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Once again the ball has come and gone. It went off without a hitch at the Edge Events Centre due to the marvellous efforts of the fabulous Yr13's in the Ball Committee who spent long hours organising and preparing for such a wonderful night out. A night that shall be remembered by all forever!

The group had meetings twice a week in the library, along with Ms Simpson. Ideas were flown around, some kept and some discarded.

We talked about venues, decorations and buses. We included the school to vote for the favourite theme, which won by a landslide: What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas. We chose the Edge Event Centre for our venue which was in the heart of Auckland City. Not only did we have to talk about the organisation, but we had to fundraise all the money for the ball. We had a lot of ideas including auctioning Wiremu for a date. We ended up putting a lot of the ideas into action including, selling 'bangers' in the barn, getting drenched washing cars, selling Cadbury chocolates, noodles, Milo early in the morning and many raffle tickets including delicious cheesecakes and a men's and women's beauty hamper which was won by Mrs Boyce and Ellie's mum. A lot of hard work was put into making a fantastic night but it all paid off in the end!

The night finally came! Students arrived at the hall at 5.30 and took pictures with family and friends. Before long we were on the buses and on our way. Somehow we managed to choose the venue that had construction along the walkway into the venue but that didn't dampen our spirits. To get to the room we had to walk down a massive flight of stairs that ended with a floating balloon archway and sparkling grape juice in martini glasses. The decorations were amazing, with four enormous playing cards on the walls and the table centre pieces had top hats with playing cards sticking out of them. The dance floor was constantly full except for dinner which consisted of yummy foods including butter chicken and pasta. Ms Spraggon did an awesome job as a photographer, having people take pictures all throughout the night in front of a Vegas backdrop with a silhouette of a man and dice.

Of course the night wouldn't complete without the voting of King and Queen. Votes were put into a very flash red box made by Ms Simpson. The sashes were made by the members of the ball committee looked spectacular. Queen awarded Zakiyyah and King was Feleti. Princess was given to Ann-

Maree and Prince George. We didn't have any year 11 boys so we had a female duke and duchess who were Ashley and Sina.

Sadly our partying finished at midnight. We all returned to the buses and were driven back to school. We had another successful year, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. This night would not be possible without the help and commitment of the people on the Ball Committee and all the other people that helped us out. We all thank you very much!

Written by Lisa Lockwood and Kate Worboys

TO Fabulous.















Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.

Here's a little shout-out from the Yr12 Marae Catering class to tell you all a little about the experiences we gained from our visit to Owae Marae, Waitara,

On our way to Owae Marae, we had so much fun telling jokes in a stuffed van, with smelly feet and squashed faces to the window. We stopped in a few places such as Taupiri, where we paid our respects to some of our Tupuna; and Aria, a buzzing Metropolis of 250 people. But it was a very special place where we got to cook our own fish and chips - yummy.

What followed, after the hundreds of sheep got out of the way, was a beautiful scenic drive along a coastal highway toward the towering Maunga Taranaki whose perfect cone shape, pyramids high above the city of

New Plymouth.

We were warmly greeted by the Tangata Whenua by way of a small powhiri. We went down as ringawera, food handlers or helpers in the wharekai, kitchen. The reason for going down to Owae Marae was to help Te Atiawa celebrate Sir Maui Pomare Day. Furthermore, the Marae Catering class had the privilege of being a part of the 150th anniversary of the Taranaki land wars as well as being witness to the establishment of the Marae Justice programme for Taranaki rangatahi.

It was a pretty intense weekend; everyone was running around, peeling at least a ton of potatoes and kumara, making big bowls of stuffing, preparing kai moana, the boys digging a big hole for the hangi pit and cutting up two whole pigs. We worked our butts off. From breakfast until the last cup was washed after supper, for 3 days, we were working. We

have never seen so many dishes.

We learnt a lot about the Tikanga associated with harvesting, preparing and serving kai. Even lamprey eels. We learnt how to sharpen knives and how to use them. But most of all, we learnt how to work together. Arohatanga, Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, all now have greater meaning to us. It was a great opportunity to watch Marae life and being a part of the help was special and we are all thankful to have been a part of it.

On behalf of the Yr12 Marae Catering Class, thank you to Mrs Matthews, Mr Bodger and Miss Simpson. Thank you to Mr Heron and Papakura High School.

And thank you to the Board of Trustees.

And to all Yr11 students, we would all urge you to take Marae Catering next year!

Aroha nui ki a koutou!

Nirvana Harris.



In Term 2 (28-30 May) the Years 12&13 Travel and Tourism classes headed up north to the Bay of Islands. We visited historical places and Maori landmarks. Our group had a guided tour at the Waitangi Treaty grounds which was very informative. Our guide even changed into a period costume to make it even more interesting.

Following that we all took a ferry across to Russell and explored the island, meeting the people over there and having a look around. Many of us were confident enough to go down the sand dunes at Te Paki Stream. Everyone got sandy and a few wet. We had a long walk at the top of the North Island at Cape Reinga looking out towards the Pacific Ocean and Tasman Sea. What an awesome experience to be standing at the top of the North Island and see for ourselves where the spirits of the dead leap from! We had a long bus ride back to the camp ground driving on Ninety Mile Beach, and stopped at Mangonui for the world famous fish and chips.

Getting up at 6.30am every morning was hard for a few who wanted to stay in bed, too cold to get up but Sir banged on the doors. The dolphin cruise was a good way to finish off our trip touching and interacting with alongside them-the dolphins must have known Kura was there as they came out in force. What a long way back to Auckland it took but Thanks to Mr McCoskrie and Miss Matamua, this trip wouldn't have been an awesome trip without you both. Thank you.

By Josh Ratu 13 Travel

Wow....this year has flown by!! 2010 has been another exciting and full-on year in the department. Staff wise we have seen some old faces go and the arrival of some newbies. We farewelled Louise Spraggon and Ashlee Walters at the end of Term 1, and welcomed Sarah Sharkey and Ashra Clement. Unfortunately, we will lose Dave Rae at the end of Term 3 and Ashra will be leaving at the end of Term 4. I would like to thank them both for their efforts and hard work and wish them all the luck in their future endeavours.

PAPAKURA YOUTH ART AWARDS AND EXHIBITION

This year Art students participated in the Papakura Youth Awards. This is the second year this competition/ exhibition has run at the local gallery. It is open to all youth in the area aged between 16-24. We were privileged enough to win one of the prestigious Merit awards. This was won by Jason Rua with his drawing on custom board called 'One Love', and was a tribute to his Dad. The judge said she chose his work as she liked the way 'it was able to communicate with the viewer'. There are only 6 Merit awards given out as well as the top overall prize and the runner up. This is a top effort as there are no age categories and Jason was competing against people who were already at Art school. Bonnie Lake and Kotisha Kerr- Bell also got special mentions for their photographic works and were two of six named with having the 'X Factor'. The exhibition had around 110 works in it and 30+ were from Papakura High! Well done Jason, Bonnie and Kotisha! Get in quick and invest in some art work from these talented artists...it may be worth millions in the future?!

The exhibition ran for a month up at the gallery. Some of the L2 and L3 students were able to go up for a look and were very impressed at how professional the work looked exhibited in a proper art gallery space! Keep an ear out for this exhibition next year and support our talented students we have here at school.

PAVEMENT ART

Earlier in the year we were invited by Safer Papakura Trust to participate in a 'Pavement Art' exhibition. Donna from the Trust flew a prominent NZ pavement artist up from Christchurch to run workshops with various local schools where students could learn different techniques and listen to Mark's stories of how he has travelled the world, getting paid for drawing in chalk on sidewalks! After the workshops, students were selected to participate in an exhibition in town. Unfortunately on the day of the exhibition it poured with rain and we had to retreat to the Farmers car park. On the bright side the car park was transformed in to a bright and colourful piece

of art.

Christina Goffin and James Bell beautiful works got photographed for the Courier and were invited (with a few others) to participate in the Spring Carnival. Unfortunately the weather was again unkind and the carnival was cancelled.

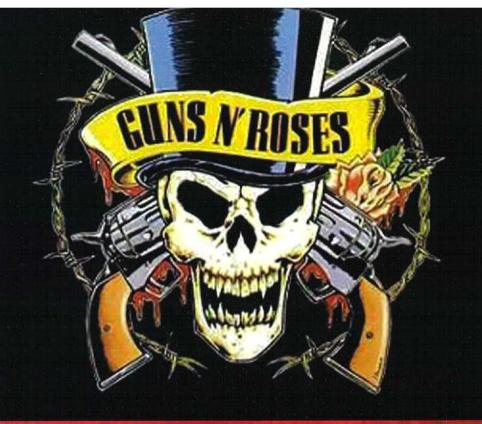
ARTS FESTIVAL WEEK

Arts Festival was another highlight, a full week celebrating all things arty! The Art Department contributed to this week by running various workshops and activities. We turned our driveway into a piece of living art with chalk drawing opened to the whole school which was very popular. Henna tattoo was also extremely popular and was held over two lunchtimes. We were also lucky enough to have two 'Artist in Residence' workshops. Rhys Shaw who is a traditional Maori carving tutor at Te Wananga O Aotearoa took a day off work to come and show off his skills and give students a taste of traditional carving. Rhys started off studying the Bachelor of Maori Arts at the Wananga and was invited back to be a tutor when he had finished his studies. We were also lucky enough to have Charles and Janine Williams come and do a workshop with a few of our students and paint an awesome bright mural in the 'barn' area. Charles and Janine are talented mixed media urban artists, working in a variety of mediums from urban mural paintings, to tattoo and design commissions. They are world renowned and respected urban artists and have been lucky enough to make a living out of their art, and have been invited to travel the world showcasing their skills. They said that the students here were so polite and friendly and a real joy to work with. They were also overwhelmed when a few students organised for the kapa haka group to perform some waiata and a haka in their honour.

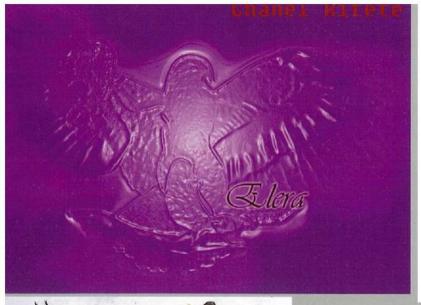
On the Thursday we had the variety show and art students had an exhibition of their work with some students selling their pieces of art. Kotisha Kerr-Bells photographs were extremely popular and extra editions had to be printed off to meet the demand. The students got a real buzz out of selling their work and receiving money for their art works which they had made just for fun!

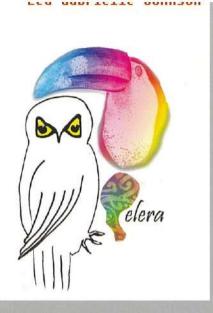
I would like to thank Miss Sexton, Miss Clement, Mr Rae and Miss Sharkey for all their hard work this year and all the art students for their efforts. I wish our seniors luck with their folio board assessments which is always a busy and stressful time of the year, especially those students taking more than one Art discipline!

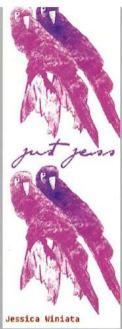
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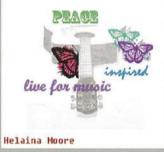


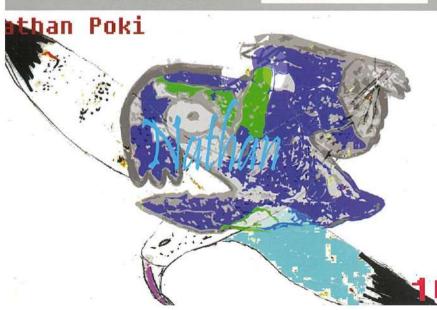






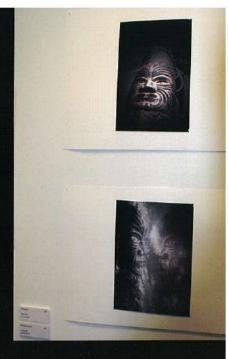








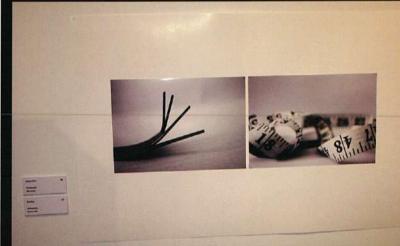






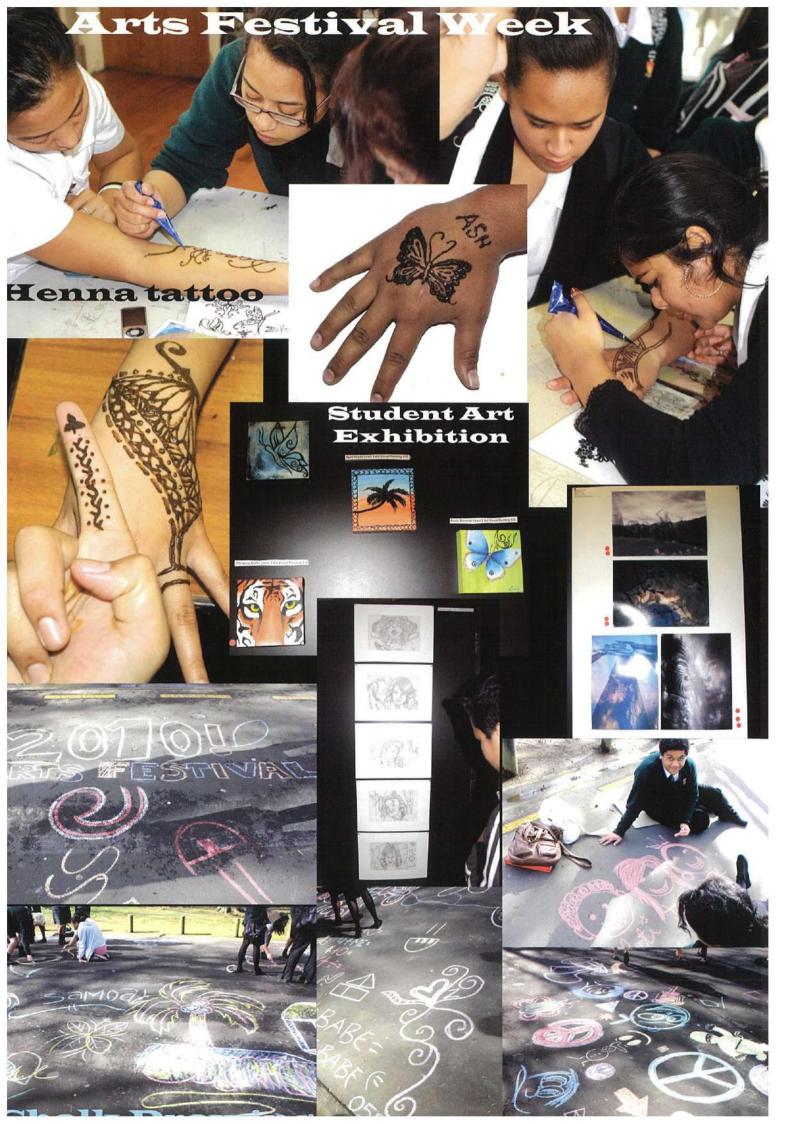


Papakura Youth Art Award Exhibition

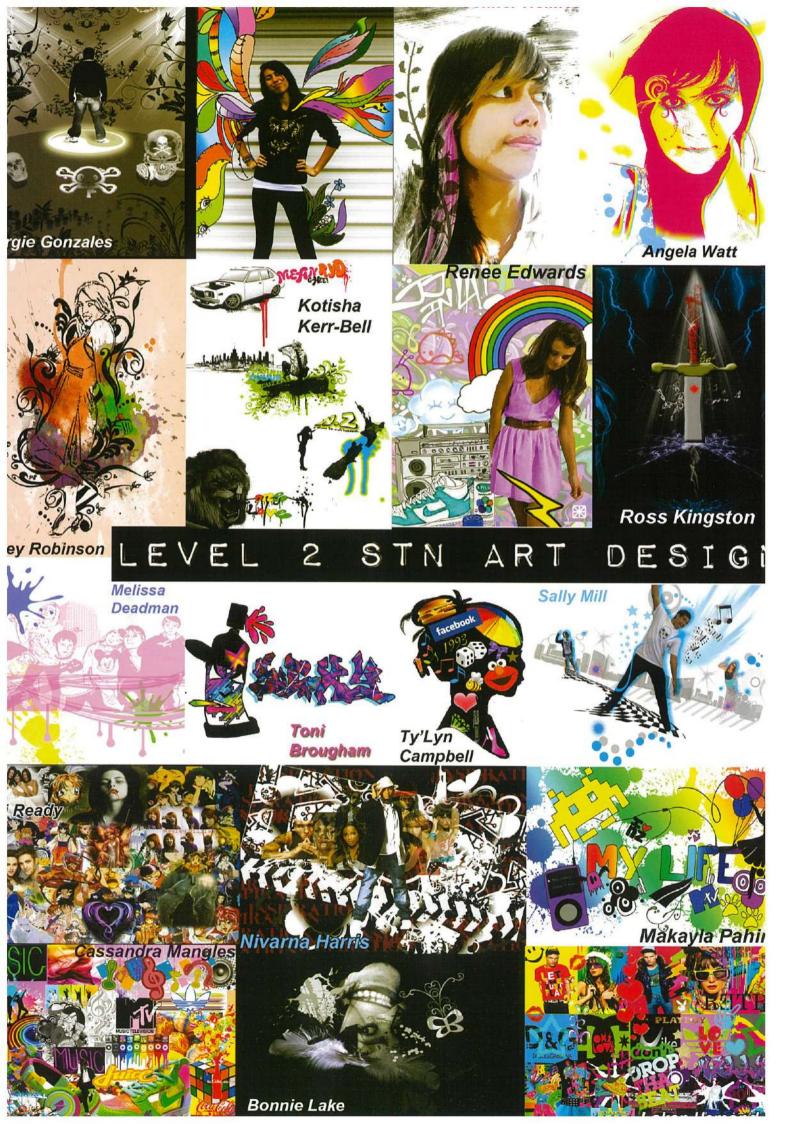




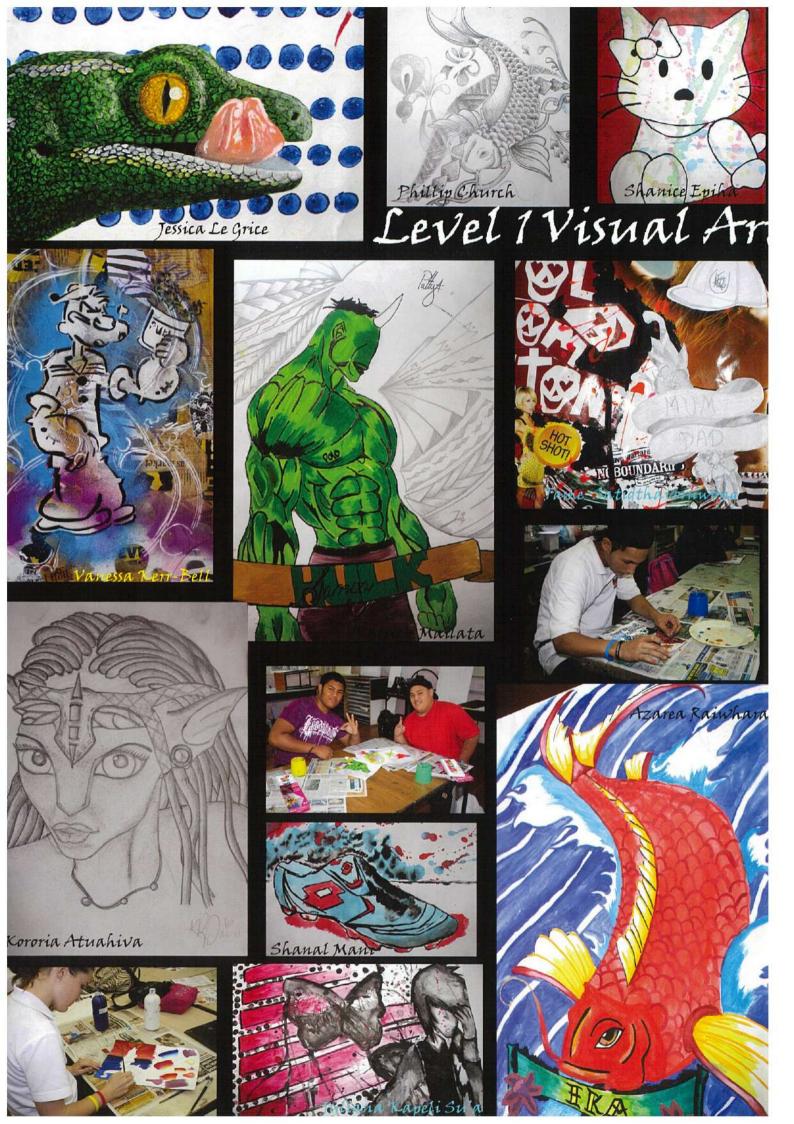


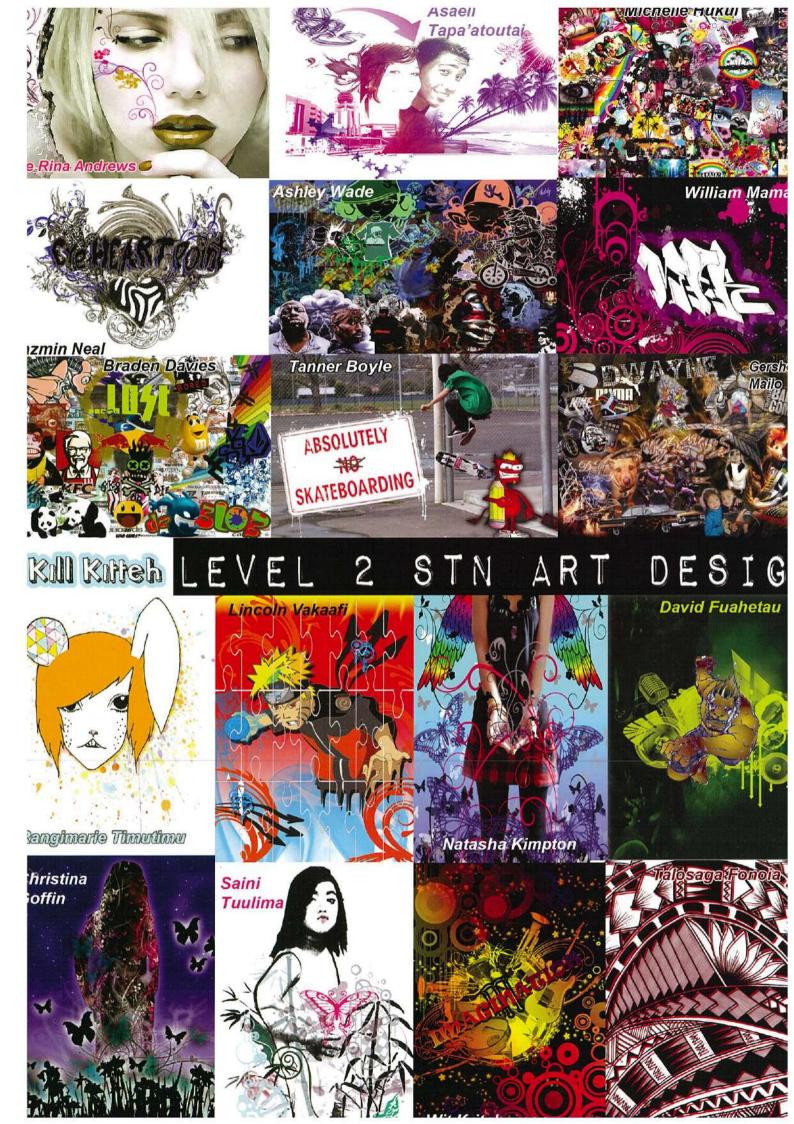








































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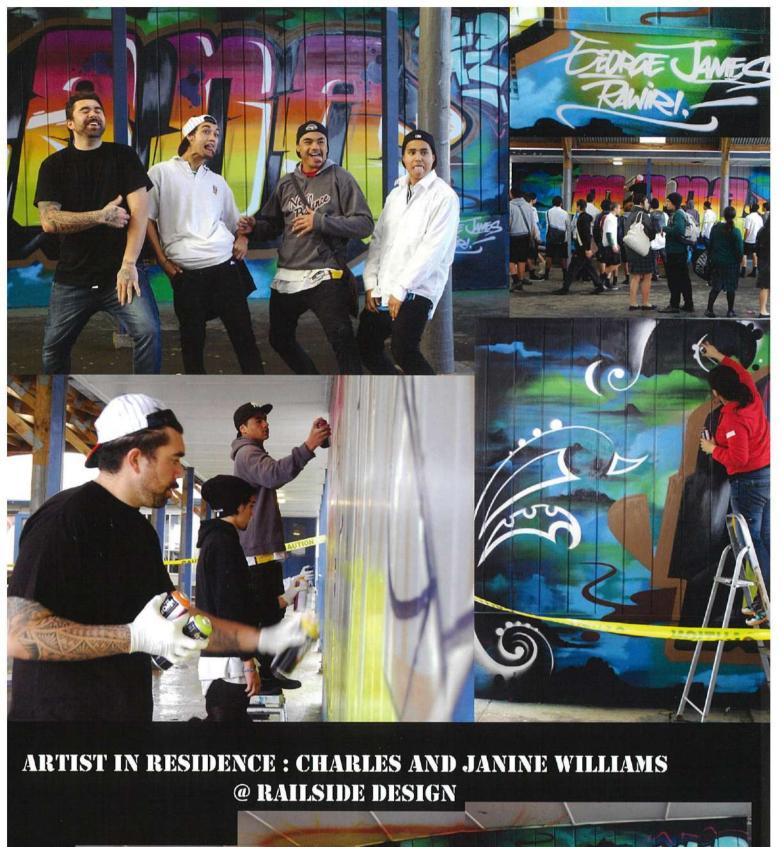




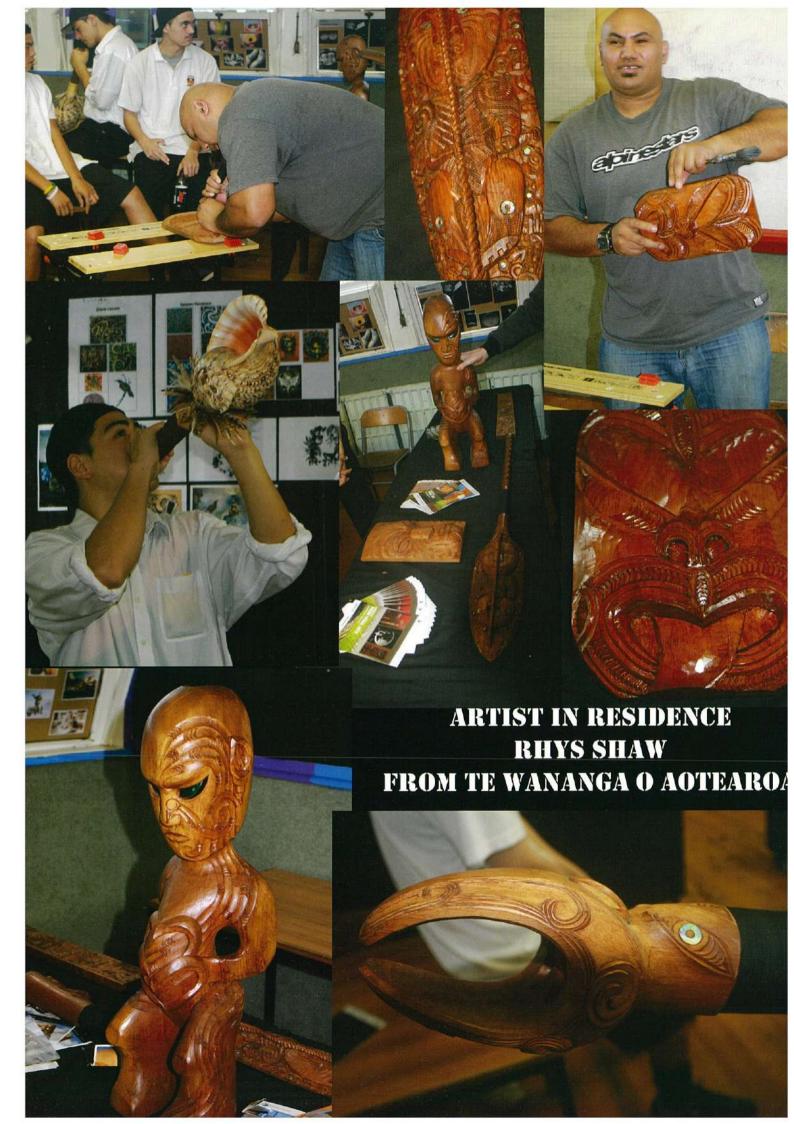
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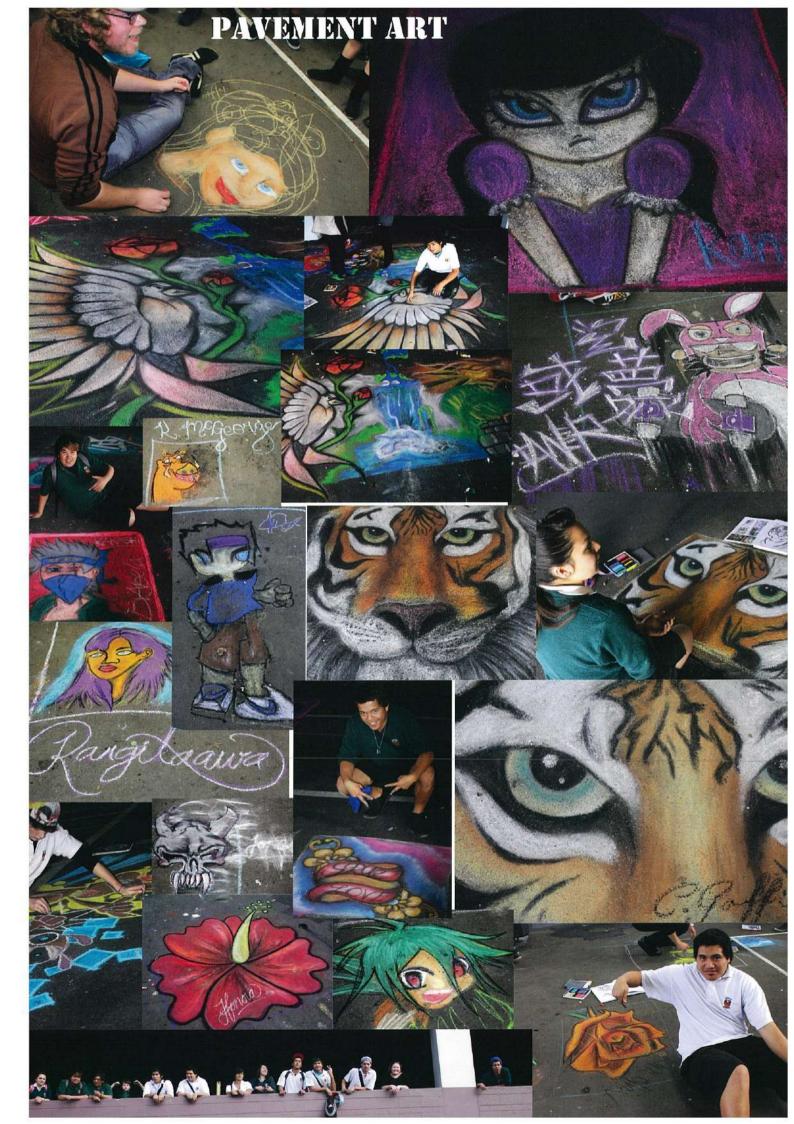


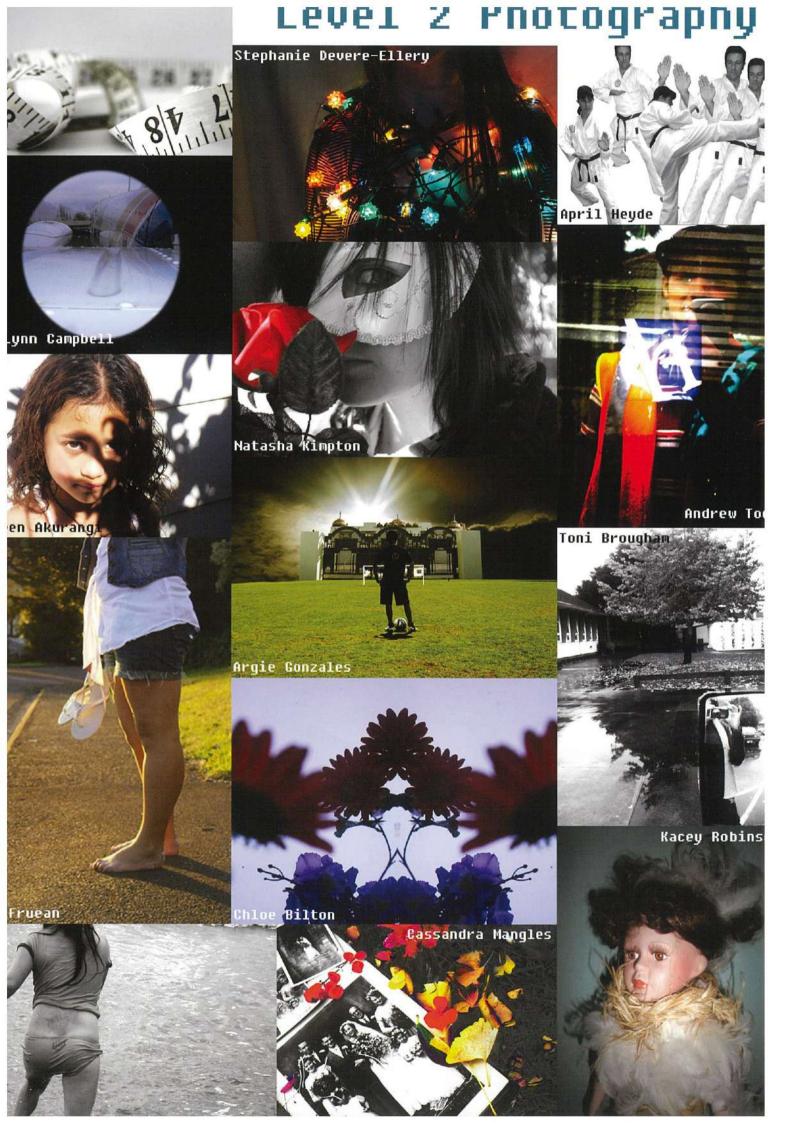














FERGUSSON

Led by our banner, the yellow soldiers of Fergusson marched their way to the Mansell field, our chosen battlefield of the day. We were met by the other armies of Papakura, similarly dressed in their colours of war, though somehow lacking the "swaggaliciousness" that Fergusson managed to maintain.

As we reached the borders of our territory, war paint was passed around and we prepared ourselves for a battle, and though we were outnumbered we knew defeat was never an option, bribery was not allowed, so our only choice was to participate. As the first of many gunshots that day sounded across the battlefield, battle cries roared from all armies and soldiers began to sprint around the track, knowing full well that pride, honour and bragging rights for the rest of the year were at stake.

By Eric Deverick

BLEDISLOE

Kia Ora Whanau,

What can I say? I'm amazed by all the competition this year but at the end of the day its official Bledisloe is still the best house in the world, maybe not the fastest but the best by far.

We have Mr Matthews to thank for this, he has pumped us up with so much pride that I guess it's sometimes good to brag about what's best. Sorry Cobham, Ferguson and Freyberg, you all had it coming! No, at the end of the day it's all about fun, like on Athletics Day we saw a very good accurate representation of Bledisloe on the sports fields and I will say we are all very proud. So many people entered the races and did us proud no matter what placing they got. We had some head turning outfits such as the box twins Fedora Singh and Adelaide Waitai! Good job everybody! On behalf of the Bledisloe House Captains this year I would like to say a big sorry for making some of you participate in that nasty as Fear Factor, we could smell Sardines off you guys for days!

But like all families all we can do is look back and laugh, lets start from now. Every day is a new one so keep aiming for those goals you all have and if you feel like you don't have the support or courage to do so yourself,

you have your whanau Bledisloe here no matter what. Keep the Bledisloe Spirit high,

> Summa Pete Zakiyyah Ali Bledisloe HC 2010

COBHAM HOUSE

COBHAM, the house with the reputation to envy - and the trophies to prove it- had been anticipating how sweet the taste of victory would be on Athletics day while the other houses (too unworthy to mention) had dreaded the day they would be beaten once again by the griffindore of Papakura High School. Weeks in advance, the house leaders had been getting athletes amped and ready for the PHS rivalry and a pure competition that was called Athletics Day.

The day arrived and colours of cute costumes and big banners reading Bledisloe, Ferguson, Freyburg and mostly importantly COBHAM filled the field side while house chants, cheers and noise filled the air. The day was filled with fun, excitement and lip-biting action. The awesome athletes of the four houses had the best time as they ran, skipped, hopped and jumped their way down the triple jump pit, sprinted the tracks, and even chucked gumboots over with Miss Manoa in the noncompetitive events.

Cobham 2010 was so ultimate and undefeatable that some the other houses were trying to end their torture by starting fights and putting the whole day on hold. But Cobham won anyway! He-he!

The great attitude of each athlete as they took their place at the start line and to see the proud look on their face as crowds screamed out words of encouragement and support from each house was awesome to see and be a part of. Cobham kids were in it to win it, which we did. COBHAM WON..of course HEYYYYY'!!!

"TEN POINTS FOR GRIFFINDORE!"

A huge THANKS to our awesome Cobham Whanau who participated, hollah'd, cheered and cheated (jokes about that last one he-he) for COBHAM, we so couldn't have done it without you all.

By your ultimate house leaders!

Terri-Anne, Kate, Daniel and Josh.



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Well what can we say? Athletics Day 2010 was a little different to what we year thirteen expected...on the Mansell field...FML. However, we all adjusted and Freyberg's House Leaders (Alicia, Kerri and I) led our troops out last to face the other three houses. Equipped with cones, we loudly and proudly exclaimed our love for our house and colours, sparking fierce rivalry and thus, more competition from the others. Throughout the day, house pride had never been more evident until then, with

FREYBERG

everyone competing for their respective whanau, which was pretty awesome to see. Even when some people went way too overboard representing their houses doing sports like doing boxing on each other when 'boxing (or at least trying to)' wasn't even an option for athletics. The day was full of fun and excitement, and the results were out and clear. Freyberg didn't win, but we all did our best, and that is all I can ask of all of you. Good luck for 2011!

Feleti Lotulelei



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