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Acknowledgements

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this year's magazine. Firstly to the staff, students, coaches and parents who have put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboards) to present their part in the life of Tuakau College, 2005. Secondly to Ms Gordon for her assistance in the selection of art work. This year's front cover features art by Yasmin Smith and Jamie Bruce (both Level 1 NCEA students). The back cover features a selection of mural art completed by students this year. The murals will be a permanent reminder of the talent and inspiration that lives within the school. Lastly to Mrs Hucker for yet again providing a wonderful array of photographs for me to choose from. Her proof reading skills came in handy too!!!

The magazine is a reflection of the energy, the vitality, the enthusiasm, the diversity of opportunity and the amazing talents that exist within our school. It reflects our desire to be 'the very best in all things'.

Alison Cleary - Editor

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Principal's Report



This year has been a very busy year – a year where many new changes took affect. Change for change sake is not good but the changes we had this year were to improve teaching and learning.

Some of the significant changes that took place were: six month options in Year 9, a new timetable structure, a new timetabler, a new structure for the day, a 25 period week, new courses been offered, D block opening, new teachers, new PC computer suite, MidYis testing introduced, recredited as an 'Investors in People' school, three new Board members, a Gifted and Talented programme in place, a School Review and continued roll growth.

The changes have made a significant difference to the way curriculum has been delivered. It has been a good year.

The highlight for the year was the India Tour. This trip was a fantastic experience for the Year 11-13 students who took part. Over the past

year and a half the students worked very hard to raise the money for the trip. The trip was well supported by the school community and the parents of the participants. The trip was not hassle free and there were long periods of sitting in a bus. The students did not moan when things went wrong. The students were a credit to themselves, a credit to their families and a credit to Tuakau College. Well done! It was a life-long experience and the students do appreciate living in Tuakau more and as well as living in New Zealand.

We also delivered the College's first Service Quality Survey-a School Review. The results show that the College is doing very well and that the Staff are committed to making a difference to the education of the students of Tuakau. There are always things to improve on and we intend to look at the things the survey points out and aim to improve on these next year. Achievement is the key. Teachers and families are two thirds of the important equation for success. Students have an essential role in this. This whakatauki explains their part:

Tama tu, tama ora **He who stands, lives**
Tama moe, tama mate **He who sleeps, dies**

Students need to be responsible for their own achievement. Their desire to learn and their self-motivation will give them the opportunity to succeed. They need to be positive, and not give up no matter how hard things get. Stand-up and make it count - do not lie down.

There are three important threads to a student's life - sporting, academic and cultural threads. All these thread intertwine to form the student's life at school. Some threads are significantly stronger than others whereas some are evenly matched.

The academic results gained last year were very good in some areas and some areas needed attention but overall the students, especially in Year 11, did very well with many of them gaining more than 160 credits. Planning for achievement is the key and I know many are studying hard to ensure good results this year.

The school and the students have had another big year in the sporting arena. The students have played with grit and determination and have also obeyed the fair play code of conduct. Well done to all the sports people for a fine year. Sport is an aspect of a student's life that gets them out of the classroom and onto a court or field where they can excel and enjoy themselves. It is another "string to their bow". I hope that many more students will take up some kind of sport in 2006. The opportunities are there - for example we had 14 netball teams this year and they all did very well.

Tuakau College is a culturally rich school with students performing in drama, music, kapa haka and dance. Kapa haka did extremely well in their competitions and the Music Awards evening was a great success. We intend to try to increase the opportunities in Drama next year. Thank you for enriching us all.

This year has been a very fulfilling year. The students have continued to maintain high standards of personal behaviour. We are always willing to encourage the students to behave positively and looking for new ways to motivate students to work. The school is in good heart and we will always continue to make this a safe environment for students to succeed in and achieve their potential and beyond.

The Staff work extremely hard to provide the learning opportunities for all abilities. I believe we "Add Value" to the students that walk through our gates and that they leave us balanced young citizens.

I look forward to another prosperous year in 2006. To those who are leaving Haere ra! Kia Kaha. For those who will be returning in 2006 I would like to wish everyone a happy festive season and a relaxing holiday break.

Chris Betty

Board Report

Tuakau College has had another terrific year of achievement and growth.

We started the year with a roll of over 640 students and expect at least that many again in 2006. It is a real credit to the staff of the school that we have become the school of choice in our area. Students are being drawn from a wide catchment area, from Pukekohe in the North to Glen Murray and Limestone Downs in the South, Port Waikato in the West and Mangatawhiri and Pokeno in the East. We are lucky to have such a rich diversity of students and staff at our school, which all put together makes Tuakau College a place where everyone looks out for, and after, each other.

A real highlight of the year was the senior school trip to India. Who would have ever thought that 87 students, staff and parents from Tuakau would journey halfway around the world to explore the land of the elephant, tiger, and the Taj Mahal. A huge thank you goes out to everyone involved in organising the trip, especially Chris Betty, George Hawera, Robyn Lambourne and our man on the spot in India, Willie Heteraka. I am sure there will be many 'India' stories told for a long time to come.

The Dave Barnes (D Block) building was officially opened in March this year and is being well used, especially by the junior school. When the funds are available part of the property plan is to make a new entrance and parking area off Buckland Road which will back up to D Block. The new five-year maintenance and property plan will be worked out over the next few months and we thank everyone for their input into this so far. As always there are many worthy projects that we would like to complete but only so much money to go towards them. Priorities now have to be worked out and acted upon.

The BOT has decided to go to mid-term elections, which means that every 18 months, three parent positions on the Board will be up for re-election. This will help keep an experienced core on our Board, as all positions cannot change at any one election. I would like to thank Ross Galbreath, Russell Brewster and Willie Heteraka for all of their input, time and efforts over the last 4.5 years for the betterment of our school. At the same time we welcome Michele Carter, James Lowry and Kevin Powell onto the Board and I am sure that they have a lot of fresh ideas to offer. We are also always looking for ideas and input from the community on anything that will make the school a better place for our children.

The Board, as part of its review process, was very interested in the results of the Service Quality Survey, which was carried out in Term 3. We intend to act positively towards the recommendations and as a Board always welcome and look for new ways to improve the things we do at Tuakau College. We are not perfect and strive to do the very best in all things.

Finally, and most importantly, the Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge the efforts of the exceptional teaching and non-teaching staff that we are fortunate to have at Tuakau College. We started the year with a new Principal (Mr. Chris Betty) and Deputy Principal (Mr. Ronnie Walia) and I believe that through the efforts of all teaching and administration staff we have continued to provide education in line with the school motto of 'The Very Best In All Things'. It is a credit to every member of staff when we, as parents, are constantly reminded by people throughout the Franklin area that they have heard about 'all the good things' happening at Tuakau College.

To all students who are leaving this year we wish them well and hope that their time at Tuakau College has helped prepare them for the journey ahead. To those students coming back, and to the new students coming for the first time, we look forward to seeing you in 2006.

Andrew Culley
BOT Chairman



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Staff 2005



Comings

A number of new teachers were welcomed to the school in 2005.



Heather Clarke

As a new member of staff at Tuakau College I can't offer enough praise for the support and friendliness shown to me. At various stages throughout my first 2 or 3 weeks of being in the classroom, senior staff members would drop in to check if all was well, or if there was anything I needed to assist me in the teaching of differing curriculum areas.

The H.O.D's of curriculum areas that I am teaching, were very prompt in setting me up with the appropriate equipment, thus empowering me to offer quality teaching within the classroom.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my teaching time, and social times with other staff, whilst being a member of the Tuakau College Team.

Davendra Kumar

On the first day an extremely friendly staff gave us a warm welcome.

The H.O.D.'s are very co-operative and are always helping me out.

The Staff is always willing to share teaching resources.

Deans of all the levels are extremely helpful with dealing with student issues of discipline.

Students are also extremely friendly, polite and helpful to me.

Sarah Welch

Coming on the staff at Tuakau College has been an awesome challenge. Teaching in the area of Mathematics initially proved daunt-

ing, but with fantastic colleagues who give unwavering support, my first few weeks flew by and I think all involved, including myself, are still smiling.

The kids are awesome! The staff I work with are superb!

I look forward to the rest of the year.

Muthu Chidambaram



My first year as a teacher at Tuakau College has been very exciting and sometimes very challenging, but the friendly staff and students have made me feel at home. I consider myself to be very lucky to be a part of Tuakau College, whose staff is very supportive.

I find Tuakau College to be a great school with a beautiful and peaceful environment. The students are very enterprising and full of energy and vigour. In their midst I feel a couple of years younger myself.

I enjoy the various activities and happenings in the school. I enjoyed coaching the fun loving and inspired Year 7&8 hockey team. In short, I am looking forward to several eventful years in this wonderful Tuakau College.

Michelle McMillan



It seems like only yesterday that I started my teaching year at Tuakau College. I have really enjoyed meeting and getting to know the students and staff members. I have received wonderful support and help from staff and students alike. The students here are lucky to learn and grow in a caring and positive environment. I look forward to returning in 2006.

Other new staff were Anna Broughton and Toni Tippett.

Goings

During 2005 the following staff were farewelled by the College -

Tom Onesti left to pursue a career in the 'real world'. Support staff, Karina Lord and Debra Leach, left the administration office - both will be greatly missed. Erin O'Sullivan leaves to travel overseas: we wish her all the best.

We asked the question...

Who is the person you most admire and why?

BD - Taika Waititi (Director of Tama Tu and Two Cars, One Night - For making humorous, visually satisfying and provocative short films that capture how we communicate and what we care about in New Zealand.

EO - my Mum - she's been through tough times but is still standing strong.

JM - Nelson Mandela - courage and vision - for obvious reasons.

CA - all the staff that went to India - they had the courage to get out of their comfort zone with 80 others who were also out of their comfort zones!

FT - my father - he faced his weaknesses and had a complete turn around in attitude and behaviour. He approaches life with humour and patience and is totally supportive and down to earth.



RH – Wylie Coyote because of his neverending determination!

MF – my Dad – he's overcome huge obstacles in his life and is a great motivator.

LK – Mrs Cleary for her supersonic reading!!

JH – my husband – for putting up with me!

HC – Helen Clark – she puts up with a lot

LC – my preggie bellys' tutor – she's inspiring me to still do physical activity.

JF – David Attenborough for inspiring generations of people with his passion for the environment.

JG – Michael King – he was so passionate about New Zealand history

LA and DT – our mother – she's raised 5 teenagers and provided the main family income without a lot of fuss and bother.

ANON – GH for being organized, very modest, working behind the scenes, humorous and going the extra mile.

RW – Aishwarya Rai – for 3 reasons – she's Indian, she's beautiful and she likes number 7.

MN – those I most admire are community workers who frequently 'lay their lives on the line' – firemen, search and rescue, lifesavers etc.

LH – Skippy the Kangaroo – seems to be able to jump from job to job quite easily.

DC – Edmund Hillary – he climbed Mt Everest after being told he'd amount to nothing.

SC – my son – he set his goals and worked single-mindedly to achieve them.

CK – my wife – anybody who can put up with me all of these years deserves everybody's admiration!

GA – Sir David Attenborough – a sexy conservationist (Sean Connery comes in a close second!!)

EC – Babe – a pig who showed others that you can be different and still succeed

GT – Spike Milligan – even when suffering from depression he still managed to write comedy.

SW – Kofi Annan for being so honest.

DK – the students that came on the India Tour – excellent behaviour and very patient

VV – Mason Williams – a 20th century Leonardo da Vinci – and then some!

CH – Atilla the Hun – because of his teachings – Huns who appear to be busy are not always working; every Hun has value – even if only to serve as a bad example!

JB – Grace – my first grandchild.

FP – my cat – I can tell it to shut up and it doesn't answer back and I can chuck it outside when I want too.

PB – Richie McCaw – for obvious reasons.

NO – Anton Oliver

KH – Irene van Dyk – she takes so much rubbish on the court and still comes up smiling!!

KG – Graeme Hart – wealth can be achieved through self-belief and sheer hard work.

CS – all Mums

SA – Mr Walia because he manages to do so much in one day.

GH – Robinson Crusoe because he was the only person to have everything done by FRIDAY!!

RG – Ben Schronzeit – a great artist.

WI – my first HOD - pointed me on the right way down to Tuakau

LB – Popeye – 'cos he'll do anything for his woman!!

AC – all teachers who come back year after year to not only teach but – counsel, parent, console, guide and put up with students each year!!!!



Head Students' Report



2005 has been a very busy and interesting year for the six of us, working with Mr Betty and Mrs Corban to try and bring some new initiatives to the school on behalf of the students. Implementing and running the Student Council was a challenge but through it we have seen successful socials, the ball, music awards, fundraisers (such as Canteen and the Mike Skinner Charity) and many other events.

Term I brought us OPC, an Outdoor Pursuits Centre leadership course – more to come in that report! We attended the ANZAC Day memorial service in Term II on behalf of Tuakau College. In Term III we proudly presented a \$500 cheque to Mr Mike Skinner, from the school, fundraised entirely by the students.

Four of us went on the India trip, making presentations and speeches in schools and the High Commission. Representing our school in another country was an enriching experience for all of us.

We'd like to thank Mr Betty, Mrs Corban, our form teacher Mr Cameron and Mrs Riwai our Dean, for all their guidance and support over the course of the year. They have helped us develop our leadership skills greatly.

To all the Year 13's, good luck for whatever path you choose next year, and thanks for all the good times.

We encourage all the younger students to strive for their best, we hope you learned from us that Tuakau College offers many opportunities – take them, good things will happen.

Pai rawa atu i nga mea katua.



Lucas Flavell-Gallagher, Kylie Nichol (above), Jacob Smith, Te Reremoana Aupouri, Wero Rau and Frances Cook (right).

Student council

The face of the student council changed this year. Students were given more of a say in decisions that affect them.

The council was divided into sub committees:

- Finance committee Leader Te Reremoana Aupouri
- Social committee Leader Shannon Jade Russell
- Public relations committee Leaders Frances Cook and Wero Rau
- Sport committee Leader Brendon Rohde
- SADD committee Leader Emily Tupou
- Environmental committee Leader Denvar Steger
- Arts committee Leader Jacob Smith
- Chairpersons Kylie Nichol and Lucas Flavell-Gallagher
- Secretary Brook Hockey

All year 13 students and 6 students elected from each house made up the council committee.

I have enjoyed watching the development of the council this year. Each of the sub groups made an invaluable contribution to our college - organising and running events (including four socials with varied themes and a very popular video screen, four multi days including 'Wacky Hair Day'), allocating funds to assist students to participate in various activities and welcoming and looking after guests into the college (sometimes at short notice). The Council Digest was published to inform the school body what the council was up to.

The council meetings were well organised with the agenda containing time allocation for reporting back, discussing current issues and organising the next events. Kylie and Lucas have to take the credit for keeping the council running smoothly and ably leading the



group to ensure tasks were completed.

Tuakau College is an Investor in People school, which means we have been accredited with a national certificate, that identifies us as a leader in investing in our people. By confidently handing our students a portfolio, which provided them, the opportunity to take a greater role in the running of our College demonstrates that the College is committed to investing in their people. The students enthusiastically and confidently took up the challenge and proved their worth by completing all tasks assigned to them professionally. Each member of the council should be very proud of what they have achieved this year. They have definitely set a high standard for students in the coming years to follow.

I enjoyed working with such a committed enthusiastic group of young men and women. Hopefully I will see some of the council members back on the committee next year.

Dianne Corban

Overseas Exchange Students

This year Tuakau College has been lucky to have two AFS exchange students, Juan Vera Morales and Mikala Sorensen, both in Year 12.

Juan Vera Morales



When I first arrived at Tuakau College in May, I didn't know what to expect. I knew nobody here and I was for them, a stranger from overseas (from Argentina to be exact!). As time went by I started to get to know the people in my classes better. Remembering everybody's names was a bit of a challenge.

My friends and teachers have made things really easy for me. The way in which I was received into the school was great. I was made to feel at home very soon after I arrived. They accepted me as part of their group and offered a helping hand whenever I needed it.

I'll be taking home some awesome memories of my time at Tuakau College.

Mikala Louise Sorensen



Just to set the record straight – I am an AFS student from Denmark (which is not a state in America, but a small country north of Germany, and a part of Scandinavia). I'm 17 years old and I am here in New Zealand until July 4th 2006. I speak Danish and English as a 2nd language. I also speak a little bit of French, German and Swedish.

I started at Tuakau College at the beginning of Term 3. Initially the idea of a uniform was appealing, as no-one wears them in Denmark. However when I saw the Christmas tree costume, my enthusiasm soon wore off. I have to admit it is convenient not worrying about what to wear in the mornings, but I do miss dressing as I like!

My timetable is similar to what I was studying in Denmark – I am glad that I am not sitting exams though!!

So far things have been positive for me at Tuakau College. People are nice, open and friendly, good at asking questions and saying 'Hi' in the corridors. Tuakau College is not as big as my Danish school, which was for students aged 15 and older. I've shown a few people my yearbook and it has been amusing to see their reactions. I miss Denmark and my friends. Hopefully it'll just be a matter of time before that barrier between just 'knowing people' and becoming their friends is overcome.



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OPC Leaders Report

Every year ten Year 13s get to go to the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre (OPC). This year I was one of those lucky enough to be involved, and had a fantastic experience. We got to do activities such as caving, rock climbing and a 12 metre high swing ropes course.

The swing was definitely the scariest part for me. You rock-climbed up there, trying to beat each other's times and not look down. It was only once you got up there that you realised how high up you really were. When I was attached to heavy wires that felt as though they were going to pull me off the edge of the little platform before everything was safely attached, it suddenly occurred to me that it must have been some really insane person that invented this. I don't think the group leader, Chris, had much faith in me stepping off, because at the end of the count down he leant on me, so I had no choice but to step off the side. I would've jumped, honest...

Once back on the ground and having allowed my heart rate to return to normal, we discovered you could even scare yourself when not on the swing. You simple lay down on the ground and had them swing over you. It felt as though you were about to be kicked in the face! Then you scrambled out of the way of the person with the stepladder who was about to rescue the swinger making sure you didn't get hooked by a flying foot on the way.

Caving was set up with clues to help us get to the next spot on the map, at the same time as getting us as wet and dirty as possible. For those who go next year make sure your torch is fully charged, I think mine lasted 10 minutes. Did I mention I'm scared of the dark? Even in semi-darkness we managed to pull one over Chris. We found a hole, which lead us through to the end of the trail, cutting out about half of the journey. We thought it was fantastic and felt so clever, but unfortunately Chris didn't think it so great and made us squeeze back and go the proper way.

We were taken back to camp in a rickety old prison truck, which has no seat belts, but handrails if you felt a little worried. Plenty of people took advantage of these when Chris decided either to pay us back for the caves or that we might enjoy another shot of adrenaline. He took us round a steep and pitted track with lots of sharp curves and corners at break neck speeds. He also told us not to mention it later, but I'm fairly sure he was joking. Or I just got him fired.

The wettest and coldest experience of all was white water rafting. Or was it tubing? Either way, Chris left us next to the river with a whole bunch of inner tubes, taught us how to tie the knots, to stack the raft two inner tubes high, and make it roughly rectangular. Then he walked into the forest and left us to it! Somehow the raft survived all the way down the river, even when we went backwards through the biggest set of rapids on the river, slammed into a towering rock cliff and lost two people over board. Yes this all happened in one go. And it wasn't the only time I wondered if the raft was going to make it through; we managed to mess it up plenty of times, much to Chris's dismay and our delight.

OPC was the experience of a lifetime, and all that I've written about is only a taste of what we did. Try falling backwards of a platform at head height and hoping the group of people below you will catch you. Standing on people's shoulders with nothing to hold onto because you're the smallest and someone has to blow the whistle without using their hands. It was all amazing, team building and exciting, and I would recommend it to anyone.

Frances Cook



Year 13

High Lights - Low Lights

- Parties!!!
- The out of control water fight that lead to a few of us being banned and to a broken window!
- Highly intellectual debates
- The fortress with the brand new furniture.
- The many sports that got banned eg. Table Tennis being taken away!
- The mysterious holes that appeared in the kitchen wall
- Being locked out of the Common Room 3-4 times in the year
- End of Term lunches (especially DVD day at the end of Term 3)
- Josh and Jacob's movie auditions
- Hole in the new shed
- Boys playing their version of hopscotch
- Brook (geek) first and only 7th former to get withdrawn.
- Ranch slider falling off while everybody watched in awe!
- Wires for speakers that disappeared.
- Microwave blowing up
- Emily breaking her leg and using it as an excuse to be late to classes!

Probable Jobs In Two Years

WERO: Job? What job?

GAGE: Georgina's nanny.

SHANNYN: First woman of the social committee.

ALANA: Donna's successor @ the canteen.

EMILY: Owner/operator of Pak' n Save Pukekohe.

TIPENE: Works for Emily in produce.

HAYLEY: Beach Bum.

ELIZUR: The next Hugh Hefner.

NICK: Owns the Warehouse in Pukekohe.

LUCAS: Truancy officer.

NISHA: Owns a dairy.

CONNIE: House cleaner.

JACQUELINE: Works at the Port takeaways.

BEN: Food taste tester.

FRANCES: Underwear model.

DENVAR: Mushroom picker.

TE RERE: Jacob nagger.

JACOB: Wins jackpot at casino and becomes a monk.

GEORGINA: WINZ.

JOSH: Bad Mutchter (mad butcher).

ATTUL: Entrepreneur.

CHRISTINA: Gas Pumper.

BRENDAN: Peanut butter taste tester.

BROOK: Docker/fireman.

KYLIE: Winner of N.Z. worst idol.

ANGELA: Super Model.

SARAH: McLeod's 3rd daughter.





Year 13



Georgina Rhind
Nick name: Dizzy #1, Kiri
Look alike: Fran Fine
Quote: hahaha... I don't get it!



Wero Rau
Nick name: Prince, Ray Ray
Look alike: Jeff the Mari
Quote: Awesome, Beep, Utez bay



Sarah Taylor
Nick Name: Girl that won the Honda
Look alike: Mary Poppins
Quote: "Hey Daad!"



Gage Thompson
Nick name: Snotty Bop, Poupei, Big Bird
Look alike: Mr T.
Saying: Cuzin!



Kylie Nicole
Nick name: Crash
Look alike: Crash Bandicoot
Quote: "I'm 1/38th black"



Alana Mackay
Nick name: Big Mac
Look alike: Hillary Duff
Quote: "Kylie you're not black! your mum said!"



Shannyn Russell
Nick name: Shanny
Look alike: Oompaloompa
Quote: "What ever... shut up"

Emily Tupou
Nick name: Marly, Emere
Look alike: Queen Latifa
Quote: "Wero... Undie!"

Tipene Edwards
Nick name: Teaps, Pane
Look alike: The guru
Quote: "But no... but why"



Hayley Samuels
Nick name: Hails
Look alike:
Quote: "Wanna ditch Aye"

Ben Reed
Nick name: Ben jarmas, Benny boo
Look alike: Tom Hanks
Quote: "Do you have food...can I have some?"

Elizur Tungafari
Nickname: Cuppi
Look alike: Chris Rock
Quote: "Its cause I wear pink shorts aye sir?"



Nicolas Herbert
Nick name: Nick
Look alike: Drew Carey
Quote: "Aww you guys!"



Lucas Flavell Gallegar
Nick name: Patchy, at the back, Panda
Look alike: Harold

Profiles

Nisha
Nick name: Nish
Look alike: Apu's wife

Jacqueline Aaron
Nick name: Jaco
Look alike: Jessica Simpson
Quote: "Im not gonna miss any days this term"

Connie Aitken
Nick name: Connie May, Conax
Look alike: Charlize Theron
Quote: Where's Jaco...Is she here today?

Frances Cook
Nick name: Frankie, Muffin Stealer
Look alike: Janice (Friends)
Quote: "Sarah can you...?"

Denver Steger
Nick name: Demwa
Look alike: Donkey (Shrek)
Quote: "Stickin' feathers up ur butt doesn't make you a chicken"

Te Rene Aupouri
Nick name: Te Ray
Look alike: Mufasa (lion king)
Quote: You've been noodled

Jacob Smith
Nick name: Bum chin, Ray
Look alike: Jake the muss
Quote: "I'm goin to have some non-alcoholic. I may be some time"

Joshua Matthews
Nick name: Joshy, Dingo
Look alike: Steve Urwin
Quote: "Crikey Dingo"

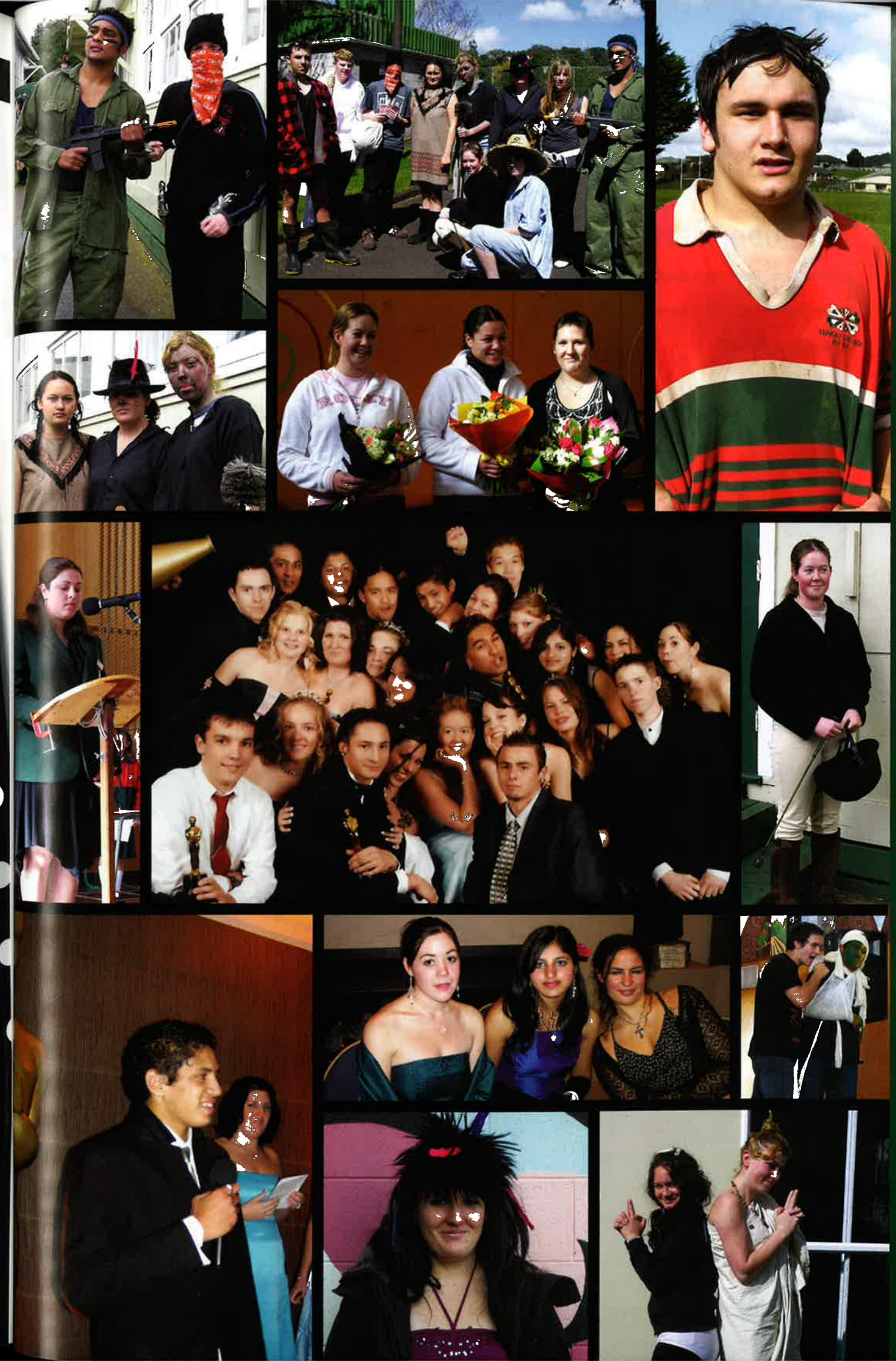
Aittal
Nick name: Tuly
Look alike: Kumar
Quote: "Cuzzie"

Brendan Rhode
Nick name: B dons, Peanut butter
Look alike: Shermanator
Quote: "Is it pick on Brendan day today is it?"

Brook Hockey
Nick name: Zin Zan
Look alike: George Clooney
Quote: "Im not a geek... Quick the bells gone, class time"

Christina Gorbie
Nick name: Teeny
Look alike: Jimmy Hendrix
Quote: "Chers"

Angela Coleman
Nick name: Ange, Angela Anaconda
Look alike: Kermit the frog
Quote: "don't tell Nisha I'm bunking today"





Athletics

Another warm and windy day greeted us for Athletics this year. House participation was huge – with some houses having trouble selecting participants from the number of keen entrants – especially in the House Relays.

It was excellent to see Tangaroa doing so well this year, taking out a hard earned 2nd place. Go the Blues!!!

A number of records were broken:

- Intermediate Boys High Jump** Bruce Hoskins 1.65 metres
- Intermediate Girls High Jump** Jessica Hetaraka 1.40 metres
- Junior Boys Relay** Blue House 56.03 secs

Overall results

1st Yellow Tawhirimatea - 2nd Blue Tangaroa - 3rd Green Tane Mahuta - 4th Red Ruaumoko



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Swimming Sports

Championship – this part of the day was held in the morning with good numbers turning out to compete. Keen competition in most events ensured an interesting mornings racing with house rivalry high.

Championship results

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The rest of the school joined in the tabloid championship from 1.00 pm for a fun afternoon. Again the house rivalry was fierce and the result went right down to the wire.

Tabloid results

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Swimming Champions

- Junior Girls** Jessica Betty
- Junior Boys** Jonas Kershaw
- Intermediate Girls** Emma Lowry
- Intermediate Boys** Ethan Lockerbie
- Senior Girls** Tamara Henry
- Senior Boys** John Lockerbie

Records were broken by:

- John Lockerbie - Senior Boys**
- Freestyle** 66 2/3 41.09 secs
- Breaststroke** 66 2/3 57.59 secs
- Freestyle** 33 1/3 18.59 secs



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Year 7 Camp

This is what some of the Year 7 students had to say about their camp:

Nivharna Aukett-Howe 7CK *The Fright Of My Life*

There I was waiting for my turn, strapped into my harness. "Nivharna it's your turn". I was shaking as badly as an earthquake. My legs were jelly and it felt like my tummy was gone! I started climbing one step at a time. I made it to the top. I looked down and started crying. I said, "I can't do it!", but then everyone started cheering and saying I could do it. So I walked halfway along the pole and then the lady said "Do you want to come down?" I said "No!" I walked to the end of the very high pole, which was called The High Rope! But I had to come back to the middle to get down and I did. When I touched the ground my legs weren't jelly and my tummy was where it belonged. I felt so good about myself that I wanted to do it again.

Toni Silence 7CK *Abseiling!*

On the 12th April 2005 at the year 7 camp I did abseiling. I was really scared at first. Dan took me upstairs to the abseiling. The view was amazing and I was so high up! Dan tied the safety rope to my harness and I put a helmet on my head. My legs turned to jelly and my stomach started turning over and I was shaking.....Before I knew it I was on the ground and everybody was clapping. I looked back up at the huge rocks from the bottom and I was so proud of myself. I can't wait to do it again sometime.

Sally Oh 7CK *Camp*

On the 11th April 7CK and 7HC went to Kokako Lodge Camp. When we got there we took our lunch and went to.....KILLER HILL! I was quite nervous. First we passed a bridge, bushes, hills and we passed farms. Finally we were there, Killer Hill. We had to cross a little river. When we crossed the river there was lots of mud. Some people got stuck in there and their feet were covered with brown yucky mud. It was disgusting but luckily I didn't get stuck in the mud. We went up, up, up and up. We had our lunch at Kauri Lookout. At about 1.30 we started walking again. My feet were sore. We came back to our cabin at about 3.30pm. Mrs Forman told us that we had walked about 12 kilometres. I was so surprised and proud.

Hayley Purdon 7KB *The Glow Worms*

My best thing about camp was the glow worms. They were so bright, beautiful and bold I wanted to touch them, but no I couldn't. Second thing I wanted to yell and say "Wow!" but no I couldn't. Third thing I wanted to point the torch at them and see if they were real, but no I couldn't!

Ranui Hiku 7KB *The Burma Trail*

On camp we had great fun and one of the favourite things I did was the Burma Trail. The Burma Trail was so hard and scary I couldn't get it out of my mind. Our group was called out to go. I was feeling nervous. Once we started to go up, we had to climb a hill with stairs made out of grass and it was so dark that some people fell over or rolled back down. Even I fell over and landed on a thistle. We got up to the top, then we had to hold onto the rope and just follow it 'till it ends. Then suddenly I heard a branch snap. It sounded like someone standing on cornflakes. I walked quickly and I caught up to Sonan because she couldn't find the rope. We thought we were at the end, but then we found the rope and Miss Broughton snuck up behind us and scared us! Then Sonan and I started to run and we realized that we had finished it. There was only one person left to finish the trail, Jasmine. As we were ready to scare her Mr Kumar turned the torch on and that gave it away. After the Burma Trail I felt quite good about myself.

Shane 7KB *The High Ropes*

My favourite thing on camp was the high ropes. There were two things you had to do for the high ropes, the centipede and the beam. The centipede was simple. All you had to do was climb up a big shape shaped like a giant centipede facing up. It's not scary, it's just a bit higher than you think. The beam was a big log in the air. The first thing was to climb up the ladder onto the beam and walk across to the other side or run, then walk back to the middle and fall back. If you wanted you could have another go and I did!



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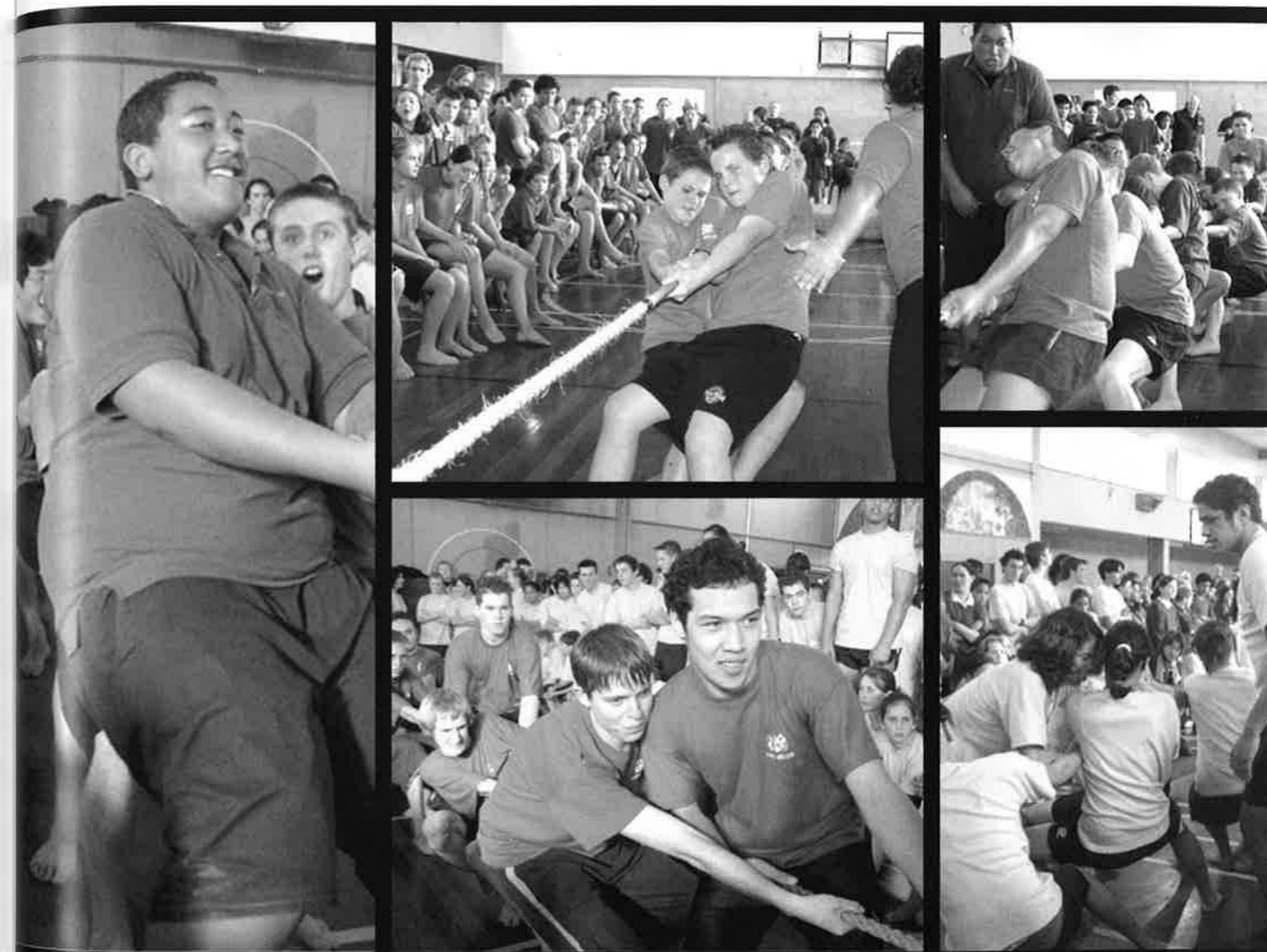
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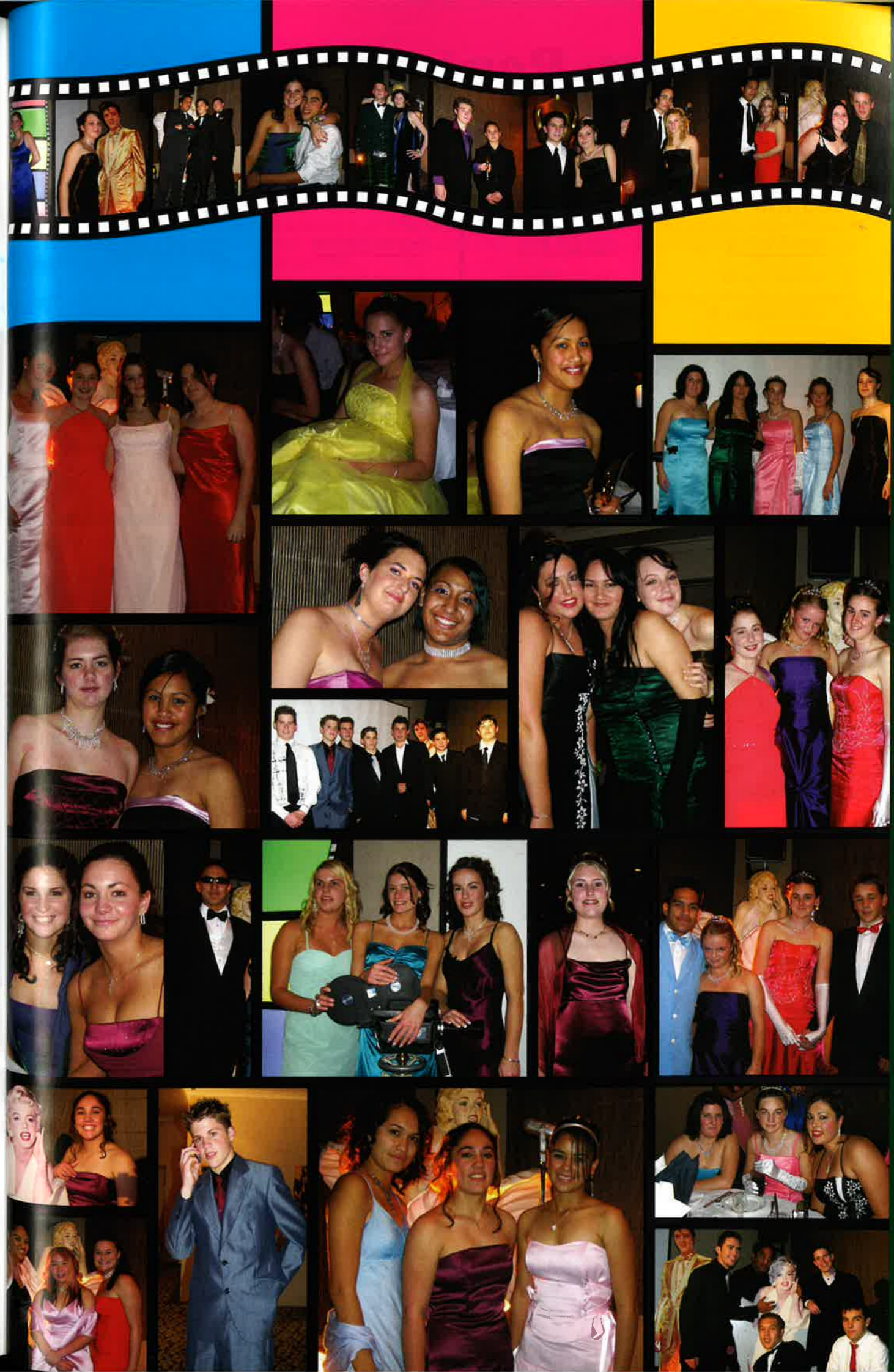
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X-Country Report

The Year 7-10 races were held on Thursday 11th August in great running conditions. The course was a combined fields and street block run. Some great efforts were recorded especially by the Year 7 students who showed up their older Year 8 rivals.

Results

<u>Year 7/8 Girls</u>	<u>Year 7/8 Boys</u>
1 Roxanne Coe (G)	1 Graydon Millen (R)
2 Justine Wootton (B)	2 Chris Abbott (B)
3 Zoe Blythe (R)	3 Lee Saunders (G)
<u>Year 9/10 Girls</u>	<u>Year 9/10 Boys</u>
1 Danielle Dickson (B)	1 Kurt White (B)
2 Sinead Stegar (G)	2 Hamish Sami (Y)
3 Mikayla Black (Y)	3 Jarrod Hoskins (B)

<u>Year 11-13 Girls</u>	<u>Year 11-13 Boys</u>
1 Lara Brian (Y)	1 Ben Roberts (B)
2 Lynnece Martin (B)	2 Jacob Phillips (R)
3 Suzanne Blacklaws (G)	3 Stephen Sweetman (Y)

<u>House Results</u>	
1	Yellow 687
2	Blue 673
3	Red 580
4	Green 482



Year 12 Ski Trip

Mt Ruapehu

Well it was that time again, but this time it was the class of 2001's turn to show Mt Ruapehu what Tuakau College is all about. Six months of waiting and countless meetings had everyone excited. Excitement soon turned to fear as we stepped off the bus and saw the monster of a hill we had to walk up. Nobody was prepared, as bags, boards and suitcases had to be ferried up the hill.

After the first night's dinner, there was a wicked 'buzz' in the air as 99% of the group had not touched the snow before. Everyone soon realised that snowboarding was hard! After half an hour of trying a few people began to stand out – Suzanne, Lara and Seong-Ji certainly looked like they were made for boarding.

The next morning – our first full day – the weather was epic and no-one could believe how wicked the mountain looked. Soon even the beginners were making the best of the primo conditions.

Next day, it was white water rafting – with all of use kitted out in some less than desirable wetsuits. The rafting itself, exceeded everyone's expectations. The water was freezing – as a few found out. The night saw everyone participating in "Ski Racer's Idol" – for some participating was the key word!

Day 3 and the weather was once again unbelievably good, not a cloud in the sky. Everyone headed for the upper mountain. No queues, wide open runs – a perfect day. Everyone's snowboarding had really progressed, and nothing (except the T-Bar) was unconquered by Tuakau College.



Memorable moments include

- 'Back up the hill'
- 'Yeah, everyone's here'
- The board going off the cliff
- CD's while meant to be listening to the lesson
- Night time snowboarding
- Everyone in dorky looking wetsuits
- The annual filling of Mr Cox's gumboots with snow
- The SNOWBALL fight
- The fire drill in the snow

A huge thanks to Ms Simpson, Mr Cox, Whaea Lee-Ann and Mr Sowden for helping out and putting up with us for the week.

Tim Lambourne



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INDIA 2005

The Trip of a Lifetime - Two Students Perspectives

Tuesday the 20th of September, over a year since the idea of a school trip to India was conceived, and here we were, 87 of us, students, parents, and teachers. Even though it had been months of waiting, it seemed to come around a lot faster than anyone expected, before we knew it we were on the bus, and then within a few hours, we were sitting on a plane destined for a country half way around the world. 20 or so hours later and we landed in Calcutta, straight away a mixture of heat, awful smells, and random guys asleep on fire hydrants made us realize that we were actually in India.

The first day was a free day for most of us; however the Kapa Haka had a performance at the British High Commission for the Indian Press. It went very well; everyone was very impressed at how professional they were.

The next day we went to the first of three schools that we would be visiting, however this school was a little bit different. It was called Future Hope School. This was a school for homeless children who had been picked up off the streets of Calcutta, and given a bed to sleep in, along with the chance to get an education. This was an amazing experience, the children first showed us around, pointing out classrooms, and bunk rooms where they slept. Next then performed many different dances and songs, some Indian, some western. They were obviously very excited and eager to show us their skills. Later on in the night, after the arrival of five boys who saw a very different side of Calcutta, the Kapa Haka group performed several songs and a Haka for the children. They loved it, and as soon as it was over, they ran up to all the performers to hug and congratulate them on a great performance.

After recovering from that humbling night, it was off to the rugby fields to play against Future Hope in a game of Touch Rugby for the girls, and a game of both Seven's and fifteen aside rugby for the boys. The Touch was an exhibition match, with most our girls playing against each other. I'm sure they all enjoyed playing in probably the muddiest rugby ground in all of India. The boys then played their game of Sevens, it was very close, and in the end we ended up losing by one try. We had to redeem ourselves, and the Fifteens was our chance, it was very competitive, both teams we putting in huge hits (just ask Willie) and no team was holding back, but in the end we managed to grind out a convincing win, over a side that looked exactly like us, the mud made it pretty hard to tell the two teams apart.

After a few days of local sight seeing, that included the Queen Victoria Memorial, Eden Gardens Cricket Stadium (the largest of its kind in the world), and Mother Theresa's Temple, a very spiritual and awe-inspiring place, we went for a ferry trip down the Ganges River. We were hosted by the Calcutta River Police, and saw some very interesting sights, men showering in the river water, local children swimming, and "apparently" a dolphin??

The Delhi stage of our trip was next, however to get to New Delhi, we had to travel by train for just over 17 hrs. Most people won't forget being crammed into the wrong compartment, or spending hours on end with complete strangers, definitely an experience.

Once in Delhi we visited several important monuments, included, was Gandhi's memorial, a very important man in Indian, and World history. Next was our trip to Bal Bharati High School, a school with around 4500 students. We listened in to their morning report, joined in lots of different sports, then sat in on some classes around the school, it was very different to life at Tuakau College.

Off to Agra to see the Taj Mahal, a long bus ride, filled with snake charmers, and guys with both monkeys and bears on leashes, all outside the bus window. Once inside the Taj Mahal, we were stunned, it was surreal. We spent hours just walking around, taking photos, and enjoying such an awesome sight. Lucas was even lucky enough to say he spent his 18th birthday at the Taj Mahal.

Our next big adventure was to the Corbett National Park, to go on Safari. After the six hour bus trip turned into a thirteen hour bus trip, we arrived very tired. It was an amazing place, where we had elephant rides, and saw spiders bigger than my hand. Unfortunately however no tigers, but we had a great time just relaxing in the jungle.

The last school that we visited was Delhi Public School, this school had a roll of 10 000 students! It was huge. Again we played sports; they were very competitive, however we were all pretty casual and had a good time enjoying their wicked facilities.

A few more days spent in and around Delhi, where we got to experience the markets, the people, the Indian McDonalds, and were able to get some last minute shopping in before we departed India.

As we left India, we were sad to go, but also relieved knowing that we would be back in New Zealand soon. First though was Malaysia, we stayed in the nicest hotel we had seen all trip; ironically it was the only hotel we didn't actually spend a night in. Some shopped, and some slept, but we all agreed that it was a great way to end a very tiring, but very rewarding trip.

PS: This trip was a logistical nightmare; many hours of planning and organizing had to go in, for this trip to become a reality. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped make it possible, especially George Harwera, Robyn Lambourne, and Willie Heteraka. Without them we would have had a hard time getting around and probably would have spent even more time in buses (impossible as it may seem). Also huge thanks to the Tuakau College community, parents, friends and supporters. This was a trip of a lifetime that no one will forget anytime soon.

Tim Lambourne



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A week after our 18 day sporting and cultural exchange to India, and the effects of the trip were only just beginning to sink in, that is how awesome it really was.

A once in a lifetime experience for many of the 87 students, parents and teachers that went.

We spent three days in Kolkotta(Calcutta) – highlights included

- a two hour tour around the streets in hand pulled rickshaws
- visiting Future Hope School – a school set up to educate orphaned children from the streets – eating a traditional Indian meal on the floor, using our fingers
- the ferry ride on the Ganges River
- playing rugby in mud up to our knees
- visiting Mahatma Gandhi's resting place and Mother Teresa's temple – both were very moving
- Our transfer from Kolkotta to New Delhi was by an 18 hour long train ride – probably the most challenging experience of the tour. This involved travelling first class on an Indian train with one toilet (not Western) per carriage, while surviving on pringles and chocolates (not so hard!) as we had been advised not to eat food from the train. We shared the tiniest of bunks with our luggage so as to avoid thieves.

Highlights from the capital of India included

- first and foremost the single most memorable moment of the tour, and everyone will agree, was visiting the Taj Mahal. The 5 star Agra Hotel wasn't too bad either
- say it with me ladies – SHOPPING – especially bling!bling!
- taxi rides – getting lost in them, nearly crashing in them, getting ripped off – just another day in India
- watching our Kapa haka perform at the NZ High Commission in front of TV cameras and lots of important people
- our jungle adventure- the elephant ride, swimming in the river, running down the Himalayas
- playing all the sport against kids, who believe it or not, were very much like us

A few things that we won't miss – eh guys!

- 35 degree heat (enough said)
- Indian time – a 2hour trip – more like 12!
- Indian driving – SUICIDAL – including the constant beeps
- rats the size of possums, spiders like magpies
- curry, rice and naan bread for breakfast, lunch and dinner

Kuala Lumpur was a VERY worthwhile stopover- another 5 star hotel – the shopping wasn't bad either!

People we can't thank enough – Mr Betty, Matua, Robyn Lambourne, Willie Hetaraka, Ashish and all our sponsors and those who helped fund this trip of a lifetime.

From all of us, thanks for this amazing opportunity.

Kylie Nichol



Book Week 2005

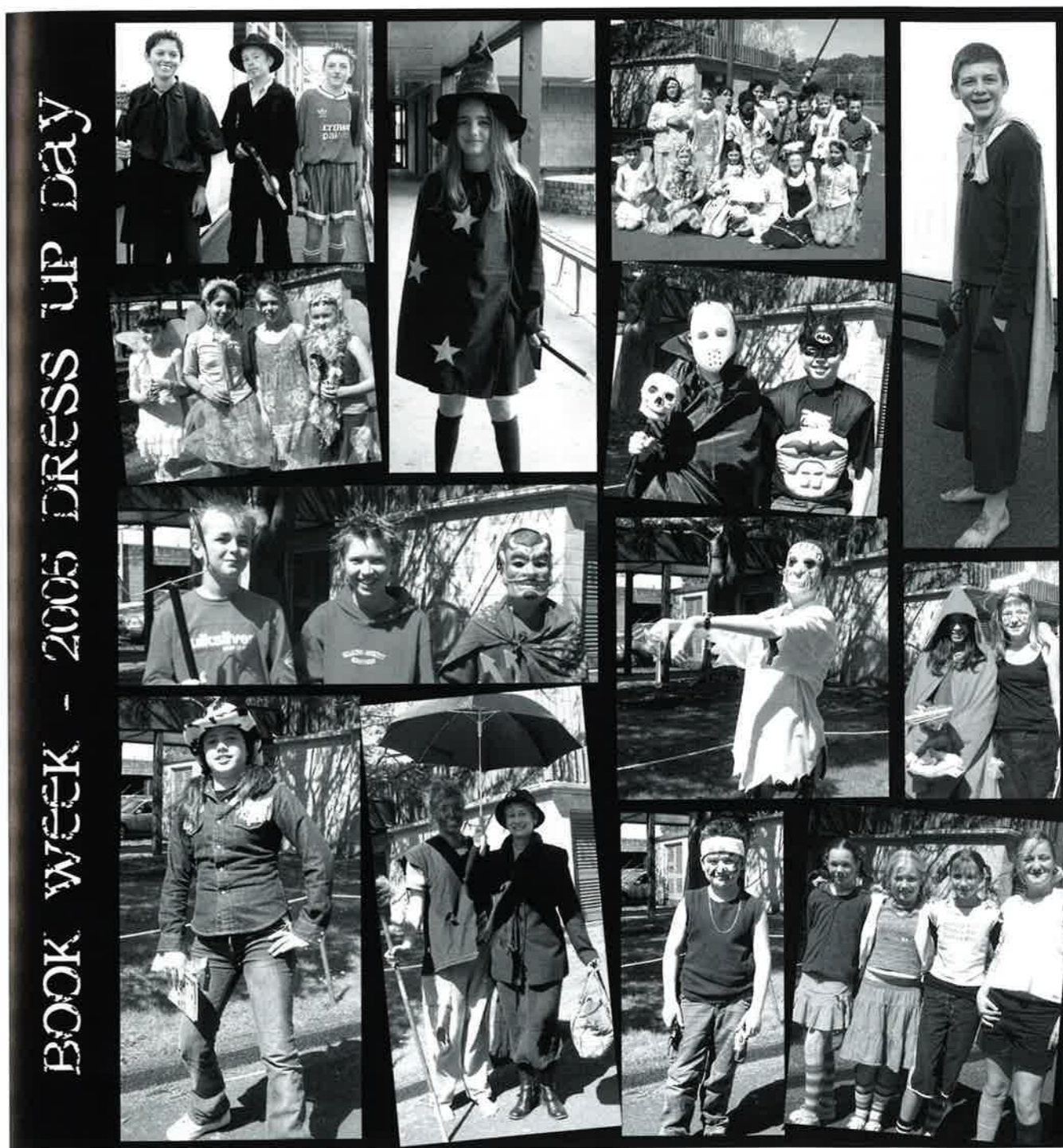
Tuakau College's annual book week took place during the last week of Term III. This was the third year that we have celebrated 'Book Week' and this year even more events were included.

A week of literature based questions for all year levels including staff, were rewarded with book prizes. If you didn't know the answer "Google it" and it is amazing what can be found hidden away in forgotten corners of the net.

During the week students were treated to talks from Tania Kelly Roxborough, who has now published 20 books, her latest effort being her first adult book, 'Fat Like Me', and Bruce Potter who illustrates picture books. Mr Potter who lives locally finds inspiration for his characters from the people of Tuakau, showed the students his latest work, which is a children's adaptation of 'Whale Rider' by Witi Ihimaera.

The week culminated in dress up day for Year 7, 8, 13 students and staff. The class prize went to 7DK who all dressed as characters from 'Peter Pan'. Peter Pan (Curtis Ngataki) and The Hobbit (Andrew Deihl) won the supreme prizes while Mrs Geraghty masquerading as Mary Poppins for the day won the staff prize. She was complemented by Denvar Steger as the chimney sweep, who took out the Year 13 prize.

This successful celebration of books and reading is a colourful and entertaining week in the school's calendar.



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Tourism 2005

Taupo and Napier

This year the Tourism class's field trip was to Napier. The first stop, four hours out of Tuakau was The Huka Jet – a highlight for Mr Taylor, Alana, James and Sam. On the boat we headed for the Huka Falls, weaving and spinning. Satisfied and shaken the ride ended. On arrival we were informed that our accommodation in Taupo was a renovated prison.

We arrived at a big stone wall which had a door with a peephole attached. Some of the groups had cells for sleeping! Our tour of the former prison included the solitary cells. The walls still had barbed wire attached!

The next day we hit Napier in the sunshine. At Marineland we fed the dolphins and seals. Lunch was cooked by Rory and Sam at Splash Planet.

The next day we headed back via a quick stop at Taupo. Mr Taylor's highlight was 'Beacham Jaguars' – surprisingly not on the itinerary!!

A big thanks to Mr and Mrs Taylor who gave up their holiday time to spend it with us and to Jo who helped organise the trip.

Georgina Rhind

Colenso Club

The Colenso Club gained the Bronze Enviro-school Award in November 2004 after a lot of hard work and we are now working towards the Silver Award. We have also continued to plant and clear The Les Batkin Reserve in connection with FDC and Mandy Villacorte. This will be an ongoing project for many years to come and we always appreciate the help of parents on our planting days. We have also been on various trips and courses throughout 2005.

Tiritiri Matangi July 2005

I didn't know quite what to expect when I walked off the boat onto the island. I had seen the brochure on the ferry and had read all about how the vermin on the island had been eradicated so bird life could flourish. I was really looking forward to seeing a takahe and hadn't thought about what other birdlife would be present.

The first thing that strikes you when you enter the bush is the abundant bird life. Birds are everywhere, and you soon realise they are birds you have not seen before except stuffed in a museum. The trees seem alive with them and the birds appear so tame. The bush is full of bird song.

By lunchtime we had reached the clearing at the top of the island and walked towards the lighthouse. There in front of us was a takahe, just minding its own business, picking at the grass with its beak. There were a lot more takahe around the lunch area and it was hard to believe that there are only about 300 of these birds in the world.

Tiritiri Matangi, just an hour from central Auckland, gives us a glimpse of what New Zealand bush used to be like. I am told the morning chorus is spellbinding, something I look forward to witnessing in the future.

Graham Hunkin

Enviro-schools Expo – Botanic Gardens Manurewa

We also participated in an environmental expo at the Botanic Gardens. On the 4th August we were part of a plant and seed propagation group on the course. We learnt how to find, clean, plant and store seeds. We even got to bring some home. We also learnt about traditional Maori methods of catching birds and small animals and how they made their tools. Miss Cotton learnt how to spin a traditional spinning top using a flax 'whip'. The day also involved learn about erosion, and planning a garden.

The Colenso Club has had a very busy year. We look forward to putting our plan for the school grounds into action next year.



Crest

The CREST programme was carried out by Mrs. Clarke's Year7 Science class during Term 2 this year. The students in the class were given authentic experience in technological practice or scientific investigation, working with consultants, carrying out a project of their choice. The projects focussed on finding creative solutions to practical problems. Students worked at their own pace and to their own potential.

CREST is used to develop enterprise and entrepreneurial skills, it encourages and rewards creative and innovative thinking, teaches students goal-setting and problem-solving, risk-taking and perseverance.

As students worked on their projects they learned social, environmental and financial awareness, often being required to consider questions of sustainability, environmental impact, ethics, social responsibility and fiscal responsibility. As part of the programme the students were required to keep a detailed log of their practice, in which they needed to reflect on how they could improve and what can be learned from past mistakes, so they learned to self-evaluate.

CREST is not a competition, all the students receive a certificate from the CREST organisation, based on their achievements. Examples of CREST projects include; developing plastic from milk products, different types of dog food, comparing different brands of Coca-Cola and comparing soil types and seed germination rates.

Debating

This year we intended to enter a senior (Yr 12) and an advanced (Yr 13) team into the Auckland Debating Competition. Unfortunately the Yr 13 team was balloted out due to record numbers of team entries. This was naturally disappointing. The failure of both of our traditional exchanges to include a debating team was another blow.

However the Year 12 team of Chloe Sowden, Nathan Walker and Adam Harvey entered the Senior Competition and participated in four debates against – Western Springs College, Manurewa High School. The topics were often difficult and controversial – they included issues such as genetic engineering, the meaning of the ANZAC Spirit and the power of the media.

As this was the first competitive season for all three debaters, their record of two wins and two losses was very creditable. Once the nerves of first time debaters 'receded' they developed into a competent and much more self – assured unit. Their final placing was exactly midway in the competition – and the experience will benefit them immensely when they enter into the Advanced Competition in 2006.

Alison Cleary
Kirsty Wooffindin



Duke of Edinburgh – Gold

On the 21st May this year, 15 keen Duke of Edinburgh Gold enthusiasts arrived at the small settlement of Whatipu, fresh from a windy car trip through the Waitakere Ranges. Here we would spend the weekend learning how to survive in the bush, with help from Lindy and Darren, our two experienced guides from Positively First Training.

After mastering the basic map and compass skills, we were off in opposite directions – packs heavy, spirits high!

During our short day tramp we were taught skills such as navigating using natural features. Tim and Rory set a fast pace and we soon caught sight of our camp. The quick off the mark scored the most promising tent sites, the rest of us were just glad to see the long drop – regardless of how pungent it was.



After dinner we completed our first activity – writing a letter to ourselves – this will be posted to us in six months time. Not much sleep was had the first night – too much gossiping going on!

Despite dismal weather the next day, we had fun creating emergency bush shelters before setting off on the day's tramp. The heavy packs and groans were soon forgotten when we saw the beach – it was awe inspiring – crashing sea and an ocean of moving sand. It was seriously worth the pain.

Thanks to Lindy and Darren who shared their skills with us, to all the fantastic parents who gave up their time to drive us out there, and to Mrs Simpson for making it all possible.

Lara Brian



Duke Of Edinburgh Silver

This year's Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition leaves me with many memories...

- Standing in the rain trying to read road maps
- Team Manup taking the wrong track and having to walk all the way back
- Jumping in the freezing cold creek at the end of the tramp
- Claire forgetting the tent pegs
- Thinking that the tramp would be cancelled because of the rain (not)
- Karl slipping in the mud - soooo funny

Overall the weekend was filled with fun and excitement. As it was our first ever tramp we learnt an incredible amount about all sorts of things - cooking properly - what to do in an emergency situation - what to take (and not to take) in our day packs.

However one of the most important aspects of the experience would have to be the team building activities where we learnt huge amounts about each other, but more importantly about ourselves.

Boyd Lapwood

Kapa Haka

*Ara mai te werawera
Heke mai te werawera
Tera ko Tamanui e mahuta mai ana I te rangi
Tapiri mai te ira o Hineraumati
E haa! te wiriwiri
E haa! te wariwari
Te putanga nui o Tane-rore
Ahaha!
E haka I te haka o Tane-rore
E tuu I te tuu o Tane-rore
E haa! te wiriwiri
E haa! te wariwari
Ka mau!*



The above segment is a collection of my thoughts to Tamanui-te-ara, Hineraumati and Tane-rore; the tupuna of haka. I leave this as a reminder to rangatahi that kapa haka is not just some cool thing you see today, but it is a taonga from the days of old. It has its own meaning, beauty and origins. It is a way in which we can retain our stories, traditions, memories and whakapapa. I can say; kapa haka today is still important to the people just as much as it was in the old days simply because the passion for haka is still here today. Noreira e hine maa, e tama maa kua takoto te manuka, ma koutou e kawea ake. Kapa Haka has worked extremely hard this year, attending wananga held both in school time and in the holidays. Long hours of practising insured a greater chance of attaining a placing; it also gave us the knowledge and the confidence to perform at such a high level.

Kapa Haka has attended two competitions this year:

- **Manu Ariki National Competitions** 3rd Place Overall Senior section
- **Waitakere Regional Competitions** 4th Place Overall Intermediate section

Throughout the year kapa haka has welcomed and performed for guests to the school. The kapa has also performed and helped with powhiri at various sports and cultural exchanges:

- **Huntly College Sports and Cultural exchange**
- **Piopia College Sports exchange**
- **Morrinsville College Kapa Haka exchange**
- **Japanese Visit**

As I look back over the years, I commend each individual who stood with the kapa, those who were here before me and those who are with me now. I thank them for their service and their efforts to the kapa; some may think kapa haka is just another extra-curricular school activity but it's more than that. It is a taonga that means a lot to each student. It is where the students draw their confidence, to be able to walk and hold their head high. It gives students a chance to be proud of who they are and where they come from. It gives them hope and direction to where they want to be in the future. Kapa Haka is a doorway to many wonderful dimensions, full of positive, active and meaningful relationships. It brings a greater understanding of who we are, as you are able to express yourself freely and truly.

These are the qualities that make kapa haka what it is in this school, qualities that I will take with me and qualities that will always be here when I leave.

I speak of the many wonderful aspects of kapa haka in memory of those who have come and gone, I also leave these whakaaro as inspiration for the generation still to come, with the hope that they share with us the many greatnesses of this taonga.

*E kore e mutu aku mihi, aku tangi ki te hunga na ratou nga kakano maha I whakatoo, ratou te hunga wairua I pakanga kia whai turanga ai tatou I tenei ao, ara, ngo tatou tupuna. Koutou I te waahi ngaro takoto mai, takoto mai.
Mai te ngakau titi tonu ka mihi ki te hunga rangatahi e whai kaha nei ki te uu ki tenei kaupapa, ki tenei taonga motuhake te kapa haka. Kia kaha hoki tatou ki te ako me te pupuru ki te Reo Maori me ona tikanga, koira hei marumaruru mo tatou katou. E kare ma kia ita ki nga tumanako I wawatahia ai e o tatou tupuna, ara, kia whai oranga tatou I tenei ao hurihuri a tae noa ki nga raa tauhou e heke mai ana.
Na ratou te whakakitenga, ma matou e whakatutuki.
Paimarire*

Naku na Weropupu Rau





Spirit of Adventure

Trophy Challenge 2005

We arrived at Princes Wharf to find The Spirit of New Zealand ready and waiting. The Tuakau Titans were all very excited that Friday had come, signaling the start of our five day adventure.

The games we played on the first day were the name game and eggs can fly. In the name game it was really only to help us get to know each others names. Once we had done the game with each group, Laura stood up and tried to name all 44 people – she only got 4 wrong!

Eggs can fly was really fun. We were given a bag full of stuff and then had to try and create something to help the egg fly from the mast without the egg breaking. There also had to be a story to say why our egg wanted to fly! Our egg broke!

Monday morning kicked off to a cold start with a quick warm up and swim. This morning we learnt the 'bananas unite' routine for our warm up. After 5 minutes of peeling, chopping, mashing and smoothing we were ready to leap into the freezing cold water. Luckily we had Freda's hot breakfast of porridge and baked beans on toast to give a good start to the day.

After breakfast we had our cleaning duties for the day. This included cleaning the toilets and accommodation and scrubbing the deck and stairs. After many moans and complaints about the smell in the toilets the dirty work was quickly out of the way and we were free to start the day's activities.

First up was the team flag challenge.

We had to construct a flag to represent our team using only – tin foil, rubbish bags, masking tape and cloth. We pulled out all the stops and gained 3rd place with our great design.

After that we anchored off Kawau Island so this was where our water activities would take place. For our first challenge, all the teams had to swim out to a buoy carrying a bucket of dry clothes and get them back to the teacher, waiting in the yellow ducky life-boats, without getting them wet. After fighting off sabotage attempts from another team who tried to fill our bucket with water, we arrived with a set of wet clothes for Miss Cotton to drag on to complete the competition – 2nd place this time.

Tuesday began like any other day: we were cold, wet and smelt like the sea. We had just been for our shower – the morning swim! At breakfast we were told about the activities for the day which included water relay, mini Olympics and our favourite, water bomb the teacher!

The mini Olympics was heaps of fun; there were different activities each person had to do including the teachers. The funniest was the 50m race where someone from each team had to suck up a bit of string with a marshmallow on the end only using their mouth. One person even swallowed their string!!

After that we were all left exhausted and ready to rest up for the next day.



The last day: We had to get up at 6.30am and do our famous 'bananas unite' dance. Then jump into the water for the last time. It was cold but it was our only way of getting a wash. Then of course all of us teenagers would go off to the galley for breakfast. We were fed really well on the voyage.

We did our cleaning for the day then morning tea.

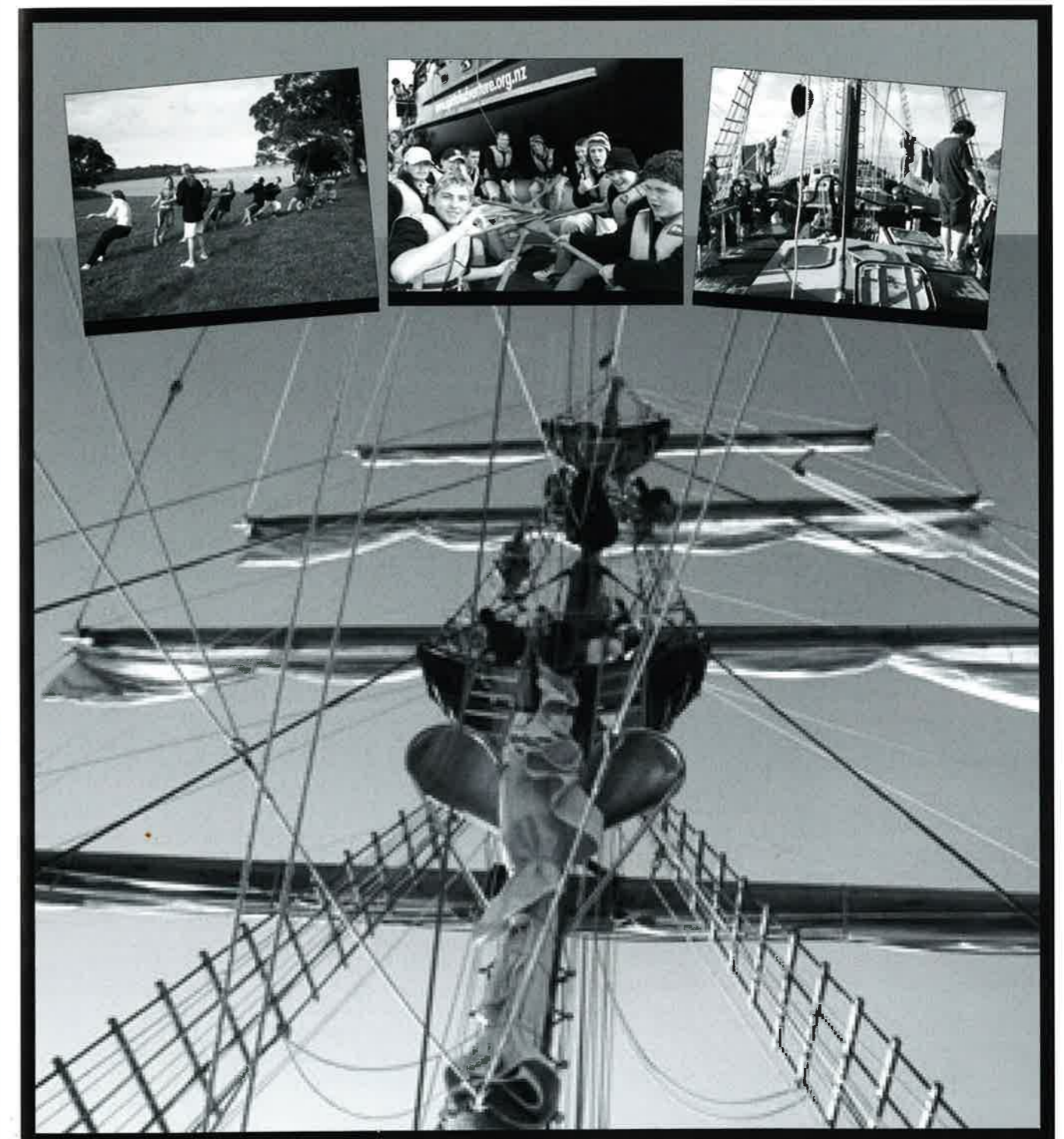
Next it was off to our competition. We had an egg and spoon race but each time you dropped the egg it added 10 sec. to your time. Naylor went last and because we hadn't dropped any eggs he decided to smash a few and throw one over board!

We had our last lunch together and then had to perform our chant. We thought ours was pretty good. We had half an hour to practice and make up some actions. Altogether as a team it worked out well. We forgot a few lines but it was so funny.

From 1pm all the way back to Auckland we had free time to hang out with the 30 new friends we had made. We all got along really well. It felt like we knew everyone all our lives but it had only been 5 days.

5 days is really not a long time when you are having fun. If you ever get the chance to go on the Spirit of New Zealand take it. You get to swim in the early hours of the morning in secluded places, make heaps of new friends, try things that you wouldn't normally do in your everyday life and best of all you have heaps of fun.

Finally we would like to say thank you to Miss Cotton, our families, friends and Cuesport who made this trip happen.



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Library Report

Our Library is always a popular place, whether it be teachers booking it out for research or just have quality reading time with their students. Lunchtimes are also very busy, especially over the winter months. It is a place to hangout with friends, play games or sit on the beanbags and read quietly.

Every year we have a group of Student Librarians who do a splendid job fronting the issue desk, shelving books and dealing with various student queries. A big thank you to you all. Also my thanks go to the team of teachers who help to cover lunchtime duties with me. It has worked out very well this year.

In the first half of the year nine new computers plus printer arrived in the Library. They were a much needed addition to compliment our book collection for student research. As in previous years we continue to purchase a lot of really good books covering a wide range of reading abilities. I know that whether taken out for research or just to have quality reading time, students have enjoyed reading them.

A new initiative this year in conjunction with the English Dept. has been "Reader of the Week". A student is picked at random from the computer and they are presented with a book at assembly. This has been well received and will continue next year.

And lastly from a Student Librarians point of view -

Why we like being Librarians: We like being librarians because it gives us something to do at lunchtimes. We learn how to use the computers and the Dewey system, and also get to request and reserve new books for the Library.

Another awesome thing about being a Librarian is that we get a big feed at the end of the year if we stick with it. Yum!!

Lisa Hunkin, Ben Hansard and Laura Davis



Mathematical Extrapolations

Our department's main contribution towards the school's 'Gifted and Talented' programme this year has been participation in various problem-solving competitions. The year seven and eights have a competition that runs throughout the first three terms for selected classes; teams from all four junior years participated in local Mathex competitions and also in Auckland. Many thanks and congratulations go to those students for their time and effort. We had about 40 students entering the Australasian Mathematics Competition and results were encouraging, showing that the average marks for our top students are slightly above the average of the country's top students in each year. One student obtained a distinction certificate and there were several merit certificates awarded.

At the beginning of term three we celebrated Mathswave, as usual. There was a good level of participation, especially lower down the school and the year seven and eights had a hectic and noisy house competition of their own in the Gym. (Red house teams came first and second). Many prizes were handed out during the week and Mrs Hucker was thrilled to win the staff question twice.

The Maths department is gradually becoming involved in the Secondary Numeracy Project, a continuation of the Primary Numeracy Project, and I hope that this will lead to improved levels of basic numeracy amongst our children.

Fran Trimmer

Yellow House Tawhirimatea

We Rock! Because there is no other house who even come close!
A huge 'shout out' to all those students who actively took part in Tawhirimatea's winning campaign this year. Another 'big ups' to the coolest teachers out who support and encourage our students to use their amazing talents.

We are Superior!!
Peace out! Whaea Lee



Blue - Tangaroa

As everyone who has ever been in Blue House knows, Blue is the best and although we did not quite get the results this year, winning is not everything. The year started off with a stirring speech from Mr Cameron encouraging team spirit and recounting the legend of Tangaroa. (I was only joking when I said you had to say that Sarah. Editor.) Swimming sports had a great atmosphere with everyone joining in with our bank a mass of blue. The house coloured themed music was a hit this year.

We did our best effort in Athletics coming in second. It was really good to see all the hard work pay off and everyone have a good time. Tug-o-War was heaps of fun with everyone yelling and screaming for their house. Blue of course was the loudest. Lucas was behind the scenes whipping up enthusiasm and organising teams. Cross-country was cleaner than usual with no mud involved this year so we settled for the streets. We ended the year as we started with Blue House giving their best.

BLUE HOUSE! BLUE HOUSE! BLUE HOUSE!
... What you'll be hearing all of next year.

Sarah Taylor





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Red - Ruamoko



Green - Tane Mahuta



The great Tane Mahuta has once again failed to dominate the other houses and languished at the bottom of the table. Despite some mighty efforts we have failed to deliver the win that we have all strived for. We need to have 100% participation and overwhelm the other houses with numbers to secure wins for us in 2006. It is not all doom and gloom though as 2005 has seen the emergence of a top athlete and a mighty leader. Roxanne Coe in Year 7 cleaned up at the athletics particularly excelling in the long distance races. She went on to win the Junior Cross Country and also win the Franklin Interschool Cross Country. Lee Saunders in Year 8 also performed admirably in athletics. Year 13 Green House members did a grand job in organising teams for the various sporting events. It was however, James Tupou who held Tane Mahuta together this year. His cheerful enthusiasm has been a source of inspiration and encouragement as defeat stared Tane Mahuta in the face. James has not given up hope that Tane Mahuta can muster all its strength and serve up victory for 2006.



Music News

The Music Department has been buzzing with enthusiastic young instrumentalists, singers and composers, particularly songwriters. Experienced performers have developed their skills and new stars have emerged in the course of the year.

National and Regional Competitions

A number of Tuakau College Music students competed in national and regional competitions. They have gained wonderful experience from these competitions, and Tuakau College's reputation for Music has been enhanced by their performances.

Rockquest

The CokeSmokefreeRockquest competition was held in term 2, and Tuakau College was represented at the Manukau heats by two bands. Senior band 'Soon To Be Homeless' consisted of year 11 students; Zak Haines (lead guitar), Troy Shuker (bass guitar) and Yasmin Smith (vocals), and year 12 student Aydon Lee (drums). They performed an original song composed by Zak and Yasmin. Junior band 'Stick Figures' were undoubtedly the youngest band competing in the heats, and they too performed their own original music. Both bands performed well and were a credit to the school.

Manukau Secondary Schools Performing Arts Awards

The Manukau Secondary Schools Performing Arts Awards is a large competition open to secondary students in the Manukau area and held in Auckland. This year Tuakau College was represented for the first time by three students who entered the Contemporary Solo class. Year 9 student Matthew Lam performed on saxophone, and year 11 students Rangimarie Kupa and Pikiteora Mura-Hita sang. All three students performed well at the Otara heats amid stiff competition from a number of other schools. Pikiteora was chosen to take part in the final, which took place at the new Telstra Pacific Performing Arts building in Manukau. She performed very well and was a great ambassador for the school amid a sparkling evening showcasing the talent of school students in the Manukau area.

Music Department Staff

The Music Department is fortunate to have a staff of expert instrumental tutors and the successes gained by the students is due in large part to the contributions of these tutors, who work tirelessly to support students both in their efforts to gain academic credits in Music and in preparing for performance events. Sadly this year we have had to farewell no less than three of our tutors. Vocal tutor Ros Turnbull and guitar tutor Garrick Lynch left at the end of term 1, and saxophone and clarinet tutor Scott McDowall left at the end of term 3. Ros had not been with us long, but had made a considerable contribution and laid an excellent foundation for the growth of vocal music within the school. Garrick had been a mainstay of the Music Department's performance programme for some years and was popular and much respected among the guitar students. Scott had also worked at the College for some years and had generated considerable enthusiasm among the students for saxophone and clarinet. All three are greatly missed.

The Music Department has been most fortunate to be able to welcome on to its staff new vocal tutor Michael Bennett. Michael is a professional singer and keyboard player. He has generated enormous enthusiasm for vocals within the school. Renton Brown, who joined the Music Department team last year as drum tutor, agreed to take on the guitar teaching role as well, and additional private tuition within the Department has been provided by Sam Manning on guitar and Teresa Rowsell on piano and keyboard, both working through the Modern School of Music. We were also fortunate to obtain the services for term 4 of Paul Radden. We acknowledge the work of all the Music Department team and thank them for the contribution they make.

Carol Gilfillan
Head of Music Department



Creative Writing

a selection of student writing

I saw Superman at school today but there was something different I just couldn't put my finger on it. Then it hit me. Why is Superman in Tuakau of all places and at my school? Anyway, why is Superman Mrs Cleary? What's up with that? When I confronted Superclary about it she said "Superman transferred his powers to me so I could save the school from.... THE POWER OF DOOM.." I laughed which infuriated Superclary and she smiled at me with her eyes that shoot fire at you and covered me in 3rd degree burns. I went to hospital and they fixed me but when I came back I saw Superclary was still here so I screamed and went home and I ate ice-cream.

Siobhan Cole 10WI

Derived from Homer's 'ODYSSEY'

I can still remember that fateful day
You took a ship and sailed away
You left us behind, Telemachus and me, your bride
Rather than taking us to be by your side

For many a long year you fought at a Troy
Your son came to be a handsome boy
But when your comrades had long been home
I sat here and waited alone

Not long after the Trojans fall
Many men gathered in Ithaca's great hall
Some were fat and others thin
But their greed for your domain drove them to sin

They raped my maids and soiled the lands
They ate your animals, our home came to be in their hands
They tormented our son for a small bit of fun
From the fall of night to the rising of the magnificent sun

The men want to take your bed
To have your me, your wife is what plagues their head
And united under one, they are stubborn and rash
They give me nightmares, in my sleep I thrash

Though I have been more than hospitable
Your name they belittle
They think me unwise
To long to gaze into your loving eyes

Yet I remain faithful, throughout the plunder and barbarianism
And so I shall until rosy fingered Dawn has risen
But the choice is not mine
Of how much longer I can deter them, I have little time
So please wise Odysseus, send me a sign.

Chantelle Walker 9AC

On World Literacy Day (Sept 8) the school took part in a 'Poetry writing Challenge'. They were given a number of words that had to be used and very specific instructions. Here are some of the winning entries.

Cows and Hamburgers

Put in the field I see a cow
I wanna go and pat it right now
Its colour is black & white
I want to pat it with all my might
But I can't decide whether I want to or not
It's my neighbour's cow, it's called Spot.
Drawing it on the blackboard at school
I like Spot, she's really cool
I like hamburgers and a cow
I want a hamburger, right, right now.
It's like a magnet to my stomach
I want a hamburger you great lummock.
Little magnets on the fridge
Bananas in a tree on the ridge.
Bananas are yellow, bananas are curved
Up in the tree I see a bird.
The teacher sticks to the blackboard
Like a magnet, a little hoard
Bananas and magnets, blackboards and cow,
I want a banana hamburger right now!

Patricia Whyte - 11MC

I think of cows
grazing black and white,
Munching chewing swishing
Silage stinks
Hay dust clouds the air
But I am stuck inside
My eyes on the blackboard
like a magnet on the fridge
thinking of my banana
in my school bag
Yellow curved and squished
The bell is my only hope
to release me from
the hell that is English
Reading and writing
and writing and writing
Cows in the paddock
swish their tails
Soaking up the sun on
a spring morning

Catherine Hucker - Staff

This chapter's really interesting
I don't know when to stop
I need to know the ending
Cause my brain is in a knot
I'm getting quite excited now
The suspense is enormous
The tension's getting to me
It's impossible to ignore this
I'm getting to the ending now!
I swear I'm almost done!
The last page is here now!
Gosh, reading is fun!

Jack Villacorte - 8JG

The Boy and His Teacher

There was a magnet on a fridge
It could be seen from over a ridge,
On that ridge there was a cow,
Next to an old worn out sow.
A mile away there was a school,
And in this time, school was cool.
In this time there were no swords
But there was an amount of big blackboards.
You usually gave the teacher an apple
But once there was a boy named Grapple,
He always thought about his nana,
That's why he gave his teacher a banana.
His teacher thought he was so thick,
So she hit him with a stick.
He cried out in shock
And then he pulled off his sock.
His teacher clutched her throat
And let out an almighty croak,
She was dead because she was so frail,
And that is the end of this sorry tale.

Alan Whyte 7HC

My brain's not big, it's very little
I'm not a pig, I'm not a kettle
I am a cow.
You may not know how,
But I like bananas and go meow.
I have black spots darker than
Any dark but lighter than any light
I do not know what I am writing but
It has to be right.
I'm like a blackboard made from
Wood. I'd stop writing if I could.
I'm like a magnet I stick on fast
I'm in your head, I'm in the past.
I know my rhyme is very silly
This new hair cut is very chilly

Jacob Fleming 10MM

Caught, - yes caught. Red handed, videotapes,
everything!! Even the shopkeeper had sniffed
out his criminal scent by my first step on his
newly polished floor (or so I think). But how
could I help it - the lovely little lolly sitting all
on its own just begging me to give it a try. So I
did. Big mistake, big, big, big, mistake!..

Bernadette McGuire 9AC

This year students had work printed in the College Herald

As if whales don't have enough to worry about as it is. The current dangers they face right now comprise global climate change, overfishing, ship strikes, ozone depletion, noise, pollution and entanglement in fishing equipment. Lets just add another danger, just to keep them on their toes, shall we? How about we go out and slaughter these creatures, even though we can live quite happily without any of their products?

The International Whaling Commission, or IWC, is now trying to call in votes to immediately restart commercial whaling. Not necessarily because of any change in the levels of cruelty, or even in world opinion. It's because Japan is willing to buy votes from countries who can't afford to turn it down, or as they call it a 'vote consolidation programme which gives fisheries aid to developing countries in return for their vote at the IWC.

The world of whales isn't ready to be devastated again. The blue whales in the Antarctic are at less than 1 percent of their original levels, even though they've been protected for 40 years. The West Pacific grey whale is almost gone, with only 100 left.

Because of a high monetary value, and despite a low reproduction rate, whalers tend to catch as many whales as they can, as quick as they can. Japan, Iceland and Norway are the only countries still short-sighted enough to continue.

However, there may be an upside to this. Whale blubber has been so contaminated by organochlorines that Greenpeace says, "it could be classified as toxic waste".

So maybe the people who so inhumanely butcher these magnificent creatures will be poisoned by their foul luxury
What goes around comes around, after all.

Frances Cook Yr 13



OWN UP TO THE FACT

It all began with a trip to Eilerslie car fair, a little blue card, and a pair of bright yellow learner plates. A recipe for freedom. The missing ingredient? Keys. Six months later, the cake was out of the oven and ready to be eaten. My parents unlocked the 1992 Ford Laser, which I'm sure was idling in anticipation, and handed me the keys. I'm not sure if they realised it at the time, but that one small action, was the beginning of what I thought to be 'My life as I knew it'. I had wheels, and when you live in the country, what can I say? A car, hand in hand with a licence is a godsend, a social redeemer, well in my case a social initiator. For precisely nine months, four weeks and three days anyway I had my first taste of freedom. Then I crashed. Demolished car count? One. Parents' reaction? Scared and a bit disappointed.

New car, and you would think increased driving skills and experience, but lo and behold two weeks ago I managed to plunge into the back of a 2004 BMW. Demolished car count? \$2800 damage. Dent in my wallet? \$900 excess. Parents' reaction? Priceless!!! To give you a bit of an idea of my Dad's reaction after I told him, think 'apocalypse!', caused by me slightly denting the second car they bought for me to use. You see, it's hard for me, I can see both points of view, an unwanted gift, especially since I should be focussing on defending my story. From my side, I think it was an unfortunate happening, resulting from a number of contributing factors, the fact that I was tired, and therefore inattentive, how quickly the cars in front slammed on their brakes, and the distracting kids playing on the sidewalk. My parents, unfortunately see it in a different light; two crashed cars in under six months. I can understand their anger and punishment choices, but I am not sure whether I agree with them.

Am I a bad driver? Yes, there I said it, I'm not proud of that fact, but it is true. What am I to do about this dilemma I have? Put yourself in my shoes for a second, it's like going back to square one, relying on Mum, Dad and others to transport me, trying to co-ordinate my busy schedule with other people. I can see you smirking at the 'busy schedule' comment, but with a part time job 12 hours a week, babysitting and netball on weekends, after homework and school fills in the gaps I have little room for flexibility. What do you think? Sorting me out is easy, I have no choice but to survive without a car for a while, who knows maybe it will do me good, but we need to look at the bigger picture here. Nobody was hurt in either of my accidents, but they could have been. What if I had of killed someone? A powerful deterrent don't you think?

Maybe the answer lies in government policies – the driving age for instance, is fifteen too young to have this sort of responsibility? Is fifteen too young for manslaughter? How many of your teenage friends, sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters have access to driving a car? Many, is my guess. The driving skills of New Zealand's teenagers are far from adequate. In 2004, there were 73, fifteen to nineteen year old drivers killed in the car they were driving, compared to 41 twenty five to twenty nine year old drivers.

If these figures aren't enough for you, then think of the four teenage boys killed in Pukekohe recently. The sole survivor interviewed after recovering from the accident tells of how he could see the speedometer climbing up, past 170km per hour, the driver steering with one hand and texting with the other. The passengers begged him to slow down, his reply? "I can handle my car". That's the problem right there, teenagers think they are invincible when it comes to driving. They never think it can happen to them, and then one day, it does. Maybe even twice like me.

The long term solution to this epidemic is foggy. What can we do in the meantime to better these figures? Drive carefully. From me, an apology for my poor driving skills, perhaps the 'Pro Drive' course I will do in a few weeks will help me to keep my eyes wide open, so that next time I can try and avoid the avoidable.

Kylie Nichol Yr 13

Some seem content with
the way things are
Well, I'm not
I need my paracetamol poetry
with its placebo power
And the mild madness
of a late night hour
to cope.
Like when the mouldy cork of sanity
suddenly gives way,
I need my pen and paper
to let the senses stray.

Come closer, hold me tight
and breathe, breathe in the air
Hold me while you still have
heart and mind to care.

In a moment, we'll be parted
like golden leaves on autumn trees

In a second, we'll be gone
like the sweet scent in a summer breeze.

Mikala Sorensen Yr 12
Exchange Student from Denmark

Sports Exchanges

Pio Pio

The Pio Pio sports exchange was a great success. The day began with the powhiri in Te Atarua. Our students met their billets and took them home for the night. The next day saw the games being played – hockey, girls and boys, boys' soccer and two netball games. Mixed results saw us retain the trophy with wins in netball and soccer. The exchange ended with a great lunch followed by the presentation of the trophy and the farewells.

We look forward to more teams competing next year.

Huntly

On a typical winter's day filled with heavy rain and thunder, 120 staff and students left Tuakau for Huntly College in the Waikato. Mr Foy (our ex Deputy Principal) was keen to re-establish the sporting and cultural exchange. After the formalities of the powhiri games began – netball, rugby, hockey, soccer. The Kapa Haka also performed. Results were wins to – Netball 1, Girls' Rugby and Hockey, losses to – Yr 10 Netball, Boys' Rugby and Soccer and the Kapa Haka was a draw.

Overall the students and staff had a great day. The hospitality of Huntly was outstanding. We look forward to the return matches next year.



Sports' Coordinator's Report

This year has been an awesome year for sport. With fourteen netball teams, two soccer teams, two rugby teams and three hockey teams for winter and volleyball and touch teams in the summer. A lot of these teams had a particularly good season finishing in runners up or winners in their grade. It has been good to see such a high standard of participation and sportsmanship in all of the codes.

There have been quite a few success stories too. Libby Williams made the Under 14 Auckland Soccer squad and we wish her luck for the National Championships in December. Pomare Te Anau also made the Auckland Under 14 Soccer squad. In Netball and Hockey we also had representatives in Pukekohe and Counties Manukau teams – congratulations to all of you. This goes to show that we here at Tuakau are capable of making the highest level in whatever sport we choose to compete in.

We have also had an awesome year competing in a number of Year 7 and 8 tournaments. A highlight of these would have to have been Roxanne Coe winning the Year 7 and 8 Cross Country and being placed in the regional gymnastics competition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and parents for their help and for the support that you have given to me to keep these sports running smoothly. I hope to see you back next year with as much enthusiasm.

Karyn Hatton
Sports Coordinator





Representative Achievements

Rugby

Bill McLaren Representatives

Jimmy Tupou
Shane Ngataki

Goldfields Representative

Maiden Paddy

Rugby League

Northern Zone Under 13

Jordan Rau

Auckland Southern Zone Under 13 and Counties Manukau Under 13

Nikora Tuhi

Volleyball Senior Girls' Team

This year's senior girls' volleyball competition was 'short and sweet'. Our girls played with a clear goal in mind – to do their best and to have fun. Every game was filled with laughter, devilish good looks, and also a variety of skill essential to compete against tough opposition.

Although our team may not have come away with convincing wins every week, the team goal was always achieved. Participation is the key and if you can have fun too, then that is even better!

Peace out!
Whaea Lee



Netball

Paeroa Thompson – Pukekohe U15s
Sian Wootton – Pukekohe U17s
Tungia Wara – Pukekohe U19s
Holly van Gent – Year 8
Jasmine Clarke – Year 8 and Auckland Under 15 Maori Squad
Deanna Heteraka – Year 8
Jessica Betty – Year 7
Nirvharna Auckett-Howe – Year 7

Hockey

Marie Hatton – Counties Manukau U 18s
Alana Mackay – Counties Manukau U 18s
Natalie Mackay – Counties Manukau U 15s

Soccer

Libby Williams – Auckland Under 15 Training Squad
Pomare Te Anau – Auckland U14 Soccer Team

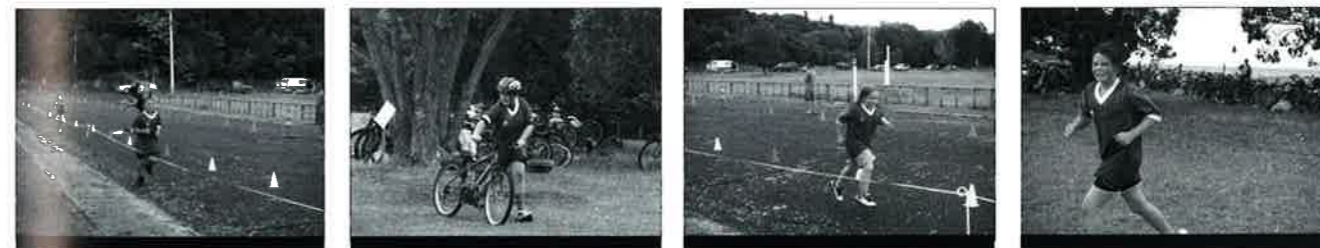


Triathlon

In February, six students competed in the Franklin Primary Schools Triathlon at Waharau. They braved 200m of rough waters of the Firth of Thames, cycled 8km against strong winds and ran 2km as fast as they could to represent Tuakau College to the best of their ability.

Well done to Troy Collins, Kelvin Fitzpatrick, James Grey, Paige Heslop, Sarah Lockhart and Zane Zinsli and good luck for future seasons.

Johanna King also sampled the sport in the Aunt Betty's Triathlon series completing a 100m swim, 10km cycle and 2km run at Maraetai in March. She finished in a very commendable time of 53:17 gaining her 8th place in the 13-14 year old girls race – well done and best of luck for your future in the sport.



National Disabled Snow Sports

On the 20 August I got to go down to the Disabled Snow Sports Nationals in Wanaka. I went down with five other people, three of whom were disabled skiers.

We flew to Christchurch and then drove to Wanaka where the nationals were held. We went to the registration and put our names down for the races we wanted to go in. I got put into the Social races. I was the youngest skier there out of fifty to seventy disabled skiers.

The first day we were up the mountain it was straight into race clinics for those of us who hadn't raced before. We learnt a number of skills that we needed to know to race through the gates. It was good as the skills that we had learnt for racing helped us in free skiing as well.

The second day was the Social Giant Slalom. This was my first ever race - lucky enough they gave me a lesson before so I would know how to go through the gates for my race. I went to the race inspection before my race which is when you ski through the course. I went to the start line where the race marshal was telling us where to go. The race marshal said "racer ready 3, 2, 1 go". I was out of there going as fast as I could going through the gates. I had two goes and I got fourth overall.

Over the next couple of days I did more skiing and tried tighter turns for the Slalom, because the gates are closer and you have to go around them not through them like the Giant Slalom. On Thursday it was time to do the Slalom. I had been practising my tighter turn so I could get speed. I did my first run through the course and I thought I didn't have a very good run but I found out that I was about the same time as everyone else. So I went back to the top for my second run, I crouched down and got a bit more speed which helped. I got third overall which I was pleased with.

The Friday night was a good night because we had prize giving. I won a pair of goggles and a trophy for the skier who made the most improvement and showed the most enthusiasm. Our club got three medals and two trophies that Night which we were all pleased with.

Cameron Balle (10EO)





Junior Cricket

After a late start and formation of a team which included players from Year 7 to 9, we began the prearranged games with other schools.

With each of the opposing teams formed from local clubs our boys were at a considerable disadvantage. However, they did not let it show. They worked hard to improve and entered each game with enthusiasm. Enjoyment was clear to see and although some games were close the results were:

Pukekohe High School - default win at home
Rosehill, Papakura - L,L
Manurewa High School - L,L

Thanks to Mrs Barber for scoring and assisting with travel and other arrangements.
Thanks to parents who helped with transport.

Most Improved player: Nikora Tuhi
Most Valuable player: Thomas Cowan
Sportsmanship: Raminder Git/Jarrad Marchu



1st XI Hockey - Boys

With a big loss in senior players from the year before, and a brand new goalie in the form of Dillon Gussey, we all knew that this year was going to be the most challenging to date. However after our first game and the thrashing we handed out, confidence was pretty high, and it had no reason not to be.

With a boost of new, enthusiastic players, the team was jelling together very well. Unlucky not to win our grade in the first round, we played the next round with a point to prove. We had some close wins, which prepared us well for our final against Waiuku College. They were a good team but we played out of our skins to win 5-1. Thanks very much to the team for all their commitment throughout the season.

A huge thanks to new Coach Dee Makan who took over from Mr Walia. The season would not have gone smoothly if it wasn't for him. Thanks also to manager Mr Konomalai, and assistant Coach Mr Kumar for keeping us going.

Sportsmanship: Tim Lambourne
Player of the Year: Brendon Rohde
Most Improved Player: Adrian Wigg

1st X1 Hockey - Girls

The team started the season in the Counties Manukau Secondary Schools 'B' grade. It quickly became obvious that the girls had 'jelled' as a team this year and their playing had improved out of sight. The team won the first round of competition and were promoted to the Premier Grade. Once again their skills came to the fore and all the team played excellent hockey throughout the competition.



The girls played Counties Manukau Under 13 girls in the final of the Premier Grade and narrowly lost 2-1. Olivia Brickley-Barry took over the role of goalie this year and her skills improved throughout the season. She displayed a sterling effort in the goal saving many goals. Thank you to all the girls for your very professional attitudes and roles within the team.

Most Improved Player: Olivia Bickley-Barry
Most Valuable player: Marie Hutton
Sportsmanship: Lara Brian



Year 7 & 8 Hockey



The team had a challenging season and the team's skills progressed over the season. Julie Hooper and Thomas Cowan displayed great sportsmanship and were willing to play in any position and were supportive to the team. William Moka proved to be a brilliant Goalie exhibiting natural talent.

All the team members played to the best of their ability. They were an enthusiastic, energetic and fun loving lot. Most importantly they were positive to each other and took victory and loss as it came. They have learned the rules of the game very well and hopefully we would have a good season next year.

Muthu Chidambaram

Most Improved Player: Rachel Williams
Most Valuable player: Julie Hooper
Sportsmanship: Thomas Cowan

1st XI Soccer - Boys

The 1st XI had a most improved season this year achieving some high scoring wins and some narrow losses. The team has matured well together which is promising for next year with most of the team returning and younger players coming through.



A personal highlight was the thrashing the team gave to Strathallan after a tour of their excellent facilities (although their field was wrecked by sheep). High scores were also posted against Waiuku, Papatoetoe and Pio Pio but it was the boys' high spirits in defeat that impressed me most. Thanks must go to Daniel Jolly for his captaincy and organisation until he left. I hope that a natural leader emerges next year who will motivate the team to play and practice with each other, to achieve even more success next season.

D Cameron

Player of the Year: Pomare Te Anau
Most Improved: Tim Lambourne
Sportsmanship: Ben Roberts

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1st XI Soccer - Girls



This year the 1st XI Girls' soccer team played a splendid season. We won most of our games and drew one. In our last game we won 14-0 against Rosehill College. Our player of the season was Libby Williams who scored the majority of our goals. The most improved player of the season was Megan Blanchard. Sportsmanship goes to Victoria Eyre. We would like to thank our coach Mike Carter for all his hard work and dedication and all the supportive parents especially Robyn Culley for helping us throughout the season.

Te Rere Aupouri and Denvar Steger (Captains)

1st XV Rugby - Boys

Coach: Ray Smith
Assistant Coach: Bill White
Trainer: Edward Ngatai

Time to reflect on another season of rugby gone by. The 2005 season started with plenty of promise with more numbers of players to choose from than the previous year. It's always good for a coach if he/she has competition for the starting lineup and this was the case right through to the final game. With the help of a past student Edward Ngatai as the team's fitness trainer the boys got off to a good start and I along with the team would like to thank him for his efforts over the season.

Once again the 1st XV was entered into a U17 open weight competition which in the opening round included teams from Thames Valley and Counties Union's Schools and Clubs of which we were placed 3rd. The 2nd round included only Counties Schools and Club teams varying from 1st XV, 2nd XV's and U17 open weight teams of which we the Tuakau College 1st XV won. By achieving this feat it gave us the chance to play off in the final against Wesley College which was a hard fought game held at Pukekohe. Although going down 8-0 I was very proud of the team's efforts and achievements for the season.

Now that the serious side of the Rugby season was over a social fun game against the Tuakau Terrabulls Golden Oldies rugby was had and it can be still said that the oldies have not been beaten yet when at the conclusion of the game 5 tries a piece was the final score.

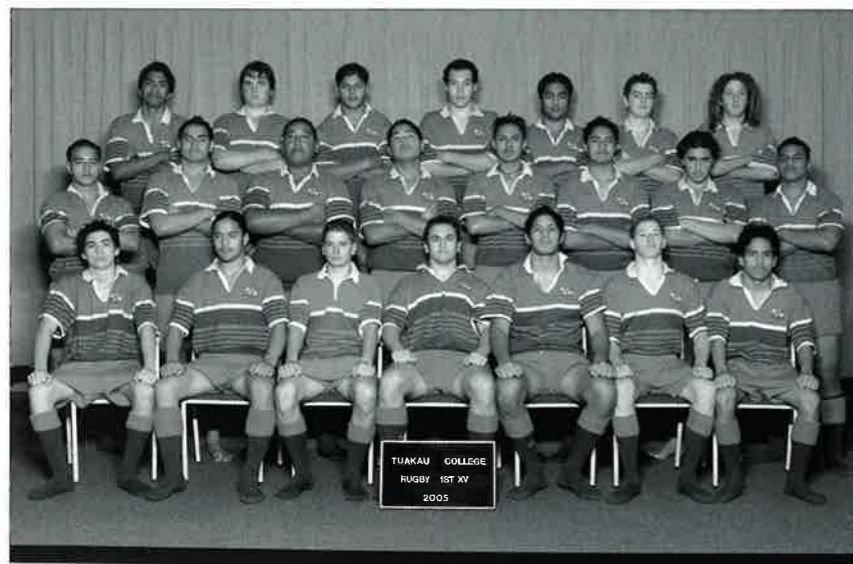
People to give thanks to include, Bill White as my Assistant Coach, Jacob Smith and Gage Thompson as leaders of the team, parents who gave a helping hand towards the team's requirements through the season and last but not least to a group of boys who came to realise that rugby is a team sport and a team effort is required to achieve goals and the team of 2005 achieved this.

Ray Smith

Most improved player
Logan Ellis

Most valuable player
Stefan Van Oorshot

Sportsmanship
Jacob Smith/Gage Thompson



1st XV Rugby - Girls

Coach: Erin O Sullivan
Assistant Coach: Lee-Anne Clarke



This year Tuakau College fielded a girls' rugby team. This team consisted of mostly beginners. Our captain and only Year 13 player, Emily Tupou, unfortunately injured herself in the first game of the season. That day we came home victorious. Luckily there was a replacement captain Kaila Rapana who developed great leadership skills.

All the girls had an awesome rugby season and really enjoyed themselves even if sometimes they came back with cuts and bruises and dislocated bones and joints. If you asked them, they would probably say it was well worth the experience. Everyone had fun and it would not have been possible if it wasn't for our dedicated coaches Erin and Lee-Anne who made it happen. We hope to have a team again next year.

Most Improved Player - Kaila Rapana **Most Valuable Player -** Paeroa Thompson **Sportsmanship -** Te Weraahi Edwards

Netball

Netball Team 1

Coach: Janice Howe **Manageress:** Stephanie Hetaraka

Congratulations Team One. Overall an extremely positive season. I'm sure the team will agree that an even bigger positive that we can take away from this season is that there are better things to come. These achievements were made and yet the full potential of the team is yet to be reached.

To our year 13 students Connie Aitken and Kylie Nichol, all the best for what the future holds. Be proactive to ensure that the future includes netball!

To the rest of the team, next year should prove even more exciting and something to look forward to. Strive for premiere grade in 2006. You are all capable of playing representative level for Pukekohe Netball Centre and I believe there are a few of you who could be representing Counties Manukau. The extra games at a more intense representative level will make a real difference to results in premiere grade and tournament week. If you timetable your activities you will see exactly where you have time for homework to ensure you are beautiful, a netball star and brainy!!!! You are all fortunate that you have very supportive parents who will support you in anything you may choose. So sieze the moment and use this time while you have the talent and the support to require more of yourselves in netball and school.

Thank you to our very caring manager Stephanie Hetaraka who was there every step of the way for the team in 2005.

Thank you to the mums and also the dads out there on the sidelines. I had a lot of fun with your daughters and I'd be proud if any one of them were mine.

Lastly girls if there is anything I'd like for you to remember from me it is this:

Timetables be specific **Water** 8 glasses a day, good brain food **Oxycise** breath in 1,2,3, breath out 1,2,3. **LOL** Janice Howe

Most improved player - Terri - Jean Russell
Most Valuable player - Alana Beatty
Sportsmanship - Paeroa Thompson





Netball Team 2

Coach: Karyn Hatton
Manager: Mrs Brock

Team 2 had an unsettling start to the season with coaches and practises being undecided. But once we got going and all started turning up for practices we soon learnt to work together as a team. We won the first round in B reserve and moved up to B grade which was a big step, coming up against some more experienced players. With the team giving 100% at all games and practices we managed to come in as runners-up of the B grade. Special mentioned should be given to Tracey Hatton and Nicole Cowley for their awesome shooting skills and defensively Louisa Brock who made our wins easier and more exciting in the close games. Towards the end we had a lot of severe injuries which made it difficult to field a full team for the last few games.



Congratulations to all of Team 2 who were and awesome team to coach and I'm sure that next year you will step up to the challenge again with enthusiasm and commitment.

Most Improved player - Kaila Rapana
Sportsmanship - Louisa Brock
Most Valuable - Nicole Cowley/Tracey Hatton

Netball Team 3

Coach: Mrs Williams
Manager: Mr Pete Barry

Team 3 was named at the start of 2005 with 6 original players from the previous year and 4 new players, it was looking promising.

After our first two games we were graded in B Reserve. In round one we ended up third to last, winning only 3 games and then second-to-last in round two games.

A highlight of the season was playing our coach's team, Miss Williams, in round two, which also included our sports co-ordinator, Karyn Hatton, Miss Woofindin and Mrs Edwards. We came out with a loss but still a great game.

So the team

Ellen and her dramas with the day of the school ball
Melissa and her 360° spin in the air as she caught the ball
Simone with her leaping intercepts
Cheerleader of the team Jaye
Natalie and her ability to play almost anywhere (when not at hockey!!)
Peggy calling all her timeouts (for injury!?!)
And finally our awesome shooters Lauren, Iri, Rebecca and Olivia.

Finally a big thank you to our coach Sarah Williams and our manager Peter Barry for all the time and effort they have put into the team.

Olivia Bickley-Barry

Most Valuable Player - Natalie Mackay
Most Improved Player - Jaye Cavaye-Astle
Sportsmanship - Simone Bylsma



Netball Team 4

Coach: Martha Edwards
Manager: Mrs Stanford



Team 4 started off a bit shakey at the beginning of the season. Then started to bond as a team during the trainings they had. Te Weraahi Edwards had a strong defence vision, timing her intercepts well. Elizabeth Stanford have good mid court skills. Many girls had improved over the season along with the sharp shooting of Katie and Alex to take out runners-up for C reserve.

Most Improved Player - Samantha Davis

Player of the Year - Te Weraahi Edwards and Elizabeth Stanford

Sportsmanship - Alex Cross

Totara

Most improved player - Bernie McGuire **Most Valuable player** - Nicole Blake **Sportsmanship** - Alison McGuire



Kiwi

Coach: Heather Clarke
Manager: Tania Whare

On average the Kiwi Netball team lost most of their games but all credit goes to the girls for being stayers!!! Once or twice a few of





the girls became disgruntled with our losses but at no time did they give up - they soldiered on and played well. Rarely did any of the girls miss practice or a game for that matter. On an odd occasion that I could not get to practice either the girls would manage themselves or our team manager, Tania Whare, would take the practice.

At the end of the season all the girls were awarded with Participation Certificates Team members were Danielle Dickson (Captain), Xana Drysdale, Casey Douglas, Laura Steger, Samantha Holt, Anna Douglas, Asher Dwen, Chantelle Hartigan, Amy Steger & Natalie Berger.

Sportsmanship - Casey Douglas
Most Improved Player - Laura Steger
Player of the Year - Amy Steger

Kowhai



What a fantastic group of girls to coach this year! Their dedication to practice, games, and skills impressed me every week. I appreciated the fact that they always wanted to play a game, even if it was only half a game. They showed fantastic sportsmanship to each other and on the court. Kowhai won a majority of their games, losing only narrowly to the other teams in their grade. It was hard task choosing a player of the day, as all girls played so well.

Overall, all eleven girls can be proud of the netball and social skills they developed. I was impressed by the fact that these girls were able to warm themselves up, both at practices and games. They took the initiative and just did what they had to. They were able to teach me and the team new skills. They love the game and it made my position as coach that much more satisfying. Many thanks go to Phillipa Hooper who as

manager was a great support to both me and the girls. Phillipa was able to be there when I was still on the court. This was much appreciated. A last thank you to all the girls, their families and friends, who supported me and the girls week after week.

Kirsty Wooffindin
Most Valuable Player - Jasmine Clark **Most Improved Player** - Tayla Russell **Sportsmanship** - Kathie Robinson

Kereru



Coach Sian Wootton
Manager Michelle Wootton

We started the season with a good strong start with our girls either winning or drawing most of our games. Unfortunately we were just pipped on the post in points to move up to the next grade half way through. The girls went on to win and draw our next round games even with a few injuries and losing one girl through the next round, We came down to a three way draw on the last game which ended in us coming runners up.

The girls played well all season and were a pleasant group to take. We knew most Saturdays that we always had those girls showing up. We wish to thank them and their strong parent following for helping and supporting us throughout this season.

Manuka

Coach: Martha Edwards
Manager: Shane Groom

This team had heaps of potential. Rachael Harker with her consistent shooting skills, Kaitlin with her great mid court vision, good defence from Emma, and with many others trying to intercept the ball. Unfortunately these skills were not sharpened over the season.

Sportsmanship - Lisa Orono
Most Improved Player - Samantha Davis
Player of the Year - Millie Rapana



Kauri

Coach: Mrs Lowry **Manager: Mrs Orton**

Team Kauri had an exceptionally good year and suffered only three losses in this year's netball season. One of those losses was to eventual winners of Grade 2, Bombay. That loss was to prove costly as we were the runners-up in this grade just two points behind Bombay.

The girls should be proud of the way they played their netball and their commitment on and off the court. They always attended practices and were on time for games always letting me know if anything came up.

Team Members were Carolann Farr, Emma Lowry, Hannah Van Oorshot, Victoria Eyre, Haley Grant, Laura Tuckley, Maryanne Orton and Chantelle Walker.

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Carleen Lowry

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Coach: Mrs Betty. **Manager: Mrs Welch**

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Most Improved Player: Abbie Welch
Most Valuable Player: Kahukura Hira
Sportsperson of the year: Zoe Blyth



Weka

The Weka girls went from strength to strength, particularly in the first half of the season, when they won their grade. This season will be remembered for Mareta's energy and commitment, Mahuia's consistent shooting and Huria's versatility on the court (as well as her cheerleading off the court). We will also remember Holly and Chloe's superb efforts on defence, as well as Caitlin and Kayla's remarkable knack for anticipating each other's next move in the goal circle. Kelsi was the perfect captain, and it is impossible to forget her team chant, "Who's got the rhythm? Who's got the power?"



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Cheerleader/Apprentice Coach 2005

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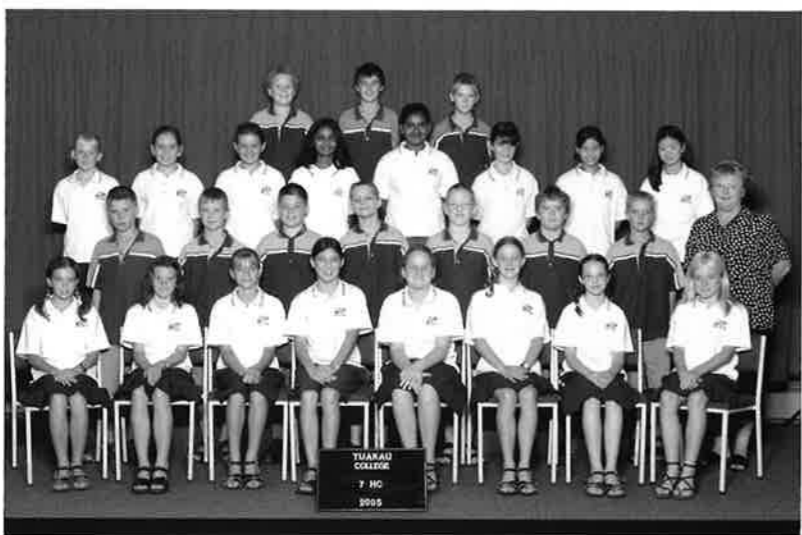
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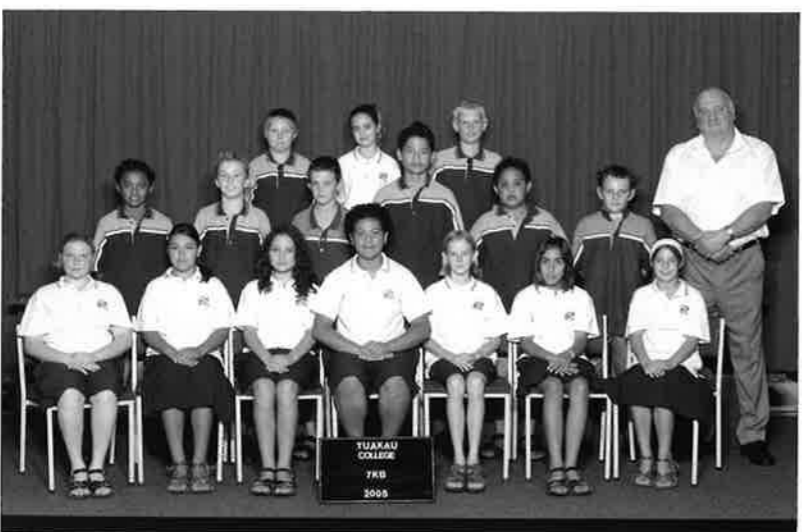
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 Absent: Ben Hansard



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 3rd Row: Theodore Marsden, Te Rongopai Cooper, Thomas Kahui, Aimee Balle, Jayde Murray, Nikora Tuhi, Lauren Stiles, Rebecca Alasech
 2nd Row: Kurt Ward, Michael Wesche, Jarrod Morehu, Jordon Millen, Kym Hedley, Wiremu Taua, Leo Christiansen, Ms Brenda Dwayne (Teacher)
 Front Row: Talia Savage, Lillian Porter, Tayla Russell, Millie Rapana, Violet Hutchins, Anamar Potini, Carolann Farr, Asher Dwen
 Absent: Louis Rodgers, Rex Thomas



Back Row: Wilfred Robinson, Ethan Lockerbie, Andre Bylsma
 3rd Row: Samantha Holt, Jarrod Hoskins, Tammy Godfrey, Jayde Randell, Hona Aupouri, Nikki Richards, Joshua Tabrum, Danielle Dickson
 2nd Row: Garry Abbott, Alan Martin, Akatai King, Vikash Sami, Clayton Browning, Kawana Mana, Pomare Te Anau, Matthew Haldane, Mrs Garthwaite (Teacher)
 Front Row: Rebecca Krybolder, Julia Thompson, Mahira Hira, Taharangi Abraham, Nicola Coleman, Chantelle Hartigan, Jessica Alderdice-Weller, Chloe Walker
 Absent: James Dixon, Alex Malloy



Back Row: Westeria Black, Imogen Ferguson, Lisa Sanders, Takikawa Clark, Thomas Andrews, Kurt White, Deon Samuels, Jesse Birrell
 2nd Row: Tani Rau, Toha Ellis, Brent Lovell, Tipene Galvin, Joseph Cross, James Tonks, Larny Fatamaka, Justine Menzies-Wilson (Teacher)
 Front Row: Jacqueline Hyland, Anthea MacKenzie, Nicole Blake, Christina Poutai-Currie, Johanna King, Shannon Perston, Tiana Ewe, Hape Hawkins
 Absent: Michael Morrison, Stephen Higgins, Ronald Te Purei



Back Row: Lucy Edwards, Dillon Gussy, Kane Burges, Connie Heta, Carolyn Edgecumbe, Christopher Jefferies, Dylan Curtin, Adrian Wigg
 2nd Row: Jong-Hwan Byun, Brett Campbell, Te Ra Paddy, Callam Taka, Julian Takimoana, Justin Katipa, Allec Heremaia, Tom Onesti
 Front Row: Jaimee Brannagan, Elie McLarnon, Hayley Grant, Maryanne Orton, Lisa Orono, Rebecca Foley, Samantha Gray, Zulema Aguilera
 Absent: Ethan Harvey, Willow Hinhaia, Shondalah Hunt



Back Row: Lewis Bone, Oramai Rau, William Whiunui, Victoria Mohan, Jamahl Farrar-Cooney
 2nd Row: Anna Koh, Andrew McGregor, Thomas Coleman, Andrew Faulkner, Cody Burr, Kris Gray, Kane Robson, Miss A Broughton (Teacher)
 Front Row: Amy Steger, Kaitlin Clark-Groom, Jessica Beals, Rebekah Hoto, Natalie Berger, Casey Douglas, Hayley MacWilliam
 Absent: Panapa Heta, Kiriana Hemopo



Back Row: Kerri-Ann Smith, Vincent Williams, Lana Potter
 2nd Row: Melissa Robinson-Hargraves, Tipa Christiansen, Cameron Balle, Kaila Rapana, Miss Erin O'Sullivan (Teacher)
 Front Row: Sean Drinnan, Tanara Frearson, Daniel McCormack, James Mura, Leo Tini
 Absent: Joshua Thompson, Tyson Tini, Katene Aupouri, Tamati Bennett, Zachary Mura, Leo Tini
 Jessica Nepia-Murray, Josephine Tauhara-Clark



Back Row: Alistair Mana, Joshua Van den Berg, Gary McCormick, Mark Hughes, Alex Lester, David Harry, Christopher Dunsmuir, Stoney Barker
 2nd Row: Rhys Thomas, Jamie Hall, Paul Van Der Kwaak, Luke Garratt, Darren Panapa, Mark Crawford, Cameron Bale, Braeden Hamer, Miss Kirsty Woodfindin (Teacher)
 Front Row: Amy Carter, La Toya Rudolph, Linda Foster, Jessica Scott, Tracey Hatton, Emma Hyde-Richards, Mikayla Black, Shannon Andrews
 Absent: Shaune Taylor, Sean Card, Jamie Te Ao



Back Row: Jeremy Wigg, Carina Hooper, Angus Batkin, Dane Pierik, Adam Grant, Kirsty Hedley, Jacob Fleming
 2nd Row: Joseph Tuungafasi, Hamish Roberts, Te Arepa Te Kani, Tamaiti Hira, Naylor Timmo, Cody Calder
 Front Row: Sherry Nehoa, Rebecca Taua, Anna Douglas, Jessica Harema, Natalia MacKay, Courtney Wainwright, Sinead Steger
 Absent: Ms McMillan (Teacher), Te Whare Edwards, Te Weraahi Edwards, Michael Hingaia, Jason Tabrum, Raumiria Potini-Minhinnick



Back Row: Xana Drysdale, Kalin-Lee Setchell, Rachel Harker, Heather Gray, Monique McKeown, Hannah Grainger, Laura Steger
 2nd Row: Toby Anaru, Corey Burgess, Travis Wood, Ashley Taua, Brock Williams, Nick Orrell, Cameron Channell, Miss Williams (Teacher)
 Front Row: Hazel Roberts, Alison McGuire, Amohia Wara, Siobhan Cole, Coralie Thompson, Genevieve Villacorte, Jessica Bird, Kelly Anderson
 Absent: Lewis Woods



Back Row: Corey Norman, Michael Quested, Aaron Blanchard
 3rd Row: Serena Walker, Peggy Stanford, Kayla McVeigh, Ken Clayton, Shane Martin, Miriama Tearii, Katie Hughes, Larissa Marsh
 2nd Row: Jeremy Farr, James Grant, Te Maaka Potini, Steven Sweetman, Manuwhiri Hira, Naden Rawiri, Bevan Dawson, Mr G Taylor (Teacher)
 Front Row: Kelly Grant, Leah Cooper, Gabrielle Box, Jessica Hataraka, Olivia Bickely-Barry, Sarah Peet, Irihapeti Frearson, Melissa Brewster
 Absent: Rangimarie Cooper, Tabitha Krissansen

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Back Row: Jacob Te Namu, Robert Edmonds, Bedford Aitken, Bruce Hoskins, Allen Wilson
 2nd Row: Reece Te Namu, Anthony Pickering, Benjamin Cherry, Charles Tumata, John Lockerbie, Pore Tuhi, Mrs K Simpson (Teacher)
 Front Row: Alice Hulme, Kelly Harker, Kathie Robinson, Shymal Reddy, Katie Wilson, Jamie Bruce, Sian Barker
 Absent: Cheyenne Ringrose, Stephen Rossall, Blair White



Back Row: Shiona Culley, Thomas Williams, Samantha Davis
 3rd Row: Robyn De Vega, Elizabeth Eyre, Dane Ball, Jordan Cowan, John Moulden, Tyron Foster, Yasmin Smith, Claire Baldwin
 2nd Row: Muir Hamilton, James Orton, Ellis Heramaia, Aamer Daji, Eukaliti Vaoleti, Scott Nichol, John Donaldson
 Front Row: Marie Hatton, Stacey King, Simone Bylsma, Patricia Whyte, Stephanie Barker-Tatton, Nichole Cowley, Alexandra Cross, Sian Wooten
 Absent: Karl Morrison, Mr M Chidambaram (Teacher)



Back Row: Tessa Gaskell, Ellen Culbert, Troy Shuker, Qasim Pin, Joshua Palmer, Philip Hodgson, Michelle Murfitt
 2nd Row: Kelvin Piggott, Lance Wilson, Boyd Lapwood, Matthew Wilson, Brook Black, Mark Mitchell, Zak Haines, R Gordon (Teacher)
 Front Row: Courtney Herbert, Michelle Sanders, Tui Edwards, Pikiteora Mura-Hita, Charlotte Foley, Helen Van Mey Gaarden, Tausha Smith
 Absent: Terrie Ewe, Dylan Kingi, Lauren Blake



Back Row: Rory Heslop, Aydon Lee, Ben Roberts
 2nd Row: Christopher McGregor, Johnathon Marris, Tim Lambourne, Huriwhenua Hawira, Jacob Phillips, Ms Carol Gilfillan (Teacher)
 Front Row: Lynnece Martin, Monita Kumaran, Terri Russell, Blair Munroe, Mary-Beth Lim, Marie Hooper, Shirley Pearson
 Absent: Lilly Kaimate, Janeau Moana



Back Row: Suzanne Blacklaws, Lara Brian, Christine Christiansen
 2nd Row: Elizabeth Gaskell, Seong-Ji Ahn, Adam Harvey, Andrew Crawford, Peter Bird, Mrs F Trimmer (Teacher)
 Front Row: Jessica Dudley, Lovisa Brock, Erin Brewster, Harata Cooper-Clark, Alana Beatty, Reina Daji, Taulagia Ah Sui
 Absent: Joshua Barker, Jaye Cavaye-Astle, Danni Sefton



Back Row: Andrew Twiss, Stefan Van Oorschot, Hayden Tupaea
 2nd Row: Nathan Walker, Marc Van der Kwaak, Sam Voschezang, Lukas Schmidt, Ben Williams, Mr V Venimore (Teacher)
 Front Row: Linda Huyn, Tungia Wara, Leah Thomas, Rachel Van Mey Gaarden, Tania Whare, Chloe Sowden, Tamika Wapp
 Absent: Donna Ropiha, Sarah Tonks, James Tupou



Sports Awards 2004



Back Row: Hayley Samuels, Nisha Hardayal, Shannon Russell, Angela Coleman, Te Reremoana Aupouri, Sarah Taylor, Jacqueline Aaron, Hannah Rodgers
 3rd Row: Weropupu Rau, Jacob Smith, Brook Hockey, Paul Helms, Ben Reed, Brendon Rohde, Daniel Jolly
 2nd Row: Tipene Edwards, Joshua Matthews, Elizur Tuungafasi, Gage Thompson, Attul Hardayal, Lucas Flavell-Gallager, Nicholas Herbert, Mr D Cameron (Teacher)
 Absent: Lisa Clayton-Hicks

Potter Soccer Trophy	Most improved player	Adam Harvey
Simpson/Marshall Cup	Overall excellence in Senior Girls Volleyball	Teaana Tearii
College Stationery Cup	Girls Tennis Champion	Lara Brian
Millen Cup	Girls Athletics Champion	Kristy Murray
McKinley/ Spiers Cup	Boys Athletic Champion	Frances Blacklaws
Graham Cup	Boys Tennis Champion	Tim Lambourne
Tauroa Cup	Boys Swimming Champion	John Lockerbie
Cruickshank Cup	Girls Swimming Champion	Tamara Henry
Makan Trophy (Boys Hockey)	Most Improved Player	Jesse Kershaw
Mitchell/Walia Trophy	For Consistent Effort in Boys Hockey	Eukaliti Vaioloti
Lovell/Frame Trophy	Contribution and Dedication To Girls Hockey	Lara Brian
Shirley Cracknell Junior Hockey Trophy	Most Improved Player	Nikki Van Der Kwaak
Manager's Cup	Most Improved Player in 1st XV	Joshua Matthews
Coaches' Cup	Most Promising Player in Rugby	Gage Thompson
Handcock Rugby Trophy	Player who has contributed the most to the 1st XV	Jacob Smith
Miller Netball Trophy	Contribution and Dedication	Erin Brewster
Kelsall Cup	Most outstanding Senior Netballer	Coralie Thompson
Mitchell Cup	Most outstanding Junior Netballer	Elizabeth Stanford
Boxing Assoc. Cup	For excellent participation in Physical Education	Pomare TeAnau
Pinney Sportsmans Cup	For outstanding sporting achievement	Ricki Corban
PTA Shield Champion House for 2004	(Accepted by Sheryl Hindt)	Tawhirimatea YELLOW House

Service & Special Awards 2004

Matts Music Award Cup for Excellence in Music	Reina Daji
Jordan Cup for Service to Music	Sheryl Hindt
Dacre Library Award (Most helpful librarian)	Lisa Sanders
Simon Vare Trophy For endeavour & participation in House competition	Teaana Tearii
Fulton Debating Award	Jimmy Aston
Russell-Wright Service Cup To a junior for service to school and community	Stacey King
Tim Foy Cup The year 10 student, selected by the Dean, for industry, cooperation, service and reflecting the school motto	Heremaia Ellis
Andrew Cooling Memorial Cup For service to school and community	Ricki Corban
Rotary Award for excellence in Whaikorero	Wero Rau
Rotary Award for Leadership in Kapa Haka	Wero Rau
Matete Tupaea Memorial Cup For contribution towards linking school and community	Wero Rau



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Deputy Prefects

Trophies For Deputy Head Students of Tuakau College for 2004

Deputy Head Boy	Ricki Corban
Deputy Head Boy	Jesse Kershaw
Deputy Head Girl	Sheryl Hindt
Deputy Head Girl	Teaana Tearii

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Duke of Edinburgh

Young NZ Challenge - Duke of Edinburgh

Gold Awards

Ricki Corban, Kathryn Lauer, Lucas Flavell - Gallagher, Kristy Murray, Grant Galbreath, Jacob Smith, Jesse Kershaw, Teana Tearii, Rene Van Kan

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Silver Awards

Erin Brewster, Christopher McGregor, Lara Brian, Georgina Rhind, Louisa Brock, Terri Jean Russell, Jaye Cavaye - Astle, Chloe Sowden, Nathan Daley, Leah Thomas, Elizabeth Gaskell, Andrew Twiss, Jared Grainger, Nathan Walker, Rory Heslop, Tania Whare, Marie Hooper, Ben Williams, Tim Lambourne, Scott Woodd

Crest Awards

Silver Erin Brewster, Jaye Cavaye-Astle, Harata Cooper-Clark, Marie Hooper

Bronze Lauren Blake, Kelly Grant, Jordan Cowan, Maree Hatton, Ellen Culbert, Anthony Knight, Samantha Davis, Mark Mitchell, Elizabeth Eyre, Kathie Robinson, Tessa Gaskell, Thomas Williams

Level One Academic Awards

2nd in Food Technology	Jaye Cavaye-Astle
2nd in Maori	Harata Cooper Clark
2nd in Alternative English	Tungia Wara
2nd in Horticulture	Michael Lloyd
2nd in Geography	
Tuakau Lions Club Diligence Award for Year 11	Marie Hooper
2nd in Accounting	Adam Harvey
2nd in Materials Technology	
2nd in Graphics	Linda Wu
2nd in English	
2nd in Science	Lara Brian
2nd in Text Information Management	
1st in Food technology	Alana Beatty
1st in Alternative English	Louisa Brock
1st in Mathematics (ASB Prize)	
Most Excellent Level 1 Mathematician Trophy	Blair Munro
Bell Ryan Cup for Practical Horticulture	Joshua Barker
1st in Accounting	
1st in Economics (ASB Prize)	Nathan Walker
1st in Maori	
1st in Music	
1st in Material Technology (Pukekohe Timber Trophy)	Reina Daji
1st in Geography	
1st in History (ASB Prize)	
1st in Horticulture	
1st in Text Information Management	Chloe Sowden
2nd in Economics	
1st in Graphics	
1st in Art (College PTA Prize)	Suzanne Blacklaws
2nd in Art	
2nd in Math	
1st in English	
1st in Science	
Gwen Barnaby Memorial Cup for Academic Excellence at year 11	Tim Lambourne

Level 2 Academic Awards

2nd in Computing	Tamara Henry
2nd in Electrical Engineering	Thomas Kingi
2nd in Graphics	Denvar Stegar
2nd in Youth Achievement Scheme	Nisha Hardayal
2nd in Maori	Tipene Edwards
2nd in Physical Education	Alana MacKay
2nd in Food Technology	Dana Foley
2nd in Tourism	
Tuakau Lions Club Diligence Award for Year 12	Geogina Rhind
2nd in Chemistry	Chad Morrison
2nd in Horticulture	
1st in Food Technology	
Edwards Passenger Service Award	
Tyson Home Science Trophy	LucasFlavell-Gallagher
2nd in English	
1st in Mathematics	
Most Excellent Mathematician - Level 2 Trophy	
ASB Bank Prize	Frances Cook
1st in Youth Achievement Scheme	Angela Coleman
2nd in Music	
1st in Art	Christina Crosbie
2nd equal in Biology	
2nd in Math	
1st in Horticulture (Wrightson's prize)	Sarah Taylor
1st in Biology	Shannon-Jade Russell
1st in Computing	Brendon Rohde
1st in Graphics	Ricki Corban
1st in Maori	Marama Hawera
1st in Electrical Engineering	
1st in Music	Elizur Tuungafasi
1st in Chemistry (New Zealand Steel Mill Prize)	
1st in Geography (Zitterstain Cup)	Joshua Matthews
2nd in Economics	
2nd in Accounting	
2nd - in Biology	
1st in English (College PTA Prize)	Kylie Nichol
2nd in Geography	
1st in Physical Education	
1st in Physics (Edwards Passenger Service Award)	Jacob Smith
2nd in Physics	
1st in Economics	
1st in Accounting	
Manukau Business School Award	
Wild Cup for Academic Excellence at year 12	Te Reremoana Aupouri

Level 3 Academic Awards

2nd in Biology	Grant Galbreath
2nd in Chemistry	Stacey Munro
2nd in Geography	Duncan Glasgow
2nd in Physical Education	Frances Blacklaws
1st in Physical Education	Kristy Murray
2nd in Physics	
1st in Chemistry (NZ Steel Mill Prize)	Ian Maily
2nd in History	
1st in Biology (College PTA Prize)	Jimmy Aston
1st in Art	
1st in level 2 Tourism	
The Sir George Seymore National College of Tourism & Travel Prize	Teana Tearii
2nd in Math with Statistics	
2nd in Math with Calculus	
1st in Accounting	
1st in Economics (ASB Prize)	Sunny Goo

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Principal's Trophy

Head Boy..... Duncan Glasgow
 Head Girl..... Kathryn Lauer

The Senior Leadership Awards

Bale trophy – Female..... Kathryn Lauer
 Bale trophy – Male..... Ricki Corban

Proxime Accessit Award

awarded to year 13 senior student who finished runner up in over all academic achievement.

2nd in Economics
 1st equal in English (PTA Prize)
 1st in History
 1st in Geography..... Kathryn Lauer
Dux 2004 – awarded to top academic student
 1st equal in English
 1st in Calculus
 1st in Statistics
 1st in Physics (ASB Bank Award)
 Top 5% for Accounting by Correspondence..... Jesse Kershaw

Year 7 & 8 Academic Awards

7BD

2nd for Diligence and Effort..... Khedija Piggott-Toia
 2nd in class..... Megan Hill
 1st for Diligence and effort..... Trent Norman
 1st in class..... Rhyanon Powell

7CK

2nd for Diligence and Effort..... Adam Callaghan
 2nd in class..... Melissa Anderson
 1st for Diligence and effort..... Sarah Gray
 1st in class..... Ashley Walmsley

7GT

2nd for Diligence and Effort..... Braden Gordon
 2nd in class..... David McNelly
 1st for Diligence and effort..... Christopher Hawtin
 1st in class..... Shamrock Ashby

7MF

2nd for Diligence and Effort..... Nikki Van Der Kwaak
 2nd in class..... Shane Ngataki
 1st for Diligence and effort..... Monice Anderson
 1st in class..... Sarah Harry

8MR

2nd for Diligence and Effort..... Julian Takimoana
 2nd in class..... Sammy Jo Rawiri
 1st for Diligence and effort..... Tuhirangi Martin
 1st in class..... Te Maemaerihana Kih

8MD

2nd for Diligence and Effort..... Carolyn Edgecumbe
 2nd in class..... Imogen Ferguson
 1st for Diligence and effort..... Pomare TeAnau
 1st in class..... Johanna King

8LC

2nd for Diligence and Effort..... Chantelle Hartigan
 2nd in class..... Jessica Alderdice-Weller
 1st for Diligence and effort..... Wilfred Robinson
 1st in class..... Christina Cox

8LA

2nd for Diligence and Effort..... Thomas Kanui
 2nd in class..... Elizabeth Stanford
 1st for Diligence and effort..... Tayla Russell
 1st in class..... Liana Coleman

8JG

2nd for Diligence and Effort..... Laura Davis
 2nd in class..... Chantelle Walker
 1st for Diligence and effort..... Dakota Ringrose
 1st in class..... Lisa Hunkin
 TeWhariki Award for Effort and Diligence..... Alex Malloy

Year 9 Academic Awards

9RG

2nd in English..... Kalin-Lee Setchell
 2nd in Science..... Anna Solomon
 2nd in Social Studies..... Hamish Roberts
 1st in Math..... Adam Grant
 2nd in Math
 1st in Social Studies..... Cody Calder
 1st in Technology
 Certificate in Diligence and Effort..... Tamaiti Hira
 1st in English and Science
 1st overall in class..... Cameron Channell

9W

2nd in Math..... Paul Van Der Kwaak
 2nd in Science..... Mikayla Black
 2nd in Social Studies and English..... Jamahl Farrar-Cooney
 1st in English, Math, Science and Social Studies.
 1st overall in class..... Joshua Van den Berg

9FT

2nd in Science..... Mark Hughes
 2nd in English..... Emma Hyde-Richards
 2nd in Technology
 1st in Science..... Rhys Thomas
 2nd in Social Studies and Math
 1st in English..... Amy Carter
 1st in Technology
 Certificate in Diligence and Effort..... Shannon Andrews
 1st in Social Studies and Math
 1st overall in class..... Laura Steger

9GA

2nd in English..... Danielle Phillips
 2nd in Maori..... Tanara Frearson
 2nd in Social Studies, Math and Science..... Dylan Gordon
 1st in Math
 Certificate in Diligence and Effort..... Te Weraahi Edwards
 1st in Social Studies, English and Science
 1st overall in class..... Toby Anaru

9JB

2nd in Science..... Kelly Anderson
 2nd in Math
 1st in Art..... Jessica Bird
 2nd in French and Music
 1st in Business Studies..... Xana Drysdale
 2nd in Technology
 1st in Math and Music..... Kevin Oh





2nd in Health	
1st in Social Studies	
Certificate in Diligence and Effort.....	Alison McGuire
1st in French.....	Heather Gray
1st in Maori	Coralie Thompson
1st = English and 1st in Technology	Tahlia Jones
2nd in Social Studies	
1st = English	
1st Science and Health	
1st overall in class	
Tuakau Lion's Club prize for 1st overall in Year 9	Rachel Harker

Year 10 Academic Awards

10AC

Certificate in Diligence and Effort.....	Shymal Reddy
2nd in Science	Jessika-Lee Harrison
2nd in Social Studies, Math and Food Technology	Kathie Robinson
1st in English	Alice Hulme
2nd in English	
1st in Science, Social Studies and Math	
1st overall in class	Jamie Bruce

10CG

2nd in Music	Troy Shuker
2nd in Science, Social Studies, Materials Technology and Math	Philip Hodgson
2nd in English and Business Studies	
1st in Food Technology and Math	Mark Mitchell
1st in Maori	
Certificate in Diligence and Effort.....	Pikiteora Muru-Hita
1st in Art	Sarah Calder
1st in Music	Zak Haines
1st in English, Science, Social Studies and Materials Technology	
1st overall in class	Boyd Lapwood

10EO

Certificate in Diligence and Effort.....	Larissa Marsh
2nd in English	Irihapeti Frearson
2nd in Science	Michael Qusted
1st in Math	James Grant
1st in Science.....	Shane Martin
1st in Social Studies.....	Abby Box
2nd in Social Studies and Math	
1st in English	
1st overall in class	Olivia Bickley-Barry

10BH

2nd in Science	John Donaldson
2nd in Maori	Heramaia Ellis
2nd in Text Information Management.....	Alexandra Cross
2nd in English, Math, Social Studies and Graphics	Claire Baldwin
2nd in Art	
1st in Graphics.....	Yasmin Smith
1st in Text Information and Management	Shiona Culley
1st in Math and Science.....	Karl Morrison
1st in English, Social Studies and Business Studies	
1st overall in class	
Tuakau Lion's Club prize for 1st overall in Year 10.....	Stacey King

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