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From the Principal's Desk

Tena Koutou, Kia orana, Talofa Lava

This year was the 50th Jubilee of our school. It was great to the interaction between ex and current students and friendships renewed.

In the last year or so 2.8 Million has been spent on the new buildings in the school. There is more to come with fencing and upgrades of the buildings. We hope you have enjoyed what has been 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 –

the Music / Arts department with the Barber shop quartet, Search for the Stars national winner in 2006 and 2nd Nationally in 2007.

The Physical Education / Sports Department – Our under 16 boys rugby came second in the Waikato competition and many of the same students were involved in the regions rugby league final. Individual students were also selected for national teams.

Maori / Languages department where a student won the national Manu Korero in 2006 and regionally in 2007 in the speech competition

Four teacher achieved national recognition for the quality of their teaching

None of this can be achieved without team work so finally thanks to whole team: students, and their teachers and the community. Student success is the success of the school and community.

We, the staff of Tokoroa High School wish you, all the best for your futures and that you would be richly blessed in all you do.

Regards

Elgin Edwards
Principal



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Well another year has gone by and so quickly too!

Congratulations to all of our achievers, you certainly make us proud of you with your sporting prowess, your musical and cultural brilliance and your fine academic achievements.

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We live in a changing world today and currently are seeing technology changing the way we run our school and the way we teach. But you know sometimes its worth reflecting on the things in life that don't change – the things that stay the same from whichever angle we look at them – the things that make us truly human and that is the **ability to forgive and forget**. Think of the great man Nelson Mandela and his amazing ability to forgive. We all know it's human to be angry and want revenge, however, even after he spent 27 years in jail – most of that time he spent splitting rocks – when he was finally released from jail he forgave his jailers, forgave the people who put him in there and then worked closely with them to the point that he finally was elected President. Isn't that amazing!

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You see I find that extraordinary. It's human to be angry and want revenge. I hear it in my office regularly – 'well Miss I had to give him the bash, he looked at me funny, he was rude to my girlfriend, the other kids said she was going to give me the bash' etc. We all need to learn from Nelson Mandela and try to find forgiveness. In the end it's the way we are with each other that really counts. Think about this – always treat others as you want them to treat you.



To the seniors I must say that the staff have appreciated your leadership, your company and your contributions in many areas around the school. It has been great to see so many of you respond positively to the excellent opportunities provided and take pride in what you achieved. Thank you for your help as Peer Mentors, Mediators, as willing organizers of events like the socials, 40 hour famine, Search for the Stars and the Ball – well done!

As you move on from Tokoroa High you will be missed. The staff always enjoy seeing you enter the school as a new Year 9 student and seeing you leave five years later as completely different individuals ready to face the world and meet the challenges presented to you. Always set yourselves goals and strive to meet them. The world is an exciting place and it now awaits you.

To all students who are returning – have a super holiday. I look forward to seeing you return to meet new challenges next year.

Margot Crate



This year brought its very own accolades to Tokoroa High School. Once again it was an honour and a privilege to be part of it. The year started with the astounding achievement of our students in the 2006 NCEA results. They did exceptionally well and each and every student who achieved NCEA at any level is to be congratulated. Gaining qualifications as such does not guarantee a student a job, but it certainly puts such a student in a much better position to get one or to choose the course they wish to do at a tertiary level.

Focusing on pastoral matters, as I do, makes me very happy to report to you that this is the year in which we have the services of a medical doctor available to our students. For many years we have had the services of the public health nurse however the services of a doctor on campus enhances student support services that much more. Students now have a comprehensive support structure at school. The team comprises a guidance counsellor, drugs and alcohol counsellor, a career adviser, a public health nurse and a medical doctor. Their services are augmented by the services of the special needs coordinator and the resource teacher for learning and behaviour.

During term three I was seconded to the Ministry of Education in Hamilton. This was a fantastic learning opportunity for me and working at a different level gave me great insight into the New Zealand education system. I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to the principal, Mr Elgin Edwards and the commissioner, Mr Dennis Finn for allowing me this opportunity. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as development officer for the student support team, but I am very happy to be back and hope that the experience I have gained will be to the school's benefit.

My next year be as good or even better than this one.

*Butch Rothman
Deputy Principal (Pastoral)*





Mauri Ora Kia Koutou, Kia Tatou Hoki

E Kai ana te manu te miro, Nona te ngahere
(The bird that eats the berry, the forest is his)
E kai ana manu te matauranga, Nona te Ao.
(The bird that eats knowledge, the world is his)

Over the past five years I have achieved a vast amount of knowledge through staff, students and parents, past and present. Being elected as Head boy for 2007 was a great accomplishment, not only for myself but for my entire whanau.

This year has been a tough and tiring year, but I have had fun at the same time, being active within many activities such as Student Council, Tech Crew, Puna Vai Ora, THS 50th Reunion and the list goes on with extra activities out-side of school.

Time is a wondrous thing. I still remember walking slowly into the grounds of Tokoroa High School in Year 9, and here I am now, looking out on the world as a young woman full of dreams and aspirations. I truly believe Tokoroa High School has helped mold and shape me to be who I am today, and I am forever thankful for that.

Over five years it's incredible the amazing opportunities I've been given. I wish that all students would grasp every chance with both hands because they really do enrich your life. Being Head Girl has definitely been one such chance. It has certainly been a personal growth chapter in my life and I feel I've grown a lot in this past year. Representing the school is, and always will be, a pleasure. Words cannot express the gratitude and pride I have for this school. Our school.

To all the teachers,
 I hope you know how much impact you have and 'thank you' will never be enough.
 To all my fellow year 13's, we've come along way together, and I must commend you on your endurance.
 I have so much respect for you all and it will be with tears in my throat that I will wave goodbye to you.
 Remember this place, and do us proud!

Time is a wondrous thing, and now mine at this school is almost up.

"The Samurai Must Rest To Sharpen His Sword"

-unknown-

"I Will Sleep When I'm Dead"

-unknown-

I give thanks to all of those who have assisted me on my journey, who have offered support and guidance. Firstly to my right hand lady, Amie Sutherland, thank-you for being by my side when we were "asked" to attend functions and taking care of those complicated tasks.

To the Deputies: James Gardiner and Rachel Alapati: what can I say? You have been the back bone for me, taking care of everything in my absence.

Prefects: You have been through the good and bad times with myself and the heads, I thank you for your support. I know the future will bring many great and wonderful things in the big wide world that we live in.

Staff: All I can say is good luck finding my replacement to do all the tasks I fulfill within the school.

Students: I have made a great number of friends who I will remember as long as I can. I wish you all the best for the future at Tokoroa High School and where ever you may set out in life.

Mafaufau ile ala lelei e mana ai le tini, ae leo nao le tini.
(Focus on the journey, not the destination.)

To the class of 2007, we have made it, five years through Tok High. We have been through the wars and back many times and nothing has deterred us. Through fire, correspondence and staff changes, we have completed our years and now it is time to stand on our own two feet.

Aere marie e aku potiki, kia kite koe nga inanga potea.

(Go slow and steady my youngster so you may see the goodness of the world)

Freeman Gage



So thank you Tokoroa High School, I am branded for life.

Amie Sutherland

Deputy Heads

Rachel Alapati, the Deputy Head Girl. Who would have thought that I would make it this far? Being the DHG of Tokoroa High School has given me the greatest opportunities of all, for starters leading this wonderful school and working alongside my beautiful colleagues, James Gardiner, Freeman Gage and Amie Sutherland, to help enhance and encourage students within their learning environments. My experience throughout this year has been phenomenal, with the support of the students and most importantly my teachers. I have gained a lot of leadership skills which I can use in my future endeavours.

This year has been really busy for me; in the beginning of the year the prefects and head students were fortunate enough to go to the Leaders Conference held in Auckland, where we learnt how to become a leader and what we needed to work on, to become successful and much more. I am involved with the peer mentors support team. It has also been a privilege to have worked with the school council; we are the representative student voices. The council also support students or groups financially in their achievements whether it's trips overseas, fundraising or equipment needed for the school.

The last five years at Tokoroa High School have been very challenging, but I've completed every task handed to me... with my dignity still in tact (Well barely). I've gained all that I've needed to be a success. All this from being at Tokoroa High School... Who would-a thought?



To the class of 2007 I wish you all the best for the future, and hope that you will be a success just as I have taught you and remember that serving others will lead to the right path to success.

"O le ala i le pule o le tautua"
(A way to success is to serve).

Rachel Alapati

Five years at Tokoroa High School; how it changes you. From being a quiet year 9 when I entered the school, to having the honour of being your Deputy Head Boy in Year 13, the entire time has been filled with enjoyment and learning.

The school has changed in the short time I have been here. From adapting to E-block burning and the development of the new science block, the increasing technology throughout the school and the introduction of prefects, many things have changed to meet new demands placed on the schools shoulders, and it has met them.

But the school is not merely the buildings and grounds, but the people who walk through them. I have had the privilege to meet many students over the past 5 years. Seeing new faces in the school and getting to know them has been fun, while meeting those who went before me at the jubilee was an experience different to any other I've had.

Being your DHB has given me skills for life and shown me new facets to my personality. The STARS camp especially, bringing the seniors closer together, a side effect of helping the year 9's through a week of activities.

Of course, there is one regret. Getting contact lenses 2 weeks after the jubilee game, but still it remains one of my best memories of the last year of my stay at this extraordinary school.

Tok High, a school with a tight community in a town just as close together. People may leave the school, but the jubilee proved Tok High never leaves the people.

May the next 50 years be as good, or better, than the last 5, but without the same turnover in buildings!



James Gardiner

P R E F E C T S

The second year of the prefect system has been a success. With a solid group of sixteen the group became a tight community of their own.

The prefects presence was noted not only at the Young Leaders Conference in March but also at the 50th Jubilee in June and the open day in August.

2007 Prefects roles ranged from doing duty at lunchtime to being a support system for juniors who just wanted to talk or spend some time with someone. Prefects also played voluntary roles at the Special Olympics Soccer Tournament at Strathmore Park in Term 2.

Although off to a shaky start, the uniform issues were finally sorted and we were all given blazers and a strict uniform code. Members of the community couldn't help but comment about the uniform and dedication shown during the various activities throughout the year.

Mr. Tereu headed the prefects this year and endeavored to make sure the uniform was correct and that prefects were involved in any important events or activities in the school. 2007 has been a year of progress and development for the prefect system and prefects alike. It is hoped that the system will continue to flourish and become a vital part of Tokoroa High School.



Prefects of 2007

Setevano Tekotia	Jasina Tarai	Demi Cooper
Kerry Munden	Rachel Alapati	Amie Sutherland
Amy Kendall	James Gardiner	Freeman Gage
Hoani Mclure	Rikki Simmonds	Sharleen Bason
Kimberly Morris	Rhiannon Wallace	Chantel Tavai
Jordan King		

A C C E S S I B I L I T Y

This year the school continued its long and prove tradition of making its day school facilities available to adult learners through our evening class programme. Adults were able to enroll in courses that utilized the schools sewing, computing, engineering, library and sports facilities.

Terms two and three saw the programme most successfully coordinated by Dianne Jansen who introduced a number of new courses including wine tasting, weight loss, pool and food for flatters classes and two weekend workshops in lead lighting.

Most popular courses this year were jewellery making and beading, yoga, Turkish belly dancing, aerobics and mosaics class with inspiration tutor Rana Mason attracting 22 enrolments. Our most popular weekend workshop was stained glass work or lead lighting with two courses run by tutor Sue Sparkes. In all another very busy year with more than 500 adults enrolling in at least one course. Planned new courses for 2008 include Pilates, floral art and a weekend workshop aimed at those living on lifestyle block.



**Ranui Rophia
Taiaha**

Ranui has run our popular taiaha instruction course for adults over the past two years. Trained by his own father and Kim Makekau from our staff, Ranui promotes tataha as both a traditional maori martial art and as a means of raising the cultural awareness of his students. A student of taiaha for some fifteen years Ranui also considers this weapon and symbol of status a discipline for everyday life and an ongoing means of striving for artistic perfection.



**Elizabeth Neill
Jewellery Making and Beading Tutor**

Elizabeth has run two classes each term for adult beginners and advanced beginners to cater for the current huge interest in designing and making your own jewellery. Making costume jewellery for family and friends long before this art form became a popular hobby, her courses emphasize the design and connection of beautiful pieces that are robust and do not fall apart while being worn. Elizabeth's classes encourage students to adapt her techniques and styles to suit their own tastes. Her classes are characterised by lots of noisy discussion, laughter and the presentation of some very attractive pieces.



Since its inception in 2003, the Gateway programme is gaining popularity amongst the students

and is leading onto another successful year. The Gateway cluster comprises of the three local secondary schools: Forest View, Putaruru and Tokoroa High School.

This is the fifth year of the programme and its focus is to place students on a structured work placement in their area of interest with an employer in the community. While on placement the students are also required to gain a minimum of 10 credits.

35 students have been placed in a wide range of businesses in the South Waikato Community this year. This has ranged from Sports, Health Industry, Education , Technical Industry, Local Council to Business and Retail. The students have risen to the challenge and found the experience valuable and enjoyable. Students have also had the opportunity to partake in various Industry based assessments such as FIRST AID that are not offered conventionally in schools.

The programme has produced some success stories with a number of students having landed very good jobs and apprenticeship opportunities since leaving school.

Year 12 and 13 students wishing to be considered for the Gateway programme must have excellent attendance records and meet school academic and behavioural expectations. Students must apply to the HoD Achievement/ Transition for inclusion into the programme.

I would like to thank the Employers, Students and Parents involved for making this yet another successful year for the Gateway Programme.

Sachida Nand
HoD Careers / Transition



From New Zealand to USA

My Overseas Adventure

One day I had been told
I had been selected for USA
I told all my friends
And we didn't know what to say

There was only 8 weeks
Until my departure date
I had to start fundraising
To get me to the States

The days before my departure
Were really really sad
I had to say goodbye
To all the friends I had

The hardest thing for me
Was leaving my best friend
I just kept saying to myself
It'll all be worth it in the end

The time came for me to leave
I was boarding on the plane
There was 8 of us from NZ
All leaving our home land

I arrived in hospital
When I arrived in USA
So I had the worst experience
For the beginning of my stay

Now I am out of hospital
And settling in real good
My family is real nice to me
Any my house is in the woods

It's very different over here
There are deer in my backyard
Squirrels and little chipmunks too
All running in the grass

The school is really great
Exactly how it is on T.V
I love all of my classes
They're really great for me

I am staying here till
next June
This is experience is
going to be
A definite once in a life
time
Opportunity for me!!

Kimberly Morris

From Italy to New Zealand

I have no idea of what to write in this article... I could be funny, but without saying anything about me and my country, or I could be boring, and write all of those things that teachers probably want me to say, or I could be funny and write something about me and my country, but I'm too lazy to think about something useful and funny so I think that I'll choose the second one. I'll try to make it fast and painless, so that the people that are reading this article won't fall asleep... Ready?

There are heaps of differences between Italy and New Zealand; so many that I don't even know where to start. Well, first of all, the food. I am a pizza addict, so it wasn't that easy to get used to pies and fish and chips... But after the second week I couldn't taste anymore, so it wasn't too hard. I confess, I went to Alberico's twice, but I needed Italian food!! It was a kind of desperate need... But we should talk about important things, not about pizza...

Another important difference is the school (and this won't be easy to explain!). Here you have only one high school where you can choose different subjects, while in Italy we have different schools with different subjects, so that once you have chosen your school you will do the subjects that are in that school. Does it make sense? I'm not sure...

However, this is not the only dissimilarity (big word that I've found under "synonyms"): in Italy we don't change classroom every hour, we have the same room for the whole year and our teachers move from class to class. Isn't it easier?

Our timetable is different as well: from 8:00am to 1:00pm (almost), from Monday to Saturday. Yes, we go to school every Saturday, but we have all of the afternoons free!

At your school you have so many buildings that my first day (ok, my first two weeks!) I didn't know where to go and when... it was so confusing! In Italy schools are one big building (sometimes two) with two or three floors and once that you've found your classroom that won't change, so you can't get lost (well, you can... if you aren't too smart!).

What else? Oh, yes: I noticed that during your lessons you are free to eat, drink, use your cell phone and listen to music... In my school all of those things are considered rude, very rude. In particular the use of mp3 players and cell phones: if you do that and you have the wrong teacher (the McGonagall-looking one) you can win a one-way ticket to the principal's office. Suddenly you love your school, don't you?

Here you have a kind of... "freedom" that is unusual on my side of the world. I'm not just talking about school, I'm talking about your lifestyle. You eat when you're hungry, you don't wear your shoes if you don't want to, you sing when you can't hold back your voice, you dance when you can't stop your feet. Sometimes you can be late, sometimes you can be weird, sometimes you can be annoying, but who cares? You have your freedom. I hope to find a cross between our cultures and go back to Italy with an Italian mind and a kiwi spirit.

Lucia Accorsi



Kimberly Morris and Lucia Accorsi



GUIDANCE COUNSELLING

Another busy and productive year, which saw the first of our peer mediators complete their training and champing at the bit to get out there and help. Congratulations to Soraya Reid, Shontelle Puckey, Macayla Withers, Dhana Roberts, Gabrielle Reid and Destiny Rewiri in completing their training. In the last term we hope to begin training more peer mediators including some young men. We did have some in training but, along with several other older female students, they left the school before their training was complete.

Mrs Leger has continued to give support to those with health concerns at her Thursday morning clinics. We greatly appreciate her help and caring. We look forward to having a school doctor one day a week beginning in the last term.

Thanks must go also to Mrs Tiro for her help in the drug and alcohol counselling field. She has a clinic at school every Monday morning.

Our counselling staff has been greatly strengthened this year with the addition of the work of two social work students from the Batchelor of Applied Social Sciences degree through Waiariki Institute of Technology -Liz Motu in the second and third terms and Leah Gage in the third and final term. Their work is greatly appreciated and we wish them well for their future study and vocation in our community.

I would like to acknowledge the help and support I receive from staff members, in particular the senior staff, in my quest to assist students to make the most of their opportunities at our school. It is a great pleasure and honour to work with our young people. I believe I have the best job!!! I wish you all a merry Christmas and look forward to seeing most of you in the New Year.

YVONNE EVANS
GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Library News

Developing the school library and information services is still a work in progress. Following on from the success of 2006 the library continues to be a vibrant and informative learning centre where students can gain a love of reading and develop a thirst for knowledge.

The library is always booked for various classes (sometimes double-booked!) and it is encouraging to see the library being used as a base enabling our students to explore the wider information landscape with increasing confidence and skill.

Terms 1 and 2 were extremely busy with additional signage being displayed, new books purchased for both recreational and curriculum use and additional shelving installed to help students find resources. Positive role models improve students' literacy learning and we were fortunate to have author Brian Falkner (The Real Thing, Super Freak) speak about his writing career (a man of many talents!) and how he develops ideas (not always easy!). Brian related well to our students and several were keen to learn more – the library hopes to have another author next year.

Term 3 saw the installation of a nine panel mural designed and painted by Year 10 art students. The panels, with bold and colourful symbols representing our school culture and various activities of life at Tokoroa High, have brought vivid colour into the library.

Thank you to Ms Termaat and the following students: Atai, Natelia, Trane'e, Renee, Natalie, Molly, Eve, Stacie-Rae, Florence, Graham, Glen, Krystle, Wiremu, John, Ethan, Alaya. Our library is now a brighter and more attractive place.

2007 has been an energetic and exciting year and I look forward to 2008

L HENDERSON
LIBRARY MANAGER



Student Council Report

Reliable, trustworthy and persistent are three powerful words which describe the Student Council of 2007. Two students from every year level were selected efficiently from their fellow students to represent their form and have their voices heard in the Student Council. To be a candidate and enter the Student Council, reliable, trustworthy and persistent were among the variety of qualities you had to possess. The students of the school look up to the councillors as they know what qualities and abilities they have as present and future leaders of the school. They are role models for fellow students and portray confidence and leadership skills which make it easier for people to approach them and ask them for funding requests or problems to ask the council.

School leaders such as Head Boy Freeman Gage and Deputy Head Girl Rachael Alapati have vital roles such as Chairman and Deputy Chairman. Freeman (chairman) is the leader of the meetings. He observes the minutes, documents and funding requests and makes decisions consistent with the thoughts of all the members of the council. Two year 12 students also have important roles in the council with Bernadette Kerr being selected as Council Secretary and Ella Cartwright being selected as Council Treasurer.

The Council members like to help students strive a step closer to success. Students write in for funding requests for any important events such as cultural, academic and sporting divisions. They like to help pay for some

amounts of transport, accommodation or any expense which will help achieve their purpose of participating in the event. The Student Council have helped; Chantel Cassidy in her National Divisions in golf, Carl Haa and Sheridan Wills in their Under 17 New Zealand Basket Ball Trials, The Junior Debating Team, Manu Korero, The League Tour to Australia and many other successful students or teams Tokoroa High School have produced.

Council members organise Mufti Days and Social nights, with the money going into needy organisations such as Canteen, Salvation Army, Wish Foundation and a variety more of organisations writing in for funding requests or organisations who are sponsors. The Student Council creates themes for mufti and social nights to encourage students to have fun and take risks. The Student Council also try and solve problems at school and bring ideas into the meetings on behalf of their fellow students. The Council have meetings every second week and produce fresh and new ideas for the school to elaborate. Council Minutes go out after every meeting so teachers and the students know what's happening in the meetings at an up to date level.

The Student Council's soul purpose is to help the students at school, have a better and successful time at school by organising Mufti Days activities and Socials. They also help with funding requests and listen to the youthful voices of Tokoroa High School.



Gifted and Talented Students' Enrichment Programme

This programme provides a variety of experiences that students may wish to continue with or make a related project from. One group of students spent a number of weeks planning, preparing for, filming and editing footage for the Fair Go Ad. Competition. This year another student has spent continuous weeks learning how to tie flies for fishing. He has used this skill to teach other students giving service to his own community of peers. Service to others has also occurred with some students teaching others how to play chess or acting as the referee.

Students had the following to say:

Bridge Building – a problem solving activity

We had an activity on bridge building. The exercise was problem solving. We had to find a way to build a stable and long bridge that would be able to carry a car to the other side. This activity was to help us work together and to think outside the box. The bridge group, our group, did not succeed. We didn't work together properly.

Kel-Lah Teao

Bridge building is when you go to a wide room with enough room. To do this challenge you need a group of two to six and a person with the supplies. You have a \$15 budget and the bridge must be built out of paper and paper clips. The paper clips cost 20 cents each and the paper 50 cents each. You have to buy your supplies from the supply guy and build your bridge over an imaginary river made of two strands of string. There can be no pillars touching the river, only the ends can touch the ground and then when everyone is done see whose is the winner by finding whose is the cheapest and the strongest bridge.

Heath Taylor

Music

In music we learnt about the different instruments and all the different chords both on the keyboard and the guitar. We made big posters showing what we know about music after brainstorming.

Haraina Mani

Filming

As part of a group we put together an idea for a futuristic project for Fair Go. The purpose of this

project was for money and the product of the future and the Fair Go competition. For example I created and generated the idea.

Phillip Towler

One Wednesday during GATE Mrs Hainsworth mentioned a Fair Go competition to make a thirty second video on something that will be used in the future. Matt, Aaron, Phillip and I jumped at the chance. First we asked what we would win. Mrs Hainsworth said, "MONEY! and the pride of winning." After many months of making and writing our script we were ready to film. After thirty odd takes our final one was perfect. The next day we sent it away.

Bradley Tremain

Matthew, Bradley, Phillip and I decided to film an ad for Fair Go as part of GATE. We had to make a commercial for a product that would be around in thirty years. We designed the Comet R36, a transportation sphere. We scripted it up and filming went off without a hitch. Overall it was a lot of fun.

Aaron Gott

One day during GATE Mrs Hainsworth asked us if we wanted to make a thirty second commercial about something thirty years into the future. We picked a zorb called Comet R36. It took us about two months to get it perfect but we had a lot of fun.

Matthew Broman

Thinking Hats

On the first day of GATE classes we had to do the different kinds of thinking hats and they were white – fact, red – emotion, yellow – positive, black – negative, green – creative and blue was thinking about thinking. Then she told us to choose a time when we have used one of those hats. We also had to make sentences using those hats too. We drew a person representing the black and yellow hat. De Bono is the person who made up the six hats which people don't even know they are using in day to day life. We also had a game of who can name that hat. We had to describe what we were feeling and others had to name the hat. It was fun learning about something new.

Natasha Finlayson

Emotions and Feelings

Mrs Evans took us on a session as part of GATE to learn more about our feelings and emotions. This taught us about our own confidence. We did a snake game where we had to touch someone in the middle of the back before they touched us.

Joel Bramall

In GATE we did many activities and one of them was looking at emotions. We looked at how other people feel and how to consider other people's feelings and that everyone's feelings are important. Some examples of learning this are we played these games that focused on emotions like the emotion card game where every card had an emotion and everyone would have a turn to act out what was on one card while others would have to guess which emotion they were showing. Emotions helped not only by teaching us about ours and other people's feelings but to build our confidence.

Centaine Treasurer

Chess

For the last three weeks we have learnt about chess, about the rules, the pieces and how to move them. There are sixteen pieces on the board, two rooks which can move vertically and horizontally then there are the knights. Those pieces move in an L shape, the bishops move diagonally and the queen can go anywhere but her path has to be straight the same as the king. The pawns can go forward one space at a time and can take pieces diagonally.

Zac Johnson

In the last three weeks we have been learning about strategic thinking. We have learnt how to play chess. We have played chess and learnt who made the game of chess. We have been practicing the strategic thinking skills for three weeks, teaching each other how to play chess and then having a competition.

Tane Thompson

This year we have been learning about strategic thinking. For the past three weeks we have been doing strategic thinking and that is related to chess.

Chinese Language and China

For GATE we learnt Chinese with Ms Liu. Ms Liu also showed us pictures of Chinese people and how they have to queue to get jobs. She taught us some words and about the Great Wall of China and some geography of this country.

Melissa Appel

Brain Teasers

In GATE on the first day we did riddles or brain teasers. These riddles were good. They got us thinking for example **some, some, some, some** means foursome. Some of the riddles were very hard but they got us to think about what they were and how to solve them. It was interesting how and what we came up with. In the end it was very interesting.

Hayley Bason

Drama

One of our later subjects in GATE was my favourite subject, drama. We had to create short skits in groups. First, however, we saw equipment that was used in plays. After this, we had to plan throughout the weeks at Tokoroa Little Theatre. On the last week of drama we did our skits. Apparently our one was very well acted. We did a comedy about a bank robbery. However, one of our actors forgot a bit and just skipped to the end effectively making our play last one minute. Still, our play was one of the most practiced skits.

Luke Hutcheson

One of the things we participated in as part of GATE was drama. We learnt how to act a part confidently and we learnt that we are only pretending to be some character, not ourselves. Shamelessly we accomplished quite a few activities. A few things were: acting in groups, freestyling acts off the top of our heads, short plays in the Little Theatre with Vicki and adapting to surroundings in group acts. It was a good experience over all.

Sharnice Birch



Learning Support Opening

The sky cleared and the sun shone down on the small group of people that gathered for the opening of G Block. Many of the adults in the gathering were instrumental in providing expertise and assistance with different aspects of the building and the surroundings of this building.

Elgin introduced the format of the afternoon and Dennis Finn the Commissioner spoke of the role of the Learning Support Department and acknowledged the work of many people, particularly Graeme Hoff the architect. Jenny Hainsworth, the Special Needs Coordinator spoke on the specific aspects of the building which provide the opportunity for excellent teaching and care. Butch Rothman, the DP Pastoral, moved us with heart felt words of gratitude as the

provision of such an excellent environment for our young people. Reverend Ngapo prayed and blessed the building.



A small group of singers from the Maori Department, lead by Aroha Paekou supported the speeches with waiata. The Commissioner and Tiana White, a senior Te Kahui Whetu student, cut the ribbon and everyone filed through the building.

Staff and students showed interested individuals the Successmaker and ASDAN programmes. A loud buzz of excited chatter was soon resonating inside the classroom. This slowly died down as people drifted down the ramp to afternoon tea.



National Acknowledgement of Tokoroa High School Teachers

This year the excellence of teaching staff at Tokoroa High School has been acknowledged nationally. Principal Elgin Edwards gave certificates to Willie Ford and Lisa Bates. These were nomination certificates from the NeiTa Foundation. (National Excellence in Teaching Awards).

We also acknowledge the Success of Danel Manu and Robyn Tucker who have received Teacher Study Awards for 2008.

We congratulate these teachers for their outstanding achievements.

Tokoroa High School is proud of them all.



Doctorate in New Zealand History

This year History teacher Trevor Bentley was awarded a Doctorate in New Zealand History for his thesis titled "Images of Pakeha-Maori" a theoretically informed study of the way culture crossing Pakeha have been represented in New Zealand. His paper was examined by two overseas examiners one from Australia and one from the United States of America who recommend that he be given a doctorate.

His study took four part time years (actually six years as he took a year off to write "Pakeha- Maori" and another year to write "White Female Captives" based on the thesis.)

Well Done Trevor!



DEBATING

Shakespeare

On the 4th of May a group of talented THS actors and actresses took to the stage in the Putaruru High School Hall. The cause was the annual Sheila Winn Festival of Shakespeare, and this year we were performing various scenes from Hamlet.

Lead roles were very ably filled by Ella Cartwright (Ophelia), James Gardner (Hamlet), Jordan King (Polonius), Amie Sutherland (Queen Gertrude), Elvira Robb (Laertes) and Hannah Daken (King Claudius). Backing them to the hilt were Angelica Old, Menante Appel, Claudia Russell, Melissa Appel, Samantha Hutchings, Ashleigh Reid, Jo Tyson, and Carl Smith. The director was Mr Maguire, with Mrs Stavert and Amie Sutherland also assisting with directorial duties. Ms Kapene created awesome make-up and hair for our performers.

Our play told Ophelia's story, and by performing certain scenes we showed how she was pulled in different directions by her father, her brother, and Hamlet, the man she loved. Tension during rehearsals was artificially created by Mr Maguire thinking that the festival was on the 4th of April when it was actually on the 4th of May - sorry team! On the night the company gave its best ever performance, but from our point of view the judges went for cheap thrills over storyline integrity. Thanks also to the Tokoroa Little Theatre for being great with the costume hire.

On Wednesday the 20th of June, three talented debaters and their support crew drove to Matamata College to participate in the annual Freemason's debate.

This year the moot was;

"That capitalism is the dominant value of the modern mindset".

Doing a great job with this tough moot were Osooso Stowers (first speaker), Caitlin Wallace (second speaker) and Joseph Metu (third speaker).

Mr Maguire struggled along as their coach and manager - fortunately he was saved at the last minute by Mr Ngapo, who put in a lot of his own time to polish the speeches! Thanks Mr Ngapo. Thanks also to our member of the judging panel, year 13 student, Jordan King. Final thanks must go to our student council, whose funding made travel to Matamata possible.



VIDEO CONFERENCING

Fifty years ago no-one believed that anyone could talk on the telephone and be seen by the caller at the other end. Certainly, no-one thought that classroom lessons could be conducted this way. With modern technology we can do just that without holding the phone to our ear. At Tokoroa High School, we sit in front of two television screens – one shows us on the screen and the other shows the caller.

Earlier this year, Food and Nutrition students were able to speak with three chefs and hear what qualifications are needed to become a chef, and to see them work with food. Also, members of our 1st XV rugby team spoke to three All Blacks about life as an All Black. On Open Day Year 8 students were able to speak to students from Raglan, Coromandel and schools in the South Island.

A few students study subjects with teachers from other schools – Agriculture with Reporoa College and Accounting with Ruapehu College. The students meet for an hour once a week, with their teacher and for the rest of the week do their set work by themselves. Imagine doing geography or science on your own, without your classmates – no teacher to make fun of, no class clown to laugh at, but maybe someone who keeps saying, "Get on with it, you know what to do". It does not sound much fun but for students who particularly want to study a subject that is not available in their school, then VC classes are a good way of studying.

Victoria University Open Day

A group of nine students went down to Wellington for the open day at Victoria University. The drive down was an experience in itself. We sang and told jokes and bonded all the way there. We were still more than glad to get out of the cramped van when we reached the city. We unfolded ourselves then carried our things to downtown backpackers where our one and a half star accommodation waited for us... the first taste of broke student life that awaits us next year. After a hard night of preparation and gossip we got ready for a look into our future. The campus was spread out all over the city so we all left to find the lecture of our choice. There was so much to see and hear and so little time. Everyone seemed to enjoy what they saw and we all were giving a lot to think about as well as a lot of forms to fill out. So after seeing the place that might just be holding our future we headed home all excited about what step we will take next.



Spirit of Adventure

It was a dark and stormy day, the seas were treacherous and the ship was rocking from side to side recklessly. Bodies were being thrown around like rag dolls and the one's who could hold down their food were holding on to the side for dear life. Suddenly the wind stopped, the seas went calm and all the crewmembers had a good laugh at us. This was just one of the many exciting experiences I had while on the Spirit of New Zealand.

On the Third of September I headed to Auckland for an experience of a lifetime. When someone tells you that your going to meet 39 random students from all over New Zealand or only have two showers in ten days, the thought doesn't sound so intriguing. But it does so within 24 hours all the trainees were acting as if we were best friends. By day two we were heading to the Bay of Islands and sailing the boat. We had a few stopovers in Whangamumu Bay, Russell, and Great Barrier Island.

Over the ten days we got to experience some amazing activities, these included swimming through a cave, climb the mast, Yard swing, shore tramps and swimming with dolphins. That's when I hopped back on that bus and headed home, but this time I had five new friends with me. This experience has changed my way of handling different situations, like meeting new people. The voyage made me realise that anyone who's ever dreamed of being a pirate has a chance of a life time. If you can go on the Spirit of New Zealand and be that pirate cause I would do it a million more times.

Amy Kendall, Voyage 507.



Bio Trip

On the Third of April the year 13 Biology class, with Mr Nair, went on a field trip to Auckland Zoo. Class members included star student Patrick Broman as well as Nikki, Chantel, Rhiannon, Sharleen, Aliesha, James, Amie, Jordan and Rikki. After an early trip up to the city we arrived -finally- at the zoo and after spending ages spent looking for a car park got out of the van for a boring talk from Suzy Wong, the zoos expert on apes and their foramen magnum's. Afterward we all went our separate ways to fill out forms that Mr Nair had given us. We quickly filled them out learning heaps more about the quadrupedal mammals. And after a trip to the mall came home, stopping at Huntly where we found Chris Pentecost's long lost twin!

This trip was part of our human evolution standard and we all came away knowing heaps about apeeeeeee. We would like to thank Mr Nair for taking the time out of his busy schedule to take us to Auckland and all the animals at Auckland Zoo for sitting in cages all day for us to look at.

Written by Nikki Renowden and Patrick Broman



The 2007 Young Leaders Conference

In March this year two van loads of prefects and selected students made their way to the Telstra Clear Events Centre in Auckland. Run by the Halogen Foundation the Young Leaders Conference featured inspirational speakers such as Police Officer Nick Tuatasi who said 'Those who want to be the greatest, they must be a servant to all' and famous designer Trelise Cooper who said 'what matters most is how you see yourself.'

With five speakers in total the day was filled with insightful speeches and presentations including TV personality Paul Henry who talked about how he overcame obstacles in his life in order to become successful and Grant Sharman who said 'if you act without thinking, you risk yourself and the people leading you. Always think and weigh the risks.'

Another encouraging speaker was Ezra Schuster who used a mathematical approach to teach the audience about healthy relationships within their lives. The early morning and long trip were well worth it due to the new sense of vision and fulfillment the students felt after a day of learning about leadership, vision, strength and responsibility.

***“ Having vision is not enough.
Change comes through realizing the vision and
turning it into reality”***

*Sir Peter Blake
(Courtesy of Sir Peter Blake Trust)*

Outward Bound

Hi my name is Glen Terry. I am here to talk about my time at Outward Bound. I was there for eight days.

Outward Bound is a camp at Anakiwa, which is at the top of the South Island.

I had fun. Things I liked to do best were tramping, rock climbing and P.T.

For P.T we went for a run, then we had a swim in the lake, then we had a shower and got some warm clothes on and had breakfast. After that we did some talking about the course.



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Te Rito

the end of a busy year and everybody is getting ready for what seems like an awesome holiday break. I have, but only one word to sum up our whole year and that is **"POSITIVITY"**.

So let's see:

- ☛ Tokoroa High School's largest Tutor Te Rito (42 males, 39 females) a total of 81 students.
- ☛ Captain of the First XV,
- ☛ Athletics Champion,
- ☛ Representation at the Manu-Korero Regional and National Speech Competition
- ☛ A combination of students from our school, Forest View High School, Te Wharekura O Te Kaokaoroa O Patetere and Putaruru College forming a Competitive Kapahaka Group for our local area Ngati Raukawa.

It's kind of Ironic that with such an enormous Tutor Group to be supported in the school, there is only one Teacher in the Māori Department, hence the irony. Big ups to Whaea Aroha for all of her effort this year.

In our Te Rito Whānau there is a Whakatauki **"Whaia te iti kahurangi"**

("Go in search of the precious jewel")

We refer to these jewels as credits.

Ngā Mihi O Te Tau Hou

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Nā: *Damian Gray – Year 13*

Te Puna Waiora

Once again the year ends with Tokoroa High School having the most powerful Kapa Haka group in the South Waikato. This is kind of ironic as we have struggled to get a group together all year. We performed at the 'Te Ao Hou' careers expo and received a standing ovation for singing, "E Toru Nga Mea" and performing a five man Haka.

After a couple of other performances we had students from other High Schools begging to be part of the Te Puna Wai Ora, hence the birth of a new kapa haka group called Te Iti O Raukawa. This Kapa Haka team is made up of students from all over the South Waikato, but dominated by Tokoroa High School students. Te Iti O Raukawa travelled to Rotorua Girls High School to compete at the Mana Ariki cultural festival and placed second overall.

Afterwards we had people telling us that we didn't need other schools, but still many other students were willing to perform after hearing about our success in Kapa Haka. Billy Maea helped us put together a strong team to perform at our open day, and he lead the group that day. We performed a stunning show that impressed the year 8 students.

This year was a great success for the group but there would be no Kapa Haka without the support of our Whanau, friends and tutors. Special thanks to our students for being proud of their culture.

Nga Mihi Ki a Koutou Katoa.



Manu Kórero

Manu Kórero is an experience of a lifetime; you only have a few opportunities to enter Manu Kórero through your High School. It's the being able to challenge people's way of thinking that makes speeches so enjoyable to me.

To hongiri or not to hongiri that is the question well actually that is a question but that is not THE question. A question might be to learn Maori or not. A question might be to join kapahaka or not. A question might be to get a ta moko or not. But more importantly THE question is Maori identity or not now that's the question

Today I stand before you my friends to pose the questions
How do we assert a Maori identity?
How does society restrict us from our identity?
And how will we reclaim this identity?

For almost two centuries we have interacted with non-Maori and we have slowly watched as our culture, our values, our beliefs and our language have been systematically killed by other dominant cultures. We have forgotten the value and the meaning of things that identify us as being Maori.

We practice being Maori sometimes when we go to the marae if we go, sure we get the t-shirts we get the tattoos we've all got a bone carving but the truth is, we are ashamed to be Maori, don't deny it, its true we are ashamed to be Maori. Sure, when we're at the marae we are a little bit Maori, we might wipe a few dishes, you might even stand up on the paepae and speak Maori for a few minutes and of course yip, we're not ashamed to hongiri at the marae but do we hongiri our doctors where we go to get our rectal exam, do we hongiri our English teacher on the day of our big exam? Of course not! Do we hongiri the shopkeeper when we buy our smokes?



Why is our cultural identity important only on certain occasions around certain people? And why are we ashamed of it at other times? Do Japanese people only take their shoes off when they're around other Japanese people? Of course they don't, They are proud to carry their traditions,

Do Muslim women in their country take off their berka when westerners are around? Of course not They laugh hahaha in the face of worldwide opposition to this practice.

Why then do we hide our maoritanga?

In your own country why do you hide your traditional practices the reason is simple, our culture WESTERN culture tells us being different is wrong! That we must conform to the same standards and practices that's why people say we're all kiwis mate, society tells us that if you are maori you will die of lung cancer, Society tells us that we are thieves, drunks drug addicts and child

killers. Society tells us that being maori is something to be ashamed of. Society makes sure that you, me, and him and especially her, but mainly him are ashamed and embarrassed to hongiri, therefore are ashamed to be maori. But I say society you are wrong, You have dictated for too long what is normal or mainstream. if we want to "emancipate yourself from mental slavery none but ourselves can free our mind".

I say that in our own country we must decide if my culture is still valid not society and so is hongiri still valid today. I think it is not only does hongiri re-affirm and re-assert our unique cultural identity by allowing two people to share each others breathe and life essence it is far more personal then two people wiping their lips on the others cheek this is a vital and relevant part in maori identity.

To hongiri or not to hongiri that is the question, to hongiri, that is the answer. We can reclaim our identity if we want to by valuing and using our culture everyday everywhere with everyone..

The cast of award winning sports show CODE. (porkchops for life) are uncompromising They don't care what country you come from they are true cultural ambassadors and hongiri everybody who comes on the show. They have taken the hongiri out of Huntly and share it with the world.

Remember when the national anthem was only sung in English Hinewehi Mohi sang it in maori one day and was nearly crucified by "society" today though normal part of all our lives. You see Hongiri like our language, like whakaaro like ta moko is at the use it or loose it stage. We have to be brave to use it but the consequences of not using it are too terrifying to think about.

To hongiri or not to hongiri that is a question but for me that is not the question.

What makes us unique special and different is at stake of being lost forever in the greyness of globalisation and under the oppressive boot of dominant culture. This is happening all around the world.

But I believe that being different is OK I believe that just because there are more of you than us in this country doesn't give you the right to set the cultural norms And I believe that parts of our culture like hongiri are beautiful and natural and tell the world who we are.

And I want to believe that you think this is worth protecting forever. Be who you are, be proud, be maori.

**To hongiri or not to hongiri
I choose to be me**



Maori is the question...

To hongiri or not to hongiri ...



Stars Programme

Quote from one of the peer mentors:

"It was hard work but it was worth it"



About Stars

Stars is a programme for all Year 9 where teachers and Group Leaders and senior students are trained to be Peer Mentors.

The programme assists the Year 9 students to make a safe transition into secondary school, and develops leadership in the seniors thereby creating a strong sense of community within the school.

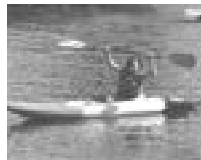
Year 12 Peer Mentors Point of View on the Stars Camp:

Lots of the other peer mentors will also agree with me about this following statement, thank God that we have this camp. No study for a week. Even though that it maybe one whole week with the Year nines. Now for most people you have no idea what I am on about. Well it's this new programme that the Tokoroa High School is trialing, it is called 'stars'. The programme involves all the year nines and also some of the year twelve and thirteen's who volunteered to be peer mentors. At the beginning of school just two weeks into the school year they all went on camp in Rotorua the camp was called Lakes Ranch where we did many different activities such as horse riding, archery, abseiling and water slide, just to name a few. The Peer Mentor Training was a great opportunity for the Year 12 and 13s to improve on their leadership skills and become better role models for the Year 9s. Camp was for the Year 9s, 12s and 13s. We also had group log times every afternoon where we sat down in our groups and set our goals for the next day. Then we would reflect on what we he had achieved that day.

We all arrived at the bus bay on Monday morning. I had already started to bond and become friends with the Year 9 students. We jumped on the bus and arrived at the camp 2 hours later. All excited, the Year 9s jumped out of the bus in a big rush as usual. We were taken round the camp site and told all the rules, and then we settled in our cabins and made our way to the dinning rooms to have our first meal. I was very excited when

we were at our first activity; it gave me a chance to become more aware of what I was in for. The Camp was a great experience; I have learnt to be patient with the students, even if they can be annoying sometimes!

Jo Tyson



"The camp was how mean!"

Quote from one of the year 9s:

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This year's open day was a great day for the year eights . The year thirteen's that showed them around. The teachers worked hard to give the possible next students of Tokoroa High School a taste of what we offer here at Tokoroa High School.

The group I showed around was a group of mixed characters'. We started in the library with Miss MB and Mr Maguire who were teaching drama for the day. We had a great time and laughed till we were in tears. Next we had interval and I showed my group around the school and they had lots of questions to ask about how things work around the school. 2nd period we had graphics. The kids loved it. They were asked to make something out of paper and some of the things that they came up with were really creative. Straight after graphics we had a Japanese lesson. I had just as much fun as the intermediate kids in that class. I learnt how to say some basic Japanese phrases that will hopefully come in handy one day.

Over Lunch time the students were allowed to go and have a look around by themselves and were feed up on sausages and ice blocks. Last we had science and we had experiments, the kids loved it. We extracted D.N.A from a banana. Then we made a bomb from a coke bottle and a packet of mentos. It was exciting seeing the coke bottle shoot up into the air. The day went fast and all the students seemed happy with their day.

Thanks to all those involved.



Twenty four reasons and the truth about going on our field trip!

Can you knit this?

Materials:

1 skein black worsted weight yarn
Size 4 US (3.5 mm) 16" circulars
Size 6 US (4.25 mm) 16" circulars
Size 6 US (4.25 mm) double points
Weaving needle

Gauge:

5 sts and 8 rounds=1 inch in St st

Instructions:

On smaller needles, CO 84 sts. Place marker and join.
Work in k1, p1 rib for two inches.
Switch to St st (knit every round) and larger needles. Knit for 4.5 more inches.
(Total piece will measure 6.5 inches.)

Shape Crown:

Switch to double points when sts no longer fit on circulars.
Rnd 1: *Slip 1 as if to knit, k1, PSSO (pass slipped stitch over), k8, k2tog, k2; rep from * - 72 sts
Rnds 2 and 3: K
Rnd 4: *Slip 1, k1, PSSO, k6, k2tog, k2; rep from * - 60 sts
Rnds 5 and 6: K
Rnd 7: *Slip 1, k1, PSSO, k4, k2tog, k2; rep from * - 48 sts
Rnds 8 and 9: K
Rnd 10: *Slip 1, k1, PSSO, k2, k2tog, k2; rep from * - 36 sts
Rnds 11 and 12: K
Rnd 13: *Slip 1, k1, PSSO, k2tog, k2; rep from * - 24 sts
Rnds 14 and 15: K
Rnd 16: *Slip 1, k1, PSSO, k2tog; rep from * - 12 sts

Finishing:

With 12 sts left on needles, break yarn, leaving an 8 inch tail. Thread needle with yarn tail and run through the remaining 12 sts and pull tight, closing the crown. Weave in your ends

I will call myself number one and we will have a countdown.

As the teacher you imagine the correct and most important role would be to make the pupils see how exciting, interesting and full-filling the subject could be making Fabrics, Technology into a career. Students should enjoy not using a pen all day.

Students two and three. Miss "we have heard that the fabric technology class will be going on a trip to hear more about various fabrics, see a fashion show and visit a factory using industrial machines and cutting edge equipment."

Well there is hope for me yet, two more pupils - the more the merrier.

The morning was clear and sunny and all my young ladies looked happy waiting for the bus to arrive.

Students four, five and six, oh no three lovely faces have notes that inform me that they will not be going on the trip as there are matters to be attended to. Oh well keep looking on the bright side, it's not everyone—only three less.

It's 9.50am as we drive out of Tokoroa and student seven is fast asleep, I went to sleep after 1 o'clock (1am) and I'm really tired. The road works on the road make us a good seven minutes late so we arrived at 10.17am.

After we arrived we were welcomed and taken to the VC room and shown a power point about dragging of patterns. How boring! seven, oh well the lights have been turned off so I suppose I could sleep and no one will know. Except maybe I was snoring or I

passed some gas loudly, we all knew as the closer partner said oh really!!

The fashion show was fair because the music was COOL, the clothes not sooo!. This is over at 11.30am.

We have a lot of time making a brooch of personal choice. This is really exciting and everyone is so enthusiastic that we have to be called twice to go to lunch at 12.05pm.

Pupils eight to twenty really enjoyed various areas of the drafting, of patterns, fashion show and stitching up a brooch and we were able to voice their opinions during lunch.

For pupil number 21 things were just not going her way. She didn't eat sausages and hated the sausage sizzle. She was hungry and wanted to go to town with her cousins that were on campus even though there were at least five fully stocked cafeterias on campus.

There was a hair salon on the campus but we did not have our hair done as we were too busy!

We were whizzed through the rest of the campus

Everyone could feel the tension as the end of the day was near!

The bus arrived for us at 1.50pm. We were all happy and thanked Mr. Henderson for the day. I called the roll and the bus drove onto the highway. We all slept on the way home arriving at 3pm. All in all a wonderful day full of learning experiences!

My Old Primary School

Then...

My old primary school has many memories. The memory that sticks in my mind the most is that I used to think the rugby field was very big. It had old rusted rugby posts waiting for students to score unlimited tries underneath the cross-bar. Students would hang off the cross-bar. The water fountain was always surrounded by students waiting in line for a drink to quench their thirst. I remember having to stand in front of the tall, tower flag poles every morning singing the National Anthem. I also remember the cold, frosty mornings kids every where sliding on frozen water

Now...

When I go through the school now the entire area seems small. The class rooms, playgrounds, rugby field, everything! Now and then I sometimes stop and have a little peek inside the classes remembering the days we used to play exciting activities. The water fountains no longer have their shinny chrome sparkle. They now look plain and rusted. The chrome has chipped off. I walk over to the flag poles. I look up. My heart stops. I think back to moments when I used to raise the Blue Flag, I felt proud and honored. I catch a glimpse of myself singing the National Anthem.

Now, I stand in the middle of the field which used to seem like a gigantic park. It is now a miniature field. I see the lonely rusted goal post. I stop. Memorizing all the times I scored tries underneath the cross-bar. I take a breath. One last look at my old primary school. I turn and walk away.

Written by Tama Brown aka Tum Tizzle

(Year 12)

Music

2007 has proved to be a fruitful one here in the Tokoroa High School Music Department. Full of energy and diversity, eager students have passed through the doors who love playing music, and who wanted to learn more about it.

Two great examples of natural talent in performance are Rachel Alapati and Ofisa Toleafoa. These are two Tokoroa High School students who have been leading the way in singing and performance during their attendance here. Ofisa made it through to the regional finals for the 'Search for the Stars' competition which was held in Hamilton. The competition has been held annually for the last few years and encourages secondary school students to participate in performances ranging from singing through to dance and even a category for lip sync. Being the 2006 competition winner and current champion, Rachel Alapati was unable to compete this year, but she did a great job as an MC at the regional heat hosted by Tokoroa High School. Our school has a great wealth of talent for performance. We have been fortunate to also experience the sweet voice of Demi Cooper who does justice to the 'High School Musical' song 'When there's just me and you - Vanessa Hudgens'. Although extremely shy and reserved, Eneliko Skelton is another powerful voice that has shone through during 2007. Jordan King who initially was thought to only play the piano has shown her range as a musician both singing and playing bass also.

Four Year 12 music students who have stood out during 2007 are Ben Tuakana, Chayden Numanga, Arthur Tere and Elvisa Robb. Elvisa's sweet pop-rock voice accompanied by her multi talented classmates has proved to be a successful combination in the classroom.

The Year 11 class has shown great potential for next year and we look forward to seeing a lot of great work from students such as Lani Tauroa, a brilliant songwriter; Ben Letoga whose voice is beyond his years in age and loves to impress the girls; Hale Momoemausu whose sweet voice is well hidden by his tough exterior; Yannis Mea sporting fantastic guitar playing skills, Hush Simiona-Harris, an exciting upcoming rap artist and Jusuræ Hosking's smooth vocal talent.

Aue Tangimataiti has been the number one sound engineer this year and I look forward to many other students taking an interest in this fantastic field next year with Aue.

Year 9 and Year 10 students have presented me with an exciting future in the music department here at Tokoroa High School. Many potentially fantastic songwriters and musicians will be able to grow their talent in the department.

A big thank you to the itinerant teachers, Scott Cramwell, Heather (last name), Lepa Vai, Glen Botting and Ms Christian. Thank-you for your ongoing support and the wonderful skills you have in teaching the students of Tokoroa High School. Also a big thank you to Noel Saunders for developing the talents of our brass band.

Tokoroa High School will not be the only ones enjoying the fruits of it's many students' talents, but I believe that they (the students) all have the potential to make massive dents in the music industry here in New Zealand should they choose to pursue music as a career. 2008 will present us with many new challenges; Battle of the Bands, Pacifika Beats and the Play it Strange songwriting competition where I know that Tokoroa High School will shine as it has in the years that have passed so, 2008 HERE WE COME!

Geoff Wong-See

Search for the Stars

Junior Lip Sync

Magnifico! Is the word I can use to explain what kind of year we have had this year for our junior lip sync crew. For our very first year in the search for stars competition our boys managed to pull it out of the hat and come second in the national competition.

The group was made up of five students, Ben Letoga, Andrew Marama-Lyon, Hale Taii, Gideon Letoga and Joshua Faagalu. There were three different levels of the competitions, the boys relied heavily on Rachel to complete her planning of the moves and the mix but when she had left the country, it was hard for us to come up with our own routine which was a first for the boys, although Rachel had gone we kept our heads high and hoped for the best.

A lot of sweat and hard work went into the moves and the transitions of our performance for the National Finals, but all the hard work paid off when the results were called. Tokoroa High School Junior Lip Sync runners up of the competition, the boys thought we had been robbed, but all we could do was stay humble and accept the decision made by the judges.

All glory goes to God for the awesome experience and especially for our placing in the competition, coming second in the Search For Stars NZ National Finals ain't something you hear everyday!



Third year round, Search for Stars begun for 2007 early August. A number of performances took place at the District show. Amazingly, Ofisa, Eneliko and I made it through! After three, maybe four days of practice, we were off to the Regionals and saw the great talent from our area.

It was then that we realized we might not go any further into the competition, so to hear our names called up as first place was a major shock, we were so excited knowing we'd be back to compete!

Finally, the Nationals. Instead of attending our first day back at school of Term 4, we took off to Hamilton for our lighting rehearsals at the Founders Theatre, we also had a talk with David and Donald from Nesian Mystic who were able to give us all a few tips.

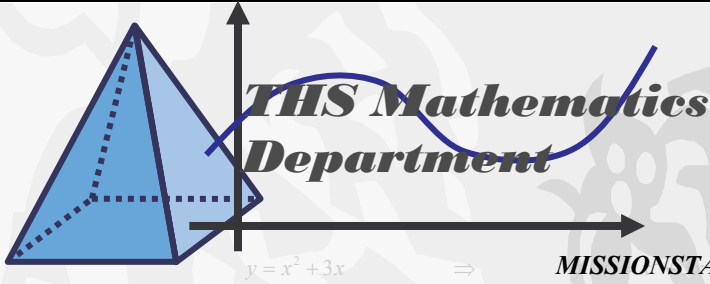
That night was a lot of practice and room-temp water. The following day we had a Matinee performance for school children around Hamilton then relaxed until the big night.... At last it arrived. Tension built up, GHD's on the heat, Dax Wax on the go, as we wait patiently in our changing room for our moment to shine. "Tokoroa Singers, you's are up!", "OMG" Fisa says as we make our way down to the stage and we came 3rd!!



Thanks to all the supporters and mainly Mrs. Crate, Mrs Tarai and Whaea Aroha. God Bless.

Demi Cooper





MISSION STATEMENT:

We believe that Mathematics tool used describe, analyse and predict the physical world around us and thus serves as the fundamental building block for all sciences. It is our mission to convey this message to our students within the Mathematics Department. On the basis of our vision we have forged our mission to raise the academic achievement of students in Mathematics at Tokoroa High Schooll.



Matej Benes

I have been acting as HOD and teaching at this school for three years. I have enjoyed every minute of it, this school is an amazing place to learn at. With staff that are more then dedicated to their subjects and students.

We boast one of the strongest departments at the school and we will strive to bring about positive development for all students.



Rose Phillips

I joined the wonderful Tok crew in 2004. I since have taught Science, Computer, English and Maths. This year yet another challenge waited a head. Teaching Business Studies and Accounting. Anyone would have thought what a crazy person to be with but I preserved.

Well I settled down with the students in their own Tok style and got the results I dreamt of.



Christine Haugh

I have been teaching year 13 Calculus and Yr 12 Mathematics this year, and it has been wonderful.

I started her in the 1970's, never thought I would be at THS 2007 teaching Mathematics. I have enjoyed teaching Maths and working with students. It has been a privilege to work at Tokoroa High School.

Robyn Tucker

I have been teaching mathematics at this school for the last seven years. At the moment I am also doing math's papers through Massey University. The other departments I belong to are Science and Computing.

The students can be a challenge, however there is also great reward in seeing the students understand the different concepts that have been taught.

James Antony

I started three years ago with an intention to make a difference in my student's education. To begin with there was a little bit of resistance from my students. However, after getting to know their learning style and needs I was able to get my message across to my students. During my three years I have made some difference both mentally and emotionally in my student's education. In reflecting I have enjoyed the fun and laughter with my students and colleagues.



Jane Liu

I came to THS in April 2007. In the beginning I found it challenging, but now after getting to know my students background and names I enjoy teaching all my classes. It is good to see students coming to class with so many talents, I really enjoy passing on my knowledge and skills to my students. I am happy to be part of the Mathematics Department and Computing Department and strive for better results.



Dear Art Class of 2007

(and a few others)

Well it's the end of 07, we've had lots of fun and I think we've learnt more than we realize. I certainly have.

Some highlights were the Art trips to Rotorua and Hamilton (and post printing to Auckland) to see galleries and other student work (and to have a good day out).

The student exhibition at the public library in April (which included work by Eden Russel, Eneliko Skelton, Menante Appel and Flynt Needham) and in June, as part of the 50th Jubilee celebrations we were privileged to be part of the [TOKOROAJ] HIGH ART exhibition at Vaka Villiage gallery. It was fantastic to see your work displayed alongside work by previous teachers and the post-high schoolwork of previous students. We were represented by Eden Russel, Eneliko Skelton, Menante Appel, Shannel Joseph, Talia Hiriwani, Eve Peni and Graham Sheck.

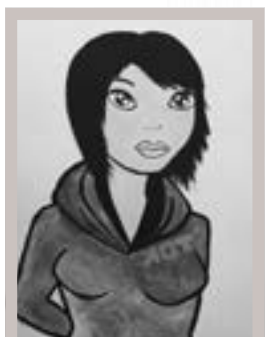
I've enjoyed working together through lunchtimes, seeing your work develop, getting to know some of you and the conversations we've had over painting. I've loved my seniors popping in whenever they've had a 'free period' and the positive influence and encouragement you've been to juniors. We set the Yr 13 studio up like a Uni Art School with each student having their own workspace and it's been a hive of activity. And I've really loved working on our mural with our Yr10s – it looks fantastic and I'm really proud of all the work every one did and that it's displayed in the library.

I'll miss Nathan and Mitchell telling me proudly that "I'm not coming to class today miss" and the next day "I'm gonna be real good today miss", and Izicks "WOW!", Ayla reading her txt's aloud and Caroline's beautiful singing, The dumb spray painted stereo and the fact that whenever there's freshly painted Graffiti one of the staff are sure to ask me if we've lost any paint. There is really nowhere else like Tok.

There's a few others to thank while I'm at it. Mr. Wong-see and Miss Chung for the laughs and fresh perspective, Mrs. Henderson and Mr. Rothman for their support of the mural project, Miss Kapene for her departmental support and help with organizing trips, and the people at Vaka Villiage for their support of the [TOKOROAJ]HIGH ART exhibition. Thanks Heaps.

The biggest thank you goes to my students. I've enjoyed this year immensely and wish you all the best for the years ahead. May you always do your best, set goals and achieve them, and see the Art in everything.

Luv Mrs. T



“Da Badd and The Beautiful”

The school ball was a great success and was a credit to those that helped organise and allowed the ball to occur. Senior management had dictated that this year's ball was to take place earlier than in previous years, on June 23. This meant an already stressed ball committee was forced to meet in April under the careful guidance of Mrs Manu. There were a wide range of members on this committee and an even wider range of different view points! The meeting minutes of the early meetings reveal many arguments (don't even mention the chocolates no one could be bothered selling) but as the day came closer the committee gradually became more and more organized.

There was great debate over the theme for this year's ball, with some more obscure suggestions including Pockets Pool Lounge, Tarzan, Henry Bennett Centre, and Nudism. However, eventually the ball committee were able to agree on the theme “Da Badd and The Beautiful” (meaning Golden Globes vs. Mafia, apparently) and despite a serious lack of funds we managed to paint who knows how many stars (what for we are not sure). With a few trips to Gilmours – DON'T TELL MR TEREU - and miles of weed mat we were ready to start decorating the hall on the day before the ball, with none of us leaving the school until the early hours of the morning. The hall however was looking great (or was it panny?) and with some further work the next day, thanks to Keinan, The ball itself went off without a hitch. The photographs we have from that night show the lengths that everyone went to look the best they could, as they say beauty has its price! Entertainment was provided by Sweet Echo, an excellent local band as

well as the Forest View dance crew - who according to Tapiua we were paying six hundred dollars for (who knows where that money was supposedly coming from. Perhaps all the chocolate we didn't sell?). Delicious food was provided by Liz Daniels, and drinks were served throughout the night by volunteer ex students who refuse to leave Tok High even after all these years.

King and Queen were awarded to Hannah Daken and Ofisa Toleafoa, although that serious hotty Patrick Broman deserved it more. Prince and Princess were awarded to Aroha Ngata and Vinnie Phillips. Other awards were also handed out but everyone on the night looked fantastic with help from our old friend Thin Lizzy. The ball committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors: Pockets Pool Lounge, Spectrum Pharmacy, Strutt, Duetts, Bunning's Warehouse, Centre Pharmacy and that lovely lady in Gilmours that let us use her Gilmours card that we didn't know we needed.

We personally would also like to thank the members of the committee for all their hard work, dedication and dramas that kept us entertained during the many meetings and decorating we did. Big thanks must also go to Chantel Tavai as head of the committee, Mrs Manu as teacher in charge and also all those who gave their time and effort to help make the ball such a success.

To the next year's committee: Have fun paying off our debt!!!!!!!

Written By:
Patrick Broman
Typed By:
Jemma Campbell
Supervised By:
Nikki Renowden



2007 Ball Committee





Puna Vai Ora

Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Pacific Greetings to you all.

It has been a quiet year and as always, only the "die hards" stay strong!!! We want to always praise GOD for keeping us faithful to our culture, to our Pasifika ways, and to all the opportunities that come our way.

Term 1, saw us getting use to the idea of being a performer, especially through the dancing competition hosted by Te Eiva Nui. On that same day a group of us went down to the SPCA to lend a hand to our community, and to find our inner DOGG!!

Mathew "Chauaua" Tautari, Freeman "Dalmatian" Gage, Travis "Bulldog" Tautari, and Mairaro "Poodle" Shepherd. We had visitors from the Cook Islands, Papa Mataiti, Uncle Clyde and who could forget Aunty Girls/Boys and Aunty Ngatere with her costume expertise. Through our journey we want to always thank those who have supported us along the way, to Aunty Mama, Aunty Mata, and Jojo for the endless hours they put in to help us. To all our parents who continue to support our work, thank you.

Term 2, we headed off to Porirua College along with the First XV, hmmm! I always knew that it wouldn't be the Puna kids who play up, cos they always know better. It was a first for some of our young ones to experience "Absolutely Positively Wellington" like Manuia and Rayna. Besides our runaways, Ioritana, Arthur and Tukai, it was an awesome time to get to know other students. We played "secret angels" and that was hilarious, Tim getting a baseball bat, because his angel thought he always seemed to be getting bullied. Through it all it was a primo trip!

To end the Term we were ushers for the senior ball, which was a night to remember for some, especially when they got a ride home with someone else, John, Travis and Peter.

Term 3, was very much an academic term, where the focus was on getting our credits up. We have always been in two minds about the Rotorua Festival of Pasifika Culture, and I suppose because of fear that it might be a repeat of 2005. But on Saturday 22nd August with our game face on, we managed to win the Cook Islands Section (which is what we really wanted) and the Samoan Section (what a bonus). However I must say it was perfect execution especially of the Cook Islands National Anthem. Agnes also went on to win the Cook Islands Speech Competition and Ofisa the Samoan. We dedicate this win to our senior students, to whom PUNA could not have succeeded without

We also want to thank "Mrs Stavert" for her contribution and heart. Your support and presence is enough for us. Fafetai tele lava.

There are no words to express our greatest gratitude for our Seniors, who have led, inspired and given 5 years of themselves for PUNA.

- To Freeman, who is the epitome of everything you could ask for, who is always there when you need him. You are a true gentleman.
- To Tommy, who never seeks glory, who is humble and grateful for everything he gets. You are unbeatable against all odds.
- To Nooroa, whom I am proud of for making it to 7th Form, for hanging in there and believing he could make it. You are a fighter, dream it, chase it, have it.
- To Setevano, who is the epitome of charm, who can work the crowd with his mere presence. You are a true Aitutakian, lol. You are the very very essence of Tumu Kuki Airani, let that be your strength.
- To Ofisa, who is talented beyond measure, who has the voice of sweetness and power. You are blessed.
- To Agnes, who always gives strength, heart and soul, whom I am so proud of for all that you do, for believing in me and my hopes for you. You are the epitome of Tumu Kuki Airani and a Mama Orometua.
- And finally to my sister Jasina, who I base and create everything from, whom I have depended on and will greatly miss. You have the potential to surpass me, to do more, when my days come to an end, you would be a perfect successor. You're patient, kind and understanding even when you don't really want to be, don't fight what is naturally within you.







School Speech Competition

Friday 19 October 2007

There is a very special place at Tokoroa High School... do you know where it is? Do you? Well I do' – and on Friday 19 October 2007 the school library was a special place indeed, as it played host to the School Speech Competition. This year's speech competition was full of humour, entertainment and contentious issues for the audience's consideration.

The quality of the speaking on the day was nothing short of impressive. The hard job of judging was left to the ever eloquent Mrs Henderson, and her co-judge Ms MB. In some instances, the placings were only separated by half a mark. We wish to thank all those who participated. The results are as follows:

Year Nine:

1 st	Gideon Letoga
2 nd	Matt Broman
3 rd	Joel Brammal
VHC	Tearaara Tangimataiti
HC	Centine Treasurer

Year Ten:

1 st	Joseph Metu
2 nd	Crystal Steiner
3 rd	Sahara Hartman
VHC	Caitlin Wallace
HC	Jesse Thrupp
C	Molly Mitchell

Year 11:

1 st	Andrew Marama-Lyon
2 nd	Flynt Needham
3 rd	Glen Terry
VHC	Menante Appel

Year 12 & 13:

1 st	Jasina Tarai
2 nd	Bernadette Kerr
3 rd	Ofisa Toleafoa
VHC	Ngarimu Hapi
HC	Louise Sinclair
C	Jesse Stol and Elvisa Robb

Prepare for glory. Cause we are Sparta!!!!

You will remember me!!!!!!

But will you remember my face?

My smile?

Or ma gorgeous body?

How will you remember me?

Ask yourself What will make you unforgettable?

Some people are remembered for the face and chiseled body and some just for the way they treat others But most are remembered for how they live there life How to live life to the full (Let me repeat) How to live life to the full.

The way you choose to live your life portrays to others your true identity. In a world were temptations lie at every corner and where we are surrounded by negativity which faces us all how ... do we live it?

Once again is it my face, my smile . . . or my gorgeous body

Govern thy life and thoughts, as if the whole world were to see one, and read the other. Today I aim to guide you, three simple ways to live life to the full. The first and by far most important, the way to your success. The second and by far most challenging learning to walk your own paths. And third and by far most pleasurable knowing when you are and are not living life to the full.

Step one. Make a plan. Ask yourself where you want to be in ten years time. And from this decide how you're going to get there. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Yesterday is but a past dream and tomorrow is only a simple vision. But today is what makes yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope.

Create your own vision.

Let me repeat create your own vision . . .

And remember the easiest way to see into the future is to create it.

Step two. Fighting to walk your own paths now you should hopefully know where you want to end up in life? Now the difficult part is following that though. Yes, at times you my come across failures and it might seem like the whole world is against you and your dreams. But rest assured . . . As the best lessons are learnt from mistakes. Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live life.

We all make mistakes; we live we learn.

It doesn't make us bad people; it just makes us human.

And finally step 3 live a happy life How do we know when we are not living life to the full . . . Let me repeat How do we know when we are not living life to the full . . . Our teachers think when we chose to pick up the book and look to the back for answers We are not living life to the full our sports coaches think when we chose to pick up our running shoes and go for a run. *Then walk* We are not living life to the full and he thinks when we chose to pick our bums instead of our noses we are not living life to the full. But once again it is up to you to decide how to live your life. As what you do today effects tomorrow. To sum up step 3. Every day of your life should be

Bom chika wah wah!!!

So another question?

Is it my face? Is it my smile?....Or is it ma gorgeous body?

In the last 143 fully as

seconds you have heard about 3 simple steps to cause effect in your life. Hope-of today, you aim to improve your life. Remember make a plan, do the hard yards, and live a happy life. No matter what the world may think of you.

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a promise, fulfil it...

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

Life is life, live it to the full.

When in doubt remember this, yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today Well today is a gift . . . that's why they call it the present

Be remembered for how you live your life, because One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure its worth watching.

So.....

Is it your face.....?

Is it your smile.....?

Or is it your gorgeous body.....?

by Andrew Marama Lyon

**Winning Speech
Year 11**

Te Kahui Whetu

New Kids in Te Kahui Whetu

Kila always hugs me at lunch and at play time and while I am doing my work. Phita comes in the same van as me and she likes to play with puzzles.

Tamalisi Nait

We also have three other new students in Te Kahui Whetu this year and they are Peter, Rebekah and Keretina.

Pete enjoys having physiotherapy every day and likes music as well.

Keretina likes to work hard during class time and enjoys singing.

Rebekah also works hard and enjoys going swimming on Fridays.



The Senior Ball

This year I went to the school ball for the first time.

I had been looking forward to this all year. When the day eventually arrived I was very excited.

Dad bought me a beautiful bronze coloured dress with matching high heeled shoes. Mrs Bates did not recognise me.

She said I looked pretty. I thought Mrs Bates looked pretty too. The ball was awesome. I had lots of fun and I danced all night.

Tiana White

Special Olympic Soccer

It was a rainy, winter day, but this didn't dampen the spirits of the Tokoroa High School Te Kahui Whetu special Olympic Soccer team. The day started off slowly as the Tokoroa high school team waited for the other schools to arrive; while we were waiting we were all getting excited and were all optimistic to how the day would unravel. When the vans finally arrived we warmed up with a bit of jump jam. Then we quickly got into our activities.

During the day we saw extraordinary talent, enthusiasm and participation by all schools. The helpers also showed enthusiasm and great support. By lunch time we were all drenched and exhausted but we were still ready to play the afternoon game. While some people opted for the dry viewing area of the clubrooms at Strathmore park some were game enough to watch at the sidelines. Medals were awarded and the only hitch of the day was the cold wet weather. Everyone had a superb rewarding day and we all agreed that it was a great experience.

Work Experience

We go in Graham's van to the Achievement Centre. One of the Teacher Aides goes with us. We have morning tea there. Our job is to pack the kindling. We like to learn about working and also like to visit the people that work there.

Ramon, Caleb, Kasper



NAMES

A Few of Our Visitor's

Tyran Smith and John Hopoate

Developing career pathways into professional sport was the purpose of a visit to Tokoroa High School recently by rugby league identities, Tyran Smith and John Hopoate. Both are directors of Australian based company, 'Sportsplayer Management'. Smith, a former New Zealand international with a 1st grade career of 14 years across 7 NRL clubs, and Hopoate with 13 years NRL experience including State of Origin and Australia representation, spoke with students and parents about their services which include career advice, contractual negotiations, financial advice and management.

The two provided a powerful message of the many pit-falls of professional sport, and they related many examples including their own experiences. They believe that many sports stars are signed at a young and impressionable age of around 16, so it is imperative to steer them toward not only a fulfilling sporting career but also toward equipping youngsters with higher learning in other areas of their life. There were several light hearted moments during question time, with many of the questions directed at John Hopoate.

The two guests were impressed with the reception they received at Tokoroa High School beginning with a stirring haka by the students led by Tama Brown.

Tyran Smith and John Hopoate will host the Tokoroa High School under 17 team for a full-day training session at Manly on September 19, during the team's visit to



Tommy the Clown

Thomas Johnson A.K.A Tommy The Clown, knew he had to change his life after countless prison infringements. Now, a few years later he has decided to help teenagers be the best that they can be, through the creation of "clowning", he gave under privileged teens a means to release their emotions and escape the real world, without the use of drugs and alcohol.



While on his New Zealand tour, He was going from school to school that was in the decile 1, and Tokoroa High School was one of the lucky few in this category, SO... put 2 an 2 together and you get Tommy the Clown Meets Tokoroa High

School. Through out his performance Tommy and his crew were preaching their message, while motivating kids to take action rather than just watching your life go by.

Howard Morrison

On Monday the 8th of October, we received a visit from a man. A man, who has helped promote New Zealand for 51 years. On this day, Sir Howard Morrison paid a visit to our school. He brought with him a group of students from his kapa haka group Te Wero. He first went on stage and talked about his background, his culture and his group, Te Wero. He then sang songs, and his group performed kapa haka and poi, and his nephew performed mau rakau. It was a very enjoyable and enlightening experience.

By Ar. Gott



Sir Howard Morrison, I had definitely heard his name before and he was coming to our school to sing to us. I was thinking about it all day and it finally happened just before lunch. We went to our class to sign our names of the roll and off we went to the hall. First our principal said a few words and introduced Sir Howard Morrison with a few students from Te Wero. He got up first and said a few words. He was a good speaker with lots of humor. He introduced his students and he sang a song with Te Wero on backups before they did their own performance which included poi and waiata. It was an entertaining show and a honour to have someone who has helped New Zealand so much to visit our school.

By Matthew Broman

Dylan Elise

Wednesday 25th July
17 year old Dylan Elise brought a spectacular drumming show to our school. Dylan played a plethora of genres ranging from Rock to Latin and also drum solos which he put together himself, coming from a family of talented musicians Dylan had already achieved a lot in his music career and even has potential to go further. Watching Dylan has really inspired and motivated me to practice more and maybe one day I will be able to play along-side Dylan.



NZ Reps



KOTUKU TOUCH TOUR 2007

If jumping into the cold water of the ocean is your idea of fun – consider the fact that this is the middle of winter, in Australia's Sunshine Coast – still your idea of fun???

For Anthony Utanga and Savea Daniel-Malietoa, this became regular practice during their trip with the Kotuku Representative Touch team.

The team was a tight knit group with a sense of humour. Eating chilli pepper sammies, serenading staff from the hotel and having to wear bakery style hats on command were some of memorable shinanagins this lot got up to.

However, there was also the serious business of being serious contenders in the Queensland State Cup for touch. The State Cup is a three day tournament, where the Kotuku crew played seven games and won the event. The State Cup was also organized as a forerunner to the Youth World Cup 2009.

Both Anthony and Savea have taken a wealth of knowledge, experience and good times from this trip, and look forward to being key players in the winning team of the 2009 World Youth Cup.



Chantelle Cassidy

After 2006 achievements, I had to set up a program and pencil in tournaments that I had to target to improve my seeding within N.Z Women's Golf. To achieve this I had to get the help of my coach Gavin Holder.

We targeted N.Z Women's golf tournaments, U21 and U19 age group Tournaments along with Waikato Women's program.

My first priority was to make the Waikato Women's team, and this was achieved, making the Quadrangular and Inter provincial Teams.

I had some very good results this year notably winning the U15 Waikato Age Group with gross scores of 75 – 73, and recently invited to play in a U19 boys Tournament at Omanu I came third in a field of 80 with gross scores of 71 – 77 a great result.

This year I have learnt so much about myself and things under my control, such as diet, preparation, fitness and most of all keeping stats of every game I play, this gives me records of my games and stats so that I can assess, and pin point the trouble spots in my game. This helps me prioritise my practise sessions with my coach.

2007 has been a great year for me. I am pleased with my results and my achievements. I'm looking forward to 2008.

The below photo above was taken at Hutt Golf Club Wellington at the secondary tournament where I came third in U15.



Acre Keremete



Acre Keremete is a rising star in the world of rugby league.

He recently played for the Te Arawa team at the Koro Neihana Coronation ceremony, and was recruited for the Under 16 New Zealand Maori Squad.

Acre aspires to be signed up to an NRL team in the future, and is well on the way to achieving this goal.

Aliesha Watene's Squash Achievements

At the end of last year I travelled up to Auckland to attend a selection camp for the World Junior Elite Squad. The camp lasted all weekend and I didn't really prepare myself well for it, training only one month before the camp. Two weeks after the camp I received a letter saying I didn't make the squad, I knew it was because I didn't work hard enough before I attended the camp.

After talking to my coach and dad they encouraged me to work hard over the summer and get back into that squad. That's what I did I trained more regularly and it paid off. I played in the NZ Junior Open and came 4th after this the selectors decided to give me another chance in the squad and I trained even harder for the next camp. All the 8 girls in our team decided that we would go to Hong Kong for the World Champs whether we made it into the NZ team (consisting of 4 girls) or not.

Hong Kong was an amazing experience, one that not many people get the chance to do I felt lucky and grateful that I was able to be there playing the sport I love. I also was able to do a lot of shopping with my sister; we've never walked so much in our life. There were so many shops and markets it was never-ending.

After the worlds I was burnt out and I didn't have much motivation left. It had been a long year but it wasn't over yet. I still had three Nationals to go before it was all over. My year ended well when I came 3rd at Junior Nationals in the Under 19's and our team came 2nd in the team's event behind Auckland. I was also reselected for the NZ Team.

I am grateful for all the support and donations I received from everyone to help me get to Hong Kong. I am thankful to my dad who has encouraged me and supported me throughout the year, and for telling me when I've been getting lazy. If it weren't for him I wouldn't have achieved as much as I have this year.



Kurt's Gymnastic Achievements for 2007

This year Kurt has had mixed results due to an ankle and lower back injury.



He was placed 2nd with a score of 69.550 at Top of The South competition held in Nelson at the beginning of July.

Mid July saw him travel to Wellington and unfortunately he injured his ankle on the first day

of the competition in the apparatus warm ups so that saw him retire on the Saturday with a severely bruised ankle, however at the apparatus finals on the Sunday Kurt was placed 1st on High Bar, Parallel Bars, 3rd on and Pommel, 3rd= Rings.

On the 28th and 29th of July Kurt won the Waikato Bay of Plenty Senior Champs held at Argos Gymsport in Tauranga with at score of 72.483.

The first week of the school holidays in September Kurt represented The Bay of Plenty at the NZ Gymnastic National Championships in Auckland and finished in 4th place with a score of 74.931 for MAG level 7 and in the apparatus finals he picked up two gold medals for a 1st= on Pommel and High Bar.

The final competition for the year was on the 13th of October and Kurt finished 1st with a score of 77.4 Overall it has been a tough year through injuries but perseverance has seen Kurt achieve good results.

Waikato Bay of Plenty Representatives



T. Sarsfield, A. Taikoko, T. Gage-Nepia, A. Keremete, A. Utanga, A. Marama-Lyon, E. Tetevano, H. Wharerau, T. Brown, D. Gage, J. Withers, D. John, Z. Tetevano, V. Phillips, S. Daniels-Malieatoa, J. Gage-Nepia, P. Daniels, C. Cassidy, N. Ratima, D. Wickcliffe, F. Mackintosh, T. Kerr



NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

Our congratulations to the Tokoroa High School Boys Touch team for qualifying for the 2007 Secondary Schools National Championships. The tournament will take place from December 7th – 9th at Ongley Park in Palmerston North. The team gained entry through their top three placing at the New Zealand Touch Zonal Qualifying Tournament, held in Rotorua on Sunday 25 March. At

the Waikato Secondary schools Touch championships held the previous Sunday - 18 March - in Hamilton, the team finished second behind National Champions, Hamilton Boys High School.

Members of the Tok High champion team were:

Vinnie Phillips, Tainui Gage-Nepia, Ethan Tetevano, Jade Hawkins, Douglas Gage, Savea Daniel-Malieatoa, Anthony Utanga, Ezra Takiri, Tama Brown, Charles Mashall, Zane Tetevano, Tana Tuau, Jai Withers, Tobias Phillips. The team is coached by former international 'New Zealand Men's Open' representative, Gary Nepe.

* Footnote: Tok High PE staff members, Nooroa Manu and Willie Ford guided the Forest View High School Boys Touch team towards winning a national championship title in 2001.



N. Manu, E. Tetevano, I. Tuau, Z. Tetevano, E. Takiri, T. Gage-Nepia, C. Hakraia, S. Daniels-Malieatoa, D. Gage, C. Marshall, V. Phillips, A. Utanga, T. Brown, W. Ford

Te Kahui Whetu Swimming

Te Kahui Whetu students attended the Special Olympics swimming carnival on the 2nd March at the Te Awamutu events centre and came away with outstanding results. Having competed last year in this event the students were much more relaxed in the competitive atmosphere. Te Kahui Whetu would like to acknowledge charities who have enabled them to travel to these events for with funding they provided.

The results of were

- William McNae 1st walking 4th kickboard.
- Theresa Hemming 2nd walking 5th kickboard.
- Kila Monga 1st walking.
- Daniel Meredith 2nd kickboard 4th walking.
- Keratina Mutu 1st kickboard 1st anystroke.
- Kasper Nooyen 3rd Kickboard 2nd anystroke.
- Rebekah Kaora 3rd kickboard 3rd anystroke.
- Glen Terry 1st 25m freestyle 2nd 25m backstroke and 4th relay.
- Tiana White 1st backstroke 1st freestyle and 4th relay.

School Swimming Sports

Tokoroa High School held its annual swimming competition on March 9th.

Enthusiasm was evident amongst all participants ranging from the 'splash and dash' swimmers by the school academy class swimmers to the competitive club swimmers. These championships allowed many of the school's elite swimmers to showcase their talents. A total of six records were set by Symon Marama-Lyon during the day.

Swimming Results

Results from our Swimming Sports are:-

Junior Boys- 1st ,2nd and 3rd places

John Wilson, Aaron Gott, James Horn.

Intermediate Boys-

Andrew Marama Lyon, Travis Tautari, Tapiua Metu.

Senior Boys-

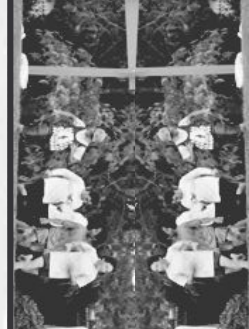
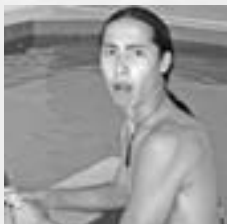
Symon Marama Lyon, Arthur Tere, Jim Wilson.

Intermediate Girls-

Elvisa Robb, Nicola Ratima, Molly Mitchell.

Senior Girls-

Chantel Tavai, Iriangi Reti, Jordan King.



Cross Country

2007 Proved to be a good year for me and my aim of winning the intermediate Tokoroa High School cross country.

The race was held at Moana Nui on a nice sunny day with no wind. The intermediate field lined up awaiting the starter to set us off. Once we got half way down the lake I had a competitor in front of me. I slowly increased my speed and passed her to go into the lead. I stayed in front from then on, and just concentrated on not stopping and keeping a nice even pace.

This allowed me to finish in First place and go on to compete at mid-islands in Welcome Bay.

This was a new experience with very tough race field. I am pleased to say that I completed the course and learnt a lot for next year. Finger crossed and here's hoping!

Molly Mitchell



Waikato Swimming Champs



On March 14 Symon Marama Lyon, Andrew Marama Lyon, Chantel Tavai, Patoa Tavai, Jim Wilson, John Wilson, Molly Mitchell, Aaron Gott, Arthur Tere, Glen Terry, Tiana White and Travis Tautari travelled to the Te Rapa pools in Hamilton.

Congratulations to all the Students who represented Tokoroa High school and a very big thank you to all the supporters with a special thank you to Mr & Mrs Marama Lyon for their endless support.



Girls Soccer



L. Accorsi, M. Appel, R. Wallace, S. Tremain,
S. Bason, A. Sutherland, M. Mitchell, H.
Bason, M. Appel, C. Wallace

Tokoroa High School were not able to have a boy's soccer team but there was no way that there was not going to be a girl's soccer team! Amie Sutherland, our head girl, was able to put a girl's soccer team together with no problem at all. All it took was determination and time.

The girl's soccer team consisted of girls between the age group 13-18 years, and each team mate had their own unique skill of playing and each had their own position on the field. Amy was even able to organize new soccer uniforms to go with our new team!

Some of the teams we played against were Hamilton Girl's High School, Putaruru College, Dio and a lot more tough competition. Each game was definitely different which made the competition more difficult but we sure showed our team spirit throughout each game. We also had an excellent support group of parents and friends, even if we had to travel a distance for a game or when the fields were flooded from rain and mud was flying through the air.

We didn't really have a coach so Amie Sutherland took over and coached us through the whole season even when it was freezing cold and raining! She never gave up! Also Mr. Tereu took time off at lunch times on Mondays to help us learn new skills to show off on the field, and to improve our teamwork to insure that we got a goal!

We hope to see more girls join next year since the senior girls on the soccer team are leaving at the end of this year. We want more girls to experience the fun of playing soccer!

By Menante Appel (Team Player)

Girl Power

Girls 1st XV

Tokoroa High Schools Rugby Girls 1st XV 2007 was a great experience for both the new and old girls. The new girls were eager to learn and showed natural skill which combined easily with the talent of the older and experienced girls who played previous years. This built a very strong team which made us confident enough to enter the Bay of Plenty 15 aside competition lead by our determined captain Bernadette Kerr.

Both the new and old girls had difficulty believing in such an inexperienced team, but with the support of our coach and peers the girls managed to overcome their fears and finally came out with a victory. Unfortunately we had to pull out of the competition due to lack of numbers and commitment.

The team would like to acknowledge our coach Wiki Wickliffe for all her efforts and time put into this team, thank you for sharing your knowledge with the girls it was appreciated. We would also like to thank our trustworthy manager Sharon Morgan for all her support and encouragement. No game would be the same without the supporters on the sideline, so we as a team would like to thank all the supporters who witnessed our victory and defeats.

Six girls were selected to represent Tokoroa in the representative teams this year. Darryl Wickliffe was chosen to show her talents as a half back and first five-eight in the Bay of Plenty 15 aside rep team. Most of the forward pack this year went on to play for the Under 19's Tritons team which included Bernadette Kerr, Rachel Alapati, Nerida Iorangi, Isabella Tau and Louise Sinclair.

The team farewells our two props Rachel Alapati and Nerida Iorangi, flanker Ashley Ashford and full back Rikki-Lee Gardiner. We hope you will take your rugby careers further, along with the memories we share as a team.

To all the girls who participated, you made this year such a memorable year which we will never forget. I encourage you to start the off-season training and I'll see you all next year. Malo le galulue.

Louise Sinclair.



Girls Rugby
A. Shaw, L. Sinclair, B. Kerr, I. Tau, N. Iorangi, T. Rangitūia, D. Charlie, D. Wickliffe, C. Black, A. Turia

The Australian League Tour - 2007

Suitcases and bags piled up, girlfriends clinging to their boys with tears in their eyes, the young, free and singles brimming with excitement, and the families of these young men standing in the background sensing the realization of 'We're finally here - the trip is really happening'. This same train of thought didn't really hit the boys until they were in the airport.

Mr Ford, Mr Manu, and a brave group of parents, took a group of 28 testosterone filled boys to Australia. The trip was so the boys could be exposed not only to an overseas experience, but to the selectors of prominent rugby league teams in the hope that they may get signed.

The boys winged their way to Australia for a 14 day tour which involved, trainings, games, shopping, sightseeing and the game which would change Jai and Zane's hopes for the future - as they were signed into the Newcastle Under 18 Development Squad.

The trip consisted of time spent in Sydney for the first few days, where the boys enjoyed trainings, shopping and sightseeing. Newcastle was the next port of call, where they played a game against their development squad, while the selectors were watching intently. Jai and Zane were invited to trial, and landed themselves contract negotiations with the Newcastle Knights Development Squad. Woywoy brought a few days of sightseeing before the semi-final playoff between Manly and Cowboys. Following this, the boys prepared to go to Brisbane where they had a game against the Redlands Crabs. Sun, Sand, Surf and Beach Babes awaited their arrival on the Sunshine Coast, and the fun and games continued with trips to White Water World and Dreamworld.

The Australian League Tour was an absolute success, and Mr Manu and Mr Ford better get ready for the next one!



T. Gage-Nepia, I. Tuau, D. John, T. Kerr, T. Teina, D. Gage, V. Phillips, T. Sarsfield, A. Nikora, L. Tungane, P. Daniels, A. Hawera, C. Marshall, E. Takiri, D. Hikuroa, T. Petero, E. Tetevano, A. Keremete, T. Brown, N. Manu, Z. Tetevano, W. Ford, J. Gage-Nepia, H. Wharerau, S. Marama-Lyons



1ST XV

The 2007 1st XV was a very young and therefore inexperienced team, but was nonetheless a very talented team. The big men Lachoneus, Tim & TJ kept the engine room up and running, we had to have the ball thrown in by the happy hooker Harliz, the tall timber Sheridan and Hoani to bring it back down, the fit yet strong loose forwards Paul, Tainui, Vano, and myself(captain).



Doug the little man with the strong pass, Jade with his terrific kicking, the small and stocky young man Jai, beside him the hulk of the team Zane smashing it in the centers with Patrick, the flying outside backs Ethan, Travis, Tukai, Ricky, Tama, Vinnie, Tommy, Damian. We would also like to acknowledge the players who came up from the U-16 team to help us in games where we were short. The performances of Jade, Freemin, Acre, Damien and Anthony were valuable to our team, and an indicator of the skills they will add to the team next year.



There was not a great start to the season, as we immediately had to face one of the top teams in the Waikato region, the Tricolour Trophy holders Church College in a warm-up match, which resulted in us suffering an early loss. We then proceeded to our pre-season grading matches, our first being against Cambridge. Despite a brave performance by a team, which could not even field 15 players, the Cambridge team simply had too many wheels and were able to come away with a win. However we went on to win the next two games, which meant for the first time in a long time we were in the First Division of the Waikato competition.



Sadly from that point on we compiled a rather unflattering losing streak, which continued until the end of the season. Despite this we never quit, and refused to lay down to any opposition no matter how bad things got.



Also our team had a sports exchange trip down to Wellington. Our adversaries were Porirua College, who like us were a very cultural school. This resulted in a very hard, physical game, which was dominated by the power play of the forwards. In a very closely fought game Porirua took a victory away 14-7.

In summing up our season it must be stated that considering our youth and inexperience we did not perform particularly bad, but to be competitive next season we will need to sharpen up our game in a few areas. If we are able to do this, we have little doubt we can be a dangerously skilled team who are able to aim high in the future.

I would like to thank our coaches Ta & Wynn, as well as our manger Connie for keeping us under control throughout the season, and giving up their personal time to help guide us on our journey to improve as players and people, but more importantly as a team. Also I would like to thank all of our numerous supporters who stayed by our side throughout the season, and came

and cheered us on as well as helping prepare our after-match functions. Your assistance is beyond measure.



Thomas Kerr
1st XV
Captain
2007

T. Harris, P. Daniels, H. Wharerau, I. Tuau, T. Teina, D. Gage, N. Manu, V. Phillips, T. Sarsfield, T. Gage-Nepia, L. Tungane, D. John, T. Patena, T. Pohipi, W. Ford, D. Gray, E. Tetevano, Z. Tetevano, T. Kerr, E. Takiri, T. Brown, H. McClure



YMCA Hockey

All the new third formers (Year 9's) were very excited about coming to Tokoroa High School, but realized there was no hockey team this would never do! So Miss Gage, the Sports Coordinator, organized a mixed hockey team from THS to play at the YMCA. Without hesitation a team was built and ready for action!

We thought we were the best there since our team was the only high school team participating and that we could wear mufti as our uniforms as long as we had shin-guards, sneakers, mouth-guard and a stick; we were ready to play.

Some of the teams THS played against were Tokoroa Intermediate, Whakamaru, Tainui and Amisfield. A lot of teamwork was used during the 30 minute game (15 minutes a side) to insure we would score a goal, without any injuries. We made sure that each team mate got a chance to play during the game and in different positions to test each person's strengths.



R. Gardiner, M. Bromman, D. Searl, M. Appel, N. Reid, M. Appel, H. Bason

We couldn't enter the YMCA competition because we thought it wouldn't, be fair since we were the only high school team, however we still had fun and I must say it was a good workout! Also part of our unique team was that we played the whole season without a coach or after school practices but still managed to win practically every game.

Even if we were the only high school hockey team participating at YMCA it was still a tough competition against primary and intermediate schools!

Volley Ball

Senior Girls Volleyball

On Tuesday 15th of May, the Volleyball Girls team faced Putaruru High School. Both teams warming up before the game and because it was our first ever game we were very nervous but we also had high hopes for our team. The game started at 6 o'clock, first set out of twenty-five, won by Tokoroa High School, and then second by Putaruru High School, third and fourth set were very tight but our girls once again pulled through and won the game. Well done to the Volleyball girls, we wish them well for the rest of the season.

Boys Volley Ball

Volley Ball for us this year has been great, from trainings right through to our matches. It has been a non stop success although we lost our first game against Putaruru High School we enjoyed it. We had a really strong team of eight boys, with our captain with a strong spiker Ofisa Toleafoa, and team players Patoa Tavai, Hale Taii, Joshua Faagalu, Ben Letoga, Ben Tuakana, Chayden Numanga, Gideon Letoga. Despite coaching difficulties we were able to teach ourselves with the knowledge we already had about Volley Ball and with the assistance and help of some of the teachers and our parents. We would like to thank the school for supporting us throughout the season and most importantly to Mr Manu and Whaea Maxine for having faith in us and never giving up on us. Also to our family and supporters thank you for everything.



Boys Volleyball
B. Tuakana, B. Letoga, C. Numanga, J. Faangalu,
H. Taii, G. Letoga, P. Tavai
Girls Volleyball
A. Shaw, D. Charlie, R. Alapati, A. Dean, C. Tavai,
C. Morunga, L. Sinclair, R. Letoga

Basketball 2007

This year was a good year for basketball.

Even though none of our teams achieved a semi-final spot, the teams were up there in the pools with the Junior boys coming 3rd: Senior girls coming 4th the Senior boys coming a close 3rd place.

Junior Boys

Most of this year was a learning curb for some of the Year 9 players like Jason, Cody and Darion developing their own skills for next year as most of the junior team will be seniors next year.

The juniors had a very good year winning most of their games with their stand out players like Big man James Horn dominating the Offence, Ayden and Nicholas with their overpowering defense and Michael, John and Hayden hitting there long range shots. Despite the efforts of the whole team they sadly lost out to Cambridge A and Te Awamutu in some must win games that would have kept them in contention for the semi-final spot they wanted.

Better luck for the juniors next year and to those who will be seniors next year.



J. Wilson, A. Poko, K.Cooper, J. Harris, G. Sheck, N. Manu (Coach), H. Hodge, J. Horn, N. Arioka, C.Trainor

Senior Girls

Now the Senior Girls had a pretty good year as well, winning most of there games with a mix of Junior and Senior players. We had a few wins under our belt and with that came a few loses shot girls we were awesome. Our standout players were Nichola with her outstanding offence and defense making her a very good all-round player, Aroha and Amy for their good hustle controlling the flow of the game, Eve and Ebony for good play at both ends of the court and towards the end of the season Ayssa and Chontal with there good all-round play and great attitude coming into the team.

With the season coming to a close we got one good game against Forest, it was a close game from start to finish and with only six girls on our side we only lost by nine. The Girls had a great season this year with a few close games with teams like Forest View and Cambridge. There was a great turnout this year for girls basketball. I hope this carries on to the new year thank you girls. So all in all it was on good year which will be followed by another. Thanks heaps to Mr. and Mrs. Manu and to every ones support.



K.Cirinainima, A. Ngata, B. Ray, K. Te Whaiti, S. Marriner, E. Mettaka, D. Manu (coach), B. Bell, K. Teao, N. Ratima, L. Paki, S. Reid

Senior Boys

3rd year in the semi-finals was our goal, but the other teams had different ideas.

So forlornly we settled for 3rd in our pool.

This did not get us down too much though because we no we had done our best and tried admirably against the 2 teams we failed to defeat this year Forest View (our cross town rivals) and Cambridge A. Our first games against these teams weren't that great but our final games were a big step up with us winning most of the game but just losing out in the final stretch.

(vs Forest View 79-74) (vs Cambridge A 69-64)

We had many stand out players in Arthur (Captain), Chaydan, Tukai, Lacy, Damion, our big guys Dylan, Lachoneus and Carl and a couple of our Versatile players who play guard and forwards like Sheridan, Aidan and Travis. We had a good year and better luck next year guys.

Big thanks go out to our Manager Aue and Coach Taa Manu for looking after us this year.



N. Manu (Coach), T. Pohipi, I. Tuau, C. Haa, D. Hikuroa, A. Hawera, L. Tungane, L. Ave, C. Numanga, A. Tere, S. Marama-Lyon, T. Patena, A.Tangimataiti (manager)
Absent: Sheridan Wills.

Under 16



"We came so close" was a phrase many members of the team used to sum up what our season was like. The team had made it through most of the season until the last two games. Our team cruised through the first few games with easy wins. The teams were no match to the superiority of the team work our school had produced. Thanks to our coach Willie Nikora and his hard work, even with little support he was fully committed to the build up of another

successful year, even though we came out second best. The team would like to thank our families for their awesome support throughout the season, we look forward to your continuous support in future seasons.



TEAM CAPTAINS COURSE

Several senior and junior students were chosen to attend a Team Captains Course on Tuesday 20th, March. Waikato Institute for Leisure and Sport Programme coordinator Janine Mackay was impressed with the turn out in numbers of young up and coming students.

Course content included the following:

- ⇒ Develop your team as a captain both on and off the field
- ⇒ Promote team values and responsibilities
- ⇒ Enhance your ability to facilitate your peers and resolve conflict
- ⇒ Lead your team in safe, effective warm-ups and cool-downs
- ⇒ Become a great planner to enhance the performance of your team
- ⇒ Team building activities

The identification of young student leaders is an important component in the search for successful sports performance. Our selected students benefited from this course and many have used the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills during the year.



Under 16's Rugby

B. Letoga, B. Nikora, J Fa'angalu, A. Maram-Lyon, F. Mackintosh, J. Haare, A. Nikora, T. Petero, D. John, A. Taikoko, Hale Taii, K. Stainton, A. Keremete, A. Utanga, S. Daniels-Malieatoa, B. Te Kanawa, T. Phillips, J. Gage-Nepia

Girl's 7's



L. Sinclair, A. Shaw, B. Kerr, N. Iorangi, D. Wickcliffe,
C. Black, T. Rangitutia

The Battlefield

**The boys are grinding away.
Heads jolting backwards,**

**Elbows flying,
shoulders smashing,
lungs pumping,
hearts pounding,**

**Azza muscles up the middle of
the field,
our play is being organized,
the Tank dummy cuts
maneuver,
sucking in the enemies, leaving
a gap in the middle.**

**The line has been infiltrated;
the tank goes in for the kill,
Boom!**

**Try time, the troops are
relieved as we take first blood.**

CONDOR 7'S

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS 7 ASIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENT - April 1

Our 7's rugby team was invited to participate in the National Secondary Schools 7 aside Rugby Tournament – "the Condor 7's". Played annually, the Condor 7's is the official New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament. In 1993, the tournament launched the outstanding career of Jonah Lomu playing for Wesley College. In the 2007 tournament, there were to be some Jonah Lomu – like performances from the Tok High players, most notably Tana Tuau and Zane Tetevano. With limited practise and no game time, the Tokoroa High team was highly competitive with wins over St. Peters (Waikato), and Bay of Islands College (Northland). Narrow losses occurred in the games against Fielding Agricultural (Manawatu), Mana College (Wellington), and St. Andrews (Canterbury). Overall the team placed a very creditable 11th out of 16 teams. Eventual winners, Gisborne Boys, and runners-up Mt. Albert Grammer, also contested the national 15 aside final later this year.

The Tok High team was:

- ◆ **Vinnie Phillips** – *the game breaker and play maker of the team, targeted by the opposition.*
- ◆ **Zane Tetevano** – *the power man, able to break any tackle and smash an opponent, 'but dropped the ball against Mana College'.*
- ◆ **Tana Tuau** – *the pace and power man but with a 'short fuse', sent off against Fielding.*
- ◆ **Tainui Gage-Nepia** – *the skills and brain man, the strategist, 'shame about his endurance'*
- ◆ **Ethan Tetevano** – *pure pace but didn't have a lot of opportunities to show his 'gas'.*
- ◆ **Thomas Kerr** – *high workrate and power, 'hated being subbed'.*
- ◆ **Jade Hawkins** – *subtle skills, quick of hands and feet, but "miss one tackle Jade and you're off".*
- ◆ **Douglas Gage** – *big hitter for a slightly built guy, skilled passer and kicker, 'penalised for backchat, and giving cheeky jabs'.*
- ◆ **TJ Teina** – *the enforcer of the team, sent off against St Andrews for 'rumbling'.*
- ◆ **Joshua Glass-Foster** – *incredible workrate and could run all day, always put his body on the line, 'so broke his nose'.*



J. Glass-Foster, Z. Tetevano, T. Kerr, I. Tuau, T. Teina, W. Ford, E. Tetevano, D.
Gage,

UNDER 14's

This year has been an experiencing year for the youngsters of Tokoroa High School UNDER 14's as they played their year of secondary school rugby. Kicking off the season with not much experience we played our first pre-season game against our rivals F.V.H.S.

The whole season has been tough for the boys as we did not win as many games as planned but gained a lot of knowledge and confidence through out the year.

Eating up the metres were the strongholds of our forward pack. The two props Gideon and Aiden with Ivan and Whare as our hookers. Supported by the locks Jason and Cyril with Riki and Daemon crouching tight beside them and our number 8 Opeta as the cold shoulder of the back.

With our gunning backs Axl at first five alongside him stood Tutere with our two centres Manu and Danny Boy sharing the position .Our three sweet feet Kingi, Yukon and Junior as the wingers with support down at the back of the field was Jayden as our fullback. But unfortunately halfway through the season there was a downfall in our squad as three of our main backs left us a huge gap in our team.

But thanks to the help of James, Johnny, Aydan, Graham and Matiu we were able to fill in the gaps and still hold our team together.

To conclude our season we need to better ourselves for next year by getting fit, keeping in shape and keeping our ball skills up.

Special thanks to Rik, Cappy and Mr Utanga for coaching us during the season and a big thanks to the parents and the supporters who help us with transport on our away games and help with the cooking as we hosted he home games. Also big ups to our sponsor Excell for supplying our team with t-shirts

Without these people our squad wouldn't be a team with the hearts of our supporters and the heart of our team.

WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL.

Hope to see you all next year

WE WILL BE BACK!!

WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE:

TOKOROA HIGH VERSUS TE WHAREKURA O RAKAUMANGA July 1

We extended an invitation to reigning Waikato secondary schools champions, Te Wharekura O Rakaumanga rugby league team, to play against our school team. This game was played on Wednesday 11 July which was the second Wednesday of the school holidays. The purpose of our invitation was to renew an association with Rakaumanga, which was initially established during the years of the Waikato Secondary Schools competition in the late 80's to the mid 90's.

Another reason was to assist our school under 17 rugby league team in preparation for their upcoming tour to Australia in September. The game was to be invaluable, as our boys had not had a match as a school team, since October 2006. Our boys played for their respective clubs (Pacific or Forestland) in the Bay of Plenty under 17 competition in 2007. The game itself was a close fought affair, with the lead changing hands several times. In fact, it was only in the final minutes that Rakaumanga scored to win the match 24-23. Following the match and during the evening, a fundraising social to raise funds for the tour was held in the school hall. Rakaumanga accepted our invitation to remain for the social and were accommodated at our school marae – Te Whanau A Noa.



T. Daniels-Malieatoa, A. Te Kanawa, K. Jubilee-Reu, G. Sheck, Mr Sheck, J. Wilson, J. Horn, A. Poko, J. Simiona-Harris, M. Wana, D. Placid, D. John, C. Taranaki, G. Letoga, I. Te Kanawa, Y. Kemp, R. Nikora, O. Utanga, M. Tetevano

Netball

Tokoroa High School Senior B Netball Team



T. Jubilee, B. Ratu, S. Marriner, R. Pakoti, T. Tarai, S. Olsen, N. Harpur, C. Olsen

Our season began with a win and a loss, and the definite hopes of a force to reckon with. No game is greater than playing against our foe, the girls in blue and it is a strong testament of fighting power to the better or sweet end.

On defence we have, Osooso Stowers, Coral Olsen, Nikki Renowden, Bethany Ratu, and Shontelle Marriner (when she shows up)

Our attacking line up is made up of Serena Olsen Meriol Tearetoa, Tekura Jubilee, Mikimiki Ngata (who shows up just a bit more than Shontelle) and our newcomer, Australian trained Rangī Pakoti, who put more zest in to the game, eventhough she had to adjust, cause she plays like an aussie with a buch of Kiwi's, and that doesn't always work.

Together we have had our ups and downs, and the girls have seen me angry especially when I think we should have won the game. However I have learnt that the more I encourage the girls by my screaming on the sideline, the better they play, or maybe the more intimidated the other team feels, either way it works for us.

I want to thank the most dedicated members of our team who show up rain, shine, and thunderstorms, Mr and Mrs Olsen. Your commentary on the sideline, and constant support of the girls is always a joy and gave strength especially when the girls needed it the most.

So let us remember the laughter we shared and those close games, but especially the games that made us true champions, with the fight you all gave all the way to the end. Remember, you are all naturally talented my job was just to bring it out and give you a place to play with the stars.

Coach Tarai.

Netball B

The netball season for the b team didn't start off so great, our team wasn't winning many games. But through our after school practices we began to improve and work along side each other like a netball team should, and with that we finally started our winning streak.

I would like to say thanks to Nikki, Coral, Meriol, Tekura, Serena, Rangī, Mick, Osooso, and Bethany for showing up to the nine o'clock games and the after school training even when the weather had been horrible. Lastly, I would like to say thank you Ms Tarai for not giving up on us throughout the netball season and for coaching the THS B team of 2007.

Written by Serena Olsen

Junior Girls



M. Turia, D. Charlie, A. Shaw, J. Poko, N. Ratima, A. Carter,
T. Rangitutia, E. Metuakore



Mountain Biking Makes a Return

Team Coach: *Mr Tony Maguire*

Team Members:

Kris Tyson, Chris Teague, Johno Le Page, Josh Glass-Foster, David Phillips, Desmond Phillips, Glen Spearpoint.

A local race was held at Cougar Park, Tokoroa's local mountain biking track, on the 11th of August. Three local schools competed; Tokoroa High School, Putaruru College and Forest View High School.

Results:

1st. Kris Tyson 2nd. Chris Teague 3rd. Putaruru Rider

We have been all training very hard to put in a couple of teams into the National secondary Schools mountain bike relay competition. This will be held in the Whakawerawera Forest in Rotorua on 13 of October. We are all looking forward to this and are keen to see the progress we have made in our fitness and team work.

Watch out for us next year!

Written By Kris Tyson and Johno Le Page



The North Island Independence Games

In the holidays Mum, Dad and I went to the games in Hamilton and Ngaruawahia. We had lots of fun, and I tried mini-golf and archery – I shot through the apple target. I was in the Waikato team and there were lots of other kids that I didn't know but I met them and now they are my friends.

We had swimming, but I had an ear infection so I was a cheerleader. On Saturday night we had disco, and I sang in the microphone and danced all night. It was the best fun I ever had.

On Sunday we went to Porritt Stadium for the march and the track and field. I did the shot put, running, javelin and long jump. Lots of kids had wheelchairs, and some of them can go really fast. One child had no hands and she still did everything.

My family and I are going again next year and I can't wait.

Glen Terry (Typed by Mum)



HOCKEY

The start of the season was not conventional by any body's standard with our first training session on the Monday and first game that Thursday but this fact didn't represent our personnel readiness as hockey players or as a hockey team, with a very convincing win. It may have looked like

we'd been training for at least a few weeks with a score of... agents..... However for the rest of the season we did have our fair share of loses but this didn't dampen the spirits of the rest of the players. All round the season was enjoyable with many great wins and a unforgettable after match get together.



T. Gage-Nepia, T. Pohipi, A. Tere, T. Littlejohn,
T. Teina A. Tito, D. Hikuroa, J. Glass-Foster,
L. Littlejohn, L. Ave, T. Patena Absent R. Sanft,
J. Kuysten, P. Matangi, D. Wickcliffe



CLASS OF '07' TOKOROA HIGH SCHOOL

"DA BADDEST FORM TOK HIGHZ EVA SEEN...FROM 2003-2007"



Year 13s... a group of intelligent hard-working students leading Tokoroa High School in an out of 2007.

Bound together since 3rd form (well the majority of us) we have seen many changes and upsets within our school. We were here to witness the devastation caused by the E Block fire and most of us remained to see the charred remnants demolished and like a phoenix out of the flames a new science block appear. Most of us also here to witness the opening of a brand new G Block not to mention the 2 new computer suites in B Block. These changes have all been for the better and have benefited not only year 13s but the entire community within our school.

We have had the privilege (if you can call it that) in terms 2 and 3 to have access to the common room. The common room may not look habitable but as a group, our year 13s have shared many a day and many a laugh within it's confines. And despite the opinions of some people that cannot believe we were even willing to spend any time in there, we will all leave Tokoroa High School with many fond memories of common room antics.

As the end of the year approaches the tone within the school is shifting, the focus has moved to exam preparation and exams themselves. Most year 13s have come to realize that this is their last chance. It is the end of the road, time to make or break. End of year exams are approaching and they are what will decide our futures. Throughout the times of struggle and bad publicity we have united as a school. These trials and tribulations are what have helped us become such a tight knit community of year 13 because as the popular saying goes among our year 13s "Why do the s**t things always happen to our year level?"
Kerry Munden

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Dean's Dean Report

The class of 2007 have been an eclectic mix of raw talent, hardworking diligence, rebellious youth and argumentative socialists and on many occasions fine young people.

I say this partly in jest because yet again I have been amazed at the quality young people this school is able to produce by the time we send them out into the "real world". Our job as educators is not to make things easy by doing everything, answering everything, giving everything and expecting nothing in return. We must ensure that every student that leaves this school has been given every opportunity possible for them to improve themselves individually as well as part of a group.

One of the great strengths of this school has always been the caring nature of the teachers and I use the word caring carefully. Caring is being able to recognize weakness and outline ways to gain strength, caring is being able to celebrate success while suggesting ways to improve even more, caring is being able to tell people when they are wrong and directing them to the way to make it right, caring is making tough calls and not backing down in the face of popular opinion. This school cares.

I have been immensely impressed with the personal growth and maturity shown by the senior prefects. They have been asked to do things that in many cases they would not normally do and only later in life will they realize why this was done. The sense of togetherness and whanau shown at times has been moving and every student that walks out the gates knows deep down that one day they will be welcomed back with open arms.

The end of Year 13 marks a special time in one's life and I feel proud of every one of our students who have hung in there and done their best. Their lives are only just beginning but already they have left so many positive impressions on so many people. Your Dean and your school salute you and wish you well. You will never forget Tok High 2007.

7th form

PHOTO STREAM



7th form

- Lucia Accorsi:** "Sometimes you are the Windscreen, sometimes you're the bug"
- Rachel Alapati:** "Tim, can I ask you a question... Who do you like, and why?"
- Mana Albert:** "No0o0o0o0o"... "Negative"
- Ashleigh Ashford:** "I like to run to Soccer Games and steal the ball haha"
- Sharleen Bason:** "Get out of the classroom Sharleen" (American Accent haha)
- Patrick Broman:** "Big fish, little fish, cardboard box"
- Demi Cooper:** "Ohhhh Shame hahaha"
- Jordaan Cooper:** "OMG!!! I'm Hungry (Hint hint)"
- Hannah Daken:** "What did you have for dinner last night?"
- Freeman Gage:** "Always do your best. What you plant now you will harvest later"
- James Gardiner:** "Oh really"
- Damian Gray:** "Patrick Patrick, Hoani wants to ask you out"
- Tommy Harris:** "Lock the Toilet"
- Nerida Iorangi:** "Phonaholic"
- Amy Kendall:** "Ohh Hell Nooo!! (Hands Up)"
- Jordan King:** "Master Blaster"
- Agnes Mataiti:** "And at the end of the day, Lifes a B***h"
- Hoani McClure:** "All hail Queen Lopdell"
- Kimberly Morris:** "Oooh Ya Marnis!!"
- Kerry Munden:** "Keri Juice Inc"
- Nicole Pearce:** "Im so Pretty?"
- Talei Pomare:** "I like it, I like it a lot"
- Mathew Price:** "I can't stand children they annoy the s**t outta me"
- Caleb Renner:** "I'm glad to be back at Tokoroa High School"
- Nikki Renowden:** "Naaaasstyyyyy!!!"
- Eden Russel:** "Silence is a Virtue"
- Casey Ruua:** "Detective Casey"
- Rikki Simmons:** "Solid as a rock"
- Eneliko Skelton:** "No Jor I got no food for you"
- Karl Smith:** "In 10 years time, I will be CEO of BP Connect"
- Amie Sutherland:** "Good One Mistal!!"
- Jasina Tarai:** "Karre...Your Panny...Ohh Hangit!!"
- Chantel Tavai:** "This be Gaaangsta!"
- Patrick Teaukura:** "Hi Spongebob"
- Setevano Tekotia:** "Umm..Can I have a Dollar?"
- Ofisa Toleafoa:** "Hahahahaha!! Oh hell NO who does that!?"
- Krystal Turia:** "School? What's Dat?"
- Peter Uatuku:** "I have really enjoyed meeting new people at Tok High"
- Noorooa Vaevae:** "Dooga-Dordz"
- Rhiannon Wallace:** "Undies Undies...Togs!"
- Aliesha Watene:** "Guess What Everybody!?... I'm not sad anymore!!!"
- Tiana White:** "I had a great time at the school ball with all the Seniors"



7th form

YEAR 12 – LEVEL 2 – 2007.

The 2007 year began on a huge high for our students with some outstanding results in the 2006 NCEA exams. 90% of students gaining their Numeracy credits. 87% of students their Literacy and 75% gaining their NCEA Level 1 National Certificate. Well done to all students that worked so hard in order to achieve these well deserved results. These results showed that our student were at the top in the South Waikato and well above the national average.

Sport played a large part of school life for many of our Level Two students this year. This was partly due to the starting of the Sports Academy for Level two students. Year 12 was very involved in the Athletics day in term 1 and in the winter sports codes throughout term two and three. The highlight for our League team was their trip to Australia, visiting Sydney, The Gold Coast and Brisbane where they meet some NRL teams, played some games and enjoying the thrills of Dream world. We also gained huge support from the parents and caregivers of the boys involved and a big thank you for this support. For most of our students it was everyday school as usual focusing on the business of learning. Many students found the jump to the higher demands of Level Two NCEA a real challenge. To those of you who stuck to the task – Well done and I look forward to seeing you again in Year 13.

During the year there was a change in one of our tutor classes with the loss of Mr. Nixon who was replaced by Miss Liu. Mr. Anthony is also leaving us at the end of this year and I would like to thank both these teachers for the energy that they have put into our students over the last few years.

Mr. Ford is our other tutor at Year 12. He is a tireless tutor putting in a huge amount of energy to support his students. The tutor reports written by him reflect this. Our community has acknowledged Mr. Fords input into his teaching with a National Certificate of Teaching Excellence. Year 12 is lucky to have you - Well done Wille!

It has been delightful to once again work with our tutors and student as another year passes. I hope to see as many of you as possible in 2008 as you start your last year at high school.

Murray Olsen.
Year 12 Dean



Ball Julie, Davis Ethan, Dean Aleesha, Kaur Manpreet, Leach Andrew, Mitchell Alice, Nair Tamalisi, Nepia Charlee, Newton Bree, Nooyen Kasper, Stol Jesse, Wu Carolyn



Bartie Sam, Charlie Daina, Daniels Paul, Glass-Foster Joshua, Haa Carl, Kerr Bernadette, Kerr Thomas, Kuysten Joshua, Littlejohn Lloyd, Matangi Pop, Motion Douglas, Shaw Angela, Sinclair Louise, Takiri Ezra, Teina TJ, Tere Arthur, Tetevano Ethan, Tetevano Zane, Tito Alex, Tuau Ioritana, Tungane Lachoneus, Watene Danielle, Wickliffe Darryl, Wills Sheridan, Withers Jai

Jesse = loud

Mr. Anthony = hulk

Bree = shrinking

Alice = sporty

Manpreet = ink

Carolyn = woo hoo

Louise =

Alex = smile!

Berny = kind

Josh = whitey

TJ = tough guy

12 FORD

Once again our tutor is tops in extra-curricular sport activities from last years 22 of 26 students representing our school to 26 of 26 students playing at school, provincial and even national levels in their respective sport. Great year guys...

Mr. Ford

Don = mystery

Jonathan = Shortarse

Rosalie = update

CECILIA = FASHION

12LI

Rhys = Giraffe

Kris = Hairy

Pania = Reef

Makayla = Smiley



Ave Lacy, Beets Don, Cassidy Rosalie, Hosking Cecilia, Hosking Wikitoa Pania, Kiriona Wiremu, Le Page Jonathan, Marama-Lyon Simon, Moke Awhina, Ormsby Lena, Patena Travis, Robb Elvisa, Roberts Dhana, Sanft Rhys, Tangimataiti Ave, Tavai Patoa, Tyson Jo, Tyson Kris, Wilson Jim

Tama = Tizzle

Irirangi = Sweet

CHARLES = UNDERESTIMATED

THRK

Kennedy = Danny Gants....



TAINUI = HAT
TAINUI!!!

Rongo = Who?

Ashford Krissy, Brown Tama, Gage Douglas, Gage-Nepia Tainui, Wharerau Harliz, Graham Aria, Hapi Ngarimu, Hawera Aidan, Hikuroa Dylan, Jensen Rongo, Marshall Charles, Matua Tania, Phillips Vinnie, Ratima Nicola, Reti Irirangi, Sarsfield Tim, Stainton Kennedy, Tekii Larissa, Trainor Raiven

Aroha = Dancer

Ofiaa = Singer

Agnes

Ben = Lost dude

TNST

Rachel = Graceful

Tommy = Quiet



Setevano = Need sum cash

John Tekotia, Tuakana Beniamina, Jasina Tarai, Nooroa Vaevae, Hawkins, Jade, Rachel Alapati, Setevano Tekotia, Ngata Aroha, Tommy Harris, Ofisa Toleafoa, Numanga Chayden, Agnes Mataiti, Krystal Turia

11BN

Three years on and still strong, there hasn't been many changes to our line up of the Year 11 Crew, with 11BN, 11MN, TMUT and TRTM. This year has been defined by the number of credits each of us has achieved, people who have passed our way, and the mischief that most times defines us.

For example:

The Prison-breakers - If it ain't riding bikes, its climbing roofs, if it ain't letting off extinguishers, it's pretending to be drummers, If you think it with this crew then it's been done.

The Risk-takers - Those who go over and beyond at both ends, who either try to better themselves or do nothing. They take the risk of passing or failing and either way they choose they win.

The Party-makers - Just here for a good time, care-free and living easy. They got the hairdo to go with it, the make-up in the bag and just thinking about the party in the weekend.

The credit fakers- When you try and push, they say, " but I've got that credit, or I've got my literacy or I've got my numeracy, but really they ain't got LING!

We have been fortunate for the opportunities that have come our way, and we look forward to the 2 years that we have left here. To those who have gone, we remember, those who couldn't see their way through processes and gave up on the race, good luck. And to us who are still here fighting temptation,
"YOU CANT WIN IF YOU AINT IN"

Thank you all for your perseverance, thank you all for your continued faith in our school and in your teachers.

Finally I want to acknowledge the Year 11 100's Club
100% attendance
100% positive attitude
100 plus credits.

Andrew Marama- Lyon, Anthony Utanga,
Flynt Needham, Zak Newton, Coral Olsen, Serena Olsen,
Laura Thrupp, Menante Appel, Claudia Russel,



Mathew Beazley, Ayla Carter, Heamo Dehar, Deearne Dewhurst, Victoria Elliot, Elizabeth Foote, Shannon Graham, Shannel Joesph, Steven McClintock, Flynt Needham, Angelica Old, Coral Olsen, Serene Olsen, Shontelle Puckey, Claudia Russell, Jarrod Vavia, Tony Wu

**NEXT
ALL BLACK**

**NEW WORLD
EMPLOYEE**

TWINY'Z

MISS A.P

**FRESH
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**KELSO
TAKEAWAYZ**

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Intelligent

Mischievous

11MN

CREATIVE

Mrs Manu Rocks

Hat... What Hat!!!

Kayla Antcliff, Menante Appel, Ripeka Ballantyne, Emma Black, Cruise Brown, Declan Clarke, Eden Davis, Brogan Domaschenz, Lynley Hataraka, Samantha Hutchings, Georgia Lunam, Caleb Mansell, Daniel Meredith, Moana Moeke, Zak Newton, John Proffitt, Kurt Russel, Hush Simiona-Harris, Joshua Smith Holley, Ramon Tarei Ratu, Trinity Teaukura, Glen Terry, Laura Thrupp



Where is everyone!

TRTM

Sapphire Anderson, Cheri Filer, Allanah Follas, Jade Gage-Nepia, Robert Grey, Somaar Kidwell-Smith, Shailen Kiriona, Ford Moeke, Caroline Morunga, Patricia Ngatai, Thomas Ormsby, Haui Pokaitara, Shardei Pukeroa, Teagan Rangitutia, Andrew Ratu, Jordyn Tamehana, Lani Tauroa, Kat Te Whaiti, Teisha Te Whaiti, Brendan Tekanawa, Jasmine Uerata, Farron Wilson



Way-to-go Ut's

TMUT

NZ Reps

Pasifika

Captivating

Shinning Stars

Nicholas Arioka
Aydan Poko
Graham Sheck
Isaac Tunupopo



TRPK

2007 can be well known for NZ's greatest underachievement. Losing the rugby world cup, America's Cup and world cup cricket. However, there was a bright side to 2007 and that would have to be the achievements of our awesome year 10's at Tokoroa High School. We welcomed in this year Whaea Aroha as Terito Dean and what a blessing to have her as Maoritanga was a big lift for our Maori students this year. Rose Phillips joined us with Te-Manava and we can't forget her strong support in helping our P.I. students. We still retained our main stream tutors this year. We had the smooth operators, Mr Maguire, and Mr Ols. The very experienced and talented Ms Tucker and of course no intro needed year 10 Dean Mr Manu. This year's success can be highlighted in the gold bond winners, academic achievement, sporting and cultural achievements. To name of the few Gold Bond winners, Caleb, Nathan, Jessie, Eden, Ross, Brandon and Sahara. Our sporting talents of Joshua Faagalu representing Waikato Rugby Under 15, Chantell Cassidy for winning the To-

koroo Senior Women's Golf Championships at the age of 14. Florence, Sarah, Deyana and John for doing Puna Vai Ora. It seems our students will now prepare to take on NCEA Level 1 next year. I hope you all year 10's make the most of this opportunity and make 2008 a time to remember. A special thanks for all the students who stayed off dailies and period 6's who were consistently were all around awesome students. I want thank and farewell for their efforts and hard word given this year. Tony Maguire. A special type of teacher and thank you for all your extra curricular support. A quick farewell to Robyn Tucker we will miss your calming influence for a year. Take care and we will see you back in 09. Last but not least.

A word to the wise Decide what you want to be and pay the price and be what you want to be. (If only the All Blacks did this)



Shiann Ballantyne, Clay Brown, Atai Daniels-Tane, Prince Emery, Jarrod Haare, Hayden Hodge, Izick Kingi Rawiri, Natelia Maa Hirawani, Trane'e Mahu, Neihana Marsh, Natalie McCaskill, Eve Peni, Tere Phillips, Toby Phillips, Matiu Pukeroa, Stacie-Rae Rangitutia, Michael Ratima, Wiremu Te Wao, Tuta Thompson, Michael Tioriori, Johnny Tupu-Ngahere, Alicia Uerata, Tereza Wilson

10MG



Tyla Barton, Joshua Cook, Kelvin Cooper, James Horn, Renee Moke, Joseph Paul-Vavia, Alana Rikiau, Glen Spearpoint, Christopher Teague and Tony MG.

10TU

This tutor is continually growing in strength. Te have the ability to keep striving next year and I will miss seeing them each day.

I WILL STILL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON YOUR. YOU WILL GET A HUG IF YOU DON'T BEHAVE!!!

Kia Kaha for next year

Mrs R. Tucker

Mama Matt

Guess?

Goofy

100L

*Next NZ School
Sunshine and Hollipops*

The future is so bright I gotta wear shades!

10PH

Lunch time Soccer



Year Nine

2007 – the year that was...
we will never be the same again!

2007 started off with a hiss and a roar for the newbies to Tokoroa High. Within the first week they were off to the STARS camp for some fun and adventure, bruises, battered egos, and fulfilled memories- not to mention the cross dressing HELGA. After camp, it was into the fray of having 5 different classes as well as 5 different teachers EVERY day!

Our fearless leader gracefully bowed out mid term two, as Mr Smith left for something a little closer to home, which left us with the new dean on the

block – *Ms MB*.

Since then, change has been the spice of the year nines life.

- Mr Rikona took on 9MB and moulded them into the ever faithful 9RI.
- Not too long after, Mr Rikona's lovely wife had a baby boy; and so 9RI became 9MA when Mr Maea took over these poor lost lambs.
- Ms Miller needed release on a temporary basis, so 9MI became 9VA with our newest edition to the team Mrs Van Impe – however the are about to

become 9MI all over again!

- The ever constant Mr Nair and 9NA are the only mainstream year nine group left untouched by teacher change.
- Te Rito and Te Manava Pasifika are thriving with the next generation of Puna Waiora and Puna Waiora with Ms Chung and Mr Wong-see to guide them.

The STARS mentors have been an absolute asset to the Year nine group, and the tutors, I am sure, have appreciated their input. The rollercoaster ride that the tutors, teachers, mentors and students of this year nine group shall continue on for the next four or so years, so with that in mind, I ask you to consider this... *Whaia te pai tawhiti, tae noa ki te rama roa.*

Pursue that which is beyond the horizon, for there lies the infinite light.

All the best for 2008 and beyond
Naku noa

Ms. MB

Computer whizz

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Aaron Anderton, Sharnice Birch, Jeremy Bryant, Christopher Cook, Cherish Heke, Hayden Heta, Luke Hutcheson, Rebekah Kaora, Theophita Matangi, Kila Monga, Desmond Phillips, Daemon Placid, Starskiia Saresfield, Troy Smith-Holley, Cyril Taranaki, Aiden Te Kanawa, Ivan Te Kanawa Centaine Treasurer, Bradley Tremain

alrighte!!!!!!!

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Ariana Aranui, Katy Cassidy, Raniera Coxhead, Troy Donghi, Paul-Lee Mclean, Jahlayne Murray, Zivanna Ormsby, Kyle Orr, Isaac Price, Rayna Takiri, Ashley Tauroa, Ela Tekotia, Tane Thompson, Phillip Towler, Camelia Uerata, Whetu White

experiencing new things



Tuteretere Daniel Malietoa, Julius Daniels Mata, Danny John, Kingi Jubilee Reu, Gideon Letoga, Mikimiki Ngata, Rikihana Nikora, Junior Pepe, Mairaro Shephard, Tatyana Stowers, Tearaara Tangimataiti, Isabella Tau, Heath Taylor, Marco Tetevano, Aro'a Turia, Opeta Utanga, Manuia Vaevae



Melissa Appel, Hayley Bason, Kane Berners, Joel Bramall, Matthew Broman, Jesse Cadle-Middlemiss, Michael Cook, Travis Cowan, Reuben Dixon, Natasha Finlayson, Aaron Gott, Jason Harris, Nathan Hudson, Zac Jansen, Haraina Mani, Damien



Marina Areai, Christina Black, Wharekauri Haunui, Yukon Kemp, Aimee Lawry, Jayden Matetaka-McRoberts, Bobbie Mohi, Chris-Arne Patena, Nakita Rangi, Maui Rangitoheriri, Darryan Ratima, Niwa Ryan, Moihi Selwyn, Stevilee Terry, Jahnilia Toeoe, Manunui Wana, Aaron Wetere, Henry Wilson

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