

Dapakuwa

High School 2014



Editorial

This is the year of the selfies or probably even decades of it to come. These millenials aka digital natives are all about themselves! Who can blame them? They are born in this age where everything could be had at a click of a button or tap of a finger, instantaneously giving, receiving, transporting and providing data, information, creativity and knowledge on demand. Socialisation, entertainment and media consumption has never been the same. A new era has began and we are witnessing a paradigm shift that offers us a better chance of encouraging and supporting personalised learning, productivity and growth. Gone are the days of chalk and talk and the old fashioned factory line of teaching where one size fits all. It is the end of the industrial revolution and the beginning of the knowledge wave. Digital technology's trend has ended too and has become the de riguer medium of learning and collaboration.

CE Beeby (16 June 1902 – 10 March 1998) considered the founder of modern New Zealand education was renowned for declaring that "every person regardless of background or ability, whether he lives in the city or country had a right to an education of a type for which they were best suited". We may not always hit the target we aim for but digital collaboration can surely point us to the right direction. MLE is not just about the physical layout of a classroom. It includes the furnitures, tools, technologies and more so the attitude of both the learners and teachers to learn in and out of the classroom. It is not a question of where and when will this happen but rather ask ourselves where will we be in the spaces between now and then as we witness and participate in this 21st century learning. Today, is great time to be a teacher but greater still to be a learner. Again. We hope to move towards an educational system from which students emerge with a sense of achievement, with a feeling of their own worth and with respect for the worth of others.



way that suits the child and their aspirations.

We work with the Marae and parents groups to support our Maori students as well as our Pasifika through parents' Hui and fono. I thank all those caregivers involved in supporting these groups for their time and commitment to our children. We are a low decile community which reflects the challenges students may have in prioritising school. Our students are choosing education as a way forward into their future and I commend them for this.

This years' prefects have been young men and women who have shown an immense commitment to the school, organising blood drives, fund raising for charities and a plethora of events. They have learnt skills which will put them in good stead in their future pathways.

I would also like to commend the 2015 prefects and look forward to their role modelling next year.

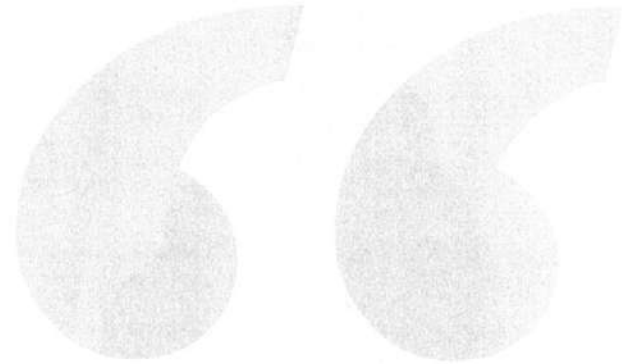
At the back of our hall we have 60 years' worth of prefects' photographs. We had the privilege of welcoming many of the original students of 1954 back in March. This was a humbling event to meet the many students who were here when the school was built for \$200,000. Sixty years later our prospective rebuild has a price tag 200 times bigger!

Leaving us at the end of the year are many talented teachers and several support staff. I wish to acknowledge;

- Allan Foster and Jan Cosslett who entered retirement in March
- My PA Margaret Honan who also retired after 25 years here
- Rob Mitford-Burgess left after 16 years to work for the Southern Initiative
- Jessica Wilson and Sara Sharkey who both became mothers
- David Matthews, our second in Science, has been offered a Deputy Principal's position at Huntly College.
- Helen Scott is retiring from her nursing position.
- Kieran Gutry, our Sports Co-ordinator who has been offered a full-time position at Tamaki College.
- Our High Wire teacher, Mark Te Hira who has moved to employment in the security industry in Afghanistan
- Fiona Robertson who is moving to Park Estate School.

I wish them the best also for their future and on behalf of the school thank them for their dedication. They have worked hard to make our school the vibrant happy place it is and will be missed.

Finally I would like to thank the editorial team and staff who have worked so hard to make this magazine, well done! ♦



Academically our girls have been shining lights and they have set a challenge for our boys to meet.





Hi my name is Lesley Bryant, and it is a pleasure and privilege to be working at Papakura High School. For the past 17 years I have worked previously as a Teacher Aide working with students helping them to accomplish their goals, and helping them to become better readers and better learners.

This role is very new to me working in Student reception, and Main reception, I love all the interaction of meeting and greeting new people every day, and no two days are ever the same. Everyone has been so kind and supportive in my new role, and everyone has made me feel very welcome, it is so great to be part of a great team. I look forward to working at Papakura high school in the future, and all the new challenges that lay ahead.



My first year at Papakura High School has been filled with many challenges and surprises. My previous work has been in the engagement of students in learning and supported learning. I have been a teacher, HOD, DP, Principal and came to Papakura High School from my previous position as Director of The Richmond Centre in Hamilton to take up the position of SENCO (Special Education Needs Coordinator) and HOD of Supported Learning. This year I have met and worked with many wonderful students and staff. I am certainly looking forward to my next year at Papakura High, Linda Diorio.

This year we welcomed a new teacher to the Performing Arts Faculty to run these departments, Kathryn Chalklen. She has come to us with a wide knowledge of stage performing, studying a Bachelor of Performing Arts as well as being actively involved with community theatre.



Senior Dance

2014's Mixed Level 2 and 3 Dance class have had a successful year in all aspects of performance work. Their solid effort led to great feedback at the annual Hawkins Theatre where they performed a mixed cultural dance 'Lua Afe' as well as a class choreographed piece to John Legend's 'Ordinary People.'

They have also had a taster of Musical Theatre repertoire and contemporary, being lucky enough to watch Atamira's MOKO at SkyCity but to also have some of the performers from the New Zealand Dance Company come in to take a workshop.

Furthermore, the 'Hungry Grapes' Crew made FINAL's of the Stand Up, Stand Out competition, unfortunately not placing but their hard work and commitment was something to be proud of! (bottom right)

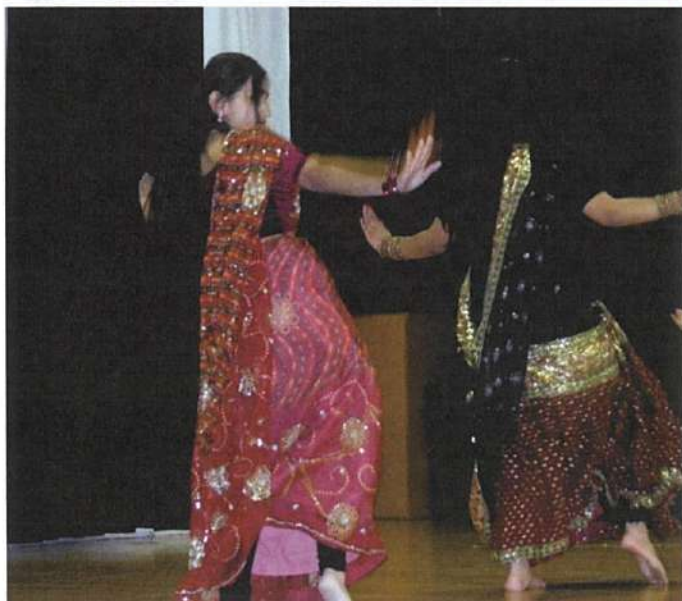
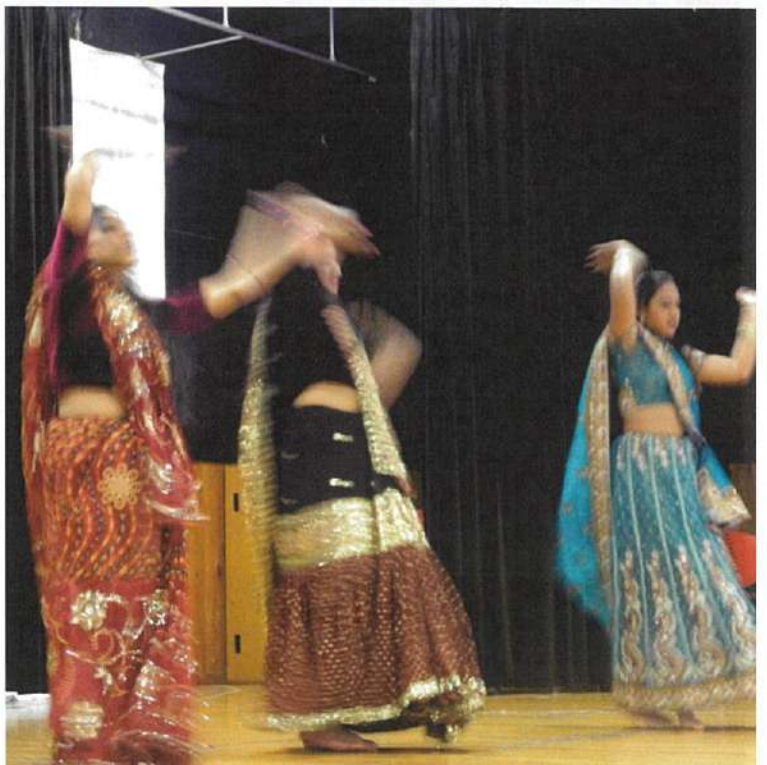
Level 2 Dance student, Phoenix Pule'anga also made it to the World Hip Hop Championships in Las Vegas in August with his crew; Krash.

Benjamin Abela headed to Australia for the Supremacy Battlegrounds Dane Competition with Hopskotch Mega Crew in the September Holidays and placed 3rd overall for Monsta Crew Division.

Again, a huge well done and congratulations to them all!



Ms Praveena Prasad (Science/Biology teacher) has received the Ambassador for Peace award from the Universal Peace Federation. She volunteers for a number of organisations, with the main one being the trustee and Secretary of Hope N Help, a trust that helps people with social and health issues providing moral and financial support and advice. She also is the Secretary of Hindi Language & Culture Trust of New Zealand and currently working on writing the Hindi curriculum for NZ schools.





Furthermore, they generally trained as a team only on Monday afternoons ahead of their Tuesday night games. But they played it smart tactically, slowing the game down, staying clear of foul trouble, and ultimately coming up trumps.

Now, they are eyeing a competitive 2015 season in the Counties Manukau open grade, where they will come up against more seasoned, taller opponents from bigger schools.

The spine of the team was captain Kisa Malakai (the only year 13 student), Reagan-Anne Hura and Rachael Harris. They had tasted rep basketball and brought nous and skill.

The others lifted to try to reach their standard.

Harris, a gifted shooter in her own right, believes the side can perform in the higher grade next season.

"It'll be a great opportunity for us to play harder teams and see where we stand. I think we'll do all right," she said in understated fashion.

Aorere College was their toughest opposition, she felt, and Papakura won both games against them, 35-25 and 49-36 to seal the championship. No side got within seven of them, even though most ran full or longer benches.

Centre Malakai was a top rebounder who seldom missed a lay-up. She was the glue for this tight group.

Coach Abraham Warren was assisted by Papakura High Sports Co-ordinator Kieran Gutry.

"It was hard to see the other teams have so many subs and we had only one, so it was about trying to keep the girls safe so they wouldn't get tired. They were tired, but stubborn, and didn't want to leave the floor. But they did well," said Warren.

Some of the motivation for the team came from the sudden death of Papakura year 10 student Sione Nau, a student of Warren's. They wore black armbands in his honour.

The experienced trio of Malakai, Smith and Hura was vital, but they also brought the requisite aggression against taller, harder opponents.

"I've got a couple of girls here who are gentle. Sometimes the coach would yell at them and tell them to get their heads in the game. But I see that as my role, to keep encouraging the girls," added Warren.

"I trained the girls, as soon as they were in the key, never mind bouncing the ball, just shoot and focus on the

backboard." Those tactics paid dividends, and there was some hot scoring, notably in the 61-14 crushing of St Kentigern College.

Warren knows what is required for Papakura to be competitive next year with the big guns of Counties Manukau schoolgirl basketball.

"It's going to take a bit more work. Obviously other teams will take note, so they use their height, weight and aggression against us. If I can get my girls to regularly come to training, we'll give them a run for their money. It would be nice, though, to have more height." And more players.

Hura would often bring the ball up the floor. She said there was not necessarily a staunch commitment to win the competition at the start of the season from what appears to be a laidback side, especially with the lack of depth. "We just wanted to get the best out of how we wanted to play. To come out on top was quite a surprise."

<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/sport/news/article.cfm>

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'You've got lipstick on your collar!'



Mr Heron & Mrs Nichol present the concert prizes



'Because We Can'. Shannon & Te Owai believe in success.



Calum Penrose enjoys the concert



Pinocchio rules!



You sure are 'A Walking Piece of Heaven'

XA REPORT FOR 2014

On the 25th March the XA students competed in the annual Special Olympics ribbon day at Massey Park track. Several schools competed. The highlight of the day was the winning of the boy's open relay by Bryce Ley, Jordon Whiting, Pierre Waitoa and Logan Muru in 57.53 seconds, our fastest win to date. Jordon made two new records for the 200m and 50m races while Rebecca Kilpatrick won the 400m.

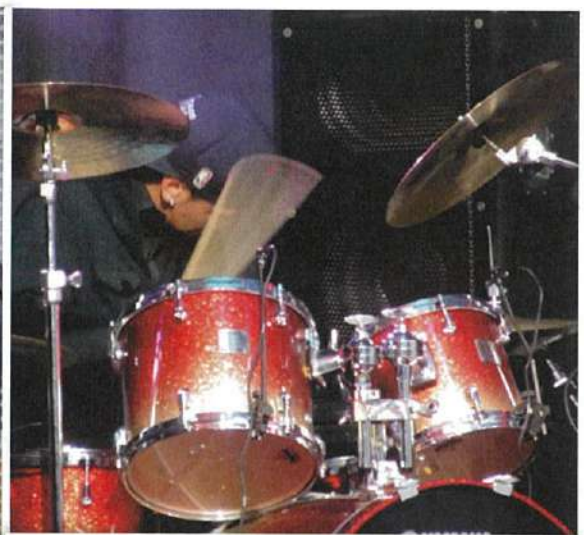
On the 23rd of September at 4pm we held our XA Factor Concert in the school hall. Many people attended, including Calum Penrose from the Papakura-Manurewa Local Board and our Board Chair Mr Goldsmith, school staff, students' whanau and many other guests. Mr Heron presented the prizes to the winners. We were honoured to have Country & Western singer Mr Dennis Marsh as our special guest. He joined in with many of the items and taught the students to dance to his song 'Tiny Bubbles'. A near capacity hall of people thoroughly enjoyed the concert. A special thanks to our prefects for helping us with the supper and the Music Department for setting up the sound system.

In the garden behind W block, the students have completed

their spring planting and are looking forward to a crop of lettuce and silver beet. This year the student have undertaken Supported Learning Unit standards credits and to date have achieved a total of 80 credits. We wish our graduates Sean Johns, Bryce Ley, Anand Singh and Kathleen Clemens a happy future in the work force next year.



'Because We Can'



The Papakura High School Singers blew the audience and judges away with their rendition of Kirk Franklin's gospel piece "Don't Cry"







ie Wilson, Coach Luke Martin
Wahine Shortland, Tamanya Patrick



ghan-Anne Hura, Jalisa Jacobson



Boys Basketball

Top Row: Jovan Parry, Adarsh Nadan, Roy Potaha,
Coach Troy England
Bottom Row: Ray Fiso, Ngametua Mitchell, Tane Crowther



Senior A Netball

Lauryn Whiunui, Kisa Malakai, Schae Roberts





Boys Softball

Top Row: Justin Waru, Jordan Morrison

Bottom Row: Ngametua Mitchell, Brodie Boyce, Calvin Tautari

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Badminton

Top Row: Aidan Walker-Stevens, Stephen Davies

Bottom Row: Wayne Faafua Leapai, Papa Ngametua, Waimarie Wilson, Kevin Postma

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Georgia Williams, Leon Huston

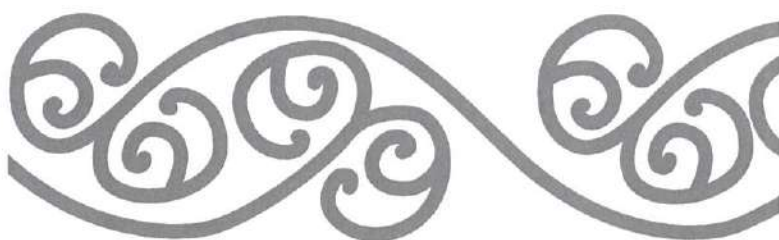




Table Tennis
 Top Row: Petaia Iosia, Hererahi Mata Tei, Papa Ngametua

vid Slade, Jack Schmidt, Wimoka Leef-Moke, Jayden Body-Katipa,
 Bradley Maaka, Richard Nielsen, Hepetema Kirikau, Ricky Snell,



Senior Boys Waka Ama
 Top Row: Justin Waru, Arthur Crichton, Jordan Ioane

on, Quentin Schmidt, Taylor Paora, Tutaki Brown, Ala-lani Tuipolotu
 u, Ngametua Mitchell, Tanielu Asomua, Benjamin Abela.



- Paintball – Boys won the competition

The future looks bright for 2015!!!!!!

Girls Basketball

This season our team of the year was the U19s Girls Basketball. The season lasted 11 games during winter and was undefeated in every single game. As the results show they came up against some tough opposition and deserved all credit that is being given to them.

- 13th May played Southern Cross – Won 30-18
- 20th May Played Edegewater won 44-17
- 27th May Played Sir Edmond Hillary won 27-15
- 3rd of June played Auckland Seventh Day Adventist High School (ASDAH) – won 19-7
- 10th June played St Kentigern College won 29-19
- 17th June played Mangere won 46-37
- 24th June played Aorere College won 35-25
- 22nd July played St Kentigern College won 61-14
- 29th July played Botany Downs Secondary College won 37-25
- 5th August played ASDAH won 27-20
- 12th August played final against Aorere College and won 49-36

Coached by a fantastic staff member at Papakura High School Matua Abraham Warren. He talked about the girls season with only having limited numbers.

“It was hard to see the other teams have so many subs and we had only one, so it was about trying to keep the girls safe so they wouldn’t get tired. They were tired, but stubborn, and didn’t want to leave the floor. But they did well,” said Warren.

The future looks bright as only on year 13 student is leaving. Abraham Warren has been working hard to get more students committed to the team for next year.

Rugby League Nationals and Game vs Rosehill

Our rugby league team attended nationals at Bruce Pullman Park for another year, the success the team had was more off the field this year. The team were away on a camp during Nationals and the bond the team made was incredible. It is a week of footy they will never forget.

The league team this year went through a transitional phase of a new coach Robert Cruller, who put an incredible amount of effort in the team and he looks forward to the future as he commits again for next year. Nigel Lowe was our inspirational

fundraiser and Manager for the league team and without him we would not have had a successful tournament.

The Nationals would not have been made possible without the donations of our lovely Papakura Businesses.

- Fortlock
- Harcourts
- Rotary
- Counties Cleaning
- Taxis United
- B.W Henderson
- Takanini Foods

Moving on from Nationals a new initiative was created for an annual league game against Rosehill College.

So forth came the trophy named Battle of the Tracks. The name comes from the tracks between the two schools. This year was the first year this game had been played and it became a cracker. Rosehill College put up an almighty fight to push Papakura High School right to the end. At Full time it was 20-20. So we decided that we will get a result from the fixture and play golden point. After about 5 more minutes of playing Brodie Boyce scored a try and kicked the goal as well. The game was well received from both schools and was an instant success. Papakura High School the first winners of this trophy but Rosehill College will say they were unlucky not to get the win and will be looking forward to a rematch next year.

Nigel Lowe a fellow staff member at Papakura High School involved with the League Team – ‘The concept of this fixture was thought over the week of the League Nationals held at Bruce Pullman Park where both teams supported each other and wanted to have a game against each other.



Decision Reach Out (Toro Mai) Trust Scholarships

On September 28th to October 2nd, eight year 12 students (Katie, Arven, Jessie, Phoenix, Manawanui, Janesh, Wahine and Tangi) had the privilege of attending the Outdoor Pursuits Centre camp with students from Aorere College, Tamaki College, Fairfield College and Melville College. It was a 5 day program that focused on building confidence and leadership qualities within youth.

We did a range of activities such as high ropes, caving, rock climbing etc. (yet that's only a hint of what the camp has to offer). Throughout the week, everyone went through so many obstacles. The constant encouragement and support from one another helped us to face our fears and through these and many other challenges, we not only became confident in ourselves but we also made lifelong friends that we still keep in contact with to this day. The positive vibes were unreal and the fact that we conquered so many challenges together within such a small period of time left us feeling like we could accomplish anything that the future holds for us. On the first day, we were on a bus full of strangers but by the end of the 5 day program, this bus full of strangers had become a family.

If you want amazing experiences like this camp, I suggest you aim to work hard in school and to continuously strive for improvement because it is truly the best thing that you could do for yourself. This was an experience that was earned through hard work, consistent attendance and through expressing a positive outlook on school. This camp is designed for anyone and everyone (whether you're fit or unfit, loud or quiet etc.) and I would definitely recommend this opportunity because the benefits are priceless and will stay with you for a lifetime. It is an amazing opportunity that anyone- without a doubt- should grasp onto if they ever have the chance to. If I ever had the chance to attend a camp like this again, I would go without a second thought.

Manawanui Woonton



From the 35 names put forward 8 students, after a final interview with Toro Mai Trustees, were selected to be worthy recipients of the Decision Reach Out (Toro Mai) Trust Scholarships. The selection process is vigorous and, as Manawanui stated, is based on attitude and contribution to personal development, to school and community.

The trustees were very impressed with the recipients and made a special mention to our school on students selected. The scholarships were worth \$1800 each and provided the opportunity for our students to experience activities they may not normally do.

The recipients were:

- Tangi KOIATU
- Jinesh LATCHMAN
- Wahine SHORTLAND
- Katie MATAU
- Arven GONZALES
- Jessica ROOT
- Manawanui WOONTON



Taylor PAORA who was unable to make the trip was replaced by Phoenix Pule'anga.

Di Corban
Year 12 Dean

*This was an
experience that was
earned through hard
work.*

Tongan Group @ PolyFest 2014

MALO E LELEI!

This year was the second Tongan Group that Papakura High School has ever had. This year, the Tongan group decided to perform two items at PolyFest (The “Ma’ulu’ulu” and the “Hiko”). With only 9 weeks to practise, the Tongan group got busy! Costumes, routines, movement, singing and music were the things that were on their minds during this frantic time. People would always say that there is no reason for them to join because they would not be “Tongan” themselves. C-Jaye Beckham, one of our Year 13 students said “Me being Maori, I didn’t want to offend the Tongan traditions and I didn’t want to disrespect their culture. It’s a lovely culture.” This was not the case, because all cultures are welcome to join in, meet new people and have fun!

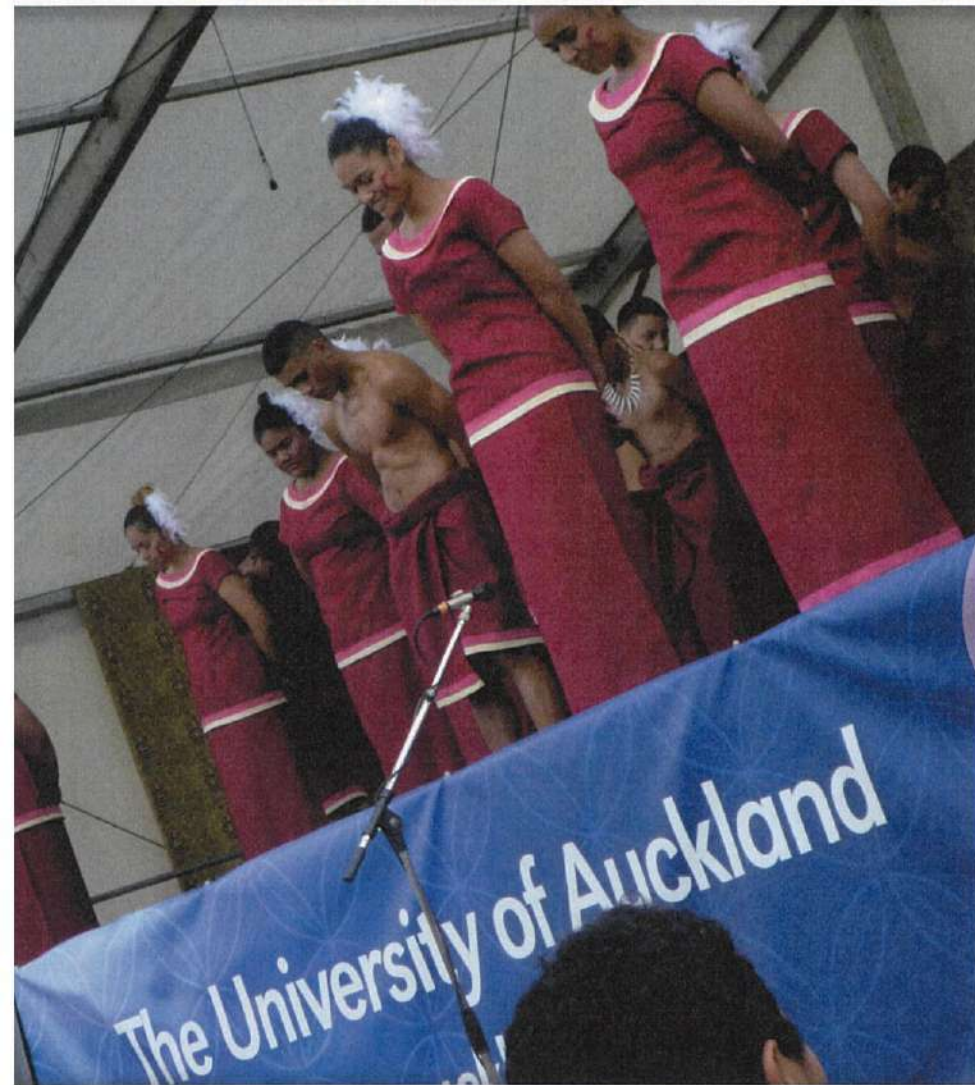
The Tongan group performance at PolyFest...after all their hard work, practising their singing and movement...was AMAZING! Seeing them on stage at PolyFest made the Tongan community very proud. They ended up being placed 2nd overall for their HIKO, which is a dance done only by the girls. They were as graceful as swans. Our Ma’ulu’ulu was great too and the group had heaps of fun.

Things worked out really well with the P.H.S Tongan group this year. We’ll all be looking forward to next year’s group for PolyFest 2015!

Malo aupito and ofa lahi atu!

By Mikato Mavea





*We can honestly say
that it was a truly
overwhelming
experience that we
will all treasure and
will always
remember.*



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT 2014

It has been another great year for the Health and Physical Education department, welcoming a new staff member in Mr Martin. He is a keen sportsman who completed his studies at the University of Auckland before heading to England and gaining his five years teaching experience. Family and friends brought him back to Auckland and now Papakura High School is lucky enough to have him as a Health and Physical Education teacher, as well as the Dean of Year 10 in 2015. The rest of the staff: Ms Joynes, Ms Dunbar, Ms Ryan, Ms Morris and Mr England have remained the same and are all set to stay for 2015.

2014 brought with it the introduction of some new courses and programmes which has been super excited and provided some more great opportunities for our students. Throughout the year we have made strong links with our local Primary Schools and look to develop this further in 2015.



YEAR 12 PE SPORTS LEADERSHIP

The inaugural year for 12PESL 2014 has been a great one! Students were involved in a range of leadership challenges, highlights included: volunteering at the Special Olympics at Massey Park, where students were enthusiastic and caring, helping the competitors to have an enjoyable day. Competing in the Auckland Secondary Schools Turbo Touch competition was also a highlight – we'll get 'em next year! Coaching and leading a group of Year 10's – thanks 10YY and 10CC! The class was challenged to grow and develop together, and as a result they experienced a number of successes. I look forward to seeing the class back together in 2015.



The year 13 course was also challenging, instead of doing a single night camping they had to tramp for up to three days and camp out for two nights. This first three day camp had to be cut short, unfortunately due to poor weather. But the second three day camp was amazing; we had the perfect weather and came across the most stunning views. This camp took us out into the Waitakere Ranges where we climbed up above Piha and completed a 13km trek before we reached our final campsite.



We had a few injuries, and had to really push to get through some tough parts but the group came together and supported each other in order to get to camp on

time. At the campsite there was a welcome stream for everyone to have a swim in as well as ease some aching muscles.



Our final trip was going to be interesting as it was all based around surviving in the bush if stranded. So we arrived at the campsite at Waharau where everyone piled out of the vans, with the first objective being to find a place to sleep for the night in a group; so three groups ventured out in to the campground in search of a comfortable looking patch of ground on which to build their shelters for the night. Once they found a spot, each group was given a 1.2m x 1.8m tarpaulin and 10m

of rope to help with the construction of their sleeping quarters; to ensure they stayed warm they all needed to find natural materials for bedding and to act as walls or windbreaks. The girls (Tamanya, Ngaro, Laekin, Camille, Ngamira and Destiny) by far made the best shelter – it actually looked like a hut and had a door and everything! The boys, well lets just say their shelters left a lot to be desired, but I will give them credit as they kept them dry and warm in the end, so their monstrous constructions somehow worked. Next on the list was for everyone to build and light a fire, some were awesome and really took off, others well lets just say they were named the 'Bogan Fire' and there were a few. Some students did manage to get the art of building and keeping a fire going with kudos going to Tevita who earned his fire badge. Lastly came snare building with Tamanya outshining everyone to earn her Trap Building badge. Not only did she build a basic



noose snare, but she also managed to set a working spring snare, which looked awesome!!



Well done to all year 13's for this trip, as it was by far one of the most relaxing and enjoyable trips of the year. Also shot to Tevita for building the first ever set of goal posts on a camp yet!!

HEALTH AND SPORTS SCIENCE ACADEMY (HASSA)

2014 HASSA is a combined class of Y.12 and Y.13 students who have worked together through our NCEA levels as we progress towards a career in the health or sport science industries. We have studied Biology with Mr Matthews, History with Ms Matamua and Ms Lauaki and Health and Physical Education with Miss Dunbar.



Significant Events this year:

- The **Bioethics road show** was a day of lively, interactive seminars investigating “identity” and how it’s socially construed through the media. It was presented by the University of Otago Bioethics Centre and taught us about critical thinking and extended our Science and Health knowledge.
- The **Bio Science lecture** at the School of Nursing at MIT was an eye opener to how fun tertiary lectures can be and made us feel like we could keep up at that level. It was also an

opportunity to see what’s on offer at MIT and to test our Biology learning for the topic of Homeostasis.

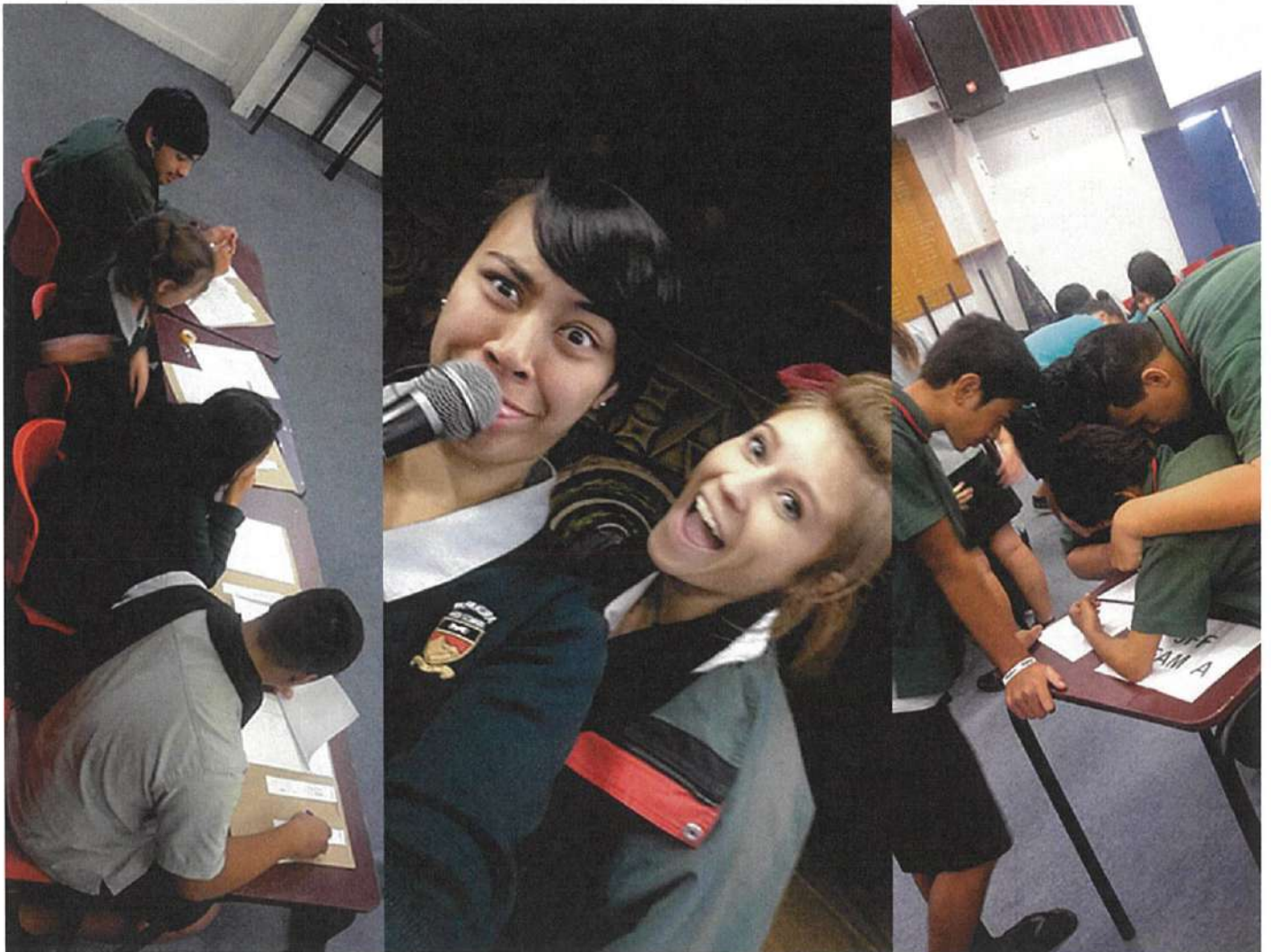
- We ran **Physical Activity and Nutrition** sessions at Mansell senior school. It was really fun to organise these sessions for the kids to enjoy. We learnt a lot about how hard it actually is to be a teacher!
- We have had many **guest speakers** who have helped us to put our learning into perspective, make it relevant to our future. Positive speakers’ bureaus, The Brew master, Youthline, are some examples of these. Some guests have focused on our overall development and preparing us to transition out of school. Health could B4U, the Solomon Group and Kia Ora Hauora are some of these organisations that have helped us grow our dreams for the future.
- The Gateway programme has given us all the opportunity to do **work experience** in our areas of interest and this is such a good way for us to test the waters and see if we really do like that career path. The work experience placements have been so individualised and we’ve learnt a lot from the exposure to these areas.

As students we have high expectations for ourselves and are happy for each other when we experience success in our own specialty areas. Some HASSA students are at the top of their Sporting game, playing at representative and professional level. Other HASSA students are at the top of their academic game, being nominated for scholarships and achieving endorsements. There have been 6 prefects out of the 11 Y.13s in HASSA this year and there is set to be another chunk of us making prefect next year. The Y.13s who are graduating all have a clear idea of where they’re going to study next year and we wish them ALL THE BEST!





The winning 10TX team with prizes from ASB.



All teams worked very well together and did us proud.



Business Challenge

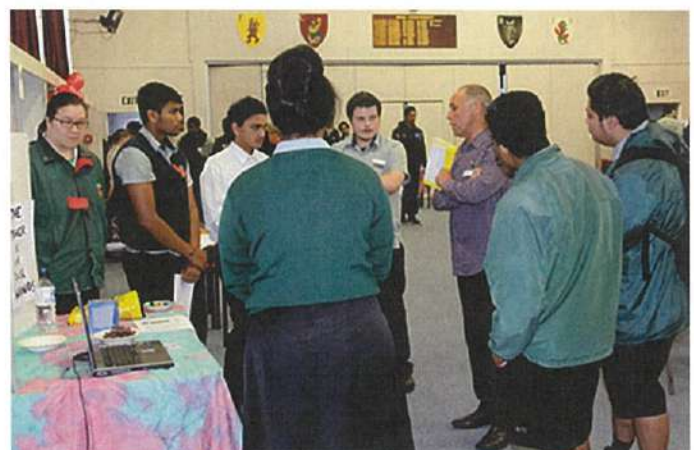
The 3 day Business Challenge was held in the hall from 16 – 18 September. It was presented by Mark Douglas of Vision Training Ltd. and kindly sponsored by Maori Women's Development Inc. Year 12 and 13 students participated in business teams where they had to invent an innovative product or service and they learnt the skills required to get their product or service to the marketplace. Each team member had responsibility for an individual aspect of the business such as leader, research, production, sales and marketing and finance. These areas all came together when a Business Plan was created detailing all the aspects needed to start up the business for real.

There were 5 teams, all of which came up with great ideas and did the school proud with their effort and attitude. On the third day the teams had to present their ideas and Business Plan to judges made up of business leaders from the local community. The judges were highly impressed by the teams presentations and the scoring was very close with the winning team, Electro-sonic Inc. winning by just 1 point. Electro-sonic's idea was to develop a handheld, magnetic USB charger. Electro-sonic's team members were Asaia Butiaua, Semu Tuilaepa, Janesh Latchman, Rudolf Daniel, Ellen Mehau, Azaria Latu and Corey Hampson. Six of the participating students were offered scholarships for a week at Massey University and some may be offered part time jobs. We want to thank the four judges for giving up their

time to come in and give their experience to our students; Cheryl Morrow Branch Manager at Papakura Branch, Katrina Winn Papakura Board of the Auckland Council and Group Marketing Manager for the Hynds Group of Companies, Leigh Somerville, Owner Operator HOUSE OF TRAVEL TAKANINI, John Wardrop The Rising Foundation.

I would like to thank the Mathematics Commerce and ICT faculty teachers who all work hard to provide our students with the support they need in and out of class. We are in the middle of revamping our Level 1 courses and Junior programmes in order to improve achievement. We continue to use Sport as a context and are working towards improving engagement all the time.

Lisa Mortimer
Head of Mathematics, Commerce and ICT Faculty







Level 1 History 2014

Being in this year's Level 1 History class has been a really enjoyable experience! We learned about topics such as the "Origins of World War II", and "Black Civil Rights in the USA during the 1950's and 60's" – these were really interesting topics to learn about. We also learned about "Social Justice / Injustice" and how these topics relate to us as New Zealanders.

This year we had a good mix of students. It was great getting to know all the other students in class better, and by the end of the year we were all really good friends. Miss Lauaki was an awesome teacher because she made it fun for us, made things easier for us to understand and wouldn't let us give up when things were hard.

We ended up learning lots from her and earned heaps of credits! Now... after lots of hard work, revision and practise we are ready for the EXAMS! It's scary because this is our first time so I wish all of us the best of luck. I am really going to miss our class, all the laughs and fun we had in History this year!!

*"Being in Level 1 History has been a great...a class surrounded by good people and also having a positive teacher."
- Joey Peck (L1 History)*



Social Studies Quiz Tournament 2014

It wasn't the sunniest of days on Tuesday 10th June, 2014... Never the less, not even the weather could stop Papakura High's Penisio Aholelei, Billie-Gene Rawiri, Samuel Cribb, Florence Toia, Grayson James, Phoebe Stowers, Shar Matafeo and Shamal Mani (10TX Hard!) from competing in the 'prestigious' Social Studies Quiz Tournament at Diocesan School for Girls.

We arrived at the venue and were immediately blown away with the schools buildings, infrastructure and surroundings. Nerves kicked in at that time, and we all knew we were far from home. We were up against all the other 'flash' schools, with their blazers and without a hair out of place. We were nervous but we knew that Kura would never back down without a fight!

This tournament took place in the Diocesan school hall, and walking in we could feel a strong sense of the schools' long heritage. Although our team tried to be friendly, not a

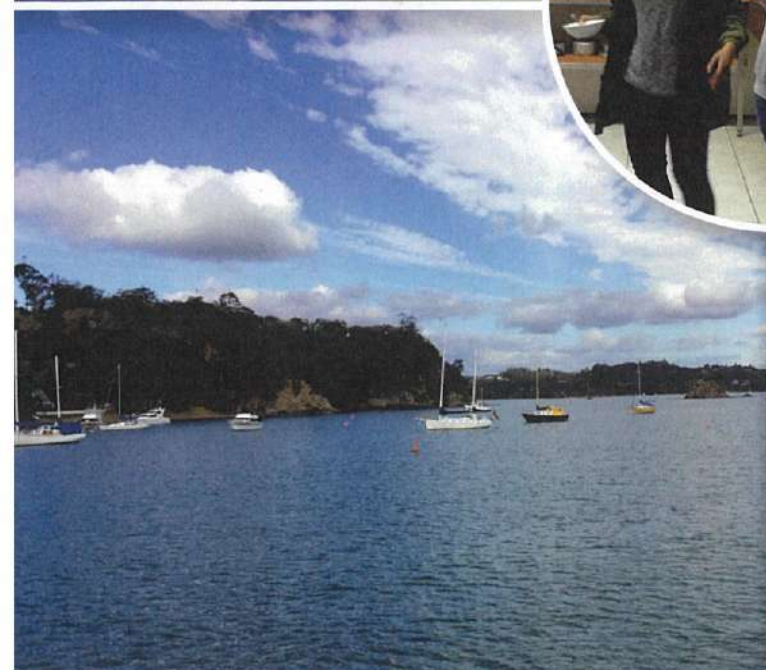
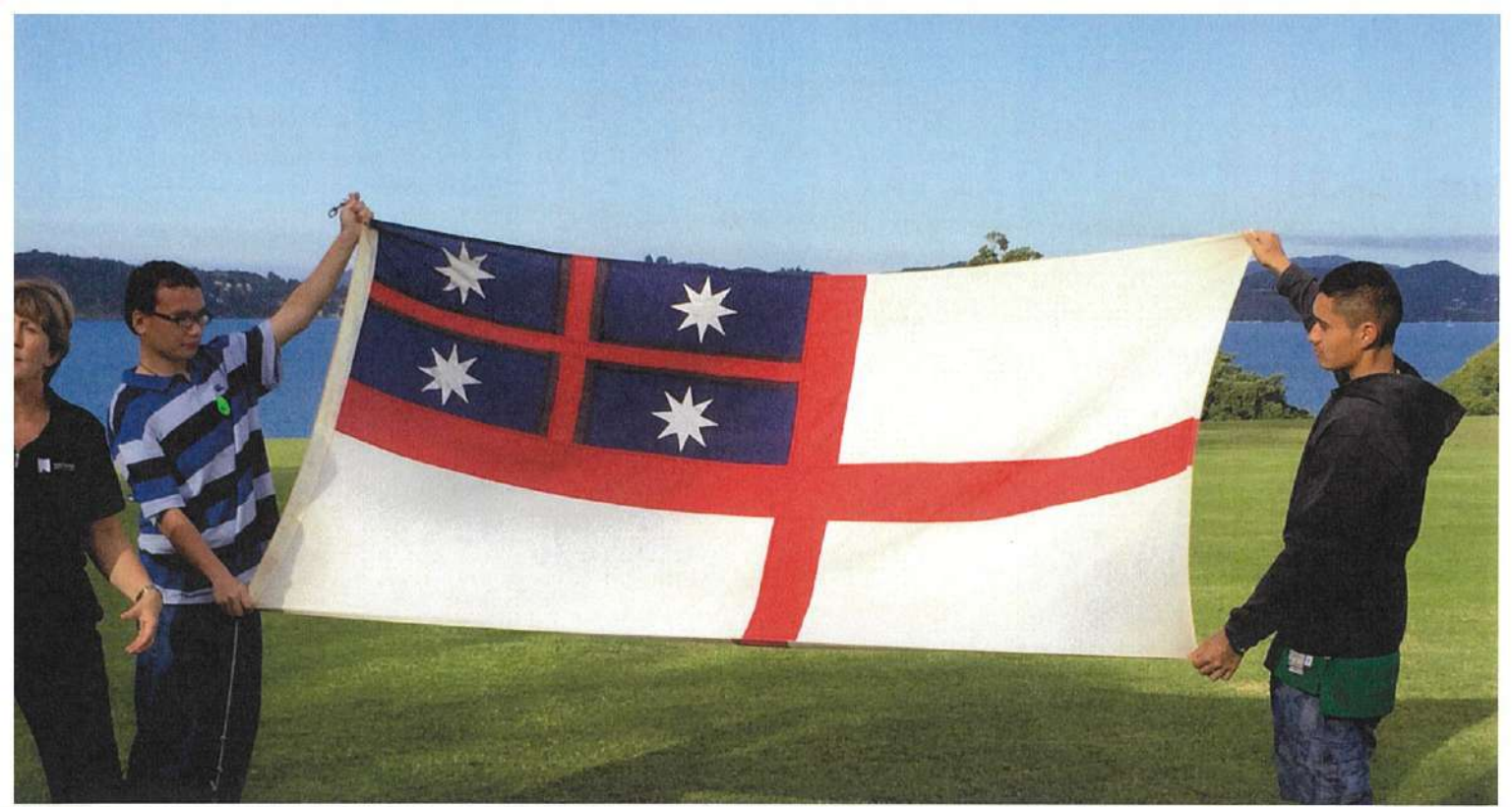
word was uttered, or a smile shared between the competing teams. We were up against lots of other schools like Kings College and Mount Albert Grammar School... Only serious competitors battling it out with one another to determine the CHAMPIONS!

The competition was tough and lasted a long time...but in true Kura fashion, we gave it our best and BOTH our teams placed in the top for our division!!

Overall, I can gladly say for all of us, that we all really enjoyed ourselves. Being proud and representing Kura High is an opportunity that should be cherished!

By Shar MATAFEO



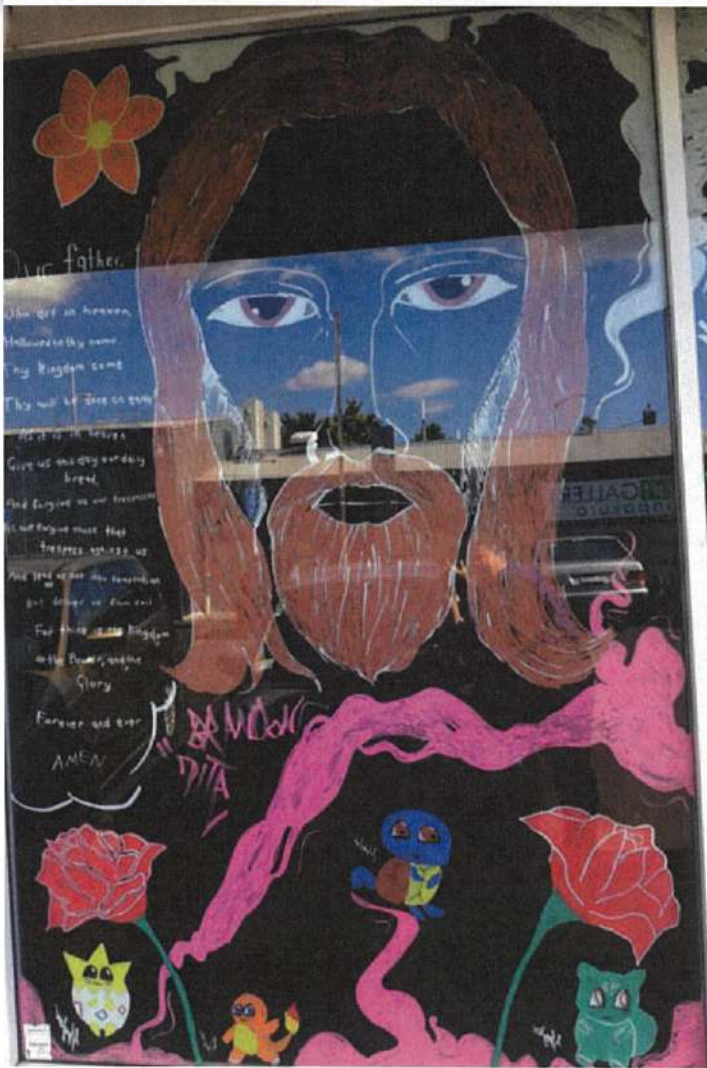


Window Mural at Ray's Gym and Papakura Gallery Trip

On Wednesday March 5 2014, Level 2 and 3 Painting students went on a walk to the Papakura Art Gallery to view the current show, a survey exhibition of Liyen Chong's work. She is of Malaysian Chinese descent, who moved to NZ as a teen. Her work talks about multiculturalism.



*All the best for the
future to our
senior students
who leave us in
2014*





9CC and 9YY's Window display at the Papakura Art Gallery for Matariki



'The Roots Project'

On the first Saturday of the Term 3 holidays, a small group of Year 10, Level 1 and 2 students come to school to do a mixed media project with Martin and Daniel from the 'Roots Creative Entrepreneurs'. Students looked at creating art and 'upcycling' old cardboard boxes. Students were able to gain 4 credits.

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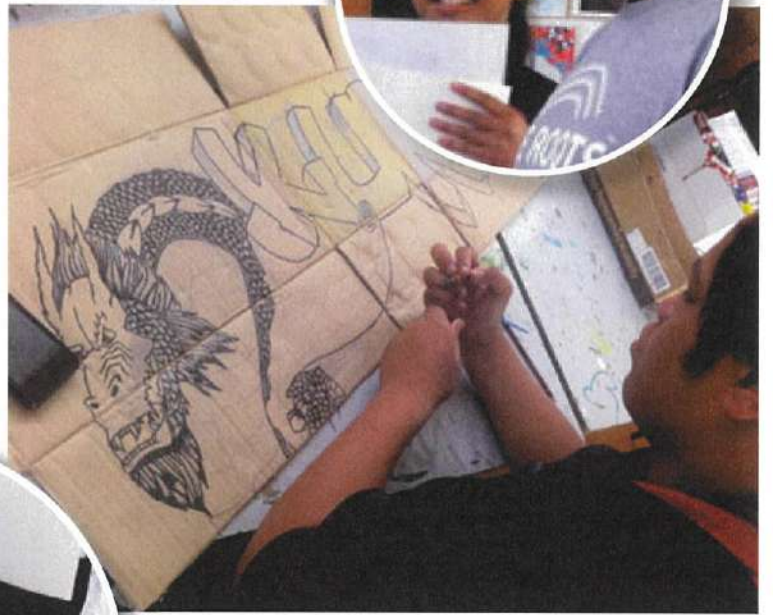
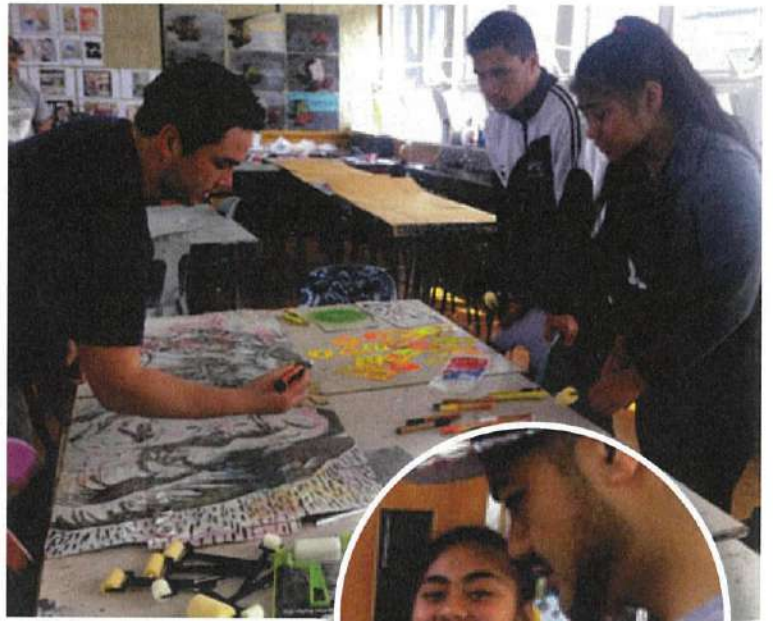
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SUSTAINABILITY - We are kaitiaki (guardians) of our planet. Thinking sustainably and acting locally.

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Ball 2014

Game of Thrones

