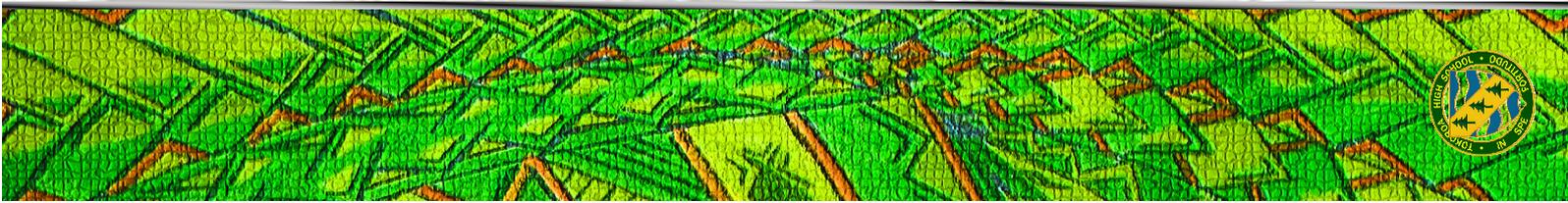


TAHII 2008



STAFF LIST 2008



PRINCIPAL

Mr E Edwards MEd Admin, BSc, GradDipDR, DipSocSci, DipTchg

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Mrs M Crate BTchLn, (Sec) Dip Ed Mgmt, FIPS, DipTchg

Mr B Rothman BA, MEd, HDipEd, FDipEd.

Mr B Reid MSplS, BLS, DipTchg, Unitech Cert in Sport

Mr A Utanga BSci, BA (Hons), MA, DipTchg, NZCE (Civil)

SENIOR MANAGERS

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND TEACHERS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES

Arts:

Mrs M Crate BTchLn, (Sec) Dip Ed Mgmt, FIPS, DipTchg

Continuing Education

Mr T Bentley PHD, MPhil, MA (Hons), DipTchg, Dip Adult Ed.

Guidance

Mrs Y Evans M Counselling, DipTchg. (Advanced) PGC in MBH

English

Mrs C Merrylees Buckler BEd, Dip Tchg

Languages

Ms A Paekau Dip Tchg

Mathematics

Mr M Be

Physical Education

Mr W Ford DipSp.St, PG DipSp, DipTchg, MBS

Science

Mr T Jones B Sc (Hons) PG Ed.

Social Sciences

Mr M Olsen BA, DipTchg

Special Needs

Mrs J Hainsworth BEd, DipTchg(Adv), DipTchg (Higher), Master Ed (sp.ed)

Sport

Mr N Manu BEd, DipTchg

Technology

Mr E Hamman HDipEd

OTHER TEACHING STAFF

Mrs L Bates BEd, Dip Tchg

Mr D Baker BMA, Dip Tchg

Miss A Chung, BA, Dip Tchg

Mr J Hoby DFA Hons, CLTA, Dip Tchg

Mr C Hakaria BSplS, Dip Tchg

Mr D Kinloch MSc., Dip Tchg

Mrs K Krause BA PGD Tchg (sec)

Ms J Liu MAEng, Dip Tchg

Mr I Stewart B Sc, PGD Tchg

Mrs R Tucker Dip Tchg (study leave)

NON-TEACHING STAFF

Executive Officer:

Mrs J Poko

Science Technician:

Ms D Jansen

RTLB:

Ms S Taipeti

Sports Coordinator:

Mr M McCurran

Gateway Coordinator:

Mrs C O'Connell

Caretaker:

Mr C Pentecost

Principal's Personal Assistant: Mrs Y Milles

Reception: Mrs E Appel

Reception: Mrs A Salmon

ICT Manager: Ms C Mckenzie

Library Manager: Mrs L Henderson

Groundsman: Mr N Bell

TEACHER AIDES

Mrs S Chapman

Mrs B French

Ms T Hemming

Mrs J Knox

Mrs I Mutter

Ms Y Voss





From the Principal's Desk

Tena Koutou, Kia orana, Talofa Lava

This year has once again been a year of outstanding success on the examination room, sports field and in cultural achievements. Congratulations to students, parent, staff and the community.



- **15 plus** NCEA results for 2007 were the best results in five years.
- **Catch up / Study classes** - 50 extra classes were been offered to support students completing assessments and preparing for external examinations.
- **Quality and Management Systems and Procedures** have been reviewed and the aim is for all assessments leading to NCEA to be moderated and verified. An assessment report was completed on all the departments.



- **The Sports results were outstanding:** Boys rugby league achieved a third place in the National Competition, Gymnastics 12th in Australasia, first in pommel in the National Competition, u14 rugby team won the regional finals against Hamilton Boys, u15 rugby team came second in their grade (see sports report for more detail)



- **Manu Korero Nationals** were a highlight. This is the fourth year in a row that a student from Tokoroa High School has won through to the nationals and two of those students were placed first in the country in their year.



- This year was the start of **the New National Curriculum** and this has been implemented through professional development in Staff meetings, Head of Department meetings, and full staff training. Reports (interim and mid year) to parents have included reporting on the Key Competencies and a teacher only day will be held in term 4.
- The **security fence and new boiler** have been approved by the Ministry of Education and with **security cameras** (which are funded locally) will be in place by the end of the year. In 2008 approximately \$180,000 will be spent on the fence with the majority of the funds coming from the 5YA Ministry funds. A new energy efficient boiler will be installed at the end of this year of next year.
- The years outcomes **reflects on leadership** of the school. We would particularly like to thank you Board of Trustees and Chair Graeme Dewhurst. Senior Management, Deans and Heads of Department have worked very hard and this is reflected in student results. Throughout the organisation staff are encouraged to be innovative and also to demonstrate initiative. The **evidence of staff commitment and enthusiasm** is reflective of student success and we thank them.

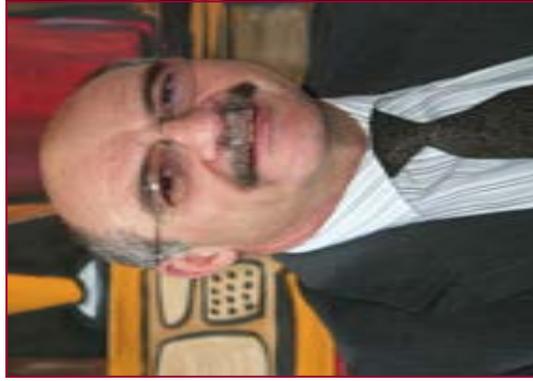
Student success is the success of the school and community. We, the staff of Tokoroa High School wish you (students), all the best for your futures and that you will be richly blessed in all you do.

Regards

Elgin Edwards

DEPUTY'S CORNER

DEPUTY'S CORNER



Butch Rothman
Deputy Principal (Pastoral)

This is the year in which the students, to whom I was dean when they were in Year 9, are completing their high school careers. Looking back I cannot help but to see how they have grown, physically and socially. The verdict: what a fine transformation. It is with great pride that Tokoroa High School can see them going into the wide world, well equipped to handle life.

This is also the year in which the school started implementing the revised New Zealand Curriculum, which is to be fully implemented in 2010. In my capacity the introduction of the Key Competencies is one of the highlights of my entire career. Those aspects, which are essential in life, are now an integral part of school and reporting. Skills like selfmanagement, how one relates to others and how one handles language, symbols and text are being recognised as of paramount importance. These matters were always important, but for the first time have been granted official status. I am hoping that students are going to embrace the Key Competencies as described in the curriculum and endeavour to make it their own.

As has always been the case there are up and downs in any year. It is great to know that there were many more ups this year than downs. So once again I can say: it was a very good year. I wish all those students leaving to go on to tertiary training or the job market all of the very best.



Margot Crate
Deputy Principal (Curriculum)

I find it hard to believe that another year has passed and it is now time for our seniors to leave to sit their external exams. It always amazes me the urgency that everyone succumbs to at this time of the year in the lead up to the exams. If we worked hard all year this wouldn't be necessary however, human nature being what it is, we always leave things till the last moment. Will we ever learn?

This year has seen the New Revised Curriculum document introduced. This curriculum has as a focus values and key competencies. While these are not completely new, the document does make it compulsory for us to focus on them and to state in our planning how we are addressing and teaching the values and key competencies. One of these competencies is 'managing self' and of course, if we all did this well then we would not have to rush around at this time of the year to ensure that we have the necessary credits that we need to succeed. All classrooms have the 'key competencies' on the walls. It would pay for all of us to focus on these as we progress through the year.

As you read this magazine you will see the great successes some of our students have experienced this year. It is amazing! We must thank Miss Miller and her team for all the hard work they put into this magazine as it provides a great record of what has happened in the school. However, few of these successes would not have been possible without the commitment and hard work of our staff and members of our community – we must be thankful for this.

To our seniors who are leaving I wish you well. The world awaits you! Now is the time for you to spread your wings. Your journey here has come to an end however, it is now time for you to plot your own course and find your own direction in life. This is an exciting time for you however, never forget where you have come from - your heritage that has made you the person you are today. Good luck and keep in touch. Staff like to know how you are getting on and where you are heading. To those students returning – have a great holiday. I look forward to seeing you return next year, setting new goals and making contributions to our school.

HEAD STUDENTS 2008

PRIVILEGED, EXCITING and HILARIOUS are the three words which sum up the role of being HEAD GIRL 2008.

I have loved every second of it, from having the responsibility, being more involved in school and the students and who wouldn't enjoy the perks that come with it.

Some of the most memorable moments were being part of the Students Against Drink Driving Crew, representing the school with pride at Wellington and spreading the important word, to also watching Jess Stol slip up in front of 90 people at the SADD social.

Learning how to become a more efficient leader, such as being a Peer Mentor/Role Model to the Year Nines has been awesome. I hope they have learnt a lot from me as I have gained so much from them. The Year Nine Camp was a vital place where we head students had to shine as leaders as we took on great responsibility.

From trying to control extremely energetic and excited 12 & 13 year olds starting high school and also trying to deal and help with the everyday hilarious dramas which consisted every minute at camp, was an extraordinary experience. It felt like we were on the set of 'Days of Our Lives' because of the funny, immature episodes which happened at camp. They had us running on our toes, pulling out our hair and losing our breath was a challenge, because of course by looking at me, I don't do a lot of running. Goodness me, Mr Edwards didn't tell me in the job description I had to run. After that tiring run, which felt like a marathon I started to have regrets about the job (hahaha just joking).

I have **LOVED, CHERISHED and APPRECIATED** every moment of being Head Girl. I deeply thank my family, friends and Tokoroa High School for all my successes.

For allowing me to take part in these great opportunities of being Head Girl, Student Council, SADD Committee, rugby and many more which has made me mould into a better person. I thank the inspirational teachers who have put up with me for 5 years and have shared with me with their whacky wisdom.

2008 has definitely been the best year of all my school life because I actually adore coming to school everyday. I don't want to leave. I want to stay here FOREVER and EVER!!!

Once again, I **WHOLE HEARTEDLY** thank the best school ever created by man "**TOKOROA HIGH SCHOOL**" for granting me with these blessings, of being part of a school, community



and family, which has provided me with so many beautiful opportunities. It has been an honour serving you.

Tokoroa High School you have embarked on a 5-year wonderful journey with me. Your guidance has seen me change and grow from a young, scared girl starting high school in 2004, into a young independent woman right now in 2008.

But every wonderful journey must come to an end and, it is heartbreaking, even the thought of saying goodbye is heartbreaking. Elvira, Ngarimu and Patoa, it has been a privilege working and serving the school with you. Some of us went the extra mile, while some of us slept in, until the afternoon. I am going to miss everyone at Tokoroa High especially **THE CLASS OF 2008** as we now have to seek and pave new pathways and create new endeavours. I must embark on my own, new journey now and no matter where this journey takes me, I will never forget where I am from, and Tokoroa High School will forever hold a significant and special place in my heart, where ever I go.

By Bernadette Kerr
(Bernie Bill Williamz)



What can you say about an experience in your life that has given you so much? Reflection on the past five years of my life is a hard topic to dwell upon, as I am standing at the far end of the tunnel of high school life saying good bye to the five greatest years of my life. In my time here I have been able to truly grow and develop the way I have wanted to with the help and support of my teachers, peers, and all others included the student and school body. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our principle Mr Elgin Edwards and his staff for providing a great environment for education and fun.

This past year has proved to be a lot tougher than I had first anticipated. Becoming actively involved in such programmes as Stars, Student Council, Ball Committee, Puna Vai Ora, the list just goes on. Although it has been very tough and tiring, the fun times and the excitement will always outweigh the negatives. I've thoroughly enjoyed this journey, with the people that have walked along side me and helped give direction and support.

To the beautiful and ever supportive Bernadette Kerr, what a blessing and an honour it has been for me to have worked beside you in leading our school. Thank you for your wisdom and your charisma; it has definitely been an asset to me and to Tokoroa High School. The future is shining bright for you.

Students 2008: Given all that's happened, Tokoroa High School students remain strong and motivated. Over the past years we have been able to prove the critics wrong. Let's carry this reputation on in to 2009. I would like to express my thanks to all those friendly faces I see every day around our campus. It makes coming to school that much more exciting. Study hard everyone, and enjoy your time at Tokoroa High.

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. Luke 21:15

Heads 2009: If there is going to be one lesson that I have learnt as a leader of this school, it would be, "if you do not know, don't be afraid to ask for help", because the truth of your not know will always find you out. "Our ability to lead is based on our ability to be lead". So don't be afraid to use those around you. Tokoroa High School provides a brilliant family culture. So ask your brothers and your sisters for help in your times of need. But also don't forget to live in the moment. There are great times ahead for you all next year, and if it's anything like my year was, you will all have a blast. Enjoy it.

In all your ways acknowledge him, And he will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:6

Class of 2008: To my brothers and my sisters, life long friends, buddies and pals, we are they who have come out of great tribulation. From the burnings of the great E block in third form and wood supplies room in fifth form, to the media trying to tear our school apart with false propaganda.

I never thought the day we leave Tokoroa High School would ever come, but guys, we've made it. We entered Te Whanau a Noa, as snotty nose adolescents, but we leave as accomplished young adults. It has been with profound gratitude and great humility to have served you as head boy for 2008.

Let brotherly love continue. Hebrews 13:1

Patoa Tavai is my name, but a product of Tokoroa High School is who I am.



Deputy Head's

**Deputy Head Girl...
it's not just a title...
It is a responsibility...**

A responsibility I have been honoured to hold this year.

I thought that becoming a Head Student would make me feel special. It didn't. To be quite honest, it made me feel old. But not old as in grey-haired and grumpy, but as in I realised I was no longer the younger student looking up to the older students as role models. I had become one of the role models. I just hope I have been an inspiration to those students who have looked up to me... no matter how vertically challenged I am.

But seriously. During my time here, Tok High has seen many challenges but has overcome them with great strength. I know this is because of our schools amazing spirit in assistance to its supportive teachers and talented students, all of which I believe have helped me become the bubbly and positive young woman I am today.

Berry and I have made a great team in association with the Head Boy's and Prefects. From peer mentoring the year 9's to donating blood, we have experienced so much together and I am privileged to have been a part of it all.

I would also like to add how proud I am of the surviving year 13's. Over the years we have grown to know each other well and have been successful in a lot. Thank you for making our last year the best! God Bless!

"Thank you very much.

You're beautiful."

Elvis

My name is Ngarimu Hone Te Rori Rakena Herewini Hapi and I served as Deputy Head Boy for 2008. The position of DHB is not for the faint hearted. If you have difficulties in looking handsome, being popular, and all in all being praised for your greatness, then you might want to consider another leadership role.

For me being DHB has meant all this and more. I look back to the head students that have left their legacy and wonder if I will be remembered in the same light as them. I just hope that the small mark that I have left on this school has been positive and of some substance to someone lol =>. I leave this school with the knowledge that maybe I have inspired someone to strive for greatness no matter their circumstances.

I have found that being a head student is more than just a fancy title, but a title that comes with great responsibility whether that be announcing notices in assembly, representing our school in musical ventures, attending conferences such as SADD or speaking on behalf of the school on the marae.

**"Mate atu he toa,
Ara mai ra he toa."** **"When a leader passes,
Another rises in his place."**

I challenge next years head students to role model even more than what we did, and to all Year 13 enjoy your last days.

The best form to have ever entered this Tokoroa High School is almost leaving. Class of 2008 is drawing to an end.

To Burny, Elvis & Puttz its been fun serving as a head student alongside you. **xXo**

Tino RangatiraTANGA . . .



Who are they: Bernadette Kerr, Eilivisa Robb, Patoa Tavai, Ngarimu Hapi, Daina Charlie,

Prefects



Being prefects we had to wear blazers which we wore with pride. 2008, a new year, a new group of prefects, a new beginning. A very diverse group of youth, set out to help lift our school profile. From 10ft Carl to 4ft Manpreet, the class of 08 were determined to make an impact.

Being a prefect gave a great sense of responsibility and pride as everywhere we went we were representing our school through the uniform and our behaviour. The role of being a prefect built up our confidence in being leaders and we enjoyed the responsibility like Gate duties, peer mentoring, and fund raising for the Ball and SADD. We also helped on Open day by looking after Intermediate School students and showing them around the school. We supported teachers where ever we could and being a prefect was a good opportunity to prove to ourselves that we are good role models to younger students.

The life of a Prefect -

"it was the best of time of times it was a worst of times"

Aiesha Dean, Ella Cartwright



What's Prefect Life Like?

The role of being a prefect built my confidence to be a leader. I enjoyed being a role model to the younger youth in the school - *Jimmy.*

Being a prefect gave a great pride, although we were role models to our juniors I gained knowledge from them and I am truly grateful to given this position - *Louise.*

Prefects + Head students = Fun² + Responsibility - *Elivisa.*
It was the best time of times it was the worst time of times, but mainly it was a good time - *Julie*

To be a representative and a leader of Tokoroa High School "wow! What a privilege" - *Patoa*

I've enjoyed the time being a prefect - *Caroyln*

I was one of those prefects that didn't wear uniform everyday, but I knew in my heart I was one. I loved it, enjoyed it - *Cecilia*
Well being a prefect was a good opportunity and like Cecilia just said, I didn't always wear my uniform much really but I knew I was one - *Jo*

Being a prefect has been memorable and an honor. We all had our good time together being responsible for the school I've enjoyed wearing the blazer, I have enjoyed the many responsibilities and it has been a great privilege being part of an efficient committee "best wishes for the prefects next year!!!!!!" - *Bernadette*

Being a prefect has been an awesome experience. from wearing my uniform to being told I'm not going to university countless times (thanks Dean). I've been a hassled constantly for not wearing my ridiculous expensive school shoes courtesy of Mr Rothman and screamed at for not wearing my blazer on a scorching hot day. ahhhhh the life of a prefect. - *Carl*

Apart from avoiding Mrs Crate for not wearing uniform.....! enjoyed my time being prefect. and had fun doing all the prefect things - *Manpreet*



THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF 2008

2008 has been a wonderful year for the Student Council. We bonded as a close team and have served the school with our hearts and souls to try and do things which catered for the students needs. We have been privileged to be part of the student voice and helping in any way possible. Some of our greatest achievements this year, was giving donations to organisations such as the China Victims Fund, Heart Variety Foundation and many more. Student Council representatives Menante Appel and Angelica Old both went the extra mile for a good cause. They are both shaving off all their hair to help raise funds for Canteen Week.

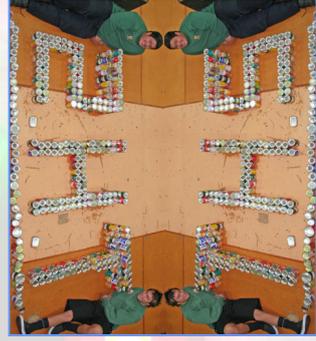
We have hosted the best social (in my opinion from all the 5 years I have been here) 'The Flouro Social'. It was the first time majority came in theme, everyone was dancing and we had made our biggest profit. This was the most memorable social and I was ecstatic to be part of it.

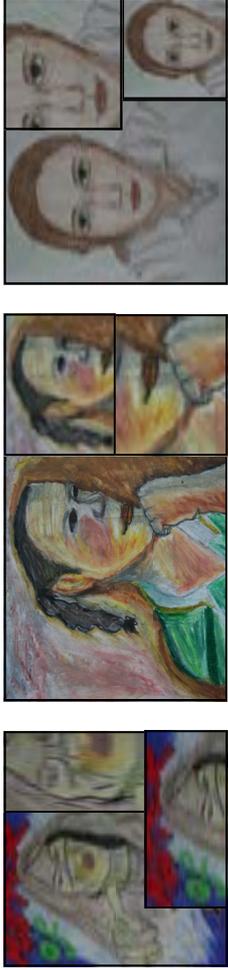
- We have donated \$200 to the 2008 Ball, which also turned out to be a beautiful night.
- We also donated \$200 to the SADD Committee for they're North Island Conference in Wellington, which turned out to be a success.
- We held a tutor competition, on which tutor could bring the most food or cans, to donate to the Tokoroa Food Bank. Mrs Krauss's tutor won and got shouted KFC for the prize.
- To exit with a bang and make 2008 one of the best school years to remember, we held the last mufit day to support Breast Cancer, which we all wore pink to support the theme. We worked hard and put all our mite and effort into the last social of the year to be the best ever. The theme is 'SUPER HEROES' and we provided spot prizes for 'Best Hero', 'Best Heroine', 'Most Creative Hero', 'Most Unexpected Hero' and 'Funniest Hero'. It was a fantastic and awesome night, especially for the 'Class of 2008' who are leaving this year.

We have raised a great amount of money this year, with currently having \$1000 in the Council Bank. After our last social and next meeting, with the money left we are going to leave some for the 2009 Council and the rest is going into school facilities or activities which would benefit the school in the future.

On behalf of the Student Council of 2008, I would like to thank the students who trusted us with their problems and opinions, which was vital in making this, school a better place. I would also like to thank Mrs Crate and the following Council members shown below for giving up their time to contribute to the Student Council and all their hard work and effort.
It has been an honour serving this school and I wish the Student Council of 2009 all the best.

By Bernadette Kerr
(Bernie Bill Williams).





EXCELLENCE AWARDS EVENING

On Tuesday 18 March, it was our pleasure to host a 'wine and cheese' evening during which we acknowledged the achievement of the students who had excelled in their NCEA exams last year.

To receive an 'Excellence Award' a student has to achieve at least 10 credits at Excellence Level in their NCEA assessments. A student who receives 10-19 excellence credits will receive a Bronze Award, to receive a Silver award 20-29 credits must be achieved and if a student gains 30 plus credits at Excellence level they receive a GOLD Award.

This year we recognised 10 students:

Bronze Awards: (10-19 Credits)

Laura Thrupp	10 Credits	Science and Biology
Menante Appel	10 Credits	Science and Biology
Claudia Russell	10 Credits	Science, Biology,
Teagan Rangituitia	12 Credits	Maori
Patricia Ngatai	12 Credits	Maori
Savea Daniel Mailieba	12 Credits	Dance, PE and Cook Island
Anthony Utanga	12 Credits	Health PE, Maths, Computing
Meriol Tearetoa	16 Credits	Dance, Cook Islands Maori
Hearno Dehar	17 Credits	PE and Maori

Gold Awards: (30+ Credits)

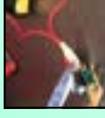
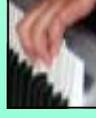
Ngarimu Hapi	30 Credits	Te Reo Maori and English
--------------	------------	--------------------------

We also acknowledged two ex students who did very well.

James Gardiner who received 40 credits at excellence level in Level 3 in English, Statistics, Chemistry, Physics and Biology and gained scholarships in statistics and geography.

Patrick Broman who received 24 credits at excellence level in Level 3 in English, History and Geography.

When presenting the Awards Mr Edwards laid down the challenge to the students – they need to set themselves the goal of achieving more excellence credits in 2008!



Open Day

It started with a gathering in the hall with a welcoming speech and a quick performance from our Tokoroa High lip sync group.

Then the year eights were split in to groups of about 20 each with two year thirteen and twelve leaders and given their agenda for the day and sent to their first class for the day which was a variety between Home Economics, Science, English, P.E. Maths, and Computers.

We stopped for a morning tea break where the year eights were giving a selection of fruit, muesli bar and a drink of juice. Then it was back to some more class selections for another two hours until we stopped for a lunch break where we had a sausage sizzle and ice blocks. The students had a chance to watch the league boys train then have a go. They also played some soccer with the older students. Then it was another class and back to the hall for some more performances where we had singing and puna vai ora.

That was the end of a great day, meeting lots of new people and participating in heaps of different activities.

A A F E S

When I first got to the school I wasn't sure if I was going to fit in, but I soon realised that it wasn't so hard. Everyone here is friendly and it was really easy for me to make friends, specially with those guys that share the same interest for soccer. Well, actually they were more interested by the fact I am from Argentina and I am supposed to be really good at it, but they soon found out that I am no Maradona, and I am definitely not better than Chris Teague. He is actually teaching me stuff about soccer, but as I turned out to be better than some of the guys that play soccer for Tok High they invited to play with them, as well as train every morning before school starts, and every interval and also at lunch time. I am playing more soccer here than in Argentinah. Oh, by the way, it's called football not soccer!



There are many differences that I could list between Tok High and my school in Argentina. The most important is that there I don't get to choose what subjects I want to study and I have 15 of them, so it's been quite easy for me changing from 15 compulsory subjects to just 6 of them that I can choose, although I am still struggling with the English classes. I've never done a reading log before!

Also we don't have one room for every subject, but only one room for the whole year and the teachers are the ones who need to change classes not us. My first week here I got lost and I didn't which way to go, but thankfully I had Mere Jo and my friends to take me to my classes on time, until I learned my way through the school.

Another difference between the schools is the buildings and fields. In my school we have to use the same field for soccer an rugby and we don't even have a gym, not even proper heaters to warm the whole classroom. We rely on our body heat to warm it. It works better when you have more people inside one classroom, and it can get really cold in winter, but of course not as cold as New Zealand! To sum up: Tok High is better than Saint Anthonys (that is the name of my school in Argentina).

I conclusion I can say that I have fitted in and that I am really enjoying my time in New Zealand, and at Tok High. I can't start saying that I am going to miss it, because I still have another 8 months of exchange in New Zealand before I go back in June. It is not time to be thinking about my life in Argentina, because as they say in AFS (the exchange organisation) you have to "be where you are" if you live the present and don't miss your past and you will have the greatest time.



Martin Plocchini

My name is Cory Scott from Pennsburg Pennsylvania which is on the eastern side of the USA about an hour from Philadelphia and a few hours from Washington D.C. I will be living here in Tokoroa for the next year. I first applied to come to New Zealand in November of last year. I found out I was coming in May but was not due to come until mid-July. Due to lack of host families my trip was postponed four weeks. To get to New Zealand I flew five hours to Los Angeles. Then I flew another thirteen hours to Auckland, and lastly forty minutes to Rotorua.

My town in the USA is just a little smaller than Tokoroa but very similar, so it was an easy change for me. I live with my parents and my two brothers on a small farm. I now am living in a house where I have two sisters, which is very different for me. My older host sister was an exchange student in the USA last year, so it is easy for us to talk about all the different things are experienced.

My school is called Upper Perkiomen High School and has about 1000 students, quite different then the 360 here at Tok. I would just like to say that yes, in the USA we ride to school in yellow school busses and we have cheerleaders at my school. I have found school here to be slightly easier because in the USA we get a lot more homework. Another difference I notice was that in the USA my school is one large building, while here you have a bunch of smaller buildings.

Overall I really like Tok High, it's a little different, but I like it. Over the course of the next year I hope to see more of the country and experience as much as possible.

Cory Scott

Kimberly Morris

Went to New York State, USA for a year
 Had to fundraise \$10,000 in 8 weeks
 Left NZ August 9th 2007, home again July 2008
 Hard leaving friends and family, but knew I was in for adventure.
 8 of us Flew 12 hours to LA, then me and another girl And I from NZ flew 5 hours to NYC.
 Was all excited to be in another country
 Got dehydrated and was vomiting, first day in America, But hadn't met host family.
 Ended up in Queens hospital on a drip for 36 hours.
 I wanted to come home, but got over it
 Tough beginning, just meant things were going to get Better.
 Host family, 3 sisters and Mom, just lived with Mom and Kim(14)
 Lived a very rural area.
 Back yard was a forest, deer always around.
 Saw bear one day, snake another.
 School like tv, lockers down hallways.
 First family didn't work out,
 After 3 months, changed families.
 Moved 5 hours away, near Niagara falls.
 New host family 3 sisters, mom and dad
 Felt at home
 While I was there, I got to see:
 Niagara Falls (25 min from home)
 Went to Chicago for a few days.
 Canada (border 30 min away)
 Toronto Day trip. Over night
 Statue of liberty.
 Washington DC, White house, Lincoln statue etc
 Disney land in Florida 5 days with school.
 You're probably thinking you could never get the chance to do these things, I thought the same.
 If you think you want to experience another culture, you can do it.
 It can be anywhere in the world
 Don't have to know language, just be able to adjust to their life style.
 Hard for me at first but now I am so glad I did it,
 An experience I will never forget.





Adult Education

It has been another busy and successful year for the school's adult community education (ACE) programme. The most popular evening classes this year were introduction to salsa, Turkish belly dancing, candle making and Indian cooking.

Most popular day classes were English for new immigrants and Cook Island crafts.

Other new additions to the programme were pilates, electronics, Henna or Indian body art, home maintenance for women, reflexology and self defence for women.

The new courses in forkhoist licence and heavy truck licence theory were also well attended. The four South Waikato schools offering adult education programmes will receive a boost next year with the appointment this term of Margaret Crampton-Steer as ACE networker. My thanks to all the wonderful tutors who shared their expertise and enthusiasm with their classes and communities this year.



Dr. Trevor Bentley
ACE Co-ordinator

Introducing Mohan Lal and Lalita Sudhakar

Mohan is a night class - Community tutor, teaching Indian Cooking.

Lalita is teaching Henna or traditional Indian body painting this term.



I enjoy teaching adults because of their vast knowledge, experiences, and skills. It opens a window to lots of possibilities and I have developed a long friendship through teaching adults cooking internationally. I have taught cooking in Australia, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, USA, and Canada.

Mohan Lal

I have taught adult education courses internationally and my areas of expertise include pottery, jewellery making and a variety of decorative Indian crafts.

Lalita Sudhakar

Fear Factor

A fear factor challenge is announced from the notices. At lunch a bit of people gather near the office where the picnic tables are. Only some girls including me were keen to step up to this fear factor challenge. Three girls are in each house team, only two house teams which Rimu and Kauri showed up along with some witnesses and supporters.

Time had come to start this challenge. I step forward, towards the table and blow a little gasp. I'm the first one to start off fear factor as well as my opponent. In front of us is Raw mushy Squid topped on the dry Weetbix, alongside a pineapple lump.

1 2 3 GO!!

I pick up the disgusting Weetbix with Squid and tried to munch it down as fast as I can. The words, "Just picture it as chocolate" kept running through my head, but the feel of dry Weetbix getting stuck in my throat was quite painful as I was trying to swallow. When I felt the Raw mushy Squid touch the roof of my mouth I almost vomited, it sickened me and sent a chill down my spine. I got through the torture afterwards and ended off with a tasty pineapple lump, which didn't taste right with the previous unwanted food I just had.



Q. HOW DO STUDENTS LEARN WHEN THEIR TEACHER IS NOT IN THEIR SCHOOL? A. VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE.

Since the invention of television, people have discussed, debated and lamented over the amount of time young spend in front of a television set. Some people see the television set as a stationary baby sitter while others see the television set as a piece of technology that gives young people an unnecessary education or stifles the development of social skills.

When computers became more than just another invention, people thought them unnecessary because the computers would take over jobs, creating unemployment. Computers were certainly not needed in schools because teachers delivered the lessons and the students remembered every bit of the information given out.

Well, computers are now part of every student's school life and the television, disguised as video conference equipment, is part of the life of a few students.

For various reasons students sometimes wish to study subjects that are not offered in their school. Other schools can provide lessons via video conference. For example, one student studied electronics by linking to a school in the South Island. Other students studied Economics by linking with a neighbouring school which was also linking with another school in the South Island.

Students not only sit in front of television screens, disguised as video conference equipment, but also use a computer to email their teacher to ensure good communication is kept.



Law, physiotherapy, sports, trade engineering, and emergency management. These are just a sample of the work placements 35 Gateway students experienced during 2008.

Gateway is a programme run in selected secondary schools nationwide, which places students in local workplaces for hands-on learning. It is invaluable in helping students decide for, or against, a career path. It also gives local employers a chance to see the young talent on their doorstep.

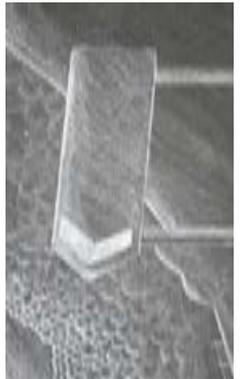
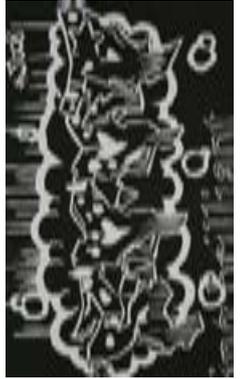
While in the workplace, students complete relevant unit and achievement standards which contribute to the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). This year the required 10 credit per student average was pleasingly exceeded.

Additionally, all Gateway students completed a First Aid course, which is a valuable bonus for their CV and for their life skills.

It was good to see wider school involvement with Gateway this year, with invitations extended to non-Gateway students for short workshops such as the Plunket Tots & Toddlers course (designed for students on Early Childhood Education placements).

Thank you to all the local businesses and organisations who make this programme a success by freely sharing their time, their knowledge and their premises. Thanks also to Cath O'Connell, the Gateway co-ordinator who arranges the placements.

First Aid Course





GIFTED AND TALENTED ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Taupo Trip

Gate has been a great learning experience. I've learnt a lot about many activities. The trip to Taupo was awesome. My favourite activity was art.

Bradley Tremain

Gate is an exciting thing to do. We did a lot of good subjects but my favourite was going to Taupo and learning and watching a play about the Maori Battalion. We learnt a lot of interesting things.

Joel Bramall

This year we did a lot of stuff in GATE but I'm here to talk about the Maori Battalion. It was a great experience and it was a lot of fun. One of the actors was getting really cheeky to me and I didn't get any food but it was really fun.

Lucas Pollard.

(Lucas did however get to taste a cup of strong coffee as part of his Second World War experience.)

We went to the Volcano centre and learned about all different kinds of volcanoes. We went in this room that shook like an earthquake and watched a video. Next we went to the new library where we met the stars of the Maori Battalion play. The show was cool and funny! They did a lot of talking before the show at the library. Then we went to KFC, had a feed then watched the play. I wish I had known the Maori Battalion song.

Whetu White

There have been many events in GATE but the one that I was most interested in was when we went to Taupo for a show. The show was

Art

This has been a very good year for GATE doing all sorts of activities. But my favourite was art. We learnt a bit about history at the same time doing art. It was a very good learning experience.

Matthew Broman

Art was cool. We had to draw and memorise pictures, look at it again and see what was missing.

Haraina Mani

The art section in GATE was interesting because we learned about the history of some famous paintings and we memorised some things in a painting and drew them on our paper. We soon learned that we all had bad memories.

Courtney Ross

In art we learnt about paintings and what they stood for and then we tried to draw a picture by looking at it then it goes away and we try to draw what we remembered about the painting. Another time we learnt how to do some stuff on the computer that interested me quite a bit.

Literacy

Opeta Ujanga thought that literacy was an exciting subject, as did Gary Simeona Harris who only attended this one session as he preferred to stay in his classes. We did similes, synonyms antonyms and adjectives.

Service to Others

On this day we did painting and we painted over the seats at the youth park.

Phillip Towler

(This little group of students decided to give service to the community by painting over graffiti in town. Working alongside the local Council the boys discovered that there was very little graffiti in the town on that particular day and so they painted tables and seats in two public areas of the town to beautify the town instead.)

Devon Morris

The trip to see the Maori Battalion was a pretty cool way to learn about WWII. We got to go back in time and experience it from the fun side of the story, opening our view and expanding our knowledge. The trip itself was great with fun activities along with it. Even Subway for lunch!

Sharnice Birch

Publishing a Book

One very interesting thing we did with GATE was to spend a session talking to Mr Bentley on how to publish a book and we got some good tips on writing and dealing with publishers.

Aaron Gott

Closing Statements

When we were working with Miss Tarai we made a fold out card that described ourselves and when we worked with Mr Hoby we sketched ancient artefacts and were learning about famous painters.

Hannah Dewhurst

GATE is all good. You get out of normal class. We have done art, music and heaps of other topics.

Tane Thompson.

Yes Tane you have covered other topics such as Indian cooking, learning about travelling and computing. You still have music, drumming, dancing, videoing and using photoshop coming up this year. I wish to thank all the staff who have given of their free time to teach this enthusiastic group of students this year.

Jenny Hainsworth



FRIENDS DON'T LEAVE FRIENDS DRINK AND DRIVE

On the 28th of April, Jesse, Louise myself, along with Mr Ngapo, attended the SADD conference in Wellington. It was such a great event and an eye opener for us! It wasn't until we saw the shocking truth and the effects on some of its victims that it really did affect us.

I guess the biggest thing for us was getting to listen and talk to a real life panel made up of the police, coroners ambulance of alcohol crew and doctors. They spoke to us about what they see everyday relating to drunk drivers and the teens and the innocent lives of those lost to a drunk drivers. One girl who lost her mother spoke this year at the conference about how now has to live without a mother! The Mission of SADD is to reduce road deaths and injuries from drink driving by promoting positive behaviour change among teens.

The vision is clear: New Zealand young people should not drink-drive.

We all partook in seminars that taught us the importance of not driving and not hopping into the car of a drunk driver, it's just too risky and that statistics show this!

What sort of things will our school aim to do?

- Organise other SADD conferences, inviting guests to speak to the school etc
- Fun events like organising and networking with other students
- Inform our community of Tokoroa about doing the right thing (no drunk driving) and most of all, getting the message out that drink driving is not cool!

Our prime objective in going to this conference was to get ideas for promoting positive SADD messages on behalf of T.H.S.

On behalf of the SADD committee we would like to thank the school for all their support.

Bernadette Kerr, Jesse Stol, Louise Sinclair.



Last week we were honoured by the visit of our Prime Minister Helen Clark and our MP Mark Burton. Senior students were given the chance to ask questions and challenge our Prime Minister on what is happening in our country and overseas.

I want to personally thank the Prime Minister for the opportunity given to our young people to listen, question and grow. It was an outstanding interaction and a real gift to our young people from the top political leader in the country. I don't think any of us will forget the day the Prime Minister of New Zealand had dialogue with our seniors.

Elgin Edwards

Helen



Meridian Energy

Our congratulations go to Mr Jones year 12 Physics class who are the winners of the LEARNZ Wind Power Trip Competition.

These students have received a Power House which will enable them to experiment with sustainable living in the 21st century.

Well done to all students and staff members involved



Library News

So many good books, so little time!!

2008 has been a fast and furious year for the Library. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated student librarians: Deearna Dewhurst, Serena Olsen, Angelica Old, Molly Mitchell, Chris Cook, Aaron Anderton, Jesse Cadle-Middlemas, Reuben Dixon, Natasha Finlayson, Hannah Dewhurst, Cassandra French, Stacey King, Devon Morris, most tasks were completed on time. As well as helping with displays and flyers student librarians also helped with choosing books for the library – with a wide range of ages and interests involved book selection became very interesting indeed! The Library has benefitted greatly from their help, I couldn't have done it without you!

Visiting author for this year was Apirana Taylor. He spoke to senior classes on his works, the writing process, and his involvement with theatre and drama. Students agreed that meeting this author was a stimulating experience and many found that such was his versatility with words and music that they were moved and inspired to produce creative work themselves. It was certainly a performance not to be missed.

This year saw the start of a new reading programme within the Library. Named the 'Quest', it was aimed at differing levels of reader and rewarded students for books completed at their level – quality rather than quantity. In all, twenty-four students participated. 'Quest' was made possible by the generous support of Kiwanis.

Games are always an attraction on wet winter days and this year the upstairs rooms were used to capacity for cards, chess, scrabble and various board games. A small but dedicated group of student, under the guidance of Mr Billy Maea, have become chess fanatics and use every interval and lunchtime opportunity to hone their skills.

The Library continues to be a vibrant and inspiring workspace, fully utilised by students and staff. 2008 has been busy and exciting and I look forward to 2009.

Laura Henderson
Library Manager



Year 13 History Trip

It was on a fine autumn morning during term two when our history class and Mr Bentley left the school on the annual year 13 history field trip. The theme for the day was nineteenth century NZ warfare and we travelled by van firstly to the Te Awamutu Museum. Here, our guides Alan and Paul took us through their New Zealand Wars display and Ngarimu won some vouchers for Subway after winning the research skills competition. From here our guides took us to the old Orakau battlefield where Carl was greatly inspired by their exciting description of the battle better known as 'Rewi's Last Stand'.



From Te Awamutu, we travelled to the Waikato Museum to view their kingitanga exhibition where the normally cool Timinator gave way to emotion. We completed our activity sheets with the help of a brilliant guide. The lunch break in Hamilton took a little longer than expected as

Bernie, Elvise and Jesse were delayed talking to and posing for photos with Richard Kahui. We then visited Cambridge Museum. Here the theme was the Intertribal Musket Wars and we viewed and sketched their massive model of Te Totara Pa which once dominated the Thames district before it fell to Hongi Hika's 2,000 muskets in 1821. In all, it was a very busy day summed up by the history crew as 'good times,' 'magnificent day' and 'very visual.'

Lions Speech Competition

On the 7th June, Andrew Marama-Lyon along with Mr Ngapo travelled to Rotorua to attend the Lyon's Speech competition as the youngest competitor in the competition Andrew had a lot of serious opposition but against all odds managed to exceed in the competition taking it out, earning him the right to partake in the regional speech competition in Cambridge.

Andrew gave a direct and persuasive speech on "reaching your true potential" and how the media makes it difficult for this to occur! We congratulate Andrew for his efforts and applaud him for his ability to speak well in public. This a skill we all need to learn to acquire.

Kia Kaha Andrew!



Baccalaureate
isosceles
labyrinthine
mnemonic
pseudonym
voluptuous
zeitgeist



“If some of you don't have the foggiest idea what these words mean, or just don't know how to say them let alone even spell them, then don't worry too much, neither do most people, but Hannah does”

Spelling Bee

On the 14th March 2008, Hannah Dewhurst attended the regional Vegemite Spelling Bee in Hamilton on behalf of Tokoroa High School. She participated with gusto and really did our school proud. We were the only participating school representing from the South Waikato. In representy the school and community, she did a wonderful job, making it through the first round and placing in the top 25 spellers overall.



Hannah enjoyed the experience and urges other year nine students to also give it ago. She recommends getting in early, and learning the words as it allows the students better opportunities in the competition. Hannah only had two weeks to do well in the Bee. It was great that she was so highly placed. We are all proud of you. Hannah would like to thank her classmates for helping her study for the Bee and her teachers and family for their undivided support.

Mr Keinan Ngapo.



Haka – APIRANA TAYLOR

When I hear the haka
 I feel it in my bones
 and in my wairua
 the call of my tipuna
 flashes like lightning
 up and down my spine
 it makes my eyes roll
 and my tongue flick
 it is the dance
 of earth and sky
 the rising sun
 and the earth shaking
 it is the first breath of life
 eeeee aaa ha haaaa



Earlier this year, in Term One, we were lucky enough to have Apirana Taylor visit our school. During his visit he performed some of his works, much to the delight of the audience, as well as held a writing workshop. It was amazing to see the man behind the words and hear them come to life. It moved the audience in so many ways, some even to tears.

Apirana's generosity extended to a gift of a CD of his works which is to be given to the top student in Year 13 English this year. We were extremely honoured to have this prestigious New Zealand writer share his talents with us for the day.

A Day Out to the Theatre

On Friday the 9th May, with a wet start to the day, nineteen students ventured to the Volcanic Centre library and Civic Centre in Taupo. At the Volcanic Centre, the students viewed different types of rocks, identified volcanic areas within the centre of the north island and reconstructed the tectonic plates around the world. They experienced a simulated earthquake and watched films showing the last three eruptions of Mount Ruapehu.

The second stage of the day involved listening to the three actors talking about the research they had undertaken prior to creating the production. Two of the three actors were involved from the inception. These two actors were from different cultural backgrounds – one Maori and the other Italian. They identified the common elements between their two peoples as a love of food and song. After speaking to family members from both of these people they put together a series of linked events that had actually occurred to their people from both nationalities, even though they were on the opposing sides of the war. These were based around the time of the bombing of Monte Cassino.

The play had the students and adults shrieking with laughter. Our students laughed so much during part of the play one actor was unable to hold his role and had to move the play forward to an acting part so that he did not laugh and destroy the illusion. The drama swung viewers from one emotion to another. Actors made attachments to their audience by handing out small quantities of food and drink and asking questions. The actors personally connected many of the students to the play. The representation and symbolism was portrayed in a very clever manner.

These six talented Christian youth gave up their precious time to perform at Tokoroa High School on the 2nd of April near the end of the first term. There was also another young woman, part of the band, who could not make it unfortunately. Performances included re-arranged songs such as “This ain't a scene, it's a damn arms race” by Fall Out Boy, “What I've done” by Linkin Park and “Changes” by 2Pac.

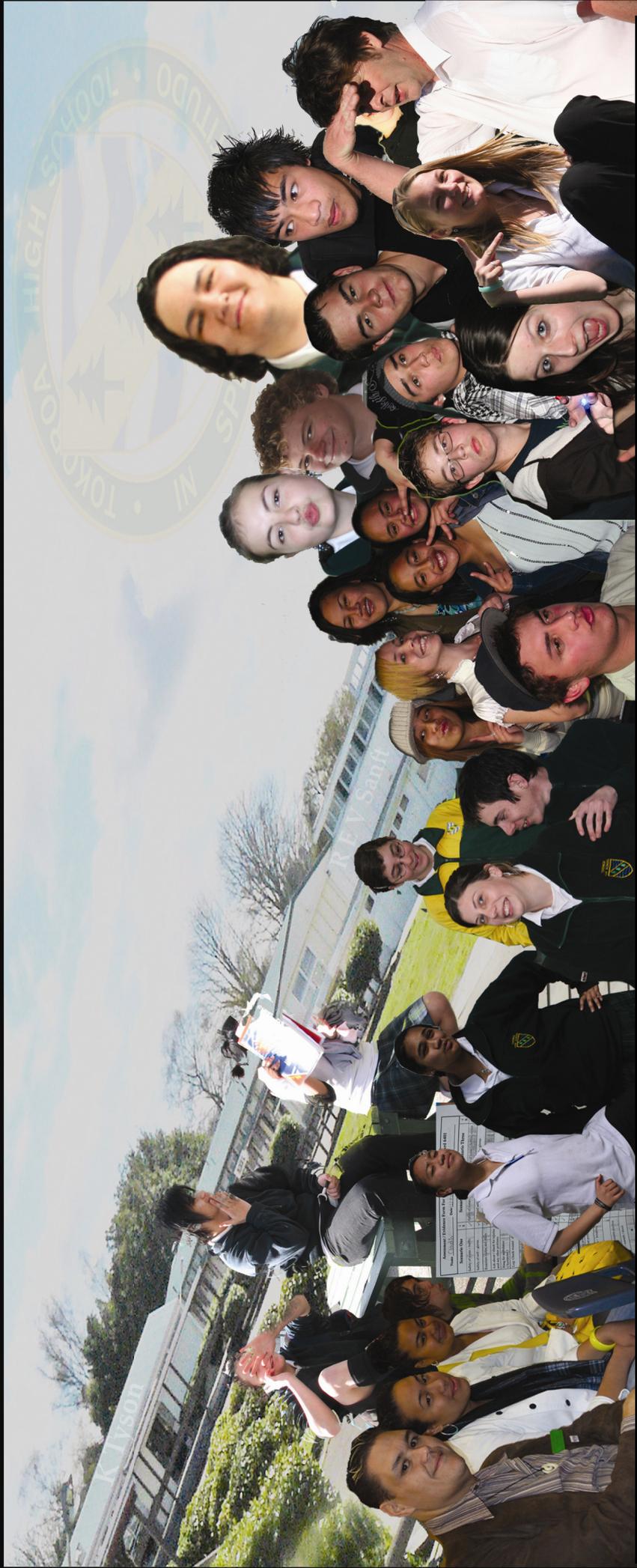
This years drummer, Eli, spoke about the hardships he had undertaken as a child and how he grew up to become friends with his past enemies- “Treat other as you wish to be treated”. YONE also featured a humorous skit which took the mickey out of 'High School Musical', 'Hairspray' and onion rings. Band member, Andre, also did a professional beat boxing performance which was totally awesome! This band tours every year around New Zealand, performing at schools, churches, prisons and youth events.

Every year, the band has different members but always has the same message for youth and other people who may have troubles in their lives. Their purpose is to entertain, encourage and to help others find the right path.



Y = Youth
One = 1 year





Year 9

STARS CAMP

The Tough-Man Challenge

Departing from the front of the office, everyone was excited but tired from the early start. Some students had a bit of a nap on the way to our destination, Lakes Ranch, while others discussed 'hot gossip' from the weekend or just 'whatever'. It began as a warm journey but as it went on, it got warmer so reaching our beautiful destination was like reaching a mirage after a hard days struggle through a dry desert... not really, but you get the idea.

Coming off the buses, after the pushing and shoving, we retrieved our belongings which would be our only apparel and survival materials for the next 4 days (apart from the satisfying meals catered by the generous camp staff). We were given a not-so-brief tour of the campsite and all participated in a few team-building games before we actually got a chance to move our gear into the cabin rooms.

During the next few days, we were split up into several groups (approx. 10 year nines with 3 Peer Mentors) and we took part in a number of activities provided such as horse riding, orienteering, abseiling, Tough Guy Challenge (mud run), slug gun shooting, archery and kayaking. During our free time, we also had opportunities to play on the trampolines, take a dip in the pools, play sports and do the 'swoop', which was... to be dropped from the ceiling of a huge barn and swing. Most kids went on it once while others went a couple of times, but a few peer mentors went on it forwards (the normal 'safe' way is backwards) including Mr. Jones. Other 'extra activities' were the Burma trail (in the dark), watching a movie in the hot pools under the stars and skit night.

The bus ride home was hotter and muggier than the one going out and one of the buses broke down which made things worse. But we survived (after 4 hours) and we arrived, tired and hungry; to meet our parents and caregivers... ready to eat a big meal of Mc Donalds or Burger King.

Elvira Robb

We leapt in, mud flying everywhere, our screams and shouts could be heard by the people in the dorms we were so loud!

We trudged through the mud, shoving people out of the way. I felt strong, nothing could stop me, I was invincible! Step after step I crept closer to enemy lines. I snuck around a bend in the track and with mud in my hands, I got ready to fire.

But NO!!! I was hit! Once, Twice, Three Times!!! I spun around, Sergeant Lucas Pollard was standing behind me with a wide grin on his face. The mud war had begun...

I threw mud in his face and ran off, trying to find my next target. It felt like I was in a slow-motion action movie. Running through the mud, bombs of mud going off all around me, Cries of pain as people were hit.

My next target was straight ahead. I turned another corner in the track and dug my hands deep into the mud and water. I lifted my hands up and they were completely covered in mud. Excellent, I said to myself and flung what I thought was just mud over my shoulder.

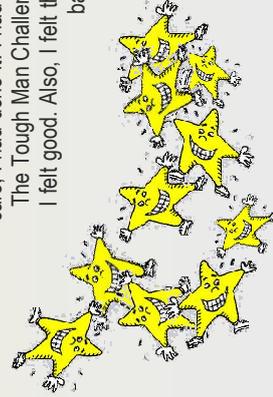
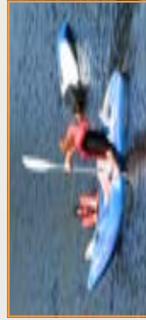
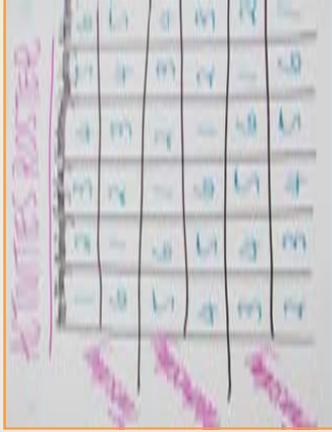
As the mud bomb went flying pieces of it flew away, revealing what I had really thrown. A huge, fat stick hit Josh in the back.

AARRGGHH!! He shouted. I tried to run past him but I couldn't. I was trapped in enemy territory and had no way of escaping.

As I was hit with multiple mud bombs, I frantically looked around. I found my escape route, the finish rope was in sight and not too far away. I seized my chance and sprinted to the end.

I just made it before I was hit again, But I didn't care, I had done it. I had conquered the war zone, The Tough Man Challenge. I was successful and I felt good. Also, I felt the mud running down my back so it was off to the showers for me.

By Courtney Ross





YEAR 11 AND 13 CONQUER MOUNT TONGARIRO

I never thought I would see the day I completed a 7 hour tramp up and around a volcano such as the Tongariro Volcanic Environment. I am quite proud to say that I did. On May 29, the year 13 and 11 Geography classes made an early trip to Mount Tongariro, meeting at school at 5am. This fieldtrip was meant to take place the next day, but the weather forecast decided to force the trip a day earlier. The day began dark and slightly cold as we all scrambled on the bus like a pack of tired teens. On wait. We were a pack of tired teens. Anyway, most of us had the chance to have snooze on the way down while others talked excitedly.

When we reached the freezing environment, we all leapt off the bus. Gloves, hats, jackets and scarves in place, we quickly used the smelly drops and topped up on a little fuel before we began our lengthy tramp. The first hour and a half was pretty easy compared to what was to come. When we had our first break we had some more food and drink, then carried on to conquer the mile of stairs that we had to endure. The stairs went on forever it seemed and felt like hell as the sun was searing on this area at the time. It was only about 10:30ish. After we all reached the top of the tiring stairs (which had replaced Devils Staircase), we were happy to find a large piece of flat land that we were to cross. This bit was the muddiest but easiest part of the tramp. Once we hit the other side of this nice flat area called South Crater, it was another icy hike upwards to Red Crater which was our highest point of approx. 6050 ft. We witnessed the dyke it hosts and discussed other volcanic features the environment held. We could also see the Emerald Lakes below which was a beautiful sight.

From here, we made our way down the slippery slope of the crater. This was definitely the most fun part of the tramp. The loose soil and rocks made the slide down slightly scary but all the more exciting. When we reached the base, we took a satisfying break and devoured our lunch at the Emerald Lakes, which 2 of the 3 were frozen over. It was amazing.

After our much deserved rest, we made our way across Central Crater and, again, up another exhausting gradient. At the top of this bank was a gorgeous spectacle of Blue Lake. Here we took a few group photo's but continued on to the outskirts of North Crater. It became much windier around this time but at least the track halted the ice and mud. A couple of hours walking on a track surrounded by tussock and shrub was a bit monotonous but once we all sat down at a pit stop for a bit, we regained our sanity.

We then went on from tussock and shrub to bush. The bush was a sign that we were almost to the end of our lengthy tramp. After about half an hour of moist green forest, we were relieved to find the bus waiting for us to slump back into the soft seats. We all stunk and felt like... yuck... but were all proud to say we conquered Mt Tongariro!

ElVisa Robb (yr 13 Geo)



Seniors meet Greg Murphy

On Wednesday 16 April Mr Olsen, our Dean, organised for Mrs Crate to take a mini van of 8 senior students up to Hamilton to meet and listen to Greg Murphy at Hamilton Boys' High School. We were all very excited – we were going to meet THE Greg Murphy, racing car driver and king of the V8 circuit.

As we left we had a couple of extra shake ups as Mrs Crate got used to the van and having to change gears. She hadn't done that for a while. We had a smooth trip up and arrived at Hamilton Boys' in time for the welcome. As we got out of the car it was obvious to us all that we were the only students in mufti. All the other students were in full uniforms with blazers and looked very posh indeed. We had Patoa, Bernie and Pania in uniform but the rest of us were in mufti. Arthur commented on this and said he wished he had a blazer on! Patoa's reply to this was 'hold your head up high our NCEA results are better than most of theirs!'

We moved from the parking area to the front of the school to mingle with the other schools. As soon as we got there Mrs Hassell the Headmaster of Hamilton Boys' high came over and personally welcomed us all, she shook all our hands. We noticed she didn't do this to all the other schools but she is a friend of Mrs Crate's so she acknowledged us personally. We then spend an hour or so listening and mingling with Greg as he explained his car to us and told us all about the various aspects of his car and racing. He was very easy to listen to and this part of the day was very informal. Then we went out stairs and had a nice morning tea, although Joshua Glass-Foster wasn't impressed when he found a hair in his sausage roll! During this time it was good to meet up with the students from other schools.

Next we attended the formal senior assembly. We were seated upstairs in the front row. The school stood while Mrs Hassell entered accompanied by Greg Murphy, the Minister of Transport Mr-Dunhoven, a representative from the police, the Hamilton Mayor and a couple of other dignitaries. As they approached the stage, the HBHS Kapa Haka group welcomed them. They were very good. After the dignitaries got settled we all sang the National Anthem together and then the Head of Sport said a prayer. Mrs Hassell then addressed the school and introduced Greg Murphy. He spoke to us about being safe on the roads, and being aware of our surroundings at all times. He had a power point to show us on the statistics of road accidents and these figures really are very frightening indeed especially for the 15-24 year age group. He also showed us a power point on V8 racing. Golly some of the accidents were scary. Greg is going around New Zealand and talking to students trying raise their awareness of the importance of keeping focused while driving.

On the way home we stopped in Cambridge for a late lunch then arrived back at school about 2.40pm Mrs Crate sent us to Period 5! All is all a worthwhile day – thanks for organising it Mr Olsen.





MANU KORERO

On Saturday 26 July, 2008 Tokoroa High School for the third consecutive year running, competed in the regional Nga Manu Korero Speech competition gaining success. Senior English speaker in the korimako section Andrew Marama-Lyon presented a persuasive six minute speech on "why we as Maori should be self determining".

He captivated the audiences' attention from start to finish and said,

"being up on the stage was just awe inspiring, it was really gave me a great sense of pride and mana to speak for our kura and having our students there to tautoko me, was just the best feeling ever".

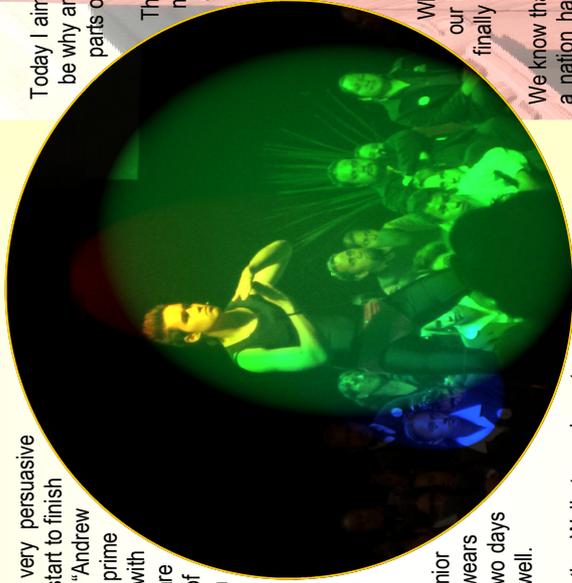
Andrew's impromptu speech was also very persuasive says English teacher Keinan Ngapo; from start to finish Andrew gave a direct speech on why "Andrew Marama-Lyon should be voted as the next prime minister of New Zealand. Andrew spoke with such poise and we Tokoroa High School are extremely pleased for him and are proud of his efforts, hard work and determination that he put into the competition. As a result, Andrew won the Senior Korimako speech section, Senior Impromptu section and gained top marks for the total aggregate speaker of the competition earning him taonga, trophy and vouchers.

Bianca Ormsby, also spoke in the Junior English, section passionately on why she wears her moko on the inside. Bianca had only two days to prepare for the event and did extremely well.

Andrew now goes forward to represent the Waikato region at national level on 23 September in Rotorua where he will speak alongside Waikato representatives from the Junior Maori, Junior English and senior Maori sections.

FOOTNOTE: Look it's a bird no it's a plane, no its spandex man!!!! Nationals here I come! Andrew Marama-Lyon also represented his school and the Waikato at the national competition. He says it was a great experience speaking along side the nations best speakers. He said it was a challenge walking out in front of 5000 screaming spectators and then stripping of his clothing to wear only his spandex and red undies.

May the force be with you.



For our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate; our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure; it is our light, not our darkness which frightens us most.

We ask ourselves - who am I to be brilliant?

Gorgeous? Talented and fabulous?

Then again, I ask you, who are we not to be?

Why do we fear reaching our full potential?

I would like to take this opportunity to speak to you about mixed media perceptions and the idealistic views that make people afraid to reach their full potential. Views we as a society portray - we as a society promote.

Today I aim to expose the question, not a question, the question. A question could be, why am I wearing spandex? A question could also be why are we all here listening to this speech? But no! The question is why are so many of us afraid of reaching our full potential? What parts of humanity create this fear?

The media as an example portrays a negative message making it hard for us to realise our full potential. How do they do this, you might ask? Through deficit theorising that exists in a culture of people who allow it to happen, and who thrive on its very existence. Deficit theorizing helps us make sense of how and why society dumbs us down. How they make value judgments by the media that influence us negatively.

These judgments have influenced our thoughts and tarnished our reputations causing us to be judgmental and hypercritical as a society.

We only have to look at those air brushed, paper thin models to know you have been conditioned and indoctrinated into thinking 'we must be like them', and that it is not ok to be different!

When you reach your full potential you unknowingly let your light shine. When your youth say no to gangs and yes to education, our light shines a little. When your people say no to violence and yes to passive resistance, our light shines a little. And when you finally conquer your fears of inadequacy, and accept your true potential, our light shines a little.

We know that the majority of society does not think its ok to be over weight, four eyes and as some may think ugly, isn't it any wonder we as a nation have a complex with the way we are this is because of the negative message we are sent by the media and those glossy magazines. In fact what society has taught us in the past is that it thrives on our inadequacies to fail, yes our inadequacies to fail.

I'm here today to challenge you to be that someone who is proud, be that someone who is confident as one day your life will flash before your eyes - make sure its worth watching. You see, ladies and gentlemen I've been taught that with hard work, positive attitude, and determination. We, I, and yes you can change the equilibrium, I, superman, make it my duty to succeed in life, and let no one stand in my way, as I have a right to want to be somebody, I have a right to succeed, even though I may wear tight spandex.

You may be wondering why am I wearing this ridiculous but sexy outfit, especially since I've recently found out that the use of costumes and props are discouraged in this speech competition! But I have the ability to make my own decisions and so should you, so come one guys grab your spandex, your red undies and wear them in pride!

In closing my final message to you is our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate; our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure; it is our light, not our darkness which frightens us most.

We ask ourselves - who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Then again I ask you, who are you not to be?

River Trails

The Community Project for the 2008 STARS programme involved working with the Waikato River Trails Trust on an "eco-sourcing" project at the Whakamaru end of the trail. The idea behind the Community Project is that the students give something back to the community while at the same time developing an appreciation for community resources.

A partnership with the Waikato River Trails Trust was the perfect option and the students had a great time digging up small seedling trees along the trail and then transplanting them to the sparser areas of the track.

In time, it is hoped that the Waikato River Trails will become a well-known tourist destination for the South Waikato.

The students loved being involved and many of them commented that they are looking forward to coming back in years to come to see how their trees have grown. This obviously builds local pride and a stronger sense of community.

STARS is delivered to Tokoroa High School by the Waikato Youth Empowerment Trust. Community Projects such as the partnership with Waikato River Trails Trust could not happen without the support of organisations such as J.Swap, SWDC, Fonterra, COGS and Trust Waikato and the trust is thrilled to be able to again offer the STARS programme in 2009."



Search for the Stars

This contest was held on July 24 at Tokoroa High School. All the performances were to a high standard and the two judges involved had a hard job judging the different acts. The two judges were Keinan Ngapo from Tokoroa High School and Rana Mason from Forest View High School. Compete's for the night were Gideon and Ben Letoga.

Five of the performances went on to participate in the Waikato Regional Final in Hamilton. They were Elvira Robb, singing her own composition, two groups singing, one from Forest View comprising Toka Natua, Allana Joe-Barbarich, Michelle Stratton and Tay-jana Brown and the Tokoroa High group

comprising Andrew Marama-Lyon, Patoa Tawai and Aleesha Dean. The Lipsynch group from Tokoroa High also go through to Hamilton and comprises of Menante Appel, Melissa Appel, Claudia Russell, Sam Hutchings, Julie Ball, Tony Wu and Mathew Beazley.



Forest Views Dance group ended the show with a great performance went onto win the Grand Final. The group comprises Carl Flavell, Tapiua Metu, Joseph Metu, Nadine More, Jessi Keating, Ellen Chitty, Ray Karaitiana, Leteisha Taikato, Hannah McClure and John Mutambu.



Thanks must go to the public that came and supported this contest. It was great to see such support for our students.



TOKOROA HIGH YOUTH WEEK

NETBALL

Three games were played, teachers won all three.

TOUCH

Students won 7 - 3.

BASKET BALL

Teachers won against the juniors but lost against the seniors.

SOCCER

Teachers won 3—2

BADMINTON

Teachers won 25 games to students 2.



To the students of Tokoroa High, who not only took part but came to support the sporting activities during youth week, thank you. This was all about the students taking part, and mixing with other students as well as the teachers. Thanks to the teachers for doing their part in youth week by participating in the various sports. The students get a laugh seeing teachers goof up, but it's all in good fun. Thanks to the student umpires for showing maturity and leadership which the school is developing. If the students are keen on revenge we can do it again next year.



We Remember Peter Uatuku

Pete was a member of Te Kahui Whetu. We all enjoyed Pete's cheeky smile and his love of music. Pete taught our staff excellent physiotherapy skills. He also really enjoyed swimming, being in the hammock and walks around our school with his peers.



Computer Art



CAN WE GO TO THE ZOO TOMORROW???

After months of asking, Carl Haa's wish was finally granted when the answer to this question was "YES", and the Year 13 Biology group made the long-awaited pilgrimage to Hamilton Zoo on Friday 17 October.

Accompanied by Mr Kinloch and Mr Cassidy, the group left Tokoroa in the rain, hoping that a forecast improvement in the weather would eventuate. Fortunately, it did, and apart from an initial shower while the group was in the Zoo classroom, the day was fine.

The visit began with Education Officer, Sacha Power, introducing us to the features of, and relationships between, primate groups in an entertaining classroom session. She then guided us around the primate enclosures, including the Spider Monkeys, Cotton-topped Tamarins, Ring-tailed and Ruffed Lemurs, and the Chimpanzees.

We were all struck by the agility of some of the species, and at times by the behaviour, which occasionally was very human-like. Such as the female chimpanzee who carefully laid out a towel on which to lie down and sunbathe!

After soaking up all we could learn about the primates, it was time to have a look around the rest of the Zoo, and we were all suitably impressed by the likes of the rhinos, giraffes and the various big cats. The Siberian Tiger was especially impressive – just as well for the sturdy enclosure fence as it eyed us up for lunch! And the behaviour of the male giraffes made for some interesting discussions!

All in all, a very worthwhile visit.



MIGHTY
INDIVIDUALS
LIKEABLE
LAUGHTER
ENERGETIC
ROWDY



Koroneihana

On the 21st August, 2008 Whaea Aroha the bro's and I, attended the Koroneihana, this was a celebration for the reign of the Maori kings and queens. It was a privilege and honour to attend the mighty event and a lot of people from the different tribes congregate for this prestigious event every year. It involves kapa haka, waiata, whaikorero, hoi waka and an all round whakawhangaungatanga with the Maori community.

Everybody is supplied with kai throughout the week to ensure that our whanau is well supplied and looked after. There is a new event every day and a lot of events to do with plenty of new faces around you and this is your chance to met new people and make new friends. I know I had a great time and have been to this event before but it always seems to amaze me and gives me that buzz with how many people attend and how much aroha there is for the king and the whanau.

It was a good experience for all of us Te Rito students who attended that day and I hope other students will be allowed to attend next year to experience for themselves what a good opportunity this was for all of us and for Tokoroa High School. I believe that they would enjoy this because we all did and I encourage anyone who gets the opportunity to support the Koroneihana, I loved it.

Naku noa, Jarvis Wilson.



TRNG

Year nine has been full of laughs this year and much has happened I the way of successes and triumphs.. I have had a great time with My Te Rito Whanau who have really come such a long way. Since year nine stars camp it seems our students have really bonded and have gained new friendships.

Being a year nine tutor has been grand and it has been great getting to meet our taura and up an coming leaders for the future. It's great to see the progress that my tutor group has made and some of the feats that they have conquers. To name but a few, our rugby league boys, basketball team, Sports teams, swimming teams, well done to you all. Also to the girls netball teams girls well done it has been great going down the sports ground on Saturdays and yes getting to scream out form the die line has been great you'll never forget that loud voice from the side Mr Ngapo proud of you all for your achievements.

Anyway that's a snippet of what my tutor group has been up to and I wish all my year nines all the best for next year as they enter year ten.

Kia kaha, kia maea, kia manawanui year nine.



On the weekend of September 5th and 6th 2008, Te Rito whanau attended a Noho Marae at Te Marae o Noa. I enjoyed the experience there as I learnt a lot about the procedures during a powhiri and the rules in any Marae. The first thing we had to do was get the Marae ready for all the students to stay the night. We then had a karakia and a speaker came and talked to us while we were waiting for our kai which was Lasagne and Mashed Potatoes.

The guest speaker was talking about poi's and the rules for using them and how to use them. She makes them for our Kapa Haka group. After she finished talking we had a meal and tidied up. We then listened to Matua Dave Uerata who talked to us about the rules of a marae e.g. no running in the marae, no stepping over mens feet, no sitting on pillows, no sweating in the marae.

What did I learn about the Noho

I feel that the noho was well worth it because we learnt lots about being Maori. The week begun on Friday, this is where all the fun happened. Friday night was so cool I could talk about the noho all day long we learnt waiata, speeches and the weekend was cool. I think that the noho should have been longer that was the only thing.

What I learnt from the Noho..

I learnt from the noho, that by being Maori, you have to strong...Don't let people put you down; one word that I learnt was to have "MANA" and that this is what it means to have confidence. To walk away from dramas and put downs don't fight.

What I liked about the Noho?

The food that Mr Ngapo made, that was so cool and when whaea Aroha was dancing, her dancing was cool? Also, when all the speakers came in that was alright, but my favourite speaker was Mr Ngapo's sister. She taught us best. She taught us about the law and she sang to us and told us to be proud and to be Maori, Maori hard. I hope we have another noho soon and it was fun and we learnt a lot about why we should respect our teachers and elders at school.

*Written by
Pare and Kelvin*



Te Rito Noho

Blast from the Past

2004/05



Puna Vai Ora

Puna Vai Ora kicked off the year with a performance for the National Charter Club Golf Tournament at the Tokoroa Cosmopolitan Club. It was a fantastic night as many of the contestants have never heard drums or seen Pacific items ever (most of them were from the South Island). We were gifted \$300 from the floor that will go towards costuming and entry into Polyfest 2008. On Wednesday we also performed for South Waikato Pacific Islands Health Committee, who assist with Puna Vai Ora and also our Homework Club. Joshua Faagalu and Meriol Tearetoa were chosen to do some promotional photographs for Waikato health that will be used for brochures to the High Schools in the South Waikato.

Puna travelled up to Auckland to experience the ASB Auckland Secondary Schools PolyFest, then stopping over at Ngaruawahia to perform for King Tuheitia at Turangawaewae. These opportunities give our students great exposure and another forum to express their culture.

Puna Vai Ora wishes to express a very sincere fa'afetai tele lava, to Mr Lalovi Letoga (Ruth's Dad), a Performing Arts Tutor from Samoa who taught us a fantastic new SASA. Faafetai tele lava mo lou taime, mo lou taleni, sa faamaima'ina ia manuia lou malaga.



Pacific By Nature

To all those who went thank you, and I don't think it would have been the same without Yannis leading the way, "Si-a hama buka lele viko—We are walking in the light of God". With only 2 days practice, not badi!!!!

In my time of Puna Vai Ora, it is becoming increasingly harder to sustain the enthusiasm in our young people, and as we draw to the end of the year, teia toku reo akameitaki ki te pupu tamaine tei rave maroiri i to tatou peu tupuna e tae rava atu ki te openga. Meriol, Deyanna, Rayna, Sarah, Ruth and Tekura.

**To the on and off
Puna peeps,
your contribution
was valued.**

**Finally to those year 13's who have graced
Puna with your presence.**

Arthur, Chayden, Aroha and Ben, all the best for whatever the future holds for you. You are all talented beyond belief, and I praise God that when you finally realise where your strength lies that there is no limit to where you can go.

"Choose you this day whom you will serve, as for me and my house"

**A'aere marie e aku potiki, kia kite koe i nga inapotea,
Go carefully my child so you can see the moonbeams**

Te atua te aroa no tatou katoatoa.

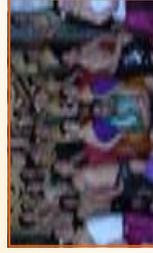


Te Eiva Nui Cook Islands Dancing Competition

Firstly on Saturday 1st of March Te Eiva Nui hosted our local dancing competition with the following results for our students

Female 1st Meriol Tearetoa Male 1st Travis Tautari
2nd Gaye Numanga 2nd Kingi Jubilee
3rd Sarah Mitchell

The following weekend both Meriol and Travis competed in an International Cook Islands Dancing competition held in Auckland on Saturday 8th March where Meriol placed 2nd and Travis placed 3rd. Congratulations to both these contestants.



We were privileged and honoured that Uirangi could be with us in Term 3. She put together a bracket for our open day where she performed with our girls. She also did the same for the Poly group from Tokoroa Intermediate. Her passion for our culture was evident in her teaching.

Meitaki atupaka e te tamaine ko Uirangi, kia noo ua te aroa o te Atua ki runga ia koe.

CANTEEN

Canteen is the New Zealand Organisation that supports young people living with cancer. It was established to ensure that no young person in New Zealand living with cancer should ever have to be alone.

This year Mrs Phillips organised canteen in Tokoroa (High School). We had quite a few volunteers willing to shave off their hair!! How outrageous is that! These very generous volunteers included teachers—Mr Rothman, Mr Baker, Mr Hakaria, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Jansn, along with a couple of willing female students—Menante Appel and Angelica Old.

What an awesome support crew we had at school with students supporting us by just shaving off their own hair so that we wouldn't feel alone. One great epiphany, to help fundraise a lot faster especially for the female participants, who raised a lot more money to go towards canteen.

As the big day approached the volunteers started to become nervous as soon they would be hairless. The main event for the day was to see Mr Rothman have his moustache of 32 years completely shaved. Through all this nervousness we soon realised that we weren't the only inspiration. The real inspiration were the actual young people who go through so much, as they suffer from cancer. We showed them how much we care and are there for them!! I'm sure all the participants took part in this fundraiser, as they've had a loved one suffer/taken away from them because of cancer.

For me, I soon realised that young people suffering from cancer might feel ashamed and embarrassed due to the effects of the treatment they received, since they completely lose their hair. I did experience a few bald jokes and name calling from students even before I became hairless. But without a doubt, I went ahead with this amazing idea showing my support towards canteen (young people with cancer). AND I'M LOVING IT!!!

Thank you so much for the support of the Tokoroa community, friends and family. You are awesome!!!

By Menante Appel



LOLA

I am very lucky to be part of this Tutor Group. As a first year Tutor teacher I was extremely nervous but the welcoming attitude of this group made it much easier to adjust.

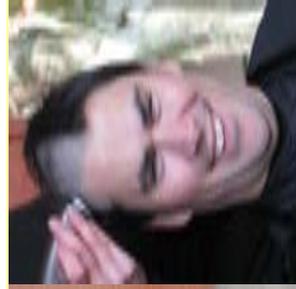
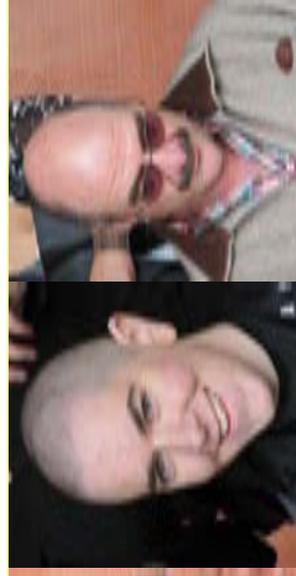
We learnt about each other and grew together as a group early on this year. Our cluster contains other, smaller bunches, like "the boys at the back", "the girls", "the cousins band", "the Te Kahui Whetu girls".

I saw friendship, respect, tolerance and trust emerging in our classroom.

I sincerely hope that YOU (LA's Tutor Group) felt the Aroha because I gave it all I have.

I would like to believe that I have made an impact on these students as a group and as individuals.

Arohanui,
Ms. Lazar



Lust Greed Envy Pride Gluttony Wrath

On June 28 this year, we were able to explore our more 'sinful' side at the school ball.
The theme being of course

The Seven Deadly Sins!

Lust, Envy and Pride were celebrated in our appearance on the night, as well as enjoying the process of getting ourselves looking fabulous... **Greed** and **Gluttony** were the sinful delights for dinner. **Sloth** were the couches provided for those who felt a bit tired of it all and as for **Wrath** – the band helped us out with that!

The ball committee worked hard to fundraise for the event and their efforts paid off. It was great to see so many students and staff enjoy this event and get into the theme of the evening.
A big thank you to the ball committee and all who helped us in the wider community – Especially the few League boys and coaches whose help was awesome!

Wrath
xxoo



TMKR

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa!
Despite growing pains, 9TMKR have grown and enjoyed their first year of High School.

Totally
Marvellous, magnificent
Krazy Kids of Te Manawa
Rock!



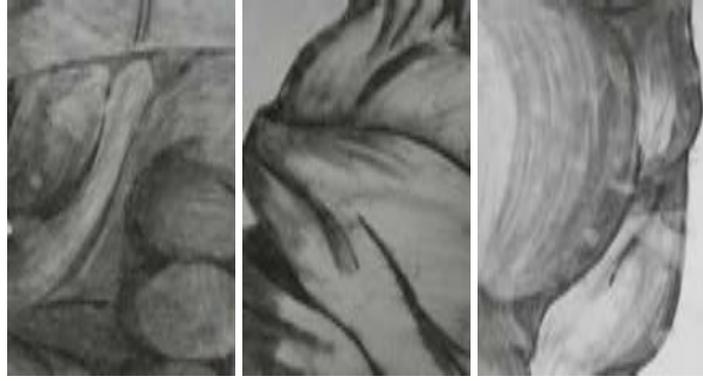
Business Course

On the 5-7 of March 2008 a number of senior students represented Tokoroa High in a business course along with Putaruru College. The students who attended the course were: Deyanna Takiri, Tiana Ngata, Mathew Tautari, Ben Mapstone, David Phillips, Chantelle Cassidy and Florence Rae-Rio.

The students that attended the course were put evenly into 7 groups. In their 7 groups they were to make a business product in two days. On the last day of this course each group had to present their product and were given a certificate and badge for completing the course.

These students have successfully achieved in this course and have made their business teacher proud.

Congratulations.



ENGLISH H2/12/13/14

It has been yet another eventful year for the English Department. We have had the pleasure of some new faces in the staff and some exciting new texts to use with our students. We have had Mr Keinan Ngapo, Ms Lilla Lazar and Miss Karen Krause join the team and each of them have brought their own taonga to share with their students.

We have tried to tap into the potential of our students and pushed hard for them to attain the results they are more than capable of. We look forward to a good summer break ready for the next round in 2009.



Excerpt from Film Review on 'Snatch' – Tim Sarsfield

Slick titles. Brilliant one-liners. Kinematic filmmaking executed with precision. Deep and thought-provoking; Snatch may not be, but enthralling and entertaining with infectious droll humour, Guy Ritchie's sophomore feature film is a cinematic gem. In an age where movies are constantly trying to play with the minds of their viewers, it is refreshing to see a cleverly crafted action-comedy, which is able to gloss over the criminal nature of its happenings with dark yet witty humour pulled off brilliantly by an awesome ensemble cast. Combine this with a soundtrack that perfectly captures the mood of each scene while creating its own ambience, and you have the makings of a top-notch film.

Excerpt from 'Mum'
by Soraya Reid

Role model and mentor are a few words that I think of when thinking of my mother. She doesn't get taken for a ride by us and stands her ground. If ever we want something that costs money and is not something we need she keeps us grounded by saying, 'Get a job.' She has worked for her money so she should benefit from it. Not everything we want.



SCIENCE 3DME1D2SCIENCE3DME1D2

This has been a year of change for the Science Department. Only Dianne Jansen and Mr Kinloch remain from the 2007 team (Mrs Tucker will return for 2009 having been on study leave for most of 2008). Newbies this year are Mr Jones, Mr Stewart and Mr Cassidy, replacing Mr Nand, Mr Nair and Ms Simpson.

Course changes in 2008 saw the introduction of Level 2 Electronics which has been a huge success with 100% pass rates and successful entries into the national 'Bright Sparks Competition'.

Another new course offered in 2008 was for Year 7 and 8 Intermediate students and was jointly taught by Mr Jones and many of our Year 12 Physics and Electronics students. These classes were great fun and many of the Year 8's have said that they are keen to join THS in 2009.

It is 2009 when the most interesting course changes will take effect. In Year 11 we introduce Earth Science and Life Science, while at Level 2 we have Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Electronics and new courses in Electrical Engineering, Environmental Science and Earth Sciences. At Level 3 we are introducing Electronics.

These new courses are to enable the Science Department to cater for a greater number of students who are showing an interest in Science.

The Department has been very successful in its push for 15+ particularly in Level 1 Science, Level 2 Physics and Biology and the new courses mentioned above. So 2008 was a great year for 15+ and 2009 is set to be even greater.



Front: D. Kinloch, T Jones, A. Utanga
Back: G. Cassidy, D.Jansen, I, Stewart

As a student it was a real enjoyment to look after the students from Tokoroa intermediate.

It was great to be educating tomorrows generations and to provide them with skills in physics.

From basic experiments to practical lectures on electricity, and forces it was a lot of fun. To sum it up I use this quote: My joy in learning is partly that it enables me to teach.

Andrew Marama-Lyons

Science this year has been really fun. We started the year taking Physics and Electronics and ended up incorporating the two together, finishing our electronics during physics time.

Electronics has a lot of practical and is very hands on with the odd bit of theory to do every now and then. We were able to pull stuff to bits (e.g. Cameras) and make interesting things with them. We even get the opportunity to get a National Certificate in Electronics.

Having a teacher like Mr Jones makes it easier to learn as he has a lot to offer each student. He has made the year in science very enjoyable.

Soraya Reid, Brandee Bell, Renay Rikiau, Ebony Metuakore



Staff

TECHNOLOGY



The new computer suite is available for research and computer-based draughting and publishing.



2009 will see many exciting changes in the hard materials department. The workshops and the courses are being restructured to include subjects such as motor mechanics, welding and metalwork.

A new workshop is being developed to cater specifically for junior technology students.



Graphics is a very interesting subject, where students are presented with a design brief and they must research, design, develop and present their own solutions.

The Graphics department should grow with the creation of a senior graphics classroom.

There are several students doing NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 in Food and Nutrition. This is an interesting subject as it gives the student an opportunity to do Practical, as well as written work, required to gain Credits towards NCEA. These Senior classes are excellent and the students, not only learn to improve their skill level, but achieve a lot of Credits towards their NCEA qualifications. Another advantage is there are a lot of jobs in the Food Industry, and it is a good preparation for a Hospitality Course based here in Tokoroa for School leavers.

Some students from the Special Needs Unit also come to classes and Year 9 all spend one Term at Food and Nutrition classes.



Yet another hectic year for Computing students with over 70% gaining 15+. It was a close race to see who would take out the top prizes from the various levels. Congratulations to the following students:

COM1:

Jesse Thrupp

COM2:

Teagan Rangititua

COM3:

Aleesha Dean

CMD3:

Rhys Sanft

Most Improved Com2:

Tyson Petero



Fabric Technology has been compulsory for Year 9 students for 1 Term this year. Several students are taking Fabric Technology Level 1 and 2 for NCEA. Three new Bernina Sewing Machines were bought for the room in Term 2.



Prime Minister's visits

Te Kahui Whetu students and staff welcomed the Prime Minister, Helen Clark, to our school early in the year. Students made morning tea and were proud to have such a visitor in TKW



Sporting Events

Students participated in the Special Olympics ribbon days including swimming, ten pin bowling and athletics. A highlight of these sporting fixtures was Keretina Mutu gaining the top bowling score for a female student in the competition.



TKW

Service to the school has seen TKW students set up the school hall for assemblies and report evenings. Students have also taken care of staffroom dishes each morning before school.



The SPEC programme of work has allowed our students to work towards achieving qualifications in supported learning. This programme helps students to achieve individual education goals and involves developing skills for life.



TKW

In class, students have attended Hard Materials, making CD racks, key hooks and so on, also Computing classes making power point slide shows and Food and Nutrition, making a range of dishes including macaroni cheese and apple crumble. Many thanks to mainstream staff for making it possible for our students to attend.



Te Kahui Whetu

Throughout 2008 TKW staff have enjoyed working with our young people to encourage independence and confidence. We look forward to further achievements in 2009

Te Manawa

E te Atua e, akapuera mai i oku nei mata kia kite au i te au mea takake i roto i taau ra au ture Lord , Open my eyes so that I may see the truth ...

It has always been our humble prayer that the students, teachers, families and community of Te Manawa Pasifika find their own truth in all that they do. In establishing our expectations for excellence we were able to set both academic, personal and career goals and in these fields we have found our truth. Our strength is in our being together, (cos that's how we roll). We enjoy being PACIFIC and all that comes with it. We have seen our numbers grow, possibly because of the tutors we have, Miss Krause, Mr Tereu, Mr Manu, Mr Utanga and Miss Tarai, or maybe it's the example that our predecessors gave us that we can bring our basket of knowledge and experience, and that we are valued for the people we are. We have a mixture of students, cultures, personalities and are never without challenges.

TMKR Our year 9 tutor who won a KFC lunch for bringing in the most canned foods for mufiti day, which is a fine example of their dedication to supporting our school life. They also have one of the highest tutor attendance to where Miss Krause can be commended for pastoral care.

TMTE If there ever was a perfect tutor, I think this would be it. They are all academically driven even though they may not be academically inclined. Mr Tereu keeps his tutor in top form with his Year 13's as fine examples in their academic prowess.

TMMU The growth in Te Manawa is due to Mr Manu bringing in the fold. There have been an increase of numbers in our year 11 intake, as I believe that the students can see the benefits of being together, working together and staying together. We have high achievers in here that have proven to themselves that all things are possible.

TMUT These are our babies, who were there since the beginning of Te Manawa. The group that has the most potential in any given field, however is also the group that keeps us fighting for everything we believe them to be. Mr Utanga who would swim the ocean for them, shows them that hard work does have its rewards.

TMITA This came to be because there was a dire need to support our students with attendance issues. Some have chosen the path of change for the better, and some have seen their truth to where they have outgrown our schooling system.

We thank you for your support in our tutor group and giving us hope that we are on the right path in meeting the needs of our people.

Te Manava Pasifika goes to Pasifika

Over the weekend, we made our way up to Pasifika, which was absolutely overwhelming if you have never been to one before. Each village has a unique smell, taste and flavour which our students thoroughly enjoyed. We managed to catch up with the Prime Minister and all the big names in Pasifika. It will definitely be on the calendar for next year.

Thanks to Ms Cassidy and Ms Teokotai.



Te Manava Incentives for report evenings

Report Evenings are not always a high priority on the PI Calendar however this year, it has been a primary focus area to encourage all parties to come together in the partnership of learning.

Every Te Manava student was given a lunch invitation where if there parent, guardian, caregiver came in to parent interviews and had it signed by their tutor teacher, they could go on a mystery lunch that Friday.

The results were overwhelming where each tutor averaged just over 50% attendance to report evenings.



KO TEMANA O TE WHAKAWHANAUNGA TANGA

MAI I TE WHAKAARO, KO TE HIAHIA, KO TE TIMATANGA, MAI I TE TIMATANGA, KO TE PUAWAITANGA, O TE WHANAU O TE RITO TIHEI MAURI ORA

Kia Ora from Te Whanau a Noa and Te Rito.

As you aware this year has been a year of success for Te Rito, we have undergone many changes that we hope will see positive changes in our school. This year has been great working in te rito and of course none of it would have been made possible without the support of our Te Rito staff and tutors so thanks to you all, year 9 Mr Ngapo, Year ten Mr Hoby, Year 11, PA, Year 12 Mr Baker and year 13 Ms MB. To our fantastic SMT Elgin, Margot, Butch, Alan, Brian, what can I say your time and effort is invaluable, you continue to support our department and whanau, thank you so much.

This year has seen Te Whanau a Noa pay host to many supporting groups that have been welcomed onto our marae, sports tournaments, fundraisers, kapa Haka, noho marae, manu korero, the inviting and welcoming of new staff and our students for powhiri to name but a few.

Among the successes for Te Rito this year have been the new establishment of goals of 91% attendance celebrating these achievements with a haka, so this have been promising.

This year has also seen one of our year 13 students Ngarimu Hapi do extremely well with his University papers gaining and 95% pass overall all papers so well done Ngarimu, this is great for te rito and for Tokoroa High school. As well as this, Manu Korero has been a highlight with two sections entered this year with Bianca Ormsby in the junior English and Andrew Marama Lyon in senior English both did our school proud and we applauded them for their efforts. None of this would have been made possible without the support of our senior staff admin, and Matua Ngapo who encouraged our students into public speaking. Next year we hope to have all four sections dominated and to represent our school.

I would like to thank our principal for making the effort for giving his tautoko at the national manu korero, it meant so much that he was able to clear his busy schedule to attend and support the kura and Andrew at the nationals, so kia ora mo to tautoko Elgin.

Among the other feats this year was our Noho Marae that was aimed at bringing Maori together in a forum where they can feel nurtured and supported. To bring about a sense of solidarity to identify the strengths in our students and to bring out that Mana Motuhake that is inside of each and everyone of us. Thanks to all staff who attended and to our guest speakers who were all past students you were great. Adam and Duke Boon, Matua Billy Maea and Arama Ngapo all gave their perspectives into being Maori and what it means to project the image of success so thanks very much for that, your support was great and I know that our taurira took a lot away for our korero. The fun and games and waiata that were initiated at our noho I believe is a sing of things to come for our whanau and so we look forward to a prosperous year for 2009.

Thanks once again to all our staff, SMT support, RTLB Sandy for your time and effort you have all been so wonderful and have given freely of your time for us, we do appreciate your ongoing support and tautoko Nga Mihi kia koutou katoa. All the best for the holiday season and take care our you mummy's, daddy's and each other.

Aroha Paekau
HOD Languages



SHIPS

Now there are gold ships
 And silver ships
 But there is no ship like friendship
 Hear how I say this
 It's because I've been blessed
 With an emotion
 Called happiness
 And do ya
 do ya wanna know
 Why I'm hardly feeling low
 These days
 And do ya
 Do ya wanna know
 Why I'm hardly feeling low
 I don't care coz I'm gonna tell you anyways

CHORUS:
 With you they laugh and they cry
 To you they will never lie
 They'll always be by your side
 And vice versa
 And they'll love you
 No matter what you do
 As long as you can prove
 that you will always stay true



Original Song Composition by Elvira Robb

Now can I tell you
 a little secret
 You know I would do
 if I knew you'd keep it
 You're in my heart now
 You'll never get out
 No matter how far we are
 from each other
 And do ya
 Do ya wanna know
 Why I'm hardly feeling low
 These days
 And do ya
 Do ya wanna know
 Why I'm hardly feeling low
 It's coz I know my friends are with me
 All the way

CHORUS
 (When you fall they fall
 Just to pick you up
 And when you feel
 like you're drowning
 They pull you out) x2

Now you know
 There are gold ships
 And silver ships
 But there is no ship like friendship



Quest is a school library reading programme with the aim of: encouraging reading, providing a stimulating environment to enjoy reading, and to support students in achieving English literacy credits. Students were required to read a set number of books at each level and to complete evaluations to support the books that had been read. Prizes were awarded evenly across the levels to recognise equal effort and achievement. The Quest programme was sponsored by Kiwanis International.

Quest Section Winners are:

Legendary section: Nathan Chapman

Heroic section: Stacey King

Valiant section: Christopher Cook

Epic section: Hannah Dewhurst

These students each received \$100 as prize money.

Special Mention for successfully completing the Quest:
 Heath Taylor, Teagan Rangituitia.



The Quest



HFA08

GOLF CHAMPION

Chantelle is a member of Rotorua, and Tokoroa golf clubs with Rotorua being her home club. I am currently playing off a 1 handicap, making me the lowest handicapped player in both clubs.

Chantelle is the 2007 and 2008 Tokoroa Silver Division Club Champion, and holds the lowest rounds for 2008 at both clubs with gross rounds of 72 at Rotorua and 73 at Tokoroa.

2008 achievements have been really good after changing Province this year. My gold was to represent BOP Women's Team at all levels. With a lot of hard work and top ten finishes at NZ tournaments at the beginning of 2008, had a lot to do with me being selected for the BOP Inter-District team, Quads and just recently the Inter-Provincial team that travelled to Nelson.

A big highlight for the year was my trip to South Africa to play golf for NZ Jitters academy. During this time I also ended up on safari trip seeing giraffes, elephants, tigers and all that stuff. The shopping was totally different compared to NZ shopping... the clothing was different and so was the food. No Burger King or McDonalds!

At National level I have had some excellent results. NZ Stroke Play Championship had a field of 160 players were I finished 7th making the cut of 60 players and going on to play in the NZ Match Play Championship where I finished 6th a great Tournament for me.

My most memorial Tournaments have been the two Bob Charles Pro Am. The Tournament is set up for Professional, and Amateur players, men and women. First one was at Wairakei unfortunately I missed the cut by four shots, however a great experience for my first Pro Am. The second tournament was held at Taranaki, with scores of 78,73 and 74, I finished first equal much better result, however losing in a play off on the second hole for first place, just a fantastic result for me.

All the top ten standings I have had this year has made a significant change in my NZ Women's Order of Merit standings, at the start of the year I was sitting at 32 and now I have moved up the ladder to number 12 in the country, something I am very proud of.

Hopefully 2009 will be as fruitful as this year, and with a bit of hard work and commitment I may achieve my gold for 2009 making the NZ Development Team and representing my Country.



MAORI UNDER 18'S RUGBY

Douglas Gage is a very talented Year 13 student who has just been selected for the New Zealand Under 18's Maori League team. Douglas was stoked at his selection!

He is of Te Whanua Apanui descent and He attended a Maori League tournament in the last holidays playing for a Raukawa team. The tournament was held at Haupuhapu and it was at this tournament that Douglas came to the notice of the selectors. Douglas dreams of wearing the NZ seniors black jersey one day.

Douglas studying Physical Education, Sports Academy, Communications English, Computing and Food and Nutrition. He has also this year been involved in the GATEWAY scheme and has involved working at Strathmore school, helping their students in the sports and physical education area.

Douglas started playing league at age 8 and since then has played for a team each year. Last year he went to Australia with the Tokoroa High School top team. He found this trip very worthwhile in helping polish up his league skills. He has been in the top Tokoroa High team for the last three years and this year is a reserve for the Forestland Falcons.



YANNIS MEA

Born: 14 February 1992

Weight: 68kg

Height: 5ft. 9

Position: Centre / Wing

**Junior Club: Forestland Falcons / Pacific Sharks / Tokoroa High School XIII
League Games Played: 156**

I am reminded of the proverb "Trust in the Lord with all your heart" as I pay tribute to Yanniss Mea. His Greatest success this year has come through Rugby League. From the National Rugby League Tournament held in Wellington this year, Yanniss was named in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rugby League Team. He has also been offered a place at Cambridge High School in Australia in 2009.

When you think of the calibre of young men that Yanniss competes against for such a prestigious position, we have to ask ourselves, what makes him stand out from the rest?

He has speed, strength and all the technical ability like his peers, but what separated Yanniss from the pack, is his unyielding faith, which guides his character and in turn his actions. Yanniss always carries his guitar and is never shy to sing a song or two. I know that Yanniss will no doubt succeed in whatever career path he chooses for himself, I know that God will always be present where-ever Yanniss goes.

"Seek your happiness in the Lord and he will give you your hearts desire" Psalm 37:4

Ms Tarai



TOKOROA HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETICS DAY

Tokoroa High School Athletics day records broken were:

Senior Girls Shot put	Angela Shaw	9.24metres
Junior Boys Triple Jump	Axel Kingi	9.90metres
Kowhai house	Senior Boys Relay team	49.81seconds

Charnz Ngatai in Junior boys competition, Sarah Bass in Junior Girls competition, Joshua Fa'agalu in Intermediate Boys competition and Nicola Ratima in Senior Girls competition dominated their categories.

The competition for Intermediate girls and Senior Boys was spread out and was very close between 1st 2nd and 3rd champion place getters.

Overall Whanau winner

- Kowhai with a huge score of 893 points.
- Kauri followed behind with 701,
- Third was Rimu with 502
- Totara with 458 points.



Mid-Islands Athletics Championships Tuesday 4 April

The Mid-Islands Athletics Championships, featuring schools from South Waikato, Taupo, Rotorua and surrounding districts, was held at the Rotorua International Stadium. The inclusion of three extra Rotorua Schools (Western Heights, Te Koutu, and John Paul), meant that this years championships would be more competitive than normal, and so it proved with Western Heights clearly dominating, along with Rotorua Boys and Rotorua Girls.

Weather conditions were cold, windy and gradually deteriorated into steady rain, forcing the cancellation of the last rotation of events. This disadvantage, to our athletes as we had a significant number set to compete in the final series.

However, some notable performances were achieved by Tokoroa High School athletes.

- The outstanding athlete on the day was **Chanz Ngatai** with a first placing in the Junior boys 200 metre sprint, second place in the Junior boys Discus, and third placing as a member of the 4 x 100metre Junior boys relay team.
- This relay team also included **Denzil Manu, Axl Kingi and Shady John**.
- Other place getters on the day were second placings for **Patoa Tavai** in the Senior boys Shot Put, and **Laetitia Sheck** in the Junior girls Discus.
- Third placings were attained by **Angela Shaw** in the senior girls Shot Put, and **Axl Kingi** in the junior boy's Triple jump.

Our remaining athletes competed strongly, and can be proud of their performances. Quite a number achieved 4th placings, which in previous years would have resulted in a top three position. Overall, this was an excellent day out for the first major inter-school competition for 2008. Finally, a huge thank you needs to be made to our participating athletes and sports staff at Tokoroa High School.

Champions from the day are:

Junior Boys	Junior girls
1 st Charnz Ngatai	1 st Sarah Bass
2 nd Shady John	2 nd Laetitia Sheck
3 rd Denzil Manu	3 rd Mikimiki Ngata
Intermediate Boys	Intermediate Girls
1 st Joshua Fa'agalu	1 st Nikki Reid
2 nd Jason Harris	2 nd = Samantha Tremain
3 rd Joshua Smith-Holley	2 nd = Katty Cassidy
Senior Boys	Senior Girls
1 st Aiden Hawera	1 st Nicola Ratima
2 nd Damien John	2 nd Tekura Jubilee
3 rd Wireless Ford	3 rd Julie Ball



The boys kicked off the season with a trial of games and we soon found out that from all our games we played our junior boys had no game. Well that's how Carl started.

We had boys keen to play and they were all ready to give Bball the credit it deserves. It was played by real men and our junior boys cranked up the pace and Rotorua began to be our Tok High Gym. Big game players began to shine and soon we had John Wilson, Aydan Poko and star rookie Denzil Manu blazing the way. We soon began to be a force and our team elevated themselves to the A grade.Diviosn. Carl Haa began to take some trainings and the boys began to get some rhythm and we started to win some big games against schools that had more numbers. Remember we had "quality" and our team had one sound. Michael Ratima started to run our transition game.

We won against Jean Pauls, Kura Kaupapa and western heights. Losing close to Rotorua Boys and lakes. Some highlights of the year was Chubbles shooting some airballs, Daemon Placids facials when he rebounds, Danny Boys Shuffling, Marco's 3 pointers, Johnny Wilsons lay up misses, Ayden Poko pointing to peoples shoes who were shooting and superman dive and Denzil Manu 's steals and lay ups like his father Michael Jordan.

We can't forget the \$5 Hawain pizza's at Pizza Hut free BK drinks and the stand up comedy by Arthur and Tim who were on the " Back on the Bus" .

Next year we will have our game on and the memories will live on.

Junior Boy's Basketball



Senior Boy's Basketball



Team on 3 1..... 2..... 3.... TEAM. Give it up for the senior boy's basketball team (crowd goes wild). The boys were off to start another victorious season. Our game plan? To get a game plan.

It all began at the "back of the buss" no trainings, no meetings, no fee's (sorry Ta).

We managed to use our travelling time to sort out our moves. We kicked off the season with a bang, taking the competition leaders down to the wire in our opening match. The boys immediately gained the respect of opposing teams and spectators. As the games progressed our lack of training became evident. Resulting in a few narrow but disappointing losses. But the boys stayed strong and managed to defeat competitions favourites Western Heights in our final game.

Highlights of the season were having more spectators than players on the buss. Aiden Hawera's dunks (in the warm up not in the game), Tana's mean rebounds (when his girlfriend wasn't there), Damian slick three pointers, Saio's kangaroo hops, Hayden's fluke shots, James attack (for the junior boys), Lachoneus' progresses, Chayden's immaculate defence (when he wasn't grounded), Arthur's fast-break's and handles and Carl Haa's SLAM DUNK on Rotorua Boys centre.

All in all it was a good season big up's to the balers next year. T.O.K. Hi hard!

Senior Girls' Basketball

2008 was a year of raising the girl's basketball standard in TOK.

We had trials at the start of the year and only the best were selected for the honour of representing our school. We started with a new competition in Rotorua and this included some big wins. This included beating Reperoa, Girls High black and kura kaupapa schools. We were on fire and soon we were put up in the A Grade competition. We were supported by some very vocal crowds Aroha and Ruama's Loud Family.

Our star rookie who played really well was Rebecca Hoani she had some great games pity she didn't last the whole season. We had some new girls with some new moves a.k.a Tekura and Meriol, they rocked the house with their pretty lay ups and their island comments. Loved your hook shot Tekura next time open your eyes.

We had shy Kayla who rebounded hard and gave a few elbows to her opponents. Aroha and her clumsy shots were fantastic to watch she would always keep the team laughing and cracking up. The smooth shooting of Ceeson from the three point line was a sight to see. We had a new manganian input who dominated the defence and offence she was known for her great shots and fast dribbling up the court thanks Ama and as Mr Manu would say it was a pity that you couldn't last a game. Our two mamas of the team were our star players of the season thanks Tams for your hard work on defence and your experience that you brought to the team.

Last of all our captain Nicola: if there is anyone who should make it into the WNBA it should be Nicola. She was unbelievable in her shots and her rebounds. She could score on any defence and as long as her ankle was alright we would always win.

Some of the highlights in our season were when Aroha fell over, when we got mad when we lost, when we all had the munchies after our game. Next year we look forward to yet another good season.

Thanks to all our team mates, coaches and Mr Manu trainings.

Kay Kay- Quiet chick
Aroz- speed chick
Ama- serious

Nicola- da champ
Mel- Island chick
Ceeson- Smooth 3 Pointer

Tamz- feisty chick
Kura- fluke shots



Dual Codes

Visiting rugby team defeated in dual code match by Tokoroa side.

Tokoroa High School hosted another international sports team recently. During the past two years, the school has hosted teams from Canada (girls rugby 2006 and boys rugby 2008), Australia (under 16 league 2006), Fiji (under 18 rugby 2006). The school also sent a touring team, playing rugby and league, to Australia in 2007.

Last Thursday 16 October, a touring under 16, rugby team from Ourimbah, Central Coast, Australia, played a game against a Tokoroa High School side. The game was played over four quarters and involved a unique combination of two quarters of rugby union and two quarters of rugby league. Pre-match preliminaries involved a sprint relay race between the two teams, which was easily won by Ourimbah. However, the visitors were soon to find out that the 'rugby' would be a lot tougher. Rugby union was played over the first two quarters and was a hard fought match. Superbly led by Calvin Cooper, with support from James Horn, Aidan Poko, Jarrod Haare, John Wilson and Axl Kingi, Tokoroa High led 17 points to nil at the break. Fatigue from their travels and previous games were evident as the Ourimbah team tired badly during the rugby league quarters. New Zealand secondary schools representative Yannis Mea, led the charges as the Tokoroa boys built up a large score. Other outstanding 'league' performances came from Nelson Sheck, Tobias Phillips, Brendon Te Kanawa and Opeta Utanga.

At the conclusion of the match, Zane Tetevano presented a Cup named in his honour. Zane is a former Tokoroa High student now playing with the Newcastle Knights, and residing on the Central Coast.

The Tokoroa High School coaching crew of Jim Horn, Nooroa Manu, Willie Ford, Alan Utanga and Carle Hakaria were satisfied with the results particularly in light of the short preparation time for the match. The match augurs well for 2009 with the school set to re-enter the 1st XV Waikato secondary schools rugby union competition. There will also be a team fielded in the Auckland secondary schools rugby league mid-week competition.

Tokoroa High School contact details:
Willie Ford – phone 8866109 or 0276801632
willie@tokoroahs.schoolzone.net.nz



CROSS COUNTRY

Tokoroa cross country champs were held on Thursday 14th May. It was a fine afternoon once the mist cleared and even though numbers were low the students that did run, put in a good effort.

- ⇒ Sarah Bass cleaned up the junior girls with Laetitia Sheck and Kayla Gubb battling it out for second and third respectively.
- ⇒ The junior boys had a closer race with Charnz Ngatai winning with Shady John second and Denzil Manu third, only thirty seconds separating the three.
- ⇒ Molly Mitchell won the intermediate girls followed by Melissa Appel and Hayley Bason third. It was good to see the soccer girls having a run.
- ⇒ Intermediate boys had Jason Harris taking first place with Tutere Daniel-Maleatoo second and Yannis Mea third.
- ⇒ It was good to see some senior girls taking part with Nicola Ratima and Ceeson Dean carrying the flag for the girls, finishing first and second respectively.
- ⇒ A good number of senior boys entered with Damian John first, Joshua Glass Foster second and Ben Tuakana third.

Thanks to the students who helped and a special mention for the good behaviour of all who attended.

JNR Girls	1st	Sarah Bass
	2nd	Laetitia Sheck
	3rd	Kayla Gubb
JNR Boys	1st	Charnz Ngatai
	2nd	Shady John
	3rd	Denzil Manu
INT Girls	1st	Molly Mitchell
	2nd	Melissa Appel Hayley Bason
	3rd	
INT Boys	1st	Jason Harris
	2nd	Tutere Daniel Maleatoo
	3rd	Yannis Mea
SNR Girls	1st	Nicola Ratima
	2nd	Ceeson Dean
SNR Boys	1st	Damian John
	2nd	Joshua Glass Foster
	3rd	Ben Tuakana

Cross County

Whanua Results	95
Kowhai	37
Rimu	29
Kauri	15
Totara	

TOKOROA HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

The school swimming sports were held at the indoor pools on Thursday 17th May. It was a disappointing turn out for a school with a proud swimming record. But congratulations to the students that took part and enjoyed the day.

A keen group of year 9 boys and girls showed there is talent coming through the school. Shady Johns took overall honours in the boys with Charnz Ngatai coming a close second. Bianca Ormsby won the junior girls.

The intermediate boys went to the wire with John Wilson pushing Travis Tautai all the way, with Travis coming out on top.

Special mention to Molly Mitchell for being the only intermediate girl. Well done Molly.

No senior girls took part this year which was disappointing.

The senior boys were very competitive with the stand out performer being Symon Marama Lyons. Thanks to Arthur Tere, Symon was pushed all the way and in doing so broke three records, to go with the other records he has collected over the years. Thanks to the parents and students who helped.

Swimming

Whanua Results

Kauri

Totara

Rimu

Kowhai

JNR GIRLS.	1 st Bianca Ormsby	2 nd Laetitia Sheck	3 rd Ann Marina Kata Joeseeph
JNR BOYS	1 st Shady Johns	2 nd Charnz Ngatai	3 rd Denzil Manu.
INT GIRLS	1 st Molly Mitchell.		
INT BOYS	1 st Travis Tautari.	2 nd John Wilson.	3 rd James Horn.
SNR BOYS	1 st Symon Marama-Lyon	2 nd Arthur Tere	3 rd Andrew Marama-Lyon



“Good things do come in small packages”.

The year started off with a bang, even though it was hard getting back into school mode from the holidays and all the fun exciting times with friends and family. I knew that I could nail NCEA Level Two and would reach my peak academically in Terms 3 & 4, so this opened the field for me to focus on my first true passion, which is sports.

It was a busy time for me, so the focus was predominantly on the up-coming tour for my Rugby League club Patiki Sharks to the Cook Islands which would be a highlight for me, especially in Aitutaki. In February, I was fortunate to play alongside my 'brother like no other' Anthony Utanga in the Touch Nationals U19s Men's and Women's, U21s Men's and Women's and last of all Open Mix. This tournament was held in Wanganui where we both played for the B.O.P. U21 Men's Team. We made it to the finals against Counties Manukau where we lost, but despite the outcome of the game we were both chosen for the U19s Men New Zealand team for the Youth World Cup January 2009.

After an exhausting weekend it was time to head back home not looking forward for the arrival due to training for my Rugby League teams tour to the Cook Islands.

Our school finally established a 1st XIII rugby league team to compete at the secondary school nationals. We played five pre-season games against Auckland

schools to really prepare our team for the nationals. Out of five games that we played we won four of them and just lost 10-4 against the secondary champs S.T Paul's. We got down to nationals and were accommodated in a very uplifting facility thanks to Mr Utanga, Mr Ford and Mr Manu and also Mr Hakaria. We played five games all up and managed to get a placing of third in the whole New Zealand which is a great achievement for Tokoroa High School.

So as you can see, I've had a great year in Sport, and would go to say that our talents in Tokoroa High School do lie in sport, so lets see a possible upgrade in our sporting facilities. You may be pleasantly surprised that I have passed my NCEA Level Two even without my external exams, so I'll worry about my University Literacy Credits next year. So as my grand finale for this year, I'll leave you with this saying, because who knows what 2009 holds for me:

“Young...
Single...
and Free”.

Savea Daniels Matietoa



City / Country Competition 1st X111 Rugby League

Young people from the town of Tokoroa are succeeding in the School rugby league competition in the Auckland city

Willie Ford, the Head of Physical Education Department of Tokoroa High School has brought about an enthusiasm for school for senior boys. The 1st XIII rugby league students are driven weekly to Auckland for school rugby league games.

Since early May each week the team has hopped in two hired vans at lunchtime for the 2 and a half to three hour drive to play in the Auckland schools rugby league competition, playing at 4pm and returning home by 9.30pm.

So far they have won against James Cook High School, Avondale College, Manurewa High school and lost to St Pauls. This is a great outcome for a team traveling for two and half hours to compete. Yesterday they played Sir Edmund Hillary College and came away with a 12-0 victory.

The coaching team of Willie Ford, Alan Utanga, Carle Hakaria and Nooroa Manu has been outstanding to take a group of students from a pool of 200 students to compete against schools with pools of approximately 1000 students.

The school provides a sports academy qualification package which runs beside the schools Rugby league competition. This programme has a strong academic base and progresses into career pathways in Sport Science. These students have been part of the sport's development programme at school since their 3rd form years. Students have been part of a touring team to Australia in September 2007 and to the Cook Islands in April 2008. Some students have won scholarships with the professional rugby league clubs in Australia.

There is a spin off with students attendance improving. Students have gain renewed enthusiasm for learning by gaining a connection to school through the rugby league competition.

Win	Tokoroa High School vs James Cook High School	26 – 22
Loss	Tokoroa High School vs St Paul's College	4 – 10
Win	Tokoroa High School vs Manurewa High School	38 – 0
Win	Tokoroa High School vs Avondale College	16 - 14
Win	Tokoroa High School vs Sir Edmund Hillary College	12 - 0



Girls Rugby



When you think of what sport matters most it is without doubt rugby and when you look on the field you expect to see the boys playing rugby. But when we our Tok High girls play rugby, it's the bomb and our team ripped it up. Being apart of the Tokoroa High School rugby girls team this year was such a great opportunity as we combined with FVHS. In all, we played approximately seven games and were fortunate to win all and were the undefeated champions. I would like to thank our coaches Nico and Sio, thanks for your time, hard work and dedication. Thanks must also go out to our hard working team you girls rock, so thanks to Louise, Bianca, Isabella from Tok High. The competition this year proved hard but as we entered the field we annihilated the other opponents, it has been a privilege playing with our successful team and we wish the girls next year all the best, we will be there cheering you on

Bernadette Kerr.

RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS EARN THIRD PLACE AT THE NATIONALS

Tokoroa High School came a comfortable third at the recent national secondary schools' rugby league tournament held at Wainuiomata College in Wellington.

Tokoroa beat **Southern Cross** campus school of Auckland 14 – 12 in a thrilling third and fourth playoff match presiding the final between eventual tournament winner **St Paul's** of Auckland and host Wainuiomata College.

After a welcoming powhiri on the first day it was business as usual in the first game for Tokoroa who never settled against 2007 finalist Southern Cross.

Both teams threw everything at each other knowing the loser would meet St Paul's in the semi-final. A game fitting of a final, the crowd was paltry but oblivious to Southern Cross who won 6 – 4.

Tokoroa paid dearly losing their player of the day, Jai Withers, for the remainder of the tournament due to injury.

Licking their wounded pride, Tokoroa annihilated **St Bernard's** of Wellington 42 – 0 on the second day.

Sam Bartie had a commanding game scoring two tries and tackling the opposition to a standstill. On day three, Tokoroa met **Aotea College** of Wellington who were only expected to provide fodder before the eventual semi-final with St Paul's

However, Aotea were spirited and had an equal desire to make the semi-final but lost 34 – 16 to a relaxed Tokoroa.

Savea Daniel-Malletoa was outstanding in the halves, restoring faith in his team mates. Despite a disrupted preparation before the semi-final against powerhouse champions St Paul's, Tokoroa were quietly confident and inspired by their following of faithful supporters.

From the kick-off though, the ball was handed back to **St Paul's** who returned it with interest and vigour unmatched by Tokoroa.

Bartie, again, saved face and tackled ferociously while diminutive Anthony Utanga was courageous at fullback.

With the expectation of winning the tournament truly buried, Tokoroa could look ahead and focus on restoring some pride, once again, against 'de ja vu' **Southern Cross** who blew their semi-final in extra time to Wainuiomata College after their captain, a NZ Warriors development prodigy, was stood down a game for dissent.

Tokoroa player of the tournament Sam Bartie was well supported by his team mates who rallied well throughout the game despite setbacks and stuck to their game plan.

With minutes to go, Tokoroa controlled the possession only to lose it on the hooter and Southern Cross desperately moved the ball to their star fullback who was at halfway before he was cut down by an enthusiastic Tokoroa defence.

Tokoroa deservedly won 14 – 12.

The players are **extremely grateful to their management** for this great opportunity to 'find themselves' lead by the industrious Willie Ford and Nooroa Manu; and are also appreciative of their greatest fans, their parents and sponsors

Also **congratulations** to Aydan Poko, John Wilson, Opeta Utanga, Manunui Wana and Gideon Letoga on their successful selection into the Tritons U15 Rugby squad. Whilst most of us are enjoying the break from winter sports these boys are still training in preparation for their Waikato championship tournaments which are being held during the month of September. Their grand final is being played on Friday 26 September and depending on the outcomes of the games leading up to the finals may see these boys run on to the number one field at Waikato Stadium.

Willie Ford





SOCCER



Girls First Eleven

We began off with a bad start but once we began training and got help from teachers, we started getting better and better. As the season went on we began working as a team. It was hard for the girls but we got there. We could have played better in games, but I'm still proud of the team. I'm so proud of Sam Hansen, Devon Morris, Ciwadia Russel, Molly Mitchell, Courtney Ross and Rebecca Russel for trying so hard in all the games. Menante Appel and Julie Ball I want to thank you for helping me with coaching and sorting out the team I really appreciate what you did. I would also like to thank Judith for coaching us this year.

Melissa Appel



Boys First Eleven

For the first game of the season the boys travelled up to St Paul's College to face their First Eleven who are the eighth ranked team in New Zealand. This result was an eye opener for us as we lost 17-0 and it showed us just how much work we will need to put in to compete with the top teams.

When the grading games rolled around the team was set back with their captain Chris Teague being out with an injury. We played poorly losing a few games which landed us in the 6th division. Our first league game was against Otorohanga Second eleven. We travelled over there with a full strength team with boys that have been out with injury back in the squad. However we found ourselves down 3-1 at half time but manage to lift our heads and pulled them back to draw three all. We had a slow start drawing



and losing a couple of games however with the departure of coach Matej Benes Chris reformatted the team putting players into all new positions.

With the new formation and strategies we took on the rest of the season and won all of our games. We also took down the top team 4-1 who had beaten us at the start of the season 5-0. With a loaded back line we only conceded 1 goal in seven games. We finished the season in second position which was an awesome result when you consider that most of the boys had never played a season before.

As Captain I was very proud of the boys and how they stepped up when our coach left. Playing with boys that have never played before was looking like a step back for me this year however I am very glad I did. I had truck loads of fun coaching and taking the field with you. I am definitely looking forward to summer soccer and the following season.

Chris Teague

' Good players practise until they get it right. Legends practise until they never get it wrong'

Netball



Senior A

The Tokoroa High School senior A netball squad for 2008 consisted of 9 players who participated in all aspects of the game. Training performances ran extremely well and were mirrored through match performances. These girls showed their true ability on day one of the beginning of the Tokoroa Netball Competition. The opening day of the netball season is known to be the most important day of the netball season as this day is recognized as the grading day. This particular day encourages each and every team to play to the best of their ability. This enables the teams to be fairly graded and fairly placed into the right playing section. These judgments are made by the performances and scores of the teams on that day. The highest grade of the competition is the Premiere Grade. For the past three years Tokoroa High School was unable to qualify for the Premiere grade. The team has managed to play in the A grade, which is still good because this is the second highest grade in the competition. This year I, Angela Shaw (captain) is proud to announce that after three years my 2008 Tokoroa High school netball team won the opening day of the tournament and also the most astounding accomplishment, we qualified for the Premiere grade.

The 9 girls whom made up this squad were, Pania Hosking, Daina Charlie, Nicola Ratima, Teegan Rangituita, Whetu White, Ceeson Deane, Krystal Tangimatatiti, Ayla Cartwright, Angela Shaw (captain) and Coached by Janita Poko

On behalf of the team but especially the senior girls I would like to give a special thanks to Mrs Janita Poko for giving up her time and sharing all her knowledge with us. We really appreciated it. If it wasn't for you and your hard core trainings us seniors wouldn't of had the opportunity to leave Tokoroa High School on such a great outcome. Thank you again. Lets hope there isn't another long gap before the next Tokoroa High School team makes the premiere grade.

Netball Netball

THS Moonlight

The year started off like MAGIC, in Moonlight winning the C Grade Open day Tournament.

Our team consists of

Serena Olsen (Captain) plays (C) Centre. She controls the play and flow of the game. Because she is fit, the team depend on her to keep the game going.

Coral Olsen plays GD,Gk. A defensive player that fights for every ball and with her enthusiastic and positive attitude she is an attribute to the team.

Keilah Teao WD, WA. A quiet player that gives her all. She adds her basketball fair and skill to spice up the game.

Bathany Ratu GK, WD, WA When she could, she was there, working to help the girls in a team effort.

Ruth Letoga, GD, GK is a tight defender and most promising in the defensive circle. She will have a go at anything.

Claudia Turia GS, GA, WA is a sharp shooter and will have a go from anywhere.

Meriol Tearotoa GS, GA, WA is the best feeder out. She knows just where to place the ball.

Tekura Jubilee GS, GA, WA brings in her basketball styles and enjoys laying it up. With our attacking team, when their hot, their hot, and when their not, their not.

The best supporters in the whole wide world are Mr and Mrs Olsen, who weathered the wind, rain and hail to watch and support every game we played. Thank you for your faith, cheers and constructive criticism and the peanut slabs. But there was a kind of magic that lingered over us, whether we were blessed because it never rained for our games.



THS Sunshine

Kai orana, Kia ora, Talofa, Greetings.

Oso'oso, Ashley, Kayla, Cheri, Patricia, Somaar, Marina and the lovely supports Reyna and Te Ara'ara had a difficult but season. They are definitely Tokoroa High's dedicated social to 'ososo, showing leadership, dedication and pride as captain. Also, big ups to Marina, Elvisa and Kayla for their dedication and denotion. Massiva thanks also to Ms. Tari and Mrs Poko for everything. We had a great time!

Miss Krause (minder, trainer)



Junior A



Rep Trials

There were numbers galore for the trials led by Mrs Poko, a tight ship ready to sail, with new contracts, new goals, and a way forward to really lifting the levels of Netball at Tokoroa High School.

So from the trials, we brought forth 5 teams, however after 3 weeks of training and finalising teams, only the best stayed. Open day started off with a bang with all teams winning their first rounds.

What a fantastic start to the Grading Day Netball hosted by the Tokoroa Netball Centre. We had 4 teams entered and they all had 4 games each. The girls looked sharp, prepared and definitely eager to come away with a win.

Recognition must be given to the coaches of our teams for their commitment in getting our teams ready to play from Day 1.

THS A – Mrs Janita Poko

THS Junior A – Mrs Donella Bass

THS Moonlight – Miss Tarai

THS Sunshine – Miss Krause

We managed to come away with some fantastic wins on the day. As a school we played 16 games and won 14 of them. However recognition must go towards our Junior A team who had only 15 points scored against them out of their 4 games. A very promising team to look out for.

So inevitably, our Junior A took out B Grade section 2, and THS Moonlight took out Section 2 C Grade.



Rugby Under 15

The under 15s who are playing in the B division are having a great season so far. After a loss to Putaruru they have been undefeated. The team is growing in confidence with each game and with good performances from James Horn, Gideon Letoga, John Wilson and Axl Kingi the rest of the season looks promising. A special thank you to parents Jimmy and Kerry Horn and James Poko for their time and effort this is very much appreciated

After a tough beginning to the season mainly due to lack of numbers, the under 14s have shown great commitment, and have stayed positive. This has lead them to win their last two games. With consistently good games from Denzil Manu, Reginald Matekohi and George Rikiiau and with a lot of new players slowly learning the game things a really looking up for these young players.

Our thanks go to Mr Manu and Mr Pollard for their patience and experience



Rugby Under 14

This year we had an exciting season with new rugby boys being recruited for the under 14 team. There were new boys being asked to come down. Gary, Shady, Robell, Reynor, Greg, George and others.

We started the season with some early loss's against Hamilton Boys High Black. The boys also went to the sevens and only won a few games. We had to make some changes and Coach Mr Manu and Craig Pollard began to organise some trainings. It was decided that we would train with the under 15's and this made our boys tough and focused for the games.

We started to develop an awesome front row with Keanu, Sean and Reginald and great lineup's with Lucas taking the ball. The front row began to dominate and beat Fairfield in our first win. We then started to use the skills of Denzil Manu who dazzled the team with his running and tackling. Our most punishing runner was George Rikiiau and he ran through heaps of people.

We strung together some big wins and then came Thomas Thompson who smashed his way through the backline. Shady would do some big runs and our boys began to look like title winners. The boys played on the main oval in front of a big crowd and were fired up to play against HBHS Red who beat us earlier in the season and we had bet them before. It was all on and the boys showed heaps of heart and physically bruising tackles. The boys ran out winners beating HBHS in the finals with a thrilling game with the final score 28 to 24. An unreal season in which the boys turned out winners.

The following boys made the Waikato under 13 camp. 'Denzil Manu and Reginald Matekohi. All the boys want to say is, watch out for 2009



Career Pathways in Sport



Zane Tetevano: From Tokoroa High School to the Newcastle knights



Zane joined the Newcastle Knights for the 2008 season after being identified as a player of great potential by Newcastle Knights Recruitment and Welfare Manager, Mick McEntyre, at a match where Tokoroa High School on tour played the Hunter Development Academy in September 2007. Zane was invited to trial and performed very well in the official trials which led to Mick visiting the school and meeting with the family. Zane was offered a 2 year contract with the club and accepted. Zane was a member of the S.G. Ball Competition team (18 years) for the first half of the season and despite missing some weeks with injury performed at a high level. When this competition concluded in May, Zane was one of several players chosen from this team to be promoted to the National Youth Competition Squad (Toyota Cup). This is an Under 20 competition involving all NRL clubs. Zane is now a regular starting player with the team at 2nd row and lock and has impressed all at the club with his ability and attitude. Zane has been asked to train over the summer with the Knights 1st grade squad. The Newcastle Knights see a very good future for Zane in the NRL.

Zane was part of the careers development programme into sports conducted at Tokoroa High School over the past four and a half years. The programme is set to expand next year with the introduction of the Year 9 Netball Academy, under 14 Rugby Union Academy, Junior Sports Academy, and Elite Sports Academy for students who are New Zealand representatives or champions. These academies will complement the current Sports Academy for year 12 and year 13 levels at Tokoroa High School. The Academy programme for 2009 will be supervised by Head of Physical Education Willie Ford, Head of Sport Nooroa Manu, and Sports Coordinator Mike McCurran. The school currently has a number of nationally ranked athletes, including gymnast Kurt Russell, golfer Chantelle Cassidy, league players Jai Withers, Vinnie Phillips, Yannis Mea, Douglas Gage and touch reps Anthony Utanga and Savea Daniel-Malietoa. The 2009 Academy programme is designed to assist as much as possible the further development and enhancement of athletes at Tokoroa High School.



NZ Secondary School League



NZ Secondary School Touch

Swimming

Te Kahui Whetu students attended the Special Olympics Swimming Ribbon Day in Te Awamutu on the 7 of March 160 students competed from the Waikato region.

Results:

- Royland Carlsson 2nd 15m Walk, 4th 15m kickboard.
- Kila Monga 2nd 15m Walk, 2nd 15m kickboard.
- Phita Matangi 5th 15m Walk, 4th 15m kickboard.
- Tamalisi Nair 1st 15m Walk, 2nd 15m kickboard.
- Chevy Nathan 3rd 15m Walk, 3rd 15m kickboard.
- Rebekah Kaora 2nd 15m Walk, 5th 15m kickboard.
- Kasper Nooyen 1st 15m kickboard, 3rd 15m freestyle.
- William McNae 3rd 15m kickboard, 4th 15m freestyle.
- Daniel Meredith 2nd 15m kickboard, 2nd 15m freestyle.
- Micaiah Jacobs 5th 25m freestyle, 5th 25m backstroke, 3rd relay.
- Keretina Mutu 1st 25m freestyle, 1st 25m backstroke, 3rd relay.
- Danielle Patterson 3rd 25m freestyle, 2nd 25m backstroke, 3rd relay.



Basketball Rep

Carl Haa, Has been playing Basketball for the last 3 years and he has accomplished much over his time at Tokoroa High School. He has represented Thames valley and Hauraki Maori U17 and U19 and has participated in many national Basketball Tournaments. In late 2007 he was offered a trial to represent New Zealand in Australia which he narrowly missed out on and has been offered to re-trial in late December of this year.

Carl say's "Financially it has been tough having to travel to Thames every Sunday and has put a financial strain on my family, but it has been worth it."

Early this year Carl was invited to apply for a scholarship from Head Sport Co-ordinator at Waikato University and has applied and will hear back in early November.

Carl hopes to play for the Tall Blacks in the future and believes that if granted a Scholarship it would play a vital part in helping him achieve this goal.

Congratulations Carl



Netball Reps



For the netball season of representatives, most of our games were all played in the wet, cold, pouring rain. The season started off with our first game being held at our very own sports grounds. We played four games for that wet, miserable day, and won 3 games. Following Sunday was the game held in Matamata. The weather was clear with only a few clouds that were displayed (the sun pecked), and we had three games. We won one game, lost another, and the last was against our own U15's and lost (it was a crack up and fun). Taupiri was where our next game was held. That day we played four games and I think lost nearly all our games, but it was raining and cold.

There was the Allied tournament, but was cancelled due to the bad weather. A week pasted, and then we had our last game for the whole season, the Taupo tournament, and it seems to be the only clearest day we got, but the coldest. We had six games set for us, in every second round, and out of the six games we were suppose to play, we only played four due to all the hangovers and injuries we had. But out of it all, it was a good season for my first time in the netball rep team.

By Teagan-Jade Rangitutia.



Tokoroa High School Boys Have Fun in the Sun



The Pacific Sharks under 18 rugby league team returned last weekend from a tour of the Cook Islands unbeaten. This is a monumental achievement according to Coach George Turia, considering they had to overcome the tropical conditions, and tour with only sixteen players.

Upon arrival to Rarotonga, the Pacific tourists were spectators to club League between the Tupapa Panthers and Arorangi Bears. The quality of the premier game reinforced the difficult challenge ahead and the ferocity at which they play locally.

The first game of the tour was against a selection of players from local clubs Avatiu Eels, Arorangi and Titikaveka Bulldogs. Despite an opposition bench too numerous to count and conscious of the tropical heat, the Sharks hammered the score board in the first quarter before the locals were able to compete. Sam Bartie, Thomas Kerr, Savea Daniel-Malletoa, and Captain Tana Tuau were brilliant in the 38-16 win. The next day saw some well earned recovery kayaking in Muri Lagoon.



The second game in Aitutaki against a SENZ sponsored former Kiwi Kevin Iro directed sports academy team drew much local attention and expectation of a win. A huge crowd was in attendance and another fully laden opposition bench. By halftime it was clear the tourists were a side of quality scoring at will in the first half. Paul Daniels, Anton Taikoko, and Anthony Utanga were in scintillating form. In the second half, the locals reinforced their team to manage a respectable final scoreline of 24-16.

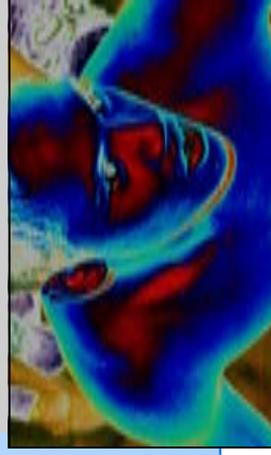
A lagoon cruise and games of Touch with the locals helped nurse injuries in preparation for the final game in Rarotonga.

In the finale of the tour against the Rarotongan SENZ sponsored team, Kevin Iro was on hand to coach the local team. In the first half, again, the tourist piled pressure on the score board with four unanswered tries. Symon Marama-Lyon, Ethan Tetevano, Bartie, Tuau, and Daniels-Malletoa were outstanding in the 34-18 demolition. The Sharks forwards were ruthlessly brutal and the backs accurate. For the third time, the opposition were allowed late in the game to flatter the score line.

This tour affirmed the quality of this Sharks team after three grand finals in as many years.

San Bartie who is off to Australia to chance the lucrative League had an outstanding tour. Tuau, Kerr, Tetevano, Daniels, Colin Mathis, Ezra Takiri, Arthur Tere, Aiden Hawera, and Marama-Lyon are all capable of senior duties. Taikoko, Utanga and Daniels-Malletoa will remain with the under 17's and continue with the development of those players.

The success of this tour can be attributed to all those who toured and in particular Korio Turia and Maree Hawkins.



Year 9



9HK
Shiloh Aloiai



TMKR
Gregory Aranui



TMKR
Courtney Baker



TRNG
Sarah Bass



TRNG
Royland Hiriani Carlson



TRNG
Brooke Cook-Bonmar



TMKR
Ioalaila Cowley



TMKR
Jacob Daniel



9HK

Te Aroha Dehar



9ST

Hannah Dewhurst



TRNG

Roxanne Emery



9HK

Cassandra France



TMKR

Naomi Fuimaono



9HK

James Gray



9ST

Kayla Gubb



9ST

Samantha Hansen



TMKR

Reynor Hewett



TRNG

Rebecca Hoani



TMKR
Pita Hosking



TRNG
Johanna Phoneix Hunia



9ST

Micalah Jacobs



TMKR
Shady John



TRNG
Ann-Marina Kata Joseph



9ST

David King



9ST

Stacey King



TMKR

Peter Letoga



TMKR
Tashyna Maki-Rota



TMKR

Denzil Manu



TRNG
Reginald Matekahi



TRNG
Angell Mathewson



9ST

Andrew McClintock



9ST

Christopher Meyer



9HK

Devon Morris



9ST

Cheyette Nathan



TRNG

Kelvin Nathan



TRNG

Chanz Ngatai



TRNG
Toni Ngatai



TMKR
Gaye Numanga



TRNG
Jamela Ogle



TRNG
Bianca Ormsby



TRNG
Ranginui Paparaoa



TMKR
Shiloe Peterso



9HK

Lucas Pollard



9HK

Nicky Proffitt



9HK

Teremataora Raivaru



TMKR

George Rikiau



9ST

Courtney Ross



TMKR

Robell Rota



9HK
Liam Russel



TRNG
Rebecca Russell



TMKR
Laetitia Sheek



TRNG
Gary Simionia Harris



TMKR
Keanu Takiri



TMKR
Deanna Takuiria



TMKR
Michael Tau



TMKR
Kaylani Tautani



TMKR
Ben Tekotia



TMKR
Seth Tera



9ST
Tonita Tewhakaara



TRNG
Thomas Thompson



TMKR
VJ Tutai



TRNG
Avian Uerata



TRNG
Casey-Marie Uerata



TRNG
Jesse Yavia



TMKR
Edward Woonton

Year 10



TRHO
Lisa Anohia



10LA
Aaron Anderson



10MI
Melissa Appel



TRHO
Marina Arai



TRHO
Chelsea Aupouri



10MI
Hayley Bason



10MI
Kane Berners



10LA
Sharnice Birch



10LA
Christina Black



10MI
Joel Bramall



10MI
Matthew Broman



10LA
Jeremy Bryant



10MI
Jesse Cadle-Middlemiss



10MI
Katy Cassidy



10LA
Christopher Cook



10MI
Michael Cook



TMTE
Raniera Coxhead



TMTE
Tuterere Daniel-Maitoa



TMTE
Julius Daniels Mata



10MI
Reuben Dixon



10MI
Natasha Finlayson



10MI
Aaron Gott



10MI
Jason Harris



10LA
Cherish Heke



10LA
Luke Hutcheson



10LA
Jesse Hutchings



TMTE
Danny John



TMTE
Kingi Jubilee Reu



10LA
Rebekah Kaora



TRHO
Yukon Kemp



TRHO
AXL Kingi



TRHO
Aimee Lawry



TMTE
Gideon Letoga



10MI
Haraina Mani



10MI
Renee Manson



10LA
Theophita Matangi



10MI
Damien Matthews



10LA
Paul-Lee Mclean



TRHO
Bobbie Mohi



10LA
Kauvai Monga



10MI
Keretina Mutu



TMTE
Mikimiki Ngata



TMTE
Ngaire Ngata



10MI
Sheeage O'Keefee



10MI
Zivanna Ormsby



10LA
Kyle Orr



10LA
Chris_Ame Patena



TMTE
Junior Pepe



10LA
Desmond Phillips



10LA
Daemon Placid



10MI
Issac Price



TRHO
Darryan Ratima



10LA
Nikitta Reid



10LA
Steven Ryan



10MI
Dale Seari



TRHO
Moih Selwyn



TMTE
Mairaro Shepherd



10LA
Troy Smith-Holley



TMTE
Tatyana Stowers



TMTE
Rayna Takiri



TMTE
Teraara Tanigmataiti



10LA
Cyril Taranaki



TMTE
Isabella Tau



TMTE
Ashley Tauroa



TMTE
Heath Taylor



10La
Aiden Te Kanawa



10LA
Ivan Te Kanawa



10LA
Ela Tekotia



TMTE
Marco Televano



10MI
Tane Thompson



10LA
Phillip Towler



10MI
Cody Trainor



10LA
Bradley Tremain



TMTE
Aro'a Turia



10MI
Camelia Uerata



TMTE
Opeta Utanga



TMTE
Manuia Vaevae



10MI
Dalaney Vartiainen



TRHO
Manunui-a Wana



10MI
Kumeroa White

Year 11



10MI
Whetu White



TRHO
Henry Wilson



TMMU
Nicholas Arioka



TRPA
Tyla Barton



TRPA
Clay Brown



11PH
Russell Brunton



TMMU
Chantelle Cassidy



11LI
Nathan Chapman



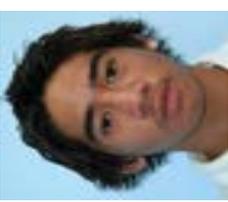
11PH
Joshua Cook



TMMU
Kelvin Cooper



TRPA
Atai Daniels-Tane



TRPA
Tyson Davies



11LI
Eden Dixon



11PH
Bryce Domaschenz



11PH
Ross Gardiner



11PH
Jackson Gavet



TRPA
Jarrod Haare



TRPA
Patu Hare



11PH
Sahara Hartmann



11LI
Theresa Hemming



TRPA
Hayden Hodge



TMMU
James Horn



11LI
Lisa Horn



TRPA
Jacobs Jones



TRPA
Kenneth Jones



TRPA
Izick Kingi Rawiri



11LI
Emily-Rose Lawry



TMMU
Siusega Letoga



TRPA
Trane'e Mahu



TMTA
Renee Manu



TMMU
Benjamin Mapstone



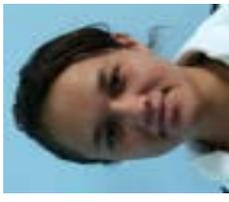
TRPA
Ashley McGregor



TMTA
Macheline Meti



TMMU
Molly Mitchell



TMTA
Sarah Mitchell



TMMU
Tiana Ngata



11LI
Jessica O'Keeffe



11PH
Joseph Paul-Vavia



TRPA
Eve Peni



11PH
David Phillips



TRPA
Tobias Phillips



TMMU
Aydan Poko



11PH
Samantha Pollard



TRPA
Matiu Pukeroa



TRPA
Stacie-Rae Rangituitia



TRPA
Trinyshta Ratai



TRPA
Michael Ratima



11LI
Gabrielle Reid



11LI
Destiny Rewiri



TMMU
Alana Rikiau



TMMU
Graham Sheck



11LI
Hamish Small



11LI
Hayden Smith



11PH
Glen Spearpoint



TMMU
Osooso Stowers



TMMU
Krystle Tangimataiti



TMMU
Mathew Tautari



11PH
Christopher Teague



TMMU



TMMU
John Tekotia



11PH
Jesse Thrupp



TRPA
Michael Tioriori



TMMU
Ethan Tito



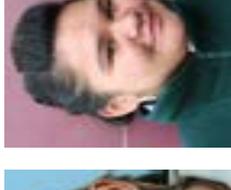
TMMU
Charlie Tuakura



TRPA
Johnny Tupu-Ngahere



TMMU
Alaya



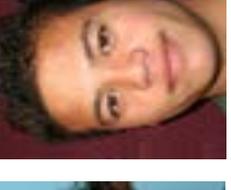
TMMU
Jessie Turia



TRPA
Alica Uerata



11PH
Brandon Volker



TRPA
Mathew Wells



12ZH



TMMU
John Wilson



TRPA
Tereza Wilson



TMUT



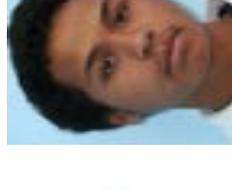
TRBK
Jasmine Uerata



TMUT
Anthony Utanga



TRBK
Jarrod Vavia



TRPA
Jarvis Wilson



12ZH
Tony Wu



12ZH
Menante Appel



12ZH
Mathew Beazley



TMUT
Brandee Bell



12OL
Emma Black



12ZH
Clayton Browning



12OL
Ayla Carter



12OL
Declan Clarke



12ZH
Jordan Cowan



TMUT
Savea Daniel-Mai

Year 12



12ZH
Heamo Dehar



TMUT
Ruth Letoga



12ZH
Deearna Dewhurst



12OL
Georgia Lunam



12OL
Brogan Domaszcz



TMUT
Fremin Mackintosh



TRBK
Cherl Filer



TMUT
Andrew Marama-Lyon



TMTA
Wireless Ford



TMUT
Shontel Marriner



TMUT
Jusurae Hosking



12ZH
Steven McClintock



12ZH
Samantha Hutchings



TMUT
Yannis Mea



TMUT
Damian John



12OL
Daniel Meredith



TMUT
Tekura Jubilee



TMUT
Ebony Metuakore



TMUT
Ben Letoga



TRBK
Ford Moeke



TMUT
Hale Momoemausu



12ZH
Flynt Needham



12OL
Zak Newton



TRBK
Patricia Ngatai



TMUT
Anaru Nikora



12ZH
Angelica Old



12ZH
Coral Olsen



12ZH
Serena Olsen



TMUT
Tyson Petero



TMUT
Martin Piccinini



TRBK
Haui Pokaitara



TRBK
Shardei Pukeroa



TRBK
Teagan Rangituitia



TMUT
Bethany Ratu



12OL
Soraya Reid



12OL
Renay Rikiau



12OL
Kurt Russel



12ZH
Claudia Russell



12ZH
Kenneth Samson



12ZH
Cory Scott



TMUT
Nelson Sheck



12OL
Joshua Smith-Holley



TMUT
Anton Taikoko



TMUT
Ruama Tangimama



TMTA
Travis Tautari



TRBK
Katarina Te Whati



TRBK
Teisha Te Whati



TMTA
Merioi Tearetoa



TMTA
Peter Teaukura



TRBK
Brendan Tekanawa

CLASS OF 08

MR



Patoa



Julie



Aroha



Angela



Bree



Sam



Thomas



Charles



Ella



Lachoneous



Tim



Elvira



Rhys



Aleesha



Carl



Aue



Alex



Tania



Ezra



Nicola



Tamalisi



Jo



Kris



Daina



Jim



Celia



Ngarimu



TJ



Kasper



Jesse



Ben



Symon



Aidan



Ioritana



Vinnie



Manpreet



Caroline



Pania



Paul



Louise



Chayden



Arthur



Bernadette



THE SURVIVORS

Aidan Hawera Mean Maori"
Aleesha Dean "Waiiit im on the phone.....sorry Lindsay..hehe".
Alex Tifo "What! What do you want".
Angela Shaw "And you all thought I was next...Shame"
Aroha Ngata "ow your shout aye g"
Arthur Tere "Cha-Leh".
Aue Tangimataiti "Sweet as bay"
Ben Tuakana "What you lookin at dumb chum".
Bernadette Kerr "I've seen tapu happen with my own eyes (kia ora Jess)
Bree Newton "Molly Started it".
Chayden Numanga "Mmm...yucky!!
Carl Haa "Carl you are not going to university next year".
Symon Marama-Lyon "Hahaha shame Tim"
Ioritana Tuau "Shall we go Travz G".
Paul Daniels "OH".
T.J Teina "Howwwwwwww".
Chur Mike "Wassupppppp Rhys!!!"
Sam Bartie "League Hard"
Caroline Wu "I'm engaged!!"
Manpreet Kaur "What! I don't know"
Julie Ball "World domination".
Jo Tyson "Raaatchit"
Kris Tyson "Pig Hunter.... PS: Rhys is my idol".
Rhys Sanft "haha I crack myself up!. PS: Kris is my idol".
Thomas Kerr "D.P.R, what can I say ow boy".
Louise Sinclair "Karma's a real disappointment aye Jess..
 yay for seatbelts"
Ezra Takiri "Hi Atai"
Pania Hosking "Open up"
Celia Hosking "Ummm? I don't know, but Jim knows
 the answer? Hehe"
Tania Matua "I'm not here"
Harliz Wharerau "Are you thinking what im
 thinking B1".
Lachoneus Tungane "I think I am B2"
Kasper "Yeasssssssss"
Tamalisi Nair "Can I have a turn".
Patoa Tavai "Next Prime minister"
Daina Charlie "Louise you had a....."
Vinnie Phillips "Did you get wet"
Ngarimu Hapi "Someone spat on me"
Nicola Ratima "We are not leaving till we
 get some!"
Elvisa Robb "iiiiii aaaam beautifuluuu!!"

It is with much regret that I write this last yearly report for a group of students that I have known since 2005. This year's students can be divided into two general groups. Those students who were heavily involved in sport and the others. All of them have been involved in a wide range of activities in our school community, some of which are highlighted below.

As with all Y13 groups, they have once again contributed to the leadership of our school. Bernadette Kerr was the Head girl, Patoa Tavai the Head boy while others became Prefects. Thanks must go to those who picked up the reigns of responsibility and put in their best efforts.

It was awesome to see the enthusiasm and dedication from the large number who turned up to help clean, paint and reorganise the Senior Common Room at the start of the year.

Term Two was a busy time for the students. Some went off to visit the V-8 Student Leaders day in Hamilton. There they met Greg Murphy, interacted with students from other schools and looked over the racing cars.

The school Senior ball was held during the term. This is an event that is always looked forward to every year. It was great to see our students in their "finest", with all having a good time. Arthur Tere was the King of the Ball and Aroha Ngata the Queen of the Ball.

Term two holidays saw Jesse Stol, Louise Sinclair and Bernadette Kerr attend the SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) conference in Wellington. Upon their return they set up the programme for future students at the high school.

Ngarimu Harpi was involved in studies at an intermediate university level where he gained an A+ in the Maori paper entitled - "Te Pihinga". Meanwhile Elvisa Robb focused on her own musical talents by being involved in "Search for the Stars" and writing the original songs.

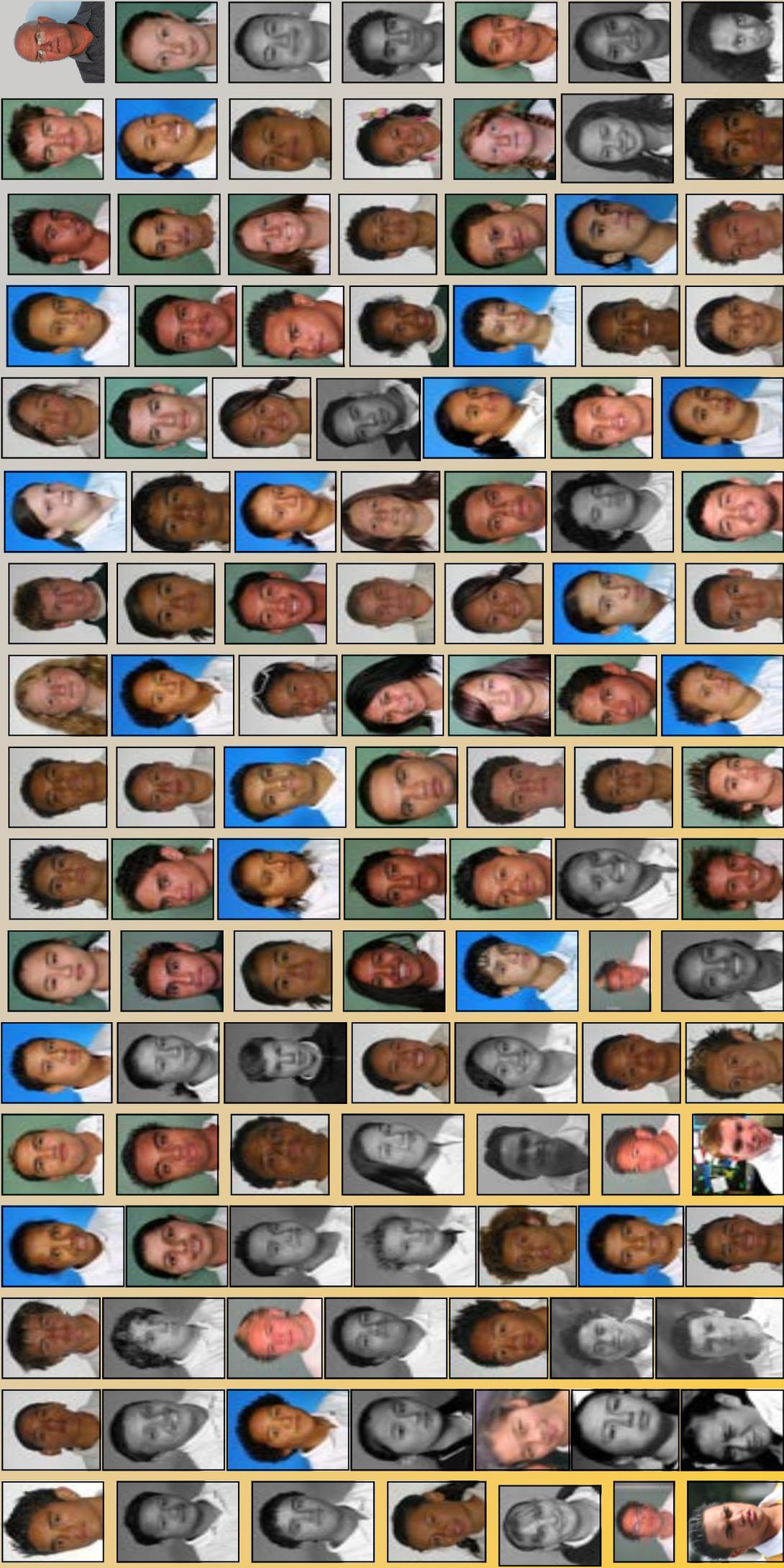
It was the area of sport that also played an important part in the lives of many students who played at many levels including our own High School, the Regions, NZ National teams and even Overseas.

Zane Tetevano joined the Newcastle Knights playing league in the under

Kind regards to you all

Murray Olsen
 Dean 2005 - 2008.





BEFORE LIFE IN YEAR 13



EXTRA-CURRICULAR PRIZEGIVING

Leadership

Head Students:

Head Boy: Patoa Tavai
 Head Girl: Bernadette Kerr
 Deputy Head Boy: Ngarimu Hapi
 Deputy Head Girl: Elvise Robb

School Prefects:

Julie Ball, Ella Catwright, Daina Charlie, Aleesha Dean, Carl Haa, Manpreet Kaur, Cecelia Hosking, Pania Hosking Wikitoo, Symon Marama-Lyon, Tim Sarsfield, Louise Sinclair, Jesse Stol, Jo Tyson, Jim Wilson, Carolyn Wu

School Student Council:

Chair: Patoa Tavai
 Deputy Chair: Andrew Marama-Lyon
 Secretary: Bernadette Kerr
 Treasurer: Ella Catwright

Committee Members: Carl Haa, Ngarimu Hapi, Aroha Ngata, Angelica Old, Meriol Tearetoa, Menante Appel, Osooso Stowers, Melissa Appel, Chris-Arne Patena, Junior Pepe, Christina Black, Peter Letoga, Bianca Ormsby

International and National Honours

GYMNASTICS:

Waikato Bay of Plenty Senior Champs. New Zealand Gymnastic Champs:
 Kurt Russel/Liam Russel

GOLF:

Tokoroa Women's Golf Club Champs, Bay of Plenty Women's Team, New Zealand u23 and u19 Tournaments:
 Chantelle Cassidy

RUGBY LEAGUE:

New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament Team 2008:
 Vinnie Phillips, Yannis Mea

New Zealand Maori U18 Selection:

Douglas Gage

TOUCH:

NZ Secondary School Training Camp:
 Anthonu Utanga, Savea Daniel Malletoa

Regional Honours

Bay of Plenty Premier Men's Selection:
 Jai Withers

Bay of Plenty U18 Rugby League Team:

Tana Taua, Hariz Wharerau, Vinnie Phillips, Acre Keremete, Ezra Takari, Anthonu Utanga, Savea Daniel Malletoa, Douglas Gage, Paul Daniels, Sam Barrie

Bay of Plenty U16 Rugby League Team:

Yannis Mea, Axl King

Search for the Stars

Singers: Aleesha Dean, Patoa Tavai, Andrew Marama-Lyon
 Lip Sync: Mathew Beazley, Julie Ball, Claudia Russell, Tony Wu, Menante Appel, Melissa Appel, Samantha Hutchings

Puna Vai Ora

For valuable contributions to Puna Vai Ora through 2008
 Meriol Tearetoa, Tekura Jubilee, Dayanna Takiri, Sarah Mitchell, Ruth Letoga, Rayna Takiri

Special Puna Supporters

Ben Tuakana, Mathew Tautari, Chayden Numanga, Yannis Mea, Savea Daniel Malletoa, Tulerere Daniel Malletoa, Osooso Stowers, Patoa Tavai, Arthur Tere, Wireless Ford, Mikimiki Ngata

GIRLS SOCCER

Julie Ball, Menante Appel, Claudia Russel, Melissa Appel, Nikki Reid, Hayley Bason, Samantha Hutchings, Samantha Hanson, Courtney Ross, Molly Mitchell, Devon Morris

CERTIFICATES:

Most Improved Player: Courtney Ross
 Most Sporting Players: Julie Ball
 Most Valuable Player: Hayley Bason

TROPHIES:

Molleman Cup for the Most Improved Soccer Player: Courtney Ross
 THS Sport Trophy for Girls Leading Goal Scorer: Melissa Appel
 THS Student Council Trophy for Contribution to Soccer: Melissa Appel
 THS Trophy Girls Player of the Year: Menante Appel

BOYS SOCCER

Chris Teague, Glen Spearpoint
 Mathew Broman, Mathew Beazley, Dale Searle, Desmond Phillips, David Phillips, Anthony Utanga, Flynn Needham, Aaron Gott, Martin Piccinni, Rhys Sanft, Joshua Smith-Holley, Andrew Marama-Lyon, Symon Marama-Lyon

CERTIFICATES:

Most Improved Player: Martin Piccinni
 Most Sporting Players: Russel Brunton
 Most Valuable Player: Tony Wu
 Player of the Year: Christopher Teague

BOYS CRICKET

Nicholas Aikoa, Sam Barrie, Joel Bramall, Tama Brown, Matthew Broman, Raniera Coxhead, Douglas Gage, Joshua Glass Foster, Aaron Gott, Damien John, Hayden Smith, Joshua Smith-Holley, Glen Spearpoint, Christopher Teague, Tearetoa, Bradley Tremain, Ioritana Tuau

CERTIFICATES:

Most Improved Player: Christopher Teague
 Most Sporting Player: Glen Spearpoint
 Most Valuable Player: Ioritana Tuau
 Player of the Year: Teareoa Teina

NETBALL

Senior A Team:

Angela Shaw, Nicola Ratima, Daina Charlie, Pania Hosking, Whetu White, Ceason Deane, Teegan Rangituitia, Osooso Stowers

Coach: Janita Poko

CERTIFICATES:

Most Improved Player: Whetu White
 Most Sporting Player: Nicola Ratima
 Most Valuable Player: Angela Shaw
 Player of the Year: Angela Shaw

TROPHIES:

Lani Daniel Senior A Trophy for Player of the Year: Angela Shaw
 Maeroa Maea Trophy for the Most Improved Player in the team: Daina Charlie
 L Reid Trophy for the Most Outstanding Player Year 10: Whetu White

Junior A Team:

Sarah Bass, Rebecca Hoani, Johanna Hunia, Leititia Sheek, Mikimiki Ngata, Chris-Arne Patena, Aroa Tuna, Camelia Uerata, Tatiana Stowers

Coach: Donnella Bass

CERTIFICATES:

Most Improved Player: Chris-Arne Patena
 Most Sporting Player: Tatiana Stowers
 Most Valuable Player: Leititia Sheek

TROPHY:

Ngato Reeves Trophy for Most Promising Year 9 Player: Sarah Bass

SUNSHINE:

Kayla Gubb, Osooso Stowers, Elvise Robb, Marina Aerei, Stacie Rangituitia, Patricia Ngatai, Ashley Mcgregor, Brooke Cook Bonnar

Coach: Karen Karuse

CERTIFICATES:

Most Improved Player: Kayla Gubb / Marina Aerei
 Most Sporting Player: Kayla Gubb
 Most Valuable Player: Elvise Robb
 Player of the Year: Osooso Stowers

MOONLIGHT:

Te Kura Jubilee, Bethany Ratu, Ruth Letoga, Coral Olsen, Senena Olsen, Meriol Tearetoa, Kei Lah Teao, Claudia Tuia

Coach: Ms Tarai

CERTIFICATES:

Most Improved Player: Kei Lah Teao
 Most Sporting Player: Coral Olsen
 Most Valuable Player: Serena Olsen
 Player of the Year: Serena Olsen

GET 2 GO STUDENTS

Leetitia Sheek, Sarah Bass, Whetu White, Kumeroa White, Denzli Man, Chanz Ngatai, Jason Harris, Mathew Broman

TOUCH

Boys Touch Team: Coach: **Carle Hakaria** Manager: **Willie Ford**
Ezra Takiri, Tana Tuau, Jai Withers, Charles Marshall, Douglas Gage, Vinnie Phillips, Aidan Hawera, Sam Bartie, Anthony Utanga, Savea Daniel Malletoa, Tyson Petero, Brendan Tekanawa, Daiman John, Tuteretere Daniel Malletoa, Chamz Ngatai

CERTIFICATES:
Most Improved Player: Sam Bartie / Tuteretere Daniel Malletoa
Most Sporting Player: Damian John / Jai Withers
Most Valuable Player: Douglas Gage

TROPHY:
Whittaker Trophy for Highest Achievement and Most Outstanding Touch Player: Anthony Utanga

Girls Touch Team:

Coach: **Lisa McKenzie**
Laeitia Sheck, Chris-Ame Patena, Kayla Taurima, Kumeroa White, Pare Aupouri, Tania Matua, Christina Black, Teegan Rangituti, Te Kura Jubilee, Nicola Ratima, Isabella Tau

CERTIFICATES:
Most Improved Player: Pare Aupouri
Most Sporting Player: Christina Black
Most Valuable Player: Kumeroa White

TROPHIES:
THS Trophy for Girls Most Outstanding Player: Isabella Tau

BASKETBALL

GIRL'S TEAM:

Kei-Lah Teao, Nicola Ratima, Tania Matua
Dean, Casey-Marie Uerata, Rebecca Hoani

CERTIFICATES:
Most Improved Player: Ruama Tangimataiti
Most Sporting Player: Kei-Lah Teao
Most Valuable Player: Tania Matua

TROPHY:
E Winder Cup for the Player with the Most Potential: Ruama Tangimama
Tokoroa Sports World Trophy for Most Outstanding Girls Basketball Player: Nicola Ratima

SENIOR BOYS TEAM:

Coach: **Nooroa Manu**
Carl Haa, Chayden Numanga, Arthur Tere, Aidan Hawera, Hayden Hodge, James Horn, Damien John, Lauchoneus Tungane, Tana Tuau, Nicholas Anikoa

CERTIFICATES:
Most Improved Player: Hayden Hodge/James Horn
Most Sporting Player: Chayden Numanga
Most Valuable Player: Arthur Tere

TROPHY:
J M Watts Cup for the most outstanding Basketball Player: Carl Haa

JUNIOR BOYS TEAM:

Aydan Poko, Marco Tetevano, Jason Simiona Harris, Graham Sheck, Danny John, Darryan Ratima, Daemon Placid, Cody Trainer, Moih Selwyn, Denzil Manu, Michael Ratima, John Wilson

CERTIFICATES:
Most Improved Player: Marco Tetevano
Most Sporting Player: Michael Ratima
Most Valuable Player: Denzil Manu

TROPHY:
Manu 5 Trophy for the Most Outstanding Junior Boy Basketball Player: Daemon Placid

RUGBY

UNDER 15's

Coach: **Jim Horn**
Gideon Letoga, Damon Placid, Aidan Te Kanawa, Graham Sheck, Jason Harris, Cyril Taranaki, Danny John, Manu Wana, Kelvin Cooper, James Horn, Aydan Poko, Marco Tetevano, Axl Kingi, Opeta Utanga, John Wilson, Tuteretere Daniel Malletoa, Hayden Hodge, Ivan Te Kanawa, Chamz Ngatai, Siuseoqa Letoga, Junior Wright, Kingi Jubilee Reu

CERTIFICATES:
Most Improved Player: Aydan Poko
Most Sporting Player: Jason Harris
Surf Rugby Clubs most Valued Player: Opeta Utanga
THS Sport Department Outstanding Player: James Horn
Nibbs Cup for Highest Points: Axl Kingi

UNDER 14's:

Coach: **Nooroa Manu Craig Pollard**
Denzil Manu, George Rikiiau, Lucas Pollard, Reynor Hewitt, Peter Letoga, Reginald Matekahi, Edward Wootton, Keanu Takiri, Gary Simionia Harris, Jacob Daniel, Joseph Manu, Robel Rota, Aidan Te Kanawa, Thomas Thompson, Jamie Wetere

CERTIFICATES:
Most Improved Player: Edward Wootton
Most Sporting Player: George Rikiiau

TROPHY:

THS Trophy for Most Outstanding U14 Player: Denzil Manu
Surf Rugby Most Valued Player: Reginald Matekahi

GIRLS RUGBY TEAM FOREST VIEW COMBINED:

Coaches **Niko Aloa, Paul Barbarrich,**

Bernadette Kerr, Louie Sinclair, Biana Ormsby, Isabella Tau

CERTIFICATES:
Most Improved Player: Bianca Ormsby
Most Sporting Player: Isabella Tau
Most Valuable Player: Bernadette Kerr / Louise Sinclair

TROPHIES:

THS Trophy for Girls Most Outstanding Player of the Year: Isabella Tau
Puke Transport Trophy for Girls Forward of the Year: Bernadette Kerr
Oil Jet Hydraulics Trophy for Girls Back of the Year: Louise Sinclair

RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY LEAGUE:

Coaches: **Nooroa Manu /Alan Utanga**
Ioritana Tuau, Damian John, Thomas Kerr, T.J Teina, Douglas Gage, Vinnie Phillips, Anau Nikora, Lauchoneus Tungane, Paul Daniels, Aidan Hawera, Charles Marshall, Ezra Takiri, Tyson Petero, Acre Keremele, Tama Brown, Jai Withers, Haritz Wharetau, Yannis Mea, Savea Daniel Malletoa, Opeta Utanga, Anthony Utanga, Anton Taikoko, Frenhin Mackintosh, Arthur Tere, Alex Tito

CERTIFICATES:
Most Improved Player: Yannis Mea
Most Sporting Player: Sam Bartie / Thomas Kerr
Most Valuable Player: Ioritana Tuau / Jai Withers

TROPHY:
Ford Trophy for Player of the Year: Vinnie Phillips

GOLF

B Patridge Trophy for Golf Player of the year: Chantelle Cassidy

GYMNASTICS

THS Richard Ferguson Trophy Junior Boys Gymnast of the Year: Liam Russel

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Tokoroa High School New Athletics Records:
 Senior Girls Shot Put: Angela Shaw
 Senior Boys x4 100m Relay: Kowhai House
 Intermediate Boys Triple Jump: Axl Kingi

9.24M
 49.81sec
 9.90M

Waikato Team:

Carl Haa , Joshua Fa'agalu , Savea Daniel Malleatoua , Nicola Ratima

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS:

THS Student Council trophy for Junior Girls Champion
 THS Student Council Trophy for Junior Boys Champion
 G.H.McEwen Cup for Intermediate Girls Champion
 L.H Riley Trophy for Intermediate Boys Champion
 G Wilson Cup for Senior Girls Champion
 L.H Riley Trophy for Senior Boys Champion

Sarah Bass
 Charmz Ngatai
 Nikki Reid
 Jason Harris
 Nicola Ratima
 Aiden Hawera

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

CROSS COUNTRY:
 P. Barrett Trophy for Junior Girls Champion:
 THS Sport Trophy for Junior Boys Champion
 THS Student Council Trophy for Intermediate Girls Champion
 R.W.I.H.A Cup for Intermediate Boys Champion
 McNeil Cup for Senior Girls Champion
 MacMillan Cup for Senior Boys Champion:

Sarah Bass
 Charmz Ngaiti
 Molly Mitchell
 Jason Harris
 Nicola Ratima
 Damien John

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

SWIMMING:
 Junior Girls Champion:
 Ulanga Trophy for Junior Boys Champion:
 THS Student Council Trophy for Intermediate Girls Champion:
 Marana- Lyon Trophy for Intermediate Boys Champion
 G. Francis Cup for Senior Boys Champion:

Bianca Ormsby
 Shady John
 Molly Mitchell
 Travis Tautari
 Symon Marama-Lyon

STUDENT COACH CERTIFICATES

NETBALL:
 Mrs Teokolai Tarai
 Mrs Janita Poko
 Whet White
 Sarah Bass
 Laetitia Sheek
 Whetu White

Gained Umpires- Theory Exam.
 Gained Umpires- Practical Exam.
 Gained umpires -Practical Exam.
 Gained Umpires -Theory Exam.
 Rep. for Tokoroa u15's
 Rep for Tokoroa u15's

LUNCHTIME BADMINTON

CERTIFICATES AND TROPHIES:
 Mutter Trophy for Most Improved Player:
 Mutter Trophy for Most Sporting Player:
 Mutter Trophy for Most Valuable Player:

Teacher in Charge: Irene Mutter

Robel Rola
 Stacey King
 Cassandra France

SUPREME SPORTS AWARDS

Whanau Trophy:

Winner: Kowhai

Te Kahui Whetu for Most Outstanding Athlete:

Winner: Keretina Mutu

Max Kuka Memorial Trophy for Most Outstanding Rugby Player of The Year

Nominees:
 James Horn
 Denizil Manu
 Reginald Matekahi
 Bernadette Kerr

Winner: Bernadette Kerr

THS Trophy for Most Outstanding Achievement In Sport

Nominees:
 Yannis Mea
 Vinnie Phillips
 Douglas Gage
 Chantelle Cassidy
 Kurt Russel

Winner: Chantelle Cassidy

Sports Team of the Year

Nominees:
 Under14 Rugby
 Senior A Netball
 Senior Boy's Touch Team
 1st XIII Rugby League Team
 Junior A Netball Team

Winners: 1st XIII Rugby League Team

Ryan Trophy for Best Contribution to Sport In Attitude and or Participation:

Nominees:
 Angela Shaw
 Bernadette Kerr
 Louise Sinclair
 Anthony Utanga
 Carl Haa

Winner: Angela Shaw

Cowley and Morrissey Trophy for All-Round Sportswoman of the Year:

Nominees:
 Nicola Ratima

Winner: Nicola Ratima

Newbrook Trophy For All-Round Sportsman Of The Year:

Nominees:
 Aiden Hawera
 Symon Marama_Lyon
 Arthur Tere
 Danian John
 Carl Haa

Winner: Arthur Tere



SENIOR PRIZE GIVING SUBJECT AWARDS

YEAR 11

STUDENT	SUBJECT	STUDENT	SUBJECT	STUDENT	SUBJECT
Renee Manu	Art	Sarah Mitchell	Cook Island Maori	Siusega Letoga	Music, Music Performance
Christopher Teague	Business Studies	Tobias Phillips	1 st Equal Mathematics – NCEA	Stacie-Rae Rangititua	Physical Education
Kei-lah Teao	History	Alaya Turia	Japanese	Hayden Hodge	Te Reo
Tyla Barton	Electronics	Mathew Tautari	Mathematics with Application (MAA)	Teresa Hemming	Te Kahui Whetu Achievement Award
Alana Rikiāu	Fabrics - Mitchell Cup for Best Practical Work in Technology	Sahara Hartman	Food and Nutrition	Lisa Horn	1 st Equal Mathematics – NCEA, Life Essentials, Biology Science
Jesse Thrupp	Geography, English, Graphics, Information Management	Osooso Stowers	Tokoroa Chamber of Commerce Cup for the best commerce student who has succeeded in two or more subjects	James Horn	Student Council Cup for effort and involvement across all subjects and has not gained a first place in any subject

YEAR 12

STUDENT	SUBJECT	AWARD	STUDENT	SUBJECT	AWARD
Soraya Reid	Electronics	Waikato Graduate Charitable Trust	Tyson Petero	J Plessius Cup for the most improved Student for Y12 Computing	Tokoroa Men's and Boyswear
Jasmine Uerata	Art	Impact Photographic Voucher	Flynt Needham	Ngapo Cup for Y12 Oratory	Tokoroa Host Lions Club
Coral Olsen	Biology, Physical Education	Rural Women NZ Trophy	Teagan Rangititua	Computing	Raukawa FM
Jordan Cowan	Hard Materials- Y11, Chemistry	Barry Preece Glass Trophy	Hearno Dehar	Te Reo	Waikato Graduate Charitable Trust
Katarina Te Whaiti	Music	Alan Wilson Building Award	Tekura Jubilee	Cook Island Maori	South Waikato District Council Award
Yannis Mea	Music Performance	Lions Club of Tokoroa	Serena Olsen	History, Geography	Diffy Construction
Wireless Ford	Mathematics with Application 2	John Steven's Electrical Award	Cruise Brown	Technology – Hard Materials	AFS Central Plateau
Julius Daniels Mata	Life Skills	Tokoroa Host Lions Club	Kurt Russel	Sports Academy 2	South Waikato News Trophy, Pete Bins Award, Bryans Plant and Flower Shop Award
Ruth Letoga	Technology – Fabrics	Van Dykes Furniture Award	Claudia Turia	Communication English, National Certificate in Sport Level 2, Food and Nutrition	Tokoroa District Lions Club Award for effort and involvement across all subjects and has not gained a 1 st place in any subject; Trophy
Tony Wu	Travel and Tourism	Lions Club of Tokoroa	Menante Appel	Tokoroa District Lions Club Award for effort and involvement across all subjects and has not gained a 1 st place in any subject; Trophy	Tokoroa Host Lions Club
Andrew Marama-Lyon	Mathematics – NCEA	BNZ Cup and Award			
	English, Physics, Graphics Y13				
	Excellence performance in Science by a Student of Cook Island Descent				

YEAR 13

STUDENT	SUBJECT	AWARD	STUDENT	SUBJECT	AWARD
Rhys Sanft	Computing and Media Design	TACs Technology Award	Aleesha Dean	Computing	Tokoroa Host Lions Club
Carl Haa	Technology - Wood	Holster Supply Co.	Elvisa Robb	Music Performance	Tokoroa Host Lions Club
Thomas Kerr	Communication English	Lions Club of Tokoroa District	Louise Sinclair	Geography	Tokoroa Host Lions Club
Carolyn Wu	Mathematics with Calculus	Milne Cup for Mathematics	Manpreet Kaur	Tourism, Accounting, Economics	National Bank Award
Tim Sarsfield	Japanese	National Bank of New Zealand	Tamalishi Nair	Te Kahui Whetu award for Perseverance, Patience and Persistence	Lions Club of Tokoroa District
	English, History, Music	English Trophy			Footes Carpet and Upholstery Centre
	South Waikato District Council	South Waikato District Council			
Ngarimu Hapi	Te Reo	Raukawa Trust Board Award	Angela Shaw	National Certificate in Sport L2, Physical Education	Tokoroa Locksmith
Symon Marama-Lyon	The Jaycee Cup for Senior Oratory		Julie Ball	Sports Academy 3	South Waikato District Council Award
Jim Wilson	Student Council Cup for effort and involvement across all subjects and has not gained a 1 st place in any subject in Y13			Double Happy Cup for Top Achievement other than Dux or Proxime Accessit	
	Best all round academic performance by a Senior Pacific Island student			MAEA Cup for academic excellence by a Cook Island Student and the Tere Mana Ariki Tangoroa Memorial Trophy, Maths Trophy, Biology Trophy	
	Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics with Calculus, Physics				

SPECIAL AWARDS (YEARS 11, 12, 13)

CARTER HOLT HARVEY BOOK AWARDS FOR YEAR 11, 12, 13 STUDENTS FOR DILIGENCE AND/OR SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

Deyanna Takuirī	Coral Olsen	Tony Wu	Sarah Mitchell	Tobias Phillips	Osooso Stowers	Teisha Te Whaiti	Claudia Russell
Kenneth Jones	Meriol Tearetoa	Serena Olsen	Jacob Jones	Flynt Needham	Menante Appel	Jarvis Wilson	

STUDENT	FOR	AWARD	STUDENT	FOR	AWARD
James Horn	THS Trophy for Special Achievement in Y11	THS Trophy	Elvisa Robb	Communication and Cooperation Y13	Radio Forestland Classic Hits Award
Deeama Dewhurst	Services to the Library	Footes Carpet and Upholstery Centre	Meriol Tearetoa	Cultural	Contribution to Puna Vai Ora
Tim Sarsfield	Music	The Lawry Brothers Cup for Outstanding all round contribution to Music	Andrew Marama - Lyon	Communication and Co-operation	Radio Forestland – Classic Hits Award
Cecilia Hosking	Communication and Cooperation Y13	Radio Forestland Classic Hits Award	Patu Hare	1 st Equal	Nigel Stuart Memorial Trophy for Contribution to Puna Vai Ora
Louise Sindair	Contribution to Te Manava	Contribution to Puna Vai Ora and the Staver Memorial Trophy for contribution to Te Manava.	Teisha Te Whaiti	Diana and Jim Ryan Family Trophy for integrity and positive role modelling to other students (Joint Award)	
Hale Momoemausu	Diana and Jim Ryan Family Trophy for integrity and positive role modelling to school next year	For a deserving student returning to school next year	Jim Wilson	Churches Trust Scholarship	
Ruth Letoga	Teagan Rangitūtia	Soraya Reid	Patua Tavai	Head Boy	Kelly Cup
Bernadette Kerr	Tekura Jubilee			Contribution to the School Community	
	Head Girl				
	Outstanding Contribution to the School Community	Student Council Cup for Most Dedicated Councillor			



DUX

Jim Wilson

DC Lane Trophy

Dux Medal

Tokoroa Club - EW Evans Memorial Scholarship



PROXIME ACCESSIT

Tim Sarsfield

RSA Cup

Proxime Accessit Medal

Geoff Burridge Memorial/ City Lions Scholarship

2008 DUX and PROXIME ACCESSIT



“Island Spirit” by Peter Letoga
Editor: Robin Miller