



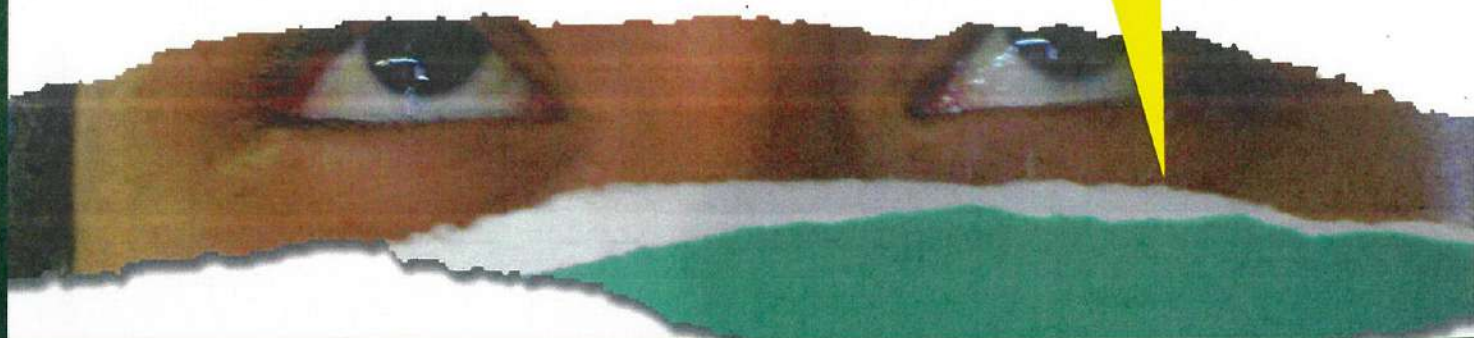
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PAPAKURA HIGH SCHOOL



Surname	First	Qualifications	Subject Area
Basdew	Rishi	B Ed., FDE(Technical), JSED	Maths
Beaumont	Tabitha	B Sport	Sports Co-ordinator
Boyce	Gail	BA Dip Tchg	English
Braunton	Martin	BA, PGCE	PE, Te Kotahitanga Facilitator
Brien	Julie	BFA, DipTchg	Dance, Social Studies
Chang	Sunney	B.Com, DipTchg	Maths
Clarke	Waru	Dip. In Community & Social Work	Activity Centre
Corban	DI	BHSci, B.Ed, DipTchg	Dean
Cosslett	Janice	BA, DipTchg	English
Cupido	Wilma	Adv.Dip Special Ed. Needs	XA Unit
Cvitanovich	Pauline	DipTchg	PE, Y11 Dean
de Ruyter	Diane	BSc BTchg (Sec)	HOD ICT, Y9 Dean
Donaldson	Emma	BA(Hons) PGCE	English
Dullabh	Arvind	BSc, NZCS, NZCE, Dip Tchg, Dip Tech	Maths
Dunbar	Jayne	BPE	PE & Health
Enriquez	Jesse	BFA, DipTchg	Digital Design, ICT
Evaroa	Vivien	TTC, DipTchg	Literacy Leader
Fagan	Rachel	M.Mus, DipTchg	Music, Dean of Freyberg
Finlay	Robyn	MA(Hons) ATCL	Itinerant - Keyboard
Foster	Allan	TTC, B.Ed, DipTchg, Cert.SM	Deputy Principal
Gillespie	Colin	Adv.Trade Cert (2), NZCE Int, DipTchg, Higher DipTchg, Dip ESTN, Cert. ELSTN	XA Unit
Granshaw	Steven	B.Mus, DipTchg	Music
Grover	Elizabeth	TTC, DipTchg, P.G. (SNRT)	Head of Learning Support
Hayter	David	BA(Hons) Business Studies, PGCE Business with ICT (Secondary)	Accounting, Business Studies
Heron	Peter	BSc(Hons), PGCE, MA	Principal
Heywood	Michelle		Deputy Principal
Hori	Melissa	BSc, DipTchg	Asst. HOD Science
Hughes	Jessica	BA, DipTchg	Social Studies, Geography
Johns	Mat		Network Manager
Joynes	Emma	BPE	Physical Education
Katipa	Vernon	Limited Authority to Teach	Itinerant Music
Kilgour	Heather	BA, DipTchg, Grad.Dip TESSOL	Head of ESOL
Lafferty	Kevin	Adv.Trade Cert. NZDip. Specialist Subjects	Wood Technology
Lauaki	Jaclyn	BA, DipTchg	Social Studies, Classics, History
Lawrence	David	BSc, DipTchg	Science
Lobb	Kate	BVA, DipTchg	HOD Art
Logan	Katrina	BA, Bed, DipTchg	English
McCabe	Steve	BA(hons), MSc, MA	Physics, Science
McCoskrie	John	MA(Hons), M.Div, DipTchg, Cert TESSOL, Cert BS	Social Studies, Travel and Tourism, Y10 Dean



Surname	First	Qualifications	Subject Area
Manoa	Lavinia	BA, DipTchg	English
Matamua	Beverley	BA, DipTchg	HOD History, Asst.HOD Humanities, Travel and Tourism
Mathew	Annie	BSc,DipTchg, B. Ed	Mathematics
Matthews	David	BSc Ecology, PGCE SciEd, Adv.Cert.Ed, Env.Ed.	Asst.HOD Science, Dean of Bledisloe
Matthews	Gaynor	BA, PGCE	HOD Hospitality
Michaels	Ayrl	TTC	Guidance Counsellor
Miller	Koren	B.Ed, DipTchg, Dip.Professional Cookery	Hospitality / Child Care
Minton	Anita	BA, DipTchg	English
Minton	Richard	BSc(Hons), QTS, PGCE	Technology
Mitford-Burgess	Rob	NZCB, Dip. S.S, DipTchg	Assistant Principal
Mortimer	Lisa	MSc, BSc, GTP	HOD Maths
Naidu	Sharina	B.Com, J.S.E.D	Maths
Nathan	Rebekah	B.Ed	
Neziri	Natasha	BA, DipELT, DipTchg	English
Nichol	Gay	TTC, E.T.I.H, Higher DipTchg, Adv. DipTchg, Dip. Of Special Teaching Needs	HOD XA Unit
Nicholls	Fiona	BMus(Hons), BA, DipTchg	Itinerant Music
Paulus	Sandra	M Career Development, MEDMgmt, BA, Higher Diploma in Education, Further Diploma in Educational Mgmt.	HOD Careers
Penning	Rachel	BA, DipTchg	English
Petuha	Nicole	B Ed, Cert. Performance & Dance, ICD Photography, Solo Seal Dance	Dance, Drama
Powell	Maria	BA, DipTchg	Mathematicss, Commerce
Prasad	Praveena	BSc, DipTchg	Science, Human Biology
Rabin	Andrea	GDNSM, PGCE	HOD Creative Arts
Reid	Carol	BA, DipTchg, MMPD,	HOD Maori, Mathematics
Ryan	Anne-Marie	BA, BSc, DipTchg	Physical Education, Health
Ryan	James	BA, DipTchg	HOD Humanities
Sayers	Glen	NZCE Mech Int Cert TTC DipTchg	HOD Technology
Sexton	Lara	BA, BDesign(Hons), DipTchg	Art
Sharkey	Sarah	BA, BFA, DipTchg	Art
Singe	Lisa	TTC, DipTchg	Activity Centre Manager
Te Weehi	Esther	BA, DipTchg	English
Tuhoe	Vaiarii	BA, Visual Arts	Art
van Etten	Paul	BA, TTC	Deputy Principal
van Wijk	Jeroen	B Leisure Studies, DipTchg	HOD Physical Education
Wardle	Joshua		Computer Technician
Warren	Abe	BA, DipTchg	Social Studies
Wood	Chris	BSc, PGCE	HOD Science

Principal's Message

I am pleased to be able to write this foreword for the 2012 magazine. I must congratulate Miss De Ruyter, Mr Enriquez and their production team on the quality of the magazine and also congratulate those students, parents, board members and staff whose contribution to the school's life has made the school such a success.

As always the year has been vibrant and exciting and I would like to remind you of some of the successes. We hosted the National Secondary School Rugby League Championships for the second year running and our students role modelled the expectations of sportsmanship with pride and enthusiasm. Stephanie Skilton represented New Zealand for the Junior All Whites and Patrick Mailata also won boxing tournaments at home and abroad.

Our Hospitality section continues to excel and was highlighted on the Good Morning show and in Art Sean Hill's work was posted as a huge bill board outside Telstra Clear. Our students also were outstanding at community support with events ranging from the Papakura towns Guy Fawkes entertainment and Transitions and Matariki at the Hawkins Theatre to an eloquent speech by Hannah Freeman at the ANZAC service.

Culturally, we were well represented at Polyfest by the Indian, Samoan and Maori groups. The Maori group then built on this to develop a thriving kapa haka group which is raising the school's profile. Additionally the waka ama team put in long hours to combine culture and sport.

Our school is making some major curriculum changes for 2013 and is seen by the Ministry to be leading the way with Vocational Pathways. To do this our school has produced a new Level Two plan which is aligned with the government's goal to ensure that all our young people are engaged in relevant education.

We have developed six broad Pathways, each designed to provide a foundation pathway for employment or further study. This is the start of a new direction for our school - a focus on ensuring that every student has an individual but flexible pathway aligning their talents, motivations, interests

and aspirations with suitable career and future learning options, ensuring that their NCEA credits are attained in subject areas that have relevance and context for their career choices or further learning aspirations.

The Pathway options are being produced with the support of national and local businesses such as Hawkins Construction, Stevenson, Accor and Counties Manukau District Health Board amongst others, and through partnering with tertiary learning providers - MIT, Aronui, Auckland University, AUT and other training organisations. I would like to thank these organisations for their support.

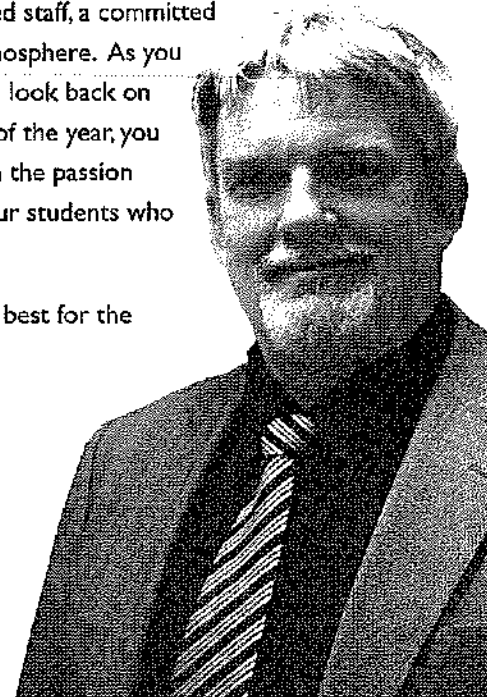
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Our students are also supported extensively by local trusts and I thank all of the Trusts, charities and individuals who have given freely of their time and money to support our students.

In summary I see Papakura High School as a dynamic school with a dedicated staff, a committed BOT and a 'family' atmosphere. As you read the magazine and look back on the myriad successes of the year, you will be impressed with the passion and commitment of our students who always do their best.

I wish you all the best for the Christmas vacation.

Peter Heron
Principal



Mabuhay!*

Greetings

It has been a pleasure designing this magazine. It wasn't easy but at least I had a lot of fun and help from all of you. It was especially true with my Year 12-13 and Year 9 students.

Everyone wanted to be on the cover. Thus, we created "Through the Eyes of the PHS students". Cailin Kimberley, Brody Cole, Anthony Kepeli-Sua, Lucky Faisavale, Privinn Mwene and Ailafo Time literally lent their eyes for the cover. The title design was an inspiration from my previous Year 9's lesson.

Utilising the NZ curriculum key competency of *understanding language, text and symbols* my Year 9 captured images and photos representing each letters of the alphabet.

The letter "P" was actually the fern found at back of the staff room. The letter "A" was a picture of our steel barrier leading to the car park. The rest of the letters are all up to you to find out. They can be found all around our school grounds.

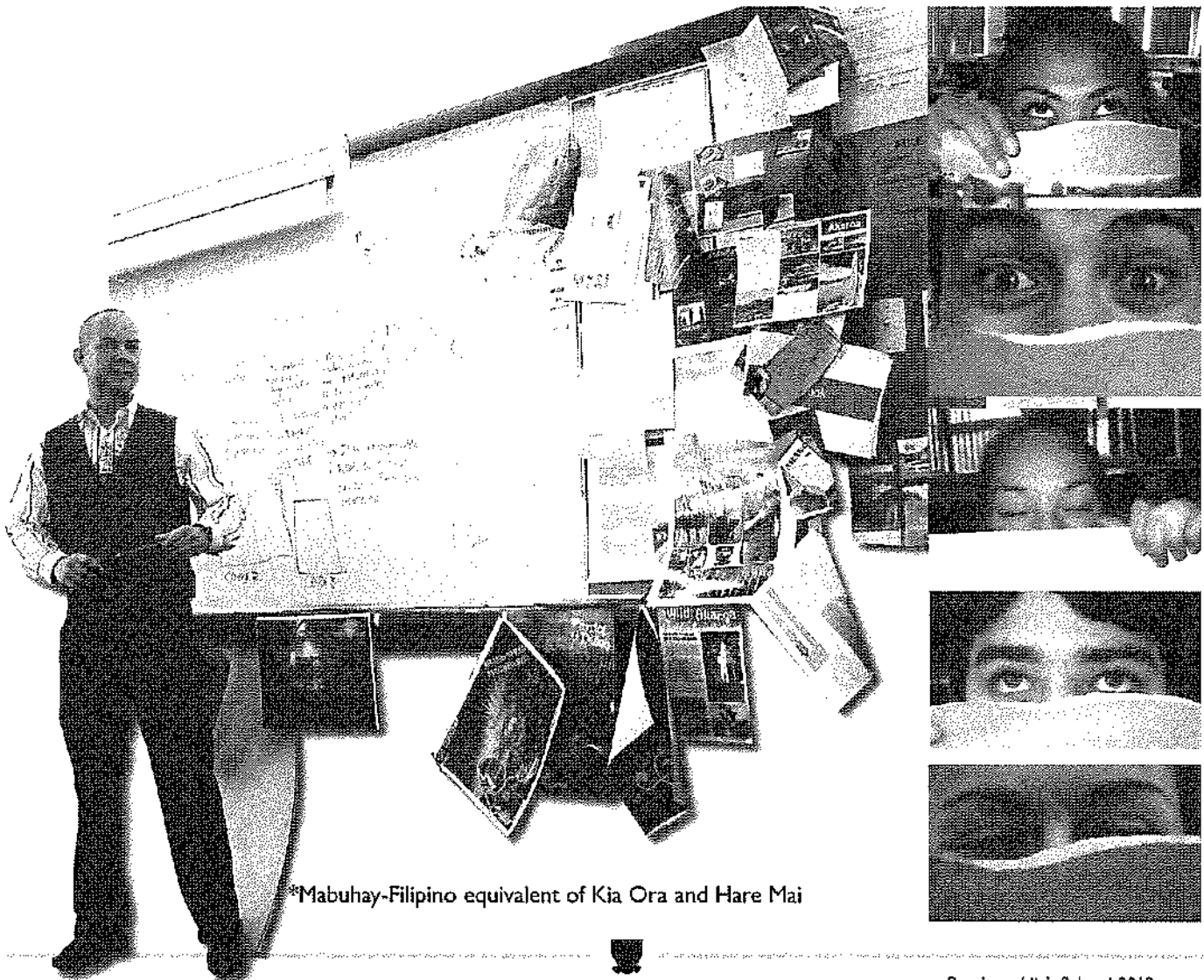
As I always say, learning should be fun and relevant. It can even be cool.

I hope you will have fun reading this magazine. Be inspired by the students achievement and stories. Smile at the pictures we have assembled.

This is our Papakura High School.

Salamat - Thank you,

Jesse Enriquez



*Mabuhay-Filipino equivalent of Kia Ora and Hare Mai

Papakura High School Board Report

Te Kōwhirihihi o Te Kōwhirihihi

Board Members

Peter Goldsmith – Chairman, Rosalie Freeman – Deputy Chair, Colin Cartwright – Elected Trustee, Mel Olsen – Elected Trustee, Nancy McConnell – Co-opted Business Partner, David Head – Elected Trustee, Loretta Mamea – Elected Trustee, Veronique Makowharemahihi – Co-opted Maori Parent Representative, Mel Afele Co -opted Pacific Parents Representative, Peter Heron - Principal, Avril Michaels – Staff Representative, Ninwa Karimo – Student Representative

Our focus for the past year has been:

1. Pathways – “Engaged Learning & Teaching”

In 2009 the community wanted the school to change from our focus on an academic curriculum to one that delivered positive outcomes for all students.

The school is in the process of implementing Pathways that will ensure all students have the opportunity to pathway to employment whether that is through University, Tertiary, PTEs, or straight from school.

For the past year we have worked closely with local businesses, universities, tertiary, education, and training organizations to create a seamless pathway to employment. By the end of Year 10 all students should have determined a vocation that best aligns their talents, motivations, interests, and aspirations with suitable career and future learning options. This process ensures that the relevant NCEA credits are attained in subject areas that align to their chosen vocation.

We are also fortunate in having our Hospitality Unit, Land Based Studies Class, and Heath & Science Academy modelling pathways for students into the Service, Primary and the Health industries, where students are engaged, have a purpose for learning, and are confident in their future prospects.

The Board acknowledges the lead taken by the leadership team and all other staff in taking on the challenge of Pathways.

2. Re-Build Proposal – “A Quality School Environment”

Papakura High was established in 1954 and was originally designed and built as a standby hospital for the Second World War but was never commissioned for that purpose.

This type of build may have suited having patients or a school delivering academic outcomes over the past 50 years.

Pathways requires a completely different structure for our teachers and students to fully implement the change in pedagogy associated with Pathways.

Considerable work has been done on the school environment. Buildings have been removed or demolished, security fencing has been completed, CTV cameras installed, graffiti removed, and a more managed maintenance program in place has made the school environment a lot safer.

Drainage has been a significant problem due to no storm water system for the school to connect to. The school has soak holes that have blocked up and cause serious flood problems during severe rain storms. Storm water retention ponds are planned with a new drainage system to ensure that any re-build is not compromised. Assessments on the condition of a number of buildings have been finalised.

Work has been carried out on a proposed re-build design with the Ministry that will enable Pathways to be implemented more effectively and yet to be confirmed.

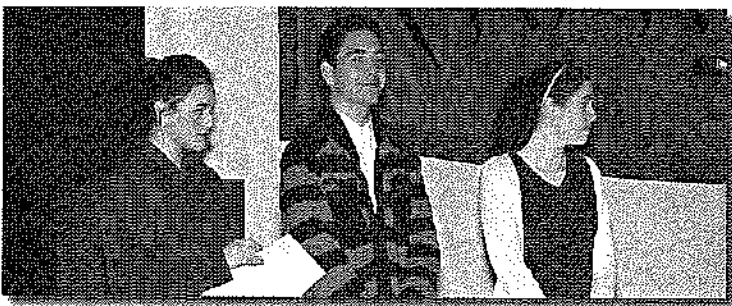
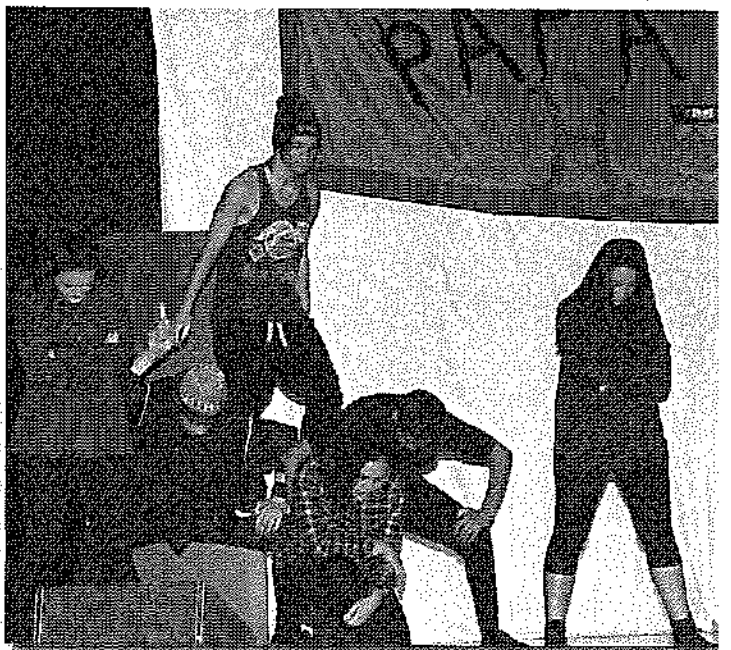
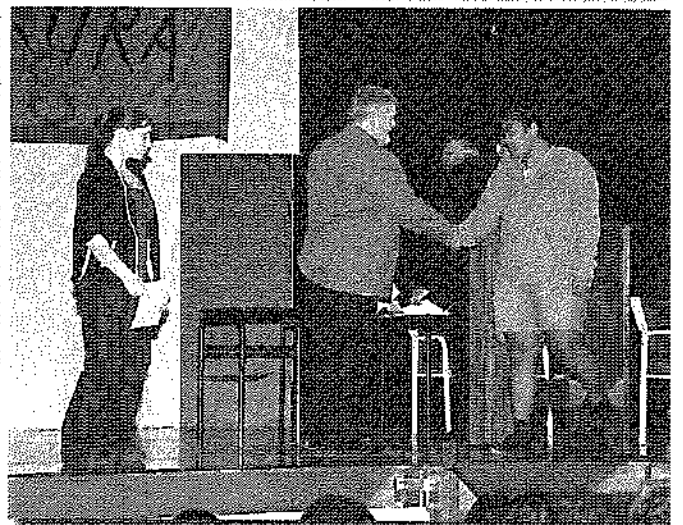
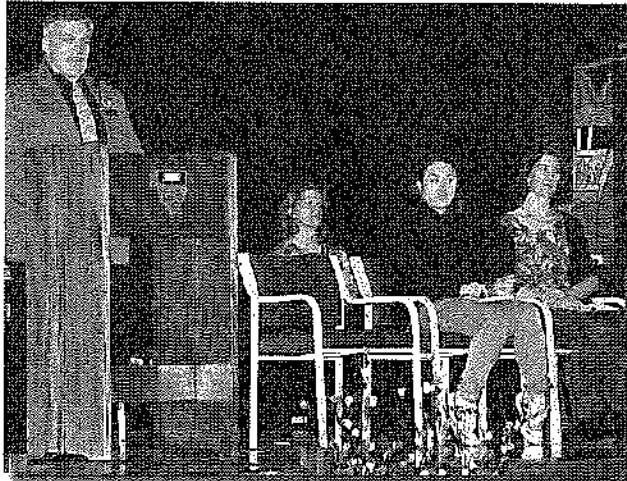
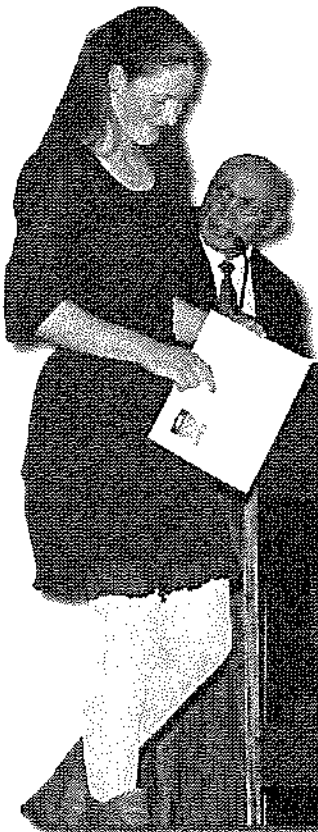
On behalf of the Board I wish to acknowledge the patience of staff, students and families in this matter. The current school environment is neither - inspiring nor appropriate for quality teaching and learning. We trust that the work done in 2011/2012 is rewarded in 2013.

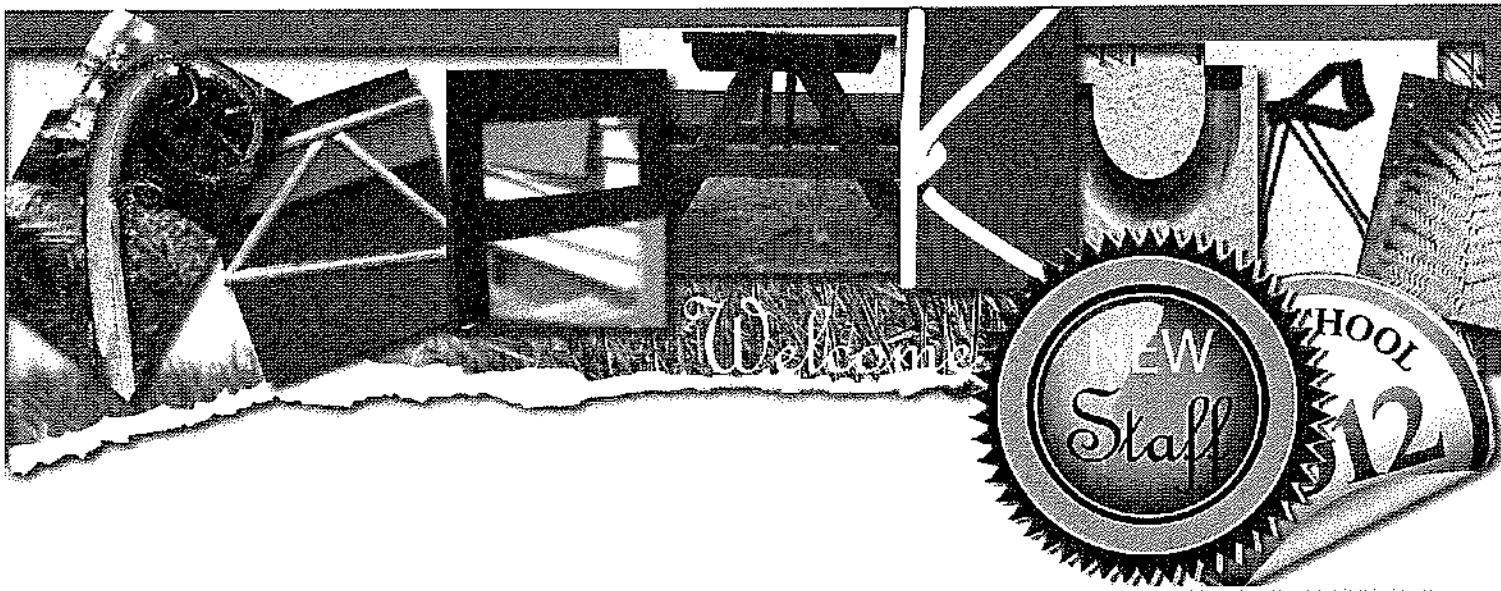


Peter Goldsmith
Chairman Board of Trustees



Achievers Award 2012





I am Miss Hughes, I started teaching at Papakura High School Term 2, 2012. Geography and Social studies are what I teach and I like being creative in the classroom. You will find my picture in old year books as I am a past student of Papakura High who has come back because I am enthusiastic about social studies, especially geography and want to help students, like I was helped, enjoy learning.

I'm Julie Brien...Dance teacher.

My favourite Muppet: Gonzo

Best day at Papakura High School this year: watching xERA perform in the finals at Stand Up Stand Out. WOPWOP!!

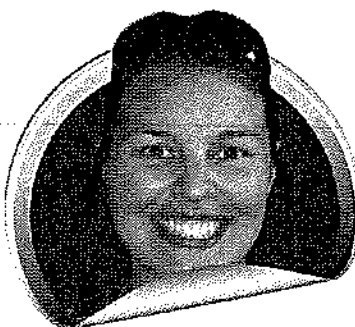
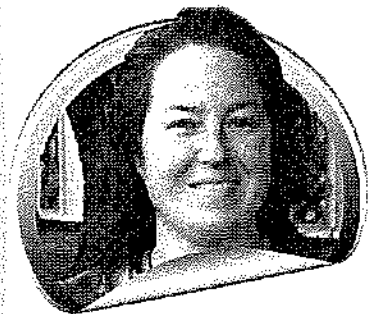
Pet peeve: texting in class..... U NO HOO U R!!!

Favourite food: lasagne....isn't it everyone's?

Best excuse this year: 'did we have school yesterday, it was Monday?'

Best Quote: "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." Einstein

Weirdest Moment: 'Hey Miss.....supreme!'



Hi, my name is Jemma Fuka and I taught Physical Education and Health for three terms. It's been an awesome experience being part of an outstanding department and being able to see the sporting talent

Papakura High has to offer first hand. I wasn't able to outlast the year due to getting pregnant with my second child. However, the support I got from all my students when I was waddling around the school was awesome and it is these memories I will keep with me forever. Thanks for having me PHS it's been a good ride xx

Hi! After living and teaching in London for three years, coming back to Auckland was so cool and what a huge year at PHS it's been! I've got fabulously talented classes, especially those that laugh at my great jokes. I've also been lucky enough to be involved with the Girl's Rugby and we really showed those other teams how to tackle. Another highlight this year was Camp, except for the spiders!. The PE dept. is great to be part of and I love coming to work. I'm looking forward to next year – especially now that I know you all better. I hope you've had a great year. SWAZ!!

Miss Joynes



I joined the English department of Papakura High School half way through term 3 this year. It wasn't an easy time to start at a new school but it didn't take long to settle in. Thank you to everyone for welcoming me into the school and helping me find my feet here.

Katrina Logan



Hi, I'm Anshu Patel and a teacher at 'Kura High. I have always been fascinated by the physical and living world, so naturally I pursued an education in Science. I enjoyed learning Physics and Biology so much that I decided to share my enthusiasm and inspire more children to do Science. And so here I am! What's even better is that I have an amazing department to work with as they all enjoy Science as much as I do

Hi my name is Alison, and I am married with three children (ages 16, 14 and 11), a husband and a pet rabbit called Snowball. I have been working as a Day Relief teacher at Botany Downs Secondary College for the last 3 years but this is my first "proper" teaching position!

Prior to having my family I worked for ten years at the New Zealand Blood Service as an Immunohaematologist...a Blood Banker!



“Kua hikoi au i nga tahataha, koia na te rereketanga.”

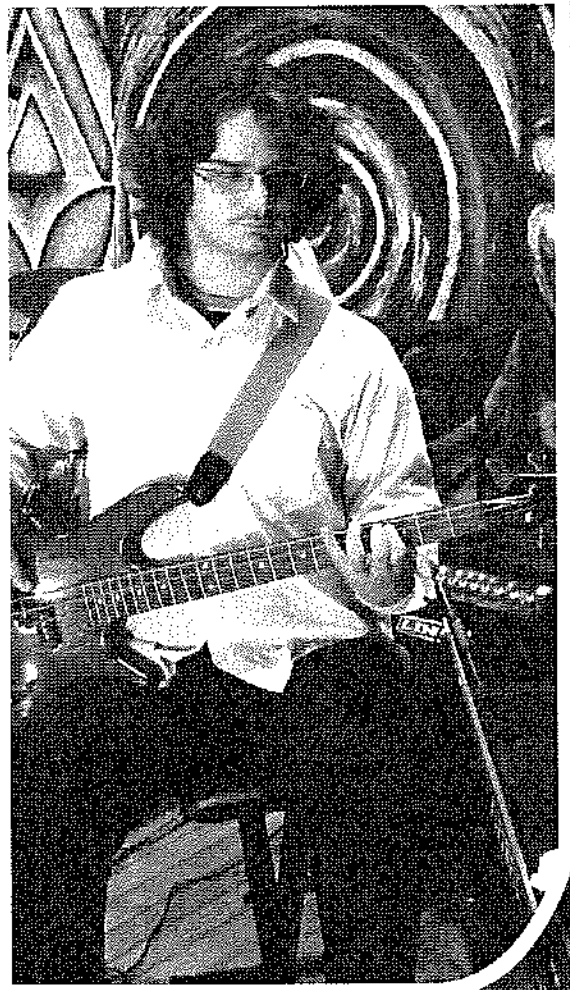
“I have walked the fringes, that has made the difference.” I have a passion for learning and teaching Te Reo Maori, and paddling waka ama. Our language as an oral traditional has beautiful sayings, whakatauki, pepeha, kiwaha, aha ranei. All I can say is to be passionate about what you do, and enjoy the journey of Life.



Hi, I am Michele Heywood. I arrived at Papakura High School in June of this year as the new Deputy Principal. I am enjoying meeting and working with the students here and am looking forward to the exciting changes to curriculum and pathways.



MUSIC



Department 2012




This year has gone so fast and it has been full on, both in, and out of the classroom. I do say this every year (yes, I am a scratched record, which is kind of apt that I'm a Music teacher but kind of old technology too!?) that whilst sometimes we get a bit crazy with you guys, it's great that you come in to rehearse, use all of the equipment etc. whenever you can... as this is what keeps our department alive – So THANK YOU for keeping the sounds alive, keeping on wanting to come in and hone your skills, and wanting to be a part of it all.

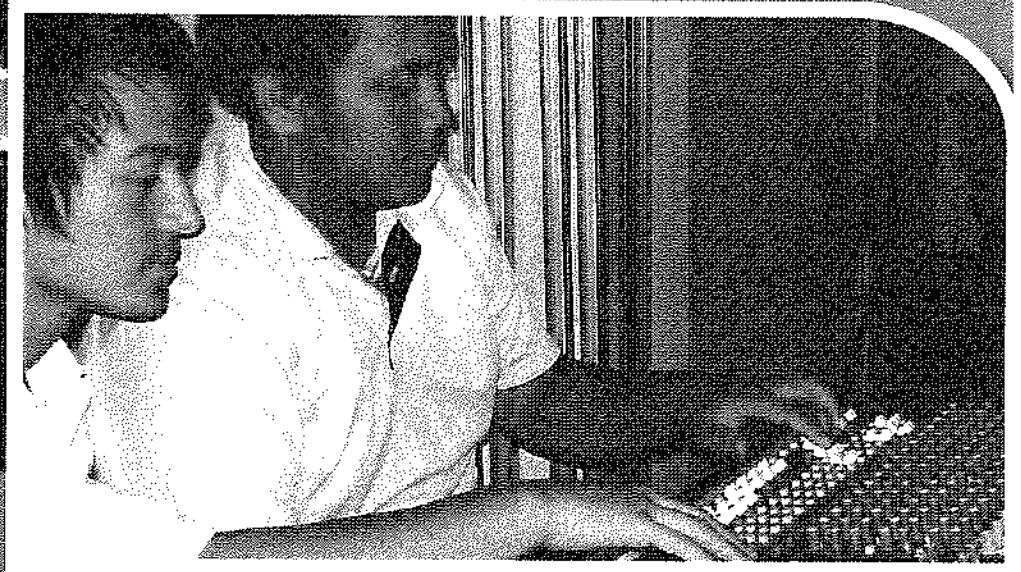
So, once again, heartfelt thanks goes out to those surrounding classrooms that hear not only our everyday musical frivolities but, in particular, those that hear the same songs over and over (and over and over...) in preparation for concerts. I love May Music Month as it gives us the chance to perform great old and new Kiwi songs and gain those ever important credits. Thankfully, we stayed at 4 days' worth of concerts and it was a really good week seeing some people perform on stage for the first time, old hands getting up there comfortably, and to others supporting those to do

their best. Thanks to the audiences who really got behind our performers – that makes it so much easier to do! We were also lucky to have had a few workshops too! Ladió and Priya Sami came and watched the Wednesday performance and then worked with students after lunch – pretty cool experience! Also we had professional singer-songwriter Charlotte Yates come and work with a few students on Song Writing during May Music Month and from this, being able to use what we all learnt to help gain English credits too – who would have thought that!?





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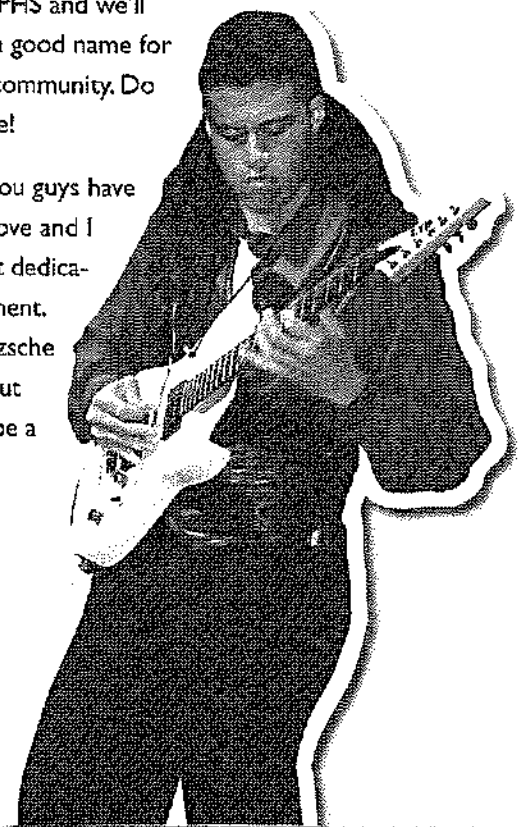
I think I'm almost glad that Band of Strangers wasn't in Auckland this year – but it's a good opportunity, so watch out for 2013. However, it was seeing people entering competitions this year – Song writing, Rockquest and Stand Up! Stand Out!. It takes much time, effort and dedication to do these things so great job all of you to out yourself out there, and to those of you thinking about it, go for it next year! Not sure if it affected Mr Granshaw, but I know I was deafened by the rehearsing versus the songs on the radio in the mini-van on the way to OMAC! Hopefully now embedded into our joint school calendars is our performance at Cosgrove Primary, for their Duffy Books assembly. I think that for this year, this has been the real highlight as I was very proud of all of the performers and artists as the children's reactions to you on stage was amazing; they were all transfixed and mesmerised and I thought one girls eyes were open so wide they would pop! A really great thing to do, a real experience for all involved.

At the time of writing this, we are mid rehearsal (besides completing credits of course) for the biggest audience gig of the year - the Fireworks at Massey Park. If it's like last year, the

crowd of 6,000+ people will be wowed by Music and Dance performances by PHS and we'll continue making a good name for ourselves in our community. Do us all proud please!

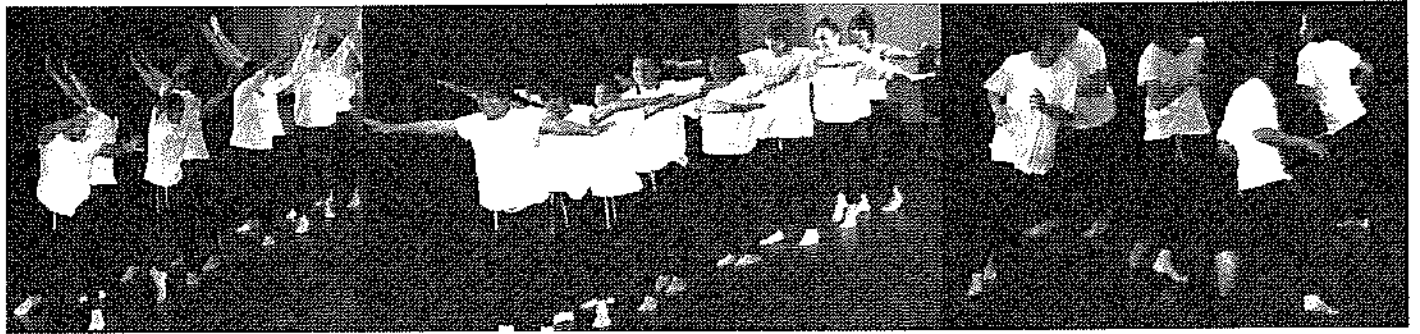
Miss Fagan: you guys have gone over and above and I thank you for that dedication and commitment. As Friedrich Nietzsche once said, "Without music, life would be a mistake."

Andrea Rabin
HoF
Creative Arts

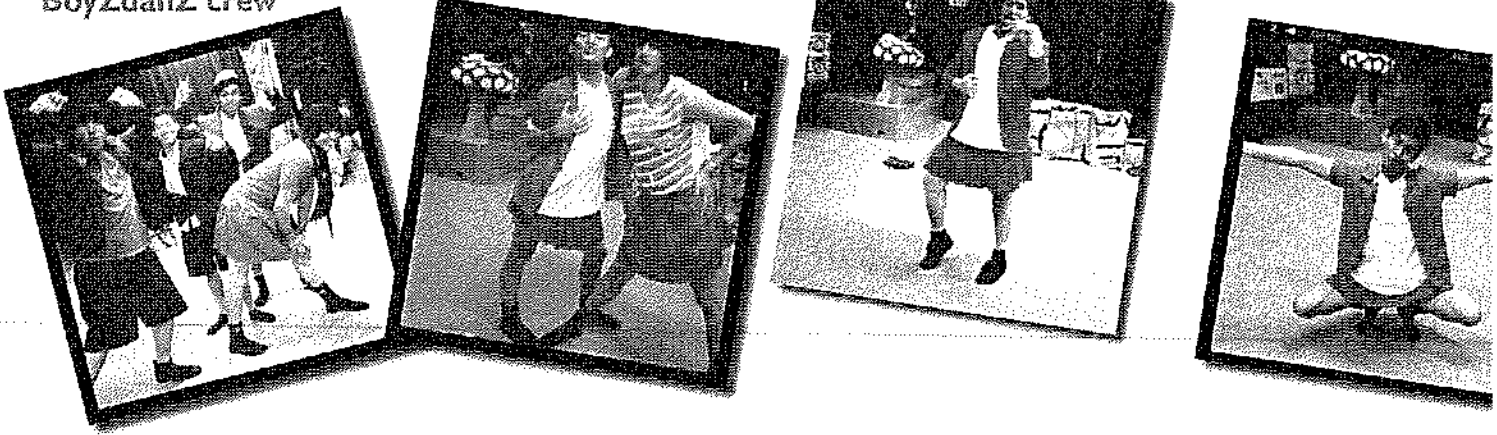




Level 1 Dance Black Grace inspired dance



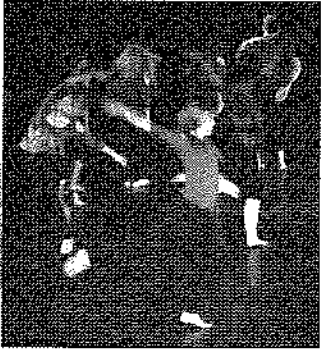
BoyZdanZ crew



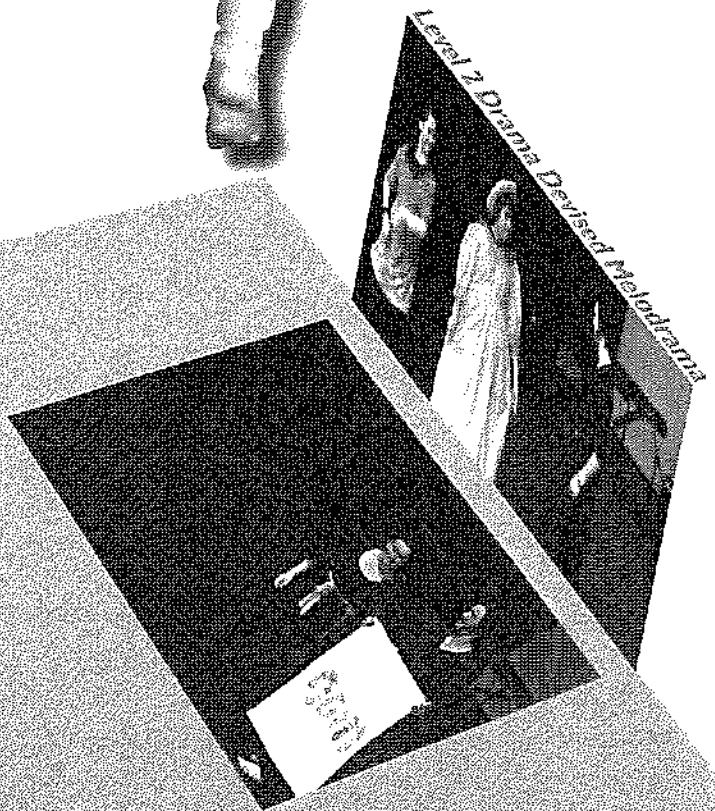
Level 2 Dance Performs Alvin Ailey inspired dance and contemporary fling 'Pickle pipers'

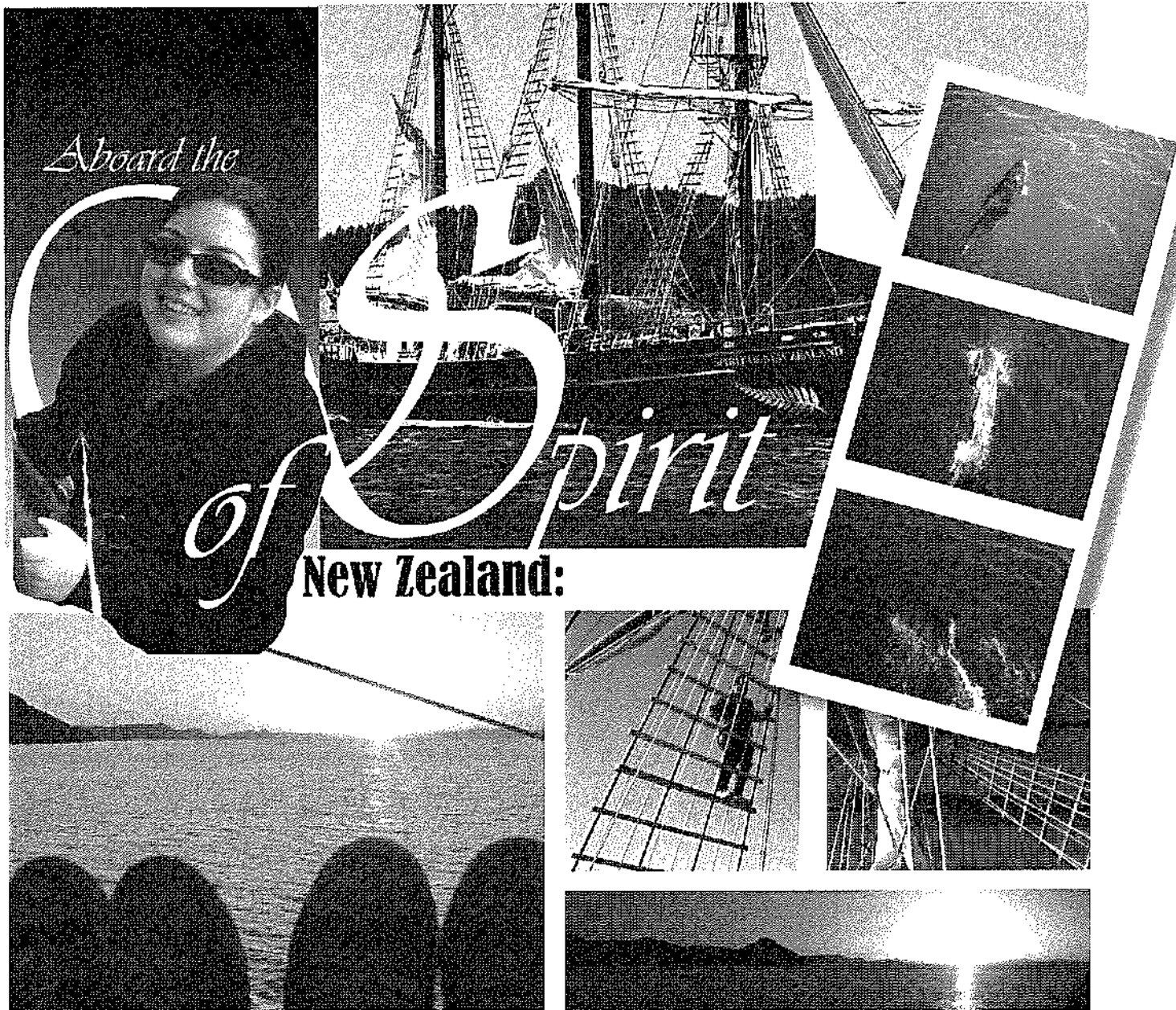


Level 3 Dance Harekeke & Mad World contemporary dancers



Level 3 Drama X-factor with Freddy Murky & French mimes at the Hawkins Centre





On a ship with fifty-two other people I didn't know, and had never met, getting ready to sail for ten straight days, not something I thought I would ever be doing for the first two weeks of term three this year.

During my time on the Spirit of New Zealand I gained thirty-nine new friends not including the crew. It was a great experience that I would do again. While on the ship quick bonds were made, with all of us sharing living quarters we all learnt to look after each other. We started from the Bay Of Islands and finished in Auckland, we sailed lots of places, one day we sailed 101NM (nautical miles), this day also happened to be the day that almost everyone was seasick and we got to sleep in till around 4 in the afternoon which was when we stopped sailing; but this was the day when we noticed how much we cared about each other, all the people who were not seasick took care of the people that were sea-

sick (which included cleaning out the spew buckets, EWWW!). On the ship I learnt I have a fear of jumping off of boats, but I also overcame another fear and climbed to the very top of the mast, with some encouragement from the crew and my shipmates of course. We did all kinds of activities while on the ship, encouraging teamwork and friendship with total strangers, but it was all worth it. I now have lifelong friends that I am still in contact with. I gained many things from this trip including new friends, confidence and knowledge of how to sail a ship. I hope to encourage other people to step up and join me as an ex-trainee.

Casey-Anne Fenton



For the first time, the girls' soccer team entered a national tournament in Whangarei. It's one of the best things I have done as a teacher as our students learnt a lot of things in our week away from school.

I asked the team what they had got out of the week and all of the girls were able to identify something: friendship, supporting one another, the skills needed to work on a team and how successful people take ownership of a problem rather than apportion blame.

We had a lot of fun too. During our time in Whangarei we had a trip to the cinema (in pyjamas!), a visit to Matapouri beach and lunch by the Whangarei Falls. We also did some ten pin bowling, shopping and had a pizza night. The girls also cooked a special dinner for Miss Mortimer on her birthday.

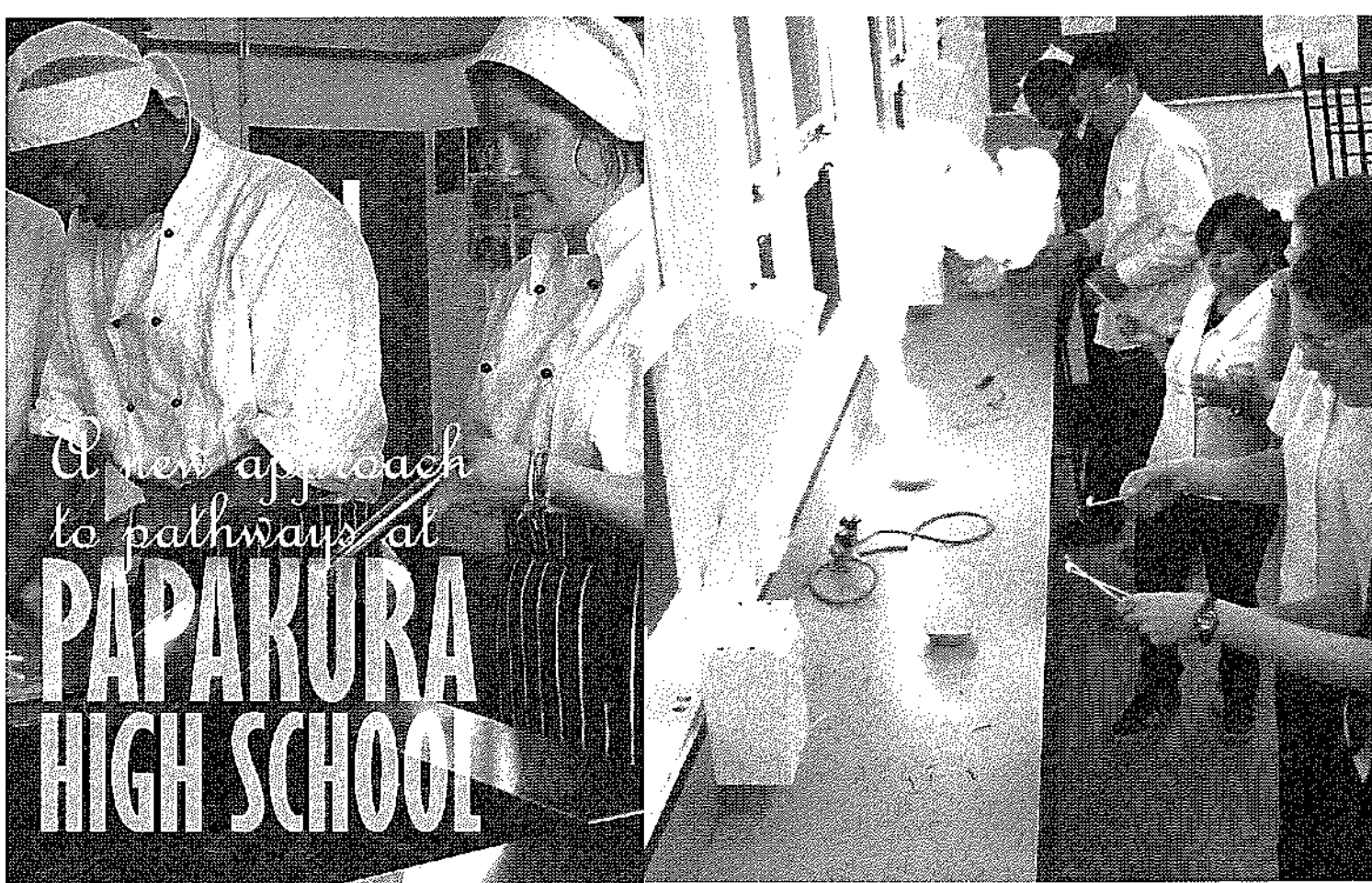
The team discovered that some things need to be improved particularly fitness levels and a few ball skills.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people involved with the team this year and have helped out in some special way. I'd like to thank the parents and caregivers who have supported the team and helped out with fundraising. Lastly, a special "thank you" to the Y13 girls who are leaving us this year and have represented the team for the past five years with pride.

If you'd like to play soccer next year, make sure you sign up in Term 1!

Have a great summer and see you all in 2013!





Papakura High School serves a decile two South Auckland community and has just over 900 students. They are 60% Maori, 20% Pacifica and the rest includes a diversity of ethnicities. The school is undergoing a transformation in its curriculum and structure which is focused on developing pathways which align with Youth Guarantee options

In 2009 the BOT ran an in depth community engagement process exploring what success would look like for Papakura High and its students. A key outcome was the realisation that our parents and whanau wanted to see Papakura High committed to helping our students develop not only as rounded individuals, but also as young men and women who have the best opportunities of gaining employment. This is whether directly on leaving school, or after a period of tertiary training, university or an apprenticeship. This is in an environment where our students arrive well below national averages in literacy and numeracy.

The BOT then formed a planning group with local businesses and education providers to develop a model to support a multi-pathways approach for the way ahead.

The appointment of a new Principal in 2010 provided the opportunity to further develop this strategic model and move towards implementation. We have produced a new Year 12 plan which is aligned with the Government's goal to ensure that all our young people are engaged in relevant education. We have six broad Pathways at Year Twelve, each designed to provide a foundation pathway for employment

or further study. Each Pathway is designed to make the whole curriculum relevant so that students can relate each subject to their core focus, for example teaching ratios for Mathematics in Hospitality might be about how to size up from catering for five people to a function of 200, whilst in Engineering it could be a comparison of the amount of steel needed to build a ten metre bridge or a sixty metre one. Putting subjects in context, particularly literacy and numeracy, gives our students a purpose for their learning. Each Pathway also contains a non-pathway elective which gives students the opportunity for diversity. Although we use sport as a Junior School Pathway we have it as an elective in the Pathway programme.

The 2013 Year Twelve Pathways are;

- Creativity – including performing arts, music, media and design
- Engineering – including Construction and Infrastructure
- Health Sciences
- Hospitality



- Land Based Studies
- Travel and Tourism – with a business studies backbone
- Traditional Academic .

This is the start of a new direction for our school - a focus on ensuring that every student has an individual but flexible pathway from Year 9 aligning their talents, motivations, interests and aspirations with suitable career and future learning options, ensuring that their NCEA credits are attained in subject areas that have relevance and context for their career choices or further learning aspirations. It is about keeping students engaged in purposeful learning.

The Pathways also provide a strong foundation for those who in Year 13 will concentrate on University Entrance whilst also giving focus to meet the needs of industry, community and businesses through developing 'work ready' students who have the base skills to enter employment on leaving school or commit to further seamless tertiary study.

During 2012 we piloted the Health and Sports Science Pathway (HASSA) in Year 11. The success of this 'whanau of learning' has helped in the process of transforming staff understanding. (Incidentally we were not eligible for Health Academy funding as HASSA included Pakeha students and PE elements and we have not had financial support via Trades Academies as our model is too big!) The HASSA trial, through its contextualising of learning, has seen students performing beyond their expectations both through engagement and academically. It has also helped us to successfully bid for three years funding from Sport New Zealand so that we can run a Junior Pathway which will pilot links into our primary schools.

Our staff also saw the success of the HASSA pilot and realised that with many students not achieving well at NCEA there was a need for change. Additionally the statistic that 46% of those who start University fail to complete confirmed that our existing curriculum was actually only designed for 10% of our students.

We do, however, have to keep asserting that our Vocational Pathways are not Trades Training. By having an organic programme across the whole student body we are not falling into the trap of targeting a Pathway to a group of less academic students. After all, teachers are trained vocationally, and I would far rather see a doctor who was vocationally trained, than one whose education was purely academic. Through vocational pathways we engage students and keep them in school - a student who has stayed in school and gained a NCEA Level Two in Creativity has far more chance of a career in many fields than one who has got

bored and dropped out half way through the year.

In the second half of 2012 we started developing the courses. We set in place PLD time every Thursday with a 'late start' for students. The teaching staff split into Pathway groups with representatives from all the Faculties in each. An important part of the course design was the support of national and local businesses such as Accor, McConnell Group and Hawkins Construction, Stevenson Group, and Counties Manukau District Health Board amongst others, and through partnering with tertiary learning providers - MIT, Auckland University, AUT and other training organisations.

By asking businesses to have an input at the planning stage allowed a cross fertilisation of ideas and their contributions have been invaluable. There is a huge correlation between what we as educators call 'Key Competencies' and the businesses call 'Work Ready Values', indeed in my opinion they are identical.

We have informed parents of the transformation at Parent meetings, in letters and newsletters and at parent meetings. The parents in our community understand the importance of employment as a way of breaking the cycle of deprivation in our community and support our plans. Most of our students also chose Pathways as their Year 12 route.

As a school we have been engaged in the real challenges of timetabling and resourcing for 2012 and this means that the Pathways programme is rapidly evolving. Our next challenge, having established the Year 12 Pathway, is going to be setting in place a robust Personal Pathway Planning Programme throughout the school. For some students building self-esteem is a first priority and we have been working very successfully with the Rising Foundation www.therisingfoundation.org.nz to achieve this. We need to introduce a careers focus in our programme from Year Nine, an area as organic as literacy and numeracy, giving our students a focus as to why they are at school. We need to help them align their talents, motivations, interests and aspirations with suitable career and future learning options. We are merging academic counselling and careers advice and are also looking at engaging with our feeder schools so that their students will start to move from 'what do I want to be when I grow up?' to 'How will I get there?'

Visits by the Youth Guarantee Team and a MOE media crew have affirmed our plans as have visits by Principal colleagues seeking advice in establishing vocational pathways. This is an exciting time at Papakura High School and we feel that Pathways will transform learning opportunities for our students and teachers, and ultimately, for our community.





The XA

& STUDENTS 2012

This year the main events for the XA students were the Special Olympics Athletics and Football Ribbon days on 22 March and 14 June respectively, putting on their own Speech & Idol contest (named the XA Factor after the Australian version) on 24 July, attending the school ball and having the honour of being allowed to do a presentation at the annual school music festival at the Hawkins Centre.

We were also proud to have Litesha Moses, who won the New Zealand award, be the guest of honour at the annual Quota International Conference at Papakura. (Quota is an organisation that helps young women achieve despite adversity).

On Thursday, 22 March the XA students competed in the Special Olympics Ribbon Day at Massey Park against 10 other schools. Against all predictions, we again won the fastest girls' and boys' relays. Mrs Nichol used her secret weapon of Manuka honey (see side bar) to give the students the energy to win. The students proudly displayed their new 5m banner

throughout the day. They were the only school group that went to this effort, which may have had a part in their winning performances. We were appreciative that the sports coordinator Ms Beaumont attended and helped us throughout the day.

XA UNIT SPEECH & IDOL CELEBRATION 2012. Our first event was in 2000 and was mainly speeches with a little entertainment mixed in with the programme. Our contest this year was our biggest and was the eleventh one the class had produced. It was held in the school hall at 4 pm on 24 July, 2012. The Courier reporter visited us during rehearsals and entered a snippet about the contest in the Courier.

A large crowd of parents, caregivers, teachers, friends and others attended the event. After a karakia by Gene Puaha, the students presented 10 speeches and 17 Idol items, a big increase on last year. The theme was traditional Country and Western. Much effort was put into decorating the hall. Bales of hay, bulls' horns, horse yokes, signs and leather skins were used to decorate the stage. We were grateful to Mr Tuhoie for his stunning Country and Western photos that mixed in student photos together with a backdrop of the Stampede saloon in Papakura and to Ms Rabin for setting up the sound system in the hall. A large crowd of whanau, friends, teachers, specialists and others attended.



Our Principal Mr Heron and Deputy Principal Mrs Heywood judged the contest and presented prizes/certificates to the winners. The Idol winners were the Good, the Bad and the Ugly and Magnificent Seven groups. Litesha Moses won the Speech Section with her excellent speech about 'The Old Days'.

The highlight of the night was entertainment by top Country & Western star Dennis Marsh who gave of his time to be at the contest. He gave a fine rendition of humour and singing. The students enjoyed his singing and the fact that he came off the stage to mix in with them.

Since early 2010 the XA staff have been subject to a Ministry of Education review covering the employment of contracted specialists (occupational, physio, psychological and speech therapists) within the unit. This has involved a re-structure of our whole programme and has involved a huge amount of paper work by XA staff to achieve the 46 required standards. After the verifiers final visit on 22 August we were told that virtually all of the requirements to remain as an independent fundholder unit had been passed. This has been a signal achievement for our small staff and the guiding force of the Head of Learning, Mrs Nichol.

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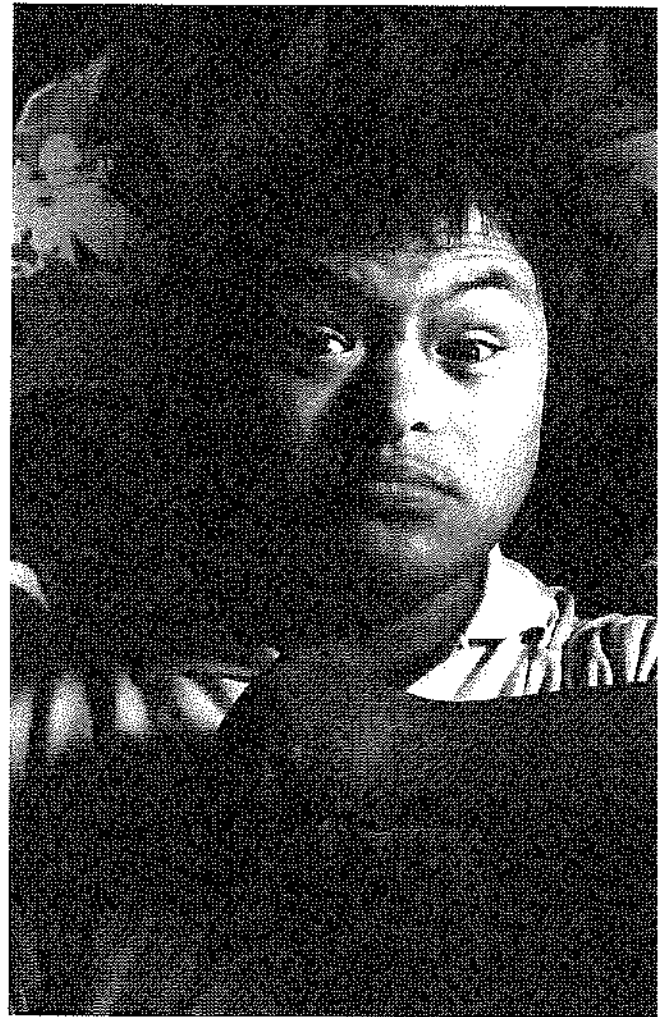
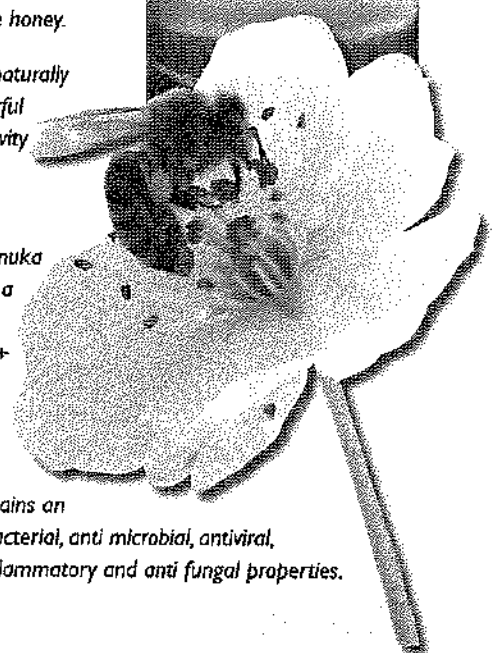
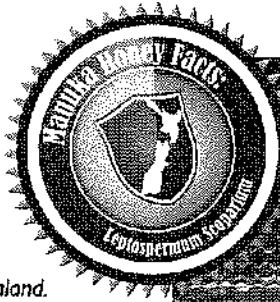
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NEWS

from PHS under 14's
and 15's, issue 5

Dear parents and supporters,

We are immensely proud of the boy's achievement because they are the Counties Manukau Rugby Football Secondary Schools Champions for under 14's open, division 6.

The semi finals win at Waiuku College was the hardest game the boys said they had played, eventually winning 34-15. This left some Waiuku parents unhappy but our boy's professionalism held up. We as parents were overjoyed for their win so we made it known how we felt. It was like they had won the final already. Then at Wesley College in the finals against Manurewa Rugby Club the game was anyone's and Kura was up 3 - 0 in the first half. However once we scored our first try it was like a flood gate had been opened. The boys did superbly, they defeated Manurewa Rugby Club; 55-0. Therefore I would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions of our supporters;

To the parents; this was only possible because you trusted us with your sons. It does not matter if you could not supply all things, thank you for giving your sons to me. To the previous coaches of these boys, your hard work has been repaid, the boys did it!

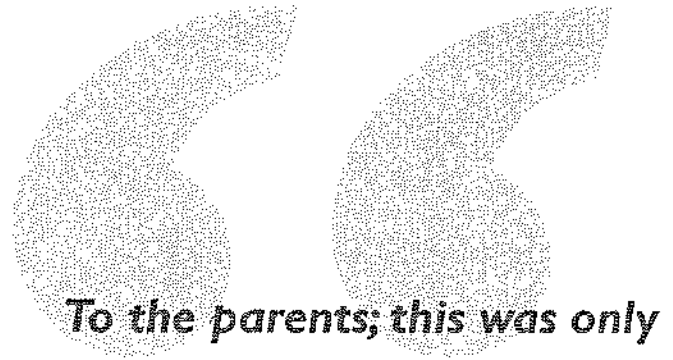
To the supporters on the sidelines, thank you for being patient and helping to cheer our boys on it was TUMEKE! Absolutely awesome!

To Matua Wynyard whaea Brown, whaea Margiwe, whaea Ula (Team manager 14s) To Matua Mita (Asst Coach 15s) and whanau, To Matua Andrew (forwards coach) Matua Willy and Matua Joe Broughton without your support the teams would have collapsed ages ago.

To Quentin thank you for the biscuits. To Tim Brown thank you for the bandages for both teams. To Taylor thank you for being a forwards coach, for your deep heat and koha for gas. To Aden's mum thank you for her Koha. To whaea Marge, Cody's mum and the Brown whanau thank you for the food. If I have missed anyone please forgive me, but to you all I give you my enduring thanks and appreciation

To the school thank you for supplying equipment, trans-





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port, refunding \$60 of expenses and the use of the gyms (PE Staff) during wet weather it was much appreciated. To Mrs Beaumont thank you for forgiving me, I wish you all the best.

To our Nurses thank you for keeping us stocked up in bandages and first aid, we could not have survived without our sets. Thank you for letting me 'mug' you!!

Finally to the boys of both teams, the 14's won because of the hard group trainings and the practice games afterwards. The key was your unity. It is said IRON SHARPENS IRON and without the under 15's being in our corner the 14's would not have been as sharp. So to my under 15's the CUP is yours as well, never forget this!! WE WON WE ARE ONE!! All day, Southside forever!

Much love
Matua Abe





*Ko Pukekiwiriki te maunga
Ko Pāhurehure te awa,
Ko Kahurangi te wharenui,
Ko Mātāriki te wharekai,
Ko Papakura te kainga,
Anei mātou e tū ake nei,
te roopu kapa haka
"Kahurangi ki Uta"*

Te Kapa Haka Rōpū o Kahurangi Ki Uta



He Hōnore he korōria ki te Atua, nāna te tūmataranga me te whakamūtanga o ngā mea katoa. Tēnei te mihi atu ki a rātou te hunga mate kua whetūrangitia, haere, haere, haere atu rā. Tātou te hunga ora kia tātou ano, mahia ngā mihi. Kia ora tātou anō. Ahakoa ngā piki me ngā heke kua haere tonu te kaupapa o te rōpū me te whakaaro kotahi: kua mahi ngā rangatahi i ngā mahi.

This year has seen many changes throughout the year, our kapa haka ropu has continued to stay on the kaupapa and do the work. The beginning of the year saw the kapa participate in the Polyfest Maori Stage. Although the group only had two weeks to practise they managed to perform at that level of competition and can now tick that box and say I've done it.

The next public occasion was the opening of ASB Papakura. Students have also been involved in numerous Powluri for the school including the Thai student exchange which involved teaching them various waiata and haka over the period of their stay. Practises have been intense and it has seen a core group of students showing their commitment to the kaupapa.

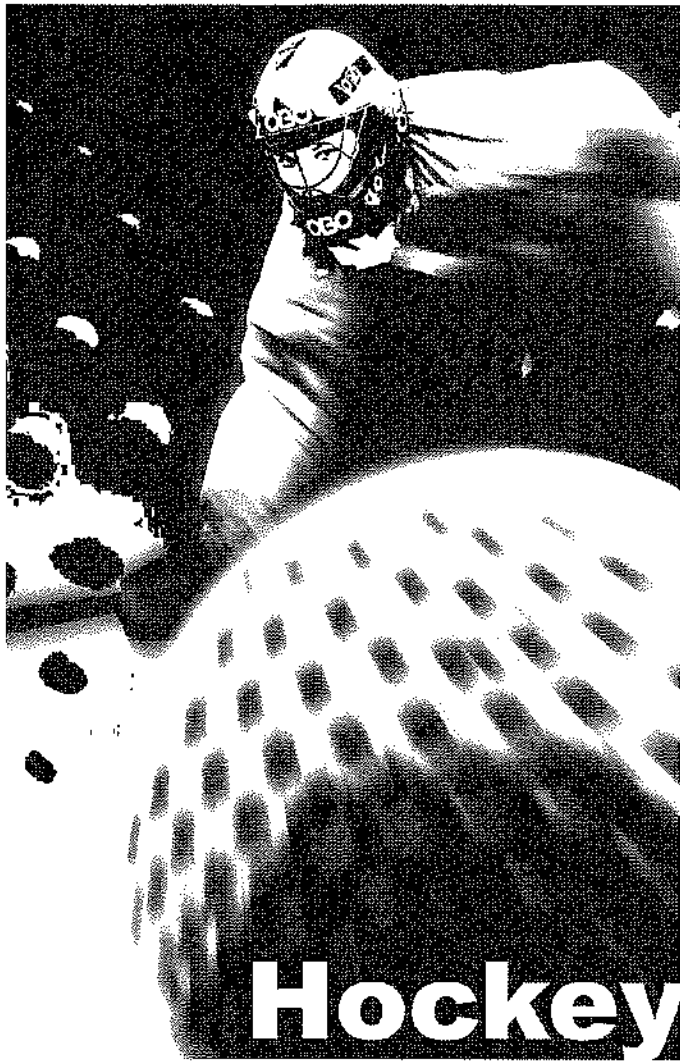
Firstly, we must acknowledge our tutors Furlane Hadfield, Chloë Repia, Whaea Dee (kapa haka co-ordinator) and Matua Mira (guitarist) who took up the challenge and ensured that our group continued on the kaupapa. Our tutors have given up countless hours voluntarily to teach and guide our kapa. Tena koutou i runga i te aroha. Ko te Aroha te mea nui (The most important thing is Love).

No reira, kia koutou ngā rangatahi o Te Roopu Kapa Haka o Kahurangi Ki Uta, kia kaha i ō koutou mahi a te mahi Kapa Haka. Ko koutou ngā rangatira mo āpōpō, i roto i tēna, mahia te mahi, kōia te mea tuatahi, arā te taonga!

(To the students of Kahurangi Ki Uta, be strong in the Kapa Haka work that you do. You are the Chiefs of tomorrow, in saying that, do the work, that's the first thing, when you are done, you shall receive you gift!)

He iti noa,
Whaea Carol Reid
HOD Māori





BOYS FOOTBALL

This year the team played 11 games, winning 6, losing 4 and drawing 1.

Goals for 31

Goals against 11

Top goalscorers were Elias Mekonnen 9

Caleb Ndarowa 6

Shanal Mani 5

Team captain EJ Karam displayed great versatility by playing both as 'keeper, and later in the season, as striker.

Caleb Ndarowa worked tirelessly in centre midfield, ably supported by Shanal Mani, Avishek Kumar, and Brodie Cole.

Elias Mekonnen proved to be a defender's nightmare, particularly against Botany Downs and Hillary College.

In defence, Hayden Whiting, Aiden Hudson, Hirnesh Kumar, Privinn Mwene and Rob Matthews pulled together as a unit to limit the number of goals scored against us. Rob and Aiden in particular performed well in new positions.

In defeating Botany College 9-1 the team set a record for the season and then displayed true grit by holding higher placed Aorere to a draw while playing with only 9 men.

Coach – Mr McCoskrie

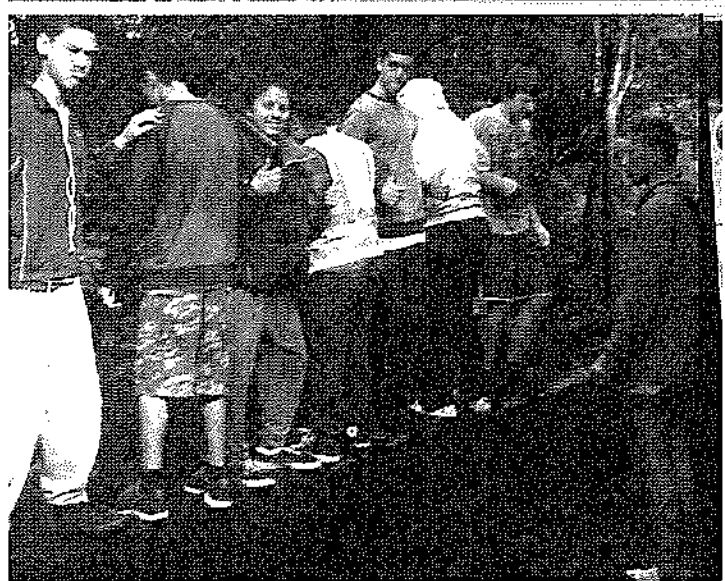
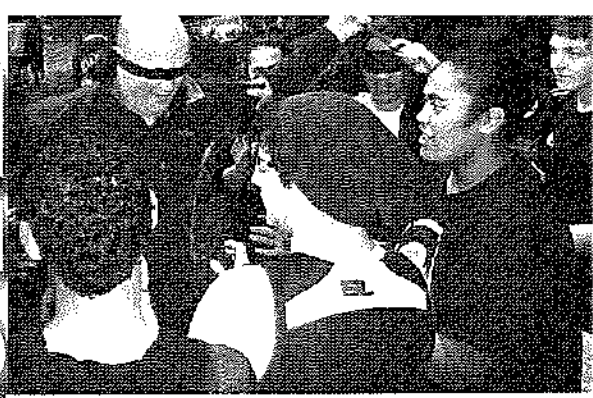
This season was always going to be a challenging one, as we had to rebuild our team and start over again. I must say that even though we didn't win that many games the girls and boys tried their best every week and were always commended on their positive and 'never say die' attitude after every game from the opposition coaching staff. I am very impressed with the effort each and every player put into every game and I want to thank those who stepped up and had a go and being goalie each game. Thank you to Ryan Hall and Eden McCann our boys and girls team captains for the 2012 season. You lead your teams well and hope you are as proud as I am of your team's efforts this year.

We may not have come out as champions at the end of the season but we did give it our best every game. I am looking forward to next year and a new season and hope to build up and train a new team to take away to tournament. Thank you to the players this year for another rewarding season of hockey. I have come to know and see another side of most of you outside of the classroom and I look forward to meeting and getting to know more students next year on the hockey pitch. Come on Kura let's show them who's the boss in 2013!!

Annie Ryan



CAMP 2012



2012 Sports Academy:

This year we again have had a large number of our Sports Academy students representing our School in sports. They have committed themselves, trained hard and played with a sportsmanship manner.

We commend you all and hope you will keep playing hard. Sadly we are also saying good bye to some of our greatest achieving sporting stars. These Year 13 students have been competing at some of the highest levels in their respective sports. Stephanie Skilton has represented New Zealand at the Under 20s Womens Football World Cup in Japan. Ashley Fennessy has represented the Counties level and was part of the Lois Muir High Performance Squat and Patrick Mailata was selected to trial for the Amateur Super Heavy Weight Olympics Boxing. You are committed, have work so hard and have made us very proud. We wish you all the best in your future sporting careers.

On behalf of the students I want to thank Ms Dunbar, Ms Ryan, Ms Joynes, Ms Fuka and Mr Tanielu for all the hard work that they have put in. I know the student appreciate it all.

Finally to those seniors who are leaving... We wish you all the best, work hard and represent with pride.



Volleyball 2012:

Sometimes we forget about some of the other important values that sport and being part of a team teaches us. These are values that are so important for developing a good community, being a good citizen and working in a job.

Values like:

1. Being committed to a team. Showing up for training and supporting each other no matter what happens.
2. The development of team work. Co-operating with each other to be the best you can be.
3. Development of leadership skills. Taking charge of a team and working with them to achieve their goals.
4. Being able to talk to each other properly, using encouragement and not put people down.
5. Being able to deal effectively with winning (being humble) and losing (not getting angry and controlling those emotions).
6. And of course having fun and enjoying what you are doing.

The boys and girls volleyball teams this year really embodied some of these values. They work as a team, back each other up and have developed some real skills. They get on well with other teams, show sportsmanship and always have a heap of fun.

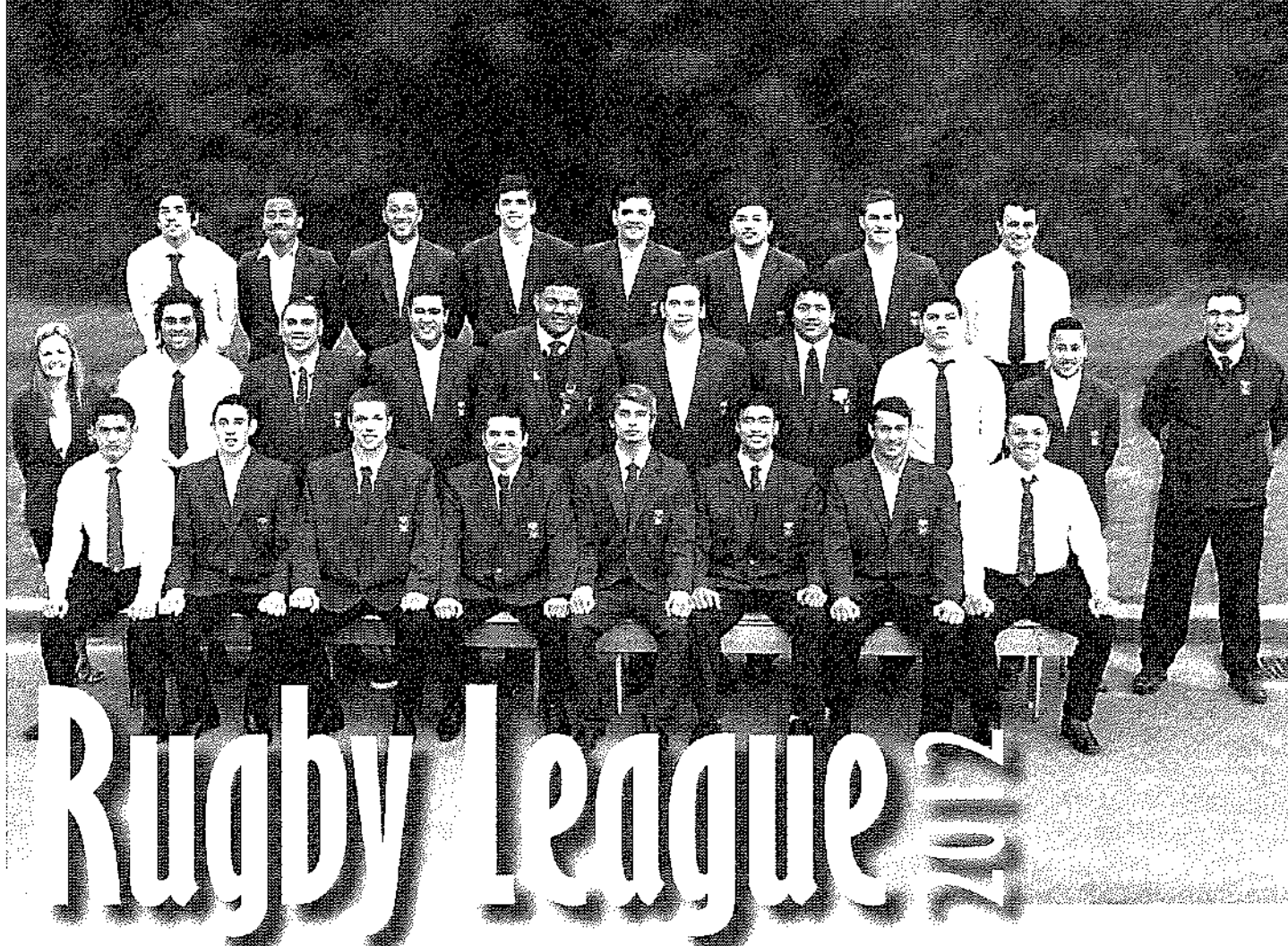
Congratulations to both teams and all the best for next year.

NVP for the boys team is Jasper Papa.

NVP for the girls team is Ramona Faisauvale

Mr van Wijk and Mr Chang





This year saw a brand new team with only 4 players returning from 2012. The pre-season games were mixed with a one sided game against Alfriston (win 44-6) and a defeat to Manurewa High School. We ended up seventh in Counties, with a narrow 2 point loss to Manurewa and a 4 point loss to Otahuhu College.

The boys spent the year fundraising for the National Secondary Schools Tournament, with a lap-a-thon, movie night, quiz night, and selling chocolates. We also drew and painted 24 banners to present to each team attending Nationals as part of our host team duties. The week of Nationals (September 3-8) was an amazing week. The brotherhood really grew and it is something that will stay with the team forever.

We drew with Howick (14 all), beat Kamo High (28-4), lost to St Johns (16-10) and so scraped into the semis by points differential. We beat Tamaki College and were looking forward to the final showdown against Auckland Boys Grammar. The morning was amazing with the changing rooms set up with the jerseys hanging and names on the walls. The boys were lead out onto the field where we stood arm in arm for the National Anthem. The boys then performed our haka which is a special one that was written for the Papakura High School League team. At fulltime scores were locked at 12 all, into golden point we went. After our kick hit the posts and

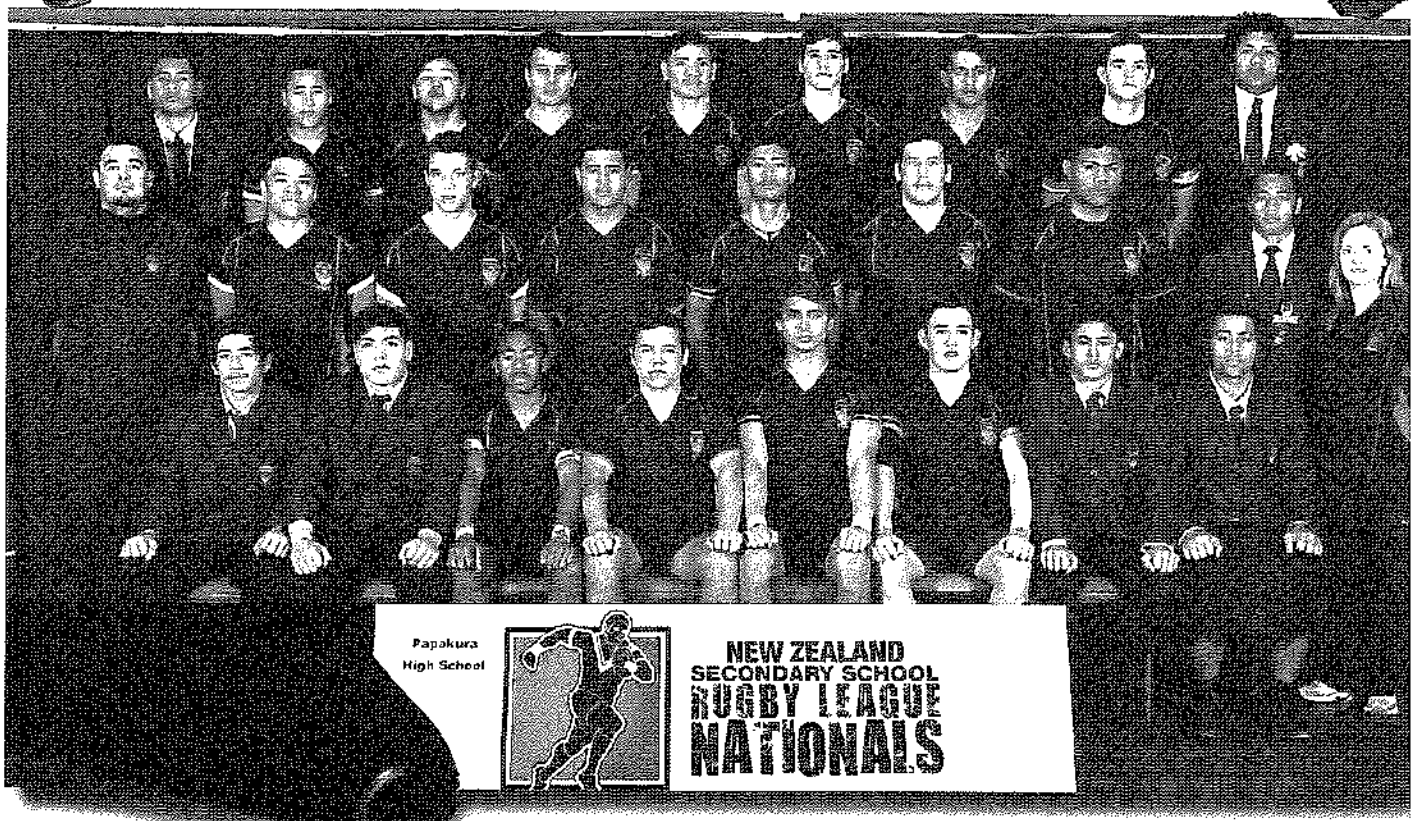
was re-gathered we fired it wide and scored in the corner. We were elated! The ref signalled the try and we all ran onto the field to celebrate. However...the touch judge then came in and said the last pass was forward. The game continued and Grammar won by taking a penalty kick. Officials reviewed video footage later and explained the pass wasn't forward. The boys handled themselves well and still managed to perform a haka to Grammar, something I will forever be proud of. The experience is one that will make us stronger next year as we only loose 5 of the 24 man squad.

What a year boys, what a week! An experience that will always be treasured. The league team legacy continues. Congrats to Arthur Crichton—NZRL Emerging Talent Award.

Thank you to Glen for driving for us, Mumzy for cooking for a whole week and Lewy lewy Moi Moi...our coach of the year! To Kris—what a three years, the last original player, we will miss you! To the Year 13's leaving us always remember "Once a Papakura Toa, always a..."

Melly x





Papakura High School



NEW ZEALAND
SECONDARY SCHOOL
RUGBY LEAGUE
NATIONALS



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Dose
ONCE A PAPA KURA TOA

MALO

Cultural advisor
Theres noo waaayyy

MHAKAS

BROTHERS

Thank you

Always a

Papakura Toa

Respect all, fear none WE GOT TUPAC

CIRCLE OF TRUST

P.A.P.A.K.U.R.A WE CAME TO CONQUER ALL DAY TAKAI DOWNSTREAM

Department 2012 Snapshot

FASHION – VILLA MARIA CULT COUTURE

Joy Gesmundo, Geeta Lata, Antony Kapeli Sua Entered a garment which featured on the run way for the annual Villa Maria Cult Couture Competition. They were the youngest entrants and had to produce a garment that met "runway criteria" which featured successfully among other NZ iconic designers.



Tourism group on a careers day at international travel college out at Botany

Students below enjoyed a mock air-line experience.

- Ricky Waikato,
- Po Papalii,
- Chantelle Matthews,
- Henrietta Tuulima
- Ailato Time
- Lavenia-Jane Ena
- Kathleen Tufuga
- Kaya Mariau
- Senerita Felise
- Jasmeen Kumari
- Brianna Poutoa



They all successfully achieved NCEA credits in Tourism towards the Gateway programme.



Recyclable Category: Garment crafted with chicken wire and coffee bean sacks and features adorned by beautiful Joy!!!



Pathways in Health

Health Could Be For You: Counties Manukau Health Board Group with students who are involved in the health pathways programme with health practitioners and the University of Auckland Health Programmes for Maori and Pasifica. Guest speakers and practising professionals included:

- Dane Kereopa – Student Physio Therapist
- Devianne Hall – Nurse
- Nola Burt – Student Nurse

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Aero Club Alfriston
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Amaka Hair Salon Papatoetoe
Anglican Trust Otahuhu
Auckland Theatre Company Mt Eden
Beauty Sensation Takanini
Bunnings Warehouse Manukau
Bunnings Warehouse Papakura
Caprice Hair Salon Papakura
Counties Care Papakura
Counties Toyota , Takanini
Davie Holden Motors Manukau
Dury Dental Surgery
Five Star Motors Papatoetoe
Gary Hyde Panelbeaters Takanini
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Papakura Anglican Cafe
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Papakura Maternity Unit
Papakura North Kindergarten
Papakura Private Hospital
Park Estate Kindergarten Papakura
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Sterling Sports Manukau
Stevensons
The Cheesecake Shop Takanini
The Coffee Club Auckland City
The Gate Papakura
The Pizza Box Papakura
The Warehouse Papakura
United Travel Counties Papakura
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Worldwide Immigration & Travel Manurewa**



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Anthony Kapeli'Sua
Currently employed at New World



May Ah Leong
Currently employed at the Warehouse



Grayson Walker
Currently employed at Ardmore Airport



Gus Fonoia
Auckland Pool Builders employs Gus on a casual basis.



Micaela Feldtman
Does child minding through The Gate Community Organisation.



Pam Rungrounkai
Currently employed at Robert Harris.



Iatesi Tauraoi
Currently employed at Bunnings Warehouse.



Caleb Hawkin
Casual employment at Nufarm



Te One Matthews
Casual employment at Icon Café



Kaylene Otene
Gained employment at Ministry of Social Services.



Eddie Tofilau
Currently employed at Hells Pizza.



Tumema Afele
Offered paid employment at Jetts Gym.



Bradley Holmes
Currently employed at Bunnings Warehouse



Kaya Miriau interview with Judith Collins focusing on the life and work of a female politician



Hairdressing candidate Lea— Gabrielle Johnson at work at Caprice Hair Salon



Mathematics and Commerce Faculty 2012

We have again experienced a lot of staff changes this year, the largest of which saw Arvind Dullabh take retirement. However, he just couldn't leave us cold turkey so has spent the remainder of the year voluntarily coming in to teach our Calculus.

Arvind has been amazing, giving up his time every day and even during the holidays to work with our students to give them the best opportunity this year – thank you so much Arvind. We also had another valued member take leave for the latter part of the year – Rebekah Nathan – but she hopefully will be returning to us!

We welcomed four new part-time teachers including Andrea Rabin (Head of Music), Michele Heywood (our new DP), Paul van Etten (DP) and Carol Reid (Head of Maori)! Lots of people working hard to help our students improve their numeracy skills. It isn't easy teaching outside of a chosen subject area so I thank them for their efforts.

We had a very energetic school Mathex competition this year and we welcomed back another two teams from Mansell to participate alongside our Year 9's. The winners of the school competition were 9TX, 10TX and 10YY. The winning teams from 9TX and 10YY all represented us at the Auckland competition at Kohimarama along with teams from 30 other schools. All teams worked very well together and did us proud. Well done to those competitors!

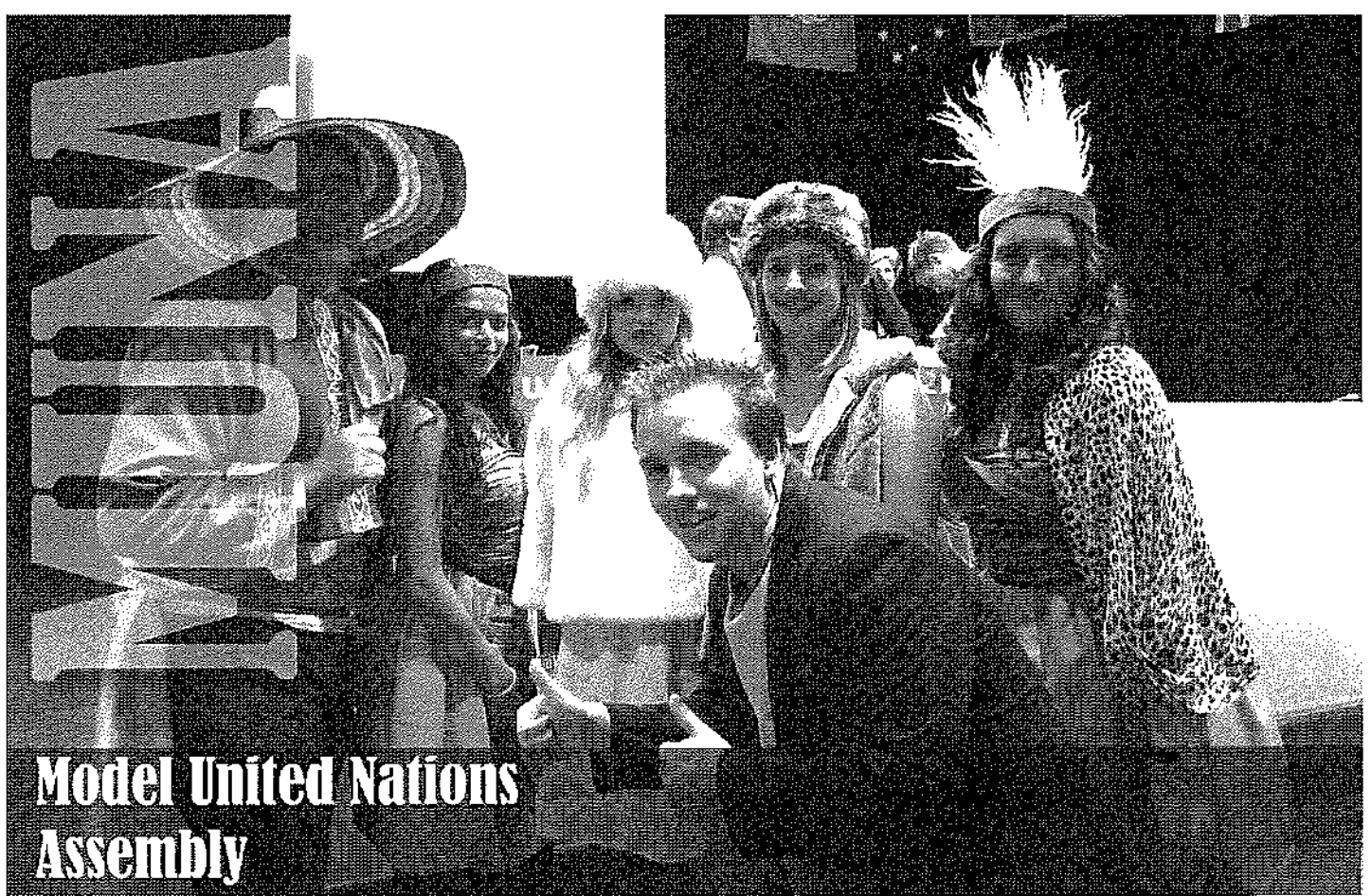
We have new programmes running in our Level 2 courses this year and are prepared for changes at NCEA Level 3 in 2013. With the University Entrance requirements having changed for our Year 11 students next year we are continuously looking for pathways for all our students so that they can potentially gain UE Numeracy before Year 13. Changes will continue to be made as we align programmes that fit our students.

As a Faculty we look forward to the Pathways Programmes taking off next year. We will be supporting the rest of our colleagues by providing assistance to improve outcomes for their students in whatever career path they choose.

So, as 2012 comes quickly to a close I would like to thank my team who have again worked hard to provide our students with the support they need. Mathematics is not usually a subject of choice so it is what we do in our lessons and how we relate to our akonga that is the key to helping them learn.

Lisa Mortimer
Head of Mathematics and Commerce Faculty





Model United Nations Assembly

Earlier on in the year Christine Devi, Hannah Freeman and I (Sean Lockwood) took part in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) that was held at Auckland Girls' Grammar School. The MUNA conference is all about building bridges of goodwill for world peace in the minds of our youth.

The conference also challenges our youth to respect and tolerate differences of race, religion and nationalism whilst retaining their own individualism and the best of their national traditions. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to simulate some of the great debates of the United Nations Assembly, provide some insight into important world issues, and ultimately provide some realistic solutions. Students from all over the Auckland region came to debate on remits (topics) based on different world and social politics that are chosen beforehand.

This year our team was to represent "UGANDA"... we found it most appropriate to debate on the remits to do with the banning of child soldiers, child labour/slavery and the exploitation of children in all its forms, as well as military intervention from NATO and Arab League Forces in the Middle East and Africa. As part of our preparation, we also had to research and organise costumes so that we looked every bit the part of Ugandan delegates.

On 8 of June, we all met at the Papakura Train Station at 6.00 am to catch the train into the city in order to begin the conference at 7.30 am! When we arrived, we were amazed at all the other delegates that were there and in costume! We

had our team photo taken and were led into a large auditorium where the debating would take place. There were lots of speeches and robust debates and it was really cool listening to some of the more boisterous teams who managed to stay in character the entire time. The more 'into it' we got, the more fun we had...and we had a lot of FUN!!

Hannah spoke really well about military intervention in the Middle East and Africa to prevent civil war, and because we were only given a few minutes to deliver our speeches it was over in a flash. I spoke about Uganda's stance on child exploitation on the second day of the conference... we prepared well for this, as we knew Uganda would be targeted over this issue. On the day, I was very nervous, but I had to get over this to speak in front of roughly 150-200 people. When we stood at the podium, it was almost breath-taking seeing everyone listening intently to what we had to say... (not the easiest thing to do when public speaking isn't your thing... BUT WE DID IT!!) Our teacher, Miss Lauaki was very proud of us! The whole experience was amazing and funny at the same time...this is DEFINITELY a MUST DO for next year, I highly recommend.

By: Sean Lockwood



NETBALL 2012

This year saw the school enter 5 netball teams into the local Counties Manukau competition playing on Wednesday after school at Bruce Pullman Park. They were year 9, year 10, Senior A, Senior B and the Premier Team.

7 out of the 12 Wednesday's were thunderous conditions. With the exception of the Year 9 team, each team made the play-offs. The Senior B came 3rd, Senior A, Year 10 and the Premier team each came 4th in their grades.

The senior A and Premier teams took part in a one-day tournament prior to the tournament week, each of the teams playing 6 games on the day. As both teams were in the same grade the Senior A came 5th and the Premier team were undefeated and won the tournament.

The following week, the Premier team were ready to face the Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) tournament at North Harbour netball.

This tournament was very demanding for the team and the first day of play had us play 3 games in torrential rain. Luckily, we had previous experience playing in this weather thanks to the Counties Manukau Wednesday nights.

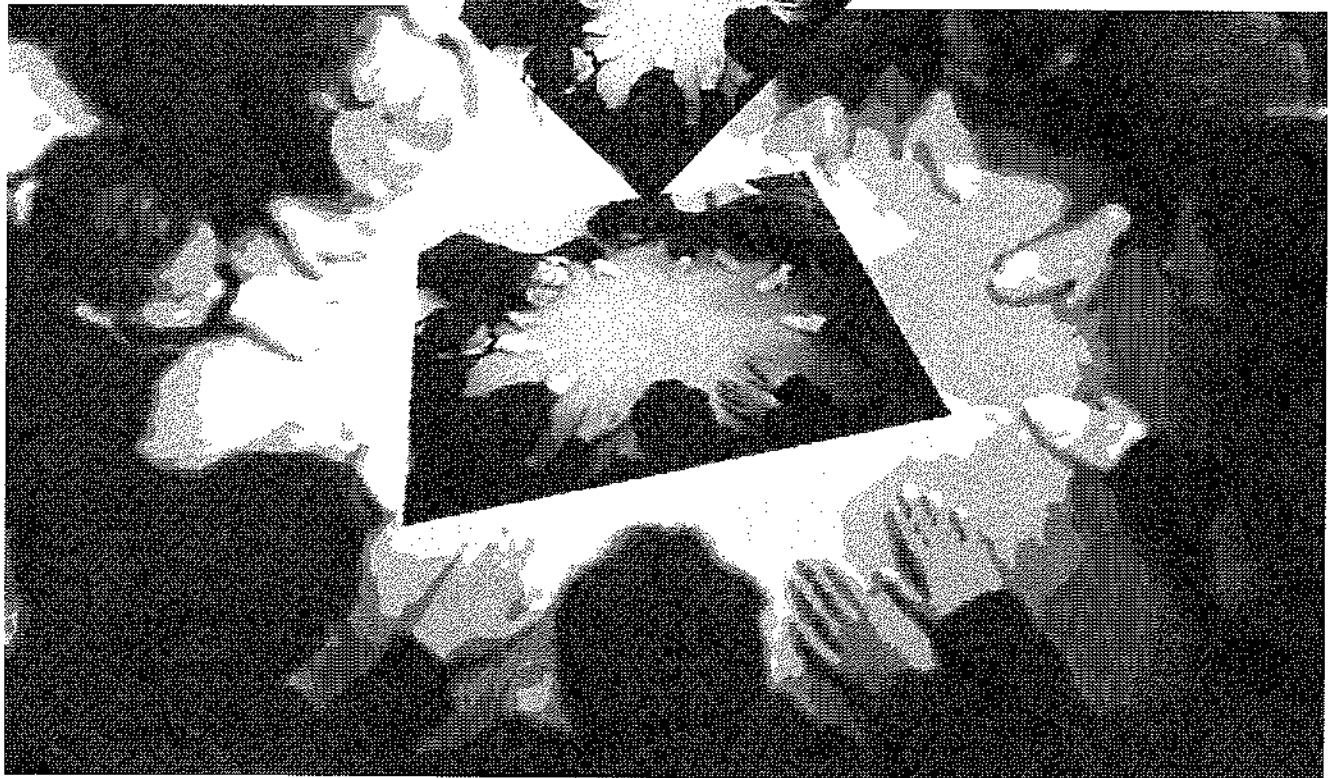
We went undefeated for the first 4 days beating schools like Whangaparoa, Melville College, Rangitoto, Tokoroa, Western Springs, and Tuakau, Marcellan, Orewa, and Bay of Islands College.

This was a huge demand on the team physically and mentally, being ready to play off in the semi's Friday morning, and then play for final placing's in the afternoon.

Due to an injury in the last game and some vitals calls by the umpires, the team was down 14 goals and came back to lose by 3 goals in the last quarter against Kings College. The final play-off was between our team and Aorere College who were the other upset semi-final losing to Whangaparoa College by 2 goals.

Still struggling to find a replacement for our injury in game 1, we lost to Aorere College and came fourth in the tournament out of 34 teams in the C Grade. Last year we came 17th in the tournament, so we had improved considerably.

Our team consisted of Jade Slade Year 9, Katie Mailata Year 10, Ngamira Warren, Courtney Brandon, Briar Stevens, Year 11's, Ashley Fennessy, Renee Shaw, Rachel Aukaha, and Jazmine Day and Ariana Page, year 13's. Well done ladies.



Senior Girls Softball

This year our girls attended the Auckland Softball Division 2 Tournament at Rosedale Park. Coached by Mita Tupaea, and Rereahu Collier, these won all games against One Tree Hill College, Aorere College, Green Bay High School, Lynfield College and Orewa College. The final was played against Aorere College and won by us 17 runs to 3.

Home runs by all of the team throughout the day was a great lift for the team. Excellent pitching from Tayla-Paige Hura proved a winner on the day. Our back-up pitcher Shavanah Raumati stepped up on the day giving Tayla-Paige a well-deserved break, as she pitched 4 strike outs against Green Bay High School.

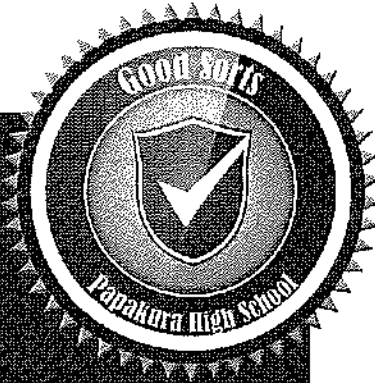
The beauty of this team is that we have a good mixture of junior and senior girls, and will not lose the whole team in one year. The team was Trish Ana Day, Sharnee Pickering, Jasmine Day, Tayla Paige Hura, Rachel Aukaha, Reagan Hura, Tamara Katipa, Hinerangi Isaac, Sharvanah Raumati, Stevie Ray Te Kawa, Katie Mailata, Doreen Tualii, and Destiny Reid. Well done girls, we hope to see more success in 2013.



Good Sorts Dinner

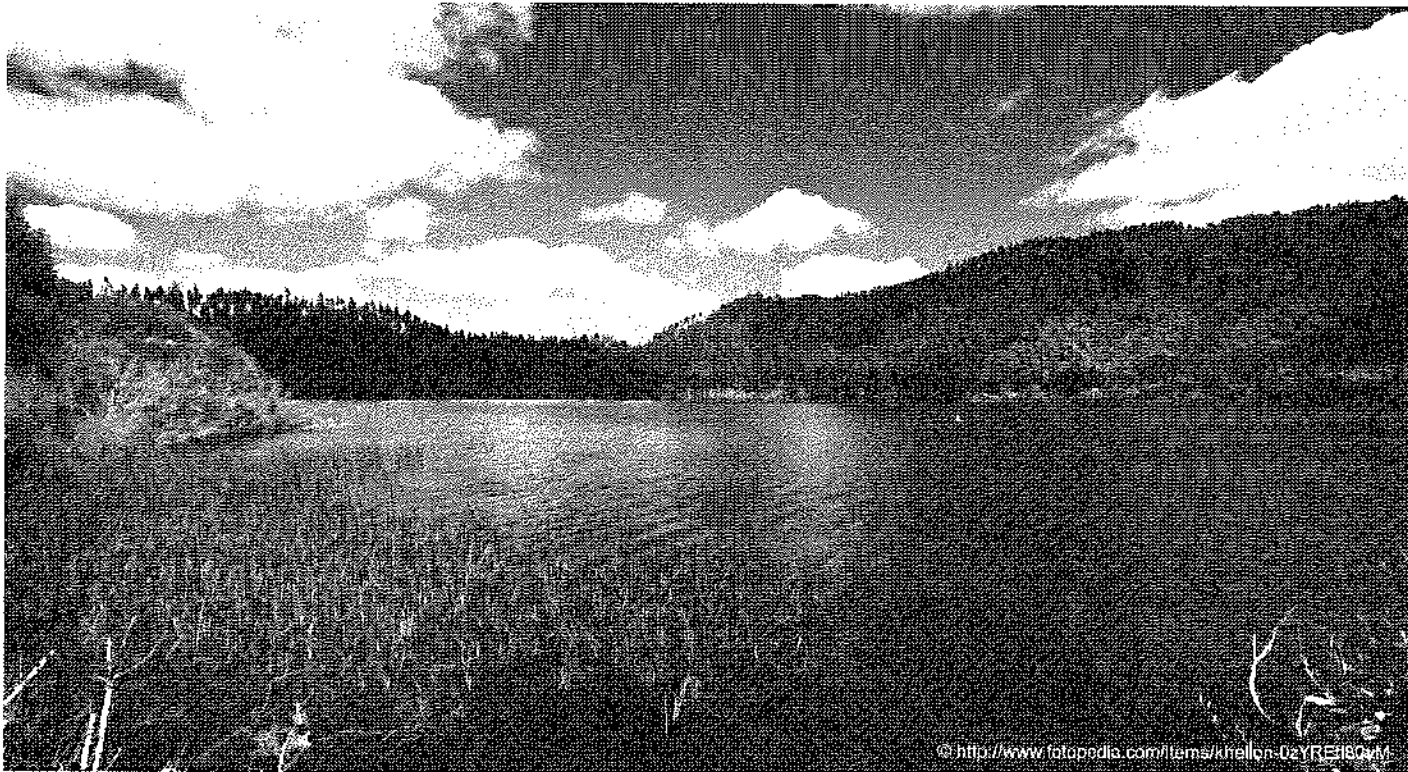
The PHS Good Sorts nominations saw four students taken out to dinner at Denny's Manukau with Mrs Brien. Chauntele Culpan, Jackie Dawson, Ray Smart and Andreis Vakaafi were nominated for their commitment to PHS, their great friendship towards others and achievement! It was a great night topped off with double sundaes and chocolate moussel! Thanks for a wonderful night!

Mrs Brien



Papakura High School Waka Ama Report

Waka ama season started off with the senior boys training 2 mornings a week in preparation for the 2012 New Zealand Secondary Schools Waka Ama Nationals at Lake Tikitapu in Rotorua.



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The team met 5:30 am on a Wednesday and Friday morning to be on the water at 6am at Ian Shaw Rowing Club Panama Road Mt Wellington. The commitment and enthusiasm was extremely high and this showed as their timing and technique really started to develop. So much potential was evident and a desire to train more however, having to borrow paddles hindered us from doing so.

When arriving in Rotorua we decided to try and find a girl team to paddle in the double hull races with. The team paddled with Auckland Girls Grammar hoping to get some water time before paddling the next day in the W6 races. Although they had never paddled in a double hull before they were determined to try and place in a semi-finals. They worked well with the Auckland Grammar Girls listening to and applying the few tips given to them by Cory Lowe their coach and the coach of the girl's team. They exceeded their expectation by going on to place second in the plate finals. Awesome!!!!

The next races were the W6 250 and 500. The boys were paddling in the J19 section this year so would be up against some serious contenders. I reminded the boys that a lot of the teams would be older and a lot more experienced

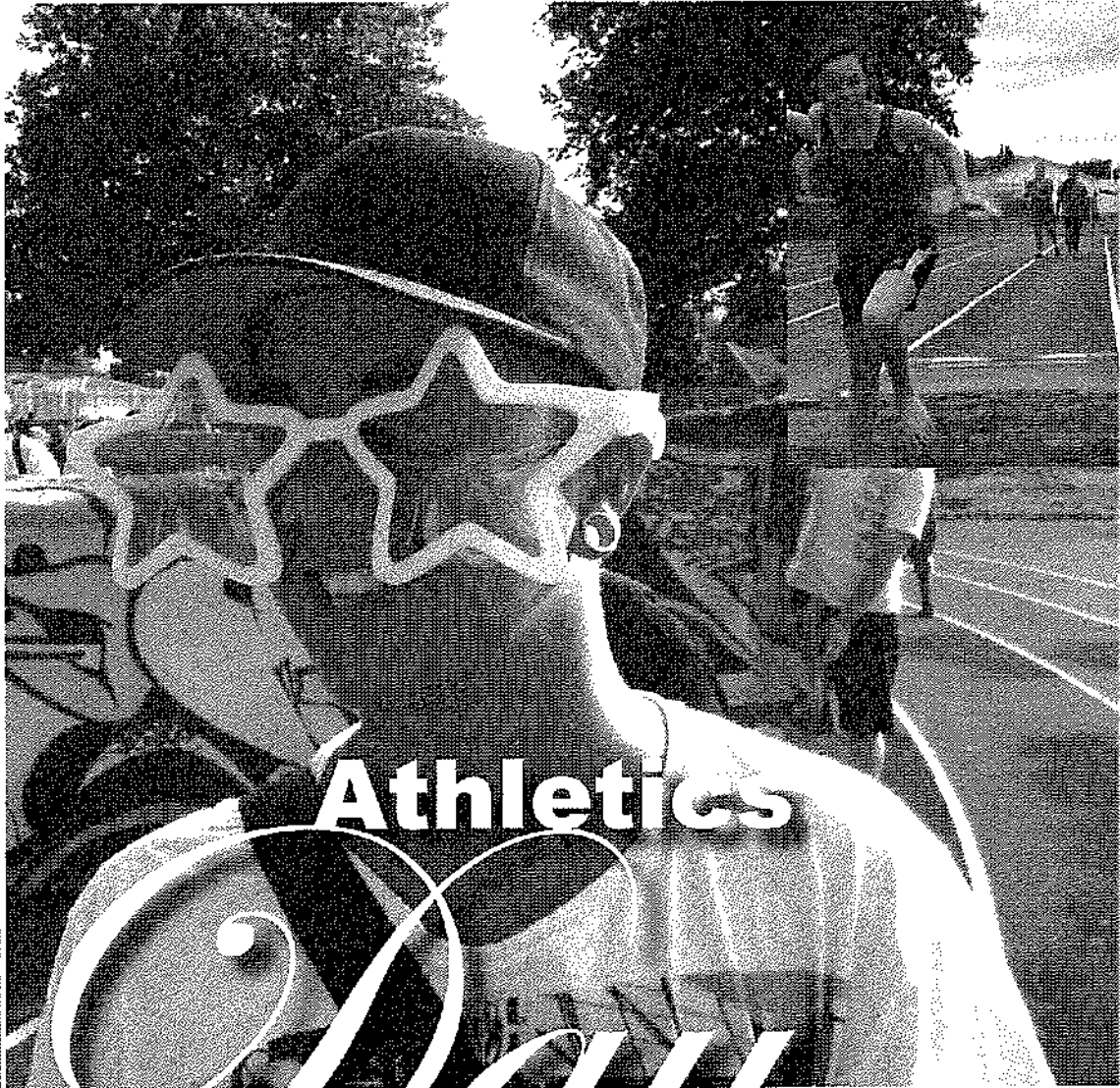
however, they still set the goal of making a final. The 250 was always going to be their best race and they showed this by making the plate finals. The boys were quick out of the start in this race staying with the leading group. The race was a very close encounter and I was sure we placed third however, the photo finish showed they were just piped on the line and came fourth. The boys were disappointed but Cory and I were very proud of their efforts. They made the plate semi-finals for the 500 and were right up with the leading teams when our steersers paddle broke and before he could pull out the spare paddle the waka had gone off track however, they finished the race. Well done!!!!

The school can be proud of the way the waka ama team represented it at the Nationals as Cory and I are and we will endeavour to ensure Waka Ama stays alive here at Papakura High School.

The Teams Member were; Maeva John, Gideon Rihari, Jazz Tavega, Gene Roberts, Luke Stowers, Arthur Crichton, Hayden Smith, Augea Seumanutafa, Jayde Vakaafi, Aroihi Koni and Frank Toutaiolepo.

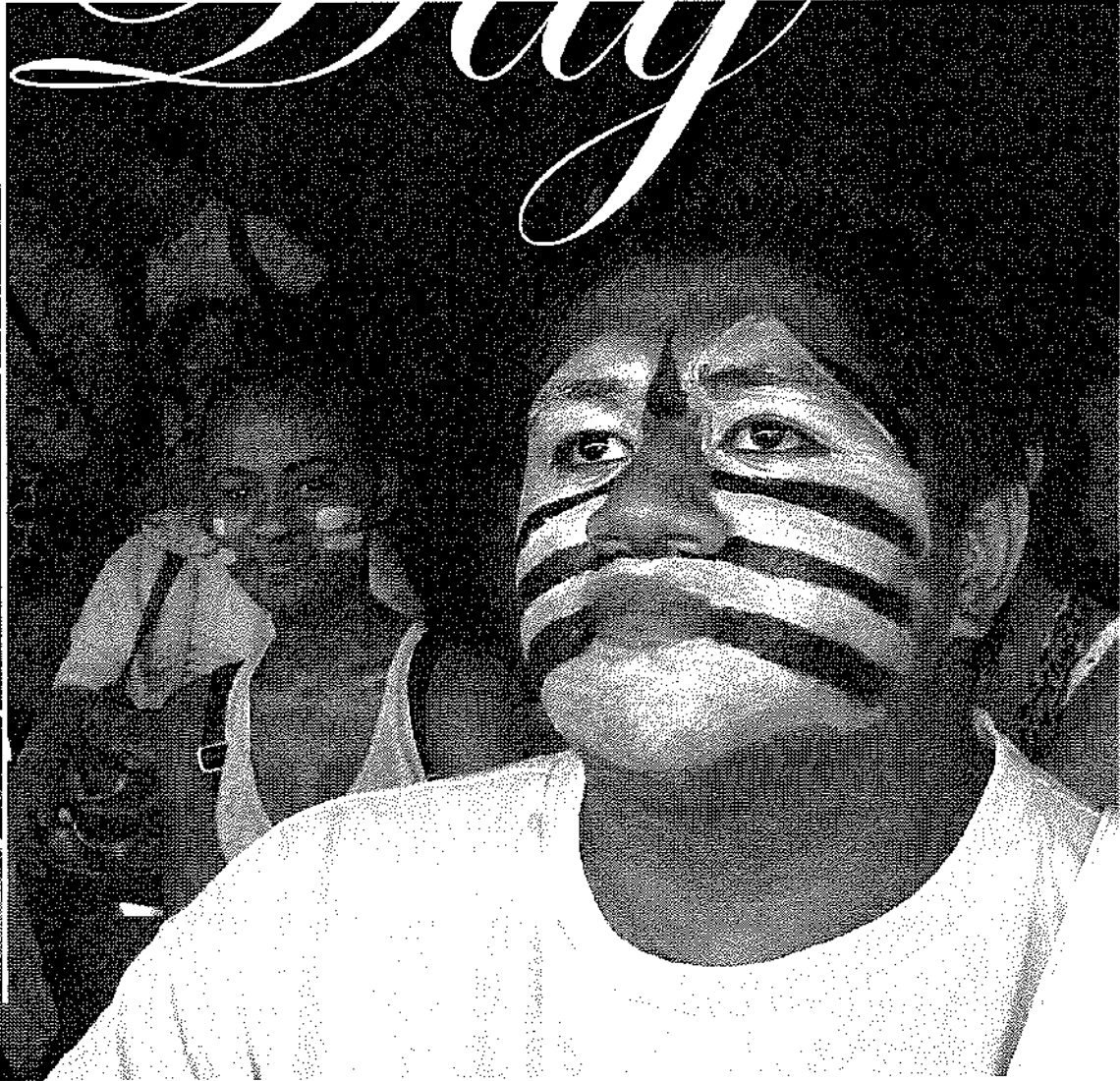
Cory Lowe Coach
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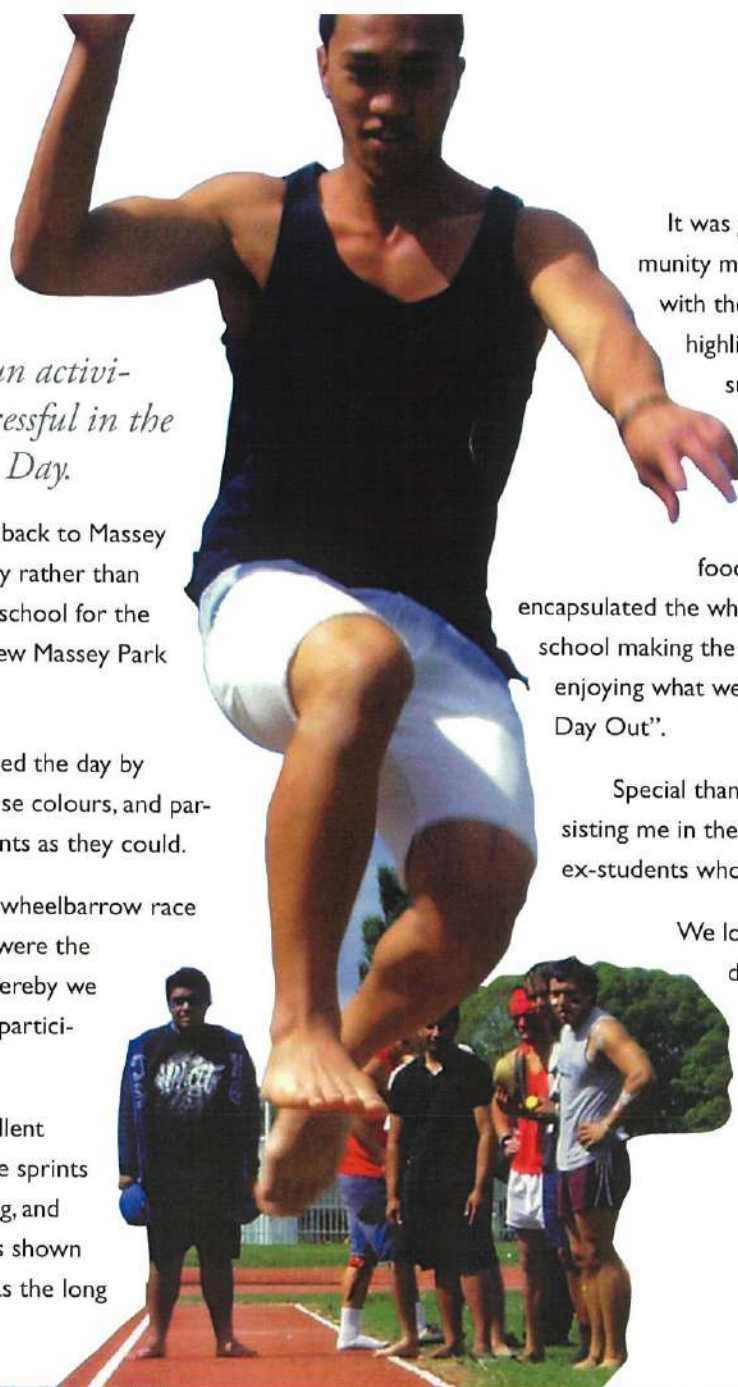
This year we chose to run an Athletics Day which involved fun activities that were successful in the 2011 School Fun Day.

It was fantastic to go back to Massey Park and hold the day rather than holding the event at school for the last 2 years whilst the new Massey Park underwent a face-lift.

The school embraced the day by dressing up in their House colours, and participating in as many events as they could.

The dress-up relay, wheelbarrow race and the walking boards were the most popular events whereby we had maximum numbers participating.

We had some excellent athletes competing in the sprints and long distance running, and some amazing talent was shown in the field events such as the long jump and shot put.



It was great to see many of the community members come and enjoy the day with the school, and seeing one of the highlights of the day as the parents/supporters relays versus the staff and prefects teams.

The Polyfest groups supplied and sold delicious food and drinks for the day. This encapsulated the whole atmosphere of the whole school making the most of the beautiful day, and enjoying what we like to call the schools "Big Day Out".

Special thanks go to the PE staff for assisting me in the organisation, and the staff and ex-students who ran the events.

We look forward to another great day in 2013.

Tab Beaumont
Sports Co-ordinator





Antony was then invited by TVNZ to cook his dish on Good Morning with Helen Jackson, he performed extremely well with rave reviews.

Antony Kapeli-Su'a
Meal Challenge Winner

Hospitality Department

Our Hospitality staff consists of HOD Gaynor Mathews, Di Corban and Koren Miller teaching while Karen West continues to be our valued technician. The year to date has seen success for a number of our hospitality students. Pam-Thanawan Rungroungkul and Ashleigh Culpan competed in the MIT Barista Competition, with Pam awarded a silver medal and Ashleigh a gold medal for their coffee making.

Antony Kapeli-Sua has added to his competitive success this year by winning the Just Cook competition sponsored by the National Nutritional Foundation. He won cookbooks and an I-Pad for himself and a Kenwood Multi-function Mixer for the school. Antony was then invited by TVNZ to cook his dish on Good Morning with Helen Jackson, he performed extremely well with rave reviews.

This year we only entered two students in the Table Setting class at The National Culinary Fare. Pam-Thanawan Rungroungkul came first overall in the class, securing a Gold medal and Lavenia Ena gained a Silver medal. Pam won an overall prize of an Educational Hamper to the value of \$200.

Skye Tuakana and Antony Kapeli-Sua entered the New Zealand Beef and Lamb burger competition and Skye won the

Junior regional finalist position for our school (won last year by Justice Keene). She will go on to compete in the National Finals on the 24th of September with her Indian Lamb Burger. Antony came a very close second in the Senior regional section with his French inspired Scotch Fillet Burger with Marrowbone, served on Brioche with Béarnaise Sauce.

We have also had continued success with past students, Alisha Doel who is studying her Level 5 and 6 Diploma in Hospitality at MIT has been awarded the title of New Zealand Food and Beverage Person of the year.

The school has gained accreditation to teach Level 3 Hospitality units and to fulfil the assessment requirements students are to prepare and serve food to customers in a realistic working environment. From this requirement 'EduCaterers' our catering business was born. Throughout the year students



have catered for many functions at the Hawkins Centre, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and jubilees. The students have been given wonderful reviews and feedback for the wonderful work they have done.

Next year we look forward to running our first Pathway course at Level 2 where students will be able to achieve their Level 2 NCEA through studying a variety of subjects with a Hospitality flare.

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Skye came third overall in the Finals of the New Zealand Beef and Lamb Burger Competition held on August 24th at M.I.T.



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