



# TUAKAU COLLEGE 2003





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A Cleary - Editor

## COVER ART

This painting is a combination of a manaia (guardian angel) and sea life, with reference to Port Waikato. The manaia has the head of a dolphin, symbolising flight, and three fingers for birth, life and death, with the fourth finger being the cycle of life. The rope twists around the Hector's dolphins and a woven fish caught in a net. The sea horses and shells fall to the bottom onto rocks. On the bottom shell are names of the seven marae to the Port and a map of the Port is in the background.

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BACK COVER ART: Janine Potter, Y13 Art



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Tuakau College is on a real roll. This year we had 571 students on site an increase of 15.9% on 2002. This is the largest the school roll has ever been. Clearly we are being viewed as a school of choice by our local community. Providing the facilities necessary for this roll growth is a real challenge for the BOT. To cope with the roll growth this year the Ministry of Education brought in two new relocatables and to provide a building platform for the future they purchased the house and section at the Buckland Road entrance to the College.

Exam results in 2001 were mixed. The NCEA at level 1 provided us with a wide range of results. Six students got over 130 credits with the highest being 140. At Year 13 we got five bursaries of which three were "A"s.

It has been another good year for sport at the College. Although winning championships proved elusive many of our students made representative teams. Netball has been the growth sport with eleven teams this year.

A highlight of the year was having a number of our Year 9 students appear on the television programme commemorating the 50th anniversary of the climbing of Mt Everest. Another was winning the Year 7 Franklin Mathex title for the fourth year out of seven.

Social high points were the School Ball at the Stamford Plaza and the Graduation Dinner put on by the PTA. Both of these functions gave the students the opportunity to show what fine upstanding citizens they are.

The Kapa Haka group continues to represent us with pride and coped with the many powhiri during the year. Our music awards attracted 75 participants and for the first time in four years we had a school production involving Year 7 and 8 students.

The College's extensive education outside the classroom programme continues to be a feature of the curriculum. Successful camps were held at Years 7, 8 and 10, while the Year 12 ski trip was enjoyed by all. Students continue to enjoy the Duke of Edinburgh scheme which does much to improve the leadership capabilities of our students. A welcome addition to the school programme this year has been the Colenso Club which focuses on environmental issues.

Student behaviour has continued to improve. The staff have worked extremely hard to provide first class learning experiences for the students and given up considerable amounts of their personal time to ensure our extensive co-curricular programme runs.

Leaving Tuakau College at the end of the year will be a real wrench for many students and staff. To those going I wish you all the best and to those returning have a good break with your family and friends.

# BOARD REPORT

2003 has been another good year for Tuakau College. We have the benefits of our current growth, with new buildings being planned and older ones being redeveloped, while we still maintain the good features of being a smaller college, where students are known and supported as individuals.

On the Board of Trustees we grapple with the problems of policy and funding – but these are just details. Above all, we are proud of our College, and proud of all our students. We really do want "The Very Best In All Things" for you all.

To all the students who are returning next year – welcome, and have another good year at Tuakau College. For those facing NCEA and examinations – try hard, and do your best. And to those who are coming to the end of your school days, we wish you the very best in the life ahead of you, and hope that what you have learned at Tuakau College will help you along your way.

R Galbreath



# STAFF



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# HEAD STUDENTS

The year 2003 was to be an eventful year. It was our final year at school – for us it was the end of seven years at Tuakau College. To be selected as student leaders was an honour and we were well aware of the responsibility to the students, school and the local community.

Helping with assembly was a challenge, however as time went by our confidence levels improved. One of our duties was to represent the school at the Tuakau ANZAC parade; we found this to be a moving experience. Our involvement with the Duke of Edinburgh and the outdoor pursuits leadership course helped us to lead by example.

We would like to thank members of the staff, especially Mr Foy for his guidance and support, a special thank you to all the Year 13 students who have been there for us. We have enjoyed our year as Head Students and we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the staff members and pupils a happy and healthy future – remembering the school motto:

Pai rawa atu I nga mea katoa  
The very best in all things

Cameron Spiers, Glenn Walker, Rewi Mark, Ursula Aitken, Linda Voice, Elyse Wootton





# STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

STAFF WERE ASKED TO STATE THEIR HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR. HERE'S WHAT SOME OF THEM HAD TO SAY -

- JF - the powhiri on my first day      NO - meeting my grandchild      JH - meeting the students - at least once a day someone would make me smile
- LK - Harry Potter winning the Book Day competition      CK - the year 7 camp experience
- CP - singing 'Putuputi Kanehana E' with all the staff on Book Day  
- while the school whistled and cheered AND -      GT - celebrating my 20th wedding anniversary  
- seeing a student go up a level in reading and      - as it looked like I wouldn't make it three year's ago  
go out with a great smile of achievement      DL - my holiday in Bali and reports - special!!!!
- SW - being DP for a day      LC - Te Hiria off the dummy and being toilet trained (yippee)  
AND seeing the Silver Ferns beating the Ozzies at the World Champs in Jamaica
- CA - being bus controller makes my day      RH - having a fun filled week      PB - Sheryl Walker's art achievement  
on the Gold Coast in 28 degrees of  
CS/KG - being as silly as we liked on Book Day - Raggedy Ann and Andy      sunshine while it blew and rained in NZ      JC - the bosses shouts, school holidays, new classroom, new everything and the staff waiata Sessions.
- CH - WINNING a 32 week study award for 2004!!!!      RT - finding and OK HOD and December 5 2003!!
- LM - travelling in France, Italy, Greece and Turkey      MD - being hassled by the magazine editor      RG - seeing GH's mending skills - using duck tape on his car engine!!!
- JM - driving a late model Ferrari at high speed!!! - and yet another Holden winning Bathurst
- HS - Year 7 camp - it was fantastic to get to know my students outside the classroom      DT - having fun with students on 'Book Day'      EC - seeing all of 8EC dressed up on Book Day  
- AND I conquered 'Killer Hill'      RI - December 5th 2003
- JG - going to the ASB top scholar luncheon with two very pleasant, focussed mature young women.      BC - rafting down the Tongariro with the Year 12 ski trippers
- LA - Ms Simpson being thrown out of the chalet into -3 temperature by Casey Mills      KS - the Year 13 Leadership course at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre - watching them construct a bridge from rope, carabiners and harnesses, Year 12 Ski Trip - the 'fire-drill' and the rafting.
- AL - the minute that the staff leave, at the end of the year - love the peace and quiet      MN - still waiting!!!
- MR - taking the students to the Tainui Tribal Dance auditions      RW - weekly meetings the staffroom - 3.30 on Fridays      DC - the water main bursting, watching staff dress up in their fantasies (what an odd lot) !!!
- GA - watching Glenn's face when he saw his first live elephant close up      AC - first period Monday morning, last period Friday, Book Day, the Junior music performance, discussions with my Year 12 class and OF COURSE coffee at Kaos with RG and others !!!!!!!      GL - Bob's shout
- TF - the picnic day - a great chance for family and friends to meet      EO - completing my first year of teaching with no big dramas - I'm still here!!!!
- KL - watching the students participate in Book Day characters      GH - beating RT in a running race - he still owes me \$20
- FP - Having staff and students sponsor and support our son so generously - Thank you.      TO - 9CA completing their toothbrush holder project AND seeing Sam in his micro shorts (NOT!!!)
- SC - winning a gold medal at the Masters Hockey Tournament (over 50's!!!!)
- RA - I have so many - thanks kids.

# COMINGS & GOINGS

In the current teaching climate Tuakau is fortunate in the fact that we have experienced a reasonably stable staff over the last few years. However this year, due largely to roll growth, eight new teaching staff joined the school at the beginning of the year. During the course of the year a number have come and gone - some rather quickly - and a small number are moving on at the end of the year.



Here's what they have to say about Tuakau College -

## Comings.....



Judy Clement - Careers Advisor

The staff at Tuakau College are very happy, friendly, supportive and helpful. The students are polite and happy to. I must admit I got lost a lot in the first few weeks. The only negative thing about the College is all the litter!

Janice Howe - Sports Coordinator

Overall Tuakau College seems a relatively easygoing environment. I never thought teachers were normal people when I was at school - but they are! Students have been pleasant, give them a smile and they smile back. I have been most impressed with the organisation and leadership of our Year 12 students. P.S the litter is pathetic.

Kathryn Garthwaite - Head of Department Science

My first impressions are that most students at Tuakau College are helpful and cooperative. Helping on the Year 8 camp was great! Finding out about all the new routines and timetables has been difficult at times. I look forward to that becoming easier in the near future



Sue Askew - Information Technology



I have found Tuakau College very welcoming. Both staff and students are friendly and eager to help out with new procedures and finding my way around. Being an IBM person I have found adapting to Mac computers a little frustrating. I look forward to a year of teaching, happy, motivated and well-behaved students at all levels.

Karen Lapwood - Year 7/8

I have come to Tuakau College after a year's teaching in Manurewa. Returning to Tuakau College has been like a homecoming. It is great to be part of a supportive and positive team. I have been a student, a parent and now a member of staff at the College. Over this period of time the College has developed an encouraging and welcoming culture. I hope to have a long and valuable association with Tuakau College.



## COMINGS & GOINGS CONTINUED

Alison Cleary – Head of English

So far I have enjoyed the warm and friendly atmosphere both in the staff room and around the school. Tuakau College is a lot smaller than the last two schools I have taught in and I certainly know which I prefer!!! I have been impressed by the responsible attitude displayed by the senior students – with particular regard to how they treat the Y 7 and 8 students.

I have particularly enjoyed all the interhouse activities that take place during the year.

While not all of my classes are 'fantastic' some definitely are – and I am fortunate to have some great Year 12 and 13 students to teach.

It is certainly a change for me to see so many 'little people' running around the school. I am looking forward to next year and many more years here!!!!!!

Jenny Forsyth – Year 7

The biggest challenge for me has been getting used to moving every lesson. Coming from a small Y1-6 school I was used to being in the one place!! At least I can say that I had to get to know the layout of the school quickly – and have developed strong arms from lugging all 7CK and 7 MD's books from room to room!!!



Ceridwyn Parr – Reading Specialist

Up over the Bombay Hills, with a look at the fog wreathing itself around the Waikato River as it reaches for the sea, then a drive through misty farmland – that's how my first days at Tuakau College began. It was quite a contrast with my last year amongst the many languages and cultures of Europe, but I was glad to be back, and at Tuakau. When the morning staff meeting began with a waiata, and the playgrounds were full of rugby balls, and netballs flew up outside my classroom windows, I knew I was home.

What have I noticed in my first few months? The way everybody seems to know everyone else, and their big sister, and their auntie down the road, and who used to live in their house. The way some teachers have roads named after them, and some students have parents on the staff. The large number of talented students who can sing and dance and rap and make all manner of music. The enthusiasm for maths competitions, and Duke of Edinburgh, and racing cars. The new ideas which emerge at the school – like the beautiful courtyards with the blue trellis and artwork, and the new buildings for next year. And I am amazed at how much hair wax is used by so many students everyday to keep their hair shiny and sweet smelling!

As the Reading teacher, I work at the far end of the school, in the Learning Support Centre. Sometimes this is very peaceful, and sometimes extremely noisy when sports games are on. It can also be full of the smell of the barbecue on the deck for a successful team, or the aroma of deodorant, as the first fifteen get dressed after a game. I might walk past a small bunch of students singing, or sitting in the sun, or even reading a book. It is especially nice when a student calls out, 'Hello, Ms Parr'. Tuakau College is a good place to feel at home.

Erin O'Sullivan – P.E and Health

As a first year teacher I have had many interesting experiences at Tuakau. I think that the biggest thing for me is the change in cultural experiences that I have had. Before moving here in January I had lived in rural Canterbury all of my life. The town I grew up in is similar in size to Tuakau, but with a marked absence of Maori culture. I know I have struggled with the pronunciation of names and places – but I think I am the better for it. It was hard to move so far away from family and friends but everyone at Tuakau College has made me feel welcome. I have enjoyed my first year teaching and the many experiences that it has brought and am looking forward to next year.

## COMINGS & GOINGS CONTINUED

Damian Cameron

After living and working in London for two years and travelling the world I could not believe I was actually looking forward to returning to Tuakau College. The Tuakau College I remembered was full of friendly faces, students and teachers who always gave a warm welcome and were genuinely interested in who you were and what you were about. I was not disappointed. From the moment I arrived I was welcomed with the customary staff powhiri (some can actually sing!!) and soon found out that I would have to speak at the official school powhiri. A nerve-racking experience for any pakeha. That is what life is all about as far as I am concerned. Experiencing new things and learning along the way.

Other experiences I have enjoyed this year are : Athletics and swimming sports day, Music awards, Coaching the girls 2nd XI to a respectable 3rd in their division, introducing NCEA level 2 Chemistry course, tug of war, staff vs. students sports, 9CA form teacher, Science department, rocky shore trip, Te Kauwhata exchange, Rainbows End with year 9, tramps with the DOE and of course being the school bus controller is definitely a mini highlight at the end of any day...

Seriously though a lot of these events are unique to Tuakau College and give our school the character that was the reason I wanted to come back to work here. My advice to all of you out there is to be proud of your school, take advantage of all the things it has to offer and you will get the most out of your Tuakau College experience.

## .....and Goings

Hayley Smart – English and Economics

Two years after arriving at Tuakau College I am moving onto new challenges and adventures. In my two years I have completed the worst year of any teacher's career (the first), met lots of wonderful people (staff, students and parents) and managed to get married. I have enjoyed my two years and believe that they have prepared me for many more years of teaching. My husband and I intend to travel in 2004 to work and explore and I am looking forward to the many new challenges that we will face.

Robert Taylor – Technology

I first came to Tuakau as a relief teacher in 2001. After relieving at a few other schools it was a relief to find such a friendly and supportive staff. I later applied for a permanent position here. However after two years teaching I have re-evaluated my position and am moving on to achieve new goals in life. I have found that while teachers have a lot to offer to their students, they can also learn from their student's accomplishments. I have enjoyed working at a school that encourages students to follow their dreams and that provides them with such a vast number of activities outside of the classroom.

Ron Allnatt

Beware the man  
Who tries to fit you out in a hat (Black is out of course)  
He rather fancies himself in that  
Besides, He's fitting you out for more than that  
(Sorry Sam)

Mr sound selector, Hook me up to the melody

With these lines I say farewell, not goodbye.  
With these lines I say thanks for the trouble you took  
With these lines we have grown

Ps. See you in Tauranga.

So comes to an end the most enjoyable teaching experience of my life. One would have thought that standing in front of a piano, singing songs in Latin and rowing a boat gently down some weird stream would have been an effective inoculation against ever committing music again...not so. I bought my first record in 1964, and had to walk two kilometres to the neighbours to play it on their phonograph. I learned to play and sing every song on it and at the age of fourteen was invited to play on a Saturday night in local RSA. Hooked for life. Nearly forty years later it has been my privilege to see the same thing happen to students here at Tuakau.



# SWIMMING SPORTS

This event was held on 11th February which turned out to be a great day weather wise, for swimming. The Championship events were held in the morning with over 200 students participating. The competition was good and many good times were swum. John Lockerbie, a new student this year, broke three Junior boys records in the 66 2/3m Freestyle, the 33 1/3m backstroke and the 33 1/3m Breaststroke.

Champions were :

Senior Boys	James Church
Senior Girls	Marama Hawera
Intermediate Boys	John Lockerbie
Intermediate Girls	Simone Bylsma
Junior Boys	Ashley Tava / James Ngatai
Junior Girls	Kiki Taylor

House Results:

1st	Red	237
2nd	Yellow	131
3rd	Blue	128
4th	Green	112

In the afternoon the whole school came down to the pools to enjoy the tabloid events. Great fun and competition was had by all with house results changing on a regular basis. It all come down to the Flying Squad relay which Yellow took out comfortably.

House Results:

1st	Yellow	373
2nd	Green	337
3rd	Blue	305
4th	Red	303

Many thanks to all those parents who supported the events throughout the day.



# ATHLETICS

## Athletics Sports Report

After rained off days, camps and clashes with other dates the College sports were finally held on the 14th March on a day that was perfect for athletics. Competition for House supremacy was fierce during the day with positions close and changing regularly. Some very good performances were recorded throughout the day. In the end Yellow house proved the strongest.

Champions were:

TRACK		
	BOYS	GIRLS
<b>Senior</b>	Cameron Spiers	Kristy Murray
<b>Intermediate</b>	Kevin Hoto / Paul Helms	Tungia Wara
<b>Junior</b>	Manuwhiri Hira	Jessica Hetaraka / Suzanne Blacklaws
<b>12+</b>	Whero Boisen	Rebecca Tava / Sinead Steger
<b>Under 12</b>	Aaron Wallace	Aimee Balle
FIELD		
<b>Senior</b>	Francis Blacklaws	Gaylene Wilson
<b>Intermediate</b>	Tauira Tearii	Reina Daji
<b>Junior</b>	John Lockerbie	Jessica Hetaraka
<b>12+</b>	Gabriel Kelly	Rebecca Tava
<b>Under 12</b>	Tehawata Wallace	Sherry Nehoa

HOUSE RESULTS		
1st	Yellow	946
2nd	Blue	880
3rd	Red	841
4th	Green	829





# YEAR 7 CAMP

On Wednesday the 5th of March our class and ZEO went to camp at Kokako Lodge. From our camp we could see and hear Hunua Falls. On the first day we went on a long four hour tramp. First we went on through a small track then, we went through some private property and up "Killer Hill". It wasn't very long getting up Killer Hill but when we came down it took forever. On the way down a person got three bee stings. When we finally got back to camp we did team building. It was fun but we had to think about things before we did them or else we wouldn't be able to do them. That night some people did the "Burma Trail".

On Thursday we had to get up at 6.30 and go for a run. My shoes got soaked and I got a blister. It was sore. When we got back we had breakfast. After breakfast we did some activities. First we did bush study. We had to draw a tree and answer some questions about it. Then we did kayaking, it was fun and exciting. First we had to get a paddle and helmet, then we had to practice the paddle movement in the car park. Once we had done that we had to pick a kayak. We took our kayak into the water and started paddling up stream. It was fun. Then we had to raft together and then people walked across the kayak, then we played volleyball. The ball went down stream so Martin had to go and get it. It was hard for him, when he got back he was so tired he got a rest.

After lunch we did low ropes, it was fun. First we learnt our strong position and how to spot. Then we did the chicken walk. It was then you walked along two wobbly wires and people had to spot for us. If we fell they would catch us. After that we did the grapevine. We walked across one wire holding onto ropes, people had to spot for us on that too. Not all of us got to go on that so it was a bit of a bummer. Then we did the high ropes. First we did the flying kiwi. That was when one person got pulled up by all the rest of their activity group and they went flying. The other things we were allowed to do were the centipede and the high beam. Once we did that we did abseiling, that was scary. We had to abseil down an eight metre cliff, it was pretty easy after you got started.

When we got back to camp we had some time to play around for a while. Then we had dinner. Then the rest of the people did the Burma Trail. When we went to bed some people from our cabin were talking so they had to do push ups!! In the middle of the night a rat got into our cabin. Yuk!! In the morning we had to go running again. Once we did that we had to pack our bags and have breakfast. After lunch we had to pack our bags into the bus and then we came home FINALLY!!!!!!

# TOURISM TRIP

Year 12 Tourism Trip – Rotorua

With the help of Mr Taylor and Angie, our tour guide from the Sir George Seymour College of Tourism, twenty-six students travelled to Rotorua for a brief, but action packed visit.

After a very early start, we arrived in Rotorua and proceeded to our first hotel inspection – the first of three. At each hotel we were given a tour of inspection. We finally had to settle for the backpackers. Once installed we headed to the Tamaki Brothers production. After a well-presented welcome and a tour of the recreated early Maori settlement, we joined with many overseas tourists for a traditional Maori hangi.

In the morning we headed for the Lake Queen breakfast cruise around Lake Rotorua, once again with another fantastic feed. When we hit the shore we went to the Skyline Adventure Centre for a scary ride in the gondola and some thrill seeking rides on the luge.

All of us thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Esther Harris

# TE KAUWHATA EXCHANGE

This annual event was held on a brilliantly fine day early in Term 2. The largest number of players ever, 290, took part in a range of sports. Our juniors, Year 7 and 8, travelled in two buses to Te Kauwhata while the senior, Year 9 – 13, hosted the visitors at the College. Results are as follows:

## At Tuakau College

1st XV Rugby	Won 26 – 0
Under 15 Rugby	Won 27 – 17
Boys Soccer	Lost 2 – 6
Girls Soccer	Lost 2 – 3
Boys Hockey	Lost 1 – 6
Girls Hockey	Lost 0 – 10
Team 1 Netball	Won 30 – 21
Team 2 Netball	Won 32 – 12
Year 9 Netball	Lost 19 – 22

## At Te Kauwhata

Mixed Golf	Won all matches – 10 players
Year 7 Netball	Won 41 – 19
Year 8 Netball	Won 16 – 13
Mixed Soccer	Won 7 – 2
Year 8 Rugby	Lost 14 – 29
Year 7 Rugby	Won 87 – 7
Year 7&8 Hockey	Lost 0 – 2

The main features of this years exchange were:

- Good spirit and sportsmanship shown by all teams
- The wonderful food provided by Mrs Corban and her team
- A well behaved group of Tuakau College Year 7 & 8's at Te Kauwhata College
- Mr Walia winning the bus race

This exchange is an excellent event and gives a great start to the winter sports season.



# PIOPIO EXCHANGE

This event took place on 6th and 7th August and this year it was Piopio's turn to travel to Tuakau College but they were a much more reduced team than usual. They had no rugby or soccer teams. The roll at Piopio has fallen dramatically in complete contrast to Tuakau College. Nevertheless a team of 46 ventured north to be billeted overnight. The next day started well for Tuakau. We won the debate with a great effort for the first time by Grant Galbreath, Rene van Kan and Jimmy Aston. Our boys and girls hockey teams were soundly beaten by older, more experienced opponents, however our two netball teams proved too strong for Piopio winning easily. Cameron Spiers and Ursula Aitken, our head boy and girl did an excellent job of fronting the exchange. Thanks also go to the Year 12 Catering class for their work in the kitchens. Once again a very successful exchange enjoyed by all.

Brian Cox



# JUNIOR SPEECH NIGHT

MAY 2003

Monday May 26th saw twenty prepared, practiced and confident YEAR 7 – 10 students compete in the Junior Speech Finals. This was the first time the event has been held in the evening.

Seventy parents, staff and students gathered in the school library to hear the finalists – who had made it through the class heats and semi finals. Topics ranged from the light hearted "Three Wishes" through to the more serious "Diet or Die" and "The Dangers of Smoking". A number of Year 11 students also presented their Level 1 NCEA Oral Assessment, to give parents and students an idea of what Junior Speeches lead to.

The audience were impressed by the confidence and manner of the speakers and the judge, Mrs Boyce, found it impossible to separate speakers in two of the categories.

Winners were -

- Year 7 - Zulema Aguilera / Lucy Caldwell 1st equal
- Year 8 - Siobhan Cole
- Year 9 - Stacey King
- Year 10 - Reina Daji / Adam Harvey 1st equal

We are looking forward to another successful evening next year.

Blah blah blah  
blah blah blah Blah  
Blah blah blah  
blah blah

## YEAR 7 & 8 PRODUCTION

This year the Drama Department got up and going with its first production in four years. Fortunately Mr Kasner found an imaginative and challenging script – The Tales of Hans Christian Andersen. As this was only written in 2002, Tuakau College was one of the first schools to present it as an amateur production.

The play consisted of three short tales: The Little Match Girl, The Brave Tin Soldier and The Snow Queen. These tales were brought together in a narrative style, which involved the whole cast telling and acting out these tales.

A tremendous number of students auditioned and the twenty odd that were chosen brought determination and an imaginative spirit to rehearsals. After many weeks of rehearsals the stage was set, the lights were up and we were ready. This would not have been possible without the dedication of director Mr Kasner, stage manager Ms Sharp and assistant Ms Parr, all of whom put many hours into the production.

This was an encouraging return of dramatic productions to the school, and we are looking forward to future productions. So all you aspiring actors, singers and musicians out there keep your ears and eyes open for next year's production.

J Sharp  
Arts Coordinator

# MATHEX

August 2003

As usual Tuakau College held Maths Week at a different time to the rest of the country!! But inevitably a grand time was had by all.

A large number of students and staff took part in the brain teasing mathematical activities and contests that were held over the week (oops – half a week). Students took part with extreme enthusiasm. Questions included such things as "Sunny looked into the paddock with cows and chickens. She saw 32 legs and 11 heads. How many of each are in the paddock". Staff featured in a number of questions – what is the average age of the Mathematics Department? – (physical not intellectual!!). Wanakore Flavell was the big winner of the \$50.00 lolly jar – he correctly estimated the number of lollies in the jar.

However the highlight of the week was the South Auckland Year 7 and 8 Zone Finals of Mathex.

Mention must also be made of Maths Week sponsors – Pak'n'Save, KFC, McDonalds, Casio and Tuakau Video Ezy.

## Franklin Mathex Competition Wednesday 6th August

Teams came from all over the district, from Bombay and Pukekohe to St Josephs and Tuakau. They were all here for one reason; to bring back the title; Mathex Competition 2003 to their schools. In the Pukekohe Town Hall the competition got underway. The Year 7's were first to put their brains to the test. The A team were consisted of Lisa Hunkin, Dakota Ringrose, Alex McLachlan and Thomas Van Kan. The B team were made of Amanda Creed, Vikash Sami, Jamie Tonks and Laura Tuckley. The A team won their trophy with the B team giving it their best shot! Well-done Year 7's.

Year 8 A team were the following: Jessica Bird, Brock Williams, Robert Collins and Corey Burgess. The B team were: Kelly Anderson, Toby Anaru, Alisha King and Michael Williamson. Team A were placed in the top four with team B trying their hardest.

Overall all teams tried their best on the night!





# MUSIC AWARDS



## Tuakau College Music

It has been another year of incredible growth for Music. I would like to pass on my thanks to all the musicians, organisers, parents, teachers and supporters in the community. On reflection my personal highlight has been to work with so many enthusiastic students who inspire everyone around them.

## Music Awards 2003

Over 80 students performed on stage in the Music Awards 2003, and still more were entered for whom we could not provide stage time. With about twenty percent of the school involved in one way or another, it would appear that this event has become part of our College tradition, with a life force of its own. Our thanks go out to all 500 supporters this year. As always, the crucial support of Staff (George you are a legend) was given freely and very much appreciated.

The inaugural Junior Concert was held on a Friday afternoon, before a junior school audience, staff and well-wishers. We were stunned by the professional attitude of all the entrants, and apologise to the groups that were left out of the programme when we ran out of time.

From the Juniors the highlights included Wiremu and Ronald (For The People), Da Crew (original instrumental), Zulema (Sway), Chloe and Elizabeth (Angel), Direct Harmony (When I Come Round), Angels (The Last Goodbye), Cody (City of New Orleans), and Nikitau Tupaea. All were winners in their sections. The overall Junior Prize went this year to Stacey King (Emotions).

The seniors were faced with incredible competition in the vocal sections this year.

Year 10 best vocalist – Jaye Cavaye-Astle

Year 11 best vocalist – Virginia Stanford

Yr 11 best musician – Christina Crosbie

Overall best vocalist – Sheryl Hindt

Best instrumental – Sam Voschezang

Best Intermediate band – Wira Albert and the Mansion Crew

Best Band in School – Sam, Jacob, Elizur, Thomas, Maraekaiti.

Overall best Musician award went to Sheryl Hindt. (Wait until you hear her first CD!!!)



Thanks to Shaun and Ursula for being MC's. Sound mixers were Edi and Emily, and the stage crew were from the best band winners. Behind the scenes, always firmly in charge were Reina, Talya and Shirley. Lighting by Jo. The judges (Scott and Dori) had an impossible mission, yet they sorted the winners out for us. Thanks folks.

## Performances

The Tuakau Public Library was reopened in style to music supplied by Alida, Sheryl and Virginia. (The cards and letters flowed in after your show girls, keep it up).

We had many good nights in Bernados again this year, where senior music students performed regularly to provide a live public venue where performance aspects of the new NCEA course could be completed. (Thanks go out to the staff of Bernados).

The new Music facility has been completed, with four sound-proofed practise rooms and a recording studio. More than sixty recordings have been completed already this year, and it is expected that this facility will get even more use next year.

Ron Allnatt.

# CROSS COUNTRY

The Year 7 and 8 races were held on Wednesday 13th August and the Year 9 – 13 were on Thursday 14th August. Both days were fine and the course was in a dry state (apart from the bogs!). All races produced keen competition with those who had put in the extra effort taking out the major placings.

## Congratulations

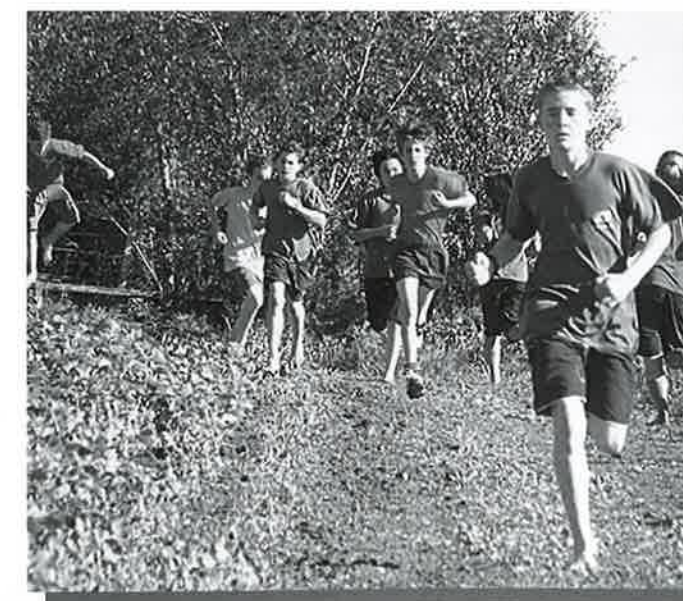
TO THESE RUNNERS:

Junior Girls	Junior Boys
1st Aimee Balle	1st Jesse Birrell
2nd Sinead Steger	2nd Jarrod Hoskins
3rd Zulema Aguilera	3rd Paul Van Der Kwaak
Intermediate Girls	Intermediate Boys
1st Alana Beatty	1st Muir Hamilton
2nd Lara Brian	2nd Ben Williams
3rd Suzanne Blacklaws	3rd Dane Balle
Senior Girls	Senior Boys
1st Kristy Murray	1st Gane Heslop
2nd Samantha Lim	2nd Kevin Hoto
3rd Georgina Rhind	3rd Jeremy Baldwin



## House Points

1st	Blue	778
2nd	Green	668
3rd	Red	594
4th	Yellow	466





# BOOK DAY

Harry Potter meets Pippi Longstocking and the Wicked Witch of the West.

Was this the school pantomime, was it a way out mufti day? Or was it a librarian's crazy dream? No, it was the Tuakau College Book Day. Was it just the students who dressed up? No, it was the teachers too. So what was the idea?

The idea was to find a character from a book and come to school dressed up. So, Bad Jelly the Witch met with Biggles, Ali Baba chatted with Bob the Builder. Winnie the Pooh gallivanted with Huckleberry Finn and Cruella de Vil was delighted to see some Dalmatian puppies all ready to be her next fur coat.

The champion class was 8EC, where Miss Cotton had inspired her entire class to come dressed in character, while she herself was an impressive Captain Holly Short, from the LEPchon Unit, complete with green overalls and silver helmet.

The day began with busloads of colourful costumed characters being decanted on to the school grounds, with giggling huddles of students comparing outfits and complimenting each other. Some costumes were as simple and effective as a black plastic bag for a student at Hogwart's, or swimming togs for Captain Underpants. Some were as elaborate as full make up, wigs and hired ensembles. Harry Potter's pocket crest design had even been downloaded from the web, to guarantee authenticity, and real straw trailed along behind Ms Tyson, dressed as the scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz.

There was a parade across the stage for all Year 7 & 8 students, and loud applause for the line up of winning characters: Leo Tini, Lucy Caldwell, Shane Dunsuir, Oliver Smith, Jeremy Wigg, Imogen Ferguson and for the overall winners of the day: Ronald Te Purei as Harry Potter and Farrin Cox as a very floppy eared Dalmatian puppy.

Some people managed to stay in costume all day. Maybe they were looking forward to next year's Book Day - which will be even better. Perhaps there will be competitions and a street parade - who knows?

Ceridwyn Parr



# SKI TRIP

One by one we all arrived at school to depart at 8am, we had a long day ahead of us. After five or six hours of travelling on the bus and a few stops along the way we finally arrived at Mt Ruapehu. As soon as we started, what would become a rather strenuous hike, all gear intact, we could feel the cold hit us. We were all relieved when our chalet was in sight, which would become our temporary home for the next four days. After a much needed relax we all went outside and attempted to snowboard, some being better than others, although most of us resorted to falling on our backsides to stop!

The next day we were disappointed to hear that the ski field was closed due to bad weather. Of course Mr Cox came to the rescue and organised for all of us to go white water rafting. It was a really enjoyable experience, although one person (who would like to remain anonymous) fell out of the raft twice, and broke a paddle in the process. We then had a hot swim at a nearby hot pool and headed back to the chalet.

On Wednesday the weather hadn't really improved, however most of us were keen to go out and test our skills. Whatever skills we had. We all went to a practice area and utilised a rope tow that made things easier, although a bit painful on our hands. Flags were set up that we had to manoeuvre ourselves around, something that not all of us achieved. After we felt comfortable with our level of snowboarding and were game enough, we challenged the slopes. The café was a temporary stop for most to enjoy hot food and drinks and a place to avoid the deteriorating weather. As snow was falling, hail was hitting us with abrupt force, causing much discomfort. The weather got the best of us, and gradually all of us made it back to the chalet, though a few of the boys were making the most of the experience and withstood nature's forces. That night a pool tournament was organised. A few teams conceded victory by simply missing the 8 ball, or getting snookered, a very disappointing defeat indeed. When it came to the final Mr Cox and Amanda took it out after many well played games.

Thursday morning began with an unwelcome greeting. Ms Simpson persisted in having a fire drill the night before, and her wish was granted. The weather was once again very poor. We were all stuck indoors where most of us engaged in card games and just lounged around the chalet. In the late morning we had got an all clear for whoever wanted, to go down to Happy Valley and snowboard. The people that remained were responsible for cleaning up the chalet. In the early afternoon all of us left the chalet. It was time to leave. We lugged our bags down the mountain and felt the brunt of the treacherous weather. Many of us were disappointed about leaving a day early. After a bit of moaning and whingeing we arrived at Taupo where we had a swim. We were then let loose in the town centre to have dinner. All of us got back on the bus and prepared for the long journey home. Entertainment was provided courtesy of Ms Simpson with her very own unique version of Whitney Houston's 'I will always love you'. The girls sang and played Chinese Whispers to pass the time, whilst the boys listened to music and decided to play dares amongst themselves.

Although we had experienced the worst weather in 20 years, the food was good and I'm sure everyone would agree that it was a memorable experience.





# SPIRIT OF NZ

I didn't really know what to expect. When I first saw the ship I didn't believe that all 54 of us were going to be able to fit inside it. The first task I had to complete was to climb the mast of the square sails - I missed my footing on the way down and received the ultimate 'wedgie' of a lifetime!!! The daily routines involved exercise activities, cleaning and cooking tasks, games, discussions and eating. It took a while to get used to the 'boating' jargon of the ship - we learnt about the colours, the weather, and the parts of the ship, navigational skills ... the list goes on.

During my ten days on board I took part in some truly wonderful experiences - 'cold morning swim' springs to mind. After the first rush of enthusiasm for this, the freezing water meant that the novelty quickly wore off!! Highlights would have to include - dolphins riding next to the boat and whales visible in the distance at the Moehau Peninsular, steering the boat from Great Barrier to Port Fitzroy, NOT being sick in the rough weather on route to Kawau Island and the fashion 'swing dip'.

This was the most ultimate, memorable adventure that I have ever experienced. Being on the crew was like being part of a community. If the opportunity comes your way - grab it with both hands.

Casey Mills

## MAKO KAI - SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND CHALLENGE 2003

Ten Year 10 students sailed on the Spirit of New Zealand for five days in November.

Chloe soon discovered that she didn't have a good memory but could solve how to move a bucket filled with water using ropes in a trice. Her leadership style went from "who would like to" to "you two! - pull on this rope". Scott jumped off his motorbike and on to the ship without missing a beat. He did everything and more. His morning swim lasted the longest and so we wouldn't be beaten he stood up and rowed us to victory in the whaler. Jared's miss-spent youth was revealed as he hopped (on a floatation buoy) and flew down the hill. His sense of humour was a valuable asset as we battled defeat for two days. Christine saved the ship! On night watch duty she raised the alarm as a yacht drifted too close and the engineer had to be woken to shift the ship. Wira's strength was tested and tested again. The first mate wanted him drug tested after winning the shot put (throw the sea boot!) event. He led the team in the boat capsize event, dragging bodies up onto the overturned boat to complete the flip. He won the Captain's admiration (and his chocolate) for his guitar playing. Alana could coil rope faster than a rattlesnake. She helped teach the group their knots. She led the group with her 2 6 heave! - lending a hand when the heave wasn't quite strong enough. Tim - we won't mention the Olympics - but he definitely needs to improve his aim as he tried to fill a bucket swinging from the bowsprit. His positive attitude kept the team working as a team. Michael, after narrowly escaping being eaten alive by the anchor chain, very quickly had the mechanisms of sailing worked out and was there every time a pair of hands were needed. Tungia's skipping ensured a win in the Olympics. "LOVELY" a team member was heard to remark. Even the morning swim didn't seem to wake Tungia up but she soon rallied and was always ready to face the next challenge. Harata was a great team member who was willing to give everything for the team effort even stripping off items of clothing to win a challenge! Her smile and confidence grew as the voyage progressed. Catherine did the morning swim even if she couldn't get up the rope ladder the first morning. She climbed the rigging but she does need to keep her mouth shut when Mako Kai completed the challenges.

# REPRESENTING NEW ZEALAND

## WHAT A BUZZ!!

I represented New Zealand at the Australian Mini Stock championships and the Australia versus New Zealand Challenge in March this year. This meant 10 days off school to do what I love most - racing mini stocks. Our team consisted of six drivers who ranged from 14 to 16 years old.

The competition was held at the Quit Motorplex outside Perth. You have to see those facilities to believe them. Our speedway racing runs on a shoe string budget compared to what our Australian counterparts are used to.

We were provided with donor cars in Australia. Again nothing like what we race here in New Zealand. As the top New Zealand competitor they had painted my car black and white with the number 1. We were given 2 hours practice in our donor car three days before the big night. During that time we had to try and get the best from a car we did not know and had to learn a whole new set of racing rules.

The big night was spectacular. There was an overwhelming 20,000 spectators (we only dream of that many watching in New Zealand) and the racing also went out live on the Internet. The local Maori culture group brought us onto the complex, and then we were first up.

The racing was quite different to what we were used to but we gave them a good go. One of our team members even broke the complex's lap record. We lost the Australia verse New Zealand challenge by 5 points. In the Australian Championships I was 8th from a field of 30 - the first New Zealander. The whole experience was awesome and representing your country - well I can't express how I feel about that.

New Zealand Achievement this year

1st Auckland championship

1st Waikato championship

2nd King Country championship

Ricki Corban





# HOUSE REPORTS

## GREEN HOUSE

Green House has had a trying year! We've tried our best to win with some outstanding individual performances but have yet to reach the dizzy heights of the winner's podium – but on the other hand we weren't last all the time!!

Green house staff has remained static over the past 10 years but we were pleased to have some new blood this year in the form of Mrs Lapwood.

Desiree Horlacher, Ana Topou and Kelly Davidson proved themselves fine leaders for green house, organising relay events at the swimming sports and athletics.

The Wallace boys in Year 7 proved themselves as excellent athletes at the beginning of the year while Paul Helms and Francis Blacklaws performed well for the seniors.

Suzanne Blacklaws and Ben Williams did green house proud in the intermediate section, particularly in the cross country.

Green house experienced its share of success with a great team effort in the tabloid swimming events. The human bridge was particularly well done with Ana Tupou lending some girl power to support all the brawn we could muster in the form of Quinn Lapwood, Cory Woodd, Duncan Glasgow, Ian Mailley and others.

GIVE IT HEAPS GREEN – 2004 IS OURS FOR THE TAKING!



## YELLOW HOUSE

House Leader  
Shaun Hindt

House Staff: Whaea Jacques,  
Mr Hucker, Whaea Lee,  
Mr Din, Mr Allnatt,  
Mrs Smart, Ms Gordon.

Yellow house has had a proud history of challenging other houses with integrity, determination and competitiveness.

This year we would continue with those virtues but up the tempo on student participation. The staff and senior leaders of our house realised right from the beginning we had a good chance of taking the House Trophy off Red house. These guys have held the trophy for years and if any other house had a better chance to win this year it would be us – Tawhirimatea (God of raging storms) – good ole YELLOW.

House meetings were important in our bid to win. During these times, we constantly talked about high participation, being actively involved, encouraging others and getting out there and giving it your best.

Our junior students gave it heaps this year. They constantly put themselves forward, entering in as many events as they could possible manage. Slogans like 'we can do it' 'lets kick butt' helped keep motivation high within the house and encourage students to actively participate in all events.

Senior House Leader – Shaun Hindt along with his generals relentlessly got involved in all aspects of building house spirit and assisting with organisation.

As the year draws to an end, I would like to thank everyone who has made a positive contribution towards our house. Your efforts have been much appreciated by all - if lucky, lets hope we have been successful in taking out the House Trophy for 2003.

# HOUSE REPORTS CONTINUED

## THE RED HOUSE REPORT

"WE'RE RED BLOODED - BLOOD BROTHERS  
+ WE KNOW WE'RE BETTER  
THAN THE OTHERS!!!!"

### OBITCHUARY NOTICE

Ron Allnatt  
Rob Taylor  
Bob the Builder

"Later losers!!  
ya should have been in  
RED house!!"

We all say its great to be winners + WE SHOULD know cos we've won the cup for the past 20 years!!!

Red House has ALL the best looking teachers:

Matua George  
Coxie  
Whaea Ma  
Pammy Barber  
Mouthy Simpson

the other house teachers are not only dead ugly BUT the dress funny too!!!

## Blue House - Tangaroa



This year has been a very challenging and a very fun year for Blue House. I was amazed to see the amount of participation by all the youngsters in each competition that was held.

Athletics day would have been the highlight of the year for us. This was because we had a group of Japanese exchange students join our school for the day and cunningly enough, a bunch of Blue House members wrote 'blue' all over them in paint, in order to score us some extra points. Unfortunately some of the teachers from the other houses got jealous and made sure the officials regarded them as being 'purple'!!

Fortunately we took out cross-country, as we always do, and almost came first in the Tug-O-War. Although I must the whole seven years I have been at this school, Blue House has never won the end of year trophy. I think that if there was a trophy for good sportsmanship then blue house would win it every year!

I'd like to wish Blue House all the best for next year and the years to come and I'm looking forward to the day when Blue wins the end of year trophy.

Linda Voice

GO BLUE!!!

## CHAMPION HOUSE 2003

Events held this year were – Tabloid Swimming, Championship Swimming, Athletics, Tug –o- War and Cross Country.  
In the closest competition in years – only 1 point separating each of the house placings - placings were :

1st Yellow, 2nd Red, 3rd Blue, 4th Green



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH 'YOUTH CHALLENGE' AWARD 2003

Congratulations to Ursula Aitken and Cameron Spiers for attaining Gold! A well deserved accomplishment. A big personal thank you from me for your participation and dedication over the years.

Congratulations to:

Te Rere Aupouri  
Cory Woodd  
Sam Deihl  
Jacob Smith

Connie Aitken  
Wero Rau  
Denver Stegar  
Kylie Nichol

Alana Mackay  
Shannon Russell  
Hannah Rodgers  
Lucas Flavell-Gallagher

All these students attained their Silver award in wet, windy and appalling conditions and no doubt will be one of their favourite memories of Tuakau College.

The scheme is as healthy as ever, the skills and experiences the students have are life long and will hold them in good stead in the outdoors.

Yet again a huge thank you to Mike Carter (what a legend) for his tireless leadership, to Miriam Phillips for her assistance and to the many parents who helped, in particular Lynn-Marie Woodd.

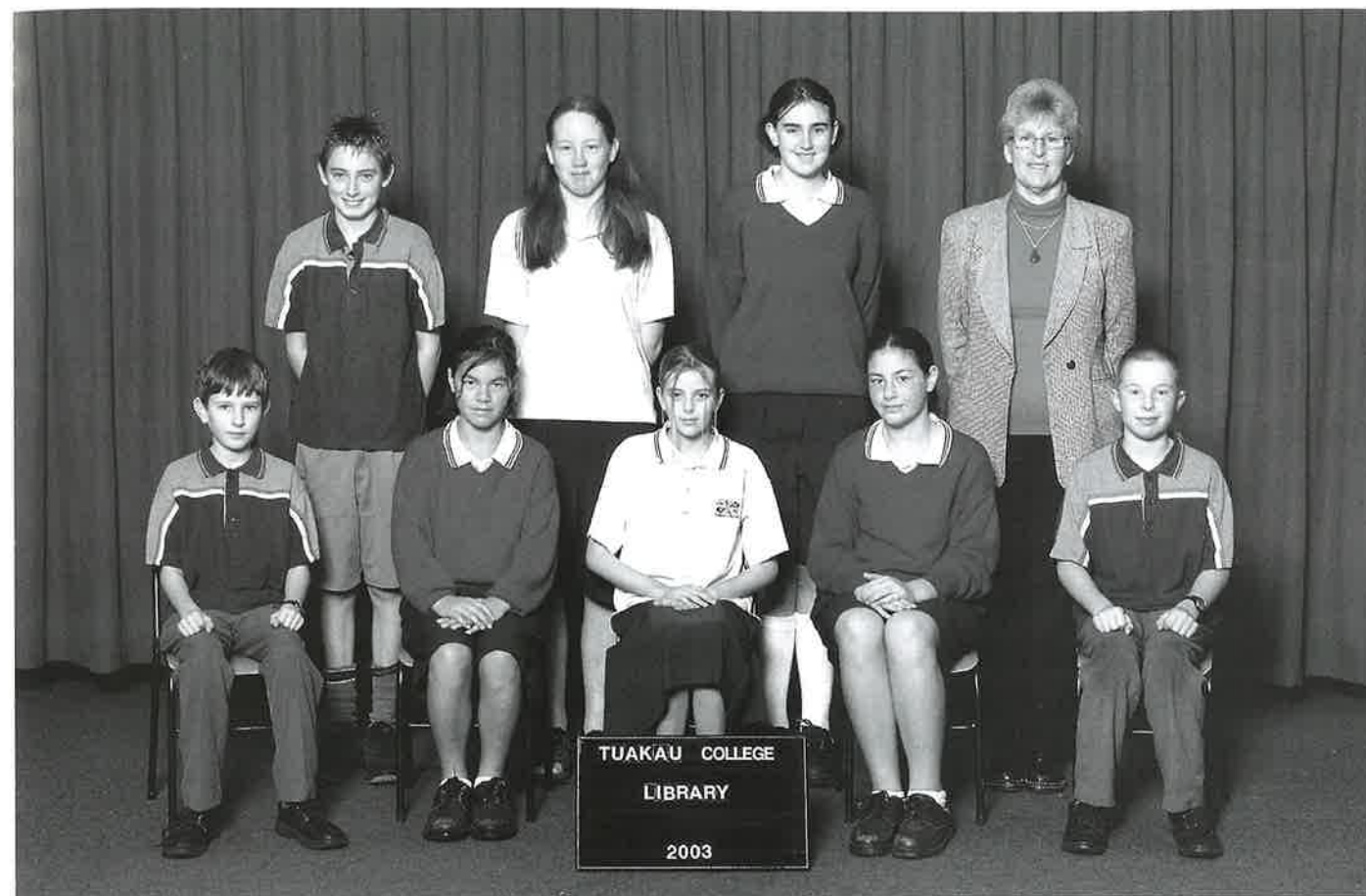
2004 Gold participants will be heading to the Urewera's to navigate Lake Waikaremoana early next year.

I am looking forward to 2004 – it's amazing how quickly you forget how high those hills are!

Keril Simpson  
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



# LIBRARY REPORT



Well it has been another good year in the library. Life is definitely getting busier!! More students, more classes using the library and it is even more popular at lunchtimes. All good news.

The younger students have always made good use of the books and this year has been no different. In fact the statistics show that by the end of the year books borrowed will have exceeded last years figures by quite a substantial amount. This year has seen the school being pro-active in literacy and I am sure that these figures reflect the success we are having in this area. School library helpers – what would I do without them? We have had a few comings and goings but I am pleased to say that there is now a core of largely junior students that have made it work. We value these young people and they do make a difference in the library.

Midway through the year saw us hosting a meeting for all Librarians in South Auckland schools. I am pleased to say that they were impressed with our library and had nothing but praise for the wonderful art work that is on display.

I am looking forward to 2004 and with the enthusiastic support of Mrs Cleary I am sure it will be another successful year.



# BLUE LIGHT CAMP

On the 30th and 31st July, Nathan Daly, Michael Lloyd, Ben Williams, David Ward-Allen, Qasim Din, Reece Te Namu, Tuahae Aupouri and I had the privilege of attending the Bluelight Camp at Camp Morley near Clarks Beach. While we were there we solved lots of mental challenges like suspending twelve nails on one other nail and stopping an egg from cracking from three metres with only twenty straws and a metre of tape.

We also did the trust walk. This involved having someone else as your eyes and going down the steps and along the beach. We got up and went for a walk to the end of the beach at 7.15am. We also played volleyball in the mud and we beat the other team 31 – 27. Overall it was neat experience and I learnt a lot of new skills.

Scott Woodd

# COLENZO

Colenso Club is a new environmental group that has been established this year at Tuakau College. It is voluntary club for students of any year level. You just have to be interested in finding out more about conservation and environmental issues to join this club.

Each term a trip was organised. During Term 1 we travelled into Auckland and joined the Dolphin Explorer crew. This is an organisation dedicated to dolphin research. For five hours we travelled around the Hauraki Gulf searching for dolphins. Although none were seen everyone had an enjoyable time and we will visit the gulf again next year and join the search.

Term 2 we assisted the Department of Conservation planting trees on Motutapu Island. We joined 70 other volunteers and spent an enjoyable day planting a variety of native species. The weather was perfect and we helped to place 4000+ trees, surpassing expected targets. The Motutapu Restoration Trust were delighted with the progress made on the day and all the Colenso members who attended were individually emailed later to thank them for their efforts.

During Term 3 meetings were held with the Franklin District Council and a long-term project was developed where the Colenso Club will assist the parks division of the council with future development of the Les Batkin Reserve.

Term 4 the group visited the Miranda Naturalist Trust and listened to a lecture by the trust manager on bird migration and the importance of the Thames Estuary for migratory birds. This was then followed by a visit to the bird sanctuary to investigate a hide. The day ended with a visit to the local hot pools.

If you are interested in joining the environmental group watch out for meeting times and venue in the school daily notices.

K Garthwaite



# KAPA HAKA

## ROOPU KAPA HAKA

The Roopu Kapa Haka began the year by welcoming all the new arrivals to the College – new students and teachers. The main role of the Kapa Haka this year has been to welcome visitors to the school. As usual they have carried out these duties with honour and dignity. There have been several powhiri to Japanese exchange groups which have been enjoyable for both the Kapa Haka and the visiting parties.

The Kapa Haka began the year with approximately sixty students. With such a large number it has been difficult to hold regular practices due to all the other commitments that the students have. Nevertheless the Kapa Haka Roopu have done our school proud in the manner that they have conducted themselves during 2003. Kia ora rawa atu ratou.

Next year we hope to have completed our new kapa haka uniform, which we will wear proudly in future competitions.

Nau mai haere mai ki te awhina.

Whaea Mahia





# YEAR 13 PROFILES

Name: Ursula Waimaria Aitken  
 Nickname: Ursh  
 Quote: "I've got soo may assignments!"  
 Proposed career: Careers advisor / counsellor  
 Probable career: Supervisor at checkouts at The Warehouse.  
 Highlights: Being able to tick up @ the canteen, being caught wagging school by Mr Foy, when the huge swarm of bees attacked the school.

Name: Nick John Baldwin  
 Nickname: Nickee  
 Quote: "Are you talking to me?"  
 Proposed career: Counsellor / Mechanical Engineer  
 Probable career: Milkman  
 Highlights: Ski - trip, going up a one way street the wrong way on one of our typical road trips.

Name: Carrida Ann Blennerhassett  
 Nickname: "Portarican"  
 Quote: "What's happening this weekend?"  
 Proposed career: Top manager at the Sheraton Hotel.  
 Probable career: Beverage taster  
 Highlights: Sophie being drownded in the pool, school being shut down because of water problem.

Name: Kelly Alexis Davidson  
 Nickname: Smelly Kelly  
 Quote: "..... you guys."  
 Proposed career: Science stuff  
 Probable career: Pump gas at Shell  
 Highlights: Any sports days, special events (cause I was not there).

Name: Sophie Fraser  
 Nickname: Sheep Dog  
 Quote: "Not, I'm a punk"  
 Proposed career: Philosopher  
 Probable career: Librarian  
 Highlights: Moving to Tuakau and mud fights on cross country.

Name: Jane Shirley Gore  
 Nickname: Jayne  
 Quote: "Elise tell me the answer."  
 Proposed career: Vet nurse  
 Probable career: Pokeno bacon eater  
 Highlights: No, I'm brunette now!!!

Name: Kieran Allen Gussey  
 Nickname: Gussey  
 Quote: "Yo' Cruz"  
 Proposed career: Kindergarten cop  
 Probable career: Looking after babies  
 Highlights: OPC, Duke of Ed Bronze, Silver, Year 10 camp and kicking it with the bros.

Name: Shaun Jacob Hindi  
 Nickname: Horn BepBep  
 Quote: "Well when yo' ve got a face like mine..."  
 Proposed career: Kiwi idol  
 Probable career: Male model  
 Highlights: Rarotonga, the ball and search for a supermodel.

Name: Desiree Horlacher  
 Nickname: Des  
 Quote: "It's time to move on."  
 Proposed career: Child psychologist  
 Probable career: Student for life  
 Highlights: Holidays.

Name: Douglas Charles Hughes  
 Nickname: Little rope  
 Quote: "Where are you's going? Can I come?"  
 Proposed career: Field Marshall  
 Probable career: HOD at Winz.  
 Highlights: OPC, Athletics, Kapa Haka Nats, Year 10 Camp

Name: Nick James Lochore  
 Nickname: Nick  
 Quote: "...I don't have one."  
 Proposed career: Accountant  
 Probable career: Rubbish Man  
 Highlights: Playing pool and Accounting

Name: Rewi David Mark  
 Quote: "Hey bro."  
 Proposed career: Police officer  
 Probable career: Running from the cops.  
 Highlights: Raro trip, Ski trip, OPC, rugby and all my mates.

Name: Kiri Moana MacDonald  
 Nickname: Kiribarti  
 Quote: "You're so mean!"  
 Proposed career: Counsellor  
 Probable career: Cleaner  
 Highlights: Year 10 camp, ski trip, Rarotonga and 10AT and bunking Mr Ramsey's maths class.

Name: Michael Ngatai  
 Nickname: Chord  
 Quote: "Don't do drugs."  
 Proposed career: Computer technician.  
 Probable career: ??????????????  
 Highlights: Playing pool in the common room.

Name: Janine Potter  
 Nickname: J 9  
 Quote: "It's a big poo"  
 Proposed career: Artist  
 Probable career: Family with 5 kids  
 Highlights: Receiving an ASB Scholarship

Name: Michael Christian Rohde  
 Nickname: Rhodster  
 Quote: "I don't know!"  
 Proposed career: Air force  
 Probable career: Trolley boy at Pak 'n' Save

Name: Cameron John Spiers  
 Nickname: Cam  
 Quote: "Sass it up"  
 Proposed career: Physical trainer in the air force.  
 Probable career: successor of Rambo.  
 Highlights: Rarotonga trip, ski trip, being named head boy and OPC.

Name: Shanah Tini  
 Nickname: Baby girl  
 Quote: "Faggot!"  
 Proposed career: Lawyer  
 Probable career:  
 Highlights: Bunking Mr Ramsay's class and the Rarotonga Trip

Name: Linda Jane Voice  
 Nickname: Lindy loo  
 Quote: "But Josh said..." "I'll ask Josh first."  
 Proposed career: Tour guide.  
 Probable career: Crew trainer at Mc D's  
 Highlights: Rarotonga, OPC, Tourism Trip, the Ball

Name: Ana Fohua Kihe Lotu Ve - Tupou  
 Nickname: Ana Toups  
 Quote: "Man, I'm tired."  
 Proposed career: Travel consultant.  
 Probable career: Checkout Operator at Pak 'n' Save.  
 Highlights: Rarotonga.

Name: Glenn Trevor Walker  
 Nickname: Ginis  
 Quote: "School stand" "Hey Cam"  
 Proposed career: Dive instructor.  
 Probable career: DOE co - coordinator.  
 Highlights: OPC, Rarotonga, ski trip and the fact that everyone became good friends and anything to do with DOE.

Name: Jacqui Raewyn - Ann Wright  
 Nickname: Jax  
 Quote: "Can Jamie come?" "I'm going home."  
 Proposed career: Vet nurse.  
 Probable career: McLeod's daughter.  
 Highlights: 7th form ball, OPC and that everyone got along.

Name: Elyse Wootton  
 Nickname: Moana Lysa  
 Quote: "What! I don't understand!"  
 Proposed career: Artist.  
 Probable career: Beach bum.  
 Highlights: The Ball and that everyone got along.

## WHAT SOME OF THEIR TEACHERS HAD TO SAY ABOUT YEAR 13 2004 -

They come into Rm 15 eagerly each lesson, willing to soak up knowledge, oozing with enthusiasm .....and then I woke up!!!!

Seriously a great bunch of students - some fantastic leaders, excellent sports people, talented scholars, interesting conversationalists and some clothes hangers!!!!

Good luck for 2004  
 A Cleary

Golf expeditions and getting to know my fantastic class as well as my students getting better results than the other school we were working with have been my highlights of this year's Year 13.

E O'Sullivan

My highlight of Year 13 would have to be the entertaining and amusing assemblies with the mixed up models - as well as the many amusing common room stories that I have heard!!

H Smart

I have been most impressed with the prompt, enthusiastic, efficient way they have always turned up to the end of term room clean ups - especially when compared to form meetings!!!

However Year 13 have been a positive and friendly group of students who I have enjoyed working with.

J Geraghty

Year 13 - yes, they were an interesting bunch!!!

R Gordon



# LEADERSHIP CAMP - OPC

## SIR EDMUND HILLARY OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE

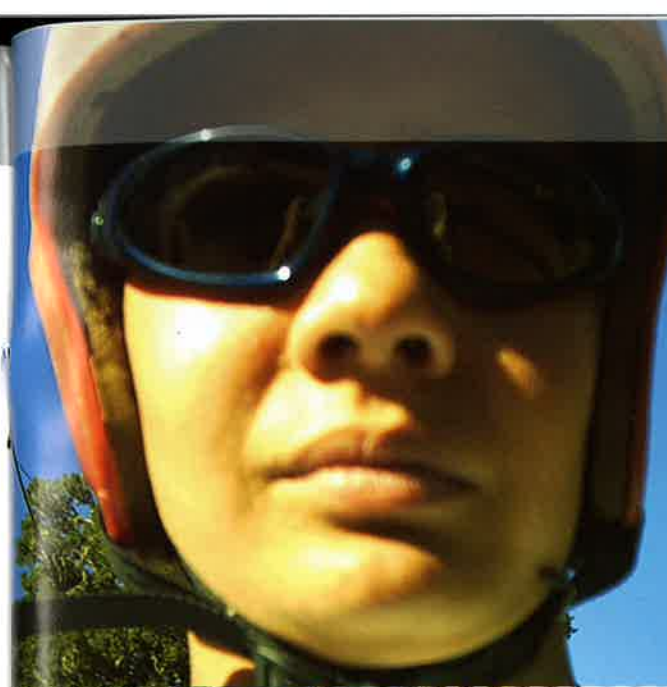
Ten Year 13 students took part in this leadership course early in the year.

This personal development programme involves taking part in outdoor activities such as bushcraft, navigation, kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling, skiing, camp craft, caving and mountaineering.

All participants work together in a group during the programme, learning about the environment, teamwork, communication decision making, accepting challenges, facing fears and above all else that life is a fun filled adventure.

All the Year 13's who attended thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Their highlights included:

- jumping off the 15 metre high platform during the high ropes course - WHAT A RUSH (Glenn)
- abseiling down to do gorging and the 15 metre jump - the OPC course certainly brought the group together and taught me valuable leadership skills (Cameron)
- the caves, the freezing water, the 15 metre swing, convincing new people that Ms Simpson really was 'skitzo' (Doug)
- definitely the HUGE rope swing - and the freezing gorge (Ursula)
- as well as the swing and gorge, the huge amounts of food that Cameron and myself consumed (Rewi)
- Jacob's ladder was my highlight - an awesome experience (Kieron)
- the wetas at the end of the caving experience and the hole in the rock in the gorge - it really gave me an adrenalin rush (Linda)
- the scariest moment was the sight of the huge brown wetas and the 10 minutes it took for me to jump off the rope swing (Elyse)
- playing spotlight with Ms Simpson - she was terrified (Jayne)
- I can't really say that I had one highlight - being made to have a go at everything made me get over some of my fears (Jacqui)









# SCHOOL BALL

This year the ball was held at The Stamford Plaza on the 5th July.

We walked in to the Plaza at 6.50pm through huge doors under three ballooned archways. The room was surrounded by mirrors, was dimly lit and silver snowflakes hung from the ceiling. Purple, silver and blue helped create our – Winter Wonderland.

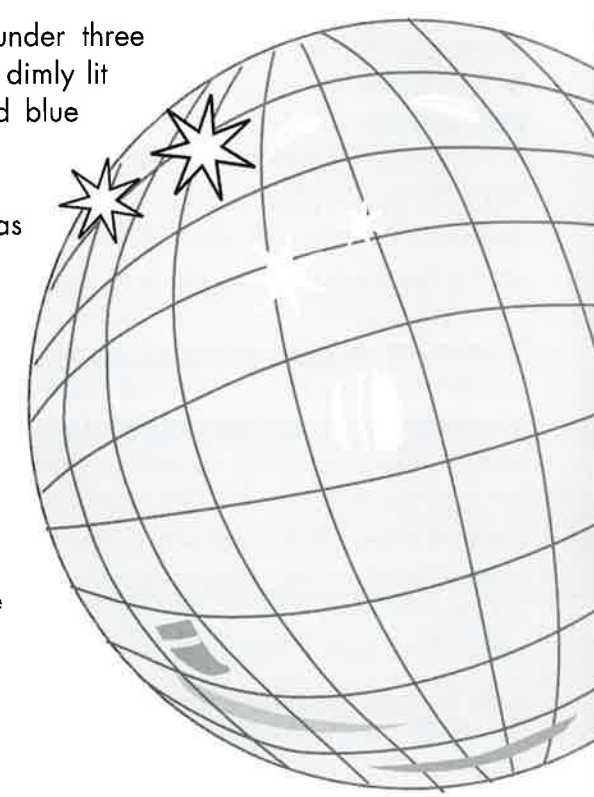
The music was a mixture of old and new songs. The buffet was tasty and there was heaps of it!

Shaun Hindt won best male dancer, Teanna Teari won best maiden. Joey Brown was King of the Ball and Kathryn Lauer was the Queen. Lucas Flavell-Gallagher was voted 'Slickest fella'.

The evening was enjoyed by all and made all the hard work and missed classes worthwhile!

A big thank you to Mr Cox and everyone who supported the raffle, sausage sizzles and stock takes.

Elyse, Jacqui and Jayne.



# DANCE PERFORMANCES

This year a number of students have taken part in regional dance competitions.

Tungia Wara was selected, with fourteen others, from over one hundred students, to be part of the Tainui Tribal Challenge. The dance challenge brings together six tribes from around the country and is televised on TV 2's Maitime. The group put in many hours of practise with a professional choreographer in order to be ready for the big day. It was an exciting and tiring experience and Tungia is looking forward to being involved in future challenges.

Jaleeza Panapa, Tungia Wara, Letitia Boisen and Leana Willcamp also took part in pre match performances for the New Zealand Women's Rugby League Team. This was also an exciting experience which would not have been possible without the support of parents. A special mention must go to Jaleeza's parents, whose business - Supa Prints – donated team uniforms.





# SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

This is my first year at Tuakau College as sports co-ordinator and I have been very impressed with the level of participation from students at Tuakau College. For a role of 560 students we had two boys rugby teams, one girls rugby team, two girls soccer teams, one boys soccer team, two girls hockey teams, one overflowing boys hockey team and eleven netball teams.

In one day events, you name it we played, from Moto-X to orienteering and there were still events out there that we did not enter. The opportunities out there are vast, including wind surfing, road cycling, and out rig canoeing. Time and resources are such that we could not possibly do absolutely everything, as much as I would have loved to!

My philosophy is participation and exposure - and winning is the icing on the cake. Along with a great number of students taking part in sport, Tuakau College also had some great results. The accolades are so numerous that we would need a whole magazine to write everything down.

Thanks just do not say enough to the students, parents and staff who gave of their time to coach, manage and support on the sideline. Just last night I was on the phone to parents asking for assistance. All the parents were busy working however a grandmother was available. Awesome!! Since our students are really still children they do need as many adults as we can get behind them.

I've had many more laughs than grumps with the students. I can honestly say that someone puts a smile on my face at least once a day. I see a mountain of talent at Tuakau College, Without even trying too hard we have some of the best talent in Franklin. Sometimes if students told themselves they were the best and believed it we would have some of the best in Auckland, North Island, New Zealand!

Not quite time to sit back yet. Term four includes volleyball, touch, tag, sports exchanges, special needs events, intermediate athletics.... The mind begins to boggle!

Janice Howe  
Sports coordinator

## TUAKAU NETBALL

Well it is finally all over for absolutely everybody. We made it!

Team one and Team two represented the College well in the finals both coming runners up in the B grade and the C grade. I wasn't even coaching let alone playing and I was really nervous! Team seven played in the runners up final although we don't quite know how it got to that. They managed to pull back some points but went down in their 3rd grade game. Teams nine, ten and eleven came close to play offs which is a great feat considering the scratchy start to the season with this, that and the other. Coaches for these teams will know what I am talking about!

To our senior students who took up the challenge as coaches I really admire you for your efforts this year. I know things got trying some times and the fact that you all stuck it out and played in the finals is absolutely awesome! Each and everyone of you contributed more than you know to the season of our girls and I hope you don't hang up the phone on me when I give you all a call next year.

To all our managers all I can say is ditto. It was great to have a team that would take on extra things that go on so that all our coaches had to worry about was coaching. Being the manager is a bigger job than I thought.

I am very impressed with the talent at Tuakau College and now that I have an idea of what goes on I hope we can have an even better year next year. Again thanks, thanks, thanks for your time, commitment and grey hairs and I sincerely hope you do it all again with me next year.



# NETBALL

## TEAM ONE NETBALL

A positive rapport was established between the girls early in the season and this continued throughout the entire competition. However, despite a close runner's up place in the B grade final, I believe Team One had a great season!

The girls competed positively and were rewarded with a promotion to A reserve during the second round of competition, so that was an awesome accomplishment to see the College represented in this grade. The team reacted really well to this change and rose to the challenge of playing against more senior and experienced teams to the best of their ability. Representing the College during sports exchanges over the year was also extremely positive with convincing wins over Te Kauwhata and Piopio College.

Linda Voice has been a positive role model as captain this year and ever present on court. As this is her last year with us at the College we wish her all the best. Gaylene Wilson also offered support and guidance throughout the court. She joined in mid court with two new, youthful and dynamic players, Suzanne Blacklaws and Sian Wootten.

Our goal circle consisted of Kylie Nichol and Jaleeza Panapa who both displayed how quickly they could move the angles and 'shoot the hoop' when under pressure. Another outstanding player, Coralie Thompson who, as our youngest player in the team, proved to be one of our most valuable members, joined them in the circle. Coralie is a name to look out for in the future.

Defensively we were in good hands. The formidable force of Connie Aitken, Nicole Petuha and Tungia Wara proved to be a 'thorn' in any attackers side. They made it very difficult for the opposition and always worked for every ball.

Overall the girl's dedication, commitment and passion for the game has been truly appreciated. Mrs Simpson and I were lucky to have players who were able to listen, attempt new skills and adapt different ideas into their own game.

Parents and family members on the sideline were awesome. Your presence was always visible throughout the whole season and on behalf of Team One I thank you for all the encouragement and support.

To the girls, I hope to see you next season.

Kia ora  
Whaea Lee.

## TEAM TWO NETBALL

Team 2 was a mixture of both experienced players and those who were new to the game.

The first round saw some heavy defeats, but we improved during the season, winning the second round. The team narrowly lost the championship game by ONE point.

A special thank you to Mrs Brock, team manager, and to all the parents who helped throughout the season.

Player of the year - Alana Beatty  
Most Improved Player - Louisa Brock  
Sportsmanship - Casey Mills

Mrs M Hawera





# NETBALL

## TEAM THREE NETBALL

Coach Janice Howe  
 Manager Russell Brewster  
 Captain Katie Hughes  
 Vice-Captain Leah Cooper

Team three was a challenge. Some awesome talent most of who went from second grade last year to C grade this year. The challenge was from winning quite comfortably last year to having to play for the whole forty minutes for a win this year. We definitely had the talent but sometimes we only played for thirty - eight minutes!!



As for the team's attendance at training, games, cake stalls, sausage sizzles, kitchen duty, canteen duty and umpiring - you were tops! I appreciate your ability to be responsible even when I wasn't there.

I apologise for the grumpy times. Lucky you were a hard case lot and never held it against me. Thanks for all the laughs, there were heaps. Take care and keep up the fitness, you are all our future number one team players!

To Russell Brewster, the backbone to everything we did this year - thank you time. To the parents, thanks for being there on the sideline. Your support reflected in the team's responsibility towards netball commitments.

Most Valuable Player: Nicole Cowley    Most Improved Player: Terri Russell    Sportsmanship: Katie Hughes

## TEAM FOUR NETBALL

Team 4 had a challenging season with a constant struggle for numbers at practice and games. This was reflected in our unsuccessful season. Even though we found it difficult to win games we did have some talented players. Our shooters, Iri, Moira and Sarah, all played well and developed some good partnerships within the circle. The mid court was led confidently by Melissa, our Captain and centre. Surrounding her were players that were comfortable with both attack and defence which enabled several combinations to be tried. Talya, Ellen and Alice played well in whatever position they were put. Our defence combination of Claire and Una played consistently, even when we did not always have height on our side!



I'd like to say a big thank you to Glenice Culbert, our manager, who had to step into my shoes on several occasions as I had other commitments. Without her and the support of parents the season would have been a lot more difficult,

Coach Erin O'Sullivan  
 Manager Glenice Culbert  
 Team Melissa Brewster, Claire Bladwin, Moira Dix, Irihapeti Frearson, Talya Stanford, Ellen Culbert, Sarah Calder, Una Tohovaka, Alice Hulme.

# NETBALL

## TEAM FIVE NETBALL

What an awesome experience and rewarding netball season it has been for me. From ten players down to seven committed, outstanding netballers. It was a pleasure to pass the knowledge I have learnt during my netball years onto these seven well behaved, mature netballers. The outstanding skills they had made me question why they weren't in Team 2? The support from Judy right from the start was continuous through to the end. Even though she did not know much about netball I wouldn't have got any other person to do the job. Thank you to all the girls who made it easy on me. Thanks to all the parents for their support, especially those who helped with the break up. Especially thank you to Judy who helped the girls and committed her time to this year's netball season.

Coach Casey Mills  
 Manager Judy Cross  
 Sportsmanship Peggy Stanford  
 Most Valuable Player Lauren Blake  
 Most Improved Player Alex Cross

## TEAM SIX NETBALL

We had an awesome team! Although we had a few tough patches as any normal netball team does, we pulled through and the girls that did play on Saturdays, played with pride and sportsmanship which made us extremely proud to be their coaches. I would especially like to thank Colleen Smith for always being there for us- every Tuesday after school and every Saturday and for acting the 'bossy' mum when Gaylene or I could not!



Coaches Linda Voice and Gaylene Wilson  
 Most Improved Player Olivia Bickley-Barry  
 Most Valuable Player Katie Wilson  
 Sportsmanship Courtney Herbert

## TEAM SEVEN NETBALL

Team Seven was the heartache story of Tuakau College netball this year. Due to coaches having changes to work commitments, Team Seven went through five coaches. On top of that a couple of key players dropped out due to injury. With all the uncertainty, attendance at trainings and games was poor. If coaches and players had been stable Team Seven could have been first round winners of third grade and playing second grade in the second round. That definitely breaks my heart every time I think about it.

There were a definite core of players who stuck at it all season. Their playing ability was such that despite all the odds they carried the team to Grade Three runner up finals. There are some awesome skills amongst you and I hope to see you all again next year under far better circumstances.

Thanks goes to Karyn Hatton for giving the girls some stability at the end of the season as coach. Big thanks go to Janine Anderson who was there week in week out and for always being so positive,

Coach Karyn Hatton (finally)  
 Most Valuable Player Amohia Wara  
 Most Improved Player Kelly Anderson  
 Sportsmanship Kiki Taylor





# NETBALL

## TEAM EIGHT NETBALL

Coaching a young and enthusiastic netball team for the first time has been a great experience for both Connie and I. We taught the girls what we knew and they taught us a few things about being coaches as well. As it turned out it is not as easy as it looks but we were grateful for the contributions of our awesome manager Shane Clark-Groom. The girls were a typical rowdy bunch of 11 and 12 year olds but we have to give it to them, they always tried their best on and off the court. All in all we had fun coaching them and would be happy to coach again next year.

Coach Kylie Nichol and Connie Aitken  
Most Improved Player Anna Solomon

Most Valuable Player Rachel Harker  
Sportsman Elizabeth Stanford



## NETBALL NINE TEAM

We all started with a hiss and a roar for the season, coming third in the first round. For the rest of the season, which seemed very long, we played steady netball.

Talya was an asset to the team with her more experienced knowledge and she was a very versatile player who never complained whatever position she was put in.

Stephanie and Lisa improved as a good defence combination during the season, while the shooters Sammy-Jo, Alisha and Mahira never gave up through the season. They may need to practice shooting goals more often though!

Danielle improved and gained more confidence as Wing Defence during the season and she enjoyed playing that position.

Overall it was a pleasure to coach a team that never complained and the attendance at all practices was awesome!!

Coach Maree Dickson  
Manager Catherine Russell



# NETBALL

## TEAM TEN NETBALL

Team ten consisted of Year 7 girls who had lots of enthusiasm. So much so one would often have to raise ones voice to curb the enthusiasm.

Team ten played in the seventh grade in the first round and despite not winning a game their enthusiasm remained. We were relegated to eight grade in the second round where the team won every game except one. The smile on the teams faces after our first win was priceless. Unfortunately the game we did lose to Harrisville Hornets by two goals saw Harrisville in the finals instead of Team ten. I don't think team ten realised how close they were to a final.

Every single player in the team improved over the season. I look forward to seeing you all at trials again next year.

Our manager, Raewyn Walker, was as solid as a rock at the courts and away from them. Thanks for all her help towards Tuakau College netball, in conjunction with Nelly constantly on her hip. Cheers Raewyn I definitely look forward to seeing you again next year.

Coach Janice Howe / Kiki Taylor  
Manager Raewyn Walker  
Captain Tiana Ewe  
Most Valuable Player Tiana Ewe  
Most Improved Player Kasey-Marie Skinner  
Sportsmanship Chloe Walker



## TEAM ELEVEN NETBALL

We had an interesting season taking the first part of the season to get together as a team and teach those girls who were having their first season of netball where to stand on the court etc.

All in all a very good season. Thanks to the girls for turning up to practise and to the games every week. It was most appreciated, also thanks for putting up with my coaching abilities.

Coach Lisa Shanks  
Most Improved Player Chontelle Walker

Most Valuable Player Emma Lowry  
Sportsmanship Aimee Shanks





# HOCKEY

## GIRLS 1ST XI HOCKEY

With only two returning players, Chloe Sowden and Larissa Marsh, the hockey squad this year relied on a batch of untried talent largely from other sporting codes. It unearthed a wealth of talent and the team progressed from playing 'putt putt' to playing skilled hockey at pace.

Lara Brian wowed us in her determination and power, Marie Hooper was the opposition's nightmare and Alana Mackay dominated the front line with her superb speed. Hannah Rodgers and Jenny McIntyre, also new to the turf, proved that they too had fire in their bellies and a 'never say die' attitude to the game. Elizabeth Gaskell proved herself an all round sports person by not only playing hockey for the first time but also maintained a place in the netball team too. Tuakau College girl's hockey team has always been known for its goalkeeper and this year Marama Hawera filled the spot. She never let us down, once she had mastered the outfit, relishing the challenge of the opposing team. Sarah Taylor swapped her horse for a hockey stick and Dana Foley returned to hockey after a year's break and set about their work with attitude, Sarah in the back and Dana largely on the wing. Monita proved to be another surprise package, new to the turf she proved to be a solid team member and topped the year off with a fine goal!

The welcome return to Tuakau College of Marie and Tracey Hatton strengthened the team further towards the end of the season.

Overall the season was a huge success, the most notable feature the huge progressing skill level the team made. We finished down the field in the first round but in the second round we only lost one game.

Once again parent support with transport and vocals on the sideline proved an integral part of the success of this team. Congratulations girls it was great to see you enjoy your hockey and show outstanding sportsmanship.

Catherine Hucker



# HOCKEY

## BOYS 1ST XI HOCKEY

Once again the hockey season has passed with wins and losses. Some key players had left the team but a number of younger kids stepped up and joined the team, making the first XI team the largest it has been in a long time. This is far different from the days when players from Year 7 and 8 team were needed to fill in! The scores varied over the season, with some 5 - 0 wins and some 5 - 0 losses. The wins were great, and the losses just made us play even harder. We went up against Piopio College as the underdogs and as expected we lost, but that didn't keep us down, and we went on to share 3rd place in our division at the end of the season.

All the usual suspects came to the party with Mr Corban scoring goals and Mr Aston hard on defence. The little champion goalie, Rory, had some magnificent saves over the season, without him many goals would have been scored against us. With so much young talent the team is only going to improve their skills and progress up the ranks.

Big thanks to Mr Walia for keeping us on our toes and giving up his time to cheer us on at games and also big thanks to Mr Konamalai for sorting out all our games and handling the business side of everything. A cheer to the Captain Jesse for all the goals scored and any other duties being captain entails. Also thanks to the vice captain Duncan for all his hard work and effort, despite the fact that he only went to practice once!

We look forward to next season where everyone can build on their skills and if we have numbers we may even have 2 teams, so tell all your friends to join the team!

Duncan Glasgow





# HOCKEY

## YEAR 7 & 8 HOCKEY

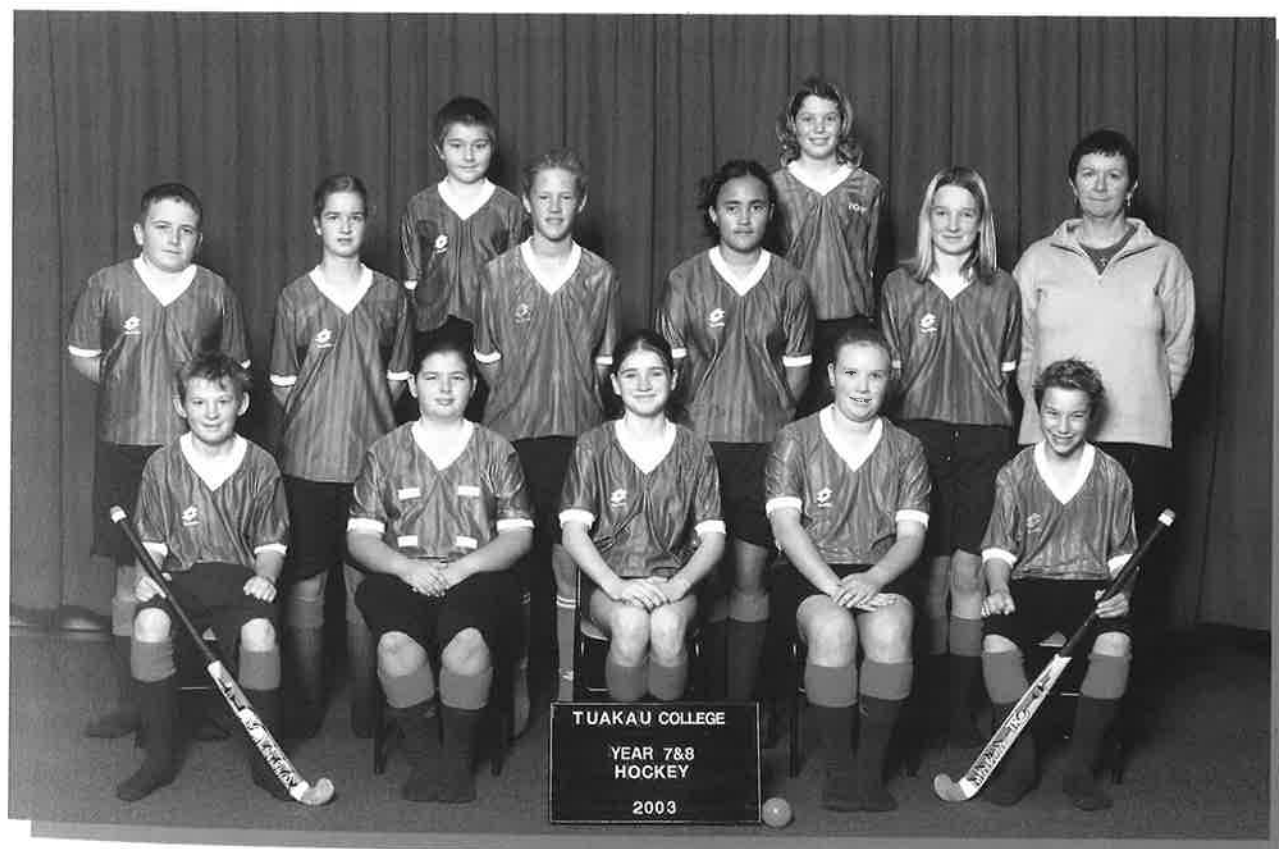
The season commenced with the team struggling for players, we had nine to begin with. Year six students from several contributing schools were asked to play. The season began.

We continued to gain players throughout the season and ended up with sixteen altogether, a coaches nightmare when it came to subbing. With several beginning players it took a wee while to settle into a good playing pattern. The forwards provided some exciting action up front. They used excellent passing and ball control skills. Hannah Grainger provided a great focal point in the halves and directed play efficiently. The backs provided a solid defence in most games. Matthew Mercer took up the position of goalie towards the end of season and is developing into an excellent goal keeper.

Stand out players for the season were Hannah Grainger, Natalie MacKay, Paul Van der Kwaak and Rebekah Hoto. The team achieved a 3rd placing in their grade.

The results have been varied, some excellent wins and not too many devastating losses. A special mention needs to be made of the parents of all the players for their enthusiasm and excellent support of both myself and the players. Thanks also to Mrs Cracknell for her umpiring skills throughout the season.

Karen Lapwood



# SOCCER

## GIRLS 1ST XI SOCCER

The team this year was a mix of experienced and new players to this grade of soccer. They played in the Counties A grade competition and made steady progress as the year progressed. The team learnt that if they don't practise it is hard to compete competitively at this level.

Stand out players through the season were:

- Gaylene Wilson • René Van Kan
- Zulema Aguilera • Ursula Aitken

Most improved players were:

- Kylie Nichol • Kathryn Lauer
- Alana Mackay

The teams record was:

- Played 8
- Won 1 • Lost 7

A lot of the losses were close fought games. Thanks must go to the parents who supported the girls throughout the year.



## BOYS 1ST XI SOCCER

This season the team recorded their first 'non-loss' in many years with a draw against Rosehill. We followed this up with our first win!!

Despite the fact that the team had very few seniors and a large number of juniors we managed to pull together and have an enjoyable season.

A big thank you must go to our coach, Mr Carter and to the parents who provided transport to away games. Mr Cox yet again filled the double role of bus driver and manager.

Jesse Black



## GIRLS 2ND XI SOCCER

The 2nd XI girls soccer team for 2003 had a great year going from losing our first two tough matches to winning the next one 5-0 which was an amazing improvement. Our star goalie was Una Tohovaka who only let 3 goals in the whole season and our star striker was Sheryl Walker who scored a hat trick in one game and 6 goals for the season. Amy Taylor, Victoria Eyre and Stephanie Gaskell were the youngest (and smallest) on the team but never ran away from the ball and made some awesome tackles against girls twice their size.

Our team would like to thank Mr Cameron (coach) and Mr Taylor (manager) for their time and all the girls can be proud of coming 3rd in their division.

Georgina Rhind



# RUGBY

## 1ST XV RUGBY

The year 2003 saw the 1st XV Rugby team experience a rebuilding phase; with the loss of several key players from the previous season, it was going to be a difficult year.

In the first round of games we did not record a win and some of the younger players soon found out what 1st XV rugby was all about. As the season progressed our team effort improved and the players started to believe in themselves and the scores in some games were not always a true indication of how the game was played.

In our sports exchange with Te Kauwhata we registered our first win. It was disappointing that Piopio and Huntly College were unable to field teams for our annual sports exchange.

After drawing in the first round against Pukekohe and drawing against Papakura in the second round we were determined to end our season on a winning note. We then went on to play our best game of the season, defeating Pukekohe comfortably.

With the experience gained by the younger members of the team the future of the 1st XV looks very promising. Cameron Spiers and Jamie Nahi were selected for the Counties Manukau Secondary Schools representative team and Cameron also played for the Norther Region B team. Hayden Tupaea made the Counties Manukau Under 15 team.

Special thanks go to our coaches, Alby Foote and Dats for their input and dedication. The results did not reflect their coaching ability. Thanks to Maria Foote for commitment and for looking after the players and also to Jewel Spiers for organising the after match functions.

Cameron Spiers



# RUGBY

## YEAR 7 & 8 RUGBY

During the year the Year 7 & 8 rugby team had some huge wins and some close losses. The boys always turned up to training, keen and excited about the up coming game. At the Counties Manukau Primary school rugby knock out tournament, they won their final game 19 - 15 winning the Premier Plate.

Stand out players were Gabe Kelly, who always scored a try or more and Ashley Tava who, as captain showed great leadership skills on and off the field.

Thank you to the team for being a pleasure to coach.

Nicholas Baldwin and Cameron Spiers





# VOLLEYBALL

## SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

Senior Boys Coach Whaea Jacques  
Senior Girls Coach Whaea Lee

The 2003 volleyball season kicked off with a hiss and a roar. The coaches had set the standard for the team; motivation as running high, complimented by key words such as enthusiasm and determination during team talks.

It was all on; Pukekohe High School would feel our wrath and no mercy would be given to any school that stood between the victory and us.

We practiced religiously, intensifying our practices when we needed to and called in expert help at training sessions. This was going to be the year that Tuakau College would be a force to be reckoned with.

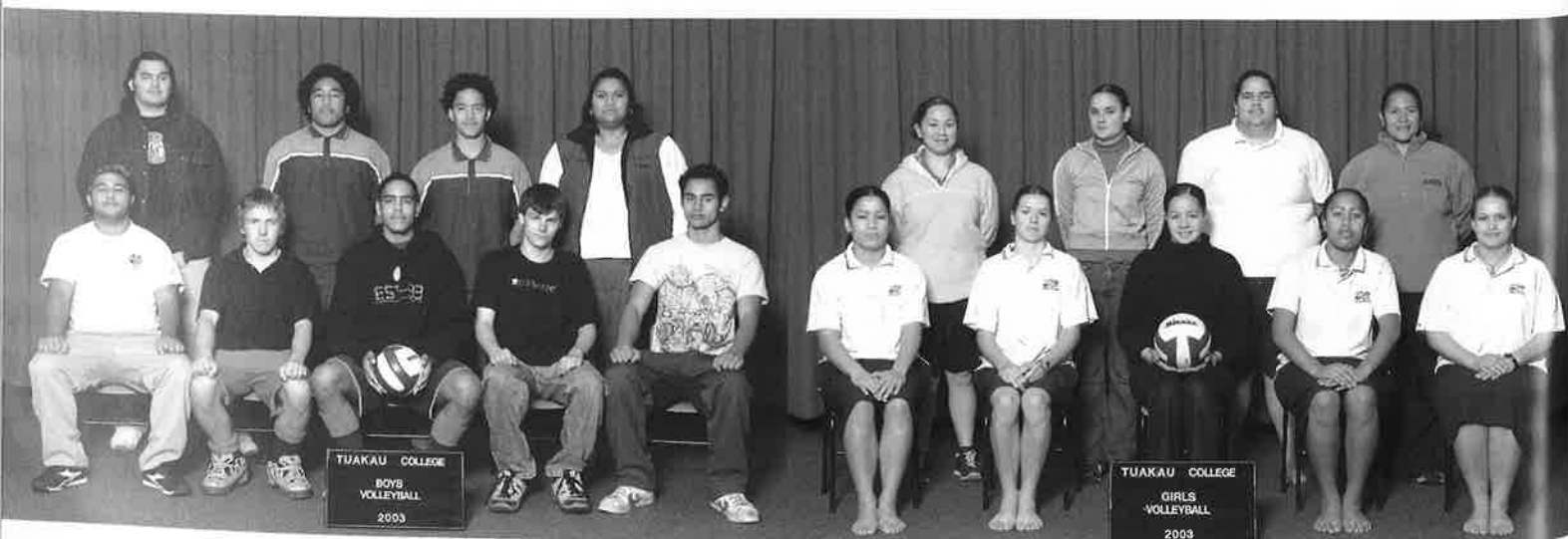
We had all convinced ourselves that we were good, very good in fact and our skills displayed during training were too good to take on. We had people diving for the ball as if they were diving for mussel and kina, others were prepared to spike the ball with attitude, goading the opposition to try and defend themselves. We practiced our, 'Lets get it on' look and decided the time was right to take our skills to the Pukekohe Rec Centre.

Our first game was tough on the volleyball battlefield. Our Tuakau Warriors and Princesses fought hard. The team members put their body on the line time and time again. At the end of the season it didn't matter where we were placed; the most important thing was that we played.

So if you use key words like motivation, enthusiasm and determination in your everyday word list then the Senior Volleyball team is looking for you.

Thanks to all the students who participated. We look forward to seeing you inline up at the first training session next season.

Peace out - Whaea Jacques & Whaea Lee



# ROWING

Tuakau College started the year with a squad of five. Marama Hawera and Kylie Nichol rowed in the Under 16 division with Alana Mackay as their coxswain. Cameron Spiers rowed in the Under 19 and Elite divisions and George Hawera was the coach.

It was a very long season that began in October 2002 and went through until the end of March 2003. In the early part of the season, the team rowed under the Mercer Rowing Club banner, enjoying good results at various regattas around the country. In February the club split into designated school teams, with Marama and Kylie continuing under the school banner, while Cameron was extremely successful at the National Championships in Twizel. Marama and Kylie made it to the North Island Championships where they finished 5th in the Under 16 double sculls and 4th in the Under 17 double sculls.

Finally we would like to thank our coach Mr Hawera for the many hours that he gave up to coach us. His expertise and guidance were invaluable and we would not have made it as far without him. He kept us motivated when we were tired and kept us fed when we were broke.

Kylie Nichol and Marama Hawera



## ORIENTEERING



## TENNIS





# FORM CLASSES



## Te Whariki

Back Row: Liam Smith, Michael Hingaia, Reon Wilson, Daniel Blick, Asther Bartle

2nd Row: Miss Fiona Proctor (Teacher Aide), Mrs Megan Hawera (Teacher Aide), Haimona Isaac, Nick Bailey, Marc Van Der Kwaak, Ms Jo Sharp (Teacher Aide), Mrs Pam Barber (Teacher)

Front Row: Lana Potter, Kerri-ann Smith, Sheryl Walker, Chantae McSkimming, Shanelle Brew-Pourau



## 7EO

Back Row: Ben Gaskell, Nikora Tuhi, Willow Hingaia, Johanna King, Sarah Lee-Sharpe, Kasey Skinner, Steven McCallum, Christopher Walden

2nd Row: Leo Christiansen, Kurt Ward, Wade Anderson, Shelford Tainui, Jordon Millen, Ethan Harvey, Thomas Kahui, Erin O'Sullivan (Teacher)

Front Row: Gabrielle Bone, Darnelle Moka, Asher Dwen, Tayla Russell, Turia Kani, Carlee Tupaea, Rebecca Krybolder, Ashlee Guiney

Absent: Carolann Farr, Ronald Te Purei



## 7HS

Back Row: Ben Hansard, David Hodgson, Michael Harrison

3rd Row: Christina Cox, Zulema Aguilera, Nicole Hughes, Laura Davis, Chantelle Walker, Julia Thompson, Nicola Coleman, Dillon Gussey

2nd Row: Adrian Wigg, Alex McLachlan, Mikaira Chan, Thomas Van Kan, Matthew Mercer, Jordan Hainers, Luke Jones, Joseph Lee, Mrs H. Smart (Teacher)

Front Row: Amy Taylor, Chloe Corban, Laura Tuckley, Lisa Hunkin, Stephanie Gaskell, Dakota Ringrose, Victoria Eyre, Elizabeth Stanford



## 7CK

Back Row: Wilfred Robinson, Andre Bylsma, Louis Rodgers, Rebecca Foley, Jacena Hoeta, Vikash Sami, Chevy Timo-Grant, Dylan Curtin

2nd Row: Jayde Randell, Takikawa Clark, Matthew Haldane, Tipene Galvin, Garry Abbott, Christopher Gard'ner, Jarrod Hoskins, Mr C. Kasner (Teacher)

Front Row: Samantha Holt, Danielle Dickson, Lucy Caldwell, Chantelle Hartigan, Jessica Alderdice-Weller, Stevie Taylor, Chloe Walker, Amanda Creed

Absent: James Tonks, Troy Flavell

# FORM CLASSES



## 7MD

Back Row: Jesse Birrell, Tiana Ewe, Samantha Gray, Christina Poutai-Currie, Lisa Orono, Shannon Perston, Lisa Sanders, Carolyn Edgecumbe

2nd Row: Deon Samuels, Robert Ropiha, Hona Aupouri, Joseph Cross, Phabian Rihari, Brent Lovell, Pomare Te Anau, Michael Morrison, Melvin Din (Teacher)

Front Row: Imogen Ferguson, Emma Lowry, Aimee Shanks, Nicole Leney, Nikki Richards, Nicole Blake, Jacqueline Hyland



## 7 & 8MR

Back Row: Wiremu Te Ao, Toha Ellis, Akatai King

3rd Row: Ronald Wallace Aaron Wallace, Mahira Hira, Raumiria Potini-Minhinnick, Anamar Potini, Jamie Te Ao, Benjamin Skipper, Tani Rau

2nd Row: Tyson Tini, Kenetau Takimoana, Clayton Te Rangi-Dong, Hemi Ngatai, Ashley Tava, Tamaiti Hira, Katene Aupouri, Wiremu Tava, Whaea Mahia (Teacher)

Front Row: Constance McPherson, Westeria Black, Te Maemaerihana Kihī, Rebecca Tava, Coralie Thompson, Lynette Andrews, Sammy Jo Rawiri, Kiki Taylor



## 8LC

Back Row: Dane Pierik, Sinead Steger, Natalie Berger, Sonya Ryan, Lewis Bone

2nd Row: Andrew McGregor, Joseph Hogan, Hamish Roberts, Shane Dunsmuir, Joseph Tungaafasi, Jamahl Farrar-Cooney, Tanara Frearson, Naylor Timmo

Front Row: Courtney Waiwright, Siobhan Cole, Hayley MacWilliam, Kaitlin Clark-Groom, Rebekah Hoto, Anna Douglas, Carina Hooper, Chanelle Manukau

Absent: David Harry



## 8EC

Back Row: Toby Anaru, Michael Williamson, Corey Burgess, Jian Sheng Li, James Nightingale

3rd Row: Kane Robson, Xana Drysdale, Tahlia Jones, Rebekah Kelsey, Jessica Nepia-Murray, Te Weraahi Edwards, Caesy Douglas, Nick Orell

2nd Row: Mark Hughes, Robert Collins, Travis Woodd, Cameron Bale, Brock Williams, Joe McGuire, Rhys Thomas, Miss E Cotton (Teacher)

Front Row: Amy Carter, Hannah Grainger, Alisha King, Kelly Anderson, Jessica Bird, Genevieve Villacorte, Farrin Cox, Laura Steger

Absent: Amohia Wara



# FORM CLASSES



## 8LA

Back Row: Sean Card, Joshua Thompson, Tipa Christiansen, Hamesh Sami, Asher Bartle, Cody Burr, Kris Gray

3rd Row: Cameron Hansen, Jacob Daube, Jeremy Wigg, Trisha McCallum, Sherry Nehoa, Cody Calder, Stoney Barker, Jacob Fleming

2nd Row: Daniel McCormack, Whero Boisen, Tyson Tainui, Dameron Beazley, Reon Wilson, Mark Crawford, Tamati Bennett, Ms Lapwood (Teacher)

Front Row: Amy Steger, Rachel Harker, Rebecca Van Weert, Natalie MacKay, Jane Campbell, Latoya Rudolph, Anna Solomon, Laura Ingley



## 9RG

Back Row: Allan Wilson, Stephen Rossall, Blair White, Robert Edmonds, Cheyenne Ringrose

3rd Row: Joshua Phillips, Moira Dix, Jamie Bruce, Holly Davies, Rireana Thompson, Chelsea Scott, Corey Davies, Bruce Hoskins

2nd Row: Benjamin Cherry, Bedford Aitken, Qasin Din, Motown Hemopo, John Lockerbie, Reece Te Namu, Pore Tuhi, R Gordon (Teacher)

Front Row: Jessika Harrison, Stacey Gaskell, Sian Barker, Quebec McCaughey, Katie Wilson, Alice Hulme, Angelina King, Kelly Harker



## 9GH

Back Row: Tyron Foster, Jeremy Farr, James Grant, Tuahae Aupouri, David Ward-Allen

3rd Row: Nga-Wai Mackey, Serena Walker, Irihapeti Frearson, Jessica Hetaraka, Olivia Bickley-Barry, Owhaeroa Tupaea, Kelly Grant, Larissa Marsh

2nd Row: Shane Ngaha-Martin, Whanake Whare, Steven Sweetman, Tame Kihī, Manuwhiri Hira, Nikitau Tupaea, Heramaia Ellis, Naden Rawiri, George Hawera (Teacher)

Front Row: Peggy Stanford, Leah Cooper, Katie Hughes, Melissa Brewster, Kayla McVeigh, Awhina Brew-Pourau, Abby Box, Miriama Tearii



## 9CA

Back Row: Dylan Kingi, Joshua Palma, Anthony Harris, Danny Andrews, Zak Haines

3rd Row: Danielle McSkimming, Courtney Herbert, Pikiteora Mura-Hita, Charlotte Foley, Sarah Calder, Lauren Blake, Michelle Sanders, Philip Hodgson

2nd Row: Gordon Kopara, Paul Read, Boyd Lapwood, Matthew Wilson, Troy Shuker, Mark Mitchell, Lance Wilson, Mr Cameron (Teacher)

Front Row: Tessa Gaskell, Taysha Smith, Terrie Ewe, Lorinda Heta, Helen Van Mey Gaarden, Tui Edwards, Ellen Culbert, Michelle Murfitt

# FORM CLASSES



## 9AC

Back Row: Thomas Williams, John Moulden, Dane Balle

3rd Row: Michael Qusted, Krystal Guiney, Claire Baldwin, Patricia Whyte, Stephanie Prangley, Robin De Vega, Samantha Davis, Corey Norman

2nd Row: Jordon Cowan, Karl Morrison, Eukaliti Vaioloto, Muir Hamilton, Anthony Knight, Aamer Daji, Jim Orton, Scott Nichol, A Cleary (Teacher)

Front Row: Shiona Culley, Yasmin Smith, Stacey King, Simone Bylsma, Nicole Cowley, Alexandra Cross, Elizabeth Eyre, Sian Wootton



## 10GA

Back Row: Jessica Clark, Samantha Brown, David McConville, Casey Rapana, Hinerupe Aupouri, Eugene Skipper, Sylvia Cottle, Jian Yang Li

2nd Row: Aydon Lee, Christopher Krybolder, Chad Perry, James Tupou, Sandy Foote, Joshua Skinner, Shanan Anderson, Joseph Toma, Mrs K Garthwaite (Teacher)

Front Row: Rachel Chapman, Rebecca Wilson, Rangitaiha Clark, Kirsten Orono, Krystal Perkinson, Tayla Stanford, Jaleeza Panapa, Shirley Pearson



## 10RT

Back Row: Nathan Daly, Suzanne Blacklaws, Chris McGregor

3rd Row: Rony Heslop, Izaak Drysdale, Linda Wu, Alana Beatty, Jaye Cavaye-Astle, Reina Daji, Scott Woodd, Peter Bird

2nd Row: Tim Lambourne, Ben Williams, Nathan Walker, Adam Harvey, Sam Voschezang, Hayden Tupaea, Blair Munro, R Taylor (Teacher)

Front Row: Lara Brian, Christine Christiansen, Wendy Carlson, Chloe Sowden, Elizabeth Gaskell, Leah Thomas, Monita Kumaran, Marie Hooper

Absent: Elizabeth Blick, Michael Lloyd, Andrew Twiss



## 10GT

Back Row: Tukahia Cooper, Jeremy Grey, Kingi Desal

3rd Row: Joshua Barker, Jonathon Marris, Estelle Wilson, Harata Clark, Terri-Jean Russell, Erin Brewster, Jared Grainger, Daniel Blick

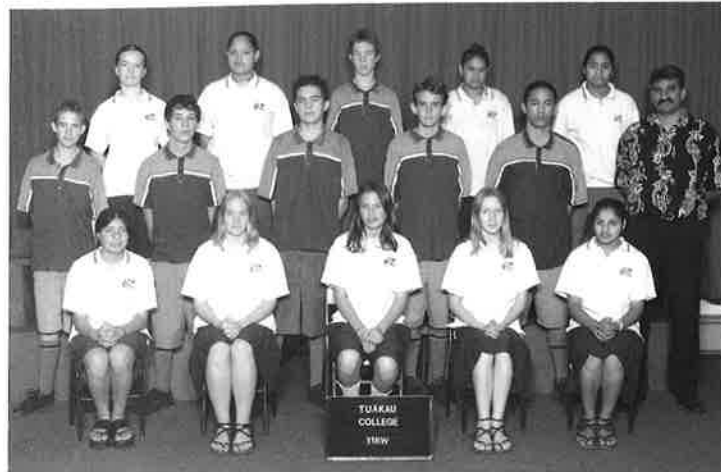
2nd Row: Wira Albert, Jarreau Moana, Marc van der Kwaak, Graham King, Lukas Schmidt, Andrew Crawford Jacob Phillips, Mr Gary Taylor (Teacher)

Front Row: Charvienne Bhana-Herewini, Shereemay Tini, Ella Gore, Maree Brew-Pourau, Sarah Tonks, Louisa Brock, Donna Ropiha, Letia Boisen

Absent: Michael Dunsmuir, Shane Poto, Tungia Wara



# FORM CLASSES



## 11RW

Back Row: Debbie Williams, Cheval King, Hayden Graham, Rachel King, Sheryl Walker

2nd Row: Brendon Rohde, Richard Booker, Dylan Tupaea, Matthew Kershaw, Maraekaiti Te Ao Taupo, Mr Walia (Teacher)

Front Row: Shanelle Brew Porau, Jacqueline Aaron, Georgina Rhind, Kirsty Grant, Nisha Hardayal  
Absent: Andre Boisen, Tipene Edwards, Wirihana Reuben, Gage Thompson, George Tupaea Shontaye Fowler, Kirwan Mahuta, Nicole Petuha



## 11KS

Back Row: Frances Cook, Emily Tupou, Una Tohovaka, Christine Crosbie, Samantha Lim, Denver Steger, Dana Foley, Kylie Nichol

2nd Row: Nazim Din, Wero Rau, Lucas Flavell-Gallagher, Sam Deihl, Cory Woodd, Jacob Smith, Daniel Jolly, Keril Simpson (Teacher)

Front Row: Hannah Rodgers, Sarah Taylor, Michelle Gaskell, Alana MacKay, Connie Aitken, Te Reremoana Aupouri, Shannon Russell, Adele Markham



## 11RA

Back Row: Hayley Samuels, Jenny McIntyre, Amelia Lester, Melissa Hetaraka, Angela Coleman, Virginia Stanford

2nd Row: Luke Turner, Elizar Tuungafasi, Nicholas Bailey, Attul Hardayal, Kevin Hoto, Nicholas Herbert, R Allnatt (Teacher)

Front Row: Chris Park, Thomas Kingi, Tayne Skinner, George Brown, Taura Tearii, Paul Helms, Adam Lennox



## 12MK

Back Row: Teri Harry, Jeremy Baldwin, David Dexter, Miles Bahadur, Jonathon Clark-Groom

2nd Row: Sunny Goo, Casey Mills, Jimmy Aston, Teana Tearii, Sheryl Hindt, Mr M Konamalai (Teacher)

Front Row: Jamie Andrews, Bronn Foster, James Church, Marc Bylsma, Joey Brown, Francis Blacklaws, Jesse Black

Absent: Esther Harris, Shadae Minhinnick, Tom Grant

# FORM CLASSES



## 12BW

Back Row: Scott Sherwin, Gane Heslop, Ricki Corban, Michael Douglas, Mark Voschezang

2nd Row: Ian Mailley, James Spinks, Quinn Lapwood, Duncan Glasgow, Jake Hughes, Dane Foster

Front Row: Gaylene Wilson, Kristy Murray, Rene van Kan, Stacey Munro, Vanessa McCormack, Kathryn Lauer, Alida Phillips



## 12RI

Back Row: Maxine Waerea-Hughes, Kharmia McCaughey, Mrs M Riwai (Teacher)

Front Row: Alex Andrews, Wanakore Flavell, Steven Voschezang, Aaron McGill



## 13JG

Back Row: Sophie Fraser, Ana Tupou, Kieron Gussey, Rewi Mark, Carrida Blennerhasset, Stacey Tuhi, Elyse Wootton

2nd Row: Michael Ngatai, Nick Lochore, Nick Baldwin, Cameron Spiers, Douglas Hughes, Glenn Walker, Shaun Hindi, Desiree Horlacher, Mrs J Geraghty (Teacher)

Front Row: Jacqui Wright, Ursula Aitken, Jayne Gore, Linda Voice, Kelly Davidson, Vicki Aguilera, Kiri MacDonald, Janine Potter

Absent: Billy Epere, Morgan Lee, Rati Ropiha, Dylan Turner, Amaru Hawira



# CREATIVE WRITING

## TOOTH TORTURE

The white delicate tooth refused to budge as the frightened little girl sat down on the worn down, wobbly, old chair. She loathed every time that her tooth became wobbly, because she knew it would be too stubborn to come out on its own. So with the help of her mother's DIY dentistry and trusty nylon string, the girl sat down on the worn down, old chair. She knew that she would be in for pain.

As the mother began to tie the piece of nylon around the base of the tooth, the little girl sighed and started to wish that her tooth would fall out on its own like every other normal kid. But her mother would reply, "If you want crooked teeth growing in all directions, fine. I won't pull it out, but if you want straight, beautiful teeth, you'd better stop complaining and get this done and over with".

Her mother began pulling at the string, each time producing a twanging sound. Occasionally the tooth would slip from the grasp of the nylon lasso, only to be recaptured by her mother's attentive hands. The girl shut her eyes in an attempt to block out the pain as the pressure on the string intensified and the constant twanging increased in tempo. She knew that the moment she had been dreading was about to happen.

The tears started to stream down her face, forming rivulets down her cheeks and rolling into her lips. Her fingernails dug deeper into the undersides of the chair. She squinted her eyes in pain and out of the corner of her eye she saw her mother's slender hands wrapping themselves round and round and began to pull with all her weight behind the string.

Her mother counted to three, and started the war between herself and the tooth. There was so much pressure that the girl was sure it would break. All of a sudden there was an almighty 'pop' that sounded like a plunger on a blocked sink. The tooth had ripped free from the jail that had imprisoned it. A mixture of tooth spit and gum soared to the ceiling leaving a slight blood-stained indent.

Blood began to splurge out in torrents and the throbbing pain pulsed from the toothless hole. With blood dribbling down her chin she bravely held up a small mirror to reveal the new tooth poking up from under the blanket of gum.

All the pain was lost and they dropped to their knees in laughter, frantically searching for the lost tooth.

This story won second place in the Franklin Young Writer's Competition.

BY LARA BRIAN

# CREATIVE WRITING

## THE GREAT WHITE HUNTER

The fresh clear water of the stream flowed quickly past as the two adventurous young boys sat on the bank, lines in the water, waiting for a decent sized eel to come and make a meal of the tender chunk of meat on the end of their lines.

It was a searing hot summer's day and there wasn't much happening there so they decided to move on. As they walked along the stream bank. Lukas spotted a likely looking eel hole hidden under the roots of a fallen tree. The hole was dark and deep and had an eerie feeling. The perfect hideout for a monster. "This should do us fine," said Andrew.

They set up, sat down and dropped their lines. As their bait hit the water the blood washed off, staining the stream a deep red. If there was an eel in there it would be lured by the smell of the blood. They sat still, whispering jokes about how a huge eel was about to pop out of the hole and eat them both.

A large shadow formed on the surface and up from the depths came a huge yellow-bellied eel head. It rose up from the hole and swallowed the bait, hook and all. Both Lukas and Andrew jumped back and sat in awe as the huge monster retreated to its eerie wet home. After getting over the initial shock of what they had seen the two boys realised that now they had at least a 20 kilogram eel on their hands and they still had to pull it in. Their hearts pounded at a million beats per second as they braced themselves for pulling it out of its watery home.

Knives ready, they both pulled on the line. The eel fought furiously against the boys but it eventually surrendered to the pull and come out onto the dry land. With adrenalin pumping, the two boys started stabbing at it furiously with their sharp knives. As the eel made its last few movements the boys realised they had finally killed it. The eel's nerves were still twitching as the two boys stood staring at their catch. They jumped for joy as they had made their first kill - a trophy eel. They crammed the huge beast into their bag and headed off up the hill in triumph.

The boys walked through the garden gate to find mum pottering in the garden. She asked the two 'Great White Hunters' if they had caught anything. They both calmly denied it but as Andrew took the pack off his back and unzipped it, the eel's compressed body exploded out of the bag. The scream that escaped Andrew's mother's lips echoed down the valley. The two boys laughed and grabbing the eel, they bolted before she had time to react.

BY ANDREW TWISS



## BUNGY JUMPING

Queenstown is full of extreme adventures. Kerri – Ann and I had arrived here for our summer holidays. I chose to bungee jump for the first time. My tummy churned with both excitement and fear.

The bungee platform looked scary. It extended out from a very high cliff. The water seemed to be miles below me. They weighed me, they strapped my ankles, they harnessed me, and they did the safety check. I was feeling freaked out. I did not think I would ever be able to jump.

3-2-1 bungee ! I jumped. The wind rushed past my face, trees flashed past my eyes, and all I could see was the water below me. I felt as if I was falling too fast. I seemed to be falling forever. I hoped the rope wouldn't fail.

Just as my head hit the cold water, I glimpsed the rescue boat coming towards me. The rope pulled me up again and I finally started to relax. I thought "this is choice – I'm enjoying it now!"

Would I like to do it again? Yes, I would.

BY SHERYL WALKER

(This story was published in the Correspondence School 'Storyboard' Vol1 2003)

## Poetry

### FEELINGS

The boy eats chocolate,  
Before he plays rugby  
And listens to music,  
Because it makes him happy.

TAHA ELLIS

### THE STORM

Loose tin on the fence,  
Listening to the tin scrape,  
Its sounds like someone scraping  
their fingers on a blackboard.

TANI RAU

### THE DRAIN

Lumpy, slimy, lumpy,wet,  
Dirty, rotten, tastes like rat,  
Ugly , old  
Not nice to see,  
I hear echoes, the sound of the sea.

TEMAEMAERIHANA KIHĪ

### STORMS

Wind whistling through the trees  
Bending them  
Like little children learning to walk

Taking no notice outside  
Cows, trees, sheep  
Flying over their houses.

MICHAEL HINGAIA

### SOUTH

My side of Auckland  
It's a small town  
I can walk down the main  
I know everyone here  
And I am safe

Go from Bombay  
On the motorway, I drive  
Cars and trucks galore  
This is Auckland  
I feel alone in Queen Street  
This is not like home.

TAMA KIHĪ

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS 2002

### YR 7-8 ACADEMIC AWARDS

#### 7EC

2nd for diligence & effort  
2nd in class  
1st for diligence & effort  
1st in class

Farrin Cox  
Nicola Hansen  
Mark Hughes  
Kelly Anderson

#### 7MC

2nd for diligence & effort  
2nd in class  
1st for diligence & effort  
1st in class

Cody Calder  
Amy Carter  
Kimberley Hickford  
Nick Orrell

#### 7JU

2nd for diligence & effort  
2nd in class  
1st for diligence & effort  
1st in class

Kaitlin Clark-Groom  
Amohia Wara  
Courtney Wainwright  
Jessica Bird

#### 7/8MR

2nd for diligence & effort  
2nd in class  
1st for diligence & effort  
1st in class

Lynette Andrews  
Kia Ngaha  
Miriam Tearii  
Heramaia Ellis

#### 8GH

2nd for diligence & effort  
2nd in class  
1st for diligence & effort  
1st in class

Jeremy Farr  
Boyd Lapwood  
Krystal Guiney  
Olivia Bickley-Barry

#### 8LC

2nd for diligence & effort  
2nd in class  
1st for diligence & effort  
1st in class

Kayla McVeigh  
Stacey Gaskell  
Leah Cooper  
Dane Balle

#### 8RH

2nd for diligence & effort  
2nd in class  
1st for diligence & effort  
1st in class

Alexandra Cross  
Shiona Culley  
Lucy Hewitt-Smith  
Stacey King

### YR 9 ACADEMIC AWARDS

#### 9GB

Certificates for diligence  
& effort

Erin Brewster  
Terri-Jean Russell  
Wira Albert  
Donna Ropiha  
Marc Van der Kwaak

Te Whariki Award  
for Endeavour

2nd in Technology  
& Science  
1st in Maths  
2nd in English &  
Social Studies  
1st in Technology  
2nd in Maths  
1st in Sci,Eng,French & Soc St.  
1st overall in class

Jared Grainger

Ayush Ahuja  
Elizabeth Blick

Adam Harvey

#### 9RA

2nd in English  
1st in Technology  
1st in Maths  
1st in Social Studies  
2nd in Technology & Soc. St.  
1st in Science  
2nd in Maths & Science  
1st in English  
1st overall in class

Samantha Brown  
Sandy Foote  
Michael Magner  
Kirsten Orono  
Krystal Perkinson

Talya Stanford

#### 9RT

2nd in Science  
2nd in Music & Maori  
2nd in Tech,Art,  
Health & Soc St  
1st in Music  
1st in Science  
1st in Maori  
1st in Art  
2nd in Science  
1st in Maths  
2nd in English  
1st in Health & French  
2nd in Maths

Suzanne Blacklaws  
Jaye Cavaye-Astle  
Lara Brian

Izaak Drysdale  
Chris McGregor  
Casey Rapana  
Elizabeth Gaskell  
Blair Munro

Reina Daji

1st in Health & French  
2nd in Maths  
1st in Eng,Tech & Soc.St

Tim Lambourne

1st in class

Tuakau Lions Club prize for 1st overall in Yr 9

### YR 10 ACADEMIC AWARDS

#### 10TH

2nd in Science  
2nd in Tech & Soc St  
1st in Technology  
2nd in Maths & English  
1st in Science  
1st in Maths,Eng & Soc St  
1st overall in class

Hayden Graham  
Dana Foley  
Thomas Kingi  
Brendon Rohde

Jenny McIntyre

#### 10CK

2nd in Technology  
1st in Science  
1st in English  
2nd in Maths,Eng & Soc St  
1st in French  
2nd in Music, Science  
& Yr 9 Tech  
1st in Maths,Soc. St & Tech  
1st overall in class

Luke Turner  
Kirsty Grant  
Melissa Hetaraka  
Jacqueline Aaron

Virginia Stanford

#### 10 DM

Certificate for diligence  
& effort

2nd in Soc. St.  
2nd in Business Studies  
2nd in Text &  
Info Management

Adele Markham  
Nisha Hayardal  
Lucas Flavell-Gallagher  
Sarah Taylor  
Denver Steger  
Te Reremoana Aupouri



# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS 2002

2nd in French	Daniel Jolly
2nd in Art	Una Tohovaka
1st in Art	Christina Crosbie
2nd in Science	Francis Cook
1st in Social Studies	
2nd in Maori	Marama Hawera
1st in Enterprise Studies	
2nd in Technology	Nicole Petuha
1st in Maori	
2nd in Maths.Sci & Eng	Jacob Smith
1st in Music	
1st in Maths,Sci & Text & Info Man.	Richard Booker
1st in class	
Tuakau Lions Club prize for 1st overall in Yr 10	
2nd in Enterprise Studies	Kylie Nichol
1st in Eng,Tech & Business Studies	
1st in class	
Tuakau Lions Club prize for 1st overall in Yr 10	

## SPORTS AWARDS 2002

<b>Potter Soccer Trophy</b> Most improved player	Kathryn Lauer
<b>College Stationery Cup</b> Girls Tennis Champion	Te Puia Taupo
<b>Graham Cup</b> Boys Tennis Champion	Cameron Spiers
<b>Millen Cup</b> Girls Athletics Champion	Camille Nepia-Murray
<b>McKinlay Cup</b> Boys Athletic Champion	Richard Deihl
<b>Tauroa Cup</b> Boys Swimming Champ	Zachary Simpson
<b>Cruickshank Cup</b> Girls Swimming Champ	Emma Walter
<b>Makan Trophy</b> (Boys hockey) Most improved player	Rory Heslop
<b>Mitchell/Walia Trophy</b> Consistent Effort (Hockey)	Duncan Glasgow
<b>Lovell/Frame Trophy</b> ( Girls Hockey) Contribution & Dedication	Melissa Hatton
<b>Shirley Cracknell Junior</b> Most improved player (Hockey Trophy)	Hannah Grainger
<b>Simpson/Marshall Cup</b> Senior Volleyball	Miriam Phillips
<b>Cathcart Rugby Trophy</b> Most improved player (outside 1st XV)	Mark Yearbury
<b>Handcock Rugby Trophy</b> Player who has contributed most 1st XV	Thomas Mills
<b>Managers Cup</b> Most Improved player in 1st XV	Jamie Andrews

<b>Coaches Cup</b> Most promising player in Rugby	Rewi Mark Cameron Spiers
<b>Miller Netball Trophy</b> Contribution/Dedication	Kylie Nichol
<b>Kelsall Cup</b> Most outstanding Senior netballer	Gaylene Wilson
<b>Mitchell Cup</b> Most outstanding Junior netballer	Suzanne Blacklaws
<b>Boxing Assoc Cup</b> For exc. participation & achievement in PE	Ben Hansen
<b>College Sportswomans Cup</b> For outstanding sporting achievement (Capt Counties Un18 Hockey) (Counties Womens team in National League)	Emma Walter
<b>Pinny Sportsmans Cup</b> For outstanding sporting achievement (Counties Rugby) (Member of Mercer Un 21 Coxless Quad) (rowing team who won a National Title)	Cameron Spiers
<b>PTA Shield</b> Champion House for 2002 (accepted by Miriam Phillips)	Ruamoku RED House

## SERVICE & SPECIAL AWARDS

<b>Matts Music World Cup</b> for Excellence in Music	Kathryn Lauer
<b>Jordan Cup</b> for Service to Music	Alida Phillips Sheryl Hindt
<b>Instrumental Group Music Award</b>	Tom Grant Jacob Smith Thomas Kingi Elizur Tuungafasi
<b>Fulton Debating Award</b>	Heather Mailley
<b>Wright Drama Trophy</b>	Tom Grant
<b>Dacre Library Awards</b> (Most helpful librarians)	Reina Daji Talya Stanford
<b>Matete Tupaea Memorial Trophy</b> (for linking school and community)	Eru Dargaville
<b>Simon Vare Trophy</b> (for endeavour & participation in House competition)	Miriam Phillips
<b>Andrew Cooling Memorial Cup</b> (for service to school and community)	
<b>Rotary Award for excellence in Whaikorero</b>	Wero Rau
<b>Rotary Award for Leadership in Kapa Haka</b>	
<b>Russell-Wright Cup</b> (for service to school and community)	

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS 2002

## YR 11 ACADEMIC AWARDS

2nd in Geography	Stacey Munro
2nd in Food Technology	Kristy Murray
2nd in Horticulture	Amanda Kiddie
2nd in History	Rene van Kan
2nd in Maori	Sarah Petuha
2nd in Design Technology	Marc Bylsma
2nd in Automotive Engineering	Steven Voschezang
2nd in Music	Tom Grant
2nd in Art	Francis Blacklaws
2nd in Graphics	
1st in Horticulture	Jonathon Clark-Groom
1st in Design Technology	Casey Mills
1st in Maori	Shadae Minhinick
1st in Food technology	Vanessa McCormack
Bell Ryan Cup for Practical Horticulture	Joey Brown
2nd in Geography	Jimmy Aston
1st in History	
1st in English (PTA prize)	
1st in Art (Cruickshank prize)	Teanna Tearii
1st in Graphics (Edwards Passenger Service Award)	
2nd in Accounting	Sunny Goo
1st in Information Management	
1st in Maths (ASB Bank Award)	
Most Ex Mathematician Trophy	
2nd in Yr 12 Design Techno	Jeremy Baldwin
1st in Automotive Engineering	
Tuakau Lions Club Diligence Award for Yr 11	
2nd in Maths	Kathryn Lauer
2nd in Science	
1st in Geography	
1st in Music	
1st in Economics (ASB Bank prize)	
2nd in English	Jesse Black
2nd in Information Management	
2nd in Economics	
1st in Accounting (ASB Bank prize)	
1st in Science (BHP NZ Steel Mill prize)	

## YR 12 ACADEMIC AWARDS

2nd in Catering	Ana Tupou
2nd in Tourism	Jacqui Wright
2nd in Maths	Michael Rohde
2nd in Horticulture	Rewi Mark
2nd in Automotive Engineering	
2nd in Economics	Nicholas Lochore
2nd in Accounting	
2nd in Art	Desiree Horlacher
2nd in English	
2nd in Chemistry	
2nd in Computing	Lori Holloway
1st in Graphics	

2nd in Physical Education	Ursula Aitken
1st in Economics (ASB Bank prize)	
2nd in Physics	Ben Hansen
1st in Electrical Engineering	
1st in Horticulture (Wrightson prize)	Kurt Beatty
1st in Biology	Kelly Davidson
1st in Computing	Te Puia Taupo
1st in Maori	Eru Dargaville
1st in Automotive Engineering	Jared Cathcart
Pukekohe Timber Trophy for most innovative design in Technology and Horticulture	Michael Hince
2nd in Electrical Engineering	Nicholas Baldwin
2nd in Graphics	
1st in Design Technology	
2nd in Text & Info Mngmnt	Jayne Gore
1st in Catering	
Tyson Home Science Cup	
2nd in Biology	Cameron Spiers
1st in Physical Education	
1st in Geography	Glenn Walker
2nd in Geography	
1st in Tourism (Edwards PassengerService Award)	
1st in Accounting (Manukau Tech Business School Prize)	
1st in Text & Info Mngmnt	Janine Potter
1st in Physics	
1st in Chemistry (BHP NZ Steel Mill Prize)	
1st in Art	
1st in English (PTA prize)	
1st in Maths (ASB Bank prize)	
Most Excellent Mathematician Trophy	
Wild Cup for Academic Excellence at Yr 12	
Franklin Business & Professional Womens 2002 Award for Diligence	

## YR 13 ACADEMIC AWARDS

2nd in Economics	Wendy Pryor
2nd in Statistics	Kenichiro Shibata
2nd in Calculus	
2nd in Statistics	Avinash Kumaran
2nd in Accounting	
2nd in History	Richard Deihl
2nd in Geography	
1st in Physics	Anthony Marsh
1st in Art	Melissa Hatton
2nd in Physics	Jonathon Lauer
1st in Photography	
2nd in Chemistry	Emma Walter
2nd in English	
1st in Economics (ASB Bank prize)	



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS 2002

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Bale Trophy is probably our most important award. It is given each year to a boy and girl for Industry, Co-operation, Service and reflecting our School Motto

Pai rawa atu i nga mea katoa  
The very best in all things

Our Girl Bale Trophy winner for 2002 is  
Emma Walter

Our Boy Bale Trophy winner for 2002 is  
Leslie Aitken

Our final two Academic Awards

Proxime Accessit Award  
1st in Biology, English, History and Chemistry  
Heather Mailley

Dux  
2nd in Biology, 1st in Calculus, 1st in Geography  
(Zitterstein Cup), 1st in Statistics, 1st in Accounting  
(ASB Bank Award)  
Sheryl Rohde

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARDS 2002

Heather Mailley	Emma Walter
Glenn Walker	Sian Gaskell
Tyne Lewando	Avinash Kumaran
Anthony Marsh	Tiffany Irving
Jonathon Lauer	Miriam Phillips

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARDS 2002

Sian Gaskell	Kathryn Lauer
Casey Mills	Michael Douglas
James Church	Teanna Tearii
Alida Phillips	Kristy Murray
Ricki Corban	Milesh Bahadur
Mark Yearbury	Rene van Kan
Joshua Harlick	Quinn Lapwood
Grant Galbreath	Matthew Hickford
Cameron Spiers	Jamie Andrews
Gaylene Wilson	Jesse Black
Stacey Munro	

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARDS 2002

Alida Phillips	Miriam Phillips
Connie Aitken	Jed Wilson
Adele Markham	Sarah Taylor
Cory Woodd	Sam Deihl
Wero Rau	Jacob Smith
Kylie Nichol	Te Reremoana Aupouri
Michelle Gaskell	Francis Cook
Lucas Flavell-Galladher	Denvar Steger
Luke Turner	Hannah Rogers
Alana Mackay	Daniel Jolly
Christina Crosbie	Nazim Din
Shannon Jade Russell	Una Tohovaka

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