

50th JUBILEE



TOKOROA HIGH SCHOOL 1957-2007

Tena Koutou, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava

On behalf of the current members of Tokoroa High School welcome, I would like to thank the Jubilee committee for the organisation, hard work and energy that has made this weekend a success. With hundreds of people wanting to be involved I would particularly like to thank Alan Utanga an old boy of the school and currently a Senior Manager for being willing to Chair the Jubilee Committee. Thanks to Robin Miller and Yvonne Miles who although they are not old students have worked tirelessly to make this reunion a success. I also want to thank the Committee members and all who have been involved. Thank you all

Jubilees are interesting events which are emotional returns to a changed and new world while enjoying the remembrance of the past. We hope most of all that you have been able to meet people from your past and that old friendships will be renewed and new friendships started.

Tokoroa High school has a proud record of excellence in academic, cultural and sporting activities. Many of you have carried on from school into success into the wider community and into the world. It gives me great joy to welcome you back to a school in which young people are both succeeding regionally and nationally. (see the 2007 report in this magazine)

We believe we have kept the focus on individuals student needs. We have kept the focus on people and have kept the tradition and the mote you set in place so many years ago.

I roto i te humaire - ko to kaha ki te Ao
In Quiet Confidence Lies Your Strength
Tei te ngakau au e te maru toou matutu
O le Fa'atauta lelei e fa'atupu ai lou Malosi
In Spe Fortitudo

Thank you. He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata.
Thank you
May you have a joyful reunion, a time for reflection and renewal, and a safe journey home.

Regards
Elgin Edwards
Principal



Welcome to the 50 Jubilee of Tokoroa High School. This is a very significant and important celebration, an opportunity for all 'students, Staff and Parents associated with the School both past and present to reflect on their time of involvement with Tokoroa High School. A time to catch up with old friends many of whom you may not have seen for a long time.

The history behind Tokoroa High School is important to the extent that along with the Town, it has moved through great time as well as difficult times. Despite the pressures that have occurred the School has survived not only by its continuing presence but by its actions.

Over the time of my involvement I have witnessed first hand an absolute commitment to delivering quality teaching and learning. Today our young people benefit from the challenges. Tokoroa High School offers and we are doing well in raising student achievement.

To the Teachers both past and present who gather for this occasion I acknowledge your input in the School, to those who serve the Staff urgently you have been party to improving the quality of education and for this I thank you.

To the Students both past and present you have pitched your mark in life at whatever level you have chosen and your continuing alliance to the School means, I am sure that you enjoyed your time here and it was fun.

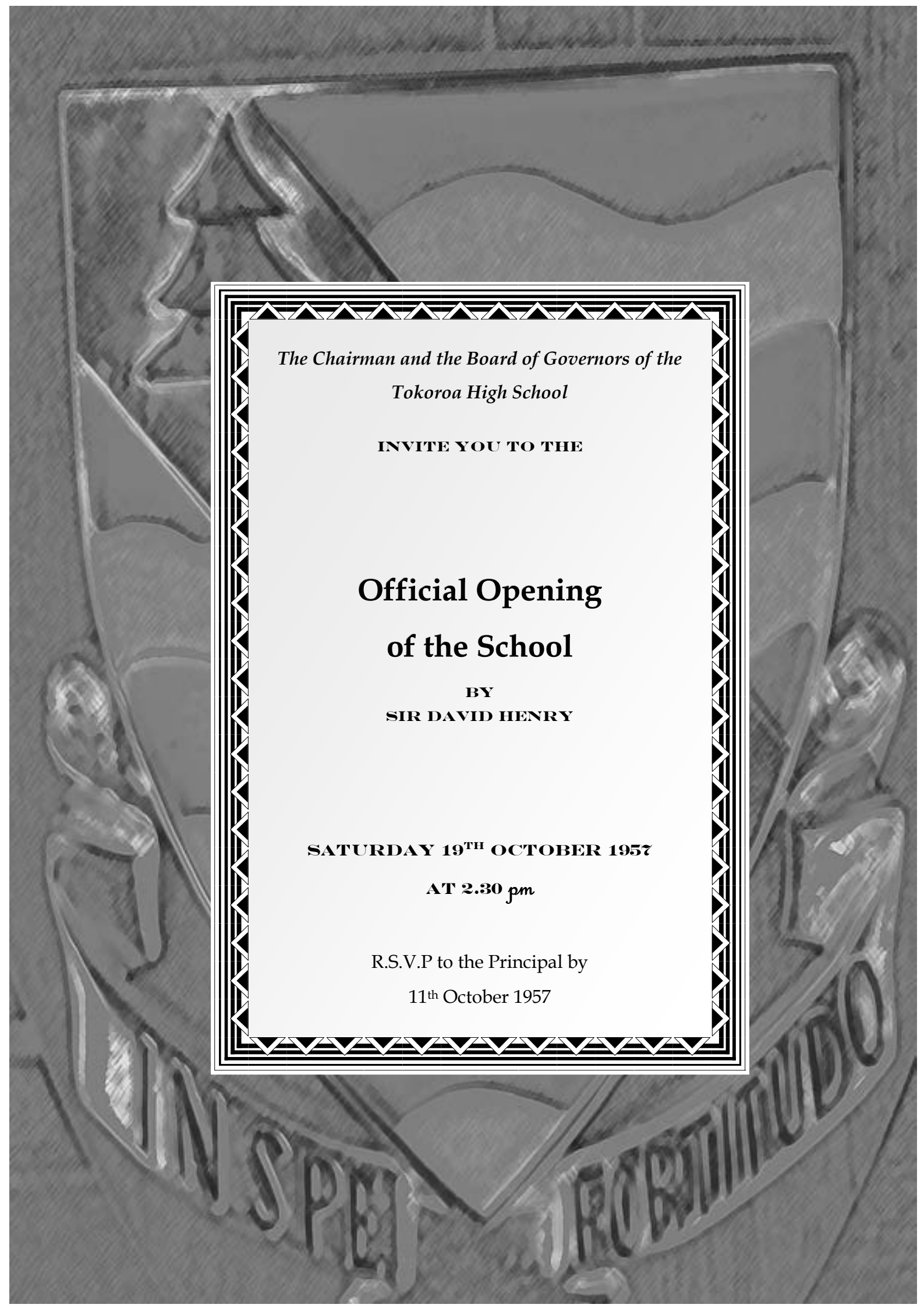
A recent upgrade in key areas of the School has seen nearly three million dollars invested in improving the learning environment. Functionally, appropriate resources and the ability to develop professionally means the School continues to grow or update itself in modern teaching and learning practice despite the obstacles it has faced.

Our achievement data shows very clearly that Students benefit from the quality of education offered and the School can take heart in the fact that students are offered the best throughout their time at Tokoroa High School.

Enjoy your Jubilee. The history of Tokoroa High School will unfold out of the memories you share over the next few days/. Travel safely. Take care. Enjoy

Dennis Finn
Commissioner





*The Chairman and the Board of Governors of the
Tokoroa High School*

INVITE YOU TO THE

**Official Opening
of the School**

**BY
SIR DAVID HENRY**

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 1957

AT 2.30 pm

R.S.V.P to the Principal by
11th October 1957

The Foundation

Tokoroa High School was opened officially in October 1957 to meet the educational needs of one of the most rapidly expanding towns in New Zealand. Let us briefly review the developments which were so important in the growth of Tokoroa, and therefore in the decision to build a High School here.

Before 1937 farming in the Tokoroa district was uneconomic because its pumice soils lacked the trace element cobalt. After years of patient research the absence of this substance was detected and the introduction of the use of cobaltized phosphate and stock licks here transferred this area into a prosperous farming region.

Concurrent with the revival of farming was the establishment of 175,000 acres of pine plantations, on which the timber industries at Kinleith are based. Then in 1953 the New Zealand Forest Products Company opened its timber, pulp and paper mills at Kinleith.

The effect these events had on the population figures for Tokoroa is obvious.

- 1947 the population here was 146.
- 1950 the school population was 330.
- 1958 it has grown to 1,500

The Tokoroa East School, which had been built in 1915, soon reached a point where it could no longer handle this greatly increased school population, so the Education Department began an extensive building programme here. The Tokoroa Central School was opened in 1954, Amisfield in 1956, and Matarawa in 1958.

Meanwhile, the need for the provision of secondary education here had grown apace. During the 1940's secondary pupils were sent to the secondary department of the Putaruru District High School. When this solution became inadequate as Tokoroa grew into a large town, various methods of providing secondary education here were considered. The idea of a secondary department attached to East School was discussed. Finally, mainly because of the efforts of the then Chairman of the South Auckland Education Board, Colonel T. Durrant, Mr. J. Currie, of Forest Products, and others, a forty-acre block was bought on Maraetai Road and a full post-primary school planned.

In 1956, a deputation from the Education Department met interested residents, who decided that a full post-primary school should be established, and that it should have its own Board of Governors.

In the meantime the contract to build three blocks of the "Porirua" type of the school had been let to Churchouse & Shirley, Ltd. Along with odd sub-contractors this firm faced the usual difficulties and setbacks, and the School was approaching a habitable condition by February 1957.

On opening day the Board considered that the grounds and building were not ready for occupation and school was held at the Community Centre and rooms lent to East School. Two weeks later the 121 foundation pupils and seven staff members moved to the new High School buildings in Maraetai Road.

In September, 1956 the Board of Governors was set up with the following representation:

- Colonel T. Durrant, Governor-General's Appointee;
- Mrs Z. A. Paul, South Auckland Education Board's Representative; J.K. Logan, Matamata County Council Representative;
- Messrs Sholto Black and R.W. Mayne, School Committee Representative of the South Auckland Education Board.
- Mr R. Taylor acted as Interim Secretary.

A Principal was chosen by the Board in September 1956 and the foundation staff appointed towards the end of 1956.

Early in 1957 four Parents' representatives were elected. These were Messrs J. Shorland, K. Hassall and Dr J. Burnt.

The school buildings themselves are pleasantly situated just to the south-west of Tokoroa itself, on a forty-acre block between Maraetai Road and Billah Street. The school consists of an administration block (A Block), and two blocks of classrooms (D and C Blocks).

The appearance of the school, with its low, flat roofed structure and multi-coloured walls, harmonizes well with general impressions of modernity which the town itself gives. In design, the schools of the Porirua type, in which the need for long space wasting corridors is eliminated by building each block as a separate unit. This is usually called "dispersed block design" each block contains six rooms, ultra modern in decoration, design and furnishing.

A particularly good feature of our School is that the rooms are always light and airy, having large areas of windows. We have been lavishly supplied with specialist rooms—Woodwork, Metalwork, Home Craft, Social Studies, Technical Drawings, Laboratories, Short-hand typing.

Much common sense has gone into the design of facilities for pupils. There are sick rooms, a book room, prefect rooms, lockers, bicycle sheds and steam heaters. The Assembly hall in the administration block provides all sorts of opportunities for extra-curricula activities such as drama, gymnastics, films, and music. This is 70 feet long by 50 feet wide with a stage 20 feet by 50 feet. This has provided a tremendous asset in school life, and an advantage which many older schools do not possess..

Excerpt from Tokoroa High School Magazine 1958



SCHOOL HYMN

OUR FOUNDATION (TUNE STELLA)

We build our School on Thee, O Lord,
To Thee we bring our common need;
The loving heart, the helpful word,
The tender thought, the kindly deed;
With those we pray
Thy Spirit may
Enrich and bless our School always.
We work together in Thy sight,

We live together in Thy love;
Guide Thou our faltering steps aright
And lift our thoughts to heaven above.
Dear Lord we pray
Thy Spirit may
Be present in our School always.

We change, but Thou art still the same,
The same good Master, Teacher, Friend;
We change, but Lord, we bear Thy name,
To journey with it to the end;
And so we pray
Thy Spirit may
Enrich and bless our School always.

THE BEGINNING OF A TRADITION

Possibly one of the most significant stages in the spectacular development of Tokoroa will be reached next week when the High School on Mangakino Road will open its doors to its foundation pupils

To the headmaster and his staff is entrusted the responsibility for the education of our children so that they will become not only responsible citizens but also that they will enjoy to a full measure the rich and satisfying fruits which were not readily at least, available in the educational field a short decade or so ago.

The new school opens with buildings which are a credit to contemporary architecture and are the envy of older established communities. The staff has been selected with careful regard for the exacting demands of the modern educational system and we can be confident that those attending the school will not only wear its badge with honor but will in later years, proudly bear the hallmark of knowledge, wisdom and serenity in a world of which we, ourselves, are now sometimes in despair.

As parents we too have a responsibility to seek guidance and to discuss the individual problems which may affect our own and other children in the community if we feel that this is necessary. A child leaving primary school to commence secondary education is often a bewildered one and, without sympathetic understanding can easily become an unresponsive pupil. The careers master or the headmaster can be approached at any time to help solve difficulties which may occur and for which there is often a simple and commonplace solution.

Early in March an election for four parents' representatives on the Board of Governors is to be held, and an electoral roll of the parents entitled to vote will be drawn up and opened for inspection. The election of the nominees will be a responsibility to which parents should devote serious thought.

We will have need of men and women with vision, ability and unfailing energy to help establish and sustain the school in its vital role in the community life.

In the meantime our new High School and its staff need our interest and help. Let us give it.

SWN 1957

TOKOROA HIGH SCHOOL CREST

Not only does the crest of the new Tokoroa High school have a distinctive design, it also has the advantage of being correct from a heraldic point of view.

Blue and white wavy lines on the Crest indicate that abundant water – the Waikato river and an ample Rainfall which have contributed to Tokoroa's prosperity. Across the crest is a gold strip, or

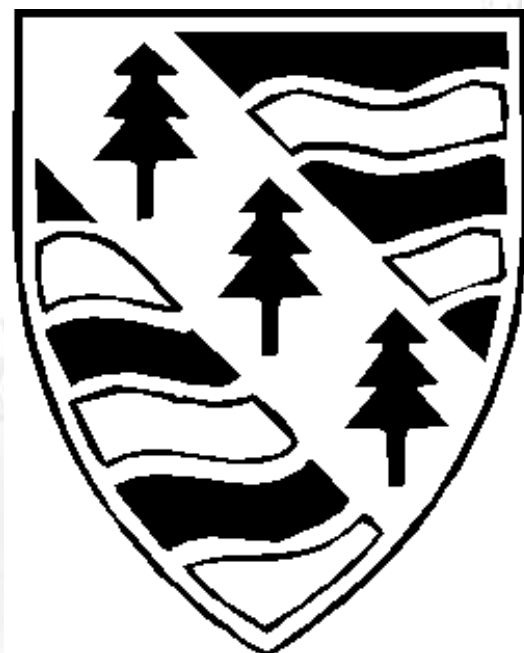
the bed d'or to use the heraldic term.

Three pine trees indicate the source of Tokoroa's prosperity. The fact that there are three trees and not only the one indicates that the prosperity's large.

The school motto is: "In Spe Fortitudo". It means In Quietness

and in confidence shall be your strength.

The crest designed by Mrs. G. W. Paul, member of the High School Board of Governors.



The Opening Speech by the Principal of Tokoroa High School

19th October 1957

In the Presence of Board Members, Pupils, Parents, Teachers, Clergy, Friends

In the book of the Prophet Isaiah we read of the distress of the Children of Israel. The hordes and the might of the Assyrian were pressing them hard.. They turned to the strength of Egypt for help but found none. "For thus saith the Lord God and the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved: in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."

And again we read of the Shepherd Boy David face to face with the giant Goliath; and David would not use the king's trusty sword and spear or buckler, but went forth to meet his foe trusting in the Lord of Hosts, the God of Armies of Israel; and so the Giant fell, and David overcame, and his strength was in Quietness and in Confidence.

As with Man, so with Nature; for the seed falls in the Autumn and lies buried in quietness, during the winter, to germinate in spring and grow, in confidence, into a new plant full of promise for the future.

Thus, too, this land of Tokoroa all around us was burdened for ages with the ashes of a thousand fires, flung from the foaming furnaces of the angry mountains; and it settled, and lay fall, and waited...

In Quietness and in Confidence.

And Man came, and ploughed, and planted; and the grass grew: but there was no health in it.

And in his room the Man of Science assayed. Studied and thought, and waited

In Quietness and in Confidence.

And in his wisdom cured the sick soil, and the grass grew, and the husbandman

lourished. But still the land waited

In Quietness and in Confidence.

And men, in the sweat of their brows, and the toil of their hands, sprinkled the treelets over the face of the land, and these took root, and grew, and waited

In Quietness and in Confidence.

And the wisdom of Man took some of these

trees, and refined them in the mighty digesters, and broke some on the whining saws and the boards dried, and matured, and waited

In Quietness and in Confidence.

And the arifice of Man took these timbers and shaped and planed and made them ready...for the sacred use upon which they wait

In Quietness and in Confidence.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up on wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."

**In Quietness and in Confidence
shall be your strength.**

"In Spe Fortitudo."

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Thespians vie for national title



The school's drama club, the Thespians, has been selected to represent the school at the national competition in London. The club has been practicing hard for the past few weeks and is confident of a good showing. The competition is one of the most prestigious in the country and the school is proud to have been chosen to participate.

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The school's sports team has been practicing hard for the past few weeks and is confident of a good showing. The competition is one of the most prestigious in the country and the school is proud to have been chosen to participate.



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Over this weekend [March 19-20th] attempting to break the world thimble, and the home-tremendous fun to At the same scho-



Principals of



1957 – 60 G. ANSTICE

Tokoroa High School's first principal. Was chosen by the board during 1956. He was also subsequently positioned as Secretary. At the end of his first year as Principal at the newly opened Tokoroa High School, he says it was a difficult one financially. The school received grants on a per capita basis. It had been most heartening to receive the many generous gifts and donations which enable necessary books and equipment to be bought. He always looked forward to the coming years with anticipation and interest and hoped that the pupils would instill the new boys' and girls' with the spirit of their motto "In Spe Fortitudo". Mr. Anstice later moved to Otahuhu College in Auckland.



1960 – 63 R.W. MacMILLAN

R .W MacMILLAN joined our school 1960 replacing Mr G. Anstice. He came here from Rangitoto College where he had been Head of Mathematics. Mr MacMillan came to us with a wide and varied experience in both North and South Island schools. Tokoroa High School was an association in which he found a great deal of pleasure over the three years he was with us. "Many of our present senior pupils have given a great deal to the School, and it is very noticeable that they are also the people who have gained most out of it; their example of service is one which must comment itself to all junior pupils. Their integrity, resourcefulness, and personal standards are of the highest order, and it always seems to me a pity that they receive little publicity. He leaves us at the end of 1963 to become Principal of Westlake Boys High, Auckland.



1964 – 82 T.W. RYAN

Mr. Ryan was appointed principal by the Board of Governors in October and took on his duties from beginning of 1964. He used to be head of the commercial department of Stratford Technical College and an asistant at Pukekohe High School. During the war, Mr. Ryan was attached to Army schools, Narrow neck, Auckland. He held the rank of captain in the territorial force and cadet corps. He was a keen sportsman and coached rugby teams, athletes, swimmers, boxers. While at Pukekohe High School, Mr. Ryan was one of the architects of the highly successful South Auckland inter-secondary schools' annual athletic meetings. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, his interests included repertory and operatic society work and choral groups. He was also a scout-master. Tom retired in term 2 of 1982 after 19 years.



Sep 1982 – Feb 86 G J BURRIDGE

Mr. Geoff BurrIDGE was appointed to take over from Mr. Ryan as Principal term 3 of 1982. Took part in planting a tree at the opening of the School Marae along with Sir Hepi Heuheu. He was Headmaster a little over 3 years. He brought unique qualities to a unique school. Dynamic, direct, with great insight he worked unstintingly towards goals to which he felt this school should aspire. He had great empathy towards the concept of multi-culturalism. His previous experience in schools within the Anglican Church, his membership of organizations within the communities in which he lived, his being a husband and father; all contributed towards the making of a headmaster whose character and personality were ideal for Tokoroa High School. Died suddenly February 8th 1986.

Tokoroa High School

Mar 1986 – Aug 1989 J.J LAMBERT

Mr. John Lambert, new principal after tragic death of Mr G J Burridge early February. On April 17 the school assembled in the grounds of Noa and took part in the powhiri to welcome Mr. Lambert. The Lambert family was honoured with speeches, waiata and dance, provided by most cultures within our school and community. Since his arrival as head of Science Dept in 1975, he has in succession also held the positions of senior master, deputy principal and, since April, Principal. This career path of promotions within one school is unique in Tokoroa and rare in the secondary service. For Mr. Lambert, the decision to apply for the job of principal was not an easy one. After twelve years in Tokoroa, he and his wife and children were thinking of moving south to be closer to family, however, Mr. Lambert wanted to see work and ideas that had begun in the school, completed.



1989 – 1994 Mr. D.S HILL

Principal of Tokoroa High School during October of 1989—1994. "In many ways, taking up position of Principal of Tokoroa High School is like coming home", says Mr. Hill. He started teaching in 1968 in Taupo, little realizing that one day he would end up as Principal here. He later spent two years in Aitutaki in the Cook Islands—again with no idea that he was eventually going to be Principal of the school with the largest Aitutakian population in New Zealand. The final pattern fell into place with two years in another timber town—Kawerau. He felt that there was an advantage coming to the school as an outsider, so that he could observe and develop the strengths of the school objectively. He had spent the past four years as an education officer with the Ministry of Education, working with schools in the Pacific region which offered New Zealand School Certificate and Sixth Form Certificate.



1994-2002 Mr. R.F SOMMERVILLE

Mr. Sommerville became school principal in 1994. "As I head to work for the Ministry of Education for a year or two I must take some demands of the school community. During these 18 years I have found that we all share a school of striking distinction. One that places the individual above the system, one that says "Our ability to get on with each other is streets ahead of other schools' and one that says 'Value all achievements—be they book, bat or ball related.'" He thought of our school as a delightful place to be when students and teachers greet each other with genuine affection and acceptance. It is a joy to find that students and teachers appreciate the need for questions and the need for answers and the need to be frank and open about issues of importance.



2003 – Present. E. EDWARDS

Mr. Edwards was appointed to act as principal in November 2002 to cover Mr. Sommerville yet got the permanent position starting of 2005. He sees his strategic role as quite a challenging job, dealing with people's finance, also property. Mr. Edwards says a principal has to know how to manage everything, organization is important. One of the many things he has learned to do is to use Kamar. A programme which lets you see student's results, sets timetables, and is now capable of doing reports. Mr. Edwards has the following qualifications: *M EdAdmin, BSc, GradDipDR, DipSocSci, DipTchg.*

"We as teachers are successful when students succeed and a principal is successful when the teachers and students are successful" -Mr. E Edwards.





Head Boy

1958 J. Poulter
1959 D. Moorhouse
1960 No Head Boy
1961 Douglas Henry
1962 Robert Hunter
1963 John Reenie
1964 A. McClymont
1965 Gary Harpur/
1966 Edward Dollard
1967 Ian Tilson
1968 David McLeish
1969 Greg Chambers

Head Girls

Jennette Holt
Heather Leggatt
Diane Wilson
Diane Wilson
Helen Kuttel
Margaret Wilson
Margery Dawe
Maureen Givin Kevin Francis
Jennifer Campbell
Ann Kerr
Rona Calder
Elizabeth Betschart

Dux

1959 Jill Buchanan
1960 Joyce Drinnan
1961 Douglas Henry
1962 Robert Hunter
1963 Margaret Wilson
1964 Margery Dawe
1965 Phillip Briggs
1966 Edward pollard
1967 Dennis Hoy
1968 Robert Alexander
1969 Peter Thorby
1970 Beverly Wylde
1971 Valmai Copeland
1972 Richard Boast
1973 Jennifer Ross
1974 Ann Myhill
1975 Richard Allison
1976 Shuna Larsen
1977 Christine Larsen
1978 Phillip Lennon
1979 Jillian Reid
1980 Disiree de Kleynen
1981 Kathrine Bristow
1982 Ashley Hoskins
1983 Carol Fergusson
1984 Wendy Beva
1985 William Munro
1986 Sheree Moko
1987 Ian McDonald
1988 Craig Malins
1989 Tracy Mears
1990 Sarah Mace
1991 Yan Suen Lui
1992 Richard Cox
1993 Kara Ackerman
1994 Simon Mace
1995 Louise McCully
1996 Jennifer Wilton
1997 Richard Pearce
1998 Peter Mace
1999 Elizabeth Stockman
2000 Juan Deigo Vaamonde
2001 Ian Rawley
2002 Miriam Schonberger
2003 Kirstyn Rawley
2004 Yinqing Zhang
2005 Ben Reyngoud
2006 Heyden Reyngoud

Prefects, Head Boy and Girl no longer appointed during the years 1970—1991.

1992 Oliver Webb	Helen Mace
1993 Mathew Maurei	Miranda Snell
1994 Nicky Reid	Heather Barr
1995 Gareth Bacon	Nanise Tolovae
1996 Jarred Boon	Teresa Ahloo
1997 Neihana Jacob	Teresa Ahloo
1998 Peter Mace	Wiki Shailer
1999 Duke Boon	Elizabeth Stockman
2000 Pui Daniels-Malietoa	Fiona Ryan
2001 Dane Stowers	Iriea Tangimetua
2002 2002 Inia Kuka	Tara Puke
2003 Daniel Toleafoa	Catriona Law/ Tamielle Monk
2004 2004 Ben Harris	Risheen Morgan
2005 Ben Reyngoud	Tapairu Wilson
2006 Hayden Reyngoud	Mellisa Chesterman
2007 Freeman Gage	Amie Sutherland





1957

Delay In Opening of New Tokoroa High School

In spite of the strenuous efforts of the building contractors and the hopes both of the headmaster and the Board of Governors, the new Tokoroa High School was unable to open on Tuesday as planned.

Parents and newly-enrolled pupils alike were disappointed but after consultations with the Education Department, it was decided that a temporary delay, which should in no way prejudice the educational curriculum arranged for the year, was preferable to attempting the near impossible with subsequent strain on both the teaching staff and the pupils.

As it is, two classrooms in the East Primary School and the main room in the Community Centre have been made available and Forms 3 and 4 should be able to get away to a good start when they commence their secondary education in Tokoroa today.

By Monday week, February 18 when the school roll of approximately 120 can be expected to occupy the classrooms in the new school, the building and the educational organization can be expected to be functioning effectively.

SWN 7/2/57

Evening Classes for Adults at Tokoroa High

Are fulfilling a wide and interesting service to the community, evening classes for adults are to be organized at the High School as soon as application forms have been returned to the headmaster.

Subjects are listed under the headings of woodwork, mathematics, science, engineering, art, commerce, English, dressmaking, millinery, French and music but the number undertaken will depend on the response received.

Classes which will be held between 7 and 9pm, require a minimum of approximately ten. Although some may be free, the average cost for a year is expected to be in the vicinity of 30shillings. Most of the tuition will be given by the school staff although outsiders may be called in for certain specialized subjects.

SWN 21/3/57

First Parents Meeting at Tokoroa High

Planning of the new Tokoroa High School began four years ago and although the grounds at present resemble a battlefield, nearly twice as much has been completed as had been originally intended. Colonel T Durrant, chairman of the Board of Governors, told parents at the first informal gathering held at the school last week.

Building had been planned to take place over several years, but the next stage has been completed at the same time as the first. This has a decided advantage in that the assembly hall, which would prove a wonderful asset was almost completed whereas restrictions in available finance could have meant its delay for many years.

SWN 27/6/57

Heating Issues

Reminding members of the Tokoroa High School Board of Governors that heating was not yet installed and that the pupils were feeling the cold, the principal, Mr G. Anstice, said he felt that some provision for serving hot drinks should be made.

In the long run a tuck shop would be essential, but in

the meantime the staff were considering ways and means by which some temporary arrangement could be made while the cold weather continues.

The chairman, Colonel T. Durrant agreed that hot cocoa should be provided.

SWN 20/6/57

House Competition

The house division is a survival from the English Public School System which has been taken over by most New Zealand schools and used as the basis of school competitions. Last year each house consisted of about thirty pupils, among whom house loyalties and rivalries soon became intense. House points are scored on the house inspections, which are held every Tuesday, inter-house football and basketball matches, softball and cricket, the annual cross-country run, and finally on the annual school swimming and athletic.

Wayne Shield for House Competitions:



	Points scored			
Gold	732	Green	714	
Blue	671	Red	664	



1958

Entrance to the school is free to all pupils who hold a primary school certificate or who are over the age of 14 years but parents are required to fill in entry forms and supply a birth certificate.

Although certain books will have to be purchased by pupils, the free text book scheme will be inaugurated in 1959 and the bulk of the books will be supplied.

To cover the cost of extra-curricular activities, including the magazine, a charge of one pound per year is made. To defray some of the cost of materials, third form girls pay two shillings 6d and fourth form girls 5 shillings for cooking. Boys pay for timber used in the woodwork room and for metalwork materials and the Student Digest costs 6 shillings per year. Stationary, etc., amounts to roughly one pound 10 shillings for the year.

Courses available

Four courses of instruction, academic, industrial, home-life and commercial, are available and these are built up within the framework of the departmental regulations which insist that all pupils take a certain number of units of core subjects, and in addition, choose one of the optional groups of subjects.

All courses lead to the School Certificate Examination, which is a four-year-course, but which may be taken in three years by pupils of the required ability. In addition, the commercial and industrial courses open the way to other technical examinations. The special course subjects are arranged as follows although certain of them are introduced at a more senior stage:

Academic: French, mathematics, geography, history, general science, biology.

Industrial Trade drawing, metalwork, woodwork, mathematics, general science.

Home-life: Home craft, clothing, biology, geography.

Commercial: Commercial practice, shorthand and typing, clothing, geography. It is hoped to all book-keeping next year.

Classrooms

Three blocks are at present occupied at the school. "A" block contains the hall, offices and administration suite, staffroom, book store and small classrooms. "C" block contains a laboratory, library, classroom, cooking and clothing departments, and "D" block, a laboratory, drafting room, woodwork and engineering shops.

A fourth block containing the permanent library, art room and other specialist rooms will be in use in February, 1960.

For recreation, two football fields and a hockey field are available and a further area is being developed. Three basketball courts are in use and tennis courts are being completed.

The school has a film strip projector which is in regular use, an electric duplicator for class notes and a 16m.m film projector. Later it is hoped to add to the equipment a tape-recorder and a sound system.

The library is housed in temporary quarters in an attractive room and one thousand pounds has been spent on it already. New Books are being added constantly and the aim is to establish a library of 5,000 volumes as soon as possible.

Other Activities

Rugby football, basketball and indoor basketball teams have played regularly in outside competitions during the past season and it is hoped that tennis and hockey will be added in 1959.

Ballroom dancing classes, under a professional tutor, have been held when required, and public speaking, and dramatic and choir work are a feature of the school life.

School Calendar 1958

February	4th 27th	School reopened Vocational Officers Visit
March	8th 10th 12th 15th 26th 27th 29th/1st	Athletics Sports Day Evening Class began Swimming Sports Day Athletic team visited Mangakino School Social Cricket and softball teams visited Mangakino Waikato Inter-Secondary Schools Athletics
April	18th 20th 24th	Oratory contest Start of probationary tests School Anzac Service
May	9th 26th 29th	End of first team Beginning of second term Two football and two basketball teams visited Taupo
June	16th-20th 28th	School mid-year examinations Football and basketball teams visited Ohakune
July	2nd 10th 17th 22nd 24th	One football team visited Putaruru Post-primary Inspectors visit Oratory finals New Zealand Players visit Teams from Mangakino played School 1st XV and 'A' and 'B' basketball teams
August	12th 15th 22nd	Football and basketball teams went to Fairfield Mr Dawe left for the United States End of second term
September	15th 25th 30th	Beginning of third term Annual Cross-Country Run School Drama Evening
October	17th	Family Dance
Nov	3rd-17th	Exams
December	5th 10th	End of Year Ceremony School closed.

Tuck Shop Tuck Shop Tuck Shop Tuck Shop

The Tuck Shop opened for business on September 24. On the first day only Coca-Cola was available for sale. The saturation point of the pupils was underestimated and the initial order of 30 dozen disappeared in the short space of three days. Hot weather and the School steeplechase pushed sales higher than had been expected.

The second day saw a variety of sweets available for sale. It was soon to be seen that the most popular items were those

that could be sold for a penny or twopennce.

As soon as power is laid on, a refrigerator will be installed. Ice-creams and cold drinks will then be available. Other items planned are an oven for heating pies, a Sip heater for supplying hot water for cocoa next winter, and possibly, when finance is available, a milk shake machine.



1959

Gold House Wins High School Swimming Day

The Tokoroa High School annual swimming sports were held Thursday. The 45 events being competed for in two sections, championship and general. All except two or three events attracted large fields and the programme, which ran smoothly, was enjoyed by both pupils and parents.

High School Pupils Give Variety in Drama Festival

October 15

Last week pupils of Tokoroa High School presented two delightful evenings of drama. A wide range of productions provided the audiences with a variety of excitement and thrills and on the whole the action of the plays moved smoothly and crisply with very little assistance required from the prompt. One noticeable feature of this year's productions was the increased clarity of speech of most of the actors and actresses. Congratulations are also due to the behind-the-scenes departments for the excellent support give to the players.

School Cadets Make Good Progress

SWN 12/02/59

The Tokoroa High School cadet corps held its first two days of training at the commencement of this term and this will be followed by two further days and a single one later in the year.

Routine parades and training will also be held for one hour each week during the school terms.

Uniforms for the cadets were expected late in March or early in April, and equipment was being held in Hamilton until a suitable armory was erected at the school.

So far training had been confined to elementary foot drill, rifle practice and map reading and assistance was being given by Regular Force instructors, whose main task was the training of NCOs.

Three members of the teaching staff had recently been granted commissions in the Cadet Corps and this would assist considerably as the number of cadets increased annually.

School Social

A bright, happy atmosphere prevailed at a social organization recently for third form pupils, the prefects and house leaders held at Tokoroa High School.

Eddie Kleyn acted as M.C. The evening was spent in dancing and playing games. Supper and soft drinks were served from the school tuck shop.

SWN 26/3/59

Thirty Entrants for School Certificate Exam

For the first time Tokoroa High School will conduct school certificate examinations on a major scale.

SWN 22/10/59

Maori Pupils' Club is Recognised

SWN 26/11/59

A Maori Club recently formed at the Tokoroa High School would have a definite place in activities and should be officially recognized. Not only were high school students benefiting from the club but senior pupils from Tokoroa primary schools were also members.

Miss M.Black, a high school teacher, had been instrumental in the formation of the club and was deserving of the board's congratulations. Some very worthwhile adults were assisting Miss Black.

We seem to be missing out on the Maoris all the time and if this move will encourage them it will be very worth while.

Cricket

This year, with the introduction of inter-school games, cricket became a major sport in the School. A mixed staff-pupil team continued to play in the local competition, finishing in sixth place by defeating K.U.S on two occasions. A number of the senior boys are developing well as cricketers and we can look forward to a reasonably strong 1st XI in the near future. Inter-school fixtures were arranged for a junior team and these games will become a permanent feature of the sport. By concentrating on junior cricket we can be assured of rising standards in the 1st XI

Girl's Sport

This year there have been several important changes. Three more sports can now be played—tennis, cricket and hockey. Players here are receiving preliminary coaching, and as yet it is hard to estimate the amount of talent we have. With this new variety, however, Sports Periods (which we now have on Mondays while the boys have Cadets) are far more interesting. Players in the older established sports of basketball and softball have definitely improved on last year's play and results, and in spite of the change to new rules for basketball, and our teams were most successful.



1960

**Tokoroa High School
roll increased to 358.**



School Motto

Mr G. Antstice, the principal presented the school motto, "In Spe Fortitudo" and it was then accepted by the assembled pupils. The Biblical origins of the motto were traced by Mr Anstice and the prefects in its presentation.

"God Forbid"

When the chairman of the Tokoroa High School Board of Governors, Mr J. K. Logan, indicated an attempt might be made by the Education Department to send prefabricated classrooms to the school to meet expanding rolls, owing to the shortage of finance, this had an immediate effect on members. "God forbid," exclaimed Mr R. Black. "This board will resist," said another member, while other members groaned their disapproval.

SWN 25/7/60

Tokoroa Athlete Gains National Rating

A Tokoroa school teacher, G Peters has recently been rated sixth in the Dominion among high jumpers. He is said to be a fine natural jumper of considerable promise and it is hoped that he will help raise the standard of jumping in this country.

SWN 9/6/60

Small Proportion of Parents Showed Interest

The comments which had been attached to pupil's reports had been the result of full and careful discussions and great care had been taken in framing any comments on pupils' work said Mr L.S. White, when presenting the acting principal's report to the 1st meeting of the Tokoroa High School Board of Governors. He added that a good number of parents had taken the opportunity of discussing their children's work at the meeting of the P.T.A., but while there was almost a full representation of staff members, only a relatively small proportion of parents attended.

"Those who did attend were obviously concerned with the welfare and progress of their children," said Mr White. "It seems a pity that some way of interesting the

remainder of those who did not attend these meetings cannot be found, for among their children are many of our problems," concluded Mr White.

SWN 28/7/60

Motorists Who Defy School By-Law Will Be Prosecuted

Definite action is to be taken by the Tokoroa High School to prevent motorists from illegally using the school thoroughfare as a road. This was decided as a result of motorist having collided with the gates to the school and involving the school in considerable expense for repairs. The incident was the third to have occurred this year.

SWN 27/10/60

Accommodation for Bicycles At High School

At present 114 pupils of the Tokoroa High School ride bicycles to school from a distance exceeding one mile from the school grounds. Provision is only made for 96 of these cycles to be accommodated in stands, whereas all pupils traveling over one mile are entitled to cycle accommodation.

SWN 25/7/60

"Shocking!"

"Shocking!" was the reaction of the school where the Thames Valley Electric-power charged the Board of Governors 2.1d per unit for power used at the school.



Long Trousers for Senior Boys May be Introduced

Senior boys at the Tokoroa High School might be permitted to wear long trousers later in the year. One member of the board commented that some authorities claimed boys in long trousers were more responsible than those wearing short trousers.

SWN 25/7/60

"Scruffy" High School Boys

A suggestion in uniform for boys on official occasions by Mrs Z. Paul provoked considerable discussion at last week's meeting of the Tokoroa High School Board of Governors.

It had been suggested by Mrs Paul that boys would wear white shirts and green ties for special occasions.

SWN 27/10/60

Two months later

Appearance of Pupils Commended

Praise for the neat appearance of pupils at the Tokoroa High School was voiced by Mr L.Ie F Ensor, district superintendent of education at Auckland, at the annual prize-giving ceremony. The appearance of both the boys and girls was completely superior to pupils at a big city school which he attended last week.

SWN 8/12/60

Maori Club

The Maori Club has gone from strength to strength. Membership has increased and action songs and other Club activities have improved meetings on Tuesday nights.

The big effort from Maori Club members, parents, friends, and members of the 'Te Rahui' Tribal Committee, came in the second term at a farewell dance for Mr Anstice. For some time a dance had been considered, it was particularly suitable as a farewell for Mr Anstice as through his encouragement and kindness the club has grown and flourished. Our thanks go to all who made this dance a success. With the splendid result taken from the Hangi and door collection, total profit came to 64 pounds. This money has been used to buy poi and piu-piu for the club and to present a cheque to the school



E tupu, e rea i te wa o tou ao ki tou ringaringa nga rakau o te pakeha hei ora mou. Ki tou mahunga te mahara o ou tupuna Maori hei tiki tiki mou.
Ki tou ngakau te aroha o te Atua nana nei te ao katoa.

Grow up in the ways of your day and age. In the hand the tools of the pakeha for your wellbeing. On your head the pride of your Maori heritage as a precious jewel. And in your heart the love of God the maker of all things.

1961

Tokoroa High School roll increased to 400

and class sets the library contained 1196 non-fiction and 869 fiction books.

Basketball

Tokoroa High School 'scooped the pool' in the B section at Rotorua indoor basketball.

Golden Gloves

'Tokoroa High School Boy wins golden gloves' read the headlines. I. Cowley won this title in the NZ wide boxing competition. Only 13 years of age and under 8 stone he had the most scientific fight of the tournament. He was considered to be one of NZ's most promising boxers.

Cinderella

Under the guidance of Mrs. H.B. Lawry pupils of Tokoroa High School had an extremely successful season with Cinderella the pantomime. The season saw over 3000 people attending the 4 nights. 350 pounds made from the performance went towards the school baths fund.

Vice-Regal Visit

Shortly before the close of the first term on Monday, April 10, the School was honored by a visit from His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Cobham and Lady Cobham. After having spent a busy morning at Kinleith, Lord Cobham gave an address to the pupils of Tokoroa who were assembled in their respective school groups at Tokoroa High School. The ceremony was opened by the singing of the National Anthem. Lord Cobham then gave an interesting address, following which he and Lady Cobham were introduced to the prefects of Tokoroa High School. Lady Cobham spent several moments discussing cricket with the boy prefects. Lord Cobham then granted the pupils a day's holiday



School Socials

The number of School social functions this year has been somewhat limited due to the increasing number of senior pupils who had a rather busy academic year. During the first term there were three social occasions in the form of a "Family Dance" run by the P.T.A., the Annual Third Form Social run by the prefects, and the social held in honour of the visitors from Rangitoto College. All of these social events were greatly enjoyed by all.

A fund-raising scheme was begun this year by the Parent-Teacher Association. that will hopefully bring in between 4,000 and 5,000 pounds. The money was required to provide the school with swimming baths and also to purchase sports equipment which is not provided by the authorities. The association was hoping to make a start on construction of the baths next summer and to have them completed in two to three years time.

Vandalism

The South Waikato News, Thursday February 23rd reported that vandalism has been occurring at the school. A group of boys lifted the gate off its hinges and a car was driven into the school with the driver testing his brakes!

Flying Rocks

South Waikato news headlines for August 17 read "School Damaged by Flying Rocks". Blasting of rock in the course of leveling grounds resulted in damage to school buildings. Mr G.W.I Wilson, chairman of the Grounds Committee, said there had been a lot of near misses through rocks hitting divisions between windows. A number of heavy rocks had also landed on the school roof, but a good downpour of rain was required to ascertain if any leaks had developed. He also went on to say that development was progressing favorably.

Rugby

Tokoroa High School 1st XV provided the curtain raiser at Hamilton for the Waikato v. France international game. The team won against Hodderville by 19 points to 6. According to the sources, the school team combined well with the forwards and backs linking together to produce many fine moves, the best of which was a scissors move from under their own posts which resulted in a 60 yard run by the backs. T. Logan and D. Mu were the pick of the backs while M. Puke and L. Rowan played well in the forwards. Tries were scored by Mu (2), Logan, Seymour and Rennie. A. Beckett and W. Seymour both kicked conversions.

Still on the subject of rugby in 1961 a rare occurrence happened during the fifth grade match between Tokoroa High School A and B teams. The A team was leading by 11-6 with six minutes of play remaining when the referee had no choice but to call off the match. WHY? The ball was punctured and no replacement was available.

Library News

On average every pupil was reading over one book per week from the school library which indicates the vital role that the library plays in furthering the knowledge base of the pupils. Mrs Mules reported that excluding periodicals



1962



1962 saw two prefabricated school units installed on the grounds due to increase in roll size. .

The School Drama Club was formed in March by Mr Corbett. A meeting was held and all those who were interested attended. A club committee was elected, with Sandra Levin as Chairman, and John Rennie as Vice-President, which, with the help of Mr Corbett, selected a play for production. Ian Hay's "Middle Watch" was the play chosen, and as soon as Mr Corbett acquired sufficient copies of the play rehearsals began.

Rugby

The schools First Fifteen won 13 out of 15 matches under coach Charlie Loretz, of the team J Rennie (Captain) J Seymour, M Puke, E Sade, D Richards, L Rowan, V Seymour, A Logan, R Paul and W Seymour are selected for the South Waikato Rep Squad.

The School Orchestra

Early in 1962 it was decided to form a School Orchestral Group. A number of instruments were purchased by the School and, together with others kindly lent by parents, sufficient were made available to make a start during the second term.

Girls' Choir

An extremely enthusiastic group of girls has been meeting in A23 at lunch-times to practice as a three part choir. Current work includes the preparation of two and three part settings for ladies choir and if we feel sufficiently satisfied with our progress by the end of the year, we may decide to let the rest of the school hear us perform on break-up night!

Grounds Development

At the beginning of the year our playing fields were in poor condition. We had lost the use of the Intermediate school's football field and our own newly-sown areas were not firm enough for use. However, thanks to the Ministry of Works, more seed and soil were supplied for topdressing and over sowing. The local farmers formed a working bee to do the job. Twenty-three tractors and trailers, two front-end loaders and one grader blade at work was a truly spectacular sight. Each farmer driving his own tractor and trailer was assisted by third and fourth form boys armed with rakes and shovels. As a result, during the second term the three football fields on the top flat and the two hockey fields and a fourth football field on the lower flat could be played on.

Mufti' Day for Pupils at Tokoroa High

Uniform discipline was relaxed for a day at the Tokoroa High School when pupils rolled up for classes in 'mufti' dress and paid a nominal fine for the privilege. Idea behind the scheme which was thoroughly enjoyed by all students was to raise money for the gymnasium fund. Girls were somewhat more conservative in their choice of dress than the boys who provided a very odd assortment. One young boy entered into the spirit of the fun by turning up in girl's dress.

SWN 13/12/62

Farewell to Mr White

It was with regret that we have this year to say goodbye to Mr L. S. White, who has been First Assistant since the school began in 1957.



Foundation pupils and staff who remember that first difficult year which began in temporary accommodation lent by N.Z.F.P., followed by months in partly completed classrooms, with grounds that looked like a "battlefield on the moon" will also remember how much Mr White's calm good humor and efficiency helped to bring order out of the chaos. These qualities, together with his kindly considerateness have earned him the highest degree of affection and respect of staff and pupils alike.



1963



Chemistry Department, headed by the acidic Mr Corbett

Room C.1 is the "Chem Lab", the home of retorts, test tubes and Bunsen burners. This is an orthodox school laboratory with reasonable equipment. Presided over by Mr Corbett, it is kept clean and tidy by the voluntary assistance of laboratory boys T. Henry, Bruce Abbott, David Hodder, D. Zein and C. Johnsons. Their excellent services in this respect are greatly appreciated.

Within this laboratory senior pupils receive instruction and practice skills which are a basic introduction to advanced work at University. To date the department has recorded few breakages of equipment, and no loss of pupils. Evidence of one experiment which went completely wrong can be found on the ceiling.

Basketball

This year Basketball has been run on rather different lines to those of former years. School teams did not affiliate with the local club, but played on the school courts during Saturday mornings so that those who wished to, could join outside clubs for

afternoon games at the Sports Ground Courts. Competition against other teams was provided in the form of inter-school matches.

The season began with trial games for all intending players. Teams were chosen and a draw made out for 8 senior and 4 third form teams. Numbers dwindled during the season as less enthusiastic members fell by the wayside, but the end of the season saw 5 senior and 2 junior teams enjoying well-fought games. The "finale" took the form of a Handicap Tournament, School B emerging victorious (if not somewhat conceited).

High School Boys to Stay in Caps

Boys attending the Tokoroa High School are to be compelled to wear caps for another year at least. The school's board of governors at its meeting had a secret ballot to vote for the retention of the school caps. The vote was 5-3.

A number of school pupils were suspended for failing to wear uniform. One expelled. 34 years later, expelled pupil returns to edit 40th anniversary magazine.



Haere Ra to Mr MacMillan : Message from Principal

The issue of this Magazine will coincide with my last few days of association with Tokoroa High School, an association in which I have found a great deal of pleasure over the past three and a half years. The progress that the school has made is reflected in the increase in size—a roll of 356 in 1960 has moved up to 502 in 1963; more important, however, than actual roll numbers is the growth of the Senior School. Our Sixth Form in 1960 was 12, this year it was 40. We are now able to say that we have

stable courses (covering a full range of subjects) available up to Form 6A, and it has been the policy of the School to develop to this standard as quickly as possible.

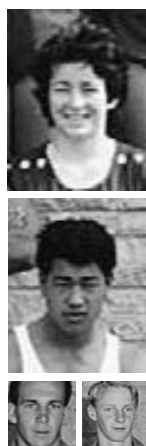
Many of our present senior pupils have given a great deal to the School, and it is very noticeable that they are also the people who have gained most out of it' their example of service is one which must commend itself to all junior pupils. Distant fields are often apparently more pleasing to the

eye, but we have better pupils at this School than are sent away from this district to other schools, better because they are giving service within their own community. Their integrity, resourcefulness, and personal standards are of the highest order, and it always seems to me a pity that they receive little publicity—this is far too frequently reserved for the very small minority of delinquents who catch the public eye.

A glimpse into the future shows a Third Form intake (180 in

1963) of 270 in 1966 and 370 in 1969. A vast amount of work lies ahead, and I would ask you all as present or past pupils (please include your parents in this, too) to give the School your full support—it is your School, and can only be as good as you make it. I have complete faith in Tokoroa High School's capacity to take a prominent place among the schools of the Waikato, and wish it well in the future.

Excerpt from Tahi 1963



1964

Library News

A total of 540 new books were added to the Library during the year. Of these 371 were non-fiction and 169 fiction. The increase in the cost of books, largely due to increased shipping freights, has meant that our grant has not provided as many books as previously.

World Record Attempt

The world record for the 'mini cram' was broken by 22 stalwarts from the fifth and sixth forms of the Tokoroa High School who packed themselves into a mini car, at the local A&P Show.

The world record for the mini cram was previously 21, but by careful packing with the assistance of Mr C Gilbert of the High School and one practice on the day before, the boys managed to squeeze in one more of their number.

At 2pm on show day the boys, wearing school football jerseys, filled into the ring of spectators around the mini car lent for the attempt by Spears Garage Ltd.

I. Cameron and K. Wilson, sixth form pupils, provided light hearted entertainment by dressing up as workmen devoted to the task of 'packaging' the boys, but at the same time assisting maneuvers.

The whole operation took only 15 minutes and the boys packed themselves in methodically and quietly. Two squeezed into the boot of the car.

The boys were not the smallest seniors available as the majority play in the schools first and second fiftens.

Mr H. J. Spear who officiated at the attempt, announced at the end that a new world record had been made.

The boys have donated the £10 prize that they won to the High School's quota of the Halls of Residence fund

School Gym

Tokoroa High Schools New Gymnasium, officially opening scheduled for June 16

The building is being constructed at a cost of £1400, and should be ready for a full use by May 25. Wet weather, however, could delay the sealing of an outside exercise area. The attractive building, situated near the Maraetai Road school entrance is built to a modern design. The most imposing features are the two rows of angled windows, on either side of the hall, running the full length of the gymnasium just below roof level. The floor plan is basically simple. The gymnasium proper is a true rectangle, 70ft 6in long and 44ft 6in wide, lying in an approximately east-west position.

Richard Fergusson is the School Gymnastic Champion in this fine new facility.

House Drama Competition

During the first week of the third term a drama competition was staged at the High School Hall. Each house was responsible for the production, sets, make-up, lighting and acting personnel for a one-act play.

The plays were presented to a large audience and Mrs Beverly Holland, a local drama producer, judged that the plays "Dear Departed" of Blue House and "A Happy Journey" of Green House tied for first place.

The whole venture was highly successful in that

over sixty students of the school were directly involved, the standards of acting and production reached a level rarely attained by school presentations, such a large number of Tokoroa people were delighted by the entertainment offered and all those who participated found the preparation for and the performance of their play both rewarding and enjoyable.



Rugby 5th Grade



High School 5th Grade B, A football Team were we,
We tried so hard to win,
And slowly, slowly, we began to give in.

We played eight games to win,
But lost the lot—what a sin!
Whenever Wayne made clear with the ball,
He was pulled and bashed and trampled by all.

You see friends, football is fun,
But not on the receiving side of the gun.
When Paddy dashed to score a try,
His hopes were defeated when he heard that sigh!!

"Get into that ball, boys," Charlie yelled,
And one by one their fears were shelled.
At last they won—one simple game.
And boy, that hard work was such a shame!

Athletics



After being postponed for a week owing to the wet weather, the School Sports at last got under way on 17th March. There were a large number of entries, many people entering the limit of five events.

The most notable feature of this was Diane Jones who won all five events in the Intermediate section. Another outstanding feature of the two day meeting was A. McClymont's sprinting ability. He broke the 100 yard record by 0.7 seconds. He also broke the 220 yard record, running 24.4 seconds. It amazed the school when he failed to gain a place at the Waikato Secondary School Sports in Hamilton. Four Senior Boys' records were broken, two Intermediate Boys, both by B. Dunstan and five Junior Boys' records.

The girls did just as well, the Seniors breaking five records, Intermediates two records and the Juniors two records. This made a grand total of 20 records broken and two records equaled.

March 1st, roll count was 609.

312 boys, 297 girls



Once upon a 'Tokoroa High School' time, on a prehistoric Wednesday May 5th, 1965, Governor General Sir Bernard Fergusson met assembled THS students on the intermediate school grounds. We perceive upper class society such as Governor Generals as stuck up, but not this one. Completely down to earth, he calmly walked among them. His visit left every student astonished after spontaneously granting them an extra days holiday (Where's our extra day? Do we even deserve one?)

AFS Vivienne Davey and Garry Harpur were the first to kick start the 'Today's' ever so popular AFS programme for Tok High. Viv – Greensburg, USA. Garry – Whitehall Wisconsin, USA. Both Returned the following July 1966.

Opinion

From reading the articles titled "Do we need television? Crisis, International Affairs, Civilization, Science and Human Welfare, and What do we mean by Civilization. I got a great understanding of the nature of Tok High Students in the past. Their concerns were precise, and their ideas were incredibly realistic. They nailed every detail with precision and thoughtful accuracy. For example 'Do we need television?' was an insightful take on the chain effects of television consumption and how it could affect the youth, and how it could cause an epidemic of world wide apathy. I can relate a lot to these students whom acknowledge these national attributes worth questioning.

1st XV rugby played 17 games. With a respectful ratio of, 11 wins, 6 losses.

Hockey

1st XI Hockey saw 7 mighty wins, 4 losses and one draw. Mary Kingsbury was captain (top dogs) who scored most goals during the season. *Now that's good hockey.*

Basketball

1965 saw basketball teams with names other than boring A, B and C. Instead they excited themselves with names such as Ramblers, Bellbirds, Rimu and Skylarks. Much needed improvement I say. *Good photo page 60*

Athletics

12 records broken this day. Most outstanding competitor: Diane Jones broke 4 records in the Snr girls section, also establishing a record at mid islands for the long jump, 16 ft. 7 1/3 in. (She progressed to the Waikato Inter-secondary athletics where she won the Senior

Girls long jump, 1st in the 75 yards, then came 3rd - 100 finals

and 3rd - 220 yards. Judy Cunliffe caused a sensation by heightening the intermediate girl's high jump record by 3 inches. New record was set at 4 ft 5 inches.

Mid Islands brought home 9 firsts, 11 seconds and 9 thirds. It seems Tokoroa High School students have always been warriors in competitive aspects. Strong and Triumphant, we continue to conquer.

1965

Cross-County

The brutal Cross country course started from Billah St to Baird Rd, then southwards along the Matarawa Stream, up Edwards St and through the town rubbish dump (where was the dump??) If the dump was in the same place then WOW, that's one vicious run.

Student Print

This moment in time was also welcomed "The Student Prints" (School newspaper)... It started from just an idea, as most great successes do! It grew into a powerful voice for Tok High. Reporting staff numbered 30 students who put in time and serious effort to achieve humongous and humble beginnings

The 1st issues were produced in the 3rd term. Maureen Givins was the editor with Grant Kelly, sub-editor. Editorial committee consisted of Kevin Francis, Hillary Cox, Sandra Cragg, Gaye Myers, Jan Lawry, and Chris Logan.

Rebellion

On the 29th April Tokoroa High School witnessed student rebellion towards the strict rule of wearing caps. After a lengthy debate, the High School Board of Governors agreed that caps were to be made an optional feature of the THS uniform.

Swimming

Old school swimming feats - Kevin Francis found him self first in the Waikato Secondary Schools swimming champs. He was the lone wolf to succeed in this area.

Exams

First term examination for 5th and 6th formers was introduced so students were encouraged to study earlier. This also allowed their progress to be assessed. Apparently it was a radical change, for most schools didn't assess till mid year.



1966

In the historic period of 1966 THS had a brilliant year, saw many things happening, different events.

First University Graduate

Douglas J. Henry enrolled in the third form Academic Course in 1957 as a foundation pupil. Throughout his school career of five years he was an enthusiastic laboratory assistant and played in the 1st XI Hockey team for three years.

In his final year at school in 1961, he was Dux and Head Boy.



At Canterbury University in 1965 he completed his final Professional Year in Chemical Engineering and was capped as a Bachelor of Engineering in 1966.

As the first University graduate from Tokoroa High School we offer him our sincere congratulations and best wishes for success in his specialist field with N.Z Forest Products

Folk Singing

Folk singing group prepared to make a recording for the IZO radio station. Six-teens. Q. Why were we called Six-teens A. because there were six teenagers.



Athletics

Records broken this year for Athletics. C Lund was the outstanding student of the day. He set a new record in the open 880 yards and the 1 mile and the 440 yards. Janice Little was the outstanding girl – She broke the intermediate 80 metre hurdles. She went onto win the mid island inter-sec comp and gained 2nd in the Waikato secondary school sports.

Debating

For the first time in the school a debating team was formed to represent the school. The team composed of G. Myers first speaker, E. Pollard second speaker, and

M' Lyons third speaker. The debate was held in Marton. The topic chosen was "Should the school leaving age be raised". Tokoroa chose the negative and was unfortunate to lose in the final reckoning by three points. Congratulations to E. Pollard who gained the most points as the best speaker.



Rugby

1st XV was reminded that a peak physical fitness was required and they needed to be conscious of detail in all their gear and above all recognize their responsibility towards team mates.

J Cowley was the outstanding player of the season thanks to his running from the base of the scrum, tactical kicking, covering and general defensive play.

Public Speaking



This year topics were allotted instead of the previous open choice of subject.

Third and Fourth Forms: A Country I Should Like to Visit.

Fifth and Sixth Formers: (A) The Space Race is a legitimate Human Endeavour or The Space Race is a Waste of Time and Money. (B) Community Services that could be performed by Teenagers In outside competitions

Margaret Cribb was placed 4th in the BOP Maori Oratory Comp

Dale Smith 2nd in the senior section of the king country region

Jaycees Contest.

Highlight of the year - standing achievement of Jan Lawry, placed first in the Waikato Region Overseas League Contest with Margaret Cribb placed 3rd.



Hail the birth of the THS Senior Common Room

This establishment was formed in the beginning of the year of 66. 3 shillings was then an exorbitant amount to those who wanted to be a part of the senior common room.

This fee was able to pay for sofas and armchairs, table-tennis table (which seemed extremely popular with the male members.) And they even had a fireplace, opposed to our modern electric comforts. Curtains tea towels and kitchen items.

5th and 6th formers could apply.

Coffee tickets could be bought for 2 shillings – this equaled ten cups of coffee.

2 shillings was a coffee ticket, a coffee ticket was worth 10 cups of coffee.

Grant Robinson

Golf, Cricket, Swimming and Rugby.

On the 26th of September, 1966, the school suffered the loss of one of its most popular and well-known pupils. Grant attended this school for nearly four years and during that time he took a full part in school life. During his Fourth Form year he took part in the schools plays. He was also a keen chess player. In the sporting field he was interested in

In 1964 and 1965 he represented the school in the Waikato Inter-Secondary School Swimming Championships. In 1965 he represented South Waikato at 5th Grade Rugby and in 1966 he played in the school 2nd XV



The Importance of Being Earnest



1967

Staff Notes

Frequent change has again been a feature of the school staffing, reflecting the general situation in this respect encountered throughout the country. Thus these jottings will confine themselves to major events within the kaleidoscope.

The departure, on leave, at the end of the Second Term of Mr Anderson was felt through every department of the school. His enthusiasm, ability and facility in the "paper war" are all missed.

Mrs Hart and Mrs Mickell also left the ranks to add to the population explosion. We congratulate both them and their husbands.

Miss Mumby, a Canadian Library expert, taught with us for some time and her departure for Australia somewhat lessened the confused babble of accents and dialects heard in the staff-room.

Mrs Evans earned the undying jealousy of all the staff by going on leave for the Winter Term in order to accompany her husband on a tour of the sunny South-Sea Pacific Islands.

Noteworthy among the arrivals and re-arrivals was Mr John who, with wife, family and wolseley, returned to Tokoroa and the task. The Welsh contingent was also strengthened by the arrival of Mr Robyns, who appears to be surviving the "temporary" delay of his household effects by the dock strike.

Mr Hinfelaar, who arrived from the grown-up outside world to fill the vacancy left by Mr Anderson, adds a Continental flavour to the accent medley.

To Mr and Mrs Roberts, whose scientific efforts are appreciated with fear we extend our best wishes as they visit their homeland. To Mr Jones, whose humour, enthusiasm for Rugby and infectious chuckle will be sadly missed, we also extend our best wishes.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who also passed this way for varying lengths of time. Their services, though not recorded in detail, are gratefully acknowledged. The efforts of the many professional housewives who have on occasion stepped in to help out are also gratefully acknowledged.

Excerpt from Tokoroa High School Magazine.

Flying High in Australia

Sixteen students and four staff plus one other adult headed off to various parts of Oz. After an uneventful coach trip to the Airport, we took off at 8.30 pm in an Electra for Brisbane. Our plane was delayed at takeoff due to an engine that would not start due to a faulty switch.

Upon arrival we were taken to the "Canberra" Hotel where the hotel staff was expecting an all-male group. They soon got over the shock.

Nambour, Koala Bears, the Pineapple Cannery, Brisbane Town Hall, Gladstone, Heron Island, Surfers Paradise, Bird Sanctuary at Currumbin, Auto-Museum, Coolangatta, Sydney Harbour bridge are a few places we visited.

The lives of many will be affected in some small measure by the thoughts and experiences of this fortnight.

Youth Hostelling Trip to the South Island.

August 1967. 10 boys and one leader left Tokoroa on August 17, bound for Wellington on the bus. After a pleasant journey we boarded the inter-island steamer "Maori" for a fairly rough crossing to Lyttelton, followed by a short train trip into Christchurch.

Our most enjoyable day was a trip around Pelorus Sound on the mail-boat which calls at all the isolated farms in the bays. From Havelock we went by bus to Blenheim and then by train to Kaikoura.

From the Kaikoura hostel the view was magnificent. In the foreground is a large, sweeping bay and the township along its shore, while in the background are the snow-covered mountains of the sea-ward Kaikouras.

After a most enjoyable holiday we left Kaikoura for Christchurch and the return journey from Lyttelton in the "Wahine", and from Wellington to Tokoroa in the "Landliner".

Decennial Celebrations

A re-union of past teachers and pupils was held on the 21st of October to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the official opening of the school on the 19th of October, 1957.

A short formal assembly was held in the afternoon. At this assembly, Mr Ryan welcomed those attending and spoke on the school today. The two former Principals, Mr G. Anstice and Mr R. MacMillan also spoke. After assembly, the visitors were invited to inspect the school. The main attractions appeared to be the old photos on show and the new library (many old pupils remember the library as being in C.2). A very successful ball was held in the evening in the Memorial Hall.

Confessions of a Tokoroa High School Teacher

"The first time I ever caned a student, I couldn't find the cane.

The boy was waiting anxiously in the corridor. In my efforts to find the cane I passed by here he was standing several times. Each time making some comment like, "I'll be back to get you" "Don't worry I haven't forgotten".

After several trips to the staffroom and to other classrooms in an effort to find the cane I finally found it.

By this time the poor boy was such a nervous wreck he fainted after just one stroke of the cane.

Looking through his file later I noticed a remark,...

'This boy is of nervous disposition'."

"A certain strong woman science teacher had cause to cane every boy in her science class one day. I went down to the science lab to find a group of large fourth form boys with tears in their eyes.

The boys didn't cry when male teachers caned them, but the humiliation of being caned by a woman was more than they could bear."

"A certain Welsh teacher was greeted to the sound of 'Wales Wales; when he entered his classroom. ON asking who had done it the class was silent except for one boy who denied responsibility. The teacher caned every boy, except the one. One of the caned boys is now the District Chief Commander of the Tauranga Police."

"A boy was sent to wait outside the staffroom by his woman teacher. He was told to wait there and she would deal with him later.

The HOD sees him waiting and asks the boy for an explanation. When told the boy is waiting to be punished the HOD carries out the caning to save his woman colleague the trouble. The boy returns to class only to find the woman teacher was not intending to cane him, only to give him time to regret his actions."

As recounted by Des MacDonald, teacher at Tokoroa High School 1959—197?



The Year That Was...

February

6th Term commences
7th School Swimming Sports
27th P.T.A. 3rd Form Parents' Panel Evening

March

3rd First Student Prints issued.
8th School Athletic Sports
9th Inter-secondary Schools' Swimming Sports in Hamilton
10th Mid-Island Athletic Sports
19th School Tennis Championships
22nd Student Council Meeting
25th-27th Visit to Rangitoto of Sports Teams
Third Form Dance.

April

1st Form Photos
3rd Student Executive Meeting.
3rd Junior Speech Contest.
4th Intermediate Speech Contest
4th Student Council Meeting.
5th Senior Speech Contest.
6th Collecting for Intellectually Handicapped Children.
6th Waikato Inter-school Athletic Sports at Hamilton.
8th Visit by N.Z. Drama Quartet.
12th-16th Easter Break
19th University Liaison Officer Visit.
25th Anzac Day.
29th-30th Senior Exams

May

1st Senior Exams
2nd Senior Dance (1920's Theme)
3rd End of Term
11th Waitressing at Jaycee Dinner
29th Visit by Mr Voss Speaking on 'Our Natural Heritage'.
30th Visit by Gideon Society assemblies.

June

6th Visit by the Teacher Recruitment Officer- Mr Archer
12th Visit by the Air Force Recruitment Officer- Flt. Lt. Beale.
13th Student Council Meeting.
13th Liberal Studies... Mr Bach on "IQ Testing"
18th-20th Visit to N.Z. Ballet Company at Memorial Hall.

24th Miss Tokoroa High Contest.
25th Brass Band Recital at Hodderville.
26th Red Cross Concert.
26th Visit by Mr Archer- Teacher Recruitment Officer.
28th Liberal Studies... Mr Carter on "Organic Chemistry"

July

9th-6th Form visit to "The Man For All Seasons" Film at Putaruru
10th Liberal Studies, Mr Cooper on "Integration- Maori/Pakeha".
11th Prefects' Dinner at Wairakei.
13th Tamaki Sports Teams Visit
13th Senior Dance
13th School Sports Team Visit Huntley
15th Student Council Executive Meeting.
16th-17th Daughter/Son, P.T.A Evenings.
17th Putaruru Sports Teams Visit.
18th Student Council executive Meeting
18th British Drama League Entry "The Crucible"
19th Naval Recruitment Officer Visit.
22nd Liberal Studies.. Mr Spender on "Buying a Car"
22nd-26th Work Week.
23rd-25th School Production—"The Crucible"
27th Collecting for Braille Week.
30th Student Council Executive Meeting.

August

2nd Student Council Meeting.
3rd Athletic Sports at Rotorua.
5th Liberal Studies: Mr John on "Should Workers Be Allowed to Strike?"
9, 12, 14 Senior Exams.
12th-17th B.T.I. Evangelist Team Visit.
13th Mufti Day
14th 6A Visit to "King Lear" at Hamilton Boys' High.
15th "Conservation" Film shown by Mr Voss.
15th Farewelled Mrs West, Mrs Voyle and Mr Spender.
15th Lytton Exchange Sports Visit.
16th Boys' Indoor Basketball Team Won Waikato Championships
16th End of Term.
19th-22nd N.S.S.H.A. Hockey Tournament in Blenheim.

September

9th Term 3 Commences

11th Student Council Executive Meeting.
14th Girls' Hockey Tournament in Turangi.
16th—Liberal Studies... Mr Edmeades on "The Problems of Urban Living"
18th Madrigal group sang at the Miss Tokoroa Contest.
19th Organ Recital by Mr V Hammet.
20th Liberal Studies... Mr Robyns on "Censorship"
24th P.T.A. Technical Dept. Display.
26th Madrigal group sang at the Schools' Music Festival.
28th Boys' Indoor Basketball Team became National Champions at Palmerston North.
30th-3rd Visit by Inspectors.
Student Prints Issued.

October

4th School Cross-Country Race.
5th Waikato Cross- Country Championships at Hamilton.
7th Liberal Studies—Mr Wolfe on "Building a House"
22nd Liberal Studies—Mr Rothwell on "Is God Dead?"
24th Student Council Meeting.
25th—Open Air Campaigners' Visit.
28th Labour Day.
30th Student Council Attended Rotary Dinner.
31st Student Council Meeting.

November

4th Visit to Assembly by Mike Ryan, Olympic Bronze Medallist.
8th Liberal Studies—Mr Higgins (Mayor) on "Local Government Politics"
8th U.E. Accrediting Announced.
16th Madrigal Group Sang at Arts Festival.
19th S.C. Exams Begin.
19th 3rd and 4th Form Exams.
23rd Red Cross Concert.
25th-3rd U.E. Exams.

December

5th Senior Prizegiving Ceremony.
- Mufti Day
10th Junior Prizegiving Ceremony.
11th End of Term.

Boy's 'A' Indoor Basketball Team Winners of N.Z.S.S. Indoor Basketball Team

Individual skill's interwoven into their teamwork. Great emphasis placed on full-court-pressure, defense and control of the boards

Jerry, a black eye, Lund fouled off! Morrissey with dazzling foot-work, Bones... four fouls!.

The high standard of play achieved by the team was largely due to the skilful coaching of Mr Peters.

Message from the Principal - Mr T. W. Ryan, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z

It is interesting on looking back over the Magazines produced in the past in this School that this very article represents "a break with tradition," because never before has the Principal of this School published a message in the Magazine.

Critics of Tokoroa have often held up the lack of tradition in the community as one of its weaknesses. I suppose that it is comforting to know when one does a certain thing that it has been done before and was then found sufficient, but there is also in this a danger that, because actions in the past were sufficient, doers in the present might be content merely to follow in the set pattern.

I have experienced this stultifying effect of 'tradition' in other communities and been frustrated by the discouragement of progressive thought. The people of Tokoroa, speaking generally, I have found are not bound by the past. There is growing up here a settled and ordered community and gradually a tradition is being established, but the community remains open to the possibilities of the future and is prepared, therefore to make changes when necessary to meet new and challenging situations.

Long may this attitude continue, for such is the spirit of progress.

1968

1969

Athletics

Boys:

T. O'Brien, T. Stallard; 1st places Waikato.

T. O'Brien, T. Stallard, M. Innes; 1st placings, Inland Zone.

Girls:

George, 75yds (junior);

D. Rudsits, long jump (junior),

E. Ellicot, 220yds (junior)

Indoor Basketball "A" Team

Brian Morrissey, captain N.Z Junior Team in Australia.

Warren Osborne, Zeke Cowley, Rotorua and South Waikato men's team,

Paul Storer, South Waikato men's team

New Zealand Colts Finalists

Keving Storer, Peter McLean, Mike Shaw, Gary Dawson, Steven Waltham, Ross McLeod, Cornwall Stowers.

Boys "A" Team

Runner-up in Auckland Secondary School Championships; Waikato Secondary School Competition winners.

Boys' Junior Team

Waikato Secondary Schools' handicap winners.

Cricket

W. Jackson, South Waikato men's representative. Waikato Secondary School team.

B. Morrissey, Waikato Secondary School team, South Waikato Colts.

R. McLeod, 5th Form Waikato Secondary team.

Hockey

Boys:

Waikato Country Schools Representatives, A. Erskine-Shaw, K. Butler, W. Jackson, C. Wainscott, W. Rushworth, B. Sparrow

Girls

Runners-up Tongariro Schoolgirls Competition

Red Cross

Junior Red Cross Leadership Course, South Island. Erin Cosgrove, Raewyn Foote.

Volleyball

School Representatives at Wellington Tournament, Ray Jones, Ann Rugg

Brian Morrissey selected as captain of the NZ schoolboys team for Oz tour

Mr Saunders joins music... big band era is about to begin.

Friction — Students Print

At the time this report was written there were two issues of 'Friction' - a third being prepared. The reason why it was being called 'Friction' this year is rather obscure but the name was appropriate on a few occasions which we will put down to inexperience.

The magazine itself has had its good points and its bad. Occasionally we have put a foot wring but we hope that overall we have aroused people's interest. We would like to see future issues become representative of all sections of the school including staff. The senior members of the editorial committee now hand the magazine over to younger aspiring journalists and hope that they will produce an even better publication next year.

Excerpt

Hair...

FRICITION asked various teachers for their views about hair, long or otherwise...

Mr Cooper "I wash my hair regularly twice a day in goats milk, which stimulates growth and gives it its present shine and luster. Having lost most of my hair in the frontal lobe region (a sign of maturity), I wish to preserve what I have left at the back. This argument obviously does not apply to immature teenagers."

Mr Cornwell Bald men are known for their ability to think, men with long hair are sexy, and men whose condition is in between merely think they are sexy."

Mr John "most males begin and end their life bald Surely they should be allowed to relish the gap between."

Mr Hinfelaar Some people go to extremes to grow hair on their faces and cultivate it, while it grows prolifically on other parts of the body—there seems very little sense in all of this! Go bald is my motto, but keep a wig handy.

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Situations Vacant:
 Wanted bright youth.
 Preferably handsome to accept position of
 responsibility ie Drum major
 Apply in person to the band master.
 Note: All applicants must have only one left foot.
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The Receiving End

Comments from past pupils on the receiving end of the cane:

"I was at this school only one term plus three weeks and already I held the class record for canings."

"We would purposely 'wind' the teacher up to get him angry enough to cane us"

"Some boys cut notches in their belts to keep a record of the times they were caned. I know of one past pupil who has kept his belt as a memento."

"We'd say 'Thank you sir' to the teacher after he had caned us, just to annoy him".

"Boys who were caned regularly, came prepared with tea-towels to soften the blow."

"If you were caught on the hop, a cap or newspaper came in handy."

"Teachers were judged on their caning abilities. We would compare welts to determine the best or rank them as follows:

Didn't hurt at all

Hurt like hell

Brought tears to the eyes

Needed to retire to the toilets to hide the tears.."

The past pupils, who supplied this information, wish to remain anonymous even after all this time.



Editorial

I think 1970 has brought more major changes to Tokoroa High than any other year in its history.

To begin the year, the prefect system was set aside, and a hundred sixth and seventh form students were left to devise a replacement system, or to reinstate the prefect system.

Discussions were carried out in a democratic manner, which is really another way to describe chaos, but finally, a system to replace the prefects evolved.

One of the main features of the new system was to have all 6th and 7th form students do the duties that were usually associated with prefects, but unfortunately, in a group of a hundred, one finds that there are too many people ready to grasp the privileges of their position, but shirk the associated responsibilities.

It is my opinion that the prefect system has not been effectively replaced and because of this the school has suffered certain intangible consequences. Things such as tone and student-teacher relations are not as good as they have been or could be.

Perhaps one of the main problems this year is that so many changes have taken place at once (abolishment of prefects, full time liberal studies, school uniforms etc.) or perhaps it is too much to hope that students will accept freedom and in return act in a responsible and mature manner.

L.J. Hadley: School Chairman.

Present Roll:

993

506 boys

487 girls.

\$19,000 Draft Budget

- » Salaries and accounting, including an office assistant, principal's secretary and the South Auckland Education Board Levy **\$2703**
- » Administration: printing, stationery, telephone, Secondary School Board Association subscription, postage, advertising, insurance, and another South Auckland Education Board charge **\$2280**
- » Repairs and maintenance, furniture and fittings, equipment and typewriter servicing **\$950**
- » Reticulation—water, heating, power, lighting and fuel for classroom use **\$2470**
- » Caretaking: cleaning, materials, soap, towels. **\$950**
- » Grounds: Tractor fuel and repairs, mower fuel and repairs, marking materials, goal posts, flower plants, shrubs, manure **\$665**
- » Library **\$1900**
- » Miscellaneous: prizes and break-up ceremony (\$220), cartage (\$200), first aid (\$40), traveling expenses ((\$90), unauthorized (\$20). **\$570**
- » Classroom materials: general (\$500), art (\$265), commercial (\$170), English (\$170), metalwork (\$170), home craft (\$300), mathematics (\$170), music ((\$180), physical education (\$144), science (\$1006), social studies ((\$196), woodwork (\$1200), technical drawing (\$204), clothing (\$156), languages (\$120), slow learning (\$190) **\$5969**
- » Additional new equipment **(\$467)**

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Streaking!!!

Pupils from senior social studies classes took to the streets of Tokoroa conducting a poll on the subject of streaking.

Two questions were asked of 214 men and 272 woman selected at random.

The first question asked whether there was any harm in streaking and the second, whether streaking should be a punishable offence by law.

Included among the comments were several who agreed that harm and punishing depended on the circumstances, although many believed that streaking was not a serious enough offence in this day and age to be punished by law.

One person said that he was definitely against streaking because of the possibility of catching pneumonia.

Another middle-aged man said that he streaked daily from his bathroom to his bedroom and had not yet been punished for it.

A keen supporter suggested having 'streakathon', and a young woman thought it was all right as long as the streaking was done by males.



1971



School Roll
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Miss Tokoroa high school contest was held by a fifth form class, there were 36 entrants. Think about the results that we would get today from the female side of the school, I wonder how many entrants we would get? Would the girls be too cool for it or would they give it a go? Preliminaries were held at lunchtime and the finals were held for the first time at night and what a great success, all the parents could come watch their daughters. The judges cut down from 36 entrants to 15 finalists. The winner was Katopua Harris, and with Gaylene Martin and Adele Woods as runners up who all got wonderful prizes.

Maori Studies

In 1971 Tokoroa high school established a Maori studies programme the first Maori programme in Tokoroa High School. All aspects of Maori life and culture could be studied and experienced along with the study of the language. Carving, kowhaiwhai, using flax to make kono, baskets, piupiu, raupo to make poi, a 'hangi' parents' evenings, trips to Maori centre's, singing and action songs have all been a part of the programme. The trip was made to Te Kaha to spend a week at a marae.

Maori Club

With the establishment of a Maori studies department at the school this year, demand soon arose for a Maori culture club. The club began to meet halfway and has thus far concentrated on Maori action songs, hakas, stick songs and the long poi. There are approximately thirty members in the club and an elected committee from these members attend to the organization of the clubs activities. When the pressure of the public performances is upon us, outsiders have helped the club by teaching certain songs. The main purpose of the club is to give the opportunity to the Maori pupils and interested non-maori pupils to share in the enrichment of this part of Maori culture. In other words members do not perform Maori action songs for the sake of the performance, but hopefully to express the meaning and the feeling that comes from having an understanding of the purpose and situation in which a particular song, chant, or dance, was composed.

Organ

'Organ music has permeated the whole school,' said Mr Ryan recently. This has been brought about by the keenness and diligence of the pupils studying the organ, many of them attaining a standard whereby they are rostered to play for daily assemblies. Their progress, on perhaps the most difficult of all musical instruments, has been such that the pupils who sat the London Trinity exams all passed.



Tahi

The name for our magazine is retained for a second year largely because nobody could think of a better one! It is a good name because as well as being the Maori word for 'one',

This also means 'one-ness'. Togetherness'' 'unity', and therefore is very appropriate when applied to a multi-racial community such as ours.

One could also claim that it stands for " Tokoroa High.

During the early part of the year's second term a novel, revolutionary Idea was transformed into action. This was the idea of having a 'Speakers Corner' set up in the school, where students can express themselves openly without reprisal from the schools authorities.

With the help of the progressive elements within this school this venture finally became a reality. Though our attempt at a 'Speakers Corner' has been condemned by various reactionary sectors of the school community it is most certainly a triumphant breakthrough as far as increased liberalism and demands for student government are concerned.

In Memoriam

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of four of our pupils, Kathryn McEwan, Christina Tough, Pamela van Egmond, Colin Emerton,

Speakers Corner

Principal's Message

During this year, on several occasions, the matter of student and teacher representation on the Board of Governors has been raised. Many of the arguments centre around the question of whether young people would be able to exercise the kind of judgment and maturity, and whether they would have the integrity, experience and sense of responsibility required for such a position. I believe there is no doubt that many of our senior pupils could measure up to this criteria, but there are other more practical aspects which should be considered in this matter and I set out two as example.



Indoor Basketball Team

Check out the hair!



Choir

Is this the era of the mini?



Weightlifting Boys



Firstly, I believe that the work of a Board of Governors is often misunderstood by people who have had no experience in this field. It is overwhelmingly a matter of detailed administration relating to buildings, finance and the like, and I feel sure that students required to sit through such business would find little to inspire them.

Secondly, as the law stands at present, individual members of the Board become legally responsible for their management of finances and students who were under legal age could not accept their rightful share of this responsibility. This raises the question of the fairness to other members of the Board who would be bound by decisions in which the student representative participated.

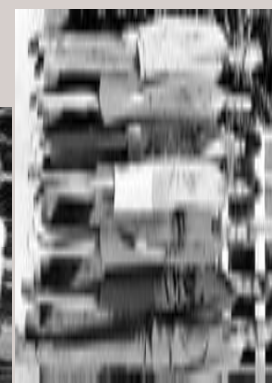
It is obviously desirable that the views of both teachers and students be represented to the governing authority on matters which concern their welfare, but whether this can best be done by direct representation is questionable. At the present time the Principal of a school is not a member of the Board of Governors and there are many, both Principals and Board members, who believe that this situation is one of strength in that he stands to his Board in the relationship of a professional adviser. It seems likely that student and staff representatives would almost certainly be in a better position to present the views of those they represent, and still retain the right to oppose decisions with which they did not agree, if they were in a similar relationship and not voting members of the Board. In other fields experience has shown that the loss of status from "advisor" to "member" is not compensated for by the one vote which the member obtains.

In this school it has been clearly understood that both students and teachers have the right to approach the Board on matters which concern them, and never has such a request to be heard and discuss been refused, but it could be that in the future we should explore the possibilities of a closer relationship between students, teachers and the Board

Tahi Magazine 1972

1972

Let's Play ...



Guess the Teacher's!

1973 has been ...

- » 365 days long.
- » Riding a motorcycle to school on a frosty morning.
- » Bringing the car to school and parking it in the bus stop.
- » A wet soccer field with a 360 degree wheelie in the middle.
- » No detentions, just suspensions.
- » Just one big long detention.
- » Making the Maths teacher blush when you've found he answered the equation wrong.
- » A repetitive parabola in the x2 metaphorical basis of School C, which is an exam that makes you miss out on your job.
- » Pulling tricks on the Maths teacher that your English teacher told you about.
- » Knowing what it's like to be a monkey in the zoo.
- » Reminding your teacher you'll be back next year.
- » Awful everytime Mr. Meek goes away for a week.
- » Having three geography teachers in one year.
- » Always being second in history but never top.
- » French verb tests.
- » More play, less work.
- » Worrying to death about exams but not doing anything about it until two days before.
- » A year of pretending to study.
- » Reading more books under the desk than 1972.
- » School C being only x days away, constantly.
- » They year they erected the rain shelters but forgot the roofs.
- » A swimming pool that never fills no matter how much it rains.
- » A 20mph temporary sign in the swimming pool.
- » Holding the F block loo door with the tip of your foot to keep it shut.
- » Having five dental appointments in one week.
- » A4's floor boards vibrating every Tuesday and Thursday.
- » Sitting next to a toast and cheese monster.
- » Wishing my hair would grow as fast as R..y P...tt's.
- » A has bean!
- » A year of being moaned at for continuous chatting.
- » Sitting around wondering what to do when the teacher has just finished telling us.
- » Learning to spell???

My Hate for the Snail

Slow is the snail,
 Grey and noiseless; the
 only proof that he has
 passed
 Is a shimmering silver
 trail behind him> You
 starving thief,
 Searching out the
 tenderest leaf!
 You ugly creature,
 protruding horns, slimy
 tail,
 Hidden under damp green
 foliage,
 Hoping, praying, the
 beady-eyed bird, with
 young to feed,
 Won't make you a handy
 meal.
 When sun descends, you
 confidently decide to
 appear;
 But unknown to you, my
 dear snail, I await.
 I, with bare feet, stamp
 you out,
 Extinguish you, just like a
 forest fire!
 All that remains is
 crushed shell
In memory of the snail

*Karen Schneller
 Form 3*

DESERT

Parched rock lips to a moth of heat
 Where yellow sea evaporated.
 Salt winds run plains grain day,
 A high triangle of and burning
 pyramid.
 On the suns shadowed knife cut—
 A deep colored slice of the desert.
**Gaye Brabyn
 Form 6**

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The Web

Silk across the sky,
 A myriad of dew drops
 A circle of death.

G.B.

Lacuna Nostra

Heus!

Mox lacuna finietur. Patientes fuims.

Signum nostrum fruit bonus eventus.

Deus aquarum lacunam lauda.

Amor omnia vincit.

1974 As it was...



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1974 has been...

- ... Looking for a certain person around the school.
- ... Watching the drips falling from the new library roof.
- ... Watching Pogle hose down the paths on a rainy day.
- ... Embarrassing Mr. Fraser when he wore his new glasses and had a haircut.
- ... Lolly-pops and 12c ice-creams at break.
- ... Wearing a multi-coloured raincoat all year and getting away with it.
- ... Sneakily painting snails and i¥hiil on Poglei's wheelbarrow.
- ... Eating potato chips and apples in class while the teachers were not looking.
- ... One year of wagging sport.
- ... Holidays, the Governor General's visit and Mr. Wilde falling off his motor-cycle.
- ... Listening to the teacher make his point and never seeing the end of your ball-point pen.
- ... A year of laddered panty-hose.
- ... Sitting on the circle so he can see you.
- ... Holding on to your skirt as you walk up the stairs in the library.
- ... Wearing a different coloured finger-nail varnish every day.

Sir Denis Blundell

On Wednesday, September 18th, the Governor General, Sir Denis Blundell, visited our school. He arrived at approximately 9 a.m., proceeded by a police escort, so he was obviously under no misapprehension about the nature of the student body! Or was it the staff?



The Polynesian Club did its bit towards welcoming him, and then the speeches started. Sir Denis invited us to sit and when nobody did, he said the he preferred to stand, whereabouts half of the sixth form sat down (such is the nature of the beast).

Sir Denis then proceeded to explain the function of the office of Governor General, and talked about many fine people he had met in Tokoroa in the course of his travels.

Our newly-turned leader, Mr. Ryan, then spoke, the first positive proof of his being back I had. Two plaques were presented, after which Lady Blundell (I presume it was her, though I couldn't see more than the top of her head) made quite a speech, again flattering us. (Turned out to be quite an ego trip!)

The Party then inspected us and though Sir Denis spoke to some people it seemed that general interest centered on whether his Aide carried a gun or not.

Sir Denis said goodbye and the whole school trooped off to the Intermediate School, where, I suppose, the procedure was repeated.

And that was that!!



Goliath Jazz Halfway through the second term, Mrs. B. Graham started rehearsals for the musical play, "Goliath Jazz". With a cast of about 40, enthusiasm continued right through to the first performance at the Intermediate School. There were two public performances of the play, which, together with other items made up the concert held at the High School on October 9th and 10th.

Don't Stop There!

No-parking signs are to be erected at the front entrance of the Tokoroa High School administration block.

The private road between Tokoroa High School, Matarawa School and the Tokoroa Intermediate School is to be closed off to public vehicles from this week.

Decisions

Tokoroa High School fifth form students now have the option of wearing the schools senior uniform.

An investigation into an alternative for the present gym frock was recently carried out but it was decided to retain the gyms in the lower for lack of a suitable change, with costs considered.

At end of the year prize giving, Tom Ryan makes special mention of the efforts the students have made in fundraising for the proposed swimming pool.

Chess

Despite fierce competition from and loss of membership to the "500" card players group, the chess club has continued to survive.

During terms one and two, a hard core of enthusiastic and faithful players continued to battle regularly on the 64 squares. The scene of conflict this year was B2 a room kindly lent to use by Miss Morgan.

For term three, the top players have organised a chess championship. The winner and runner up are to be awarded a trophy at prize giving this year.

1975

Aims

At the end of 1974, Tokoroa High School staff decided to produce objectives for the students as a secondary institution. This was a successful attempt to encourage students to participate in events and clubs, but also to think outside the box and use them (the objectives) at home and outside the classroom.

Council:

Third, sixth and seventh formers loyally supported the council during this year as they committed themselves to having perfect attendance, participating in council activities and having a genuine interest in helping the school progress through the students. Good job to those students.

3rd Form

A big competition, it seems, between 3rd form classes, or today called tutors, was a form book competition which accumulated points. Just like Gold Bonds today, but instead of rewarding individuals, the school rewarded classes to promote teamwork and encouragement toward peers.

4th Form

Mid Island Sports (Athletics) was a great strength shown from this form. It could almost be said that most of these students had a piece of Flash inside of them... in other words they were really fast. Mainly at running, but also could have had some Hulk in them too, as they did well in other events such as discus and shot-put

5th, 6th, 7th Forms

On a hot February day, 120 eager students stood waiting for the unusually late Tokoroa Road Services Bus (or just a bus). After a traumatic bus ride the students managed to arrive at their destination. Once beds were claimed for the nights to come, they set off with maps and began an orienteering course. That night they learnt what their role as a senior student was to be and anyone who got any sleep missed out on quite a bit, apparently.

On the second night, a film was shown. This film was, back then, a mind boggling comedy about the army. Today it is a classic... M.A.S.H. Over the next couple of days, a wide range of activities and competitions were held between the three forms and fun was shared. This included splashing around in the river and having tyre races. Oh, what fun that would have been!



Debbie's Special Experience:

Debbie Morrissey, as Captain of the New Zealand Schoolgirls Basketball team, grabbed the opportunity to take part in a Fiji - New Caledonia tour.

On September 20th, the team flew to Noumea where they were billeted with hospitable French. There, they played two games in which they triumphantly won. The next destination was Nandi. They played another two games in Fiji, both in Suva:

"Both games were fairly tough, but due to our greater experience and wider knowledge of the game, we were able to win by a substantial margin" -Debbie Morrissey

Well done team!

Our Curriculum

That's our curriculum there upon the wall
Penned in that gothic script. We tend to call
That piece of wonder now. The staff's minds
Worked busily and there it stands.
Will's please you sit and look and look and read? I said
The staff's by design, for never read
Strangers like you that archaic script with ease.
The calligraphers art is there for more but to tease.
So to one another they turned to question, if they durst,
How such a parchment came there; so, not the first
Are you to turn and ask us, Sir, 'twas not
A departmental exercise for which we cared a jot
To formulate those ten decisive aims on which your glance does rest.
But to question, probe, assess, put ourselves to the test, and search
philosophies
Both old and new with opening searching minds
To bring out educational aims that none may now be blind
To maximize potential for each one took prior claim
In emphasizing each persons pride and place and rise to fame
Reports, assessments in the junior school is ample illustration
Which moves us to objective two concerning motivation
Of all students, big and small, to work in harmony
Within the school. Resources were available and put under scrutiny,
Developmental Took it's place amongst such other equal parts-
The Council, sports Kak Kulture not to be the last,
All contribute to show that pride and identity
Can be thus fostered into our school. Thus fidelity
Of students, staff, was underlined. Then possibility
Of finding succour from the outside world of parents and of town
Came next. You raise and eyebrow! How was this done
You seem to ask? Some parents for their children's good
Came into school and helped in many ways. Did
Sterling service in our library; and through our Newsline
To the community word has taken to our design
Sir, let us continue. I speak to you as man to fellow man.
But this ideal so difficult in form and understanding, can
By dint of perseverance show to students we are in agreement
Self-esteem within us all and work in close contentment.
Our venture in the Social Studies field and through council
Shows our attainment here I feel.
Where come knowledge questions the inquiring mind?
Where does the Pierian spring rise? Where shall we find
Deep thoughts to quench our thirst? Such planning has there been
For various disciplines to use and now commence to grow together
You question further? Still not satisfied by our zeal?
Well! Pragmatism could define our penultimate ideal.
That's too pedantic! Lets just say that the mind
Busily engaged inquiring right from wrong builds up a fund
Of knowledge - allied to facts and imaginatively used
Fulfils a drive for satisfaction kindled here.
Enabling all to see a student growth; himself to steer
A course befitting a persons rise to maturation and decision
To see the mind, the corporate whole performing with precision.

Don't go before you've had a cup of tea,
Think hard on our Endeavour's is my plea!

— Michael Robyns



JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DRAMCOAT!!!

This production was one of the highlights for this years Art's Festival. Ms Graham's and Ms Saunders's (yes, both are still alive and well involved in our community!) enthusiasm was contagious and after many rehearsals the inexperienced and nervous cast began to swing to the snappy music. There were many memorable moments. The show was enjoyed by Primary, Intermediate and High school audiences. The two evening audiences of friends, parents and people of Tokoroa showed great appreciation and clapped along with the cast for the last finale and **ENCORE!**



1976

During the year 1976 the school seemed to have a lot of problems, problems with buildings, problems with money and problems with uniform. But these things are the outer shell of the school. The real School consists of the people and here they saw a healthier future.

School Council in 1976 started the year with a workday, involving the whole school in a day of hard work in the community at the same time raising money for use during the rest of the year \$3,500 was raised and pupils celebrated that night in the school hall with a free social financed by council.

Drama

Four third form classes decided to attempt a stage musical production entirely on their own, as part of their aesthetic programme. The result was "Swinging Samon". With the exception of the music, all aspects of the production were undertaken by Third Formers - including acting, singing, dancing, costumes, props, sets, curtains, lights and make-up. It pulled together well and was a great show.

On October 8, Sian Robyns of Form 5L competed in the finals of the Alliance Française Oral Examination at Waikato University, and gained 4th place.

Spellathon

There was a school spellathon to raise money for the board of governors. \$2000 was raised.

Hockey

The girls a Hockey team won the Piako Senior Reserve grade Hockey Cup for the second year running.

Orienteering

Shaun Cantwell and Bruce Baker contested in the orienteering circuit, both as individuals and representing the school. Shaun Cantwell has traveled throughout the country to the various levels of the competition and won all the "Orienteer-of-the-year" races held. This placed him as the top Junior Orienteer in the country. Bruce Baker ran many of the Central Districts races, finishing quite highly.

Softball

Tokoroa High School won two of the four titles at the Waikato/Thames Valley Championships.

Netball

The 1976 netball season was very successful, not so much in winning games, but in that Tokoroa High School was able to field three netball teams in the local Saturday competition under the names of Thigh I, Thigh II, and Thigh III.



Super Speller

Jason Gunn

*Jason, formally of 3A
won his skateboard for
raising the grand total of
\$104.00 in the spellathon.*



Cut Price Holidays for Vacationing Teachers.

Alcatraz Island

This charming and delightful holiday is set against the backdrop of sunny San Francisco. Holiday quarters were found to exist in the bay, and we are sure that applicants will find the view from their window, with the iron bars romantically framing the scene in a most beautiful way, to be highly satisfying to the eye.

Northern Ireland

A bicycle tour has been arranged, starting at Belfast and ending at Londonderry.

To show our affection for applicants, the bikes have been especially painted in patriotic English colors. The amount of \$2000 will be paid to anyone who completes the course.

Gobi Desert

For the athletic-type teacher this holiday is a definite must, for it contains a healthy six hundred mile trek without water, food or shelter, while a desert storm is raging its merry way across China.

Masochistic Travels Inc.

W.W. 5P

*Excerpt from the pages of
Tahi 1977*

Did you know

that the girl's school uniform cost less than the boy's.

- There was a \$20 difference
- The girls uniform cost around \$35 whilst boys uniform cost around \$55.

Added to this cost was the stationary costs. It could reach \$17.00 if pupils had to buy such extras as compasses and technical drawing sets.

Senior Laboratory

The new laboratory block is nearly completed. The building of this facility could be described, politely, as an exercise in trial and error. The builders, both very patient men, would use much stronger phrases.

It has been a very interesting development since the project got underway last November. That's when they found the wrong building had been started. The builders were very philosophical about it, and even managed a grin every now and then, especially when a mirror imaged set of joinery arrived to be fitted. It is very difficult to get a set of drawers to fit where a hot water cylinder is already positioned. Concrete is also very difficult to break, especially when it has gone hard. Quite a lot has been broken this past 12 months!

Once the block opens the Science Staff and students in this school will have the use of facilities which offer a very real and exciting challenge. The Biology court which adjoins the Biology and Advanced Experiments laboratories is a facility which very few schools have developed. The area contains an artificial pond and stream, complete with water pump and a potting bench with sites for alpine garden, animal house, green house and garden plot.

Science:

Paul Gill, a 14 year old built a project designed to utilize the rays of the sun for the Rotorua Science Fair. The project directs the sun's rays to one focal point creating a sometimes incredible heat build-up. The 'free' energy can be used to boil water, to make steam, do some cooking and even make electricity. Paul received the judges prize for his invention. Robert Chauval also entered and finished second in the same section as Paul. (Junior physical science section) Robert entered two projects, a spark transmitter and an example of how to detect neutrinos, what are elementary particles which have no charge or negligible mass. Robert plans to become a nuclear physicist. Did he achieve his



1977

Happy 20th THS

The school's first reunion began with a welcome from Mr Ryan and from the chairman of the Board of Governors, Mt T.R.Morris. Senior pupil Janice Larsen welcomed the assembly on behalf of the pupils. A foundation pupil and the first from the school to graduate from university, Mr Douglas Henry, replied on behalf of the past pupils.

Past pupils wandered around the school, the older ones noticing many changes and evidence of progress since 1957. Many watched world record breaking sessions being held by current pupils for the "learning to Live" campaign.

An informal afternoon allowed people time to chat and reminisce and a highlight of the afternoon was a Past versus Present rugby match. The Present won the game by a narrow margin of 26-22 in a good open game in which no quarter was asked or given from either side.

About 200 attended the reunion ball held in the school hall.

1977 was the year of finances...

In March the school began an intensive two week fund-raising campaign to raise \$30,000 to cover basic equipment needed for the school. The campaign entitled "Learning to Live", was initiated by the board of governors, who were acutely aware that the school faced financial crises, where government grants covered only the working and running costs. "Learning to Live" saw several events occurring. Work Week and Records Week.

Work week involved students obtaining jobs in and around the community. Whilst Records week involved an assault of three world records taken from the Guinness Book of Records. Records attempted were bailing a pool with a thimble, hopscotch marathon and the longest paper chain. More than 100 students were involved.



4 Nil Victory

Tokoroa High School 1st XV had much cause for celebration when they rewrote the history books to record its first-ever win over the Hamilton Boys High School 1st XV. Forwards and backs combined smoothly and produced a slick, polished team effort which ultimately proved the decisive factor of the game. Score 16-6.

Ron Stowers with the ball at toe during the Tricolor Trophy match.



Past and Present rugby captains of Tokoroa High School shake hands before the 20th reunion football match

1978

Council Reps

7th - Erin Pennel, Mata Tunui,
Shuna Lennon, Gillian Abercromble,
Sian Robyns.

6th - Murray Mitchell, Mark Raynel,
Robert Gill, Alma Churchward.

5th - Nigel Stowers, Stephen Jones,
Kelly Mackay

4th - Ann Alsop, Eric Teokotai,
Kevin Shaw, Darrell gage

3rd - Debbie Watts, Phillipa Kilby
(the other two did not show up)

Brass Band

After spending time in the doldrums, the Brass Band had emerged as a force to be reckoned with on the cultural scene and has given a great deal of pleasure to a number of old and well not so old people. They gave a concert in Rotorua, which was the highlight of their year, as they showed everyone up. Half way through the year, the band grew in numbers from 20 – 30 members, this growth in numbers only helped strengthen the group and help win many awards...

We acknowledge their achievements.

Languages Classes

Tokoroa High School began to push the pursuits of cultural endeavors of Pacifica and Maori students, by providing more bilingual classes, not only the Pacifica and Maori teachers got behind this even the Pakeha teachers took some classes too.

Athletics Record Breakers

In the field of athletics, 11 records were broken Triple Jump, Long Jump, 100m, Javelin, Discus, Shot Put, High Jump, hurdles, 800m, 1500m and 400m. The record breaks were – P. Trainor, T. Natua, W. Marsh, K. Higgins, E. Teokatai, W. Flutey, M. Fitzgerald



War on litter

At the beginning of this year, Mr. Cooper, the school councilor agreed to tackle the litter issues troubling our fair school. He had a new approach that he thought would revolutionize the way we treat our school, commence project S.C.A.L.P

- A newsletter to all students and parents
- A play "The Critics" presented to all forums, starring Catherine Bristow and Debbie Watts
- A video-taped television program showing the extent of the problem facing our school
- A campaign in which "litter-lickers" went round the school, picking up litter encourages other students to do so - likewise passing out badges to whom ever helps
- A pledge, for students to sign, stating that they would drop no more litter this term



1979

January

31st Beginning of term

February

6th Waitangi Day
9th Swimming Sports
20th Senior biology trip
22nd Athletics Sports
28th Hearing tests

March

1st-2nd Seventh Form Camp
7th B.C.G. Injections
9th Third and fifth form photographs
20th Blood Donor Unit in School
21st-23rd Form Seven Biology and Geography Field Trip

April

5th-6th Canoeing Championships
9th-11th Visit by Bank Education officer
12th Dr Winiata's Visit
12th Performance by "Certain Sounds"
12th Senior visit to Mercury Theatre for "Henry IV"
13th-17th **EASTER BREAK**
19th Form Seven Geography Field Trip
25th Anzac Day
26th Senior Exams Begin

May

1st Hillcrest Orchestra
2nd Puppet Show
4th End of Term 1
21st Term 2 Begins
29th Senior Report Evening
31st Cross Country

June

6th St. Paul's Sports Visit
19th James Cook Sports Visit
26th Parent Afternoon

July

3rd Junior Report Evening
3rd Kawerau Sports Visit
3rd Army Recruitment Team
9th-10th Mid-Term Break
11th Juniors visit Mercury Theatre Group
11th Hillcrest Sports Visit
12th Maori Affairs Visit
16th-20th Dracula Spectacular
25th Senior Speech Contest
27th Sports' photographs

August

1st Taupo Exchange Sport' Visit
6th-7th Bank Education Officer's Visit
7th Mangakino Sports' Visit
8th Taupo Sports' Visit
9th-15th Senior Examinations
9th Canoeing Championships (N.Z. Secondary Schools)
18th End of Term 2

September

10th Term 3 Begins
18th Senior Repot Evenings
20th Parent Evening for new third form intake
20th Biennial Bleed
20th-21st Senior Studies Trip
20th Spirit of Adventure raffle
28th Geography Field Trip

October

11th Visit by Vocational Guidance Officer
17th Junior Speech Contest
25th Senior Dine and Dance
26th Visit by Theatre Corporate

November

14th Accrediting Announced. Seniors released for study
15th-16th Third Form Orientation Programme
19th External examination Begin
30th External examination End

December

4th Senior Prize Giving—All Seniors back to school
5th Junior Prize Giving

END OF YEAR

Guess the Teacher Excerpt from Tahi 1979 By J.J.



1980

1980 was a great year, composed with groundbreaking achievement in and out of school both curricular and extra-curricular.

- Under the watchful eyes of Mr. Rothwell, the very first computing club was formed. The club was bestowed with a IBM2001 micro computer, but funnily enough they weren't graced with a printer.
- Two gifted individuals, going by the names of Melanie McDonald and Angela Rothwell; had amazing success in the "Alliance Francaise" competitions.
- Cycling an event our school isn't taking part in now but in this year, our school was fortunate enough to participate in the National Schools time trial event. The team was composed of: Brain Bedford, Ray Wyile, Gavin O'Donahue, Brendon Smith, and Olympian himself, Andrew Whitford.
- In the second term, Debbie Thomas went to represent Tokoroa High School in the human rights commission which was held at the Papakura military camp.
- Over \$1000 was generated for foreign aid programs via the 40 hour famine.
- The Biology Court was created, these was meant to be used for ecological experiments, but just recently it was been turned into a haven for the disabled students of Tokoroa High School.
- The Heavies, a team who always will be remembered not only as the team who won the Tricolour Trophy, but more so as a team who knew how to win – and lose – with grace. They won 11 games out of 18 only losing a mere 7. The only team that in the present that can better them is the Girls Rugby Team. 1980 1st XV team win Tricolour Trophy, beating CCNZ 13-4. Won 11 games, Lost 7 during the season. Captained by Darell Gage, coached by B.R. Prestige. 5 Waikato Reps. Symbolized by quote "I have used the word 'team' several times in this article, as this is what the 1st XV was in every sense of the word." (1980 Tah)
- The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Orienteering Championship was held the girls were thought to win it, but the boys stole the limelight as they took second, where as the girls were unfortunate and did not get a placing.
- While the academic side of school flourished in the day light, the other side of school was given an opportunity to shine. Two concerts were held and our students took to it like a fish to water.
- The Polynesian Club participated in the Poly Festival in Rotorua, even though they didn't get a placing, they were awarded with enthusiastic applause.
- A team of Sixth form economic students were luckily enough to be able to participate in the Share Investment Competition conducted by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, in association with the faculty of Business from Massey University.

- The hours of practice put in by the brass band finally was rewarded in the form of second place. They were awarded this placing at the Bank of New South Wales Chamber Music Competition.
- To hold a world record is something most people aspire to. Tokoroa High School broke world records as they now held the hopscotch record and the bailing the pool with a thimble record. They are held in the Guinness book of records for this era.
- Greg Allen and Viking Rota, represented the Tokoroa High School weightlifting club at the New Zealand National Championship and were talented enough to gain a second and fourth placing, putting them in the top five for there age group in New Zealand.



Plea of the Creatures

We want our freedom,

We know our rights!

Treat us more kindly

And we'll not put up a fight.

Give us more food

And time to ourselves.

And, please, not to many visitors,

*We are not objects arrayed on
the shelves.*

We have our rights

And feelings like you.

We're not inanimate,

Like tongues in a shoe!

How would you like to be

All cooped up?

*Un-endlessly being observed and
pointed at*

Like a prize cup?

If you were in our shoes

You wouldn't like it a bit

So please,

Please, be more considerate

By Denise Partridge



1981

Production

30th of April to 6th of May "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" was a production which was very successful. This musical comedy, set in the pre-Christian era, was enjoyed by all who saw it.

The Ministering Angels

The school was sorry to have to say goodbye, in term 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Miller. The Millers have held the school together for twenty years. Bill, though occasionally eruptive, was always willing to help staff locate classroom equipment and occasionally, the classroom itself. The staff owes a special thanks to Phil, for her smiling face as she dispensed afternoon tea.

Musical Notes

The school had a choir. It was called the Madrigal Choir which had 25 students in it. Wow that's big.

Seventh Form Fling

The annual dine and dance for senior, staff and members of the Board of Governors, was held in late October and was judged by all to be a resounding success.

Tokoroa High Brass Ensemble

The brass band had a very eventful and very successful year. The highlight was when they went and visited the royal Prince Charles, the prince of Wales on the 6th of April. They also entered the Bank of New South of Wales/New Zealand music federation competition and they got second place.

Sports

We had 18 different sport teams such as Cricket. Netball, Orienteering, Cycling, Aviation and Canoe club. The 1st XV had 6 losses and 6 wins. This was good for an inexperienced team.



Silver Jubilee

An estimated 600 people took part in the proceedings which included a church service, official assembly, jubilee tree planting, grant ball, school tour and informal sports competitions.

Tokoroa High School chairman Mr Ian Grant said the school had now reached maturity and on behalf of the board he congratulated all those connected with its success during the past 25 years.

1982 saw a new board of Governors after the previous group retired.

Mr. Olsen left at the end of Term 1 for a European OE and returned in October.

Barbara Graham appointed senior woman. A first for Tokoroa High School.

Twelve overseas students arrive.

Form 3 went to Ngatira Marae in October.

Success for Sheree Moko wins the New Zealand Under 14 sprint double, which earned her a trip to Oz..

A total of 214 students took part in camps this year.

"Not enough computers" sates Mr Derek Rothwell.



Big Al

Complete with a massive cast of gun laden gangsters and glamorous 'molls', Tokoroa High School was proud to present a two hour long gangland musical "Big Al".

Directed by Tina Simms and produced by Barbara Graham

Arson

A jury in the high court at Rotorua has acquitted a 14-year-old boy of willfully setting fire to G-Block at Tokoroa High School on October 28. The department of Education in the Tokoroa area initially inspected the burn-out building he estimated it would cost \$127,000 to replace and its contents a further \$30,000. However repairs had now been completed at a final cost of \$56,588.27



Farewell Mr Ryan ... Welcome Mr Burrridge

Thank you Tokoroa High School!

A long and very rewarding close association with the school came to an end for my wife and me at the end of term two. The wonderful gifts given to us keep us constantly reminded of our part in the School and, even more, the memory of the warmth of our last few days have become the measure of our life in Tokoroa and in the School.

Jesus said that one of the most important rules of life is to love your neighbour as you love yourself. When asked "Who is my neighbour?", He told the story of the Samaritan to illustrate that the term applies not just to the person who lives next door but to everybody you meet along the road of life. Tokoroa High School is a place where that rule is important and we are very conscious of the love and the caring for us of all the people of the School, so we say again "Thank You".

Our close association has ended and we shall not be with you day by day but it can never be "Goodbye", for the School will always have a proud place in our lives and in spirit we shall always be a part of it.

God bless you all.



It has been a great pleasure to have come to Tokoroa High School and be part of such a vital, interesting community.

Tokoroa High School has many strengths which can be a spring-board for further development of this school as a community school. I have been impressed with the attitude of all associated with the school—student, staff, Board members and supporters of the school.

In this Jubilee year we are poised to further develop the school where our young people may be better prepared for life. I look forward with keen anticipation to the work we must all do together.

1983



Stage one of the cultural centre has now almost been completed. The main building represents the culmination of many hours of voluntary work by teachers, students and parents not to mention the endless planning sessions. But it has all been worthwhile

The centre is meant to serve as a symbol of all the different cultural and racial groups in Tokoroa high school. The shape of the main building and the forecourt represents the dominant and indigenous culture of the Maori people. The carvings will show the history of all the tribes in this area and will be carved by pupil Tama Daniels.



Dip Snips

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Wire fences are being cut open by vandals illegally using the Tokoroa high school swimming pool for evening dips

Senior Woman's Message

Since being appointed to the position of Senior Woman in Term III 1982, I have had a full year to experience and assess life from "both sides of the fence". At Tokoroa High School, having the opportunity to experience the total perspective of the School has been indeed, a privilege and an education for me.

As a Classroom Teacher, I am sure that I was on occasions guilty of expecting the Administration to perform miracles on my behalf.

Now, as a member of the administration team, I have come to appreciate that there are no instant answers to many problems. Problems which hitherto seemed so simple I now find, require considerable time, skill and patience to resolve.

In a society which is becoming more complex by the day, there is a tendency for people to demand simple and fast solutions to problems which in some cases cannot be solved simply or quickly.

In general, I have found a high degree of tolerance and understanding on the part of Staff at Tokoroa High School and little suggests that an "Us and Them" situation exists between Staff and Administration.

As my duties and responsibilities continue to grow in the field of administration, I hope that the problems that exist at the 'chalk face' will never grow dim in my memory.

I only wish that there were more opportunities in Education for more people to experience life on "both sides of the fence".



Barbara Graham

Rhododendrons Galore

Visitors to Tokoroa high school can expect a flowery welcome from 75 newly planted rhododendrons when they enter the school.

They are planted along the driveway leading up to the multi cultural centre.



Champion Boxing.

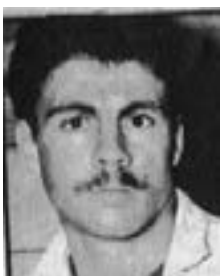
Jacob Leuii—nicknamed "the Tinker Toy" captured a New Zealand boxing title at the nation championships at Timaru.

Leuii the latest success in a line of top boxers produced by the well known Tokoroa family beat Kwarau's J. Kingi in the intermediate fly weight after drawing a bye into the bout. Though conceding height and weight to Kingi, Leuii gave a fine display of determination and aggression to earn a unanimous decision and the title.

Leuii's brother Julis reached the final of the junior light-weight competition.

Judo

Paul Wong brought home a silver medal from Queensland open state judo championships this week. The 14 year old Tokoroa high school student pupil was a member of the New Zealand under 16 years representative team which concluded a week long Australian tour on Monday. He just missed out on taking home the gold for the under 55 kg division's event. Eight south Waikato players have gained selection for the final trial of the Waikato under 16 representative one of them a Tokoroa high school student J. Tare.



Tokoroas Scott Holden claimed one of the New Zealand judo teams two gold medals in the young men's division at the Oceania judo champs in new

Caledonia. He was accompanied by another Tokoroa rep Brett Franklin and his father Norm Holden who is the manager of the team



Scratchy Note:

A throat infection dashed the hope of promising young Tokoroa singer Aaron Raitt. The 13 year old Tokoroa High School pupil, who has already earned top honors for his singing came down with an infection late last week
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A Counsellors Farewell

Warm Ride

There was nothing more bracing than that brisk daily walk across the flat frosty fields of the Tokoroa High School grounds. Behind every shadowed corner of each lonely building lay the cold-hearted puddles that slept sometimes for weeks never ever seeing the sun. It was those dormant everyday puddles, with their thin, icy layers that acted as mirrors where you could catch your own reflections. Those reflections have become nothing more than distant memories for us now.

My father, John worked as Careers Advisor and Guidance Counsellor for the school from '67 up until when he and mum finally retired to the warmth of the Coromandel in the early '80s. He was a quiet and unassuming man who, I believe helped many a poor soul in his day. I know this because frequently they would come to me and say, 'eh, is Mr. Humfula your dad? He's really cool eh, he got me outa trouble.' It was one of the few cool things that really warmed my heart on those cold, cold days.

Dad survived the catastrophic reality of the freezing cold German prisoner of war camps during World War II. He then returned to Holland to complete his university education and finally set sail for NZ in 1951 knowing that he would probably never see his parents ever again. And he never did.

I was lucky from time to time to grab a ride to school alongside dad in our old Holden Kingswood, which we later traded up for an Austin Maxi! It was from those cold vinyl seats, where I would sit urging the heater to come to life, and watching the others making that same walk just as hurriedly across those fields. That same walk as I had done many, many times before when if I was unable to get my books, bags and brains together in time to make that warm ride.

John
Bradley Hinfelaar



T.H.S. 1979-1982

1984

New DP

Long serving Tokoroa High School teacher John Lambert is the new deputy principal of the school. He is replacing Mr. Gordon Cooper who has moved onto to become headmaster for Mangakino.

Mastermind

Jonathon Kay represented Tokoroa High School in the semi-final of the United Student Mastermind. He received \$50 and a donation of \$100 for the school. He then went on to win the regions title. Jonathon answered 22 questions correctly and then had to wait while four other contestants tried to better his score. He won \$200 along with the Student Mastermind title.

Body Building

Sefilino Aloiai is regarded as Tokoroa's most outstanding teenage body builder, winning his first title at 14. In the local paper they said he was the first teenager to go out of New Zealand and win an International Bodybuilding life. At the time he was fifth form.

His diet consisted of 8-12 eggs and two large steaks for breakfast, a roast for lunch and steak, eggs and orange juice for dinner which he must eat every day in order to keep his muscles in tone.

Cycling

1984 saw the formation of the school's first cycle team. Five enthusiasts and their intrepid coach, braved the frosty evenings to train for the BOP interschool 16 km event in June. The team consisted of Perry Bernard, Darren Phayer, Todd O'Donaghue, Jane Sullivan and Allistar Kirk.

On the Ball

New Zealand netball team captain Lyn Parker has taken up the temporary post as physical education instructor at the school for the first term.

Softball

1984 was the first season a Senior boys Softball team was put together to represent Tokoroa High School. They had a very impressive first season starting it off with a



win against Tauranga Boy's High School by ten runs to four. This qualified them for a place in the South Auckland Zone eliminations Tournament with the winner of the tournament going forward to the National Secondary School Champs.

Computer students like 'Lion Tamers'

"There's more to computer programming than just sitting at the keyboard" says Tokoroa High School computer studies teacher Mr. Derek Rothwell. "It's like taming a lion—you have to teach it what you want. THS is currently running its second sixth form computing studies.

The school has fifteen BBC computers and they will be housed in what has previously served as a locker area in B Block. The computers cost \$40,000 altogether.



Badminton.

The Badminton Club had a successful year during 1984 with no losses from three matches against Forest View and Putaruru High School. Another indication of the club's success was the rise in membership from 1983, with 30 juniors and 25 seniors.

Governor Generals Visit

On Wednesday, September 18th, the Governor General, Sir Denis Blundell, visited our jGreatj school, as he put it. He arrived at approximately 9 a.m., proceeded by a police escort, so he was obviously under no misapprehension about the nature of the student body! Or was it the staff?

Two plaques were presented, after which lady Blundell (I presume it was her, though I couldn't see more than the top of her head) made quite a speech, again flattering us. (Turned out to be quite an ego trip!) The Party then inspected us and though Sir Denis spoke to some people it seemed that general interest centered on whether his Aide carried a gun or not. Sir Denis said goodbye and the whole school match trooped off to the Intermediate School, where, I suppose, the procedure was repeated. And that was that!

Billy Wins 3rd Year Running

August 15th - 5th former Billy Maea won the annual speech competition for the third year running. Billy's speech called happiness won the crowd's attention with his excellent presentation. Mr. Paul Thomas stated that Billy's Voice had flexibility which is needed to keep the audience alert and listening for what's coming next.

Athletics

21 February 1984 Athletes collected many exceptional dual wins in day two of Tokoroa High School's sports day.

Graeme Bids a Fond Farewell



Departing the scene after 18 years continuous service to Tokoroa High School is Graeme Peters, who to borrow a phrase 'has seen it all and done it all'. Peters leaves

Tokoroa with memories galore. He's seen almost every stage of expansion at the school, has witnessed the introduction of new ideas into the school curriculum, and has viewed the rapid development of the township of Tokoroa.

As the longest-serving teacher at Tokoroa High School, Graeme has made his name in the field of sport.

He has taught and coached a wide range of sports at Tokoroa High School, including indoor basketball, athletics, hockey and cricket at 1st XI level, and now for the first time, and with instant success, soccer for Midlands.

At the same time, he has made a mark in the world of orienteering, representing New Zealand twice against Australia.

Former All Black Brian Morrissey and past New Zealand mens indoor basketball Jerry Cowley were just two of the members of Graemes college team that he coached to national title honours when the sport was in its heyday in Tokoroa in the 1960's. And just to round off the picture, Graeme also took a girls team to North Island honours and runner-up in the New Zealand championships and a women's club team to third placed in the nationals.



Polynesian Pilot Scheme

Ka pu te nura
Ka hao te rangatahi

The old net is cast aside
While the new net goes fishing

Mr. Burrige introduced a Polynesian Pilot Scheme to the school which enabled a complete framework of study of Maori, Samoan and Cook Island history, Language, Music and Art within each cultural context.

The most important reasons for the introduction of this scheme is to enable the members of each ethnic group to learn more about the customs, traditions, language and history of their individual cultures.



Kia hora te marino Kia papa pounanui te moana Kia tere te karohirohi

The name "NOA"

There was considerable debate about the name. The concept of a family was paramount in the thinking of the committee. The concept of diversity of people were also paramount. The idea of different groups living together as a family seem to express what the committee wanted. The Biblical figure of Noa was suggested as a common ancestor of all people. While the ideas were clear it was not easy to express them in a concise form. The final version accepted was: **MO TE WHANAU KOTAHIA A NOA**. For the uniting or bringing together of the family of Noa – all people.

Tokoroa High School has a wealth of all cultures and, on the whole, so does the town of Tokoroa. Taking into account, the very first Multi-Cultural Centre of its kind—Te Whanau a Noa—was opened in Tokoroa on March 30, 1985.

The centre, situated at the entrance of Tokoroa High School, welcomes all races and is a place where, in the warmth of the biblical figurehead of Noah, everyone can feel at home. Its exterior takes the indigenous form of the Maori marae. The interior portrays all cultures including Welsh, Dutch, Cook Islands and Samoan. The stained glass-windows are of Victorian style.

The centre was the brainchild of Tokoroa High School's past and present headmasters, Tom Ryan and Geoff Burrige and the Maori teacher at the school, Mrs Pia Tahuri, along with the support from the community.

The carvings were born in the Rotorua Arts and Crafts Institute. The art work was created by art teacher, Mr Jim Wyley.

Months of hard work, involving the whole of Tokoroa's community made the idea a reality on March 30. Paramount chief, Sir Hepi Te Heu Heu of Ngati Tuwharetoa, and Patariki Rei of Te Arawa, performed a dawn ceremony, officially opening and blessing the centre. This dawn ceremony was a unique experience for most participants, even for the elders of the Maori community.

The ceremony took place at dawn, for this is the time when Maoris believe that man is closest to God. On this particular dawn, emotions within were too strong and many tears of joy, pride and thanks were shed. Many of the workers involved from all races shed tears of sheer thanks that all was over and the complex was a reality.

However, with over 3000 guests in the morning and numbers growing as the day progressed, much work was still required feeding guests and entertaining them with items from various cultural groups.

At 11am Education Minister Russell Marshall arrived to dedicate the centre. Formalities concluded; feasting began once more.

A slight sadness surrounded us all. The climax of hard, long work came to a close along with the daylight.

Now, the centre is a living place of learning and togetherness for all races who participate in using it, all under the umbrella of Noah—the common figure to one and all.

No reira, Kia ora, Kia Orana, Tolofa Lava. Koutou katoa. Ko tenei te tohu; Me iwi kotahi tatou katoa i roto i tenei ao wehurehe

By Linda Papa
Excerpt from Tahi 1985



Dracula Spectacula—the musical, involved more than 120 students from cast to lighting crew and make-up team was produced by Miss Jeneen Harrison.

The piano and organ accompaniment was provided by Mr George Burrell and Mrs Robyn Wolfe, who stepped in at short notice when the Musical Director, Mrs Barbara Graham, fell ill.

Pool Woes Submerged

Tokoroa High School has solved the problem of unauthorized people breaking into its swimming complex for a quick dip.

Headmaster Geoff Burrige said today that by half emptying the pool and not keeping it clean with chemicals—the school had turned the pool into an unattractive resort for trespassers.

The move followed problems with the school with vandals who repeatedly cut a wire fence to gain access to the pool—and opened the way for large groups of people to do the same at weekends.

A public meeting was held for views to be put forward—including one that the pool could become a public one—but in the mean time steps have been taken to keep the unwelcome swimmers at bay.

The only ones to suffer at the school are members of a canoe team, who now travel to practice at lake Moana - nui.



Michelle Gatenby has made her mark in both canoeing and swimming circles this summer as a tough competitor. Michelle was one of 35 THS students to compete in the North Island schools whitewater slalom champs



Fourth formers, Graig Malins, Jason Forrest and Diana Callaghan entered a video they made at school in a national competition—and won a section of it. The prize was a sophisticated video camera with play-back facility and accessories.



Working hard on preparations for the opening of the multi-cultural marae at Tokoroa High School Shane Nepia. Shane took the opportunity to wear mufti to school along with most of the other students at the school, who each donated 50 cents towards the cost of chickens needed to feed people at the opening ceremony.



1986

In Memoriam

Geoffery John Burridge, Principal of Tokoroa High School from September 1982 died suddenly February 8, 1986. He brought unique qualities to the school. Dynamic, direct, with great insight he worked unstintingly towards goals to which he felt this school should aspire. He had great empathy towards the concept of multiculturalism. His previous experience in schools within the Waikato, his work and fellowship within the Anglican Church, his membership of organizations within the communities in which he lived, his being a husband and father; all contributed towards the making of a headmaster whose character and personality were ideal for Tokoroa High School. On Tuesday, February 11th, a service was held on the Marae by ministers representing the various denominations within the town. He was then carried from the Marae, through silent lines of students, out of the school he had served so well; and tragically so briefly.

School Welcomes Principal

On April 17 the school assembled in the grounds of Noa and took part in the powhiri to welcome Tokoroa High's fifth Principal, John Lambert. The Lambert family was honoured with speeches, waiata and dance, provided by most cultures within our school and community.



Housing Corporation Competition

Tokoroa High School's success in the Housing Corporation Competition is a tribute to our school's dedication and commitment believes Minister of housing, Mr. Phil Goff. Speaking to a large crowd of teachers, parents and students in Te Whanau a Noa on June 20, Mr. Goff said he was impressed by the work produced by the pupils. Eleven schools from Waikato, King Country and Thames Valley entered the design section which involved designing a cluster of three units on one site. Three schools entered videos and thirteen submitted posters. The winning design was entered by Heng Kuooh, a Kampuchean born student, who arrived in New Zealand six years ago.

Speech Contest

Jackie Hori and Pania Papa successfully represented this school in the Korimako Speech Contest. Jackie spoke in the English section and Pania was entered in the Maori speaking section. They were required to give a prepared and an impromptu speech. Twelve schools entered the contest and both girls spoke extremely well; Pania gaining second equal place and Jackie coming third.

Debating Club

An enthusiastic group of talkers has been meeting weekly to practice the skills of debating. Both prepared and impromptu debates took place and the students found it is not as easy to "think on your feet" as it looks. The skills of working as a part of a team, researching, holding the attention of an audience and clarifying your ideas are important ones these students have been developing.

Cycling Team

The cycling season began well, with 17 enthusiastic peddle pushers attempting the gruelling Round Taupo 100 Mile event. Most riders finished the course with the team raising over \$300 in sponsorship. The funds were used to buy new tricycles for the IHC school. Three teams were entered in the annual bay of Plenty 16 kilometre time trial in June. Our boys' team placed well while two girls' teams had no real opposition – although the race organizers were thrilled to see them compete. The highlight of the cycling year came with the thrilling Tokoroa versus Tauhara Triathlon in July. Our experienced club clyclists, Andre Weiss and Peter Geers, put two of our teams decisively ahead of the opposition over the 10 kilometre course around Lake Moana-Nui.



SHOWBOAT

Showboat" came to Tokoroa during the first week in may 1986. This famous musical was performed by students of our school. The hall resounded to the music by Jerome Kern; such favourites as "Ol Man River", "Can't Help loving That Man" and "After the Ball". The production involved the largest chorus yet to perform in our annual musical show. The quality of singing was magnificent. The School Brass band played the overture which gave an extremely professional opening to the show each evening. All the students who took speaking and acting parts excelled; particularly Captain Andy (Kim Munns) and his shrew of a wife, Parthy (Jackie Hori).



"Wizards of Quiz"

Is a new title, four members of Tokoroa High School staff, Jan Gee, Trevor Bentley, Derek Rothwell and Mat Barclay will wear with pride. They competed successfully as a quiz team winning in a new competition introduced by the Little Theatre. As befitting Halloween staff dressed as three wizards and a witch.



The 'Footnote Dancers' came to Tokoroa High School during the second term. They held a few workshops and performed for the school, with some fourth and sixth forms helping out.

Mr. Olsen was selected by the Department of Education and the Japan Foundation, along with 5 other NZ teachers, to visit Japan as part of a three week study tour.

THS student Pania Papa makes NZ U-21's for Netball, first from South Waikato to do so and at the age of 17 she is one of the youngest members in the New Zealand team.



School production 'Say the Kids' was voted the most popular play by audiences at the Tokoroa Little Theatre's One-Act Play Festival. This entry was performed by a talented group of students from Form Four in the Cultural Studies Drama and Music Option. Two of the actors, Jason Bluett and Tina Singh, won the best actor award.

The THS Sixth & Seventh form Art classes hosts fashion show of original clothing which they designed themselves, so that they could raise funds to visit Tamaki College.

THS A Netball team win Waikato Secondary Schools tournament

THS cultural groups are invited to Auckland Polyfest by ex-THS teacher John Grant, a rarity for schools outside of the Auckland area

16 year old Alec McIver was one of one hundred New Zealand teenagers selected to represent their country at Australia's bi-centennial celebrations by sailing the training ship 'Spirit of Adventure'.

The School Ball was held at Timberlands Hotel. This confirmed that the next generation was heavily influenced by the height of conservatism. Sixth and Seventh formers paraded resplendent in ball gowns, tails, tulle, and leather.

Rachel Malins and Tracey Ryan received Chief Commissioners Awards for guiding.

A Tokoroa High School Sixth Former, Craig Malins, won the Senior experimental section of the Waikato Science Fair with his archery associated entry on 'Arrow Velocity'

Shaun Cantwell, a Tokoroa High School mathematics teacher, was one of twenty-four lucky New Zealanders who were selected from over five hundred applicants to compete in the 1987 Krypton Factor. Shaun had to excel in five areas: Mental Agility, Observation, Army Assault Course, Puzzle and General Knowledge. Shaun won his first heat and went on to gain second place in the semi-finals



Tokoroa High School Third Form student Richard Gooch was selected from nine regional winners of a road safety competition to receive the national prize of a 10-speed bicycle

The schools new sweatshirts arrived in the month of August

David Cowan has a flair for Maori language. He was one of the few Europeans to enter the Pei Te Hurunui Jones competition—but one of the best overall. His address of "Where is the medicine for the Maori People?" earned him third place in the finals at Tauranga against 11 contestants in the senior category.



Reincarnation

**Rising from the ashes,
Where C Block once stood,
Is a new block of classrooms
Being built out of wood.**

**As the Phoenix was reborn,
So too will be our school.
Putting behind it memories,**

New ones emerging, sparkling like jewels

**But always in our minds,
We will remember the day
When our block of classrooms
Paid off any debts they had to pay.**

**To our school
The pupils and the staff,
Who shared alike,
The pain that seared the heart.**

**As we saw the flames,
Ravage through the rooms,
Destroying the school's history
In thick smoky plumes.**

**But as the Phoenix rose,
From the dust and flames,
So too will C Block
Face the world again.**

*By Julie Welch
Form 6*



The year of 1987 will always be remembered for the fire which burnt down C Block. It occurred on the last day of February. The damage that resulted was extensive and what remained from the aftermath had to be demolished. C Block was mourned by teachers and students alike

Tokoroa High School teacher Tracy Mears said when recounting the events 'My tutor room and geography had been flattened by the demolition crew that had been employed to clean up, so my class was relocated to the

Senior Common Room. Hundreds of other students also had to be relocated. The school used any spare space that was available to cope with this problem. I don't believe what the arsonists did was right, but it shows that it takes a disaster before any progress is made. For example, the resources of the various departments were old and insufficient to cope with the demands of the classes and yet now there are stacks of new, up-to-date text books available. When all things are weighed up, this disaster could turn into a blessing in disguise.'



Boom in Netball

The game is booming at our school due to success gained by our 1987 A team, individual student in South Waikato Rep. Teams captaincy of Pania Papa and also her selection into the under 21 New Zealand team, dedication of Coach Puapii Ngatae, for nine years in a row she has coached the A team, and many other coaches.

This year our A team attained Premier Grade; captained by Terri-Ann Sommerville. The team was slow to click but as the season progressed great improvement was shown and the team played in the Halligan Shield and only lost one game by one point.

All the girls were selected to travel to Australia with the exception of Terri-Ann who went to U.S.A. instead for the Exchange Student Scheme



78 pupils balance of roll of carpet in a bid to win 5000 in a national competition.

SOCIAL STUDIES COMPETITION

Science Rules

7th former Craig Malins collected first prize in the energy section during Waikato

science fair at Hamilton his project was on alternative energy methods and show how to produce natural gas from manure.

The band has had many successful play outs this year and has achieved a passable standard considering the number of young members. Playing at various schools around Tokoroa gave the pupils the confidence to achieve an excellent programme at Putaruru's Zone Club night.



Natalie Keith is one of twelve skaters selected for National Under 16 Roller Skating Squad.

Natalie is a multiple Tokoroa Roller Skating Club and Waikato/Bay of Plenty title-holder. She is also daughter of ex staff-member and national skating champ Dennice Edwards



1989

Speech Contest

The speech contest in 1989 was formed for students to express their thoughts freely, and develop their self-esteem by speaking to a large audience. The senior contest was won by Rodney Fame, a seventh former who spoke on the topic "Sex and its Implications".

The junior students spoke on a variety of entertaining and informing subjects. The results were 1st Robert Rodgers, with "Hair Styles"; 2nd Deidre Martin, with "World Vision"; 3rd Maria Daniels, with "Rights".

Basketball

The year 1989 saw the re-emergence of basketball at Tokoroa High School. Being so isolated in the South Walkathon created many problems in the terms of games and travel, however, the enthusiasm of students makes it worthwhile.

School Talent on Show

'Chickens' featured along with the more usual song and dance entries at Tokoroa High School's talent quest last week. The battle for the prizes was amongst pupils from all forms and in front of a large gathering of the public at Tokoroa High School's hall on Thursday.

The public response and mainly the enthusiasm shown by the participants, convinced the talent quest organizer Robyn Wolfe that the event should become an annual one.

A First Equal was awarded in the duo performances going to dance duos. Third formers Naomi Bately and Natasha Mount share first place with Anzia Taumata and Marina Stowers. Fourth form duo called themselves Sista-Matic. Solo prize went to Leander Wawatai, a sixth former who sang Sweet Music Man. Meanwhile Leander Wawatai, Treena Taylor, Sheree Bristow and Verity Nichols, dressed up as chickens took the comedy award.

About \$500 was raised through door takings and would be divided amongst the departments which participated in the talent quest.



Memories

Boys tumbling in the common room.. C7 was the common room.

Oven to cook on... (wont mention what we cooked!!! (George) general havoc and mayhem ruled supreme. Lost count of how many times we were banned from our place.

Mrs. Mitchell ruled the cooking rooms next door.. Saw all and heard all.

Council paid for our KFC and petrol to the U2 concert.

Socials at Cindy's.... Local night club...

16yr old Caillin Makes the Grade

A schoolboy rugby player who started the season as a second string loose forward will end it playing open-side flanker for the North Island. 16-year-old Caillin Tonge, was selected for the North Island U-16 team to take on the South Island. Caillin forced his way into the Tokoroa High School 1st XV during the season, finishing in the school's Tricolor Trophy winning team and pushing out a number of older and more experienced players.

He was then selected for the Waikato U16 which played in the Northern Zone tournament in Opatiki two weeks ago and from where the North Island team was selected. He was also named in a Northern Districts selection, made after this tournament. Meanwhile two other Tokoroa High School students, Stacy Tai and Laurie Wehipeihana recently returned from New South Wales where they have been playing for the Waikato U15 team. Stacy, playing number eight, was captain of the team, and Laurie was the team's halfback.



1990

Speech Contest

The 1990 junior speech contest attracted a record number of entrants; with 14 competing at each year level.

The winners were Tau Gaugatao who won the third form section with a speech entitled "My Sister" and fourth form winner James Swanson who spoke on "Fogey Fashions". Davina Edwards, a poised speaker with a strong sense of commitment to her subject, was a clear winner with her speech "Helping Maori Students to Succeed"

Place getters were Felicity Misiluti (2nd) and Teokotai Tarai and Natalie Kaio (3rd equal). Joseph Vavia won the persuasive speech on "Unemployment and Education" with Arama Ngapo (2nd) and Lisa Mitchell (3rd).

School Prize-giving Dinner

Tokoroa High School senior prizegiving was held over a special dinner recently to give the event a more personal and special touch. Prizes are issued before and after the dinner and desserts and students also had the opportunity to hear guest speaker Temurea Morrison.

1990 Prize Winners

Joseph Vavia
Jaycee Cup for Senior Oratory:

Jason Walters
Arohanui Trophy for best student in Sixth Form Maori:

Gard Grimsby and Tururangi Tarapu.
Bentley Cup, Canoeist of the Year:

Tania Burke:
Morrissey Cowley Trophy, All-Round
Sportswoman of the Year:

Ngawini Poumako,
Ryan Trophy, Best Contribution to Sport in
Attitude and/or Participation:

Jump Rope For Heart 1990

Tuesday 9 October 1990, 12.15pm and four hundred students swarmed onto the tennis courts full of enthusiasm, fifty-four teams with names like "Bentley Beast", "Girls for Green Peace", "Ninja turtles" and "Superskippers" all started to bounce to the beat of Tyson and Reynolds magnificent music machine.

The tennis courts were transformed into a carnival arena where teams of six bounded and rebounded over skipping ropes for three continuous hours ... and all for a very worthwhile cause. Money raised through sponsorship would go to the Heart Foundation with 20% of funds being returned to the school.

Records set : Marathon skipping: Nerida Pawiri, 12 minutes
Press-ups while skipping: Sonny Tanuvasa, 42 press ups

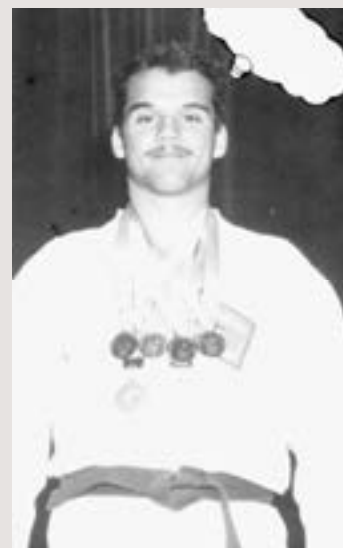


Champion Squash

Champion Gerald Seymour has put Tokoroa in the history books after winning a National Age Group title for the second time.



Judo Champion Aaron Montgomery



New Zealand Championships
1st Open weight Intermediate
1st Over 71 kg Intermediate
3rd Under 78 kg Junior Men

New Zealand Secondary School Championships
1st Open weight
1st Over 78 kg

Oceania Judo Championships in Tahiti
1st Over 78 kg Under 17
2nd Under 86 kg Under 21

World Youth Tournament
1st Over 78 kg
1st Open weight Under 17
1st Under 86 kg Senior men
1st Under 17 teams fight New Zealand

New Zealand Grade Champion
1st Age group
1st Open

New Zealand Championships
1st Open weight Intermediate
1st Over 71 kg Intermediate
3rd Under 78 kg Intermediate



1991

Out and About

Camps are something most students look forward to... especially when the camps have a main purpose or theme:

Most fifth year students (7th formers) attended one of three camps as part of their school course. Each student had the personal selection of the three 'adventure-based' camps.

Thirty three students and four teachers decided to attend a 270 km long cycle camp which went for three days. They cycled from Tokoroa High to Taupo via Whakamaru, Taupo to Rotorua via Reporoa and Rotorua back to Tokoroa. In between their approximately 5 hour cycles, with breaks, they stayed at different campsites and caravan parks during the nights.

The second choice of camp was a 30 km tramp through the Tongariro National Park. Seventeen students and three school staff took part in this. The first two days were raining cats and dogs therefore they fought through the challenging mud and conquered it reaching their destination for rest. The last day they awoke to a snow-covered mountain and a bright sunny day.

The last 7th form camp alternative was an exciting one. This camp was held at the Whakamaru Waterskiing club and sixteen students took part. Although skiing was the main objective for the 3 days, swimming, table tennis, pictionary and cards all played a part in their day-to-day living. They also travelled to Taupo and took on the Huka Jet, pigged out at McDonalds and soaked in the AC Baths.

School Eats in Style

ON Monday, March 18, Tokoroa High School's new cafeteria opened to its pupils.

The School realized the old tuckshop was below standard in areas such as heating, hygiene, hot water, space to sit, and the content and variety of foods.

The planning for the cafeteria has taken a year, and has had its difficulties.

For example, a ramp and a path were needed, a new exit, the B9 entry blocked off, fly screens, security screens, and to fit in a fridge, freezer and drink cabinets.

The profit over a three year period will finance the loan for the alterations.

The seventh Form Design Technology class are also involved, they painted the interior of the café.



Exchanges:

In this year, there were quite a few AFS exchanges involved with our school.

There was:

Miranda Snell (to Costa Rica)

Judith Stevens and Kylie Bryers (to Japan)

Lisa Mitchell (to Greece)

Ørjan Bye (from Norway)

Connie Brown (to Costa Rica)

Emily Trebilcock (to Bolivia)

Natalie Keith and Katherine Sewell (to America)

Yan Suen Lui (from Hong Kong)

Arts

This year was a great boom for the performing arts area of Tokoroa High School as there were numerous events, competitions, successes and opportunities that took place in the year 1991:

Performances

South Pacific' was this year production in which 130 students of all cultures were involved. Thanks to the producer / director Tina Ward and her team of many staff members and parents, this show was a blast. With various performances, including bands, solo singers and dramatic accents, the cabaret was a success with great responses. "Truly an Enchanting Evening"

Tokoroa High's Talent Quest finals was an explosion of entertainment as there were acts ranging from classical guitar playing and traditional Chinese dancing to rap dancing and "The chocolate chips" version of Don't Break my Heart (whatever that means). The show lasted for 3 and a half hours with a total of fifteen entries.

Three Tok High pupils took part in an award winning performance in which they took away more than just a gold award. This trio were members of the Educorp Waikato Schools Symphonic Band who won "most outstanding performance" trophy at the New Zealand Concert Bands Association Annual Festival. Congrats to those ex-pupils of whom we are all proud.

Technical Department Upgrades

This was the year of computer introduction to Tokoroa High School. The Technical Department purchased 3 computers at the cost \$8000 for use in C.A.D. (Computer Assisted Design).

Excerpt from 1991 Tahī:

"These new computers are just first of many exciting developments in that area"

Wall Chart Win!

(Then) 16 year old THS pupil Daniel Buckley and former THS student Kirsten Mills were presented tickets to the Spirit of Adventure for compiling the best RSA "What happened in Crete" Projects. Kirsten won 1st prize with her detailed wall chart while Daniel came second with his essay titled "David Taylor, My Grandfather", about his Grandfather's personal experiences from a well kept diary, containing actual happenings. This is what one of the judges had to say about Daniels essay: "You (could) actually feel what he's describing in some paragraphs".





Staff Reminiscences

A farewell

It is with some sadness that we farewell Mr. Gavin Nicol. Gavin has been a member of the Technical Department for the past eight years and during that time he has made a significant contribution to the Technical Department and to the personal development of a number of students at this school.

Soldiering on

He came to us from Freyberg High School in Palmerston North in 1985. For six of his seven years at Tokoroa High School he commuted daily from Matamata. He realized the advantage of living in Tokoroa just 12 months ago but alas he has now moved to Wanganui.

A Welcome

Mr. Paul Ramage joins us as a new member of the technical staff replacing Mr. Gavin Nicol. Paul started his teaching career in the U.K. but has taught for some years in Southland as well as in other parts of the world. We have no doubt that our students will benefit from his broad experience.

Also Mr. Ewing was appointed as HOD Social Sciences this Year, at the beginning of term 2.

Peer Support Programme

1992 was the second year that the Peer Support Programme was run in Tokoroa High School. The programme is designed to help the 3rd formers fit into high school life. This is done by assigning a group of 3rd formers to one 7th former. As a group they discuss goals, attitudes and, problems, to do with school, family and friends. This year we had 42 7th formers who were previously trained for two days on the marae. Each 7th former had a group of six or seven 3rd formers. Not only did the programme help 3rd formers to adjust to high school life but it helped the 7th formers to understand the dilemma that a 3rd former goes through and remember what it was like to be a 3rd former. It also introduced more contact between both of them both.

Waterskiing Camp

This year's seventh form waterskiing Camp was three days of buffoonery, tomfoolery, animation, noise, water and pure agony. It took guts! As soon as we arrived on the first day, all eager and excited, we set up our tents, but within the hour they had blown down, and that's how they stayed until the evening. As the morning went on we were assigned to our activities. The rest of the time was spent waterskiing or trying our hardest to water-ski. Everyone agreed that they had an excellent time and it was three days that they would never forget.

Talent Quest

Talent Quest 1992 displayed a different character from previous years. The standard overall was higher and more students were prepared to perform by themselves and what a varied group of solo performances they were from Chulaluk Chandricott's dance from Thailand, Matthew Maui singing while accompanying himself on the piano, Paulette Pooley singing with her guitar. 1st place was Kelly Rugg, \$100 donated by TJ's Music Store.

100% Success Rate in Teacher Training Applications

We continued our excellent record in getting our students accepted for tertiary courses and apprenticeships with all five of our teacher trainee applicants being accepted for teacher training next year. Congratulations to our successful students. Welcome to a great profession!

Opening

A group of student, teachers and parents traveled to Porirua to attend the opening of the new marae complex at Mana College on Saturday, September 19, 1992. From the dawn opening to the Sunday morning powhiri we were the guests of honour in every way.

School Council

The 1992 School Council has been a success because of the enthusiasm and energy of most of its members. The School Council has taken part in various fundraising activities this year. We ran mufti days, socials and ID card system was set up. This year the School Council provided financial assistance to many students who were representing the school in extracurricular activities.

Triathlon

This year our triathletes went to three meets. The teams did well despite their lack of experience. Blue Lakes, Tairua and Napier will all see stronger T.H.S. teams next year. Top performers were Craig and Glen Meads who came 2nd and 3rd in their divisions at Tairua.

Soccer

The school soccer team had its best season ever this year. Right from the first game against Te Kuiti (a 9-0 win) the team knew that this season was the one they had been building up to.

Staff Tramping Group

A group of quite fit staff members spent a most enjoyable four days walking the Matemateaonga Walkway.



THS Basketball players took to the court for 24 hours in an attempt to get then to the NZ Zone Championships.



1992

Tok Hi had a Surfing Club!

We were all just keen surfers and by having a team we were able to go to all the surf champs. We never got anywhere but we got a day off school and got to go surfing! The school would also give us use of a van so it was a paid surf trip.



1993

The School are winners of the "smokefree" Rock Challenge

7th Form Looking Back on the Years

Quotes

Dottie- life is short, pray hard!

Daniel Fitzpatrick- women belong on chains.

Stacy Hill- women don't deserve a single right at all! They belong in the kitchen. Rockapes!

Japanese Classes

This was the first year Japanese was offered at Tokoroa High School. I must admit to some trepidation at the thought of starting a new course, but the year began well with the students mastering the first of three alphabets in three months.

Fashion Design

At the Beginning of the year, we decided to enter the New Zealand Secondary schools Young Designers Awards, organised by the Fashion and Design College of New Zealand. We managed to enter seven designs in the nation wide competition in several categories. The entries came from students in our fashion design and fabrics department and some from the art and home economics departments. Five of the seven entries were nominated for awards at the award finals in Christchurch, and we made it to the "Highlights" Parade. Many of our garments were featured on "What Now" television programmes and also appeared on television on other programmes. Kereana Te Hiko came second in Tokoroa Hineta Fashion Design Competition.

M.A.S.H.E.D.

This year's school production was M.A.S.H.E.D., which was a great success. The show was full of singing, dancing and humour.

The Boys Basketball

The boy's basketball teams have had a good year this year. Starting with the 3rd and 4th team which has beaten Forest View twice. The A team enjoyed another successful 24 hour basketball-a-thon in the mid term break. The team went on to make the semi-finals of the YMCA competition. The highlight of the year was winning the South Waikato Secondary Schools Championship.

Peer Support Programme a Success

Tokoroa High School's Peer Support programme is proving to be a success for third formers and their group leaders. Comments made by the juniors, their seventh form group leaders and programme organizer Mr. David Hollingsworth indicate benefits experienced by all involved.



Writing Competition

Senior Writing

Prose 1st Dennis Tunui

2nd Maia Stuart

Poetry 1st Keriana Te Hiko

2nd Greg Sewell

Junior Writing

Prose 1st Janelle Crawford

2nd Michael Baxter

Poetry 1st Donella Sanbrook

2nd Jodie Chappell

Creative

White Fang

This noble one before us;
born of wolf and man,
beast of grey,
he hunts his prey,
upon his family's land.

His loyalty he gave only,
to the gods of fire and
light,
Silver Steed,
of knowledge and speed;
for life he learnt to
fight.

L.Chappell

As the old Maori proverb goes, "Ma te huruhuru te manu ka rere", meaning "with feathers, birds can fly".

Mrs. Larisa Kebers retires after 25 years at the school

1994

Sixty hours of sweat, tears, pulled muscles and arguments later and we were there:

Stage Challenge 1994

- * Best overall performance.
- * Best set design,
- * Best costume design,
- * Best soundtrack,
- * Best follow-spot operators.

A Riddle

My mortality frightens me,
the sun setting
never rising to bring my
shares of tomorrows

How can it be
that 'I am'
if tomorrow 'I was'?

Already a firebrand burns
my son's Sphinx mornings
as he weaves his path
on all fours

Outside, dried flaxpods rattle,
black shamèn
warding off the night.

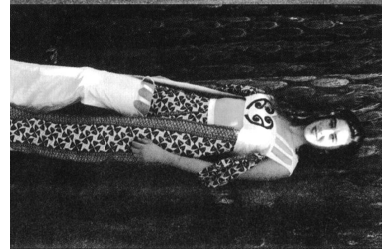
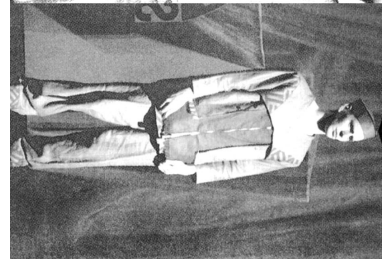
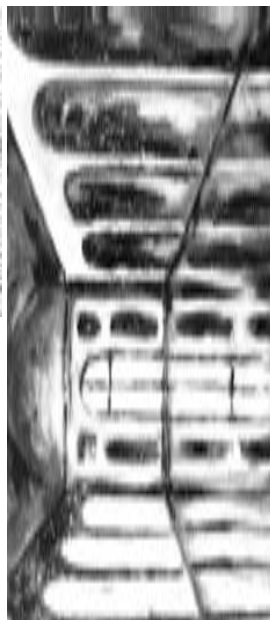
I'm no traveler,
my path leads one way
and tomorrow will bring
the final leg of this riddle
that has burnt my horizons.

By Talosaga Tolovae

Smokefree Young Designer Awards

Tokoroa is the top fashion designing school in the country, for the second year in a row. The school claimed the accolade by making a clean sweep in the menswear section in the 1994 Smokefree Young Designer Awards. Four of the five finalists were from Tokoroa High School.

Keriana Te Hiko's five piece layered suit was judged best followed by Melody Jones entry, second, Decima Gerrad's was third and Matthew Veza's fourth. Keriana's entry in the ethnic high fashion class was judged third while an entry by Hayley Royal was highly commended.



Talosaga Tolovae 25/6/55 - 19/8/94

Since February 1983, Tokoroa High School, Te Whanau a Noa, has been blessed by Talo's presence who captured the spirit of our multicultural school society and lived it to the full.

We acknowledge his huge contribution over the last 11 years and are deeply saddened by the loss of such a valuable teacher, colleague, friend.

His smile lit the pathway to understanding. It is no great thing to live long, not even to live forever; But it is a great thing to live well.

1995

The year that was.....

40 students and teacher travel to Auckland to see the performance of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show".

School Certificate and Bursary students can elect to join the 100% club.

Tokoroa High School is asked to participate in the South Waikato Secondary Schools Dragon Boating competition.

Ex-pupil Simon Mace has been awarded an undergraduate scholarship worth \$1000.

Michelle Olsen represents THS at the National Secondary School Judo Championships. She received a gold medal for her section.

A mufti day was held to raise money for a garden of remembrance for two Tokoroa High students, Kasey O'Keeffe and Jessica Leschinski.

Seventh former, Jelen Gee gained a prestigious second place in the Goethe Society competition.

There are 60 adult students enrolled for full time study.

Truancy Services are a success.

Samoan Puna performed during the Naenae sports exchange.

Mr Depree and Mr Olsen takes a group of students to enjoy three days tramping from the Chateau to Horopito.

Seventh Formers plus Mr Ewing take off for a History trip to the Bay of Islands.

Shakespeare success in the Sheilah Winn Festival held in Putaruru.

22 brand new IBM PC 486's for use in a new networked computer suite.

Exchange students we saw where Jacinthe—Canada, Yukiki—Japan, Rael Igesias _location unknown, Kei Saito—Japan

Four students were finalists for the Smoke Free Young Designers Award. Congratulations to Matthew Veza, Decima Gerrard and Ngahiraka.

Meegan Brown heads for the high seas with the Spirit of New Zealand/

Students attended Te Ao Hou along with other students from the Waikato. This was a course aimed to educate on the different options that each poly tech and university has to offer.

Theme was "2095" for this years ball. Space travelers converged at the Timberland's Hotel.

Ten students successfully completed the Hotel Catering Industry Training Board Link Course tutored by Anne Swanson.

Tok High had a Ski Team!!!

Boys Touch Team gained a place in the Nationals.

A combined league team with FVHS played the curtain-raiser for the Auckland Warriors v Waikato Cougars.

For the first time in many years there was once again a Boys Hockey team.

Girls Xi Soccer made it to the second division. A disappointing year for the boys.

Despite inexperience Boys' Basketball was successful. They came second to Putaruru High in the South Waikato Tournament.

Jay Curtis, Loi Maielaa, Sonna Toetoe and John Leslie competed with other students from the Waikato at Porritt Stadium in Athletics.

10 members of the Under-15's rugby team were selected to play for the Tritons Under -14's team. Another 3 boys were selected to represent the Waikato in the Waikato Under-15's team.

1st XV pulled out of the competitions last year due to lack of commitment by some players. This year the season has restored the mana of the THS by winning the Waikato Secondary Schools Second division championship.

Off With the Old and on With the New (or vice versa)

Throughout 1994 the THS Board of Trustees worked on the major task of introducing a new uniform for the school.

Radical changes were proposed! Girls would wear tartan kilts and boys would wear black uniform trousers. Sports shoes would be an absolute "no-no" and plain black leather shoes (real shoes) would be the order of the day.

Staff winced a little at the prospect. Tartan kilts and black leather shoes. How would they ever sell this idea to the students? It was so old-fashioned.

For a while, all the negatives emerged. The cost would be too great. Students wouldn't like the uniform. The school would never be able to implement the changes in time. No phase in time had been allowed. It wouldn't work at Tokoroa High. We were different from other schools.

As time proved, these fears were largely unfounded. What is old for us is often new and trendy for the students. The new kilts were "cool" and being allowed to wear black stockings was greeted with "Can we really, Miss?"

Parents seemed to realize that the uniform was of good quality and value for money, and perhaps we all realized that Tokoroa High is not really all that different from other schools. Kid's ability to adapt and deal with change, is often greater than ours. The way that the majority of our students are wearing the new Tokoroa High School uniform gives us all a great sense of pride. Without a doubt, they're the smartest kids on the block.

By Barbara Graham



Creative Writing Results

Senior Poetry: Nanise Tolovae

Memorial Prize: Nanise Tolovae

Senior Prose Writing: Katrina Burr

Junior Poetry: Jenny Newbrook

Junior Prose: Jenny Newbrook

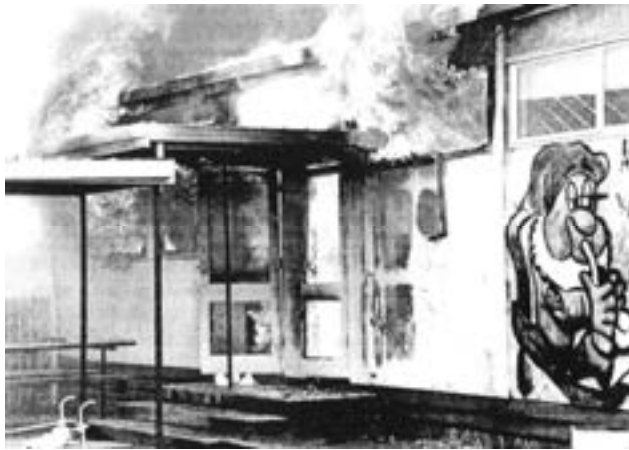


1996



**JAFFA stands for
"Juvenile Actors Fighting
For Attention"!**

Jaffa started in 1992 and is still going strong with lots of new recruits. We dance, we act, we sing, we just have fun! A lot of 'old jaffa' people have moved on to bigger and better things and with new and fresh meat, we have gone through a few changes. In the past, we have been denied access to use the school hall for weekly meetings and workshops, we have had our gatherings of madness anytime, anywhere and any place of the



Inferno

On February 7th a raging inferno gutted a catering classroom, art room and personal belongings of Mrs Swanson. The rest of the building was rescued and damage to the school cafeteria was minimal after firefighters managed to keep the blaze under control.

After a review by the Education Ministry officials decided that the rooms were beyond repair and had to be removed.



Manu Korero Regional Speech Finals

On the 25th of June, four students went to Raglan to take part in the Manu Korero Regional Speech Finals.

Keinan Ngapo spoke in the senior English section.

Jarred Boon represented the school in the senior Maori section, his younger brother Duke Boon, spoke in the junior English section.

All four students had a great success. Jarred boon was awarded first place in the impromptu section, and second overall. Keinan Ngapo was awarded third place in the impromptu section, and second overall. Duke Boon was awarded second place and Adam Boon was awarded third overall.



1997

Tokoroa High School 40th Jubilee

Over 700 people attended Tokoroa High School's 40th Jubilee on the weekend of March 7- 8. Past pupils came from the USA, Hong Kong & Australia, as well as representatives from the Board of Governors from 1957 to 1997

The school's first principal Mr. Anstice, aged 87 at the time, spoke at the powhiri of the difficulty of starting a school when the buildings were not ready. Former principals, Mr. Tom Ryan, and Mr. John Lambert, also spoke at the powhiri.

Everyone that attended had a wonderful time renewing old friendships and reliving school days. Past pupils were most impressed with the present pupils and in particular the skills of the Catering and Customer Service Skills classes, who provided the guests with high quality food and outstanding service on the Friday night.

Due to the resounding success of the Jubilee, in particular, the surge of last minute registrations which were totally unexpected, the Jubilee Committee were able to provide the school with the funds to purchase an honors board, which the school has never had.

They also made a donation to the THS Trust and put aside some money for the 50th Jubilee which will be held this year.

45 Year 13 students (Form 7) students returned to complete their studies. They began as Year 9 in 1993 as an intake of 140. What happened to the other 95?

- 5 got suspended never to return.
- 23 left to go to TOP's training.
- 16 left to become unemployed.
- 16 left to go to Polytechnic.
- 19 left to go to employment.
- 16 left to go to other schools.

Smokefree Stage Challenge Winners Are.....

Tokoroa High School

Yet again we proved ourselves to be the best from the rest. This time we came away with six awards including first place overall in the regionals.

- Best costume design,
- Best set design,
- Best staging,
- Best concept,
- Most initiative,
- Achievement in Drug Awareness



Six Squash Supremos

Christine and Annette Tan, Monique and Tama Mamanu, Tania Holmes and Reta Seymour swept aside all challengers at the New Zealand secondary School Squash Championships

Welcome and Kia Ora

After the closure of Tamariki School, a new classroom was established in E Block (E3) to cater for the senior students. The students in E3 are included and participate in chosen subjects and options as part of their programme.

Here are some of the students thoughts about being enrolled at Tokoroa High School. Kia ora, my name is Rayna. I enjoy going to Te Puna Waiora and performing with everyone.

Hi, I'm Michael. I like it at this school, everyone is friendly. My favourite place is the cafeteria and my favourite subject is math's with Mrs. Mace.

Hello, my name is Paul. I like going to English with Mrs Robyns and doing office duty.

Hi, my name is William. I think high school is cool. My favourite subjects are phys-ed with Mr Mutch, maths with Mr Depree, workshop technology with Mr Burr and art with Mr Emery.

Hi, I'm Rebecca. I enjoy home economics with Mama Maea and language with Mrs Robyns.

Hi, my name is Timothy. I enjoy going to PE and workshop technology with Mr Boechler.



Shakespeare's
Hamlet



Happy Birthday THSOB

It's been 25 years since the Tokoroa High School Old Boys Club first started, so they held a big anniversary over Queen's Birthday weekend to celebrate. From Friday through to Monday, past and present members were entertained.

1998

Yet another win for chatty pupil

Neihana Jacob knows how to talk – which is going to make him a very informative tour bus driver. That was the eventual – and very serious – ambition of the Tokoroa High School seventh former, who just seemed to go on and on winning oratory competitions.

He took out the Senior English and Best impromptu sections at the annual Manu Korero regional speech competition at the Turangawaewae Marae. His schoolmate Duke Boon also performed brilliantly taking second place by the narrowest of margins in the Senior Maori section. Neihana went on to the national finals in Whangarei which he did very well in. Neihana dedicated his win to one of his teachers who passed away that year in a tragic car accident.

“He was a brilliant teacher and always a great inspiration to me.” Neihana flew over to New York for a five day Youth Forum. He was the only New Zealand representative at the prestigious gathering



Golden Voice of Gospel

Keinan Ngapo won first place in the coveted Te Puke Country Music awards. Tokoroa High School student was judged best singer after winning the gospel section and placing second among the senior males at the competition. Keinan earned \$500 in prize money. However the prize money wasn't as important as winning an event which up until now had eluded him. “I’m really just thrilled about it” said Keinan. “I’d come overall runner up heaps of times but this was the first time I’d won it. I’ve got about 50 other trophies at home but this is the most important.” Since then he’s won various awards and different tournaments.

He taught music at Tokoroa High School in 2006, and was liked by many students, while getting a degree at Waikato University. It was a sad time last year when Keinan left. Left but not forgotten!



Road Death Tragedy Strikes Tokoroa High

Tokoroa High School teacher Teremoana Tangaroa died in a two car smash near Kaiwaka north of Auckland on Friday April 1998. Mr. Tangaroa had been a teacher at the local high school since 1985.

Golden Gloves Champion

The South Waikato had a boxing champion, Teenage Tokoroa boxer Jovarn Petero. He won various awards such as the North Island Golden Gloves title in the 50kg junior class. The New Zealand championships for young boxers were held in Taupo.

Petero was pitted against Eric Hutton of Western Boys, Te Puke. The bout was fought over three 90 second rounds. Petero came out strong in the first, blooded his opponents nose in the second and although fading in the third the judges considered his performance good enough to award him unanimous points decision.

Jovarn dedicated his win to Leon Niwha, also a great past Golden Gloves and New Zealand title holder,



Dean Tereu International Football Player

In 1998 Dean Tereu played international football for the Cook Islands in the Confederation Cup in Brisbane. The Tokoroa High School teacher made the squad only 1 month before the Tournament which meant only 1 month of practice with his new teammates.

Uniform Woes

Adrian McCauley was on of 58 students withdrawn from classes and consigned to the school's withdrawal room to study under supervision. Why? - his shoes were the wrong colour.

Uniform issues were high this year and the school sent a strong message to parents that it would no longer tolerate breaches to its dress code.

Top Teacher is Also Top Author

Trevor Bentley adds to our understanding with his new book 'Pakeha Maori', which looks at the integration of early European settlers with Maori tribes before the Treaty of Waitangi.

The book focus's on a "unique" group known as Pakeha Maori, many of whom were foreign seamen and convicts between 1799 and 1840. It examines the ways these "strangers" penetrated Maori communities adapting to tribal life and how they influenced their hosts.

Ex-Tok Hi Student Wins Top Honors

Regina Shek was presented with the New Zealand Police Sports person of the year award when she returned triumphant from the Melbourne Police Games. Sporting success is no stranger to Regina who has played prop for the Black Ferns since 1993 and has 15 games and 10 test caps under her belt.

Hawaiian Trip Raises Melissa's Awareness

Student Melissa James was selected from 100's of applicants to attend the Millennium Young People's Congress in Hawaii for a ten day conference. Around 1000 young people from 134 countries went to the congress where issues such as global sustainability, human rights and peace were discussed. Melissa said that after hearing some of the concerns from people from other countries she realized how good her life was in New Zealand. "living in New Zealand we are lucky. We are a peaceful country, there are no wars, no torture".

Touch Success

Amy Turner achieved a personal goal when she was selected for the New Zealand Under-19 touch squad. The sixth former has been striving to make the New Zealand team for a year, and was selected while playing in the touch nationals at Rotorua. She was selected to play for the 20-strong New Zealand squad from which 14 will be chosen to play in the World Cup. Amy also plays rugby for the Waikato secondary school girl's team and is a member of the Waikato Women's B team.

Wearable Arts

Paea Wilkinson won the Young Designer section at the Fashion and Wearable Art Extravaganza in Taupo. The seventh former made the hand woven flax and dyed calico outfit, based on a mixture of traditional Maori influences, and modern design. She won 200 dollars and a certificate for the outfit.

Meanwhile Karina Brammall found art potential in car parts. Sixth former Karina wants to be a fashion designer. She visited the wreckers and local mechanic for the rubber and metal that made up her "Carisma" design which came second in the Hamilton Motor Show.

Stage one of school upgrade completed

The first stage of upgrading the Tokoroa High School hall and administration block has just been completed.

Vibrant colours merge in a tiled entrance foyer offers visitors and students a warm bright welcome before they move into the inner foyer.

Here a powerful sculpture developed in stone by Robert Leger, a past pupil, stimulates the learning processes that go on in a secondary school.

Kim Lawry Chairman of the board of trustees and grounds committee, reports of Education grant, that allowed the hopes, be followed by others.

The expected full redevelopment enable other past and present works.

This redevelopment is Education project at the New driveways (\$300,000) Hinuera stone walls



1999

2000

Wearable Art

T.H.S students have proved their strength again in the fashion and wearable arts arena, this time at the NZ Car Show "In Gear" held at the Claudelands Showground's, Hamilton.

It was a futuristic perspective on recycling automotive spare parts "CARisma" designed and modeled by Karina Brannall that stole the show and the 1st prize – a trip for two to the Gold Coast, courtesy of "Freedom Air".

Athletics

Mid island athletics was held in Rotorua International stadium and T.H.S was against great competition.

In the junior events Carl Jennings was 2nd place in the Boys 800m and 1st in the 1500m. Tamielle Monk ran a personal best in the Junior Girls 800m to gain 3rd place in the 1500m. Michelle Popata was 2nd place in the Junior Girls High Jump. Joseph Cook was 3rd place in both Junior Boys High Jump and Javelin. Deanna Okeroa was 3rd place in the Senior Triple Jump. Jason Lasona was 1st in shot put. The Senior Boys 4x100m relay team was piped at the line to gain 3rd place.

Carl Jennings ended up qualifying for the NZ secondary schools athletic championships in Wanganui, by winning the regional finals in the 1500m event in Hamilton.



Touch

Amy Turner, a 6th former from T.H.S was selected for the New Zealand under-19 touch squad.

She also was apart of the Waikato Secondary Girls Rugby's team and also a member of the Waikato Woman's B team.



There Once was a School

There Once was a School ... which may have been the only stable thing occurring in the students lives.

There Once was a School... that people couldn't wait to get away from but they always came back.

There Once was a School... that had a community that knew where it came from but did not really know where it was going.

There Once Was a School... where the students were not scared of failure, they were scared of success.

There Once Was a School... that had to do something positive for the young people, because of they didn't no one ever would.

There Once Was a School... that didn't have much money and yet it was very rich.

There Once was a School... where the students should never feel the need to cry, instead they should be encouraged to fly.

There Once was a School.

Music Department

T.H.S music department raised more than \$2000 from multiple sclerosis appeal in Tokoroa and Putaruru on St Patrick's Day. Proceeds from the nationwide appeal are used to support research into multiple sclerosis and participating schools receive a portion of the appeal.

Swimming

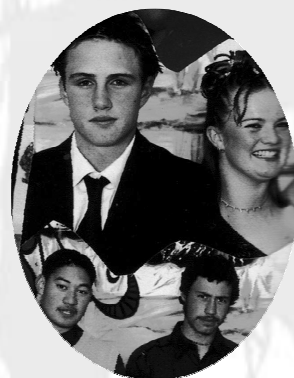
Congratulations to two students and their success at the Waikato Regional Swimming championships. Christine Ngatai was placed 1st in the 50m breaststroke and 1st in the 100m freestyle events.

Jaydean Tautari gained 2nd place in the 50m breaststroke, 3rd place in 100m freestyle and 5th in the 50m freestyle events.



1st XV Boys

On March the 22nd T.H.S 1st XV was victorious over West Vancouver Secondary School 17-7 as apart of 1 of 8 British Columbia rugby teams touring New Zealand and Australia.



1st XV Girls

The girls 1st VX rugby team opened their season in the best possible way with a resounding 43-5 victory over Waikato Diocesan.



2001

Girls' derby

The shotz Tokoroa High School girls' rugby team repelled a tenacious Forest View High School challenge last Wednesday with a 20-point victory in less than ideal conditions. Both teams struggled to retain the greasy ball with the game marred by dropped passes and numerous knock-ons. It was 20 minutes before the first points were scored when winger Michelle Popata finally eluded the FVHS cover defense which had, until then, been very effective. Kicker Maggie teokotai could not convert but made amends after the break by slotting a penalty from right in front of the posts. First five Noema Purnell was next on the scoreboard, taking two defenders with her as she finished one of her familiar barracking runs in the best possible way. Teokotai made it a seven-point try but could not repeat the effort when centre Alex Wickliffe scored six minutes before the end.

23rd may 2001

Rockquest brings out the best in High School band

Tokoroa High School's band trouser got the shock of their lives when they went to the regional Rockquest finals in Rotorua on Saturday. Trouser has been together for only two months and formed specifically to compete at the Rockquest. The band consists of guitar, drums, bass, saxophone, trumpet, two female vocalists and a male singer. However, band members were amazed when they learnt they have the chance to be the next New Zealand music scene. "I don't think we could have done it without the support of Mr. Green and others," says band member Simon Lawry "we now have a chance to go to the national's quite a big deal for us, especially being from Tokoroa."

August 1st 2001

Combined schools effort results in two-point win

Last Friday students from Forest View and Tokoroa high schools combined in an under-15 rugby league team to play Otumoetai College. The aim of the competition was to bring rugby league back into schools, according to organizer and Bay of Plenty sports co-ordinator Len Reid. In heavy conditions the game was played in good spirit. Tokoroa combined showed better game sense and worked Otumoetai around the field. Alan Tara, Hone Kuka and Gus Manu laid the platform for a first half onslaught. At standoff, Thomas Smith was always a threat while Albert Hosking and Jaydean Tautarii were rock solid in the centres.

August 29th 2001

School sawyers

Teams of eight – four female and four male will represent their schools at the Tokoroa High School inter-school sawing competition in Tokoroa on Saturday. The action will start at about 10.30am at the axe man's area at Tokoroa memorial sports ground says organizer Eddie Hall. The schools will compete in pairs, mixed pairs and teams for the right to be named top sawyers in the central North Island. The competition is expected to finish at about 3pm.

October 10th 2001

Academic plan at THS

A new initiative at Tokoroa High School hopes to improve academic success for Cook Island students.

The programme works through a group of students linking up with mentors from within the Cook Island community, a move the school says will increase the performance of students by providing them with local assistance. The teacher behind the idea, Dean Tereu, says it has given the students a chance to succeed through first-hand experience. The students meet monthly with the mentors chosen from the Cook Island community to discuss progress. Principal Rodger Somerville says the scheme is a great way to teach the students the value of education.

August 1st 2001

THS win intermediate title

Tokoroa High School took out the Putaruru Intermediate Interschool's soccer title by a margin of four points. They finished the season on 34 points with Waotu on 2 on 30, Tokoroa High 1 on 26 and Waotu 1 on 22. Putaruru Intermediate scored 21, St Mary's 20 and Tokoroa Intermediate 13.

27th June 2001

Two grand finalists

Bluez Rok Pacific Sharks did it the hard way but they will take their place in the Bay of Plenty rugby league grand final on Saturday. After being beaten by Pikiaro in the minor final week earlier, Pacific faced Central in the sudden death decider for the other place in the final and got the result they needed, a 30-22 victory. Pacific proved that they are to make their mark, not for this grand final but for the next. Out standing against Central were Lucas Daniela, the Kuru brothers and Captain Torro Sena, with excellent defensive work. Daniela's form this season has made him a force to be reckoned with. The Pacific club wishes Forestland Falcon all the best in the second division grand final.

27th June 2001



GIRLS RUGBY

Impetuous match in late May against Forest View was a disaster with 20 a FVHS team and the six year setback for another game. Senior events the week meant an under strength team to Putaruru away, followed by a game to Tokoroa which had to be a bye. However a respectful Tokoroa and their helpful hosts 62-12 setting the final against CCNZ.

Sponsored CCNZ team provided too Tokoroa High with some moral as reflected in the 22-15 score late NZ girls celebrating their first ever Tokoroa and were well pleased for my work when they out gained the title of Waikato champions. on Forest High School meant a 12 w THS. The former Waikato

armed with some "friendly" games as Waikato and THS schools. High from Tamara and Rotorua girls were easy beats at 34-0 and 20-0 with most harder games against the high 14-12 and Forest High 21-12. In three games played for 13 wins with 377 points while conceding

was. They for the Waikato Girls team 20 in the final of the Northern tournament in Rotorua. They were and Nicole. If Tokoroa Girls Team had been in their spirit, Amycragston, S. Arden, Shontar, Toni, Nana, Gervase, Laura, Tapsira and

to sponsor Motor Fuel Lounge report for their continued support, mention to Roby's, Brian and April of the scores work.



COMBINED SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE

Rugby league in Tokoroa High School took a significant step into prominence in a competition organized to bring a back into Schools. Organizer and Bay of Plenty Sports Coordinator, Mr Len Reid, conceded to Rugby Union being first choice for most schools but a window at the end of the season provided an opportunity for league.

A combined Forest View - Tokoroa High School played Otumoetai College in their first outing in Tauranga. In heavy and wet conditions, the game was played in good spirit. The Tokoroa team played Otumoetai in the first half 24-0.

In the second half Otumoetai showed their game plan and immediately a pool do-slows. Two quick tries and they were back in the game. It proved to be an entertaining match won by Tokoroa 34-22.

In the second match against Whakatane High School a trophy was at stake.

The Tokoroa combined side were handicapped playing away without reserves. Whakatane knew they had a tough opposition after Tokoroa scored the opening tries. With minutes in the game to go, the score was 26-30.

With seconds to go Whakatane scored before a new exhausted Tokoroa team. The final score 30 all was fair. The trophy remained with Whakatane. A thoroughly entertaining match to end a very short season.

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Diverse Academic Activities

Catching The Knowledge Wave

It was an extraordinary and amazing experience for me to attend the 'Catching the Knowledge Wave' conference in August this year. To meet and listen to the likes of Lord Robert Winston and Edward De Bono, and to be interviewed by Paul Holmes, was an invaluable experience.

The aim of the conference was to generate ideas and ways in which New Zealand could become a knowledge society, where the application of the know here would be the driving force behind our society and economy.

Over three days, international and national personalities addressed the conference and by the end of the conference, all agreed that the success of a knowledge society and knowledge economy could be ours.

What we need is the motivation to make that change.

Thank you to the Tokoroa High School community for your support in what was an amazing endeavor.

Melissa James

Te Rito

Te Rito is the Maori tutor group based at our school library. Te Whanau a Noho. It is aimed at improving the academic achievements of Maori students in the group.

The senior students become mahana and role models for the junior students, and someone they feel comfortable enough to talk to when they are having problems.

Te Rito has been involved in a range of activities this year from taking Mrs Haugh to a new school, to being involved in the opening of the Guidance Suite.

We have also been part of a number of projects and special events.

A highlight of the year was the mid-year feast, put on by senior students. Te Rito members were given the opportunity to take one of the best bowls ever made. (Thanking Tara Puke's strong boys).

What better way to end the year than with a trip to infamous Waitahiri. Last year's trip was very enjoyable.

Te Rito is definitely a group worth belonging to.

Tara Puke & Charmelle Kaupohata



2002

Music

Teacher Robert Crawford together with Assistant Principal Barbara Graham had the privilege of performing with the Auckland Welsh Choir.

Young singer Emasarina Tahnohau has won yet another title. Last year she won the Intermediate and duo section in mini talent quests in Rotorua and Kawerau plus the intermediate trophy in the Forestland Variety Music Club. This year Emasarina (14-years-old), has won the overall Under-17 gospel section at the Te Puke Country Music Awards.

Ex-pupil Keinan Ngapo competed in the gospel, senior male and country rock sections finishing as a finalist in gospel and highly recommended in the senior male section. In the Golden Guitar Awards held in Gore.

Song Writing success for Ben Harris, Patrick Nahu and Ben Winikerei have won Radio Forestlands song writing competition.. The boys winning song "Come to New Zealand was written by Ben and reflected his views about life in New Zealand.

Tokoroa High School music department held a CD launch. Tokstyles 2002 CD is a 15 track compilation featuring four solo artists and five bands made up of year 9 to 11 students. The title track "Control" is performed by Shaded Hope. The band also feature with their second track "Pride". With Ben Harris on vocals. The Cd was recorded at the school in July. Tokoroa High School head of music Bevan Galbraith was ecstatic about the prospect of the students having their own CD and the valuable lessons learned in its creation.

Shakespeare

Tokoroa High School top actors returned home triumphant from the National Sheilah Finn Festival of Shakespeare with an award for most Elizabethan production. Colin Haa, Naomi Fisher and Tamielle Monk's performance of the 'Merry Widows of Windsor' won the 5 minute scene performance at the regional festival in April and competed at the national festival in Wellington at Queens birthday weekend.

Manu Korero

Tokoroa High School hosted 15 Waikato schools for the Tainui Region's Manu Korero speech finals.

A+ Grades

Ian Rawley is in his first semester at Waikato University studying towards a Degree in Computing and Mathematical Sciences. Former Tokoroa High School has achieved what some may see as impossible, A plus grades in Calculus, Algebra, Computer Science and Critical Reasoning.

Judo

Nikki Harpur (15) was selected to represent New Zealand in a judo tournament in Osaka, Japan. Nikki is a blue belt said it was a tough competition with the majority has been doing judo for seven years and has previously won New Zealand and North Island titles.

Exchange Student caught in European Floods

Heavy rains and flooding have ravaged central Europe and one of our students Simon Lawry (16) has been caught in the middle of it all. Simon has been living in Dresden, Germany for the past six months on a AFS exchange programme. He spent time during the flooding helping with sand bagging effort to help hold the water back instead of being able to attend his school.

Fare go, Catering Success

Three Tokoroa High School students have made their mark in the hospitality world winning awards in the recent New Zealand Culinary Fare competition. It was the first time the competition had a secondary school section and Tokoroa High School won two silver medals and a merit award in the Healthy Food Far Brunch event.

Year 13 student Janine won silver and was only three marks short of gold. Tamielle also won silver. Yhana (Year 11) won a merit award and was only one mark short of a bronze. Teacher and coach Dianne Pudney said it was awesome that they achieved success in their first time in a culinary competition.

Rugby Success

Tokoroa High School girls rugby team Shotz celebrate their successful 2002 season with a three-game Trans Tasman tour to Australia. The girls play their first tour match in northern New South Wales against Murwillumbar High School. They play Wavell High School and then Maroochydre High. During games the girls will visit the theme parks on the Gold Coast, with a stopover in Brisbane to visit Steve Irwin's Crocodile Farm. Crikey! Ex-pupil Kevin Mealamu makes his test debut for the All Blacks playing against England at Twickenham. Brian Morrissey is another All Black legend (1981—Bernie Fraser

8-Ball

Tatum Manning qualifies for the Oceania Games

Cricket

Miriam and Rebecca Schonberger, Tare Ramea and Alex Wickliffe are to spend a week in Gisborne representing Midlands at the Northern Districts cricket tournament. Coach Dean Tereu said this was a remarkable achievement given that girl's cricket didn't exist at the school three years ago. He said the school's cricket team is the only one in the South Waikato and has progressed to the stage where it has been unbeaten in the Waikato secondary schools competition.

Innovation

Five year 10 students, Ben Reyngoud, Sarah Graig, Maara Ruua, James Gardiner-Smith and Michael Wallace recently won a \$1000 first prize for their business

proposal in the BP Community Project Trust competition. The competition involves students approaching a non-profit organization that has a need for equipment. This group of students put together a proposal based on research into the Tokoroa Volunteer Fire Brigade. The students handed over their winnings to chief fire officer Ian Wellings at a special ceremony at the fire station.



2003

In contrast with many of the other groups, Puna Vai Ora provided their own musical accompaniment. The group has an excellent band of drummers and stringed instrument musicians.

This talent is being recognised at school, with several of the musicians working towards and receiving music credits for NCEA. It gives a group of more than 30 young people the opportunity to celebrate both their language and culture.

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THS girls in Southern Rugby Tour Demolition

Invited to take part in the third annual South Island Secondary Schools Girls rugby tournament

Japanese Drummers Perform

FVHS and THS were treated to Japanese Taiko drumming recently when representatives from Kuroyoshi Agricultural High School.

Thomas High School's To Pata Ua Oa kapahaka group performs at the Tama Festival in Salsbury Park. From right: Yehi Romani, Michele Moore, Pauline Rollinson, Amber Strongman and Selene Teahua-White. Second row: Corinna Emery (absent), Wayne Wayne (absent), Freeman Gage, Dennis Haged and Daniel Fok.

Te Puna Wai Ora earn standing ovation



2004

Music Success



Tokoroa High School's Yhana Reweti was recorded amongst the top thirty young songwriters in the country; placing fifth in the national secondary school competition "Play it Strange." This was the first of what was to become an annual competition.

Also Yhana was the highest placing female entry. This was on the back of winning the 'best vocals' award at the Rotorua Rockquest Regional Finals earlier the same month.

Also, fellow Tokoroa High Student Ngativaro Iorangi placed twenty-fifth, making Tokoroa High School one of only two schools to have two placings in the top thirty.

Web Success



'Chemistry for Dummies' website earns THS trio national recognition. Kimberly Muncaster, Duane Horn and Stephen Lunam place second in New Zealand Secondary School Team Web Challenge. This was quite a feat considering that this was the first time that Tokoroa High School had entered such a competition.



Stage Success



The major musical production of the year "Little Shop of Horrors". Auditions placed for acting, singing and dancing roles within the production.

This was a big project which also involved key involvement from outside groups such as the Tech Crew, who organized lighting and other important stage features, Miss Evans and her artists, who spent endless hours painting the set; and Miss Kelly and her NZIM class, who designed and made posters to advertise the show.

The entertainers worked every night of the week during the performance, as well as a couple of day-time performances for the Intermediate schools.

- Tokoroa High's first 'Fear Factor' held starting with 10 contestants. Including a 'Food Frenzy' game, which required the contestants to throw a ring into a square labeled with a food (examples were Pig's Brain, Ox Liver, Pigs Tongue and egg); a Lincoln fitness, a Jelly & Worms contest, and finally an obstacle course. The winners were Setevano Tekotia and Desiree Maaka.
- Tokoroa High School student Nicole Petero was selected for the New Zealand Black Ferns Academy training squad. This meant attending a three-day coaching course at the prestigious Institute of Rugby, located at Massey University in Palmerston North.
- Tokoroa High school student Joanna Tautari took away the top award for best artwork in the secondary school section of the James Wallace Charitable Arts Trust and Creative New Zealand National Art Competition, while fellow Tokoroa High student Sandra Edmonds placed third.
- Fourth Form student Nikki Harpur won a silver and a bronze medal in the open women's National Judo Championship in Auckland.
- Video conferencing services used for the first time at Tokoroa High School. This free initiative was started throughout New Zealand schools by Education Minister Trevor Mallard. The school was fitted with hardware that creates an information 'bridge' through a network of cables and software similar to the internet.
- Fifth Form student Daniel Millward was the overall for the 'Boogie Woogie' open section of the New Zealand Modern School of Music Piano and Keyboard Competition.

In Memory of:

On the 7th of April 2004, Nikorima Guy Morgan lost his fight for life peacefully at his home. Mr. Morgan was born at Omahu, a small settlement just outside Hastings on the 23rd of December, 1933.

His expertise in people management is immeasurable. His work is ingrained in our community of Tokoroa through many students he taught. His memory will live on for many years to come, and he will be forever missed.



Memories of 2004

- Started Tokoroa High in 2000
- Broken neck while on AFS
- E Block Burnt Down
- Played cricket
- Shakespeare won regional competition 2 years in a row
- Gateway program introduced
- Marianne, Michelle from AFS
- Speaking Afrikaans with Mr Rothman
- Kathryn James left for AFS,
- Lukes bright yellow ball suit and the mowhawk



At the end of Term Two, Friday 2nd July, E Block was consumed by a massive blaze.

"The fire was small but ravenous. It consumed fuel immediately around it and sought more, licking at the classrooms' painted walls, thin carpet, paper and lacquered wood."

The fire crackled upwards as black, chemical-laden smoke along the ceiling of E Block. When the 111 call came on the night of July 2nd the historic two-storey block was well ablaze.

Prime Minister Helen Clark visits Tokoroa High, to show support in wake of E Block disaster, and this was appreciated by both students and teachers alike.



2005

This year has been an amazing year with the school achieving a range of national success in drama, speech contests, music, sports results and academic results. Many of our staff and students gave up their holidays and evening to ensure that the successes were achieved. Congratulations to the students, parents, teachers and community.

As a school we would like to pass on our support and regards to the families in our school community who have suffered bereavements in the last year. We were particularly saddened to lose members of our students community. Our thoughts and prayers are with those families who have suffered and lost a loved one or friend. Arohanui, from Tokoroa High School.

This year was the fourth year of NCEA and the third year of 15 plus in every subject as the focus for learning. Once again our NCEA results improved between 2003 and 2004 with a 9% increase in student gaining NCEA Level 1 and 19% increase in student gaining NCEA Level 2. Congratulations to you all.

Thanks to our community for their support. For instance the group going to Japan has raise together over \$60,000 for our young people to perform in the International Cultural Festival in Osaka. What an amazing effort.

Lastly thanks to the staff, parents, students and my colleagues in the administration who have made this such a good year. Awesome teamwork people. We wish those going on to further education all the best and successful outcomes for their endeavors.

Regards
Elgin Edwards.



Manu Korero

Congratulations go to Tania Matua, year 10 student for her outstanding win at the national Manu Korero Competition held in Kaitia during the last week of Term three.

Her achievement at becoming a National Champion has capped off a fabulous term of achievements for our school.

*Tania used the R.O.P.E method to help her.
Research, Organizing, Practice, and on the last day
"Execute".*

Gateway

After its launce in December 2003, the gateway programme is gaining popularity amongst the students and is leading to another successful year.

The programme is for senior school students (Years 12 and 13) at the three local secondary schools; Forest view, Putaruru, and Tokoroa High Schools. This is the third year and its focus is to help the students as they start thinking of a possible career path. Through Gateway, students go on a structured work placement in their area of interest with an employer in the community for a set period of the time.

This experience helps the student to check if there is work in their area of interest and at the same time gives the employer a chance to see if the student could be a possible employee with their business. While on placement, the students are also required to gain a minimum of 10 credits.



Te Manava Pasifika

Te Manava Pasifika is a tutor group formed at the end of Term Two to cater for the pastoral needs of Pasifika students. Te Manava, as the name suggests, addresses the most essential and important elements of physical, spiritual, mental and intellectual wellbeing of a student to ensure ultimate success in life.

Under the Stewardship of Mr. Alan Utanga, Ms Teokotai, Tarai, and Mrs. Jacinta Stavert, the tutor permeates astute leadership, guidance and effective pastoral care. Head girl, Tapairu Wilson, provides Pasifika and Maori students leadership in the School as well as in Te Manava. A student with university aspirations as well as achieving outside the classroom is an asset.

Secondary schooling is about constant change. It's the transition period between children growing into young adults and learning to make wise decisions. Te Manava Pasifika provides an environment where young people may meet others like themselves, share experiences daily, address issues and grow in confidence.

Pasifika students are more likely to leave school without qualifications. Pasifika students tend to choose to work instead of carrying on with further education. Pasifika are under-represented as a proportion of all university graduates. Te Manava Pasifika is making a stance to address these issues by maintaining a high level of academic focus through closely monitoring attendance and behavior.

There have been many success stories in 2005. Rachel Alapati and Ofisa Toleafoa in 'Search for the Stars' competition and Rachels win! Te Puna Vaiora winning in Taumaranui and performing with distinction in Rotorua. Te Puna Vaiora members traveling to Osaka, Japan with our Te Puna Vaiora group.

Each success is celebrated during our daily tutorial meetings or at the end of the term by way of feasting or umukai with parents. In a short time, Te Manava Pasifika is serving its purpose of changing the way things are done. Already changes have been eminent, particularly with regard to educational achievement.

No reira, ten ate au manako. Kia tiratira tu e kia okotai te manako, kia tere te vaka o Te manava Pasifika ki mua. Kia manuia.





2006



REGIONAL HONORS

RUGBY

U14 Waikato boys Rugby

Joshua Fa'agalu
Tobias Phillips

U16 Waikato boys Rugby

Vinnie Phillips

Waikato secondary girls Rugby

Darryl Wickliffe

U17 Harlequins Rugby

Lachoneus Tungane

U15 Tritons Rugby

Anthony Utanga
Anton Taikoko
Acre Keremete
Anaru Nikora
Brendan Te Kanawa
Damian John
Freeman Mackintosh
Jade Gage-Nepia
Tyson Petero
Savea Malietoa-Daniels

U15 Waikato training Camp

Anaru Nikora
Damian John
Freeman Mackintosh

GOLF

Waikato woman's team

Chantel Cassidy

SQUASH

Bay of Plenty U19 team

Aleisha Watene:
who won the B.O.P girls
U19 age group title

TOUCH RUGBY

Waikato U21 Touch Team

Anthony Utanga

B.O.P U21 mixed team

Jamie Tautari

Northern Rangers

Anthony Utanga
Tania Matua
Tobias Phillips

RUGBY LEAGUE

Waioa Bay U16 Rugby league team:

Vinnie Phillips
Tainui Gage-Nepia
Ethan Tetevano
Zane Tetevano
Douglas Gage
Tama Brown
Tana Tuau
Jade Gage-Nepia

Bay of Plenty U 16 Rugby League team:

Tainui Gage-Nepia
T.J Teina
Vinnie Phillips
Zane Tetevano
Ethan Tetevano
Tama Brown
Thomas Kerr
Jade Gage-Nepia

To list a few



- Puna went to the islands
- Mr Fords tutor most sporting achievements 20 out of 22 students made good sporting/extra curricular achievements this year.
- Daina C, Bernie K, Angela S, Louise S and Darryl W were members of the undefeated girls rugby team and Darryl also got selected for the Waikato team.
- Danielle W was selected to play squash for Bay-Waikato squash team to play in national tourney.
- Zane T, Ethan T, Sam B, Ezra T, Tapuia M and Iroitana T were in the team which won Bay of Plenty coastline competition for the second year in a row.
- Barber Shop Quartet (Jireh) placed third in the barber shop comp in Hamilton.
- Carl Flavell made his debut at the North Island athletics champs for triple jump.
- Kurt Russell—New Zealand representative for gymnastics
- Zane Tetevano and Jai Withers, representatives in the New Zealand U16's league team.
- Jamie Tautari representative for the New Zealand secondary mixed touch team.
- Manu Korero—Aiden Allen won the 2006 nationals English section for his first time entry in the competition.
- Music department: made the first C.D since Mr Galbraith left school four years ago
- 2006 Pacifica beats: 2nd place went to Hamonyze and also for first time comers 2 Pacifica beats achieved best vocals.
- Te Whanau a Noa:turned 21 on the 30 March 2006

Kurt Russell

- 1st in the New Zealand national secondary schools competition
- 1st in the New Zealand national secondary schools championship
- 1st in the New Zealand gymnastics championship team
- 8th in the New Zealand gymnastics championship individual



2007

Tena Koutou, Kia orana, Talofa Lava

We wanted to tell you a little of what is happening in our school

In the last year or so 2.8 Million has been spent on the new buildings in the school. We hope you have enjoyed what we have done.

Our students, staff and parents have worked hard and in 2006 Tokoroa High School was 19th out of the 75 schools in the Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Central North Island regions in NCEA level 1 (equivalent to the old School Certificate.) 2006 was the best year in terms of results since the modern collection of data. A scholarship was also achieved in Geography. 91% attendance was achieved by the student community across the board in 2006

Three departments won at national level these were – Music / Arts department with the Barber shop quartet, Search for the Stars national winner and a student be placed in the top 20 national song writing competition.

The Physical Education / Sports Department – Girls rugby team remained undefeated in five years and also won the national sevens competition. Individual students were also selected for national teams. Maori / Languages department where a student won the national Manu Korero speech competition

Student leadership altered radically in 2006. It was the first year of Student Prefects in the school. The students chose voluntarily to wear formal uniform (blazers and ties) on a daily basis and participate in grounds duty. A high bench mark was set

None of this can be achieved without team work so finally thanks to whole team the teachers, staff, community and students who made the difference. Their success is the success of the school and community.

We, the current students, staff and parents of Tokoroa High School wish you, the people who have gone before all the best for your futures and may you be richly blessed in all you do.

Regards

Elgin Edwards
Principal



The Last Word

So much as already happened in 2007.

For example: Athletics, Cross-Country, Teacher Only Day, Art trip, Biology trips, Young Leaders course, TeKahui Wheteu hosting Soccer day,, Stars Camp, Exams, CMD3 driven by teacher on a mission!

I will leave this information for the 2007 crew of CMD3 edition of Tahi. (Available late November)

CMD3, class of 2007 are proud to bring to you this special edition of 'Tahi: The 50th Jubilee.' It does not contain every single aspect of THS history, that was impossible to do so. Our aim was to promote conversation of years gone by and memories.

Thanks must go to the students of CMD3, South Waikato News and previous editors/photographers and students/teachers of Tahi throughout the years. Without your help this magazine would not be possible.



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Robin Miller
"Standing tall at Tok Hi"



1st Fifteen Tribute

The trial dates had been set and everybody in school, other than the thespians, were waiting to see who would make the trials for the prestigious 1st Fifteen and then possibly that ultimate accolade to actually make the team.

The year before you may have been a member of the 3rd or 2nd fifteen or one of the many other junior rugby sides Tokoroa High School had run under the guidance of an enthusiastic teacher doubling as a coach.

You went along and watched the "big boys" the school legends perform after you had finished what seemed to be a long drawn out affair that would have no bearing on the main course about to be served by a team shrouded in prestige and mana and to whom all respected.

You sat on the sideline with your team, other students, teachers and parents that wisp of winter hanging around. From the gym changing rooms you could hear the "big boys" team calls loud and clear, the excitement was growing, then minutes later they slowly emerged from the direction of the gym walking slowly as if to keep everybody waiting. Their uniforms always seemed so bright the look in their eyes so intense, this was our school on full display the best of the best, game on!

Yes that is what we all wanted and now waiting for those trial teams to be announced was quite nerve racking for us "wannabes", could we finally make the grade, could we attain that legendary status. Of course like most things the trial passes and still the wait, can't focus on the school work, somebody please announce the team!

Finally the wait is up the team is announced and their amongst names you had given legendary status you find your own, yes I have made it but now the realisation that the hardest yards are yet to come.

GAME DAY

I'm really here it is now a reality. We have met well before the game to go over final preparation. I am dressed in my school uniform, so proud, I have brought my plate my mother has made to the common room. The atmosphere is strangely relaxed but we haven't even entered the changing room in the gym yet.

As we walk to the gym the more senior players are very quiet the focus is evident, the "newbies" nervously chatter amongst themselves. The moment you enter that room for the first time you realise this is it you can feel it, breath it, touch it. The jersey is handed to you, the coach looking for any sign of doubt, and the dream becomes a reality I have made it.

A few words of encouragement from the coaches and other players and then into the warm-up, which passes quickly, and then the team talk. Finally you "huddle-up", this is what I use to listen to out on the fields after my games, the atmosphere is electric a couple of huge calls to which the team reply it echoes through the entire gym and out through the school, its all a blur as you walk out the adrenaline is steaming!

The walk out to the ground seems to take forever, an eternity, you keep looking at your jersey, it looks so bright. Then on rounding the side of the AV room you see the field all set out and all the supporters and you get this huge lump in your throat, we seem to be walking in slow motion c'mon hurry up but another quiet word from the experienced guys and you re-focus.

At the field you are still shocked and amazed at the huge crowd gathered, you are nervous but proud, the captains toss and then that moment you have watched and waited for, THE HAKA. Please let me remember it my whole family are here, my girlfriend and her friends, please!

Before you know it the game is over, it was all a blur, people shaking your hand and yelling out your name your chest beating with so much pride, yeah I finally made it.

In those few short moments you had no idea that your life would never be the same. The 1st fifteen culture would shape you and make you the man you are today. The rules of life taught to you you will always carry, the moments experienced you will always cherish, that first walk to the field you will never ever forget.

Tokoroa High School has had 50 years of very proud rugby and the pinnacle has always been the 1st Fifteen. The school has produced players and coaches of unquestionable quality, past and present, so remember the mana and stand tall as 50 years of players we all stand together.

"Kia maumaharatia no hea koe, Kia tu rangitira ai i roto i tēnei ao hurihuri

**Darin Costar
1979-1981**

Past Students Return

Wandering through the archives, a strange phenomena, was discovered. Ex-students; returning to their teenage stomping ground, in great numbers, in various roles around the school. If New Zealand schools took a poll, I can just about guarantee that Tok High would come out tops.

Returning Staff

- First to return was Kevin Francis. Kevin during his days as a student was one of our top swimmers, as well as being a top rate student and Head Boy during 1965. "Here to make amends or settle accounts?" was the question asked in 'Tahi' the year he returned.
- Dux of 79, Miss Gillian Reid, complete with a BA Dip, came back to teach English in 1984.
- Latisha Kelly — Economics and Social Studies Teacher.
- Vicky Tafau (nee Cantwell) (I will be shot if I say what year), School Librarian till 2006.
- Keinan Ngapo, Singing Star: Keinan as a lad, had constant uniform issues and was encouraged to develop his obvious talent, but was terrible at handing in music homework. Keinan is currently enrolled at teachers college, obtaining his teaching degree. He can't wait to get back to THS.

Current ex-students currently enrolled at Tokoroa High School.

- 1980 saw Mrs Diane Vonk (nee.....) walk through the doors. This time returning not as a student handing over money at interval and lunch time in the canteen, but as the person on the other side of the counter. Diane has now been on staff for 27 years.
- Willie Ford, class of 69 joined the staff in 2003, as a P.E teacher, and has since become HOD—PE. A man who is respected by all staff and students.
- Willie's classmate in 69 Liz Motu, has recently come on board working in Guidance.
- 1979 report card: "Alan is one of the few, who does work in tutor time which is pleasing to see. This student is now Graphics/Science Teacher, part of the Senior Management Team AND Te Manawa Dean. Welcome back to Tokoroa High School Alan Utanga.

- Laura Henderson— year unknown (!!!) is currently employed as our School Librarian. She has also been a long-term reliever for English and working with our GATE students.
- Maxine Gage— Reliever and Sports Coordinator. According to her 1984 tutor report, Maxine is a natural leader who should develop her talents further (and return her overdue library book!!!) We are pleased to report that Maxine definatley developed her talents further.
- Dean Tereu— 1989: Dean's report card was interesting, and we are grateful that his serious gap in knowledge and ability has been rectified. Dean is now a Geography and Math's Teacher, Year 13 Dean, and is also head of the prefect system.
- Judith Fryer— Support Crew.
- Chris Pentecost— Person responsible for caretaking at the school. Looking back into the archives, it was astounding to see Chris as a youngster. He had hair!
- Teokotai Tarai: According to her school report, she is an excellent communicator and motivator, with a flair for drama and production. Tai lives up to that report.
- Brian Reid— Senior Management Team. When asked to speak about his years as a student, Brian clammed up. Therefore, this intrepid reporter went deep *deep* into the archives to locate a glimpse of Brian as a teen. Zip.. Zilch.. NADDA!!! However, I am pleased to report that Brian and his lovely wife, are due to become parents any day now. Congratulations to you both.
- Cynthia Kapene gained honours, in the sixth form for art. She is currently employed as Arts Coordinator for Tokoroa High.
- 1981 student Jacinta Lepa is now Jacinta Stavert. Teacher of English. You can find images of Jacinta on page 11, and the year 1981.
- Tony Rikona— Current Relieving Teacher, who has just discovered that he still has unpaid fees from his student days for woodwork...\$22.00. You can pay at the office Tony.

BUT WAIT.... THERES MORE

- We have on staff teacher whose grandmother taught here. Who remembers Mrs Merrylees? Welcome aboard our Year 9 Dean, and Head of Junior English, Cherie Merrylees-Buckler.
- The woman affectionately known to all as Mama Maea guided us for many years.... Her son, Billy Maea - 1982—1987, returned in 2004 to join the all-star team; affectionately know as the 3 Amigos.

Tokoroa High School also has several 'secret' ex-students on-board. They unfortunately know this reporters reputation, and just plain wont admit to it!!!

The majority I have spoken to, have said the main reason for returning to Tokoroa High School, is family and a great pride for the school and the people within its grounds.

I will have also missed many during this journey of the years. My wish is that those whom have been omitted, contact myself or the school so that you can be included in the "Hall Of Fame" for the upcoming Tokoroa 60th birthday.

Another point about staff at Tokoroa High School, a few of us tend to stick around a while....

How many decades Have the following been at Tokoroa High School?:

- ⇒ Mr John Depree
- ⇒ Mr Win Paki
- ⇒ Mrs Graham
- ⇒ Mama Maea

It would take an age going through the years listing long-term serving teachers... You know who they are... again I hope these will be listed in the 60th magazine.

To all past and present pupils/staff
"Remember the good times and the bad.
Your past is part of who you are."

16 ex-students thus far.

$$34 + 30 + 9 = ?$$

Mr. Trevor Bentley

Many of you may remember Mr. Trevor Bentley from your school days. He started teaching at Tokoroa High School in 1973 and has been ever since. Over 30 years later he is still inspiring the lives of the young people at Tokoroa High School. His specialised subject is social science mainly history.

Tokoroa was the only place at the time that he and his wife could both find employment opportunities in their chosen fields. Mr. Bentley was overwhelmed at the sense of community and friendship that radiated from the school. He loves the cultural mix and innovation of the students and teachers and says that "Tokoroa High School is a wonderful school to teach at".

Mr. Bentley has memories both painful and special of his time so far at Tokoroa High School. One of his most vivid memories is the opening of our school Marae 'Te Whanau a Noa.' He recalls hundreds of people gathered including Government Ministers, Maori Chiefs and Education Personalities. Another special moment for Mr. Bentley was the 25th silver jubilee and here he is now part of the 50th jubilee.

Unfortunately Mr. Bentley also has some sadder memories he remembers, The tragic death of one of Tokoroa High Schools principals Jeff Burich from a heart attack and the catastrophic destruction caused by the recent E Block Fire.

Historians such as Michael King and James Belich have inspired Mr. Bentley to be the teacher he is today. Mr. Bentley aims to model their techniques and passion within his teaching. Mr. Bentley believes that the success to being a good teacher is by ensuring friendly personal relationships with students to ensure that they are in a comfortable

learning environment. He also tries to ensure that they pick up on his passion for the subject in the hopes that they will unlock their own passion and enjoy the subject even more.



Mr. Bentley only teaches Year 13 now as he has devoted most of his time to his main role as Adult Education Coordinator. He controls 40 to 50 night classes around the South Waikato and has 70 tutors working under him. The focus of his teaching has now shifted to adult education although he is still very much involved in the lives of the students at Tokoroa High School.

Mr. Dean Tereu

Dean Tereu is a Tokoroa High School person through and through. Having been born and raised in Tokoroa, Dean attended the school as a student, leaving in 1990, and then returning as a teacher in 1996 has truly shown that this is a special place for him. Returning to the place where he was born and where his family still resides has special meaning for Dean. "It means a lot to me to be able to truly give back to the community that raised me. I had such a great time here as a student and made so many life long friends that it was only natural that once I had finished university this is where I would return to.

The family atmosphere that Tokoroa High School is famous for has special meaning to Dean, as his Cook Island heritage means that he is related to most of the school! The ability to influence ones own relatives means that the extra efforts put into coaching

sports teams, running homework clubs and becoming a Dean were all worthwhile. "I will never forget how proud my Grandparents were to see the Tereu name teaching at the local high school, and although I am probably harder on my own relations than other students I make no apologies for this in an attempt to better their education."

Working with people who had been Dean's teachers posed a challenge particularly early on. "The mana that people like Mrs Graham and Mr Sommerville carried meant that I was initially very reluctant to talk to them as equals but they soon made me welcome as equals and we were able to operate on an equal footing. Mrs Graham knew my mum very well so if I, or my brother Brian, ever stepped out of line she threatened me with calling mum! There are so many fantastic teachers that have taught me

so much and have so much knowledge that I am often humbled and reminded that I still have so much to learn."

Along with many highlights for Dean's students academically over the years it is often the less celebrated successes that stick out in the mind. In a time where NCEA grades dominates the educational landscape, it is the honesty and genuine nature of the students over the years that stick out. "If a student thinks I am being an idiot they will say I am being an idiot, I had a debate going one year about the pros and cons of abortion and one girls went off, swearing and cursing at me for daring to disagree with her point of view. I respected her passion about the topic and she went home and talked about what we had done at school. I still have people today come up to me after many years and talk about crazy lessons that we had done on war, civil rights, volcanoes,

beheadings, all sorts! That is very rewarding to think that even if it wasn't obvious at the time we had left an imprint on that young person's life."

This jubilee is a special occasion for a very special place and Dean considers it an absolute privilege to be included in both the ex students and staff lists. "I just hope that everybody concerned with Tokoroa High School is aware of what a wonderful place this is to send your children, and I consider it a privilege to educate as a part of Te Whanau a Noa. I might even be here for the 100th jubilee!



Mr. Murray Olsen

Mr. Murray Olsen started teaching at Tokoroa High School in 1975. Over 30 years later he is still influencing the lives of Tokoroa High School students.

Specialising in History and Geography Mr. Olsen has been to many different parts of the world and has a wealth of knowledge in regards to the countries he has seen and with no end in sight it is possible that Mr. Olsen may see the entire world in his lifetime, a very rare occurrence in today's busy society.

One of the most memorable moments in his teaching career was when he was selected for an all expenses paid three week trip to Japan in recognition of his teaching work.

Mr. Olsen was in fact offered a job at Rotorua Boys High teaching year 13 Geography but due to the lack of accommodation turned it down and came to Tokoroa instead. When asked what he liked about Tokoroa Mr. Olsen couldn't help but comment on the community spirit and the central location of Tokoroa in the North Island. He commented on the good kids and on Tokoroa as a place. When asked why he wanted to become a teacher he responded with "Which job in life has the most holidays and the opportunity to travel?" yes that is what he really said.

One of the main things Mr. Olsen enjoys about teaching is the opportunity to encourage students to see the world. He also enjoys walking down the street whether it be in Tokoroa or in Hamilton, and bumping into old students, finding out what they have been up to and how life is treating them. Mr. Olsen also enjoys being able to shape peoples ideas and minds.

For over 30 years Mr. Olsen has been at Tokoroa High School teaching and being a part of the school community. Through the good times like the prizegivings and jubilees as well as the bad times like fires and deaths Mr. Olsen has been here without fail and will likely continue to be here for a little longer yet.



Autographs



Golden Memories

**Tuhia ki te rangi
Tuhia ki te whenua
Tuhia ki te ngakau o nga tangata
Ko te mea nui
Ko te aroha
Tihei Mauri Ora
Tena koutou I to tatou tini mate
Haere, haere, haere**

*Write in the sky
Write in the Land
Write in the heart of the people
The greatest thing
Is love
Behold there is life
Greeting to our many dead
Farewell, farewell, farewell*

Talofa ni, talofa lava, malo e lelei, fakalofa lahi atu, ni sa bula vinaka, na maste, ia orana, gud de tru olgeta, talofa, kia ora, kia orana kotou katoatoa I te aroa maata o Te Atua.

Fifty years is a huge milestone and something to be proud of for a school rich in tradition and stories. Faced with a climate of 'think big' in the seventies, economic restructuring in the eighties, subsequent social upheaval and levelling in the nineties, and paradigm shifts in education, Tokoroa High School is a story of resilience. Today, it ranks amongst some of the best schools nationally by way of its most recent outstanding academic results. Credit must be accorded to the principal, management, staff, students and a supportive community.

In presenting this magazine to commemorate the golden jubilee, on behalf of the committee I would like to thank you all for being with us on this special occasion.

We trust you met your schoolmates, teachers, or friends, and were able to reminisce.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 40th reunion organising committee for their cooperative help and encouragement. Special thanks to the 50th organising committee; Yvonne Miles, Vicki Tafau,

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A special acknowledgement is accorded to our media guru, Robin Miller, whose profound skills and leadership kept a media juggernaut of students on task to produce this immaculate jubilee record.

To all those who volunteered, contributed by way of donations, provided words of encouragement; your kindness and giving freely remind us of how the world can be a better place.

Finally, many thanks to the Principal, Commissioner and the senior management team for their unrelenting support.

On behalf of the committee, until we meet again we say "aere ra, e kia manuia".

**Alan Utanga
Coordinator
Jubilee Committee**





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