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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

Tena Koutou Katoa, Kia orana, Talofa Lava

I have been asked to write from the heart as this is my final article for Te Tahi. This is probably the most difficult task I have had to face this year, as we tear out our roots from this place. Yes, it is this "place" but most of all it is you the people.

Over the years in the ups and downs there has been a focus on two things. These things have kept us going through the good and the bad times.

One is a belief that God is ultimately in control so that if we can just hold on we will win through. If we work hard and keep planting, the seeds will grow. The harvest will come. The concept of "develop" is best understood by the opposite word. That word is to "envelop". That is to surround and close off. A seed is "enveloped" by the outer shell. "Develop" then is like a seed when the outer shell is removed and the life springs free and grows.

The second belief is also unshakable. It is a belief in the quality of our people. The people in this place have developed. The potential, the life, the quality has and always will always be there. We as teachers have the role of breaking through the outer shell. Our aim is to remove the barriers to young people achieving, and releasing that life, energy quality much like a spring. The quality, life, and energy of Tokoroa as young people, and as a community has always been there. What we have seen is the release of that in the last few years. So like the plant that grows from a seed, it can not be pushed back. Our young people, school and teachers are like that they have reached "lift off".

What happens now who knows? I believe much greater things will be achieved by our people and our school. I look forward to hearing of your achievements.

In the last seven years our school has become the school of choice for many families in the South Waikato and our students have high quality academic, sporting and cultural outcomes.

- **Academically** our students have the best average outcome, over the last three years, of any of the South Waikato Schools. This is in independent statistics from NZQA and the ministry.
- **In sports** our young people have been successful locally nationally and regionally just read the detail in this magazine.
- **Culturally**, Te Rito and Te Manava have been established and our young people are consistent winners of regional and national events. The school's reputation is well known.

Thank you students, community and teachers because our school has a consistent positive regional and national profile.

In terms of property, governance and personnel

- Around 2.5 million has been spent on **property improvements**. Thank you to the Ministry of Education, Our Board of Trustees and community
- Our Board of Trustees members serve both locally and regionally. Thank you to the Board and community who **serve voluntarily** giving their time. We particularly want to thank the Chair of our Board of Trustees, Graeme Dewhurst who gives us his "days off" (equivalent to his weekends) so our people can grow.
- Our staff and senior management are known regionally and nationally as an **effective, committed team** with a focus on student learning. They make a difference. Our people serve, go the extra mile and "give without counting the cost." Thank you.

So that is the factual descriptive part. But the real joy, are the issues of the heart. We have a fantastic staff. We have amazing student community. We have a wonderful parent community. Our people have gone well past what we believed was possible even three years ago.

I am thankful to God for His blessing and favour. I look to God and pray for wisdom, strength and perseverance for us all. I believe that as we serve each other and God we make a difference, we have fulfilment and we have joy.

Farewell to you all. In my mind I know I will survive leaving this place and moving North, but in my heart I leave so much of who I am with you. I am not sure I will ever be the same again. The words do not actually match in any way what I feel.

It has been a joy to serve you in senior management over the last 15 years. I wish you all success and accomplishment for your futures. Blessings to you all.

Arohanui,

Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Hui, Hui mai Katoa

Elgin Edwards
Your friend and Principal



FROM THE BOARDROOM

From Where I Sit

***"Our School is more than just buildings
and fields surrounded by a fence."***

We need to celebrate our diversity both in community and achievement. As a school we can stand proud. Our individual student achievement across all fields is right up with the best, truly a result of consistent hard work. As a school community we need to embrace the strong cultural strength and diversity we enjoy.

I would like to take time to thank; Elsabe and Angela in the Office, John the Caretaker plus all our Teacher Aides and support staff, for without them our School would not be what it is.

Our teachers, and senior managers need to be acknowledged for their seemingly endless enthusiasm for our students learning.

It is appropriate here also to thank all members of our Board of Trustees for the time and energy they have put into supporting and governing our School.

Our Principal Elgin Edwards will leave our school at the end of this year. It is through his energy and leadership that our school will be in a position to continue to grow.

For that and much more we thank you Mr. Edwards.

***"Our School is more
than just buildings and fields
surrounded by a fence, it is our people all
of our people!"***

Graeme Dewhurst
Chair – Board of Trustees



CORNER

DEPUTY'S

At this time of any year one gets to the point where one cannot help but to reflect on the events on the past year. This year is the last year of the first decade of what was not too long ago the new millennium and it was a very good year for Tokoroa High School.

Our students started the year well with the Puna Vai Ora students bringing not one but two major trophies to our school. Once again one of our students was the winner of the Tainui Manu Korero competition. Our sports teams had success and built an excellent foundation for future teams and we saw the return of hockey to our school. This makes it a very good year. Further on the aforementioned academically we had a very good year as well. The ERO visit came out with the best report we had in years. All points towards only one thing and that is that it is going well and we can consider ourselves blessed.

Our students have a very good grasp of the Key Competencies, which form a major part of the New Zealand curriculum. Experts in the employment relations industry consider these competencies as vital skills a person should have. Parents can thus feel very good about their young persons' skill levels for future employment. More and more of our students go on to tertiary education. This all points to the fact that the last year of this decade was a very good year.

This year is also the year in which our principal will end his tenure at our school. We trust that he will be as successful at the Bay of Islands College as he has been at Tokoroa High School. We wish him all of the very best and trust that we at Tokoroa High School will carry on to deliver quality education and go forward looking with enthusiasm at new developments at our school.

Butch Rothman
Deputy Principal (Pastoral)

I find it hard to believe that another year has passed and it is time for me to write this column. Doesn't time fly when we are having fun?

It has been great to see so many of you respond positively to the excellent opportunities provided by our school and take pride in what you achieved. Thank you for your help as peer mentors, mediators, breakfast club organizers, and as willing organizers of events like the socials, 40 hour famine and the Ball – well done!

Congratulations to all of you who have achieved well this year whether academically, culturally or in the sporting field. To succeed in any area one must put in extra effort so well done – I hope that you were happy with where you got to and if not then you must set new goals for next year.

Next year will be a challenge for all of us who are returning in that we will have a new Principal at our helm. This will be an exciting time for our school and I would like to wish our current Principal, Mr Edwards, all the best as he leaves us and heads north to take up the Principalship of Bay of Islands College. They are lucky to have him as their new leader. Thank you Mr Edwards for all you have done for our school. You are leaving us in good heart. To all of us staying at Tokoroa High School we need to embrace our new leader and any changes that come with him/her. We need to look forward to this change as we move into the new year together.

To the seniors who are leaving I say - set yourself goals and work towards them, take all opportunities that are offered to you. I like this quote from Mark Twain as it is so pertinent to all of us!

***'In 20 years from now, you will be more
disappointed by the things
you didn't do than by the things you did.
So throw off the bowlines.
Sail away from the safe harbour.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.***

Explore, Dream, Discover!'

To all students who are returning – have a super holiday. I look forward to seeing you return to meet the new challenges and changes that will greet us next year.

Margot Crate



HEAD GIRL

Commitment!

Integrity!

Results!

The three words above form the motto I adhered to from the beginning until the end of my year of being Head Girl. It was an awesome experience but it definitely took a lot out of me. I stayed confident though when it came to doing whatever I could for my school and the students. Being Head Girl kept me busy in a really good way. I was grateful to have good companions: Teagan (Deputy Head Girl), Andrew (Head Boy) and Josh (Deputy Head Boy). We were there for each other when things got difficult and full-on, and we worked it out together, along with prayer. It was great!

For all those students who become stressed and who worry when it comes to finishing schoolwork or exams, even just by doing something out of their own comfort zone, here is a quote for you to remember. It is one that keeps me motivated and positive:

'Courage doesn't eliminate anxiety, it rises above it!'

What you must remember is doing always comes before the feeling of increased confidence. Each time you confront your anxieties you take a step forward. When you allow anxiety to control you, you retreat into your 'safe zone' and start seeing yourself as somebody who can't handle life and no one wants to feel like that. So just get out there and **DO IT!!** Whatever it might be. Even if it's just turning up to class on time; or studying that little bit extra so it feels like you are taking that step closer to your success in the future. I know everybody has the ability, so just get off your lazy gluteus maximus (behind) right now!

Getting out of my comfort zone was the real challenge for my last year of high school... but I surprised myself when I just went for it!! By getting involved in as many activities as I could, including being Head Girl for Tokoroa High School, my last year has been fantastic and a year I won't forget in a hurry. It was a big confidence boost for me. I loved every moment of it!

"Do not be anxious about anything" Philipians 4:6

*Meanante Appel
Head Girl 2009*



For years, leaders world wide have left legacies.

Legacies of hope, pride, and sometimes evil.

**But today I wish to speak about a
different kind of legacy,**

MY LEGACY.

The best example of leadership, is leadership by example.

Andrew Marama-Lyon, head boy 2009.

WHO AM I?

WHAT AM I?

AND WHAT DO I STAND FOR?

Being head boy of Tokoroa high school has been a privilege and I have had the chance to lift the profile of Tokoroa High School. There's something special about putting on the badge which empowers you with a sense of responsibility and pride. What an intense year! I loved every part of it, events, thoughts, times of uniform on hot days, gate duties, and assemblies when we have to sit on stage, this year was everything I expected it to be. This job was made a lot easier with the help of my fellow head students and I thank you all for your help and support.

Now to my loyal followers, class of 09. We have been together for 5 years now and what a ride it has been. We came through the gates of Noa as immature divided individuals, and now it is our time to leave these grounds and head into the reality as a solidified unit. From the court touch players, to the soccer field guys, to the girls in the class rooms, we all are a product of Tokoroa High. We will always be connected in the circle of life!

One reason I decided to go for the position of head boy was to help prove to others that anyone could do it, and to inspire people in my school and community to make the most out of the opportunities out there and to live life to the full. Remember, one day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching. We must remember that 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.

That's my legacy, now it's time for you to create your own.

HEAD BOY

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL



No longer am I that snout nosed kid who roamed the school. No longer am I that third former, or, turd, who disliked getting involved in good things. No longer am I that small fish in a big pond, but the Deputy Head Girl (DHG) for Tokoroa High School. I'm telling you, being DHG was a mission!!!

Well, technically, it was a privilege more than a mission. As Elvira, our last years DHG said,

"Deputy Head Girl..."

It's not just a title...It's a responsibility..."

And for me, it was a huge step.

Once upon a time I was a shy, big, and mean person who did not fit in well. I used to hide away from others and speak only to those I knew. During my time here, from third form to now, I have changed. I have changed even further to fit into my new role of DHG. This role made me more open to those who seek my help. It made me more respectful towards those who deserved respect. Also, it made me more confident to be who I want to be, which is...me.

I might not be a brainyack, a hippy-happy type of girl, or a grumpy old hag, but a mixture of them all. I act sensibly and maturely to suit my peers and adults, but then, I can act immaturely and be fun to suit those who are younger and want an older person to have fun with. I even take care of those who look up to me and need a person to talk to. With my experience at Stars Camp, working with the third formers was a toughy, but I survived and gained a lot of friendship from them all. Not only that, it made them more comfortable to be around me and enjoy being with me.

Working with teachers and peers, I found it quite hard to handle, due to the fact that I thought I did not have what it takes. But I was wrong. So very wrong. With the help and support from my friends and family, I became more confident and comfortable to speak my mind. Working on the Ball Committee, the Student Council, being Peer Mentor, and Senior Librarian, my leadership roll and confidence increased.

To Andrew. We may have our ups and downs, but we always know what we're on about. No matter where we are we always find each other and manage to argue over something then laugh about it at the end. To Menante. No matter how far apart we are I can never forget you. Remember, you were the one I did not like in maths but now, look at where we are. To Josh. It has been a privilege working along side with you as a Deputy, and remember, Deputies rule. To you all, I would like to say, it has been an honour to work along side with you. To all my year thirteen peers. Thank you for giving me the best time of my life at Tokoroa High School. If I could survive you from third form to now...I can survive the future. To those who want to achieve highly I leave you now with a message.

Whaia e koe ki te iti kahurangi; ki te tuohu koe, me maunga teitei

**Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head,
let it be to a lofty mountain.**

*Kia Ora
Teagan-Jade Rangitutia*

DEPUTY HEAD BOY



My ambition to be a student leader all started in year 11 when Andrew Marama-Lyon and I decided that we were going to be the head students for 2009. From that day I have strived to be the best in everything I do. Of course this has been a challenge for me and I haven't always come out on top. I have enjoyed working with great individuals such as Andrew M-L,

Menante A, Teagan R, Tony W and Zak N. But by doing so I am now the Deputy Head Boy for 2009.

It is definitely an honor to be the DHB for Tokoroa High-School and I would like to tell you that it opens up a lot of opportunities not only just for this year but for the rest of your life. For example the Army Careers Experience camp I went on was life-changing. It showed me inside and out how the military spend their days in Waiouru and what's best of all is now I see things differently than civilians by joining the New Zealand army.

From being the DHB I have learned that you have to be serious but at the same time you have to relax and enjoy yourself because life gets tougher when you are stressed. My advice for people thinking about becoming a head student is, don't hold back. It can't do you any harm to do your best.

I would like to leave you with my favorite quote, "Embrace your dreams and respect your honor as a student of Tokoroa High-School"

Joshua Smith-Holley

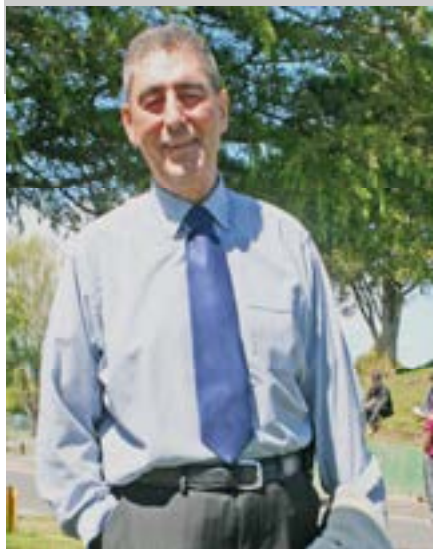


PREFECTS

The prefects of 2009 have tended to be a tight group of students who have carried out their duties in a quiet and low key manner. Early in the year they were issued with their uniforms with the majority of students looking well presented in them.

This year the prefects new "Gate" duty involved keeping an eye on students moving in or out of the school. This was an attempt to give the school a higher profile with the students attending in correct uniform. However with the fall in student numbers and other commitments, it proved impossible to maintain this activity.





Adult Education Programme

It has been another busy and successful year for the school's adult community education (ACE) programme. New additions to the programme were drawing and painting day classes, learn to drum and line dancing. The most popular evening classes this year were Indian cooking, Te Reo, German Language and Pilates. Most popular day classes were English for new immigrants and Cook Island crafts.

Popular courses in pottery, yoga, welding and driving licence were repeated each term and were also well attended. The four South Waikato schools offering adult education programmes received a boost this year through the work of our ACE networker Margaret Crampton-Steer who liaised with many local groups to help identify community needs and new courses.

Unfortunately, due to government funding cuts of 80%, the number and variety of courses offered in 2010 will be drastically reduced. Emphasis will now be placed on courses in literacy, numeracy, ESOL, Te Reo and other languages.

Finally, my thanks to the many wonderful tutors who shared their expertise and enthusiasm with their classes and communities over the many years that ACE programmes have operated in the South Waikato.

Dr Trevor Bentley

Guidance Counseling

2009 has been an extremely busy year in the guidance counselling department dealing with many of the usual student concerns such as relationship issues, bullying, attendance, achievement, family circumstances, dealing with feelings, anger management - all the things that may act as barriers to happiness, learning and achievement.

Also, we have continued to work alongside families, staff and the community in a supportive role.

Highlights of the year have included:

A VISIT BY VIC TAMATI

Vic Tamati is from the "It's Not OK" campaign against violence. Vic spent the time with students from Tokoroa High and Tokoroa Intermediate giving from his heart to get his powerful message across - findings ways to stop violence and resolve problems. Students are still talking about his visit, demonstrating the impact of Vic's message.

PEER MEDIATION

We have a large group of peer mediators in the school, some fully trained, others in training as well as a large group of students interested to begin training in the last term. The peer mediators are available to students in and outside the classroom as well as outside of school. As well as talking with students with problems, they have assisted in school projects providing support for Amisfield students on their visits to our school and helping to run the breakfast club with prospective peer mentors for 2010.

Menante Appel and Claudia Russell are presently working with Carolyn McKenzie, our computer technician, and Brian Reid, one of our senior managers, to move peer mediation into cyberspace for 2010, making it even more available to support our students.

Many thanks to Menante, Claudia, Samantha Hutchings, Soraya Reid, Coral Olsen, Angelica Old, Stacey King, Cassandra France, Molly Mitchell, Devon Morris, Ranginui Paparoa, Junior Pepe, Mathew Broman, Julius Daniels Mata, Aaron Anderton, Gideon Letoga and Isabella Tau for their continuing interest in the welfare of their peers. I look forward to working with them again next year in new and interesting ways.

FOOD FOR KIDS

Earlier in the year, Ms Bates and Ms Evans provided money for a raffle for those staff and students who brought items of food to bolster the food bank kept in the counselling rooms for students who are hungry during the day. This has provided welcome comfort to many students. Thanks for your support.

TEEN PARENT UNIT

We are pleased to be working closely with Ann Vosper from TECOSS, Forestview staff and the Ministry of Education in the establishment of a school for young parents in Tokoroa, which will enable young parents (both male and female) to continue their education whilst also supporting their own families. This is an exciting incentive well overdue in our community. With hard work by all concerned we hope to have the unit up and running early next year. Thanks must go to the organizing committee, which includes a number of young parents themselves.

NURSE'S CLINIC

We are fortunate to have a weekly nurse's clinic at our school on Tuesday mornings to deal with medical concerns run by Ms Maureen Leger, PHN. Thanks Maureen for your aroha, support and medical know-how that is employed to keep our young people well and happy.

COUNSELLING STUDENT

Having Keith Allen working at our school all year, as a counselling student on placement from WINTEC, has been a bonus to our school. As well as providing an opportunity for his learning, his presence has added a male option and an extra pair of ears to our counselling services. I am sure that the soccer team also appreciate his expertise in coaching soccer. Thanks Keith.

All in all, it is a privilege to work with the students, staff and community of Tokoroa High School. It brings great job satisfaction to see the changes taking place in our community. To everyone who has supported me and added value to my work I say thank you and wish you a bright future.

Yvonne Evans
GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR



LIBRARY BLOG

*Words and Music are the tracks of human evolution.
The words are in the books, the music in the laughter of students.*

It has been another busy and successful year in the Tokoroa High School Library.
This year the Library has been a good place to:

catch-up on school work

sink into a good book

socialise

BE WARM

be quiet

PLAY A GAME OF CARDS

be cool

play a game of chess

complete a jigsaw

However, the main function of our Library has been to support student learning. Adolescents entering the adult world in the 21st century will read and write more than at any other time in human history – so, the ability to read is crucial. We are fortunate that our Library is able to provide access to many forms of literacy and ensure that learning is enjoyable. This year we were able to purchase a full set of World Book Encyclopedias - plus the dedicated website. In addition the book stock within the library was increased with many more fiction and non-fiction being purchased.

The wonderful Student Librarians have, as always: issued books! returned books! shelved books! helped other students find books (and websites)! and generally kept everyone focused and well-behaved! And kept the plants alive!!

Special thanks to Teagan Rangitua – our Head Librarian, her assistance has been invaluable. Special thanks also to Serena Olsen and Angelica Old who, along with Teagan, helped prepare flyers, advised on suitable books to purchase and were always ready with a joke! I enjoyed your company, thank you for keeping me sane! I wish you all the best for the years ahead.

Thanks also to all our other librarians who provided inspiration and help when it was most needed: Stacey King, Hannah Dewhurst, Courtney Ross, Cassandra France, Grace-Marie Clarke, Tamara Thorn, Tyler Metu-Tana, Matthew Short, Colin King, Jerreau Tonge, Hitro Ale, Jacob TeMoananui-Placid, Molly Mitchell, Heath Taylor.



So many good books, so little time!

We look forward to 2010.

**Laura Henderson
Library Manager**



TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI

Tauke means - awesome!

Tumeke means – too much.

But what does Korero Maori mean?

Fellow students of Tokoroa High School learnt, spoke and promoted Te Reo Maori last week. Students organised some school wide initiatives to focus on Te Reo Maori week. Many students helped deck out classrooms with a pimp the room competition among the teachers.

The relabeling of classes and ablution blocks were also done, to raise awareness. Congratulations to all the students and staff who went that extra mile and really helped promote Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori.



Other factors that contributed to this huge success was the invitation for our students to participate in Te Reo Maori week down at the South Waikato Library. As a result, Te Rito students were seen on prime time TV with breakfast host Tamati Coffee singing and doing haka, and more importantly raising awareness of the Reo. Another highlight, was hearing from our AFS student from Spain speak the Reo.



Thanks to Carolyn Mckenzie, we were also fortunate to have a Maori webpage that was used to promote the language. Just fantastic!

Results from our in school korero Maori competitions:

Students: Nicky Beneria and Matthew Broman.

Staff: Rose Phillips, Elzabe Appel, Mr Ford, Carolyn Mckenzie, Jenny Hainsworth.

Korero Maori!

Student Council

Our council team this year was extremely big and was very enthusiastic about organising events for the school. We organised some pretty awesome and successful mufti days' with themes like sports idols, wearing red for the heart foundation, wearing yellow for Daffodil Day, crazy hair day, wearing bandanas for teenage cancer and many more.

Along with the mufti day's, we also organised a little giggle this year for Valentines' Day again. The Valentines' Balloons were great for the secret admirers at our school. We like to get the students involved in special days of the year, and so we supported young love out there too.

Our socials were off the hook! Everyone loved to get into theme and have fun with their friends at the dance party. We were happy that we didn't have any trouble throughout the nights; everyone came to enjoy themselves and loved the music selection.

We were a very generous council; we gave where we could when students or foundations asked for support. I recommend everyone should at least be in the council for a year; it's a very good experience. Thanks to all my fellow councillors for a great year and good luck to the council for next year.



2 souls almost 1,
in the fading light of dusk,
heed the call of
approaching night.

Nothing more than animals,
carnal desires rife,
almost visible in the
moonlight.

Onlookers watch silently,
an unspoken agreement
nothing really needs
to be said.

Waves of colour dance
beneath the hot
summer moon,
signals 2 souls unite.

Bright neon carnival lights
swim in and out of focus,
memories of
conscious thought.

Sand, warm to touch
makes to numb the feeling,
helps bring you
back down to earth.

People and places
never remain,
madness resides
in memory

Memories of Conscious Thought

RAUKAWA MAORI LANGUAGE AWARDS

**REVITALISE
THE
LANGUAGE -
where,
why
and for
whom?**

On the Saturday 26th September 2009, Te Rito attended the Raukawa Maori Language Awards at the Te Wananga o Aotearoa Campus in Tokoroa. Tokoroa High School - Te Rito were fortunate to have made the finals in two categories, the education long term award as well as the Maori Language week category. This is the first year that we have been in this award and so to have made the finals was just great. Our kura spent a lot of time on our entry and the work presented was truly indicative of the time and energy spent on maximising and supporting Maori language initiatives.

In Maori language week, Te Rito promoted the use of Maori Waiata at staff functions, Hui and staff meetings. Student workshops, wananga, noho marae, kapa haka, and walks in the community to raise awareness that the Maori language is a vital part of our history and heritage.

The Maori language awards was a prestigious night that recognised the efforts of all those who supported the Maori Language. It was great to see deserving students receive trophies and awards for their contributions towards the Maori community, the workplace, and education sectors. For those Te Rito students and staff in attendance this was a great eye opener and it really gave us the incentive to continue our efforts next year. Our students really did look great in our

new dress blazers and they represented the school and Te Rito to the very best of their ability. Congratulations to the Raukawa Trust Board and reo department for excelling and providing our students with a great opportunity.

Te Roopu o Te Rito: Mana, Justus, Kardas, Tussy, Alecia, Te Aonui, Jasmine & Matua Ngapo, Ms Mckenzie.





Moro Moro. Olen Caitlin ja olen Suomessa kymmenen kuukautta. Ennen lähdisin en voinut puhua suomea. Nyt puhun! On hieno olo ja mahtava saavutus. To translate; Hi. My name is Caitlin and I was in Finland for ten months. Before I left, I couldn't speak Finnish. Now I can! It is a great feeling to speak Finnish and a great achievement.

Travelling half way across the world isn't easy, especially in a completely foreign country. I remember my first day clearly. Smelly (from 30 hours travelling), excited – yet so tired – and so completely lost. I thought the flight was the most difficult thing to get over... Boy was I in for a toughie!

I got to Finland during the end of Summer, it was so nice. Warm weather, green grass and sun. People warned me about the dark and the cold, and I thought "what is everyone talking about?" Then November hit me. Scandinavian weather was harsh, yet the most amazing thing I have ever experienced. Imagine waking up, looking outside at eight in the morning, and it is pitch black with a metre of snow. Well I had this experience for about two months. Many days were spent waking up and wanting that extra five minutes in bed, not wanting to walk out into the brutal coldness that dropped down to -10, waiting for me outside, just mocking me. I still managed to make it outside. I would walk to the bus stop at 9am, still dark, thinking about the amount of time Finland is in the dark, and how insane it is. The sun usually rises about 10am but then sets at 3pm. The only light I saw was when I was in school.

School was different to NZ schools. My first day of school was hard. I remember being the new one. The alien. Everyone staring and talking. Finnish people are quite shy, so my expectations of people talking to me were shortly lived. It took me quite a while to make friends, but I got there in the end. The schools were like the ones you see on T.V. The big building with flights of stairs, leading to different floors, unlike NZ schools with separate buildings. Everyday we got free hot lunches. The food varied from soups to pasta to casseroles. Some days it was good but some days it was awful. I took a lot of different subjects. Psychology, Art, Music, Social Studies, English, German etc. The classes would be about 75 minutes. A regular day for me would go from 10 am to 2 pm. This wasn't long because I only chose 4 classes per period.

One big AFS trip we had was the Lapland trip. Lapland is the northern part of Finland which is past the Arctic Circle line. In Lapland it was very different to the Southern parts, where I lived. In the winter it is colder and it was dark all of the time and in the summer it was sunny all the time. The Lapland trip was one of the best trips I had there. There were about 80 students which was almost hard to handle for the people keeping us in line. I did a lot of new and different things in Lapland. I went ice hole fishing, snowboarding, I ate reindeer (poor Rudolph), I rode reindeer on a sleigh and the craziest thing, I jumped in the lake after Sauna while the

water was 2°Celsius and the air was -25°Celsius. This may seem crazy to us, but it is completely normal for them.

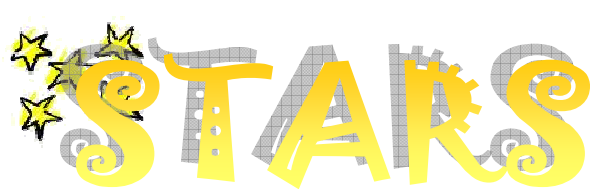
After months and months of waiting for summer (well at least the start of summer) it came. I remember saying to my friend "its 5 degrees, its quite warm today" once I said this, I knew I had been in Finland too long. On the 1st of May, there is a huge celebration called Vappu. This is a week long celebration for the university students, which is basically just a week long party and

a massive hangover once its all over. Just like the winter with the "all day" darkness, the summer was sunny literally all day. I remember at 3:30am, I would wake up and it would be sunny like it was midday.

So my exchange was coming to an end. I left my second life, saying goodbye to friends, family and of course Finland. The day I left Finland, felt like the day my life ended. Coming back to New Zealand, to my family, was exciting, strange, scary and tough all at the same time. Fitting back into New Zealand was the same. Speaking English, hearing the accent and coming back to school was hard. It was another culture shock. Strange as it may seem. But all of this was worth it. An experience to remember.



The SCHOOL



Year 9 Students have had a fantastic introduction to Tokoroa High School with three days of team building, followed by an action packed week away on camp. At camp were 103 Year 9 Students along with 25 year 12/13 mentors, 9 Teaching Staff, 5 Volunteers' and 8 Outdoor

Specialists provided by Waikato Youth Empowerment Trust. Year 9 students were split into ten groups and allocated two Peer Mentors who organised, encouraged and supported them. Throughout the week, they rotated through twelve different activities week which included; Orienteering, Abseiling, Kayak Skills, Kayak safety, Tough Guy Challenge, Water Slide, Archery, Slug Guns, Bush Swings, Horse Riding, Raft Building and C Crew.

C Crew (or Camp Crew) was an opportunity for our year 9's to get to know about support structures at the School

Including our Guidance Counsellor Mrs Yvonne Evans. In addition to this very full rotation, students also had time at the Hot Pools, Night DVD in the Hot Pools, the sloop, Burma Trail, Spot Light, Bush camp and most popular of all, the Camp Concert.

The camp was a fantastic success with year 9's really giving it "their all". It was a great opportunity to get to know the three Deans who have year 9 responsibilities, all the year 9 Tutors, Heads of Department for Maori Science, Te Kahui Whetu, Technology, Languages and Physical Education. They also developed extremely supportive relationships with our Head Prefects and Senior Students.

Most importantly it was an opportunity to get to know each other and develop positive groupings and friendships with other Year 9 students.

This awesome introduction to High School was made possible at no charge to Parents and Caregivers due to the generous support of Tokoroa High School Board of Trustees and the Waikato Youth Empowerment Trust.

Tony Jones,
Year 9 Dean



Making STARS

a reality at Tokoroa High School

The Stars programme is in its 4th year at Tokoroa High School and the camp at the beginning of the programme is a fun way to start the year. It is also great for the Year 9 students to get to know the senior students who will be their Peer Mentors for the rest of the year.

Stars is delivered to Tokoroa High School through the Waikato Youth Empowerment Trust (WYET). Each year, WYET raises money from Tokoroa and the wider Waikato community to be able to deliver the programme. It's not just about the camp, it's about the year-long components of Stars which develop leadership in the senior students and strengthen the school community.

We would like to be able to offer Stars to every high school, but it's just not possible. We partner Tokoroa High School because they are committed to the same aims we are- helping our young people to stretch themselves to realise their potential and understand their value in our community. We work together to make sure that each week at the Stars session, something valuable is gained and that when the students participate in Community

Projects, Community Adventures and the Careers Forum, they gain a wider appreciation of what happens in their community.

WYET is very grateful for the support of SWDC, Fonterra, Carter Holt Harvey and New World Tokoroa who all contribute to making sure that Stars continues at Tokoroa High School. This year there have been some wonderful experiences on Stars and we are looking forward to more successes in 2010!

Karen Blue
Programme Director



Then and Day Now

Mount Maunganui towers over the beach as a guardian of the winds all knowing, all seeing over this ocean mouth. Below its gaze the parking lot is choking with cars. Waves prowl over the motionless rocks like horses racing to the finish line. Steaming hot sand filled with shells lay beneath the summer haze. My eyes were filled with astonishment to see so many people there. I was distracted by the sight of broad shoulders, lean muscles and nicely tanned skin. HmMMM (day dreaming). In behind, the shimmer and glittering ocean. I decided to investigate. I dashed through a humungous crowd of sunbathing bodies, racing to my paradisiacal destination. I leapt forth into the water, crashing into the waves, sinking to its depths and basking in its embrace. Heaven.

Night

Mount Maunganui now hidden by the dark night with only the stars to cloak him. The parking lot is deserted, overflowing with litter, the evidence of a summer blast. The night sky guards the sea water as it sleeps, fatigued from a long days journey. The sand beneath my feet is slowly cooling down and filled with drift wood that floated in through the day. As the night breeze lingers past me I can smell the sweet aroma of the ocean. I close my eyes and I listen to the gulls circling above me. The water is calmly swaying from side to side as if to ask me to join him. Instead of scurrying to the water, I sit down on the sand and admire the peace that the night brings. Tempted, I make my way down to the water but only to dip my toes in. The coolness of the water makes me shiver as I turn away to make my way home. I turn back to make one last glance at the water as a sign to farewell the beauty that it holds. Heaven.

By Rayna Takiri

WEARABLE ARTS

For the Wearable Arts 2009, we had two teams enter from Tokoroa High School. Melissa Appel and Nikki Reid with their creation "Culture Queen" and Stacey King, Cassandra France and Hannah Dewhurst with their costume "Dark Angel".

DARK ANGEL

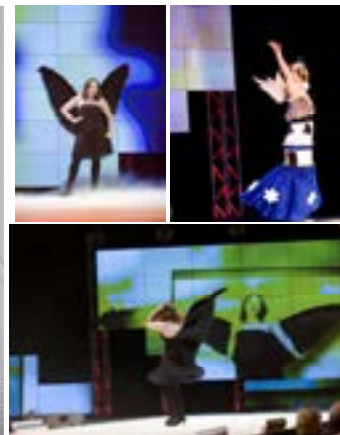
"Our costume, the Dark Angel, took three weeks of frantic work to complete, but we are really pleased with the result." (Hannah).
"Being on stage was pretty freaky, but I got a real good buzz afterwards." (Stacey)
"I had a really great time and seeing some outfits was awesome! I'd definitely do it next year!" (Cassandra).
Our costume was made with a bamboo frame, twelve packets of crepe paper and a whole lot of sewing.



WEAR-
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ARTS

CULTURE QUEEN

"Our costume called Culture Queen took about 42 hours to make. It was fun. We put a lot of thought into this costume. The other contestants were awesome. They were very friendly and I would love to do it again next year." (Melissa).
"I had fun helping Melissa with her dress. I mostly helped with the New Zealand part. I had fun at the shows. I would like to do it again next year with Melissa." (Nikki).



ACE Camp 2009

As a great man once said, "We are no strangers to war, we have been fighting for as long as we can remember". Well, like this great man I am going to join our honourable armed forces. I am also going to tell you about a great Army Careers Experience I went on in term 2.

In term 2 I travelled down to Waiouru with 119 other students from between Taupo and the top of the North Island. First we were divided into three platoons consisting of 40 students and then told by the Sergeant Major that we were going to be treated as recruits doing their basic training. This meant marching everywhere and keeping everything spotless. If something was not up to standard everyone was punished, I'm not going into detail on that, I'll let you find out for yourself. Also we had to be fit because marching everywhere is not easy especially after doing the assault course twice, and physical training and the army entry fitness level test. But besides all the blood and sweat, it was great because we got to travel around and look at the trades offered by the army.

As you are probably aware every soldier is a trained killer. However, most are also trained in a secondary trade, for example fire fighters. The army owns 64 thousand hectares of scrub in Waiouru that are prone to catching on fire with all the hot bullets and shells that explode on impact as well as there being many crashes on the desert road. This situation calls for a crack job team of fire fighters. Also the signals trade was good, they do all sorts, like setting up communications and internet lines on the battle field. But my personal

favourite trade were the electronic technicians because they get to repair everything electrical. They are also the only electrical warfare unit in New Zealand

So if this all sounds interesting, all I had to do was talk to our careers advisor Mr Phayer, either be in 6th or 7th form, you must be able to run 2.4k in under 12 minutes, do 30 push ups and 130 sit ups with out stopping, easy. So if you want to go I suggest you join as many student leadership programs as you can, join a sports team or two and start getting fit. I was accepted from over 300 applicants, a lot of that because I had joined leadership and voluntary groups.

By Joshua Smith-Holley



Manu Korero

Regional Nga Manu Korero

Te Rito-Tokoroa High School had success at the Regional Manu Korero speech competition. We were fortunate to enter three speakers: Andrew Marama-Lyon, Bianca Orsmbly and Mana Tepana.



Senior English Junior English Junior Maori

Among the highlights of the competition, was placing second in the junior Maori section. This is the first time in a while that we have placed in the Junior Maori section, so this was just an amazing moment for our young Te Rito member Mana Tepana. Mana's speech was about the importance of the Maori language and how it needs to be spoken in order for it to survive.

Bianca Orsmbly also excelled this year and she spoke remarkably on the importance of Maori Taonga. Her speech highlighted that in this modern world we need to stay true to things Maori (those things that were bestowed upon us from our tipuna) and not to let our Maori taonga become jeopardised by not using it regularly.

In addition to this, and for the second year running, Tokoroa High Schools Andrew Marama-Lyon won his Korimako and total aggregate section of the regional final in Ngaruawahia with his heart felt korero on the wealth of our culture. His impromptu was also superior. He held the crowds attention from start to finish, with his witty nature and heartfelt whakatauki and whakaaro on how to reach the top of your maunga or mountain. This now entitles Andrew to enter the nationals in September of this year in Rotorua.

All the hard work was well worth the effort; it was just so great to see our kura doing well at this event representing Te Kura Tuarua o Tokoroa High School and the Tainui region to the very best of their ability.

National Nga Manu Korero

They turn my mic on and I walk onto stage. Foot step after foot step. Its silent. You cant see the crowd due to the blinding light, but you know they are there. Knees buckle. Hands start to shake. Months of preparation come down to this very moment, I had one shot, one opportunity, to seize everything I ever wanted. In one moment, would I capture it or just let it all slip? Nga manu koreo national competition 2009.

What an experience! This year I had the privilege to make it to the NZ nationals to not only represent Tokoroa High School, but also carry the mana of the Waikato region. My topic was about wealth and what it is determined by. My message was that traditional maori wealth

was all about aspects of culture, land, language, and self determination. I then exposed the harsh truth that today's wealth has changed and is all centered around money. I also had to do an impromptu speech. The topic that was given to me was ; "its all about participation." I went out there with a message that its all about winning and blamed this point of view on our obsession with the All Blacks. I placed second in the importu which was a really good feeling and it felt great representing my school against the huge Maori kura in NZ.

A special thanks to those who made this possible. Mr Ngapo was a huge help in all aspects, such as writing the speech, and organising the group that travelled over. Also all the parents and teachers that helped with the group and the trip. Lastly the students. Mana, Justus, Te Aonui, and the rest of the support crew. I thank you for being there for me on stage. Your support was moving. My final message: I did this for the students of Te Rito to show them even though we come from a small community, we can be up on that national stage. My joy in learning is partly that it enables me to teach. Thank you.

By Andrew Marama-Lyon



Blinded by Science

On Sunday 31 February 49 senior students left Tokoroa High School at 11:30am for a science camp at Ohope Beach Christian Camp. We got there at 3:30pm, picked our groups and waited for Mr Jones to tell us which cabin we were in. The teachers that went were Mrs Tucker, Mr Kinloch, Mr Utanga, Mr Cassidy. John the bus driver also stayed with us.

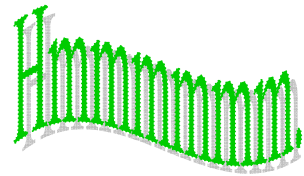
We were there to get some credits. We had to do surveys of the shells, small sea animals and the rocky shore. We also went on a walk to study the bush.

On Monday we went for the big walk. We walked from Whakatane to Ohope beach. It lasted most of the day but we got to do a little bit of shopping before the long walk.

Every morning we had to get up at 7:00am to go for a run on the beach. The run was 2km long - it was tiring. Then it was time for breakfast. After breakfast we made our lunch for the day. We then got our gear ready for our investigations. After lunch we got the chance to go for a quick dip before we had to go back to camp for a rest before dinner. Then at 9:30pm we went to bed.

I enjoyed this camp because there was lots of fun as well as the opportunity to gain credits - a good start to the year.

Nathan Chapman



The camp,
The camp,
The camp

Words to describe the camp would be:

Hardening:

because of the 5 hour walk across hilly terrain from Whakatane to Ohope.

Tiring:

From the work being done all day and continuing into the night e.g. 10:30pm.

Annoying:

because Mr Jones would silently stalk into our rooms at 7:00 am, then bang a metal spoon on a metal pan and yell at the top of his voice

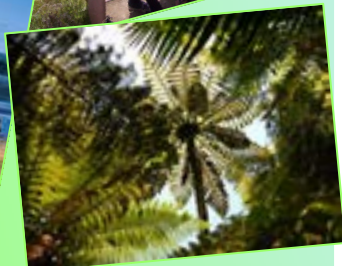
**"TIME TO GET UP!
Lets go for a run"**



Not so funny for someone sleeping on the bottom bunk waking up to hitting your head on the bunk above!

And what really made the camp was the water fight which was so **AWESOME**, well for some!

By Zak Newton



Law

Physiotherapy

Sports

Trade engineering

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.

Open Day 09
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The hall overflowed with **over-excited** potential students for Tokoroa High. **240-250** form 2 students cluttered the hall from five different schools. The **noise** and delighted **squeals** rebounded off the four walls. Mentors stood anxiously, anticipating what the day might hold in store. The prefect helpers looked **sharp**, the finest exemplar of positive **role-modelling** at work.

Mrs Crate allocated where each Year 8 student would participate, with the help of the mentors the day began. Performances started the day dancing, singing and Miss Tarai's usual **comedian acts**. The students gasped, the time has arrived; time to explore the world of Tokoroa High School. **Bubble Blowing, Pancake Making, laser gun designing, crafting sculptures out of paper, eating M&Ms with chopsticks, astonishing card making** with **Mrs. Phillips**.

Thanks to **Mr. Olsen** the tradition of studying **world geography** was part of the oil sizzle off the barbeque, eager to grab hold **day**. The Bell rung for **LUNCH**, hearing the of their **sausage, ice-block** and **drink** all students fell in line.

The end of the day slowly crept upon us, the ending performances. **Hip-hop dancing, singing** and **Cook Island dancing**. Laughter and smiles flooded the hall. Miserably all days must to come to an end. Students waved goodbye and went separately to their own schools. Students and Teachers collapsed from exhaustion, advertising our school.

With a bit of luck let's look forward, to the new and potential third form students of **Tokoroa High** for the year

2010!



STUDENT AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING CONFERENCE 2009

On the 19-23, April Tokoroa High School attended the National Youth Conference at SADD at Epsom Girls Grammar School, Auckland. Tokoroa High School showed up in great form with our blazers and we surely did represent our school to the best of our ability. From start to finish we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The guest lecturers kept us all entranced and we really did appreciate all the informative speakers. The highlight of the trip was spending time in our groups, preparing for our group presentations on the effects of drunk driving. Our rendition of Summer Heights High really went down a treat and Chris Teague was excellent and won best actor for the event. Andrew Marama-Lyon won best Dressed and Damian John won best dancer for the event. The main message that we wanted to promote was to inform our student body that alcohol and driving do not mix. We also wanted to get the message out to the South Waikato in conjunction with the South Waikato District Council that our roads need to be safer places to be.



If we can help our community and school of Tokoroa, then SADD as a group would have achieved our main aim and objective. We would like to thank the following supporters for their help for if we did not receive it our experience to attend SADD would not have happened. Thanks to Mr Ngapo for giving up his time and supporting our initiatives to get to the SADD conference. Thanks also to the Tokoroa High School Student Council, South Waikato District Council – Robert Cathie, TGM Services-Tokoroa, Ngapo-Lipscombe Law and the Tokoroa Community.

*By Damian John,
Andrew Marama-Lyon,
Chris Teague.*

Mr Bob Bolton

On the 8th Of May, Mr Bob Bolton came to visit Mr Ngapo's year nine English classes. It was a great event for our school and we were privileged to have a renowned NZ writer speak to us about the importance of literacy and writing. One of the reasons he came was because our year nine classes found some spelling mistakes in his book. As a result of our classes good reading skills and editing skills he corrected these editions. Further to this, Mr Bob Bolton was so pleased with our efforts that he came to speak to us about his fantastic Novel "The Tapu Garden of Eden".

During Mr Bolton's visit, he spoke to us not only about his book but about writing. We did a workshop on how to write effectively. It helped with the creative writing that we were currently doing in English so this was useful. We each had an opportunity to work with Mr Bolton and on some of his works. We even had some time to write some fun quirky stories for Mr Bolton that went down really well.

At the end of the day, we said goodbye and Justus and Mana performed a farewell Haka.

Year 9 Class 2009



Spelling Bee

On the 11th March 2009, four student representatives from Tokoroa School, Calum Gott, Jacob Te Moanaroa-Placid, Samantha Tere and Kayla Watene along with Mr Ngapo, attended the Regional Vegemite Spelling Bee in Hamilton. The students did our school proud. Again, we were the only participating school from the South Waikato to represent the school and community and the students did such a wonderful job. This year the competition was on a larger scale with many in attendance and participating. Among some of the schools were, Te Kuiti, Te Kauwhata, Hamilton Boys High School, Cambridge, Tauranga Girls, Tauranga Boys, Aquinas College from Tauranga, New Plymouth Girl's High School, and Matamata College.

Last year we had one student who excelled and placed in the top 25 spellers. This year we had three spellers who made the top 60 from a total 93 spellers and

Calum Gott, made it through to round four and was placed 12th overall.

Well done spellers. You are commended for your efforts in representing our school to the best of your ability. It was no easy task to get up on their stage, so many accolades to you. Further to this, the students only had two weeks in total to study for the Bee and to have this outcome was momentous.

Thank you to the English teachers for their support, and students in those classes who helped our participants. This illustrated some of our school key competencies of "Relating to others and participating and contributing". Thanks must go out to the parents of our students for their undivided support and for helping them study for their Bee.



On the 27th February 2009, Te Rito Whanau held a Noho Marae at Te Marae a Noa. It was a great success, which would not have been made possible without the support of Te Rito staff and our awesome parent helpers, Pip & Keith Kaea, Aroha Riki-Hamana & Shiloh Hamana. Thanks must also go out to Sandy Taipeti and Ms Bates for their tautoko and SMT for their continued support as well as our BOT. Mr Ford and the PE department thank you for allowing us the use of showers while the Marae is in the process of being renovated.



The Noho started on the Friday, through to and including the Sunday. The kids enjoyed themselves especially with the fuelling of kai that was prepared by both parent and tauria, well done! The range of guest speakers were impressive; among some included Lecturer from Waikato University, Korohere Ngapo as well as Raukawa Maori Trust Board worker Charlie Tepana whose korero kept our kids fully entranced on the importance and relevance of the Reo, which also centred around positive Maori leadership. This illustrated, that "in order to be a great leader, one must first learn to follow". It was fantastic to see the support for the Noho and even our parent helpers shared in a key role with their own words of encouragement as speakers. All four-parent helpers were the epiphany of success, and students were able to see first hand, having completed their studies at Tokoroa High, that with hard work and self-determination you can make it in the world with the Reo and culture.



Photos of the Noho are only a start to the wairua that was felt on our Noho and I really hope our tauria took away with them, korero that may inspire them to excel. The skills learnt at our Noho will help shape our future Maori leaders. One year 9 student, Maui Tupu-Ngahere who wrote, "Our noho was the best it was so good to learn the Maori waiata, haka, hanging with my class mates. It made me proud to be Maori, to be learning Maori and helping me to become a future Maori leader", he could not have summed it up any better.

*Naku Noa,
Matua Ngapo*



Te Whanau a Noa

Kia ora koutou. Our noho started well. Everybody participated and followed the instructions of senior pupils and supporters. Our tutors Mr. Baker, Mr. Hoby and Matua Keinan organised schedules for the weekend which placed us in year groups to keep everything in order.

On the first day, Friday 27th February, an opening Karakia to start our Noho. Our Ringawera organised our lovely meals while we were greeted by our first guest speaker Mrs Arama Ngapo-Lipscombe who is a Maori Lawyer representing her own country New Zealand. She was invited to this Noho to teach us valuable guidelines that we should follow in our lives. When she finished her whaikorero one of our students proudly stood up to thank her for coming to share her knowledge and time with us.

Later on in that evening, we had to speak individually to the whole whanau and introduce ourselves by saying where we were from and who we were so we would all feel comfortable around each other and not feel whakama.

Our guest speakers were:

- Arama Ngapo-Lipscombe
- Korohere Ngapo
- Pipi Kaea & Keith Kaea
- Aroha & Shilo Riki-Hamana
- Charlie Tepana & Tangiwai Amopiu
- Matua Billy Maea

Thank you guest speakers for all your time you spent with us during this experience. We all enjoyed listening to our invited guest speakers and what they had to say to us about becoming 'Great Leaders' for our own age group and younger children. I mostly enjoyed getting to know more about our fellow students within our tutor group Te Rito and what they were capable of becoming. I was proud to represent this school as this is my last year here at Tokoroa High School.

***Mehemea he moemoea tau, whakaponotia,
ka tino taea e koe!***

By Katarina Te Whaiti

Our Noho was the best. What I enjoyed most about the Noho was spending my birthday with my friends and family of Te Rito. They had many speakers that we took a lot away about positive Maori leadership. They taught us that it takes hard work at school to become a great Maori leader.

I noticed that many of our guest speakers said something very important: that "Te Reo was the key to the culture and future. Mr Tepana said the Reo could help you to become a Maori leader. I enjoyed our noho and enjoyed learning Mr Ngapo's waiata he wrote that inspired us to be proud to be Maori and to take care of others in Te Whanau a Noa/Te Rito.

I look forward our next Noho, kia ora koutou katoa.

By Justus Riki-Hamana.



**It made me proud to be Maori,
to be learning Maori and helping me to become a future Maori leader".**

By Maui Tupu-Ngahere.



Check Mate

Matua Billy Maea formed the Tok High Chess club alias 'Checkmates' this year in term one. The checkmates main opponents this year have been the staff. At the end of each term a staff vs. students chess tournament has been played with the checkmates taking out the 2009 series 3-1 better luck next year 'teachers'.

Our main goal is to enter into the 2010 Regional Chess Tournament in Hamilton. We currently have a year 10 team and a year 9 team. Each team consists of 4 players). Check you later!



Ranginui Paparaoa



EXTREME MAKEOVER F-BLOCK EDITION



I had been hearing comments like, "Gee F Block is a mess and those lockers are a nuisance. Why can't something be done?" Enough is enough my brain whispered to me. Thoughts started to run wild in my head.

I called a meeting at the dinner table with the Phillipsmob. The boys told me I was the boss and they would do any to make my dream come true for the F the Math's Block.

So in Term Two holidays, we arrived at F Block with all the gear ready to attack the hallway. Desmond called Tony Wu and Mathew Beazley. The boys arrived armed with muscles to help.

David, Desmond, Tony, Aidan and Bradley were given the job to scrub the walls. Thank heaven Janita Poko came to our aid with further supplies. We were given a list to get the things we needed to help make the cleaning job easier.

There was no time to sit down and rest. We had hot chips on the run. Justin and Avi started mixing the paint. Again two angels came to our rescue as we did

not have coloured paint and drop sheets. Mission angels, Mr Bell and Mr Anderton helped with taking down perspex and the dented green lockers. Mr Bell also gave us some grey paint for us. By the end of the week we had the hallway done in the first coat of bicolor.

Justin decided we needed some plants to decorate the hallway. So we went down to the Warehouse and bought some pot plant, compost, and pot plant containers.

While the second coat was being applied and the younger members of the family got the pot plants organised. Once the hallway was completed the pot plants were put in the hallway, once it had been painted.

We called Mr Bell and Mr Anderton in for final approval. We were given the given thumbs up. With the lockers gone, hallway painted and pot plants in place we were satisfied to the max.

As the slogan says "No job is too big for Phillipsmob when we have the boy power and mum as our boss"

PUNA VAI ORA



It has been a long time coming for Tokoroa High School in their endeavour to truly gain recognition for the amount of time, effort and perseverance in entering a Pacific cultural competition especially over the last 5 years. Puna Vai Ora represented Tokoroa High School at "Pasifika by Nature" held in Hamilton last Friday at the Founders Theatre. Pasifika by Nature is an opportunity for Secondary Schools in the Bay of Plenty, Waikato region to truly celebrate their Pasifika students, families and communities within their school.

Since Term 1 and through the holidays, we have been preparing for this competition.

I am truly proud of our young people, who gave a great deal of their own personal time for practices. We want to acknowledge our drumming tutor, ex-student Ngativaro Iorangi who was strongly supported by the input of guitarist and lead vocalist, Yannis Mea and with the combined talents of these two gentlemen, we were able to take 1st place for Musicianship.



The overall placing of the competition looks at team dynamics, choreography, timing, singing, transitions in and off stage and through the different cultures that each school chooses to perform. These have all been strengths for Tokoroa High School Puna Vai Ora in enabling them to be Pasifika by Nature Overall Winners for 2009. If there was any trophy that we wanted to win, it was this one, we are very fortunate that the Musician Trophy was dedicated and named by the Tongan Community in Hamilton. In having no Tongan students, the students researched, and with the help of Puariiki Daniels-Malietoa, our young warriors were able to put a piece together in line with the expectations of a Tongan Spear Dance.



Our bracket this year had a strong Cook Islands contingent and both songs composed by Tutor Miss Tarai speak about our young maidens as warriors - "E tu ra maine Toa" - Arise Warrior Women, the song speaks of the journey they will make, their beauty, their strengths, to love learning, to seek wisdom, to adorn themselves with compassion and to sow seeds of happiness which I believe are positive attributes for our young girls in the years to come. Our final song "Mou i te Reo" encourages us

all to hold on to our language, that we need to as young people, cherish our language, to learn our language, to speak our language. Our language is our identity, in order for it to survive we must live it. It was with overwhelming joy that we came away with The Overall Trophy which was dedicated and named by the Cook Islands Community of Hamilton, to where our school has a strong representation from the Cook Islands.

I believe that this year and the competition is a true celebration of Pasifika in schools and that Tokoroa as a community can be very proud of the schools representing our district, both in performance, integrity and character.



Te Eiva Nui

Our annual community dance off, gave our students an opportunity to choreograph, prepare, demonstrate their cultural skills in Cook Islands dance.

Rayna Takiri, Gaye Numanga, Maggie Mataiti, Meriol Tearetoa, Chevaughan Pokoati, Tearoa Jubilee, Timote Turu, Tuteretere Daniels-Malietoa, Kingi Jubilee, all competed in the competition.

Placings this year were as followed and these students then went on to compete in the Te Eiva Nationals held in July.

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| 1st | Maggie Mataiti |
| 2nd | Kingi Jubilee |
| 2nd | Meriol Tearetoa |



The Breakfast Club



After a couple of years of groundwork and planning by Ms Bates, Mr Kinloch, Whaea Sandy



and Ms Evans, and help from Jocelyn van der Heyden, our STARS co-ordinator, The Breakfast Club became a reality in term 3. We were



accepted into the KickStart breakfast programme sponsored by Fonterra and Sanitarium. They provided us with milk and weetbix. Room C9, with its commercial kitchen proved an ideal venue for running our breakfasts.



C9 is slowly becoming a place to be at early in the mornings for a free breakfast of weetbix, milo and toast. Many thanks to the students who have willingly turned up each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8 am and who often missed the beginning of first period to provide this service for their peers.



They include Molly Mitchell, Lisa Horn, Stacey King, Cassandra France, Devon Morris, Kei-lah Teao and Osooso Stowers so far. We look forward to working with the other prospective peer mentors in 2010 who have also volunteered to help out for the rest of the year.



Thank you also to Mr Reid and Mrs Leger for your donations of plates and cutlery and to our Population Health workers, Aubrey Stothers and Jeremy Tafau, is also greatly appreciated.



The Breakfast Club Helpers were:

Molly Mitchell
Stacie Rangitutia
Samantha Tremain
Eden Dixon
Sahara Hartmann
Kei-Lah Teao
Osoosoo Stowers
Lisa Horn
Melissa Appel
Devon Morris
Cassandra France
Stacey King

Family Violence

"It's not OK"

Vic Tamati, became famous on TV for his personal story and for fronting the government sponsored "It's not OK" campaign which aims to make family violence as unacceptable as drink-driving or smoking.

A powhiri in his honour was attended by the acting Principal Margot Crate, Senior Management and members of the School Board of Trustees which he found overwhelming but humbling.

He said: *"From where I have been and experienced, it is not something I am proud of".*

Mr Tamati, now 53, was born five years after his parents arrived in Auckland from Samoa around 1950.

Sixteen years after finally giving up violence, he still regrets the damage he caused others. An adult daughter still involuntarily ducks when he calls her because of the way he shook her as an infant. But his six children and two adopted children, who have now given him seven grandchildren, have all forsworn violence. They use the "naughty step" for time out instead.

"I have broken the curse of family violence/domestic violence," he says. It is not simply that he is older. *"If that were the case, then how come all my mates are in jail for violent crimes?"*

Mr Tamati has gone on to youth work as a volunteer in Africa, then for Internal Affairs in Christchurch, for a Pacific Island network in Brisbane and is now back in Auckland as an advocate for child victims of domestic violence. He works through the Pacific Islands Safety and Prevention Project in Massey, where Losa, his wife, also works. Their children now trust him to look after their own children.



Mr Tamati is a survivor. He has come out of a violent family culture but has learned to control his violence.

Richard Kahui



Tokoroa All Black Richard Kahui visited our school to promote healthy eating as part of the Healthy Action Nutrition Fund Project.

All Things Mathematical Mathletics

Mathletics hit Tokoroa High School in 2009 with students competing online in maths skills competitions against students from all over New Zealand, Australia and around the world for a much reduced rate and being able to access the site from home and school, some students were up at 2 am practicing their basic maths skills – skills that employers are very concerned about and which because they have been lacking in many school leavers. The interactive nature of the competitions and the fact of competing with people throughout the world mean that students thoroughly enjoy the maths practice!!!

Stars Maths Competition

We ran another kind of competition in the hall during the STARS programme for year 9's. The students worked in groups to solve problems and then sent the answers, with, with their fastest runner up to the judges Devon, Aaron, Julius, Haraina and Matthew. If the answer was right, they got a new question – if not they got another chance to go and work on the original question. Races to be first to the judges and plenty of discussion and noise, accompanied lots of mathematical calculations and fun.

“Kia Mau Te Reo Tuturu Hei Taonga”

*Maori Language Waiata written and
composed by Mana Tepana*

Ko te reo te mauri,
ko te reo te
mana o te iwi,
kia mau ki te reo
tuturu hei taonga,
ko to matou reo he taonga
ki a ngai Maori,
ko te kura tuarua o tokoroa
tenei e whakanui ana i te wiki
o te reo maori hei whakaora
to tatou reo kei ngaro atu
ra ki te po ko to
tatou reo tenei
kia mau kia pupuritia mo
ake tonu atu
kia mau ki te reo tuturu
hei taonga

*The kaupapa of message behind this
waiata was about our students
staying true to the Maori language.
Support it, speak it and nurture it
for all those who use it.
It is the heart, the essence
of the Maori culture.*

Rugby World Cup comes to Tok High



Scholarship Award

Gaining the \$5000 Scholarship from the David Johnstone Charitable Trust was a huge achievement for my last year of learning at Tokoroa High School. This scholarship has allowed me to take a course at Wintec that will allow me to study what I enjoy most, Computing.

The course I have already been accepted into at Wintec is Information and Communication Technology (Level 5). This Scholarship will cover all of my course fees for 2010 and will allow me to get on with my study instead of worrying about money problems; it feels like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders.

Zak Newton



Speeches

Are we there yet?

Are we there yet?

Are we there YET?

Year 9



1st
Kayla Dewhurst
Child Abuse



2nd
Jerreau Tonge
Teachers



3rd
Sinoti Taviera Levao
Are you a follower or a leader?

Year 10



1st
Courtney Ross
Bullying



2nd
Bianca Ormsby
The perceptions and the future of Maori



3rd
Stacey King
Animal Testing

Year 11



1st
Gideon Letoga
Cellphone Philosophy for Life



2nd
Melissa Appel
Body Image



3rd
Julius Daniels-Mata
Things that Annoy Me

Year 12



1st
Kei-lah Teao
Under appreciation of Education



2nd
Lisa Horn
Celebrities are not Heroes

Year 13



1st
Andrew Marama-Lyon
Negative Political Messages in Music



2nd
Meriol Tearetoa
Life and Writings of Maya Angelou

On Friday 16 October 2009, we were finally there. The School Speech Competition was underway in the Hall.

There were many different topics ranging from Things that Most Annoy Me, Body Image, Negative Political Messages in Music to name but a few. A huge thanks to all the participants, our judges Matua Billy Maea and Mrs Darnel Manu for their efforts on the day, as well as to the staff who helped these students be inspired in the art of oratory.



Her Majesty
Jasmine Uerata

His Majesty
Mathew Beazley

Prince
Siusega Letoga

Princess
Lisa Horn



Best Female Mask
Claudia Turia

Best Male Mask
David Lamberton



Party Animal
Meriol Tearetoa

Masquerade Ball 2009

Best Masked Couple
Damian John Tekura Jubilee



The Tokoroa High School ball was held on the 20 of June at the Te Wananga Aotearoa.

Students and staff enjoyed the evening and everyone looked stunning.

There were many highlights including the formal dancing and students arriving to the ball in a variety of transportation.

We would like to congratulate the students on their immaculate attire and especially the enthusiasm they showed for the theme, Masquerade.



Check the sign for the
7 to 10 PM
Dance
Kings and Queens
11:00 PM Last Dance



Diwali

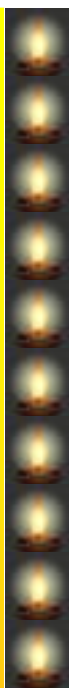
Tokoroa High School first celebrated Festival of Diwali back in 2006. The celebration of the festival was inspired by the teachers teaching at that time in the school. Mrs. Rose Phillips, Mr. Sachid Nand, Mr. Kamal Nair, Mrs. Joy Treasurer, Mrs. Shivani Kant and Mr. Arvind Lal formed a committee and provided morning tea for the staff along with glowing candles/oil lamps.

Since then it has become a tradition to celebrate the festival of Diwali at Tokoroa High School. The staff has been treated with various types of Indian sweets. This year the festival of Diwali morning tea was hosted by Mrs. Shivani Kant and Mrs. Rose Phillips.

THE CANDLE

*A candle flickers in the dark
Midnight draws near
the flame is the only light
like happiness wrapped in fear*

*A breath of wind and a leap of fate
this small flame fades away
like love overrun by hate*



By Kayla Dewhurst



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT FIELD TRIP

Part of the Science Department professional development for this year, was to take the senior Earth Science group, peer mentors and staff to Mount Maunganui. Whilst there, a geological study of the mountain was made, with teaching for all, that will enable us to take year 9 and 10 science field trips to this area in the future.

Mount Maunganui is part of a volcano that erupted more than 3 million years ago. Despite the length of time there remains evidence of ancient devastating lahars, lava flows, volcanic bombs, ash falls over 5 metres thick. There was also evidence that sea levels were much higher than they are today and evidence of a huge ancient river capable of carrying boulders the size of Mr Jones.

Earth Science and other Science options are becoming increasingly popular in the senior school, with student numbers increasing threefold in the last two years. One of the reasons for this is the interesting field trips including Ohope. These field trips cover the science department promise of field science, fun science and safety and being effective scientists, leading to science qualifications.

Smashproof



My image is based around the idea of the mb/rap group Smashproof. I guess I choose to relate it to the NZ band because they are not only an inspiration to me but many other youth in NZ.

It was to be entered, along with other students artwork into a graffiti competition, but that had a few hiccups and didn't go as planned so we just had one in our school. I won first prize which was a box of chocolates! Thanks Mr. Hoby

Opeta Utanga



TECHNOLOGY



2009 was an exciting year in the technology department, with a growth in student numbers as well as significant improvements in results. 2010 will see even more growth with more improvements to the technology courses. Our school has well equipped facilities to offer Woodwork, Metalwork, Graphics, Food technology, Catering and Fabric technology and Computing. We also have a modern computer suite at our disposal. We have well qualified and motivated staff in the technology department and we are looking forward to the challenges of implementing the new technology curriculum in 2010.

Artsfest Challenge.

Mr Olls took 3 metalwork students to compete in the South Waikato Artsfest Scrapheap challenge. Bryce Domaschensz, Tane Thompson and Clay Brown had to design and build an art work form a pile of scrap metal. Our students worked hard and won the challenge.



Hard Materials. We introduced a Level one course in Motor mechanics and started offering metalwork and welding as part of Technology, Hard Materials level two. Next year we will offer two separate hard materials courses in Level one and Two: THM Furniture making, concentrating on woodwork and Technology Hard Materials, concentrating on metalwork and welding. Students may enroll for both courses.

Soft Materials. Ms Gollan did a great job in 2009, offering Food and Fabric technology. The students always enjoy the cooking classes; especially the eating part! The Fabric technology students produced some very impressive, high quality products. Unfortunately Ms Gollan is leaving us at the end of this year. Due to the success of the courses we will be offering Food and fabric technology again next year.

Graphics. Graphics was offered from Level One to Three. The students worked hard at their designing, sketching and drafting skills and the results were very good, with some innovative and interesting projects produced by the students. We want to encourage more students to take Graphics as it is an excellent subject for pursuing any technology qualification as well as gaining university entrance.

Computing: Yet another successful year in the computing department. All classes came out with top percentage rates in credits achieved. Students learnt new programs and laughed along the way. The main message with learning computers is learning to think for yourself. Learn to make mistakes. No-one ever gets it right first time: experiment, play. 2010 promises to be an exciting year as staff are looking at ways of incorporating computer technology with the Arts/Music/Drama departments.



COMPUTER
GENERATED
ART



WITH A WAVE OF THE
MAGIC WAND...
THANKS PHOTOSHOP



HEY PRESTO

'IF I COULD BE, I WOULD BE'

By Nelson Sheck
Aka Sonny Bill





DANCE CLASS

Tokoroa High School was lucky enough this year to put forward a successful level two Dance and Drama class.

Towards the end of term three we were fortunate enough to have brand new mirrors placed in the hall. Having these mirrors meant that we were able to view what each member of the dance class had perfect timing and could rehearse the choreography to make it the best that it could be.

This year the students participating in this class were all first time dancers, and we have come a long way from term one. Each one of us learnt new techniques of dance which brought us out of our comfort zone and helped us gain confidence in our selves while performing in front of an audience.

Even though there is plenty of room for improvement this class was a big success.

YEAR 13 HISTORY FIELD TRIP



During term two, our history class and Mr Bentley visited several museums and battle fields as part of our studies on the New Zealand Wars of the 1860s. We left Tokoroa in our van on a fine April morning and drove through Putaruru and Awapuni to our first stop at the Te Awamutu Museum. Here we talked with our guide Paul, about local battles, saw the famous early NZ war film 'Rewis Last Stand', and Martin won the research competition and some Subway vouchers.

We next visited the battlefield at Rangiaowhia and also Orakau where our guide described the ferocious clash between Ngati Maniapoto, Tuhoe and the British army.

After lunch, we drove to the Waikato Museum where our guide Aperira Le Mon answered all of Andrew and Corey's many questions on the rise and fall of the Kingitanga. She also explained the importance of the Maori commissariat or food supply arrangements necessary to keep King Tawhiao's Maori army of 2,000 warriors in the field.

Our last stop was the Cambridge Museum to see the large scale model of Te Totara Pa. Here we listened to the story of how this powerful Ngati Maru position fell to Hongi Hika's musket army in 1822. After completing our last worksheet and the most exciting field trip ever, we returned home to Tokoroa tired but happy.



DARE TO MOVE ON

This year we were able to get some training in the Dare to Move On programme, run in conjunction with Police services and Youth Aid.

The programme targets young people over the age of 14 years and promotes building and reinforcing a sense of who they are and their own unique qualities and abilities. It presents challenges to look at the things that are going on within their cultural and wider society and explores healthy ways to overcome these.

The programme is based on a book especially written by Mandy Hagar who also wrote the programme. Each chapter explores a new theme – identity, expectations, trust, revenge, consequences, powerlessness, assumptions, truth, taking control and personal responsibility. The students meet for two hours every week over twelve sessions.

Our first group of students are just finishing the programme, having earned their certificates, a T-shirt and free copy of the book. They are gearing up to face their challenge of conquering the Zorb.

Enterprising Adventures

On April 1st, 2nd and 3rd over 70 Year 12 students from Tokoroa High School, Forest View High School and Putaruru College came together at Putaruru College for **Te "Kaipakihi Ranga Wairua" – the "Inspired Entrepreneur Experience"**. This 3 day business course, sponsored by the Maori Women's Development Inc, brought the students together in teams in a hot competition to dream up, develop and market a product. Headed by a CEO the team members were given tasks and were pressured by tight deadlines. Tutored by experts throughout the period, the intensive days flew by in a whirl of feverish activity (especially on Day 3!).

Flexit (Multi-function shoe-n'-1) an idea given birth by David Phillips, was warmly welcomed with smiles and open arms by everyone in his team. With Mathew Schick from Putaruru College as Chief Executive Officer and David Phillips as Managing Director the idea of "**Flexit**" began growing. The second day the team came up with a logo and then painted the poster. On the last day the team had to pitch the product to five different judges. This was the most stressful day for everyone but in the end the team won and overall it was a cool 3 days.

Comments from the gold medal winning team

The objective of the thought was well thought out, teaching us business skills that we could take us into the future such as finances and product development. The only downside was that the course was stressful. Our team was good at communicating ideas and getting on with the work that was required.

The winning team consisted of Angelica Old (Tokoroa High), David Phillips (Tokoroa High), Davy Manu (Forest View), Monique van Heuven (Putaruru College), Patrick Gullet (Putaruru College) and was ably led by Matthew Schick (Putaruru College) as CEO.

Comments from the team –

Judging took place on day 3 and 5 local entrepreneurs judged the teams' efforts. They were Jocelyn van der Heyden, Entrepreneur. Ros Hill – Farmer and Real Estate Agent. Nicky Trower – Café Owner. Graeme Bengé – Wood Products and Bevan Edmeades – Farmer and Land Developer.

Sincere thanks are extended to the judges for giving up their time, and interacting so well with the students.

By Mrs. Rose Phillips



AN END OF AN ERA

In Term 3 2009 Tokoroa High School students, staff, Board of Trustees and those from our wider school community said farewell to Mrs Yvonne Miles who retired after 26 years service to the school.

Most recently employed as the Principal's Personal Assistant, Yvonne was one of those people who served without counting the cost. She was an exceptional PA and her wealth of knowledge extend of information regarding students current and past, teachers, support staff and Principals who have served here over the years.

Over the 26 years Mrs Miles had worked in the print room, transition department, main office and in the last few years as Personal Assistant for Mr Edwards. Over the year Yvonne had moved with the times and became an expert at using the computer and managing student attendance.

Students Perspective of the Gate Programme

Enrichment Programme for the Gifted and Talented

How to Become a Millionaire...

In this class we learnt how to be a millionaire by saving your money and it taught us about earning interest and going on sorted.org.nz and getting a job.

- Nuhaka Numanga

Mr Reid took us into the hall to show us how to save and spend money. He told us about a website called sorted.co.nz and it showed us how to put money into an account and how to spend wisely.

- Camrin Brown

How to Save a Life...

I CPR I learnt how to bring someone back to life when they have nearly drowned. You have to put them on their side with their leg up (called resuscitation position). I learnt what Drs ABC stood for. I also learnt that you could sign up for the St John when you get older and how to do CPR if someone has a heart attack.

- Bianca Tito

How to Make Chaptii's...

We were making chaptii's and Mrs Philips was teaching. It was quite fun making them, but it was really FUN eating them. I put heaps of honey, golden syrup and jam on mine and ate it. DELICIOUS!

- Mereana Poko

Mrs Phillips took us in the cooking room to make chaptii's. It was a good experience, different from every day school work. It was pretty cool to learn something about a different culture's cooking.

- Earl Needham

Strategic Thinking...

Strategic thinking was our first class in GATE. The class was held by Mrs Hainsworth. The aim of strategic thinking was to find new ways of solving problems in games, tests or every day life. In this class we used board games. The type of games we played were chess, cards, games many more. Strategic thinking went on for two weeks.

- Gabrielle Mapstone

Playing chess as one of the board games on the first GATE session was fun because the game got you thinking. You were able to play and challenge our mates. The cards were also a good opportunity to get your strategic thinking working so you could guess the play and work out a strategy to win against your friends. Playing board games in the end was entertaining and interesting.

- James Loveday

One of Mrs Miles' talents was her love of flowers and all things gardening. As a school we were lucky that Mrs Miles would often voluntarily beautify formal assemblies and school celebrations from flowers from her very own garden.

Mrs Miles' three sons also attended Tokoroa High School. Whilst Mrs Miles was excited about her and Tony's future in retirement which included travel to various locations abroad and being able to spend more time with her children and grandchildren she was also mindful of a very important chapter of her life coming to an end.

We would like to thank Mrs Miles for always going above and beyond the call of duty and for being such an important part of the history that makes Tokoroa High School unique. Thank you from us now and all those you helped over the last 26 years.





TE RITO

KO TE MANA O TE WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA

Mana lives within us, our beliefs, our strengths and sense of belonging comes from our whakapapa

MAI I TE WHAKAARO, KO TE HIAHIA, KO TE TIMATANGA, MAI I TE TIMATANGA. KO TE PUAWAITANGA, O TE WHANAU O TE RITO TIHEI MAURIORA

Well what a year this has been. First and foremost can I start off by thanking my fantastic tutors for their immense support and dedication over this past year - you are all to be commended for your efforts in Te Rito.

TRMA:

Mr Maea has served our year 9 students well in catering for their needs and making sure they attended all classes.

TRHO:

Mr Hoby has given our students a place where they feel welcome and has made sure their pastoral needs were met.

TRBK:

Mr Baker has supported students at our Noho Marae, Rugby matches. His support has been fantastic.

As you are aware, Te Rito aims to support the needs of all Maori in a nurturing and supportive environment. The fundamentals of our whanau group are strong and we endeavour to best support our students to become Maori leaders of tomorrow. Thus we intend to meet the needs of student's by making sure they obtain 15+ credits in all subject areas. This is also part of the Tangata Whenua Action Plan and school policies that entitle students to sit literacy in Te Reo Maori.

Throughout the year Te Rito newsletters and correspondence have been distributed to your homes. Hopefully, you will have noticed some positive changes. For example, past newsletters stated the success rates of our 90+ attendance as a roopu, as well as other great feats. It is pleasing to see all our students excelling in terms of academic and extra curricula activities - for example, the Regional Spelling Bee, North Island Athletics Championships, Touch, League and Rugby Competitions, and the Nga Manu Korero Speech Competition. We participated particularly well at the Raukawa Maori Language Awards. This however, only comes about through an increased awareness and focus on the importance of the Maori language and making sure our precious taonga is both spoken and nurtured in the modern world.

Other Te Rito incentives and initiatives for 2009:

Close consultation with local iwi, hapu and whanau as well as the Raukawa Maori Trust Board and affiliates, has meant we (as Te Rito) have become a stronger unit enabling us to consider and make sure we meet the needs of our students and their families. I acknowledge the support of all our kuia and kaumatua at our various powhiri and Hui. Your willingness to drop everything to attend our, sometimes long and tiresome, Hui and powhiri is most appreciated. I am extremely grateful to the Graham, Ormsby and Gage whanau and others for their continued support.



Te Marae O Noa:

This year has seen Te Whanau a Noa play host to many supporting groups and individuals for sports, Kapa haka, Manu Korero and of course the welcoming of our new staff and students. Once again this year has seen us excel in Nga Manu Korero both on a Regional and National scale. Well done and accolades to all our students who entered and thanks to those who supported. I was extremely proud to have three sections represented and am confident next year to have all four. This year, for the first time in over ten years, we had a junior Maori entrant who excelled. Well done to all our representatives Mana Tepana, Bianca Ormsby, Andrew Marama-Lyon.

Goals reached:

As Tutors, Dean and as Parents, we can all take pride in knowing that our 2009 Te Rito stats and figures are up in terms of academic success as well as attendance. This was an initial goal and focus for this year and I am proud of this achievement. This result is indicative of the support given from those at home. Thanks for your combined efforts in supporting the needs, initiatives and learning of your whanau.

Academic success:

This year we have had a few of our junior students excel by sitting NCEA Level 1 Maori in Year 9. This is promising and puts them in a positive position for future years.

Tuakana/Teina system:

was introduced to help transition our year 9 students into the school life.

Maori leadership badges:

were awarded to those who excelled in terms of Maori leadership and excellence all around.

Increased awareness:

of 15+ credits and extra support classes has meant our students are getting the support they need to achieve in all subject areas. Noho Marae: helped engage our students and made sure they knew what it meant to be a positive role model in Te Rito.

Maori Language Week:

Te Rito took it to another level this year promoting the reo through Maori hikoi, engaging and immersing our AFS students in the Reo and with the help of our intelligent ICT computer person Carolyn Mackenzie, we managed to broadcast Te Rito and Maori language messages on our Tokoroa High School website. This helps portray Tokoroa High School and Te Rito in a positive manner.

Kapa Haka:

With an increased focus on the reo next year, it is anticipated that we enter our Kura in Kapa Haka and provide them with an avenue where students excel in performing arts.

Once again, thanks to all supporters, parents, caregivers and teachers that supported me and my tutors throughout this entire year, making this an enjoyable experience. I also acknowledge the support of our SMT group for their support this year and especially our Principal Elgin Edwards. All the best for the future Elgin, your continued support and genuine sincerity towards Maori issues has been immense and we will never forget the impact that you as kaitiaki of our kura, has made on Tokoroa High School as well as Te Rito Whanau.

As dean, and on behalf of Te Rito Whanau, I wish all our students and affiliates all the best of the Christmas holidays and look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound next year.

Keinan Ngapo

Where will Maori be in years to come?

Bianca Ormsby's Speech for Manu Korero Regional's



Have you ever wondered what our tipuna might have thought the world might look like in the future say 100 years from then? Where will Maori be in years to come and what will become of our culture. Will we still continue to value those traditions that were handed down from our people, our precious reo, whenua and taonga or will these traditions fall by the wayside and become a distant memory of the past. These are just a few of the questions in my speech today concerning changing traditions and the impact that this is having on Maori today.

As Maori the fortune of knowing who we are, what we are and where we come from comes from knowing ones past, knowing the traditions that have been handed down from our people. In the past, Maori knew their history through Maori myth and legends. These stories gave an image of who we were, what we were and what we stood for as Maori. These traditions held great meaning and significance for Maori. The knowledge history and tikanga gave us our identity; it gave us one of the most valuable thing called whakapapa.

The question in more modern times is how are traditions changing and impacting on us as a people. The language as one example is seeing a changing face; do we embrace it or deny it?

Perhaps in one-way and on one level we could argue that traditions can change over time. That it is possible for beliefs to create new experiences to meet the needs of a society. I mean even the language is being added to everyday. Take 'maori sayings' that allow Maori youth an opportunity to keep speaking the reo but with an added flavour.

I mean, how cool is it to say chur g you're just too Much, but in our own language like "ka mau te wehi, or tumeke. And of course there's the other lines like engari mo tena, hei aha tau and

korero mai ki taku ringaringa. So on one level yeah, I suppose it's possible for changing traditions to allow for change. However, the reo is one taonga that needs to be approached with caution. I've always been taught that traditional forms of speech can lose their value if we don't not maintain a high level of fluency and by allowing certain Maori sayings this could lose its true meaning.

Change is occurring within our society and we are seeing changes in our everyday lives through examples of Maori clothing and in more recent time's changes in kapa haka. Some even argue that kapa haka has lost its true value and intent indeed our waiata and traditional forms of dress have become spoiled due to just taking it too far. For example kapa haka with the fluorescent costumes and odd floral designs.

Another example is seen by our ta moko. In more modern time this has become commercialised and this changing tradition does not restore the mana Maori rather it takehi on the mana of our ancestors through open 'interpretation'. Especially when ta moko holds whakapapa this is sacred. Tikanga needs to be followed, for if these are not then all those taonga that were passed down from our people would have been lost to the world forever.

You see it is possible for change to occur, that's the way the world works and in fact with the introduction of the internet, electronics, cell phones, who knows how long it will be until were actually flying around in cars like the Jetsons. Though for those things such as taonga tuku iho it would be unfortunate to replace traditional values with loose fakes and phoneys.

I know that this is not what our tupuna would have wanted surely? The question you must ask yourselves is this. Is what represents our culture real or not real, Maori or not Maori? For if it is not part of our tradition then our culture will surely die.

In the end, we must consider placing value on those things that are special to Maori. Should we not be protecting those traditions those taonga that were bestowed upon us for future survival? Therefore, I return to the question I asked at the beginning of my speech. Changing traditions what affect will these have on Maori today but more importantly WHAT About the future. You see if we do not remain loyal to those more honorarable values and traditions of the past and prepare those for the future, then our traditions will be but a distant memory of the past and we would have lost the essence, the heart and mana of our culture forever.

Kia u, kia mau, ki to Maoritanga, Tena Koutou katoa.



TE MANAVA

Inspirational Stories About Pasifika Student Achievement

The Te Manava Pasifika programme continues to challenge old perceptions about the attendance, effort and achievements of Pacific Islands students. Based on the family values of unity, respect, love, care, faith and trust, our pastoral care system helped raise the profile of our students, both in the school and in the wider community.

In 2009:

- * There were 114 students who chose Te Manava Pasifika as their tutor group.
- * The school's head boy Andrew Maram-Lyon was one of our best achievers.
- * Our homework literacy class has raised performance in this key competency.
- * Te Manava Pasifika had more prefects (6) than other tutor groups.
- * Mereana Poko (basketball) and Sinoti Levao (shot put) achieved in the Waikato Secondary School champs.
- * Our Waikato Rugby Union representatives were Savea Daniel- Malietoa, Damian John, Nelson Sheck, Yannis Mea and Denzil Manu.
- * We welcomed the Rugby League World Cup and the Kiwi players Krisnan Inu and Kevin Locke with a Tauro.
- * Our dancers competed in the regional and national Cook Islands Dance Competition with Maggie Mataiti placing first.

Tutor Assemblies:

Regular tutor assemblies were used to communicate news about upcoming events and to reiterate the message of 100% attendance, perseverance and academic achievement.

Community Outreach.

Te Manava students performed superbly at a variety of local events including Tokoroa Lifecare and at the Tokoroa Pacific League's prizegiving. These performances enabled them to participate in a very important aspect of Cook Island's culture as well

Teaching Staff:

Our greatest asset is our dedicated and hardworking Pacific Islands teaching staff and we extend our thanks to you all.

Parent Report Evening:

We continue to encourage our parents to meet with the staff to discuss their concerns and to be part of a working partnership with the school. Some 43 students were later taken out to lunch for successfully encouraging their parents to attend report evenings..

Parent Consultation Meeting:

A strategic change in how this meeting was run, led to a marked increase in attendance, from 4 parents in 2008, to 31 in 2009. These parents supported our focus on Pasifika success and the inclusive nature of this tutor group.

Fundraising:

Many of our students who were part of the school's First Fifteen rugby team fundraised with the teachers who led their trip away. Te Manava Pasifika also fundraised \$2,600 to support the Home work class (Milo and biscuits), and to attend the ASB Polyfest Vaka Oe with our local community. At the end of year the seniors will visit Mount Maunganui and the juniors will visit Rainbow's End.

Budget:

During 2009 we used part of our budget to fund an external homework camp and to pay the NCEA fees of some students who then repaid over time. We also support bereaved families by donating food to the value of \$40. This applies to the loss of a student's siblings, parents or grandparents. We provide words of comfort, either as a group or via an individual who represents Te Manava Pasifika.



Fresh Air Fono, Hamilton:

We were invited to participate in this fono, hosted by the Waikato Health Board which funded our transport and meals. Aimed at Pacific youth in the Waikato region, the focus was on issues of physical, mental and sexual health and making better choices. The fono was also a reward for 94 Te Manawa students who had achieved 90% attendance or better.

Finally, we recognise and applaud our Dean, Miss Tarai, a skilled organiser and inspirational leader who combines enthusiasm and sheer hard work to fulfil her vision of Pasifika student achievement at the school. She has the highest expectations regarding student attendance, dress, attitude and academic success and believes in every one of us. Miss Tarai knows us all by name, personality, ability and the number of credits we have achieved. Firm but fair, she has empowered us all by providing constant opportunities to succeed and to self manage.

From the Te Mana Pasifika staff and students and from the Tokoroa High School staff and Board and the wider Tokoroa community, thank you Miss Tarai.

Homework Literacy Class

This has been our greatest success as the students are engaged and the benefits of this initiative has definitely raised their achievement levels, but it has also been a powerful tool in driving students to show all the key competencies and values identified in our New Curriculum document.

The literacy class has spread and is inclusive of the whole school so our numbers are growing. We now have a group of students studying, breathing, talking, doing literacy. They are engaging in the process, and enjoying it as well as seeing that it is an important aspect in their schooling, which is setting an example for others to follow. Because even though it is predominantly for seniors, we now have junior students who want to be part of this programme.




Damian John.
Sportsman of the Year
"1st in missing classes"
Profession: CARPENTER



Claudia Turia
Helper of the year
1st in helping Mr Utanga
Profession: RETAIL ASSISTANT



Ruth Letoga
MVP Netball
1st in dentistry
Profession: FLIGHT ATTENDANT



Ruama Tangimama
Champion academic
1st in getting things done
Profession: HOME EXECUTIVE



Andrew Marama
Dux of Tokoroa High School
1st in master of ceremonies
Profession: PHILOSOPHER



Wireless Ford
MVP Cricket
1st in not combing his hair
Profession: DRUMMER FOR FUN



Tekura Jubilee
Sportswoman of the Year
1st in being 'kuku'
Profession: FLIGHT ATTENDANT ON AIR RARO



Peter Teaukura
Sleeping Boiii
1st in low-ridin' piripou
Profession: FREESTYLER



Fremin McIntosh:
Captain of the Year
"1st in working on the shut"
Profession: Assistant Coach for Sharks U17's



Nelson Sheck
Rugby Player of the year
1st in doing nothing
Profession: ARTIST



Tyson Petero
Most committed Rugby Player
1st in self defence
Profession: COLONEL P



Hale Momoemausu
Tug-o-War Champion
1st in hairstyles
Profession: KING OF COURT TOUCH



Savea Daniels
MVP Touch
1st in being 'banging'
Profession: PE TEACHER



Meriol Tearetoa
Most dedicated netball player
1st in dancing
Profession: TV REPORTER



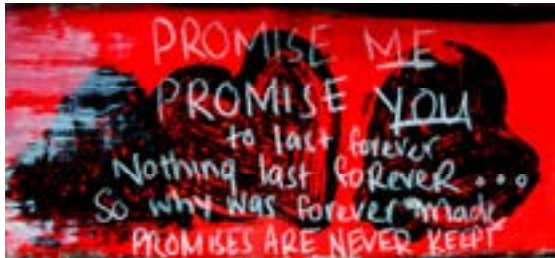
Yannis Mea
Most valuable musician
1st in smashing windows
Profession: POLICEMAN



Trinity Teaukura
NCEA Level One & Two
"1st in ???"
Profession: ENTREPRENEUR

MAINSTREAM

YEAR'S 10/11



Talofa lava, Kia ora, Kia orana, Greetings!

What a great year it has been. Mainstream students have had their heads down all year, focused on their academic goals and future pathways. There have been more ups than downs, and as a group, there is so much to be proud of.



It has been a privilege to work with some of our school's hardest working students and tutor teachers. I would like to thank Ms Miller, Mr Phayer, Mrs Tucker, Mr Hamman and Mr Olls, for their great effort in managing their students and for growing strong relationships with their students. Without their attention and care for our Mainstream teachers, they would not have as much success as they have gained.



Many thanks to the teachers who have helped our students to be the best they can be.

A big thank you also goes to Mr Rothman and Senior Management.

Highlights for Mainstream Year 10:

- Best over all dressed in our wonderful school uniform
- Best overall attendance of all Year 10
- Best punctuality of all Year 10 students



Highlights for Mainstream Year 11:

- Best over all dressed in our wonderful school uniform
- Best overall attendance of all Year 11
- Best punctuality of all Year 11 students
- We have some of the best NCEA Level One Internal Assessment results:



These students certainly have not come to school just to eat their lunch this year. There are many other students who are close to achieving NCEA Level One, and who also have their Literacy and Numeracy credits. Well done to you also.



From Ms Miller's tutor class:

- Aaron Gott – 103 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Jason Harris – 96 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Matthew Broman – 81 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Joel Brammall – 80 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Katy Cassidy – 74 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy



From Mr Phayer's tutor:

- Luke Hutcheson – 95 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Bradley Tremain – 94 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Troy Smith-Holley – 80 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Chris-Arne Patena – 79 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Phillip Towler – 77 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Sharnice Birch – 75 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Nikki Reid – 71 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy



From Mr Hamman's tutor:

- Melissa Appel – 85 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy
- Hayley Bason – 78 credits, with Literacy & Numeracy



These students have clear academic goals and are focusing on their future careers.

To all the students who will be undertaking the external NCEA Level One examinations, all the very best. Study hard and do your best.



To the Year 10s and 11s, as you step up another level at school, ensure that you use the successful strategies from 2009, in 2010. Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and a prosperous 2010 to you all.



Miss Krause
Dean of Mainstream, Year 10 & 11 2009

YEAR 12

AND YEAR 13

This year has been a fairly quiet one for both groups of students who have been focused on their own individual learning. There has been a large growth in confidence for many of the Year 12's with students working to achieve the goals that they set themselves early on in the year. This includes both academic and personal growth.

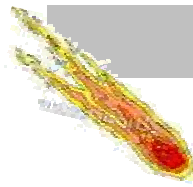
The beginning of the year started with a fairly big group of Year 13 students but by the end of the year there had been a large decline in numbers due to students leaving to take up employment or tertiary studies.

Although many Year 13 students turned up and helped tidy up the Senior Common Room during term one, they did not follow up by using it for the remainder of the year because they were not prepared to pay the Bond set by the school.

A large number of Year 12 students have already signed up to be Peer Mentors for the Year 9 students in 2010. This is a positive sign that the Year 12's are planning to play a greater role in the senior school next year.

Thanks must go to Mrs. Phillips and Miss. Merrylees for their support, care and guidance towards their students throughout the year.

THEN



The sky was red with gases brought in by meteors which were smashing into the earth. Meteor by meteor they smashed through the atmosphere bursting into flames. Not only were there rocks coming all the way down from space, but there were also rocks coming up from below. All around, volcanoes were exploding, shooting out rocks which mingled with the steaming hot lava from beneath the tiniest of openings.



Rather than pools of water, lava littered the land in their own tiny seas. The air was mixed and twisted with all sorts of poisonous gases which could kill an animal with a single breath. Beneath only a few feet of crusted lava was magma that made its underground tunnel with its intense heat. Other tunnels could be meters below and much bigger and more dangerous than the lava and other tunnels.

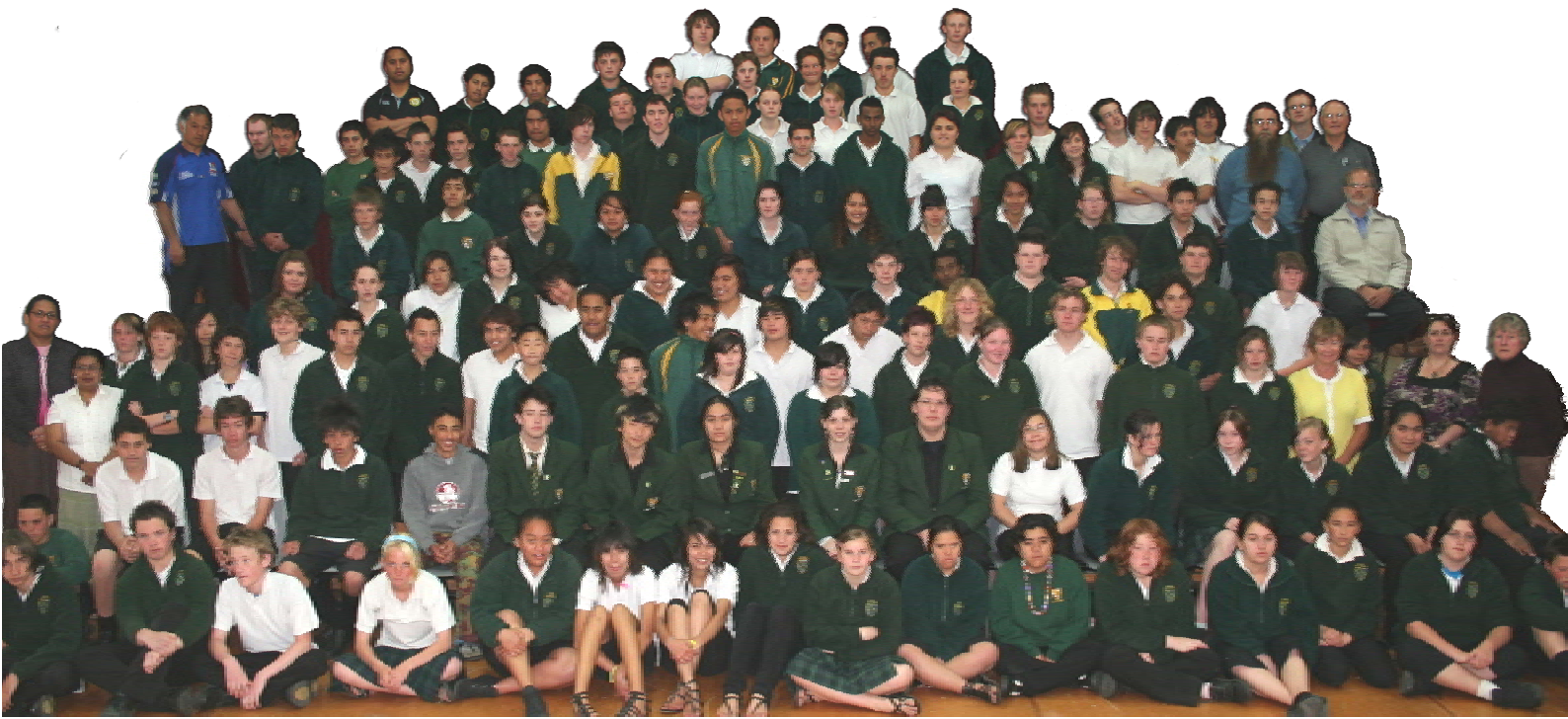


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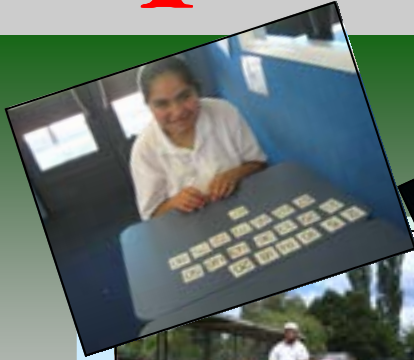
The giant deep blue sky was sprinkled with streaking clouds which were being blown across it by the whipping wind like a rag doll. Many different types of birds like sparrows and doves glided across the sky searching for juicy insects for midday snacks. A dense forest made of a vast variety of many trees and bushes clung to the ground, to the watery edge of a very vast lake. Within the thick forest there were countless animals gathering food for the harsh winter to come, bears ate, squirrels foraged and beavers chewed in preparation. Shimmering reflections of the hungry birds scattered all over the calm surface of the lake. At the very end of the bulbous lake was the rapid river that fed it. Along the banks many sharp toothed crocodiles fought for space to warm their ancient, cold hearts. And within all of this, unnoticed by all, was a field of craters that made this landscape what it is today.



Jesse.Cadle-Middlemiss



TE KAHUI WHETU



Te Kahui Whetu have had a great year. Students have been successful throughout the year at Special Olympics ribbon days with several students being eligible to compete at a regional level for swimming. Our daily fitness and physical activity programme has enabled our students to achieve in this arena.

Our class programme has seen students develop skills in managing themselves and participating and contributing

We continue to enjoy our cooking and outings within our local community.

Students this year have also enjoyed attending classes making items in art, food technology, computing, fabrics and woodwork.





The Winner of the Whanau Trophy 2009

KOWHAI



Rugby 1st XV

Our school 1st XV rugby team were very fortunate to be coached from Jimmy Horn and managed from his beautiful wife Kerie Horn. A very nerve racking start to the season having to play Hamilton boys 2nd XV, due to a very new team and combinations. The boys left it to late for a come back to only just losing 14-12 scoring two tries in the last 10 minutes.

Even though the season started on the back foot this did not dishearten the team at all! With a lot of motivation and determination within the team, trainings saw a lot of progress and potential being displayed every cold Tokoroa winter Tuesday and Thursday nights. Despite the subzero weather, there was always a good turn out to trainings, week in and week out due to the positive atmosphere

that our coach had provided.

We were very fortunate to be sponsored by Jimmy Horns Company that enabled the team to have tracksuits, training tops and sport bags. This boosted the teams self esteem as it made them feel proud for who they play for, Tokoroa High School.

As the season kicked off - game after game our team bonded and gelled so fluently. The score board reflected how hard the boys worked at training and their desire to improve each position they played in whether it was one or more. There were a wide range of scores like 75-0 to us against Melville High, 37-7 to us against Putaruru College, 34-29 to us against Hamilton Boys 2nd XV second time around, Fairfield College 28-3 to us and St Peters 34-14 to us.

The toughest hurdle that our team had to overcome was playing our old rivals Forest View High School. A game played with so much passion and pride that it overwhelmed spectators and we got positive comments from them after the game.

Even though we lost 19-17 it felt as if we won by more then 10 points but in the refs eyes were something else.

I would like to acknowledge the 7th form players who will no longer be involved next year. Savea Daniel-Malietao, Yanniss Mea, Fremin Mackintosh, Brendan Tekanawa, Hale Momoemausu, Damien John, Tyson Petero, Nelson Sheck and Acre Keremete. These players contributions to the team throughout the season is just admirable and they hope that players coming through have learnt from them on and off the field.

Thank you Jimmy Horn and Kerie Horn for all that you have done for the team. It is much appreciated and your hard work on and off the field will never be forgotten! A season well done! Good luck for 2010 guys!

Savea Daniel-Malietao





GOLF



The Tokoroa golf team of Chantelle Cassidy, Ben Tuakana, Ben Letoga and Julius Daniels took part in the Inter Collegiate Championship on 30th March. It was held on a beautiful day at the Tokoroa golf club. Sixteen teams entered from around the Waikato which resulted in a very competitive field.

The Tokoroa team placed 5th overall in the Nett results with Chantelle finishing 1st with the best Gross result. So a good effort from the team, and thanks to all the supporters who came and watched.



Under 14

Rugby



The team had a positive start to the year by having a trial with the under 15's. This was an amazing game in which the under 14's started early to tackle bigger and stronger boys from the under 15 team. The boys began an important partnership between the two teams. It was planned that we had the help of JT Tera and Craig Pollard as the Under 15 Coaches. We had Shilo, Keith, Stacy and Nooroa Mr Manu as the under 14's coaches. Our junior rugby were in good hands and both teams trained together and this had a solid training preparation for both teams.

Our team grew from this loss and planned to make the grand final. We were placed six at this lost and then our boys began to be more hungry to win. We started to play a brand of rugby that was physical, natural and inspiring. We gave the ball some air and all of a sudden we could score tries from our own goal line. A classic memory was against St Pauls when in the last 5 minutes St Pauls scored a try. They converted this and was winning by one point. We had been here before, a loss look likely on the card this day. We kicked off and St Pauls ran it. We tackled them out around the half way mark. The boys asked the ref how much time he said there was only 1 and a half minutes left. The boys threw the ball in and ran the ball from the lineout to the right hand side of the 22 line. They set the ball up and they passed the ball wide to a hard running Reggie. He ran for ten metres and was stopped just before the line when he looked inside to Isaias who received and inside ball. Isaias had a smile a metre long, he waived his right arm up in the air pointing to the heavens and scored the try. The boys were ecstatic they were happy but gracious winners. That game developed our mental toughness. It ain't over till it's over.. We continued to march on with 4 wins in a row including Boys High B, Te Awamutu, St Pauls, Hillcrest.



Our early under 14 grading games quickly woke us up that the division A was going to be a very competitive grade. We were thrashed by Te Kuiti and losing closely to St Johns. The first competition game saw us play Hamilton A at home. We were missing our front row specialist Reggie. They smashed us with a 61 nil hiding. Although Denzil Manu done some smashing on their No 8 Billy, who quickly felt the influence of what it's like to take on some Tok Styles League Styles. He had to leave the field with a sore heart. The boys came together after the game and Mr Manu said. Well boys that's Rugby we will start again at training and lets all turn up. To the credit of the team they all came back to training and the thought that losing makes you more stronger and committed brought our boys together. Mr Manu had belief that the team could win the comp the problem was the boys didn't. Slowly step by step the boys grew in confidence and developed a strong running game.

We did the impossible, we qualified as the second best team for the A grade competition on points. Leaving Forest View in fifth position. We deserved to be worthy grand finalist. Our grand final was against Hamilton Boys High A. This was a huge achievement playing against a school with 1700 boys. The boys were stoked making the finals. Anything else was a bonus.



With the talent of boys also playing league the boys began to believe in the team and themselves. It was noted that the boys started to win and win well. They played Te Kuiti and the boys were gunning for them from their first game. It was outstanding to see the improvement and development of the boys. We had boys hitting rucks and our young team began to play as a team. Justus soon showed everyone why he was devastating at no 8. I mean who do you know of a no 8 scoring 80 metre tries. We had strong momentum into the round and we came up against our no one foe Forest View. If there was a way to beat us play us early on a Saturday 9.30am and bring a ref who doesn't like us. We had the game and the boys were hyped. We scored early with a good solid team try. Kardas converted and it was seven nil. The second half saw Forest View score a try with a quick tap. The conversion was unsuccessful and the score was 7 - 5 to Tok. We had a close chance with Justus scoring before the line it was only millimeters between it. The ref certainly wasn't on our side and their was a penalty which Forest View nailed. A tough tussle and we went down 8-7. This I believe was a significant time in our season. When most boys would drop their lips the boys rallied together, disappointed and hearing a very boisterous crowd were humbled. The boys started to realise that when you win you can win graciously and when you lose you can win graciously and this was witnessed by our Tok Team.

If there was one other way to beat us it would have to be the field conditions. Boys High fields were a swamp. Come on! Is this for real playing in a paddock? It was disappointing to play in these conditions. We gave a hearty Haka with Raukawa e and Ka Mate. Matua Billy playing the drums brought us memories of being back in Tok. The boys soldiered on and we were losing 31 nil at half time. We held them out in the second half and kept the final score 31 nil.

The parents, coaches, school and players should be proud of our boys. They kept going when they lost. They learnt character and became a team of champions. The team ended up winning the schools best team for 2009. Outstanding achievements were Top Forward of the year Reginald Matekahi and Top Back of the year Kardas Kaea. Most outstanding Player Justus Riki-Hamana Player of the Year Denzil Manu. Watchout for 2010.



TOKOROHA HIGH X1 1 1 DEVELOP TALENT AT NATIONALS



The 2009 secondary rugby league nationals held at Wainuiomata College in Wellington posed a greater challenge than any other year in its history due to the increase in the number of teams participating and their quality.

On Sunday 30th August, Tokoroa booked into the Angus Inn in the Lower Hutt with James Cook High from Manurewa.

The first game on Monday in the morning was against Rongotai College who by halftime had sprung an unassailable lead of 12 – 0 before Tokoroa could gather their wits. The final score was 10 – 14 win to Rongotai who played to the conditions.

With a second game against powerhouse Kelston Boys College in the afternoon, recovery back at the hotel was important. A must win game to stay in the top tier competition, Tokoroa came out with purpose and Kelston reciprocated. Tokoroa could not maintain their intensity due to injuries to key players and in the end Kelston won comfortably 24 – 6.

Nemesis Southern Cross Campus College from Mangere also struggled to make the top six and were matched to play Tokoroa on Tuesday. Against Southern Cross, Tokoroa captain, Fremin Mackintosh, chose to play into the wind keeping the ball tight rarely allowing width or risky play. To their credit, Tokoroa lead 8 – 6 at halftime and with the wind behind them in the second half they were full of bounce

and confidence. However, Southern Cross learnt from Tokoroa how to play into the wind and kept the ball tight scoring two tries and winning 16 – 8.

Not having won a game, Tokoroa were determined in their last game to restore some pride against James Cook High. James Cook were equally determined to win and were rewarded by a now weary Tokoroa team who clearly lacked match play and the ability to finish teams off when they were ahead.

Kelston College demonstrated great camaraderie and discipline throughout the tournament to make the final against perennial favourites St Pauls. Kelston beat Hato Paora convincingly 38 – 4 while St Pauls ended Aranui's golden run 24 – 6. In the final, St Pauls overpowered Kelston 34 – 10.

The player of the tournament for Tokoroa was industrious forward Paul Daniels. The New Zealand secondary schools player from Tokoroa was Acre Keremete. Overall, the tour was well managed off the field and on.

Many thanks to Mr Ford, Mr Utanga, Mr Manu and Mr Hakaria for their efforts and also Ina Pakoti for his valuable contribution.

Up and Coming Champion

When you see this fair skinned, hazel eyed young man walking slowly towards you, you might think he's just another teenager plodding along in life. But Denzil Manu actually is more ambition than his slow strides suggest.

Denzil is of Ngati Hine and Ngati Wai descent and hails from the Aitutaki villages of Maru o Toi and Amuri. Mix this in with a bit of Irish and Scottish and you get a rich mix of cultures.

He has achieved some noted milestones this year including year, including selection in the Waikato/ Bay of Plenty Athletics Under 13

team. He also represented the school in five codes; athletics, rugby, league, basketball and touch.

Sport has always been a part of Denzil's life. He has been able to develop his skills with the many opportunities Tokoroa High School offers young sportspeople.

Denzil puts in hours of training during the off-season and is starting to reap the rewards. He has little time for socialising but manages to fit in piano practice and Church activities.

In the future, Denzil hopes to become a professional sportsman. He also has a Plan B of becoming a P.E. teacher.

Achievements for 2009:

- * Selected in 1st X111 Rugby League Team
- * Identified for the Newcastle Knights Emerging Talent Programme
- * Under 14 Waikato Rugby Rep
- * Waikato/BOP Athletics Rep



ATHLETICS



It's raining, it's pouring... Isn't it supposed to be athletics day?

After two postponements and stacks of organisation by the PE and Sports Departments, the Tokoroa High School Athletics day for 2009 was finally underway.

Streams of blue (totara), green (rimu), red (kauri) and yellow (kowhai) converged on the grandstand. Each house group chanting, singing or listening to orders screamed at them by their leaders. A healthy rivalry was in the air.

The highlight of the day was the house relay. Many families came to support the event which made a great day – fantastic.

We are grateful to the students for their sportsmanship and participation, the organisers for ensuring everything was ready, the teachers for ensuring each event ran smoothly and the catering team for keeping the teachers well fed and happy.

A great day was held by all

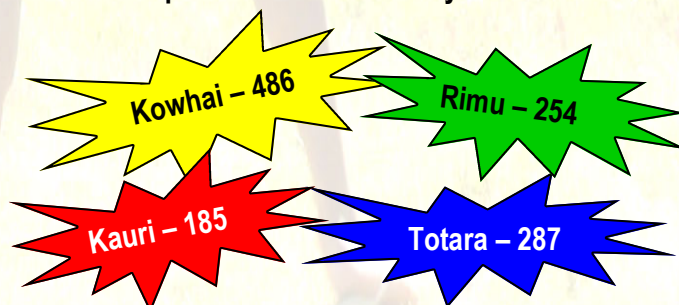
There were some standout performances on the day with three records broken

Denzil Manu
Junior Boys Triple Jump

Justus Riki-Hamana
Junior Boys Javelin & 200 Metres



The house points for Athletics Day 2009 are as follows:



Athletic Champions

Waikato Champs: Hamilton

On March 21st, Tokoroa High School students attended the Waikato Champs held in Hamilton at Porritt Stadium. It was a great event with some awesome feats by our students. Among those performing in the running events were Denzil Manu, Jason Harris, Dremon Matthews-Ford and Charnz Ngatai. Competing in the field events were Kardas Kaea, Rose Daniels, Te Kura Jubile, Sinoti Levao, Damian John, Lachoneus Tugane, Shy-anne Gates competed in the field events.

Among those who stood out were our finalists and qualifiers for the North-Island champs to be held in Wellington. These students were Kardas Kaea, Sinoti Levao and Lachoneus Tugane, who really showed the other schools that Tokoroa High School can compete with the best.

Accolades, to all our students who excelled on the day and for getting up their and giving the competition their best



Northern Champs: Wellington.



On April 4, we travelled to Wellington with Mr Ngapo to take Kardas and Sinoti to the Athletics.

It was great to be able to witness some up and coming NZ athletes. Kardas

competed in the Discus and was placed tenth overall. Being a relatively newcomer to discuss, the experience of entering the competition was very valuable and this has prompted him to compete again next year.

There were many supporters who were not able to make it to Wellington but they did keep in touch through texting, ringing and even donations that helped toward travelling costs. Many thanks to all those who contributed especially the PE and Sports Department, Raukawa Trust Board, Raukawa Fm, Ngapo-Lipscombe Law, Te Rito whanau, Te Manava, The Council, Mr Ngapo and others.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Te Kahui Whetu students attended the Waikato secondary school swimming ribbon day held in Te Awamutu on the 6th of March.

Many of our swimmers had never competed in a swimming competition before and we were very proud of their achievements.

159 swimmers from the Waikato area competed at this swim meet. From this competition several of our swimmers have been requested to participate in the North Island regional competition to be held in April.

Results:

Morgan Ferguson	15 m walk 4 th , 15m kickboard 3 rd
Harmanie Rapana-Campbell	15m walk 3 rd , 15m kickboard 5 th
Kasper Nooyen	15m walk 3 rd , 25m freestyle 4 th
Royland Carlson	15m kickboard 2 nd , 15m freestyle 5 th
Toka Rae	15m kickboard 3 rd , 15m freestyle 2 nd
Micaiah Jacobs	25m freestyle 3 rd , 25m backstroke 3 rd
Wiremu Kopa	25m freestyle 1 st , 25m backstroke 4 th
Keretina Mutu	25m freestyle 2 nd , 25m backstroke 3 rd



THE WEEK THAT WAS...

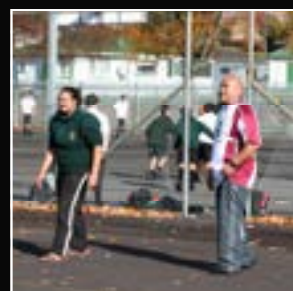
TEACHERS VS STUDENTS

Creaking bone joints, grunts and groans as muscles kicked back into action for the staff, and screams of delight from all concerned as the week kicked off the celebration for the upcoming National Youth Week.

The staff managed to take the games out, winning both the junior and senior sections for Netball on Monday. Despite the argy bargee... The fun continued with Basketball - where the teachers won 2, drew 1 and lost 1 game to the formidable force of the Senior Boys. Wednesday saw us all back outdoors for Soccer. Teachers lost 2 - 0. Thursday went one a piece for Touch... Needless to say that the Gym on Friday was bursting at the seams as the week rounds off with Badminton.

Thanks to the Sporting Department for the organisation that has gone into the week, all willing participants, students and staff alike, the refs and umpires.

With the competition pretty much wrapped up and victories shared around, (it would be rude for the teachers to win everything outright wouldn't it?) It is with great anticipation, that we hang up our sneakers and sweats for another year and await our chance to play the students in National Youth Week 2010.



BASKETBALL



Senior Boys

2009 was a year of trying to keep the team together. Mr Manu was once again our inspirational coach who organised us on trainings and game days. This year the economic climate seem to affect our team, Most families had a tough task in coming up with their basketball fees let alone come to training. This resulted in our team only playing around 8 games. However, we started our comp in Term 2 and realised that we were once again good enough to play in the Rotorua A grade competition.

We started with good wins against Reporoa and Rotorua lakes. Our team were by far the biggest with the return of Lachoneus and Sheridan. The combinations were great and it seemed like the boys still had the rhythm of playing basketball from last year. But sometimes sports has a way of humbling you. When we thought we were going to the top this year we played Rotorua Boys A, who were far smaller than us and due to our lack of handling big pressure games we lost by 3 points.

Haydn Hodge seem to enjoy his starting five position by shooting well from the outside. Damian was also hot from the perimeter scoring some 3 pointers at will. Aydan Poko and James Horn were fantastic at rebounding and the boys were gelling well as a team. We always seem to fall over when we played Western heights A and Rotorua Boys.

Our basketball fans were always cheering us on from having our Junior girls, boys and Senior girls. It was a highlight to have four teams this year and the fun we had in our bus to and from the games was some memorable moments. Senior Boys will be back in force in 2010 with the up and coming stars and returning students from this year to being back the Tok High Bball force.

Our Devastating Team

Hayden the Mean Maori slick shooter Hodge, Aydan Rebound Poko, James mean Hops Horn, Sheridan Bball import Wills, Lachoneus Twin tower under the basket Tungane, Arthur secret Asasain Tere, Michael hot sauce Ratima, Danny the strong moves John, Damian the 3 pointer weapon John



Junior Girls

The biggest highlight for me in basketball season wasn't the games we played but the 'feast' that we were going to have afterwards – Pizzahut, Burger King, Mcdonalds or Burgerfuel – take your pick! But as soon as we got to the Sportsdome it was game time and I put my game face and our flash new playing uniforms on!

Our team – Rebecca, Casey, Laetitia, Riana, Samantha T, Bianca T and Bianca O and myself made a great combination both defensively and on attack and went undefeated for quite a long time against Rotorua Girls High, Western Heights, John Paul College and Rotorua Lakes High. This is largely due to our coach Mrs Poko.

The biggest thing I learnt from this year's basketball season is that it doesn't necessarily take a flash gym with proper sized courts and the hoop to win games. What is important is to turn up to training with the right attitude and enjoy playing as a team with lots of heart!

Mereana Poko
TMUT



Junior Boys

We started the year with some good positive trials with up and coming young guns from last year's team and some talented year nines. We started with a bang by recruiting no 1 draft pick from Tokoroa Intermediate Dremon Mathews- Ford. The inclusion of star rookie Joshua Brown who may have looked 5 foot something but could dribble that ball with speed. James the Biddle was a name that was on every ones tongue not only for basketball but also for his dry humour. Nu the Numanga showed more combinations than a Chinese Takeaway showing some family talent in the game of Basketball the only player who needed hair wax before a game. Later in the year a new signing of Richard Anglem Reti joined the new recruits and brought some size and skill. So all our year nines were talented eager to learn and thrown straight into the Rotorua Under 15 Division A.



This year our year 10 Bballers hailed with some exceptional skill. Coming in with point guard Denzil Manu our team scoring machine fast as Usain Bolt, moves like Dwayne Wayde and a appetite like Lachoneus Yeah could easily eat pizza and combo's in one night. Our dominating Centre with powerful rebounds and excellent tips under the basket, Reginald our most committed and talented bball power forward. He was the unsung hero a talent to watch in the future. Speaking of athletic prowess, Charnz Ngatai who had the mean hops could block guys and from under the basketball. Speed and skill around the court but also enjoyed fouling people. Teanonui was an impressive player this year using his height and long reach.

The junior boys had a successful run this year. They played Jean Paul College and defeated them in the season. They met in the semi finals and played a very competitive game. The first half Tok High was up by four points. Half time the boys were leveled. The great work of the defensive skills of Reginald made hard work for Jean Paul to score. The last two minutes to go and it was all locked up. Then out of the blue they landed two three pointers. This was hard to pull back with Denzil Manu shooting one three pointer and the game finished with the boys losing by three points.

They ended the season coming fourth place in the Rotorua Under 15 A grade competition. We had some highlights for the year with Mohi singing hard on the way back home and chucking in the van. Dremon eating at four restaurants. Joshua eating 2 jumbo pictures. Reginald screening a Western Heights player and hurting him. Denzil putting a shoulder on a player who got winded. 2009 was great year for our Junior Boys. We look forward to 2010 with the same optimism.

Senior Girls

This year we played in the B Grade and came out on top, till we got the chop. Even though we only managed to play half a season we learnt a lot of new drills and skills from our awesome coach Vaito. All two of us regularly turned up to trainings but we still surprised ourselves by winning quite a few games. We had real fun on court and always gave it our best (most of the time). The highlight of the year was finally beating Forest View.

A big thank you to all our junior recruits that played for us when we didn't have enough players. Vaito, Laetitia and I are very sorry for mucking around with you. Kat you are

the bomb, you have improved the most and are always at training with me. Meriol and Rose you came when you wanted to, but whenever you did you always made us laugh on and off court. Nicole and Tekura you are the tallies of our team, our rebounders and shooters.

The fun times never seemed to end; from the three pointer flukes and rough steals to the big feeds at Burger King, this is a season of memories to remember.

By Kei-lah Teao





Netball

THS NETBALL WITH THE 'Aye' Team

Recipe for successful netball team and season

- ✓ **Willing players** – we had 7 exceptionally talented girls from all Year levels at school
- ✓ **Positive attitudes** – we all turned up and prayed Mrs Poko would let us train in the gym instead of outside in the rain and that it wouldn't be too painful
- ✓ **Commitment to play the whole season** – that's turning up on time even when it was raining
- ✓ **Supportive crowd to cheer us on** – thank you to our parents/grandparents and mates who always made it to our games and remembered to cheer for us and not the opposition
- ✓ **Committed coach** – thanks to Mrs Poko who pulled us together when we didn't necessarily feel like being pulled together and made sure we gave 100% all of the time. We could always rely on her to provide us with innovative trainings.
- ✓ **Sense of humour** – most of the time we called laugh – even at ourselves
- ✓ Uniforms, balls, the odd plaster and copious amounts of magic water

The **THS – Ayes** had it all and the best bit is most of us will be willing to do it all again next year!

- ✓ Tatyana Stowers
- ✓ **CAPTAIN** (and proud of it!)



THS Team

A Team



THS GOLD NETBALL TEAM: CAME RUNNER-UP, C-GRADE

This year was fantastic for the Gold Netball team. There were some hiccups, but thankfully, things turned out all right. With some team members leaving during the season, there was an immediate need to re-shape here and there.

The team for 2009:

Timote Turu, *Captain* Iritana Selwyn, Sinoti Levao, Riana Haa, *Vice Captain*, Naomi Fuimaono, Munokoa Horn, Talica Tara, Samantha Tere, Treval Wilson

Like any real netballer knows, the girls battled the elements of our harsh Tokoroa winter. Through ice, snow, torrents of rain, and polar blasts, they still managed to play well, fairly, passionately and with a smile.

With the dedication and leadership of Timote Turu, Riana Haa, and Iritana Selwyn, the girls picked up the pace and eventually came Runner-up in the C Grade of the Tokoroa Netball Association competition for 2009. Watch out for these young sportswomen in the future!

I would like to thank the team members who were dedicated to training, meetings and turning up to all the games. A big thanks to Timote for her leadership and keeping the girls in line and Riana, for stepping up to the challenge and also being a good leader.

Well done, ladies. I fully enjoyed myself. It was a great pleasure to be your coach and manager this year.

Miss Krause

Girls Touch



Cricket



Boys Touch



U15 Rugby and League Boys





Cross Country

Junior Girls

- 1ST** Iritana Selwyn
2ND Coralie Te Hiko
3RD Munokoa Horn

Junior Boys

- 1ST** Dremon Ford
2ND Denzil Manu
3RD Curtis Pumphry

Intermediate Girls

- 1ST** = Nicole Bartie
 Sarah Bass
3RD = Melissa Appel
 Hayley Bason
 Nikki Reid

Intermediate Boys

- 1ST** Jason Harris
2ND Jesse Thrupp
3RD = Joel Bramall
 Matthew Broman

Senior Girls

- 1ST** Molly Mitchell
2ND Rose Daniels

Senior Boys

- 1ST** Atai Daniels
2ND Joseph Paul
3RD Kurt Russel

Cross Country Cross Country Cross Country Cross Country Cross Country Cross Country Cross Country Cross Country Cross Country Cross Country

Boys Soccer



This year our soccer team has vastly improved, mostly due to Chris Teague's improved abilities to lead us as a team and our individual skills which have improved vastly from last years.

I would like to mention our most commended players, Chris Teague, Joshua Smith-Holley, Tony Wu, Aaron Gott, Martin Piccinini, Mathew Broman, Desmond and David Phillips and our guest player Jesse Thrupp.

To our other players I hope you get better for future years. This year we advanced into a higher division proving that we were deserving of our trophies.

For next year I know we will play better with Chris's always improving techniques that he graciously bestows upon us.

We would like to thank all of our supporters this year even the rugby parents that came to watch our game after their children's games.

To all our team I would like to leave you with some words of inspiration, score goals, break legs, and earn your honour on the field.

WHANAU CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

1ST

70 points

Kowhai

2ND

51 points

Rimu

3RD

27 points

Kauri

4TH

15 points

Totara

SWIMMING SPORTS



The school swimming sports exposed the up and coming talent that the school has. Both junior boys and girls produced some exciting races with Ariana Hawker and Taara Vavia fighting it out in the junior girls, and Andia Loveday and Callum Gott in the junior boys.



The intermediate was also a close contest between Nicole Bartie and Bianca Ormsby and John Wilson and Charnz Ngatai with Nicole and John coming out on top.



It was a different story in the seniors as no girls or boys swam. Hopefully this will change next year.

Thanks to the helpers who supported the sports department.



Te Kahui Whetu Swimming Sports

On Wednesday 1 April three members of Te Kahui Whetu attended the Special Olympics North Island Regional Swimming Championships which were held in Te Awamutu.

This event is held once every four years and our swimmers achieved top results coming home with five medals in total.

Well done and congratulations to these students.

Keretina Mutu Gold-25M Backstroke
Gold-25M Kickboard
4th-25M Freestyle

William Kopa Silver-25M Kickboard
Bronze-25M Freestyle
4th-25M Backstroke

Micaiah Jacobs Bronze-25M Backstroke
4th-25M Kickboard
4th-25M Freestyle

Congratulations and well done to all students who were involved in sporting and cultural activities this term we look forward to your achievements next term.



GIRLS SOCCER



The senior girl's soccer was a big success this year, with our team finishing 3rd overall in the division.

Our team mainly consisted of junior girls and I am proud of the strength these girls had throughout the season. With only two losses in the season the girls show promise for the future in this sport.

Through the ups and downs in the team, in the end we all stuck together which in my mind helped make our team almost unbeatable. With the girls ecstatic after our every win, I will never forget the day the girls played their best game with the outcome score of 12 – 0, we were all so proud.

With the support of Tokoroa New World, Sports World, Denise Tremain and the girls' time and effort for fundraising we were fortunate enough to have had a brand new kit, colours (black & orange), which looked stunning on the field. I look forward to seeing these girls and many more sign up for soccer next year.

EXTRA-CURRICULA

RUGBY

1st XV Rugby team

Coach: Mr Horn
Manager: Mrs Horn
Team

Kelvin Cooper	Wireless Ford
Jason Harris	Hayden Hodge
James Horn	Damian John
Danny John	Acre Keremete
Ben Letoga	Gideon Letoga
Fremin Mackintosh	Siusega Letoga
Damon McGuire	Tyson Petero
Hale Momoemausu	Ayden Poko
Nelson Sheck	Ivan Te Kanawa
Brendan Te Kanawa	Opeta Utanga
Jarrold Vavia	Manu Wana
John Wilson	Savea Daniel-Malietoa
Lachoneus Tungane	

Certificates

Best Forward: Fremin Mackintosh
Best Back: Opeta Utanga
Best Team member: Tyson Petero

Trophy

Grant Robinson Memorial Trophy for most outstanding 1st XV Player: Nelson Sheck

Under 15's

Coaches: Mr Tera and Mr Pollard
Team

Jacob Daniel	Jamie Gray
Reynor Hewitt	David King
Axl Kingi	Charnz Ngatai
Lucas Pollard	George Rikiau
Peter Fosa JR Letoga	Keanu Takiri
Gary Simiona Harris	Seth Tera
Aiden Te Kanawa	Marco Tetevano
Sean-Luke Woonton	Liam Russel

Certificates

Most improved Player: Seth Tera
Most sporting Player: Liam Russel
Most committed Player: George Rikiau
Lucas Pollard
Jamie Gray

Trophies

Best forward of the year: Peter Letoga
Best back of the year: Charnz Ngatai
Tera Family Most outstanding attitude and committed to rugby: Aiden Te Kanawa

Under 14's

Coaches: Mr Manu
Team

Jonathan Bass	Camrin Brown
Isaiah Cooper	Jon-Henry Hood
Stephen Jackson	Kardas Kaea
Denzil Manu	Reginald Matekahi
Dremon Matthews-Ford	Ian Mowbray
Justus Riki Hamana	Robell Rota
Wycliffe Rota	Dion Tai
Tuscano Wehipeihana	Mana Tepana
Richard Anglem-Reti	VJ Tutai
Jordan Shaquille Watson	

Runners up of Waikato Sec School Competition

Certificates

Most improved Player: Richard Anglem-Reti
Top Forward: Reginald Matekahi
Top Back: Kardas Kaea

Trophies

THS Trophy for most outstanding Player: Justus Riki Hamana
Surf Player of the year: Denzil Manu

Girls Rugby

Forest View Combined

Winners of Waikato Sec Sch girls rugby competition

Trophies

Puke Transport Trophy for girls forward of the year:

Tui Savage

Oil Jet Hydraulics Trophy for girls back of the year:

Christina Black

THS Trophy for girls most outstanding Player:

Isabella Tau

RUGBY LEAGUE

Coaches: Mr Ford and Mr Utanga

Managers: Mr Hakaria and Mr Manu

Team

Savea Daniel-Malietoa	Paul Daniels
Wireless Ford	James Horn
Damian John	Jacob Jones
Kenneth Jones	Acre Keremete
Peter Fosta JR Letoga	Axl Kingi
Fremin Mackintosh	Denzil Manu
Hale Momoemausu	Yannis Mea
Justus Riki Hamana	Ayden Poko
Ezra Takiri	Alex Tito
Lachoneus Tungane	Opeta Utanga
John Wilson	

Certificates

Best forward: Paul Daniels
Best Back: Ezra Takiri
Best Supporter: Mrs Horn

Trophies

Newcastle Knights Award for most promising Player:

Denzil Manu

Joe Horn Memorial:

Fremin Mackintosh

Ford Trophy for Player of the year: Acre Keremete

MIXED HOCKEY

Coach: Mrs Sawford

Team

Melissa Appel	Menante Appel
Ross Gardiner	Jason Harris
Lisa Horn	Damon McGuire
Chris-Arne Patena	Jayden Sawford
Nelson Sheck	Braydon Willis
Joshua Smith Holley	Isabella Tau
Jarrold Vavia	Kumeroa White
Whetu White	

Certificates

Most Supportive Player: Isabella Tau

Trophies

Most improved girls: Lisa Horn
Kumeroa White
Most improved boy: Jarrold Vavia
Contribution to hockey: Ross Gardiner

Graham Cup for most outstanding girl:

Menante Appel

Tokoroa Club trophy for most outstanding boy:

Jayden Sawford

LUNCHTIME BADMINTON

Teacher in charge: Mrs Mutter

Certificates and trophies

Trophy for most improved Player: Mikimiki Ngata
Trophy for most sporting Player: Alana Rikiau
Trophy for most valuable Player: Chantelle Cassidy

GET TO GO STUDENTS

Rebecca Hoani
Sarah Bass
Denzil Manu
Charnz Ngatai
Gabiella Mapstone
Taara Vavia
Kardas Kaea
Dremon Ford

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Tokoroa High School New Athletics Records

Junior boys triple jump: Denzil Manu 10.10m
Junior boys javelin: Justus Riki Hamana 31.00m

Waikato Team

Sinote Levao, Kardas Kaea

Athletics Champions

THS Student Council trophy for Junior Girls Champion:

Laelitia Sheck

THS Student Council Trophy for Junior Boys Champion:

Justus Riki-Hamana

G.H.McEwen Cup for Intermediate Girls Champion:

Sarah Bass

L.H Riley Trophy for Intermediate Boys Chamion:

Charnz Ngatai

G Wilson Cup Senior Girls Champion:

Tekura Jubilee

L.H Riley Trophy for Senior Boys Champion:

Damian John

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

P. Barrett Trophy for Junior Girls Champion:

Iritana Selwyn

THS Sport Trophy for Junior Boys Champion:

Dremon Matthews-Ford

THS Student Council trophy for Intermediate Girls Champion:

Nicole Bartie

Sarah Bass

R.W.I.A. Cup for Intermediate Boys Champion:

Jason Harris

Mcneil Cup for Senior Girls Champion:

Molly Mitchell

MacMillan Cup for Senior Boys Champion:

Joseph Paul-Vavia

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Francis Cup for Junior Girls Champion:

Ariana Hawker

A Uthanga Trophy for Junior Boys Champion:

James Loveday

THS Student Council Trophy for Intermediate Girls Champion:

Nicole Bartie

THS Student Council Trophy for Intermediate Boys Champion:

John Wilson

G Francis Cup for Senior Boys Champion:

Andrew Marama-Lyon



SOCCER

Girls

Coach:	Samantha Tremain
Managers:	Mrs Tremain, Mrs Morris
Team	
Grace Marie Clarke	Ariana Hawker
Gabriella Mapstone	Emily Nield
Courtney Ross	Tamara Thom
Samatha Tremain	Anisa Gardiner
Devon Morris	Nicky Proffitt
Manisha Saini	Rebecca Tremain
Taara Vavia	
Ann-Marie Kata-Joseph	
Certificates	
<i>Most Sporting Player:</i>	Taara Vavia
<i>Most Valuable Player:</i>	Gabrielle Mapstone
<i>Most Supportive Player:</i>	Nicky Proffitt

Trophies

<i>Molleman cup for the most improved soccer Player:</i>	Manisha Saini
<i>THS sport trophy for girls leading goal scorer:</i>	Samantha Tremain
<i>THS student council trophy for contribution to soccer:</i>	Samantha Tremain
<i>THS Trophy girls Player of the year:</i>	Ann-Marina Joseph

Boys

Coach:	Keith Allen
Team	
Mathew Beazley	Russel Brunton
Cullum Gott	Desmond Phillips
Curtis Pumphy	Bradley Tremain
Matthew Broman	Aaron Gott
David Phillips	Niki Berneria
Dale Searl	Chris Teague
Joshua Smith Holley	Tony Wu
Trophies	
<i>Most exciting Player:</i>	Aaron Gott
<i>Most Committed Player:</i>	Dale Searl
<i>Best contribution to team:</i>	Joshua Smith Holley

Trophies	
<i>Player of the year:</i>	Chris Teague

NETBALL

A team

Coach:	Mrs Bass
Managers:	Niki Kemp, Karen Kemp
Team	
Nicole Bartie	Sarah Bass
Rebecca Hoani	Shaquille Kaea
Laetitia Sheck	Whetu White
Certificates	
<i>Most Sporting Player:</i>	Rebecca Hoani
<i>Most Valuable Player:</i>	Nicole Bartie
Trophies	
<i>Moeroa Maea Trophy, Most Improved Player in A team:</i>	Whetu White and Shaquille Kaea
<i>L Reid Trophy for Most outstanding year 10 Netballer:</i>	Laetitia Sheck
<i>Lani Daniel Senior A Trophy for Player of the Year:</i>	Sarah Bass

Ayes Team

Coach:	Mrs Poko
Team	
Chelsea Aupouri	Mereana Poko
Osooso Stowers	Tatyana Stowers
Coralie Te Hiko	Kumeroa White
Tearaara Tangimataiti	
Certificates	
<i>Most Improved Player:</i>	Chelsea Aupouri
<i>Most Sporting Player:</i>	Coralie Te Hiko
<i>Most Valuable Player:</i>	Tatyana Stowers
Trophies	
<i>Ngaio Reeves Trophy for Most Promising Year 9 Player:</i>	Coralie Te Hiko
<i>THS Player of the year:</i>	Mereana Poko

THS Gold Team

Coach:	Ms Krause
Team	
Naomi Fuimaono	Riana Haa
Munokoa Horn	Iritana Selwyn
Talica Tara	Samantha Tere
Timote Turu	Treval Wilson
Certificates	
<i>Most Improved Player:</i>	Naomi Fuimaono
<i>Most Sporting Player:</i>	Iritana Selwyn
	Timote Turu
	Riana Haa
	Timote Turu
<i>Most Valuable Player:</i>	
Trophy	
<i>Player of the year:</i>	Iritana Selwyn

THS Team

Coach:	Ms Tarai
Team	
Johanna Hunia	Tekura Jubilee
Ruth Letoga	Mikimiki Ngata
Meriol Tearetoa	Aro'a Turia
Claudia Turia	
Certificates	
<i>Most Improved:</i>	Ruth Letoga
<i>Most Sporting:</i>	Tekura Jubilee
Trophy	
<i>Player of the year and most committed Player:</i>	Meriol Tearetoa

TOUCH

Boys Touch

Coach:	Mr McCurren and Mr Nepe
Team	
Isaiah Cooper	Kardas Kaea
Fremin Mackintosh	Denzil Manu
Dremon Ford	Matthew Broman
Che Riki-Hamana	Charnz Ngatai
Justus Riki-Hamana	Dion Tai
Curtis Pumphy	Ivan Te Kanawa
Marco Teteavano	Mana Tepana
Certificates	
<i>Most Improved Player:</i>	Mana Tepana
<i>Most Committed Player:</i>	Kardas Kaea
Trophy	
<i>THS Trophy for Boys Most Outstanding Player:</i>	Chris Teague

Girls Touch

Coach:	Ms Mckenzie
Team	
Ioalaia Cowley	Kayla Gubb
Margaret Moses	Tatyana Stowers
Chris-Arne Patena	Iritana Selwyn
Kuramaeva Sema	Isabella Tau
Kumeroa White	Whetu White
Certificates	
<i>Most Improved Player:</i>	Kayla Gubb
<i>Most Sporting Player:</i>	Chris-Arne Patena
<i>Most Valuable Player:</i>	Isabella Tau
Trophy	
<i>THS trophy for Girls Most Outstanding Player:</i>	Whetu White

Mixed touch team

Coach:	Mr Hakaria
Team	
Nicole Bartie	Jonathan Bass
Shaquille Kaea	Rebecca Hoani
Acre Keremete	Tyson Petero
Brendan Tekanawa	Yannis Mea
Opeta Utanga	Laetitia Sheck
Tuteretere Daniel-Maietoa	Sarah Daniel-Maietoa
Certificates	
<i>Most Improved female:</i>	Laetitia Sheck
<i>Most Improved male:</i>	Jonathan Bass
Trophies	
<i>Outstanding male:</i>	Savea Daniel-Maietoa
<i>The Whittaker trophy for highest achievement award:</i>	Sarah Bass

CRICKET

BOYS CRICKET TEAM

Coach:	Chris Teague
Team	
Joel Bramall	Paul Daniels
Matthew Broman	Atai Daniel-Tane
Wireless Ford	Hayden Hodge
Yannis Mea	Dale Searl
Glen Spearpoint	Chris Teague
Jesse Thrupp	Savea Daniel-Maietoa
Certificates	
<i>Most Improved Player:</i>	Jesse Thrupp
<i>Most sporting Player:</i>	Wireless Ford

Trophy	
<i>Gosnell Bat Award:</i>	Chris Teague

BASKETBALL

Senior Girls

Coach:	Ms Vaito
Team	
Tekura Jubilee	Ruth Letoga
Kei-lah Teao	Meriol Tearetoa
Casey-Marie Uerata	Claudia Turia
Ruama Tangimama	
Certificates	
<i>Most Improved Player:</i>	Nicole Bartie
<i>Most Promising Player:</i>	Katarina Te Whaiti
<i>Most Valuable Player:</i>	Kei-lah Teao

Trophy	
<i>Tokoroa Sports World Trophy for Most Outstanding Girls Basketball Player:</i>	Kei-lah Teao

Senior Boys

Coach:	Mr Manu
Team	
Jason Harris	Hayden Hodge
James Horn	Damian John
Danny John	Damon McGuire
Ayden Poko	Arthur Tere
Lachoneus Tungane	Ethan Tito
Certificates	
<i>Most Improved Player:</i>	Ayden Poko
<i>Most Sporting Player:</i>	Hayden Hodge
<i>Most Valuable Player:</i>	James Horn

Trophy	
<i>J M Watts Cup for the most outstanding Basketball Player:</i>	Damian John

Junior Boys

Coach:	Mr Manu
Team	
James Biddle	Joshua Brown
Isaiah Cooper	Denzil Manu
Reginald Matekahi	Charnz Ngatai
Nukhaka Numanga	Marco Tetevano
Dremon Matthews-Ford	
Certificates	
<i>Most improved Player:</i>	Charnz Ngatai
<i>Most sporting Player:</i>	Richard Anglem-Reti
<i>Most Valuable Player:</i>	Dremon Mathews Ford

Trophies	
<i>Manu 5 trophy for Player with the most potential:</i>	Reginald Matekahi
<i>Manu 5 trophy for the Most Outstanding Junior Boy</i>	
<i>Basketball Player:</i>	Denzil Manu

Junior Girls

Coach:	Mrs Poko
Team	
Rebecca Hoani	Johanna Hunia
Mereana Poko	Laetitia Sheck
Talica Tara	Samanta Tere
Casey-Marie Uerata	Bianca Tito
Riana Haa	Bianca Ormsby
Certificates	
<i>Most improved Player:</i>	Casey Marie Uerata
<i>Most Sporting Player:</i>	Mereana Poko
<i>Most Valuable Player:</i>	Rebecca Hoani
Trophy	
<i>E Winder Cup for the Player with the Most Potential:</i>	Mereana Poko

Sports Team of the Year

Nominees:
U14's Rugby
Girls Soccer
Senior A Netball
Junior Boys Basketball

Winner
U14's Rugby



Newbrook Trophy for All-Round Sportsman of the Year

Nominees:
Damian John
Chris Teague
Savea Daniel-Malietoa

Winner
Damian John



Ryan Trophy for Best Contribution to Sport in Attitude and/or Participation

Nominees:
Samantha Tremain
Chris Teague
Isabella Tau
Hale Momoemausu

Winner
Chris Teague



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

Nominees:
Tekura Jubilee
Molly Mitchell
Chantelle Cassidy

Winner
Tekura Jubilee



THS Trophy for Most Outstanding Achievement in Sport

Nominees:
Chantelle Cassidy
Acre Keremete
Joshua Brown
James Biddle

Winner
Chantelle Cassidy



INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL HONOURS

Rugby League

New Zealand Secondary School Tournament Team: Acre Keremete

Golf

Played in New Zealand u23 womans Tournament:

Won New Zealand u17 womans Tournament: Chantelle Cassidy

Q Sports

Second in New Zealand National tournament for Valley pool

Third in New Zealand Nationals for Valley pool
Joshua Brown
James Biddle

REGIONAL HONOURS

Rugby

U18 Waikato boys rugby trial
U16 Waikato boys rugby trial
U17 Harlequins rugby camp
U15 Waikato rugby development camp
U14 Waikato rugby development camp

U14 Waikato Team
U15 Tritons rugby

U14 Tritons rugby

Damian John, Savea Daniel-Malietoa
James Horn and Opeta Utanga
Nelson Sheck and Yannis Mea
Charnz Ngatai
Kardas Kaea, Justus Riki-Hamana,
Reginald Matekohi, Denzil Manu
Justus Riki-Hamana, Denzil Manu
Peter Letoga, Aiden Te Kanawa,
Charnz Ngatai
Denzil Manu, Kardas Kaea, Dremon
Ford Mathews, Reginald Matekohi,
Justus Riki-Hamana, Dion Tai,
Isaiah Copper

Golf

Waikato Womens Team

Chantelle Cassidy

Touch

Elite training camp
Northern Rangers

Bay of Plenty

Christina Black U17s, Sarah Bass U15s
U17s Christina Black, Nicole Bartie,
U15s Sarah Bass
U17s Christina Black, Nicole Bartie,
U15s Sarah Bass

Rugby league

Bay of plenty u15 rugby league team

Charnz Ngatai, Marco Tetevano

Netball

Waikato secondary school camp

Mikimiki Ngata, Nicole Bartie,
Tatyana Stowers, Mereana Poko,
Carolie Te Hiko, Laetitia Sheck

Tokoroa Reps

Sarah Bass, Laetitia Sheck,
Coralie Te Hiko

Boxing

Waikato u45kg Novice section

Jonathan Bass

LEADERSHIP

Head Students

Head boy: Andrew Marama-Lyon

Head girl: Menante Appel

Deputy Head boy: Joshua Smith Holley

Deputy Head girl: Teagan Rangitutia

School Prefects

Mathew Beazley Zak Newton
Claudia Turia Claudia Russel
Tony Wu Ruth Letoga
Meriol Tearetoa Tekura Jubilee
Hale Momoemausu
Katarina Te Whaiti

School Student Council

Chair: Andrew Marama-Lyon

Secretary: Kei-lah Teao

Committee Members

Keretina Mutu Osooso Stowers
Bianca Ormsby Andrew McClintock
Teagan Rangitutia Stacey King
Melissa Appel Lisa Horn
Christopher Teague Hayley Bason
Menante Appel Laetitia Sheck
Katarina Te Whaiti Aaron Gott
Joshua Smith Holley Mana Tepana
Justus Riki-Hamana

2009 DUX and PROXIME ACCESSIT

**ANDREW
MARAMA-LYON**

**Dux Medal
DC Lane Trophy
Tokoroa Host Lions Club
Tokoroa Club -
EW Evans Memorial Scholarship**



**MENANTE
APPEL**

**RSA Cup
Proxime Accessit Medal
Geoff Burridge Memorial
Lions club of Tokoroa City
Scholarship**

PROXIME ACCESSIT

PRIZES AND DONATIONS

We wish to thank all those who have given prizes and donations towards this prizegiving
A special thank you to Thomas Jewellers for their assistance with trophies and engraving

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

YEAR 11 SUBJECT AWARDS

STUDENT Christina Black	SUBJECT Art	STUDENT Aiden Te Kanawa	SUBJECT 1 st Equal Mathematics with Application (MAA)	STUDENT Luke Hutchson	SUBJECT Computing
Dale Searl	1 st Equal Communication English	Aro'a Turia	1 st Equal Communication English	Heath Taylor	Electronics
Natasha Finlayson	Business Studies Fabrics	Whetu White	1 st Equal Communication English Food and Nutrition	Gideon Letoga	Music Performance Speech Competition Oratory
Tane Thompson	Technology - Hard Materials	James Loveday	Earth Science	Katy Cassidy	Physical Education
Rebekah Kaora	Te Kahui Whetu Achievement	Melissa Appel	Most improved student in year 11-13	Raniera Coxhead	Te Reo
Bradley Tremain	Graphics	Rayna Takiri	Cook Island Maori		
Aaron Gott	1 st Equal English Science Music	Julius Daniels Mata	1 st Equal English History Geography		
Tearaara Tangimetua	Student council cup for effort and involvement across all subjects and has not gained a first place in any subject Mathematics - MAEA Cup for academic excellence by a Cook Island Student				
Tatiana Stowers	1 st Equal Mathematics with Application (MAA)		Tokoroa Chamber of Commerce Cup for the best commerce student who has succeeded in two or more subjects		



YEAR 12 SUBJECT AWARDS

David Phillips	1 st Equal Accounting	Lions Club of Tokoroa City	Tereza Wilson	Art	Impact Photographic Voucher
Ethan Tito	Electrical Engineering	Lions Club of Tokoroa District Award	Ashleigh McGregor	Mitchell Cup for best practical work in Fabrics	
Nelson Sheck	1 st Equal Communication English	South Waikato News Trophy	Alex Tito	1 st Equal Communication English	South Waikato News Trophy
Alicia Uerata	Technology - Fabrics		Sarah Mitchell	Cook Island Maori	
Stacey-Rae Rangitutia	Food and Nutrition	Rural Women New Zealand	Jesse Thrupp	Geography Motor Mechanics Level 1	Bryans Plant and Flower Shop
Kelvin Cooper	Technology – Hard Materials	Bunnings Warehouse	Hayden Hodge	Sports Academy 2	Barry Preece Glass
Siusega Letoga	Music	Ngapo-Lipscombe Law	Chantelle Cassidy	National Certificate in Sport Level 2	
Clay Brown	Te Reo	Osooso Stowers	Dance and Drama		
Joseph Paul Vavia	Mathematics with Application Level 2				
Lisa Horn	Biology Chemistry Physics Mathematics	Rural Women NZ Piako Waikato East Province BNZ Trophy Watch from Thomas Jewellers	Christopher Teague	Electronics Technology Travel and Tourism Physical Education	SW District Council Award
Samantha Tremain	Effort and involvement across all subjects and has not gained a first place in any subject			Lions Club of Tokoroa District Award	
Patu Hare	J Plessius Cup for the most improved student for Year 12 Computing			Ngapo-Lipscombe Law	
Kei-lah Teao	1 st Equal Accounting English Ngapo Cup for Year 12 Oratory Computing Computing and Media Design Level 3		Grahams Paper Plus Trophy for the most improved Year 12 Commerce Student		
			Newbrook cup for best all round student in year 12		
			Digital camera from Canon		



YEAR 13 SUBJECT AWARDS

Brendan Te Kanawa	Communication English	Barry Preece Glass	Teagan Rangitutia	Physical Education	SW District Council Award
Tony Wu	Maths with Calculus	Milne Cup for Mathematics	Jasmine Uerata	1st Equal Te Reo	Creative Arts Cup
Heamo Dehar	1st Equal Te Reo	Waikato Graduate Women Charitable Trust	Ruth Letoga	Technology - Food	Waikato Graduate Women Charitable Trust Awards
Ruama Tangimama	Tourism	National Bank Award	Tekura Jubilee	Cook Island Maori	AFS Central Plateau
Alex Tito	Sports Academy 3		Damian John	Technology - Hard Materials	
Yannis Mea	Music	Waikato Graduate Women Charitable Trust	Mathew Beazley	Electronics	Holster Supply Company
Beniamina Tuakana	National Certificate in Sport Level 3 Music Performance			Tokoroa Men's and Boyswear	
Savea Daniels-Malietoa		Effort and involvement across all subjects and has not gained a first place in any subject			Student council cup
Claudia Russell		Double Happy cup for top achievement other than Dux or Proxime Accessit			
Menante Appel	1st Equal Physics Biology Chemistry	Tokoroa Locksmiths SW District Council Award Elder Cup for Science			
Andrew Marama-Lyon	1st Equal Physics / English Maths with Statistics Graphics /History Senior Oratory Cup	SW District Council Award Tere Mana Ariki Tangaroa Memorial Trophy for Science by a Cook Island Student Tere Mana Ariki Tangaroa Memorial Trophy for best all round performance by a senior Pacific Island student			



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

Molly Mitchell	Junior Pepe	Chris Teague	Osooso Stowers	Kei-lah Teao
Julius Daniels-Mata	Tatyana Stowers	Lisa Horn	Aidan Te Kanawa	Samantha Tremain
Julius Daniels-Mata	THS Trophy for Special Achievement in Year 11		THS Trophy Foote's Carpet and Upholstery Centre	
Osooso Stowers	Student council cup for the most dedicated councillor Drama – extra curricular		Trebilcock performing arts cup	
Yannis Mea	Contribution to Puna Vai Ora Music		Stavert Trophy The Lawry Brothers cup for outstanding all round contribution to Music	
Meriol Tearetoa	Communication and Co-operation Year 13		Radio Forestland Classic Hits Award	
Teagan Rangitihia	Services to the Library		Radio Forestland Classic Hits Award Diana and Jim Ryan Family Trophy for integrity and positive role modelling to other students	
Hale Momoemausu	Contribution to Te Manava		Utanga Family Memorial Trophy for contribution to Te Manava.	
Jasmine Uerata	Contribution to Puna Wai Ora		Nigel Stuart Memorial Trophy for Contribution to Puna Wai Ora	
Zak Newton	Ex Pupil of Strathmore School who is going on to Tertiary Study		Lois Dear Memorial Scholarship	
Bryce Domachenz	John Tekotia	Ethan Tito	For deserving students returning to school next year	
Jacob Jones	Kei-lah Teao		Churches Trust Scholarship	
Menante Appel	Head Girl Outstanding Contribution to the School Community Service and citizenship to the school		Head Girl Medal The Hendra Trophy Rotary Club Scholarship	
Andrew Marama-Lyon	Head Boy Excellence and contribution to the school community Outstanding Contribution to the School Community Tertiary study in the Arts field		Head Boy Medal Kelly Cup The Hendra Trophy Kasey O'Keefe Scholarship	



Zak

I wanted to be: an assassin

In reality I will be: an undercover assassin
masquerading as a computer technician

Joshua

I wanted to be: a Doctor

In reality I will be: an officer in the army

Teagan-Jade

I wanted to be: chef

In reality I will be: personal trainer or an
author

Menante

I wanted to be: a Power Puff girl

In reality I will be: a radiographer

Tyson

I wanted to be: a Power Ranger

In reality I will be: a success

Yannis

I wanted to be: prison entertainer

In reality I will be: a Police man

Fremin

I wanted to be:

In reality I will be: working at Kinleith

Meriol

I wanted to be: a famous person

In reality I will be: a teacher of art

Jarrood

I wanted to be: a beat-box dancer

In reality I will be: part of the Cruise platoon

Jarvis

I wanted to be: a meat worker

In reality I will be: working with youth

Ruama

I wanted to be: Me

In reality I will be: working for the tourist
board

Claudia T

I wanted to be: a dancer

In reality I will be: working in business
management

Jasmine

I wanted to be: a Princess

In reality I will be: a Lawyer

Tony

I wanted to be: a musician

In reality I will be: Jackie Chans Stunt double

Ruth

I wanted to be: singer

In reality I will be: married with children

Hale

I wanted to be: Batman

In reality I will be: a bouncer for the Tok Club

Peter

I wanted to be: a Policeman

In reality I will be: a dancer

Nelson

I wanted to be: Bob Marley

In reality I will be: A Graphic Artist

Brendan

I wanted to be: the next Hugh Hefner

In reality I will be: Donald Trump

Mathew

I wanted to be: a ninja or a cowboy or a space
monkey

In reality I will be: a ninja cowboy in space

Kat

I wanted to be: a Police woman

In reality I will be: an Air Hostess

Damian

I wanted to be: Shuffler

In reality I will be: a video producer

Tekura

I wanted to be: a singer and a dancer and a
princess

In reality I will be: an air hostess travelling the
world

Andrew

I wanted to be: a fire truck

In reality I will be: a multi-millionaire tok-stylez

Wireless

I wanted to be: Bart Simpson

In reality I will be: a radio technician

Alva

I wanted to be: a rock chick

In reality I will be: a seamstress

Trinity

I wanted to be: a boy in the hood

In reality I will be: the Mayor of Tokoroa:Tok-Stylez

Savea

I wanted to be: the Prime Minister

In reality I will be: Air force pilot

Claudia R

I wanted to be: a pony

In reality I will be: a nurse

Cruise

I wanted to be: president of the USA

In reality I will be: a member of the Armed
Defenders Squad

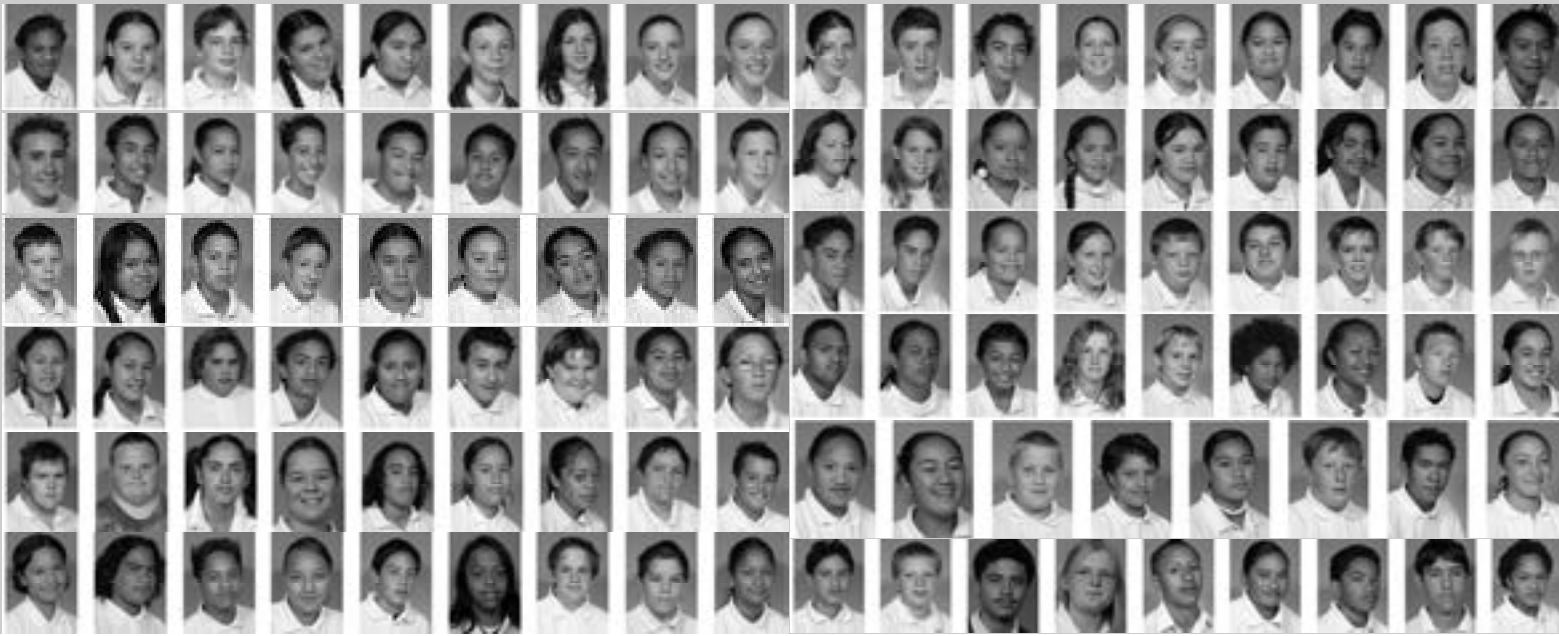
Heamo

I wanted to be: a basketball player

In reality I will be: a politician for the maori party

THE SURVIVOURS

2005 YEAR 9 INTAKE TOKOROA HIGH SCHOOL





Menante Appel



Andrew Marama-Lyon



Teagan Rangitutia



Joshua Smith-Holley



Fremin Mackintosh



Damian John



Yannis Mea



Tyson Petero



Cruise Brown



Brendan TeKanawa



Meriol Tearetoa



Tony Wu



Zak Newton



TeKura Jubilee



Katarina Te Whaiti



Cheri Filler



Heamo Dehar



Peter Teaukura



Ruth Letoga



Claudia Turia



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Shai Altman



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Santana Amohia



TRMA
Richard Anglem-Reti



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Tuhawaiki Aupouri



TMUT
Azariah Ballantyne



9HK
Jonathan Bass



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Dion Bell



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James Biddle



9JH
Jessica Blowes



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Camrin Brown



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Joshua Brown



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Grace Clarke



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Isaiah Cooper



9JH
Audrey Craig



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Jammal Daniel



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Chanel Davis



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Tyson Dempsey



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Kayla Dewhurst



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Morgan Breeze Ferguson



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Anisa Gardiner



TMUT
Isziah Gardiner



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Callum Gott



9JH
Rebecca Griffin



9JH
Kayla Guise



TRMA
Rianna Haa



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Zak Hewett



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Tayla Hine



TRMA
Rauhinia Hodge



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Jon-Henry Hood



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Munokoa Hom



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Stephen Jackson



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Moengarua Jones



TMUT
Tearoa Jubilee



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Jacob Judson



TRMA
Kardas Kaea



TRMA
Tara-Lise Karaka



TRMA
Collin King



9HK
Sarah King



9FO
Cayla Kopa



TRMA
Wiremu Kopa



TMUT
Sinoti Travier Levao



9HK
James Loveday



TRMA
Piripi Mahia



TMUT
Gabrielle Mapstone



TMUT
Maggie Mataiti



TRMA
Hayden Matangi



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Dremon Matthew-Ford



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Sheldon Mclean



9FO
Tyler Metu-Tana



TMUT
Trinity Metuakore



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TRMA
Hine Moni



9JH
Devin Molloy



TMRA
Margaret Moses



9HK
Ian Mowbray



9FO
Earl Needham



9JH
Emily Nield



TMUT
Nuhaa Numanga



TRMA
Panai Okeroa



9HK
Jakisha Ormsby



TMUT
Tepaea Pakoti



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9JH
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Mereana Poko



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Chevaughan Pokoati



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Curtis Pumphry



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Toka Rae



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Turoa Rakitu



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Harmanie Rapana



9HK
Robert Redden



TRMA
Justus Riki-Hamana



TMUT
Wycliffe Rota



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Quintin Ryan



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Manisha Saini



9JH
Ocsha Savage



9JH
Jayden Sawford



9JH
Aunika Scoble



TRMA
Iritana Selwyn



TMUT
Kuramaeva Sema



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Matthew Short



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Jayden-Lee Slater



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Natisha Sneddon



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Dion Tai



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Terena Tangimetua



TRMA
Te Maapii Te Amotahi



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Samantha Tere



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9JH
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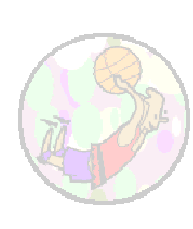
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Michael Ratima



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Tui Savage



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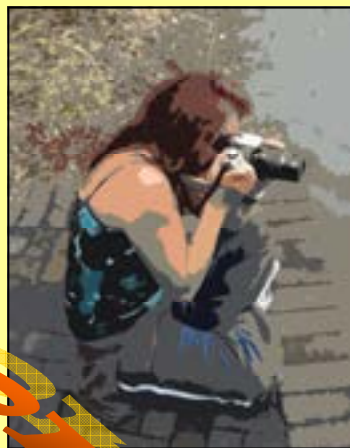
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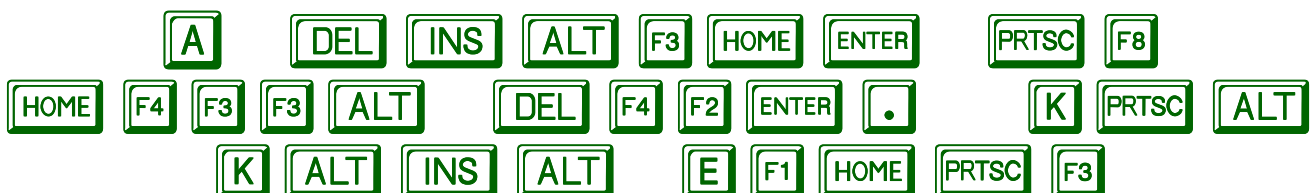
The Last Word

"In most people's vocabularies, design means veneer. It's interior decorating. It's the fabric of the curtains of the sofa. But to me, nothing could be further from the meaning of design. Design is the fundamental soul of a human-made creation that ends up expressing itself in successive outer layers of the product or service".
Steve Jobs (1955)

I hope you enjoy this years edition of Tahī. Every year it's a challenge. Yes, we are not perfect and apologies for any errors you may find. We are human after all!

Big thanks must go to:

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- Erik Hamman for his photography and editing skills.
- The staff who got their articles in on time.
- Everyone who helped along the way.



Farewell



Staff Farewell and Tribute to Mr Edwards

There really is no way to graciously thank and bid farewell a principal who has contributed so much to a school but we will try. Aristotle believed that we are the sum of our actions and motivations and under your energetic leadership, Mr Edwards, your teachers and students have grown, and achieved innumerable successes.

Motivated by a dream of building a school based on student achievement at all levels and in all areas of learning, you initially faced resistance and contended with many sceptics and opponents as a new principal. Despite this, you battled on and never compromised your vision.

Throughout your time as principal Mr Edwards, you have given selflessly to the school and to the wider community with its many cultures. Your faith in people and the way you champion their goals has empowered students, teachers and Board members alike, to find direction, and to achieve excellence.

As a leader of teachers, you persistently encouraged us to always support our colleagues and to take every professional development opportunity. Most importantly you ensured that as a staff we remained focussed on doing our utmost for our students; in the classroom, on the sports field and culturally, as well as reinforcing the importance of our guiding and nurturing roles.

During your 15 years at Tokoroa High School Mr Edwards you have welcomed and farewelled many individual teachers and three student intakes. Now you are leaving and we as teachers, express our appreciation and wish you similar success in your role as principal at Bay of Islands College. May you and Maureen always have new challenges and happiness.

*The Tokoroa High School Staff
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