- take it. If you get the chance to do something amazing- do it. Whatever you want to do in life, make sure you're giving it your best shot. It doesn't matter if you're wanting to be a doctor, a teacher, a tradie or an All Black, make sure you're setting yourself up by going out and doing whatever you're doing with your all. Give everything you do 100%, and trust me when I say, you will never fail at anything. Ever.

Grace Burnard



HEAD BOY REPORT CONT

These are things that are often taken for granted, often forgotten, but are things that have the most impact on our ability to learn. So I would like to take this moment to appreciate the canteen ladies, for all of the amazing hot meals on those wet rainy days. We are lucky, fortunate and blessed to have what we have. So remember that.. These ideas of hard work and striving for greatness, daring to achieve greatness are of immense importance in life, not just school.

Enjoy the little moments, always pursue the big goals, dreams and lofty aspirations. Rapuia Kote Matauranga - seek further knowledge, and don't forget to have fun along the way. My nana always said that life was short and she's almost 90, so you best believe it's true. Never give up in the midst of a challenge, and always try to smile, it makes you feel better. To those sitting exams, ace them, don't stay up all night studying, or partying for that matter, try to be calm, your life does not depend on them, but still try to do well. That's a given.

You know when you're a kid, sitting in the back of the car, waiting for the destination to arrive, and you simply can't wait. I liken that to this educational journey. Sometimes if you can't wait for the destination, you're always searching for that next thing, what's tomorrow, what's after that. You lose sight of the beauty of what's simply going on right now. Because, really at the end of it all, what is the destination but a means to an end. Yeah it's cool to graduate, it's exceptionally important, but it's the journey that matters. It's what you learnt along the way, the knowledge you acquired, the friend you

made.

The Enviro Club, Chess Club and Book Club have all taken leaps

and bounds this year. With tree planting, recycling schemes and rail conferences to name a few. Carrying on the good work from alumni of Ruapehu College, we've been fortunate enough to be at the exciting precipice of many incredible endeavors. There are opportunities here, you can become a qualified apprentice, study scholarship level subjects, take up leadership roles and travel to rail conferences.

So, all the best. Go out there and become a rocket scientist, a greedy tech billionaire, a doctor, a teacher. Chase your dreams, and enjoy the journey. These 5 years of high school are merely a drop in the ocean compared to the wonderful things you will achieve, a very important drop, and one you'll likely never forget, but a drop nonetheless. So for possibly the last time ever, goodbye friends, I wish all of you love, happiness and success, I'm rooting for you, I hope you make it.

Joshua Simons



VISITORS

Old copies of the Treaty of Waitangi Documents were displayed for our students to browse.



Rural Health Careers Programme at our school! The tertiary volunteers had a blast chatting with students and hope that they had fun learning about the world of health.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS



We enjoyed the company of AFS Exchange students Anna Hautzinger and Pietro Bussi for a short period of time over winter this year. Anna is from the small town of Cochem in Germany and Pietro is from Colle Umberto in Italy. They both made great friends, memories and enjoyed their time on the snow and the football field.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Firstly, let us praise our students who have done their best to achieve their goals and aspirations with the school values in mind. Honesty, confidence and 'rapuhia kote mātauranga' – to seek further knowledge, or ROCK!

It has been a year of relatively smooth sailing following on from the couple of years before now, and I would like to acknowledge my BOT colleagues for this year - deputy chair Paulie Osborne; parent representatives Shayna Te Riaki and Mitchiko Gembitsky; Uenuku representative Lesley Edmonds and staff representative Helena Burns. We have been blessed with hearty input from student representative Harry Rowe, and we welcome William Barlow to take on the student representative mantle for 2024. And then there is our secretary, Kay Sutton, who without I wouldn't know where to sign!

Ours is a job that goes relatively unseen, but the role of the BOT is the vital link between students, teachers and whanau, and we are there to help gently shove our learners in the right direction. Financially, we are in an extremely robust position and it has been very satisfying to say 'yes to the dress' to nearly every teacher request for equipment and resources.

We have also continued to invest in the 13 school houses, ensuring they meet the correct standards and are lovely homes for our teaching staff to live in. With that in mind, I acknowledge the work of Property Manager Jim Edmonds and Caretaker Chris Chamorro. There are currently other school refurbishments happening, or set to start soon, so watch this space as the college is turning into one flash kura!



Last year we undertook a consultation process open to everyone within the school community. We received a wide variety of feedback which took a good deal of time sifting through. I am pleased to say the quality of the feedback made the changes we put into place that much easier as we know we have the backing of the majority of respondents.



Another role of the board is to set, monitor and evaluate our strategic goals and aspirations, and to ensure we are on the right track. The success of the strategic plan and charter falls to our teaching staff. Under the guidance of our Principal Marama Allen and the senior leadership team, everyone is working towards the same goal to ensure our kids have the best chance at getting the best education right here at Ruapehu College. The successes we celebrate are evidence of the hard work our teachers and staff put in; their dedication to our learners and above all, the compassion they show to get the best out of every student.

Finally, to the stars of the show for 2024, the year 13 graduates. Congratulations to those that have reached year 13 and are now moving on to university, training in the trades, going onto work or finally getting that gap year. Your last day at Ruapehu College marks the final day of your childhood, leaving the comfort of school life and moving onto adulthood in a world that can be harsh and unforgiving. Remember, as you turn the page of your diary of life to a fresh, crisp, unwritten sheet, that you are the author of your own destiny. You will face challenges and triumphs and not everything will go just as you planned, but that is just a plot twist. Learn from it and keep going. Whatever you are planning to do, do so with the values you have learned here at Ruapehu College, then go out there and smash it!

The good Dr Seuss was a pretty smart fella' and a tradition of quoting him at prize-giving may have started. Elijah Pue quoted him last year, and I will end this year with a quote of his also.

"Today is your day, your mountain is waiting so get on your way. Don't cry because it's over... smile because it happened"

Tena koutou katoa
Lyn Griffin-Chappel

SCHOLARSHIPS



Lila Pakinga Scholarship

Well done to Malena Hawira and Connor Anderson for being awarded the Lila Pakinga Scholarship worth \$1000 each.



WALL OF FAME



Squash Stars

Grace Burnard

Below are some of Grace's squash achievements for 2023
Central Open - runner up.
Waikato Junior Open champion
North Island Age Group Juniors finished 3rd in the under 19 division.
Central champion of champions B grade: Runner up.
Winner of Five Open events
Secondary School Squash Nationals 2023 - played and captained the team, finished 9th out of 17 teams, winning the plate (two years in a row).
Named in Central Juniors team to compete at Junior Nationals in Lower Hutt in both teams and individuals events.



Liam Burnard

Below are some of Liam's squash achievements for 2023
Selection for the Central juniors team 2023. He won all games played against Eastern and Wellington districts competition.

July 2023 - North Island Age Group Juniors - finished 10th in the under 17 boys.
July 2023 - Central Junior Open Under 19: fifth
Under 17: runner up

Secondary School Squash Nationals 2023 - finished 9th out of 35 teams.

Scholarships Awarded to Grace Burnard

Well done to Grace Burnard who was awarded The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship which is one of the University of Waikato's premier school leaver scholarships. It is for those with strengths in three key pillars: 1) High academic achievement, 2) Excellence in a sporting code or creative or performing art, and 3) Strong leadership qualities or potential. Recipients will be supported during their studies with a tailored leadership and personal development program. Grace has received \$30,000 towards her secondary studies. Grace was also awarded The Lines Company's (TLC) scholarship worth \$6000 over 3 years.



Scholarships Awarded to Joshua Simons

Well done to Joshua Simons who was awarded a scholarship for exceptional students, who have excellent academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential. Valued at \$20,000. Includes one year of catered accommodation in a University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau Hall of Residence and \$10,000 paid in the first year. Josh was also awarded The Lines Company's (TLC) scholarship worth \$6000 over 3 years.



Jayden Bailey

Congratulations to Jayden Bailey who won the coach of the year at the Whanganui secondary Schools Sports Awards.

He also won the Ohakune Open and was top Junior Boy for the Club.



WALL OF FAME

Taekwondo

Students Gabby Callaghan and Sophie Watt competed in the Bay Open Taekwondo Tournament in Tauranga in February. Although both girls were uncontested for their division/rank they competed against others outside their division/grade and did very well.



Gabby also went on to do other competitions throughout the year. Achieving wonderful results.

Feb- Bay Open in Tauranga : Silver in open division
Apr- Budo South Tournament in Tauranga: Silver in open division
May- Gold Coast Open (just missed out. Did not place)
June- NZUTA nationals in Tauranga: Gold in her division
Aug- Kukkiwon NZ Championships in Auckland: Gold in her division and silver in open division
Sep- TUNZ Nationals in Wellington: Gold in her division.



Whanganui Girls Rugby Representatives

Congratulations to Olivia Gray for being selected as a Whanganui Under 16 Girls Representative.

And to Hye-le Wihare-Hansen for being selected as a Whanganui Under 18 Girls Representative.



Whanganui Rugby Awards

Congratulations to Harry Rowe who was awarded Team Member of the Year 2023 in the Whanganui Under 18 Boys Rugby.



Whanganui Rugby Under 18 Boys Representatives

Harry Rowe
Tahatika Te Riaki



Waimarino Art Awards

Waata Te Piira Te Riaki's put in an outstanding effort for the Waimarino Art Awards. He was deservedly recognized for his efforts and received the Open Award for best photograph in the Young Photography Section.



Obstacle Course Racing World Champs

Well done to Elishka Aitken who travelled to Belgium in September to compete at the Obstacle Course Racing World Champs!



Elishka was one of eight New Zealand competitors that travelled to Belgium and she competed in the 3K event for 14-15 year age group. This event comprises 30 obstacles over 3 km.



She also competed in the Female National Team Race event on the last day, where she was 1 of 3 women that ran 6 km together and completed both individual and team obstacles.

WALL OF FAME

Netball Representatives

Under 14 Waitaa
Congratulaions to Sarah Herewini.

Under 14 Waitii Team
Ngateria Lole Uaea
Armani Perkins-Tamatea



Netball Representatives

Under 16 Tupuaanuku Team
Paetyn Brown
Cheyenne Muru Albert
Jahnaia Brown

Under 16 Tupuaarangi Team
Te Moana Hagley



Aotea Under 17 Maori Netball Representatives

Paetyn Brown
Te Moana Hagley

Under 18 Matariki Netball Team Representatives

Haeley Perkins-Tamatea
Hine Hall



Motocross

Congratulations to Karaitiana Horne who is the Woman's 12-16 Year Junior National Champion for three years running now and also placed 4th in the New Zealand Mixed Category.

Karaitiana also competed in the very first NZ Two Stroke Nationals racing a GasGas 250 in the Senior Women Class and finished in first place bringing home an awesome trophy as well as prize money.

After six months of racing the Taupo Winter Series she finished 1st in Senior Women's and 3rd in the 12-14 years 125cc class.

Over Labour weekend, she raced the MX Fest finishing 1st in the Junior Women and 14th in the 14-16 250 class to kick off a great start to her summer season of racing.



Whanganui Under 16 Boys Representatives

Congratualtions to the following boys who were selected to play in the Whanganui Under 16 Representative Team .

Petaera Pehi
Dayton Muru Albert
Te Orangi Te Riaki
Azlian Wall
William Waitokia
Drevahn Wood
Tuharakia Wallace-McLeod
Chrissy Winter
(absent) Jim Rowe (absent)



Maths Stars

Well done to Wren Drayton, Torin Thompson, Santosha Fisher and Fletcher Mason who won the Wero Math Challenge run through the Kōtūi Ako Online School.





Back Row: Mrs Tamzyn Paewai-Te Riaki (Teacher), Ford Kumeroa Ponga, Jackson Windle, David Hagley, Elijah Neho, Mr David Sims (Teacher)

Front Row: Te Atawhaitia Richards, Teanna Mihi Hansen, Hollie Martinson, Zoe Smith, Sasha Gray.

Absent: Te Whaiora Hiroti, Ivy Baker, Mihi Ataarau Winiata, Te Aumihi Christensen-Hagley, Conan Porter, Shiloh Cornelius, Rylan Edwards.



Back Row: Kaneihana Rapana, Paora Kumeroa, Rebekah Swift, Fletcher Mason, Jamie Senekal

Second Row: Mrs Tamzyn Paewai-Te Riaki (Teacher), Te Whaiora Hiroti, Komaihana Hawira, R-Jaye Bromwich, Titari Atkins-Wihongi, Mr David Sims (Teacher)

Front Row: Georgia Smith, Ataahua Waaka, Siobhan McDonough, Santosha Fisher, Olivia Gray, Harmony Gembitsky-Edmonds, Harlow Rokstad.

Absent: Elishka Aitken, Mackenzie Fitness, Tuhiariki Hawira, Lily Taylor, Grace Rowe

9 AWA

9 MAUNGA



Back Row: Riley Maw, Torin Thompson, Chase Tutemahurangi, Patrick Carmichael

Second Row: Xavier Beukes, Armani Perkins-Tamatea, Tiaan Perkins, Ngateria Lole Uaea, Wren Drayton, Mr David Sims (Teacher)

Front Row: Gabby Callaghan, Florida Jean Harding-Gray, Talei Phillips, Laykin Horne, Lily Wilton, Charley-Jean MacLean.

Absent: Hone Buckingham, David Macrae, Jack McGonigle-Black, Aroha Simons-Patrick.



Back Row: Caleb Larsen, Jay Learmonth, Treyton Gray, Campbell van der Lubbe

Second Row: Miss Nicole Jaquiere (Teacher), Chrissy Winter, Waata Te Piira Te Riaki, Gerrard Osborne, Miss Poppy Dekker (Teacher)

Front Row: Paretuarangi Mareikura Wilson, Drew Moore, Manaia Kingi Mareikura, Kiana-Jaye Gembitsky-Edmonds, Tiana Atkins-Wihongi, Connor Anderson.

Absent: Brooklyn Murphy, Shaquarn Perkins-Teki, Rose Soverel, Yoko Belle Story, Riccilee Te Huia, Naomi Van Overmerren, Rikki-Leigh White, Aaliyah Wilks, Emerson Lark.

9 MOANA

10 TE AO



Back Row: Nythanule Takitimu-Bourne, Nikora Henare-Richards, Korin Walker, Austin Herewini, Benson Carmichael
 Second Row: Miss Nicole Jaquierey (Teacher), Apollo Wilson, Hawira Katene, Rico Pakai, Te Atarangi Katene, Miss Poppy Dekker (Teacher)

Front Row: Maia-Jay Lima, Maia Allen, Jaydah-Lee Ioannidis, Jazmyn Pitiroi, Aaliyah Te-Pania, Kimihia Taylor, Satevah Nugent.

Absent: William Cooper, Te Taonga Hall, Ehzell Menzies, Kaylee Paul, Samuel Rowe, Shaniqua Bellamy.



Back Row: Honore Horomia, Mica Hoyle, Kreize Houpapa, Brooklyn Murphy, Judah Sinai

Second Row: Mrs Abigail Hungerford- Morgan (Teacher), William Waitokia, Simeon Taura-Hawira, Levarn Mate, Blake Adam, Miss Nicole Jaquierey (Teacher).

Front Row: Karaitiana Horne, Bishop Hodge, Hannah Swift, Jordi Demchy, Sarah Herewini, Ariki McLeod, Khloe Gamman.

Absent: Sydney Charlton, Ash Learmonth-Warren, Tuharakia Wallace-McLeod, Reign Marumaru, Rangipunehu Wilson-Leahy.

YEAR 11



Back Row: Halford Herewini, Gregory Carmichael, Jason Young, Richard Carmichael, Hunter Cross, Anahera Marumaru, Keira Varley.

Fourth Row: Jareth Hays, Joseph Takitimu-Bourne, Tamahuia Sinai, KC Callaghan, Dayton Muru-Albert, Tannor Goff, Petaera Pehi, Robert Gray

Third Row: Mrs Ann Stuckey (Teacher), Diantae Rewi, Alastair Whale, Liam Burnard, Kenneth Anderson, Azlian Wall, Jim Rowe, Blake Takitimu, Te Orangi Te Riaki, Drevhan Wood

Second Row: Paetyn Brown, Jahnaia Brown, Jazmine Adam, Evie Hansen, Alysha Rhodes, Isla Thompson, Macy Anderson, Jorja Ritchfield, Zoe Southall, Mr Michael Darmody (Teacher)

Front Row: Hayley Moore, Skylah Te Kura, Mishalle Perkins-Arahanga, Tahleena Atkins-Wihongi, Stirling Elers, Moses Hodge, Chyamali Dennison, Izybel Graham, Lucia Seymour, Sophie Watt

Absent: Brian Ballie, Elaina Beukes, Te Moana Hagley, Malena Hawira, Jason McNaught, Cheyenne Muru-Albert, Sheldon O'Hagan, Brent Siemonek, James Tweeddale, Hanna Vodanovich



YEAR 12



Back Row: Allan Blasurca, Adrian Blasurca, Kodo Drayton, Hye-le Wihare-Hansen

Third Row: Hunter Anderson, Jamie Taitoko, Poutama Kingi-Mareikura, Tarn Hoyle, Haeley Perkins-Tamatea, Noah McGonigle Cate, Te Pere Akapita

Second Row: Mr Steven Mackrell (Teacher), Miss Saskia Brosnan (Teacher), William Barlow, Ambrose Demchy, Noah Swift, Linkin Harding-Gray, Mr Warren Saunders (Teacher)

Front Row: Laiven Lomio, Clare Moore, Breeanah Tweeddale, Kohatu Bauer, Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds, Hine Hall, Bianca Lomio

Absent: John Anderson, Maraea Buckingham, Pietro Bussi, Charlie Francois, Jaydis Hammond, Hiria Hancy, Anna Hautzinger, Lukas Kumeroa Ponga, Kirsty Osborne, Jorejina-Lee Paoratoho, Harry Rowe, Matthew Smith, Jaudarn Tangaroa Mareikura, Tahatiki Te Riaki, Brandon Wallace



YEAR 13



Back Row: Veronica Hays, Keri Osborne, Megan Botha, Harry Parker, Tanja Reedy, Isabella Tweeddale.

Second Row: Mr Rajinesh Prasad (Teacher), Matariki Ranginui, William Warbrick, Carla Ball, Mr Johnny Greene (Teacher)

Front Row: Sophie Collier, Sunita Dennison, Joshua Simons, Grace Burnard, Holly McIlroy-Smart, Aroha Lima.

Absent: Quade Chapman, Anton Fraser, Emrys Griffin-Chappel, Uenuku Hansen, Aylish Jordan, Archie Mills, Shane Muru-Albert, Ui Pehi, Daisy Soverel, Jayden Bailey, Nolan Tahu, Puhianitanaha Wanikau, Jade Gibson, Ngakau Herewini



ANZAC SERVICE



MUFTI DAY

Students raised money for various organisations like St Johns Ambulance donating a gold coin to wear mufti for the day.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Throughout 2023, Ruapehu College has provided a variety of learning support options tailored to the specific needs of our students.

To offer additional one-on-one assistance, we have placed teacher aides within core classes. This approach not only increases the level of support for students but also empowers teachers to deliver more personalized instruction, benefiting from an extra set of eyes to oversee alternative learning activities.

In Year 9, we introduced a targeted literacy and numeracy program. Students are enrolled in this program based on their individual needs. Here, they engage in personalized learning programs

designed to address their specific areas of concern. To ensure close monitoring of progress and the provision of appropriate learning tasks for accelerated learning, class sizes are kept small.

Our teacher aides are highly adaptable and committed to learning, making significant contributions to supporting our students and teachers throughout the year.

Miss Helena Burns

PAE RANGITAHU



ENGLISH

This year we have had the pleasure of welcoming Fleur Loram to the Ruapehu College English Department. Fleur is from Johannesburg, by way of Japan, Hong Kong, South America and Gore. She is an experienced English teacher; her son is attending Ohakune Primary and Fleur is very happy to be settling into the hectic social whirl of the Waimarino.

We have also welcomed Tamzyn Paewai-Te Riaki, who teaches Year 9 English as well as Social Studies and Art. Fleur and Tamzyn join David Sims, Saskia Brosnan and myself to complete our English team.

The big news for next year will be the introduction of the new curriculum. This curriculum has been planned for some time now, with many schools around the country being involved in a highly secretive pilot programme. We will be adopting the new curriculum for Year 11 and the junior Year 9 and 10 classes. The Ministry's promises of information might well be fulfilled by the end of the year and I am confident, as they are, of a smooth transition.



Next year the Ugly Shakespeare Company will return to entertain the school with another of their hilarious adaptations of a classic from the bard. This time the victim play will be Macbeth. There is a legend that goes with this title. In thespian tradition, to say the name of this play is bad luck. In fear of this, Macbeth is often referred to as "the Scottish Play". Because it is full of action and gore, Macbeth has always been a very popular play with audiences. The back-luck story behind the legend is that, when the managers of the touring troupes suggested that they play Macbeth, the actors put two and two together and saw that the business was in trouble. The bosses needed to put on "the Scottish Play" to get some crowds into the tent. The actors dreaded having to perform Macbeth because they were never sure of getting paid. I'm sure the Ugly Shakespeare Company has no such troubles.

Here is some stunning news: evidence shows that students who read at home do better in their schoolwork. True. People have been researching this for, well, for years now and after tons of talking about it and looking at it, they have all



agreed. It would be hard to find an expert of any kind to disagree. So, that should put paid to any further resistance and reluctance in the reading department.

Reading is the only homework our English department asks for, but not enough is being done. Parents and caregivers, please be aware that reading every school night is an expectation of your student at Ruapehu College. The positives of good reading habits are immense. They will lead to a sharper comprehension, a wider vocabulary and a more natural personal writing style. Reading at home gives confidence to ability.

Mr J Greene
HOD English

ONLINE LEARNING

This year, a good number of students have been clear on their future pathways and as such have chosen to study a subject online to support that. There has been a good rate of success amongst the group as they study Health, Psychology, History, Physics, Business Studies, Spanish and French.

Halfway through this year, the senior Chemistry students have also had to take on the opportunity to learn online, and I am immensely proud of their ability to adapt to this change in their learning approach. The discipline to study independently and communicate efficiently will be key skills for their future successes.

Miss Kendall Richards



DESIGN IN FOOD

Praying all year, the MOE would run out of money, not because we didn't want an upgrade, but because of the disruption it would cause. However, looking for the glass half full, how exciting!! We get to have a massive clean out, move EVERYTHING and I mean EVERYTHING out of our room, create a new colour(ful) scheme (YELLOW), relocate somewhere without access to ANYTHING and have the chance to be creative in what we are learning. Optimistically, we're hoping for the miracle, that tradesmen can get all their ducks in a row and finish by the time we need to be back in 2024. Even though the Ministry have given us this date, the builder has nicely (or bluntly) told me we're dreaming. I like dreaming!

Let's focus on the students now – because we know Design in Food is a popular subject, even argued in a Year 9 Art Literacy task, that it should be allocated more time. I'd like to think this is because it really is worthwhile learning the skills in Technology using food as the medium, learning about nutrition, what we need to be the best functioning humans we can and actually learning lifelong skills.

We started the year full to the brim, however the Building Academy took some of our keen Food Technologists (I mean Tasters) and numbers decreased on a regular basis at Level 3. Thank goodness for Sophie, Isabella, Aroha, Tanja, mostly Keri and sometimes Aylish who continued to come every day.

Level 2 had a number of students taking this subject for the first time with interesting reasons (mostly because they decided they needed to learn how to look after themselves when they left home). I'm not sure if we achieved this goal in its entirety, but we certainly added to their basket as they did mine. Always ready for a korero, they were masters at multi-tasking, and willing to help each other and do that little bit of extra mahi when needed (just maybe not in theory). Kohatu was the chief at folding washing, if there were tea towels ready to fold she would do them without ever being asked. Hine was always ready to make the BEST coffee and happy to lend an extra hand to clean. Morning classes almost ALWAYS started with having breakfast (toast was the preference). This class definitely knows where they want to be in life. I can't wait to see and celebrate their successes.

Level 1 was the biggest Year 11 class we've had in a while. Great to see so many enthusiastic and capable students in the kitchen. Motivating them to broaden their food scope was another story, although Mishalle was always agreeable to adding vegetables. Jareth's sense of humour was prevalent although not always appreciated by everyone. Macy and Alysha would have a friendly competition to see who was better. This was the class of many emotions – but mostly satisfaction in the food they were able to cook and share with others.

Junior food was absolutely full and a popular

choice at Y10. Heavily swaying in testosterone, it was loud!! Every space was taken to accommodate the numbers. Students starting the week with practical sessions, always asking for another in their two periods a week. The focus was heavily skills based, while allowing a bit of experimentation and creativity. Puanga was celebrated and the class (myself included) were impressed with Kiana-Jaye's kawakawa and honey filled biscuits. It was neat to see the students plan and create their own menus with a wide spectrum of ideas from ice cream to stir fry (but not together). We look forward to what next year brings, with a new and brighter room.

Mrs Maxine Hakaraia



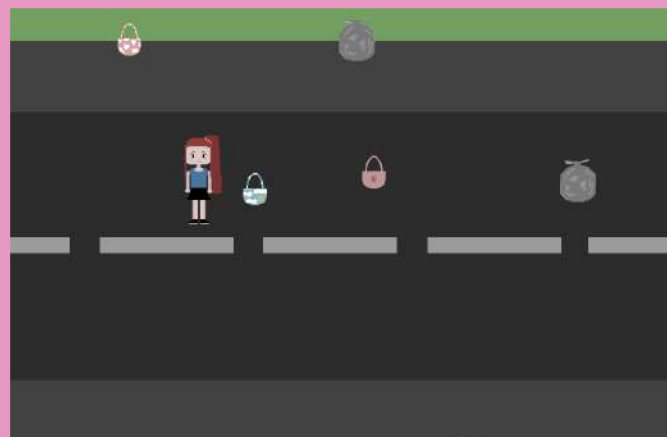
DIGITAL DEPARTMENT

2023 has seen lots of change in the Digital Technology department, with two new teachers joining Ruapehu College and bringing different experiences and areas of expertise.

This year we had a large class of talented Year 12 students, who have worked extremely hard and seen tremendous growth in their understanding. As a class they learnt the fundamental concepts of programming by learning how to create console based computer programs in C#. No easy feat! We then did a more interactive project, where students had to develop an outcome to inform the end user. This saw lots of fun being had and outcomes ranging from computer games, to animations to websites. To finish the year these students studied a chosen area of Computer Science, interestingly enough, this was mainly Computer Security which is a very hot topic at the moment.



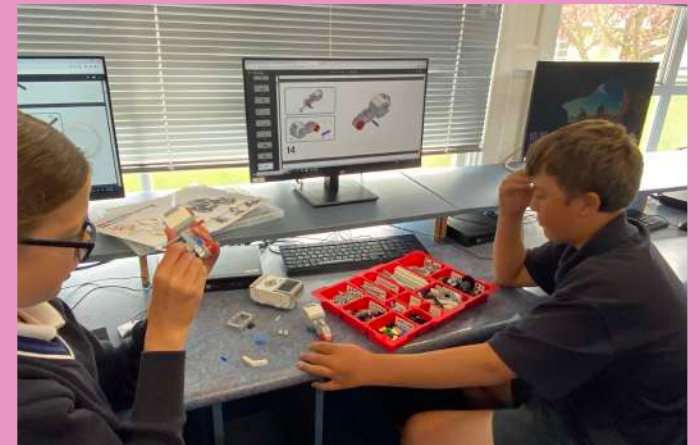
We had a small, hard working class at Year 11 that completed phase two of the NCEA Level 1 Pilot. This saw students develop an interactive 'Computer game to explain', and our chosen topic was The Blue Whio Project on the Tongariro River. Students worked hard to learn the basics of programming in a fun, graphical interface. The second half of the year saw students developing their own digital technologies outcome, based on kaitiakitanga. Finally, students learnt about the role of the human computer interface and analysing interfaces and how effective they were for the end user.



The junior school saw a change in course outline, where students covered a range of topics including design, 3D modelling, game development and in Year 9 Lego Mindstorm Robots. These are designed to be an introductory course to show the wide range of concepts Digital Technologies can cover, hopefully sparking some interest in future options as well as learning relevant skills they can take onto any area of their education.

Thank you for all your hard work this year. We wish you all the best as you head into Digital Technologies next year, or other areas of study.

Nga mihi,
Mrs Bergman & Whaea Tamzyn



SOCIAL SCIENCES

Aspirations - Social Sciences at Ruapehu

Me mātai whakamuri, kia anga whakamua.
To shape Aotearoa New Zealand's future, let's start with the past.

This has been a year of significant change in the Social Sciences Department as the school moved back towards a state of normal. Initially curriculum changes designed to better meet the needs and aspirations of ākonga and their whānau were implemented. Specifically, the national roll out of the Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum which motivated the redevelopment of Year 9 and Year 10 Social Studies courses. This major undertaking has witnessed greater localization of course content and engagement with the community in-line with national standards to support critical thinking amongst ākonga about the past in order to make sense of the present.

One of the changes within this area has been the implementation of the Te Taiāo strand in the Y9 Social Studies curriculum, a collaboration between Social Studies, Science and Physical Education. This course allowed students to successfully apply what they had learned in the classroom to the real-world with weekly field trips to local places of significance to learn about concepts like kaitiakitanga. For instance, on one field trip, year 9 students mountain biked the Old Coach Road to learn about changing usage, from early Māori settlement through colonization to today – understanding the origin of names like the Hāpuawhenua Viaduct, which link to the traditional usage of the site.

On another field trip, students learnt about conflict in New Zealand and the significance of local sites like Te Pōrere Redoubt, where the last major battle of the New Zealand Wars was fought on 4th October 1869, as well as locations like Opotaka, guided by local kaumātua, Mr. Shane Isherwood. Student voice resulted in comments about the trip such as, Charley Jean, who stated that "I enjoyed walking through the trenches and learning about Te Kooti." and Harmony, who said "I really enjoyed Koro Shane explaining everything, everywhere we went. It made me understand everything and really opened my eyes about it all. It made me feel proud to be a Māori woman, and I could feel my ancestors calling me."

While in Year 10, students enjoyed an overnight trip to our capital, where they toured parliament,

Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand and Zealandia. As with last year, and in keeping with the school's strategy, Social Sciences in the junior school has been about changing to meet the needs of our students, changing to meet new national standards and curriculum, and change to emphasize place-based learning, raise student achievement and engage with the community.



SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social Sciences, Department Staffing

Our department also witnessed staffing changes with the arrival of Mrs Tamzyn Paewai-TeRiaki at the beginning of the year, and the departure of Mrs Pikimai Ouknider, the Te Reo Maori and Maori Performing Arts teacher. We were fortunate to have Mareikura Kaire to help fill that vacancy for a term alongside Mrs Marama Allen, and later in the year Miss Ana Allen. Mrs Louise Beukes returned and has played a vital role in the development of content and delivery of junior Social Studies.

Continual change of the curriculum has also been a theme in the senior high school. The Social Sciences Department, along with other departments at the college, complete its second year in the NZQA NCEA level one Pilot of the new national standards, designed to improve student accessibility, equity and engagement. With fewer standards, only two internal and two externals, the review of standards is also designed to improve deeper learning.

This year, the year 11 Geography students explored topics like populations studies within the context of New Zealand as well as a stream health study, carried out on the Makotuku River. The purpose of the investigation was to apply the empirical research process, in the field, to determine the effects of different land use patterns on water quality as the river flowed from Horopito to Raetihi. As with last year, Sarah Williams from Horizon Region Council provided her time, expertise, and equipment to help our students carry out an authentic stream study. She also made students aware of how such data is used by the Horizon Region Council to monitor stream health and report to the public through sites like LAWA and the Whangaehu Freshwater Management Unit (FMU). Both of these internals represented an improvement over last year's efforts in the pilot, as understanding about the scope and elements of the new standards developed. Although challenges come with any new venture, overall, participation in the NZQA NCEA Pilot has been positive and teachers in the department are in a good position for the national implementation of the standards in 2024. Aside, there have been ongoing updates to the Y12 and Y13 Geography courses to spark student interest and improve academic performance. Some of these changes include updates to the case studies.

Year 12 Geography students undertook two new internals, one on Forestry Slash in Tolaga Bay, an issue mirrored to a lesser extent in the local area, and a second internal on fold mountain ranges. Year 13 students also explored existing standards through the lens of new case studies, coral reefs and the Great Barrier Reef. Our students in Geography performed, punching above their weight at the national level in terms of academic results. The courses for Year 12 and 13 Tourism remain unchanged since 2022 and students are still finding success with the classes.

Mr Warren Saunders



ART

The year started well for Art with the great results from Level 3 Art 2022 being announced in January. Those who finished got endorsements at Excellence, Merit and Achieved, and then we discovered that Marama Groot had gained Scholarship in another Level 3 discipline. This time Sculpture and her portfolio was part of the NZQA Top Art Exhibition. This was exciting news!

The art room filled up with enthusiastic 2023 students. They had lots of great art ideas and plans and were willing and ready to learn.

Year 9 and 10 learnt some of the skills they would need for studying Art in the senior school. Drawing, printmaking and painting were the disciplines covered in Year 9. Year 10 drew with a range of dry media and experimented with paint. They made amazing prints of Ruapehu and enjoyed learning about making art with clay in the last term of the year.

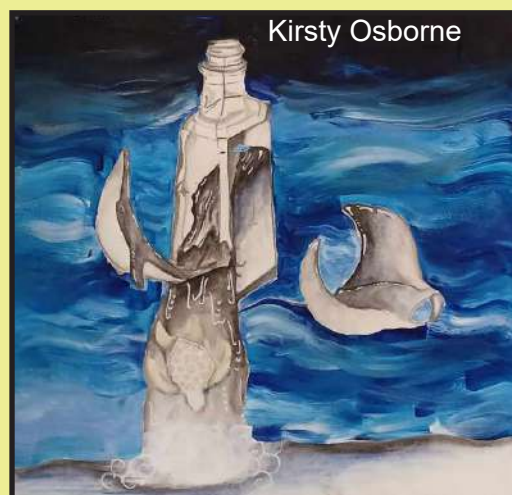
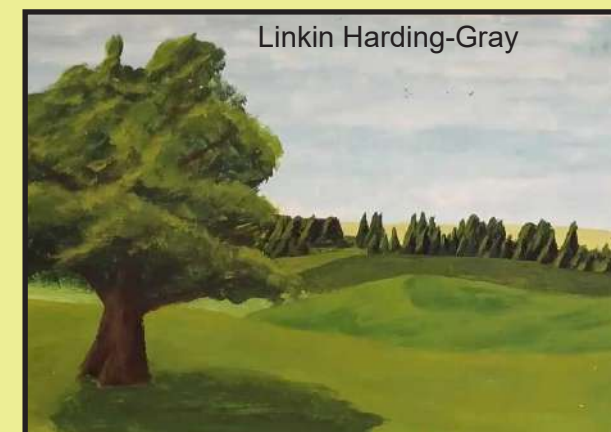
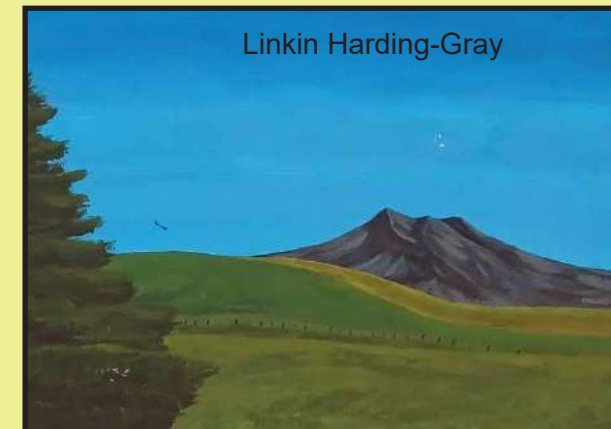
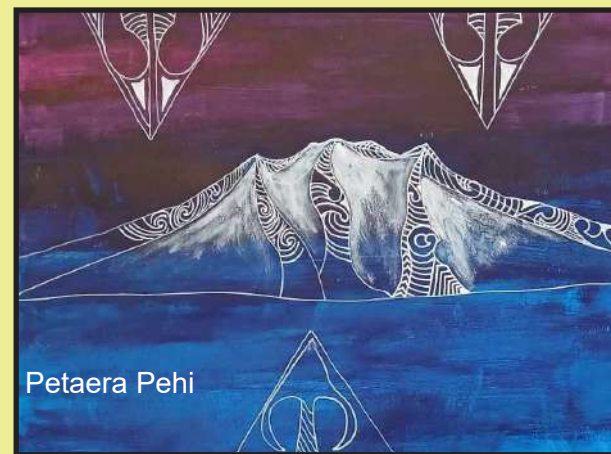
Year 11 Art was part of the pilot for the changes to NCEA that are coming. These will be in place for 2024 so it was good to get the opportunity to trial the new assessments. It was challenging, but we learnt a lot about Rotokura and our own significant places. We turned out some amazing portfolios at the end of the year. Good effort, Year 11!

Year 12 were stars. Hiria finished two portfolios, Linkin turned out to be an awesome painter and Haeley made a big effort at the end of the year. These were the resilient students that just kept working until the job was done. There were others that had commitments of work and the Building Academy, they left early or spent very little time in Art, however, we still value the time they were here with us.

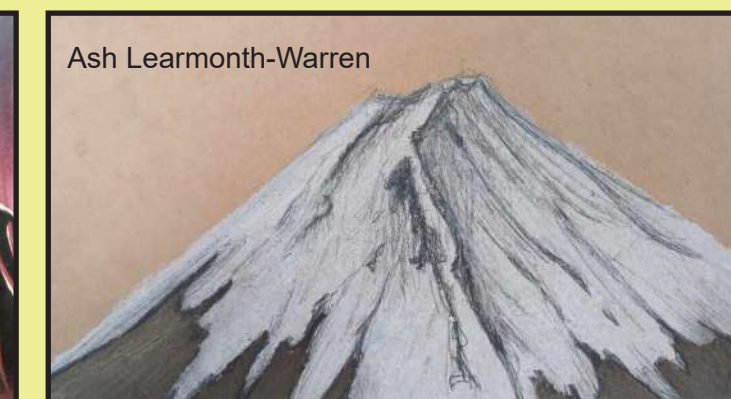
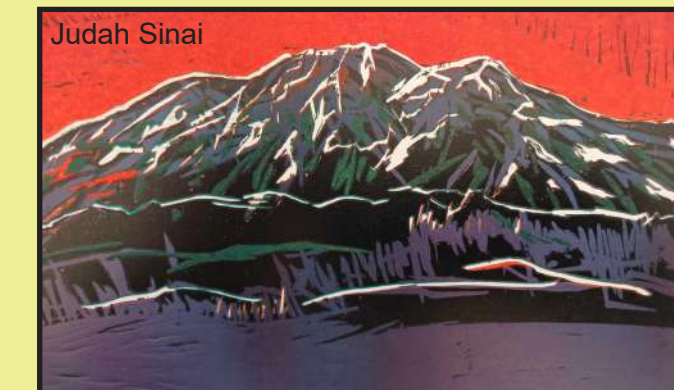
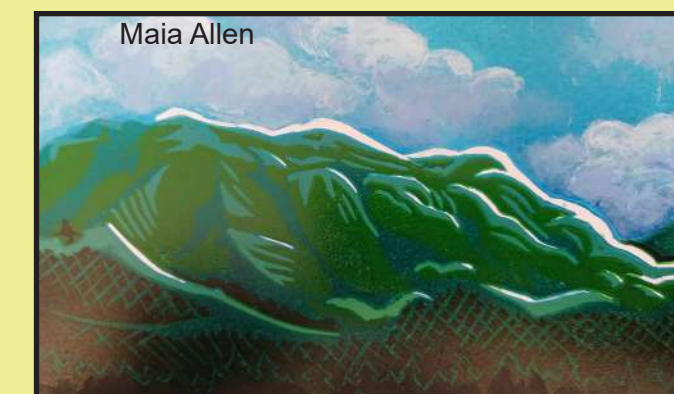
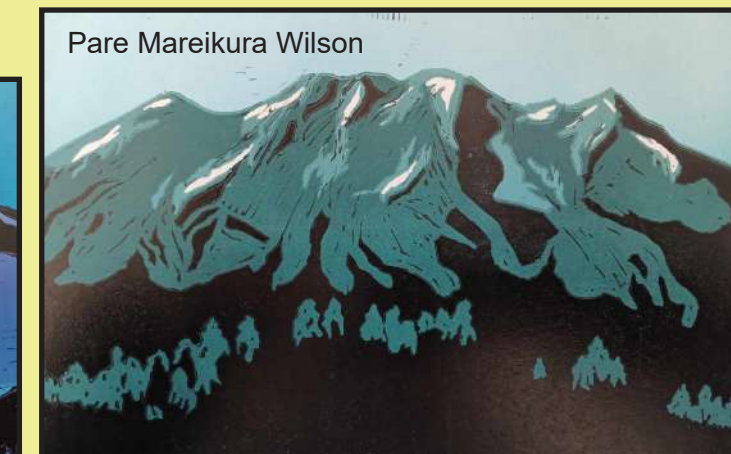
Year 13 were absolute stars! Four painters finished the year, slogging away to the last minute and even adding in a bit of last-minute drama with Veronica trimming more than just her paintings and taking off the end of her finger. Not ideal Veronica, but you still put together a great portfolio in support of the rhino. Keri's work was emotional, Uenuku had plants taking over spaces and Grace explored relationships between geometry and landscape. Phew!!! Ui photographed bees and their keepers and Matariki documented the decay of buildings. Others sat on the sidelines cheering us on when they were present but mostly they were building - Holly, Ngakau, Shane, Archie, Jayden and William.

To all those who are leaving the art department this year, we have appreciated your time with us and what we have learnt from each other. We wish you all the best for your futures and hope you all do Art in some way, build something amazing or just keep drinking tea. Go well in life!

Mrs Ann Stuckey



ART WORK



SCIENCE

Teaching Staff

This year involved many changes in staffing within the Science Department. Mrs Abby Morgan was away on maternity leave for terms 1 and 2 and we were fortunate to have Miss Jane Pearce teaching her classes during that time. Mrs Morgan later relocated to Wanganui. We also farewelled Ms Kaushal Goundar who taught Chemistry, and those students transitioned to an online class and were supported by Mrs Shelagh Buck. Mr Steve Mackrell and Miss Saskia Brosnan continued teaching Physics and Junior Science and Agriculture and Horticulture respectively.

Te Taiao program

This program is a new initiative that collaborates Science with Outdoor Education and Social Studies. It involves a year 9 class each term and those students participate in science outside of the classroom and then bring their experiences back inside to investigate further. We will be further developing this program to continue into year 10. Students were able to participate in science outside the classroom and bring their experiences back inside to further investigate. Activities included native plant collection and identification, the physics of cycling, the impact of exercise on the body, kaitiakitanga and restoration, predator free 2050, hypothermia and material science. This was supported by Ruapehu Workx, Mangawhero Community Walkway and Project Tongariro.



Environmental Science Initiative

In year 10, we are developing an environmental focus field trip for 2024. This will involve outside organisations sharing science learning. The Earth Science department from Massey University will be based at school for rock and volcano science. Puhoro, the Maori STEMM academy, will showcase how they can help further develop science engagement in taura. Genesis will support Ngati Rangi Stream Monitoring education by showcasing how they use science and Matauranga Maori to monitor awa health. Project Tongariro is donating 200 trees for our students to plant at the Rangataua Lakes and will be supported by Ruapehu Workx.

Science Badges

All junior science students participated in a Science badge inquiry learning project in Term 4. Topics

include sport science, water science, agriculture, marine biology, zoology, food technology, entomology, and the list goes on. Students could choose their own topic and then do activities that work towards 20 stars. Student work was then displayed and students received badges from completed projects.

Year 11 Science Program

This year we continued in our 2nd year as part of the NCEA pilot program. Highlights this year included a field trip to monitor the change in health of the Mangawhero River. Students went to Turoa Ski Field and followed the river down through town to Burns Street. Involved in this field trip were organisations including Sarah Williams from Horizons, Andy Hoyle from RAL, Joseph McCloud from Ngati Rangi, Clodagh Costello from Project Tongariro. Students monitored water quality and then planted plants as an action to improve the health of the river. Their findings were included in one of their assessments.



SCIENCE

Senior Biology

Students continue to work on learning through freshwater ecology. This has been supported by Sarah Williams from Horizons and Clodagh Costello from Project Tongariro. Year 13 Students continued to monitor the health of the Makaranui awa and look at patterns of where the different types of species liked living. Year 12 Biology investigated the Makotuku river as it flows from Horopito to Raetihi. They were also supported in their learning by Joseph McCloud from Ngati Rangi. Top student for Year 13 was Grace Burnard and top student for Year 12 was Tarn Hoyle.



Kiwi Forever

We are very fortunate to be able to send students away on this programme. This year, Joshua Simons, Tarn Hoyle, Hye-le Wihare-Hansen, Hiria Hancy, Te Pere Akapita and Maraea Buckingham joined other students from central north island schools to take part in the programme, staying at Tiorangi Marae near Ohakune. Kiwi Forever ran from the 19th to 24th of March, and the group of 20 students were fortunate to have good weather, except for that one day interruption of intense rain!

The programme was an in-depth field based experience that aimed to empower students to explore specific issues related to achieving a sustainable future with a particular focus on the recovery of kiwi and whio populations through a Ngati Rangi view. Activities included making and checking traps and understanding the issues facing management of Kiwi and whio populations. With the support of Genesis, students also experienced the issues around hydroelectric power schemes and the impact on waterways. To understand impact on waterways they also investigated what lives in our local Mangawhero River and were able to see whio, an endangered native bird. The Department of Conservation then showcased some of the tools they use to monitor whio.

A highlight of the program was visiting the Kiwi Creche at the Wairakei Golf club just out of Taupo. It is a specialist kiwi incubation, hatching and brooding facility which opened in 2019 and will help increase Kiwi populations. While we were there, a kiwi was being discharged after an illness and

students were able to see an adult, an egg and a 10 day old chick. We also met with Shirley, a passionate conservationist who engaged students in trapping and plant Identification around lake Rotoponamu.

The week-long experience provides an opportunity to draw together a range of conservation, social, environmental, economic, educational and te ao Maori perspectives. The students get to explore particular solutions for a sustainable future by working together with a group and presenting their ideas to the representatives of sponsors and other students. The students developed many leadership qualities including taking risks in new and challenging situations through learning about predator control. The students have many opportunities to be involved in discussions with Department of Conservation rangers and predator free 2050 expert Cam Speedy to develop their interest and commitment to the environment and sustainability. Hiria Hancy take this opportunity to create her own program to continue to share and develop learning of this kaupapa.

The Kiwi Forever Program is sponsored by Genesis Energy, Project Tongariro, Ngati Rangi, Predator Free 2050, expert Cam Speedy and the Department of Conservation.

Miss Meredith Wilson



DESIGN AND INNOVATION RESISTANT MATERIALS

Entering the Design Technology - Resistant Materials room is a unique experience for many students, while for others, it feels like second nature. The purpose of Design Technology - Resistant Materials is to instill confidence, foster creative and critical thinking skills, and lay the foundation for lifelong learning across various curriculum areas.

There's something truly exceptional about Resistant Materials. It stands apart from other activities. The aroma and texture of wood, the use of real tools, the interaction with natural materials, the rhythmic sounds of hammering and sawing, the harmonious blend of hands and minds bringing their imagination to life while solving problems, and the utilization of strength and coordination – all of these elements captivate a student's interest and offer a one-of-a-kind experience.

You might be concerned about safety, but woodworking is actually a low-risk activity when basic safety measures are followed, and the right tools are used. Students exhibit exemplary behavior at the woodworking bench, fully engaged in an activity they enjoy. Moreover, it's essential for students to encounter controlled risks and challenges, allowing them to develop decision-making and judgment skills to ensure their safety.

The year 2023 was marked by exciting projects. Our year 9 students got a taste of design skills, hard materials, art and textiles, all combined into one project – the Cornhole board game. Year 10 students honed their woodworking skills and acquired new techniques, culminating in the creation of a Bluetooth Lamp Speaker. Year 11 students continued to develop their skills, crafting a step ladder while learning the fundamental techniques of woodworking joints. They then delved into complex woodworking techniques, crafting a range of projects from bedside tables to coffee cabinets, showcasing both frustration and immense creativity and excitement in the final products.

If you possess a creative imagination, relish problem-solving, and enjoy working with your hands, don't hesitate to give Resistant Materials a try.

Miss Helena Burns



PUHORO

Puhoro is a STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Mātauranga) program that is run nationwide. It is a kaupapa Māori approach to education and seeks to improve equitable access for Māori students with ultimate goal to increase Māori into STEM careers. Puhoro recognises the unique position we have in Aotearoa where we have access to two knowledge systems: Mātauranga Māori and Western Science. At Puhoro we celebrate mātauranga Māori as a rich Māori knowledge ecosystem underpinned by kaupapa and tikanga Māori.

The Puhoro STEMM Academy has been running at Ruapehu College for 3 years and is sponsored by Genesis Energy. This year our Kahutū is Chaana Morgan. This was really good for our students as she has already established positive relationships with many of our students. Chaana worked alongside the students to develop their attitudes to learning in Science and Mathematics. The Puhoro program was run during our mentoring sessions and study sessions on Friday Afternoon.

We had many guest speakers come to talk with our taura including: Dave and Dale from the Ruapehu Worx team; Joey McLeod and Te Hiiringa from Ngā Waihua o Paerangi; Megan Younger from BOLT Contracting and Hari Smith from GHD.

Students attended a wānanga in Palmerston North in each term. This was held at the Awapuni Racecourse. The aim of wānanga is to bring together Māori students in Science and Mathematics in the Manawatu area. During the wānanga students participate in workshops that are run by different organisations including Genesis where they learnt about electricity and creating a motherboard for a computer.

As our program is sponsored by Genesis, students in Puhoro are able to achieve the Nga ara Scholarships. This year the recipients for these scholarships were year 11 students Drevahn Wood and Moses Hodge, who both received a \$600 technology or trades package. Students that were outstanding in their participation for Puhoro and demonstrated excellence in their learning in Science and Mathematics included Zoe Southall and Jamie Taitoko. They both received \$1200 towards a technology or trades package.

We are greatly appreciative of Puhoro and Genesis to continue to provide opportunities for our students and encourage more students to continue their education in STEM subjects.



SCHOOL BALL



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GATEWAY STAR

2023 has been a very busy space in this area of the school. The Gateway programme has had an influx of interest with students gaining experience and credits in farming, hairdressing, retail, cleaning, teaching, and skiing to name a few areas. Early in the year, a group of students benefitted from a Maori Cultural Tourism camp. The students who attended said they enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot.

We were lucky to again be able to run the Level 1 Ski Instructor programme. This qualification is recognised worldwide. Students must display a high level of experience on the snow and the maturity to deal with customers of all ages and from all walks of life. Students who are successful after the 5 day exam are also often offered work on the mountain as ski instructors.

Our gateway students on farm placements in dairy and dry stock all successfully completed their theory credits this year. The relationship with the farmers is essential to the success of the programme. The school is very grateful for the support we get for these placements.



One student has successfully completed their Level 2 certificate in Primary Industries after two years on the gateway programme. We were also successful with our nomination for the Prime Minister's Award celebrating success in Vocational Excellence. Recipients receive \$2000 towards their future pathway. This year the recipient was Charlie Francois. This Award is the vocational equivalent of the School Dux Award. Vocational education is education and training that helps students develop

the skills, knowledge and attributes they need to perform a specific role and build a career in an industry. The award rewards the top Year 12 or 13 secondary student enrolled in vocational programmes.

In the STAR space the school was able to provide several courses this year. The Coffee Essentials course is great for students to be able to find part-time Barista employment whilst at school. The Food Safety course offered to foods students was also a success. Year 12 and 13 students were the first to do an Outdoor Safety and First Aid qualification as part of their PE class this year. This is a good qualification to have on a CV when looking for employment in the future.



Also, this year over 20 students have gained their learner licence through the programme the school runs. Nan Rauna tutors the students after school, usually up to 4 sessions before taking them to sit the learner licence test. Thank you to Nan Rauna for her time and efforts to support our students in this area, a skill they will use for life. This year we also had students attend UCOL as part of their USkills programme. Students travel to UCOL for a one or two day course every week for a period of the year. These students enjoyed their courses and have been successful in completing their qualifications at Level 3.

Mrs Leba Phillips

CAREERS

The Year 13 cohort this year have again kept this space busy with the preparation of CV's, applications for tertiary study, accommodation, scholarships and interviews. We had a number of visits this year from tertiary institutions and have kept in touch with the student advisers over the course of the year with course planning and subject choices for next year. The tertiary student advisers, speakers, and organisations who offer scholarships regarding the school and our students have been very supportive and encouraging. Regular comments and feedback includes comments on tidy well-presented students in school uniform, polite and well-mannered students, a lovely atmosphere and pride visible in the school, and the calibre of students at Ruapehu College as being impressive.

For the first time this year we ran the RYDA programme, encouraging road safety for senior students. The day programme provided many useful insights for students and staff alike. The programme is aimed at showing students how to be safe and responsible on the road by recognising the impact of their actions and personality traits in different situations. The College was lucky to have the Rural Health Network students back again following Covid. This programme is to encourage students into the health sector. Our year 9 and 13 students met tertiary students studying various qualifications in Health and talked about the pathways and support available to rural students. Research shows that rural students are likely to return to rural areas following their study.

The College is running the Business Industry week for juniors again this year. The purpose of this is to provide information and exposure for potential career pathways as the students start to think about what their futures may look like. A lot of work goes into this week and we hope to build on this each year. The current generation are expected to have up to 5 career changes in their lifetime. These young people are predicted to expect flexibility, environmental, sustainable and innovative practices in the companies they intend to work for.

Mrs Leba Phillips



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Another busy year has flown by for the PE department with many exciting changes, additions and developments happening.

There has been a focus this year to structure our Year 9 and 10 programs to ensure they align with the new NCEA changes happening in 2024. The aim of our program development has been to make sure students have the knowledge, skills and understanding required to be successful in the new NCEA program. One aspect that has been a focus this year is including mātauranga Māori concepts into our lessons, units and assessments. Mātauranga māori translates to 'maori knowledge' and it is important for students to understand that this knowledge relates to Physical Education concepts and to their own personal development. Another aspect we have been developing is the use of literacy and numeracy within our junior Physical Education program to ensure students understand and are able to apply sound literacy and numeracy skills within Physical Education contexts.

In Year 9 this year, we have implemented the 'Te Taiao' programme. Te Taiao is the environment around us and the programme blends the subjects of Physical Education, Science and Social Studies. This program has been very successful with great engagement and enjoyment from the students. Most students reflected on how they enjoy getting out of the classroom and having the opportunity to explore significant places in person and carry out important learning in real contexts. This programme is now being developed to continue into Year 10 so students build on the learning they covered in Year 9. The aim is to have students develop knowledge and passion for the Te Taiao subject in Year 9 and 10, and to be able to once again have 'Outdoor Education' as a subject available in our school.

In Level 1 Physical Education, we have had a very full class this year, which has been great to see so many students opting to continue with their studies in Physical Education. This year students have learnt about training methods and principles and set goals to improve their fitness capabilities for Ki-o-Rahi, as well as being assessed on their performance. Students developed an understanding of biophysical principles in the context of volleyball, and analysed their own performance of volleyball skills.

In term three, students learnt about a range of self management strategies, applied the strategies to practical situations such as the Old Coach Road bike ride and evaluated their effectiveness. Many students showed great improvement in their chosen strategies which was very evident in their practical demonstrations. The focus during term four is on learning about the factors which can affect participation in physical activity opportunities. Students have then applied their learning to reflect on their own participation and to think about which factors encourage and discourage them.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Level 2 and 3 Physical Education, this year was a combined level class. The start of the year began with assessment focusing on planning and organising and carrying out an overnight trip. This was a very challenging trip for many of the students and required all students to work together and support each other to complete the journey safely. The fitness and mental strength of many were tested when the tramp was made significantly longer by a washed out road on the way to Tukino Ski Field.

These students have had the opportunity to be assessed on their performances in their chosen sports, with many students performing at a very high level. Students also created training programmes to improve their levels of fitness for their sport and evaluated their effectiveness. During term 3, students had to apply their knowledge of biophysical principles to evaluate the performance of another student in badminton and then provide feedback on how to improve their performance.

Miss Poppy Dekker



DESIGN AND INNOVATION TEXTILES

It has been a chaotic year of slowly sorting through, organising, and packing up several decades of treasures in preparation for this part of the school to be renovated during term four and the christmas holidays. We sure have found some gems and cleared out a lot of dusty items on our move out of the Textiles room to the Ag/Hort room with Foods. Despite the 'going ons', all students have managed to adjust well to the chaos and complete their assessments.

As a subject area we are looking forward to the reward of a renovated Textile room to move back into at the beginning of 2024, with the hopes that our neighbors in the Foods room will be next door not long after us...fingers crossed! I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank all students and staff that have supported us through the move. A special thanks goes to Mr. Edmonds for all your hard work and support, and to Mrs. Hakaraia for the coffee and bagels to help stay somewhat sane and on track to move out whilst still teaching.

In the junior school, year 9 students made two sets of themed mini bean bags as part of their taster course. These bean bags will be used with the Cornhole game board that the students made with Miss Burns in the woodwork room. It has been neat to get to know all Year 9 students during this time and see each of their personalities shine through in the themes they selected. I hope to see many of them as year 10 students next year. The year 10 class grew as the year progressed and they all worked on their individual projects. We had samurai masks, slippers, hats, dresses and much more made. In term 4, the students moved onto making a duffel bag each with great success.

In the senior school, NCEA has been the focus. Stand out projects this year have been seeing the Level One boys learn to weave using the harakeke from Ruapehu College grounds. Many students created garments from the donated fabrics in the classroom. Other stand out projects were Elaina Buekes' patchwork corset, Izybel Graham's competition dress for the HETTANZ's 2023 Fashion Show, and Isabella Tweeddale's twist top.

The seniors have all impressed me with their drawing skills for their external assessments and I am looking forward to seeing the results soon. Before I sign off for 2023 I'd like to wish the Year 13's all the best for the next steps in their journeys. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching you in Textiles during your time at Ruapehu College and you will be missed!

Miss Nicole Jaquery

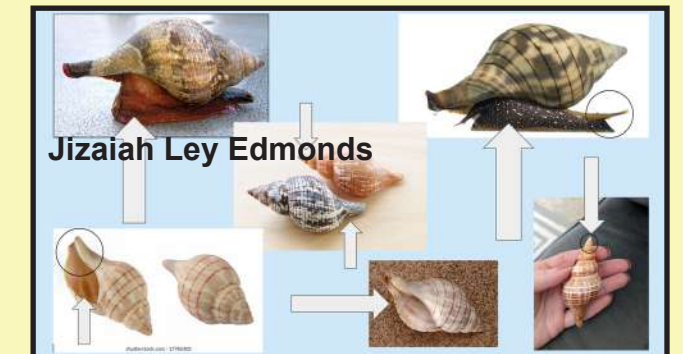
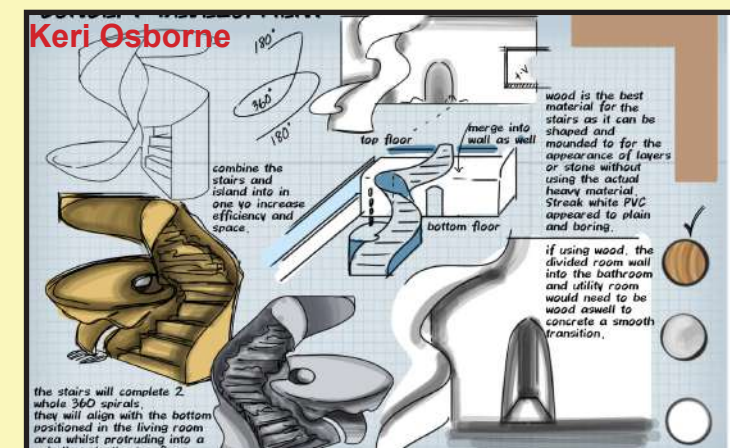


DESIGN VISUAL COMMUNICATION

It has been another busy year in Design and Visual Communication classes for the senior students. We welcomed Whaea Tamzyn who taught the combined class for NCEA Level 2 and 3 DVC students. These students focused on themes from the natural world, such as pūngāwerewere spiders, wolves, jellyfish, tio repe oysters and combined their ideas with their studies of design eras or movements from different periods in time, such as Pop Art, The Arts and Crafts Movement, and Streamline Era.

Miss Jaquery taught the NCEA Level 1 class and these students took part in the second year of the NCEA Pilot Group, before the launch of the reviewed standards in 2024. These students focused on two projects. The first project was to research and analyze a Te Ao Māori Designer and a second designer of their choice to develop a meaningful product idea. In the next project students could choose to design one of two outdoor spaces at Ruapehu College. The first option was to envision the space outside of the Foods and Textiles Room into a kai garden where ākonga, kaiako and the community could come together to garden, cook and eat kai. The second option was to design a sensory garden or play area to go outside of the new learning class arriving next year for our ORS students. These designs were created using feedback from the stakeholders involved in the projects. Students then selected one of their project ideas to use to create a 3D model. A big thank you to any students who helped with the move in preparation for the renovations. We are looking forward to having a new classroom for DVC next year. See you then!

Ngā mihi nui,
Miss Nicole Jaquery



MATHEMATICS

2023 has been a challenging year. The school has embraced the PILOT program again and with some more changes, the imparting of mathematical knowledge was not plain sailing.

The change in the whole year 11 assessment structure has baffled a few, us amongst teachers from different schools, who I must admit, we have all been brave to embrace the changes. With teacher changes, also at the year 11 level, these assessments have been difficult to deal with at times. In 2024 the changes will be in full force across the country. Time will tell about the philosophy behind the changes, but it has been suggested that the changes are "21st century learning".

Through the media, there seems to be a major concern for numeracy (not mathematics necessarily). The school ensures that support is provided in every aspect, but everything boils down to a student's "will to learn" culture, which needs changing. This reference is for very basic school mathematics skills.

LIBRARY

Having the library open during second break this year has seen an influx of student users. The year 13 group generally stake out the sofas, a steady stream of other students also come and go, having a crack at the sudoku and riddle on the wall.

Luckily the library is a relatively big space. The headcount on those cold, rainy days has reached 65 plus - roughly a third of the school if all are present that day, and it certainly has me reaching for the air freshener once the bell for the end of break has gone. It is a 'no-label' bottle and Tarn is convinced it is elderflower and apple scented.

Year 13 students have been practicing their card skills and like to think they rule the deck, but it is a 'first in first served' rule, and the Maia's, Aaliyah and friends from year 10 get their fair share of card time also. Head boy Joshua has managed to impress many with his 'magic' card tricks. I think I will need to invest in a few new decks next year as the current one looks as though it has passed through the hands of every student at school, and several times.

A corner of the room is often taken up by Ariki, Caleb, Naomi and friends who indulge in the board games on offer, sometimes making up the game as they go. But, chess is by far the most popular activity in the library, and Simeon, Gerard and Treyton are constantly reminded when the bell has gone.

Chatting with the new body of readers that have joined us as year 9 students this year is something that I have thoroughly enjoyed. It has been refreshing to have been able to issue so many books, and book series are proving to be the most popular. Sorry Mr Green! The challenge now is getting them all returned, read or not.

Miss Kendall Richards

With the untimely departure of Kaushal Goundar, replacement was difficult to find. Matthew Laurenson, an ex-scholar of this college, stepped in and provided good support for students and the department alike as he was thrust into the new PILOT program. Ann Stuckey has used her expertise to provide solid support and Helena Burns also jumped on board to teach a class. Many thanks to these teachers and others who pitched in when needed.

Some senior students have displayed some amazing skills in class and it is expected they produce good results at the start of next year.

A good number of year 9 students, under the guidance of Kendall Richards, chose to enter the WERO mathematics online challenge. A small competition, but a great opportunity to battle against others with problem solving skills. All students were challenged, not only with the questions, but also participating via Zoom online. Wren, Torin, Fletcher and Santosha won their advanced category. This augurs well for the future.

Mr Raj Prasad



SPORTS EXCHANGE

This is the second year running of the sports exchange with Taumarunui High School, which aims to build lasting friendships between our rural schools.

Taumarunui hosted the first sports exchange day and this year it was our turn to host and the weather played its part magnificently. We had the most beautiful spring day, and it was so great to see so many students outside enjoying their chosen sport.

With approximately 140 students involved from

both schools, alongside teachers and community volunteers refereeing and lending a hand, students enjoyed playing squash, ki o'rahi, volleyball, football, basketball & netball with some codes playing more than one game each.

We finished the day with some delicious kai from the wonderful canteen aunties. Ultimately, this was a great day outside of the classroom and a superb way to finish term 3.

Mrs Sarah Demchy



SQUASH

2023 has seen more success for Squash at Ruapehu College with students taking part in all kinds of events throughout New Zealand. Our students have represented the Ohakune Squash Club at events such as superchamps and various other tournaments; Ruapehu College in interclub and at the New Zealand Secondary School Squash Championships; and have represented their district at NZ Junior Age Groups and national superchamps.

Interclub

There was one Ruapehu College team this year that competed in the senior Ruapehu Zone Composite Interclub Competition which included teams from Ohakune, Taihape, Turangi and Taumarunui. Teams played fortnightly around the region during terms 2 and 3. The team consisted of Grace Burnard, Jayden Bailey, Matthew Smith, Harry Rowe, Archie Mills, Hone Buckingham, Maraea Buckingham and Kirsty Osborne. The team had a rough start losing their first round and dropping to the bottom of the leaderboard, however, they battled on throughout the season and clawed their way back to second place at the conclusion of the event.

New Zealand Secondary School Squash Championships

Ruapehu College entered both a boys and girls team into the 2023 New Zealand Secondary School Squash Championships in Auckland. This in itself is a significant achievement for a school of our size as most schools are from urban areas and not many can enter both boys and girls teams. The boys team included Jayden Bailey(capt.), Liam Burnard, Harry Rowe, Matthew Smith, Archie Mills and Hone Buckingham. The boys had some very tough rounds which came down to the wire. Their final round saw them facing a Palmerston North Boys High School and coming out with a convincing win against PNBHS. This saw the boys team finish in 9th place overall, which is 5 places higher than last year. The girls team included Grace Burnard(capt.), Kirsty Osborne, Maraea Buckingham, Grace Rowe and Olivia Gray. The girls had a convincing first round win and then a very close second round loss which saw them move to the plate section of the draw. The girls then went on to win all of their remaining rounds to hold their ranking of 9th place overall, winning the plate division and bringing home the plate trophy for the second year in a row.

Jayden, Grace and Liam were notified before this tournament that they had made the shortlist for the New Zealand Secondary School Tournament Team that travels to Australia to compete.

Unfortunately, they didn't get the call to travel, however, it is still a huge achievement to be shortlisted for this team.

Central Junior Team

Jayden Bailey, Liam Burnard and Grace Burnard were all selected for the Central Junior squad, which is made up of the top juniors in the Central region. Central is one of the largest regions in New Zealand and includes areas such as Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu and surrounding areas. Earlier in the year, these players along with Grace Rowe took part in the Central vs Eastern challenge where their wins contributed to a team win for Central.

During the October school holidays, Jayden, Liam and Grace were selected to represent Central at the New Zealand Junior Teams event, this event is where each district enters their top junior teams and battles it out to find the top districts in New Zealand. All three players competed in the individual competition prior to the teams event, Liam played in the under 17 division and Grace and Jayden both played in the under 19 division. Grace finished 13th, Jayden 19th and Liam 6th in New Zealand for their respective age groups. They then went on to compete in the teams competition where their contribution saw the girls finish 3rd and the boys finish 4th which is a huge accomplishment for both teams. This was six days of competition which saw the best of the best battle it out and our players were able to come away with some great results competing against New Zealand's best juniors and no doubt set some good goals for next year.



SQUASH

Superchamps

Superchamps was another event where our college players got involved and were part of the various teams traveling around the country. Five of these teams took out their divisions at the district level (F/J and E grade men and F/J, E and B grade women) and then went on to compete at the national level. The most successful result was from the E grade Women's team who traveled to Auckland and after a very close final they took out the title and came 1st in New Zealand. The team included Grace Rowe, Maraea Buckingham and Kirsty Osborne with Jayden Bailey and Mr Laurenson as coaches. Huge congratulations to the team. A big congratulations to the other students who were in various teams that took out their district title and went on to compete at the national competition, these students were: Grace Burnard, Harry Rowe, Archie Mills, Matthew Smith and Hone Buckingham. A big thank you to Ohakune Squash Club for their support of our students and to the coaches who have spent numerous hours supporting our students.

Champion of Champions

After winning club champs titles, players had the opportunity to represent the Ohakune Squash Club champions team at the Central District Champion of Champions event. Jayden, Liam, Grace, Maraea, Hone and Matthew competed in this event where Maraea won the E Grade women's title earning a place in the Central team that traveled to Whangarei for the National Champion of Champions competition at the end of October. Hone, Jayden and Maraea all competed at the National Champion of Champions event with Maraea finishing 2nd, Hone 4th and Jayden 5th.

2023 has been a busy but very successful year for our squash students and it's amazing to see so many new faces at the courts. We farewell our year 13 players who are heading to various places next year. Good luck to Grace, Archie and Jayden, we hope you continue playing and return for an Ohakune tournament in the future.

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped our students throughout the year in any way, without you these results would not have been possible. Bring on 2024, it's looking like it is going to be another great season of squash.

Mr Matthew Laurenson



FOOTBALL



Back Row: Xavier Beukes, Jordi Demchy, Halford Herewini, Wren Drayton

Third Row: Jason Young, KC Callaghan, Hunter Anderson, Gerrard Osborne, Kodo Drayton, Jay Learmonth, Austin Herewini

Second Row: Mrs Sarah Demchy (Teacher), Noah Swift, Ambrose Demchy, William Barlow, Harry Parker, Komaihana Hawira, Mr Michael Darmody (Teacher)

Front Row: Paora Kumeroa, Torin Thompson, Hannah Swift, Rico Pakai, Connor Anderson, Isla Thompson, Jamie Senekal

Absent: Titari Atkins-Wihongi, Elaina Beukes, Pietro Bussi, Anna Hautzinger, Emerson Lark, Tiaan Perkins, Matthew Smith, James Tweeddale



FOOTBALL

This year we had 28 students sign up for football, which meant for the first time in a very long time we could have 2 teams.

They were coached by Mick Darmody & Sarah Demchy.

These teams were made up of boys and girls and allowed us to have an A and B team with the aim to grow and develop our younger players and to further extend our senior players that have been with the team for 4/5 years.

The addition of two talented football players, Anna Hautzinger from Germany and Pietro Bussi from Italy, exchange students here at school, made a significant and positive impact to our team.

It was an enjoyable and successful season traveling away to Taupo and Taumarunui as well as hosting games here at Ruapehu College. Next year, we are hoping to enter weekly competitions and the aim of participating in tournament week.

A big thank you goes out to our awesome caretakers Jim & Chris that have significantly raised the standard of the field and made it a much safer and enjoyable pitch to play on. Well done to a great group of students that are always a pleasure to work and travel with.

Mrs Sarah Demchy



BOYS RUGBY XV



Back Row: Chrissy Winter, Te Orangi Te Riaki, Azlian Wall, Dayton Muru Albert

Front Row: Petaera Pehi, Hawira Katene, Jim Rowe, William Waitokia, Hunter Cross

Absent: Jaydis Hammond, Ehzell Menzies, Shane Muru-Albert, Sheldon O'Hagan, Harry Rowe, Tahatika Te Riaki, Tuharakia Wallace-McLeod, Drevahn Wood



BOYS RUGBY XV

The 2023 rugby season was a little bit different to seasons prior. This meant that gamedays were now held on Saturdays, with the change of competition from Whanganui schools competition to a Manawatu schools competition. When Whanganui came back to us with the inability to host a competition we made the group decision to travel to Manawatu in search of some greater exposure against larger schools.

After a few grading games we were placed into division two with Cullinane 1st IX, Wanganui Collegiate 2nd IX, Tararua 1st IX, Feilding Ag Colts, PNBHS Colts and Manukuru 1st IX. After many competitive and hard fought games, played both at home or away, we found ourselves in and out of top spot with only one loss to PNBHS Colts 15 - 8. All games were scrappy and very physical with games against Collegiate and Manukuru coming down to some clutching plays in the last five minutes. But the highlight game of the season would have to be the game against Feilding Ag. This game was filled with mixed emotions as the clock ticked on, but with 30 seconds or so left to play we found ourselves down by 5, with an attacking lineout 5 metres from the line. We won the lineout and attacked desperately for another 2-3 minutes before Lachlan Fisher found himself crashing over top of a ruck to score, drawing the score to level. With a huge amount of confidence, Lachlan then stepped up to convert his own try from the sideline, sealing the win in overtime. After making the top four we had the opportunity to secure a spot in the final but, unfortunately, we fell in three tough losses to round out the season.

A huge thank you has to go to all those who helped us to get where we were. Firstly, to our school and everyone who stood on the sideline and supported us, I hope our play did you justice. Thankyou to all the lovely aunts who washed and cleaned our playing gear and fed us wonderfully after every home game. Thankyou to all the uncles who drove us from game to game, your effort and commitment to this team does not go unnoticed. Thankyou to the boys, for coming to training and turning up for one another on the field when things were hard. The way we defended throughout the whole season was a testament to the true meaning of the word brotherhood. When one is in it, we are all in it, and that is what I love about our small little school. And lastly, thankyou to our amazing coaching staff - Whare and Shayna, Chrissy with the assistance of Sheldon and Fraser - without you guys this team is nothing! The knowledge that these people bring to every training to teach us to be better and well rounded players is very welcomed. We are grateful for the role they play to shape us into respectful young men on and off the field. The knowledge they impart is evident in the way that we play and the number of players that we have competing at a representative level. The team is appreciative of every minute of the journey. Final congratulations goes to D

ayton, Te Orangi, Jim, William, Chrissy, Drevahn, Azlian, Riley and Tuharakia for making the

Wanganui U16 and Taha and Harry(me) for making Wanganui U18. It just shows us all that hard work does pay off and that you will be rewarded for your efforts.

Thank you Everybody.
(Harry Rowe)



SNOW ACADEMY



Back Row: Wren Drayton, Hannah Swift, Ford Kumeroa Ponga, Zoe Southall, Chase Tutemahurangi

Third Row: Sophie Coller, Kodo Drayton, Caleb Larsen, Mica Hoyle, Noah McGonigle-Cate, Hye-le Wihare-Hansen

Second Row: Komaihana Hawira, Noah Swift, William Barlow, Tarn Hoyle, Jay Learmonth, Mr Michael Darmody (Teacher)

Front Row: Sasha Gray, Isla Thompson, Rebekah Swift, Talei Phillips, Georgia Smith, Harlow Rokstad

Absent: Elishka Aitken, Jayden Bailey, Hone Buckingham, Emerson Lark, Jack Mcgonigle-Black, Matthew Smith, Zoe Smith



SNOW ACADEMY

Uncertainty on how the mountain would operate this year, saw our season start differently with the late organisation of passes for students and finding training positions for them. There was high interest from many of our junior students which increased the total number to 30, and we were offered two ski coaches and one snowboard coach for our students to develop their skills and experiences. Our appreciation goes to the parents of our National Park crew, who hired a van to drive the students around to Turoa.

We were privileged to have a first amazing morning of fresh powder to play in. Our coaching was not until the afternoon, so we enjoyed the sun and powderlaps on the Movenpick chair. By the time the lessons started, the snow started falling again. Snowboarders were riding with Jen, a snowboarding instructor from Switzerland, who was very inspirational to our wahine snowboarders. Both the ski groups did very fast laps, so fast that I never caught up with them to take photos! Thanks to Mr Darmody who helped out our development crew, hopefully they get to join the teams next year.

Unfortunately, the weather changed its patterns and we missed our last 2 academy days. Competitions were canceled in 2023, which is unfortunate as competition helps motivate students to learn more skills and gain confidence. The park was also run by a one person team, so we did manage a day in the park where some 180's were thrown around. Thanks to all the students for their positive attitude in some not so nice conditions and bring on the 2024 season!

Ski Team Junior
Elishka Aitken
Hone Buckingham
Wren Drayton
Komaihana Hawira
Harlow Rokstad
Georgia Smith
Rebekah Swift

Ski Team Senior
Jayden Bailey
William Barlow
Sophie Coller
Kodo Drayton
Mica Hoyle
Tarn Hoyle
Emerson Lark
Jay Learmonth
Matthew Smith
Noah Swift

Snowboarders
Sasha Gray
Ford Kumeroa Ponga
Caleb Larson
Jack Mcgonigle-Black
Noah McGonigle-Black
Talei Phillips
Zoe Southall
Hannah Swift
Isla Thompson
Chase Tutemahurangi
Hye-le Wihare-Hansen



WAKA AMA

It was so great to be back at Lake Tikitapu in Rotorua with an awesome group of 24 students making up 4 crews participating in the 2023 event. It is always such a special event to be involved in, with lots of whanau support.

Our biggest thanks goes out to our amazing coaching team of Whare, Shayna Te Riaki and Chaana Morgan. This amazing kaupapa wouldn't happen without the dedication they give our students throughout the duration of the campaign. Their commitment to this endeavor and to our students is outstanding, giving up their Saturdays & Sundays to travel to Whanganui to coach and mentor our students. The effort and build up from our 7 weeks of hard work training 3 days per week meant we had some amazing results this year at the Secondary School

Nationals.

Our U19 Boys -11th fastest waka in NZ in the big final Te Ihu (1st Tier competition)

Our U16 Boys - 2nd in the Te Takarea Final (2nd Tier Comp)

Our U19 Girls - 2nd in the Te Kei Final (3rd Tier)

And although our mixed W12 crew didn't quite make it past the heats, the great experience they gained sees them looking forward to next years championships.

A special thank you also goes to the parents that helped out, particularly when we went away to the event, but also all the van drivers that got us to and from Whanganui each Saturday and Sunday - Shaun & Maria Hawira, Steph Waerea, Janina Hawira and Pikimai for her amazing cooking. Thank you from all the waka ama students.

Mrs Sarah Demchy



WAKA AMA



Back Row: Haeley Perkins-Tamatea, Dayton Muru Albert, Hawira Katene, Stirling Elers, Petaera Pehi

Second Row: Chrissy Winter, Komaihana Hawira, Azlian Wall, Ambrose Demchy, Te Orangi Te Riaki, David Hagley.

Front Row: Paetyn Brown, Mishalle Perkins, Armani Perkins-Tamatea, Diantae Rewi, Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds, Ngateria Lole Uaea, Zoe Southall

Absent: Te Moana Hagley, Jaydis Hammond, Malena Hawira, Shane Muru-Albert, Harry Rowe, Tahatika Te Riaki



INTERWHANAU COMPETITION

Sport	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Touch	Tui	Kiwi	Huia	Weka
Fat mat rounders	Huia	Kiwi	Tui	Weka
Ki o Rahi	Kiwi	Tui/Huia Draw		Weka
Squash	Huia	Tui	Kiwi	Weka
Basketball	Kiwi	Tui	Huia	Weka
Kapa Haka	Tui	Kiwi	Weka	Huia
Athletics	Kiwi	Tui	Huia	Weka
Cross Country	Kiwi	Tui	Huia	Weka
Swimming	Tui	Kiwi	Huia	Weka
Tug o War	Kiwi	Tui/Huia		Weka

INTERWHANAU LEADERS



Kiwi Leaders
Haeley Perkins-Tamatea
Tahatika Te Riaki



Huia Leaders
Archie Mills, Megan Botha, Sophie Coller, Jayden Bailey.



Tui Leaders
Te Pere Akapita, Hiria Hancy, Tarn Hoyle, Harry Rowe



Weka Leaders
Hye-le Wihare-Hansen
Matariki Ranginui



VOLLEYBALL



Back Row: Bishop Hodge, R-Jaye Bromwich, Moses Hodge, Joseph Takitimu-Bourne, Honore Horomia
Second Row: Gerrard Osborne, Blake Takitimu, Azlian Wall, Miss Poppy Dekker (Teacher)
Front Row: Nikora Henare-Richards, Manaia Kingi Mareikura, Haeley Perkins-Tamatea, Kiana-Jaye Gembitsky-Edmonds, Nythanule Takitimu-Bourne

Absent: William Waitokia
Term one this year kicked off with volleyball and we once again had a Tuakana and Teina team competing in Whanganui at the volleyball competition run by YMCA. Our senior volleyball team once again won the Whanganui competition and our junior volleyball team came third. Our Tuakana and Teina team also competed against Taumaranui High School this year in our annual sports exchange. However, they proved to be tough competition and we were unable to beat them. Volleyball is a very popular sport at the college and students enjoy playing any opportunity they get. It has been great to see so many students making the most of the outdoor volleyball net that was set up for lunch times.

Miss Poppy Dekker



EQUESTRIAN

Aylish Jordan had a great showing at the Central Plateau Interschools showjumping competition as team Captain and with a young team. She placed well and showed great leadership and support for the younger riders.

She competed at the Collegiate Equestrian Championship week at Taupo, doing dressage, showjumping, arena eventing and showhunter. She took out the win in the Arena eventing, in a large competitive class, and finished in the top 10 for the showhunter. This was a great accomplishment as Aylish and her horse, Billy, had never competed in arena eventing or showhunter prior to that as they are predominately showjumpers.

Aylish recently competed in the NZPCA Showhunter Championships in Foxton. Following a qualification process, she was drafted to the Whangarei Area Team and was quickly incorporated into the team. It is difficult to be a draft rider in an established team, especially when they are so far from home and you only meet them the day before, however, Aylish and Billy did an amazing job supporting the teams efforts.

Aylish was also team captain and pairs leader for NZPCA Zone finals, in mounted games. This was not her horse's area of expertise, and acting as a role model to the club's younger riders, she taught her horse the required skills and led by example. Aylish has recently completed the qualification criteria for NZPCA National Dressage Champs, which will be held in January at Clevedon, Auckland. She has also qualified for North Island Showjumping Championships, which will be held in February at Kihikihi. It is likely she will ride as a draft rider for these events, as we may not have enough qualified riders for a full time.

She was also selected for the NZPCA Academy, a 6 month pilot program run by NZPCA to teach, support and advance riders in either coaching, high performance or management. It had weekly online assignments and then 2 onsite weekend sessions in different locations around the country. Aylish rides and competes her horse Billy the Kid. He is a young, talented but opinionated horse that she has done all the schooling and competition miles on herself. The results they have achieved this early in the season is a result of a huge amount of hard work by them both on freezing winter mornings. She has shown a huge amount of patience and tenacity over the last 2 years to get this spirited young horse working towards his full potential.



SNOWY MORNING



BASKETBALL



Back Row: Tannor Goff, Waata Te Piira Te Riaki, Lavarn Mate, Korin Walker

Front Row: Brooklyn Murphy, Nythanule Takitimu-Bourne, Sarah Herewini, Joseph Takitimu-Bourne, Paetyn Brown

Absent: Pietro Bussi, Ngakau Herewini, Hawira Katene, Dayton Muru Albert, Shane Muru-Albert, Jorejina-Lee Paoratoho, Ui Pehi, Haeley Perkins-Tamatea, Shaquarn Perkins-Teki, Harry Rowe, Samuel Rowe, Matthew Smith, William Waitokia, Tuharakia Wallace-McLeod, Chrissy Winter.

This turned out to be a challenging season for our mixed basketball team. Unfortunately, we could not participate in the Whanganui Basketball competition as they were unable to accommodate all teams with court space.

We were however, fortunate to be able to play some friendly games against local schools in the Ruapehu area which was a great alternative, taking on Taumarunui High School and Taihape Area School.

Despite finding court time challenges, the team continued to train on Friday evenings in the school gym with Justice Hiri. All the students rose to the occasion and enjoyed the games that were offered.

Once again, a huge thank you to Justice, and also Whaea Tamzyn, for their support and willingness to coach and support these basketball students. We look forward to a bigger and brighter season next year.

Mrs Sarah Demchy



NETBALL WHANGANUI COMPETITION



Back Row: Sarah Herewini, Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds, Armani Perkins-Tamatea, Diantae Rewi, Ngateria Lole Uaea, Mishalle Perkins

Front Row: Hine Hall, Jahnaia Brown, Haeley Perkins-Tamatea, Paetyn Brown, Siobhan McDonough
Absent: Cheyenne Muru-Albert

This year the girls team were very fortunate to have Chenille Bouskill and Keleigh Elers as their coach and manager. These two lovely ladies were extremely dedicated to their role in supporting our school team and we are very lucky to have had their input.

The team worked hard training twice a week. They played in the secondary school 1st grade during round 1, then in the premier 3 grade for round 2. Managing to finish up in 4th position in this grade. An amazing effort and fantastic season overall.

Netball Reps mentions:

Well done to the girls that made it into their respective Whanganui Rep teams. We have so many talented students playing netball, they make up a large contingent of the Whanganui representative teams.

Whanganui U18
Haeley Perkins-Tamatea
Hine Hall
Paige Perkins-Topine



Whanganui U16
Paetyn Brown
Cheyenne Muru Albert
Jahnaia Brown
Te Moana Hagley



Whanganui U14
Sarah Herewini
Ngateria Lole Uaea
Armani Perkins-Tamatea

Aotea U17
Te Moana Hagley
Paetyn Brown



NETBALL CENTRAL PLATEAU COMPETITION



Back Row: Macy Anderson, Evie Hansen, Mishalle Perkins, Siobhan McDonough, Jasmine Adam

Second Row: Jorja Ritchfield, Sarah Herewini, Armani Perkins-Tamatea, Alysha Rhodes, Mrs Amber Bergman (Teacher)

Front Row: Talei Phillips, Isla Thompson, Tiaan Phillips, Florida Harding-Gray, Gabby Callaghan

Absent: Te Moana Hagley, Grace Rowe

This year was the third year of this initiative of a local competition, allowing more students to participate in netball, reducing travel times and travel locations as well as suiting more students that did not want to play in a long netball season.

These factors have seen the competition grow with more teams and students involved and this year we had 2 netball teams in this competition. Our students were fortunate enough to be under the guidance of Amber Bergman and Leba Phillips.

It was a tough season with a particularly competitive Taumarunui team that made all the other teams work hard. In the end it was an enjoyable season, and the teams finished off playing in the Sports Exchange at the end of Term 3.



BUILDING ACADEMY

The year started slowly for the inaugural building and construction academy. With site setup taking up a large part of the first term, the boys were slow off the blocks. Undeterred, however, the group set about the construction proper in the second term, getting the floor down and the frames built and erected. As winter took hold, the third term saw roof trusses and roofing iron installed and the building wrap applied. Finally the building was weather tight, keeping the weather out. Rain, sleet and snow cost the team a number of days throughout terms 2 and 3, but, with stoic resolve, they battled on to fit the windows and get the cladding installed. The house was finally finished! As term 4 draws to a close, the boys reflect on what they had achieved, a brand new three bedroom house. They are grateful for the efforts and guidance of their tutor Mr Josh JNR Brown.

Mr Steven Mackrell



CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Boy
1st Wren Drayton
2nd Tiaan Perkins
3rd Xavier Beukes

Junior Girls
1st Karaitiana Horne
2nd Florida Harding-Gray
3rd Jordi Demchy

Intermediate Boys
1st Sam Rowe
2nd Connor Anderson
3rd Jason Young

Intermediate Girls
1st Izybel Graham
2nd Cheyenne Muru-Albert

Senior Boys
1st Matthew Smith
2nd Ambrose Demchy
3rd Jim Rowe

Senior Girl
1st Grace Burnard
2nd Haeley Perkins
3rd Aroha Lima

Big congratulations to the following students who set new records this year.

Matthew Smith 15.44
Sam Rowe 16.15
Karaitiana Horne 14.52

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



STUDENT CALENDAR

2 February	Whanau Meetings
8 February	Whanau Leaders Announced
20 February	Interwhanau Swimming Sports
23 February	Taiao Old Coach Walk
1 March	Level 2/3 PE minitrip
1 March	Information Evening
3 March	Whanganui Swimming championship
6 March	Team BBQ (L2/3)
8 March	Whole School Athletics
13 March	Junior 3 Way Conferencing
14 March	Whanganui Athletics
17 March	Level 2/3 PE 2day trip
19 March	Kiwi Forever
22 March	SADD - students against dangerous driving
27 March	Waka Ama Nationals
30 March	Taiao Blyth Track
31 March	Ugly Shakespeare Performance
3 April	PEAK Safety Outdoor First Aid Training Y12 and Y13 PE Class
4 April	Puhoro
5 April	Anzac Assembly
1 May	Year 11 Science Freshwater
1 May	Whole School Xcountry
3 May	Senior Parent Teacher Interviews
4 May	Year 9 and 10 - Sexwise presentation and workshops
8 May	Wellington University Careers Talk Y12 & Y13
9 May	GAP year Talk Y13's
16 May	Whanganui Cross-country
18 May	Year 12 Biology Stream Investigation
18 May	Inter whanau Kapa haka
19 May	PINK SHIRT DAY
23 May	Te Taiao Old Coach Rd
25 May	Year 11 Art Trip
25 May	Coffee Essential L2
28 May	Shot Bro
30 May	LOVES ME NOT programme Y12/13
7 June	Puhoro Wananga
8 June	Y11 Geography Field Trip - River Study
13 June	Auckland University Talk
14 June	NCEA Numeracy assessment (external exam)
15 June	Y10 Social Studies Wellington Field Trip
20 June	Transition visits to Primary Schools
23 June	Y12 Geography Field Trip
23 June	Paerangatahi and Manu Korero
27 June	Onsite Primary School visits
17 July	PRODUCTION WEEK
21 July	Treaty of Waitangi on Tour
24 July	Yr 13 Freshwater Biology
27 July	Junior 3 Way Conferencing
28 July	School Ball
3 August	Squash Trip
7 August	Football to Taupo
15 August	Football v Taumaranui (Home)
15 August	Snow Academy
15 August	Te Taiao 9 Moana Old Coach Road Bike Ride
23 August	Snow Academy
24 August	Yr 11 Textiles Weaving Course
28 August	Snow Academy
29 August	Football v Taumaranui (Away)
30 August	Waikato University Course Planning

30 August	Yr 12,13
31 August	Year 9 &13 Rural Health Talk
1 Sept	Year 11 Top Art Trip
1 Sept	Snow Academy
1 Sept	Yr 11 PE Bike/Tramp
4 Sept	Senior School Exam week
8 Sept	Y9 SST Field Trip
8 Sept	Yr 11 Backup PE Bike/Tramp
12 Sept	Te Taiao 9 Moana Blyth Track Walk
14 Sept	Photolife - Class and sports team photos
15 Sept	Snow Academy
18 Sept	Puhoro Yr 11,12
20 Sept	Senior Parent Teacher evening
20 Sept	Sports Exchange with Taumaranui
21 Sept	Vision and hearing
22 Sept	Snow Academy
26 Oct	NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Exams
30 Oct	Senior Prize-giving
3 Nov	Junior 3 Way Conference
9 Nov	Raetihi Cultural Festival
17 Nov	Junior Exam Week
24 Nov	Year 9 and 10 Camps
27 Nov	Vision and hearing
4 Dec	Year 10 Work Experience
4 Dec	Year 9 Business and Industry
4 Dec	Year 12 Leadership Camp
7 Dec	Junior Prize-giving



SWIMMING

Swimming Champions 2023

Senior Boy
Tarn Hoyle

Senior Girls
Sophie Coller

Intermediate Boy
Sam Rowe

Intermediate Girl
Te Moana Hagley

Junior Girl
Talei Phillips

Junior Boy
Tiaan Perkins

Whanau Points

1st Tui 12 Points
2nd Kiwi 7 Points
3rd Huia 6 Points
4th Weka 5 Points



Whanganui Secondary Schools
Swimming Competition

Results Under 13
100m freestyle
Talei Phillips 6th
Santosha Fisher 7th

100m Backstroke
Talei Phillips 6th

50m Freestyle
Santosha Fisher 6th

50m Backstroke
Talei Phillips 5th

50m Braeststroke
Wren Drayton 2nd

50m Butterfly
Olivia Gray 4th



Results 14-16 Years

50m Freestyle
Steelie Hammond

50m Freestyle
Hannah Swift 3rd

50m Backstroke
Tiaan Perkins 8th

Results 16 Year and Over

100m Freestyle
Tarn Hoyle 3rd

100m Breaststroke
Tarn Hoyle 3rd

50m Freestyle
Jaydis Hammond 6th

50m Backstroke
Jaydis Hammond 1st

ATHLETICS

Athletics Champions 2023

Junior Girl
Rebekah Swift

Junior Boy
Emerson Lark

Intermediate Girl
Cheyenne Muru-Albert

Intermediate Boy
Tannar Goff

Senior Girl
Carla Ball and Grace Burnard

Senior Boy
Jaydis Hammond

Aggregate Boy 800/1500/3000m
Ambrose Demchy

Aggregate Girl 800/1500/3000m
Grace Burnard

Whanau Points

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



KAPA HAKA



YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Jayden Bailey
Remembered for: Touching Harry
Famous saying: "what's your snap".
Wants to be: Number one.
Most likely to be: Number two.



Name: Megan Botha
Remembered for: Skipping school to go home.
Famous saying: "I wanna go home"
Wants to be: Driving a BMW
Most likely to be: Mum of 5



Name: Quade Chapman
Remembered for: Adding Rando's
Famous saying: "Who do you think you are?"
Wants to be: A little spoon
Most likely to be: A big spoon



Name: Sunita Dennison
Remembered for: Not thinking before she speaks
Famous saying: "hey ladies"
Wants to be: Reading peoples' bones
Most likely to be: A fortune teller reading palms.



Name: Emrys Griffin-Chappel
Remembered for: Dealing with life
Famous saying: "I don't wanna go to class"
Wants to be: Not living in Raetihi
Most likely to be: Living in Raetihi



Name: Veronica Hays
Remembered for: Going red
Famous saying: "I love my mum"
Wants to be: An outdoor teacher
Most likely to be: A trainwreck



Name: Carla Ball
Remembered for: Not finishing her work
Famous saying: "I'll do my work now"
Wants to be: A beautician
Most likely to be: A sales manager at New World



Name: Grace Burnard
Remembered for: Out the gate jokes
Famous saying: "She'll be right"
Wants to be: Taller
Most likely to be: Short



Name: Sophie Collier
Remembered for: Being mad at Archie
Famous saying: "hmmm that's a bit weird"
Wants to be: A sober driver
Most likely to be: Catching a ride



Name: Anton Fraser
Remembered for: Being Anton social
Famous saying: "oh well"
Wants to be: A CEO of an Earthmoving Company
Most likely to be: Working for his dad.



Name: Uenuku Hansen
Remembered for: Being hungry
Famous saying: "mmm do you know what I feel like"
Wants to be: Not telling
Most likely to be: A sugar baby



Name: Ngakau Herewini
Remembered for: Being by Ui
Famous saying: "Need more booklets"
Wants to be: A star
Most likely to be: Still living with Ui



YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Aylish Jordan
Remembered for: Talking a lot
Famous saying: "I might drop out."
Wants to be: Riding horses.
Most likely to be: Crazy horse lady.



Name: Holly McIlroy
Remembered for: Short bangs in year 9
Famous saying: "It is what it is"
Wants to be: Driving machinery
Most likely to be: Quade's taxi driver.



Name: Shane Muru-Albert
Remembered for: The lucious mullet
Famous saying: "Nah, all good"
Wants to be: An Electrician
Most likely to be: A Builder



Name: Harry Parker
Remembered for: Being called Jack
Famous saying: "Easy as"
Wants to be: Loved
Most likely to be: A bus driver



Name: Matariki Ranginui
Remembered for: Going hundy at Kapa Haka
Famous saying: "....."
Wants to be: Talking
Most likely to be: Quiet



Name: Tanja Reedy
Remembered for: Always wanting weetbix
Famous saying: "Miss, can I have some weetbix?"
Wants to be: Full
Most likely to be: Still wanting weetbix



Name: Joshua Simons
Remembered for: Doing his homework
Famous saying: "It was actually pretty easy"
Wants to be: Jayden's Landlord
Most likely to be: A Gynecologist



Name: Aroha Lima
Remembered for: Being a cinnamon roll
Famous saying: "....a lot of things"
Wants to be: A Vet
Most likely to be: A crazy cat lady.



Name: Archie Mills
Remembered for: Being one of the girls.
Famous saying: "Whatever"
Wants to be: An Electrician
Most likely to be: Scared of women



Name: Keri Osborne
Remembered for: Being an old young person
Famous saying: "I need caffeine"
Wants to be: Building
Most likely to be: Drinking too much coffee



Name: Ui Pehi
Remembered for: Being by Ngakau
Famous saying: "Protein sir"
Wants to be: Very rich
Most likely to be: Still living with Ngakau



Name: Isabella Tweeddale
Remembered for: Spamming peoples phones
Famous saying: "OMG Breeanah stop"
Wants to be: A Primary School Teacher
Most likely to be: Sick



Name: Puhianitanaha Wanikau
 Remembered for: Being absent
 Famous saying: "Awkard silence"
 Wants to be: An Artist
 Most likely to be: On the Marae



Name: William Warbrick
 Remembered for: Singing
 Famous saying: "Chur my neph"
 Wants to be: On X Factor
 Most likely to be: On Hoi Mai Te Paki Paki



Name: Jade Gibson
 Remembered for: Never coming to school
 Famous saying: "I miss my bed"
 Wants to be: Keep her options open
 Most likely to be: Doing Year 14



SPORTS BREAKFAST

On Tuesday the 17th the College held its annual sports breakfast. The sports breakfast has been established at the College for two reasons. The first is to acknowledge and celebrate students who have shown a high level of character and commitment in their chosen sports throughout their seasons. The second and most important aspect of the breakfast is to recognise and give thanks to all the amazing people in our school and community who assist in the coaching, managing, organising and supporting of sport in their various roles. We give thanks to those, whose contributions large and small, have a great impact on our students and their sporting ventures. It is difficult to name everyone, as there are so many people who contribute in so many ways. Below we acknowledge some of the key volunteers and supporters.

Coaches and managers

Waka Ama - Whare and Shayna Te Riaki, Chaana Morgan
 Volleyball Senior and Junior - Poppy Dekker
 Boys Rugby - Whare and Shayna Te Riaki, Chrissy Winters, Fraser Hammond, Sheldon O'Hagen
 Whanganui Netball - Chenille Bouskill and Keleigh Elers-Green
 Central Plateau Netball - Amber Bergman and Leba Philips
 Football - Mick Darmody and Sarah Demchy
 Squash - Matthew Laurenson
 Basketball - Justice Hiri and Tamzyn Paewai-Te Riaki

Special mentions

Jim Edmonds, Chris Chamorro, Alan Whale, Rabbit, Bruce Rollinson, PGG Wrightsons for all their hard work and support in maintaining our grounds. Andy Bennett for always being available to ref our home rugby games. Channel Wood and her team for all their hard work preparing delicious food for our events, after match functions, sports breakfast and lunches. The Rural Travel Fund provided by the Ruapehu District Council, which gives significant assistance to all our sports for their travel to games and competitions. Lastly, the Laurenson Trust for their ongoing financial support of our sports teams and players.

Our student award winners

Waka ama Character and Commitment; Komaihana Hawira, Hawira Katene, Te Orangi Te Riaki, Harry Rowe, Mishalle Perkins, Stirling Elers
 Players player; Petaera Pehi
 Volleyball Character and Commitment; Nythanule Takitimu-Bourne and Azlian Wall
 Players player; Gerrard Osborne and Moses Hodge
 Boys Rugby Character and Commitment; Jim Rowe, Chrissy Winters
 Players Player; Dayton Muru-Albert
 Whanganui Netball Character and Commitment; Sarah Herewini and Hine Hall
 Players Player; Sarah Herewini
 Central Plateau Netball Character and Commitment; Talei Philips and Macy Anderson
 Players Player; Grace Rowe
 Football Character and Commitment; James

Tweeddale, Jordi Demchy and Will Barlow
 Players Player; Kodo Drayton
 Basketball Character and Commitment; Tannar Goff
 Players Player; Tuharakia Wallace-Mcleod
 Squash Character and Commitment; Kirsty Osborne and Matthew Smith
 Players Player; Kirsty Osborne



JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2022

Sports Awards

Cross Country Junior Girl (Mary Whale Cup) Karaitiana Horne Junior Boy (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) Sam Rowe Swimming Junior Girl (Cert) Hannah Swift Junior Boy (TG Drayton Cup) Sam Rowe Intermediate Girl (PTA Cup) Te Moana Hagley Netball Kapai Enterprises Trophy Cheyenne Muru-Albert Donated by Ken & Marilyn George Awarded for the person who by her actions displays the qualities of sportsmanship that we regard as important at Ruapehu College – achievement / dedication / loyalty Checkers Cup Cheyenne Muru-Albert & Donated by Checkers netball team for a player Te Moana Hagley who has made an outstanding contribution to netball within our school. Basketball Supporters Club Award for Contribution to Basketball Matthew Smith Supporters Club Award for Most Improved Player Waata Te Piira Te Riaki Football Most Valuable Junior Player (Dave Billmore Trophy) Jason Young Squash Best Junior Female Player (Megan Laurenson Trophy) Malena Hawira

Subject Awards Year 9

Maia Allen Subject Awards for Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Design & Innovation in Food Technology. Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Digital Technology. Connor Anderson Subject Award in Digital Technology, Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials & English Merit Award for Consistent Effort & High Achievement in Mathematics, Consistent Effort in Social Studies. Vhiann Buan Merit Award for Perseverance & Consistent Effort in Digital Technology & Social Studies Sydney Charlton Merit Award for Perseverance and Improvement during the Year in Design & Innovation in Textiles Jordi Demchy Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in Digital Technology, Design & Innovation in Food Technology & Consistent Effort with Improvement in Physical Education Kiana-Jaye Edmonds Subject Award in Te Reo Maori Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Technology in Resistant Materials Khloe Gamman Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Social Studies Treyton Gray Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials & Science Nikora Henare-Richards Merit Award for Perseverance & Consistent Effort in Te Reo Maori Bishop Hodge Merit Awards for High Achievement in Mathematics & Consistent Effort and all round Excellence in Physical Education Mica Hoyle Subject Award in Digital Technology Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Food Technology, Social Studies & English Manaia Kingi Mareikura Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Food Technology Emerson Lark Merit Award for Consistent Effort in English Maia-Jay Lima Subject Award for Overall in Design & Innovation in Textiles Technology Paretuarangi Mareikura-Wilson Subject Award in Visual Arts & Maori Performing Arts Merit Awards for Improvement in Science & Perseverance & Consistent Effort in Te Reo Maori Jazmyn Pitiroi Subject Award in Te Reo Maori Merit Award for Improvement during the Year in Visual Arts Samuel Rowe Subect Awards in Mathematics, Social Studies, English & Maori Performing Arts Merit Awards for Consistent Effort and Improvement during

the year in Physical Education, Science, Design & Innovation in Resistent Materials & steady and careful application of skills in Textiles Katie Rutland Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Digital Technology with Quality & Perseverance in Social Studies Judah Sinai Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials Hannah Swift Subject Awards in Design & Innovation in Food Technology, Physical Education, Science & English Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Mathematics & Maori Performing Arts Waata Te Piira Te Riaki Merit Awards for High Achievement in Visual Art & Improvement during the year in Science Zai Tuipea Merit Award for Perseverance & Consistent Effort in Maori Performing Arts Campbell van der Lubbe Merit Award for Improvement during the year in Mathematics Tuharakia Wallace Merit Award for Consistent effort and all round excellence in Physical Education

Subject Awards Year 10

Macy Anderson Merit awards for Consistent Effort in Mathematics & Design & Innovation in Food Technology and Quality and Consistent Effort in Social Studies Macy receives the Junior Textiles Award donated by Marilyn George Elaina Beukes Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials Paetyn Brown Merit Award for improvement during the year in Design & Innovation in Textiles Liam Burnard Subject Award in Mathematics Merit Awards for Quality & Perseverance in Social Studies & Consistent Effort in English & Science Stirling Elers Subject Award in Visual Arts Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Performing Arts & Social Studies Tannar Goff Merit Award for Quality & Perseverance in Social Studies Izybel Graham Subject Award in Design & Innovation in Textiles & Mathematics Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in English & Science Izybel receives the Turners & Growers Cup for High Achievement in Junior Horticulture Robert Gray Merit Award for Improvement during the year in Physical Education & Health Evie Hansen Merit Award for Improvement in Visual Arts Malena Hawira Subject Award in Physical Education & Health Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Food Technology Moses Hodge Merit Awards for Quality & Perseverance in Social Studies & High Achievement in Visual Arts Skylah Metekingi Merit Award for Improvement during the year in Design & Innovation in Food Technology Hayley Moore Subject Awards for Digital Technology, Science & English Merit

Awards for Consistent Effort in Social Studies & Improvement during the year in Performing Arts Hayley Moore receives the Ruapehu College Trophy for Most Improved Junior Performing Artist Cheyenne Muru-Albert Merit Award for Perseverance and Consistent effort in Te reo Maori Alysha Rhodes Merit Award for Consistent

Effort in Social Studies Tamahuia Sinai Subject Award in Te reo Maori Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Mathematics Zoe Southall Subject Award in Design & Innovation in Food Technology Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in Performing Arts & Science Zoe receives the Marilyn George Practical Foods Award for Most Promising Student in Practical Foods.Isla Thompson Subject Awards in Social Studies, English, Science, Performing Arts & Design & Innovation in Food Technology Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Mathematics Isla receives the Sims Award for Excellence in Junior Performing Arts James Tweeddale Subject Awards in Design & Innovation in Food Technology & Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in Social Studies & Improvement shown across the school year for Mathematics James receives the Dixon Cup for the Top yr10 student in Engineering & practical work. Sophie Watt Subject Award in Social Studies Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Science Drevahn Wood Merit Award for Leadership, Perseverance & Consistent Effort in Te reo Maori Jason Young Merit Award for Consistent Effort & Perseverance in Physical Education & Health

Special Awards

Mowat Voon Cup For a student active in reading & sports Liam Burnard Principals Award For special recognition Moses Hodge Te Kaahu Trophy Donated by Mr & Mrs Murphy-Peehi for leadership, initiative & dedication in the promotion of cultural activities among juniors at Ruapehu College Drevahn Wood = Malena Hawira Junior Citizen Award – Lyons Family Award Citizen Award for Good Character, having personal integrity including the qualities of honesty, caring for other people & supporting the peer group Zoe Southall Jim Perry Award Most improvement across a range of sporting, social & cultural activities Malena Hawira Lila Pakinga \$1000 for Yr10 student to support them in their following academic year Malena Hawira Ruapehu Anglican Parish Award Generous in their contribution to school life, displaying a growth mindset to overcome difficulties Alison Seiffert Tahleena Atkins-Wihongi Milne Family Trophy Top Year 9 Academic Award Maia Allen Ruapehu Bulletin Trophy Year 10 Academic Excellence Award – Junior Dux Isla Thompson



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2023

Sporting Awards

Athletics Intermediate Girl Champ - Woodward Cup Cheyenne Muru-Albert Intermediate Boy Champ - Walter Warner cup Tannar Goff Senior Girl Champ - Turners & Growers cup Carla Ball and Grace Burnard Senior Boy Champ - Turners & Growers Cup Jaydis Hammond Aggregate Boy 800/1500/3000m - Michael Cleary Cup Ambrose Demchy Aggregate Girl 800/1500/3000m - ECNZ Trophy Grace Burnard CROSS COUNTRY Intermediate Female Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Izybel Graham Intermediate Male Champion (Leo Cleary Cup) with a new record 16.15 mins Sam Rowe Senior Female Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Grace Burnard Senior Male Champion (Dillon Shield) with a new record of 15.44 mins Matthew Smith SWIMMING Intermediate Female Champion (PTA Cup) Te Moana Hagley Intermediate Male Champion Sam Rowe Senior Female Champion (John Evans Trophy) Sophie Collier Senior Male Champion (John Evans Trophy) Tarn Hoyle RUGBY BOYS Most improved Senior Player - Trophy Te Orangi Te Riaki Best & Fairest Senior player - Trophy Jim Rowe Netball Haeley Perkins Tamatea Qualities of Sportmanship - (Kapai Enterprises Trophy)VOLLEYBALL Most Valuable Player (Certificate) Azlian Wall Best team Player (Certificate) Malena Hawira Basketball Tannar Goff Contribution to Basketball - (Cert) SQUASH Best Female Squash Player (Triggell Trophy) Grace Burnard Best Male Squash Player (Triggell Trophy) Jayden Bailey Coach of the year for the Whanganui Region Jayden Bailey Football Jason Young Senior Soccer – Service & Skill (Journeaux Family Trophy Waka Ama Senior Girls Kaihoe - M & KJ Allen & Whanau Trophy Haeley Perkins Tamatea Senior Boys Kaihoe- Maunga SPorts trust trophy Tahatika Te Riaki Equestrian Aylish Jordan Most Conscientious Dedicated rider - Waimarino Pony club trophy) Top Sports awards - P Dekker & S Demchy Contribution to Sport – Cert Grace Burnard Awarded to a student who has contributed highly to the running, organizing and facilitating of sport within Ruapehu College Work Hard Play Hard – Leigh Hynes Trophy Hye-le Wihare-Hansen Awarded to a young wahine who achieves well in sport for the college and also works hard in the classroom, thereby opening up more opportunities for their success in life Sports Allrounder of the Year – Toki Trophy Harry Rowe & Haeley Perkins Tamatea Awarded to a student who has the best overall sports participation in the school with a high level of participation across numerous codes competing for Ruapehu College and club sports Best Overall Senior in Sports – Cup Grace Burnard This is awarded to the student who has the highest level of sporting achievement and participation Donated by Sue & John Laurenson Interwhanau Awards for 2023 Weka 3rd; Kapa haka. 4th; Touch, fat mat rounders, ki o rahi, squash, basketball, athletics, cross country, swimming and tug o war. Huia 1st; Fat Mat rounders and Squash. 2nd= Ki O rahi and Tug O War. 3rd; Touch, Basketball, Athletics,

Cross country and swimming. 4th; Kapa haka Tui 1st; Touch, Kapa haka and tug o war. 2nd; Squash, basketball, athletics, cross country. 2nd= Ki o rahi and Tug o war. 3rd; Fat mat rounders. Tui receives the Joan Akapita & Matiu Mareikura Memorial Trophy for Kapa haka and the Ruapehu College Swimming trophy Kiwi 1st; Ki o rahi, Basketball, Athletics, Cross country and tug o war. 2nd; touch, fat mat rounders, kapa haka and swimming. 3rd; squash Kiwi receives the Ruapehu College basketball trophy, also the Cross country trophy donated by N.Pearce, R.Jenkins & D.Bond and the Inter House Athletics trophy donated by Mr & Mrs E F Buck Overall Whanau Placings Fourth Weka Third Huia Second Tui Champion house for 2023 -Trophy Kiwi Prefect Awards - Ruapehu College Prefect Cup Jane Parker Awarded to an outstanding member of the community Most supportive Member of Staff Canteen Aunties - Bubba, Christiane and Linda

Academic Awards Year 11

Macy Anderson Subject award for English, Physical Education, Science, Design and Innovation Food and Design & Innovation Textiles. Macy Receives the Yr11 Design and Sewing Award Donated by Louise Beukes Elaina Beukes Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation Textiles, Design and visual communication and Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Elaina receives the Waimarino Tree Resource Incentive Award donated by Ian Forster For Level one DTC Liam Burnard Subject award for first in Mathmatics. Merit Award for consistent effort and application in Geography. Stirling Elers Subject Award for Art and Design and Visual Communication. Merit Award for consitent effort in Te Reo Maori. Izybel Graham Subject Awards for Science, Agriculture & Hortculture. Merit Awards for consistent effort in Mathmatics and Design & Innovation Textiles. Izybel receives the Land Based Training Cup for Agriculture Student of the Year and she also recevies the Migo Rose bowl for Practical soft materials Moses Hodge Merit Award for striving for excellence in Art and for consistent effort in Physical education Jasmine Mead Merit Award for consistent effort in Design and Innovation Food Anahera Marumaru Merit award in Te Reo Maori for Consistent effort Hayley Moore Subject Award in Digital studies, Geography. Merit Award for consistent achievement in Performing Arts and English Alysha Rhodes Merit Award for consistent effort in Agriculture/Horticulture and Design and Innovation Food. And Merit Award for diligence and application in English Jorja Ritchfeild Merit Award for consistent effort in Agriculture/Hortcultre, and for notciable improvement in Design and Visual Communication Lucia Seymour Merit award for perseverance and effort in Digital Studies. Merit award for consistent effort in Performing arts and English. Tamahuia Sinai Subject award for Te Ao Haka and Te Reo Maori Zoe Southall Merit award for diligence in Mathmatics, Merit ward for consistent effort in science and for consistent Effort and steady application in Te Ao Haka Isla Thompson Subject Awards in

Performing arts and English. Merit award for consistent effort in Digital studies. James Tweeddale Subject Award in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. James receives the Placemakers award for Lvl 1 Resistant Materials Keira Varley Merit Award for consistent effort in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials Azlian Wall Merit Award for striving for excellence in Art, Merit award for Improvement in Physical education. Azlian Receives the Yr 11 Incentive award for NCEA food and nutrition - Donated by Fiona Fraser Sophie Watt Merit award for consistent effort & application in Geography revahn Wood Merit Awards for Consistent effort in Science and Te Ao Haka.

Academic Awards Year 12

Hunter Anderson Merit award for consistent effort and application in Performing Arts. John Anderson Subject award in Tourism and Design and Visual communications Kohatu Bauer Merit Award for perseverance and improvement over the year in Design in Food William Barlow Subject Award in Geography, Digital Technology, and Performing Arts. Merit Award for diligence in English. William Jointly receives the the Sims Award for Excellence in Senior Performing Arts Maraeta Buckingham Merit Award for consistent effort in Design in Food Ambrose Demchy Subject Award for Performing arts. Ambrose jointly recevies the Sims Award for Excellence in Senior Performing Arts with William Barlow Kodo Drayton Subject award for Mathematics and Physics. Merit award for consistent effort and application in Geography Linkin Harding-Gray Subject award in Art Tarn Hoyle Subject Awards in Biology and English. Merit Award for consitenet effort and improvement in Digital studies Bianca Lomio Merit award for consistent effort in Chemistry Laiven Lomio Merit Award for Design and Visual communications Claire Moore Merit Award for consistent effort and diligence in the face of hardship in Physical Education Kirsty Osborne Subject award in Design & Innovation Resistant Materials Harry Rowe Subject Award in Physical Education, Harry also receives the Robin Rowles Memorial Award for Leadership in the Practical Areas Matthew Smith Merit Award for consistent and sustained improvement in mathematics, Merit award for consistent effort in Chemistry Biology, and Physics. Merit Award for perseverance and improvement in digital studies and English. Noah Swift Subject award in Chemistry Jamie Taitoko Merit award for consistent effort and application in Geography & Merit award for steady and careful application in Mathematics Hye-le Wihare-Hansen Subject Award in Design in Food. Merit award for consistent effort in Biology & Physics

Academic Awards Year 13

Jayden Bailey Subject award for the most improved student in the Building and Construction Academy - \$50 Bunnings Voucher Carla Ball Subject Award in Tourism. Merit Award for impressive work ethic in Design & Innovation Textiles Megan Botha Merit Award for consistent effort in tourism and History. Megan receives the Early settlers award for diligence and class spirit in History, donated by the scarrow family.

Grace Burnard Subject Award in Chemistry and Mathematics. Merit award for consistent effort in Biology. Grace receives the Cast Family Senior Mathematics Award for first in Lvl 3 Mathmatics. Grace also receives the WPI Sciences Award Sophie Collier Subject award for Geography. Merit award for consistent effort in Design in Food, Physical education, Merit award for improvement in Biology. Sophie also receives the Peck Campbell Cup for Excellence in Humanities. Sophie also receives the Sue Hardwich Memorial for excellence in Practical Foods Emrys Griffin-Chappel Subject award for Performing Arts. UCOI Level 3 Certificate in Cookery. Emrys is jointly awarded the Sims Award for outstanding contribution in Performing Arts with Veronica Hays

Veronica Hays Subject award for Physical Education and Performing Arts. Merit award for consistent effort in Art, Academic award for Effort in NCEA Level 3 Health. Veronica jointly receives the Sims Award for outstanding contribution to Performing arts with Emrys Griffin-Chappel- Archie Mills Subject award for the most Consistent Student Building and Construction Academy - Recieving a \$50 Bunnings Voucher Keri Osborne Subject Awards for Art, Biology, English and Design and Visual communications. Merit award for conscientious and consistent effort in Design in Food. Keri Receives Donated art books in receipt of the Dr. Jordan Memorial Award for high achievement in art. Keri also receives the Gordon Lin trophy for the best DTC student. Harry Parker Merit Award for diligence in English. Academic Award from Kotui Ako for Effort in NCEA Psychology Level 3 Matariki Ranginui Subject award for Design & Innovation Resistant Materials. Merit awards for Tourism and Design and visual commuicaions for consistent effort. He also receives the WPI Design Award

Joshua Simons Merit award for consistent effort in Mathematics Isabella Tweeddale Subject award for Design & Innovation Textiles. Merit Award for Consistent effort and careful application in English Year 13 Leavers Diplomas -Scholarships Trades Academy - Adrian Lyne from AGC Harry Rowe Top Trades academy award 2023 Carpentary Student - Dewalt drill Nga Ara Scholarships - Genesis & M Wilson The Nga Ara Scholarships are sponsored by Genesis Energy. These scholarships support students with a Technology or Trades package. They recognises students' outstanding engagement in STEM subjects or Puhoro, and encourages their continued engagement in this area. Year 11 Moses Hodge & Drevahn Wood Year 12 - Year 12 Outstanding Engagement in STEM Scholarship Hye-lee Wihare Hansen Year 13 - Year 13 Outstanding Engagement in STEM Scholarship Grace Burnard Puhoro - Outstanding Engagement in Pūhoro Zoe Southall & Jamie Taitoko Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant -Malena Hawira This scholarship has been established to acknowledge the efforts of the late Lila Pakinga in advocating for the natural environment in the Ngāti Rangi rohe and her passion for the education of young people. Awarded to a Year 11 student to support them in the following academic year. The lines Company Inspiring Local Minds Scholarship -

Joshua Simons and Grace Burnard “SUPPORTING FUTURES TODAY: GROWING LOCAL TALENT Supporting rangatahi in our region is important to us, that’s why we’re investing in tertiary education. Our Inspiring Local Minds scholarship recognises and provides financial support worth \$2,000 for each year (for a maximum of three years) to three local students attending tertiary education, trade or other training.”WPI Thomas Song Memorial Scholarship - Megan Botha “Thomas Song was the WPI Chairman and Ernslaw One Managing Director who passed away suddenly in April of 2019. Thomas was a loyal and caring person who came to New Zealand 30 years ago and subsequently led the growth of these businesses from small beginnings into what they are today. It is with respect WPI proudly offers The WPI Thomas Song Memorial Award. Along with summer work opportunity, the recipient is awarded \$2000 for each year of study” WPI Thomas Song Memorial Scholarship - Sophie Collier, Joshua Simons & Grace Burnard Additionally this year, WPI would like to offer three outstanding students a one off payment of \$1000.00 to assist in their first year of study, and summer work. Further Scholarships We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students on the scholarships they have received for their tertiary education Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship - Certificate Grace Burnard The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship is one of the University of Waikato’s premier school leaver scholarships. It is for those with strengths in three key pillars: 1) high academic achievement, 2) excellence in a sporting code or creative or performing art, and 3) strong leadership qualities or potential. Recipients will be supported during their studies with a tailored leadership and personal development program. This Student has received \$30,000 towards her secondary studies. University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship -Joshua Simons Awarded to exceptional students, who have excellent academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential. Valued at \$20,000. Includes one year of catered accommodation in a University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau Hall of Residence and \$10,000 paid in the first year.

Special Awards

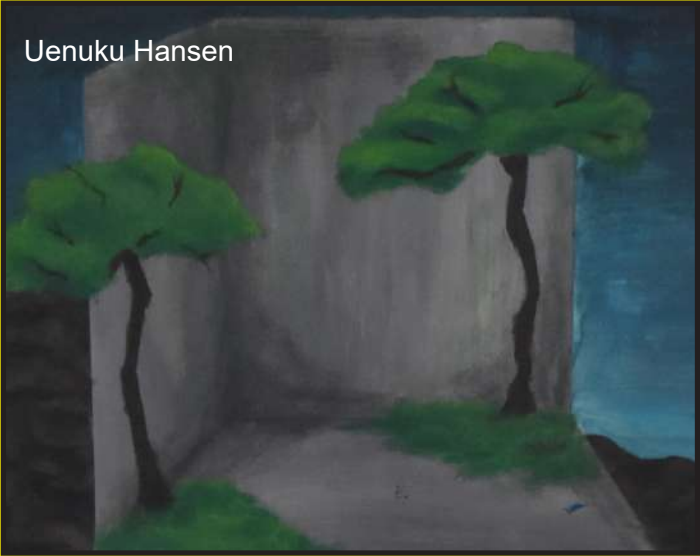
Top Year 11 Student 2023- Cert : Liam Burnard Top Year 12 Student 2023 Kodo Drayton Receives the top Yr 12 academic trophy donated by Kim Basse for the environment and concern for others. Dr Nicola Jordan Art Award Cert - Uenuku Hansen Dr Nicola Jordan, from Te Matau-a-Māui (Hawke’s Bay) has generously sponsored this award. Through this award, she is continuing to honour her grandfather, Dr Lewis Jordan who worked for

almost 30 years as a GP in Ohakune and Raetihi, who valued art and nature. He recognized how important art and creativity is for our wellbeing and the wellbeing of our communities. This award is for showing Resilience, Diligence and Passion in Art. You have displayed these qualities throughout your school life, and as you move on to further studies in the field of Art, we wish you all the best and know this sponsorship will support you in some way

Andrew Beggs Memorial Trophy - Veronica Hays For a student who upholds the values that were upheld by Andrew Beggs: a good work ethic, respect Ruapehu Anglican Parish Award - Matariki Ranginui Generous in their contribution to school life, displaying a growth mindset to overcome difficulties The Rotary Trades Award (Cert) - Harry Rowe Awarded by the Raetihi Ohakune Rotary Club for a student who shows outstanding promise in the area of Agriculture and Horticulture, Forestry or Trades, to assist them in achieving their goals for the future to the value of \$500. Maungarongo Trophy - Tahatikia Te Riaki For showing leadership, dedication and initiative in the promotion of kapa haka during the year in school.Brian Eades Trophy - Tanja Reedy for perseverance and endeavor. Waimarino Shield -Jayden Bailey Donated by the Maori community of the district for an all-round student in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and values plus \$100 from the Laurenson Trust & a stationary sponsorship from Aтиhau Loftus Shield -Grace Burnard For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas – academic social and sporting plus \$100 from the Laurenson Trust Principal’s Award (CERT) - Grace Burnard For their positive contribution to school life. Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence Award - Charlie Francois “Student who demonstrates vocational excellence and to raise the status of vocational education. Charley will receive \$2000 along with this award. “Proxime Accessit - Joshua Simons Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family with \$100 from the Laurenson Trust. Dux - on behalf of the Rotary Club Grace Burnard Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. \$200 from the Laurenson Trust & The Raetihi Ohakune Rotary Club sponsorship of \$500



Credits
Ball photos - Holly Deadman
Art on front cover pop art movement research by John Anderson



Veronica Hays

Moses Hodge

Uenuku Hansen

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Keri Osborne

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