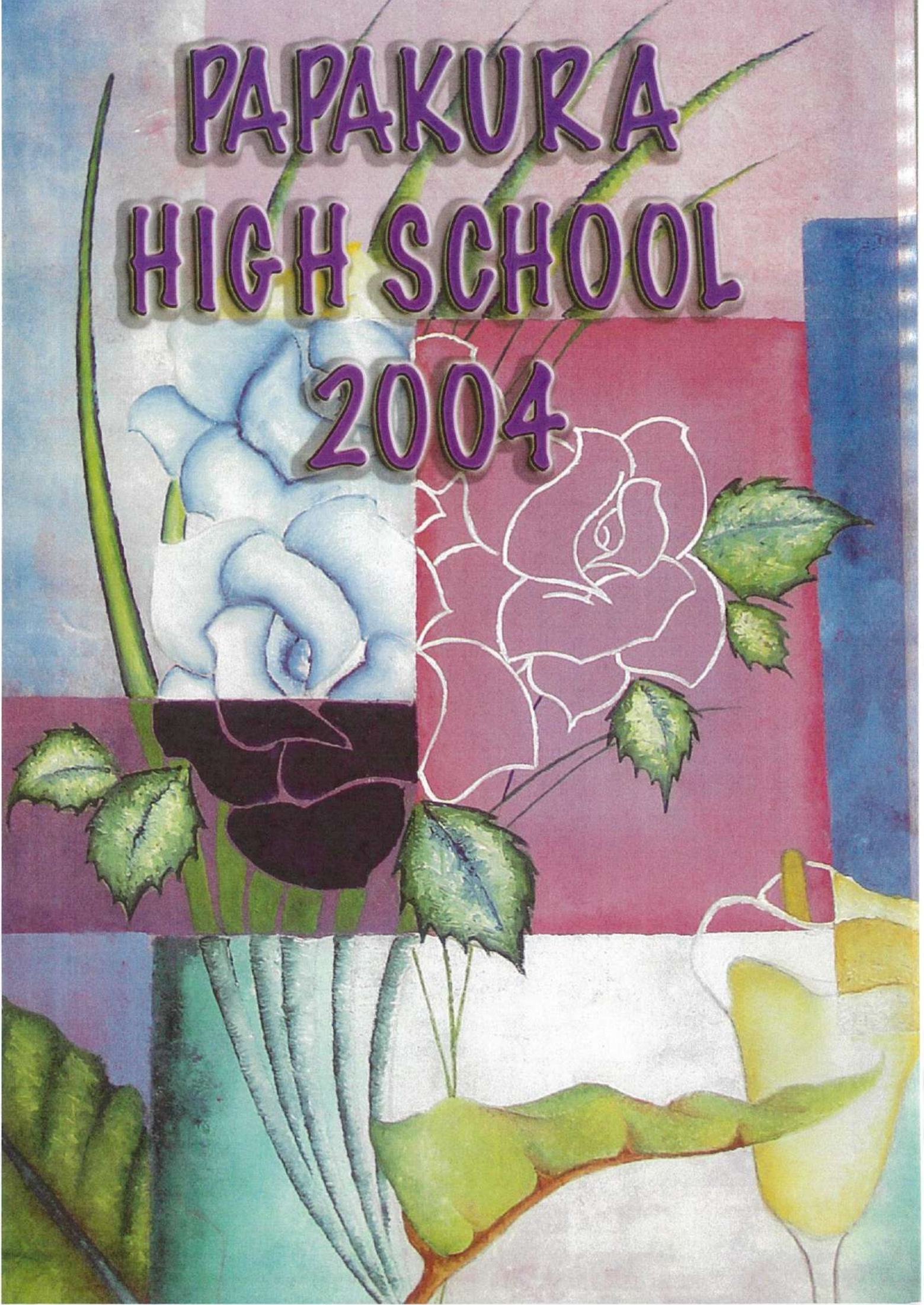


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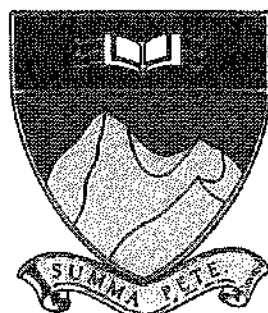






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### Our Mission Statement at Papakura High School

*To prepare people for life by providing an education where academic emphasis has sporting, social and cultural support.*

# Papakura High School Administration

## Senior Management

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Sue Iles RN	Nurse	Sheryn Thornton	Accounts Assistant
Kerry Jacob	Teacher Aide Alt Ed	Judith Way	Student Liaison Officer
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Helen McPherson	CA, Dip BS Finance & Admin Manager	Lynn Williams	Receptionist
		Mere Wilson	Gardener



## Principal's Report



*Angela M Appleby Principal*

It is a pleasure to look back on the 2004 school year and highlight the key events and successes. During the last three years we have seen the gradual implementation of NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. Whilst this has been an enormous workload for teachers and curriculum managers, this new qualification structure has provided some excellent results for students and a real commitment to continual academic achievement.

In particular 10 TX and 10 TY gained excellent passes at Level 1 Geography and the Level 1 results in Art and Music were also very good. Many of our students studying for Level 3 Computing, achieved this qualification early in the school year.

Yet again our Girls Touch Rugby Team are national champions and I applaud the energy and commitment of our Sports Co-ordinator Mrs Rangihuna, who has helped to ensure this ongoing success.

This year one of our students, Chris Rakete has gained a First Foundation Scholarship to be supported throughout university study and employment at a local manufacturer. This is the fifth year running that one of our students has received this award and we are very proud of the recipient. We have just been notified that Charlotte Poletti is also a recipient of the award for 2003, in conjunction with NZ Dairy. Congratulations to both of these fine young adults.

In March the school was proud to reach its 50th year. A very hardworking Jubilee Committee organised a very successful weekend, including a church service, sports events, photos, a formal dinner and a most successful social evening at Ardmore Kennels which more than 1000 ex-students and staff attended.

So many people helped to make the event successful, but special thanks go to Ms Julie Wilson. She was the chair of the committee who were excellent organisers and raised \$16,000 which has been donated to the school to assist with the new Video Conference Centre.

In August the school hosted an Arts Café Evening once again. This year there was an Italian theme and our senior hospitality students provided a delicious meal of minestrone soup, tiramisu and biscotti, not to mention the delicious espresso coffee. The Visual Arts students prepared a backdrop of ancient Rome and the Performing Arts students entertained the audience with dance and drama performances, as well as musical recitals. The XA Speech Contest held in this month was also a great success.

In September we were privileged to host The Great School Connection at our school. This event celebrated 10 years of Telecom's commitment to schools and made use of our recently installed Video Conferencing Network to link with ten other secondary schools around the country. In addition we linked up with the Beehive and hosted both Doug Howlett and Ben Lummis at school, as their performances were part of this special event.

As we move towards the completion of the school year, I would like to acknowledge the staff, students and trustees of the school who all work so hard to ensure the school's success and high profile. Papakura High continues to be an energetic educational institution which meets the needs of a wide-ranging, diverse community and which encourages the very best from all of its students. I am proud to work with such talented and able educators and special young people.

Best wishes to all those associated with our school for a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Angela M Appleby  
Principal



## Board of Trustees Report 2004

The Board wishes to express their thanks to the principal and the senior management team for their successful leadership of the school this year. Their experience and commitment have guided the school to enrich the lives of the students in curriculum delivery, and providing the opportunity for sporting and cultural activities.

The Board appreciates the effort of all teachers who work tirelessly to provide the best educational opportunities for all our students. We have a diverse mix of staff, and support staff. It is a testament to their enthusiasm and commitment, that they can work as a team, to do the best for our students.

We have had an election for a new Board of Trustees. Retiring members were Louise Mathieson, Neisha Hura and Dr Cathy Bebelman. The successful candidates were Richard Lumsden, Jim Powell, Joe Mokl, Sheryl McKenzie and Murray Browne.

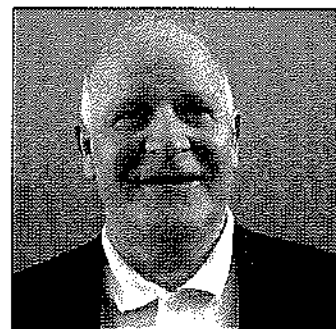
The successful staff representative was Scott Wikohika. Scott has since moved from the school to operate a business enterprise. His place has been taken by Ngaire Cole.

The student representative is Destiny Te Wao who will finish her 12 month term in September 2004. The new, recently elected student representative is Ivan Oosthuizen. Since the election the Board has moved to expand its skillsbase by co-opting Julie Wilson, Geoff Bickerton, and Harold Soe.

The school is lucky to be so well-served by the talents and dedication of these board members, both past and present.

The Board appreciates the efforts made by the Jubilee Committee which ran a highly successful weekend. All the feedback has been positive and many an old acquaintance been renewed. We particularly appreciate the financial gift to the school from the committee of \$16,000. This has allowed us to complete the Video-Conferencing Centre.

The school is expected to expand its student roll in the next few years. This presents a challenge to everyone. Considerable planning is required for the physical changes necessary and to make sure that the focus is always



on positive education. The Board will have its work cut out to get the best results. This points to a positive and exciting future for the school. The Board has already committed considerable resources to make the school a more secure and safe place by completing the fencing and the camera network. We have put quite an emphasis on upgrading the network of computers, completing the Video-Conferencing Suite, and improving the facilities in the hall.

This year has been marked by successful achievements by our students in the sporting and cultural areas. We also celebrate academic achievement, so that all our students can reach their full potential, and become productive and competent citizens.

*M Browne CHAIRPERSON*

## Student Representatives' Report 2004



Kia ora

2004 has been a splendid year with new opportunities arising all the time. Being Student Representative for 2004 was a privilege. It gave me the motivation I needed to speak for my fellow peers.

Being Student Rep involved more than reading, talking, explaining and hard work. The Board meetings included many parents, teachers and our principal. At first I was a bit scared of how I should approach issues that were put forward to me, but as time

progressed, so did the confidence to put my point of view across.

Throughout the year I have been able to take part in various outings, leadership courses, youth councils and day-to-day courses.

My time on the Board went very fast. I would never have thought that the Board meetings would be so interesting. Ex-Student Rep Jaimee Lee Kingi was a good mentor during her time at school.

A Board meeting is held at the end of every month. The length of the meeting depends on the issues to be discussed. There is a lot one has to take in when sitting through the Board meetings and it's all to do with school and the students. There are various sub-committees that the Board has to deal with, as well as the official meeting that takes place at the end of the month.

My specific role was to discuss the matters arising among my peers

and how best we can tackle these issues. Firstly I put forward a proposal, written by the students to the Board. The proposal is then discussed and if all goes well, the proposal is then accepted. Students think that being Student Rep means you can just demand and you will get it straight away, but what they do not realise is that it takes time - a process which may even take months depending on what is wanted.

So far we have received our basketball hoops and a Seventh Form Common Room.

Even though it may not seem like a lot of things, it is, considering how long it takes to ask for something and for it to be granted. Through this year as Student Rep I have learnt about the energy and hard work it takes to keep this school in order. On that last note I would like to thank all the Board members of 2004 for making it an interesting and joyous experience.

*Destiny Te Wao*

# Welcome to our new Staff

## Vicky Cox

Since arriving in New Zealand in January this year, I have learned to love this beautiful country. The scenery is stunning and the people are amazingly friendly.

I taught English in the UK for five years prior to arriving in New Zealand, including some time teaching and travelling in Australia. At Papakura High School I teach English across all the year groups. I have found everyone at the school to be extremely warm and welcoming. The students have accepted me, my accent and my enthusiasm for English! I love teaching and the rewards that it brings and, at Papakura, I have enjoyed all the challenges that I have had to face in a new country, with a new curriculum.

I plan to stay in New Zealand for a while longer, there are so many beaches to explore! I am looking forward to the long summer discovering the South Island and enjoying Christmas in the sun!

## Anne Brennan

Since arriving in Papakura I have taught English, Science and am now teaching Social Studies and Geography. I have been overwhelmed by the support of all of the staff who have helped me to cope with all my new subjects. Teaching so many classes has meant that I've met lots of Papakura pupils who have all been friendly and helped me to settle in quickly. Most of my classes are used to my accent and understand what I say now!

I love the New Zealand countryside and have taken full advantage of visiting new places. I am looking forward to discovering more beautiful places during the summer.



## Gretha Benade

When I first heard that I had an interview for a position at Papakura, I was filled with feelings of excitement and apprehension. On the day of my interview I was soon made to feel welcome. I was invited for tea in the staff room and was impressed with the friendliness and helpfulness that I encountered from both the teachers in and outside English Department. I have been at the school for a term now, and although it has been a difficult adjustment to make initially, because the school system is so much different to the South African system, it has been a most valuable and an enriching experience.

I am looking forward to learning and experiencing much more.

## Minke Botes

Since starting teaching here at Papakura, I look forward to coming to work and teaching. I have not always wanted to be an artist, I was very much into sports at school and spent lots of my time dancing/mainly ballet getting to a professional level. I damaged my ankle and had to choose something else as a career, luckily I was only 17 years old. I then decided to study Graphic Design here in Auckland at AUT and I majored in photography. I have never regretted my fate and believe that when a door closes for you in life, another one opens. I know that I am lucky that I can do a job that I enjoy and find so rewarding. I love my job and feel that it is an honour to teach such talented and creative students.

This has been a very eventful year for me, especially Term 3 and 4. The support and kind words of my students and the staff during "The Fence" have meant so much to me. Next year I am sure will be full of new and exciting opportunities and I say: "Bring it on..."

## Lisa Brown

After teaching in the UK for 5 years, I decided that a perk of the job was being able to find work abroad and combine it with travel. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching at PHS. I have enjoyed the challenge of working

with certain classes. Perseverance and getting to know the students certainly makes it worthwhile. My highlights have been accompanying the Year 9 students on camp. The late night bush walk (without a torch) will certainly be an experience I will never forget!!!! It also allowed me to get to know students outside the classroom.

I have a Year 9 tutor group and I have been so impressed with their enthusiasm. They are a delight to see every morning and will always take part in any activities suggested. (A welcome change to the UK!) The support and friendliness of the staff I feel makes the school. I have made many new friends and have now decided that a year is not long enough here in NZ, so will look forward to another year here at PHS.

## David Corner

I've enjoyed my first month in New Zealand so far. I've travelled around a bit of Auckland; round the countryside and the beach. I've had dinner in the Sky Tower, which was a definite highlight. I've planned a trip away to Rotorua over the holiday, I'm looking forward to lounging in mud. I love my new car and I'm impressed with the mods people make to the simplest of cars.

My school in the UK was quite similar, except students here are a little bit friendlier. Papakura is certainly a nicer setting than Newark, Nottinghamshire. I'm looking forward to teaching all of the Physics and I hope that the students are enthusiastic about taking the subject - it's not as dull as you might think! One of the best things I've seen in New Zealand so far are Mr and Mrs Matthew's pigs; Boris, Pork and Bacon - I'm sure Boris is slimmer than Mr Matthews!?

Janice Mockridge, MIS, CISA, Teacher of Computer Studies

Upon leaving school, I won an IBM programming scholarship, which led onto many IT roles over the years from Analyst Programmer to Project Management. I have worked in ITC design through to implementation, using a wide variety of brands, systems, languages and applications. In recent

years, I worked as a contractor on IT Forensics and Security Audits.

I am excited by the computing options available for Papakura students and I look forward to assisting students to gain computing skills that will help them in their future careers.

**Lesley Wilson**

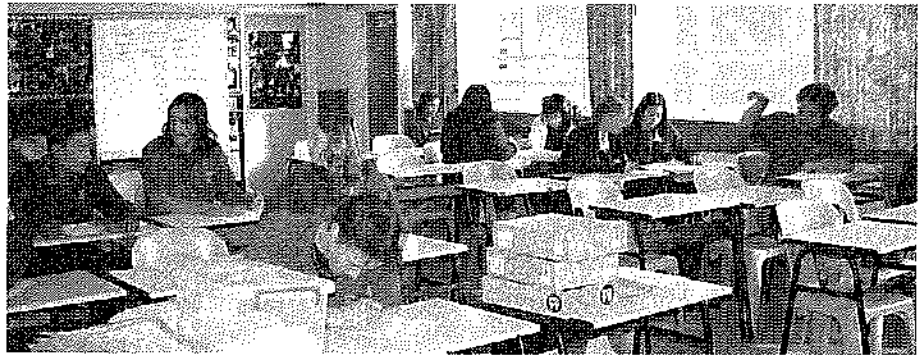
My passion for teaching began when I had children of my own and became interested in their education. After caring for children at pre-school level, I moved on to primary level as a teacher aide. As my children were growing up, I decided to use my qualifications and teach at secondary level.

Teaching at secondary level presents new challenges and rewards and completes the learning process from baby through to adult. I enjoy teaching the diverse range of students at Papakura High.

The students here are very friendly and will often speak to you as you pass by. Papakura High is similar to Manurewa High where I taught last year, but its smaller size and friendly environment make it a good place to teach.

**Martin Braunton**

I arrived from the UK in October 2003. When I met Bernadette, my wife, for the first time, the first thing we talked about was our desire to come to New Zealand. We had both had enough of the hectic lifestyles we had both been leading and New Zealand was our first choice of destination. I remember arriving at Auckland airport and



driving straight to PHS. The Kapahaka group were practising by the marae as I drove in. What a wonderful first impression! I teach English and PE and in March, I was made Assistant Dean of Senior School, working with Mrs Boyce. The job has been very interesting and it has been a real pleasure to meet so many awesome students. Sadly though, I had to give up my tutor class: the fantastic 9TX! It was great fun getting to know them and Camp Waharau was a real fun experience. I've also taken the Gymnastics Team and they have been a truly awesome group of students. I've been amazed at what they can do. The facilities at the Bruce Pullman Gymsport Centre are out of this world and we're so lucky to have them here in Papakura. Mrs Deadman has been a brilliant coach to the team. I've joined a local golf club and am looking forward to beating Mr Donald over the summer! In my classroom there is a poster on my 'Wall of Inspiration' about the Silver Ferns. It contains a message that is so important about achievement: "If you want something you have never had you have to be prepared to do something you have never done." I hope success comes to all of you. Have a great summer!

**Elsbeth McGregor**

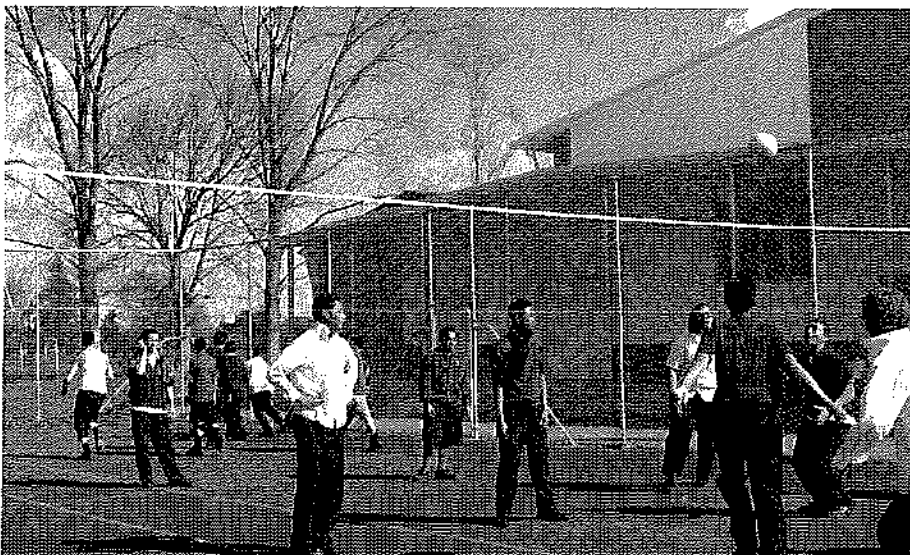
I have been in NZ for 9 months and have loved every moment - strangely I don't feel very far from home at all (unfortunately my family back in the UK are not of the same opinion). I've found the Kiwis to be very welcoming, the landscape is stunning and my standard of living is far better than in Canterbury. A round of golf is about a quarter of the price!

I have been teaching in England for 4 years; after an earlier, attempted career in journalism. I've generally found the pupils at Papakura to be pleasant, hardworking and motivated - a big difference from my previous experiences. I've thoroughly enjoyed teaching the new texts and topics required by the curriculum - apart from the stress caused by the filming of my year 12 Media Studies trailers. The staff have been extremely welcoming and I have made many good friends.

I will be staying in New Zealand and at Papakura for at least another year. I am greatly looking forward to spending my summer holidays in the South Island. Christmas on the beach will be a novelty!

**Stuart Gibbs**

My short biography! - I am from Ilkeston, a town in Derbyshire, which is in the middle of England. I left school at 16 and became an apprentice printer, but quit that at 21 to go back to college and study Music and English literature. That led me to university in Liverpool, then teacher training in Nottingham. I have now been a teacher for six years, having taught in primary, middle and secondary schools. On arriving at PHS, one of the most pleasant and surprising things for me as a teacher from overseas was discovering the strong Maori musical culture - I have never seen so many students who can sing and





play the guitar with such energy and enthusiasm. Another satisfying moment was working with the XA students and helping them with their singing, composing and performing. Working here has definitely been a positive experience.

**Jane Diepraam**

As 2004 draws to an end I can look back on my first year teaching at Papakura High School with some fond memories. The students and staff make Papakura what it is, a unique working environment. Students are always warm and friendly, if not perhaps a little outspoken, and the staff are very friendly indeed.

I have loved teaching every one of my classes and I have been continually amazed at the creative writing talents of my students in Y 11 English, the poetic abilities of Y 10 English, the amazing array of talent in Y 12 Drama, evident in their performances, and the continual improvement of my Y 10 drama group. The highlight of the year for me, although 10 TY would disagree, was the Ben Lummis concert and witnessing the fashion faux pas of brown shoes with black pants as modelled by none other than self-confessed fashion doyen Doug Howlett. Not sure the trend will catch on, or the brick mobile phone, but stranger things have happened at Papakura.. . . .

**Emily Shepherd**

G'day! I am the new daance teacher at Papakura High. (Note: dance pronounced with a flat Aussie A.) I love the performing arts and am stoked to teach Drama and Dance at PHS.

Brief Bio: born in Canberra, grew up northern N.S.W., started ballet at 5 years. Did not embrace Dance fully until I studied it as a subject at school (last century, when puberty struck me, Dance was a new subject to the N.S. W. Education Curriculum, just like it is a baby subject here in New Zealand!). Was delighted to discover you can go to university and study Dance (yes it is true, a Bachelor of Arts - Dance is the product). Travels then enticed me and I was able to broaden horizons, teaching and dancing professionally in Australia, England, Ireland and New Zealand. Met a lovely Kiwi bloke and

have ended up in Auckland! Best thing about Papakura High School: definitely the students, they are extremely friendly and enthusiastic. I am constantly amazed by the quality of work produced in class. Oh, and Monday morning meat pies. Worst thing about Papakura is the lack of commitment, but never fear ...try-hard to get things going - teacher is here... will be offering a boys' breaking group and 9/10 dance group again next year...Come on peoples, give 100%, life is not worth half living! I shall also continue my dance pronunciation infliction mission (insert evil cackle here) Papakura shall dance, daance, daaance!

**Jules Nicholas**

My family and I have emigrated to New Zealand this year. I was an RAF Air Traffic Control Officer before completing my teacher training. I have worked at 2 schools in the UK; as Head of Vocational Studies and Deputy Head of Y12 and 13 in one and Head of ICT in the other. On arrival here at Papakura High School, I split my time between the ICT Department and the Social Studies Department. Both have offered great support as I have adapted to the NZ Curriculum. I am now the CAM for ICT and look forward to providing the students with the exposure to ICT they require for life in the 21st century.



**Kate Lobb**

I am currently employed as an Art teacher here at Papakura High. I am in my second year of teaching. I started here at the start of Term 1, from a long-term relieving position at Rutherford College, over on the Te

Atatu peninsula.

The job has been both rewarding and challenging. The staff, and the majority of the students, are very friendly and welcoming. Motivating some students to step beyond mediocrity, has been a challenge. What has been rewarding though, is working within an awesome, supportive department and seeing all the young talent we have at our school, especially within the Arts.

**Barbara Tye-Wood**

I have previously taught Science, Maths, English, Social Studies, Physical Education and Health. I have become specialised in teaching Science and Mathematics, two subjects that work together and that I love teaching and am presently teaching more Mathematics than Science.

This is my first year at Papakura High having taught in state and private schools in Auckland. There are many great students and personalities at Papakura High who have a positive approach to the hard work of learning and who are reaping the rewards they deserve.

**Janet Williams**

After five years of child-rearing, it was time to move back into the workforce. Moving from England to New Zealand and starting a new job at the same time, have involved many challenges, but it has been a very rewarding five months, made easier by the welcoming, friendly nature of those New Zealanders I have come into contact with. It has been wonderful to work with such a supportive staff and with students who have been able to adapt so well to a change in teacher in the middle of their academic year.

I am looking forward to establishing myself at Papakura High and growing professionally by working in a new education system.

**Rachel Godkin**

Teaching at Papakura has been an adventure, but in a good way. Papakura is very different from my previous school, Noena College in Lower Hutt.

Here are some of my observations: I have found that the students work



together when they learn. The dawning understanding among students when you explain a topic is exciting to experience. The camaraderie among colleagues is inspiring!

One of the biggest highlights so far this year has been the Ben Lummis visit. It was also fun seeing the students' faces after the internal assessments had taken place when they realised that they had achieved some credits.

My expectations this year include seeing all my students passing NCEA level 1 (I'll keep my fingers crossed).

**Jeff Craigen**

My name is Jeff Craigen. I have now been teaching Graphics at Papakura High School for approximately three months. My home city is Newcastle upon Tyne, which is the most northerly city on the east coast of England. So far my time spent in New Zealand has been both exciting and very educational. I have taught in a number of inner-city British schools, and other organisations, probably the most colourful being a young offenders' prison on the Scottish border. Prior to becoming a teacher,



I worked for twelve years in the oil and petro-chemical industry as a pipeline engineer/ draughtsman. Here I served a recognised apprenticeship, but more importantly gained life experience outside an educational environment which I can hopefully pass on through my lessons.

**David Singh**

It was a pleasure to start teaching at Papakura High School at the beginning of 2004. As a Food, Nutrition and Hospitality teacher, I thoroughly enjoyed this year. The department has well-qualified staff and it has been a privilege for me to be able to work with them. As a first year Hospitality teacher there were many challenges, but also many learning opportunities. The highlight of the year was the staff lunches. Congratulations to the school for the new commercial kitchen.

**Stephen Cox**

I have been at Papakura High School since the start of the year. New Zealand education provides different challenges from the UK-system, along with a change of lifestyle and culture. The students have been responsive and welcoming to my style of teaching and I have settled well into the routines and procedures of the school. The second year provides great opportunities for the development of Catering and Hospitality at Papakura and I look forward to the Chefs' School and my continued teaching and learning.

**Chrissy McKay**

Having spent the last four years studying Interior Design and colour, I never thought I would return to teaching. To be honest, I absolutely love working in the Music Department. Sometimes I think I need my head read, but I realize it's all worth it when I see the kids achieve. I love the staff here. Everyone is so supportive and friendly. (I make sure I remember you all when I'm sitting in the cafe sipping a Latte on my day off) I have found that the students

here at Papakura have expanded my knowledge and use of the English language! English is my first language and I am still learning... If I could have one request it would be to have a large cubed classroom, set up for electric guitars, CD players and headphones! Oh peace!



**Ben Silk**

Since starting work at Papakura High School, I have been given a whole new experience of school life and one that I have to say, I am thoroughly enjoying! Starting at a school so late in the year is not easy for either myself or the Year 9 and 10 classes that I have taken on. However, I have been made to feel very welcome by the staff and students at Papakura High. Before coming to New Zealand I was working at Cedar Mount High School in Manchester, England and I finished work there in July. Obviously there are differences to working in an English school, such as the different cultures and curriculum, but generally the routines are very alike. I have to say that the students at Papakura are also similar to those at my last school. In my short time at the school, I have found many of the students to be talented and ambitious which is a pleasure for any teacher.

I have been given W14 as my teaching base, which is a great room to teach in as it is light and has great views of the playing fields. I should also say that it is much bigger than the room I had back in Manchester! I look forward to completing the term at Papakura High School and returning again in January to continue where I left off. Have a successful end to 2004 and enjoy the summer break.

## We said goodbye to . . .



### Whaea Miriama James

Mrs Milly James retired from teaching at the end of Term 2 this year.

She will be sadly missed by the Board of Trustees, staff, students, Maori Parents Committee and the parents of the students she had taught while at Papakura High School. Miriama had been teaching at this school for over thirty years, having taught parents, and students of parents at different times. She was held in high regard for her competency to deliver and help the students to achieve at the highest possible level.

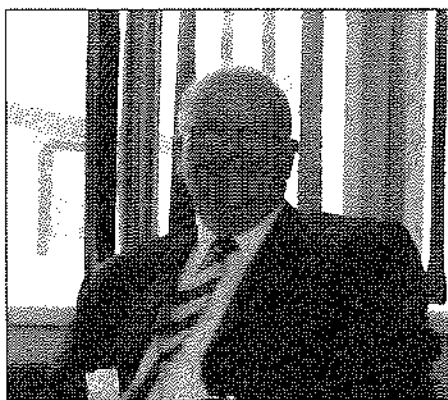
She was farewelled by the various departments she was involved with throughout the week, ending with the final farewell from the Board Of Trustees.

She was showered with gifts from everyone concerned and I hope she will remember that week of celebration and the importance of a Rangatira who has served Papakura High School and the community with her loyalty and grace.

Kaore hoki koe e warewaretia e  
Kui mo ou mahi Rangatira i mahia  
koe e le wa i nohotahi ai tatau me  
nga, Taina me nga, Tuakana.

Arohanui. Na Hori Stirling

Kaitwhakahaere O Te Tari Maori



### Graeme Junge

In 1986 I moved from the Primary School System to teach at Papakura High School. Mathematics was my chosen field then and it was my privilege to work over the years with some wonderful young people who went on to do really well in their chosen careers.

1989 saw me appointed as Head of Computing in the school. There were fifteen BBC model B computers in that year and some of the work that was being done, was very creative because the limitations of the computers made sure that students had to plan everything very carefully to achieve the programming results required.

By 1992 the school had made the decision to purchase the first PC's. Compared with the quality of computer that is being purchased today, those computers were slow, basic and required great skill, from the students, to produce the work required. Those old enough to remember, will recall that First Choice was the wonderful integrated application which allowed students to word-process, do spreadsheets and produce simple DTP assignments. This was a ground-breaking era.

Becoming the Form 7 Dean in 1996, was one of those very challenging times when it was essential to encourage students to "aim high" and achieve outstanding results in the Bursary Examinations. Running a Form 7 camp gave a whole new meaning to lack of sleep. The students seemed to manage with a minimum of sleep, so teachers had to hang around until the camp seemed to be settled. Of

course, no Form 7 student ever abused the requirement to be involved in the programme and get sufficient rest to cope with the activities planned for each day!!!!!!! !!

When the vertical structure was introduced into the school I became Head of Freyberg House. It is even on record that I "wore" a bikini in an attempt to encourage a greater level of participation at the swimming sports. Regardless of everything that was done, the members of Freyberg encouraged all of the other houses to do really well in all events. I guess it is fair to say that there are a lot of students who would not have felt so good about themselves if Freyberg had not let them win!

I had a lot to do with the early setting up of the computer network in the school. The technology of those times was very primitive when compared with what is available today. The challenge for the school is to ensure that best use is made of all of the computer power to enhance student learning. The students also have a responsibility to themselves to take advantage of all that is available for them within the school.

The computing programme on offer at the moment holds great opportunities for all to achieve at a very high level. Print Design, Web Design, National Certificates of Computing and the International Computer Driving Licence prepare all who participate in the programme to do really well and become prepared for the work force. Go for it!!!!!!!

There are many areas of the school where I tried to offer support and encouragement. Being a Dean, Year 13 tutor, testimonial writing, helping organise prize-giving, being MC at the prize-giving, providing opportunity for some serious learning and working with amazing students and teachers, are just some of the moments I will continually recall.

I often said to students as they left school, that it was now time for them to get a real life. Well! !!!!! That is what I have chosen to do by setting up a small business and offering IT training, development of online assessments



and working in other areas of the business. It is proving to be a very exciting and challenging change and I am enthusiastic about the future.

Charles F. Kettering once wrote, "My interest in the future is because I am going to spend the rest of my life there." What a great idea.

May you all look to the future and achieve your dreams.



**Jillian Fletcher**

As I move on to further my education, I will take wonderful memories of Papakura High School with me. That special Papkura High School spirit of KURA HARD.

I was proud to be Ferguson House Dean and winning the PTA Cup in 2003, and loved the Gold Hats, bandanas, the Chicken, Sham Trophy, musical performances in assembly, the talent quests, the head prefects from Fergusson House, in the Lawn Bowlers, 6FLR, the Carpet Bowlers, staff versus 7U1 Form challenges, kura burgers, awesome drama productions, staff versus Boys League games, Arts Cafe evenings, my Childcare girls, study camps, making ice-creams, best House Captains in the school, cheering for the rugby and other sports teams and those wonderful House Assemblies - good old-fashioned Kiwi team-building and fun.

I know I have made many life-long friends at Papakura High School and to all those Bledisloe, Cobham, Freyberg students - compete fairly,

try to do your best, Fergusson doesn't mind if you beat them... Yeah right!!!

**Grace Gilbert**

Mrs Gilbert left Papakura High after 4 years to take up a new teaching position at De la Salle College. Mrs Gilbert had been instrumental in the setting up and operation of the Home Room area and many students have benefitted from this initiative. We wish her all the best in her new position.

**Wendy Brooks**

Mrs Brooks was the friendly face behind the accounts' office window from March 2000 to January 2004. In her time here just about all the students would have had some sort of contact with her, buying stationery, paying for trips, fees etc.

Many students will remember her for the help she gave them and her caring ways. Mrs Brooks often took a personal interest in the students' achievements and gave support and encouragement to help them achieve their goals.

**Vera Pointon**

Mrs Pointon was known by just about every student in the school, both past and present. During the time that Mrs Pointon was employed at Papakura High School from June 1989 to July 2004, she held a variety of positions in the school office, with the most recent being the Attendance Officer. In that role she was the first contact with parents on attendance matters and many students will remember her as being the front person on the Student Reception counter.

She maintained a personal interest in them throughout their years at school and often was able to recall other family members who had attended our school. Mrs Pointon was also the relief nurse and quite a few students had their injuries/illnesses attended to by her in a professional manner. Mrs Pointon was always prepared to help the students.

**Leanne Hoto MSRI**

Leanne started at PHS in 2001 working in the Staff Cafeteria. Later that year she accepted a challenge and transferred to the Guidance Team to work in the Maori Suspension Reduction Initiative. This initiative was set up by the government, providing funding for a mentor to support the junior Maori students in high schools who found the transition from primary to secondary school especially challenging. This initiative at PHS was very successful during the time that Leanne was working with these students. The students would set goals to achieve during each term, with a reward if these goals were achieved.

In 2003 selected students participated in a challenge in which they were taken to Mt Maunganui and had to cycle, kayak and tramp back to Papakura. Other rewards involved a day at Rainbow's End and a weekend at Waiwera Hot Pools.

Leanne gained much satisfaction seeing our students succeed and achieve within our school community. She left to set up a family business and is missed greatly by the students.

**Louise Matheson**

Relief teaching at Papakura High is very interesting, because you get such a variety of subjects, which showcase your skills as a teacher, ranging from core subjects to specialties. Usually you are not required to use any actual equipment, which makes subjects like PE, Music or Hospitality quite challenging. And everyone knows how well-liked relief teachers are! Students are extra well-behaved when they see us in the classroom instead of their regular teacher. It helps, of course, to have been on the permanent staff, because then the students know you mean business. You won't let them get away with eating their lunch in class, listening to their favourite music and texting their mates. Or will you? Papakura High is full of enquiring minds who like to work things out for themselves. It's the hallmark of an excellent educational facility such as ours. I do enjoy working here and will keep coming back as long as teachers get sick.

**Debbie Munro**

Mrs Munro relocated from Hamilton this year and we were very fortunate to have her as a Year 10 teacher in the Maori Department, during Terms 2 and 3.

Debbie found working with secondary students to be very different from the younger students she had taught in primary school. They presented different challenges, but the results were every bit as rewarding and she made strong connections with her form class. We wish Mrs Munro every success in her future and TORR in particular would like to say Kia ora, kia kaha, arohanui Miss!

**Beryl Mckinnon**

Beryl was probably one of the best science technicians in NZ. She was passionate about Science and an invaluable resource for teachers, looking for practical activities and experiments to incorporate into their lessons. Beryl had many ideas and regularly shared these with the department. She was very well-organised and enthusiastic about her work and had numerous contacts.

Beryl was also involved in Science and regularly attended and organised workshops for Science technicians in the Auckland region. The Science Department wishes her all the best in her new position. Luckily we were able to replace her with someone just as organised and enthusiastic - welcome to Janice Deverick.

**Shakil Ahmed**

Mr Amed has returned to the UK after a year in NZ and we wish him all the best for the future. Shakil was a knowledgeable and experienced Physics teacher and played an important role in the development of NCEA level 1 and 2. He also did a great deal of pastoral work in his role as Assistant Head of senior school and I am sure he will be missed by many.

**Richard Ghent**

"The Life and Times of Mr Ghent, Teacher Leaving Papakura High

School:"

I arrived as a newly qualified teacher in 1994 and worked as an associate teacher in the Music Department with Mr D. Naylor, a colourful character with many skills.

My tenure here has been one full of personal development and change and this is a direct result of influences that students and colleagues have had on me as a teacher, of not only Music and English, but also of the male role in life. I noticed that there were many students who had difficulty with mainstream subjects and that they tended to opt for subjects that have a practical, learning orientation like Music and Art.

This led me to explore teaching further and I completed the Diploma of Education in Special Teaching Needs and the Higher Teaching Diploma in 1998. When I returned, I started as a Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour, a new initiative set up by the Ministry of Education to assist learners, teachers and schools.

This position required me to become itinerant at Papakura High School, Rosehill College and the Papakura Activity Centre. During this time I completed the training which was a Post Graduate Diploma in Education Special Needs Resource Teaching. I commenced my Master of Education in Counselling, completing this with Honours in 2003. This has led to my new role at Alfriston College as Head of Guidance.

My heart retains fond memories of the warmth of Papakura High School, ranging from the vital grounds staff, office people, teachers and most of all the colourful fun-loving energy that the young people of our school have given me in my time here. Kia Ora koto.

I am not sad to be moving on - life is about new horizons and challenges. I am pleased to be growing in my new role and this is a result of the tautoko and awhi that you all have given me. May your lives be exciting, your minds be inquisitive and make love for others the foundation for your actions.

Ka kite ano

**Gillian Boakes**

Beware of stopping for a coffee!

During the break between Terms 3 and 4, my husband and I went to the Coromandel for a few days. As we drove south through Tiarua, we decided to stop for a coffee at the Tiarua Landing Café. There was a "business for sale" sign on the door - we started chatting to the owner and ended up buying the café rather than a coffee.

We returned to Papakura and within 24 hours of putting our house on the market, we had sold it. So it's out with the old and in with the new - running the Tairua Landing cafe (on the right after going over the bridge, beside the playpark, the beach and the public toilets, if you happen to be taking to the Coromandel this summer!)

I am sorry to be leaving Papakura High, as I have very much enjoyed my 3 years here, teaching Information Management. There are many students whom I will miss. I wish them all great success. Just have a dream and go for it - I just have!

**Simon Emmerson**

Mr Emmerson left us in August to travel overseas. He had been at Papakura High School for three years. In that time he managed the Girls Hockey Team, which was unbeaten last season. He went on Year 9 and Year 10 camps where he made a major contribution.

Simon implemented the NCEA Physical Education Course (Level 3) this year. He will be sadly missed by his colleagues and the students. We wish him well.

**Scott Wikohika**

Mr Wikohika was farewelled at the end of 2003 when he left the school to work at his cafe. However, he returned this year for several months. During this time, he was Staff Representative on the Board of Trustees.

We thank him for his contribution in this capacity and wish him well for his business and the future.

# Prefects 2004

It seems like just yesterday that we were sitting in Senior Prize-giving, waiting anxiously for next year's prefects to be announced. Now, a year later, we can look back on our time as prefects at this school and remember how far we've come.

2004 has been successful for our prefects, and despite there being 13 of us, it has been quite a lucky year. Some of the prefects' achievements include being House Leaders, taking part in the Ball and Graduation Committee, a three day leadership course, World Domination, and a top secret experimental nuclear missile silo, beneath the common room.

Most of us were involved in the Ball Committee, which was hard, yet very rewarding work. The Ball was a huge success. A good time was had by all, and if anyone tells you any differently, they're lying. This year as prefects, we have learnt important leadership and organisational skills that will help us in the future. We have also had a lot of fun and formed great friendships with one another. Being a prefect this year has been a rewarding experience and something that will not be forgotten too soon.



This year's prefects are:

Courtney Browne  
 Nicholas Bumie  
 Cameron Burton  
 Katriona Johns  
 Suberj eet Kaur

Shiva Mamoodi  
 Mislletti Olago  
 Mattijs de Pater  
 Erin Prichard  
 Christopher Rakete

Geoffrey rowe  
 Ewai Tupaeo  
 Grant White

# Head Prefects

## Head Prefects Report

It's been a wicked year, long but wicked nonetheless. The Head Prefects got to go to Rosehill, eat their food and judge their school Idol Competition. Cheers to their Head Prefects for showing us round the place. We then got the chance to serve coffee at the Jubilee. The stress of running out, kept us all on our feet; we managed to pull it off. Lots of hard work from some of the prefects made it possible. The game was choice too. The guys played hard and had fun.

Shiva had a great time with Destiny Te Wao at the Dilworth Boys School Student Leaders Forum. She learnt lots from the speakers who were very enlightening.

Shiva was also at the ANZAC Memorial Day, putting the wreath on the statue with Nicholas Bumie. Christopher spoke to the ex-soldiers and the Papakura public about his thoughts and feelings of ANZAC Day.

After several alterations and light conversations with Mr Rosie, we were able to get a Common Room which we've been warming to this term. Thanks Mr Rosie!

Matt, Ewai and Destiny found the Student Council Meetings they attended to be a positive experience and a good opportunity to give Papakura High's perspective.

The whole 7th Form are looking forward to the graduation and the Jubilee which we shall all be attending many years from now. Till then, bring it on world, we'll miss you Kura High.



# SAMOAN CULTURAL GROUP, 2004

The main programme on the agenda for the year was the Polynesian Festival. As always there were many students who joined the group eagerly. Unfortunately, many did not have the patience needed to last out the many practices required to develop themselves into a successful competitive group. Remaining in the end were a faithful few who represented our school as the Samoan Cultural Group for 2004. To all of you that hung on in there...we pay tribute to you ...you made us all very proud.

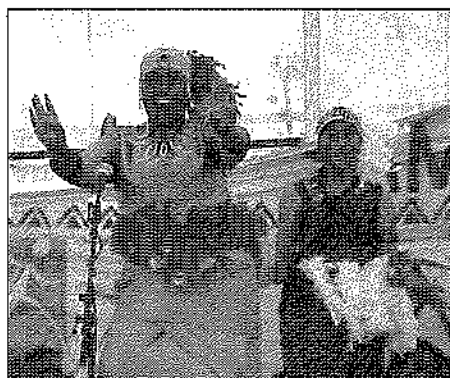
Thank you to Mrs Appleby for all your support. Thanks also to the staff who popped in now and then during the practices...your mere presence was so very encouraging.

A special thanks to Mr Byron Parker for all your precious study time which you sacrificed for the group. Your patience, wisdom and talents as this year's tutor was appreciated and

admired by students and teachers alike. Malo le loto cogal la manuia lava le taumafai!

We couldn't have made it this year, however, without the help and support of our most dedicated fans! The parents! It is impossible to name you all just as it is impossible to find the words to convey our sincere gratitude for your love and support throughout the whole preparation for the festival. So, whether it was preparing the uniforms, cutting onions, selling sausages, attending meetings or helping out with practices...

**.FAAFETAI, FAAFETAI, FAAFETAI LAVA!**  
**la toe faafutumu e le Atua mea uma**  
**ua faagaogaoina ona o lenei aoga**  
**faatauva'a.**



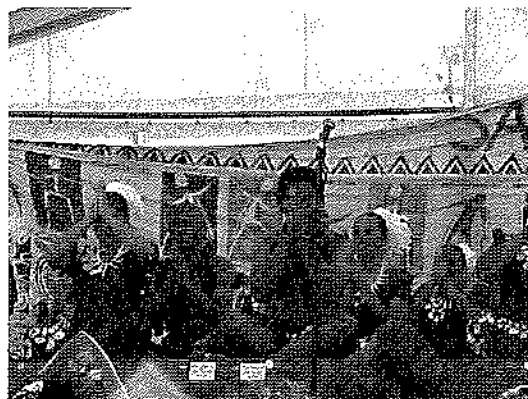


ASB Bank Auckland Secondary Schools Maori & Pacific Islands Cultural Festival

**2004 Theme: Culture is the past, the present and the future, together.**

On March 18 – 20, the annual PolyFestival took place at the Manukau Velodrome. Papakura High School was fortunate this year to have three groups represented on the Indian, Cook Island and Samoan Stages. We had a Fiafia Night on the 17<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall, where the three groups performed their cultural items for their teachers, parents and friends. It was a good experience to receive the encouragement that the supporters gave to the three groups. The audience

was amazed at the swinging hips, Bollywood-style moves and the synchronized clap movements performed by the students. The Samoan parents were very generous in donating during the *taualuga* or the final performance of the night. *Faafetai lava mo outou lagolago mai.* We would also like to thank the school for providing the three groups with financial assistance!



**Indian Cultural Group  
Namaste!**

The Indian Group comprised of 5 girls and they must be congratulated for making that effort. They did the school proud, as this was the first year for us to have a group on the Indian Stage. Well done to Shivani, Komal, Roselyn, Komal and Vandhana for all their hard work and to Ms Prasad for accompanying them on the day of their performance.



**KAPAHAKA 2004**

The Kapahaka Group has not been as active as in past years. The year started off on a positive note with an excellent performance at the Schools at Manurewa High School in Term 1. Sadly, we will not be attending the Te Ahurea Tino Rangatiratanga Festival at James Cook this year. The students also performed with Mana for the Powhiri for Ben Lummis, on the day prior to the Telecom presentation on the 8th of September.

The students are extremely talented when they focus on learning the basics thoroughly and the protocols of Kapahaka. I hope to organise a-nanga towards the end of Term 4 at one of the local marae. Jarrad Douglas has indicated he would like to share the tutoring duties with me, and I hope to employ a female tutor as well, we will perform at the A.S.B. Maori and Pacific Island Festival at the Velodrome in March 2005.

Naku Noa

*George Strling  
Head Of Te Reo Maori.*

# Cook Island Cultural Group

Kia Orana!

The Cook Island girls were the most successful in this year's Festival. They participated in the non-competitive section and were placed third overall. With their leaders, Tina Henry and Ryschard Lose, they spent many hours practising after school and during lunchtimes. On the day of their performance, they wowed the crowd with their fantastic smiles and had everyone moving to the sound of Tyson and 'Oki Mai, Oki Mai'.

The Manuel and Tagi family were of great help to these girls, as they provided the costumes, drummers and other decorations, which helped in their success. The girls also received help from Ms Jill Fletcher, who was instrumental in their fundraising - especially in their ice cream sales. We would like to thank all their parents and tutors who contributed to their success. We also want to wish those seniors who leave at the end of this year all the best in their future endeavours - all the best to Ricole Tongaawhikau!

We hope to have another group in for next year's Festival and hope that there will be some talented boys who will join up so that we can be more successful in 2005! Thank you to all the teachers who graciously devoted their time to help us.



## Year 13 Geography Trip to Beachlands Fun, Food, and Longshore Drift

What was supposed to be an educational day of data-gathering, turned into a day filled with funny occurrences and mishaps. After a rather tame trip to Pine Harbour in Beachlands, we headed off to Schnapper Rock, a stack formation we were to investigate. While there, two of our class, Vania Llewellyn and Graeme Foster, found that the ground was a bit unstable for them, and they proceeded to topple over. Although a seemingly harmless fall, Vania hurt her finger, and being one of only a couple of people to see Graeme fall, I cracked up laughing as he landed in a rock pool.

At this same place, Schnapper Rock, Alec Marshall found a 'petrified' dog (a soft toy) on the beach and the boys decided to give it a proper burial at sea. Next we headed to Sunkist Bay where we were to measure longshore drift with the help of some 'sea harvested' apples and lemons. First to volunteer to go for a little dip in the ocean was of course me... a chick! We only needed one other person, so the boys had a battle of "paper, scissors, rock" to decide who would join me. Graeme won leaving the getting-wet-business to Brendan. After the velocity of the waves had been measured, I rescued an apple apiece for Menolly

and myself and we had a munch, and then headed off to Shelley Bay to draw a cross section of the beach.

On the way home we stopped at Clevedon for an ice cream and to my disgust, after having just started on my goody-goody gumdrop, double-scoop choc-covered cone, Alec knocked it to the ground. Although he bought me a new one, I was still mortified at my loss. Lastly we filled up the school van and headed back to school to end our very ahem 'educational' (no really it was) day with the Geography class.

By Talena Dalgety



## A Family Affair... by Yvonne Tomalii

"We onlee giff yoo a hiding, begosh we luff yoo. Yoo undashtand?" And how many times, after getting a hiding, have we, the unlucky new generation of New Zealand-born Samoans, heard that one famous line before. That line, that everyone in your neighbourhood hears every day, as well as all the swearing that goes along with it?

The Samoan culture. What can you say about it? I mean, everything is so strict. Everything that you learn from your parents, were taught to them by their parents, and the parents before them, and so on. It's really amazing, how long all these customs have been passed down, generation to generation, by word of mouth and nothing of it has changed in any part.

Since the moment we took our first step, to the very first word that we uttered, the family had already sunk their teeth into us. Fore-telling our future and our choice of profession. But we also started learning from early on how to act, how to respect our elders, how to respect each other, to listen and to obey. All these things were taught, all by word of mouth, and the same stories a million times over. "When I was your age, back in the Islands..." on and on it went, and at the end of

every story was always a lesson about life and the consequences of stepping out of line, as well as the pressures of being a Samoan teenager.

The one thing that a lot of the girls and I don't get, is the difference on how we get treated. All the boys in our families get more freedom than we do! Why is it that guys and girls are treated differently in a Samoan family? This question popped into my head one Sunday afternoon, after to'ona'i with the family - the first time in ages that all the guys actually turned up. Growing up with three older brothers and a younger one, I was under a lot of male influence, and being the only girl sux big time! I can also say that there is a whole lot of unfairness going on, when it comes down to the precious discipline.

Discipline; according to the Samoans it is the way to show you love your children. Hard discipline No pain, no gain. No pain and you will do it again. Hard discipline is used to teach respect, to show right from wrong, to support the culture and to show its importance.

If discipline isn't bad enough, then being over-protective is just as bad.

There is never a time when I can walk out of the house... unaccompanied by one of the annoying gruesome foursome. Volleyball training is at the Otara Rec, and Michael has to take me to training. He not only drops me off, he has to walk me into the gym and arrives 20 minutes early to pick me up, in case I get lost in the carpark, walking from the Rec. to the car.

School finishes at 3:15pm. Jonathan's been waiting since 3:00pm and when I get to the car five minutes after the bell, I get questioned like a suspect on murder trial, and I get lectures that I've already heard about a million times. And not to forget that I was only five minutes late, five minutes late. Now that's overprotection - but in New Zealand, for God's sake, lighten up.

At the end of the day, that's just the way it is and I'm not saying that it's right, but I'm also not saying that it's wrong. I guess it's the way it just has to be. No matter how much I hate it, life without the discipline and the overprotective parents and brothers wouldn't be the same. Besides, I wouldn't give anything up, because at my house, it's like living in a reality show like "The Osbourne's" and that is definitely a different story.



# International! Overseas Students

We are privileged to have four different categories of students from overseas. Fee-paying International Students come either to improve their English and for the cultural experience, or to learn English so that they can go on to study in an English-speaking university. These students come from China, Cambodia, Thailand, Brazil, Japan and Korea.

Every year we also have a number of foreign exchange students, and this year we have students from Mexico, Italy, Japan, Denmark and the United States. These students also come to improve their English and for the cultural experience.

Another category of students who arrive from overseas are the ones whose parents have decided New Zealand

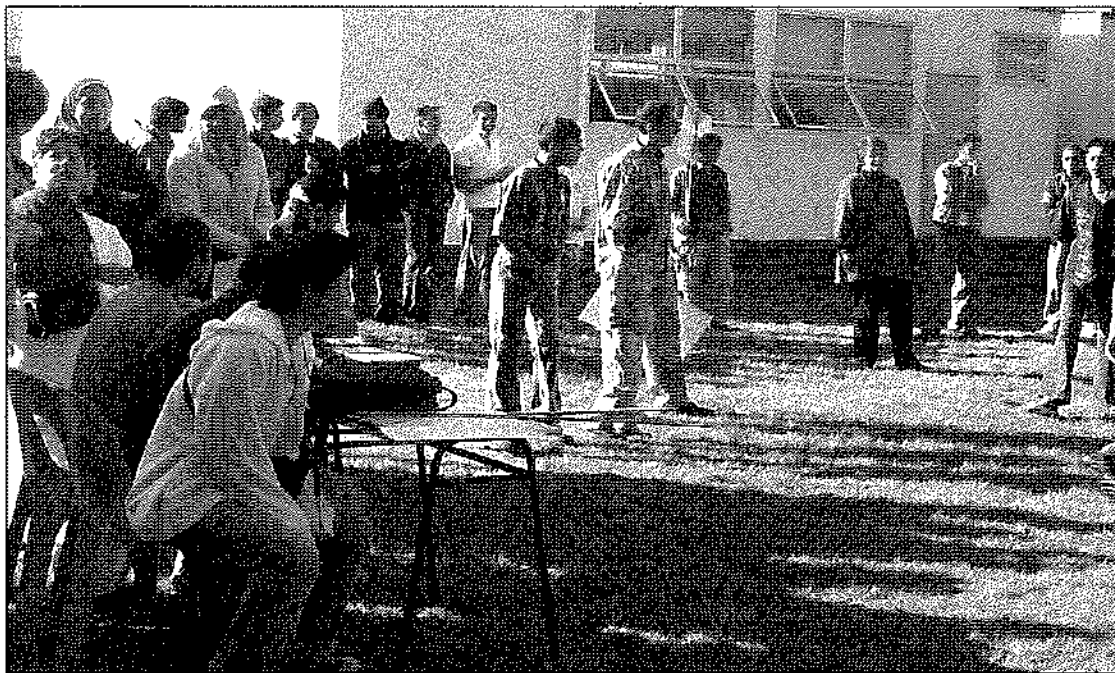
is a great place to live! Many of these students come from India, Iraq, all parts of Asia, Russia, Africa and the South Pacific. This year we also have refugee students from Iraq.

Many students arrive with little or no English, and it is the task of the ESOL teachers to teach them some vocabulary so they can learn in mainstream classes. The opportunity to learn with students from so many different cultures is a very enriching experience. The ESOL teachers, Mrs Kilgour, Mrs Mackay and Mrs Nezlri are very lucky teachers, working with delightful teenagers from all around the world, eager to share their knowledge and culture and life stories. The teachers are struggling to learn to speak Punjabi, Gujarati, Portugese, Italian, Thai, Chinese, Korean, Samoan, Japanese, Arabic, Khmer, Spanish, Russian... !!!

Our overseas students add a vibrant diversity to our school and while they learn about New Zealand, our local students are able to learn a great deal from them about life beyond the shores of our small country.

*Miss J. Browne  
International Student  
Manager*

*Mrs H. Kilgour HOD ESOL*







# INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES WEEK



International Languages Week occurred between 26-29 August. At the International Student Centre this meant a host of activities that involved staff, as well as students.

The week began with a test for staff-how many international languages could they correctly identify? Despite some humorous answers, the clear winner was Mr Wong.

Each day at lunch time a different activity was offered. The Centre was full to capacity each day, as students attempted origami, or listened to concerts of Italian singing and Indian dancing. Henna hand painting, an Indian tradition, was the most popular activity. More than 32 cultures are present in our school. This diversity was showcased at the weekly assemblies. Korean, Thai and Italian songs were presented to the students.

The finale came on Friday with a staff traditional costume competition. The winners, a Statue of Liberty and a Scottish lass, were awarded Whitcoulls' gift vouchers. The week ended with a shared afternoon tea for staff and parents.





# SPORTS

## Athletics

The Athletics Day was a huge success and everyone participated. Most spectators were impressed with the loads of talent displayed by our teams.

The selected team that went to Counties-Manakau had the chance to compete against several schools. Luke Henwood, our high-jumping king and Shani Wells, shone on the day and both were selected to compete at the North Island Championships.



Athletics Champions 2004

- Ivan Oosthuizen - senior boys
- Luke Henwood - intermediate boys
- Joel Tapsell - junior boys
  
- Niki Samu - senior girls
- Alysha Johnson - intermediate girls
- Shani Wells - junior girls





## Sports Council

Throughout the year six girls formed the Sports Council- Amanda, Renee, Ashley, Natasha, Tania and Emilee. Being a part of the Sports Council has been a great experience for all of us. We got to travel a lot and were occasionally fed. The main highlight for all of us had to be the athletics.

We would like to thank Mrs Rangihuna and Mrs Wikohiko for all the great laughs and for the experience. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again next year.



## Sports Academy



## Theatresports

Well, even though it's called Theatresports, it is unlike any sport seen around the PE Department. However, much like the New Zealand national side, the PHS Theatresports Team had itself a change in coaching staff and much like the national side, the team perhaps suffered from the changing-of-the-guard. With the opportunity to only compete in one competition in the whole year, the team of Grant White, Chris Rakete, Ian Laing and Zoe Deverick, came together in a very short period of time and managed without any help from their mentor to provide the audience with some very entertaining moments, which saw them take second place behind a very well-drilled Howick College.



I was very proud of the four, named the IB5's on the evening, which with a lack of proper preparation and time, came together and proved that teamwork is the essential ingredient needed to succeed in Theatresports. One of the more notable scenes was Zoe's Impression of a paint stirrer, in which she held a perfect hand-stand for several minutes, much to the delight and admiration of the crowd.

A good bunch of students - who I hope, had taken something away from this year's experience, and who hopefully will continue to keep up their improvised talents... and I'm sure they will be better coached elsewhere.

"There are no small parts, only small actors"

*Mr Jardine*

## GYMNASTICS REPORT



The Gymnastics Team has enjoyed a successful year. There have been many successes involving several of our students along the way, thanks largely to their personal commitment to training and hard work. It has been a real pleasure working with such positive and gifted students. They have earned their success. In the NZ Nationals, Talia Rout and Nicky Williams came third and fourth respectively in the Artistic Gymnastics Competition. In their own class, Olivia Deadman and Brian Armstrong came second and fifth respectively.

In the trampolining, Brian won his competition with a brilliant

performance. Talia and Olivia came a very creditable second and fourth respectively.

At the same championships, the Sports Aerobics Team did really well in finishing second.

At the Auckland Secondary

Schools' Trampolining Championships, Talia came fourth overall. Wiremu Hau and Brian Armstrong came eighth and sixth respectively. Olivia Deadman came a very creditable equal second at the Tumbling and Rhythmic Championships. Olivia will be competing in the NZ Tumbling and Trampolining Championships in Invercargill at the end of October. We wish her the best of luck. Talia Rout was in the winning team at the Sports Aerobics Championships at Setwyn College. Way to go Talia!

At the Auckland Secondary Schools Gymnastics Championships, Talia,

Brian, Nicky Williams and Dowji Page all made a very strong showing. The students have been training at the amazing Bruce Pullman Gymsport arena. Other students who took part included Penny Shand, Bonnie-Mayan, Renee Borell. Their commitment to gymnastics was highly commendable.

All of these amazing results were also due to our amazing coach, Rowena Deadman. Her ability to motivate and get the best out of the students was truly outstanding. We thank her for all her efforts and hard work throughout the year. We'd also like to thank Mrs Rout for being a great parent and for her support to the team. This year has been a great success.

Next year, we plan to begin training in Term 2 so that we are well prepared for the many championships. Also, it will give more students a chance to have a go at gymnastics. The Gymsport Arena here in Papakura is the best gymnastics facility in the southern hemisphere and it would be great if we could have more students coming along. Have a great summer all of you!

*Mr Braunton.*



## TENNIS

Papakura High School competed against Pukekohe Tennis Club in the Counties Secondary Championship. Nick Burnie, our school champion, was the favourite to win the Senior Boys Single title. Unfortunately, due to the rain, Nick lost his rhythm and narrowly lost in the semi-finals.

## COUNTIES CROSS COUNTRY

The event was held at Wesley College and we had a large team competing that day. Bryce Blachard finished second on a very wet and slippery track for the junior boys. He also competed in the Auckland Secondary School Cross Country at St Kentigon's College. Well done Bryce, and the rest of the team.







## Lawn Bowls

We came, we saw, we conquered... occasionally. Either way, we had a pretty good time. We bowled on up the venues and rolled a super line of strikes... meaning, we got the black-brown ball really close to the jack. That's how it works in lawn bowls and we were grateful to learn at the Papakura Bowls Club. Cheers to Graham and all the other helpful and friendly people for teaching us what they know about the complex and confusing world of the round ball and "fake" grass. Chad Kopera managed to impress us all with his playing skills. Lisa, Hayden, Brendon and the rest of the team also impressed. Mrs Fletcher needs a special mention for her support and her superb driving skills!. Your presence will be missed in years to come.

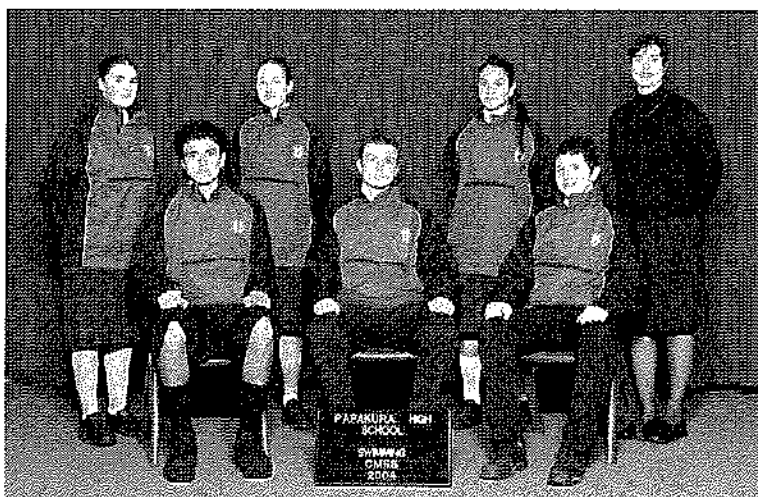
## Manukau Swimming Team

During Term 1 I took a team out to Pukekohe Jubilee Pool to compete at the Counties-Manukau Secondary Schools' Swimming Competition.

The standard was exceptionally high, with many of the competitors swimming for clubs and competing at regional or national level.

Although not gaining any places, all the students had a fun day and represented the school well.

*G Bovill Teacher in Charge*



## Badminton 2004

The season started with much enthusiasm. We entered five teams into the Interschool Competition, one B grade, two C grade and two D grade.

The B-grade Team was managed by Mrs Powel and consisted of Daniel Peden, Danny Chatterton, Daryl Curnow, Daniel Takawe, Osana Pel. Unfortunately we had to withdraw this team a third of the way through the season.

Our C-grade Teams were Papakura Mixed. Ramy Kaddo, Victoria Fitiao, Eden Carter and Merren Pullen; and Papakura Majestics - Maxene McCaughan, Sudeshna Ram, Crystal Bates, Candice Stock, Florence Parker. At the end of the season the Majestics ranked fourth out of seven teams and the Mixed Teams ranked sixth.

Our D-grade Teams were Kura Girls D2 - Rebecca Taylor, Nicky Williams, Larissa Riddle, Shannon Moss and Ayla Molander and Kura Mixed - Roxanne Webb, Ashley Talpari, Letia Bolson, Bradley Newall and Rubyn Joseph. Kura Girls ranked in the top half of seven teams, but we had to withdraw Kura Mixed when Kapahaka changed from a Monday to a Wednesday in Term 3. They still managed to retain their sixth placing.

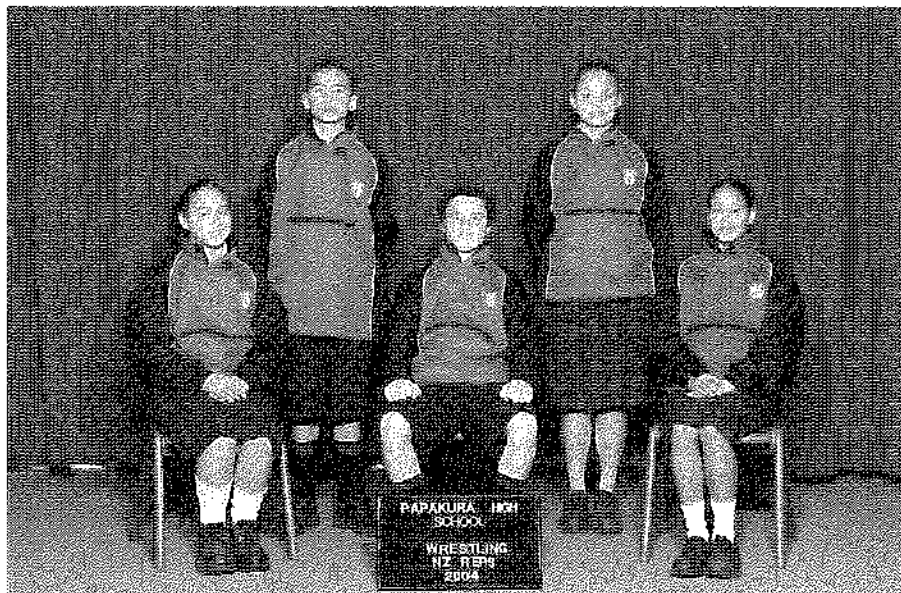


All our players participated well and the improvement of skills from the start of Term 2 to the end of Term 3 was very noticeable. On competition nights our team players were often praised for their friendliness and helpfulness towards other teams. The goal of our teams was to improve their skills, but have fun in the process. The team's outgoing personalities and cheerfulness made our role as managers/coaches as rather an unforgettable one, as they are all a joy to be around.

DRT/PWL

# WRESTLING

Double chicken wing - single leg - crutch lift - head and arm, these all sound like strange items found on some exotic men, don't they?



They are in fact, popular moves used in the full contact martial art of wrestling. My son, Peter-James has been a member of the Counties-Manukau Wrestling Club for the past 2 years. Last year 2003, Peter-James ended the season as New Zealand's Mini Division Wrestling Champion. He also held 1st place in the Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, North Island and Club Championships. This year was his first year in the Cadet Division and he will remain in this grade for 3 years. His successes this year have varied and include the following 3rd New Zealand Secondary Schools, 3rd New Zealand Club Champs, 2nd North Island Champs, 2nd New Zealand Championships and 1st in the Auckland Secondary Schools, Waikato and Auckland Championships.

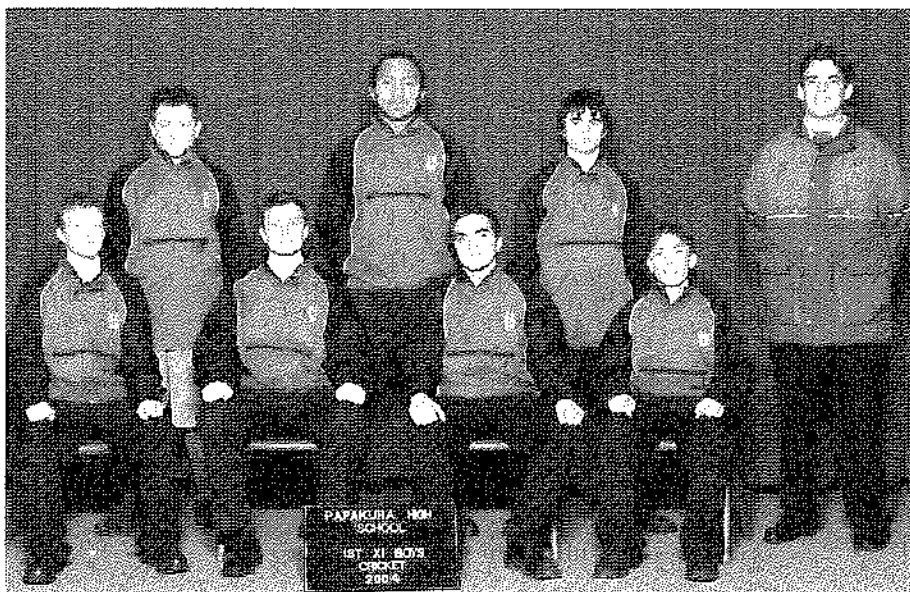
This year the New Zealand Championships were held in Dunedin and I am particularly proud of Peter-James's 2nd placing as 4 of the 7 athletes in his grade were 16 years of age - one being the current New Zealand Champion, having held that title for 3 years. This wrestler managed to gain only a 5th placing, showing the amount of experience and competitiveness in Peter-James's grade. Wrestling is an exciting sport, with an increase in female participation. A fantastic achievement by Papakura High School's female wrestling team, is a testimony to this fact.

Any person wishing to take part in the 2005 season, should contact your sports co-ordinator or any member of your school wrestling team for details.

Yours in Wrestling

*B J Kairau*

A proud dad



## Cricket Boys 1st XI

It has been a very good year for the Boys 1st XI Cricket Team.

The season began with a narrow defeat to Rosehill College. However, the boys bounced back in their next game, by defeating the same opponent by 26 runs. Jagdesh Wichman (18 runs not out and 3 for 13) and Petelo Pofaiva (31 runs) were outstanding. This was our first XI's first victory against Rosehill in several years.

Two weeks passed until the team played their next game, an away game against Waiuku College. It was a great day. Thanks mostly to the batsmanship of Ivan Oosthuizen (56 runs) and the bowling of Chris Rumbai ( 5 for 18), the team came through with a 38-run victory over a very good side. Keep up the good work, team!

*Mr Cosslett*

## TOUCH SENIOR GIRLS

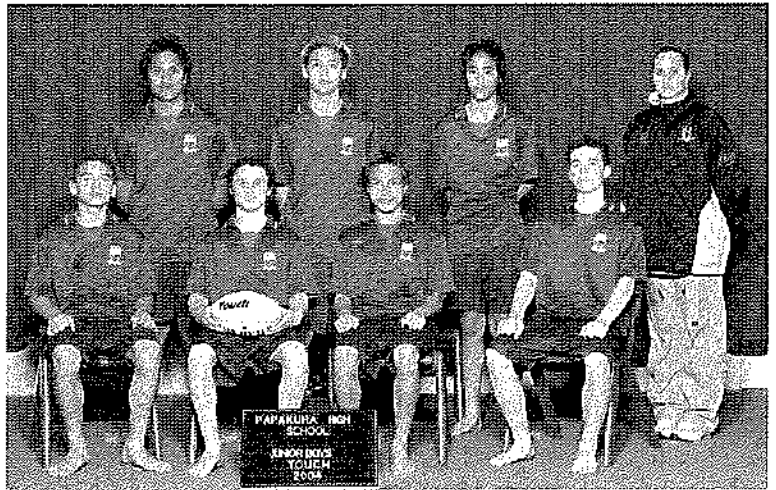
Finishing second at Auckland Champs 2003, after we'd lost to Auckland Girls Grammar, allowed us to defend our title as National Champions in the Girls Division. Having won the year before, you could tell everyone wanted to beat us, although it didn't count for anything a year later.

After an intense build-up, we had high hopes and expectations at attempting to be first school to win gold three times in the Girls Division. Losing our captain Hevena Timu to injury a week before the tournament was hard and proved a major setback. Losing our first game was even harder. We lost our final qualifying match against New Plymouth Girls High School, but because we finished first in our pool, we were granted another life, allowing us to go on to beat Taita College in a sudden death semi-final. Our tenth game in three days was our final.

Once again the match against New Plymouth Girls High School and in front of a massive crowd and Sky TV cameras, was full of classic moments, like head-on collisions, and unintended cheap shots and crack-up dives. Winning 6-3, however, was the best moment, thanks to the commitment from all the girls, as well as the coaches.

A training squad has been selected for the Nationals 2004 and are working hard to create another milestone. The first girls team to win three consecutive titles. We are also hoping to send one of our coaches, Mrs Wikohika, out with a win.

*Nikki Samu*



**Junior Boys Touch**

## TOUCH SENIOR MIXED TEAM

2004 had been one of the first in many years for the Senior Mixed Touch Team from PHS to achieve at a high standard.

They were placed 1st in the Counties Region, competing against teams that were highly skilled, and stacked with NZ players. After being placed 1st in our region, they then qualified to go to Auckland Regionals to try and compete to go to the Nationals.

Semi-finals: they played Manurewa if winning, going on to the Nationals, that was if they won. This was the hardest game of the season. The game ended up going into overtime and into a drop-off.

Sad to say, we ended up going down 3 - 4. Unfortunately we went down in the semis being placed 4th overall.

All and all I would like to thank our coach, Amos Ale, for believing in us and being the only person who was dedicated to our team.

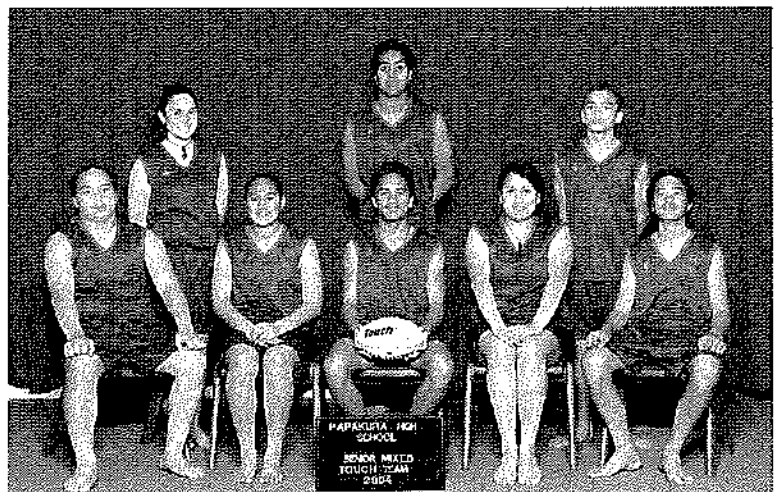
On a positive ending, thanks to all the players for being committed to the team, giving 100% every time we played and having fun whether we won or lost.

Congratulations to Jyles Rhind and Debbie Kani-Katipa for making the North Island Team.

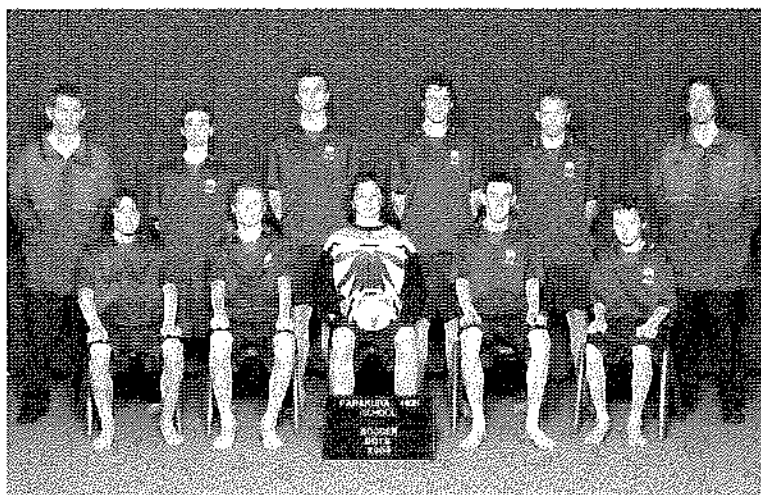
As a team I think we all found this tournament very demanding on the body and mind, but they gave it their best, 100% every time they played.

Have fun next year, and you better win!!

*Captains: Charlton and Awhina*







## Soccer Boys 1st XI

The team struggled to win games this year, especially as a number of key players including Jonas Taragano, Thiago Lavrador and Ivan Oostrhuizen were unable to complete the season. The highlight was a victory over last years' champions, James Cook. Jagdish Wichman, as captain worked well in centre midfield, finding the net on several occasions. Nic Burnie developed as a thinking, reliable central defender. Younger players showing promise were, goalie Kevin Billot, striker Khasim Mohammad and midfielder Pinder Bhatti. Michael Appleton and Patrick Stacey gained in confidence as defenders and the versatile Grant White showed an ability to play in most positions. Paramjit Singh was top goalscorer, ably assisted by Krishneel Ram.

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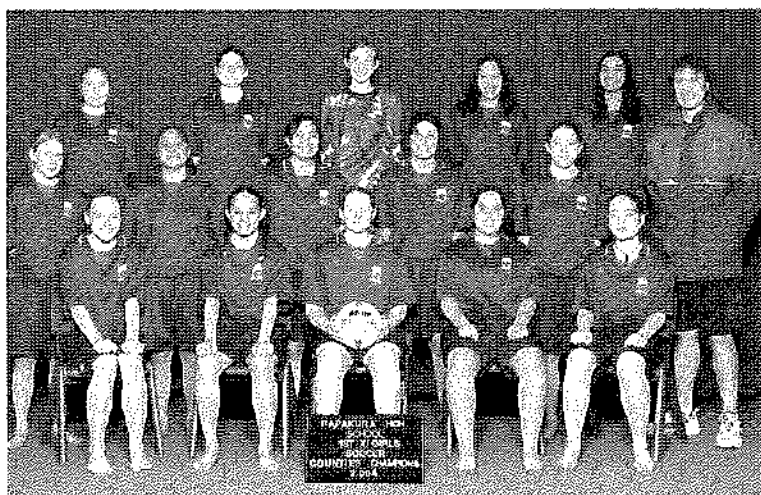
## Soccer Girls First XI

They came, they saw, they went away with their tails between their legs! It's official, the soccer pitch at Papakura High School is the new House of Pain (unless the Boys First XI Team is playing). Many a prospective David came to topple the Goliath that the Girls Soccer Team has been this year. Come rain (mostly torrential) or shine, we dispatched all newcomers with a defense the Germans would be proud of, led by "Captain Marvel", Ruth Baber.

Year 10 stalwarts, Sarah Fuller and Allysha Johnson added flair, pace and good scoring potential to a dynamic midfield, to rival the English. The attack was marshalled by veteran forwards, Sobs and Vercoe - a jilting swansong for the Year 13 players!

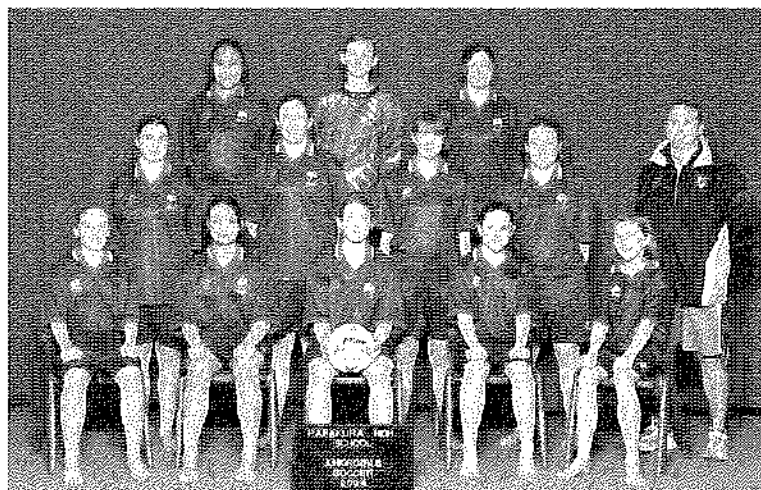
The team played 12 matchs, won 11, and drew 1. It was a fantastic season and all the players should be immensely proud of themselves - I know I am your coach, mentor and continually rain-sodden referee!

Allan Donald



## Soccer Junior Girls 2004

What a great season! A superb team who worked hard in every game and finished the long and firing season undefeated. The solid defence must take credit for the majority of our triumphs; Sara, Jarrah, Monique and Chelsea, were an excellent back four that very few teams ever managed to breach. If anyone did get through, then Missy was always there to spoil their party!



Midfield was equally as impressive, supporting each other and linking well with the defence. Taifa was exceptional in all games, never giving up and chasing every ball that was within 20m of her position! It was exhausting just watching her run non-stop for just under an hour each week.

Up-front the quality continued. Kathleen could run hard at the defence, beat them, but never managed to actually shoot on target! Not even from only 6 yards out! Our super striker, Erika was lethal in the box and managed to net a fair few goals over the season.

It was a great team. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and can't wait for next season.

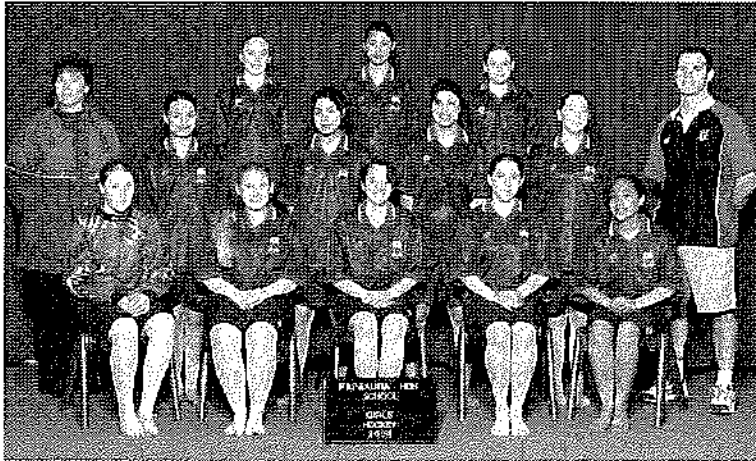
Mr Merchant

# PAPAKURA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HOCKEY

The team began competing in the Reserve Grade, playing their games at Pukekohe. With a mixture of abilities and experience, they worked together on the field to finish 1st after the initial rounds. Finishing top gave the team a chance to play in the Premier Grade. The greater skill and higher level of play challenged the more experienced players' control and ability to tackle and make quality clearances and passes. It also allowed the less experienced members the opportunity to play more structured hockey, improving their knowledge and understanding of the game and positioning.

Pukekohe High School spoiled our unbeaten record in the last round of the competition and the final. Perhaps the mix of lollies wasn't quite right for those games! The team completed the season 2nd in the Premier Competition. A great result.

Thank you to all players who organized themselves around other commitments when our games changed nights and others who played at very short notice. It was very important to have the support of Mr Emmerson and Mr Jardine throughout the season. We were lucky to have Mrs Cullen available to umpire many of our games. Thanks to the supporters who came out and cheered the team on to all the goals they scored this season.



Next year the team aims to enter the Premier Grade at the beginning of the season. So girls . . .remember: practice Mondays, games Thursdays. I look forward to seeing you back: along with an influx of new enthusiastic players who want to learn and succeed. We can be even better in 2005.

*Claire Goslin (Coach)*

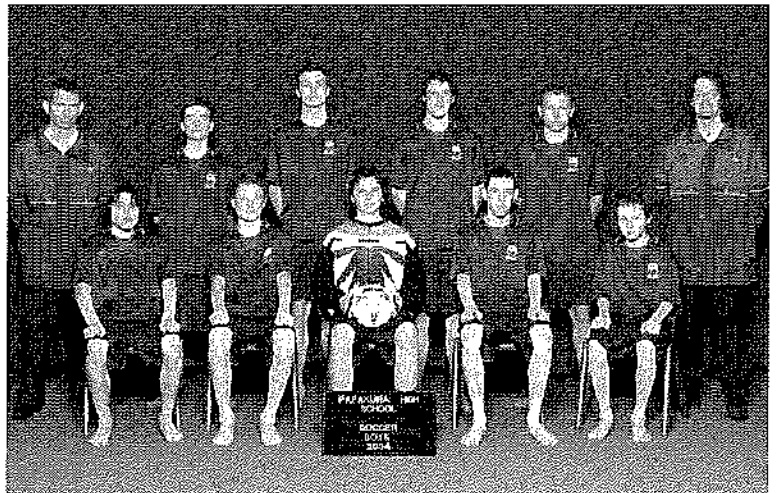
## SOCCER JUNIOR BOYS

The Junior Boys Soccer Team had a positive start to the season. Our record was commendable; played 5, won 2, drawn 1, and lost 2.

The team played fairly, with good spirit, combined with promising technique and ability.

Well done to all involved.

*Regards Mr Cox & Mr Gibbs"*



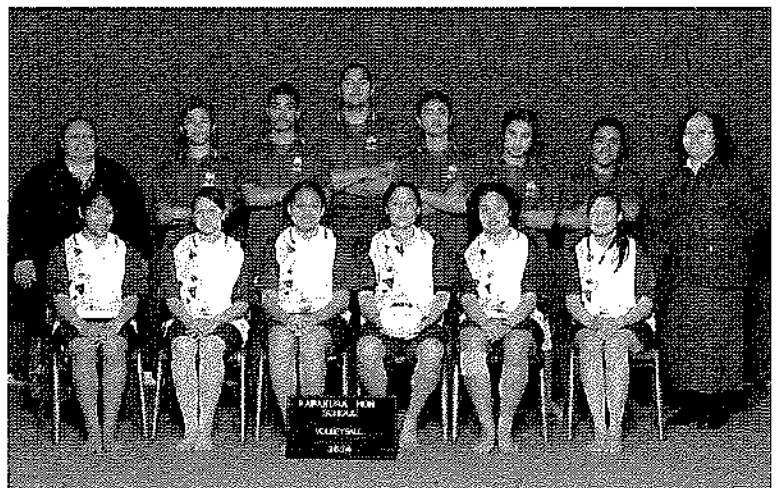
## VOLLEYBALL SENIOR GIRLS

This year was a successful year. Not only did the girls get on well as a team, but the aim was to have fun and try and improve on our game where and when we could.

On the road to achieving those goals, I am happy to report that the team came second in the Counties - Manukau Secondary Schools Competition, which was held over much of the first term. The winners, Manurewa High School, eventually went to the Premiers Competition so that opened the door for us to represent our zone at the Regional Finals, which were held during the second term, over a two day competition at Tamaki College.

Playing at the Regional Finals was an unforgettable experience for our team. During the two day competition they were able to play against the best schools in Auckland and gain needed experience, which they will utilize in the coming year, as most of the team will be returning next year to complete their final year of high school. So, we anticipate an even more exciting volleyball year in 2005.

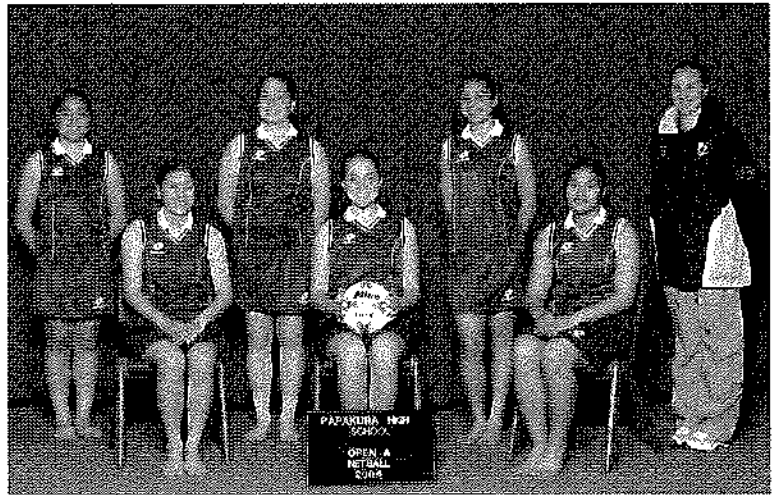
Special thanks to Mrs Rangihuna for all her moral support, as well as organizing transport and uniforms. A big thank you however must go to the captain and players of this year's team. You did Kura proud. You were all awesome!



# NETBALL OPEN A TEAM

The beginning of the 2004 season showed so much promise and there was no doubt that Papakura High could be a real force in Counties netball.

This year I decided to select two promising Year 10 players, shooter, Jasmine Hetherington and mid-courter, Ashley Hogan. Newcomer Riini Tuoro, who has represented Auckland, added a lot of speed and skill in the shooting circle. The defensive end was made up of Nikki Samu, Mary-Jane Ale, Debble Kari-Katipa and Stephanie Gilbert (who unfortunately pulled out part-way through the season). Multi-talented athlete Ewai Tupaea was coerced to play netball again in her final year at school, after not playing for three years. Such is the skill and ability of Ewai, that it was as if she'd never had a break from netball. The last team member and definitely not least, was Jacqueline Tate - our New Zealand age group squad member. So much of the outcome of our season relied on Jacqueline's playing time for the team as her speed, vision and game knowledge was at least a 5 point start on our opposition. Unfortunately her tour to Australia with the NZ Maori Age Group Team and her training for the U19 North Harbour Team meant she missed four vital games.



The team finished a credible third place in the Open A Competition, just missing out on the cross-over finals against the South Zone.

The major highlights this season were definitely the individual improvements: the improved defensive marking on the in-circle defence and the mid-courters' speed and vision through court, and the accurate shooting and sharp attacking skills of the shooters. It was a real delight observing the contribution Jacqueline made to the team, both on and off the court. She is a player to watch out for in the future.

*Cynthia Wikohika*

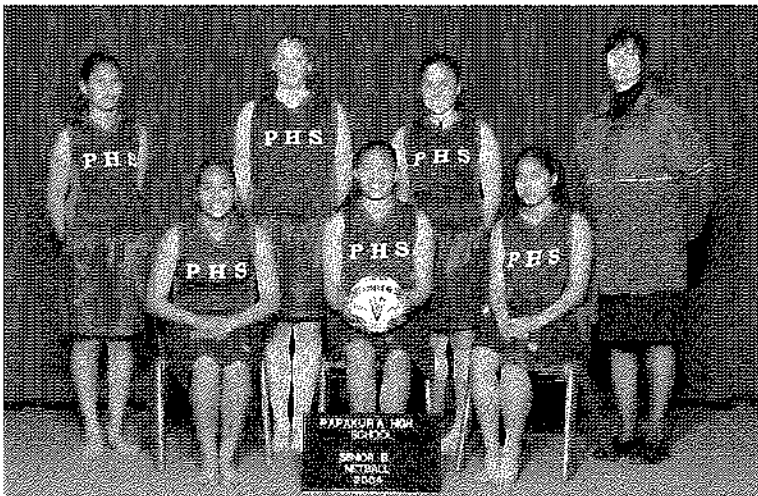
# Netball Senior B

Coming on board halfway through the season, I wasn't sure what to expect, picking up the Senior B Netball Team. Well, I couldn't have worked with a more reliable or nicer group of girls! Although asked to coach/manage the girls, they were all so onto it, I was often there in a supporter capacity, more than anything. We did manage to have 2 practices during the time, but the players were also so experienced, it was hardly necessary.

Going through the season unbeaten, this team always had great fun and displayed awesome sportsmanship. Furthermore, whilst always having a good time, their amazing skills would have even impressed the Silver Ferns coach!!

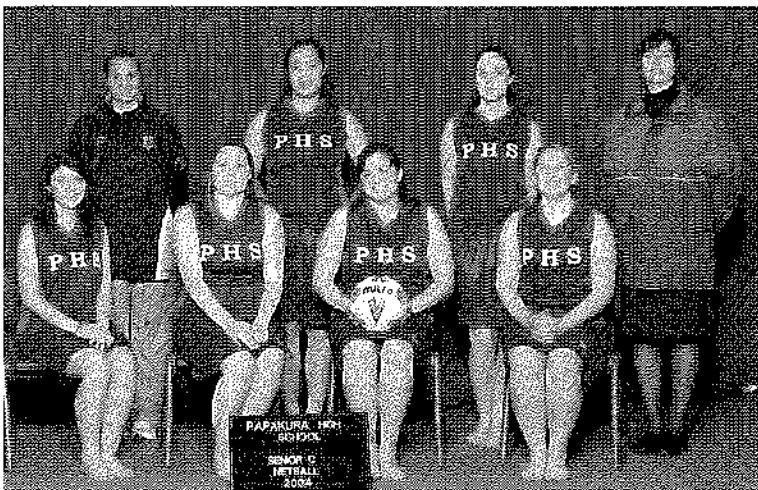
Well done girls - it was a pleasure working with you all.

*G. Bovill*

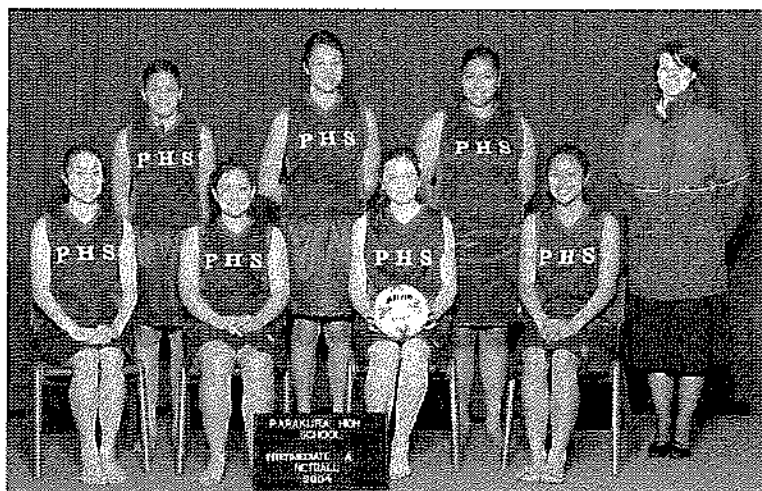


# Netball Senior C

The Senior C Netball Team was a social team. It was made up of a group of girls who spent more time laughing than playing the game. The girls won about half of their games and had a very enjoyable season.







**Intermediate A Netball Team**

## Netball Intermediate B

The attendance and dedication of the Intermediate B Team was impressive at the start of the season, with all the players showing commitment and team spirit. After a couple of good games, we were hoping to defeat the A Team. Unfortunately it did not happen, but it was close. Certain players slacked off towards the end of the term, which was a shame, but thanks to the support from the C Team players, we played all our games.



## Netball Junior A Team

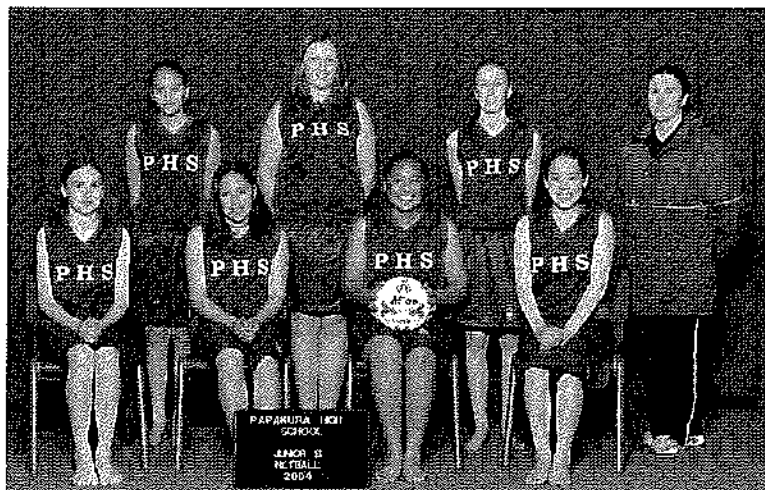
The Junior Netball Team were a very talented group of players. They always impressed me with their skills, playing to the best of their ability and working well as a team. Although not as successful an outcome as we had hoped for, it was still a pleasing season. Well done girls!

## Netball Junior B Team

I came to coach this team after the first few games of the season. The girls were really doing well as a team and were willing to work hard at the game to get better. Unfortunately, due to illness and injury, the team never really got to show what they could do. I would like to thank everyone who filled in for the different team members and thank the girls who were able to carry on playing each week. It was fantastic to hear other teams' comments on how much we had improved since the start of the season. A huge thanks to all the parents for supporting the team and I appreciate all the help that I received each week.

Best of luck to all the members of the Junior B Netball Team for the next year. Well done - you should be proud of what you have achieved!

Ms Johnson



## Basketball Girls Under 19

For the three years I have been playing basketball for school, this year has been the best. We had fun and won our games. This year we had an actual basketballer as a coach, that meant training was serious. We trained hard and in the end our efforts paid off. We made the Top 4 and finished third on the table. Thanks to Mrs Matatea for her time and the effort she put in this season. We were also grateful to Mrs Cunningham who coached us part of the season and was always there to support us.

Without our team, the season would not have been a success. Team: Stacey Cunningham, Destny Te Wao, Angela Asi Raukura, Lorna Stacey Brown, Mari Asi, Nikki Samu, Mary Jane Ale, Tania Manuel, Mirafora Mataafa, Fiona Lokeni .

Thanks again to everyone who took part and helped out this season, especially our team, all the best for the future girls!



## Basketball Under 16 Girls

The basketball season for Under 16 Girls was a huge success, as far as improving in the skills, techniques and knowledge of the game. The team was selected after being put through some rigorous two-hour training sessions. It was obvious the girls who turned up to every practice were going to be committed and dedicated to their chosen winter sport, this being a total delight for a coach and manager.

Members of this team are captain, Jasmyn Paul, Wiktorina Campbell, Elena Kozlova, Raymer Mamaku, Maree Asi, Jarah Tuora, Stacey Cunningham, Xenia Bulton, Carrie Leaf and Jessie Rhind.

The girls started the season off with a huge win over their first opponents, however, that was to be their only easy game. The calibre of some of the teams in our pool was very high, and the games became increasingly tougher every week.

The girls' toughest opponent was Manurewa High School, a number of New Zealand players made up this team. The girls went on court, determined to contest for the win, although the game didn't eventuate to this for us. However, the girls came off court feeling like winners, and rightfully so, as they really gave their all in this game. After the game the girls were thanked by Manurewa High for giving them, what they said to be, one of their best games. This team went on to win our pool.

The over-all season saw the girls win 60% of their games and gain the much-needed confidence to approach next year's season, with an edge that can only sharpen as they continue with the same focus and commitment.

So as far as a coaches' perspective goes, what an awesome team to have been associated with.

Kia kaha kotiro ma !

Yours sincerely in the spirit of fair play, Pauline Cvitanovich.



## Basketball Under 14 Girls



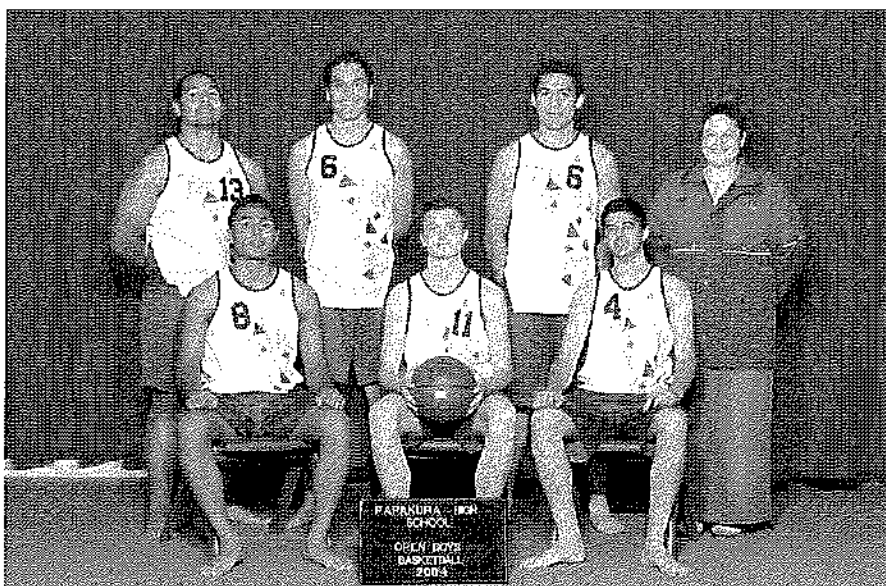
## Basketball U 19 Boys

This year I have had the privilege of managing the very talented U19 Boys Basketball Team. From a complete novice, I have developed a great enthusiasm for basketball. It's an excellent game to watch, a quick game in all aspects. The boys did a great job this year, even without a coach. No 'Tall Fern' myself, I was unable to offer any good game tips, as I was learning about the game on the job, but my skills as an Art teacher meant our team was always well-presented and colour coordinated, white socks and all!

The team gained a few extra players half-way through the season, which was well received, as many a game in the beginning was played with no subs, which was very demanding of the players. Although we weren't in contention for the Nationals, the boys played some awesome, nail-biting games, which had spectators enthralled. They were a credit to the school as they always played with heart and positive attitudes, which made them a pleasure to deal with.

See you at the next season's games!

*Kate Lobb U 19 Boys Basketball Manager*



## Basketball Boys Open A



## Basketball Under 16 Boys

The year started well, with more than 15 enthusiastic and talented young gentlemen.

After fourteen long weeks, our humble and unknown team was qualified to represent Counties-Manukau in the greater Auckland Inter-Regional Championship. Oh yes, we were the Counties Champion in pool B, undefeated to the end.

The Inter-Regional Championship went well and we came fourth, no trophy or medals but DIGNITY, SELF CONFIDENCE and PRIDE.

Huge thank you to :

All the players who worked extremely hard during training and at the games.

The ten players who represented us in the Inter-regional.

The parents and supporters who turned up and cheered for us.

he sports manager for organising games, taxis, and for the clean uniform every week.

Best Player: Daniel Cunningham  
 Fair Play: Tamati Rhind  
 Most Improved: Ryan Pearce

### Famous Quotes

- "Jagtar, what are you doing here?"
- "Can I go in Sir????????, I always turn up to training"
- "Dunk it, Daniel!"
- "Sir, can you buy us a drink?? Please?"
- "Pass it Adrian, ahh"
- "Get out of the key Jagtar"
- "Sir, Dillon did not turn up for training yesterday, take him out."
- "Forget about techniques, just put the ball in the hoop."
- "KURA"

A great season overall

Be good and be careful, see you next year!

PMA.



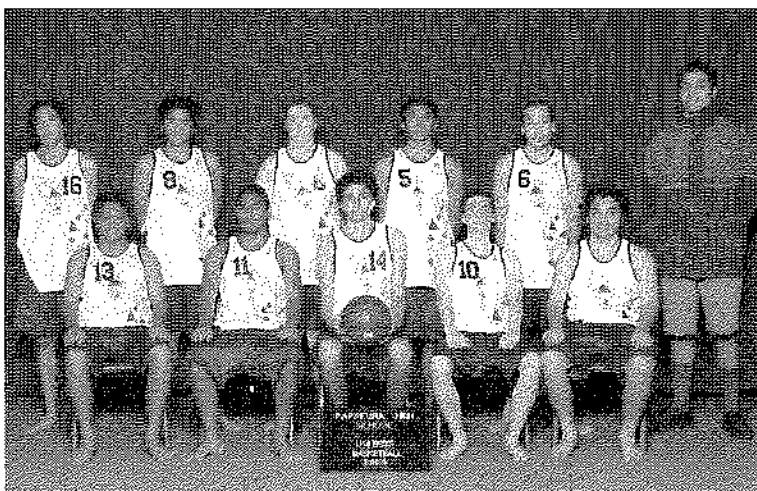
## Basketball Under 14 Boys

The Under 14 Boys Basketball Team had an awesome season. Our team played well, considering it was my 1st time as a coach. Our team consisted of ten outstanding players who dominated most of the opposing teams with great enthusiasm, and managed to gain victories with overwhelming margins. All the boys showed 100% dedication to training and they were always keen for a game.

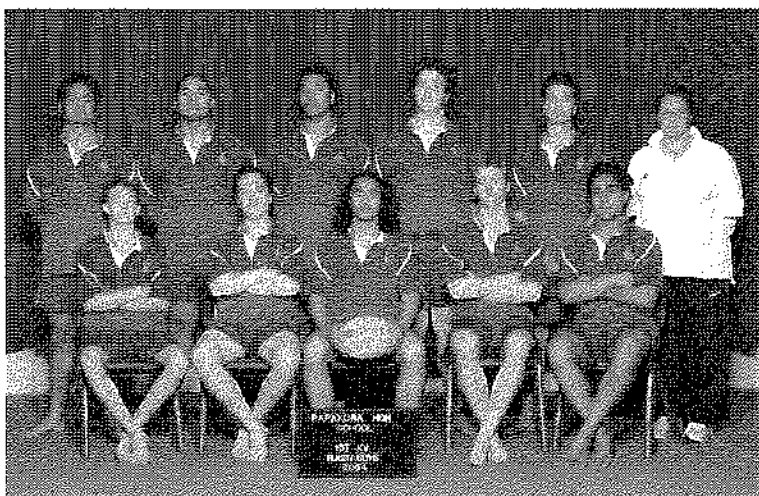
In the end our team narrowly missed out a place in the regionals competition, losing to Macleans College by 1 point and came 3rd place in the Counties-Manukau area, which was "All good".

The overall performance of the boys was brilliant and I hope to see them excel in basketball in the years to come.

*Tamati Rhind*



## RUGBY FIRST XV



## RUGBY UNDER XV

This year was an enjoyable season, which produced some good results overall. We won six out of fourteen games and were placed fifth in the tournament. We had a lot of good games, but I think the highlight of the year was our game against Weymouth Club, where our team managed to hold them off in the last 10 minutes to eventually beat them 17-8.

We had a talented team with some excellent skills and some of the players were dedicated enough to turn up to training every week. The best part though, was getting to know each other and learning how to come together as a team.

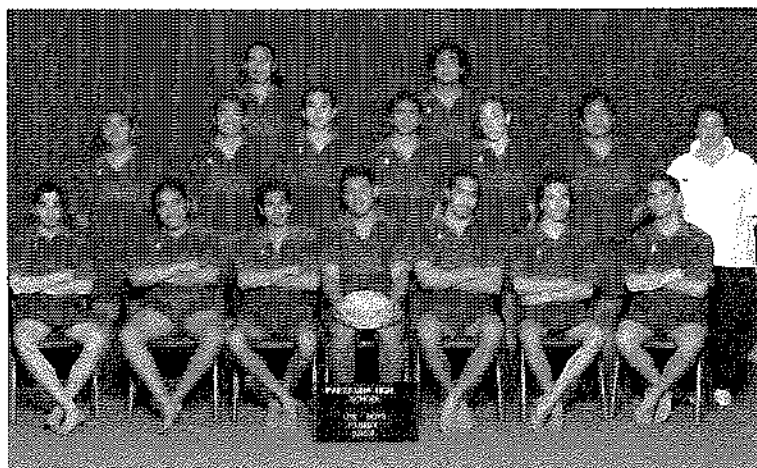
Special thanks to Frederick Ulese and Kil for all the time you put into the team. Through your dedication we have learnt a lot and have gained more experience in a game that we all love to play.

Thanks also to Mrs Rangihuna, who created the opportunity for us to play in the first place. Thanks for your patience and encouragement, I know that we would not have been able to come together as a team if it wasn't for your input and motivation.

Last but not least...thanks to the team. It was a humbling experience being appointed the captain, and so I would like to thank you all for your co-operation. It was a privilege playing with all of you guys!!

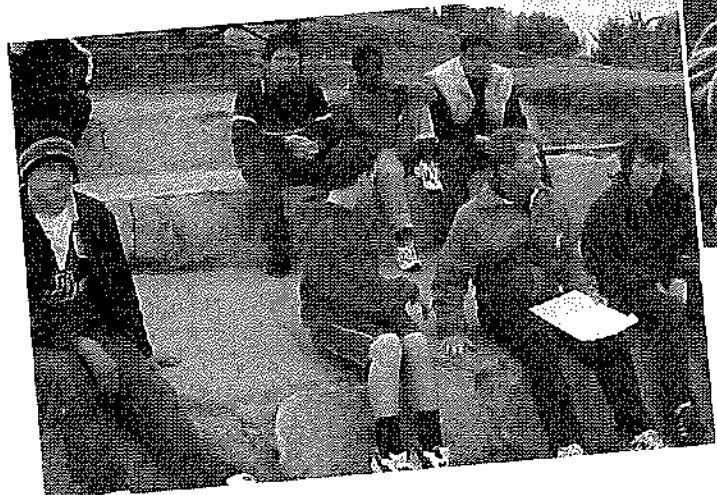
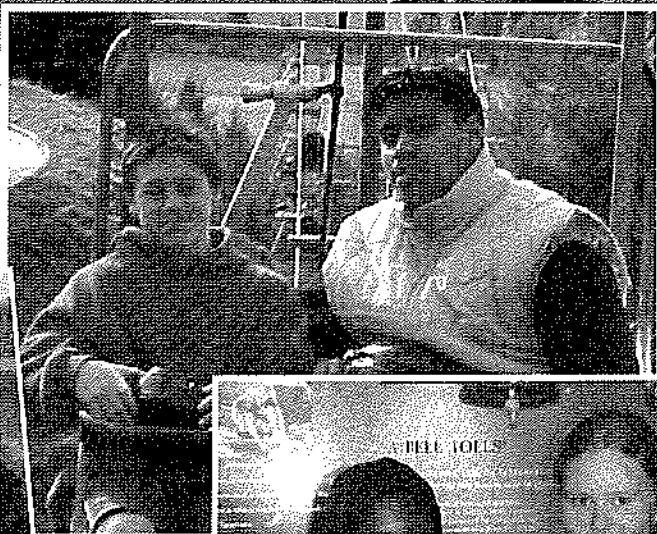
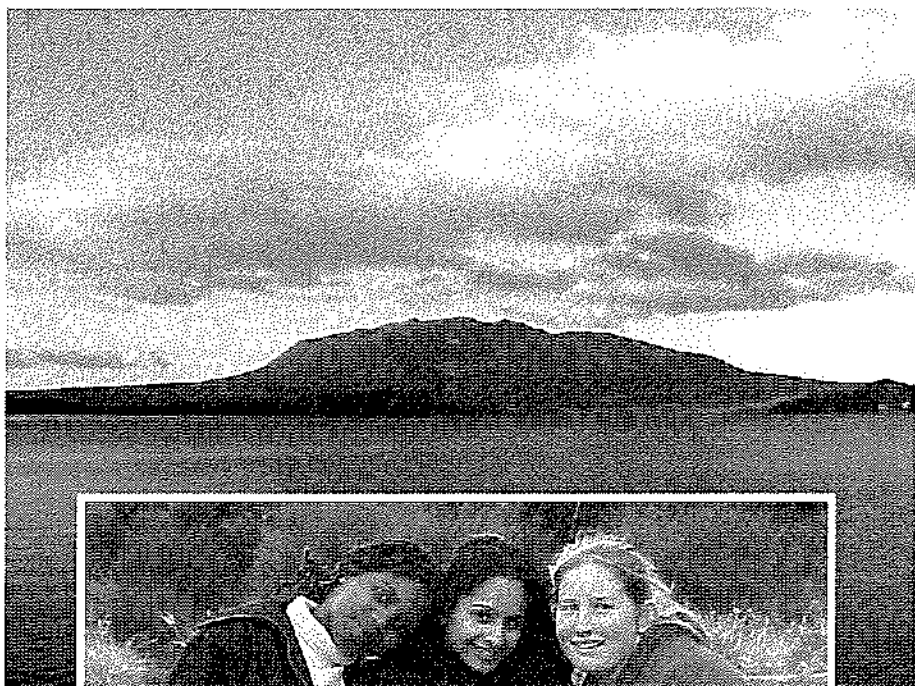
*Tofa Soffua*

*Tautalafua Malologa Mata'afa*  
 Captain



# YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

For the last 3 days of Term 2, the members of Level 2 Geography, entrusted their lives to the care of Mr McCoskrie and Mrs Powell. The purpose of the trip was twofold - firstly, to study the volcanic landscape of Mt Tarawera ; secondly to challenge Mr McCoskrie's claim to be Papakura High School's champion on the luge. On the first day we visited Te Wairoa, which was buried by the eruption. Lunch at Cambridge saw Natalie Goslin and Martha Gwebu eat so much, that KFC closed down for the rest of the day. Accommodation was of a very high standard at Holdens Bay Holiday Camp. The activity for the evening was a topographic map exercise, which was so enjoyable for Scott Medcalfe, Veron Mudaliar and Manpreet Kumar, that they were on their knees begging Mr McCoskrie for more of the same fun the following evening. Turuki Te Ahuahu won the prize for loudest snorer. On the second day everyone happily and eagerly jumped out of bed at 6 am. The morning was spent on Mt Tarawera, in what the guide described as marginally safe conditions. Jason Venu impressed us with his willingness to face the challenge. The survivors walked down Waimangu Thermal Valley and cruised the beautiful Lake Rotomahana. Sadly there was no map exercise to finish the evening. The final day included a visit to Whakarewarewa to view the geysers and mud pools, followed by the annual Papakura High luge challenge. Despite dangerous driving by Daniel Tweedie, Kurt McKenzie and Anthony Pullen, Mr McCoskrie was too skillful once again. Thanks to Mrs Powell for helping to make a trip worth remembering, and to Janelle McAllister for being in everyone's face as photographer.







## 50TH JUBILEE

Although only a few of this year's students were involved, the weekend of the 19th - 21st March, 2004 was very significant for the school with the celebrating of its 50th Jubilee. The programme involved an informal Friday night Mix and Mingle, a Saturday powhiri and open day at school,

a Saturday night formal Dine and Dance, ending with a church service on Sunday. Overall, it was a very successful weekend. The Jubilee Committee thanks all those who attended and helped in any way to make it the success it was.

Following is a shortened report from the committee's secretary.

The Friday night Mix and Mingle saw over 1300 people at the Auckland Kennel Club facilities at Ardmore. This was the opportunity for past pupils and staff to get together and recall the good and not so good times at school. About 75 Foundation pupils from 1954 attended this function and took the opportunity to reflect on their contribution to the school. A number of the attendees travelled from overseas with at least four making the trip all the way from the UK. Others came from Canada (2), USA (3), Hong Kong (1) and Australia (60). A number of friendships were renewed and promises made to keep in touch with each other.

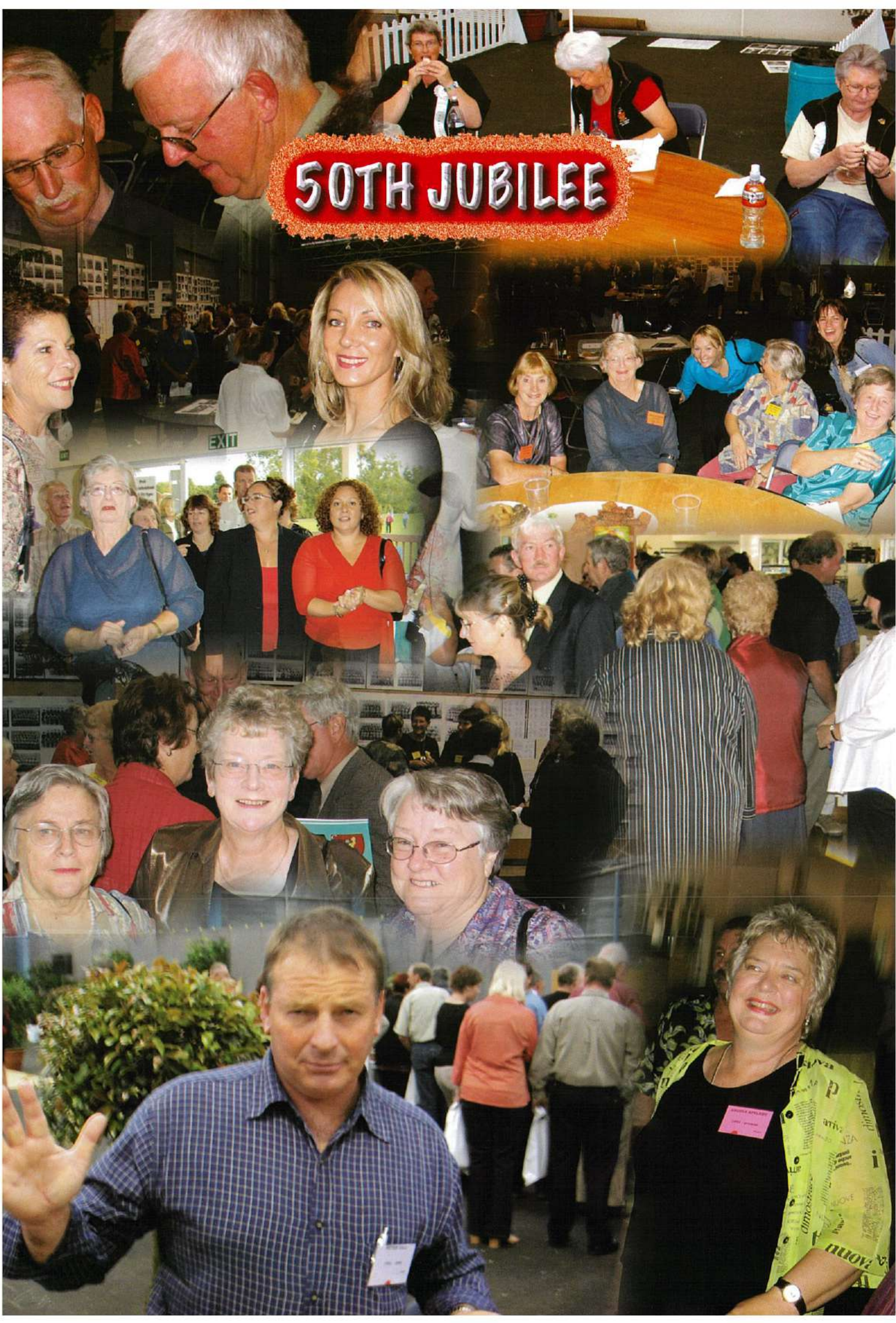
On Saturday, the official opening took place at the school, with a Powhiri in the school hall, which was full to standing room only. Group photos were taken and the comment was made that it was a lot easier to assemble the attendees in one place when they were students. A number of classrooms were open to show off the current facilities. Many comments were passed about what a superb facility the new gymnasium was. There was a display of memorabilia in the library and it was amazing to see the mint condition that some of the items had been maintained in over the years. The 1st XV played Rosehill College 1st XV in the afternoon, but the score will not be reported. Sadly we lost. The school's Kapahaka group performed, as did the Year 12 Dance class. Both were received very enthusiastically.

On Saturday evening the Dine and Dance was held at the NZ Kennel Club and 450 people attended. Everyone was entertained by the Al Dawson Trio, who played many of the great songs of yesteryear. A past pupil, Rick Pickard, was MC for the evening and as well as entertaining with his wit, also interviewed a number of those attending. The guest speaker was Richard Thornton, the son of former Principal Neville Thornton. Richard is a past pupil, past teacher and is the current Principal of The Manurewa High School. The Jubilee closed with a church service in the school hall on the Sunday morning, which was also very well attended. See you all at the 60th!!





# 50TH JUBILEE





# Art



Rachel Stericker Foundatin Studies



Stacey Brown Y12



Mandy Warwick Y12



Jared Bozaz  
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Natasha Kingi Y12



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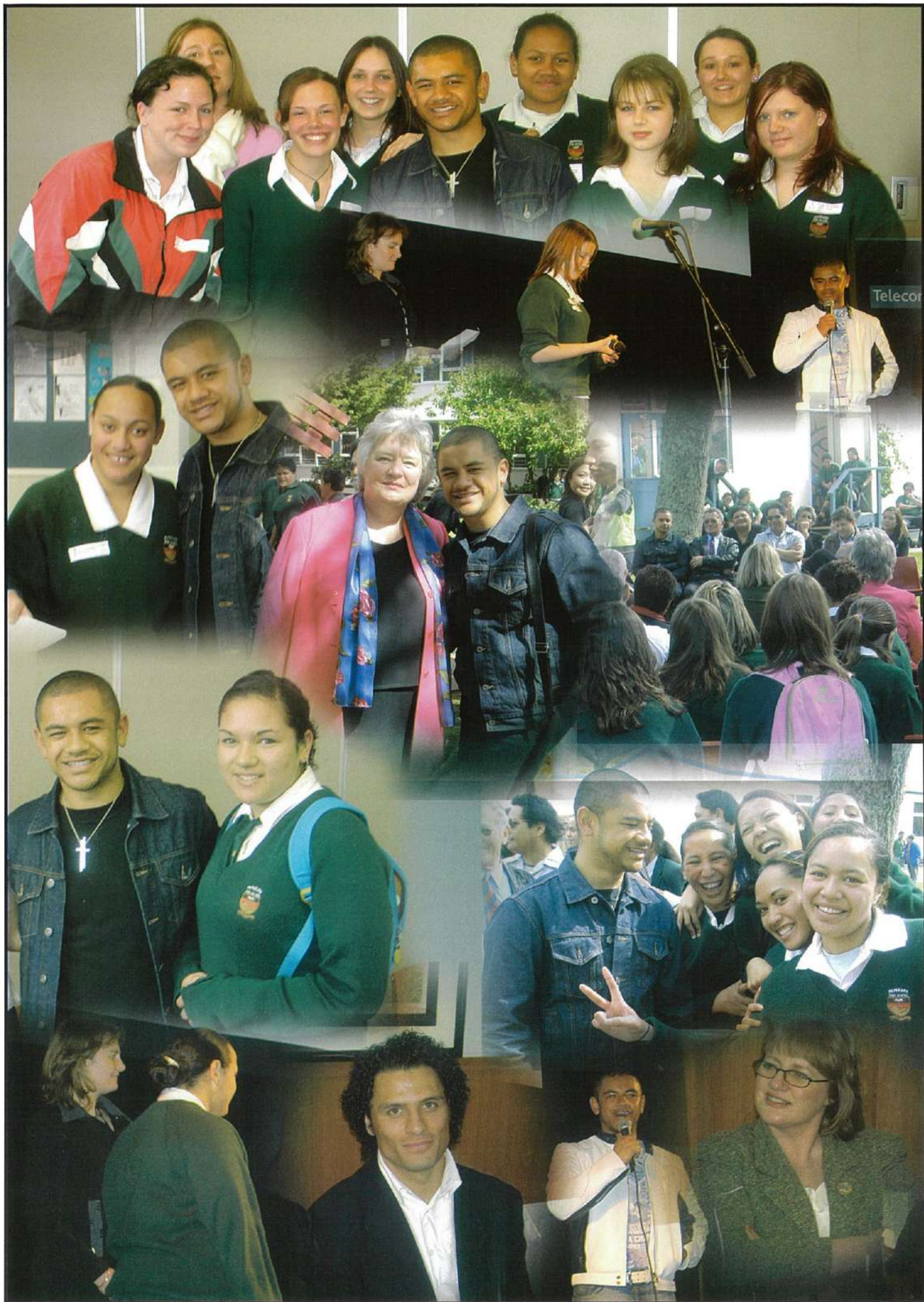
## The Great School Connection

In September we were privileged to host the Telecom Great School Connection here at Papakura High School. The event was broadcasted to 100 secondary schools around New Zealand. The purpose was to showcase how schools are using technology, in particular, video-conferencing facilities. It was particularly exciting to host Ben Lummis, NZ Idol, at school, during the telecast and whilst here, Ben spent some time in our Special Needs Unit and performed to students in the school hall and the gymnasium. Special congratulations to Leti Olago for her singing performance with Ben at the end of the day - it was outstanding! During the telecast we linked up with ten schools, from the Bay of Islands to Roxburgh in Otago, and also with the Prime Minister in the Beehive. Theresa Gattung, Chief Executive of Telecom, was a guest speaker here at the school, as was Doug Howlett, rugby All Black. All the guests were served lunch, prepared by our Year 13 Hospitality students and our Media Studies students, worked closely with the regional and national media, who attended the event. Overall, it was a wonderful day enjoyed by students, visitors, guests, staff and organisers

# The Great School Connection









## XA Speech Contest and Ben Lummis visit to XA

On Wednesday the 1st of September 2004, the XA-Students competed for a placing in their annual speech contest, which was made up of three sections. They were the Individual Speech Section, the Co-operative Section and the XA-Idol Finalists Section.

The anticipation and excitement were high as the results from a term of hard work were about to be rewarded by the claps, cheers, enjoyment and appreciation from the audience of family, friends, teachers and fellow students. The 'Truants' Co-operative Group waited behind the red stage curtains, full of adrenaline, anticipation and a few expected nerves. Mrs Nichol completed the welcomes and introductions. The curtains opened and the Speech Contest had begun!

We had the pleasure of having our Principal, Mrs Appleby, as our judge. She did a great job of the judging; rewarding winning places to the most influential speeches and most deserving performances.

First place in the Individual Speech Section went to last year's winner Lisa Green, with her speech on "One Nation." Second place went to Maria Douglas, our newest XA student, with her speech on "Bullies." Third place went to Richard Thorley with his speech

on "Conscience." Fourth equal place went to Robert Makatea, with his speech on "Cowards," Raymond Emera, with his speech on "Law and Order" and Emma Ferens, with her speech on "Down's Syndrome." Fifth place went to Brett Edge-Bainbridge, with his speech on "England." In the Cooperative Speech Section, the Truants and the Technology Group came first equal, the Look Forward Group came second, with the Cartooning Group in third place.

Out of the eight XA Idol finalists, only four students were awarded a winning place in the much-anticipated XA Idol Final. Samuel Muir-James and his juggling act, (a crowd favourite), received first place. Second place went to Tania Allen, third place went to Jennifer McCarthy and fourth place went to Lisa Green. All of these girls sang impressive melodies for us.

The other stars on the day were Mrs Appleby for judging the contest, the XA teachers and the teacher aides (led by Mrs Nichol). Without their hard work, co-operation, persistence and organisation, the speech contest would not have been possible.

The Speech Contest ran smoothly, (with a few backstage glitches that were oblivious to the audience). However, it was very clear that the

audience thoroughly enjoyed the range of performances and the obvious talent. The students of the XA-Unit should be proud of their achievements. However, no event such as our concert is worth doing to an empty hall. Thanks to the teachers and classes that made up such a cool audience!

On the 7th of September, the first day of the Great Connection event, Ben Lummis spent 40 minutes with the XA students. He enjoyed presenting the XA-Idols with their trophies, and in turn received a trophy from the students, which had been handcrafted by Joshua Conrad, one of our senior students. Ben watched Sam juggling, listened to our Idols sing, and then signed autographs for the students. He appeared to feel completely at home and would have stayed with us all afternoon if he could have fitted it in. All of the students were unanimous - he is a great person!





## XA SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The XA-Special Olympics Team has had a busy year, competing in many areas of sport, encompassing ten-pin bowling, basketball and cross-country events. Our Soccer Team ended up winning four games at the Auckland Tournament in June. Twelve of the students qualified for the Regional Games at Massey Park on October 16th and 17th.

The students are competing in both track and field events, the highlight of which should be our two team-entry for the relays. In the School Athletics Championship Day on Tuesday March 9th, Samuel Muir-James showed that he could compete with the mainstream, by coming 3rd in the 400m finals. Brett Edge-Bainbridge, who has consistently been a top athlete, is graduating and leaving our team at the end of this year. We wish him all the best for his future.





