# Jokoros High School



A Test To Remember



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#### Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Goeie Dag, Ni Hao, Namaste, Greetings.

2012 has been another busy year. We have had a number of notable accomplishments and continue to 'punch above our weight' in terms of academic, cultural and sporting achievement. Our NCEA results over the past three years have consolidated and been the highest recorded in the school since the creation of this gualification in 2002. I thank our staff for their continuing efforts to improve student achievement. If we believe in the importance of educational achievement for all of our young people, then we need to be mindful of the whakatauki /proverb "Ko te Tamaiti te Putake o te Kaupapa: The Child is the Heart of the Matter". Further, I consider that the art of teaching requires each practitioner to constantly reflect upon best practice and work upon building respectful relationships. "With enjoyment comes learning; with learning comes success; with success comes selfesteem; and with self-esteem comes RESPECT"

To enhance and promote academic achievement, several initiatives were conducted throughout the year. In March, the 'Academic Excellence' evening was held to celebrate student success for those gaining excellences in their 2011 NCEA results. We followed this with the introduction of 'Literacy learning blocks' which sought to enhance student achievement through concentrated periods of block learning in specific subjects. The Building Academy enabled students to demonstrate their learnt skills in constructing several projects around the school. The Hospitality course developed its own niche area with the creation of the Tok Kai café. We gained Board of Trustee support for an incentive plan to increase student participation in external exams.

Highly efficient organisations are those that value difference, diversity and creativity. Cook Island language week culminated in a evening gala which brought large numbers of our community into the school. As part of celebrating Maori achievement, we had visits from actor Temuera Morrisson, All Black Richard Kahui and academic Dr Korohere Ngapo. Each shared with our students their inspirational stories. In celebration of Te Reo Maori, as in 2011, we have once again been confirmed as finalists in the National Maori Language awards. After 46 years of involvement at Tokoroa High School, firstly as a teacher and then as leader of the Tokoroa High School Brass band, Mr Noel Saunders finally retired this year. We thank him many times over for his loyal service to our school.

Our students demonstrated amazing talents in cultural, arts and sporting domains this year to feature Tokoroa High School as the top South Waikato secondary school.

- The Stage Challenge Group won first placing in the Raw Division of the Regional competition held in Rotorua.
- Our Puna Vai Ora group won the "Pasifik by Nature" cultural performance competition for secondary schools in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty. The group swept the awards in dramatic fashion to emphasise their superiority. In September, Puna Vai Ora travelled to the Cook Islands, visiting Mangaia, Rarotonga and Aitutaki.
- Bianca Ormsby won the senior English speaking section of the Tainui Regional Nga Manu Korero competition and then represented the school with pride at the Nga Manu Korero Nationals in Nelson.
- Manisha Saini placed third in the national final of the Lions' Young Speech Maker contest, after winning the Waikato regional competition.
- Our students displayed their creativity in the fashion world with five (*Firedrake, Te Rerenga Wairua, Eye of the Peacock, I.COM and Mistress of the Sea*) featuring in the 'Wearable Arts' competition.
- Our Art exhibition in August allowed our students to showcase their natural talents, as well as earn extra cash through the sales of their paintings.
- Outstanding performances were seen from Dionne Tredaway (1st junior girls 100m and 200m) and Makaia Riki-Te Kanawa (2nd junior girls Javelin) at the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics championships. Both girls will compete at the NZ Secondary Schools championship in Dunedin during early December.
- Camelia Cook won the Open Womens National title in 8-Ball and teamed up with her mother to win the Doubles title.
- In Bowls, Ashley Kimberley, Nikki Proffitt and Danni Vi won the Waikato Secondary Schools championship. Ashley and Nikki will compete at the NZ Secondary School championships in Hamilton in December.
- Tiana Hill continued her consistency in Swimming with several exceptional performances at both provincial and national levels in Division 2.
- The youthful Netball A team played competitively in the NZ Secondary Schools National tournament at North Harbour. Dionne Treadaway was identified to be part of the NZ Talent Development Squad, which would lead potentially to a NZ Secondary School trial.
- The 1st XIII rugby league team played in the NZ Secondary School Nationals. Sisa Manu gained selection in the NZ Secondary Schools team, Mr Billy Maea received the manager of the tournament award and the team won the overall award for team of the tournament. Joseph Manu has signed a three year contract with NRL club, Sydney Roosters.
- Justus Riki-Hamana gained selection in the National Ki-O-Rahi team.
- Jayden Slater and Dillon Steiner gained placings in the new sport of Bike Trials. Next year, Bike Trials will be incorporated into the curriculum whereby students will build their own bikes and gain credits in Mechanical Engineering Technology.
- For the first time in many years, all four of our rugby teams played in the first division of their respective grades in the Waikato secondary schools competition.
- Our school was well represented in regional competitions in hockey, soccer, netball and touch. I would like to especially thank the staff and parents/caregivers involved for providing our students with these wonderful sporting opportunities.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the work of our Board of Trustees in governing the school in the best interests of students and staff. My sincere thanks to our Board members, Mr Graeme Dewhurst, Mr Ernest Appel, Mrs Tracey Marama-Lyon, Mrs Maria Te Kanawa, Mrs Vanessa Letoa-Palea, Mr Dean Tereu and Weyan Hewett.

Bereavements are an incredibly difficult time and I wish to express heart-felt sympathy from our school community to all who have suffered loss this year.

To our parents/ caregivers, I thank you for making Tokoroa High School your school of choice for your child's education.

To our young people, I offer the thought that it is important to dream. Dream the impossible, then dream the achievable. The impossible gives us that belief in the unknown, the capacity or capability of humans to perform outstanding feats. Dreaming the achievable provides us with the reality that success often only comes through tenacity and effort. "Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe."

To each of you, staff, parents/caregivers and students,

Ma te Atua hei manaaki, hei tiaki i a tatou katoa.

Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Tatou Katoa

Willie Ford



While growing up my dad taught me many things, but there was one lesson he taught me in the way he conducted his life.

#### That lesson was:

NO one can control the events or the people surrounding them. The only thing we can control is ourselves. To succeed in today's workforce or in any professional endeavours, your value must be readily recognisable and memorable. No one should ask you what you bring to your position. Your work and actions should make this absolutely clear to all those around you. You need to be able to demonstrate your skills in all that you do; in your conversations, in your work and in your attitude. No one is there to take care of you and trust me no one will pull you up the ladder - more often than not they will attempt to pull you down.

The truth is not only are you responsible for your life, but also doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next. You also control the degree of effort you apply to your position, the way in which you handle the challenges you encounter and how you present yourself and your intellectual assets. If you count on outside forces to determine your success, you will never find it. You will live in frustration of that which you cannot control. Those who carve out an irreplaceable value attached to their work will be remembered and succeed.

I like the following statement that a youth court judge said

"Always we hear the cry from teenagers -'What can we do, where can we go?'

His reply was -"Go home. mow the lawn. wash the windows. earn to cook. build a raft. get a job, visit the sick, study your lessons and after you've finished, read a book.

Your town does not owe you recreational facilities and your parents do not owe you fun. The world does not owe you a living, you owe the world something. You owe it your time, energy and talent so that no one will be at war, in poverty or sick and lonely again. In other words, grow up, stop being a cry baby, get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone. Start behaving like a responsible person.

#### You ARE important and you ARE needed.

It's too late to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday.

#### Someday is NOW and that somebody is YOU!!"

I think that is such a powerful message to you the youth of today. So ...

#### set your dreams and goals high,

work hard to reach them so you can be a successful citizens in our society today. You are ALL capable and I hope to see you ALL succeed in whatever direction your life takes you.



Good luck to those leaving, to those returning have a great holiday and I look forward to working with you again next year. Margôt Crate

Deputy Principal Curriculum





When one gets to this time of the vear. one automatically reflects on the vear that is about to end and one takes

stock of the events of that year. I often look at the general and very visible achievements and attainments of the students and the school. This year I would like to veer away from They are always well mannered, well that and reflect on the possible reasons why some students achieve incredibly well and other find it difficult to make a notable impact on life.

First one looks at an event and this year the first thing that came up in my remarkable mind the was achievement of the students who were so very successful with the Stage Challenge. Once the event springs to mind one thinks of some of the students who were involved in such They consider what they do, thus an event and their achievements, thinking. personality, perseverance, attitude, approach etc. to life and that was for me the defining moment. Suddenly the key competencies in the New Zealand curriculum stood out as the most probable tool to use for such Looking at the key analysis. competencies one understands the difference between those who succeed in life and become self determining beings and those who are leaving their destiny in the hands of others. Sad thing is that those who leave their destiny to others seldom do so wisely.

So let us look at what the movers and shakers of the New Zealand curriculum decided should be the year in which we will see a new wave backbone of one's toolbox to of students achieving greatly. competently approach life. The key competencies are:

- managing self
- relating to others
- participating and contributing
- Thinking

using language, symbols, and text

So looking at this year and at those students who were successful the question is why and I cannot help but to look at their achievements in the light of the key competencies.

groomed and presented, on time thus managing themselves excellently.

They listen well, speak well, put their argument across well, are tolerant of others and care for others, thus relating to others well.

They are involved in school life, they take up challenging roles at school or desire to do so and represent the school with pride and dignity, thus they fully contribute and participate.

Lastly they speak eloquently, phrase their arguments clearly, use the appropriate language in all circumstances and read with comprehension, thus they use language, symbols and text well.

Maybe the decision maker and curriculum developers just got something right and passed that something on to the students of New Zealand.

I applaud the students of Tokoroa High School who rise to the occasion, who don't make excuses, but face life and its problems head on, find solutions and learn to become excellent citizens of New Zealand. trust that 2013 will once again be a

> Butch Rothman Deputy Principal (Pastoral)







# **Head Students**

# THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SUCCESSFUL PERSON AND OTHERS IS NOT A LACK OF STRENGTH, NOT A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, BUT RATHER A LACK iN Will

Vince Lombardi

since being announced head girl, I had to think more about my actions and what they reflect. I had to learn what it truly means to be a leader and learn that it's more about what you do out of the public eye than in it. Not everybody has to see your achievement for it to be one.

In my five years at Tok High, I have seen what we can do; whether it is just being on the team or leading it. It's our confidence that gets us over the finish line. I have seen that out school makes great things - just look at what the building class did with the new eating area and the amazing successes that all our sporting teams have had. The stage challenge came home with so many trophies that I think we will need to get a new cabinet just so we can display them. The wearable arts group, has been the biggest that has entered the competition and the



new talent coming through with the year 9s is something to watch out for in the following years and lastly, we have great teachers that help us to achieve our goals.

here are so many ways in which my life has changed To the Head Boy and Girl of 2013 the best advice I can give to is to manage your time wisely, stand tall, don't be influenced by what others think you should be. Follow your own dreams, be prepared for your future, but don't forget the people who have helped you along the way.

> To my fellow year 13s, we have made it! Five years gone and now we are free to do whatever we want with our lives. We can be doctors, teachers, scientists or truck drivers whatever we want to be. I believe that if you work towards your goals you can achieve anything and be whatever you want to be.

> To the people that have helped me along the way, I thank you. To all the teachers that have helped me to achieve, to my friends for turning these five years into an amazing journey with lots of laughter and to my family for encouraging me and never letting me settle for less than my best, without you I wouldn't be who I am today.

> > Stacey King



# Luceo Non Uro, I shíne, not burn

any things have crossed my path this year and a lot To my fellow year 13's, I want to of these things have threatened to bring me down. But as they say, no matter how many times you get knocked down, you gotta get back up. When things threaten to burn you down, feed on the energy, stand out. The motto that has kept me going, comes from a long line of chiefs and warriors. "Luceo non uro." I will show the world that, "I shine, not burn."

2012 has been a most challenging year, putting on my blazer every morning, taking up the responsibility of being a leader and still trying my best to succeed in all areas of school. This year has indeed been a rocky mountain to climb. A wise man once said, "It is not the destination, so much as the journey." Above all of my achievements and experiences I've shared and enjoyed here at Tokoroa High School, nothing can compare to the hours I've spent walking these grounds. The amount of knowledge that has been passed down to me in every class. The many friends I have gained, the few that I have lost. I will hold these memories close to my heart as I set out on a new journey to take on the big world.

# United we stand, divided we fall



The most amazing thing about Tokoroa High School is that no matter what different backgrounds, cultures, families, beliefs and life styles we come from. We come together and stand out as one big family.

thank you all for the best four years of my life, I knew it would be a ride that I would never forget as

soon as I walked through the front gates of this school and saw your faces. My only regret is that I didn't walk through those front gates with you. But as we leave together and head off into different directions, I will hold a special place in my heart for each and every one of you. Product of 2012! All the best for the future.

### To the Head Prefects of 2013

For centuries, people across the world have laid down different paths to follow and different challenges to conquer next year you will do the same. It is important to remember that being Head Student is a fulltime job. It doesn't start and finish at the school gates. Your impact on other people will be enormous, so make the most of your opportunities to please others, not only to put you in a better light, but to make life that much sweeter. The eyes of the world will be on you.

Noreira kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.

Be strong, be brave, be humble and good luck.

Head Boy Te Ao Nui McKenzie 2012



# **Deputy Heads**

As I walked through the gates of Tokoroa High School I had no idea what to expect.

I did not know what this school was like or what it had to offer. I began my journey here in the beginning 2010 as a year 11. As scared as I was, I knew I had to try fit in and make the most of it.

During the time that I have been a student at Tokoroa High School I have had many opportunities to show not only myself, but show others what I was capable of. Being a role model wasn't as easy as I thought it would be. Not only having to lead from the front, but also to help those who were struggling to keep up at the back.

The reason I put my name down to go for a head position, was because there were so many people who had faith in me, who made me believe that I could be the face of the school, I could be that leader that everyone looks up to. But knowing the competition I had, I lost all faith. Head Girl Kei-lah.Teao 2010, a person who I look up to said;

# "Try everything once and if you fail, improve, learn and try again".

So that is exactly what I did. I tried and ended up with the result of being Deputy Head Girl of Tokoroa High School.



My time here at 'Tok High' has been a memorable one. The friends I have made and the friends I have lost. I will always remember you guys! For the teachers who put in the extra time and effort, I thank you for helping me to be the best I can be! Without your motivation I don't think I would have been as successful as I have been throughout the last three years. I came into this school as an individual, with a school like this I leave knowing that I have a second family.

Deputy Head

2012

Taylah Paul-Kaponga

I want this school to be the best that it can be I want this school to be at the top - where it should be When schools hear 'Tok High' ohh they quiver with fear Because we bounce back with courage, determination and flair From round 1 to round 12 we give it our best We fight to the end without any rest Through sickness, through health, through rich and through poor We can make this difference because we're from Tokoroa.

My time at Tokoroa High School has been long lived but too short. Many experiences outside of school have altered my attitude but it was the school that moulded me as a person. From playing rugby in the under 14's, to captaining the 1st XV in the A division, from playing in the year 9/10 league tournament, to representing the school at the New Zealand secondary school's rugby league nationals tournament three years in a row. From being a participant in the year 9 STARS programme, to being a senior mentor and now Deputy Head Boy, this school has helped set my mind and paved my pathway to achieve the things I want.

Over the years, I have heard many people speak of how they regret not giving their best at school. My mum, my dad and even Richard Kahui! I conclude my time at Tokoroa High School to say those very words, and to whoever reads this remember "it's not about trying your best, it's about doing your best" because that's what separates 1st from 2nd place - the triers



from the doers.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone for giving me the best five years of my life. A huge thanks to the coaching and management staff who gave up countless hours for me. Mr Ford, Tama, Billy and Staff Manu and all the teachers. Special mention to Mr Manu, whom I have known longer then some of his kids - who has used like a million dollars worth of gas driving me to trainings and during all my school days being my inspiration. To the brothers, I have shed sweat, blood and tears with over the years, that's the bruudas! Uso's for life!

Deputy Head Reginald Matekohi



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2012 has been a year of change and continuity. Change with the loss of Mr Hamman and Mr Belfield from our whanau. Miss Jacobi and Mr Chandra took over their roles . There was also a smaller number of year 13 students this year , and a larger number of year nine student entrants.

Continuity was the order of the day for those students in year 10 to year 13 who moved up through the to meet the challenge of a new level of work.

Fortitudo students also continued to improve with the vast majority being in correct uniform. Big Thursday has become an institution. Mr Phayer, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Tucker and Mr Cassidy carried on in their roles as well!

Thanks goes to both old and new tutors for their interest in helping their students be successful in the academic, social and cultural areas of our school community.

Fortitudo Dean—Mr Murray Olsen

FTTU has continued to strive for 95+% attendance and 100% correct wearing of the school uniform. The rapport between the members of this tutor is



good to see. Also, the responsibility of those that have been in FTTU for some time, in helping reinforce the standards that I require, is marvellous to see. This tutor makes me proud to be a part of them and as expected, at times there have been hiccups in achieving the standard that is expected. Different members of the tutor class have participated in weekend sport, trail biking, wearable arts, kapa haka group, building projects around the school and the Stage Challenge. It will be sad to see the seniors go, however I wish them all success with the future paths that they are embarking on. Robyn Tucker



A Fantastic group of kids!

An OK bunch of individual's

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Amazing and inovative kids!

Versatile and on the go

To me, our tutor group is the best in the whole school. We have 5 tutors, TMCN, TMSU, TMKR, TMFG, and TMTE. We are all guided by our Dean-Miss Tarai. We have high expectations and it is our responsibility to do all the things we need to do to ensure we enjoy the fullness of what is on offer at Tokoroa High School. Every term we are rewarded for our efforts, whether it be an easter egg, an ice block or a lunch, we all have the same opportunity.

This year we have had the best tutor results for attendance with four of our tutors in the top 5 in the whole school. This is because we have dedicated staff who are always willing to give of themselves.

These are key messages for our success...

Choose this day, whom you will serve

It's not okay to miss a day!

You can't pass if you ain't in class

### If you are not for us you are against us

This is where there is a Samoan flavour, we love the faasamoa that is present in our tutor everyday. Faafetai tele lava Mrs Faagalu for always helping us and being a spiritual guide in the work we do at school. Jardayne Poko

This is where the best of the best survive and strive. There are no excuses with Mr Tereu-Geography is the best subject in the school. He tells us how it is. Thank you Mr Tereu for eating all the biscuits. Corey Hawkins





I believe that being part of Te Manava is very rewarding. We always strive for excellence and most importantly to do our very best. Individually we set goals for ourselves and our tutor and we have the continued strong support from our tutors and peers to ensure that we achieve these goals. In our big tutor on Mondays, some may feel that we are hounded by the words of inspiration, but I believe that these messages encourage and motivate us to excel in all areas. 'Qualifications for all' is what we live by in Te Manava and this is a key focus for the senior students. Our juniors do not go

unrecognised and we as seniors and our tutors encourage them to do well and do right, respect their teachers and be in the correct uniform or find somewhere to hide away from Ms Tarai, which we know is impossible.

What are the expectations in Te Manava? It is simple... "Roll with us, or roll out!" because we as a tutor group believe in that we are raising the bar to success, together as one because that's how we roll!

Jerreau Tonge



Te Manava wishes you well ia manuia! Aere ra! la manuia ou fuafuaga uma mo le tausaga fou!





us.

Under the guidance of Papa Goran, he is always willing to help and support us in all that we do. Thank you Papa Goran for always believing in Maggie Mataiti



Feeding us up on Butter Chicken for doing the right things in tutor has to be Sometimes we

give her a hard time, but we love that she doesn't give up on us. Thank you Mrs Chandra for feeding us.

#### Wiremu Brown



We've had KFC and are always rewarded for the positive things we do. Ms Krause has high standards and we must always strive to reach them. Thank you Ms Krause for rewarding us.

Tangata Arioka

#### It has been a successful and exciting year. If we take a look back at the year to date some of the highlights were...

- Maori head boy and Deputy head girl
- Manisha Saini came 3rd at the National Lions Speech Competition
- making the final of Nga Manu Korero held in Nelson this year
- Amazing sports efforts from our Rugby league boys in Te Rito
- Sprint champion Dionne Treadaway
- Swimming Champion Tiana Hill
- Our Kapa haka team and waiata tautoko group
- Maori Language Week Success.
- Maori mentors

Te whanau a Noa which is the Turangawaewae for our students, has been out of commission due to upgrades on the Marae, it is anticipated that it will be fully functional and available for use next term and for the future so our students can take part fully on the marae.

I am always humbled and proud of our students and for what they do. I would like to thank the parents and whanau for their continued support of Te Rito and believing our kids. I would also like to thank each of my fantastic tutors for their support. We are so fortunate to have the expertise of a dynamic team.

Last but not least, to our students I say ...

### Never give up and always continue to strive for excellence.

I am proud of what we have built up here at kura as the second largest tutor group at kura, we have achieved some great feats.

Remember what Te Rito is about, whanau, awhi, tautoko and support and know that we are always there to support each other. To our Year 13 Students who will be continuing on to better and brighter things, I wish you all the best. Te Rito Dean - Matua Kienan Ngapo

This year our junior students have been leading the way with their positive attitudes and behaviour. We have a number of students in line for BOT gold bond awards for their positive work efforts in class led by Rizalyn and Turoa. We have a large group of 10 students putting up their hands for leadership roles by applying to become STARS mentors next year. I have enjoyed working with this group and look forward to seeing them rise to their potential. Mr Damian Baker

2012 has been another busy year for our Te Rito students. Many have been involved with STARS as mentors and as year nines, others have been assisting with the running of the breakfast club, have entered in the wearable arts and many students have been part of our schools sports teams. It is great to see so many students involved in a variety of areas, demonstrating their leadership skills and achieving great results! Mrs Narelle Hilhorst (nee Boss)

Te Rito has come a long way this year. A whanau united and now working together to achieve personal goals as well as academic success. We have aimed to ensure all our students are attending all their classes, are in the correct uniform and

are achieving excellent results. I have enjoyed building relationships with many of our students and look forward to watching them grow and develop in Te Rito. We have so many students who have achieved both sporting and academic success. Many of our students are born leaders therefore, it has been our aim to provide the support and pathways for them to develop. I look forward to next year and wish all our students sitting exams at the end of the Mr Beaudine Tahau year the best of luck.

The tutors of Te Rito have been more than welcoming this year and provided me with a warm introduction to the Te Rito family. Highlights of the year for me have been



having our students recognised for outstanding sporting contributions, academic achievements, language achievements and contributions to the community. I feel that when our students represent Tokoroa High School they are not only representing our school or themselves, they are representing Te Rito as a whole and strive to achieve, they are proud to be part of a group. Mr Carlin Linklater

It has been a blast being able to rely on the students in my tutor who are willing to support each other and respect the efforts of others! Tiana the fish! Dionne the land based rocket and don't argue with the Tae Kwon Do kid, Holly!! All are nationally ranked and all from TRMT!!!



### Haere taka mua, taka muri; kaua e whai – Be a leader, not a follower.

This is the whakatauki or proverb that I have instilled in the students from my tutor group in 2012. TRJW have strong leadership potential within the tutor group and many of these students 'stepped up to the mark' this year by becoming mentors to the junior students of this tutor group. From this tutor we have six STARS mentors as well as three or four students who will be vying for the positions of head students in 2013. This tutor group has produced some outstanding academic and extra curricular results. Manisha Saini came 3rd in the National Lions speech competition. Dane Clark was a key member of the winning Pacific Sharks under 17 league team. Ezekiel Cooper and Owen Draper were selected for the South Waikato Tritons under 14's rugby team. Anisa Gardiner, Dane Clark, Mana Tepana and Manisha Saini have produced some fantastic academic results and junior students within Te Rito look up to these students as role models. Our junior students in TRJW have one of the best attendance records in the school, with our junior students sitting at an average of 94% attendance!

It is these values I hope to continue to instil amongst our Tamariki in 2013 in order to develop these students as leaders and life-long learners. I encourage the students of TRJW and the wider Te whanau to become actively involved in all areas of school life next year.

Ko ia kahore nei I rapu, te kitea – He who does not seek will not find.

2013 is the third year that Tokoroa High School Services Academy has been running. With this we have seen an expansion in the programme introducing the YEAR 11 programme. In total we had 3 classes running, the senior programme, YEAR 11 and the YEAR 10 programme. The growth has come with its trials but in all it has been a very interesting year.

This year we have seen some good success in the academy. Our seniors with some of our YEAR 11 students attended the annual gruelling, sweat pouring, soul searching, attitude changing, team building, New Zealand defence force run induction course. Two weeks of being in the grind so to speak. Tokoroa competed against other services academies during the two and I can say from all of the induction courses I have attended with the academy, this by far was the most challenging and demanded a lot more of the students. At the end of their tour of duty in Auckland the academy achieved something that has not been done by any academy that is Tokoroa had a clean sweep of all 4 trophies. The trophies were, school best demonstrating discipline and drill, longest day trophy, Team work trophy and the leadership trophy which was awarded to Ryan Pearson. It was an awesome result, and was made even better that our juniors and YEAR 11 students with our staff and principal were present to seen our seniors receive their awards. A time where all our students could celebrate the achievement.



Due to his success with winning the leadership trophy, Ryan Pearson attended the Basic Leadership Course in Auckland and was selected to attend the Advanced Leadership Course which only 16 students selected to attend. Congratulations to Ryan as he received the trophy for top student within all the academies, Well done Ryan, big things come in small packages, not saying that he is short or anything, I mean vertically challenged oh what the hey! Congratulations Ryan.

This year has also seen the introduction to the Services Academy team with STAFF SOLOMON (Aunty Aps). Staff Solomon has been a great part of our team as she pushes our LEVEL 1, 2, 3 students to achieve in the academic arena. Her work with our students has gone beyond the call of duty. Thank you for your effort.

This year we have seen our students grow in belief with their own skills and abilities. Reginald Matekohi and Justus Riki Hamana were selected for the Waikato Harlequins team. Joseph Manu was selected for the Waikato under 16 team. Makaia Tekanawa went to regionals for javelin and qualified to attend nationals. Melandi Appel jointly won the top chef for juniors. Just to name a few. We have had our trials and tribulations, academically, personally and together as a team as does everybody but, I would like to thank the students for your hard work and team work you displayed this year. I know that it has been at times difficult to juggle your time, but thank you once again for your efforts and look forward to seeing you all work towards your academic and life goals. Remember our 3 c's and an I...

#### Courage,

#### Commitment, Comradeship and Integrity.

I would like to thank Staff Tito for his efforts and time that he puts in with our students. Staff Tito brings an energy that is unmatched (so is his shuffling). Also thank you to our staff and management for the efforts with our students. It is very much appreciated. Final words:

DREAM IT BELIEVE IT ACHIEVE.

Staff Manu out.











The year started off with the wonderful chance for all of us to go to the Stars camp. Most people stayed overnight and the others came each day by car. It was great to see our students mixed in with mainstream groups and managing themselves so well with a little help from the mentors where necessary. Everyone had fun trying adventurous things like boating, horse riding while the high swing in the barn.

The on going Stars activities each week have also been an excellent way of including our students in the mainstream and showing the mainstream groups who have come to our room for cooking and sign language that TKW is a great place to learn.

Everyone in the class enjoys cooking at least once a week with Mrs Mutter. Our favourite recipes were chicken curry, Anzac biscuits, muffins, Indian bread rolls and banana cake.



Later in term 2 we went to Rotorua for ten pin bowling. For lunch we had fish and chips at the lake even though it was a rainy day. The best four bowlers went back the next week for the competition and we came 4th. Mrs Mutter shouted us some very special ice cream.

We enjoyed the visits of Glenys Wood who taught the class about forming safe relationships, and Matua Billy who came to run a noisy, fun drumming workshop with us.



This class swims for fitness every week year round. Several students gained first place in their races in the Special Olympics. Roy and Xtreme also went to the mainstream swimming sports and were placed in their races. Roy was first twice.

In Term 2 we went to Matamata College to face other school teams in soccer. We won all three games and came 1<sup>st</sup> in the competition overall. We were very excited about winning as it is the first time we have been entered at the top level.

## Thanks to everyone who has helped make this an exciting year. Have a safe holiday and see you in 2013.

The woodwork option students have made a chair with arms, a back and a place for cups.



The art option group has painted colourful canvases, made mosaics and tried photography.



We had fun at the Special Olympics basketball and athletics competitions. We participated in the Gym fest gymnastics festival for the first time. We prepared a group floor routine with the help of Ashleigh, the visiting gym teacher. Reminisce.



Another 1/3 of our class has Pasifika heritage so we also celebrated Kia Orana week by reading stories about the Pacific Islands and using island flowers and patterns for our art work. Every fine Friday Te Kahui Whetu students go to Riding for the Disabled in Kauri Street. Most students ride to improve their fitness and balance but some students help the others by leading the horses or walking beside the horses of riders who are riding off the lead. Sometimes we do some community service by helping Mrs. Morgan out, tidying the boots and helmets or shovelling the horse poo.



One option group tried Fabric Painting, first drawing a design on paper and then transferring it to singlet tops. The students made a fine job of these with Mrs Kant's help.



About 1/3 of our class is Maori so we take the chance during Maori Language week to celebrate this and to improve our knowledge of Te Reo. This year we concentrated on colours, parts of the body and clothing. Our room looked beautiful and we were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition.



As yet another year draws to a close there is much to reflect on for both students and staff. Looking back and revisiting the positives and negatives brings an array of thoughts.

To each student, both past and present, well done for the determination and decision you each made to return and complete your education. No easy feat by any means, but a journey we hope has assisted in your educational and personal growth. The uniqueness each student brings to our rooms is a blessing and must be celebrated. We as staff are lucky in that we have the added bonus of also being able to share in the joys of your child / children, who are travelling this road with you. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity. To your whanau and friends, some whom we have met while others we are yet too, our hope is that you are as proud of your daughter, son, brother, sister, grandchild or friend, as we are. For the students who are leaving the unit to persu other learning we wish you well and for those returning in 2013 we look forward to what the year has in wings.

To the staff, again both past and present, thank you for your willingness to share your knowledge with the learners. It is hoped that you have enjoyed your time with us in 2012 and that like the students you have been able to add to your own kete.

As tutors you add value to the whole, ensuring the learning environment is a place where working as a team, teacher and/or learner, creates an atmosphere of oneness. Thank you all once again.

We have a number of aims in the unit one of which is to ensure that not only is formal education catered for but also learning which will hopefully assist students in their role as parents. Students have been introduced to, and participated in, a number of courses / activities outside the school curriculum. Included in these are the:

SKIP Parenting programme – Salvation Army Financial Management programme – Tokoroa Budget Service Teen Drivers EXPO – NZ Police Waikato Universities open day Learner / restricted licence programmes – Libby Hale Striding Forward – Waikato Institute of Sports and Leisure StudioActive Gymnasium Swimming – SW Pool facility Squash – Tokoroa Squash Club

Thank you to all the external providers for the time and effort in presenting these programmes.

This is but a small snippet of the learning in Pa Harakeke Teen Parent Unit. It is hoped that we will continue to grow in numbers and that the learning opportunities available will only increase the knowledge of each student. Enjoy your much deserved holidays to both students and staff.

STARS camp for 2012 was the place to be to kick start the year. Year nines as usual were split amongst 15 groups decided by senior mentors on different personalities, skills and talent. Each group was assigned one or two mentors.

Day one of camp saw an early morning for some, starting off with a good old morning run, for most a morning walk. Throughout the day groups continued with a rotation around the camp, on the Tough guy challenge, or down at the lake. At the lake, all took part in various activities like,

abseiling, kayaking, raft building and swimming.

Back at camp were different activities such as horse riding, speak out, concert practise, crafty cooking and more. Each activity challenged most students who found that their group had different talents, qualities and skills. For the evening activities was a campfire, along with the swoop, burma trail and more concert practise.

The night of the BIG Concert was exciting for all. We welcomed guests, Lisa and Maryanne from FYD to judge our awesome performances, along with Mr Ford and his whanau. The concert saw a lot of talent, singers, actors and dancers, through the wide variety and deliberation we found our winners. The mighty group 3! All groups did awesome, everyone got involved and the result of the acts was really cool.

Some of the highlights of camp for me was the big concert, the students from Te Kahui Whetu being involved and of course meeting the awesome year nines. I have seen a lot of talent, great leaders, singers etc. and I am proud to be apart of STARS. As a senior mentor it is our job to make sure the mentors and their groups run smoothly and our team of mentors did us proud. I THANK YOU ALL for making camp a breeze.

I look forward to next years STARS Camp, but this years camp for me will definitely be the one to beat!

Jerreau Tonge: Senior Mentor, Class 1



STARS Camp at Lakes Ranch was an experience I'm sure most Year 9s enjoyed. This year the final concert and enthusiasm was the best I've seen yet. I was inspired to see people overcome fears through activities such as abseiling, horse riding and the Burma trail. To see the teamwork in raft building, performances and the big race. I was proud to see the talent, leadership and potential that the Year 9s

I believe that all the Year 9s have the mental stability to go far in any aspect of life they enjoy. The STARS Camp was fun, relaxed and a worthwhile experience. I was honoured to be a mentor to the Year 9s this year and happy that everyone listened to Mr Jones words; "Give it a go!"

Manisha Saini: Peer Mentor, Group 6

have.



# **EXCELLENCE AWARDEES - 201**

On March 20th we gathered in the staffroom to acknowledge our students who achieved well in their 2011 NCEA exams. It was great to share this occasion with their parents and teachers. The evening was a formal occasion with students being presented with their 'Excellence Badges' and certificates and we encouraged them to strive for more excellence grades this year. The students are encouraged to wear their badge throughout the year. The catering for this occasion was done by our Hospitality students and they and Mrs Lotter did a wonderful job. The following students were acknowledged.



#### Level 2

Hannah Dewhurst Ryan Pearson Te Ao Nui McKenzie Level 1 Anisa Gardiner Callum Gott **Gabrielle Mapstone** Manisha Saini Te Maapii Te Amotahi Coralie Te Hiko Rebecca Tremain Timote Turu

### Bronze Awards: (8-14 Credits)

9 credits

8 credits

12 credits

12 credits

10 credits

9 credits

14 credits

10 credits

8 credits

8 credits

13 credits

15 credits

24 credits

20 credits

22 credits

English, Biology PE Te Reo Maori, Music

#### Te Reo Maori

Music, Science English, Music Music, Science Te Reo Maori, Science Geography Science, History Cook Islands Maori, Music

#### Silver Awards: (15-24 Credits)

Level 1 Liam Hawkins Mereana Poko Justus Riki-Hamama 18 credits Mana Te Pana Jerreau Tonge

PE, Biology English, PE, Science English, PE, Te Reo Maori Te Reo Maori Te Reo Maori, Music

#### Gold Awards: (25+ Credits)

Level 1, 2 and 3 Turoa Tepana

Te Reo Maori

29 credits Plus: Aaron Gott, Jullius Daniels Mata, Mereana Poko, Hannah Dewhurst, Mana Tepana, all got their Level 1 NCEA certificate endorsed with Merit. James Loveday got his Level 1 endorsed with Excellence and his Level 2 and 3 endorsed with Merit.



# TTONS

On Tuesday 27 March 11 students were collected from school by the New Zealand Blood Service and taken to the St John Ambulance centre in Logan Street to donate blood. To be able to do so the students needed to be 50 kg and at least 16 years of age. It was very pleasing to see that we had 11 students who were prepared to donate blood. This is an excellent thing for students to get into the habit of doing. It is a way we can help our community. One donation of blood can help three patients. The NZ Blood service is always very keen for people to donate. Of this group of students some had donated before but some were new donors. It would be fair to say some of the students were very apprehensive and there was tension in the van on the way to the St John Ambulance centre, however after the blood had been taken there was lots of chocolate biscuits eaten and all were happy that they had been involved. We hope to get more donors next year. This is a great way of showing support for your community so we need more people to get involved. Thanks to all who donated.

# **NOEL SAUNDERS**



On Friday 27 April we farewelled Noel Saunders who retired after giving 46 years of loyal service to the students of our school and the district. Noel joined the staff of Tokoroa High School in 1966 to teach music and science. Over the years he has taught hundreds of students and at his farewell some of his ex-students, who are now on the staff of Tokoroa High, spoke fondly of their memories with Noel as their teacher. He is known as a person who was passionate about his subject and he passed this passion on to his students. He also taught maths, woodwork, graphics and metalwork in his time here. When teaching science Noel's classes won two prizes in the Rotorua Science Fair and also won the coveted DSIR senior science prize.

When speaking at his farewell Noel remembered the day when the whole school stopped to listen over the intercom to the men landing on the moon for the first time and also the day when a small

explosion in the E2 lab got a little out of hand and broke a pane of glass in the fume cupboard. Over the years this story has grown and now is referred to as 'the day Mr Saunders blew out all the windows in E2.'

He formed the Brass Band in 1967 and on the extracurricular front also took woodcarving classes and telescope making classes. Although Noel hasn't taught in the classroom for the last few years he still took the school brass band and was always found in the hall at 7 am on Wednesday morning's encouraging students to enjoy their music. His last formal performance was at the town Anzac parade last week.

Thank you Noel for the many years of loyal service you gave to our school and we hope that you have a long and happy retirement. We wish you well.



Another successful year has come and gone so fast. New librarians: Analee Eaton, Kayla Dewhurst, Cullum Clarke, Ranel Naidoo, Sneha Kant, Jessica Paterson, Timithy Mao and Emmaan Pakoti joined the existing library team of

Mrs. Henderson and Tamara Thorn who were the only librarians from the previous year.

This year has been very successful with events such as the celebration of different cultures (Maori Language Week, Cook Island Week, Diwali) and of course the London Olympics. Also, the library farewelled some of our older senior librarians: Stacey King, Cassandra France and Hannah Dewhurst who, along with Analee, will go on to tertiary study next year. Two of our senior librarians Jerreau Tonge and Hitro Ale, who sadly left us to continue with their in-school studies, helped the team upgrade some of the features within the library, such as the Pasifika area and putting different cultural languages onto the new and improved signs. We revamped the walls with lime green and removed posters to made the library look bigger, this helped improve the new look.

The rest of the team were busy covering and processing books and successfully managed to welcome 500 new books to our school.

We look forward to all of us getting together again next year with more shared lunches and extra munchies!

Written by Tamara Thorn



# Student Council

This year has been a slow but steady one for the student council. Although it was a quiet year we still managed to donate copious amounts of money to a variety of different charities e.g. Westpac helicopter and Canteen and also support our young athletes who are going away in December to represent our school at the National Competition. In June we held a very successful mufti day where students brought cans and food to support our local foodbank. The foodbank were very appreciative of our efforts. We also gave funds to Nga Manu Korero for their trip down to Nelson.

We helped plan various mufti days for the School and also socials for the youth, not only of Tokoroa High School but also the youth of Tokoroa, which also helped raise funds for the student council. At our last meeting we made our final contributions for the year which went to Mission On and to prizegiving. Overall, it has been a quiet but still challenging year for the council.



# **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

This year, some sixty adult education courses were held at our school and at Forest View High School, Putaruru College and Mangakino Area School. The most popular courses this year were languages, especially Maori, Cook Island's Maori and German. Other well attended classes included computer literacy, learner's driving licence and adult literacy.

Our popular self funded Indian cooking class ran during all four terms and attracted many keen participants who keep enrolling to further extend their culinary skills. Our 2013 programme will feature Russian and Spanish languages and a wider range of computer literacy courses.

Recent reforms in the adult education sector require courses to contain a literacy or numeracy component in order to receive government subsidies. The traditional and very popular hobbies, arts and crafts courses, which once made up the bulk



of night classes in New Zealand schools, can no longer be offered in ACE (Adult Community Education) programmes.

Despite the much reduced programme, being ACE co-ordinator for the four South Waikato schools continues to be both a challenging and rewarding role.

Dr. Trevor Bentley



# FYD PUPPET

# It was cool getting involved in the show and checking out the media Hub. The puppets were cool!

Valeska Marti

Earlier this year a few of our STARS students teamed up with 6 'Kiwi Can' kids from David Henry and Strathmore School and 5 enthusiastic young leaders from Intermediate. Led by an awesome team of senior mentors and two Kiwi Can staff, the project was to come up with a 10 minute performance to represent FYD as part of youth week. This year's theme for youth week was 'Love the skin you're in'. We used three colourful 3 meter high puppets, FYD mascot Candoo the Kiwi and 2 Jump Jam songs to fill out our 10 minute performance. The performance was held at Te Wananga o Aotearoa as part of the launch for the music and media hub, the youth website and radio station. Present were a number of ministers from parliament, Mayor Neil Sinclair and other local council members and the public. Overall we put on a great show for the amount of time we had practised and it was a show that all can be proud of.

I was Candoo the kiwi in the show and by the end of the first song I was tired as. Dancing round in a big suit is fun...I enjoyed working with a younger group of kids and they were awesome!





In term 3 a few of the peer mentors banded together to perform in the 'Dis n Dat' variety bash held at the little Theatre to fundraise for STARS. The performances were held over 3 nights and we had a bracket of 20 minutes to fill with a variety of songs which we performed as a choir and solo acts. We started off our bracket with Valarie then led into Hallelujah, VARIETY BASH Turning Tables, Orange Coloured Sky and Draw Me Nearer.

We would like to thank all the mentors who stepped up and came to perform. Awesome effort! We couldn't have done it without you.



was scary because it was hard to break on the snowboard, but it was an awesome day! - Anton Watarawi

In term 3, year nines, mentors and staff went to the snow as part of our STARS community adventure programme. We had a choice of skiing, snowboarding, sightseeing, or just going to play in the snow.

The day started off with a cold early morning, we arrived at school before sunrise before hopping on the buses and starting our 3 hour journey to the snow. When we arrived at the whakapapa ski fields, some students suited up with ski pants and jackets and others in their casual wear on this hot day. We were allowed to go off for the day and we took part in different activities, such as tobogganing, snow man creating and flags. Most of our mentors came as well so it was pretty cool to spend time with them also and chuck snow at them. The non-skiers spent most of the day playing around while all the skilled people tumbled down the mountain on their skis and snowboards. We could also go up the chairlifts to get a feed, but to our disappointment it cost \$5.50 for a pie! We realised that we were not in Tokoroa anymore! Luckily our lovely mentors had made some lunch for us, because we ate most of our food on the bus trip there. Overall it was an awesome as day, full of fun and laughter! I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves and it was really worth going!

The snow trip was an awesome experience for our younger students that have not been to the snow. The students enjoyed their time, especially learning how to not fall over! - *Timote Turu* 









Being part of stage challenge allowed students to experience the natural high that comes from being part of a team performing on stage, to show their friends and other young people that they can have a great time without drugs and alcohol.

1996 was the last year Tokoroa High School entered the Smokefree stage challenge. This year Tokoroa High School won the Rotorua regional competition and came away with the following awards; 2012 stage challenge 1st place RAW division winners, award for performance skill, award for choreography, award for concept, award for drama, award for soundtrack, award for costuming and the spirit of stage challenge award.

I would like to thank the following people for their help, support and guidance throughout the stage challenge; Mr Ford and the Senior Management Team, The Wilson Whanau, Mrs Manu, Issac Marsh, Mr Tito, Mrs Solomon, Ms Boss, Mrs Lotter and her sewing class, Mr Hakaria, parents who helped with costumes and food and especially our students.

Beau Tahau

Stage Challenge is a dance, drama and design spectacular, where Tokoroa High students were the stars of the night. It is part of a national event involving dance, design and drama reflecting the personalities, concerns, hopes and dreams of our students.

Our theme this year celebrated the life of former student, friend and family member Rangitiriao Wilson. A list of his goals and dreams that he wanted to achieve during his lifetime were used to create an emotional and thought provoking performance.

Over 60 Tokoroa High and 4 Forest View students were involved in the performance. Many of the students played vital and important roles in the production which included; makeup, design, costumes and choreography.

Stage challenge helped students; build self-esteem, boost confidence, strengthen resiliency, promoted teamwork and fostered bonds between students, the schools and our local community. It also allowed students to develop skills in communication, problem

solving and decision making skills as well as develop initiative and enterprise skills.







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Another successful year for Tokoroa High School meant putting in five entries to the Rotorua Wearable Creationz show 14-18 August.

The judges thought our standards had risen a great deal and we were hopeful of one of the big prizes but it was not to be, competing against thirty other creations in the Youth category.

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Congratulations to Hannah Dewhurst and Cassandra France for Firedrake, Robyn Phayer, Jamie Ferguson-Peacock and Valeska Martis for Eye of the Peacock, Riana Haa, Jerreau Tonge and Hitro Ale for Te Rerenga Wairua, Jamie Miller and Jillian Gardiner for the Mistress of the Sea and Melandi Appel and her family for I.COM. A good time was had by all including students who went to see the show and the many parents and staff who supported the competitors' efforts. Students are already planning their entries for next year!!



**Eye of the Peacock** Robyn Phayer, Jamie Fergusson, Valeska Martis

Showing the five colours of a peacock, using real peacock eyes and feathers, all reusable and recyclable materials.



Mistress of the Sea Jamie Miller and Jillian Gardiner

It's all about showing your true colours, not being afraid to show who you are; no ordinary girl.



Te Rerenga Wairua Riana Haa and Jerreau Tonge

Journeying across the seas in a silver waka, searching for loved ones. Our creation is made of feathers, flax, Paua, silk and mirrors. Symbolising growth and a journey through life.



Firedrake Hannah Dewhurst and Cassandra France

Who says Dragons don't exist? 100 years ago when they fled the slow destruction of the earth, one was left behind to remind us of their place in the world.



I am I.com. I am from another world. A world you do not know. For some I might look scary. Do not fear me, I am not here to harm you. My creation is from all different kinds of recycled material. The detail is from computer keyboard keys. My name is Melandi Appel and I am the creator and model.



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# MENTOR CAMP

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2011, a group of 45 students ranging from years 10 to 12, travelled to Lake Karapiro, ready to spend two days practicing techniques and games, preparing ourselves to be the new Peer Mentors of 2012. Led by a newly appointed team of senior mentors we launched ourselves into training, splitting into groups and getting straight to work.

While some groups sat around a fire with Mrs Tucker, making dampers and s'mores, others headed down to the water's edge with Ms Boss to build rafts and build up our team work and problem solving skills. If we had doubts about being in a group with unfamiliar people, these were soon stamped out with the trust games led by Mr Tito. A sense of friendly competition was inspired by Mr Jones during his cooperation activities.

At each meal, some students helped Mr Tahau to prepare and cook the food while others banded with Mr Tito, setting up the dining room. Each meal was started with a karakia and ended with laughter. While the students who had prepared the meals returned to their rooms to relax, the rest cleaned up and washed the dishes. By the end of the trip, everyone was pitching in, enforcing teamwork and responsibility.

At night, we all grabbed our handbooks and made our way to the Don Rowland's event centre where Mr Jones led us in STARS lessons, getting us ready for the upcoming year 9 STARS Camp. We participated in a variety of activities led by our fellow students including trust falls and K.O... Each session was ended by a review of the day's progress.

On the final day we proceeded in groups and toured the Rowing New Zealand building, learning about athletics and their training. We were able to look around the boat shed, discovering how light weight and precise each boat was. After the tour we returned to the lodge for a final clean-up before packing the bus and returning to school. Upon arrival we all convened inside Mrs Tucker's classroom for a final debriefing before heading home for a well-earned rest.



On the 3rd of April the Foundation For Youth Development organised a big walk, which had multiple schools throughout Tokoroa attend including David Henry, Tokoroa Intermediate and the year nines and Mentors of Tokoroa High School. Our goal was to venture around Lake Moananui as a group, and the weather was perfect for the event. We then had a nice little feed of sausages in bread and some healthy drinks to refresh us while we participated in some activities and relaxed. At the end of the day I'm sure the mentors would all agree that the event was a success and that the year nines enjoyed themselves.









A very small group of girls took up the challenge to Dare to Move on and have worked very hard this year at changing their lives by looking at identity and aspects such as...

Trust

Truth

Revenge

Consequences

#### Assumptions

and how to look out for themselves. Nadia, Treval and Steffie-Anne will complete this project by arranging a trip to Rainbow's End next term.

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Tokoroa High School STARS students had the opportunity to give a little back to those who are currently fighting a battle with sickness.

As part of the Red Nose Day National Fundraising Campaign, Tokoroa STARS students bought and wore red noses for themselves and friends while at school.

Students were reminded of how lucky and fortunate most of them are. It was about giving rather than receiving.

A comment from one of the students pretty much summed up the event with these words "We are always complaining about the small things in life and for some it is the small things that make the biggest difference, we have everything, a good healthy heart and the ability to do what some young kids can't. This is for them, from us!"

In total Tokoroa High School raised \$208.30 in school and out in the community we collected \$183.00. All the money collected was sent to Cure Kids NZ.

Thank you to everybody who supported this Day by purchasing red noses or making any donations. It is very much appreciated.



# Dattodil Day

What an amazing day. The school was showered in yellow. Smiles on the faces of students and teachers after receiving daffodils from their secret admirer, crush, friend, boy friend, girl friend or work colleague. 350 Daffodils were ordered and sent to students and teachers during tutor period.

The day was in support of all those who know someone who has been affected by cancer. This event helps our students realize the importance of giving to those who have suffered, are suffering and who are battling with this disease. Our aim was to put a smile on their face.

Thank you to all our helpers, both mentors and year nines who helped out with daffodil day... Hitro Ale, Rebecca Tremain, Timote Turu, Jerreau Tonge, Tyler Draper. Our extended thanks goes to...Arlene Bowers, Braedon Uili, Anton Watarawi, Braedon Uili, Anisia Gardiner and Eshar Higgins who helped to deliver our daffodils.

We were able to fundraise a total of \$344.30 which was sent to the Cancer Society.









The Scrap challenge was held at Wairekei and teams from Tokoroa High, Forest View, Putaruru, and the hosts Wairekei. Each team was given a pile of scrap and had three hours to design and make an

outcome. Tokoroa High won with their creation of a Dentist Chair. Not only did the chair look authentic, it also functioned with an adjustable head rest, swivelled and was sprung for added comfort. The team was Cody Fitzpatrick, Sean Pumpfry, Denzel Robb and Teacher D'Arcy Belfield.

# REAL LOVE

My parents say they love me, but I don't really believe them, They put their drugs above, like a flower bud on a green stem. I read the letters L.O.V.E, and feel the fist as it pounds on me. The yelling, the screaming, the violence, The crying, bad dreaming, and silence.

I know I'm stronger than what they're doing to me, I close my eyes and beg the lord to break me free. We go through the same thing, hide in my room dream the bad things away. This is what I call real love, this is (what I call) x2 real love, love

I wait in my room for the next one to come, *I hear my heartbeat as* loud as a drum, *The footsteps they grow* louder then a bang on the door, Then suddenly the drum stops I drop to the floor. All the rage and the anger are quickly let in from the smell of marijuana my head start to spin, I try to get away, I scream and I yelp, but no one outside is willing to help

> Composed by Te Kura and Braiden

# 3rd Lions Young Speechmaker

The Lion's speechmaker competition; 1st prize a trip to America, 2nd a trip to Australia, 3rd an allexpenses paid camp at the international youth camp.

This competition was a life changer! I learnt how to stop talking like I was from the 'hood' and pronounce each and every word with proper grammar. To be honest I had never done this before, unless I was putting on an English accent.

My first round in Cambridge was great because I had no pressure thrust upon me and enjoyed the moment. A word of advice do not trust Mr Ngapo's navman no matter how much he thinks it's awesome, we got lost and arrived fashionably late.

I made it through round one and two. Only six went through to nationals from our district, including myself. I was in it to win it.

Practices were intense with Mr Ngapo nearly every day, dedicated to this speech. I had no life, seriously, but the content of the speech kept me going. My speech was not very humorous or witty like most others. It was on a topic that everyone could somehow relate to. I used my personal experience of losing a past student Rangi Wilson, to try and spread the message to people about youth drinking.

One practice we were going over the conclusion (end) of my speech, I was over repeating the same 5 minute speech three times a day. But one thing Mr Ngapo said to me that stuck was "This is the part of your speech that is going to save a life! So get over yourself and go from the top again". From then on I stopped merely just saying my speech, I was feeling it.

I would really like thank Mr Ngapo, as I would not have had made it as far as I did without him. I had the content and passion but he refined me to become the speaker I am today, Iso Peter Mariu, with is amazing last minute advice and ideas.

Okay now we were off to Auckland for nationals and the pressure set in to make my school, my teacher and Rangi proud. Regardless, this was the performance I enjoyed the most. Both prepared and impromptu was an adrenaline rush, I loved it.

There were 15 contestants from both the North and South Island of New Zealand. I ended up coming third place and my fellow Waikato boy Thomas Moss, came first on his speech about being a ginger. He was hilarious. I was happy to lose to him. An extract from his speech: "what's the difference between a brick and a ginger? A brick gets laid!"

Now if you are a person that likes to recite the "I have a dream" speech or your just really loud and love being on the stage, enter this competition. I came third, but received the second place prize due to luck. You will not regret this competition, the experience you receive is priceless.

I had a dream of winning this competition and going to America, I just missed out but with a lot more work and greater determination that dream will be ready for next year.

By Manisha Saini

# Apirana Taylor Visits Tokoroa High











On Thursday the 29th March, Tokoroa High School was honoured to have New Zealand Poet Apirana Taylor at our school to run a creative writing workshop and perform a selection of his poetry. Mr Taylor is of Te Whanau a Apanui and Ngati Ruanui descent and is a leading Maori poet, writer and actor.

Mr Taylor has travelled to places such as Germany, Italy and England to perform his poetry and after his visit to us, we can see why he is held in such high regard. Around fifty students had studied Mr Taylor's poetry last year in Mr Jowett's English class and we had all written letters to him as well, so it was great to finally meet him. The day started off with a Powhiri to welcome Mr Taylor to Tokoroa High School. At the conclusion of the Powhiri, Mr Taylor lead a creative writing workshop, where students were reminded of the power of words. Mr Taylor ran some very good activities during this workshop and the students thoroughly enjoyed learning more about poetry and creative writing. After the workshop, students were treated to a performance by Mr Taylor.

This performance involved Mr Taylor reciting a selection of his poetry. He

used a number of different instruments, such as the guitar, flute and Koauau (maori flute) during his performances. His energy and creativity was a highlight of the day and the students were overwhelmed at how inspiring his words were. Mr Taylor kept us thoroughly engaged throughout his performance and we really learnt a lot from him.

The performance was finished off by one of our students, Braiden Allen-Vano, who performed a poem/song that she had written in Mr Jowett's English class in 2011. We would like to thank Mr Jowett and Mrs Manu for their organisation of the visit and to Mr Hakaria and Mr Ngapo for organizing the Haka Powhiri.





Tau Ke – Tino pai, Tu Meke and Ka mau te wehi are just a Lastly, on Friday we were spoiled and got to hear from few Māori words that could be used to describe this week. famous All Black, Richard Kahui who brought some of his

So much fun and learning took place to promote and celebrate te wiki o te reo Māori. The theme for the week being 'arohatia te reo' which loosely translated means to cherish the language.

The kura took part in a huge way this year, from decking out classrooms with the pimp the room competition and our awesome Maori concert, art competitions, waiata competition and kapa haka also featured as well as our famous hikoi down town. We were interviewed live on Radio Raukawa and Cruise Fm.

The week was jammed packed full of famous Maori role models. On Monday, we got to hear from Jake the Muss (Temuera Morrison) who spoke passionately about the reo and how this helped to give him confidence to face the world stage in America and how being Māori, gave him the confidence to get out there and achieve.

Wednesday we got to hear from Tokoroa born and bred Korohere Ngapo, NZ's first ever doctor who published his doctoral thesis in Te Reo.



famous All Black, Richard Kahui who brought some of his rugby shirts and medals to support our Maori Language week. Richard spoke about being Maori and that if he can do it so can anybody. The messages from all speakers was awe inspiring.

Our Te Rito whanau wrote and produced a 'Te Reo Maori CD. One of the songs was written specifically for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. The waiata has a modern reggae kapa haka style and favour to it. Other events that went down were the staff cook off competition and the Te Reo and Waiata classes. The Marae hosted some Māori weaving, and 'mau rakau' lessons. In addition to this, we heard from our Maori Liaison and other visitors. All in all, this was such a wonderful week. Thanks to SMT and the students for their love of the Reo. We hope that all the whanau enjoyed the week and continue to speak Te Reo and cherish it for the future.

Dionne Tredaway and Matua Ngapo



# The Apprentice



# Product launch night!

That was so cool but to get there we needed to do a lot of a hard work, and writing in class, as well as in our spare time after school and in the weekend!

To get finished and launch ready we had to:

- Do a business plan
- Make products
- Market research
- Finance

And last of all put a stall together for the final day.

By Steffie-Anne George





New Zealand

### A poem by Eric Kanara

Brown boys and girls Trekking around the forest Screaming ancient war chants at each other Threatening each other with old style movements

Wearing nothing but flax Weaved together Using a technique Passed down through generations

Sketched drawings dark on their skin Describing the heritage of their culture Thriving in their blood Living within their actions

Foreign cultures arriving Asking for sovereignty Tribes rebelling Wars start

Secret trading Unfair advantages Powder sparks Deathly balls flying Taking the lives of old brothers

> Blood shed Mana lost Bones broken Scars gained

Land claimed Men lost Tribes disbanded All ended with a paper

Many chiefs signed Using childlike shapes British governs Using fancy writing

Sovereignty gained Rules created Fine text explained Maori's double-crossed

# Pung Vai Ora

# **ASB** Polyfest

From the island where girls sway their hips to the rhythm of the drums, where boys chants the stories of their ancestors. To the island where the beautiful princess moves to the soothing harmonies of her Samoan people.

With so many cultures to introduce I think I will just greet with the Pacific Greetings. At the starting of the year, as a student of Te Manava, I had the opportunity to experience a week with some of my other school mates, the BIG Poly fest that is held in Auckland every year.

We were all amazed and grateful we were able to be part of this weekend. We were surprised to see so many students from other schools in Auckland, to see so much pride that they have in their own culture. Not forgetting to mention the food. So many different stalls, with so many different foods, it was fulfilling to have to taste the amazing food they were selling.

2012 ASB Poly fest was an amazing experience, so beautiful to witness so much wonderful performances from the schools. Students holding that pride in themselves was so touching to see.

Can't wait to see what ASB POLYFEST has in stored for us next year.













# PASIFIKA BY NATURE 2012

Secondary schools from all around the Waikato and Bay of Plenty gathered at Hamilton's Founders Theatre as they celebrated their Pacific heritage through traditional songs and dance. Pasifika by Nature was previously a Polynesian festival that began in 1998. It had been organized by community workers, leaders, volunteers and tutors of participating schools until the Pasifika by Nature Trust was established in 2007. This year's Pasifika by Nature's theme was Celebrating Culture and Colour.

This is the biggest team we have had this year and it proved challenging in terms of meeting the demands of both schooling, individual commitments and the high expectations of tutors Moana Tiaki and Miss Tarai. Our goal has always been to provide an opportunity for our young people to embrace their culture and to learn to respect the culture of others. Pacific By Nature is a competition that challenges us all to step out of our comfort zone and give the best of each culture.

Firstly, Puna Vai Ora would like to thank our Board of Trustees and Prinicipal Mr William Ford for their financial backing in order for us to outfit all 60 performers for 5 different cultures. Knowing that your school supports you 100%, alleviates the challenges and instills a sense of pride not only in the group, but the wider school community. We thank Raukawa Clubs for providing the second bus to allow supporters to come and watch the show as well as encourage the performers. It was awesome to see a sea of green filling Founders Theatre.

We want to thank SWPIC for their endless support of all our ventures and there are no words that could express how grateful we are to have an organization such as yours backing our Pacific students in our school. To our parents and families for the long nights of costuming, practicing, the struggles and demands of performing, being a cheerleader for your child, we thank you for all that you gave. To our young people who are gifted beyond imagination, who hold the future of our culture, who despite endless growlings still come back. We hope that you enjoyed the journey as everyone of you played a part in bringing home the trophies.

Most Valuable Contribution to PBN - Tokoroa High School Best Costume - Tokoroa High School Outstanding Musicianship - Tokoroa High School Winner for Pasifika By Nature 2012 - Tokoroa High School!

Written by Shylah Wirihana







The largest group of senior geographers for decades set off on the annual Tongariro Alpine Crossing tramp as part of their NCEA studies and were met with near perfect conditions.

The 21 Km "walk" is internationally recognised as one of the best in the world and after the initial shock of being awake hours earlier than normal, our hardy bunch of teenage mountaineers set off from the Mangatepopo hut.

The early part of the "walk" takes you through an ancient glacial valley and beside some solidified patches of lava before the dreaded "Devil's Staircase". Aptly named some of our students were heard muttering phrases that would have guaranteed them a place in the devils abode, but Mr Tereu turned a deaf ear and with enormous words of positive encouragement like " keep going or I'm going to leave you here!" all (I hope!) of our students made it up and over and were able to cruise through old craters before entering a whole new world of pain/fear and excitement as they rose up and over Red Crater and down to the incredible Emerald Lakes.

After breaking the world record for the amount of chocolate eaten the Sir Edmund Hillary wannabes wandered past blue lake- yes guys it is blue and it's a lake, the future is safe with these guys leading it! The final descent offered an optical illusion much to the annoyance of most as the never ending story continued for two more hours until

finally 64 Tokoroa High School legends conquered the unconquerable and proceeded to break another world record for loudest snoring on the bus home.

After a whole term of study, it is pleasing to know that now most of the students realise that they actually tramped up and over real volcanoes.

Teaching- what a job. PS Mt Tongariro nearly erupted when news got out of Mr Olsen (who is actually older than the mountain!) not being able to make it due to a minor foot irritation that would have made Hillary and Norgay cringe with embarrassment.





In the 5th week of term 1, 16 of our year 12 biology class went to camp Park Lee (Pureora Forest). Half an hour after Hitro the navigator noticed that the map was upside down we had driven past the turn off to our destination. We drove back half an hour to the turn off only to push Mrs Tucker's car up the hill due to the amount of gear on the trailer. At the top of the rocky climb and push of the car we arrived at our "five star" hotel.

After unloading the trailer and getting our rooms set up, we got straight into an assessment. In this assessment we made a 5 metre quadrat and measured the height of all the chosen species. Having finished the field work we began making our 3 course meal (chips, mince and cheese/sour cream) aka nachos. Later the paper work began and we were not allowed to go to bed until the assessment was complete. We began our day with cereal, beautiful burnt toast and spaghetti. Our lunch had to be made as we were going to conquer the climb of the mountain that day.

After the longest 3km in our lives, we came to the most deserving view. After the class photo, we began our long journey back down the mountain falling every 5 meters. four hours later we finally came to a most deserving BBQ that Grace made us cook. Overall it was a pretty good experience, learning how trees function in that type of environment.

The experience of going camping in a new environment was quite pleasing. We learnt lots about plants, trees and other bushes. After all the ups and down Mrs Tucker broke the generator so we went home.

By Hitro, Anisa, Liam, Tamara, Ryan, Grace, Camrin, Natesha, Cleveland, Nataria, Rauhina, Rebecca, Cullum, Tavier, Jerreau, Munokoa.











When I first saw the Spirit of New Zealand I was amazed. It looked like an old pirate ship, with a black paint job and all those sails. I've never seen anything like it. That pirate ship would become the home for 53 people over the next 10 days. The sleeping quarters were surprisingly luxurious. The bedrooms were about the size of normal bedrooms, about 30m<sup>3</sup> the only difference was, you could fit 20 people in one of these rooms and with bunks stacked 3 beds high, they made every use of the small space. I wouldn't call them beds either, more like camping stretchers suspended from a steel frame. Ok, so the rooms aren't luxurious, no four post beds, but there was an ensuite! 2 toilets, 6 sinks and 2 showers! Although we weren't allowed showers, at least not until Coord the last night, somehow I don't think you'd be very popular on the bus trip back home after 10 days without a shower. To keep ourselves from stinking to high heavens there was a swim every morning at 6.30 am, however getting out of bed got harder every morning. Speaking of mornings there'd be a clean up every morning and also 'colours' - rising of the flag, weather reports, thoughts and facts of the day and a general outline of what we were doing that day. We did a lot of sailing 20 over the course of 10 days. From Aucklands Princes Wharf, we nearly got to the Bay of Reference thorness and to the the test of Islands but the wind wasn't permitting for us to sail, we sailed to Whangamumu, Kawau Bay, The Poor Knights and Great Barrier Island. As well as sailing we visited the old whaling Stratton, "bouncy grass", tramped 4 hours to the top of Great Barrier Island and had a bonfire at Smokehouse Bay. So despite the no shower policy, the unattractive beds and the 6.30am swim, I really enjoyed the experience. I did things I've never done before, like sail a ship, overcome my fear of heights (getting to climb up the 30 metre mast), and met people from all over New Zealand.

An Experience I'll never forget.

V621

Ryan Pearson.

# International Youth Camp

I was asked if I wanted to go on a camp with other students from around New Zealand and students from around the world. I had a couple of days to think if I wanted to go or not, my parents and I talked and said why not go because I would make new friends from around the world. I filled out the forms so I could go. I was waiting every day for a phone call to see if I was selected. Two weeks after the Tokoroa Host Lions Club sent my forms away we finally got a phone call saying I got selected. I was so excited the Tokoroa Host Lions Club was my sponsor.

Finally, the day came, I went to camp. The 27th December was like starting a new

school, not knowing anyone. I was on this camp for 10 days. Every day we did something interesting, there were so many things I really enjoyed but the best thing was day seven because we went to the luge at Rotorua doing the zorb and having to choose one activity from the Argodrome. I went on the swoop with two girls I met from New Zealand, neither of the girls wanted to pull the rope so I had to do it. While everyone else was on the bus I had another go on the swoop with one of the leaders and Emma from Hamilton. Day nine was our last day as a group, we went drift karting and prepared for our closing ceremony. For the closing ceremony each country had to perform a skit. Us the New Zealanders sung "In the Jungle" it was our favourite song on camp, because we sung it on the bus every time everywhere we went. Wow day Ten was the day we had to say goodbye to everyone it was sad because we weren't just a group we were one big family, filled with great memories. Getting selected to go to an International Youth camp was a great opportunity, if you get the same opportunity that I got I say take it, you meet great people, great leaders and make plenty of new friends for life.

Nicky Proffitt

Spirit of

It all started at 10am Tuesday morning on May 8<sup>th</sup> when I stepped onto a ship and into an adventure. It was more than I expected and less scary than I thought. Seeing the Spirit of New Zealand ship I got nerves. I was about to leave land and sail the seas for the next 10 days. Aboard the ship 39 other 'trainees' and myself waited to sail a 10 day voyage with 9 crew members to keep us all in one piece. The first thought getting onto the boat was that I wouldn't make many friends, but boy was I wrong. After all the parents had left the boat and before we started our journey, a girl named Lucy introduced herself – turned out Lucy was the youngest trainee on board and I was the oldest by a few weeks. After I met Lucy, I was soon meeting a lot of the other trainees and we were all joking around. Over the trip we were put in four groups of 10:5 boys and 5 girls, even though we were in separate groups we still bunched together as one big group.

> We sailed from Auckland to Waiheke Island, around Waiheke Island then to and around Great Barrier Island for a few nights, passing through the Hauraki Gulf. We had a barbeque and roasted marshmallows over a bonfire at Smokehouse Bay and eventually made our way back to Princes Wharf in Auckland. My time aboard the Spirit of Adventure was an experience of a lifetime. I went knowing next to nothing and not a single soul, and I left with a lot of new knowledge and a stack of wonderful new friends that I will never forget, a few of them from Germany. This is an amazing trip and a great experience that I would strongly recommend to any 15-18 year old. Over the 10 days, 40 strangers plus the crew became one big family. Sure we had a few ups and downs, but in the end, a strong bond grew between each and every one of us which was a great feeling. "A day without laughter is a day wasted", there were no days wasted on our voyage, loads of laughs and memories to be

Finally, my bus arrives in Auckland and it's a straight walk down the hill to the wharf where the Spirit of New Zealand is waiting and I get lost, but in the end I get to the boat; after asking for assistance of course.

Aboard the boat, at first, everyone is shy and keep to themselves, but at the end of the 10 days we are one big family. The crew are great and joked around with us trainees. We learn which name is for which rope and what sail is what.

We even saw dolphins!

forever kept.

V623 **Devon Morris** 

Whether it was being trained, transporting food from the shore to the boat, or encouraging each other to keep going when hiking up Great Barrier Island, from day one to day ten we worked as a team. Even when we have fin<mark>ished putting up our own sails, we help the other groups put up theirs.</mark>

Everyone on the voyage treated everyone else as equals and there wasn't much cattiness when people were tired which was great. Last thing you want is someone to annoy you when you are tired as you might 'accidentally' push them overboard.

Overall, the trip was awesome. We saw loads of dolphins, a seal and even a penguin. The food was great and we always had pudding. We got to meet people from the South Island and two AFS students from Germany and France.

The best part about the trip was that it was free as The Spirit Of New Zealand Trust sponsored me. They made it possible for me to have an amazing experience and I would like to thank them very much. If you ever get the chance to go on this trip, take it. It's a once in a life time experience and its great fun.

Breakfast club had a slow start this year but revived itself in the second term with help from Mr Linklater and his rugby boys, the peer mentors in training for STARS, Raewyn Mathews our school nurse and the use of Mrs Lottor's rooms. As many as 40 students at a time have attended for breakfast at morning interval on Mondays and Wednesdays. Breakfast normally consists of weetbix, milo and toast. The weetbix and milk is sponsored by Fonterra and Sanitarium through the Kickstart Breakfast Programme. The school and staff provide the bread, milo and spreads. Keeping the brain and body fed promotes great learning and self-management.

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# Mission

A small, dedicated group of students from across the school in ages and sectors, supported by Mrs P Kelly and Mrs Evans , have continued to work on the "sails" project which has evolved into an exciting development we are calling a "social café". The project arose from a visit by our students to Rhode Street School in Hamilton earlier in the year. The building will be situated outside C9 and C10 and will comprise a permanent structure with open sides providing cover for tables and chairs at which students can sit, eat and socialize out of the weather.

Later it is envisaged sides, in the form of roll down blinds, will be attached to provide more shelter from the elements. The poles will be decorated as totem poles representing the different cultures in our school. The facility will be available to students during school hours as well as being available after hours to entertain visitors or conduct fundraising.

Riana Haa, Hitro Ale, Jerreau Tonge, Tiana Hill, Melandi Appel and Teariki-Terae Tearaoa-Natua continue to meet and plan on your behalf to get this building started before the end of the year - hopefully.





On Friday 11th of May 2012 at 8:40am, eighteen eager Year 9 and 10 Tokoroa High School students from the GATE programme departed Tokoroa and headed for Taupo to spend the day taking part in a wide range of learning activities at the Taupo Arts Centre and the Taupo Volcanic Centre. Staff accompanying the group were Mrs Crate and Mr Olsen.

The purposes of the trip were to see the theatre production of Alvin Sputnik as part of the Taupo ARTS Festival and to learn about recent volcanic activity in the central plateau.

As we arrived at the reception area at the Taupo Volcanic Centre, we were all relieved to be able to have a stretch and start our day. The tour guide discussed with us the consequences of the earthquakes that have plagued New Zealand recently. We watched three informative documentaries on the volcanoes, earthquakes and the other natural disasters.

The production, Alvin Sputnik, was an original solo show by Tim Watts. It is set in an environmental water world and the main character, Sputnik, must journey through the depths to find a new place for humanity to live in peace once more. Watts won Best Puppetry Show at the Adelaide Fringe Festival. It was so engaging and moving. Who knew a single foam ball and a white glove could keep so many people interested?

Then we went and visited other exhibitions that were on as part of the ARTS Festival. The first one we saw was an exhibition on tribal tattoos. We saw a man getting a Maori tattoo which incorporated his life, whanau and ancestors. After being fascinated by the detail and care the tattooist took applying the ink to the model, we wandered around the rest of the building, admiring the creativity and talent of the artists of our nation. Outside we came across a circle of bikes and all took turns riding these bikes. They were amazing and it was great fun.

On a personal note, I found that having the opportunity to take the classroom out of the school for the day made it a pleasant change. All in all, it was a great day out and was enjoyed by everyone who had the opportunity to experience it. By Arlene Bowers

# OUL CHO

In term 3 of this year we fare welled our vocal teacher Ms Selepa Vai. Over her years at THS she has definitely stamped her flavour on our school choir which almost tripled in size since 2011. This year we named ourselves the THS Soul Choir and it was the first year a teacher joined our choir. On Open day we performed 'Somebody to love' by the glee cast and 'Shackles' by Mary Mary. We will all miss our Ms Vai and we wish her all the best at her new job. We welcome our new teacher Mrs Nicholas (Fiona) who is set to take it to a whole new level and put her stamp on choir! Jerreau Tonge





On Wednesday the 27th of June, Tokoroa High School, Year 12 and 13 students went to the YMCA for a heart touching experience. Fellow students and I described it as "eye opening". From the heart breaking life stories of near death and death experiences caused from texting and drunk driving. One of the main things that shocked me was having a "Grim Reaper" casually following people around.

Another thing the program taught us was how to provide C.P.R, how many metres before you are unable to view a child when reversing a car, watching "the jaws of life" being used from fire fighters, putting on "drunk goggles" and also being breath tested from police. I have to admit, the drunk goggles had to be my personal favourite! Having to complete simple tasks like weaving through cones, walking in a straight line and doing a child's puzzle was a lot more complex then what it should have been. I had no control what so ever of my actions.

Overall we all enjoyed the program in which everyone should support by going on (and clicking "like"):

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The 2012 Year 9 STARS Careers Expo

The STARS students were divided into groups of 3 - 4 and had an opportunity to speak to each visiting professional for a series of intensive questions and answers.

The Careers day guests were from a diverse range of career backgrounds, a baker, a lawyer, a truck/transport company owner, human resources consultant, newspaper editor, an accountant, bank manager, early childhood educator, a high school teacher, a fashion designer, an electrical engineer, a police woman, an ambulance officer, a general manager and a civil engineer and his trainee to name just a few of the many careers that were open to discussion on the day.

Questions asked by the students ranged from the easy to answer "What is the best thing about your job" across to "What did you study at school to get your job?" " Do you travel overseas with your career?" and "Have you ever considered an different career?"

Nearly every guest speaker emphasized to our Year 9 STARS students that study and dedication are key to having a successful career, the majority of Speakers are also involved in on-going study and regular up skilling to keep pace with the rest of the world in their Career. Having a "Plan B" for every career situation our students entered was deemed to also be highly useful.

Many of the Professionals who participated in the STARS Career Expo are Tokoroa born and bred or have resided in Tokoroa for a number of years.

Tokoroa High School STARS programme along with the Foundation for Youth Development would like to thank the following businesses for allowing representatives time to attend the Careers Expo;



Gary Chapman and Associates, St Marks Community Preschool, South Waikato Precision Engineering, New Zealand Police, Ngapo Lipscombe Law, South Waikato News, Tokoroa New World, Tokoroa High School, St Johns Ambulances, South Waikato District Council, GJ Sheldrake, National Bank Tokoroa, Temporarily Yours Ltd, Planet Computers, Farmers Steve Holden & George Moss and Waiariki Institute of Technology.



New Zealand, land of the long white cloud, Well known for our clean green environment, Or green contaminated pollution, Blue transparent waters, Free flowing streams. Once nourishment, a provider for our fallen tupuna, Thriving with eels, water cress and fish.

Evergreen forests with an abundance of wild life, That wonderful feeling when you're connected, With the trees and the land.

Agricultural development pollutes vast numbers Of rivers and crystal blue streams, Cow manure running into them, Making water murky, unpleasant to the nose.

Development has taken over, Hacking down large areas of trees for economic wealth, Scarring, raping and pillaging, Te mamae,

Pain and hurt inside me, Words used to describe actions accrued, From the past, of European settlers.

Kinleith Prime polluter, affecting nature. The putrid smell haunting the town. Will the chemicals harm us badly? The cycle for cutting trees and planting them are good, But.

What magic is used to speed plant and tree growth? Used chemicals are dumped into ponds, Muddy water, infected with compounds, Existing foam, now settled down to the bed of the pond.

Maketu, Motiti Island Endless waves crashing into the pounded sand, The sound of seagulls echoing through the waves, Coming to a crisp finish as the wave curls into the water,

> Families running out to the water, To feel that excitement,

Relief once you touch the water, Dipping your head in the invigorating water just above

> your ears, To listen to the sea... What's going on below the murky depths.

Now beaches are closed, The sound of seagulls are still heard, But from a unpleasant point of view, Oil is everywhere from the lazy vessel That collided into Astrolabe Wildlife are endangered, Marine life are victims, All because of one problem. US,

The people...



### **Regional Nga Manu Korero**

### Raukaumangamanga Huntly

Bianca Ormsby has continued the school's proud tradition of Nga Manu Korero success by winning the Senior English Division in Huntly recently. Two van loads of students travelled to Huntly to support Bianca and our two junior speakers, Makaia Te Kanawa and Turoa Tepana. All three students per-formed well and represented the school with pride.

First up to speak in Junior Maori was Turoa, who spoke passionately about his kaupapa. He was complimented for his delivery and enthusiasm on his korero.

In the afternoon, Makaia spoke about her korero on -Face to face is more im-portant than technology. She spoke with passion and poise.

Bianca spoke about the same topic but from a different angle. Her interesting and yet provocative topic discussed the problems with technology and how this is impacting on us as a people. She talked about Facebook and how it can be used as a bullying tactic and how face-to-face conversation can remedy this.

It was a great day and we came away proud of our speakers' efforts. Turoa was unplaced in junior Maori but performed very well. Makaia was second in Junior English coming in just behind the winner by only a few marks.

Finally, for the sixth year, we placed first in the regionals with Bianca coming first in the Senior English section. This is a great feat for our school and means that Bianca Ormsby now goes forth to represent our Kura at the Nationals held in Nelson later this year.

Well done Bianca and to all our other speakers and tautoko group for your support. To our kaumatua and parents, I thank you also for your continued support.

Nga mihi Matua Ngapo.

### National Manu Korero Update Nelson

Well the National Manu Korero was a fantastic event. With 12 students all geared up to go to the event and support Bianca Ormsby we were sure to have a fun time and learn about the art of positive persuasion speech. It was a fantastic trip and all students held their heads high and carried the name of Tokoroa High School with pride. Bianca excelled in her senior English division while the rest of her tautoko group sung and did haka with pride. Well done to all our students and parents who helped support on this trip. Thanks also the Tredaway whanau who helped drive us to and from the airport and our kura for giving our students the opportunity to shine.

Nga mihi kia koutou katoa





# Matua Ngapo. Inimitable New Zealand Enclose the pine and our stunning scenery

From the "chur brothah" to the "laters"

The New Zealanders unique ways of saying "hello and "goodbye"

It's not posh and high class like the British, I know But it's what makes us different

Gumboots, jandal and socks, stubbies and Swazis The typical New Zealand fashion Some would call it "horey"

We aren't fazed, it's who we are, what we do Not casual and formal, I know

But it's what makes us different to everyone else

Fish and chips with cheese and mayo, hangi and wild pork

A few of New Zealand's own delicacies

Some would think of them as greasy, ground-cooked and unappetising food

We love it!

More delicious 'kai' for us, if fussy individuals don't enjoy it

No 'fancy shmancy' restaurant quality food, I know But it' what makes New Zealand different

Some would think of it all as a 'waste of space' I don't! I adore the breath-taking nature No massive astonishing buildings, I know But it's what makes New Zealand different

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata! What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!

Words of wisdom taught in my younger years Do I believe in these words? Yes I do. Every word of it. Pacific Islanders, Indians, Asians Other cultures that are a major part of New Zealand They are 'our' people

I'm one in four and a half million I'm different We all are Inimitable New Zealand

Work in this area began with great enthusiasm this year with further training days looking into Drug and Alcohol issues with Mrs Tiro and sexuality issues with Mrs Wood from Family Planning. Thanks to Stacey King, Cassandra France, Hannah Dewhurst and Devon Morris for the work they have done as peer mediators throughout the school over the years they have been here.

We wish them all the best in the future. The leadership role is handed over now to Hitro Ale, Jerreau Tonge, Tamara Thorn and DeArna Henderson to help train and support the junior mediators.

































During the past 3 weeks. Te Puna Vai Ora Being back home in Aitutaki was a joyful A.K.A Mangee. About 29 adults and children participated in this tour while the others couldn't make it so they had to stay in New Zealand and dream.

First week of our tour, we departed Rarotonga to see Mangaia separately as air Rarotonga was a tiny plane which has the capacity of 13 seats. Group 1 (Monday) Group 2 (Tuesday) and Group 3 (Wednesday) I was on the Tuesday flight. When we reached our destination, I noticed that this airport run way was constructed with sand and wondered where the airport building is. All of a sudden we spotted this little hut like house and yes it was their airport along the coast.

In Mangaia School it was very nice to see our friends who toured Tokoroa at the start of the year. Every time we had breakfast, lunch and tea the amount of food on the tables was enormous. I thought they were trying to make us obese? But no that's how they show their love to us. Our favourite was heading down to the harbour for our daily dose of swimming. It was nice and deep but "hey watch out for the whirl pool Kalan". The most challenging activity for us was going up a steep bushy forest and down a rocky passage way which lead us to the Tavaenga Cave loaded discovering with history. A skeleton, crystals, ponds of water, tight fitting holes is what we have to crawl through. This wouldn't be ideal for people who are claustrophobic. We also ventured their rocky island taking photos of the lookouts, a few taro patches and the seas tidal waves. One mosquito night, we helped Mangaia school fundraise by doing the telethon which made us go on TV that was a very exciting moment for us.

We had a jolly good time in Mangaia. With these ripped pants these harbour moments etc. We no longer couldn't stay in Mangaia because we had to go back to Rarotonga and fly to Aitutaki . That's a week to remember.

toured this paradise country called the Cook experience. Also having many of my close friends Islands .The Island we settled in is Mangaia there made it that much better. While we were there we participated in many activities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day we were there we went out to the other islands in the lagoon. We stopped at one foot island (tapuaetai) and had a delicious feed of freshly caught fish, coconuts, sausages and much more. The second day we went to the other islands again but with TeKing cruises. While on the other islands we learnt about how some islands got their names and the history of the islands, we feed fish in the lagoon, went snorkelling in the deep lagoon and discovered things like giant pearl clams, colourful fish and unusual sea life. For lunch we stopped at Maina and had a massive feed of fish, pawpaw, steak and so much more.

> Also another good experience was Oe Vaka. With the locals, the CISA (Cook Island Sports Academy) we rowed through the lagoon on vaka's that would have been similar to the ones our ancestors arrived in. On our last night we performed to the island, saying thank you to all the people that had helped us while in Aitutaki. After that we kicked back with Aitutakian children, and made friends that we wouldn't forget. After a while we went for a ride on the truck up the Maunga Pu, the highest mountain on Aitutaki. From there we went to the old tree in Arutanga, were people say that you can sometimes see an old lady sitting under the tree watching you. Many scary stories and myths about the island were told. Overall I had an excellent time in the islands, catching up with my family and friends, meeting new family and friends and also connecting with the island and learning about how our ancestors discovered our island and how they established what we see now.

On behalf of the group I want to thank all those who helped us to get to the islands. I also want to thank Ms Tarai and Aunty Monz for giving us the opportunity to go back to the lands were our families came from, meet our family and learn about our home. I'm sure we all enjoyed it.

By Tangata Arioka and Karl Lockington



This camp was all about taking the potential 'leadership ability' we displayed in the basic leadership course, and really enhancing it. There were 16 of us there at the 'Advanced leaders' camp for the Northern Region Services Academies.



On the Monday night we arrived we were given a schedule of how the week would run. There was a catch, however - we had to plan the whole week in just a few hours. There had to be a leader for everything we did, so that things could run smoothly. That's how the military likes it. After an hour of confusion, I came up with an idea, a system that I would relay back to the group. The idea was that everyone would have at least two activities to be the leader, and three for whoever wanted another, that way every task had a leader. The tasks were basically the average tasks that would make up a day in the course. Morning and night routines (including meals) PT sessions, lessons and also, building the confidence course that would be in the future courses. There was a lot to do, so timing was a major factor. Always is with the military! So the week went well.

I caught up with some of the old mates from basic leaders and induction camp. I also made some new mates. It was important to make close bonds with the group because they were the ones that would be working for you at least twice during the week. You don't want a team that won't obey you. Well there was a lot to take away from this camp and I milked every opportunity I was given. If a man who has spent 32 years in the army gives you advice, you'd better take it. The point of these courses is to bring out the capabilities that youth possess, but seldom get a chance to show. I'll use myself as an example. I was a naturally shy kid, some people are - some people aren't. But I'm not the same person I was a year ago. I've discovered confidence I didn't know I had. I used to hate making speeches but since they were a compulsory part of all the courses, I have gotten used to standing in front of a crowd of people talking about things no one wants to hear. All I needed was the opportunity. That's what the Staff of the Youth Development Unit go to work for. That's their bread and butter. Unless they just enjoy bossing teenagers around for a week, I don't know.

At the conclusion of the camp I was awarded the over-all top leadership award. Without the help from the YDU staff (and our Services Academy staff director Staff Manu) I would have never realised the potential I had all along. I joined the Services Academy because of my interest in the forces but I discovered something new about myself as well, bonus right? This is the part where I would recommend the Services academy to all who want to learn, to grow and develop themselves as a person, to learn discipline, respect and our world famous 'three C's one I' motto into their lives.

The Services Academy has been a huge part of this year for me and I knew it would be the last year of school for me before I begin my career so everything I did I had to do well, so I could get to where I wanted to go in the future. This required a fair bit of personal discipline. Discipline that I wouldn't have had without the Services Academy!

Ryan Peasron



# CORRIDOR!!

We loathed that word; we loathed it because it was the first word we heard every morning, signalling the end of a luxurious sleep and the start of

another day...

5.30 am, a perfect time for a leisurely jog around a few buildings. Perfect if we didn't have to carry logs! Oh look, 20 minutes until breakfast but we hadn't showered after our early morning exercise session but that's no problem, we can easily get over 50 boys showered in 15 minutes – yeah right !

#### Are you liking the sound of induction so far ?

To make is seem more exciting, I could write about the countless times we had our faces just centimetres above the dirt doing push ups. I could write about many ears that bled having adults yelling in your face all the time. I could write about the strict punishments we endured at the expense of someone else's bad behaviour. I could – but I won't because inductions weren't just a boot camp.

#### Everything we did had a purpose, we were there to learn.

Over the course of 12 full on days, we learned a lot about ourselves and our teammates. We also developed self-discipline, respect for others companionship, integrity within ourselves, comradeship, dedication and commitment. There were a lot of the times we had to face an uphill struggle, and without first developing those qualities among ourselves, we would find the struggle to be nearly impossible at times. We learned that if we stuck together, supported and helped each other, we were able to overcome any task that was set for us.

Induction taught us many things, despite all the challenges, there was a lot of positives as well, like making new friends, trying new things and the food wasn't half bad either! All in all, Induction tested us physically and mentally.





# **Music Jazz Concert**

On the 21st and 22nd of May our senior music students performed their Jazz concert as part of their NCEA assessment. This was a collection of Jazz pieces composed by artists ranging from Louis Armstrong to Duke Ellington, Paul Desmond to Victor Lopez and included some of the most popular jazz pieces ever composed.

These assessments involve performing technically demanding pieces in front of an audience. For these students, it was the culmination of over 10 weeks of rehearsal and saw many of our students achieve their solo and group performance credits.

There were a number of standout performances in this difficult genre. De-Arna Henderson and Manisha Saini teamed up to deliver a stunning performance of Orange Coloured Sky by Natalie Cole.

Dane Clarke produced confident guitar performances especially in Take 5 by Paul Desmond.

Ashley Te Rore-Arrol also delivered a strong solo in Tangerine by Victor Schertzinger, and surely one of the highlights was Tequila by Chuck Rio where the year 11 guitarists each took turns at the solo.

This was a challenging topic for many of our students, but it showed just how versatile and technically competent our young musicians are becoming.

It was great to see so many of our parents, families, friends and members of the wider community coming in to watch and support our young developing musicians. It makes all the weeks of preparation and rehearsal worth the effort.

# Soul, Blues and Gospel Concert

On the 13th and 14th of August our senior music students performed their Gospel, Blues and Soul concert as part of their NCEA assessment. This concert featured pieces originally composed by an array of artists ranging from Stevie Ray Vaughn to AI Green and Percy Mayfield to Beyonce. These assessments involve performing technically demanding pieces in front of an audience. For these students it was the culmination of over 8 weeks of rehearsal and saw many of our students achieve their solo and group performance credits.

We had a number of strong performances including year 11's Ashley Te Rore-Arrol, Hannah Cassidy and Marylise Dean, who each performed their own interpretation of the Blues piece "Secret Place" from the Rock School Collection.

Our year 12 standout performances included Callum Gott who performed Stevie Ray Vaughn's "Lenny" and also De-Arna Henderson and Manisha Saini's beautiful vocal performance of "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen, backed up by Hitro Ale on guitar and Callum Gott on piano.

To end the concert Te Ao Nui McKenzie and his band comprising of Dane Clarke on guitar, Mr Maea on drums and Mr Baker on bass performed Otis Redding's "Try A Little Tenderness" followed by Al Greenes "Let's Stay Together".

It is great to see our senior students continuing to step out of their comfort zones to explore and experience different genres of music.

MER Orchestra Trip

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On the 26th of April the senior music students went on an adventure under La Mer (The Sea) with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. For many this was the first time they had been to a classical music performance, especially with performers at this level of expertise.

The night began with a discussion about the four piece that the NZSO would perform and the composers that wrote them, given by Auckland Universities musicology professor Dr Davinia Caddy.

We then made our way into the theatre in time to see the orchestra complete their final preparations before conductor Pietari Inkinen took the stage.

The first piece they performed was Peter Grimes: Four Sea Interludes by Benjamin Britten. This was followed by Ernest Chausson's Poème de l'Amour et de la Mer which featured mezzo-soprano Sasha Cooke who showed the amazing abilities of the human voice. The Oceanides by Jean Sibelius was next and finally the dark contrast of Claude Debussy's La Mer.

This was a wonderful opportunity for students to experience classical music in a real context, performed by people who have dedicated their lives to music.







**2012** was a very successful year in our department. We have refined all of our courses and have started some new courses as well. 2013 will be even more exciting with several new courses planned.

# Hospitality

We commissioned the gasoperated hospitality commercial kitchen this year. The students gained valuable real world experience in this subject and many students are showing great promise in the catering and hospitality field. We also installed a barista machine to train students in that field.



# Fabrics

Senior students confidently completed their own ball-gowns this year. A group of students also put in a great deal of effort in constructing the costumes for this year's Stage Challenge Competition. They are to be congratulated on winning the award for the best costumes for this competition.





# Graphics

This year we fitted a new graphics computer suite and students design using a CAD program. Level one, two, and three spend most classroom time using this industry standard technology to do their projects. These projects can be anything from designing cabins, houses, landscaping, engineering products etc. With the combination of this practice and the teachers industry

training experience, most students have achieved work that is one year above the required.

# Building Construction Pre-trade

The building construction program is going from strength to strength. This year two students were accepted as apprentices in the building trade. The students worked hard and completed at least four practical projects, including building two decks a pergola and completing their individual projects. Practical work experience was gained through the Gateway program and this was instrumental in the students gaining their apprenticeships.







# Mechanical Engineering

This year Mr Belfield started the Tools For Work pre trade course. Students learnt hand skills in cutting and shaping. They then moved onto machinery to gain skills in milling, turning and welding. The other projects focussed on mechanical engineering by building and repairing bicycles.

The skills gained here provide a foundation for students to choose a

pathway in a wide variety of mechanical engineering sub fields ie; automotive, hydraulics, welding, fitting and turning etc. In 2013, students will



have the opportunity to build their own bicycle and complete other projects to enhance learning in the engineering fields.

Besides having a degree in engineering Mr Belfield has also been a former NZ Bike Trials champion and does extracurricular work in training students in becoming elite cyclists.



# COMPLITI

Yet another busy year in the world of Digital Technology.

Mr Rothman has had a hectic but enjoyable year with his Year Nine rotations. The students are really turned onto learning using photos that were taken at STARS camp and turning them into spectacular Power Point presentations and also creating amazing flowers. This bunch has continued to wow both us with their creativity and computing skills.

Mrs Tucker has been busy guiding year ten students into becoming familiar with all MS Office products and helping them achieve the first Level One credits that will add towards gaining their NCEA Level One next year in year 11.

Meanwhile Mrs Crate bravely took COM2 -year 12 students. This was a first as normally she teachers year 11 students. The students are always anxious once they realise they have the Deputy Principal teaching them, but they soon realise that Mrs Crate has a different side to her when in the classroom and not in her DP role. This class has thrived and I am pleased to say that the top students for computing were in this class.

As for me, its been the usual fun and games with the seniors and ensuring everyone who needs to use a computer from around the school can slot in. Classes are never boring. AB Tutor is a wonderful teaching tool that we have purchased. It also helps monitor what students are working on. I can even access it when I am not at school!

Congratulations also must go to Jerreau Tonge for the successful completion of the NZQA Level Two Computing Certificate. Ms Miller

NGUAGE

Le Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa – Samoan Language Week: 27 May – 2 June 2012

Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa encourages people to learn and use Samoan in their dayto-day lives and in the public sphere.

Tokoroa High school always encourages the whole school participation in celebrating our languages and cultures, and this year was no exception. Students took part in the celebration of the Samoan Language week from the 28th May to the 2nd of June. Learning simple introduction and commands like 'O a mai oe?', 'How are you?', 'faafetai lava'- thank you very much, and even encouraging the staff to say the simple greeting 'Talofa lava' which seems to be a challenge, but Rome wasn't built in a day. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of Samoan Independence Day (1 June), which brought more focus and more celebration activities nation wide. Our pacific island students took part and also participated in some of the events that were happening in our community during the week. The school also held a Mufti day on Friday which co-inside with the actual day of Samoan Independence.

I must congratulate everyone for being part of a special celebration and also a big thank you to Miss Tarai for her leadership and support in the success of our language celebration. Written by Naomi Faagalu

# Cook Islands Maori Class

Omai taku reo e kai naku Omai taku reo e inu naku Omai taku reo e kaveinga noku Turou Turou, oro mai oro mai!

Give me my language as food for me Give me my language as a drink for me Give me my language as a vehicle for me Welcome, welcome.

As a student of this class, I have had the amazing experience to learn my own culture as a born New Zealand . Being in this class is an honour, having to learn and being able to carry on our ancestor's language. We realise in this class that our language is important to hold on to because, we know that if your elders go, we are the ones to carry on the legacy that they leave, and that we are the ones to hold the language. In this class not only do we learn our own language, we learn the different soundings of similar words. We also learn how to speak to each other in the language and we also learn how to write letters. But we are in this class to carry on the language and to hold our heads high and say that we are proud to be Cook Island, and that we will be able to speak Cook Island in the future. As Miss Tarai guotes, "Mou e to tatou Reo Maori, Reo Kuki Airani." So we are going to hold on to our language. Kia Orana e Kia Manuia

Written by Timote Turu

# Te Reo Maori me ona Tikanga

"Ka pu te ruha ka hao te rangatahi" "As an old net withers another is remade" We would like to welcome into our department Poutapu Winikerei. We look forward to the new prospects that Poutapu brings to our department.

# Japanese

おりがみを しました。さかなやつるや かぶとを おりって たのしかったで す。おおきい かぶとを かぶって 侍 に なるきもちでした。かわいい かえ るもすきです。

きれいな はなも おりだかったです。









The use of these IT resources is very popular with students and staff. An increased motivation to participate has been evident.

In 2013 we have plans to integrate the use of tablets with 'cloud' data storage and for administration of assessments.

2012 with a very successful biology camp at Mt Titiraupunga, where sixteen students and Mrs Tucker spent two nights.

Science modules on the STARS week long camp and an attempt to track the Transit of Venus (unfortunately inclement weather prevented this from happening on the day).



senior science subjects.

Part of the explanation for the growth in popularity is the practical nature of science lessons; the adaption of teaching to cater for the different learning styles and an increased focus on investigations linked to the use of IT has been well received.

# **PE & Health**

The Physical Education and Health department began the year with a new teacher, Mr Carlin Linklater who has been a welcome addition to Tokoroa High School and Mr Iain Mutch has stepped up to the Head of Department role for 2012.

Health and Physical Education are taught through Years 9 and 10 and include a large range of topics and activities. During junior Physical Education classes this year there has been a strong emphasis on fitness and self-management.

Level One Health is being offered for 2013. It is an academic subject and is a great introduction for students wishing to pursue careers in the health industry.

We now have a training centre up and running which includes free weights, suspension training gear and cardio equipment. It is a pleasant change from our small windowless room in the gym. This training centre is now used for senior PE classes, lunch time trainings and sports teams.





On the 8th of May 2012, our art class took a trip to the Auckland Art Gallery to see the wondrous works of old time artists. Our departure was not all that great as we sat waiting for students who did not turn up! We made an executive decision to leave them behind. Yes sad I know! We made our way to Auckland,

three very long hours later... we arrive. Putting all our faith into a GPS system we then start to direct our way towards the Art Gallery, (well that's what we thought). It had seemed that we were driving in circles and not reaching our actual destination. 30 minutes later... still not at the gallery and the GPS turned off. Everyone starts to get annoyed at Miss Kelly. She then took matters into her own hands

and tries to get us there. 10 minutes later... K Road. "Miss!" say's all the students. I then turn the GPS back on and save the day.

At the Art Gallery, staring in awe as we see a moving installation of a Tulip on the roof. We knew we we're in for something amazing. Passing through the halls of all the magnificent paintings we could only imagine how long each painting would have taken. One hall was more familiar to us; it was filled with Maori paintings. Many of the paintings were telling the story from the Treaty of Waitangi Another room consisted of mirrors, pretty self-explanatory what was in it but it was probably one of our favorites out of the whole gallery.

The end of the tour was here and we were all starving so lunch at Denny's was on the cards. Sad thing is we didn't get to eat at Denny's due to myself reading the GPS wrong and causing us to head in the other direction! Instead we head towards the Bombay's to settle for MacDonald's and Subway - not quite what we were expecting but it's better than nothing I guess. After our satisfying meal we then head back to Tokoroa and live happily ever after.

By Sam Tere



Our commitment to field work continued in

Other outdoor activities included various

The popularity of science subjects continues to grow and now well established junior assessments and programmes have helped students feel more confident about taking up




Kia ora whanau. My name is Jason Jowett and I am a teacher of English (and History) at Tokoroa High School. I am lucky enough to be a member of such an enthusiastic and passionate English Department, where we strive to make students life long learners. Each member of our department has their passions and their interests lay in certain areas of the English Curriculum. My interests are in the field of Creative Writing, Poetry and Drama, all the while accepting and embracing a dynamic multi-cultural learning environment.

This year we have made outstanding progress with our junior English programme and had some exciting developments. During Term 2, Tokoroa High School was lucky enough to have famed New Zealand Maori poet Apirana Taylor in to run a poetry workshop and deliver some of his poetry. The students were enthralled by his passionate delivery of some of his masterpieces.

Students had their photos taken with their written aspirations which were published on a special Facebook sight called Takohatia. This was an awesome experience for students, as many of them were engaged and fascinated by the use of Social Networking as a tool for learning. I really look forward to continuing the great work of the Tokoroa High School English department in 2013!

As part of their Creative Writing unit, students in my Year 9 English class produced poetry portfolios which contained a number of their original creations. We certainly have some talent in our young people! As a way of celebrating our cultural diversity; students in my Year 9 English class took part in a wide array of activities as part of Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori (Maori Language Week). A highlight was getting students to write down their dreams and aspirations for cherishing the Maori language.





The mathematics department began the year with Mr Phayer at the helm, permanently appointed as H.O.D.

Tokoroa High School's tradition of competing in outside maths competitions was reinstated, with a team of Year Nine students going to the Waimaths contest in Hamilton. There were also twelve entrants in the University of New South Wales Mathematics competition.

Another initiative has been the introduction of extension mathematics for classes at Years 9 to 12. Separate classes cater for students showing an aptitude in mathematics and for those who find maths a challenge. Mr Bowers-Mason and Mrs Fa'agalu have been doing great work with these students and achieving positive results.

The importance of parents' involvement in their children's mathematics learning is well documented and Mr Surucic implemented an initiative to enhance that involvement with one of his Year Nine classes. Families attended a productive parent evening where they were invited to come into their childrens' classes during the school day.

Expected benefits are:

- $\Rightarrow$  Parents are more involved in their children's learning process
- $\Rightarrow$  Parents have an opportunity to be in contact with me on a regular basis

 $\Rightarrow$  Together we create better learning environment for students

Maori Language Week was embraced by Mrs Phillips class who investigated sequences and patterns using flax. They created mats, fans and flowers, an activity thoroughly enjoyed by all students. Kuia Sarah Harris was also invited to teach maths in Te Reo. Students learned how to correctly pronounce numbers, months and days of the week, as well as how to add and subtract numbers in the Maori medium. The students were really inspired by this experience. A big thank you and Kia Ora to Kuia Harris from Mrs Phillips and students from F2.

We are looking forward to 2013 as the maths department classrooms are to finally be upgraded over the summer break.

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# ADDRESS FROM SPORTS PRiZE-GiViNG 2012

Tena kote, Ki o rana, Talofa lava, Greetings

Effort is a major component of the success we see within sport at Tokoroa High School. Sacrifice is another and while I know some coaches who were thinking of dealing to a couple of chickens. It is not that type of sacrifice I am talking about! Time away from family, hours in the rain and cold but always helping and seeing our students improve and do their best!

We are a small rural based school which punches far above its weight no matter what sport we are in. Netball, league, rugby or hockey. The big schools think they have us beaten until they meet our teams! Fraser High School has 2000 students and cannot beat our teams. Far richer schools than ours have had to deal with losing to us as well. Where does this ability come from in Tokoroa? Effort, commitment and possibly something in the water as well??

#### Perfect practice makes perfect.

This is an old saying but a true one. Steve Gurney, 9 times winner of the Speights Coast to Coast and endurance athlete supreme, says Proper preparation prevents Poor Performance! Our guest knows this and it is part of the reason success in sport can take a long time, the preparation is long and arduous. Sacrifices have to be made choices are motivated by desire to succeed and the effort to be a success grows every day!

School sports would take on a different look if it were not for the effort and sacrifices made by coaches and managers. Coaches love what they do and we are so lucky to have so many at Tokoroa High School who help so many achieve to their personal potential. These coaches are there for every practice. They attend meetings and courses and they do strange things such as caring if you don't have your boots or mouthguard! They put up with me getting in their ear about boring stuff like where to practice!

Managers are a special group who make teams run smoothly. Mr Maea showed how well this is seen by winning Manger of the tournament at the league nationals in Auckland! Managers make sacrifices as well! Saturday mornings with no sleep in and a good chance a standing on the side line in the rain while the players take the glory of the win! Uniforms, drink bottles, first aid gear, transport and often so much more. All to make a team's life easier!

I thank all coaches and managers for their efforts we would be lost without you.

A person behind the scenes who does so much without being noticed is Mr McCurran our Sports Coordinator. A job with more headaches than rewards until it comes to prize giving! This is when Mr McCurran sees that the efforts he has made have paid off in bucket loads. As sports people you do not realise how much organisation goes on and, quite frankly, the less you realise it the better Mr McCurran and Managers and Coaches have done their jobs.

At the top of the list for making school sport the success it is Mr Ford! Without Mr Ford giving so much to sport as a whole in terms of school budget we could not enjoy our remarkable success.

Players, competitors and those who simply want to give it a go! You are the reason we coach, manage and administrate in sport. We all love to see the records smashed as Tiana did in the pool and Dionne has done on the track! I hope these events inspire you to do the same. As a school we are allowed to bask in the knowledge that our teams do so well. At a personal level you are able to say you know a top athlete, "Oh yes! I go to school with INSERT CHOOSEN ATHLETES NAME TO SUIT SITUATION!" After all we have so many students to choose from who may well be household names one day. I always say I taught Keven Mealamu! I taught him nothing about rugby, but I leave that out!!

A final thank you to parents and caregivers who support our students to participate and make the extra effort to be part for our sports people's lives.

To all of our sports teams, players, managers and coaches thanks you and I would like to finish with a quote from Pat Riley, Coach of the LA Lakers, New York Nicks and President of the Miami Heat,

"THERE ARE ONLY TWO OPTIONS REGARDING COMMITMENT. YOU'RE EITHER IN OR YOU'RE OUT. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS LIFE IN-BETWEEN."

Iain Mutch

## INTRODUCING TO TOK HI...

Practicing and having fun on the bikes is an everyday activity at Tokoroa High. Tokoroa High have their own bikes that any student can loan and learn the sport of bike trials.

BIKE TRIALLING



Jayden Slater training at Tok high getting up obstacles on a 26" Trials bike.



#### Learning and Riding

Student learning is paramount at Tokoroa High School. Not only did the students compete at Kawerau they also planned and constructed the courses. Next year student will also build their own Trials Bikes and gain credits in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Students learn to build complete bikes and carry out repairs that require high level engineering skills and problem solving. The skills and knowledge's gained are an excellent base to enter most engineering fields.



#### **Tokoroa High Bike Trials Team**

Besides having fun and training, the Tokoroa High Bike Trials team enters competitions all over New Zealand. Kawerau Woodfest was on  $8^{\text{th}}$  and  $9^{\text{th}}$ September. This was a superb weekend with all riders enjoying the race. The sections were challenging and fun to ride. Out of the 16 riders who competed 7 were from Tokoroa High with Jayden Slater taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Dillon Steiner 3rd in their respective classes. This was Tok Highs first competition, with these results and participation it will only be a short time before Tokoroa High dominates New Zealand in Trials... then the world!

Next competition is the Nationals in February 2013.



Dillon Steiner showing rear wheel control on his 20" Trials bike at the Kawerau Woodfest





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# Mid-Islands Athletes



# W/BOP



W/BOP The Secondary Athletics Champs were held on the 17th of March at the Tauranga domain. A strong team of twenty students from Tokoroa High School and their

families attended the event. The following students qualified for the NISS to be held on Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April at the Tauranga Domain.

#### **Dionne Treadaway**

1st Junior Girls 100m- 12.92 sec

1st Junior Girls 200m- 26.39 sec

2nd Junior Girls Long Jump 4.96m

#### Makaia Riki-Tekanawa

1st Junior Girls Javelin- 27.99m

2nd Junior Girls Shot Put- 10.38m

Joseph Manu

2nd Intermediate Boys Discus- 37.70

Weyan Hewitt

2nd Intermediate Boys Shot Put- 12.33m

Kardas Kaea

2nd Senior Boys Discus- 36.35m

### Official Results of the 2012 Mid-Islands Athletics are:

Manuia Alaeiua -3rd in Int boys Javelin Mikimiki Ngata - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sen girls Discus John Anderson - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jnr boys Shot Put Matthew Mauai – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jnr boys 100m Mau Ngavaevae - 3rd in Int boys Shot Put Weyan Hewett - 2nd in Int boys Shot Put Kardas Kaea - 1st in Sen boys Discus Sione Levao - 1st in Jnr boys Shot Put Tavier Levao - 1st in Int girls Shot Put Jon Ross – 3rd in Sen boys Long Jump Iritana Selwyn - 2nd in Int girls 400m Josiah Vaevae - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jnr boys Triple Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Shot Put Terea Maruaao - 1st in Jnr boys Javelin, 1st in Discus Ezekiel Cooper – 3rd in Jnr boys Javelin, 3rd in Discus Braiden Allen-Vano - 1st in Int girls Discus, 1st in Javelin Daeshaun Anglem-Reti – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jnr boys 200m Chantae Wilson-Jenkins - 1st in Jnr girls Triple Jump, 3rd in Discus Dionne Treadaway – 1st in Jnr girls 100m, 1st in 200m which broke the record, 1st in long jump, 1st= in high jump, 2nd in Discus Makaia Riki-TeKanawa -1st in Jnr girls Javelin, 3rd in High Jump, 1st in Shot Put The Tokoroa High Jnr girls relay team was 1<sup>st</sup>, the team was Chantae Wilson-Jenkins, Makaia Riki-Tekanawa, Holly Petera and Dionne Treadaway The Tokoroa High Jnr boys relay team was also 1st the team was Boss Taramai, Ezekeil Cooper, Daeshaun Anglem-Reti and Matthew Mauai

The Tokoroa High Int boys team of Manu, Malik, Weyan and Toru placed  $2^{\rm nd}$ 



### **Record Breakers**

<b>Jnr Girls 100m</b> Dionne Treadaway	2.78 sec
<b>Jnr Girls 200m</b> Dionne Treadaway	26.81 sec
<b>Jnr Girls Long Jump</b> Dionne Treadaway	4.77 m
<b>Jnr Girls Triple Jump</b> Chantae Wilson-Jenkins	9.04 m
<b>Jnr Girls High Jump</b> Dionne Treadaway	1.46 m
<b>Jnr Girls Javelin</b> Makaia Riki-Tekanawa	25.57 m
<b>Jnr Boys 200m</b> Matthew Mauai	26.63 sec
Int Girls Javelin Braiden Allen-Vano	28.04 m
Int Boys 200m Joseph Manu	25.34 sec
Int Boys Triple Jump Joseph Manu	11.90 m
Int Boys Javelin Manuia Alaelue	41.02 m
Sen Boys Discus Kardas Kaea	40.85 m
<b>4 X 100m</b> Kauri Jnr Girls	1.00.12 sec























































I try to fit my schoolwork in with my swim training, I really try to balance it out and keep both at a high standard. I train 5-6 times week, including dry land exercises like running and cycling. In between training, I also have to fit in homework and after school classes.

Sometimes it's a struggle and the pressure and stress does get to me, but most of the time, I just have to push through it and work the situations out step by step. Most of the time when I do try balance out my swimming and school. At the moment however, my focus is on swimming because I love it and I have my first international competition in December.

When people ask me how I get motivated and how I stay so committed to the sport, I always recall what my coach taught me. Before seri-

ous competition he would say, 'It all comes down to who wants it the most,' and I want success and happiness from swimming more than anything.

The Olympics are my long term goal and I want to get there as soon as I possibly can. It all comes down to how I compete now, my attitude and whether I'm progressing or not.



I do admit that its is a hard life, just following a black line up and down the pool. Some days, I wake up feeling that I can't be bothered getting out of bed at 5.am to train, but I still give my sport 100% regardless of how tired or grumpy I am. I can say though, that hard work returns a lot of success. I love this sport of swimming and I want to remain a competitor for life.

Racing is my favourite part of the

sport. I love being surrounded by people who also love swimming. When my squad and I are at competitions we all make sure we have a decent warm up and do dry land stretches in order to warm up our muscles before racing.

I am inspired by people like Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte who are role models for me. When I see them swim I always watch their dives and techniques closely. I count their strokes per length, take note of their splits and compare them with mine.

My biggest inspiration is Richard Kahui. He shows that people from small towns are capable of having professional careers. He told me to chase my dream and I wouldn't have achieved so many of my goals without his encouragement. Finally, thank you to my family and to all my friends who have supported me along the way. It means a lot to me and I appreciate it.

Tiana Hill





At the end of 2012, a long time cricket enthusiast, Mr Jowett, decided to enter a Girls Cricket team into the Waikato/Thames Valley Secondary Schools Girls competition. The girls that formed the core of this group were mostly Year 9's and all of them had a really positive attitude towards cricket. There has not been a girl's cricket team at Tokoroa High School since 2005, so it is fantastic to see these girls become involved in a sport that Tokoroa High School has not seen success in for a long time. At the beginning of 2012, we built on the success of the previous year as the girls developed some good skills, particularly bowling and fielding.

The girls had close losses in all of their games, going down to Matamata twice, Te Awamutu and Hauraki Plains. The best game of the season came against Hauraki Plains, where the girls lost by just three wickets against a team who had four representative players!

The girls have got a lot to work on, particularly with their batting, but the girls have the right attitude and commitment, giving this team a bright and promising future. There were some outstanding players for the year in this team. Shardey Te Kanawa, Chantae Wilson-Jenkins, Holly Petera, Zsalia Ihaka and Shaylyn Whetu were committed to the cause and developed their skills well, while Trena Hunapo-Moetu dominated when batting. The newcomers to the team also played their part, such as Faith Tai and Dion -Layne Hodge. I look forward to the progress this girls' team makes this summer and in the years to come. If the girls maintain their positive attitude, great training ethic and willingness to learn, then they are in for a great season.

Keep up the great work girls!





Ashley Kimberly and Danni Vi representing Waikato and Tokoroa High School at a secondary school competition against Auckland in Hamilton. The pair have only been bowling for eight months and have really enjoyed the sport. The school is encouraging more students to take up lawn bowls and be part of the school team as it is a fun and sociable sport.





# Tokoroa High Green Sticks



Yet another successful year for Tokoroa High Schools mixed hockey team. We battled our way through the Rotorua all-boys B division and after the grading rounds earned our spot in this division. As the only mixed team in the whole division we did really well coming 5<sup>th</sup> place overall. The team travelled to Rotorua or Taupo every Thursday night for games.

We had a lot of new players such as Denisha Stothers, Sean Farrar, Nathan Taylor, Jamie Miller and Mathew Livingstone some of which showed huge improvements as the season progressed and we all merged together as a team to play some great Hockey, and what a season it has been.

As a new comer to the sport of hockey, I really enjoyed watching the more experienced players showing off their skills and appreciated the whanau like atmosphere. Damon McGuire the Captain of the team showed a lot of skill and determination to help all the new players and the rest of the team. This whole team family vibe of girls and boys enabled us to support and encourage each other and as a result finished the competition with a respectable result. I am thankful for Damon asking me to join the team, because what a journey. Meeting and holding new friends, having a tremendous Coach Paula Sawford and McDonalds after every game for our after match team talks, what more could anyone ask for.

The team would also like to thank Narelle Boss (Team manager and Fitness coach) for her contributions to the team and we will be looking forward to having your support for years to come.







**Damon McGuire Jayden Sawford Sean Farrar Braydon Willis Keegan Willis** Mereana Poko **Denisha Stothers Mathew Livingstone Nathan Taylor Jamie Miller** Jerreau Tonge **Hitro Ale Angel Geldard Callum Gott Rebecca Tremain Jamie Miller Dean Holly-Smith** 



By Sean Farrar



# Senior A



Months of training, preparation and fundraising had finally paid off and we were off to our first ever Upper North Island Secondary School Netball Tournament being hosted by Netball North at the AMI Netball Centre at Takapuna.

We left on Sunday the  $2^{nd}$  of September under the threat of bad weather and returned home on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September with the bad weather.

The squad was made up of 11 players, Captain Dionne Treadaway, Vice Captain Makaia Riki-Te Kanawa, Faith Tai, Braiden Allen-Vano, Chantae Wilson-Jenkins, Zsalia Ihaka, Morgan Hayes, Paris John, Tyler Draper, Taiana Sheck, Holly Petera, Coach – Maria Te Kanawa, Manager – Caroline Morunga and Umpire – Toni Punton.

All new schools to the tournament must start in the C Grade and must be ranked top 3 at the end of the tournament in order to move up a grade. So we were ranked 32 of 36 teams in the C Grade. By the end of the tournament we ranked 9<sup>th</sup> and we were the top ranked Waikato school in the C Grade, which we are very proud of. All games were 4 x 10 minute quarters.

This tournament was a very valuable experience not only for the girls but for team management and parents. It gave us a very clear indication of where the team is at, where we need to be at in terms of our level of play, and what we need to do to get there.

The majority of the teams the girls played against were far taller, bigger, older and more experienced, and apart from one game against a very sharp Bay of Islands College team, the girls made everyone of those teams that beat them work very hard for their win. The girls were no easy beats by any stretch of the imagination, and many of the other teams commenting on how well this young side played.

The highlight of the week had to be when the Silver Ferns came to visit the tournament, the girls had the opportunity to have photos taken with many of these players and some of these photos were then published on the UNISS newsletter. The girls couldn't get over how tall, skinny, pretty and friendly they were (the girls words).

On behalf of the team I would like to sincerely thank the following businesses and organisations for their support: Tokoroa Netball Centre, Tokoroa Host Lions, South Waikato Pacific Island Community Health, Tokoroa Physiotherapy Clinic, Tokoroa Sportsworld, Total Fit Gym, Mobil Aotea, Tokoroa Laundry Company.....

We must also thank family, friends, workmates, Tokoroa High School staff and



students, and the Tokoroa community. Please know that your support was not wasted and these girls were worth every bit of your support and represented the school and Tokoroa community very well.



Maine Ma has been together for two years now where we enjoy the family feeling and being able to share common interests like Puna. Maine Tarai is always there for us and she is also the coach for our team. She is there 100% no matter what happens to any of us girls or to our team and she is a positive coach. She will try her best to keep our team going forward. Maine Tarai always has faith in us, she believes in our ability and always helps us to improve our game. She is the loudest cheerleader out there.

There are 9 girls in our netball team and they are:

GS: Maggie Mataiti, Riana Haa
GA: Aroa Turia, Sinoti Levao
WA: Munokoa Horn
C: Timote Turu
WD: Myra Allan
GD: Tamaru Tereu
GK: Samantha Tere, Sinoti Levao
COACH: Teokotai Tarai

Written by Tamaru Tereu



Our season started with a team of junior girls who had the passion for Netball and were eager to develop their skills. During the journey, we did fall in pits but at the end the girls were satisfied with their achievements.

We had some players drifting in and out of the team but the dedication and commitment of these players made it possible for the team to complete the season: Eileen Hauraki, Kora Edwards, Cazna Timothy, Danielle Biddle, Lyric Solomon, Christine Heather and Kandi John.

It was a rewarding season as the girls gained much more confidence, skills and team spirit. The girls also proudly got a personalised netball hoodie for themselves through the fundraiser.

We would like to thank our coach Sanjeena Chandra for always being there for trainings and games. We also thank the parents and helpers that came down to the courts every Saturday, fighting the rain and cold to support the girls. The girls look forward to an exciting season next year!!!!

by Eileen Hauraki



2012 was an awesome year of netball for the Tokoroa High School Junior A. Captained by Asia Patena-Tiare, the Junior A had an awesome season. We started and finished together.

Though challenged at times, some of the best junior netball talent are in this team. The "high flying" attack line of Juanita Mikara, Taylor Vakatini, Taylor Wharekura and Merenia Mataiti, displayed their speed, skill and agility. Our "intercept central" defence line of Taylor Rose Hepi, Kerryn Topia and Asia Patena Tiare, always "smashing" their defensive intercept goals every game.

Deserved of acknowledgement for working extra hard to improve, is Tameka Tangimetua, whose hold by the end of the season became very hard to defend, and an asset to the team dynamic. The true strength of this team is their versatility. The ability of individuals to play different positions when needed is a real luxury for a coach.

It was a real pleasure to coach such an awesome bunch of players! If I could give one piece of advice, it would be to always respect other teams, no matter who they are and don't forget to "TURN ON THE BALL".

Lastly, thank you Mrs Solomon, Mrs Manu and Mr McCurran for your tireless support of the netball programme. Thank you to all our parents for coming down to support the games and for supporting our fundraisers for our new hoodies. To those players who started but did not finish, thanks for being a part of the team. Not forgetting, all the THS netball teams, especially the Senior A, thanks for giving us a goal to aspire to.

#### Team members:

Asia "China, Korea" Patena-Tiare Taylor "Tayz – I know I'm good" Vakatini Merenia "Medz – Rainbow cupcakes" Mataiti" Juanita "Aunty I can't make practice on Thursday's" Mikara Tameka "Tameekz - Catch the ball" Tangimataiti Taylor "T-Dawg – T-Strap" Wharekura Taylor-Rose "Rosie – Oh aunty I've got Stage Challenge" Hepi Kerryn "I'm the nice player" Topia

Kia Manuia "Aunty Monz" – Coach THS Jnr A



This year the THS Senior B netball team was coached by Alyssa Tai and Caroline Morunga.

It consisted of 9 talented young ladies; Coralie Te Hiko (captain), Holly Petera, Chevell Heke, Reegan Ford, Tiare Manu, Trena Hunupo-Moetu, Sharday Te Kanawa, Sheree Treadaway and also Iritana Selwyn.

We started off rough to begin with but we eventually gained faith in eachother and we found ourselves in the A grade division. We progressed well as a team throughout the netball season but unfortunately did not place. We are all eager for another great season of netball next year!

## Ripper Rugby Early term two, some of the boys in the service academy and I went down to the sports grounds to ref some primary kids playing in the ripper rugby tournament. The day



was great. We learnt the rules to ripper rugby and found out that a lot of the kids had amazing talent. When we first got there, we thought they just needed us to set up the field until the organisers came up to us and gave us our whistles and the rules on how to play ripper rugby. The first game, some of us didn't really know what we were doing, but after that, it just turned into a really fun day.

#### Some things about that day:

- Chasing the kids around the whole day really tested my fitness.
- To us who went down, watching the kids play really made us miss the old days at primary school playing sports.
- To see the kids look up to us was a good feeling.
- Refereeing the kids wasn't looked at as being a serious job. We looked at it as a day to have fun with the kids.
- We enjoyed it just as much as the kids did.
- The best feeling was to hear from the people that were organizing the event say to us that we were better than Hamilton Boys at refereeing.

If I could do it again I would. You can't go wrong with having a good day off school refereeing a Ripper Rugby tournament.

By Dremon Ford



A small but enthusiastic group of students made their way down to the local swimming pools for the schools annual swimming sports. There were expectations that's records would fall but not to the extent they did.

A total of thirteen records where broken - two to Brian Loveday in the junior boys and an incredible eleven to Tiana Hill in the intermediate girls and Josiah Vaevae taking out the bombing competition.

Thanks to the parents and students who helped with the time keeping and well done to the student relay team who narrowly beat the teachers.





Our girl's football team had a very eventful season winning the majority of their games. This put us 3<sup>rd</sup> in our division in the Waikato Secondary Football Association.

Having full support of all-round committed parents, helping with transport, losses and amazing winnings made us feel like one big whanau. Jacinda Shaw, who was our leading goal-scorer with a massive 12 goals this year constantly skilled the defence and repetitively broke through the goalies barriers helping bring home plenty of wins along with other ninja forwards like Tamara Thorn who casually would head the ball and score tie-breaking goals.

We still had plenty injuries even from our own team members, example Ahere smashing the ball into Anisa's nose like a Boss, and Anisa handling it like a Boss and laughing it off in spite of all the blood.

New comer Faith Haa, was an exceptional addition to the team, even though she only played the last three games we felt like she had been there the whole time with her massive kicks and shoulder charging. Brooke and Yvette shared the goalie position, unfortunately Yvette couldn't make some games and Brooke was needed in defence so then Tyler Norris saved the day by saving an exceptional amount of goals.

We would like to thank Leo Wiparata — Coach Lee Jacobi — Manager Mike McCurren — Sports coordinater. Hitro Ale — Referee

Also other parents and caregivers that helped with transport and organising food for home games.





On Saturday September 15th, eight of out soccer girls drove up the Hamilton for the 2012 secondary school 5-aside tournament. Despite all the rain and windy weather, our girls placed 3rd in the finals, had a great day and overall had an awesome season. We would like to mention a special thanks to Hitro Ale for taking time out

of his weekend to



















Tokoroa High School's under 14 is a team full of skill, passion and an attitude to win. This season has had a lot of positives but unfortunately due to a lack of consistency and injuries we missed out on a top four placing.

During the middle rounds of the season we experienced some unflattering outcomes and a lot of dropped heads, this was somewhat rectified the more games we played together, as we pushed St Peter's and St Paul's collegiate and created opportunities to win both games. Our players received recognition as the hardest team opposition teams had played against this season.

As we approach the final game, Tokoroa is playing against Otorohanga, in some what of grudge match that will determine fifth place. There will be a large emphasis on redemption as our boys suffered a heavy defeat mid-season.

Stand out players for the season were Matthew Mauai, Sione Levao, Owen Draper and Kieran Lee. Our biggest thanks go to Greg Draper for his commitment to training and allowing me to gain valuable coaching skills and rugby knowledge.

Carlin Linklater





This year, the Under 16's rugby team were placed in Division A of the Waikato under 16 competition. This team was made up largely of the same boys who played together in the Under 15 team in 2011. Our season started off in astonishing fashion, with a tight win against St Paul's College with a last gasp try to Te Waiata Anderson that made the score 22-17. Our second game ended in a draw with Hamilton Boys High School 24-24.



From this game forward, our team was hampered with injuries. We scraped victories against Hillcrest, Te Awamutu and St Pauls B, while we suffered a heavy loss to the favourites, Hamilton Boys High A. Our last game saw us square off against our old rival, Te Kuiti. We won 41-26 and booked our place in the top four rounds. By this stage, our team was seriously affected by key injuries. We lost all three of the top four matches and had to face the favourites from HBHS in the final. The boys played a fantastic game but were no match for the Todd Miller-coached Hamilton Boys team, who ran away with the win 37-5.

Stand-out players for the season included Ozias Vaevae, Te Waiata Anderson and Mau Ngavaevae who continued their dominant ball-in-hand play with some devastating runs. Dane Clark developed into an outstanding loose forward and centre, while Kian Trainor, Brian Turia and Daisho Wright were extremely effective play makers in the backline. This year also saw the rise of the "beast from the east" as Tanga Tangamataiti stepped up his game and made a huge impact with his powerful runs.

Thank you must go out to all the parents who helped out constantly with transport and support of our boys: Tama Anderson, Marama Tahapehi, Don Robb, Joanna Tautari and Paul Clark. I look forward to a successful year next year as the majority of these boys will move up to the First XV.

By Jason Jowett







The Tokoroa High school Rugby League team represented our school and our town very well by winning top honours as the team of the tournament at this years National Secondary Schools Rugby League tournament held in Papakura, Auckland from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of September.

Although the team lost two of its matches in pool play against old rivals Southern Cross and provincial giants Kelston Boys High, Tokoroa went on to win the plate finals against a very spirited Taita College. Other accolades the team picked up was for Sisa Manu who made the tournament side and Billy Maea who won the Manager of the tournament.

The best award was saved for last as C.E.O Jim Doyle presented the team with the inaugural Team of the Tournament award which was awarded to the best team of the tournament who the NZRL thought best demonstrated its principles of leadership, courage, integrity, passion and respect. This award truly reflected the true spirit of our team from the coaches to the players and to all our supporters.

A big thank you to all our sponsors, supporters and families who gave us the opportunity to put Tokoroa High School on the map.











This years touch team

Congratulations to Kieran Lee who won player of the year and Tyronne Henderson who was most improved.



Dux



**STACEY KING** 

**RSA Cup** 

**Proxime Accessit Medal** 

**Geoff Burridge Memorial** 

## HANNAH DEWHURST

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



Paris John Rov Simmonds Varn Skelton Hannah Cassidy Ashley Cortesi Zoe Martin Te Waiata Anderson Flia Ivitu **Dean Smith-Holly** Jack McKeen Cody Fitzpatrick Chloe Herman **Daisho Wright** 

Toru-Atua Tearoa-Natua Student Council cup for effort and involvement across all subjects and has not gained a first place in any subject Mathematics NCEA Te Kahui Whetu achievement Hospitality Geography - 1st equal Geography - 1st equal Technology - Fabrics Professional Sports Pathways Services Academy Japanese Technology - Wood Technology - Metal Speech competition for Oratory

Amos Thompson Nathaniel Williams Montell Maea Tamaru Tereu **Chloe Herman** Jona Keat Electronics Denzel Robb Natalya Short

Dane Clark

**Eteta Anthony** 

Physical Education Cook Island Maori Mathematics with Applications (PAM) **Communication English** 

English - 1st equal History

Mathematics with Statistics Graphics

Art Science

Life Skills

Music Performance Te Reo

#### YEAR 12 SUBJECT AWARDS SUBJECT STUDENT

**Business Studies** 











#### Kayla Watene Sarah King Lily Teawa Wennan Wu Coralie Te Hiko Matthew Short Sean Farrar Javden Sawford Earle Needham **Bianca Tito** Calllum Gott Analee Eaton **Timote Turu** Morgan Ferguson

Tyler Draper

Jayden -Lee Slater **DeArna Henderson** Jerreau Tonge **Dean Smith-Holly** Tamara Thorn

Sean Farrar

Rebecca Tremain

Anisa Gardiner

Manisha Saini

#### Chemistry Art Technology - Fabrics Hospitality Communication English J Plessius Cup for the most improved student for Year 12 Computing Electronics Most improved student in Years 11-13 **Building Construction - Practical Building Construction - Theory Trade Mathematics** Music Computing and Media Design Cook Island Maori Te Kahui Whetu award for perseverance, patience and persistence Effort and involvement across all subjects and has not gained a first place in any subject Physics Computing

National Certificate of Computing Level 2 Physics Mathematics - NCEA Biology Travel and Tourism Physical Education English

Te Reo Computing Communication English

Geography Music Performance History

**BNZ** Cup Watch from Thomas Jewellers

Waikato Graduate Women Charitable Trust Award Lions Club of Tokoroa Award

Waikato Graduate Women Charitable Trust Award

SW District Council Award Ngapo cup for year 12 Oratory Marama-Lyon Family cup for Senior Oratory Newbrook Cup for best all round student in year 12

Computing English - 1st equal Tiana Hill

Music

AWARD

Lions Club of Tokoroa City Impact Photographic Voucher

South Waikato News Trophy Ngapo-Lipscombe Law Mazsaros Motors ORRS trophy Clear Cut Glass Award Holster Supply Company Bryans Plant and Flower Shop Ngapo-Lipscombe Law Mazsaros Motors

Lions Club of Tokoroa District Cup

Watch from Thomas Jewellers

### **YEAR 13 SUBJECT AWARDS**

STUDENT	SUBJECT		AWARD	
Ann-Marina Joseph	Technology – Fabrics	Science	Mitchell cup for best practical work in Fabrics	
Camelia Uerata	Physical Education		Mazsaros Motors	
Mikimiki Ngata	Cook Island Maori		AFS Central Plateau	
Alia Cowley	<b>Business Studies</b>		New World	
Turoa Tepana	Te Reo		SW District Council Award	
Mereana Poko	•		MAEA cup for academic excellence by a Cook Island Student Tere Mana Ariki Tangaroa Memorial Trophy for best all round performance by a senior Pacific Island student Tere Mana Ariki Tangaroa Memorial Science Trophy for excellence performance by a Cook Islander Elder Cup for Science	
Stacey King	Effort and involvement across all subjects and has not gained a first place in any subject		Student council cup	
Ryan Pearson	National Certificate in Sport Level 3 Services Academy		National Bank Award	
Alex Hawkins	Sports Academy 3 Maths with Statistics		SW District Council Award	
year 13 Mathematics	Double Happy cup for top a Dux or Proxime Accessit	achievement other than	Howard Rota Memorial Trophy for top Pacific Island Student in	
Samone Henderson	Art Communication English	Business Studies	French Cup for top student in Year 13 Art SW District Council Award	
Devon Morris	Computing Technology - Food	Computing and Media Design	Tokoroa Clothing Company Lions Club of Tokoroa	
Hannah Dewhurst	Biology Maths with Calculus Geography	Tourism Japanese English	SW District Council Award Creative Arts Cup Krause Award for top year 13 English student going onto further study	

### 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 Weyan Hewett Jerreau Tonge Maggie Mataiti Te Ao Nui Mckenzie Hitro Ale Jayden Lee Slater Jasmine Hoani Eteta Anthon Jacob Placid-Te Moananui Timote Turu Anisa Gardiner Toru-Atua Tearoa-Natua STUDENT FOR AWARD

Jona Keat	THS Trophy for Special A	chievement in Year 11	THS Trophy		
Manisha Saini	Extra curricular drama		Trebilcock performing arts cup		
Nuhaka Numanga Tashyna Maki-Rota	Contribution to Puna Vai Contribution to Te Manav	a	Stavert Trophy		
Te Manava.	Communication and co-op	peration Year 13	Utanga Family Memorial Trophy for contribution to		
Duane Turia	Music		The Lawry Brothers cup for outstanding all round contribution to music		
Jerreau Tonge	Excellence and contribution	on to the school community	The Kelly Cup		
Timote Turu	Outstanding contribution	to the school community	Foote's Carpet and Upholstery Centre		
Ryan Pearson	Communication and co-op	peration Year 13	Phil and Jenny Shattock		
Reginald Matekohi	Communication and co-op	peration Year 13			
Analee Eaton	Tamara Thorn	Kayla Dewhurst	Services to the Library		
Naomi Sinclair	Integrity and positive role Communication and co-op	modelling to other students peration Year 13	Diana and Jim Ryan Family Trophy		
Hitro Ale	Outstanding contribution	to the school community	The Hendra Trophy		
Anisa Gardiner	Outstanding contribution to Student council cup for the	to the school community e most dedicated councillor	The Hendra Trophy		
Hitro Ale Kuramaera Sema Maggie Mataiti	Te Maapi Te Amotahi Nuhaka Numanga Bianca Tito	For deserving students returning to school next year	Churches Trust Scholarship		
Stacey King	Head Girl Communication and co-o Outstanding contribution		Head Girl Medal Carter Holt Harvey Scholarship Rotary Club Scholarship		
Te Ao Nui Mckenzie	Head Boy Contribution to Puna Wai	Ora	Head Boy Medal Nigel Stuart Memorial Trophy for Contribution to Puna Wai Ora		













Eteta Anthony

Kasey O'Keeffe Scholarship











#### GIRLS SOCCER

Coach: Mr Wiparata Manager: Miss Jacobi TROPHIES Molleman Cup for the most improved soccer player: Summer Smith T.H.S. Sport Trophy for girls leading goal scorer:

Jacinda Shaw T.H.S. Student Council Trophy for contribution to soccer: Rebecca Tremain

T.H.S. Trophy girl's player of the year: Anisa Gardiner

#### MIXED HOCKEY TEAM

Coach: Mrs Sawford Manager: Ms Boss TROPHIES: Most Improved girl: Denisha Greer-Stothers Most Improved boy: Callum Gott Contribution to hockey: Hitro Ale Jayden Sawford Most Committed: TROPHIES: Graham Cup for most outstanding girl: Rebecca Tremain Tokoroa Club Trophy for most outstanding boy Hitro Ale

#### **NETBALL**

#### SENIOR A TEAM

Coach: Mrs Te Kanawa TROPHIES: Moeroa Maea Trophy for the most improved player in the A team: Paris John L Reid Trophy for most outstanding year 10 netballer: Dionne Treadaway Lani Daniel Senior A Trophy for player of the year: Chantae Wilson-Jenkins

#### SENIOR B TEAM

Coach: Caroline Morunga CERTIFICATES: Most Improved Player: Trena Hunapo-Moetu Most Committed Player: . Holly Petera TROPHIES: Ngaio Reeves Trophy for most promising year 9 player: Reagan Ford

#### Jnr A TEAM

Coach: Mrs Tiaki Manager: Mrs Solomon CERTIFICATES: Most Improved Player: Most Committed Player: TROPHY: T.H.S. player of the year:

Tayla Wharekura Taylor Vakatini Asia Patena-Tiare

Riana Haa

Tavier Levao

Timote Turu

Maggie Mataiti

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#### MAINE MA TEAM

Coach: Ms Tarai CERTIFICATES: Most Improved:

Most Committed Player:

TROPHY: Player of the Year:

#### MAGIC TEAM

Coach. Mrs Chandra CERTIFICATES: Most Improved Plaver: Most Committed Player:

Eileen Hauraki Danielle Biddle Cazna Timothy

TROPHY: T.H.S. Trophy for most outstanding player: Danielle Biddle Overall winner of the Kopu Trophy for Excellence and Commitment to Makaja Riki-Tekanawa Netball<sup>.</sup>

#### **MOUNTAIN BIKING**

Coaches: Mr Reid, Mr Tereu, Mr Cox CERTIFICATES:	
Most Promising: Most Committed: TROPHY:	Brian Loveday Pete Robb
T.H.S. Trophy Champion:	Nic Flutey

#### LAWN BOWLS

Coach: Mr Murphy CERTIFICATE: Most Improved TROPHY Thomas Jeweller player of the year:

#### **MIXED TOUCH**

Coaches: Mr Tahau, Mr Matt Manu CERTIFICATES: Most Improved Female: Most Improved Male: TROPHIES: Outstanding Female: Outstanding Male:

#### **GIRLS CRICKET**

Coach: Mr Jowett CERTIFICATES: Most improved: Most Sporting:

TROPHY:

Shardey Te Kanawa Shaylyn Whetu Chantae Wilson-Jenkins

Te Waiata Anderson

Dane Clark

Brian Turia Kian Trainor

Michael Andersson

Ashlev Kimberlev

Shaquille Kaea

Kieran Lee

Tyrone Henderson

Dionne Treadaway

The Morrison Bat Award for Player of the Year: Trena Hunapo-Moetu

#### LUNCHTIME BADMINTON

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Mutter TROPHIES Irene Mutter Trophy for most improved player John Teinakore Irene Mutter Trophy for most valuable player Nicky Proffitt

Irene Mutter Trophy for most sporting player: Xtreme Talauta

#### RUGBY

**1st XV TEAM** Coach: Mr Manu Manager: Mr Ford CERTIFICATES: Most Promising: Cleveland Poko TROPHY: Grant Robinson Memorial Trophy for most outstanding 1st XV player: Joseph Manu Peter Letoga T.H.S. Player of the year:

#### UNDER 16's

Coach: Mr Jowett CERTIFICATES Most Improved Player: Most Committed Player:

TROPHIES: S.U.R.F. Rugby Club most valuable player: Ozias Vaevae

#### UNDER 14's

Coach: Mr Draper Manager: Mr Linklater CERTIFICATES: Most Improved Player: Turoa Tepana Most Committed Player: Cahn Brown TROPHIES: S.U.R.F. Player of the year: Josiah Vaevae T.H.S. Trophy for most outstanding player: Matthew Mauai

#### **GIRLS RUGBY TEAM**

Coaches: Regina Sheck, Mr McCurran, Mr Draper. Manager: Ms Kelly TROPHIES: Puke Transport Trophy for girl's forward of the year: Johanna Hunia Tyler Draper Oil Jet Hydraulics Trophy for girl's back of the year: Braiden Allen-Vano T.H.S. Trophy for girl's most outstanding player: . Mereana Poko

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

#### **First XIII**

Coaches: Mr Ford, Tama Teaukura, Mr Manu Managers: Mr Maea, Mrs Horn, Mr M Manu CERTIFICATES: Most Promising: Montell Maea TROPHIES: Joe Horn Memorial Trophy for Sportsman of the year: Isaiah Cooper Ford Family Trophy for player of the year: Sisa Manu

Joseph Manu

#### GOLF

Coach: Mr Linklater TROPHY B Paltridge Trophy for golf player of the year: Nathaniel Cassidy

#### ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

T.H.S. Student Council Trophy for junior girl's champion: Dionne Treadaway Dionne broke school records in the 100m, 200m, long jump, and high jump

T.H.S. Student Council Trophy for junior boy's champion: Matthew Mauai. Josiah Vaevae

G.H.McEwen Cup for intermediate girl's champion: Braiden Allen-Vano

L.H Riley Trophy for intermediate boy's champion: Joseph Manu

G Wilson Cup for senior girl's champion: Mikimiki Ngata

L.H Riley Trophy for senior boy's champion: Justus Riki-Hamana

#### **CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS**

P. Barrett trophy for junior girl's champion:	Dionne Treadaway		
T.H.S. Sport trophy for junior boy's champion: Brian Loveday			
T.H.S. Student Council Trophy for intermed	iate girl's champion: Linga Cowley		
R.W.I.H.A Cup for intermediate boy's champion: Keegan Willis			
McNeil Cup for senior girl's champion:	Alia Cowley		
MacMillan Cup for senior boy's champion:	Nic Flutey		

#### SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Francis Cup for junior girl's champion:	Eileen Hauraki
T.H.S. Student Council Trophy for junior	boy's champion: Brian Loveday

T.H.S. Student Council Trophy for intermediate girl's champion: Tiana Hill. Tiana broke eleven school records

Marama Lyon Trophy for intermediate boy's champion: Roy Simmonds

G Francis Cup for senior girl's champion: Tamara Thorn

G.Francis Cup for senior boy's champion: Earl Needham



RUGBY LEAGUE

NZ Secondary Schools Tournament Team

U17 N7 Maori U15 NZ Maori

Sisa Manu Isaiah Cooper Ezekeil Cooper

8 BALL NZ 8 Ball Ladies Pairs Champion

Camellia Cook

KI- O- RAHI

Justus Riki-Hamana

## nal Liono

RUGBY U16 Waikato Boys

Waikato Girls Secondary School

U17 Harlequins

U14 Tritons Rugby

GOLF Waikato Team SWIMMING

Qualified for NZ Division 2: TAE KWON DO 3rd in 50kg NZ nationals:

RUGBY LEAGUE U17 Waicoabay

U17 BOP and Maori

U15 BOP

U14 BOP

NETBALL Tainui U15 Reps

ATHLETICS Waikato/BOP Reps:

North Island

LAWN BOWLS Waikato Reps:

HOCKEY BOP Reps Joseph Manu

Braiden Allen-Vano Jasmine Hoani Isaiah Cooper

Reginald Matekohi Justus Riki-Hamana

Henare Barber Ezekeil Cooper Owen Draper Sione Levao Turoa Tepana Tyrone Tonge Mata Tupou Kieran Lee

Nathaniel Cassidy

Tiana Hill

Holly Petera

Isaiah Cooper Te Waiata Anderson.

Te Waiata Anderson Dion Tai Cleveland Poko, Justus Riki-Hamana

Brian Turia Jakota Paul Jayden Tau Te Oranga Whareaitu.

Ezekiel Cooper-Tetevano Neal Tai Dylan Clark Josiah Vaevae Troy Winter.

Makaia Riki-Tekanawa

Braiden Allen-Vano Makaia Riki-Te Kanawa. **Dionne Treadaway** Weyan Hewett Joseph Manu

Ashley Kimberley Danni Vi Nicky Proffitt

Dionne Treadaway

Keegan Willis



#### **Cowley and Morrissey Trophy for all-round sports-**

woman of the year

Nominees: Rebecca Tremain, Mereana Poko, Makaia Te Kanawa Dionne Treadaway, Braiden Allen-Vano Chantae Wilson-Jenkins

**Winner: Dionne Treadaway** 

#### Newbrook Trophy for all-round sportsman of the

vear:

Nominees: Joseph Manu, Justus Riki-Hamana, Reginald Matekohi, Peter Letoga, Isaiah Cooper

Winner: Justus Riki-Hamana

#### Ryan Trophy for best contribution to sport in attitude and/or participation:

Nominees: Rebecca Tremain, Hitro Ale. Reginald Matekohi

Winner: Hitro Ale

#### Max Kuka Memorial Trophy for most outstanding rugby player of the year:

Nominees: Peter Letoga, Reginald Matekohi

Winner: Reginald Matekohi

#### Te Kahui Whetu for most outstanding athlete:

Winner: Roy Simmonds

#### T.H.S. Trophy for most outstanding achievement in sport:

Nominees: Justus Riki-Hamana, Camellia Cook, Dionne Treadaway, Tiana Hill, Sisa Manu

Winner: Dionne Treadaway

#### Sports Team of the year:

Nominees: Senior A Netball Team, 1st XIII Rugby League Team

Winner: Senior A Netball Team















### WHANAU TROPHY: Kauri







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growing up, I'm

aoina to Sir George

Sevmour College.

Learn from yesterday, Live for today, Hope

for tomorrow, the



told what to do Fear

living in Tok all my life

TRTH Jesse Vavia



Quote<mark> me a</mark>ll you like<mark>,</mark> YOLO!



the 3 super sole's, I'm going to be the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

In the end, it's not how SAMM Reginald Matekohi

m<mark>any b</mark>reaths you took, but how many moments took you breath away.







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FTCD

Levi Dawson

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Analee Eaton

FTTU

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Danielle Biddle

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Jr Caoing

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Bell

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This year has been an overall great year and it will definitely be a year to remember, my time spent helping with the year book for my 2nd time has been a great task of moving things around and deciding on the final outcome of my page layouts.

I have enjoyed helping our crazy insane teacher with this progress of getting the yearbook done and dusted and hope for the best of her future apprentices in the years to come. So yes, it has come to that time of our lives where we say goodbye to high school and hello to our future, it may seem a tad scary but you never know what journey lies around the corner until you take a leap and try. Good bye Tok High and good luck with your many years to come.

Devon Morris

Once again the end of the year draws to a close and its time to bid our current year 13's goobye.... Time to be thrown out of the nest and into the great big wide world of adulthood. May you all reach the stars.

thanks must students who helped create this years edition of Tahi. For most, it was their first magazine experience; they did so well.

Jerreau, you have definite talent and your ideas keep astounding me. Ms Crate and Dr Bentley, your editing skills were appreciated, and much needed! Miss Tairi, I hope my students were their normal exemplary selves whilst you covered for me!!!

May you enjoy this years edition of Tahi.

**MORNING**:) **Mz Miller** 

I have enjoyed the creative challenge of helping out with this year's edition of Tahi. It was definitely less frustrating and I think I have finally got the jist of how Ms Miller likes it! This year I tried to inject a simpler scheme of colour and design to make my pages more modern. It is definitely still a challenge but I like doing anything with colour and design.

To everyone new, who helped out in the production...Ms Miller always finds something that she doesn't like, she is always in your ear telling you to change this and move that. After all that you will find that she just changed it again anyway. But it all pays off and it's cool knowing that everyone will see your work and you have your logo there to prove it.

For my cover design this year I went for a modern look, something different from any other Tahi cover, and so i came up with the design. Yes Ms Miller changed it too. I incorporated previous year book covers from 2000 to this year. 'Sometimes less is more effective, and it is true.'

I feel that 2012 is definitely 'A year to remember' and I loved every single moment of it! I look forward to seeing what next year will bring and I hope that we will have more designers have a go at designing Tahi.

From me for 2012 - 'I wish you all the best in all that you do! Stay safe! Bring on twenty thirteen!'

Jerreau, Jay, Gordie – Whatever you call me.







creations of the 2012 year book before I left Tokoroa High School. Although it was stressful at times the hard work created amazing pages.

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I enjoyed creating four of the magazine pages as it was a challenge and I was happy knowing that I contributed to the

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