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YR 13 SCHOOL LEAVERS  
CLASS OF 2017

YOU WILL FIND  
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As I begin to write this message for the school Yearbook, it seems a very short time ago that my youngest daughter, my wife and I were formally welcomed onto Whanganui High School in the very moving powhiri held for me on Friday, 27 January this year.

**IN TURN, I WAS DEEPLY HONOURED TO BE THE NEW PRINCIPAL OF WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL IN OUR WELCOMING POWHIRI FOR NEW YEAR 9 STUDENTS, NEW STUDENTS OF ALL YEAR LEVELS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF ALL NEW STUDENTS AS THEY ENTERED OUR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING MONDAY MORNING TO BEGIN THEIR LEARNING JOURNEY WITH US.**

We have had wonderful highlights throughout the school year, as covered in detail on these pages. From my perspective, notable student highlights included: the mana and pride of our kapa haka students at many powhiri throughout the year as students, teachers and members of the community from within New Zealand and a wide range of international locations visited our school; the talent demonstrated by our fantastic performing arts students within the school and to a wider public audience on numerous occasions throughout the year; the school Open Day and the superb representation witnessed by prospective students and their family members of the wide range of effective teaching and learning opportunities that exist at Whanganui High School;



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**MR M MCALLEN**

*MEd Leadership with First Class Honours, PG DipEd Leadership, BA, Dip Tchg*



the grace, style and respect exhibited by all senior students at the school Ball; multiple sporting events that demonstrated the depth of physical prowess and the calibre of the widespread sporting potential that exists within our school; an extensive range of cultural activities enabling students to express their individual sense of place, cultural identity and heritage; a wide range of academic challenges and pursuits that truly tested student capacity for creativity and deep thinking.

Congratulations to our head prefects, deputy head prefects, heads of prefect teams, and prefects for the excellent leadership you have demonstrated on a consistent basis throughout 2017. Many of you have excelled in your role and displayed the determination, initiative, support for others and vision required to make real changes for the better within your areas of responsibility. You have been positive role models to younger students at Whanganui High School and have set standards to which they can aspire when in their Year 13 year.

Thank you to the support staff, teaching staff, senior leadership team and board of trustees at Whanganui High School. I believe our school is extremely fortunate to have such a well-qualified, hard-working and dedicated whole staff and a well-led, diverse and strong board of trustees. I have often observed during the year that if students are curious about a particular interest or activity outside of their classroom but connected to education in some way, there always seems to be at least one staff member who will also share that passion for learning more. They will then encourage and support students far beyond what would normally be expected at other schools. This is a very special quality of many staff members at Whanganui High School.

To the Year 13 students leaving us at the end of this year, I sincerely wish you the very best for all your future endeavours. I hope that you made the most of your individual learning opportunities at Whanganui High School and that you will continue to carry special memories of your friends and teachers with you as you move onto tertiary study or employment next year. Over time, you will find that specific details gradually fade but your memories and impressions always remain. I have enjoyed knowing you and wish that I had known you for longer. Go on to do the greatest things that you can.

Finally, thank you to Kaye Coombs (Yearbook editor), the Academic prefects team, Stuart and Nina Miller (proof-readers) for your wonderful representation of the year 2017 at Whanganui High School.

Kind regards,

Martin McAllen  
Principal  
Whanganui High School



## *2017 Message for our Leavers*

As you read this, your time at Whanganui High School will be over – all bar the shouting! For those of you with external examinations to be sat, there will be a sense of 'it is not quite over yet,' while those who have truly finished will be taking steps to secure employment and tackle the challenges of life beyond the school gate. It is a time of mixed emotions, taking a big step and becoming independent.

I hope you will take a moment to reflect on your secondary education and the lessons you learnt here at school - that the school has taught you well and prepared you to be well-mannered, honest, decent and thoughtful citizens.

I hope you made the most of the opportunities presented to you. That you got involved in sporting, cultural or academic activities. That you forged good relationships with your teachers and that you also made lifelong friends and have lasting memories to cherish.

As you embark on the next stage of life's journey, there will be many challenges - some good, some not so good. Hopefully you have developed some resilience and gained the ability to make sound choices, and that influences in the School have led to you become a better scholar, sportsperson, or simply a better person.

Thank you for your contribution to the School - my best wishes to you all.

**ELIZABETH SPOONER**  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL



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# WHS DEAN'S



YEAR 9  
DEAN'S

MRS CAMPBELL & MR WILSON

**L.I.F.E IS WHAT WE PROMOTE AT WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL AND IT IS WHAT WE HAVE WORKED TO EMBED IN OUR YEAR 9 STUDENTS THROUGHOUT 2017. WE HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL YEAR GETTING TO KNOW THE AWESOME NEW STUDENTS WHO HAVE STARTED AT OUR SCHOOL...**

From the first day they walked into the hall, nervous, uncertain, maybe a little excited, we have enjoyed seeing them settle into our school. We have seen many students take hold of the wonderful experiences and opportunities that our school has to offer and they are starting to create amazing memories of their time here at Whanganui High School....

## *Highlights for us as Year 9 Deans*

**ATHLETICS DAY - FULL OF TALENT AND FUN AND WONDERFUL SCHOOL SPIRIT**

**WHS PRODUCTION 'ROCK OF AGES' WHERE MANY OF OUR TALENTED YEAR 9 STUDENTS PERFORMED**

**OUR ASSEMBLIES RUN BY OUR WONDERFUL FORM CLASSES**

**THE WHS FUN RUN - SEEING MANY OF OUR STUDENTS DRESS UP AND TAKE PART**

**THE MANY SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH**

**PERFORMANCE EVENINGS FOR DANCE, DRAMA AND MUSIC**

And recently we acknowledge a large number of our Year 9 students as Superheroes. Students who come to school and work hard in the classroom, show our LIFE values, have worked to make improvements and are trying their best. Well done to all of our students who have made progress this year and we challenge you to keep trying, keep working and enjoy all of the opportunities that Whanganui High School has to offer!



MRS DE SMIDT & MRS HARDY

**JUST BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE.  
NEVER SETTLE.  
ALWAYS STRIVE.  
LEARN MORE, DO MORE,  
AND BE MORE.**

This motto has been the focus of all Year 10 activities this year, and we have worked towards Excellence in our endeavours. This year has certainly seen a number of Year 10s stepping up and getting involved. We were very proud of the Performing Arts students who presented their talents both musically, and through Dance and Drama. It was good to see so many students getting involved in the school production. On the sports field, many students excelled in Cross Country, Athletics and a plethora of other sports such as Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Cricket, Football and Rugby, with the U15 team coming away as champions. Many of our students were involved in Tournament Week, which was great to see.

Mr Martin took a great bunch of students on The Spirit of Adventure trip, and this year many students have signed up for Duke of Edinburgh Bronze. We have had a good group of talented and dedicated debaters honing their skills, and a number of students were involved in the Junior Model United Nations. Perhaps we have some future politicians amongst us! In Food and Nutrition, our students have cooked up a storm, and in the Technology subjects it has been great to see so many students enjoying making things. We have seen some wonderful tables, guitars, music speakers, bags and clothing. In Art and Design and Digital, our group have certainly shown that they have talent too. It has been good to see so many students taking up another language, whether it be Maori, Spanish, French or Chinese.

What has been especially pleasing is many of our students have been working diligently in the classroom. Academic success IS important to them, and it has been encouraging to see that so many of our young people understood that developing good habits now is the foundation for success later. This was certainly emphasised in the successful Future Focus Week where students were able to meet with people working in the outside community - the clear message coming through is that success out in the real world is really about positivity and commitment. This is certainly the message we have been pushing this year.

*Congratulations to the many students who come to school every day and lead by example through their commitment and dedication.*

*We salute you!*



YEAR 11  
DEAN

## MRS BUTCHART-SMYTH

*"They were nothing more than people, by themselves. Even paired, any pairing, they would have been nothing more than people by themselves. But all together, they have become the heart and muscles and mind of something perilous and new, something strange and growing and great. Together, all together, they are the instruments of change."*

This quotation from Keri Hulme's 'The Bone People' epitomises an ideal I had as the Year 11 Dean for 2017. I presented this in one of the earliest assemblies and reiterated the idea that for the year group to evolve, and make the transition from being juniors in Year 10 to maturing Year 11's, then a sense of comradery needed to be sought after. For me, this 'togetherness' has been worked on over the course of the year with the Year 11 Pastoral Team, comprising of Mr Friedel and Mrs Spooner, the dedicated Year 11 Form teachers, the Form class Representatives, and the Year 11 cohort.

Year 11 is the year of transition. It is the first year on the NCEA path, and for most students, it is the first year of sitting examinations. It is the year when individuals can sit their drivers' licence, can attend vocational courses, leave home, and it is the year students can legally leave school. Regardless of a chosen future pathway, most members of this year group reach a sense of realisation, whether an emotional awareness or an academic goal, during the course of the year, and it is the role of the Dean, along with other staff, to assist.

**BEING A DEAN IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING, AND SELF-DEPRECATING, POSITIONS WITHIN A SCHOOL. IT INVOLVES BEING AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR, A MEDIATOR, DISCIPLINARIAN, POLICE OFFICER, SOCIAL WORKER, PARENT... JUST TO NAME A FEW.**

In this modern world of technology, cyberbullying has become rampant, and in the hands of young people dealing with their emotions, developing maturity, and establishing themselves in this world, the fallout can be devastating and everlasting. I hope that people, young and old, realise that technology is a tool that can be used for good, and yet, it can be turned off. Young people today don't experience silence enough. There is always a television on, music blaring, ear plugs in, phone in hand...the benefits of silence and the quiet thinking time it brings needs to be instilled and a balance found.

Our Year 11 cohort have had many successes, too many to name individually here. We have had successes in the sporting arena with our runners, rowers, footballers, basketballers, rugby players (just to mention a few). Academically, our current percentages for NCEA Level 1 are on par with the previous year, and it looks like we could supersede predictions. We have been represented at MUNS, in debating, on stage. Members of our level have been involved in the Pasifika Group and Kapa Haka. Outside of the classroom, students have shone on vocational courses, attended police camps, and experienced trips of lifetimes that they would not have had the chance to participate in if they were not a student of the 2017 Year 11 group of Whanganui High School.

So, despite some dark moments this year, the successes, spirit of the students, and the growing fellowships within the student body, make being a dean worthwhile. And, there is no better quotation to end this with than the following by Keri Hulme:

*"Noise and riot, peace and quiet, all is music in this sphere."*

FELICITY BUTCHART-SMYTH  
YEAR 11 DEAN , 2017



MR SULLENBURGER

### PLAN - B

#### *An open letter to the Year 12 Students of Whanganui High School - Class of 2018*

Dear Scholars,

Nothing in life will ever go exactly to plan. This is only my opinion, but its veracity has been proven to me so many times over the years that I feel almost as if it is a natural law. The events leading to the circumstances under which I became your dean this year occurred because of this natural law. If all had gone according to plan, I would have been the dean of Year 10 this year, or a deputy principal at a small Taranaki school, or a dispatcher at a large logistics company, or a senior officer in the US Military - but each of these events necessitated a Plan B.

So, my message to you this year is the following things:

1. Have a Plan B. Not everything in your life will go to plan - be ready for that.
2. Develop your own sense of resilience. Rejection of your ideas, your work, your beliefs will happen all the time. Don't let it get you down.
3. Help others. You never know when you will be the one needing help.
4. If it was easy, everyone would do it. The things in life that will bring you the most satisfaction usually require a lot of work and effort.
5. If you don't already know it - learn long division. It's not Mathematics it's a life lesson: Every success is built on two failures.

It has been a pleasure being the last Dean of Year 12 at Whanganui High School. You are a fine group of young scholars and your success is in your hands.

VERY RESPECTFULLY  
JAMES SULLENBURGER



MR LEONARD

Well, here it is. After 5 fantastic years working with this year group, it's time for you to move on and in to the real world.

It has been a great experience for me from day one, January 29th 2013. That was the day that you came to Whanganui High School, had your powhiri and then were put in to your form classes. I'm sure it was a daunting day, coming to a school with over 1500 students. No longer were you the biggest students in a smaller pond, you were the youngest in what some of you may have thought was an ocean!

Back then you had the wonderful Mrs Clark (with the Birmingham accent) as your Dean, with me helping Mr Torrie with Years 9 & 10. I did take over for one term that year and it sticks in my mind because I remember the first assembly of Term 2 and I was complaining about my newborn son, Patrick, covering me in puke and other bodily fluids! Then it was Mrs Jervis (with a 'normal' accent) in Year 10 and when you were starting your NCEA years in 2015, you had me with the mother (and best) of all accents. That was a great year for me! This was when we saw you follow your distinct (for most) paths to where you are now. And of course, let's not forget Mr Crook's excellent assemblies.

We have had some good times, sprinkled with the bad every now and then. You've seen me get run the gamut of emotions in assemblies and, not often, I have got grumpy. All because I, and all the other teachers here, DO care about you and your future. It's unfortunate that not all of you who started in 2013 made it to the end of Year 13 but I hope that those who left are doing well and are happy.

Now, as your formal education comes to a close, that boy of mine is about to start his in April of next year! Time has flown, hasn't it?

*I just want to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to you all. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours and I will genuinely miss you. A lot.*



MESSAGE FROM THE  
**HEAD  
BOY**

Jack  
Southee



Over the past year, our world has seen some of the most significant events in recent time take place: devastating natural disasters, the prospect of nuclear war, a couple of chaotic election periods, right through to our year 13 Diploma. Comparing our year 13 Diploma to an international crisis may be ludicrous, but for the 217 students in year 13, these school issues have occupied a large part of our lives. Over more than a decade, these problems that started as homework and what to wear on mufti days developed into passing credits and getting a job. Now the next big step is about to take place. As this post I saw on Facebook said, "The first 18 years of our life are like a free trial. After that, it's pay to play", and boy, is that true. The real world, along with these real problems, are going to become our reality now more than ever.

Gloomy, aye? Or exciting. Change is inevitable over the coming months, but it is not something we have not faced before. Secondary school requires some adaptation compared to both intermediate and primary school. For the first time, our curriculum is able to be more flexible depending on what we want to learn. This added independence complements our growing maturity, and over the course of five years, we're moulded into brand new people. Secondary school is an experience like no other; bringing the freedom and resources to take on something new and find your passions in almost any area imaginable.

My highlight at Whanganui High School has for sure been working with Performing Arts. Being given the opportunity to take part in experiences from musicals to Rockquests with a wealth of resources and expertise from the staff has helped to build me into this new person I am compared to five years ago. This year has been one of my most testing and

proudest years to date. Never have I been more humbled to be part of this school, which so many different and talented students all call their own. I owe my thanks to the many prefects, peer mentors and other students who gave up so much time and energy to develop outstanding initiatives branching across all areas of school life. The work done both in the school and wider community is invaluable, and being outstanding leaders in every single way possible leaves me in awe of your voluntarism and hard work. The successes of this year have been phenomenal; Language Week right through to Open Mics are all initiatives which add a new layer of richness that is invaluable to the school environment.

This is a school of opportunities, and whether you are continuing your school career or moving on into the wider world, I challenge every single one of you to take all the opportunities that you can. Never think about whether it's too much, or whether you're good enough. You are not aware of your limits until you have pushed yourself to the brink.

**FOR THE NEXT YEAR, OVER 217  
WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS WILL SEE SOME  
OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT  
CHANGES IN THEIR LIFE TAKE  
PLACE. ENJOY THE BREAK, SPEND  
TIME WITH WHĀNAU AND FRIENDS,  
AND COME BACK READY TO TAKE  
ON YOUR NEW WORLD.**

*Jack Southee*  
*Head Boy of Whanganui High School*  
*2017*



MESSAGE FROM THE

# HEAD GIRL

TERM 1 & 2

Jackie  
Hazelhurst

The United World College movement prides itself on accepting students who 'do life differently'. Therefore, it seems somewhat ironic that my pursuit of a United World College Scholarship came not from my own discovery of the award, but rather, my following in the footsteps of our previous Head Girl, Pratibha Singh. However, it is certainly fitting that this was the way in which 'the rest of my life began'. Perhaps the greatest gift I have received from Whanganui High School has been the vast number of students to look up to, to admire, and ultimately, to learn from.

I look back fondly on the senior students who were my first coaches in my early days as a debater, the girls in the year above that consoled and guided me as I sat terrified through an accelerated academic course, and the older players in the football team who coddled and encouraged me as a footballer and a person. I admired those students, considered them friends, and I presume, in a way, later fulfilled the role in someone else's life that they had in mine. My sincere hope for every student entering our school is that they too find, and become, mentors like this. I have been proud to be one of your Head Girls for Whanganui High School in 2017. I cannot communicate how grateful I have been for the many forms of help and guidance I have received in this role. The support of Mr McAllen and Mrs Langrish, as well teachers and staff and all members of the school community remains a powerful reminder to me of how to be a good, and more importantly, kind, leader and person. Thank you for this lesson you have taught me.

I write this final address sitting in a school in Japan – a reality I thought would never eventuate. In many ways, I am learning in an environment totally different from the one I left in New Zealand. Here, I am taught the International Baccalaureate

curriculum, my cohort of 172 come from 37 different countries and my school's vision is built upon creating transformational leaders for Asia and beyond. However, many crucial elements remain the same between the International School of Asia, Karuizawa, and Whanganui High School. The same level of drive on behalf of teachers, the same innovative mind-set of students and the same commitment to values and principles, are found on both school grounds. ISAK – as we call it – may be a prestigious secondary school and United World College campus in Japan, but Whanganui High School is no less capable, no less passionate and no less saturated with talent. This is a piece of knowledge I carry with me gladly.

I have one final hope for the future of our school, and fittingly, it is one stolen from a previous head student who was something of a role model to me.

**“I HOPE THAT WHEN WE WALK AWAY FROM WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL WE ARE PROUD OF THE WORK WE HAVE DONE AND THE LEGACY WE HAVE LEFT BEHIND. I HOPE WE ARE REMEMBERED AS PEOPLE WHO NOT ONLY CHANGED OUR SCHOOL, BUT MADE IT BETTER, EVEN IF ONLY IN INCREMENTAL WAYS. HOWEVER, MORE THAN THIS, I HOPE THAT THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS AT WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL WILL LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES AND BE EVEN BRAVER, KINDER, AND BETTER THAN WE WERE.”**

*Jackie Hazelhurst  
Head Girl of Whanganui High School  
2017*



MESSAGE FROM THE

# HEAD GIRL

TERM 2 & 3

Mikaya  
Teki

The 2017 school year is coming to an end, and now is time for reflection. Over the course of this year, I have had the upmost privilege to work alongside the most passionate group of prefects who are committed to bringing Whanganui High School to life. With new as well as existing initiatives, our school spirit soared. This was indisputable during national Bully-Free Week, where many prefects as well as the student council worked together to create a lively week for all students. Looking back over 2017, this has been my most challenging yet rewarding year so far. There is an art to balancing school life, friendships, work and all the extra stuff in between - an art I hope to develop over the next three years of my studies.

**‘EHARA TAKU TOA, HE TAKITAHU,  
HE TOA TAKITINI’ - MY  
SUCCESS SHOULD NOT BE  
BESTOWED ONTO ME ALONE,  
AS IT WAS NOT INDIVIDUAL  
SUCCESS BUT SUCCESS OF  
A COLLECTIVE.**

A whakatauki which best describes my humbling appointment as Head Girl. I would not be the person I am today without the support of whānau, staff and

the class of 2017. To my whānau, thank you for your immeasurable support and love. For pushing me to achieve greatness and to be proud of who I am and where I come from. To the staff at Whanganui High School, thank you for your support within and beyond the classroom. For the valuable skills and life lessons which I will carry with me always. Please continue to go above and beyond for your students because your impact can never be forgotten. To my year 13 brothers and sisters, I've shared my journey with - thank you. Thank you for this five year rollercoaster ride, for the friendships, support and love. Thank you for making period 5 every Friday that little bit easier. Just know that wherever we may end up in the future, our time at Whanganui High School will forever bind us together.

Last but certainly not least, a message for our teina. My best piece of advice is take advantage of the opportunities Whanganui High School has to offer. Try a new sport, join a committee, do something you are passionate about. Your five years at high school will go by in a blink of an eye so why not give everything a go whole-heartedly? Don't be afraid to put yourself out there. Be ambitious and strive for success.

*Mikaya Teki*  
*Head Girl of Whanganui High School*  
*2017*





# PREFECTS - FOR THE RECORD

The prefects this year have been outstanding leaders. They have organised, enthused, cajoled and led the school in a variety of events and fundraisers. In excess of \$7,000 has been raised for a variety of causes and it is the great teamwork and commitment of the prefect group as a whole which has led to this achievement.

Major activities have included the Social Prefects organising the formal function 'Into the Woods'. This was a major undertaking and involved budget management and considerable event planning to make it such a notable success. The Community Prefects have led the way with many fundraising activities, from Relay for Life organisation to supporting the 40 Hour Famine and many events in between. The always proactive Academic Prefects have ensured that you have this magazine to read on time, and that it is of such high quality, as well as dedicating time to study groups and assembly presentations. Cultural activities have been diverse, from Rockquest, to the Performing Arts Concert, to Open Mic and the encouragement to get involved. The highlight for the International group was the Cultural Festival, where the food disappeared in record time and the locals got together to support our diverse global community. The Sports Prefects have assisted Mrs Murphy in a variety of sporting events from cross country, to Athletics, to swimming and fun runs. Our Maori Prefects have presented at assemblies and informed us about the Matariki stars. Pasifika have produced several great performances and have welcomed all students. Our new kids on the block have been the E-Life or digital team. With Whanganui High School in its second year of 'BYOT', it was vital to have help and support in the digital arena and the team have worked very hard to achieve some great results. It was a team effort which saw our school win the Bullying-Free NZ Senior Short Film competition. 'With good friends, there is hope. Stand up and change the negative vibes which allow bullying to exist so prominently in NZ schools'.

It was with sadness that we said farewell to Jackie Hazelhurst, our Head Girl, but we recognised what a fantastic opportunity she had earned to study in Japan for the next two years. Mikaya Teki joined Jack Southee as Head Prefect, and Nusr Ghamri completed the team as Deputy Head and Student Representative on the Board of Trustees.

I am sure that the prefect team will look back on the challenges, rewards and commitments of the year with fond memories. We have greatly appreciated the input of the team and look forward to hearing all about the successes of our future alumni!



# PREFECTS 2017



## HEAD PREFECTS

### Back Row:

Ryan Gray, Eddie Zheng, Solomone Tamaniyaga, Sam Conley, Tazman Rei, Alister Hughes, Angus James

### Middle Row:

Brenna Hadley, Emilia Schmidt, Daina Pa'a, Taliyah Su'a, Meghan Price, Caitlyn Friedel, Joy Hou

### Front Row:

Xaviera Manley-Green, Nusr Ghamri, Jackie Hazelhurst, Mr M McAllen (Principal), Jack Southee, Mikaya Teki, Vincent Collins

**Absent:** Emma Rainey





## ACADEMIC PREFECTS

### Back Row:

Elly Douglas, Eddie Zheng, Boston Flanagan-Connors, Julia Van Niekerk, Caitlin Booth-Richards

### Front Row:

Jesse Satherley, Joy Hou, Alister Hughes, Taliah Su'a, Luca Multazzu, Sophie Bates

### Absent:

Danielle Bourne

## CULTURAL PREFECTS

### Back Row:

Libby Kennedy, Tegan Cox, Amie Bishop, Grace Pratt, Miho Noriyasu

### Front Row:

James Rowe, Brenna Hadley, Vincent Collins, Kayla Devine, Richard Marks



## MAORI & PASIFIKA PREFECTS

### Back Row:

Lakan Haenga, Te Miringa Parkes,  
Airini Ross-Spooner

### Front Row:

Xaviera Manley-Green, Solomon  
Tamaniyaga, Daina Pa'a



## SPORTS PREFECTS

### Back Row:

Joanna Bell, Louise Clifton, Matt Kleinsmith,  
Takukwa Hove, Cambell Tanner, Niamh Flower, De-Ann Tyrell

### Front Row:

Hayden Wang, Ally Bennett, Ryan Gray,  
Rebekah Ngapeka, Ben Tijssen-Cox

### Absent:

Emma Rainey, Clare Cvitanovich



## E-LIFE PREFECTS

### Back Row:

Deve Ou, Kaleb Lama-Love, Ryan Cvitanovich,  
David Mosen, Jessamine Howard

### Front Row:

Ilan Ben-Ezra, Caitlyn Friedel, Tazman Rei,  
Lika Suzuki



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## YEAR 12 PEER MENTORS

### Back Row:

Julian Brennan, Josiah Kirk, Reece Hoobin, Eduan Venter, Luke Forrester, Taane Potaka-  
Osborne Whanarere, Liam Lace, Raoul Sarup, Dayal Pravinesh, Thorsteinn Bjornsson

### Third Row:

Amber-Rose Roos, Rhea Colaabavala, Johanique De Villiers, Kaya Dobbie,  
Rebecca Bengel, Emily Payne, Rose Xu, Niamh Mullany, Kerwyn Morgan

### Second Row:

Mr J Sullenberger (Year 12 Dean), Natasha Khan, Imogen Burrows, Brylee Atkinson, Sarah  
Torrie, Josephine Verhaaren, Stella Nowak, Charlotte Wilsher, Kate Belsham, Abigail Watt,  
Mrs J Langrish (Deputy Principal)

### Front Row:

Brianna Walker, Alexandra Nicoloff, Alex Forlong, Niamh Hogan,  
Ella Towers, Briella Maua, Sara Hills, Leila Collinson, Emily Mayhead

### Absent:

Saskia Knight, Ethan Mancer, Portia Sharp, Toka Poa





## SOCIAL PREFECTS

### Back Row:

Sanchia O'Sullivan, Janne Rother,  
Ahilan Saravanapavan, Ben Robertson,  
Adam Millward, Olivia Caird, Belinda Crawford

### Front Row:

Monique Cleeve, Vitek Sosnowski, Meghan Price,  
Sam Conley, McKenzie Campbell, Hugo Collins

## COMMUNITY PREFECTS

### Back Row:

Millie Prince, Kristine Li, Cindy Xu, Lily Meade,  
Kasey Souness, Paige Dykstra

### Front Row:

Chynna Dykstra, Cameron Allardice,  
Emilia Schmidt, Angus James,  
Mikal Terrey, Liam Jones



## INTERNATIONAL PREFECTS

### Back Row:

Miho Noriyasu, Luca Multazzu, Janne Rother, Kristine Li

### Front Row:

Hayden Wang, Joy Hou, Eddie Zheng, Lika Suzuki







ACADEMIC TIES 2017

# ACHIEVERS

## LIST 2017



Libby	Abbott	11PD	<p>Cross Country: 2<sup>nd</sup> WHS Junior Girls</p> <p>Tough Guy and Girl Challenge: 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Girls</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> WHS Team Race</p> <p>Triathlon: 2<sup>nd</sup> WSS Championship U16 Girls</p> <p>Mountain Biking: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wanganui Regional Championship, U16 Girls</p> <p>Cross Country: 2nd Whanganui Interschool Championship 3 to Score Junior Girls Team</p>
Kara	Adrole	10MT	<p>Whanganui Anzac Relays 3rd Junior Girls Team</p> <p>Netball: U15A Whanganui Representative Team, Basketball: Junior Girls Team</p>
Leah	Aiono	10HU	<p>1st WSS Senior Girls Competition</p> <p>Whanganui District Council Youth Committee, WHS Year 10 Speech Competition<sup>1st</sup></p>
Javontae	Alabaster-Wroe	12GM	<p>Athletics: 1<sup>st</sup> WSS Shot Put Senior Boys Basketball: 1<sup>st</sup> WSS Senior Boys Competition</p>
Sophie	Andrews	10MT	<p>Athletics: WSS Intermediate Girls Shot Put (WHS Record), 5<sup>th</sup> NISS Championship Intermediate Girls Hammer (WHS Record 40.67) Netball: U15B Whanganui Representative Team, Zone Umpire Theory Exam Passed</p>
Brylee Rebecca	Atkinson Baker	12SR 11PD	<p>Basketball: Junior Girls Team,</p> <p>WSS Senior Girls Competition<sup>1st</sup></p> <p>WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie</p> <p>Athletics: 1<sup>st</sup> WSS 1500m Intermediate Girls, 800m Intermediate Girls (WHS Record).</p> <p>NISS Championship: 5th Intermediate Girls 800m, 4<sup>th</sup> 1500m.</p> <p>Swimming: 1<sup>st</sup> WSS 100m Freestyle Relay Intermediate Girls.</p> <p>Cross Country: 1<sup>st</sup> WHS Junior Girls, 1<sup>st</sup> WSS Junior Girls, 4<sup>th</sup> NZSS Junior Girls.</p> <p>Hockey: U15 Girls Representative Team, Central U18 Women's Team, 1<sup>st</sup> National U18 Tournament.</p> <p>Tough Guy and Girl Challenge: 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Girls Boys/ Girls Juniors and Seniors 6<sup>th</sup> Overall</p>
Mikayla	Baldwin	12MV	<p>Individual Peer Mentor,</p> <p>WHS Academic Tie, WHS Centurion</p>





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AS PREFECTS**



Leadership camp taught us all the importance of resilience, teamwork and prepared us for a busy and challenging year as prefects. It pushed us to our limits and beyond, and despite many of us having divided opinions on the experience, I believe we all learnt something valuable from it.

It all started when two buses of aspiring yet naive year 12's pulled up to Vertical Horizons camp. We were greeted by camp leader Paul who would run our activities for the next two days. Over the next two days we endured many different challenges which tested our teamwork, cooperation and

perseverance. From passing a banana around with our legs to building a bridge to cross a lake we learnt many new skills and tested our abilities.

I think we can all agree that one of the most memorable moments was running laps around the lake at 5am. The purpose of this exercise was to test our ability to follow instructions and pass on important information to one another. He told a group of three girls to instruct us to line up in a certain order, every time we got this order incorrect we had to run a lap around the lake. I don't think any of us will ever forget the cool morning air, or the sound of the air horn we woke up to. However, we will also remember the important lessons we learnt that morning, and



# LEADERSHIP CAMP

BY DANIELLE BOURNE



although we certainly didn't thank him for it at the time, it has been a lesson we have carried with us ever since.

The meals were also memorable. The condition of entering the dining hall for dinner, was dressing up in fancy clothes. These clothes, however, weren't the standard dresses or suits that you would expect when asked to dress up for dinner. We were given costumes supplied by the camp and told to put them on before going in for dinner. With all of us feeling a bit ridiculous, we were forced to mix and mingle and laugh at our silly mismatched outfits. Although each wearing something different, we were all dressed the same. This made us all equal, no one felt like other were unapproachable and we got along with others who we may not usually chat

to. The lesson taught was to remove any preconceptions of others before getting to truly know them, and in the end we all had a great night.

Overall the leadership camp was an amazing experience which taught us many important lessons. Thank you to Paul for running this memorable camp, and organising many fun activities for us to participate in. We learnt so much and participated in so many fun activities, it would be impossible to fit it all into a single article. Thank you to Mrs Langrish and the other teachers and deans who came along to share this experience with us and make the camp possible. Finally, a huge thank you to all the students who came along to our Leadership camp. Thank you for being such good sports, and making it a quality experience that was shared with our closest friends.

Ashlee	Barlow	11HV	Equestrian: 1 <sup>st</sup> National Supreme Open Saddle Hunter, Horse of the Year Competition, 4 <sup>th</sup> Junior Rider of the Year 12-14-year olds.
Sophie	Bates	13RT	WHS Centurion – Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie.
Sophia	Baum	13KH	Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition: 1st Senior Short Film Category (Participant), Individual Peer Mentor
Ryan	Bayler	10CY	Hockey: Winner Central 6 Tournament, U15 Boys Representative Team.
Travis	Bayler	11HB	Athletics: 6 <sup>th</sup> NISS Championship Intermediate Boys 400m (WHS Record 52.55 sec),  Cross Country: 2 <sup>nd</sup> WHS Senior Boys, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WSS Senior Boys,  Tough Guy and Girl Challenge: 1 <sup>st</sup> Junior Boys Overall,  Hockey: 7 <sup>th</sup> Horowhenua U18 Men's Association Tournament, Most Valuable Player
Joanna	Bell	13LW	Hockey: Central U18 Women's Team, 1st National U18 Tournament
Rebecca	Benge	12WA	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie,
Ally	Bennett	13KR	Netball: U17A Whanganui Representative Team WHS Excellence Tie
<b>William</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>9AD</b>	Athletics – WSS 100m Junior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> , Boys Junior Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup> , Rugby – <b>Whanganui U15 Championship - Winners</b>
Jimi	Blinkhorne	12SL	Roller Hockey – Training Camp (Spain)
Caitlin	Booth-Richards	13KR	WHS Centurion, WHS Excellence Tie
Danielle	Bourne	13KR	Head of Individual Peer Mentoring
<b>Zoe</b>	<b>Bracegirdle</b>	<b>9RI</b>	<b>WHS Year 9 Speech Competition 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Julian</b>	<b>Brennan</b>	<b>12ML</b>	<b>WHS Centurion</b>
<b>Sophie</b>	<b>Brooke</b>	<b>11GL</b>	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship U16 K4 200m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 500m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Fun Mixed K4 200m 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Rockquest – Regional Finals 'Straight Lace' Band 1 <sup>st</sup> , <b>Kayaking – Whanganui 10km Series U16 6km 1<sup>st</sup>, Kayaking –Krazy Kayak National Series Overall 10km U16 Women's 1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Charlie</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>11GW</b>	<b>Football - Referee Accreditation Level 2 Exam – Passed (Men's League), Super 8 Tournament Assistant Referee, Futsal National Competition Referee, Football – U15/16 Boys Whanganui Representative Team</b>
Jack	Brown	12FS	Lifesaving – WSS Mixed Grade 1 <sup>st</sup> , Swimming – WSS Senior Boys 50m Backstroke 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 100m Freestyle Senior Boys Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup>
Emelye	Brown	11HS	Whanganui District Council Youth Committee, Individual Peer Mentor
Danielle	Bourne	13KR	WHS Centurion – Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie
Imogen	Burrows	12MV	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, Language Perfect World Championship Certificate - Silver
Candice	Buys	12MV	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
Olivia	Caird	13CT	WHS Excellence Tie, NZ Chefs Regional Competition – NSSCC (Culinary Challenge) Hot Kitchen 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Selected for National Final, Cheesecake 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Cupcakes – Merit

<b>Max</b>	<b>Campbell</b>	<b>10BH</b>	Swimming – WSS 100m Freestyle Relay Intermediate Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Hockey – <b>Central 6 Tournament – Winner, U15 Boys Representative Team</b>
Shanice	Campbell	11BS	Softball – Nationals U17 Girls Manawatu Rep, Most Valuable Player Trophy, Softball – Manawatu U17 Girls Representative National & Central Region Teams
<b>Merle</b>	<b>Chant</b>	<b>10HU</b>	<b>Individual Peer Mentor, WHS Year 10 Speech Competition- Highly Commended</b>
<b>Lily</b>	<b>Claypole</b>	<b>12AS</b>	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, Individual Peer Mentor, Sixth <b>Wallace Secondary School Art Awards - Finalist</b>
Monique	Cleeve	13BG	Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, Speed Skating – NZ Roller Sports Speed Road Championship – Intermediate Ladies 200m Time Trial 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1000m Final 1 <sup>st</sup> 500m Final 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Ladies 12yo+ 20K Elimination 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Combined Ladies Intermediate and Senior 10K Points 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; NZ Roller Sports Speed Bank Track Championships – Intermediate Ladies 300m Time Trial 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 500m 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1000m 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Combined Ladies Intermediate/Senior Ladies 10K Points Elimination 1 <sup>st</sup> , Ladies (12yo+) 15K Elimination 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Cross Country – WHS Senior Girls 1 <sup>st</sup> , Individual Peer Mentor
Anna	Clifton	9KS	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship Fun Mixed K4 200m 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Kayaking – National Marathon Championship U14 K1, K2 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Kayaking – Krazy Kayak Series 10km U14 Girls 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Jack</b>	<b>Clifton</b>	<b>11SD</b>	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship U16 Men's Grade K1 5km 1 <sup>st</sup> , K1 500m 1 <sup>st</sup> , K4 200m 1 <sup>st</sup> , K4 500m 1 <sup>st</sup> , U16 K1 200m 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 500m 2 <sup>nd</sup> , U18 Men's K4 1000m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Swimming – WSS Intermediate Boys 50m Freestyle 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 100m Freestyle Intermediate Boys Relay Team 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Kayaking – National Marathon Championship U16 K1 & K2 National Titles, <b>Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award – Bronze, Kayaking –Krazy Kayak National Series Overall 10km U16 Men's 1st</b>
<b>Louise</b>	<b>Clifton</b>	<b>13PA</b>	Swimming – WSS 100m Freestyle Senior Girls Relay Team 3 <sup>rd</sup> , <b>Kayaking – Krazy Kayak 10km Series Regional CompetitionU18 Girls 10km 1<sup>st</sup>, Kayaking – Krazy Kayak National Series Overall 10km U18 Women's 2nd</b>
<b>Nathan</b>	<b>Cohen</b>	<b>9SM</b>	Athletics – WSS 200m 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Boys Junior Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup> , Hockey – <b>Central 6 Tournament – Winner, U15 Boys Representative Team</b>
<b>Jordan</b>	<b>Cohen</b>	<b>12RV</b>	Hockey – Central U18 Men's Team, Hockey – <b>National U18 Tournament 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hockey – NZ U18 Development Camp</b>
Rhea	Colaabavala	12SR	Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award – Silver, Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade A, Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
Hugo	Collins	13KR	WHS Centurion - Endorsed, Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, WHS Excellence Tie, Chamber Music – Regional Competition 'The Ruffs' Highly Commended
Vincent	Collins	13KR	Cambridge Mathematics AS Exam – Grade B, WHS Centurion – Endorsed, Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, WHS Excellence, Shakespeare Globe Centre; New Zealand Young Shakespeare Company – NZ Representative (Globe Theatre, London), SGCNZ/Adam Foundation Shakespeare Competition; DVD cover - 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Poster – Commended, Head of Culture



# INTRODUCING....

## E-LIFE

**THIS YEAR HAS BROUGHT A CHANGE TO THE PREFECT SYSTEM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A NUMBER OF YEARS. AS OUR JUNIOR STUDENTS ARE NOW PART OF A 'BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY,' INITIATIVE, THE DIGITAL ASPECTS OF LIFE HAVE BEEN BECOMING MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. TO REFLECT THIS, A NEW PREFECT GROUP BECAME PART OF THE OVERARCHING PREFECT TEAM, 'E-LIFE PREFECTS.' THIS YEAR, TWO STUDENTS WERE PLACED IN THE UNENVIABLE POSITION OF FOUNDING THIS PREFECT GROUP FROM SCRATCH, MAKING A NAME FOR THEMSELVES, AND ESTABLISHING WHAT THE ROLE OF E-LIFE PREFECTS WOULD BE; AND MAKE A NAME THEY DID. CAITLYN FRIEDEL AND TAZMAN REI DID A STELLAR JOB OF MANAGING THIS DAUNTING TASK WITH THEIR TEAM, COMPRISING DEVE MEY-OU, RYAN CVITANOVICH, LIKA SUZUKI, DAVID MOSEN, JESS HOWARD, ILAN BEN-EZRA, AND KALEB LAMA-LOVE. TOGETHER THEY HAVE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB.**

### *A word from the heads....*

**What was your initial reaction to being selected as head of e-life?**

Caitlyn Friedel: When Mrs Langrish called to tell me that I had received the position of Head of E-Life, I laughed. I then went on to say "Mrs Langrish, are you aware that I can't even use Excel?" I was utterly confused. I honestly wasn't expecting the role. After I hung up the phone, I then became very worried about the challenges I was about to face in the following year.

Tazman Rei: I was amazed. Being a part of the first ever E-Life prefect team was an honour and a privilege and I looked forward to developing such a new and exciting team.

**How has your role played out? How has this compared to how you felt it would getting started?**

C: I have thoroughly enjoyed my role this year! I believe that Tazman and I have done our best this year to run the E-Life prefects together. Tazman has been a great partner in crime. At the beginning of the year, I was unsure of what was going to come out of the E-Life prefects. I didn't picture me being the best person for the role. Now, I couldn't picture myself in any other role in the prefect team!

T: Being the first team of E-Life prefects, I thought it would be incredibly confusing with no pre-set traditions but after that initial bump, everything started to move smoothly and fall into place.

**What is one thing you wish that you had known starting out? What would you tell your past self?**

C: If I had believed people when they said that I didn't actually need to know how to use a computer, that would have saved a lot of stressing! Haha!

T: What was the expectation or purpose of the E-Life prefects. We as a team had to come up with the idea of what role the E-Life prefects help fulfill in the Whanganui High School. As for advice to my past self, probably just not to worry too much.

**What is the thing that you are most proud of?**

C: I am most proud of our effort as a group that we have put into creating a new prefect group. When we started the year we were given a blank canvas. I believe that (metaphorically) we have painted a really great picture on the canvas. We were able to create a platform for which future E-Life prefects to build on. We have achieved a lot that I am proud of.

T: The Anti-Cyberbullying events we held during Anti-Bullying Week. Between seeing everyone's days get brighter from getting random compliments to the support Whanganui High School had against Bullying, it really showed us just how great the Whanganui High School community is.

**What (lovely things) do you have to say about your prefects?**

C: My prefect group is honestly the most amazing group of Fuddy duds you will ever meet! I am so glad that I have been able to get to know every single person. They are beautiful people and have great leadership qualities about them. I wouldn't have been able to keep my head on straight this year without their support and help. I appreciate them so much. I want to say thank you to them from the bottom of my pink, squishy heart! #ELife4Life

T: Honestly, I could not have asked for a better team. Everyone worked so well together and had a critical role in making this team so successful. They don't know how thankful I am for their help and cooperation in making things run as smoothly as possible.

**What have you done throughout the year?**

C: Throughout the year we have been able to achieve heaps. We started the year off with presentations at parents evening and assemblies about safe digital use at Whanganui High School. As a part of the Smile Project at school, we made people's day with anonymous compliments using a microphone and speaker system. Kaleb and Tazman set up WHS's first ever League of Legends team. The team fought hard and managed to come eighth in New Zealand. We created informative and entertaining videos for our school YouTube Channel. The QR Code Scavenger Hunt gave students an opportunity for them to compete against each other. We were able to give out five different prizes to students and form classes, including our "Legend Award".

T: We have added videos to the Whanganui High School Youtube Channel including all of the individual acts from the Cultural Festival, held two events for Anti-Bullying week, and held a QR Code Scavenger Hunt.

**What advice would you give the next round of prefects for this year?**

C: Have fun! This is going to be a chance for you to get to know a bunch of new people around the school and community. Keep coming up with new ideas. Ideas fail sometimes. Just keep trying until something does work. Be creative with your ideas. As I said before, it is practically a blank canvas. Leave your mark. Also! Remember to take care of yourself. Year 13 is going to fly by in a blink of an eye. Don't stress too much. It isn't worth it.

T: Keep ahead of your subjects because you're going to be very busy next year and most of all, don't give up!

# E-SPORTS

BY RICHARD MARKS

The Wanganui High School E-Sports team is a brand new development that was created this year with the addition of the E-Life prefects. The team was proposed by Kaleb Llama-Love as part of the Digital Prefect Team, and received a large player base to try out in what was quite a competitive run of trials.

With the team now created, the playoffs began and in their first ever seasonal split WHS finished 8th in all of New Zealand out of over 60 teams. Come the second split in Term Three, a second team was created and the two teams began the round robin again. Currently nearing the end of the playoffs, the teams are making a name for themselves in the High School League.

With the addition of flat cash scholarships for competitors in the High School League and Pro Ace (short for Oceania) teams scoping out new additions to their teams, there has never been a better time to make an account and practise to be in the upcoming E-Sports teams.

The members of the teams are:

*Team One:*

*Joshua O'Mara Jackson, Kaleb Llama-love, Nathan Filer, Robbie Douglas, Isaac Peterson*

*Team Two:*

*Julian Brennan, Lachlan James, Alex Vinnell, Luke Forrester, Evan Ross*



# SENIOR DEBATING

BY ALISTER HUGHES

**AMONG THE SCHOOLS IN PALMERSTON NORTH AND WHANGANUI, THERE ARE NONE THAT HAVE A DEBATING LEGACY TO RIVAL WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL; NONE THAT HAVE CHURNED OUT AS MANY NATIONALLY RECOGNISED DEBATERS AS WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL. THIS YEAR WAS NO EXCEPTION WITH A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR SENIOR DEBATING AT WHS.**

The main event of senior debating for 2017 was the Central North Island Russell McVeagh Debating Championship, and for the first time in years, we were at home, debating at WHS, rather than driving to and from Palmerston North each day. While this did not aid in the attempt to bring the trophy home again, it allowed a number of impressive teams to take part. These ranged from our veterans Boston

Flanagan-Connors and Alister Hughes third and fourth Russell McVeagh regional competitions respectively; the second competition for Raoul Sarup; and the competition debut of promising younger teams comprised of a mixture of Year Eleven students, Emelye Brown and Abigail Martin and Year Ten students Katja Mokha, Aranga Molijn, Leah Aiono, and Callista Booth-Richards.

Despite the variety of experience, there was no difference in how much the teams enjoyed the competition. After the initial settling in period, getting used to the idea of speaking for up to 6 minutes just half an hour after being given topics - such as lowering the voter age, social and economic public policy, and even the idea of taxing sports teams - it became second nature. Though results were a mixed bag - not breaking into the top two teams to compete in the final was slightly disappointing for the debaters who would be saying goodbye to Whanganui High School at the end of this year - there is little doubt there will be success in the future. The experience gained for next year's teams was invaluable.

Though team results eluded us, Alister Hughes did have individual success, following in Gabrielle Penn's footsteps in being named the Best Speaker at the tournament, and going on to represent the Central North Island at the Russell McVeagh National Championships once more. Unfortunately, the CNI team - Alister, with two members from Palmerston North Girls' High School - came up





against an exceptionally tough draw in facing the team that would go on to win the competition, and then narrowly losing on two occasions to the team that would eventually finish as runners up of the tournament.

Despite this, debating motions such as 'This house would bestow the rights of personhood onto certain higher animals,' or 'This house believes that the USA should stop selling arms to Saudi Arabia,' led to a weekend of amazing memories and further success for WHS Debating. Alister was selected as a reserve for the New Zealand team which travelled to

Bali - placing him in the top eight school debaters in New Zealand - a testament to his debating roots at Whanganui High.

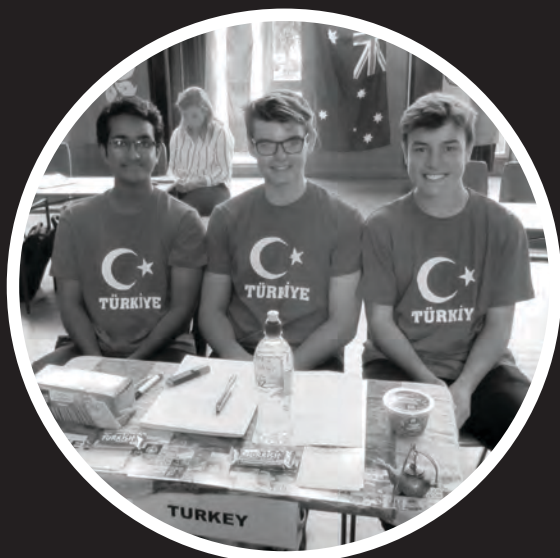
Debating, for those involved, soon becomes a part of Whanganui High School in such a way that it is not just a sport that they take part in, but it opens up an entire nationwide community of which we become a part. It is important to remember that no matter how well students do, it all starts with the commitment of two crucial people; Mr Miller and Mrs Hughes. Without them none of this would be possible, so a massive thank you must go to them.





# MODEL UNITED NATIONS

BY ALISTER HUGHES



**IT IS NOT OFTEN THAT STUDENTS IN WHANGANUI ARE FORCED TO CONSIDER ISSUES RANGING FROM NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT TO SUSTAINABLE TOURISM TO THE NECESSITY OF INTER-RELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE, BUT THE SENIOR MODEL UNITED NATIONS HELD THIS YEAR MADE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DO EXACTLY THAT.**

A group of over fifty students all gathered in the Whanganui Girls' College hall for the Annual Model United Nations General Assembly, where we were given an opportunity to represent different countries and their views as we discussed, dressed to impress, whipped up a storm in the kitchen to create some delicacy from our designated country and fought for our country's voice to be heard.

The day began with speeches introducing the countries and their delegates. These were filled with mandatory puns, questionable pronunciation of a whole host of languages and, in between all, obscure facts that will probably never be useful but are always impressive to drop into the conversation. Did you know that in Palestine the combination of three different religions means that the equivalent of Christmas is celebrated on three different days?

From there, we began debating the merits of nuclear disarmament. The diametrically opposed views from such a range of different countries made it interesting to see how different representatives would grapple with opposing views; in answer, they got to grips with it incredibly well. It was a topic that was always interesting, but has become



particularly topical as the year draws to a close with increased tensions between a number of key countries, showing just how important it is to discuss it. We broke for lunch, and with over twenty different countries bringing twenty different dishes from twenty different cultures, there was all the variety that you can imagine. From Oreo s'mores from the USA, to sushi from Japan, to hummus, pitas, and other toppings from the Middle Eastern block, there was something for everyone and all of it was delicious.

Finishing the day was an afternoon of debate on the topic of sustainable tourism, and while the debate in the morning was sublime, it took a turn towards the ridiculous, as many delegates were coming to terms with this being the last Model United Nations they would attend, so entered the hall determined to go out with a bang. There were declarations of war, offers of friendship and everything in between. It certainly was a memorable way to finish off what was, for some of us, our sixth regional Model United Nations.

Whanganui High School once again performed admirably, with a near clean sweep of the awards. Dylan Wilke, Cameron Allardice, and Raoul Sarup took away Best Dressed. Ali Gameter, Ben Power and Nanea Schurhammer were awarded the Best Delegation (Best Team). Clara Abel, Leila Collinson and Kaveh Safaei took Best Food and Alister Hughes finished off his eighth and final Model United Nations on a high as Overall Best Delegate.

Jackie Hazelhurst and Alister Hughes both went on to represent Ukraine and Iran respectively at the New Zealand Model United Nations; an event like no other. It has incredible guest speakers, workshops, committee sessions, General Assemblies, as well as dashes of controversy and clashes, all leading up to what - for members of UN+Youth is the highlight of the year's social calendar - the NZMUN Ball at Te Papa. I totally recommend getting involved in it. It is important to remember that no matter how well our students do, they wouldn't be able to do anything without the support of the teachers and this is why we need to thank Mrs Desmidt for all of the work she put in behind the scenes. We could not have done any of this without you.







**TOKARARANGI POA** winner of the *2017 Wallace Secondary Schools Art Award*  
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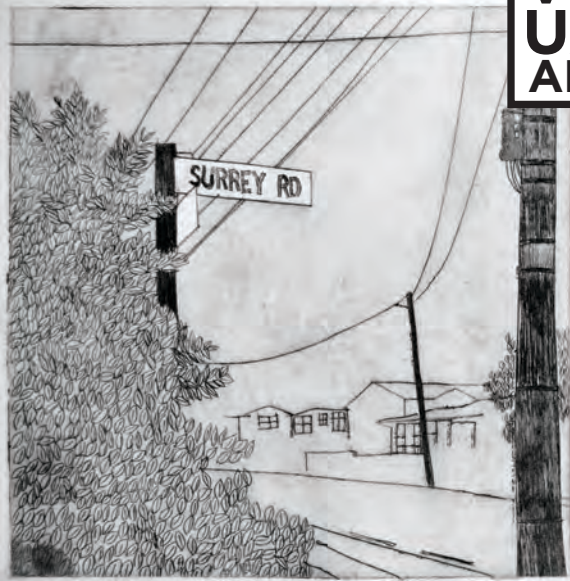


**LILY CLAYPOLE** finalist in the *2017 Wallace Secondary Schools Art Award*  
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# LEVEL TWO AND THREE HISTORY

Over the last few years, we have been celebrating the centenary of many of the shaping moments of New Zealand's history throughout the First World War. 2017 was no exception. July 31st this year marked the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle for Passchendaele; the days where more New Zealand blood was spilt in conflict than at any other time in history. It made it a particularly auspicious year to be studying History; a unique opportunity to study an event that, so often, is overlooked. This was set to change.

It was apparent that this had to be given the attention that it deserved throughout the year, and often it's said that the best way to study something is through full immersion. Usually with history, we cannot do this. Where can we travel to become fully immersed in another time? How can we transcend a century? Apparently, we can travel to Wellington and visit 'The Great War Exhibition' curated by Peter Jackson as a testament to the First World War and worked on by Weta Workshop. So, a group of year 12 and 13 students took a field trip to Wellington to visit this; guided around by one of the key members of the Museum Team, gaining incredible insight and understanding of everything that occurred a century ago. That same day we were also lucky enough to be taken through lectures by historians who have made this particular period of history - especially Passchendaele - their key area of study.

We finished the day with a commemorative ceremony at the National War Memorial in Wellington; beginning at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, before moving inside where Jackie Hazelhurst laid a wreath on behalf of our school and Alister Hughes recited the Ode to The Fallen. The atmosphere and solemnity of the occasion and surroundings, despite it being such a glorious day, reinforced just how important it is to remember the sacrifices made. It was an opportunity that we could have had nowhere else.

In conjunction with our studies on Passchendaele, we were also lucky enough to be visited by Professor Glynn Harper from Massey University, who is a leading authority and published author on the Battle of Passchendaele. He delivered a series of lectures and workshops over the course of the day for Level Two and Three students. They were invaluable.







# FOR THE love OF THE BARD

BY VINCENT COLLINS

**“TAKE EVERY  
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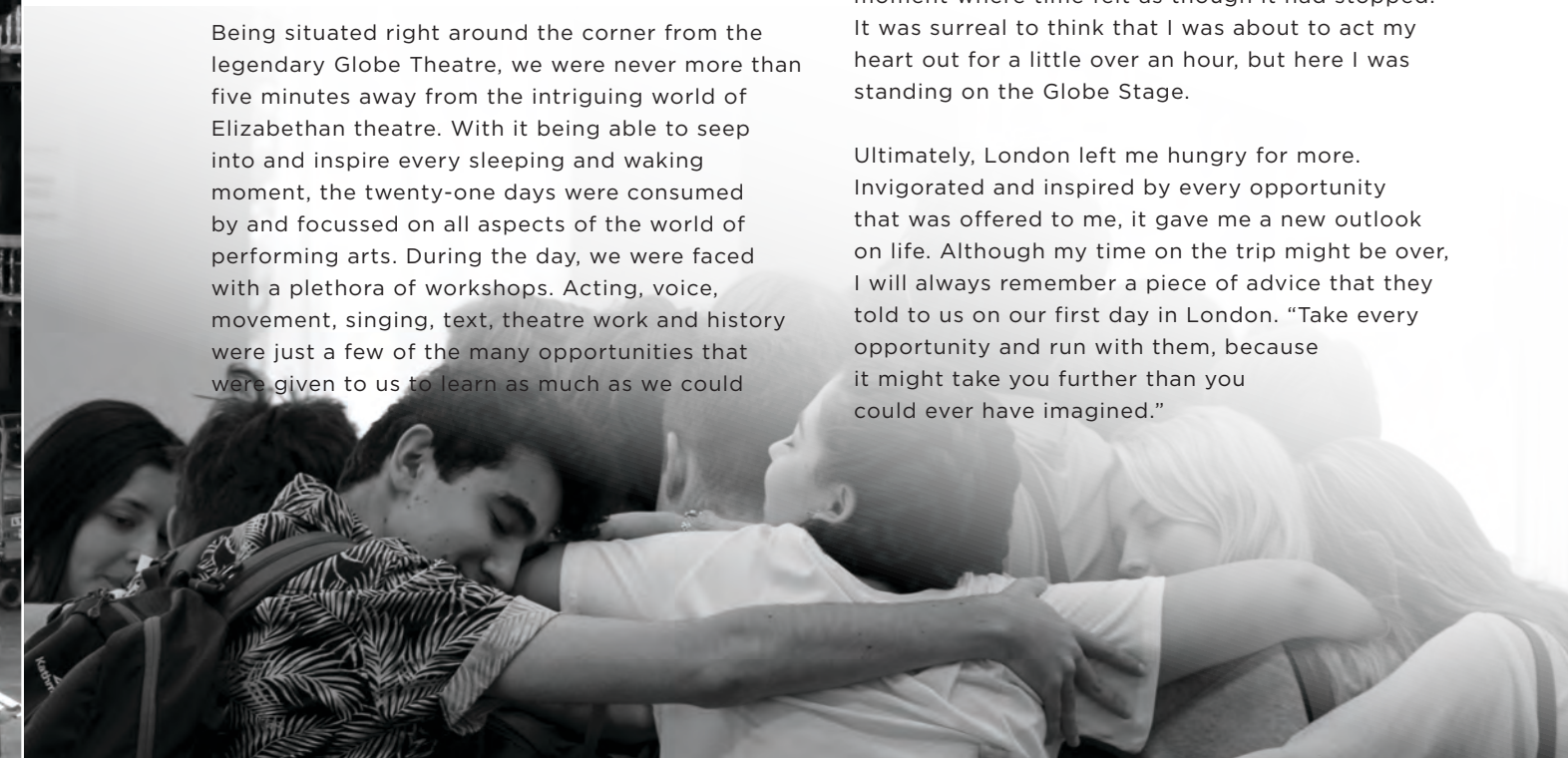
After being taken out of our comfort zone in hot, sweaty, humid Hong Kong, we were thrust into the world of Shakespeare. Being in the heart of London for three weeks, we lived and breathed the Bard's work. Although this might feel like torture for some students, it was a dream come true for me and twenty-three other New Zealand students in a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Being situated right around the corner from the legendary Globe Theatre, we were never more than five minutes away from the intriguing world of Elizabethan theatre. With it being able to seep into and inspire every sleeping and waking moment, the twenty-one days were consumed by and focussed on all aspects of the world of performing arts. During the day, we were faced with a plethora of workshops. Acting, voice, movement, singing, text, theatre work and history were just a few of the many opportunities that were given to us to learn as much as we could

on our short time abroad. With free time to discover the streets of London, we were able to find the nooks and crannies that were around every corner, and see the ways that Shakespeare has influenced modern day London. But at night we would see numerous performances in a variety of theatres; viewing plays both old and new; the good and the exceedingly excellent.

But when the time came to step onto the Globe stage and gaze out onto the theatre seats, seats that I had sat in only a few nights before, my heart skipped a beat. This was the stage where the likes of Stephen Fry and Eddie Redmayne had lived and breathed the Bard's work, and now to be trying to live up to that with a group of much-loved friends was almost other worldly. It was crazy to think that a little over a year ago, I was just at the beginning of what would be a long, yet worthwhile journey. But now, after all the hard work and passion that I had undertaken over the last eight months of extreme fundraising, I was glad to see that it had been leading up to this one moment; this one moment where time felt as though it had stopped. It was surreal to think that I was about to act my heart out for a little over an hour, but here I was standing on the Globe Stage.

Ultimately, London left me hungry for more. Invigorated and inspired by every opportunity that was offered to me, it gave me a new outlook on life. Although my time on the trip might be over, I will always remember a piece of advice that they told to us on our first day in London. "Take every opportunity and run with them, because it might take you further than you could ever have imagined."



# ACHIEVERS

## LIST 2017

Leila	Collinson	12SR	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, Senior Model United Nations – Best Food (Team Award)
Sam	Conley	13KR	WHS Academic Tie, Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, Head of Social
<b>Kohlt</b>	<b>Coveny</b>	<b>13CD</b>	<b>Rugby – Te Tini a Maui U18 Maori Rugby Representative Team, Rugby – NZ National Maori Camp, Rugby- Whanganui U18 Representative Team</b>
Ethan	Cox	10LB	Cross Country – WHS Junior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> , WSS Junior Boys 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Amelia	Cronin	10BW	Swimming – WSS Intermediate Girls 100m Freestyle 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 50m Butterfly 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 100m Individual Medley 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 100m Freestyle Relay Intermediate Girls Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup>
Pravinesh	Dayal	12SR	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade B
Oliver	Dennison	11HV	Motocross – Taranaki Secondary School MX Championship Overall Winners 1st
Joani	De Villiers	12ML	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, Senior Individual Peer Mentor
Kaya	Dobbie	12SR	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
Abishai	Dohare	12WA	DUB.DEE.SEE Youth Award 2017 Belton, Smith & Associates Ltd Whanganui Arts Review Regional Art Competition
Elly	Douglas	13KR	WHS Excellence Tie, Head of Individual Peer Mentoring
Chynna	Dykstra	13RT	WHS Centurion
Paige	Dykstra	13LW	WHS Centurion, WHS Excellence Tie
<b>Storm</b>	<b>Elkenhans</b>	<b>12SR</b>	<b>WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, Individual Peer Mentor, Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award - Silver</b>
Boston	Flanagan-Connors	13KR	WHS Centurion – Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie, Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative
Alex	Forlong	12SR	Swimming – Wellington Long Course Championship 15yo 100m Butterfly 8 <sup>th</sup> , 200m Butterfly 4 <sup>th</sup> , 400m Individual Medley 4 <sup>th</sup> , Div 2 National Championship 200m Butterfly 1 <sup>st</sup> , 400m Individual Medley 1 <sup>st</sup> , 200m Backstroke 4 <sup>th</sup> , 400m Freestyle 7 <sup>th</sup> , 200m Individual Medley 5 <sup>th</sup> , 800m Freestyle 5 <sup>th</sup> , Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade B, Swimming – WSS Intermediate Girls 50m Butterfly 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 100m Freestyle Intermediate Girls Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup> , WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
Emma	Forrester	9SM	Athletics – WSS High Jump 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Luke	Forrester	12SR	Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade A, WHS Academic Tie
Katie	Foster	10BW	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship U16 K4 200m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 500m 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Michael	Franklin-Browne	Staff	Chamber Music – Regional Competition 'The Ruffs' Composer KBB Award for Excellence in Wind, Brass or Percussion
Caitlyn	Friedel	13KH	WHS Centurion – Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie, Head of E-Life



Nusr	Ghamri	13KR	WHS Centurion – Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie, Deputy Head Boy, Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition- Senior Short Film Category 1st (Director)
Blair	Gowan	9PR	Swimming – WHS Championship Junior Boys 50m Breaststroke (WHS Record), Swimming – WSS Junior Boys 100m Breaststroke 1 <sup>st</sup> , 50m Freestyle 1 <sup>st</sup> , 50m Breaststroke 1 <sup>st</sup> , Boys Junior 100m Freestyle Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup> , Cross Country – WHS Y9 Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> , WSS Y9 Boys 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall
Phoenix	Grammaticogiannis	9RS	Swimming – WSS Junior Boys 100m Freestyle 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 50m Butterfly 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 100m Individual Medley 1 <sup>st</sup> , Boys Junior 100m Freestyle Relay Team 1st
<b>Ryan</b>	<b>Gray</b>	<b>13KR</b>	WHS Excellence Tie, Hockey – Central U18 Men's Team, Head of Sport, Hockey – <b>National U18 Tournament 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hockey – NZ U18 Development Camp</b>
Brenna	Hadley	13KR	WHS Excellence Tie, DELF French Language Certificate – B1 Grade, Head of Culture, Chamber Music – Regional Competition 'Trio Lane' Highly Commended, 'Sophie's Choice' Best Performance of a NZ Work
Tiaho	Hamahona Taiaroa	12GM	Rugby League – NZ U16 Squad
Samantha	Harrison	13CD	WHS Centurion, WHS Excellence Tie
Sarah	Hatcher	12HT	NZ Chefs Regional Competition – Creative Cupcake 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Jackie</b>	<b>Hazelhurst</b>	<b>13KR</b>	NZ Chemistry Olympiad Exam – Participation, Cambridge Mathematics AS Exam – Grade B, WHS Centurion – Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie, Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, London International Youth Science Forum in Cern, Switzerland, International School of Asia, Karuizawa United World College, Head Girl, Rugby – <b>Whanganui U15 Championship - Winners</b>
<b>Tom</b>	<b>Healy</b>	<b>13LW</b>	WHS Centurion, Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition- Senior Short Film Category 1st (Participant), Rugby- <b>Whanganui U18 Representative Team</b>
<b>Emma</b>	<b>Henare</b>	<b>9RI</b>	Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition- Senior Short Film Category 1st (Participant), WHS <b>Year 9 Speech Competition 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Carlos	Hill	9LJ	Softball – Whanganui U15 Boys Representative National & Central Region, U13 Central Region Teams
<b>Matt</b>	<b>Hirini</b>	<b>13CT</b>	NZ Chefs Regional Competition - Cheesecake Merit, Café Style Breakfast Hot Kitchen Silver, Class Winner, NZ <b>Chef's National Beef and Lamb College Challenge 2nd, National SS Culinary Challenge 1st</b>
Michael	Hiroti	12ML	Swimming – Div 2 National Championship 50m Butterfly 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 100m Individual Medley 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 200m Fly 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 100m Fly 4 <sup>th</sup> , 100m Freestyle 7 <sup>th</sup> , Swimming – WSS Senior Boys 100m Freestyle 1 <sup>st</sup> , 50m Butterfly 1 <sup>st</sup> , 100m Individual Medley 1 <sup>st</sup> , 100m Freestyle Senior Boys Relay Team 1st
Feyth	Hogan	10BH	Swimming – WSS 100m Freestyle Relay Senior Girls 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Netball – U15C Whanganui Representative Team



# ELAINE P. SNOWDEN ASTRONOMY SCHOOL

**THE UNIVERSITY  
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WRITTEN BY JESSE SATHERLEY







“ **WE WERE CHOSEN ON THE BASIS OF OUR PASSION FOR ASTRONOMY AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS** ”

Not many of you would have gone to school during the Easter/school holidays, but one of the talented students from Whanganui High School did. It was not our school - not even in the same city or on the same island.

I was merely one of twenty year 12/13 students from New Zealand selected from over one hundred applicants to take part in the course run by the Elaine P. Snowden Astronomy School. We were chosen on the basis of our passion for astronomy and academic achievements. Upon being selected I went down to Christchurch between the 18th and 23rd of April to spend six days as a 'temporary' astronomy student at the University of Canterbury. Being hosted by the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, I got some insight into my future years of study. The sponsor, Michael Snowden, named the school in memory of his mother.

Basically, the trip was about astronomy. In a more broad sense, about what stars are made of and their so called 'music'(asteroseismology), extrasolar planets, gravitational microlensing, the universe, its scale, observing it, and more.

The other participants and I spent four days on the

University of Canterbury's campus, attending interesting lectures, exciting workshops, and informative tours. We also had the chance to construct a refractor telescope, examine atomic emission spectra, and, as many of the others did, enjoy a late night 'Maccas' run.

This was followed by two nights at the Mount John Observatory near Tekapo. The Mount John Observatory is home to five large telescopes, of which I got to operate the 1-metre McLellan Telescope and the 0.6-metre Boller & Chivens Telescope. I used them to observe nebulae, like the Tarantula Nebula, Cat's Paw Nebula, and Crab Nebula. Both nights had less than desirable temperatures, requiring me to wear at least four layers of clothing, yet the view was beyond "stellar". As an added bonus we enjoyed the Digital Dome Planetarium near Mt Cook.

I took many things away from this trip, not only an amazing experience and great friendships built with like-minded people but a more developed passion for astronomy and science (plus a free t-shirt and cap).

Official video posted by UC Science:  
<https://youtu.be/OgRT2J1z31c>







# *Happy Retirement:*

# CLAIRE O'CONNOR

## WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

### 1976 TO 2017

[ WITH YEARS OFF FOR "GOOD  
BEHAVIOUR" IN BETWEEN ]

Claire O'Connor (nee Briasco), Mrs O'Connor code OR to most of you, was born in October 1952 in the town of Milton, Otago. Milton was a place that had/has never heard of global warming. You could (and probably still can) put your washing on the line in winter to dry and have it on the clothesline still frozen solid two days later.

Fortunately for Claire and her older brother, her father obtained a position at Napier Boys High when she was two. However, her taste for adventure and 'overseas' travel was fired by regular family visits to her mother's parents on the overnight interisland ferry that ran from Wellington to Christchurch. It was further embedded by a Girls' Brigade trip to Singapore towards the end of her time at Colenso. Her interest in tramping was inspired by her father, who tramped in the Southern Alps while at Otago University. Edmund Hillary's climb of Everest in 1953 saw a surge in interest in the outdoors and Claire followed her father into multi day trips in the Kawekas while they were both at Colenso High School. She met her husband at Massey University in the early seventies and married in 1973. They headed off around the world in February 1976, after completing their Science degrees and Teaching Diplomas and having worked for a year at Kuranui College, Greytown to bankroll their trip. They flew to Singapore, then by road and rail through Malaysia and Thailand, flying over Burma because it was in one of its ongoing civil wars. They arrived in Kathmandu to trek for two weeks in the Himalayas. Back from the trek they caught a bus to Delhi, India and then a train to Peshawa, Pakistan. They hitchhiked through Afghanistan, then it was back to buses for the trip through Iran and Turkey. A boat trip to Corfu and another to Brindisi, Italy was followed by more hitchhiking, a train through France and yet another boat ride to England.

England, Wales and Southern Ireland were explored by bicycle before returning to New Zealand in August 1976. While visiting relatives in Whanganui,

they were informed that there were two vacancies for science teachers at Whanganui High School. They went and saw the principal, Mort Fountain and started teaching at the start of Term Three. (Schools were still on a three-term year).

Claire's first trip to the High School Lupton Hut was in the winter of 1977. She took time out to have a family 1978 - 1982, although the children were introduced to the hut and tramping as soon as they could walk. 1983/4 saw a leave of absence from High School while her husband taught at Tonga High School in Nuku'alofa.

Returning to Whanganui in 1985 saw Claire doing relief teaching at various schools in Whanganui and going on the odd tramp with the Whanganui High School Tramping Club. She returned to Whanganui High staff in the late 1990's teaching Mathematics and Human Biology and moved fully into Mathematics a short time later. A key member of the High School Tramping Club, she helped organise multiday end of year trips to Nelson Lakes, Abel Tasman, St James Walkway, round Ruapehu, Kaweka and many day and overnight trips to Ruapehu, the Ruahines and Tararuas. She oversaw Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions and became the Award Co-ordinator for Whanganui High School, with many hundreds of students getting Bronze and Silver Awards and at least 78 getting Gold Level Awards. Yearly visits to Government House became the norm and she even managed to get her own older children presented by the Duke of Edinburgh himself!! It is not every family that can say this or that all of their children achieved the Gold Standard. Claire developed the CNZ course for Robert





Lakeland in the early 2000's which saw students from Germany and other countries around the world gain a knowledge of New Zealand flora and fauna as well as develop outdoor skills both on land and water. The highlight of their six-month course was always the Tongariro Crossing.

Claire took over supervision and maintenance of Lupton Hut in 1999 when her husband left High School to become Educator at Bushy Park, and continues in that role to this day. She was instrumental in installing the vault toilet and new inbuilt fire.

**“ WHILE THE HUT IS FIFTY YEARS OLD, CLAIRE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH IT FOR OVER FORTY YEARS AND THE TRIPS SHE HAS TAKEN TO IT NUMBER IN THE HUNDREDS. ”**





*Tribute to:*

# CLAIRE O'CONNOR

*from WHS staff past and present*

## *Duke of Edinburgh Tribute*

It is an honour to write about a legend at Whanganui High School, the champion of the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Awards. The international award is a coordinated programme of service and achievement involving the development of skills, sports, voluntary service and adventurous journeys. Claire has freely given of her own time for many years to support students to achieve their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

In 2006 Claire had a conversation with me about Duke of Edinburgh's award and told me that all four of her children had completed the Gold award. My eldest daughter Sophia had just started High School in year 9. We decided that the next whanau to match that record would be the Collinson girls. The challenge was to get all four of the girls' names up on the Gold D of E

Honours board in the library to join her own four children's names before Claire retired.

The challenge was tougher than we expected but Claire was equal to it and managed to see them all through to the end!

Here are some memories made by Sophia (2010 Gold) Aysha (2012 Gold) Zara (2017) and Leila (due to complete Gold 2018):

"Literally nothing in this world phases Mrs O'Connor ever. You could be in the middle of a hurricane and she'd always put safety first, but be so relaxed about it like "come on girls, hurry up!. I'm feeling peckish and it's a bit windy!!"

"Loved the card games"

"She is great at Phase 10"

"She pushed me to my limits"

"Definitely happier walking around the mountain (Ruapehu) rather than canoeing the Whanganui River!"

"She walks fast"

"She beat us to the hut by miles and had already set up the gas cooker, boiled the water and was having a cup of tea!"

"She's like a mountain goat. Friendly but firm. We needed someone to push us forward and without her we might not have had the drive to carry on."

"She is supportive and keeps us on track".

Claire has an open mindset in terms of doing the Whanganui River and Abel Tasman. She was just always great fun to go away with. She had a great sense of service to others, especially kids doing the Duke of Ed. She puts us all to shame with her fitness and perseverance. She did teach me it is worth the extra half an hour to go to a lookout and there is more to tramping than just getting to the hut as fast as you can.

*Steve Kiesanowski*

I met Claire when I started at WHS four weeks before the end of the year, 21 years ago. Within a week she was off tramping with a group of students and I was teaching her classes. Taking kids tramping is something Claire has done hundreds of times over her teaching career. So much giving to so many people. Claire tried really hard to get me up the mountain but I'm afraid I am an abject failure at the outdoors stuff. Claire is a kind-hearted, generous and valued colleague and friend. I will miss "chewing the fat" with you Claire. Enjoy your well earned retirement.

*Helen Pedersen*

"She always points out interesting birds, flora and fauna. Very knowledgeable about the environment!"  
"Don't leave rubbish!"

We are so grateful for the support and skills that Claire has given our children to take them into the great New Zealand outdoors. She is a fine example of a woman who can survive and overcome the mental and physical challenges of tramping anywhere in NZ.

Claire deserves a 'super' Gold Award for all the students she has given her time and expertise to realise the potential they didn't know they had at the start but found by the end of their journey. I am sure there is a great feeling of satisfaction that the moment has finally come and that all the hard work and time spent has paid off.

We will miss you Claire! your reputation and standards are worthy of gold - you are a legend. Thank you and we wish you the very best for the next chapter, no doubt that will be somewhere in the outdoors!

*Jabeena Khalique*



Claire has always been an excellent role model for students, and staff alike! Her years of commitment and can do attitude are something to admire and she will be sorely missed by the school. On my first few trips away with Claire I was hugely apprehensive, but needn't have been, Claire was hugely supportive and was never short of something to talk about. I will always remember fondly the amazing trip me and Claire took a group of kids on to the Nelson Lakes in South Island, on a 9 day epic, where Claire performed like a twenty year old putting the rest of us to shame!

*Steve Mackrell*



I would like to thank Claire for her dedication and commitment to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme, at Whanganui High School. Both of my children have taken the opportunity to work through Bronze, Silver and Gold levels of the award. This has enabled them to participate in activities that have given them confidence to try new challenges, and develop skills and values, which will take them into their adult lives. They have both gained an appreciation of the wonderful environment around them, through their tramping and canoeing experiences, and have learnt from Claire's vast knowledge and experience. It is very much appreciated that Claire has devoted so much of her personal time to the organisation and supervision of this programme.

On a personal note, I will miss her friendship and conversations in the staffroom. I wish her the very best for her future beyond Whanganui High School.

*Susan Hughes*



I met Claire in my first year teaching at WHS. I was a part of a Duke of Ed trip up Mount Ruapehu. My first impression of Claire was her gentle nature and quick wit. She was very organised and had a 'she'll be right' attitude which I enjoyed. She had an obvious love for the outdoors and her confidence was infectious. When all turned to custard and I buggered my ankle on the mountain, she was a voice of calm and kept the atmosphere light, I was in safe hands. I will treasure my conversations with Claire, and even though I only spent limited time with her, she has made a lasting impression. All the best Claire & Terry.

*Mrs Bridget Rison*

If I had the opportunity of awarding someone a national honour for service to making New Zealand better, Claire would be my first choice. The number of students whose lives have been made richer by spending time with Claire in New Zealand's great outdoors is massive. She is a fountain of knowledge and experience that has been unreservedly shared, together with an incalculable amount of her time given to others. I would have no hesitation in seeing any of my children going on an expedition with Claire and that would be the biggest compliment I could give.

*Pete Coombs*

Claire has just retired as a Teacher of Mathematics and Chemistry at Whanganui High School for over three decades yet she left her greatest mark outside the classroom.

Claire lead the school tramping club and was an Award Leader of the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Scheme for generations of students at Whanganui High School. Through the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award many of our students began their journey of personal discovery and growth through service to the community, skills and safety in the outdoors and embarked upon multiday outdoor education journeys.

Twenty years ago, when German students started coming to Whanganui High School wanting to enjoy outdoor education, Claire was a natural person to take on this challenge. These students studied and practiced safety in tramping, high-ropes, mountain biking, sailing and kayaking. They were also required to study and practice ecology. Claire's students worked at Bushy Park and on dune recovery projects.

Many international students described their best experience in Whanganui as their outdoor education classes with Claire and we used these experiences to attract more students to Whanganui.

There are very few teachers who have left such a positive experience in the lives of so many students as Claire has with her education efforts outside the classroom.

*Robert Lakeland*  
*Former International Director*

*Thanks to Claire*

When I started at WHS over 15 years ago it wasn't long until Claire encouraged me to join the school tramping club and that was the beginning of a fantastic journey. Next, I was involved in the local Mountain Safety committee and then trained to lead many school trips. Claire's passion for tramping and the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary's Award was infectious and she was certainly always on the lookout for new recruits. Over the past 15 years I have had the privilege of spending many hours and days with Claire tramping the Mountains and hills of our wonderful country. All trips were organised and run with extreme efficiency in the "old school" way, not cellphones and other electronic vices. We often solved many of the world's issues deep in Mt Ruapehu bush and she was a great support. Claire is genuine, down to earth and an inspiration and she will be greatly missed from WHS and the D of E community. I am certainly very grateful that she encourages me to be involved.

*Craig Adam*





# INTERVIEW WITH **CLAIRE O'CONNOR**

## **1) How many years have you been at Whanganui High school?**

Lots. My husband and I arrived in August 1976 when we returned to NZ after spending eight months travelling overland to England. I taught at WHS for 1.25 years as a Science and Mathematics teacher before stopping to have our family of 4 children. I came back in 1996 to teach part time and have continued until 2017.

## **2) What has been your role been in Whanganui High School?**

I have been a permanent part time teacher of Mathematics with responsibility for the MAG2 and MAG3 courses. I have been in charge of the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award programme at WHS and also Lupton Hut on Mt Ruapehu and the school tramping club. I also developed and taught the Conservation New Zealand course for the non-NCEA International students.

## **3) What is the best part of your job?**

The best part of the job has been the extracurricular activities that I have been involved in. The tramping trips and the D of E Hillary Award expeditions have enabled me to take students away for 4-8 days to Mt Ruapehu, Mt Taranaki, Ruahines, Tararua, Nelson Lakes, Abel Tasman, and the Whanganui River. It was during these trips away we could get to know students really well and build positive relationships.

I have also really enjoyed going down to Government House each year for the Gold Award ceremonies. It has been great seeing so many of our WHS students receiving such a prestigious award after all their hard work.

## **4) What are your future plans? Where are you going next year?**

Next year we plan on visiting our children and grandchildren in Nelson, Lawrence and Napier at times other than school holidays. I will probably do some gardening and read some books. Riding an e-bike around the South Island sounds like fun.

## **5) What will you miss the most about WHS?**

I will miss the contact with the students and the staff. I will also miss getting up in the morning and walking to school. I am going from a very structured life to an unstructured life.

## **6) What is your favourite memory from your time at WHS?**

I remember the very first Year 10 Maths class here when I started in 1976. It was a very bright class of students who said on our very first lesson "we have got rid of three Maths teachers so far this year, how long will you last?" I don't think they would have ever thought I would still be here in 2017. You can ask Mr Ireton because he was one of the pupils in that class.

## **7) What inspired you to become a teacher?**

My father must have had an influence on my becoming a teacher. He was a Science teacher who went on to be a Deputy Principal and then a Principal. My elder brother and younger sister became primary school teachers and my younger brother and I became secondary school teachers. Perhaps teaching was in the blood.

## **8) What was your dream job as a child?**

I had intended on being an Occupational Therapist because I really enjoyed sewing and knitting and making craft items. Other people didn't seem to have the same enthusiasm for the occupation and said, "You can do better than just making bunnies". I must have been swayed by people who didn't really understand what the job entailed.

## **9) Anything you would like to add.**

I have really enjoyed my long association with WHS and wish staff and students all the best for the future developments in the school.



## *Darkness*

*The sky lights up,  
stars shining  
bringing brightness  
to the world,  
the country,  
the city,  
the people,  
the creatures.*

*Surrounding the stars  
is darkness  
blanketing,  
contrasting  
the golden specks.*

*The day is forgotten  
as everyone rests  
peacefully.  
Memories  
stored safely  
at the back of your mind.*

*Into the night that calms  
like a mother saying  
“Night is here  
close your eyes  
and breath”.*

BY KERA FORREST

## No light shines through anymore

No light shines through anymore,  
The trees are overgrown,  
Blocking out the hope,  
The warmth,  
The wind,  
The air,  
The darkness overrules.

But in the darkness,  
Shadows move:  
Ravens caw,  
Silhouettes run,  
And in it's own way, it is alive.

Once it used to be beautiful,  
Like a painting,  
Artistic and unreal.  
The sun would weave its way,  
Through the leaves,  
Like a person would, through a crowd.

Brightening everything,  
Releasing out the hope,  
The warmth,  
The wind,  
The air.

“It's not safe here anymore,  
But they still live here,  
They still can breathe, run and sing”.

BY JEFFREY LIN



# DUKE OF ED

GOLD

BY ALISTER HUGHES

## *Duke of Edinburgh Gold*

If you'd told us five years ago, as we set out on our first Duke of Edinburgh expedition up the mountain, that we would be canoeing over 145km from Taumaranui to Pipiriki over the course of four days, we might have laughed at you. It seems such a long time ago that we started on this journey, but for those of us on the 2017 Whanganui River Trip, it was the last time we would be doing something like this with the school.

### *Day One: Taumaranui to Poukaria*

Our first day on the water began with an early start so we could shuttle to our starting point at Taumaranui where we would begin this epic journey, and it was certainly a day to remember. This was a day of thrill seeking as most of us had not spent any prolonged time on the river and so we spent most of the morning chasing any rapids we could find. I'm not sure how many times the question, 'At the rock, or around it?' was answered with a laugh and a direction to head straight for it. It was a mixture of the novelty and gorgeous weather that had been brought out for us, but this kept us busy for most of the morning until we finally got what we deserved, ending up with an involuntary swim. This was when we decided that, actually, rapid chasing mightn't be the wisest plan if we wanted to get anywhere; especially with 35.5km to get through over the course of the day.





and a cold river beckoning there was really only one option. We spent most of the evening swimming and chasing the sun for as long as we could, before eventually calling it quits and cooking up a storm for whatever was on the menu that night. We ended up turning in relatively early; this was only the first night of a long trip after all.


#### ***Day Two: Poukaria to Ohauora***

Where yesterday had turned out beautiful blue skies and a baking sun, today's weather was decidedly average; even if it was pleasant enough. Maybe it was the knowledge that we had over 47km to get through that day, or that it would take decidedly longer to dry off if we did end up in the water, or that we were starting to feel the effects of yesterday on our muscles, but we had a much more subdued start to this day's paddle.

This just turned into a long day with little else to do but keep paddling, and paddling, and paddling, before paddling some more. The long periods of slow water made for tough progress, but they also let us appreciate some of the most beautiful scenery that we had ever seen. The drop scene and serenity of it all were just ways to escape into the moment, away from everything that was waiting for us at home. We passed the hours, sometimes chatting, sometimes not - always paddling - just embracing the moment and before long the day had whiled away and we realised that we were much closer to the campsite than we would have thought. We soon pulled into Ohauora Campsite, our second home of the trip.

That evening was much colder than the night before, and perhaps that was why most of the sane people on our trip forwent the evening swim after pitching tents and setting up camp for the night; Jackie and I still braved it though. Crazy enough to swim and continue the tradition that we started on our last tramp - the Queen Charlotte Track - where we swam every night, whatever the weather. It's surprising how invested you can be in making small talk when it is the only chance of distracting you from the freezing water that you're about to be diving into.

Despite this interruption, it turned into a remarkably relaxing night. We went through the now familiar motions of cooking dinner on camp stoves and saving any hot water left over for drinks after dinner, before spending the night comparing notes with our guide on everywhere we had visited, and just getting to know anyone that we were spending the next few days with that we mightn't have known before now; not that any of us were really strangers after being on at least one tramp at some point or other with them. It was one of those nights that you see in movies, with everyone sitting around chatting with torches and hot drinks, before crawling into tents; one that sums up the Duke of Edinburgh experience.



**“ THAT NIGHT, KNOWING WE WEREN'T GOING TO HAVE THAT MUCH TO GET THROUGH THE NEXT DAY, WE TOOK OUR TIME SETTING UP TENTS AND MAKING OUR LAST DINNER ON DUKE OF EDINBURGH, SHARING MEMORIES AND HAVING A LAUGH. IT WAS SLIGHTLY BITTERSWEET, KNOWING THAT WE WEREN'T GOING TO HAVE AN EXPERIENCE LIKE THIS AGAIN, ... ”**





### **Day Three: Ohauora to Tieke**

The third day's paddling was much the same as before; a mixture of rapids and still water. Paddling and drifting. Chatting and not. We finally seemed to have paddling down pat, making good time, and getting through the day's landmarks in reasonable time. It was a reasonable day, though the coldest that we had had since starting the trip.

Part way through the day we took a pit stop at the Bridge to Nowhere - the iconic Whanganui walk that none of us had done before - where we took the chance to stretch the legs after finally making it onto solid ground. There was a small hitch in the plans as a couple of us sank into the thigh deep mud upon getting out of the canoes which left us in the dilemma of where, exactly, to beach the canoes to get out; but hey, it's got to have been good for our skin right?

After the walk, we just kept going. Alternating between chatting or enjoying the scenery or bickering or chatting or bickering, but all the while paddling and making pretty good time to get to the final stop of our Duke of Edinburgh career at Tieke campsite. Here, after we had all had a quick dip in the river, we were treated to a powhiri and welcomed onto the campsite marae by the warden. We then shared our experiences with a mixture of people from China, the Netherlands and the UK.

That night, knowing we weren't going to have that much to get through the next day, we took our time setting up tents and making our last dinner on Duke of Edinburgh, sharing memories and having a laugh. It was slightly bittersweet, knowing that we weren't going to have an experience like this again,

but it was still an incredible night. Stargazing; making the most of the incredibly clear night that had come out for us before, once again, crawling into our tents sometime early that morning.

### **Final Day: Tieke to Home (via Pipiriki)**

There wasn't much fuss that day. We went through the now familiar motions of packing our tents and loading the canoes, before getting onto the water for the final leg of the day. We loved every moment of it, glad to be heading home, but also not quite ready to be going home to normality.

This was the day that had been built up for us. We were set to face the biggest rapid of the trip, so excited, but also slightly apprehensive, we made our way to the final bend. Prepared now, both physically and emotionally. But, with the water levels not quite what it needed to be, the 'mega rapid' was turned into 'slightly quicker water than usual,' not properly showing. So slightly gutted, (but also, I think, a little bit glad to be staying dry) we made it to the boat ramp to beach our canoes for the last time, and unload them as we waited for our shuttle.

It was strange that night, being so glad to be home, but just not quite ready to say goodbye to the river. There is something about its ability to wash everything else away and let us forget anything and everything that was quite magical. However it did it, it was an experience that we were all so glad to make the last, and best, of many memories of the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions at Whanganui High School. It remains to say a big thank you to Mr Adams for everything that he did over the course of that trip and for putting up with us over those four days.





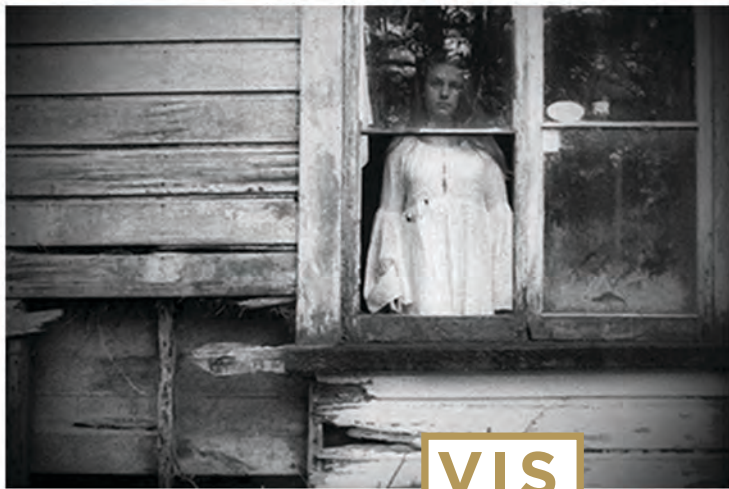
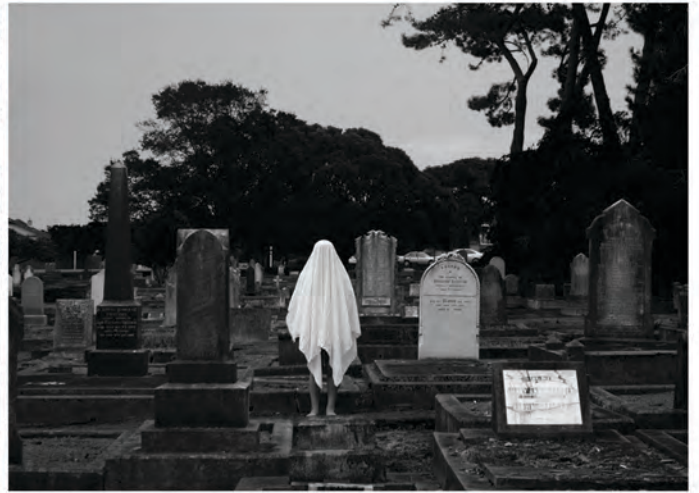
# THERE IS NO BOND MORE SACRED THAN THAT BETWEEN A READER AND THEIR BOOKSHELF

BY ALISTER HUGHES

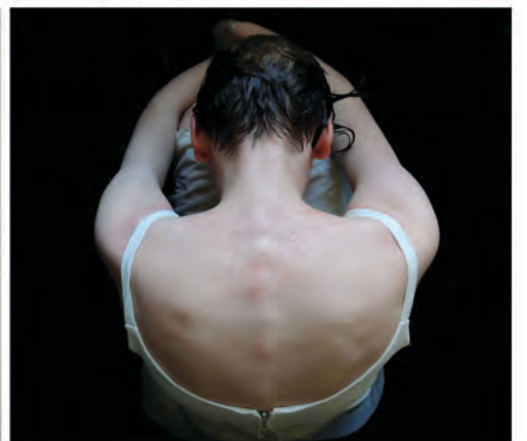
Someone once told me,  
That they liked stories, but then asked,  
'What is the point in reading?'  
'I mean really,' they said,  
'Is it worth the effort?'  
It was in that moment that I realised  
There is a difference between  
Someone who reads  
And a reader.  
To a reader,  
That act of beginning unlocks something  
Waiting to be opened with  
The cracking of a spine,  
The turning of a page,  
The tangibility of paper.  
It is something that is put away again,  
Easy to reach for,  
When a break is needed,  
And then stored with delicacy,  
Between books.  
See, to a reader,  
It is not casual,  
It is natural.  
Picking up a book brings a promise.  
Putting it down, a farewell.  
They will finish it and  
Leave it somewhere,  
Yet take it with them  
Everywhere  
There is no bond more sacred than  
that between a reader and their bookshelf.  
It holds everywhere they have been,  
The worlds,  
The times,  
The countries,  
It holds the loves,  
Worlds in themselves into which they have fallen,  
Knowing that if they fall  
Too far  
Too fast  
Too dangerously,  
They will have a parachute of page and ink.  
It holds the loves,  
The first love,  
The longest love,  
The loves that will not leave you,  
That you cannot leave behind.  
I could not leave her behind.  
We laughed, and we loved,  
We cried, and we read, and



I bought her, A House at Pooh Corner  
So she would always have a home to go back to,  
Even on the loneliest days.  
She bought me, Le Petit Prince,  
So I would always dream,  
Even on the darkest nights.  
When I read it,  
Is not Antoine De Saint's voice that  
Rings in my ears.  
It is hers.  
It is not his story,  
It is ours.  
The shelf holds the books,  
And the books hold two stories,  
One from the writer,  
It is the one we all get, but also  
One from us.  
There is no second story alike,  
It is unique  
To each reader.  
On the darkest nights  
When she seems so far away,  
And I wonder who I was to love her -  
I read of a small boy and his rose,  
how it did not last forever  
but was beautiful in its limitation -  
And I wonder who I would have been not to.  
I like to think,  
She knows.  
I like to think  
When she slips,  
Unbidden,  
Into my thoughts  
She is reading of  
Edward Bear,  
Coming down the stairs,  
Loving hunny,  
And a head full of fluff.  
I like to think,  
Even though we have moved on to different chapters,  
And we will add more books to our shelves.  
Buy more for others,  
And have more bought for us,  
With more loves and fresh heartbreaks,  
There will always be a place,  
On the bookshelf,  
For us.



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# DUKE OF ED

SILVER

BY RHEA COLAABAVALA  
& LEILA COLLINSON

## QUEEN CHARLOTTE TRACK

### ***Duke of Edinburgh Gold***

#### ***Day 1 - 4th December (4.5km)***

Today we had an early start at 6am. We left our Camp Elsdon cabins in Porirua at 7:15 a.m ready to leave for the interislander ferry. After taking some pictures and checking in our packs, we boarded the ferry and began to explore. After taking more photos on the top deck, a group of us relocated to the cafe and had some hot drinks. We then spent some time in Picton and boarded the mail boat to head to Ship's Cove. We stayed on the top deck and the journey was amazing. We also stopped at Otua Island for a walk and saw lots of wildlife such as native birds, skinks and my personal favourite - blue penguins. Once we reached Ship's Cove we walked for one and a half hours to Schoolhouse Bay Campsite. After all the excitement of putting up our tents (the ground was very hard so we struggled to put the pegs in!), some people decided to brave the icy cold water but we decided to have a hot chocolate instead.

#### ***Day 2 - 5th December (22km)***

Today it was really lovely to wake up to the beautiful view of the water right outside our tents. Our walking group was the first to leave Schoolhouse Bay Campsite at 7:10 a.m. We then had quite an up and down walk to Furneaux Lodge. We sat on the lawn and had some lunch. We then had a look

around the lodge, ordered some food (chips and iced chocolate) and spoke to the Dutch owners. They told us their tips for the track ahead and shared some interesting stories with us. Then we set off again. The walk started off well as by then we had fully woken up and my muscles had warmed up. However, after a while the pressure and the friction of our boots began to REALLY hurt my feet. We tried to brave the pain but when we were one hour away from the campsite, we had to stop to tape our feet. As we were walking, we came across many lodges with spas and tourists having a relaxing holiday but we had to push onwards to our home for the next few nights... tents. Once we reached Camp Bay, we quickly got changed, had a very refreshing swim and had lots of fun jumping off the jetty! There was lots of aquatic life such as starfish, sea urchins and jellyfish. We then went back and heated up our Back Country meals for dinner - this time they were quite good as we didn't add as much water.

#### ***Day 3 - 6th December (23km)***

Today we had a bit of a late start and left Camp Bay at 7:30 a.m. The walk up to the ridgeline was quite steep and I struggled a little. Once we reached the ridgeline the track became quite flat and the views of the sounds were breathtaking! We stopped at Bay of many Coves Campsite for lunch (salami, wraps and some much needed chocolate). After lunch the sun had come out and





it was very hot, the clear blue water looked very tempting! We continued on and came to a point in the track where we could choose to go to the Eatwells Lookout over the Queen Charlotte Sound. It was extremely steep but luckily we left our packs at the bottom. The hike up was well worth it as the view was absolutely incredible! We also met some locals (wekas). On the track we saw the effects of the recent earthquake in Kaikoura as there were a few landslides and cracks in the ground. Once we reached Cowshed Campsite, we quickly put up our tents (as we thought it was going to rain) and I had quite a refreshing cold shower to wash off the past two days - it was well worth the long wait in line!

#### **Day 4 - 7th December (20.5km)**

Today we woke up at the earlier time of 5:50 a.m. so our group was able to leave the campsite first. It was another steep walk up to the road to begin with but luckily it only took 10 minutes. The first part of the journey to Te Mahia was quite hard for me as the severe ups and downs were extremely painful for my feet (lots of blisters). The good thing was that all the groups were able to make it to the lunch site in under four hours, which Mr Adam said he had never been able to do with groups on the past WHS trips. After lunch, we set off for Davies Bay in high spirits as we knew we only had around three hours to go. After about one and a half hours, it began to drizzle a little and three people

(including myself) began to fall behind. Two others began to race ahead as they were keen to reach the campsite, which made the group dynamics slightly strained. We reached the campsite quite early (3:15 p.m.) and put up our tents very fast due to the rain. For dinner, we had a Back Country meal - Mexican chicken and it was by far the best meal I'd had in the last few days! We played card games such as UNO which helped everyone get to know each other.

#### **Day 5 - 8th December (1km)**

Today we had to wake up even earlier (at 5:30 a.m.) as it was the last day and we had to travel home. My tent group were slow to get ready so we ended up being rushed and quite flustered. We were chosen by Mr Adam to lead everyone for the 45 minute walk to Anakiwa - we weren't too happy about this as we were worried our pace would be too slow for some but it went well and we reached Anakiwa a little before 7 a.m. All of us jumped off the jetty in celebration and it was an amazing feeling to have accomplished the 71 kilometre Queen Charlotte Track. We then dried off and caught the mail boat back to Picton and then rushed and boarded the earlier Interislander at 9 a.m. The journey back to the North Island was fairly uneventful and we played cards for most of the time. We then piled into the vans and drove back home to Whanganui!

# ACHIEVERS

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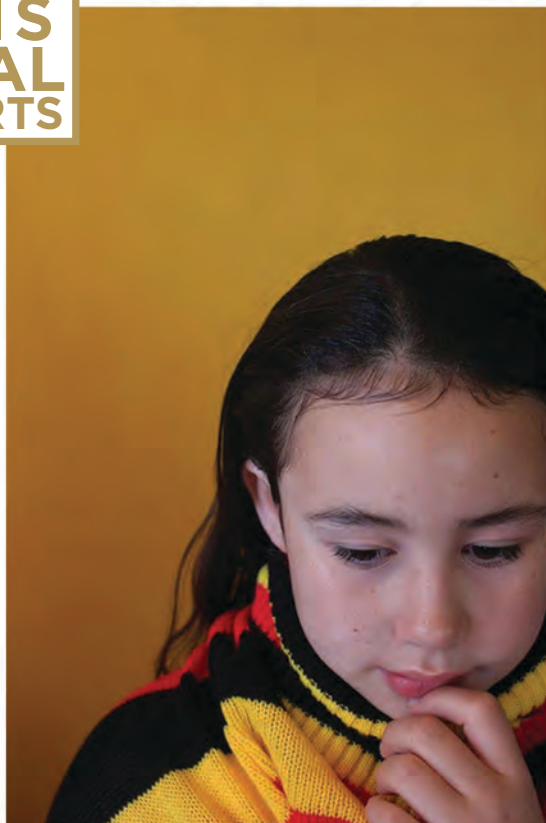
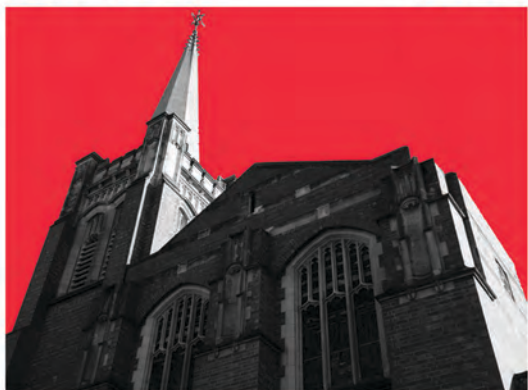
Niamh	Hogan	12RV	Swimming – WSS Senior Girls 100m Backstroke 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 50m Backstroke 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 100m Individual Medley 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 100m Freestyle Senior Girls Relay Team 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Swimming – NISS Championship 200m Backstroke 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Lucas Connor	Hohaiatara Hoskin	10LO 10MD	Athletics – WSS Javelin Junior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> Cross Country – WHS Junior Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> WSS Junior Boys 4 <sup>th</sup> , Whanganui District Council Youth Committee, Tough Guy and Girl Challenge – Junior Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Language Perfect World Championship Certificate – Bronze, <b>Badminton – Whanganui U17 Representative Team, Hockey – Whanganui U18 Team, U15 Team (Captain), Mountain Biking – WSS Junior Boys 3<sup>rd</sup>, Squash – Wanganui Open Junior Grade 1<sup>st</sup>, Central Junior Prince Series; Hawera Div 1 1<sup>st</sup>, Feilding Div 2 1<sup>st</sup>, Rivercity Div 1 2<sup>nd</sup>, Patea Div 1 1<sup>st</sup>, Cross Country – NZSS Whanganui Junior Relay Team 7<sup>th</sup>, Hockey – Central 6 Tournament – Winner, U15 Boys Representative Team</b>
Luke Alistair	Howe-Matthews Hughes	13BG 13KR	Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition– Senior Short Film Category 1 <sup>st</sup> (Participant) Lifesaving – WSS Mixed Grade 1 <sup>st</sup> , NZ Chemistry Olympiad Exam – Silver, Selected for International Chemistry Olympiad, NZQA Chemistry Scholarship in 2016 External Scholarship Paper, Debating – Russell McVeagh Central North Island Competition Best Speaker and Selected for Central North Island Regional Debating Team, Cambridge Mathematics AS Exam – Grade A, WHS Centurion – Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie, Senior Models United Nations – Best Delegate, Debating – Russell McVeagh National Schools’ Debating Competition – Reserve member of the NZ Schools Debating Team, Head of Academia, <b>Awarded Crimson Education Scholarship (Tutoring Grant)</b>
George	Iliffe	12SR	Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade A, WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, DELF French Language Certificate - A2 Grade, M <sup>3</sup> <b>(Massey Manawatu Maths) and Stats Competition– Winning Team</b>
Angus	James	13KR	WHS Centurion - Endorsed, Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, WHS Excellence Tie, Head of Community
Lachlan Jack	James Johnston	12SR 13PA	WHS Centurion Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition– Senior Short Film Category 1 <sup>st</sup> (Participant)
Liam	Jones	13KR	Athletics – WSS Senior Boys 1500m 1 <sup>st</sup> , Senior Boys 3000m 1 <sup>st</sup> , WHS Centurion – Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie, Cross Country – WHS Senior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> , WSS Senior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> , Tough Guy and Girl Challenge – Senior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup>
Maysin	Katene	10CL	Athletics – WSS 300m Junior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> , Boys Junior Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup> , Athletics – NISS Championship Junior Boys 300m (WHS Record)
Oliver	Keelty	9PR	Swimming – WSS Junior Boys 100m Backstroke 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 50m Backstroke 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Boys Junior 100m Freestyle Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup> , Hockey – <b>Central 6 Tournament – Winner</b>
Libby	Kennedy	13KR	Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, WHS Centurion, WHS Excellence Tie



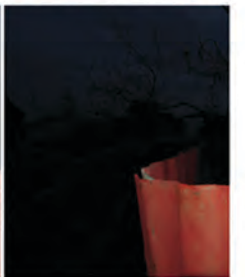
Natasha	Khan	12SR	Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade A, WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
<b>Annabelle</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>9DG</b>	<b>WHS Year 9 Speech Competition– Highly Commended, Basketball –Junior Girls Team- WSS Senior Girls Competition1st</b>
<b>Josiah</b>	<b>Kirk</b>	<b>12WA</b>	Athletics – WSS High Jump Senior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> , Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade A, Swimming – WSS Senior Boys 100m Breaststroke 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 50m Breaststroke 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 100m Medley 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 100m Freestyle Senior Boys Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup> , WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, M <sup>3</sup> ( <b>Massey Manawatu Maths) and Stats Competition– Winning Team</b>
Piper	Kirkby	12SL	WHS Centurion
Matt	Kleinsmith	13RT	Athletics – WSS Boys Senior Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup> , Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition– Senior Short Film Category 1st (Participant)
<b>Saskia</b>	<b>Knight</b>	<b>12WA</b>	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition– Senior Short Film Category 1st (Participant), Football – <b>16+ Girls Whanganui Representative Team</b>
Leighton	Kotuhi-Brown	12GM	Softball – Nationals U17 Girls Manawatu Representative(Captain), Top Fielder Award, Softball – Manawatu U17 Girls Representative National & Central Region Teams (Captain)
<b>Liam</b>	<b>Lace</b>	<b>12FS</b>	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship U18 Men’s K4 1000m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , K1 500m 2 <sup>nd</sup> , K1 5km 3 <sup>rd</sup> , U18 K4 200m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , WHS Centurion, Kayaking – National Marathon Championship U18 K1 4 <sup>th</sup> , Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition– Senior Short Film Category 1st (Participant), <b>Kayaking –Krazy Kayak National Series Overall 10km U18 Men’s 1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Heaven-Lee Peace</b>	<b>Larkin</b>	<b>9WR</b>	Netball – U15C Whanganui Representative Team, <b>Netball – Te Kaakano Aotea U13 Team</b>
Cameron	Lawrence	13KH	Rowing – NZ Club Championship Men’s Coxless Quad Sculls A Final 4 <sup>th</sup> , Double Sculls B Final 1 <sup>st</sup> ; Maadi Cup – U18 Double Sculls A Final 7 <sup>th</sup> , U18 Coxed Quad Sculls B Final 1 <sup>st</sup> ; North Island Championship – Men’s Club Coxed Four A Final 1 <sup>st</sup> , Men’s Club Coxless Quad Sculls A Final 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; K1 Lake Karapiro – Men’s Club Coxed Four A Final 1 <sup>st</sup> , Coxless Quad Sculls A Final 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Wanganui Championship – Men’s Club Double Sculls A Final 1 <sup>st</sup> ; Hawkes Bay Cup – Men’s Club Coxed Quad Sculls A Final 1 <sup>st</sup> , Jury Cup – Men’s Club Coxless Quad Sculls A Final 1 <sup>st</sup> , Men’s Club Coxed Four A Final 1 <sup>st</sup> , Triathlon – WSS Senior Boys 1st
Eugenia	Lee	12FS	WHS Centurion, Individual Peer Mentor
James	Lee	13PA	Rockquest – Regional Finals ‘Space Cactus’ Band 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Chamber Music – Regional Competition ‘The Ruffs’ Highly Commended, KBB Award for Excellence in Wind, Brass or Percussion
Hannah	Lewis	13KR	WHS Centurion - Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie
Vivien	Linder	12PS	Lifesaving – WSS Mixed Grade 1st
Emma	Loggie	12PS	WHS Centurion



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Mother's Day is usually a day to spend with Mums. It's as simple as that. So it's lucky for everyone that will visit the Whanganui High School hut through this winter, wanting to light a fire to keep warm, that there was a stalwart group of students with very understanding mums that let them off the hook; forgiving their choice to take part in the annual 'Firewood Tramp' restocking the firewood at Lupton Hut. At least, we hope they were forgiven.

After an early, chilly, meet up at Whanganui High School and then a drive to Ohakune, we were ready to load up our bags with firewood that we would learn to hate, and were on our way for a slightly later, but much chillier, start to the tramp. The tramp which would usually be a breeze seemed far longer than usual and the hills just didn't seem to end as we all began to regret just how enthusiastic we had been in loading up our packs with the wood. It seems that just because a pack can hold more firewood doesn't mean that we should put it in.

Eventually, after sweating it out, taking breaks to play with the inch-thick ice which was alongside the track, then sweating it out some more, we made it to Lupton Hut. Still standing after over fifty years, the same place to stack firewood is used today.

After we made it there, unpacked and stacked the wood, it probably would have made sense to take a break, and call it a day. But the firewood left in the trailer back in the carpark had other ideas, and with that calling us, we made our way back out with empty packs, considerably quicker than before, to load up again and make a second trip. And that lesson that we really should have learnt, about not filling up with more than we could carry? That went out the window when we

BY ALISTER HUGHES

# FIREWOOD TRAMP

realised we were so close to finishing off the trailer, meaning that we completely over packed once more, tying wood onto anything that would keep it attached, and then carrying whatever was left in our hands. This made for a harder, slower slog back to the hut where lunch was waiting; but lunch was all the more satisfying for that effort.

After unloading the wood, it was time to take a break and just enjoy being up the mountain. Mr O'Connor mixed up the cheesecake that he had carted in, much to our joy and then we chatted and ate the much anticipated lunch before making the trip out. We were much lighter, so the going was much quicker and much easier, although maybe that was just the knowledge of us getting home for the evening.

As tough as the trip was, everyone had a great time and massive thanks have to go to Mr and Mrs O'Connor who took the van load of students up on the Sunday when they probably should have been relaxing, and also to Mr King who came with us. Just as important as any of the people on the trip is Pitzac Firewood, who very kindly donated the firewood that will keep everyone in the hut warm so a huge thank you to them for their generosity.





# INDIVIDUAL PEER MENTORING 2017 (FIRST YEAR)

Individual Peer Mentoring took off with an explosion this year. Having only envisaged about 20 mentees and 20 mentors to be involved in 2017, the need for one-to-one mentors totally exceeded all expectations, as well as the number of pupils who signed up to become a mentor ( 100 plus).

After Term One it became very apparent that one person co-ordinating over 150 pupils was unsustainable. So two Heads of Individual Peer Mentoring were appointed - Elly Douglas and Danielle Bourne to help run the various groups of mentors. The diverse jobs of the mentors range from reading and academic to general support and manning a drop-in room every first break for any pupil in need to have contact with a mentor.

To give the mentors more support and direction, six senior mentors were then assigned to each lead a group. The senior mentors were Joanie De Villiers, Kobe Titter, David Mosen, Kavah Safaei Torogh, Misty Tutaki and Daniel Sewelle.

This has been a year of trial and error where the ideas of the mentors and mentees to improve the system have been listened to and acted on. All the pupils in leadership roles have led and developed their job description the way they deemed best for the pupils in their care and the school. Only pupils that did their mentoring job well and consistently were rewarded with recognition of a badge, so all earned the right to wear it with pride.

A big thank you to all the pupils involved as you have totally blown me away with your professionalism, enthusiasm and care for the person that you were given to mentor.

Having a mentor is not a weakness; it is purely someone who is in your corner with no hidden agenda, who will help, guide and be there for you whenever and wherever needed.

BY GAIL GLAISTER



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# EXPLORATION & DISCOVERY CLUB



Trip 1 Trip 2 Trip 3 Trip 4



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**“ THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB IS TO ENRICH THOSE THAT ALWAYS WANT TO LEARN. IT’S NOT ABOUT GETTING CREDITS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE CREDITS AVAILABLE, IT’S ALL ABOUT THE LEARNING. ”**

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A new and evil extracurricular activity has descended upon Whanganui High School. The group known as the 'Exploration and Discovery Club' has been dubbed with far worse names by some. These include the 'Travelling Glee Club', 'Driving Around Randomly Club', and 'Freaks and Geeks Club'. But those cynics and outsiders are just mis-informed and do not know the true nature or rebellious intensity of this club. When TLC sing "Don't Go Chasing Waterfalls", we do it anyway. When Google Maps shows the 'Road' we are about to travel on doesn't exist, we prove them wrong. And when we order Pizza and pick it up, we do it in a 'Pokemon' fashion. When we play cards, there is always a 'snap' moment and an unbeatable hand.

The purpose of the club is to enrich those that always want to learn. It's not about getting credits, although there are credits available, it's all about the learning. The group is all about having fun and end up learning as a by product. Essentially it is about exploring the remote corners of this beautiful country we live in. There are many treasures to be found not too far from here, if you just look. It was Smash Mouth who sang, "So much to do, so much to see, so what's wrong with taking the backstreets, You'll never know if you don't go.....". This embodies our search for great geography!

We have been away five times in the past two years. The trips have included a loop around Waitomo via Taranaki, Coastal Wairarapa, Inland Taranaki, Coastal Waikato and Hawkes Bay area. These are shown on the map. We have had 7-10 students involved each time and ranging from Year 11 to Year 13.

The group has slowly grown but unlike other groups, never really ends. We have been blessed with the presence of former pupils imparting their wisdom to us and had their academic enthusiasm infect our innocent but open minds. The core group have become very close and it has been a real privilege to experience new sights and learn new things with decent and amazing young human beings. The sights have been outstanding but it is the company shared that has made the weekends away from my daughter worth it. I never thought it was possible to get stomach cramp from laughing. When adversity strikes, which is every trip and always involves the van, we laugh it off, get through and sing aloud. Long may the spirit of our club remain and we all stay close friends for life. All the best to our five departing founding members of the club. For those curious, do not bother checking the notices as this gang of riff-raff is by invite only. However, you can always enquire with Mr Hunter if you believe life looks at you funny and you are willing to challenge yourself to heighten your learning of the world.



# BUSHY PARK

## VOLUNTEERING



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**NEW ZEALAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRAISED FOR ITS NATURAL LANDSCAPE AND NATIVE WILDLIFE, THEREFORE AS THE YOUTH OF OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY, IT IS OUR JOB TO ENSURE THAT NEW ZEALAND'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS PROTECTED AND SUSTAINED.**

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New Zealand has always been praised for its natural landscape and native wildlife, therefore, as the youth of our beautiful country, it is our job to ensure that our natural environment is protected and sustained. That's why on the 9th of April, a small group of volunteering prefects geared up and headed off for a day at Bushy Park.





At 10:30 we gathered as a group to learn a little bit about Bushy Park and the native beauty it contains. We were then split off into small groups led by five wonderful volunteers who helped us navigate the bush, ensuring no one was left behind or forgotten. Our first task was to set up tracking tools so that the volunteers could keep track of rodent numbers. These tools were black plastic boxes which allowed volunteers to identify the footprints of the rodents that moved through them. These devices were not traps and therefore no animals would be harmed in the process. In pairs the students split off and followed pink tags through the forest, stopping to lay a tracking device every 20 steps along their route.

By 12:30, a group consisting of tired and hungry prefects met back at the stables for lunch. The Bushy Park volunteers were kind enough to put on a sausage sizzle, along with biscuits and fresh fruit to refresh and refuel the ravenous students. We raked up the remaining volunteers who were full of energy and ready to embark on the second half of their day. Much of our group went to clear

the paths around the park by raking leaves, while the remainder went to tidy the gardens along the driveway entrance.

The highlight of the trip for many of us was to be able to appreciate some of the native birds in the park, such as Saddlebacks, Robins and Waxeyes. Many of us also found enjoyment from the tranquility of the bush as an escape from suburban life. It was an amazing opportunity to be able to learn more about our environment in such a hands-on way. This experience made us proud to be New Zealanders who protect our environment and determined as leaders to set the standard for others to follow.

Thank you once again to the wonderful volunteers out at Bushy Park who made this day possible. We would also like to say a massive thank you to Jackie Hazelhurst, for coordinating this opportunity with the Bushy Park volunteers and making this amazing experience possible.

**BY ELLY DOUGLAS**

# MISS TILLEY

BY JESSE SATHERLEY

**ONE OF THE PIVOTAL ROLES AT WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL WILL SOON BE UNNOTICED BY ANYONE OUTSIDE OF A SMALL INNER CIRCLE. MISS TILLEY, THE SENIOR STUDY SUPERVISOR, IS RETIRING FROM ALL ACTIVITIES INVOLVED AT WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL. SO AS ALL THE OTHER GREAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR MARK ON WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL, SHE DESERVES A SPECIAL MENTION AS WE BID HER FAREWELL.**

Over the past number of years, the roles she has played at Whanganui High School have been varied, though always important, with her most recent one, as study co-ordinator being one of the most important roles in keeping our school running smoothly. Many year 13's also see Miss Tilley regularly, with her supervising their 'study line' where she is able to keep an eye on progress and make sure people remain on task.

Wherever she has been, she has done an incredible job, and she will be missed by all those who are still at the school after she has left.

## Q AND A WITH MISS TILLEY

***Can you give a timeline of your career at Whanganui High School and what that position meant you had to do for the school?***

Actually, over the years, I have "retired" several times – from teaching, from direct involvement with sport and now I'm finally bringing the curtain down on my direct involvement with WHS.

I'm possibly in the unique position of being associated with all the WHS's Principals since the foundation of the school, firstly as a student, then as a teacher and since 2005 in my current position supervising senior study classes.

Each of these situations has brought me into contact with many people who have made an impact on my life: some through sport, others through the careers that they have pursued since they have left WHS. It would be unfair to single out individuals by name – there is always the danger of missing someone out. For many years, in addition to responsibilities particularly in Geography, I had the privilege of coaching numerous Hockey and Cricket teams taking many away to compete at Secondary School Tournaments. (Several players going onto NZ honours as hockey goalkeepers!).

Outside of School during this time I was involved in the administration of both hockey and cricket at both local and national levels, including the amalgamation of the women's and men's national bodies.

***What are some of your most memorable senior study classes?***

They are all memorable – each class has been made up of different personalities with different attitudes and level of commitment. I've enjoyed bringing the world into the classroom and also catching up with ex-students whether in Sydney, London, Utrecht or Wanganui.

***How easy is it to tell if a student is actually studying or not?***

They usually give themselves away! (and I'm not going to give any secrets away!)

***Are you going on your dream vacation after you retire, and if so, where is it?***

Having been fortunate enough to travel to many international hockey tournaments over the years I hope to have the opportunity to revisit some of these places especially Canada and Scandinavia.

***All of Whanganui High School's students and staff wish the best of luck for Miss Tilley's future endeavours, and thank her for everything she has done for the school.***



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## WRITING

Debbie

She threatens horrified people  
With her hurricanes  
Of mighty wind.

She upsets fragile citizens  
With her torrents of slashing rain  
Her voice howls loudly  
Crashing against the roofs  
Of hollow homes

Everyone prepares  
Hauling in sandbags  
Evacuating families  
Remembering the unexpected arrival  
Of destruction and loss  
In 2015  
In the form of  
Mud and water

They wait in angst doing as much  
As they can against  
The unforgivable force  
Of mother nature.  
Schools are closed  
Houses are left

But Debbie's anger settles  
Just before disaster  
Floods the streets.  
Homes are safe  
Streets are usable  
The land stays dry  
Relief is huge.

BY GEORGIA FORRESTER

## TANDEM RIDING

I was quite excited and nervous at the same time.

Mum and I drove down to Kowhai Park to hire a tandem bike. We hopped out of the car with excitement to go and pay the man who hires the bikes. We paid him fifty dollars for a full day of riding. We had to put on helmets and high visual vests.

We were off and racing and the fresh air was in my face once again. It has been two or so years since I have been on a bike. It had felt like it had been too long, since I had been out pedalling. Mum was my eyes, on the front of the bike. My role was to put the muscle into the biking.

When mum and I were biking, I began to feel dizzy as I could not see the road. To stop feeling this way, we stopped and sat down for a minute or two. Once my head felt clearer, we were on the road again. The whole time riding I knew where I was going, as I had a mind map in my head. A while ago I could see and had remembered some of the city.

Mum and I went to see some of our friends that we have not seen for a while. Gerrard, who I have known all my life, was quite surprised to see me out and about on the bike with Mum. Gerrard gave me a glass of Coke.

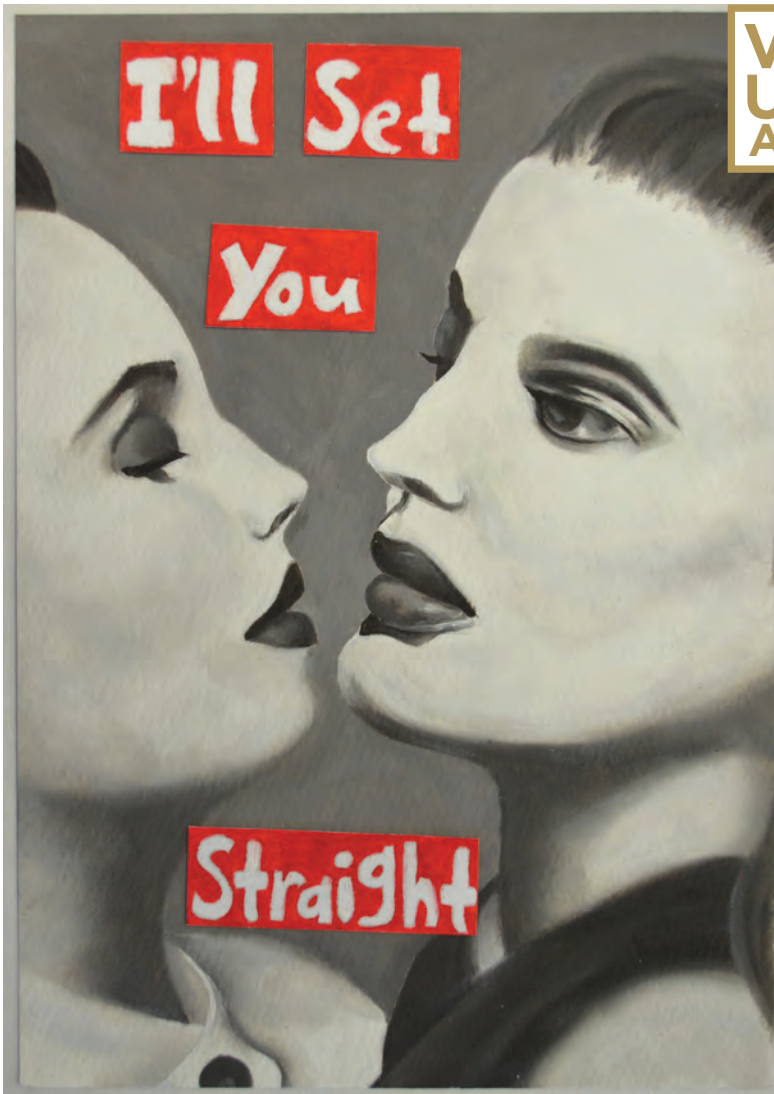
This was a trial to see if I would consider buying a tandem bike. After this experience, I would quite like to buy one. Tandem riding gave me the chance to do what other people do. I want to experience this freedom again.

Flying in the darkness, made me feel free.

*By Darcy Britton, Year 12*

*Darcy is totally blind and uses a Braille Sense machine and his laptop to be able to write and edit his writing independently.*









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# FUTURE FOCUS WEEK 2017

A 'first' for the school was the incorporation of 'Future Focus Week' from August 21 - August 25th. Almost 75% of the school took the opportunity to visit the Library Displays to find out about subjects in 2018, looking at department displays as well as finding out, from the people who know, what each course looks like. Wednesday evening of the same week was an Open Evening, which many families attended, furthering discussions about Student Future Focus.

A Junior Career Exposition was also held for all Year 10 Students at Jubilee Stadium. While the free sausage sizzle went down a treat, it was a lot of fun trying out the many 'hands-on' activities offered by exhibitors. A number of High School students also won prizes including hats and lots of food to add to the day.

During the week, Year 10 students also had the opportunity to 'Give it a go': Many local businesses and Tertiary providers opened their doors to show students what the world after school looked like.

*One important message given was:*

“ **WHILE YOU NEED TO DO YOUR BEST IN YOUR SCHOOLWORK, THE FIRST THINGS WE LOOK AT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE AND ABILITY TO TURN UP ON TIME, DO THE JOB, WITHOUT LOOKING AT CELLPHONES OR GOING TO THE TOILET EVERY HOUR. WE WANT PEOPLE WITH AN ABILITY TO STICK AT IT.... EVEN IF IT'S BORING! AN ABILITY TO SHOW INITIATIVE AND DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, WITHOUT BEING TOLD WHAT TO DO!** ”





# METAMORPHISIS

BY DANIELLE THOMPSON

Fear-

Fear is a constant weight pressing down on me,  
but I have learned to live with it.  
It has been hovering over my shoulder for years.  
It's like a vulture, shadowing me,  
Waiting for me to falter, to succumb;  
But I have caught it, somehow.  
My vulture is on a leash,  
But I am still scared.  
Although I keep it close, I have no control -  
It's waiting to break free.  
And to be honest, I am waiting for it too -  
Five years is a long time for someone like me.

We are imaginary friends  
- but it's so hard to call myself and people like me  
imaginary,  
to have to face the truth that we are only imaginary,  
When we are complicated like them,  
We laugh and cry and love our real friends;  
Their families are our families,  
Although they do not acknowledge us.  
If mum looked at me, if dad looked at me,  
Would I exist then? -

This persisting weight in my stomach, a reminder of  
my "mortality"  
Is something I have carried for a long time.  
I need it.  
Fear proves I am alive,  
Keeps me alive,  
Makes me try to live, properly  
So one day I can exist without fear.  
(The fear of being forgotten.  
The fear of being unnecessary to the person I love  
the most.)  
But will that ever happen?  
Will I ever be able to live like that?  
I am more aware, every day, that my time is running  
out.  
It doesn't matter - I am alive  
I am **alive**  
I **am** alive  
I am alive -

I have seen others like me fade from sight;  
Some in two years,  
Some in two days,  
Some in two seconds - flung to the side, half  
formed, half *imagined* and wholly disregarded -  
~~I don't want to be~~  
I will *not allow* myself to be "ephemeral" or fleeting,  
like them.  
There is nothing beautiful about being dead;  
No matter how many fancy words you use.

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I am down to mere minutes now.  
I can see completely through my body.  
And here it is,  
The proof I am imaginary -  
I sprung from his imagination,  
And this is my swan song  
But no one can hear it,  
Not even him, anymore.

Soft warmth fills me like sunset light -  
Warm  
Unstoppable  
Comforting, in a way.  
There's no point in running,  
So I make myself comfortable by his side.  
I love him so much,  
I can forgive him for forgetting me.  
I can forgive him for not needing me.  
And I want him to be the last thing I see.

The fear is gone -  
And just like that,  
So am I.



# SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

BY LEILA COLLINSON

Hello there! My name is Leila, I am Year 12 and I went on the Spirit of Adventure in July early this year. Some of you may have heard about the spirit or even been on it before! If you haven't, the Spirit of Adventure is a 10-day voyage out to sea around the Hauraki Gulf on a big sailing ship. (Kind of like the ones in Pirates of the Caribbean. The whole voyage is based on learning by doing. There are many activities and challenges on the ship, on the water and on the shore throughout the voyage alongside 39 other young New Zealanders who are just like you. Every year, 1,200 young New Zealanders take part in the experience of a life time on board the Spirit of Adventure.

I decided to go on this adventure for my Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award residential project but anyone from anywhere can go on it! Before my trip, I had to do a lot of fundraising but in the end, it was worth the effort. I flew up to Auckland by myself on the 1st of July and boarded a ship without knowing

anyone! I was really nervous to meet the 39 other young New Zealanders between the ages of 16 and 19 whom I would be living and working alongside, however, everyone was cool and it was comforting to know that we were all in the same situation (or in the same boat for that matter). I was very excited for my first experience on a sailing ship and looked forward to testing myself physically and mentally in the outdoor activities.

It was a truly fantastic experience where I learnt how to sail, meet new people and go outside of my comfort zone. Some of the highlights were climbing to the top of the mast (31.3 metres high to be exact), rafting, tramping to the top of Great Barrier Island, activities on the beaches and singing round the bonfire under the moonlight. We swam in the cool but refreshing sea in the mornings and afternoons! Yes it was at 6:30am but, don't let that stop you! I am so glad that I challenged myself to jump in every morning as I felt fresh and ready for







the day ahead. We also had to take turns in our groups to watch over the boat at night and we were lucky enough to see a pod of bottlenose dolphins swimming around the boat! Throughout the trip, we learnt about the environment on land and in the sea which was of particular interest to me.

“ **THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE I BELIEVE HELPED ME TO BUILD MY CONFIDENCE, LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND INDEPENDENCE.** ”

On the last day of the voyage, the crew handed the ship to the trainees to sail back to Auckland Harbour. We had to navigate and work as a team to plan the day and arrive safely at our destination. This was probably my favourite part of the voyage! I highly recommend anybody to do this trip as I know I got a lot out of it and I am sure you will agree if you decide to do it. If you are interested you can go onto the website [www.spiritofadventure.org.nz](http://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz) to find out more about it and there are scholarships available if you need help with funding.

The other trainees and I can all agree that we left with a new set of skills, overcame many obstacles, loads of new friends made and gained a confidence to take on challenges in the future. Don't be afraid to go out there and try something different. Once I hopped off the sailing ship, I wanted to board back on for another adventure! Since my voyage, I have continued to keep in touch with everyone who was on the trip and I intend to go back to sea as a leading hand on board the Spirit helping with other trainees in the future.







# SOUTH ISLAND

**THE ANNUAL SOUTH ISLAND GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TOOK PLACE IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR WITH OUR LARGEST EVER CONTINGENT. WE HAD 43 STUDENTS IN ALL WHO TRAVELLED AND PARTICIPATED IN A WEEK OF LEARNING.**

We began as always at around 3:30am before meeting at school and riding the bus to Palmerston North Airport for our early morning flight to Christchurch. We then headed South where we stopped in at Geraldine and Lake Tekapo before arriving at Glenntanner where we spent two nights. The weather was stunning and students got to experience the ever receding Tasman Glacier and touch some of the 'calved' icebergs and touch 500 year old snowflakes that had been pressed into glacial ice. A gentle stroll over the Hooker River

# GEOGRAPHY TRIP

and some activities at Aoraki National Park visitor centre were conducted.

We then made the journey further South where the students explored the maze at Puzzling World and enjoyed morning tea on the shores of Lake Wanaka. The journey then took us through the Kawarau Gorge where many students decided to throw themselves off the historic bridge - thankfully with a bungy cord attached. The evening was spent playing Laser Tag or riding the 12D rides.

The Tuesday morning enabled a bit of a sleep in before we had a talk at the Tourism College before some revision in preparation for the Gondola and Luge. A frightful evening was had by many at Fear







Factory although some felt the sight of the \$320 KFC dinner was scarier!

The following morning was spent listening to a tourism talk at the Arrowtown Bowls Club before a search for alluvial gold in the river, produced success for some of us. The day ended with a drive to Te Anau. On a Thursday that most of New Zealand spent hunkered down before Cyclone Cook, we were experiencing beautiful sunshine cruising in the stunning Milford Sound. That evening we enjoyed the final round of Masterchef with some quality meals produced before attending a screening - at Te Anau's cinema - of the Ata Whenua footage.

The penultimate day was a first even for the staff, as we travelled into the wilderness of Doubtful Sound. This requires a boat trip across Lake Manapouri, a drive in an old bus over Wilmot Pass, before a boat cruise in the sounds. The isolation and beauty was something that will stay in the memory forever. After an early morning Easter Egg hunt, our tour took a deviation along Highway 99 to the historic Clifden Bridge before returning to Queenstown for the flight home to the River City.

The group conducted themselves so well. New friendships were made, lifelong mental photos were stored and hopefully some Geography knowledge was ingrained there as well.

## LEVEL 3 GEOGRAPHY TRIPS

For students who have taken Geography over the past couple of years, Year 13 usually involves a trip of great expense, adventure and fun. So, when we embarked on our two period journey out to Castlecliff Beach, the students could barely contain their excitement. The trip was to prepare them for their internal assessment on Coastal Research. This brief excursion enabled them to learn the data gathering methods and put into practice how to do long-shore drift measurements, beach profiles, wind measurements and wave counts. The morning went well and the weather behaved itself.

A week later, we set off for the Kapiti Coast to explore the various interacting natural processes that take place. The weather was pleasant and the students enjoyed the day of data gathering and lemon tossing.

The major trip for this year was a four night expedition to Mount Maunganui, where students learnt about all three of their external standards and their internal standard on whether or not the area should be developed. 21 students participated in various activities, although only four brave people had a dip at Kerosene Creek. They included a day up to Rainbow's End exploring Tourism, The Mount Hot Pools and base and summit walks, a spot of ten pin bowling and a drive along Marine Parade examining the temporal changes. Whilst the weather was a bit rough on the Saturday, this enabled the students to complete school tasks and develop flash cards. 2018 will see a return to the Gold Coast in early June.



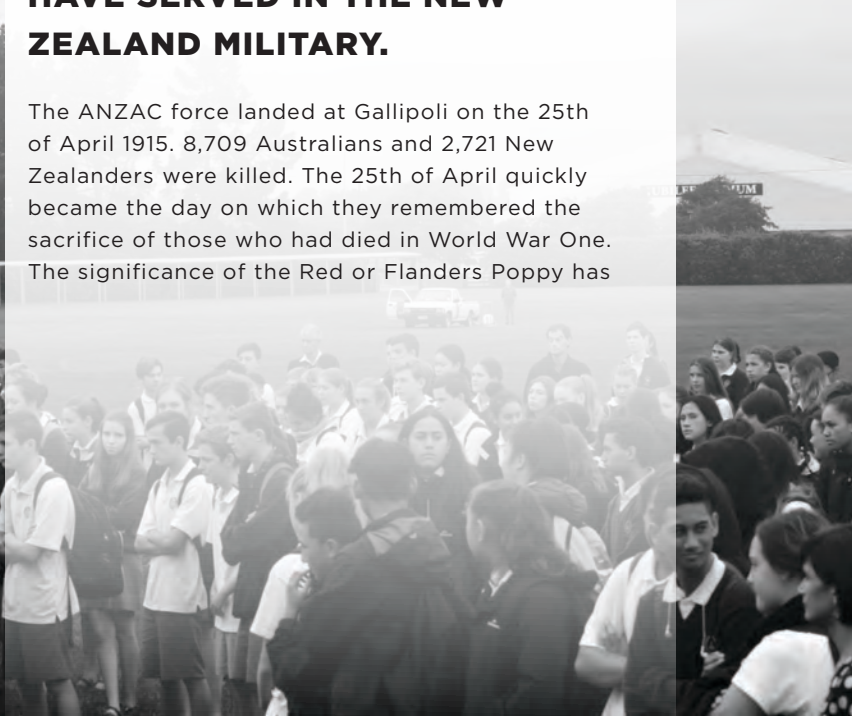


On the 25th of March, the final day of the first term, the community prefects organised a special ANZAC commemoration



**ANZAC DAY IS A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND THAT BROADLY COMMEMORATES ALL AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDER WHO SERVED AND DIED IN WARS, CONFLICTS AND PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AND THE CONTRIBUTION AND SUFFERING OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE NEW ZEALAND MILITARY.**

The ANZAC force landed at Gallipoli on the 25th of April 1915. 8,709 Australians and 2,721 New Zealanders were killed. The 25th of April quickly became the day on which they remembered the sacrifice of those who had died in World War One. The significance of the Red or Flanders Poppy has





# ANZAC CEREMONY

BY THE COMMUNITY PREFECTS

been linked with battlefield deaths. These were the flowers that grew in France and Belgium during World War One, where New Zealanders and other soldiers fought and died.

We started our ceremony with all students gathering on the field and our Head Boy, Jack Southee saying a few words surrounding the significance of the commemoration. He then read out the ANZAC Ode, a poem of remembrance for those who have served our country. The Last Post is the trumpet call that signifies the end of the day's activities. It is to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest. This call is played every year on the 25th of April, in commemoration of the fallen soldiers that fought for New Zealand, but since that day fell during the school holidays, it was decided that it would be held on the 25th of March. Sergeant Clyde Dixon, the Base Ohakea Bandmaster, came and played this and then there was a minute's silence for all students and staff for reflection and commemoration. After this ceremony was finished, the community prefects had a barbecue and sold poppies outside the Ballance Courtyard, to support the veterans of the RSA, who were once a part of the New Zealand military from Whanganui. Also, during the school holidays, the community prefects held another barbecue at Mitre 10 Mega to add to the funds for these RSA veterans. Overall, we were able to raise over \$400.





# ROCK OF AGES

BY HUGO COLLINS

“WHAT CAN I SAY?  
ROCK OF AGES  
ROCKED,  
SIMPLE AS THAT.”





**WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL HAS PUT ON SOME STAGE-SHOWS TO RIVAL THE PROFESSIONALS. THEY'RE ALWAYS A HIT, A TESTAMENT TO THE HARD WORK FROM STUDENTS AND STAFF ALIKE, WHICH KNOCKS THE SOCKS OFF ANYONE WHO GETS THE OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH. THERE AREN'T MANY SHOWS THAT, AT THE END OF THE OPENING NIGHT, HAVE A QUEUE OF PEOPLE LINING UP TO BUY TICKETS FOR THE NEXT NIGHTS AS WELL, BUT ROCK OF AGES WAS ONE OF THESE. FROM MUSIC TO BLOW YOU AWAY, TO DANCING THAT MAKES YOU QUESTION HOW ANYONE CAN BE THAT CO-ORDINATED, TO QUESTIONABLE COSTUMING (I MEAN A PEACH COLOURED, VINYL UNITARD?? REALLY??) THE SHOW HAD IT ALL. IT IS CONSIDERED THE BEST PRODUCTION THAT HIGH SCHOOL HAS PUT ON TO DATE, AND WHAT THEY'LL DO TO TOP THIS ONE IS ANYONE'S GUESS; BUT IT DEFINITELY WON'T BE EASY.**

*A word from the man... the myth... the legend...  
Hugo "Lonny Barnett" Collins!!*

The 2017 production. What can I say? Rock of Ages rocked, simple as that.

From the cast, to the crew, to the teachers which made it all possible, there was never a moment I thought "this isn't going to work," and whilst the process didn't always make sense, I always trusted there was a method to the madness. I never realised the amount of effort, planning and sheer determination required to put on a show of this scale. The commitment was exhausting, with rehearsals really cranking up as opening night approached.

Needless to say we were all feeling the strain by the end, me on my voice especially, but the final product was definitely worth it.

For me though, it was not the applause, nor the compliments I received for weeks after which made it worth the effort, but the friendships I developed along the way (I know it's clichéd). The High School productions really do allow for connections to be made with people who you would have never otherwise even thought of talking to, right across all year levels. Some of the coolest people I met were Year 9s and 10s, people I'd have never even had the chance to meet otherwise.

However, the production also strengthened existing bonds, especially amongst the principal cast. Being required at practically every rehearsal, we were together for it all, forced to work with each other and helping to push each other to achieve the next level in performance. My favourite memories would definitely be from backstage; the times spent laughing with friends about the struggles of a fully fledged production, whether it be a nagging teacher or reaching a note so high it was eye-watering. It was the people who made production the time it was.

The best running joke however was definitely the relationship between myself and principal Jack Southee, a relationship which engaged the whole cast. Unfortunately for them, they never did get their (on stage) kiss, however much they pushed for one. The entire experience, whilst exhausting and stressful at times, was the defining event of my year, and the memories will most definitely stick with me for life.





# ROCK OF AGES





# THE UNDERDOG

BY ALISTER HUGHES



There's a crowd bustling around a fight. They're howling, and cheering, and yelling, and jeering, as though punches land and fists sculpt faces into new, unnatural, shapes.

It's a huge crowd, bodies upon bodies.

And yet, the crowd is just one. One whole. One entity. One congregation worshipping a deity of brutality at the altar of relief that it is not them forced into the centre; up to the pulpit.

I fall to my knees,  
and crawl.

I look for gaps between legs, spaces between shoes,  
and slip through them.

I crawl past wingtips, and jandals. High heels, and sandals. Boots, and bare feet and eventually I am there.

At the front of the crowd. A ring. A wall of people that, despite the chaos, no one ventures beyond.

This place is sacred.

"Come on, boy!" a body is yelling. "Come on. Harder!"  
And still, I search the crowd, not watching the fight.  
Not yet.

I see suits, and singlets. Bald heads and ringlets. Coats, and t-shirts. Flannel, and dresses. They are fat. Skinny. Black. White. Yellow. Beautiful. Ugly. All worshipping at this church. Drawn by the thrill of watching a body not their own tumble into the dirt. They all scream into the middle of the ring. The voices beating into me with more viciousness than a fist ever could.

A shriek next from a body next to me, right into my ear; shattering my skull and flooding my heart.  
I feel their voice in my throat. Their breath in my lungs. Their pulse in my heart. That is how much they force out, into that circle. Giving it away. A plea for someone to take it. They have to leave it here. Nothing stops them, even those who throw words to settle them. It's futile.

I try myself; I ask them something - a shout over the rest of the crowd that might make it through - "Who y'going for?"

The noise stops. Eyes widening, staring. For just a moment.

Glancing at the fight.

Then at me.

Then at the fight once more.

A few more seconds pass, and without looking back,  
"I'm goin' for the underdog... I have to." Chuckling

sympathetically. "Gotta go fo' the underdog."

I look at the fight for the first time.

"Hey?"

Something is strange.

"Hey?" I try again. Because there is only one fighter inside this throbbing ring. A boy, still growing into himself. He throws punches wildly, moving wrong, blocking, ducking and weaving to his own ungainly rhythm, and then swinging his arms at nothing once more.

"Hey, how come there's only one fella fighting?"

The body doesn't look at me this time, no. It's focussed on the boy in the circle, fighting with an intensity that no one can take their eyes off. It's as though no one else exists.

It speaks to me.

An answer. "He's fighting the world."

And now, I watch as the underdog in the middle of the circle fights on, and falls, then stands, and returns to the dirt, before standing once more, and fighting on. No matter how hard he hits the ground, he fights on. No matter how many times he has hit the ground before, he fights on. Some cheer. Others jeer. Laugh. Rubbish him. All worship him in their own way.

I bleed. Melting onto other's shoes around me.

I watch, every time he falls whispering, 'Get up boy. Goddamnit. Get up. Just one more time.'

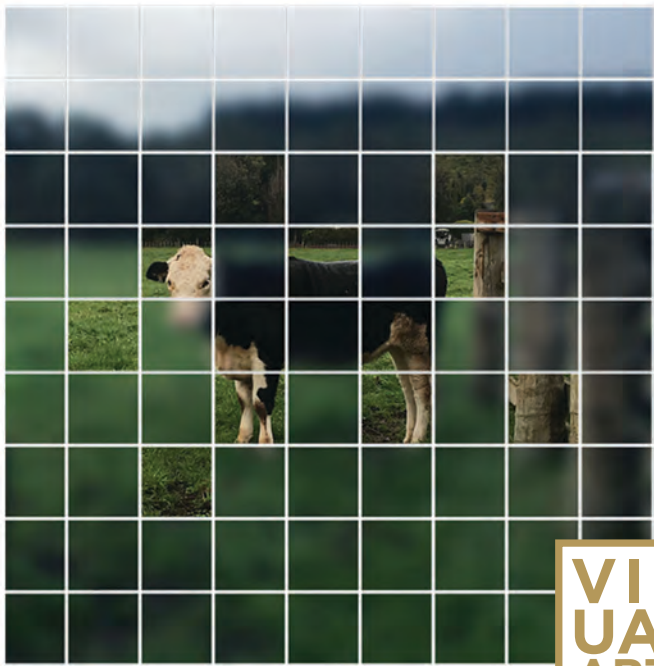
My eyes swell and burn.

"Can he win?" I whisper.

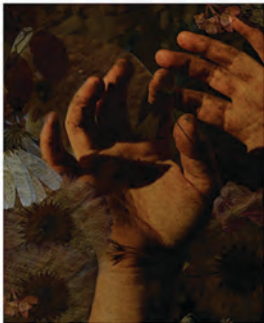
The question to myself. I do not want an answer.

Now I too cannot take my eyes off the boy in the circle.

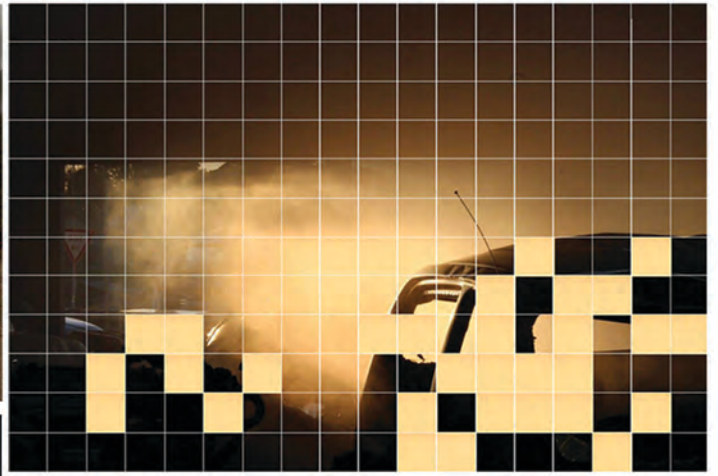
I dread the moment he doesn't get back up.



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# AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING SCIENCE COMPETITION

BY ALISTER HUGHES

Most Saturdays, we enjoy sleeping in, chilling, getting some of that homework done, some study begrudgingly, and just taking it easy. What we don't usually do is give up all of that for a marathon nine hours worth of Mathematics competition at school, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. but that's what four of us - Liam Jones, Vitek Sosnowski, Jesse Satherley, and Alister Hughes - did when we took part in the Auckland University Engineering Science Competition.

The structure of the day is deceptively simple; the question is released at 9 a.m., and we have a deadline of 6 p.m. to have answered it. Plenty of time right? How hard can one question be? As we found out, it was incredibly difficult to answer properly in that time; it had us begging for a couple more hours to gather our thoughts and pull them into an essay.

I mean, really, 'How many launches from Mahia Peninsula would it take to establish a lunar colony?' Who knows? It isn't the sort of question that you can plug into Google and figure out. There was nothing for it but to get stuck in; starting with research and then moving on to the maths of it as the day progressed.

It seemed like a long time to begin with; we were totally going to get everything sorted and keep to time easily, but at five to six, with fingers flying over the keyboard, as we were submitting our essay, before adding more, and submitting more, and adding some more and submitting it again right until the last possible moment, you wouldn't have known we had been working on it all day. But as exhausting as it was - we spent the entire day in the library, sorting things out on whiteboards and windows - and as stressful as it turned out, it ended up being a really incredible day.

By the time that we were finished, it probably would have been easier to just start building the rocket and seeing how many times we had to launch it to get our answer. 'How many launches from Mahia Peninsula would it take to establish a lunar colony?' Apparently, between 63 and 122, according to our maths.







# VALENTINE'S DAY

BY SAM CONLEY

Valentine's day here at Whanganui High School is not only a celebration of the romances around school but also the relationships people share with their friends and peers. The Social Prefects at school organised cupcakes and roses to be delivered on the 14th of February while the Cultural Prefects held an 'open mic' for love songs to be sung.

The week before was when students, and even some teachers, purchased the Valentine's Day treats and give them a destination. Every present came with a personalised message which really helped to spread that Valentine's Day love. The cupcakes and roses were a smash hit. The roses sold out almost instantly and we ended up having to order more!

Valentine's Day was on a Tuesday so the weekend before consisted of baking, icing, packaging and finally labelling hundreds of cupcakes. These were then collected up and moved on the Tuesday for delivery in Form Time and Period One classes.

Valentine's Day morning consisted of dressing up as fairies, complete with wings and glitter, and then handing out all the cupcakes and presents. Each cupcake was met with either a beaming smile or a face hidden in embarrassment. There was no inbetween. It was really good to see the High School spirit show as all year groups got involved and bought and recieved Valentine's Day gifts.

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The day only got better from there with an 'open mic' held by the Cultural Prefects. The theme 'Love Song' was the only requirement for people when they signed up. The field was then filled with the sound of people singing love songs. Some were dedicated to particular people and others were for everyone. There was also a portable photo booth so people could snap a 'pic' to remember the day. Valentine's Day this year was a huge success!

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Sarya	Lower	11HB	Swimming – Wellington Long Course Championship 15yo Girls 50m Breaststroke 1 <sup>st</sup> , 200m Individual Medley 1 <sup>st</sup> , 100m Freestyle 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Whanganui Swimmer to win Prize for Highest Points Scoring Female in 15yo Age Group, Selected for Wellington Regional Swimming Team, Swimming – WHS Championship Intermediate Girls 50m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke (WHS Records), Swimming – WSS Intermediate Girls 100m Freestyle 1 <sup>st</sup> (WHS Record), 100m Breaststroke 1 <sup>st</sup> , 50m Butterfly 1 <sup>st</sup> , Swimming – WSS 100m Freestyle Intermediate Girls Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup> , Swimming – NZ Age Group Championship 15yo 50m Breaststroke 1 <sup>st</sup> , 100m Breaststroke 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 200m Individual Medley 3 <sup>rd</sup> , All Stars (Lower North Island) Team 4 x 200m Zonal Relay 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Swimming – NZ Zonal Championship – Wellington Zonal Team, Wellington Talent ID Swimming Squad, Swimming – NISS Championship 50m Breaststroke 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 100m Breaststroke 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 50m Freestyle 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 100m Freestyle 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cameron</b>	<b>Mackintosh</b>	<b>12SL</b>	WHS Academic Tie, Football – <b>U15/16 Boys Whanganui Representative Team</b>
<b>Patrick</b>	<b>Madder</b>	<b>11HS</b>	Hockey – Central U18 Men's Team (Reserve), Hockey – <b>National U18 Tournament 2nd</b>
Devon	Maihi	9LJ	Softball – Whanganui U15 Boys Representative National & Central Region, U13 Central Region Teams, NZSS Tournament – Boys Team Most Valuable Player
Quinn	Mailman	12GN	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
<b>Ethan</b>	<b>Mancer</b>	<b>12RV</b>	WHS Academic Tie, Selected <b>for the NZSS Brass Band as Principal Euphonium Player</b>
Jonathan	Maples	12PS	Swimming – WSS Intermediate Boys 50m Backstroke 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 50m Breaststroke 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 100m Freestyle Intermediate Boys Relay 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition- Senior Short Film Category 1st (Participant)
Richard	Marks	13CT	WHS Excellence Tie
<b>Abigail</b>	<b>Martin</b>	<b>11HS</b>	Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition- Senior Short Film Category 1st (Participant), Individual <b>Peer Mentor</b>
<b>Akshima</b>	<b>Marwah</b>	<b>9AD</b>	<b>WHS Year 9 Speech Competition 1st</b>
Briella	Maua	12GN	WHS Centurion
Emily	Mayhead	12PS	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
Ailie	McDonald	12SL	WHS Centurion
Lily	Meade	13BG	Water Skiing – U17 World Championship (Santiago Chile)- Overall 25 <sup>th</sup> ; U17 Asia and Oceania Championship Tricks 4 <sup>th</sup> , Slalom 4 <sup>th</sup> , Jump 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Aussie/Kiwi Challenge (Australia); Tricks 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Jump 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> , National Comps U17 Girls Division Trick 1 <sup>st</sup> , Jump 1 <sup>st</sup> , Slalom 2 <sup>nd</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Overall), Opens Women Division Trick 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Jump 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Slalom 6 <sup>th</sup> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall), Language Perfect World Championship Certificate – Silver
Hollyrae	Mete-Renata	9DG	Netball – U15C Whanganui Representative Team, Cross Country – WHS Y9 Girls 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Deve	Mey-Ou	13KR	Cambridge Mathematics AS Exam – Grade B, WHS Excellence Tie



Karla	Mills	10LB	Dancesport – Regional Harbour City Championships Junior Prelim Standard ‘Waltz’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , New Vogue ‘Evening Tree Step’ 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Latin ‘Cha Cha Cha’ 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Regional River City Championship Junior Ballroom Lvl 1 ‘Waltz’ 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Lvl 2 ‘Waltz’ & ‘Quickstep’ 3 <sup>rd</sup> , New Vogue Lvl 1 ‘Evening Tree Step’ 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Latin Lvl 2 ‘Samba’ & ‘Jive’ 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Open ‘Cha Cha’, ‘Samba’ & ‘Jive’ 3 <sup>rd</sup> ; Dancesport – Jimmy James Championship Junior Ballroom Lvl 1 ‘Waltz’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , Lvl 2 ‘Waltz, Tango’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , New Vogue Lvl 1 ‘Evening Tree Step’ 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Lvl 2 ‘Swing Waltz, Tangoette’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , Latin Lvl 1 ‘Jive’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , Lvl 2 ‘Samba, Jive’ 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; Wellington Metro Championship Junior Ballroom Lvl 1 ‘Waltz’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , Lvl 2 ‘Waltz, Tango’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , New Vogue Lvl 1 ‘Evening 3 Step’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , Lvl 2 ‘Swing Waltz, Tangoette’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , Latin Lvl 1 ‘Cha Cha’ 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Lvl 2 ‘Samba, Jive’ 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; Rose City Championship Ballroom Lvl 1 ‘Waltz’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , Lvl 2 ‘Waltz, Tango’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , New Vogue Lvl 1 ‘Evening 3 Step’ 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Lvl 2 ‘Swing Waltz, Tango Teriffic’ 1 <sup>st</sup> , Latin Lvl 1 ‘Jive’ 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Lvl 2 ‘Samba, Jive’ 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Lvl 3 ‘Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive’ 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Aranga	Molijn	10HU	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship selected for Finals, Resene Rock Art Competition 1 <sup>st</sup>
Connor	Munro	11CS	Swimming – WSS Intermediate Boys 50m Backstroke 1 <sup>st</sup> , Cross Country – WSS Senior Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Paris	Munro	9PR	Cross Country – WHS Y9 Girls 1 <sup>st</sup> , WSS Y9 Girls 7 <sup>th</sup> , Basketball – <b>Junior Girls Team- WSS Senior Girls Competition1st</b>
Miho	Noriyasu	13PA	Softball – NZSS Tournament Girls Team – Most Valuable Player
Lennart	Nowak	9DG	Swimming – WHS Championship Junior Boys 50m Backstroke (WHS Record), Swimming – WSS Junior Boys 100m Freestyle 1 <sup>st</sup> , 100m Backstroke 1 <sup>st</sup> , 50m Butterfly 1 <sup>st</sup> , Boys Junior 100m Freestyle Relay Team 1st
Stella	Nowak	12WA	Swimming – WSS 100m Freestyle Senior Girls Relay Team 3rd
Titan	Nuku	9LJ	Softball – Whanganui U15 Boys Representative National & Central Region Team
Joshuwa Owen	Old Parkinson	12GN 12SR	WHS Centurion Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade A, Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, M <sup>3</sup> ( <b>Massey Manawatu Maths</b> ) and Stats <b>Competition- Winning Team</b>
Isaac	Paterson	12WA	WHS Centurion
George	Panui	12ML	Swimming – WSS 100m Backstroke Senior Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Emily	Payne	12MV	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
Michael	Petersen	13KH	Rockquest – Regional Finals ‘Space Cactus’ Band 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Chamber Music – Regional Competition ‘The Ruffs’ Highly Commended, KBB Award for Excellence in Wind, Brass or Percussion
Flynn	Phillips	12HT	WHS Centurion
Tyrone	Pirere	10BH	Softball – Whanganui U15 Boys Representative National & Central Region Teams (Captain)
Toka	Poa	12GM	Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade A, WHS Academic Tie, <b>Sixth Wallace Secondary School Art Awards - Finalist</b>  <b>First place “Wallace Secondary School Arts Awards</b>
Kaewa	Potaka	12GM	Touch – NZ Junior Pathway Camp U16 Girls



# QUIZ NIGHT

BY SOPHIE BATES




**“ A QUIZ NIGHT WOULD  
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It was that time of year again where the Academic Prefects dusted off their plaid shirts, retrieved their gumboots from the back of the wardrobe and built up a sense of excitement for the annual WHS Summer Quiz Night, this time with a Kiwiana theme.

The school hall was packed with 30 teams who came prepared with their thinking caps on for some friendly competition, as teams battled through ten rounds of ten questions with topics varying from history to memes, and everything in between. A quiz night would not be complete without teams getting creative with costumes and team names. This year, we witnessed ‘Slippery when Wet’ wrapped in bath towels wearing shower caps and face masks, with soap and a rubber duck as finishing touches to the look. ‘Slippery when Wet’ took the costume idea to a whole new level and were well deserving of the best dressed title...or you could say, best undressed. Embracing their Kiwiana were ‘Fred Daggs’ complete with the classic red band gumboots, stubbies, black singlet and bucket hat. It was apparent everyone had dedicated considerable time and effort into creating original yet eye catching costumes.

As the night progressed, spot prizes were awarded, sausage sizzles and hot chips were consumed and the competitive nature intensified as the winner was close to being announced. It was a slim margin of 2.5 points between the top two teams, but ‘Lengua Chicas’ took out first place, with ‘Power of Juan’ settling for runner up. It is safe to say the 2017 Summer Quiz Night was a huge success, due to the large turnout of teams with unique costumes, the pure enjoyment felt by everyone and the overall high spirits of the evening.







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# MOVIE NIGHT

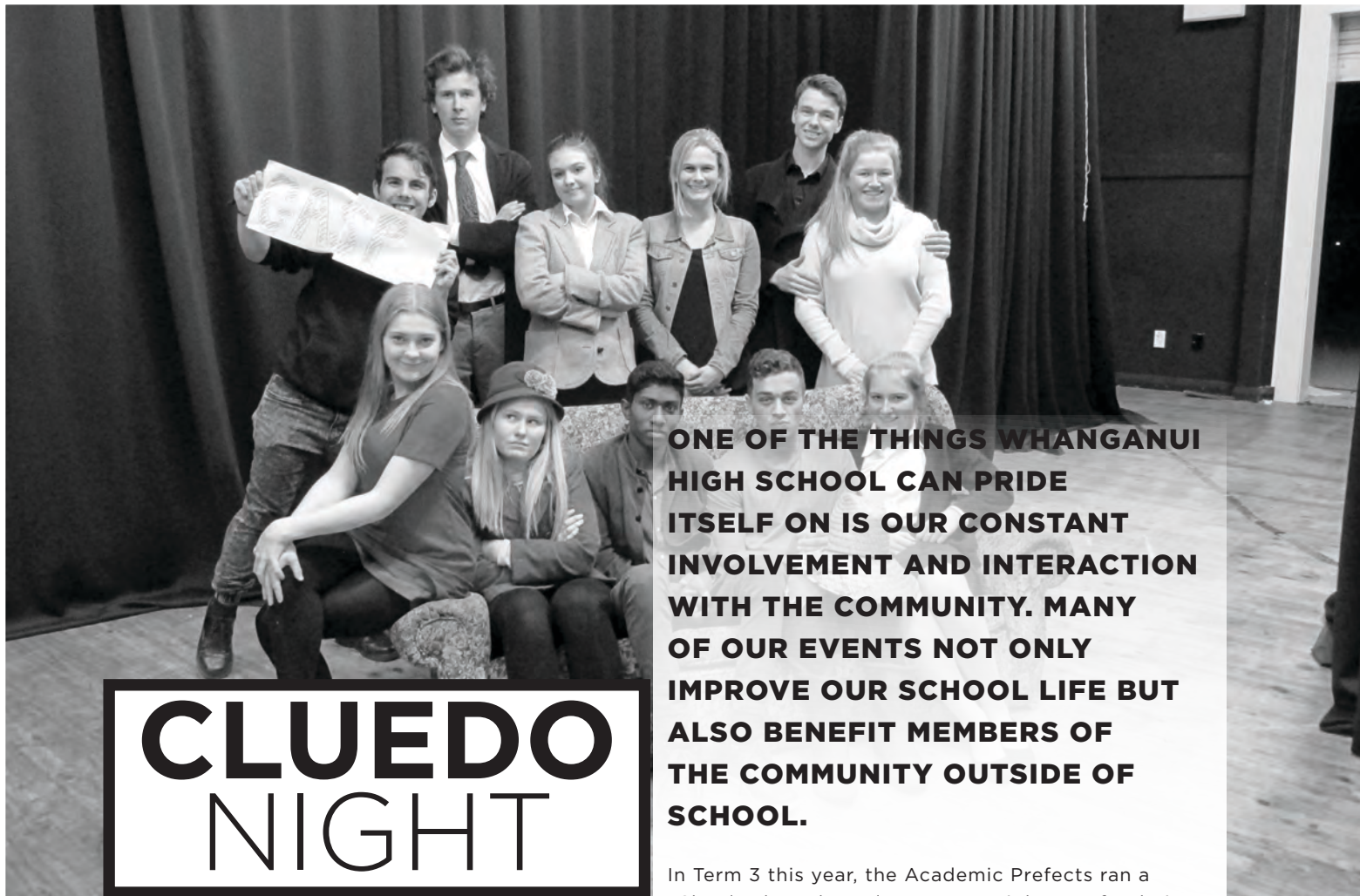
BY VINCENT COLLINS



On a night threatening rain, the 6th of April, the day before term ended, students, teachers and friends from Whanganui High School gathered in the hall. With party music blaring and food in abundance from the kitchen, people relaxed in to the evening. It was after all the first movie night of the year, run by the Cultural Prefects. As people sat down into their comfy chairs, covered with blankets, the opening credits of Napoleon Dynamite began to play, a classic movie to end the term with. With its charismatic humour and quirky characters, it was safe to say that it was a great choice for all who attended. As the smell of food wafted from the back of hall, the sausage sizzle being a great hit among attendees, no one went hungry. It was a great effort made by all those involved, and the results were stunning. The sense of school spirit was high that night and it was great getting together at the end of the term to a movie. I have no doubt that we will see repeats of this event in the coming years.







# CLUEDO NIGHT

BY DANIELLE BOURNE

**ONE OF THE THINGS WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL CAN PRIDE ITSELF ON IS OUR CONSTANT INVOLVEMENT AND INTERACTION WITH THE COMMUNITY. MANY OF OUR EVENTS NOT ONLY IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL LIFE BUT ALSO BENEFIT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.**

In Term 3 this year, the Academic Prefects ran a "Cluedo" based Murder Mystery night as a fundraiser for Amelia Bennett, a primary school student who was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, a form of childhood cancer. The night was a success, with a total of \$347 raised for Amelia and her family as well as lots of fun memories made.

Teams of up to six people had to try and crack the case of the mysterious murder of Mr Potts, with only Detectives Daisy and Stuart to help them. The night consisted of onstage acting, a clue table, fun quizzes, a sausage sizzle and the opportunity for teams to interview and interact with the suspects.

Congratulations to the winning team and the two runners up who discovered that it was indeed Mrs Potts and Mr Fred Green who were responsible for the murder of poor Mr Potts, by swapping his insulin for water, in order to run away together.

I would love to give special thanks to all the wonderful people who made this night possible. I would like to give a special mention to the cast who gave up so much of their time: Vincent Collins as Mr Potts, Amie Bishop as Mrs Potts, Kayla Devine as Miss Scarlet Red, Richard Marks as Mr Ben Black, Libby Kennedy as Mrs Salmon Pink, Nusr Ghamri as Mr Fred Green, Ahilan Saravanapavan as Mr Bill Blue, Brenna Hadley as Miss Wanda White and our two detectives Tegan Cox as Daisy and James Rowe as Stuart. Thank you to all the teams who participated in this fantastic night and a special mention to Amelia Bennett, who has shown us all the significance of courage, kindness and strength of heart.





The Magic: The Gathering Club grew again this year, welcoming new Year 9s into the group.

This year has been a successful one, with organised leagues running each term, as well as casual spell slinging between students at all other times.

The club has grown and changed a lot in its six year history at Whanganui High School. It is currently run by Mr Burrows and Mr Chiet. Each game represents a battle between wizards known as “planeswalkers”, who employ spells, artefacts and creatures, depicted on beautifully illustrated individual Magic cards to defeat their opponents. Magic teaches students strategy, probability and, above all, social skills such as how to win or lose with grace. Magic also exposes students to a high level of vocabulary and logic as they learn the different layers of rule complexity.

Students meet every lunch time to battle. If you are interested, then see Mr Burrows or Mr Chiet to arrange a time to visit, to either watch what we get up to, or learn to play with one of our friendly senior students. In 2018 we are taking a team of students to Sydney to compete in an international Grand Prix tournament. We wish them every success in their preparation.



# MAGIC: THE GATHERING CLUB

BY MR BURROWS & MR CHIET



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# 40 HOUR FAMINE

BY MIKAL TERRY

Each year, the World Vision 40 Hour Famine targets a particularly pressing issue that has arisen leading up to that moment. This year, the focus was fundraising to help the crisis in Syria; developing child-friendly refugee camps. The aim is to provide displaced children with food, education, and a sense of normality that can be brought back into their lives while preparing them for what will be a brighter future.

The Community Prefect team worked hard to build the base of students who would take part – giving up something for forty hours – and were rewarded with resounding success. 2017 brought one of the highest numbers of individuals taking part in the 40 Hour Famine that Whanganui High School has ever seen. Collectively, we fundraised over \$1500 for the cause.

It is important to recognise that this was the culmination of the work of many people, so a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the event itself, the community prefects who were involved in the organisation, and those who supported the participants. This couldn't have happened without you.



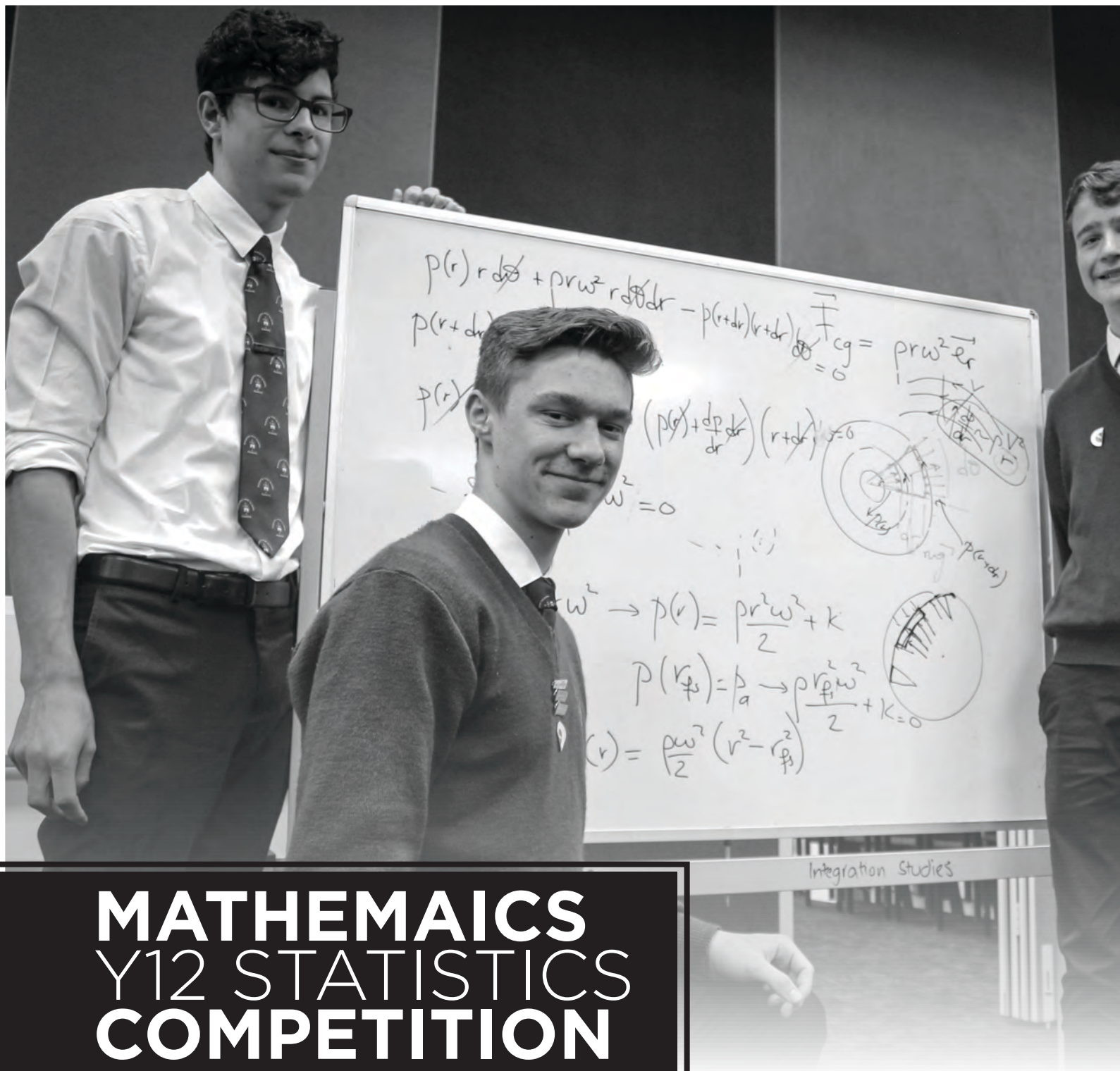


# RELAY FOR LIFE

BY EMILIA SCHMIDT

On March 11th, the Whanganui High School prefects gathered at Cooks Gardens to take part in the Relay for Life. The weather wasn't at its finest when Mayor Hamish McDouall finished his speech and the walk began. We all got soaked but continued our walk. All prefects stayed on the track for the first half an hour, and for the entire 12 hours of the event, at least one prefect from every prefect group was on the track at all times. In the past, prefect groups have had a competition to see which group had the best costume, but this year we decided to all dress up in green, to commemorate Chris Cresswell and all that he brought to our school and the wider Whanganui community. It was a day filled with laughter and fun while we walked what seemed like an endless number of laps around Cooks Gardens to raise funds and awareness for those struggling with cancer in our community. The Relay For Life began with a moving Opening Ceremony, with cancer survivors and carers leading the first lap of the event. Next, prefects and others registered to participate took to the track. Most of us walked, while some preferred to jog or run. When we were not on the track, we all enjoyed a festive environment with heaps of activities and entertainment, such as tug-of-war battles. This helped us to grow as a team as this was the first major event that involved all prefects and set a great tone for the rest of the year. Later in the evening, a Candlelight Ceremony was held to remember loved ones, after which we sang our school song for everyone in our school community, past or present, who has been affected by cancer. Personally-inscribed candle bags were placed around the track, and their light emitted a warm glow around the venue. We then continued to walk or jog until a moving Closing Ceremony, where we prefects sprinted the final lap. Due to the amazing spirit and respect displayed by our prefects, we were awarded the Happiest Team at the event. We raised a grand total of \$1,266. This was a great event for a great cause to kick off the year for the Whanganui High School prefects of 2017.





# MATHEMATICS Y12 STATISTICS COMPETITION

BY RAOUL SARUP

On the 30th of June 2017, twelve Year 12 students waited in anticipation as Mr Coombs pulled up in the van. In the weeks leading up to this day, the excitement around this unparalleled experience was evident. As we all took our seats in the van, it dawned on us that only one team of three could be the group who find the "sum to success", the accolade we were all hoping for. With our skilled teacher at the wheel, we set off to the Manawatu Massey University Campus to participate in the annual Mathematics and Statistics (M3S) Competition. This prestigious competition attracted eight other secondary schools from around the region, and to raise the stakes, Whanganui High School came second in 2016; meaning it was up to us to bring back what was rightfully ours. To ensure that our school wasn't fashionably late two years in a row, Mr Coombs planned to be there early.

However, nobody anticipated that we would be the only school there with almost an hour to kill. As we walked around the campus, coffee cart in our sights, we were glad for the opportunity to partake in what would be, for most of us, the best and only Maths field trip of our lives. The competition itself was exclusively for Year 12 students, and we were all asked to leave our calculators at home, using only the power of our brains to answer NCEA Level 1 Mathematics and Statistics questions, in a Mathex- style competition. Massey University were unbelievably accommodating, providing pencils and lollies on the tables of each team and then offering all of the teams a light lunch afterwards. At the penultimate, the results were tight and one of our teams were only one point behind the top placed school. We were asked one final question, and given the instructions that there



# CASIO VICTORIA MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

BY ALISTER HUGHES

Honestly, I'm not entirely sure if it was the promise of a cupcake from Mr Burrows if we did well, or the competitive part of me that just wanted to do well, or the nerdy part of me that loves the maths for its own sake, or a combination of them all but sitting the Victoria University Casio Mathematics competition became something that was, actually, quite an exciting prospect. This meant that, in the lead up to the exam, there were practice papers all over the place as I was getting ready; but a really curious thing happened. Usually, with practice, things get easier. This time, they didn't. No matter how unprepared I felt, we all had to give it a go and just take a stab at it, and so we struggled through it; most of us reaching at least one of the benchmarks that Mr Burrows had set us, the most exciting being five marks getting a cupcake lovingly prepared by him. Maybe it is a testament to just how tough the exam was, but out of a possible fifty-five, the benchmark to be considered for the national final was ten marks. Two of us met this; Jesse Satherley and I. Our papers were then sent away and considered to be narrowed down to the top 15 students in the country; here, I made the cut and was selected to travel to Wellington and sit another exam alongside the other finalists.

The maths of it was curious. There didn't seem anything too difficult at first glance but as soon as you started, it turned out to be so much more complicated than you originally thought and it was easy to get hopelessly lost in the Algebra of it all. There was Algebra all over the place, as well as Statistics and Probability scattered throughout it. There was Geometry, number crunching, sequences and a whole host of other questions that are quite difficult to characterise but it actually turned out - and this is probably the nerdy part of me talking - to be quite a lot of fun. Eventually, after the two hour exam, I ended up being ranked an (unofficial) fifth, which made all of that practice (that hadn't felt like it was helping at all) worth it.

were points not only for answering the question correctly but also for answering it the quickest. It was a nervous wait for these results to come through, but we were all extremely proud when we heard that our team had managed to pull it back at the last moment and snaffle the first place spot from the unsuspecting hands of Freyberg High School. The winning team of George Iliffe, Josiah Kirk and Owen Parkinson collected their prizes and Mr Coombs thanked the organisers for what had been a highly enjoyable day. Regardless of our final positions, we all returned home with a newfound appreciation for what is an incredibly rewarding and challenging subject.



# CULTURAL FESTIVAL

WRITTEN BY LUCA MULTAZZU

Whanganui High School international students all performed on stage on the night of Saturday 17th of June. The night took a huge amount of time and effort to organize; every country group went through multiple weeks of rehearsals and planning in order to show the best act they could do. This resulted in outstanding performances from all the countries and the individuals.

The night started at six p.m. when all the countries started selling their food. The public was impressed by the amazing cooking such as "Frikadellen" of the Germans, the Sushi of the Japanese, the tiramisù and the pizza of the Italians and much more. The food sold out before the start of the show at seven p.m. for the first time in the history of the event, underlining the amazing turnout and success of the night.

The performances started at seven. Luca and Joy presented the event leading the audience on a mini

world tour. The night was a great mixture of amazing dances and songs, such as the ones from China, Japan, Hong Kong and Korea. Some groups also decided to try something different, presenting a short comedy piece such as the German group and the Italian group. The contribution from local students was also outstanding. Led by their head prefects, the groups of Maori and Pasifika students put together a number of breathtaking performances to start off the night. The percussion group "The Ruffs" was astonishing on stage and deserved the long round of applause they got at the end of their item that opened the second part of the show. This half was dedicated to individual performers so they could show their talent on stage. All these students were incredibly brave and the audience clearly appreciated that. Some of the highlights were Oscar's solo at the piano, Joy, Maggie and Koto singing "Dream it possible" and Claudia playing a typical Chinese instrument, the Gouzhang. The last performance was a show of





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typical Kung Fu from the Chinese teachers, whose use of swords and nunchucks left everyone scared but also amazed.

The night was closed by Luca and Joy thanking all the technicians for their great job: Sarah, Sasha, Bee, Abby, Cypress and Leah. They were all called up on stage together with Mr Crook and Mr Hedivan and were each given a present to recognise their contributions to the successful night. The show closed with all the international students joining together in singing “On top of the world”, rather appropriate since for a night they were all indeed on top of the world.







# LANGUAGE WEEK



**HOLA, KONICHIWA,  
MALO E LELEI, HELLO, NI HAO,  
TALOFA LAVA, BONJOUR,  
KUMUSTA, CIAO, GUTEN TAG!**

This year the Academic Prefects brought Language Week back to Whanganui High School! Our drive behind organising this great event was to celebrate our wonderfully diverse community here at High School.

Our school is comprised of so many different students of distinct national and cultural backgrounds- ranging from Korea, Japan, China, stretching across the Pacific to Samoa, Fiji, Tonga and right through to Africa, South America and Europe.

We as a group decided that running an International Language Week was the perfect way of celebrating our school's diversity. And what a better way than to have a form class competition!!

During the week we had many activities on offer. Foreign films were screened every break, with a different film every day. In the gym students enjoyed playing different international games





including Chinese hacky sacks and Tinikling- a Filipino folk dance performed with bamboo sticks.

On Tuesday we were fortunate enough to welcome some special guests all the way from Massey University where we were able to learn some fun exciting Salsa moves.

The canteen also got on board, serving an exclusive, delicious new menu for the duration of the week with brand new foods everyday.

And rounding off our weekly activities was the daily morning quiz!!

Thank you to all the language teachers: Ms Penaluna, Mrs Scott, Ms Hurtado, Mr Ding, Ms Ferretti, the lovely ladies at the canteen and all the students that took part and enjoyed this week!! And congratulations to 12SR who took out the form class competition and pizza lunch, with a whopping 1970 points gained throughout the week.



# HOMESTAY BBQ 2017

(BETTER KNOWN  
AS THE DAY OF  
EATING AND  
MEETING)

BY JANNE ROTHER

"I didn't know we had these many internationals at High School!" "Some of them I've never talked to before." Hearing these sentences from our international students made the Homestay BBQ on the 26th of March seem to be an event with a positive outcome. Not only did the host families get to know each other but also the students could meet other foreign students outside school and build bonds with them. There is always a difference in how you act if you sit in class or if you can just play and chat without having to think about school. That lots of the students used this opportunity to get to know new people had a beneficial effect on the whole group of international students of 2017. The lunchtime BBQ still turned out to be very good despite the need to postpone it and then move the location to the school gym, instead of the Bason Reserve. The foreign students learned how unpredictable and uncooperative New Zealand's weather can be at times and also that there is absolutely nothing you can do about it, apart from making the best of that situation and that is what everybody did. All the 35 host families who turned up stayed in the area between the two High School gyms.

On the one hand, the good thing about this location was that the internationals could play basketball, soccer and various other ball games in the gym or on the field while the host parents got the chance to meet and talk to each other. On the other hand, the negative thing about being under cover was the smell of sausages creeping through the room half an hour before they were actually ready to eat. So, with great appetites, the whole buffet including salads, desserts and meat from the BBQ finally could be demolished after a wait that felt like ages. No food went to waste because everyone was that hungry.

After everybody got their strength up, there was a tug-of-war game, a water balloon fight and an Easter egg hunt around the gyms. Not only the younger siblings had heaps of laughter, activities and sugar but also the internationals. What everybody took away back home in the afternoon was hopefully some wet clothing, a handful of Easter eggs, an emptied dish, some new friendships (or at least the start of some), a multi-cultural experience and a smile on their face.

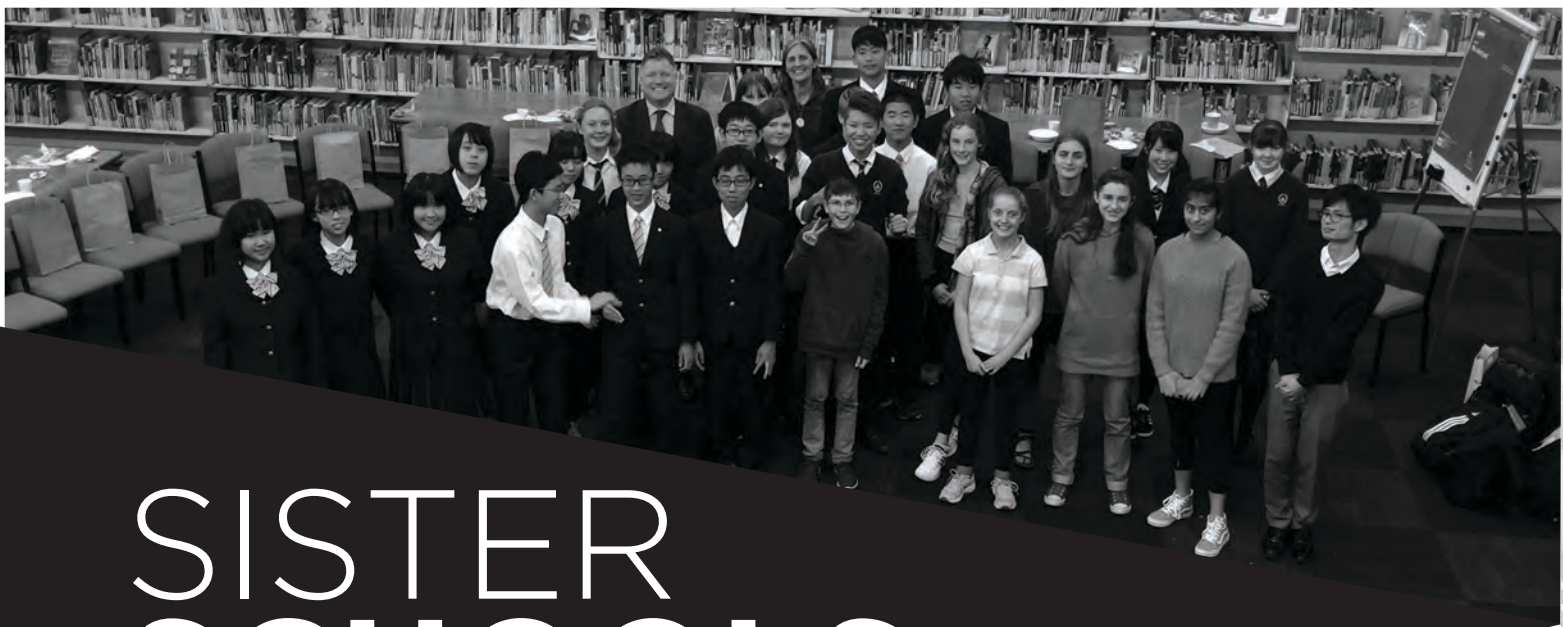
# ACHIEVERS

LIST  
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Ben	Power	11HS	Senior Model United Nations – Best Delegation (Team Award), Chamber Music – Regional Competition ‘The Classical Modes Take 2’ Best Performance of an Original Composition
Meghan	Price	13KR	WHS Excellence Tie, Head of Social
<b>Emma</b>	<b>Rainey</b>	<b>13BG</b>	Hockey – Central U18 Women’s Team, Head of Sport, <b>Hockey – National U18 Tournament 1<sup>st</sup>, Most Valuable Player, Hockey – NZ U18 Development Camp, Selected for NHL Central Women’s Team</b>
Tazman	Rei	13HN	WHS Centurion, Head of E-Life
Kevin	Rennie	9WR	Softball – Whanganui U15 Boys Representative National & Central Region Team
Ben	Robertson	13KR	WHS Excellence Tie
<b>Tayla</b>	<b>Robinson</b>	<b>13PA</b>	WHS Centurion, Basketball – <b>WSS Senior Boys Competition 1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Wiremu</b>	<b>Rogan</b>	<b>12GM</b>	<b>Weight Lifting – NZSS Championship 94kg 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Amber-Rose	Roos	12SR	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, Language Perfect World Championship Certificate – Credit
Brianna	Ross	13LW	WHS Excellence Tie, Language Perfect World Championship Certificate – Silver
Ethan	Ross	13KH	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship U18 Men’s K4 1000m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , K1 500m 1 <sup>st</sup> , K1 5km 3 <sup>rd</sup> , U18 K4 200m 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Evan	Ross	12SR	Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade B, Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, WHS Academic Tie
Blake	Rountree	12SL	Motocross – Taranaki Secondary School MX Championship Overall Winners 1 <sup>st</sup>
James	Rountree	11TS	Motocross – Taranaki Secondary School MX Championship Overall Winners 1 <sup>st</sup>
James	Rowe	13KR	Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, Language Perfect World Championship Certificate – Silver
Cameron	Russell	11SK	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship K4 200m 1 <sup>st</sup> , K4 500m 1 <sup>st</sup> , Multisport – NZSS 3D Rotorua Multisport Festival Salomon ‘Du It’ Race Male U16 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Kaveh</b>	<b>Safaei Torogh</b>	<b>12GN</b>	Senior Model United Nations – Best Food (Team Award), Duke of Edinburgh’s Hillary Award – Silver, Senior Individual Peer Mentor, Basketball – <b>WSS Junior Boys Competition 1<sup>st</sup>, Basketball – WSS Senior Boys Competition 1<sup>st</sup></b>
Ahilan	Saravanapavan	13RT	WHS Centurion
Ahimsha	Saravanapavan	11HL	Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade A*
Raoul	Sarup	12SR	Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade B, Senior Model United Nations – Best Dressed (Team Award), WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
<b>Jesse</b>	<b>Satherley</b>	<b>13RT</b>	NZ Chemistry Olympiad Exam – Silver, Selected for International Chemistry Olympiad, Cambridge Mathematics AS Exam – Grade A, WHS Excellence Tie, <b>Canterbury University – ‘I Love Science’ Competition 1<sup>st</sup></b>
Antonio	Saunders	10HG	Athletics – WSS 200m Junior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> , Boys Junior Relay Team 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Emilia</b>	<b>Schmidt</b>	<b>13CT</b>	Head of Community, Language Perfect World Championship Certificate – Silver, Football – <b>16+ Girls Whanganui Representative Team</b>

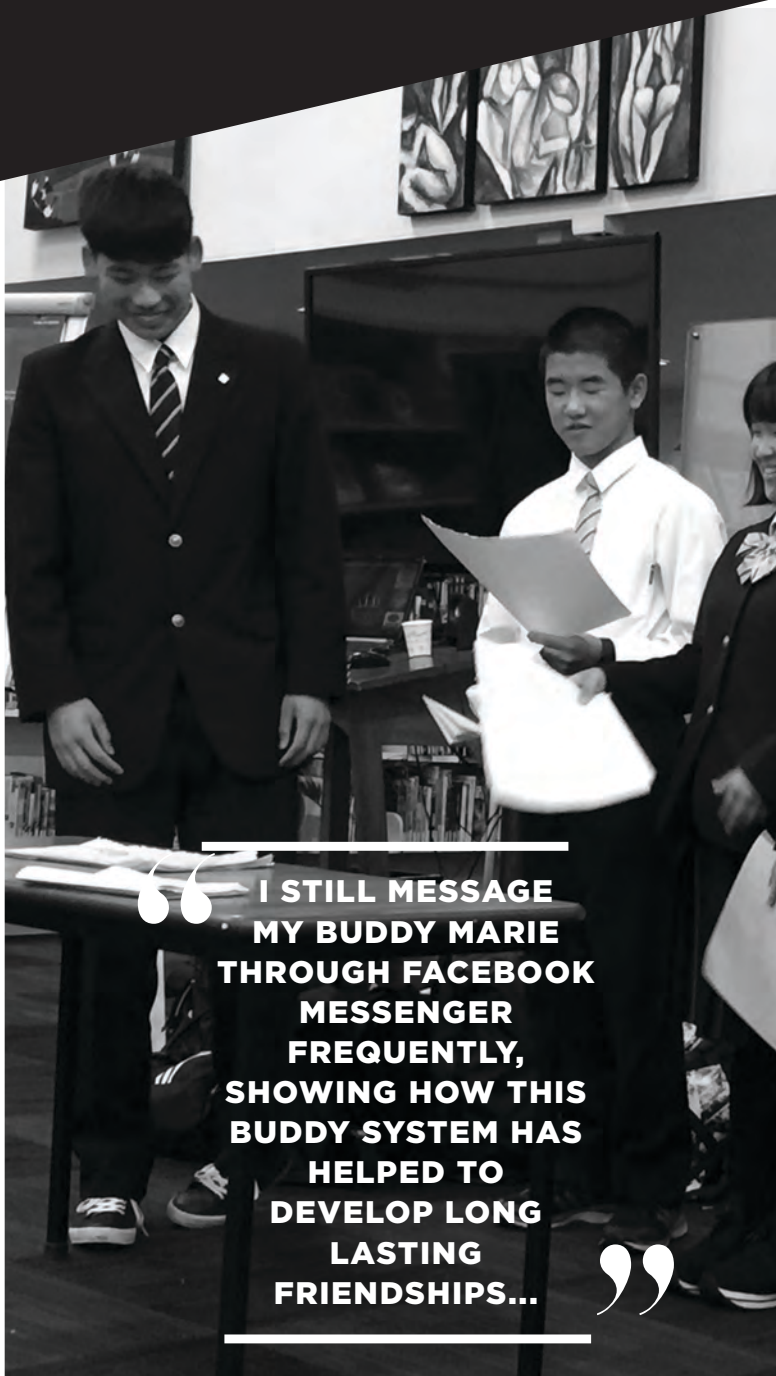


Nanea	Schurhammer	11HS	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship U16 K4 200m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 500m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Selected for Finals, Senior Model United Nations – Best Delegation (Team Award), Rockquest – Regional Finals ‘Straight Lace’ Band 1st
Abel	Scrimshaw	12SR	WHS Centurion
Danielle	Sewell	13KH	Chamber Music – Regional Competition ‘The Classical Modes Take 2’ Best Performance of an Original Composition, Senior Individual Peer Mentor
Portia	Sharp	12SR	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition- Senior Short Film Category 1st (Participant)
<b>Blake</b>	<b>Sherman</b>	<b>10CY</b>	Golf – Youth Games Best Nett Scored 1 <sup>st</sup> , Best Gross Scored 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Football – <b>U14 Boys Whanganui Representative Team</b>
<b>Jared</b>	<b>Sim</b>	<b>10MD</b>	<b>Dancesport – Regional Rivercity Championship Junior Ballroom Lvl 1 ‘Waltz’ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lvl 2 ‘Waltz’ &amp; ‘Quickstep’ 3<sup>rd</sup>; Latin Lvl 2 ‘Samba’ &amp; ‘Jive’ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Open ‘Cha Cha, ‘Samba’ &amp; ‘Jive’ 3<sup>rd</sup>, New Vogue Lvl 1 ‘Evening Tree Step’ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dance Sport – Jimmy James Championship Junior Ballroom Lvl 1 ‘Waltz’ 1<sup>st</sup>, Lvl 2 ‘Waltz, Tango’ 1<sup>st</sup>, New Vogue Lvl 1 ‘Evening Tree Step’ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lvl 2 ‘Swing Waltz, Tangoette’ 1<sup>st</sup>, Latin Lvl 1 ‘Jive’ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lvl 2 ‘Samba, Jive’ 2<sup>nd</sup>; Wellington Metro Championship Junior Ballroom Lvl 1 ‘Waltz’ 1<sup>st</sup>, Lvl 2 ‘Waltz, Tango’ 1<sup>st</sup>, New Vogue Lvl 1 ‘Evening 3 Step’ 1<sup>st</sup>, Lvl 2 ‘Swing Waltz Tangoette’ 1<sup>st</sup>, Latin Lvl 1 ‘Cha Cha’ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lvl 2 ‘Samba, Jive’ 2<sup>nd</sup>; Rose City Championship Junior Ballroom Lvl 1 ‘Waltz’ 1<sup>st</sup>, Lvl 2 ‘Waltz, Tango’ 1<sup>st</sup>, New Vogue Lvl 1 ‘Evening 3 Step’ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lvl 2 ‘Swing Waltz, Tango Teriffic’ 1<sup>st</sup>, Latin Lvl 1 ‘Jive’ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lvl 2 ‘Samba, Jive’ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lvl 3 ‘Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive’ 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Vitek	Sosnowski	13KR	Lifesaving – WSS Mixed Grade 1st, Swimming – WSS Intermediate 100m Freestyle 2nd, 50m Freestyle 1st, 50m Butterfly 2nd, 100m Freestyle Senior Boys Relay Team 1st, Senior Model United Nations – WHS Representative, WHS Excellence Tie
Jack	Southee	13KR	Lifesaving – WSS Boys Grade Male Instructor, Mixed Grade 1st, NZ Chemistry Olympiad Exam – Participation, WHS Centurion - Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie, Head Boy, Rockquest – Regional Finals ‘Chanpertional’ Lyric Award, Chamber Music – Regional Competition ‘Sophie’s Choice’ Best Performance of a NZ Work, Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition- Senior Short Film Category 1 <sup>st</sup> (Director)
Tegan	Stoneman-Wills	11HS	Lifesaving – WSS Mixed Grade 1 <sup>st</sup> , Individual Peer Mentor
Taliah	Su’a	13KR	WHS Centurion - Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie, Head of Academia
Dallas	Swaneveld	11BS	Swimming – WSS Intermediate Boys 100m Freestyle 1 <sup>st</sup> , 100m Backstroke 1 <sup>st</sup> , 100m Breaststroke 1 <sup>st</sup> , 50m Backstroke 1 <sup>st</sup> , 100m Freestyle Intermediate Boys Relay Team 2nd
Polly	Tai	12HT	Language Perfect World Championship Certificate - Silver
Cambell	Tanner	13CT	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship U18 Men’s K4 1000m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , K1 500m 1 <sup>st</sup> , K1 5km 3 <sup>rd</sup> , U18 K4 200m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Fun Mixed K4 200m 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Teagan	Tapa	11BS	Touch – NZ Junior Pathway Camp U16 Girls



# SISTER SCHOOLS

BY CALLISTA BOOTH-RICHARDS




**“ I STILL MESSAGE  
MY BUDDY MARIE  
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It may seem strange, but Whanganui High School - the decile four school in small town Whanganui - is partnered with different schools all over the globe; just another example of how incredible our school is. This means that, at different times, we are lucky enough to host visiting students from these schools for two week periods as part of our buddy system when they are exploring New Zealand.

Schools such as Toyooka (Japanese), Xuzhou (Chinese) and Indraprastha (India) spend two weeks here at Whanganui High School taking part in classes, going on trips and experiencing the school's culture. They stay with host families during the two weeks and are each partnered with a student or "buddy" from Whanganui High School. They spend breaks with these buddies and have some of the same classes with them. These buddies are in charge of ensuring that the visitors get to each of their classes on time and then are handed over to their host families. By being a buddy, you are able to join in on some of the special classes that the visiting students take, such as Cookery, Art, Maori Culture and Music.

The students are also given many opportunities outside the school curriculum, such as going on trips to Mt Ruapehu, jet boating down the Whanganui River, and swimming at the Splash Centre (and for the Xuzhou students participating in a school trip to Palmerston North with the junior Whanganui High school Students studying Chinese). For their last day, the schools prepare a presentation of their culture for the buddies and host families. The students from Indraprastha performed traditional songs and dances for the Year 10 assembly, while the Toyooka students taught lessons in origami and gave a presentation through traditional Japanese storytelling.





I have been involved with this system for the past two years, and my buddies have been Marie (Toyooka 2016), Mehek (Indraprastha 2017), Emily (Xuzhou 2017), and Taiga (Toyooka 2017).

I have deeply enjoyed these experiences, and doubt I will be forgetting them any time soon. I still message my buddy Marie through Facebook messenger frequently, showing how this buddy system has helped to develop long lasting friendships while giving an opportunity to get an inside view to different cultures.



# BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

BY DEVE MEY-OU



In January of this year, ten Year 13 students from WHS began one of the biggest adventures of their lives - the Argentinian exchange. Our adventure began at the end of the summer holidays as we welcomed our Argentine exchange partners to our beautiful country. Finally, able to meet our partners, we spent the next month showing them all the best parts of being a New Zealander - spending days at the beach and nights around the BBQ. When we had to say "goodbye" as their time in New Zealand came to an end it was sad but also exciting, in that it wasn't a "goodbye" but a "see you in a month".

April came around quickly and we soon found ourselves trying to navigate life in the big city of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Once all of us Kiwis had arrived in the big city, we celebrated with an asado, a traditional Argentine style BBQ. This was a strange parallel to the few months before when we had welcomed them with a kiwi style BBQ. This was the beginning of our big Argentinian adventure and only the start of cultural differences.





Every day we attended school with our partners. Often helping out in English classes or braving Statistics in Spanish. The school was much smaller than ours, having only 1500 students from kindergarten through to Year 13. Making friends with the juniors who were so enthusiastic to speak English is one of my favourite memories.

When we weren't in school we were taken on trips to explore the city. There are around 4 million people in Buenos Aires so there was always something to do. One of the stand out neighbourhoods was La Boca. The colourful area is a slum turned into a tourist destination. We visited El Cementerio de la Recoleta, a famous cemetery where Eva Perón is buried. The cemetery's tombs often hold families and are so large it feels as though you're walking through a small town. On April 25th we were invited to commemorate ANZAC day at the Australian Embassy. This was a special experience as we realised that we were surrounded by Kiwis and home was never really too far away.

A few of us were fortunate enough to escape the bustle of the big city with a visit to the magical Iguazú falls - the largest waterfall system in the world - on the border of Argentina and Brazil. After a 16 hour bus ride, the rest of us found ourselves in Colonia, Uruguay. The small town is very popular amongst Argentinians as it is only an hour by the ferry across el Río de la Plata.

Living in such a big city where they spoke a different language meant we found ourselves in some funny situations. A couple of us never learnt that when we ordered coffee we had to say "con leche" or the coffee would come black. We never got over the lack of salt on everything, including chips. For those of us who have never studied Spanish "Hablas Ingles?" became our favourite phrase.

Over the course of a month we all gained a few kilos from all the ice cream we ate, gained knowledge of a new culture and gained a newfound appreciation of language, salt on fries, the beautiful place we call home and the amazing opportunities, such as this exchange, we have presented to us here in New Zealand.

# NZ ARGENTINA EXCHANGE

BY MARIA MICAELA OROZ

When you decide to go on a month-long exchange to an island in the Pacific of which all you know is that they are good at rugby, what would you expect of this trip?

I, for one, was expecting warm weather and long days on the beach, and had no clue as to the island's people, their culture, traditions or heritage. After three weeks here, I found myself surrounded by new friends that felt like old pals. I have some wonderful memories that, I am sure, I will always cherish. I discovered how amazing the Maori culture is and I think it is wonderful that they are trying to protect it by including it in schools and promoting it in public places as well.

The weather did not meet my expectations. We have had a grand total of three, maybe four sunny days since I got here. Somehow, I don't mind. With its single-storied houses, the great river and Nature all around, Whanganui feels like a British town where its inhabitants live with Nature, not in opposition to it.

As far as cultural exchanges go, I wasn't expecting to learn much; I thought it would be very similar to my own. I ended up walking on the street and crossing roads barefoot (something unthinkable in the massive city of Buenos Aires) and living at a Quaker Settlement. I had never even heard of such a thing before.

I signed up for the exchange expecting a vacation, but instead I got to experience a rich culture and meet great people with whom I will hopefully stay in contact for years to come.

I have not even left and I already miss this place. So, thank you, Whanganui, for being my home for a while.



# MAORI

BY XAVIER MANLEY-GREEN

## REPORT



**THIS YEAR THE MAORI PREFECTS HAVE DONE A LOT TO ENSURE WE HAVE A CLOSE BOND WITH OUR TEINA (JUNIORS) ENSURING THEY KNOW WHO THEIR TUAKANA (SENIORS) ARE. THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR WE HAVE HELD DIFFERENT EVENTS SUCH AS; OUR YEAR 9 WHARENUI DAY, CELEBRATING MATARIKI, WHANAU CLASS CHALLENGES AND PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITHIN OUR KAPA HAKA ROOPU KIA WHAIORA.**

### YEAR NINE WHARENUI DAY

Our Year nine Wharenui day was an introduction day for our junior Māori students. We as prefects wanted to ensure that our teina (junior students) became familiar with their tuakana (senior students) and were aware they had student support their senior students. We had three stations which our teina would meet new prefects and be involved in a variety of different games and bonding exercises. We ended our wharenui day with a hakari ensuring our teina and tuakana bonded in a comfortable environment. We would like to thank our kaiawhina for helping the Maori prefects make this day a success. Na reira he mihi miharo, he mihi nui tēnei ki ngā wahine a Whaea Cherie, Nanny Di rātou ko Whaea Riria mo tēnei rā whakahirahira, a, ko te rā wharenui mo ngā teina tērā.

### WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL CULTURAL FESTIVAL

This year, our Kapa Haka roopu Kia Whaiora performed at the Wanganui High School cultural festival 2017. They performed waiata like; Haere Mai, Aue te Aroha and Koia Nei Aku Rohe. We sang these waiata as an opening for our cultural festival and we enjoyed performing very much along side the many cultures Whanganui High School has.

### WHANAU CLASS CHALLENGES

As a way to encourage whanaungatanga and kotahitanga for our Maori students in our school, our whanau classes and teachers have come together and put a variety of challenges together which we all participate for points which are collected throughout the year. Our whanau classes come together and split off into teams which we have named after our Maori gods such as; Tumatauenga, Ruaumoko, We've participated in challenges such as the sports day held in term one where our whanau classes spent the afternoon at the Jubilee stadium, dressed in their team colours and played a round robin of different games. Term three is the whanau class cook off where our teams are to prepare a dish using the main ingredient - Mince. The whanau class cook off started at period two on the 26th of September where the whanau classes made their way over to Rutherford Junior High School. The Whanau classes hoppe into their teams and got straight to work. The aim of the cook off was to have our teams create two dishes one being muffins and the the other being of their choice with the main ingredient being mince. The whanau class cook off was a lot of fun, it also brought our tuakana and teina together as we all had to work as a team to finish our meals. A big thank you to Mrs. Graham and our whanau teachers as well as Rutherford for making a day worthwhile for our whanau classes! Our aim with the whanau class challenges are to bring our Maori students together so our teina and tuakana are familiar with each other as we are all a whanau. A big thank you to our Whanau class teachers, Ms. Graham, Ms. Martin, Whaea Riria and Matua Ashley, Ms. Burmeister and Mr. Brown bringing our whanau classes together and making us all one big whanau.



## MATARIKI CELEBRATION

This year, the Maori prefect team came together and celebrated the Maori new year or Matariki by standing in assembly and interacting with our school. We made a big yellow star with the names of the seven sisters; Tupu-a-nuku, Tupu-a-rangi, Waiti, Waita, Waipunarangi, Ururangi and Matariki. We talked about the story behind our stars and why they are so significant to Maori culture. During the week leading up to our Maori new year we played games and had all year level of the school and the teachers involved in celebrating with us.

## PAE RANGATAHI 2017

This year, our annual Pae Rangatahi competition was held in Whanganui at the Jubilee stadium. The Annual Pae Rangatahi is held every year and is hosted by different schools throughout the rohe of Taranaki and Ruapehu. Pae Rangatahi is a two day event which involves Manu Korero - Speeches in both English and Maori for both juniors and seniors, and Kapa Haka which involve performances from schools throughout Taranaki and Ruapehu. While Manu Korero has a national competition every year where the top students are selected to participate in, our Kapa Haka only qualify for nationals every second year. This Year, the Manu Korero nationals will be held in New Plymouth where schools from the North Island come together and compete in our Manu Korero competition.

## WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT

Kia Whaiora had the pleasure of performing and opening our Whanganui High School Performing Arts night. Kia Whaiora performed waiata including; Aue Te Aroha, Koia Nei Aku Rohe and Haere Mai to open our performing arts nights as they are waiata which welcome our audience and bring smiles to everyone's faces! Kia Whaiora performed alongside our Pasifika group and many other amazing talents from drama performances to our own music bands. For our senior students in Kia Whaiora this was their last performance which made our performance both enjoyable and upsetting. Tēnā koutou e ngā tuakana o Kia Whaiora mo o koutou manaakitanga ki runga i tēnei roopu i tēnei tau!



# WHARENUI DAY

In Term One, the Māori prefects held a year Nine Wharenui day. The purpose of this day was to make a connection with our teina (juniors) and to show them who their tuakana (seniors) are. We also wanted to assure our teina that they had people to go to throughout their first year of high school as we all know how scary it can be. It was a way to start building relationships that bridged year groups, introducing people who otherwise probably would not have interacted, and trying to bring the school community a little bit closer together. Our Wharenui day was awesome! We built a great relationship between our teina and tuakana, and our teina are now familiar with us and know we are here for them.

“He kai kei aku ringa”

We are hoping this will carry over, beyond just this year, and eventually our teina can grow into tuakana who look out for some juniors of their own. We will maintain these relationships with our juniors so that they can make the best out of their first year!





# PASIFIKA

Ever since last year's 'Fusion', Daina Pa'a (Head Girl of Pasifika) and I (Head Boy of Pasifika) had already been planning what to do for this year's Pasifika group. As soon as I found out that we had been awarded the roles of Heads of Pasifika, I knew straight away that 2017 Pasifika was going to be a year to remember.

We started sign ups in Term 1, and that went on for about 2-3 weeks. Then we emailed the parents of every student in Whanganui High School of Pasifika Island descent. We invited them to come to a Potluck barbeque at school so that we could introduce ourselves and share our plan for the year. We wanted to get students interested into doing Pasifika. There was a lot of communication between the families and some teachers like Mrs Su'a, Mrs Pederson and Mr McAllen, our principal. After this night, we started getting into after school practices, doing some singing and dancing with our tutor Marie Aki; whom Daina and I trusted to tutor us because she has been doing so since we were Year 9. Students kept coming in at these practices because they had heard about us and were interested in joining our group. These practices went towards our big competition 'Pasifika Fusion' that we attend every year in Palmerston North.


We performed first at the Cultural Festival Night at school so that we could perform at the Fusion competition without being nervous. The Cultural Festival was great preparation for our Pasifika group. Weeks went by, and Fusion came closer, and break time practices were added to the after school practices, and relationships within the Pasifika group became closer and created a new family. There were a lot of ups and downs, but they did not stop us from achieving our goals at the Pasifika Fusion competition.

**EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK WE WOULD HAVE DANCE PRACTICE FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES; COOK ISLAND, TONGAN, FIJIAN, SAMOAN AND TOKELAUAN. WHEN 'FUSION' DREW CLOSE, WE WOULD PERFORM THEM IN ORDER AND PRACTICE AS IF WE WERE PERFORMING AT THE COMPETITION.**

The weekend before 'Fusion' we had a Noho (sleepover) at school so that we could make our performance stronger. During this Noho, the dancers for the different cultures made their own costumes traditionally with MASSIVE help from our tutor Marie Aki, the tutors for the Tongan dance, our Aunties Naomi and Sharn and helpers Anastasia Tamaniyaga and Fale Le'aisamevao. On the same night, everyone practiced their categories like Talent, Wearable Arts, Speeches and Quiz.







North at a campground because the competition was going to go on for two days. On the first night, the whole 56 of us students and about 10 helpers/tutors/teacher in charge went over to support our Quiz team Taliah Su'a, Rebekah Ngapeka, Sophia Cribb, Judah Tamaniyaga and Tokararangi Poa and a Fijian speech performed by Peni Silatolu. The Quiz team came second, half a point behind Palmerston North Girls' High School and Peni Silatolu came first in the speeches. The results had a huge impact on me because we hadn't had a placing in anything since I was a Year 9; they made me really proud of the group.

As soon as we got back to the campground, we started practising the Talent categories including Wearable Arts made by Taylah Aki and modelled by Montel Aki, Hip Hop Dance Crew, Traditional dance done by Angelique Mariner and Mattea Ale, Duet and Song done by Maioha Arihia and Sophia Cribb, Song done by Charis Perofeta, Cypress Kani-hurinu and Tokararangi Poa, Duet and Song done by Charis Perofeta and Mattea Ale, Solo Piano and Song done by Ajmanila Ang, Solo Dance done by Amishel Kumar, and Duet Dance done by Kaya Dobbie and myself, Solomone Tamaniyaga. Then we got into our main performance. We were practicing until two in the morning; most people didn't go to sleep.

On the day, nerves affected everyone, including the tutors. Whanganui High School was second up for the morning performance and that gave us more opportunities to watch other amazing performances. As soon as we were ready to go on stage, I could feel that we were going to kill it and deliver a strong performance. When we did our walk on, I felt the energy from the team/family and that made me feel so very proud of everyone

and so blessed for having an amazing group of tutors (Fijian tutor- Adikelewai Kabakaba, Tongan tutors- Aunties Naomi and Sharn, overall tutor- Marie Aki), helpers and most definitely our parents, for letting us be so committed to Pasifika and for all their LOVE and SUPPORT.

I remembered the moment on that stage four years ago when it was my first time. I tried making the most of the performance remembering that it's my last year.

Next, we had the Talent categories all at the same time and they went really well.

By the time we performed that night, everyone was tired and we weren't as strong as we were in the first performance. That didn't change how proud Daina and I were of the family.

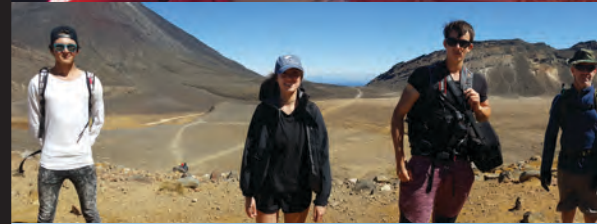
**THIS IS WHY I LOVE BEING A  
PART OF A PACIFIC ISLAND  
CULTURE BECAUSE EVERYTHING  
IS BIG ON FAMILY AND LOVE.  
GO ALL OUT, PASIFIKA 2018.**







## CONFUCIUS CLASSROOM







**DID YOU KNOW THAT ABOUT 70 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ATTEND WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL? THEY COME FROM:- GERMANY, JAPAN, BRAZIL, CHINA, ITALY, THAILAND, CHILE, KOREA, HONG KONG AND VIETNAM. SOME OF THEM ATTEND WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL SO THEY CAN QUALIFY AND GO ON TO UNIVERSITY IN NEW ZEALAND OR AUSTRALIA AND SOME JUST COME OVER HERE TO EXPERIENCE OUR UNIQUE KIWI LIFESTYLE.**

The International Prefects are some of the busiest in the school. As well as helping out with the regular activities - the school ball, charity events etc. - they have a full calendar organising stuff in the International Department.



# HAVE YOU MADE FRIENDS WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT YET?

The Homestay Barbecue takes place before the Easter holidays and The Bason Reserve (weather permitting) is the venue. Everyone brings a plate and there is a good old Kiwi barbecue. As well as water balloon fights and tug of war, we have an Easter Egg Hunt; the under 10s get a head start to find as many lolly sticks as they can to claim their Easter Egg prize.

Have you ever made it to our annual International Cultural Festival? This event usually takes place on the Saturday after Open Evening in June. Our International Students begin to prepare months in advance. On the night, you can try food from all their different countries and then see cultural performances as well as some amazing talent. The school hall is always jam packed on the night and you need to get your ticket at least three or four days before the show as they always run out.

In the middle of winter you may have seen lots of young Chinese kids hanging out around the school library wearing red rain coats. These students come from our sister schools in Xuzhou, Jiangsu Province, China. While they're with us they have English lessons, go on a jetboat, have a day trip to Wellington, play on the beach, go to Rotorua and Auckland and have heaploads of fun. One of the many comments you hear from them are

"beautiful blue sky!" as China has so much smog, they rarely see a clear sky or a sunny day at home.

As well as our Xuzhou visitors, this year we also had visits from our sister school - Toyooka High School, Japan and Indraprastha School, New Delhi India. It was fantastic to have so many Kiwi volunteers to help give these students a warm Kiwi welcome and to show the best of our school community.

Many of our former International Students are still in contact with their Kiwi friends and it's great to see photos of big reunions happening all over the world.

Next year we hope to ramp up our Kiwi welcome. If you're keen to share your culture with an International Student, keep an eye on the notices and come and see Mrs Ferretti or Mrs Su'a in the International Department in L Block for more information. If you'd like to homestay a long or short term International Student, come to the International Office next door to L3 for an application package.

And if you haven't made friends with an International Student yet, why not? Who knows what opportunities and adventures it might bring!

*Love from, the International Department*







On Saturday 8th July, Year 13 senior students from Whanganui High School travelled 'Into the Woods' at the Whanganui Racecourse where a slightly tired, drab function centre had been transformed into a magical and theatrical setting for the highly anticipated annual ball. 300 metres of fairy lights adorned the tables, along with handcrafted woodland tea lights, moss and silvery willow branches. The invitations asked the attendants to "dress to impress" which they most certainly did. Flowing gowns in jewel colours competed with smooth suits. A top hat was even spotted amongst the glamorous crowd.

# INTO THE WOODS

BY SAM CONLEY

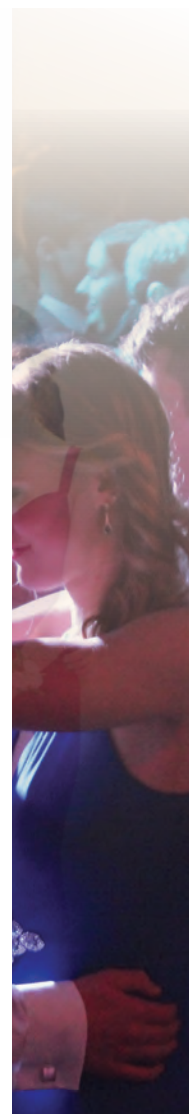
## WHS BALL 2017



**THIS STUNNING EVENING WAS ONLY ACHIEVED BY THE DEDICATION AND LONG, LONG HOURS OF PREPARATION BY THE SOCIAL PREFECTS TEAM - PLANNING, AND THEN TURNING THEIR HANDS TO TASKS AS VARIED AS SPRAY PAINTING, WOODWORKING AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION.**

The evening was kicked off with live dinner music by Josh Dominikovic. This was followed by a band of Whanganui High School students; Jack McCoubrie, Hugo Collins, Caleb Thomson, Reuel McIntosh and Vin Almazan who provided great vibes for dancing. They were also supported by DJ Jazz who came all the way from Wellington to support the event.

A review would not be complete without recognising the most important people who make the planning and preparation of a ball come alive - the guests. Prizes were awarded as follows: 'Best Dressed Female' went to Julia van Niekerk, 'Best Dressed Male' was awarded to Solomone Tamanyaga, 'Life of the Party' went to Nusr







Ghamri, 'Cutest Couple' was snatched up by Mikaya Teki and Chase Pauro, 'Student Choice' was claimed by Sanchia O'Sullivan and Tom Healy, 'Prince of the Ball' was awarded to Liam Lace and Charlotte Wilsher received 'Princess of the Ball'. Finally, 'Queen of the Ball' was given to Olivia Caird and 'King of the Ball' awarded to Boston Flanagan-Connors.

Superb photographs of the guests were captured by Natalie Sixtus from 'Natalie's Photography' of Whanganui. Thanks to Essence Catering, the guests enjoyed a delicious meal with plenty of variety. Finally, the biggest thank you goes to the teachers who guided the Social Prefect team, local businesses Hiremaster, Ricoh and Conley Electrical, and the Terrey family whose support ensured the success of the night.





# VOCATIONAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

**THIS IS A MULTI-FACETED DEPARTMENT SET UP TO PROVIDE MANY OF OUR SENIOR STUDENTS WITH THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE THAT LOCAL EMPLOYERS ARE SEEKING WHEN RECRUITING.**

The main aim is to prepare our students for employment using:

- Work Experience whilst still at school
  - Courses outside the School one or more days a week
  - The facilitation of permanent full-time jobs
- EXTERNAL COURSES

**THIS YEAR, OVER 130 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN COURSES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL. THESE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONE-DAY COURSES, OR ONE-DAY-A-WEEK-ALL-YEAR COURSES.**

They included:

*Apiculture, Business Enterprise, Applied Technology and Design, Hair & Beauty, Automotive, Construction, Health, Hospitality, Early Childhood Education, Agriculture, Red Shirts (Retail), SiteSafe, Forklift Safety, Active Careers. Many of these courses were held at UCOL Whanganui or UCOL Palmerston North, but other providers included Ag Challenge, Taratahi, Training for You, and SiteSafe.*

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

**OUR DEPARTMENT OFFERS WORK EXPERIENCE WITHIN THREE PROGRAMMES:**

## **1. Vocational Studies incorporating the Gateway Programme**

These students have two Career Days where they are out of school. One day is spent attending External Courses and the other experiencing "the world of work". During this time, students are actively engaged with local businesses gaining

invaluable work experience. The other three days students come to school attending classes in English, Maths, Food Technology, Health and Employment Skills.

## **2. Vocational Skills Programme**

This short-term programme allows any student from the senior school to gain a taste of working in their chosen Vocational Pathway. Approved students are granted permission to spend one day per week in the work force with a suitable local employer for maybe six to eight weeks.

## **3. Employer Request Programme**

Occasionally the school is contacted by local employers who are wanting to recruit a school leaver. After liaising with various parties, we send these students out on short-term work experience which allows employers time to judge whether the student is suitable. This often leads to full-time employment.

We monitor all students in their work places by daily attendance phone checks, and regular workplace visits by our Employment Coordinator.

This year we have had nearly 100 students volunteering at an amazing array of local businesses.

## **VOCATIONAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT STAFF 2017**

Mr P. Turner -	Head of Faculty
Mrs D. Howard -	TIC Gateway/Vocational Studies Department
Ms J. Gregory -	External Course Coordinator
Ms S. Battersby -	Learning Support/ Vocational Studies Administrator
Mr P. J. Reid -	Employment Coordinator



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AT WORK





## REGIONAL SMOKEFREE

# ROCK QUEST

BY JACK SOUTHEE

The sound of distorted guitar riffs and mad drum solos filled the air along St Hill Street on the 27th of May. Inside The Royal Wanganui Opera House, soloists, duos, and bands from all over the Whanganui, Rangitikei and Ruapehu were performing their hearts out. The annual Whanganui Regional Smokefree RockQuest is one of the most anticipated secondary school music events in the region; giving young musicians of all skill levels the chance to rock out their original songs with some professional gear, thanks to backing from The Rockshop NZ. From flashy strobe lights to arrays of LED strips and smoke machines, performing on a RockQuest stage is unlike any other experience.

There are two categories: the bands, and the soloists/duos. Items are marked on their stage presence and musicianship, as well as their songwriting flair. The music genre and style is up to you, setting the stage for a variety of songs from heavy metal, indie, reggae and everything in between!

I've been involved in the competition locally for the past three years, and the most valuable aspect has to be the experience. The competition aspect provides a goal; an incentive to push yourself to achieve high, but the results are far from the most valuable reward. I have to refrain from being too







clichéd, but the opportunity to perform alongside like-minded friends, playing songs you finished writing that morning, on stage in front of friends and family, is unforgettable. Moreover, Whanganui High School's soloists, duos and bands grab the top spots again and again.

The past three years have seen us take out first place in the band category, and 2017 was no exception. The talented Year 11 ensemble Straight Lace took out the top spot, with the bands Brimstone and Space Cactus following up in second and third; a clean sweep for Whanganui High School! Our school also claimed The Mainz Musicianship Award, taken out by Victoria Whibley for her bass guitar skills in her band Brimstone, the People's Choice award to the band S!x, and APRA Lyric Award for the song "The Thyme" by Chanpertional.

This experience would not be possible if it wasn't for the hard work put in by Mr Holt, Mrs Jones and Mr Loveridge as well as many of our itinerant music teachers to arrange practice times, get the musicians into shape and deliver one amazing group of talented teens to the Opera House stage. Get your guitars in-tune, and your voices on fleek, because you can bet this competition will be back in 2018 to make some noise in the mighty Nui- will you be the next RockQuest superstar?

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## THE SOUND OF DISTORTED GUITAR RIFFS AND MAD DRUM SOLOS FILLED THE AIR

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# ACHIEVERS

LIST  
2017

Charlotte	Taylor	13CT	NZ Chefs Regional Competition – NSSCC (Culinary Challenge) Hot Kitchen 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Celebration Cake 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Cheesecake – Merit, <b>NZ Chef's National Beef and Lamb College Challenge 2<sup>nd</sup>, National SS Culinary Challenge 1<sup>st</sup>, Culinary Arts City &amp; Guilds Scholarship</b>
Renee	Teers	10CL	Cross Country – WHS Junior Girls 3 <sup>rd</sup> , <b>Speed Skating – NZ Roller Sport Speed Championship (Flat Track) Jnr Girls 300m Time Trial 2<sup>nd</sup>, 800m Final 1<sup>st</sup>, 1500m Final 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3000m Final 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1500m Team Relay Final 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jnr Mixed Pairs 1200m Relay Final 4<sup>th</sup>, 1600m Team Relay Final 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ladies Mixed Pairs (12yr &amp; over) 5000m Final 1<sup>st</sup>; (Road) Jnr Girls 200m Time Trial 2<sup>nd</sup>, 500m Final 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1000m Final 1<sup>st</sup>, 3000m Team Relay Final 4<sup>th</sup>, 5000m Points 1<sup>st</sup>, Ladies (12yr &amp; over) 20K Elimination 4<sup>th</sup>, Awarded Overall Junior Girl Trophy, Awarded Most Outstanding Performance, Speed Skating – NZ Marathon Jnr Girls 21km 2<sup>nd</sup>, Speed Skating – National Bank Track Championship Jnr Girls 300m Time Trial 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1000m Final 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5000m Points 1<sup>st</sup>, 500m Final 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ladies (12yr &amp; over) 15K Elimination 3<sup>rd</sup>, Speed Skating – SSC Open Marathon Jnr Girls 1<sup>st</sup>, Speed Skating – Oceania Championship Jnr 42K Marathon 4<sup>th</sup>, Jnr Girls Relay 1<sup>st</sup></b>
Matthew	Teka	9DG	Athletics – WSS High Jump Junior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> , Cross Country – WHS Y9 Boys 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Football – <b>U14 Boys Whanganui Representative Team</b>
Ariki	Teki	10MT	Softball – Whanganui U15 Boys Representative National & Central Region Teams (Captain)
Mikaya	Teki	13HN	WHS Centurion – Endorsed, Deputy Head Girl, Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition- Senior Short Film Category 1st (Director)
Mikal	Terrey	13PA	Cross Country – WHS Senior Girls 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Tough Guy and Girl Challenge – Senior Girls 1 <sup>st</sup>
Nikita	Terrey	12AS	WHS Centurion
Kate	Thomas	12SR	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
Danielle	Thompson	13KR	WHS Centurion - Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie
Jess	Thompson	10HG	Kayaking – NZ and Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship U16 K4 200m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 500m 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Lucas	Thompson	11SD	Kayaking – NZ/Oceania Canoe Sprint Championship U16 Mens K2 500m 1 <sup>st</sup> , U16 Mens K4 500m 1 <sup>st</sup> , U16 Men's K4 500m 1 <sup>st</sup> , U16 Men's K4 200m 1 <sup>st</sup> , U16 Men's K1 500m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , U16 Men's K1 500m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , U16 Mens K1 5Km 3 <sup>rd</sup> , U18 Mens K1 5km 3 <sup>rd</sup> , U18 Men's K4 200m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , U18 Men's K4 Oceania 200m 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Kayaking – National Marathon Championship U16 K2 National Title, Kayaking – <b>Krazy Kayak National Series Overall 10km U16 Men's 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Jonty	Thomson	12SR	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, Rowing – Maadi Cup Over 15 Boys Liteweight Double 5th



<b>Virginia</b>	<b>Thomson</b>	<b>12PS</b>	WHS Academic Tie, Chamber Music – Regional Competition ‘The Classical Modes Take 2’ Best Performance of an Original Composition, <b>Ballroom/Latin Dancing – Jimmy James Regional Championship Adult Open 4; Dance Standard 1<sup>st</sup>, Latin 1<sup>st</sup>, New Vogue 1<sup>st</sup>, Adult Open Level 3; Standard 1<sup>st</sup>, Latin 1<sup>st</sup>, New Vogue 1<sup>st</sup>; Youth Open Standard 1<sup>st</sup>; Youth Open Latin 1<sup>st</sup>; Adult Open Level 2 Latin 1<sup>st</sup></b>
Ben	Tijsen-Cox	13CT	Rowing – NI Club Championship Men’s Club 4 1 <sup>st</sup> , Men’s Club Quad 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Rowing – Maadi Cup U18 Boys Double 7 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah	Torrie	12SR	NZ Chemistry Olympiad Exam – Participation, Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade A, WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
Ella	Towers	12SR	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
Jared	Turner	10MD	Language Perfect World Championship Certificate - Gold
Kayne	Tui	10DJ	Softball – Whanganui U15 Boys Representative National & Central Region Teams
<b>Kane</b>	<b>Tweeddale</b>	<b>10HU</b>	Cross Country – WHS Junior Boys 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Rugby – <b>Whanganui U15 Championship - Winners</b>
Keilani	Tyrell	11BS	Touch – NZ Junior Pathway Camp U16 Girls, Netball – U17A Whanganui Representative Team
Julia	Van Niekerk	13KR	WHS Centurion - Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie
Josephine	Verhaaren	12SR	Duke of Edinburgh’s Hillary Award – Silver, Cambridge Mathematics IGCSE Exam – Grade A, WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie, DELF French Language Certificate - A2 Grade, Whanganui District Council Youth Committee, Language Perfect World Championship Certificate - Credit
Alex	Vinnell	12SR	WHS Centurion
<b>Jordan</b>	<b>Vlaanderen</b>	<b>9KS</b>	Cross Country – WHS Y9 Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Football – <b>U14 Boys Whanganui Representative Team</b>
<b>Lizzie</b>	<b>Wake</b>	<b>10CL</b>	Individual Peer Mentor, <b>Volunteer Whanganui National Volunteer Week Competition- Winning Entry (SPCA Volunteer)</b>
Brianna	Walker	12SR	WHS Centurion, WHS Academic Tie
<b>Ben</b>	<b>Walkley</b>	<b>11HV</b>	NZ National and South Pacific Pipe Band Championship Grade 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> , NZ Youth Pipe Band - Australian Nationals Juvenile 1 <sup>st</sup> , Football – <b>U15/16 Boys Whanganui Representative Team, Basketball – WSS Senior B Boys Competition2nd</b>
Ella	Watson	9RI	Bullying-Free NZ Week Competition- Senior Short Film Category 1st (Participant)
Keightley	Watson	11SK	Judo – Oceania Championship (Tonga) Junior Men +100kg 1 <sup>st</sup> , Cadet Men +90kg 2 <sup>nd</sup> , North Wellington Regional Championship Cadet Men +81kg 1 <sup>st</sup> , Cadet Men Open Weight 1 <sup>st</sup> , Junior Men +90kg 1 <sup>st</sup> , Junior Men Open Weight 1 <sup>st</sup> , Waikato Bay of Plenty Championship Junior Men +90kg 1 <sup>st</sup> , Junior Men Open Weight 1 <sup>st</sup> , Cadet Men +81kg 1 <sup>st</sup> , Cadet Men Open Weight 1 <sup>st</sup> , Selected for Cadet World Championship (Chile); International Judo Federation Scholarship; Judo Olympic Training Centre
<b>Abigail</b>	<b>Watt</b>	<b>12SL</b>	NZ Defence Force (NZDF) Army Cadet Programme, Corporal Rank, Attended National NZDF Leadership Course, <b>Army Cadets Senior NCO Course, Sergeant Rank</b>
Malachi	Weber	13CT	Te Kura Certificate of Achievement in Legal Studies with Merit
Sophie	Wham	13PA	Rockquest – Regional Finals ‘Space Cactus’ Band 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Chamber Music – Regional Competition ‘Sophie’s Choice’ Best Performance of a NZ Work

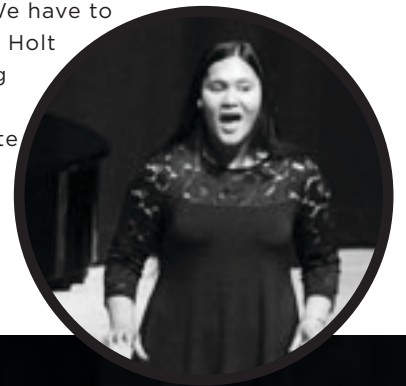
Every year the NZCT Chamber Music Competition, organised by Chamber Music New Zealand is held in June. Students from years 9 to 13, in groups of three to eight, can enter and perform one or more pieces of classical music from four to fifteen minutes in length. On the 9th of June this year, teams from schools around Whanganui competed in the Whanganui district round. The contest took place in the Prince Edward Auditorium of Whanganui Collegiate School, and was split into three sessions. The adjudicator was Ben Hoadley, who teaches bassoon and composition at the University of Auckland.

Four talented groups from Whanganui High School received awards. Trio Lane, with Cypress Kani-Hurinui singing, Oscar Zhang on piano, and Breanna Hadley on flute performed Sometimes When We Touch by Dan Hill and Play It Again Sam by John Dankworth. They received one of the four highly commended awards. The award for best performance of a New Zealand work was given to Sophie's Choice, with Jack Southee singing, Sophie Wham on piano, and Breanna Hadley on flute performing He Moemoea and Song by Anthony Ritchie. The Ruffs, with James Lee, Hugo Collins, and Michael Petersen on percussion performed Time Will Tell, by our own school drum teacher Michael Franklin-Browne. They received a Highly Commended award and the KBB Award for Excellence in woodwind, brass, and/or percussion. The Classical Modes Take Two, with myself (Ben Power) on the piano, Virginia Thompson on violin, and Danielle Sewell on flute, received the award for

the best performance of an original composition, for Prelude and Fugue in D Lydian composed by myself.

Several other groups from Whanganui High School performed. Cherub Chrio, with Priyansha Bangia singing, Danielle Sewell on the flute, and Ahimsha Saravanapavan on the piano, performed Ave Maria by Luigi Cherubini. The Rushin's return, with Anna Zhang and Virginia Thompson on the violin and Leila Collinson on the piano performed a Prelude and Gavotte by Shostokovich. Kotobuki Yamaguchi, Miho Noriyasu, and Maggie Zhang performed Dua Lagu by Gareth Farr as International Rescue. Guitarsafire performed East to West and Time for Change by Nathan Aish, with Bayley Blythe, Jadyn Thorby-Reid, Cameron Walker, and Jack Fawthorpe all on guitar. Jeffrey Lin, Will Southee, and Sophie Maxey performed Tambourin by Alec Rowley as the Piano Trio The Pesky Digits. There were many other talented groups from other schools.


The chamber music contest was an enjoyable experience, with many showing their talent. Whether they received an award or not, the groups all performed well. We have to thank our music teachers Mr Holt and Mrs Jones for organising it for us. I hope in the future more students will participate in this amazing event, and I look forward to seeing more musicians involved next year.




# CHAMBER MUSIC

BY BEN POWER





**FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL HAS PLAYED HOST TO A SCHOOL CHESS CLUB THAT TRAVELLED TO A NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS BEFORE EVENTUALLY WINDING UP AT THE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL COMPETITION.**



It started the year with a core group of followers, all mustered by Mr Staples who was keen to get this off the ground, but grew as the year continued and more players heard about it through the grapevine and found themselves at a loose end on Thursday afternoons which lead to them congregating around those familiar chequered boards in the school library each week. With growth, came greater competition as different players were eager to establish themselves in the pecking order, and with this came the Whanganui High School 'Chess Ladder' where each week players would play off in an attempt to leapfrog the opponents and, in turn, work their way to the top of the ladder.

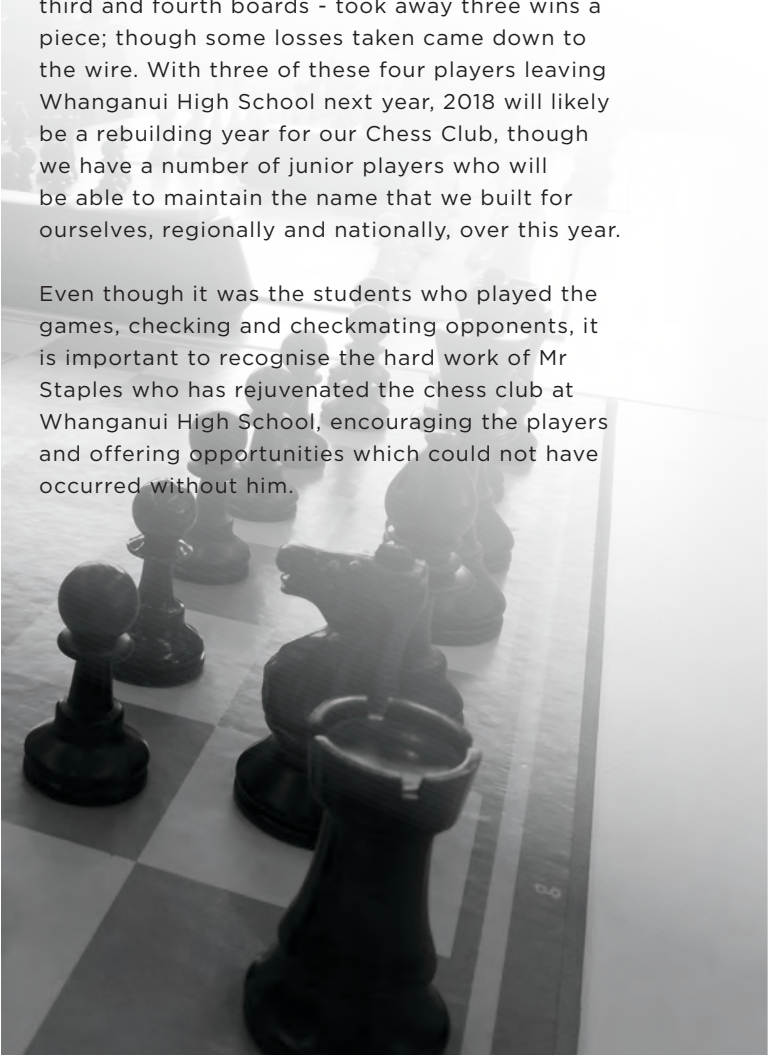
The first competition attended was a relatively small one, the perfect way to test the waters and see how we stood on a regional level; the Rangitikei Regional Competition which, though not actually in contention for any prizes, the Whanganui High School team did incredibly well in, placing second overall, with strong performances across the board for many players' first competition.

This then progressed to the Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Competition - held in Palmerston North - which, though not placing in due to the absence of some of our strongest players, we still comfortably qualified to represent Whanganui at the National Competition in Christchurch at the end of term three.

# CHESS

BY ALISTER HUGHES

The national competition was a great experience for everyone involved; with reasonable success considering we are a newly formed chess club going up against some of the top players in New Zealand. As a team, we were only able to take away two match wins, though as individuals, there was much more success. Federico Angarath - our team captain - took away three wins and two draws, while Alister Hughes managed four wins at second board. Buster Brown and James Yu - at third and fourth boards - took away three wins a piece; though some losses taken came down to the wire. With three of these four players leaving Whanganui High School next year, 2018 will likely be a rebuilding year for our Chess Club, though we have a number of junior players who will be able to maintain the name that we built for ourselves, regionally and nationally, over this year.



Even though it was the students who played the games, checking and checkmating opponents, it is important to recognise the hard work of Mr Staples who has rejuvenated the chess club at Whanganui High School, encouraging the players and offering opportunities which could not have occurred without him.





# PINK SHIRT DAY

BY NUSR GHAMRI

**PINK SHIRT DAY WAS A SUCCESSFUL DAY THAT FINISHED OFF BULLYING FREE WEEK AND HIGHLIGHTED THE SCHOOL'S ABILITY TO UNITE TO RAISE AWARENESS OF SUCH A SERIOUS ISSUE.**

Led by our own Student Council, the day consisted of students and staff dressing up in pink clothing, spreading love to one another. Students enjoyed this day, seeing staff dressed in 'creative' pink outfits as well as listening to their peers express their talent during the open mike.

The purpose of this day was to further strengthen our bully-free culture at Whanganui High School. Students reflected on their own presentations and improved their interactions with others. This produced an atmosphere that can be defined by one word: love. Love is something that our school has plenty of and this particular day boosted the love students have for one another. Students were allowed to express themselves emotionally and physically, without feeling they were being judged. Overall, the positivity and love that was produced that day overflowed into our community and beyond.





# ABC SMILE CAMPAIGN

BY MIKAYLA TEKI



This year, we incorporated The Smile Campaign as part of Bully-Free Week. The Smile Campaign has been in succession since 2014. This year, our prefect team got into the kitchen and baked our hearts out. We baked close to 400 cookies which we then sold to students for the price of a smile. The response we got from the school community was uplifting! It was so rewarding to see how a small, good deed could make someone's day. This was just one of many initiatives the student leadership teams ran during Bully-Free Week which created a fun and gleeful atmosphere within the school! We hope that the prefects continue with The Smile Campaign next year, but with even more cookies because MORE COOKIES = MORE SMILES!

**"IF YOU FEEL A SMILE  
CREEPING UP, DON'T LEAVE  
IT UNDETECTED, LET'S START  
AN EPIDEMIC, AND GET THE  
WORLD INFECTED."**

Often the internet is used anonymously to insult people who you often don't know; we wanted the opportunity to anonymously compliment people. On the 25th of May, the E-Life prefect team held two projects to do exactly that; the first of which was a page where students throughout the school could post supportive messages. After five hours, there were over 100 responses showing that all it took was a minute to come up with something that would brighten anyone's day. It was amazing to see how Wanganui High School was able to come together and show how we don't stand for cyber-bullying.

It was a normal day at Whanganui High School. The sun was shining and the birds were chirping. A few students decided to come along with a speaker, microphone and a couple of cameras. Their intention was to make someone's day by giving him or her genuine compliments. Hiding away behind E Block, they were waiting for people to walk past. When they did, the speaker started spurring out compliments. It told them how lovely their hair was that day, or how pretty their smile was. Not only did the people who were receiving the compliments feel good, but those cheeky E-Life prefects who were responsible for all of this felt amazing as well. Overall, it was a fabulous day for everyone involved.

# ABC E-LIFE ANTI- BULLYING DAY

# DIANE HOWARD WHS DIRECTOR OF SPORT

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## Q AND A WITH DIANE HOWARD

### ***How long have you been involved in sport at WHS and the position as Director of Sport?***

I have been working as the WHS Sport Co-ordinator/ Director of Sport since 1993 - 24 years ago. When I was appointed to the position, I was at the time working in the Careers Department as well as aiding in the PE Department working with the Head of Department, the late Mrs Eunice Mahoney. In 1993, Mr Mark Quigley took over the reins and was looking for a Sport Co-ordinator to manage sport within the school as he wanted to focus solely on PE. As I had previous experience and a passion to see young people participate in sport, I applied for and was appointed in the position. I continued to work in the Careers position as well, as I really enjoyed the balance both jobs gave me.

### ***How has sport changed over the years?***

The biggest change would have to be the difference in lifestyle and students opting out of participating in sport. When I first started working as Sport Co-ordinator, there wasn't the variety of sports to play as there is now. There were the traditional ones; Rugby, Netball, Football, Hockey and Basketball in the winter, and Rowing, Cricket and Athletics in summer. Now we offer more than 34 sports so the opportunities for participation and sporting code choices have definitely grown. Part-time jobs, pressure of academic studies, and I guess just a faster pace of life have meant that students have to juggle and prioritise their time more than they did 23 years ago. Technology has also meant that you can easily get enjoyment out of just watching sport, as many popular sports are now broadcast live and you can follow them without leaving the comfort of your home!

### ***Has the culture in sport changed over the years?***

Initially when I thought of this question I would have said "Yes, definitely school sporting culture has changed", but on reflection it probably hasn't. If you have the passion, desire and support from family and friends, then the answer is "No, it's very much the same". Sport at school is still very important as it sorts you out as a person. To become good at what you do, you need a lot of self discipline, self belief and to be organised. This positivity usually reflects in students' behaviour in the classroom, too. From my personal experience, having been in many teams throughout my life, my fondest sporting memories are the ones where I have been in teams that have trained hard, worked together for a common goal and never given up! I'm sure the same attitude amongst our teams still exists today.

### ***Have you got a 'most memorable' sporting moment at WHS?***

It is difficult to single one out as being the most memorable; over 23 years there have been many. I have really enjoyed taking students away on trips. Our students have always represented us extremely well and I have been proud to have been involved with the many wonderful young people who have gone through our school. I've enjoyed coaching our netball teams and seeing the improvement in their skills. However, if I was to single out one event, it would be when I was the manager for our school athletics team where 13 students travelled down to Invercargill to compete in the NZSS champs. That year we had a very talented group of students. All of them made finals; three of them winning NZ titles, two being named in the NZ team and nine athletes came back with medals. In our squad, we had talented 400 metrerunners so we entered a 4



x 400 relay team in both the Girls and Boys Open events. The girls ended up getting 2nd and the boys 3rd. One of those boys ended up getting an Athletics Scholarship to a university in America and another member of the team is currently working in our PE department - Mr Watkins.

#### ***Has there been growth in sport at WHS?***

When I was a student at WHS back in the 1970's the choice of sports was very limited. I played netball, basketball, competed in cross country and was part of the school athletics team. Girls weren't allowed to compete in rugby, football or rowing and sports like touch, ultimate frisbee and the such hadn't been thought of then, but competition to be selected for our school teams was fierce. Travel was expensive, only one car per family if you were lucky, and we didn't seem to travel around nearly as much as our teams do now. We would never have thought about going to Palmy every week to play netball on a Saturday. So yes, lots of opportunities are available now.

#### ***What do you think needs to change in the sporting area that can help grow sport and athletes?***

Turn off the computers and TV and go and play a sport. Just kidding, it's easier said than done. The key to growth is success. If a particular code is doing well, it is administered and organised properly; then students usually want to be part of that scene. When you have a group of people who are dedicated and passionate about their sport, then it will flourish. Success comes from hard work and the sense of belonging, especially if you are part of a team. We have been lucky over the years to have experienced and skillful coaches. This is an important aspect to success; having people who can guide, teach skills and make sport fun.

As for the future, sport is in good hands. Mrs Murphy is to be admired for her energy, forward thinking, organisational skills and dedication to seeing our students being given every opportunity to compete in sport. Her performance programme which includes off-season conditioning is the way forward. After 23 years, it is time to hand the reins over and even though I will not be involved with sport, I will always be taking a big interest in what is happening and no doubt will offer some advice along the way.

To quote our senior netball girls from a few years ago, #HighSchoolMySchool.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO WHS STUDENT KEIGHTLEY WATSON WHO COMPETED AT THE JUDO NATIONAL CHAMPS**

Day 1 - Gold Medal & National Champ in the Junior Men's +100kg & Open Men's  
Day 2 - Gold in the Cadet Men's +81kg and Open Men's.

*Congratulations also Keightley in your Black Belt Grading!!!!*



Well done to

#### **WIEMU ROGAN**

who represented  
WHS at the NZSS Weightlifting Champs.

Wiremu finished 2nd in the 94kg category

*Excellent achievement, Wiremu!!*





# CROSS BY LIAM JONES COUNTRY

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**2017 PROVED TO BE A STANDOUT YEAR FOR WHS CROSS COUNTRY. WITH NUMBERS UP SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE PREVIOUS FEW YEARS WE HAD TEAMS ENTERED IN THE ANZAC DAY RELAYS, WHANGANUI INTER-SCHOOL AND NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY AND MOST RECENTLY IN THE ROUND THE LAKE RELAY.**

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At this year's WHS Championship we saw the introduction of a short course event of 1.2km alongside the traditional cross country events to accommodate runners of all abilities. This allowed the less competitive runners to get out of the classroom and enjoy the day running with friends while the more serious runners had their chance to compete for the top spots. This proved to be a big success with more than 700 students participating across the different events. In the competitive events, the winners were: Year 9 Girls, Paris Munro, Year 9 Boys, Blair Gowan, Junior Girls, Rebecca Baker, Junior Boys, Ethan Cox, Senior Girls, Monique Cleeve and Senior Boys, Liam Jones.

Whanganui High school fielded a team of forty two runners at this year's Whanganui Inter-schools Cross Country Competition which proved itself to, once again, be competitive with the hosts and major rival, Whanganui Collegiate. The High School senior boys dominated their race with Liam Jones, Connor Munro and Travis Bayler placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Other standout results came from Rebecca Baker who won Junior Girls' event, Ethan Cox finishing 3rd in the Junior Boys' race and in the year 9 Boys' race Blair Gowan placed 3rd. We also had some great results in the team events with the Year 9 Boys and Junior Girls winning titles.

Nine students represented Whanganui High School at the National Championships held in Christchurch at the Ascot Golf Course. It was a great weekend of racing with impressive results from all of our runners across both the individual races and the regional relay. The top result for the weekend came from Rebecca Baker who finished 4th in the Junior Girls' Race. Next year's championships will be held in Taupo so hopefully we can have a much larger squad of runners in attendance.

More recently we fielded seven teams of four runners in the different events at the 39th Virginia Lake Round the Lake Relays. This event hosts teams of the top secondary school runners from the central and lower North Island with top runners breaking the six-minute barrier over the two-kilometer lap. Our high school teams performed well in these competitive conditions with a number of impressive runs and great team results; the Senior Boys' team besting all of the local rival Collegiate teams with a top-five finish. The standout result of the day was by the WHS Junior Girls' team - consisting of Rebecca Baker, Libby Abbott, Paris Munro and Renee Teers - winning in their division.





# WHS 1ST XI GIRLS CRICKET

BY JOANNA BELL



## **THE WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TEAM CAPTAINED BY LOUISE CLIFTON HAD A MASSIVE TURNOUT OF EAGER GIRLS WANTING TO PLAY.**

With the weather not playing in our favour this season, we only managed to play three games. Our first game was against Cullinane College, where we narrowly lost. Louise Clifton got the most runs for Whanganui High School, with a total of 15. Rebecca Baker, Sophie Andrews, Louise Clifton and Jorja Manville all got one wicket each.

Our second game was against Cullinane College again but this time we managed to come away with the win. Sophie Andrews got the most runs for Whanganui High School with a total of 24. Sophie Andrews also got two wickets and Rebecca Baker got one wicket.

Our last game for the season was in our school exchange against a very strong Wairarapa College girls team. Unfortunately, we didn't come away with the result we had hoped for. Although it was a tough game, we did really well in some areas. The girls worked really well as a team while fielding, and to top that off, Olivia Smith and Sophie Andrews both got one wicket each.

The loss to Wairarapa College meant that we were unable to play in the Central Districts final, which was very upsetting for all the girls and our very dedicated coaches, Mr Andrew Lock, Dom Lock and Akash Gill.

Sophie Andrews had an impressive season, getting the most runs (31) and the most wickets (4).

Although we did not play many games, all the girls improved and gained confidence throughout the season and the remaining girls are ready for the 2018 season.







# BOY'S CRICKET

BY QUINN MAILMAN

**THROUGHOUT A TOUGH TERM FULL OF WET AND WINDY CONDITIONS THE WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI TEAM HAS PUSHED TO RETAINING A SPOT IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICTS TOURNAMENT FOR YET ANOTHER YEAR.**

Junior cricket reached new heights as the school produced two sides who were very successful throughout their respective games in the Wednesday afternoon competition.

This showed signs of a promising future for the first team with depth and youth throughout the school. The first team, full of youth and energy, was presenting opportunities to Year 9's such as Ryan Donaldson and Year 10's such as Nathan Hoobin and Connor Hoskin who all stood up this year and showed how much depth is in this squad.

The side went unbeaten throughout the local competition beating all the local schools whilst showing an all-round team effort with Captain Quinn Mailman being able to give opportunities to young bowlers after fast-bowler Tim Roebuck put the side into a great position match after match.



After a disappointing year last season Reece Hoobin has stood up with the ball and proved a key asset to the bowling line up with best figures of 4-11 (8) for the season. With the lack of spin bowlers due to a groin injury to Jordan Candish, coach Eric Head imported Off-Spin bowler Raoul Sarup - the late bloomer had a lot to offer with figures of 2-5 (2) on debut and nearly taking a hat trick in the same match.

As per usual, banter was key for this Wanganui High School and it pushed them towards victory in a closely contested match against Cullinane College in the final of the local competition. After keeping Cullinane to only 91 runs in the T20 format, High School fell under relentless pressure to 5-4 within the first few overs. Harsh criticism came throughout this as local fans turned against the side. However, they battled through and came up with a comprehensive victory by chasing the 91 runs down with over 8 overs to spare thus putting the cherry on top of this wonderful banter filled season for Wanganui High School.





# GIRLS 1ST XI FOOTBALL

BY REBEKA NGAPEKA

The Whanganui High School girls 1st XI football team had a rocky start to the season playing in the Cafe Cuba division 1 which involved travelling around the Manawatu and Horowhenua region on a Wednesday afternoon to play a variety of different schools in that area. The girls managed to place 4th in the league with four wins, two draws and five losses. Due to unfortunate weather the girls were unable to play the majority of their football games which then meant they were unable to show their true potential throughout the season. Nevertheless, the Grant Jarvis tournament was around the corner and I believe they excelled at this point placing at 10th which is the best placing Whanganui High School has seen in a few years. Captain Rebekah Ngapeka, and Co-Captain Saskia Knight lead the team on to the pitch playing 8 games within 5 days in the capital city, Wellington.

***With a squad existing of 24 students; Airini Ross-Spooner, Amy Haughian, Bella Elkenhans, Clare Cvitanovich, Chelsea Simpson, Emilia Schmidt,***

***Emily Mayhead, Emma Wood, Hannah Freden, Josie Verhaaren, Leata Connor, Lily Meade, Lilee Taylor, Piper Slade, Polly Tai, Rebekah Butters-Chamberlain, Rebekah Ngapeka, Saskia Knight, Sara Hills, Stella Warner, Taylor Coker, Tegan Rhodes, Xaviera Manley-Green. Coach being Colm Smyth and assistant coach being Tom Clark.***

During this time the girls won 4 games, drew 2 and lost 2. Throughout this year the girls also competed in three exchanges playing Hawera High School, New Plymouth Girls High School and Wanganui Collegiate School. Results Being; 9-0 to WHS against Hawera, 1 all against Wanganui Collegiate, and 3-2 to New Plymouth Girls.

This year we lose nine year 13 girls due to graduation which was the reason for the large squad. With 5 of the girls playing since they started in year 9. With that being said this year was a successful year for the girls and there is high potential with the younger girls coming up.





# BOYS HOCKEY

The 1st XI hockey boys had a successful yet frustrating season this year, coming in at 2nd place for the second year in a row in the Palmerston North Division 1 Secondary School competition. The boys also had a quality tournament this year which was down in Carterton. The boys came third, falling just short in their crucial semi-final game to the tournament winners Rosmini College. The boys finished off their season strong with a commanding 8-1 hiding of Taradale College for a spot on the podium in 3rd place. The team is looking strong for next year as there are a lot of talented young hockey players coming through and many members of the team still remain for the 2017 season. With a record of 19 wins and 3 Losses for the season this is the most successful season for the boys in the last 5 years and the boys have aspirations of reaching new heights in the 2017 season.

The 2nd XI hockey boys team played very well throughout the season, with a handful of close games and come from behind victories. The boys are a very young side, all of which are year 11 or younger, enjoy the competition of having to compete against not only senior members of the schools around Wanganui but also full-grown men, sometimes 3 times their age with a wealth of hockey experience. The boys had some great victories, one of which was against a Collegiate outfit that fielded a full team of year 13's, which made the game look like a david vs. goliath encounter out on the turf. The boys finished off strongly, coming in at third place, ahead of not only the three other Collegiate schools, but also both city college and cullinane college's first XI's.







# KAYAKING

BY LOUISE CLIFTON

Sprint Kayaking 2017: The 2016/2017 season proved to be quite successful for kayaking, peaking at the 2017 Sprint Kayaking Nationals 17th - 19th February. The competition was held at Lake Karapiro and involved athletes from different clubs throughout the country. Whanganui High School had 12 athletes competing in various races over 200m, 500m, 1000m and 5000m and across the age groups of Under 14, 16 and 18.

Top performances came from Jack Clifton and Lucas Thompson who brought home a large number of the medals across K1, K2 and K4 events. The stand out U16 pair started the regatta as fastest qualifying in the heat of their 200m K2 race, but shocked everyone in the final when they had a rocky start and fell out on the start line. However, they redeemed themselves in their 500m final, winning very comfortably. Jack also placed highly in his individual K1 races, gaining a gold medal in the 5km, and silver in the 200m and 500m. Lucas gained a bronze in both his 500m and 5km races as well. Their success didn't end there, as they then teamed up with Cameron Russell and Waitara paddler Nedas Gavutis in the under 16 men's K4 200m and 500m races, taking out gold in both. Cambell Tanner,

Liam Lace and Ethan Ross competed in the under 18 men's K4 200m with Lucas and 1000m with Jack, gaining bronze in both events. Sophie Brooke, Katie Foster, Jess Thompson and Nanea Schurhammer competed together in the under 16 women's K4 200m and 500m and gained bronze medals for both races. In

a less serious but just as competitive fun race, Cambell, Sophie and Anna Clifton teamed up with ex-Whanganui High School student Max Brown to place second in the Fun Mixed K4; which had to include 2 boys and 2 girls, each from a different age group. The under 16 women represented the largest age group from Whanganui, including Sophie, Katie, Jess and Nanea, as well as Ara Molijn. With this being such a large age group, competition was tough and only Sophie and Katie managed to make a K2 final. Sophie also made the final in the 200m and 500m, narrowly missing out on a podium finish which is quite an achievement.

Anna Clifton teamed up with a young Mana crew to compete in the under 14 women's K4 events, due to a lack of under 14 women at our Whanganui club. While they had steering issues in the 200m, they







managed to stay on course and gain bronze in the 500m. The under 18 men's age group was also fiercely contested with many New Zealand representatives competing, so our 3 paddlers did themselves proud. Cambell reached the A final in the K1 200m, while Ethan and Liam both reached the B final in the K1 200m.

Overall the regatta was very successful for the Whanganui Kayaking Club, considering that a smaller number of athletes competed than usual. The triumphant 2017 season continued at the New Zealand Marathon Championships on April 8th and 9th, when four athletes travelled to Porirua to compete over two days in both K1 and K2 events. On the first day, Jack Clifton took out gold by a huge margin in the under 16 men's K1 14km, while Anna Clifton gained a silver in the under 14 women's K1 7km. Liam Lace also competed in the under 18 men's K1 21km, missing out on a podium finish by 22 minutes, which is a very impressive result in such a competitive age group. Day two saw Jack and Lucas Thompson team up once again

in the under 16 K2 14km and easily take gold, while Anna joined Mana Club paddler Mollie Touhy in the under 14 K2 7km, in which they took silver.

**IN LATE APRIL IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT JACK, LUCAS AND SOPHIE HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR THE CANOE RACING NEW ZEALAND HIGH PERFORMANCE PATHWAY AT FOUNDATION LEVEL. THIS WILL MEAN THEY WILL TRAIN WITH THE TOP PADDLERS IN THEIR AGE GROUPS, UNDER THE TUTELAGE OF NEW ZEALAND'S HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHES. THIS WILL AIM TO PUT ATHLETES ON THE PATHWAY TOWARDS HIGHER LEVEL SUCCESS IN SPRINT KAYAKING IN THE FUTURE, WITH THE POTENTIAL TO REPRESENT NEW ZEALAND AT JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPS.**





# WHS GIRLS 1ST XI HOCKEY



**THIS YEAR THE WANGANUI  
GIRLS 1ST XI GIRLS HOCKEY  
TEAM WAS CAPTAINED BY  
EMMA RAINEY.**

**THE 1ST XL GIRLS HAD A VERY  
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AND JOANNA BELL.**



BY JOANNA BELL

This year the Wanganui Girls' 1st XI Hockey team was captained by Emma Rainey. The 1st XI girls had a very successful season which was the perfect way to send off three of our senior students: Emma Rainey, Meghan Price and Joanna Bell. To start the season we had to earn our spot in Division One in the Manawatu competition played on Thursday nights; which we did. During the next 10-12 weeks we would play once a week in the competition and train once a week.

For most of the season we were placed second on the table behind a very strong Horowhenua side. In our semi finals we played Fielding High School, who we had faced previously in the season, beating them 4-2 and then 2-1 so we knew it would be a tight game. This didn't stop the girls and we pulled out an amazing game and went to win 4-1 and this took us to the finals!!!

In the finals we played a very strong Horowhenua team who earlier on in the season had beaten us 6-4





and 5-0 so we entered as underdogs but this didn't stop the girls. The halftime score was 1-1, then a late goal from Horowhenua meant the score was 2-2 at full time which meant drop offs. So this was a 9v9 no goalie golden goal type extra time. At the beginning it was very back and forth and it wasn't until WHS got a break away and managed to get a Penalty Corner which was converted by captain Emma Rainey that Whanganui High School Girls' 1st XI Hockey team finally won the Manawatu Division 1 grade.

This was the perfect way to lead into our tournament that was held in Palmerston North from 4th of September to the 8th of September. The girls were in a very good headspace going into their first game against Awatapu College which we won 6-0. The next day we played Taupo nui a Tia where the girls performed excellently to grab a 7-1 win. That afternoon we played Waiopahu which was another success with a 2-1 win. This put them at top of their pool which meant WHS were in top 8 which was very exciting.

In the quarter final we encountered a very physical and tough Maclean's College. After a long game we came out on top with a 3-0 win. Although we had 90% of the possession their playing style made it very hard for us to score but we were pleased with the way we adjusted and even more pleased to come away with the win. So this meant making the top four and semifinals where we would encounter a very good team in New Plymouth Girls' High School. It was a very scrappy first half as this was the most action the defence had had all tournament. We did very well to keep them out and the strikers were very unlucky up the other end. Half time came around and it was still 0-0 so it was time to fight for it. During the second half we got a Penalty Corner but after a miss drag they got a break away and three of their attackers came in hungry for a goal. Our goalkeeper, Joanna Bell, kept them out and got the ball to Rebecca Baker. NPGHS were putting us under a lot of pressure and managed to get a goal to take the lead 1-0. However, the efforts of Emma Rainey to pick up the team paid off as WHS managed to get one back. So it was full time and the score was 1-1 which meant we had to do drop offs. So it was 9v9 golden goal no goalie extra time. Both teams fought hard but at the end of the extra time there was still no goal so we went to 7v7. After getting a yellow card WHS had one less player but this didn't stop us as we kept them out for most of the five minutes. Still no result so this meant we had to go down to shootouts to get a winner to go through to the finals.

Although the girls were exhausted we weren't going to give up so we selected our shootout team which was Rebecca Baker, Libby Abbott, Olivia Smith, Imogen Burrows, Emma Rainey and goalkeeper Joanna Bell. Each player had 8 seconds to get from the 25 and into the circle to take on the goalkeeper

and score. For almost all the girls it was their first time participating in a shootout so the nerves were very high. Rebecca Baker went up first and scored. Next, keeper Joanna Bell managed to keep them out. She also kept out the following player. Unfortunately, both Libby and Olivia missed their attempts and NPGHS had scored one so this meant it was 1-1. Imogen Burrows scored next and once again keeper Joanna Bell kept the eager NPGHS player out so it was 2-1 to WHS. It was now down to Emma Rainey to score in order to win and score she did. This meant that the Whanganui High School Girls' 1st XI were into the finals. It was there we played a very strong Havelock North High School team who came out on top. So Whanganui High School Girls' 1st XI came second in the tournament and now have the opportunity to go to the Federation and Marie Fry tournament.

We are grateful to our coach Melissa Goff who put hours and hours of work into the team and travelled hours to get us places. Thank you also to our managers Elaine Baker and Robyn Smith who made the season and tournament a smooth one by providing everything we needed. And to the girls who are playing next year we seniors wish you all the best. "Be in the moment (no worries), Focus on the opportunity (no fears), Embrace the challenge (no doubts)."

The Whanganui High School 2nd XI Girls' Hockey team also had a very good season. The team was captained by Jorja Manville and coached by Paul Kilkolly. The girls play in the Division 2 grade in Whanganui which is played on Tuesday nights and they got 3rd overall which is a great achievement for a young bunch of girls. Keep striving for the best girls!!

# ACHIEVERS

## LIST 2017

Victoria	Whibley	11MA	Rockquest – Regional Finals ‘Brimstone’ Band 2 <sup>nd</sup> , MAINZ Musicianship Award
Dylan	Wilkie	13KR	Senior Model United Nations – Best Dressed (Team Award), WHS Centurion - Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie
Charlotte	Wilsher	12FS	WHS Centurion
Cindy	Xu	13CD	Language Perfect World Championship Certificate - Gold
Rose	Xu	12RV	WHS Academic Tie, Language Perfect World Championship Certificate - Gold
Danny	Ye	11CS	Youth Chinese Test Level 1 – Achieved, Language Perfect World Championship Certificate - Gold
Vincent	Ye	10HG	Athletics – WSS Long Jump Junior Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> , Language Perfect World Championship Certificate - Bronze
James	Yu	13KR	WHS Centurion - Endorsed, WHS Excellence Tie
Oscar	Zhang	12RV	Chamber Music – Regional Competition ‘Trio Lane’ Highly Commended

## TEAMS

Boys U15 Rugby

**Junior Boys Basketball**

**Junior Girls Basketball Team**

Junior Boys Hockey

**Senior Boys Basketball**

**Senior Boys B Basketball**

Senior Boys Relay Team

Senior Model United

WHS 3x3 Basketball

WHS Rowing Team

WHS Softball Team

WHS Swimming Team

WHS Ultimate Frisbee Team

WHS Volleyball Team

WHS Waka Ama Team

‘Brimstone’

‘Chanpertional’

‘Straight Lace’

‘SIX’

**Whanganui U15 Championship - Winners**

**WSS Junior Boys Competition 1<sup>st</sup>**

**WSS Senior Girls Competition 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Central 6 Tournament - Winner**

**WSS Senior Boys Competition 1<sup>st</sup>**

WSS Senior B Boys Competition 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Basketball – WSS Junior Boys Competition 1<sup>st</sup>**

Best Food (Team Award), Best Dressed (Team Award)

Basketball – Senior Boys 18<sup>th</sup>, Junior Boys 14<sup>th</sup>

Rowing – Maadi Cup; Two A finals, Over 15 Boys Light Weight Double Sculls 5<sup>th</sup>, Boys U18 Double Sculls 7<sup>th</sup>

Softball – National Championship Boys 15<sup>th</sup>, Girls 6<sup>th</sup>

Swimming – WSS Junior Boys 100m Freestyle Relay 1<sup>st</sup>, Intermediate Boys 100m Freestyle Relay 2<sup>nd</sup>, Senior Boys 100m Freestyle Relay 1<sup>st</sup>, Senior Girls 100m Freestyle Relay 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ultimate Frisbee – National Tournament Girls 5<sup>th</sup>, Boys 9<sup>th</sup>

Volleyball – National Tournament Boys 7<sup>th</sup>, Girls 11<sup>th</sup>

Waka Ama – National Championship (Teina Team) 500m 6<sup>th</sup>, 250m 4<sup>th</sup> (Tuakana Team) 500m 4<sup>th</sup>, 250m 4<sup>th</sup>


Rockquest – Regional Finals 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rockquest – Regional Finals Lyric Award

Rockquest – Regional Finals Band 1<sup>st</sup>

Rockquest – Regional Finals People’s Choice Award, Senior Individual Peer Mentor





Whanganui High School had many successes throughout the Athletics Season. Whanganui High School Junior Athletics took place first, serving as an opportunity for Year 9 and 10 students to participate in a range of track and field events, as well as those organised by the Sport Prefects. We had students running on the track, jumping in the pits, throwing things from shotput to javelin, even gumboots; all earning points through participating in order to see which form class would eventually come out on top, winning the prestigious 'Junior Athletics Form Class' title.

**IT CREATED A FUN BUT COMPETITIVE SPIRIT ON THE DAY, MAXIMISING PARTICIPATION, AND TURNING THE DAY INTO AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL EVENT.**

It is also important to remember that it wasn't just about participation for everyone; those students who achieved highly at this event were invited to attend Senior Athletics the following week to try and make it into Whanganui Inter-School Athletics where they would represent the school. Senior Athletics had many participants, with some athletes showing high levels of strength and speed.



# ATHLETICS

BY MATT KLEINSMITH

Matt Kleinsmith, Rebecca Baker, Travis Bayler and multiple other athletes highly excelled, taking out many events by a long margin. These athletes that excelled on a school-wide level qualified for the Whanganui Secondary School Athletics, where we had marvellous results. Multiple athletes ranked first, second or third in their chosen disciplines, and achieved many personal bests which is just as good as winning.

Whanganui High School had fourteen athletes qualify for the North Island Secondary School Athletic Champs in Inglewood, which is one of the highest numbers the school has ever had qualify. Rebecca Baker, Sophie Andrews and Mason Katene all excelled at the at NISSA Champs, breaking school records. Months of hard work paid off for many of these athletes, who had been working extremely hard to achieve their personal goals. This up and coming talent - particularly in the Junior School - puts Whanganui High in a prime position to do even better over the next few years and bring home some more titles. Whanganui High School is looking to enlarge and expand the athletics program by getting more athletes involved not just as a summer sport, but as a winter sport off-season training opportunity, coached by the very talented Greg Fromont. All in all, it was an extremely successful athletics season, both on the track and in the field.







# 2017 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

**IT HAS BEEN ANOTHER BUSY  
YEAR IN THE OUTDOOR  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.  
WE HAVE HAD LEVEL 1, 2 AND 3  
STUDENTS OUT AND ABOUT  
ALL OVER THE LOWER  
NORTH ISLAND.**

**STUDENTS HAVE PARTICIPATED  
IN MOUNTAIN BIKING, TRAMPING  
AND CAMPING, MULTI DAY  
KAYAKING, CAVING, RAFTING,**

**ABSEILING, ROCK CLIMBING  
(BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR),  
HIGH ROPES, ORIENTEERING,  
WATER SAFETY (RIVER  
CROSSING), BUSH CRAFT,  
AND SNOW CRAFT.**

**STUDENTS HAVE HAD THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP  
THEIR SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE  
IN THE OUTDOORS AND HAVE  
HAD LOTS OF FUN DOING IT.**





# TOUGH GUY/ GIRL COMPETITION

On Friday 26th of May, WHS took 11 students to the lower North Island Tough Guy/Gal competition held just out of Wellington.

There was a 6 km and 12 km course. Our students did the 12 km course. It was a tough course, in which the students completed two laps of running up hills, through rivers and muddy swamps, up cargo nets and under electric fences.

We finished 1st, 2nd and 4th in the Male 12 km, and 1st 2nd and 3rd in the Female race. Rebecca Baker won the Open Female race as a year 11, and her time earned her Level 3 credits with Excellence!

Travis Bayler defended his title, winning the Open Men's for the second year in a row. He is still only Year 11. Also worth mentioning is Connor Hoskin, a Year 10, who finished 4th in the Open Men's, earning Level 3 Excellence credits.

We will be back next year to defend our title as the toughest school in the Lower North Island.

# EXTREME TOURS 2017

During the Easter Holidays, the Outdoor Education Department combined with the International Department to run an "Extreme Tour" to the South Island.

The trip was for 13 days and started in Nelson, Greymouth, then down to Fox Glacier, Queenstown, Lake Tekapo, Christchurch, Kaikoura then home to Wanganui.

Some of the activities included sea kayaking in the Abel Tasman National Park, quad biking, walking on the longest swing bridge in New Zealand, tramps through bush and wetland areas, looking at glaciers, lugeing, ice skating and hot pools, high ropes, jet boating, and swimming with dolphins.

It was a full-on time, but one that was very enjoyable because of the great group of students that we took. Well done, everybody for surviving the "Extreme Tour". I am looking forward to running another one next year.

# ADVENTURE RACING

## SENIOR GET 2 GO

**1ST MARCH**

This year is the first year that Hillary Outdoors has held a Senior Get 2 Go adventure race. WHS took seven teams down to the race with three boys teams and two girls teams. Each team had four students in it.

Students spent a beautiful summer's day on the Kapiti Coast running up and down sand dunes, navigating, completing an orienteering course, mountain biking through farmland and competing in problem solving activities such as a water transfer problem.

This was a fun day out with all students doing really well and trying hard, with a swim in the sea to finish the day and rest those tired legs

## JUNIOR GET 2 GO

**NEW PLYMOUTH - 24TH AUGUST**

This year we took two teams up to New Plymouth for the Junior (years 9 and 10) Get 2 Go regional competition. Each team was made up of four boys and four girls.

With a change of regions, we were up against it this year, joining the New Plymouth schools who are the National champs in both the junior and senior teams and competing on their home turf on a beautiful winter's day.

Students took part in mountain biking, water transfer, problem solving and a kayaking/paddle boarding challenge for one hour at each activity. They then had to complete a Rogaine (orienteering) course, which involved them navigating through parks and urban areas to find controls and complete challenges in a two hour time frame. The teams finished a creditable 6th and 11th, with only New Plymouth Boys and Girls and Francis Douglas teams in front of them.

**J BARNETT - TIC OF ADVENTURE RACING**



# SNOW SKIING

J BARNETT - TIC SNOWSPORTS

Whanganui High School took two team up to this year's North Island Ski Champs, held on Turoa Ski Field from the 17th to the 20th of September. The team came 68th and 73 out of 124 teams which was a good effort for a young team, considering the standard of skiing. Beating schools such as Hamilton Boys, Napier Girls, Palmerston North Boys and Whanganui Collegiate. Some very close racing within the team with Vitek Sosnowski beating Jack Brown by .40 of a seconds and Josephine Verharren skiing very smoothly for a place in the top 30 senior women as a year 12 student. Six out of 8 students then went on to win their head to head duel on day 2 which was very pleasing.

**WITH 2 OUT OF 3 DAYS  
BEING BEAUTIFUL  
WEATHER THE TEAM HAD  
A GREAT TIME AND ARE  
LOOKING FORWARD TO  
NEXT YEAR.**





This year was a rebuilding phase for Ultimate Frisbee at WHS as it was the first time in two years that we had enough team members to go away to Tournament Week. This year we entered two teams of eight students who travelled to Taupo; competing in the Secondary School Nationals. We entered a boys and a girls team; though this competition was always going to be a bit tough knowing that many other teams including players who represent New Zealand.

Despite this, we had reasonable success. The boys team won five out of their seven games placing them 1st in their pool. The highlight of their tournament was coming away with a great win 13-0 over Lytton High School. This left them ninth in the open division, a commendable result. The girls found the competition a lot harder and were only able to win three of eight games. They did finish on a high, however, in the final game they played Green Bay Girls for fifth and sixth place. They won this game 13-2, leaving them fifth overall in the Girls' Division.

**WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THESE RESULTS AND HAVE A LOT OF THANKS TO MS MURPHY FOR HELPING ORGANISE THE TRIP, AS WELL AS MR LOCK AND MR FRIEDEL FOR LOOKING AFTER US WHILE WE WERE AWAY.**

# ULTIMATE FRISBEE

BY MONIQUE CLEEVE







## NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SWIMMING **CHAMPS**

On Saturday 14th May, a group of seven swimmers headed to Palmerston North to compete in the North Island Secondary School Swim Champs. All seven had to achieve qualifying standards for every event they competed in and many personal bests were set on the day. Some key results were achieved in the 15 and over female age group, with Niamh Hogan gaining a 3rd in the 200 Backstroke and Sarya Lower gaining a 3rd in the 50 freestyle and two 2nds in the 50 breaststroke and the 100 Breaststroke. Sarya and Niamh teamed up with Amelia Cronin and Alex Forlong to compete in the 15 years and over relays, where they gained a top five placing.

The team is now looking to the upcoming school season where they hope to expand the size of the travelling teams to both regional and national level secondary school champs. Many thanks to Mrs Maria Forlong for her management and transporting of the team on the day.

BY ALEX FORLONG





# WHS SWIMMING SPORTS 2017

BY LOUISE CLIFTON

On Monday the 27th February the annual WHS Swimming Sports was held at the Splash Centre. A mixture of both A and B grade races meant that there were opportunities for those wanting to race competitively or just for fun, encouraging people who mightn't otherwise participate. Despite the low numbers of participants compared to previous years, everyone enjoyed themselves and raced well which ensured it was a fun and successful day. An outstanding performance was delivered by Sarya Lower who broke two Whanganui High School records: 36.37 in the Intermediate Girls' 50m Breaststroke and 28.69 in the Intermediate Girls' 50m Freestyle.

On Friday 3rd March, a team of WHS swimmers competed in the Whanganui Secondary School Swim Championships where we enjoyed success in individual races as well as the relays that are the ultimate events toward which the day builds. WHS won the Junior Boys', Intermediate Girls' and Senior Boys' 100m Freestyle relays and came 2nd and 3rd in the Intermediate Boys' and Senior Girls' 100m freestyle relays respectively.

**OVERALL OUR RESULTS AND  
TOTAL POINTS GAINED EARNED  
US SECOND PLACE OUT OF ALL  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE  
WHANGANUI DISTRICT - A  
RESULT THAT ALL SWIMMERS  
SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF.**

# LIFE SAVING

BY ALISTER HUGHES

## **THE WHANGANUI SECONDARY SCHOOL LIFESAVING COMPETITION, AS IN THE PAST, WAS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT FOR WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL.**

Despite being the first time that many of the competitors had taken part in lifesaving since the same time last year, they fitted back into it as though they had never left; a testament to the experience that many of them brought to the teams. With this, returning swimmers were able to lead many first-timers by example, quite literally throwing them in the deep end (if you'll forgive the pun). Some who had never before taken part in lifesaving were in the Whanganui High School team that went on to win the Mixed Grade.

Though the team entered in the Girls' Grade didn't place, they were awarded the fewest penalty points of any team in that grade; a testament to the quality of the swimmers and lifesavers that comprised the team. Many were juniors who were debuting at this competition, meaning we will have a number of good years ahead.





THIS SEASON WE HAVE LEARNT THE MEANING OF PERSEVERANCE, HARD WORK, AND COURAGE IN THE FACE OF MANY CHALLENGES

Our rowing season received a kick start with the arrival of Pedro Figueira, our new coach, at the beginning of March. He brought his extensive knowledge from his position of national coach of the Portuguese Rowing Federation. He wasn't here long before our first regatta of the school season, North Island Secondary Schools.

Early Thursday morning on March 9th we took our small but mighty 20-man squad to Lake Karapiro. By Sunday we had gained entry into three B grade finals and 5 A grade finals, and Niamh Monk had

won a bronze medal in the Girls' U16 1X. Other highlights included the up-and-coming Girls U15 and U16 coxed squad, Cameron Lawrence and Ben Tijssen-Cox's U18 double and the dynamic duo of Jonty Thomson and Levi Carroll in the O15 Lightweight double.

Two weeks later, the same squad was on their way back to Karapiro to compete at Maadi Cup - New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Champs. Racing commenced on Monday where our squad dominated the heats, in crews ranging from singles







BY ALLY BENNETT

# ROWING

to quads. On Friday, all force went into supporting our crews in 3 B grade finals and 2 A grade finals. We started strong with Niamh in her single, followed by one of the most cut-throat school events, the Boys U18 coxed squad. Our crew of Cameron Lawrence, Ben Tijssen-Cox, Jonty Thomson, Levi Carroll and coxswain Niamh Mullany came away with a commendable 9th place and the fifth fastest time in New Zealand, coming 1st in their B final. The next day Cameron and Ben took to the water for the Boys U18 double A final, and soon after, Jonty Thomson and Levi Carroll lined up for the A final of

the O15 lightweight double where they got 5th in an extremely close race with 3rd and 4th. Overall, it was a great experience for the junior rowers and a successful end to the season for the senior rowers.

This season we have learnt the meaning of perseverance, hard work, and courage in the face of many challenges. On behalf of our squad, we as captains would like to thank all the parents, supporters and coaches for helping us through this very gruelling but rewarding season.





# WHS NETBALL







## PHILLIPS ELECTRICAL SENIOR A1 NETBALL TEAM REPORT

2017 has once again been a very successful year for our Senior A1 Netball team.

Jeff and Taryn Phillips of Phillips Electrical have continued their sponsorship of our team this year which has been an enormous financial bonus for our players, families, and school. We really appreciate their support. Thank you, Jeff and Taryn!!

This year's team comprised of Niamh Flower and DeAnn Tyrell, (co-captains), Catherine Nauga, Kerwyn Morgan, Imogen Flower, Montel Vaiao-Aki, Keilani Tyrell, Kara Adrole and Kristin Thompson. Rebecca Tamati joined us at tournament week and was an awesome asset to the squad.

Our team played in the Manawatu Premier Secondary School Grade in Palmerston North on Saturday mornings and finished the season ranked 3rd. Playing in the Manawatu league over the last three years has proved really beneficial in regards to competitiveness for our players.

We also competed in the Wanganui Premier One Netball competition on Monday nights and finished the season ranked 3rd as well.

Lower North Island Secondary Schools Tournament in New Plymouth this year saw our team finish in 10th position out of 32 teams in the A Grade.

Including B Grade, there were 64 teams in total. We played nine games, winning six and losing three by very close margins.

The highlight had to be our fantastic win over Wellington East Girls College 40-33, played in torrential rain. It was an awesome week away. During the year we had inter-school games against Hawera High School, New Plymouth Girls High School and Hutt Valley High School and we won all three quite convincingly.

Our team was also successful in competing at the representative level for netball where the following players were chosen for the Under 15 and Under 17 Whanganui Netball representative teams:

U17 DeAnn Tyrell, Catherine Nauga, Imogen Flower, Montel Vaiao-Aki, Kerwyn Morgan, Kristin Thompson and Keilani Tyrell; U15 Kara Adrole. This was a great representation from Whanganui High School.

A BIG, BIG thank you to Lisa Murphy (Coach) and Kim Flower (Manager) who once again put up with us all, supported us and always had our backs.

BY NIAMH FLOWER





# RUGBY

BY TOM HEALY AND KOHLT COVENY

Whanganui High School rugby for 2017 featured various results from the U15, 2nd XV and 1st XV, with lots of positives for moving forward.

The U15 team coached by Mike Lama had a very successful year competing in the local Whanganui competition. With skilled players and coaches, the team was able to take out the competition by beating Cullinane College in a nail-biting game. They had a tough time at the U15 Silverstream Hurricanes Tournament, placed in a pool with top rugby schools from the Hurricanes region. Yet, they still managed to place 15th, improving their 2016 placing of 16th. Standout players were Ethan Cox, and Anthony Sellers who was awarded the team's MVP award at the Silverstream tournament. The Whanganui U14 representative team featured a range of players from within this team.

The 2nd XV was a young and energetic team coached by Bryn Parry. They played in a difficult Manawatu Premier 3 competition, which featured a variety of 1st XV and 2nd XV teams from around the region. They were able to pull through with an impressive top 4 finish. For a young team, they certainly showed their grit, to prove themselves as viable options for the future 1st XV. A handful of players - Seth Ihaia, Dallas Swaneveld, Caleb Wilson, Kaleb Taylor, Logan Kenny and Levi Carroll - were fortunate enough to feature in the 1st XV tournament squad, a valuable experience for them.

The 1st XV coached by Daniel Tamehana and managed by Tara Waara competed in the Manawatu Secondary Schools Premier 1 competition for the first time in four years. Only Kohlt Coveny, Tom Healy, Zane Puklowski, Mairangi Tamehana, Phoenix







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**OVERALL, 2017 WAS A  
POSITIVE YEAR FOR  
WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL  
RUGBY, WITH SENIOR TEAMS  
PERFORMING ADMIRABLY AND  
JUNIOR TEAMS DOING JUST AS WELL.**

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Kairimu and Tiaho Taiaroa returning from the successful 2016 squad. They were unlucky to miss out on a semi-final position, finishing 5th, well under the team's season goals. The highlight for the 2017 1st XV was the Hawera exchange in August. After previously beating them by a small margin of two points, the exchange was a way for both teams to gain bragging rights. After opening with a fierce battle of haka, the score went back and forth between the teams. Eventually, the skill and fitness of the Whanganui 1st XV was too much for a deflated Hawera side, enabling them to pile on the points for a 39-20 victory.



The time came in August for a much-anticipated annual Whanganui High School versus Wanganui Collegiate sports festival held at the Collegiate grounds. After previous High School victories, the team was still seen as underdogs against a determined Collegiate side, wanting to atone for previous losses. A large crowd of both High School and Collegiate supporters was in attendance, with approximately 700 Whanganui High School students supporting the team. The 1st XV showed perseverance but were unable to hold off the Collegiate onslaught as Collegiate went on to win 37-0. The U15 and 2nd XV also competed in the festival but they too were defeated.

Tournament Week at the beginning of September was a good opportunity for young players to experience what it is like to play at 1st XV level. The schools competing were Tawa College, Taradale High School, Hawera High School and Freyberg High School. Whanganui High School showed real grit, playing a total of five games in the space of three days to place a respectable second, beaten by a much larger Tawa College team. The tournament was a good send off for a number of the boys, being their last opportunity to wear the school jersey. Several players were named to represent the Whanganui U18 representative team, with Mason Johnson, Phoenix Kairimu, Kohlt Coveny, Zane Puklowski and Mairangi Tamehana all doing Whanganui High School proud.



Overall, 2017 was a positive year for Whanganui High School rugby, with senior teams performing admirably and junior teams doing just as well. A huge thank you must be given to all the coaches and managers who take time off work to aid the team. It cannot be said enough how important this valuable contribution is to the continuation of rugby at this school.



# VOLLEYBALL

The senior boys' and girls' teams both competed at the Secondary School National Competition in Palmerston North in Term One. It was an amazing event with 168 teams taking part from throughout New Zealand. The girls' team had two good wins on their first day against St Andrew's College and Campion College but then, despite some really close games decided by just a few points, they were winless until the final day when they beat St Margaret's College to finish 11th out of 12 in their grade. With sadness, the team will farewell senior players Meghan Price, Cassiday Chadwick-Matloe and Jayna So'olefai, but have a good strong base of players returning in Briella Maua, Hollie Mackay, Gabriel Johnson, Cindy Pogtoka and Jericho Leiasamaivao -Turvey and Shylla Tahana-Hopkins.

The boys' team had a shaky start to their tournament with an unconvincing win against Palmerston North Boys' High development team and then a loss to Whakatane High School. Day two saw them lift their game to a new level and, despite narrow losses to Rongotai College (eventual winners of their grade) and Silverstream (runners up), players and coaches were much happier with their performances. Day three produced two good wins against Marlborough Boys' College and Freyberg High School. The winning streak

unfortunately stopped with Riccarton High School on day four and they eventually finished 7th out of 12 teams in their grade. The team will be losing their awesomely calm setter, Solomone Tamaniyaga, but will have brothers Judah and Josepha Tamaniyaga returning, along with Archie Smith, Isaak Pohio, Jared Sim and Jordyn Leiasamaivao-Turvey.

Both teams played in the Palmerston North competition in Term One in preparation for the national competition and the boys finished second and the girls third. The teams would like to thank their amazing coaches Martin Waldegrave and Shaun Tyson-Tahana (girls' coaches) and Iliesa Tamaniyaga and Sia Tamaniyaga (boys' coaches) who put in hours of their time to ensure the teams were ready to compete in all levels. The teams would also like to thank New World, Pak 'n' Save and everyone who supported their fundraising.

The junior teams did well in the local Whanganui competition in Term One, with the Junior Girls' A team winning their division and the Junior Boys' A team coming third in theirs. Thank you to their coaches Meghan Price (girls) and Julian Harkness (boys) for their time and commitment to these teams. We also had a number of social teams in the competition which was great to see. The senior boys' social team finished second in their division.

MARGOT BENNETTS  
TIC VOLLEYBALL







# GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Whanganui High School Girls A team had a difficult start to the season having lost seven Year 13 students in 2017. This left the team with only two players who were determined to return to Nationals in 2017. It did mean, however, that the team was able to take on a number of new players and began rebuilding with a team of relatively young but talented players.

In preparation for Nationals the team practiced three days a week and drove over to Palmerston North every second Monday to compete in the Manawatu Secondary Volleyball League. These games were critical for the girls' development individually and as a team, allowing them to experience game situations before Nationals which rolled around in late March. Throughout the tournament the girls improved immensely and exceeded their expectations, qualifying for Division Five.

Secondary School Volleyball Nationals is one of the biggest tournaments in the country with over 170 male and female teams taking part in a fiercely competitive environment; this allowed the team to both watch and play some impressive volleyball throughout the week. The team finished 15th, and although did not place where they hoped, finished the week stronger and more experienced for future tournaments. We are particularly hopeful for future years due to the relatively young ages of many of the team members.

**A BIG THANKS TO COACHES  
MARTIN WALDERGRAVE AND  
SHAUN TYSON-TAHANA FOR  
COACHING THE TEAM WITH SUCH  
DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP.**

**ALL IN ALL, IT WAS AN  
EXCELLENT SEASON FOR THE  
TEAM WHO HAVE SHOWED  
IMMENSE COMMITMENT,  
SELF-BELIEF, AND GROWTH.**





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# WHS TEAM PHOTOS



ATHLETICS



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ADVENTURE RACING



BASKETBALL  
SENIOR BOYS A



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JUNIOR BOYS A



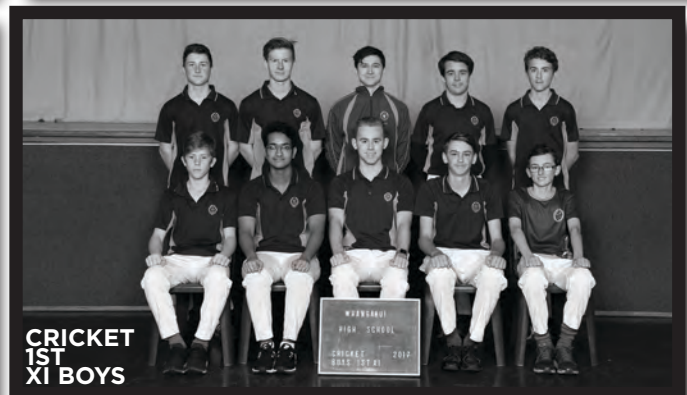
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**CROSS COUNTRY**



**CYCLING  
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**DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH**



**DEBATING**





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FOOTBALL  
BOYS  
1ST XI



FOOTBALL  
GIRLS  
2ND XI



FOOTBALL  
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1ST XI



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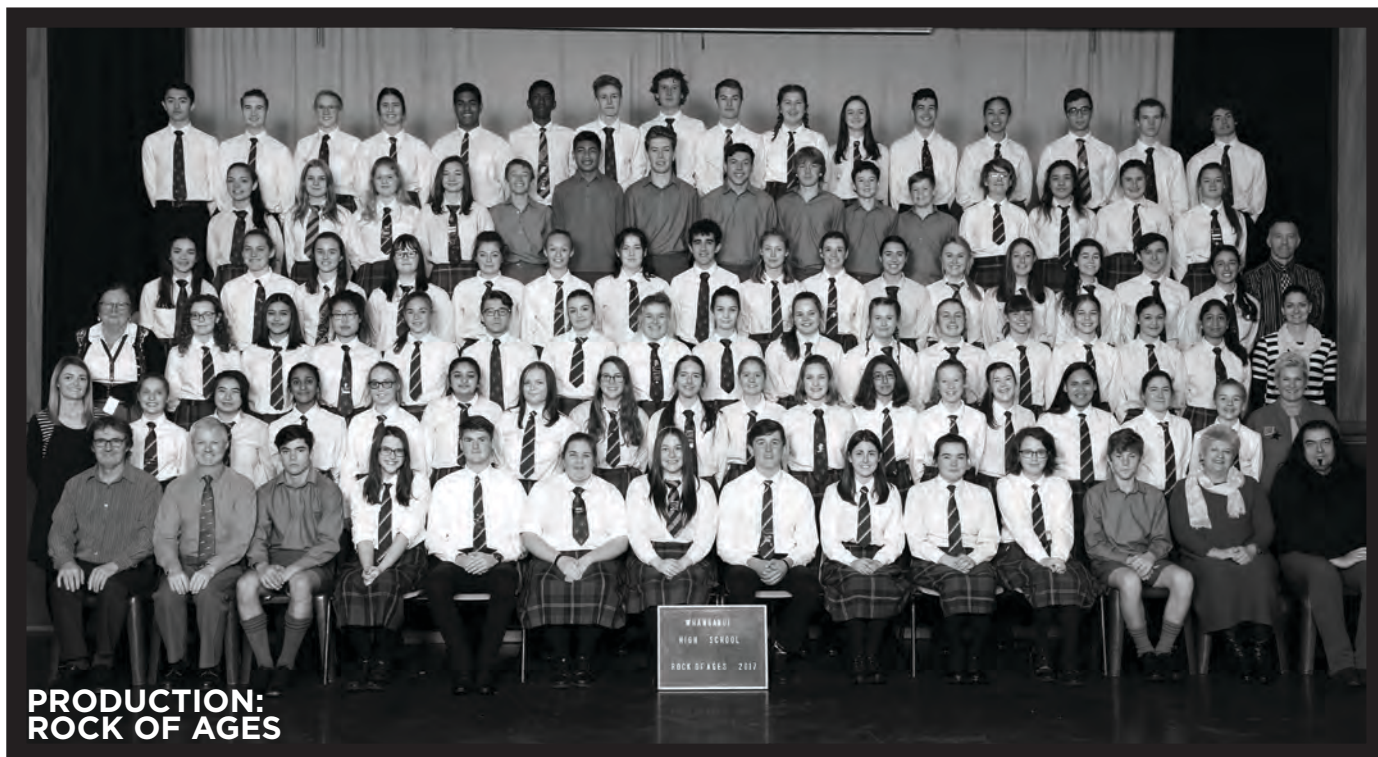


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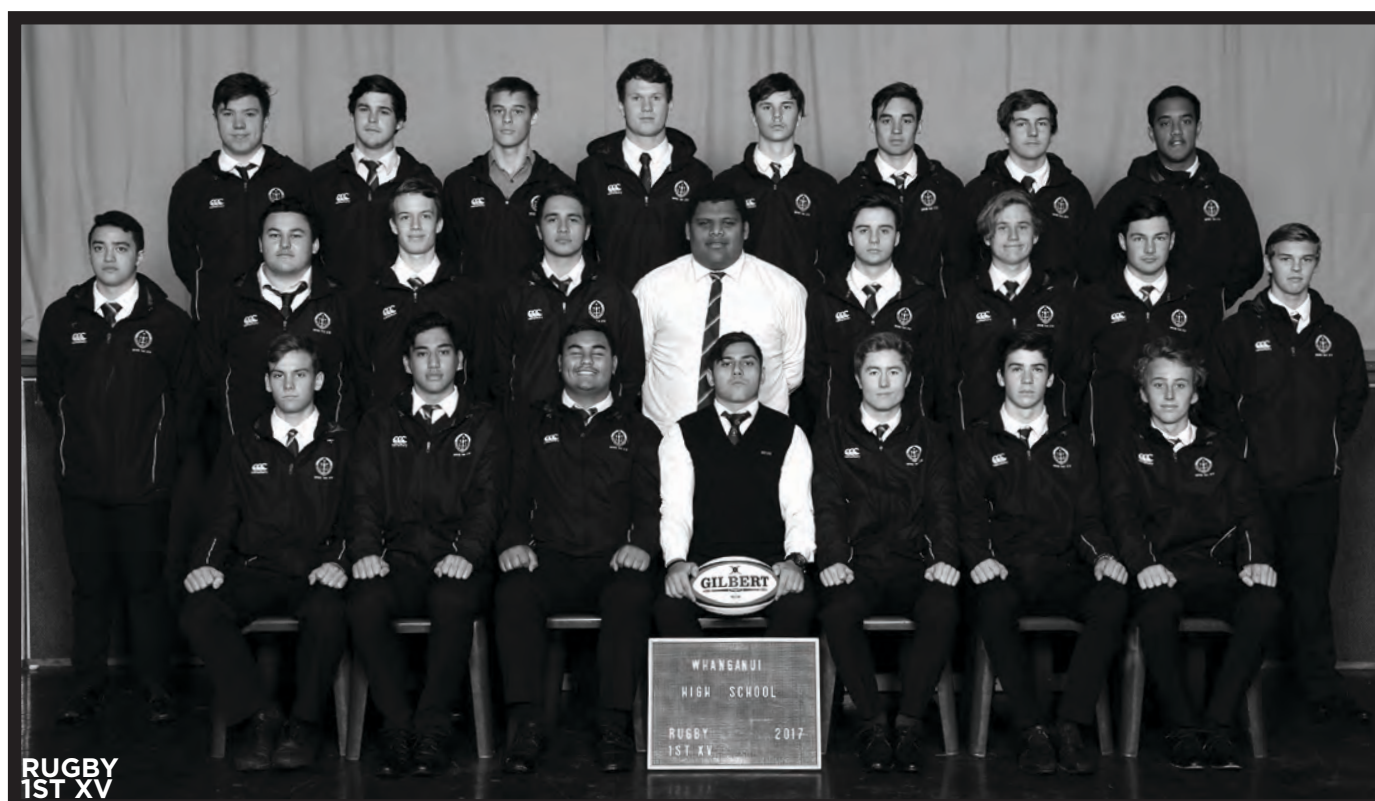
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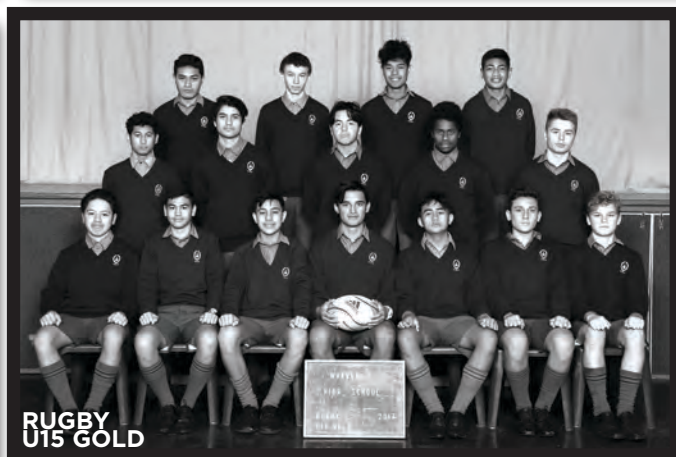
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**RUGBY GIRLS**



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U15 GOLD**



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**RUGBY  
U15  
GREEN**



**SAILING**



**SMALLBORE  
RIFLE  
SHOOTING**



**SWIMMING**



**SCHOOL  
COUNCIL**



**GIRLS TOUCH**



**TRIATHLON  
DUATHLON**



**VOLLEYBALL  
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**VOLLEYBALL  
SENIOR GIRLS**



**WAKA  
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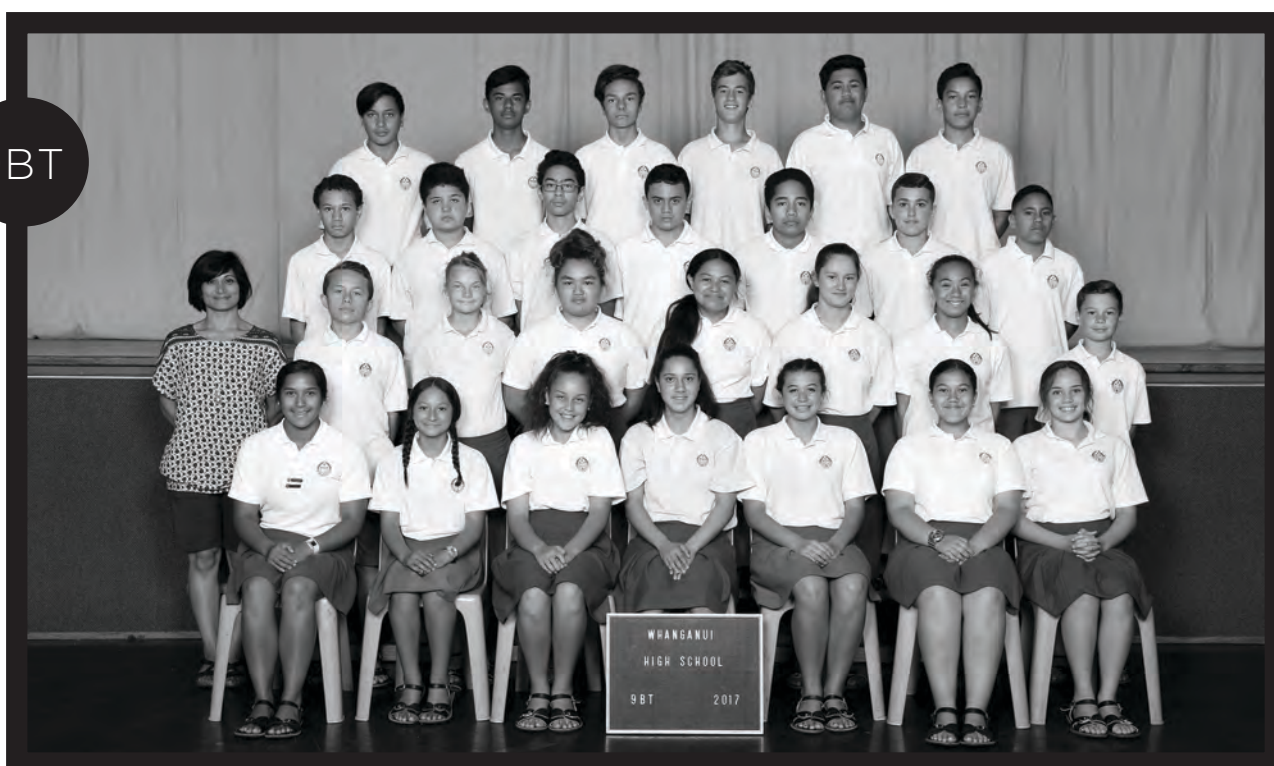


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Back Row: Te-Neil Tapa-Allen, William Black, Isaiah Tubayan, Hamish Harcus, Keegan Norton  
 Third Row: Connor Penn, Ben Hibbs, Peter Jefferies, Alex Caird, Steven Ngatai-Andrew, Jackson Hooper  
 Second Row: Mr C Adam (Teacher), Stella Warner, Rebecca Allardice, Akshima Marwah, Georgia Forrester, Jane Crutchley, Holly Burrows, Pravinesh Dayal (Peer Mentor)  
 Front Row: Rebecca Benge (Peer Mentor), Nikita Edwards, Emily Ross, Saoirse Broadhead, Tayla Robbertsen, Jenna Ruggiero, Sara Hills (Peer Mentor)  
 Absent: Josiah Kirk (Peer Mentor), Mattea Ale, Beckham Gabriel, Elias Halbert, Noah Radford

9BT



Back Row: Tawhana Hawira-McGrath, Raymond Taitapanui, Jansen Condon-Ngapo, Shae Kairau, Regan Tyson-Nepia, Awatea Pene  
 Third Row: Pip Mano-Reweti, Te Koha Mareikura-Ellery, Maraeroa Kauika-Tenisoni, Tyrese Bishop-Maaka, Devontaye Emery, Eli Pohio, Marino Pauro  
 Second Row: Mrs T Burmeister (Teacher), Malakai Haitana, Nakita Thomson, Kaare Tamakehu, Riana Hohepa, Evamay Davey, Ataria Munro-Thompson, Layton Comp  
 Front Row: Kerwyn Morgan (Peer Mentor), Mairangi Winter, Ariana Dixon, Tania Matenga, Shylla Tahana-Hopkins, Rylee-Joan Wroe, India-Rose Wallace  
 Absent: Rawiri Lindsay, Marquis Smith





Back Row: Richard Cribb, Aaron Cogan, Logan McAffer, Lennart Nowak, Flynn Johnson  
 Third Row: Thorsteinn Bjornsson (Peer Mentor), Emma Wood, Adrienne Peacock, Annabelle King,  
 Emerson Hemingway, Koree Marshall, Tayla Wright  
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 Bowen Hunter-Withers, Micheal Ross, Emily Mayhead (Peer Mentor)  
 Front Row: Natasha Khan (Peer Mentor), Grace Broughton, Hollyrae Mete-Renata, Siana Heeney,  
 Katrina Anderson, Iris Warner, Amber-Rose Roos (Peer Mentor)  
 Absent: Tyson Field, Michael McNicholl, Matthew Teka



Back Row: Raoul Sarup (Peer Mentor), Regan Lambert, Angus Dalgleish, Phoenix Nightingale, Zane Muggeridge,  
 Jordan Manville, Alex Maskery, Brodie Hurndell  
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 Sarah Lightband, Olly Rider, Ashton Vincent, Rose Xu (Peer Mentor)  
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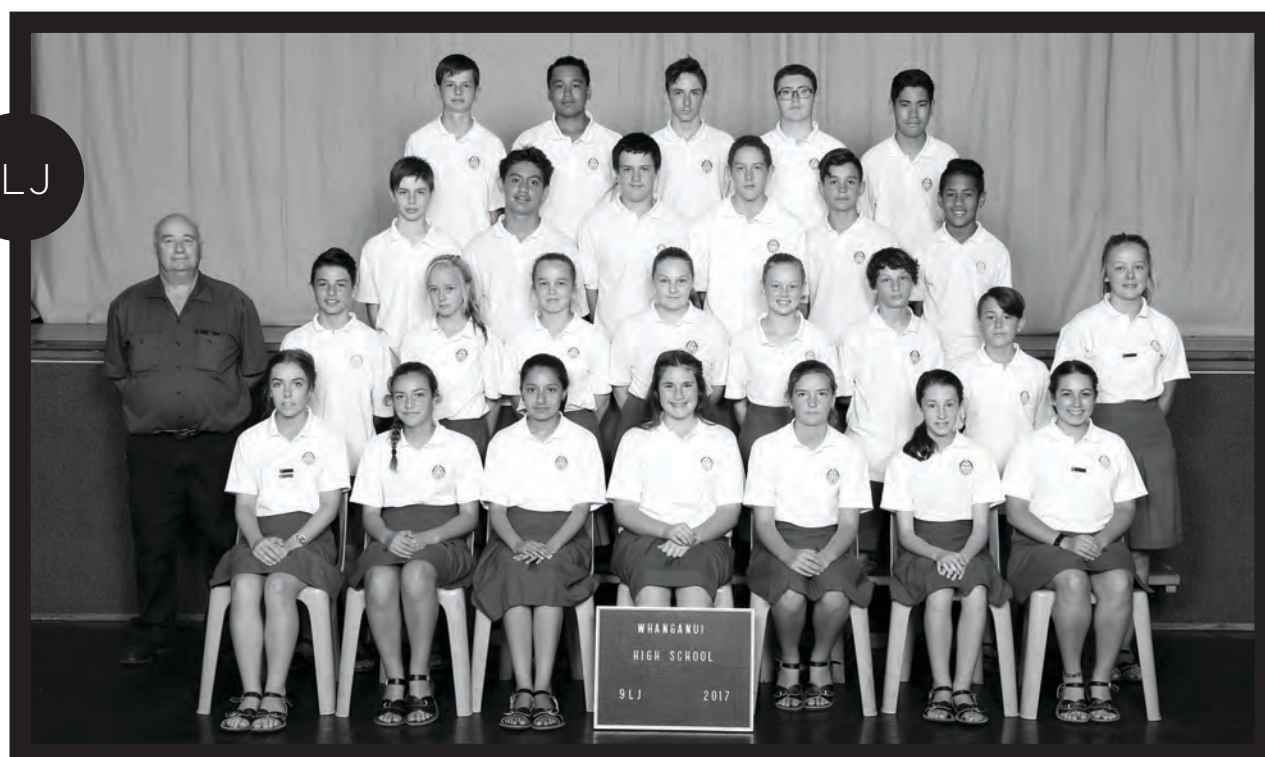


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 Front Row: Alex Forlong (Peer Mentor), Grace Walford, Lylah Harrison-Greenbury, Madeliene Buckeridge, Tatyana Tonihi, Anna Clifton, Saskia Knight (Peer Mentor)  
 Absent: Francis Hernandez, Jaedyn McDonough, Molly Fothergill, Breyana Williams, Erin Woodhouse, Harmony Neilson

9LJ



Back Row: Blake Collins, Titan Nuku, Blake Matthews, Riley Bull, Jaydn Rourangi  
 Third Row: Jake Godfrey, Exodus Pauro, Angus Pitkethley, Jack Terrey, Carlos Hill, Devon Maihi  
 Second Row: Mr J Lees (Teacher), Shanley Oldaker, Caitlin Fergusson, Georgia Kenny, Cassandra Currie, Emily Benson, Codie Griffiths, Wilson McKee, Emily Payne (Peer Mentor)  
 Front Row: Kate Belsham (Peer Mentor), Eva-Maree Thompson, Indra Verma, Lilee Taylor, Bridie Knapp, Emma Cameron-Whyte, Abigail Watt (Peer Mentor)  
 Absent: Curtis Jurgens, Evan Lawler, Tj Herewini, Olivia Christensen





Back Row: Aaron Van Tonder, Alex Luff-Scott, Chester Nevil, Joshua Haupt, Taukei Jackson-Vatuvei,  
Blair Gowan, Max Verhaaren

Third Row: Jordan Young, Kodie Olding, Ben Emerson, Oliver Keelty, Tane Brown, Drake Teka, Corey Holloway

Second Row: Mr C Price (Teacher), Dannielle Walker, Charlotte D'Ath, Paris Munro, Loren Wilson,  
Shakylah Hawea-Topia, Kate Regan, Kimberlee Campbell, Ella Towers (Peer Mentor)

Front Row: Alexandra Nicoloff (Peer Mentor), Madilyn Hansen, Kaitlin Parkes, Jett Joyce, Sara Bishop,  
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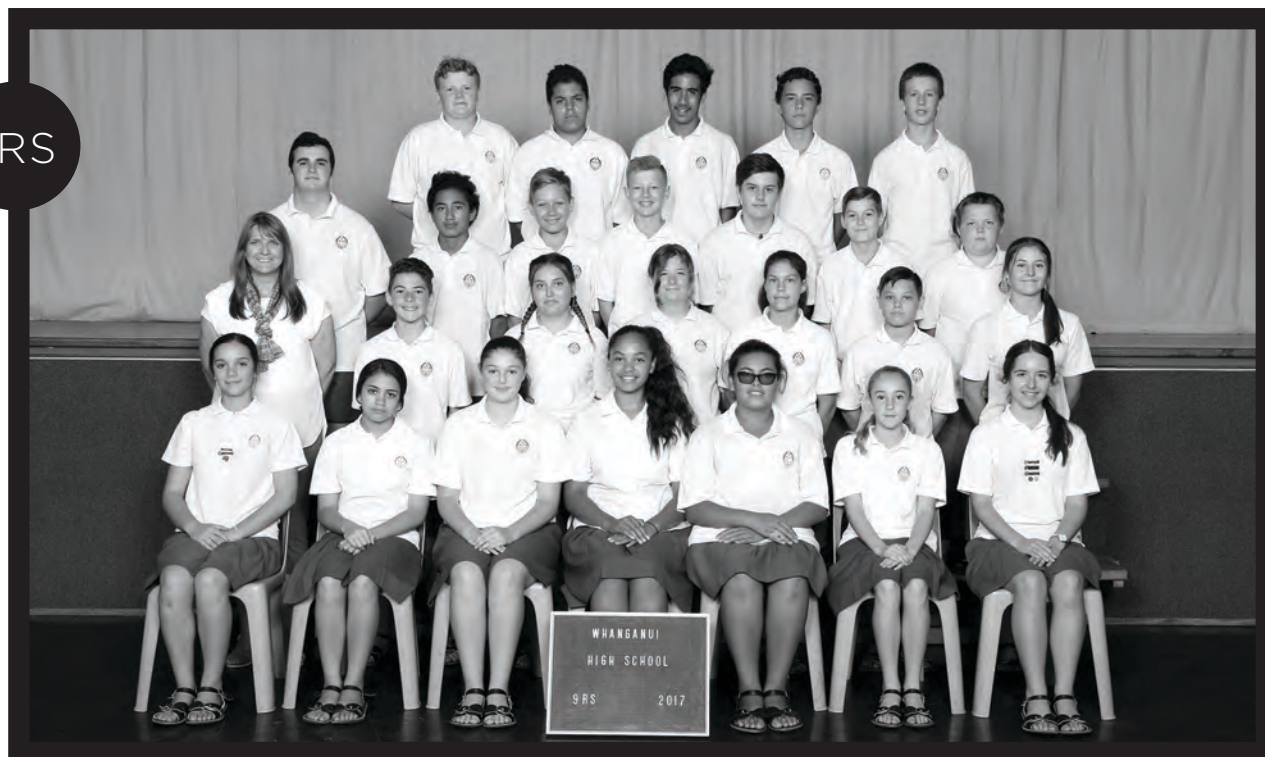
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Front Row: Rhea Colaabavala (Peer Mentor), Tanisha Rudolph, Alex Hamilton-James, Sophie Maxey, Grace Gould,  
Emma Henare, Niamh Hogan (Peer Mentor)

Absent: Kyla Annabell-Mars, Jono Spence, Ryan Davidson



9RS



Back Row: Jayden Wilson, Phoenix Grammaticogiannis, Izaeya Tamati Christensen, Heath McKenzie, Amos Goldsack

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Liam Miller, Charlie Cohen

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Caleb Whyte-Aplin, Charlotte Wilsher (Peer Mentor)

Front Row: Portia Sharp (Peer Mentor), Majenta Bowlin, Rebecca Campbell, Sophia 'Unga-Cribb, Tyra-Lee Warren,  
Casie Glentworth, Josephine Verhaaren (Peer Mentor)

Absent: Karmen Johnston, Maximus Rowe, Emily Te Huia, Matthew Denzel

9SM



Back Row: Sam Scott-Pages, Feiteai Fiti, Windsor White, Benji Hermann, Aj Malili-Malo-Lauano,  
Lachlan Hills, Dekin Chadfield

Third Row: Cuade Carroll, Riley Cox, Jaikob Hudson, Nathan Cohen, Riki Wainhouse, Mitchell Lockett, James Gray

Second Row: Mr C Smyth (Teacher), Kayla Moase, Emma Hooper, Amy Haughian, Hinerangi Ratana, Gemma Shaw,  
Jaida Shaw, Vanessa Henry, Reece Hoobin (Peer Mentor)

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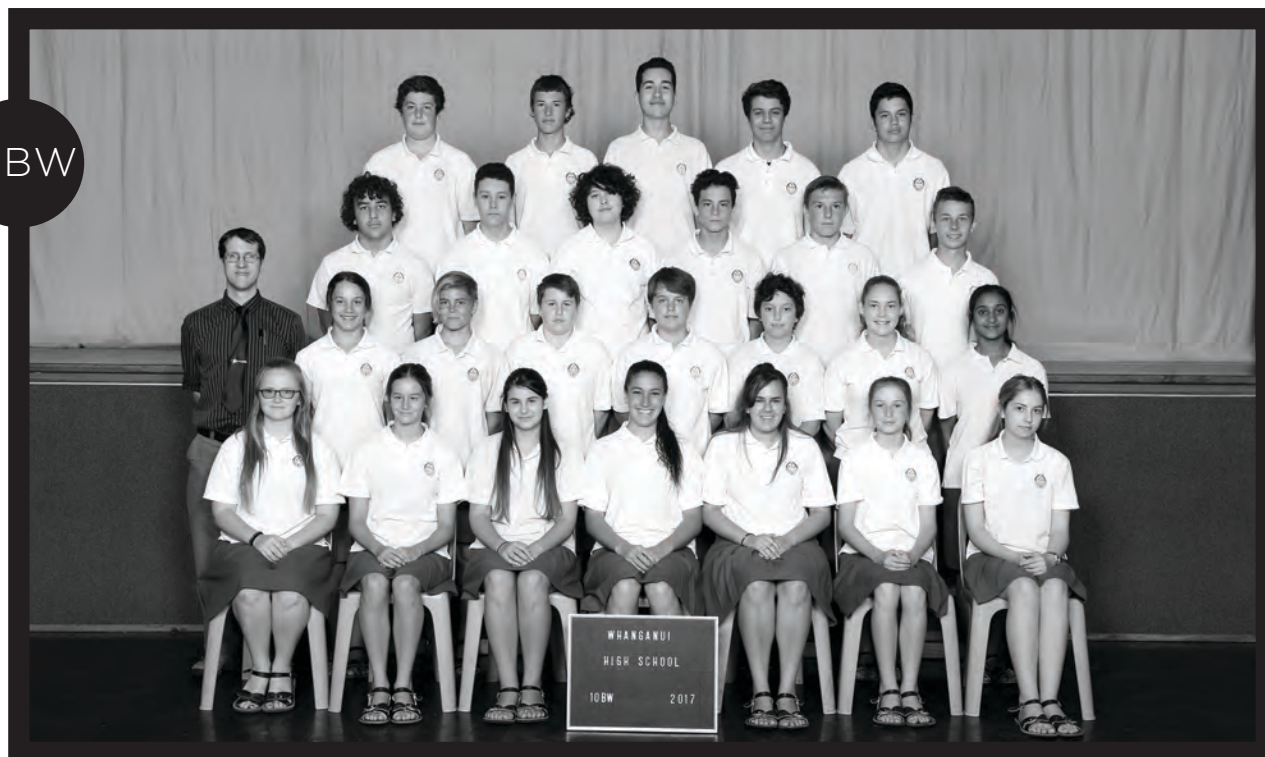
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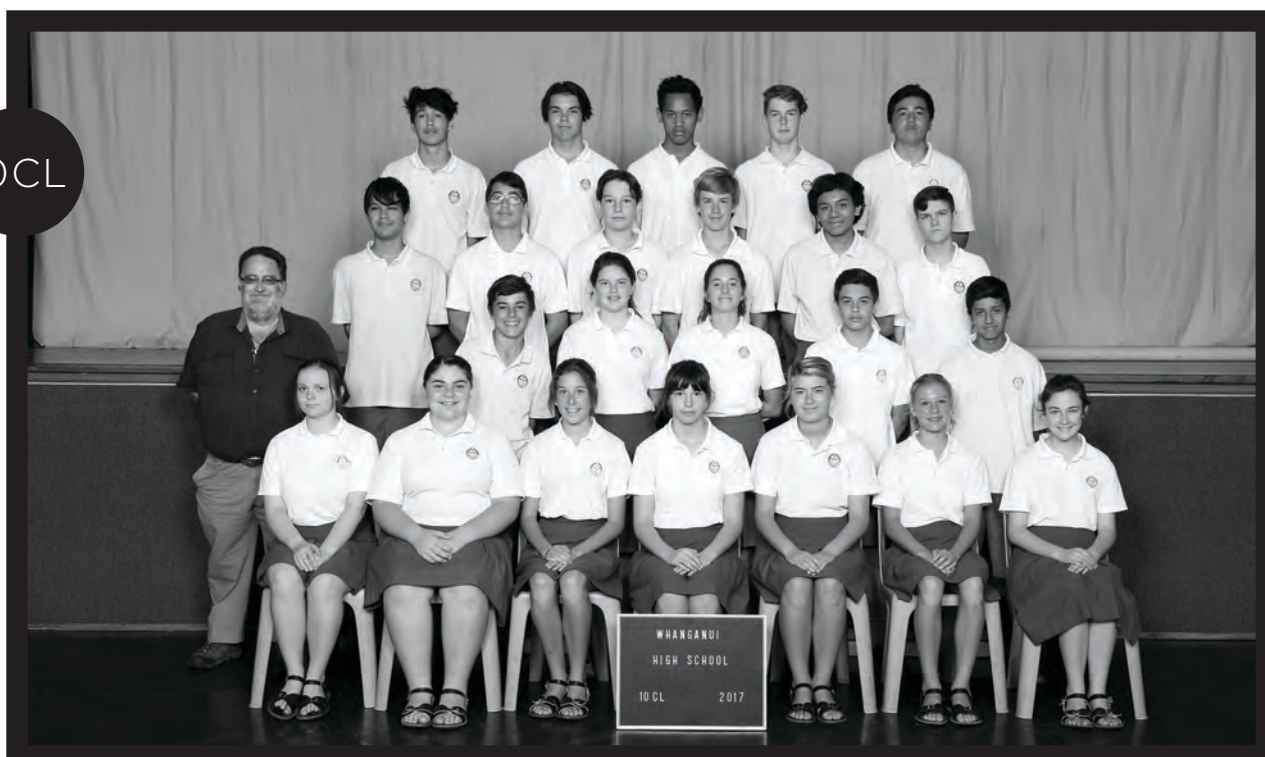


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 Second Row: Mr C Burrows (Teacher), Rebekah Phillips, Sebastian Newton, Jayden Alexander, Tom Cosford,  
 Glachyus Quennell-Toia, Jorja Manville, Simmone Sarup  
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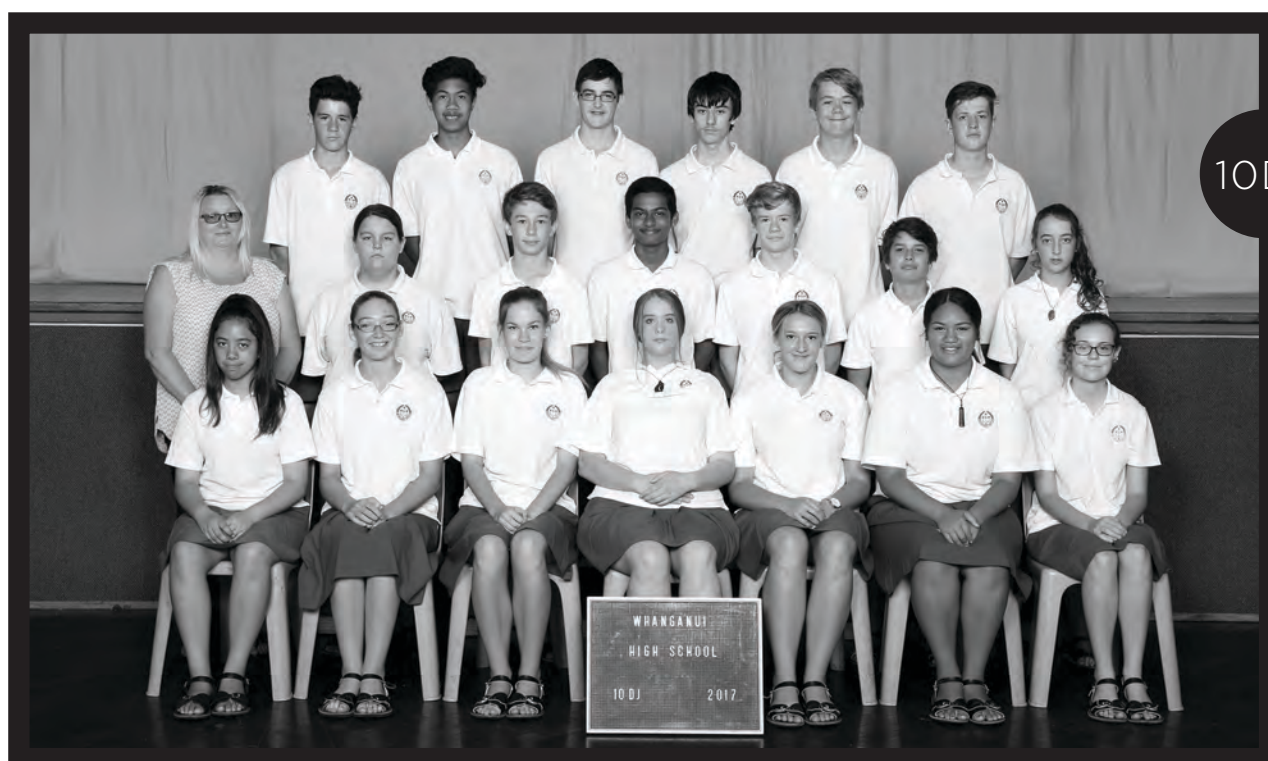


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 Sebastian Alcayaga Rojas  
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Back Row: Mathew Anscombe, Tyrone Baty, Brayden Yakas, Noah Tatana, Samson Power,  
Ethan Riley-Curtis, Jacob Walker  
Middle Row: Miss R Cleary (Teacher), Joshua Rod, Campbell James, Amber Langmead, Shyee Potatau,  
Renee Crombie, Blake Sherman, Ryan Bayler  
Front Row: Eric Zhang, Timara Wallace, Lucy Skedgwell, Khayla Hovey, Kate Cosford, Lili Grant, Adam George  
Absent: Jack Kenny, Lachlan Morrison, Sharon Riddell



Back Row: Alex Winchcombe, Riley Astudillo, Christopher Adam, Bligh Wetherall, Liam Johnson, Aidan O'Connor  
Middle Row: Mrs J Dunn (Teacher), Freya Battersby, Kai Gurton, Divnesh Dayal, Finn Gray,  
Jaxon Watt, Tammin Healey  
Front Row: Daya McKinney-Hall, Mikayla Manville, Katie Bryers, Sophia Quirk, Maddison Hatch,  
Deijah Reuben, Alice Doney  
Absent: Soul Borberg, Ethan Coffey, Brianna Gregg, Kahu Smith, Ariana Tanirau, Kayne Tui



10GG



Back Row: Tai Joyce, Maurice Mcleod-Ashford, Cian Hemingway, Joshua Richardson, Kaspen Enchmarch, Quinnel Ngapeka

Third Row: Haris Khan, Daniel Hubers, Kahu Miller, Aaron Coveny, Joshua Linton, Aj Donghi

Second Row: Mrs G Glaister (Teacher), Abbie Trillo, Ella Hutchings, Phoebe Brown, Savarna Steiner, Akaylah Ranginui-Gunn

Front Row: Natalie McKenna, Te-Wai Robertson, Mahina Barritt, Maeve Weekly, Riccaia Field, Anita Hohaia, Ilish Moore

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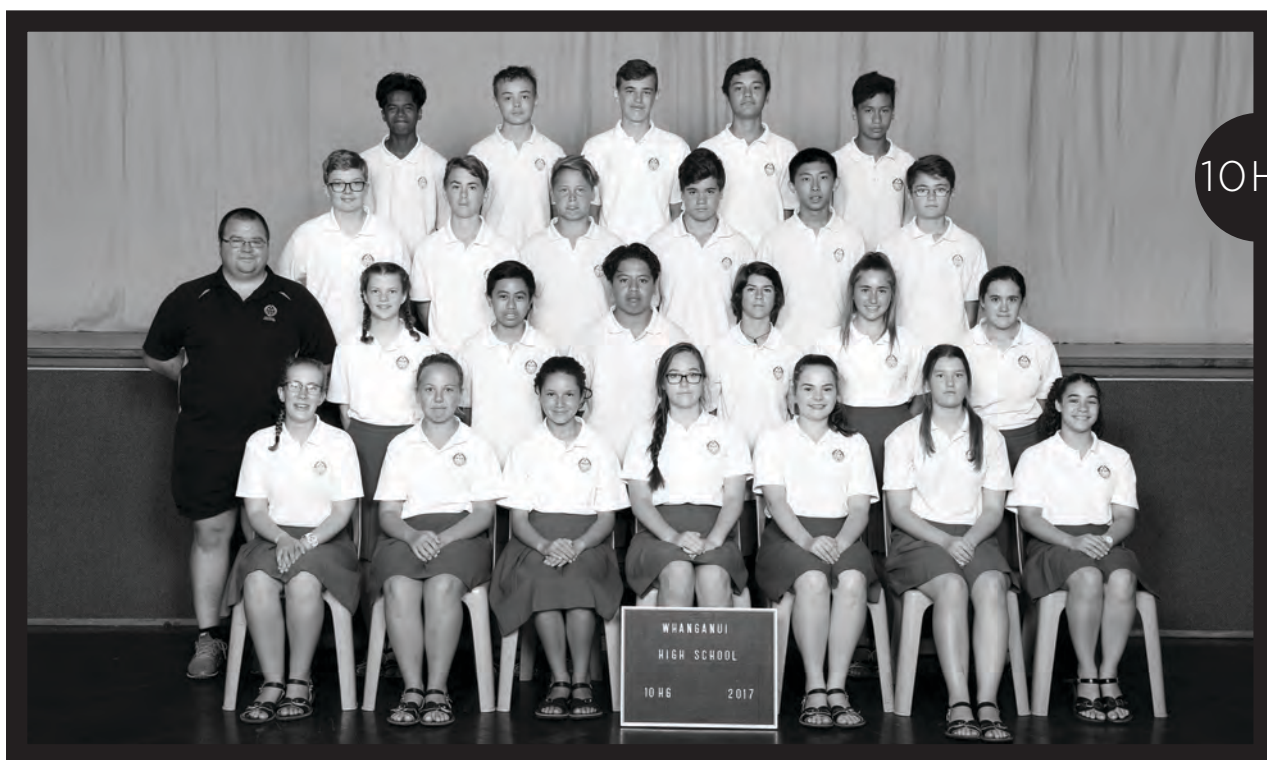


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Absent: D Sutherland (Teacher Aide), D Parnell (Teacher Aide), Chelsea Te Ngahue





Back Row: Alif Metekingi, Aragorn Cavanagh, Jacob Chapman, Antonio Saunders, Laigan Broughton-Beamsley

Third Row: Hamish Kingston, Nathan Hoobin, Kohen Guilford, Caleb Langdon, Vincent Ye, Jack Galvin

Second Row: Mr G Hardy (Teacher), Tanysha-Rochelle Jones, Joshua Korewha, Hemi Neil, Lee Dobbie, Jessica Thompson, Ashleigh Cook

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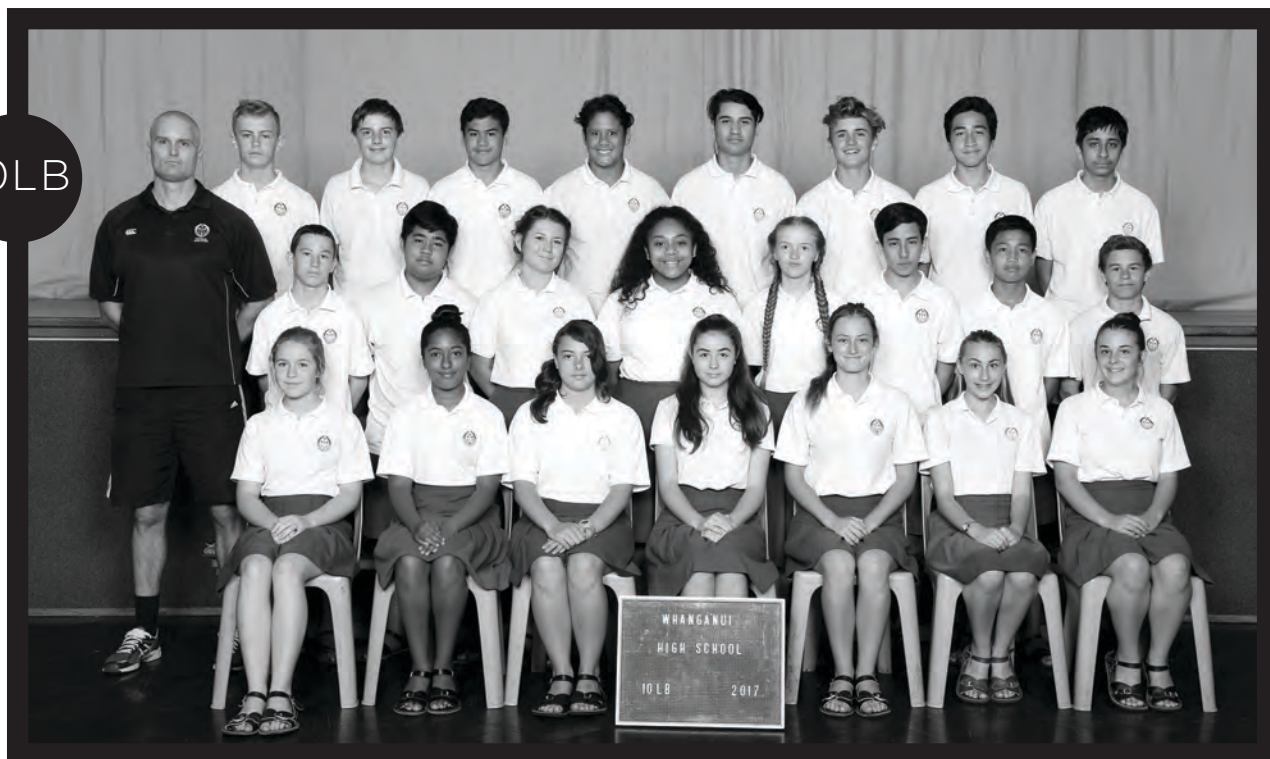
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Absent: Sidney Filer, Fergus Matthews, Paris Moore, Ola Newrick

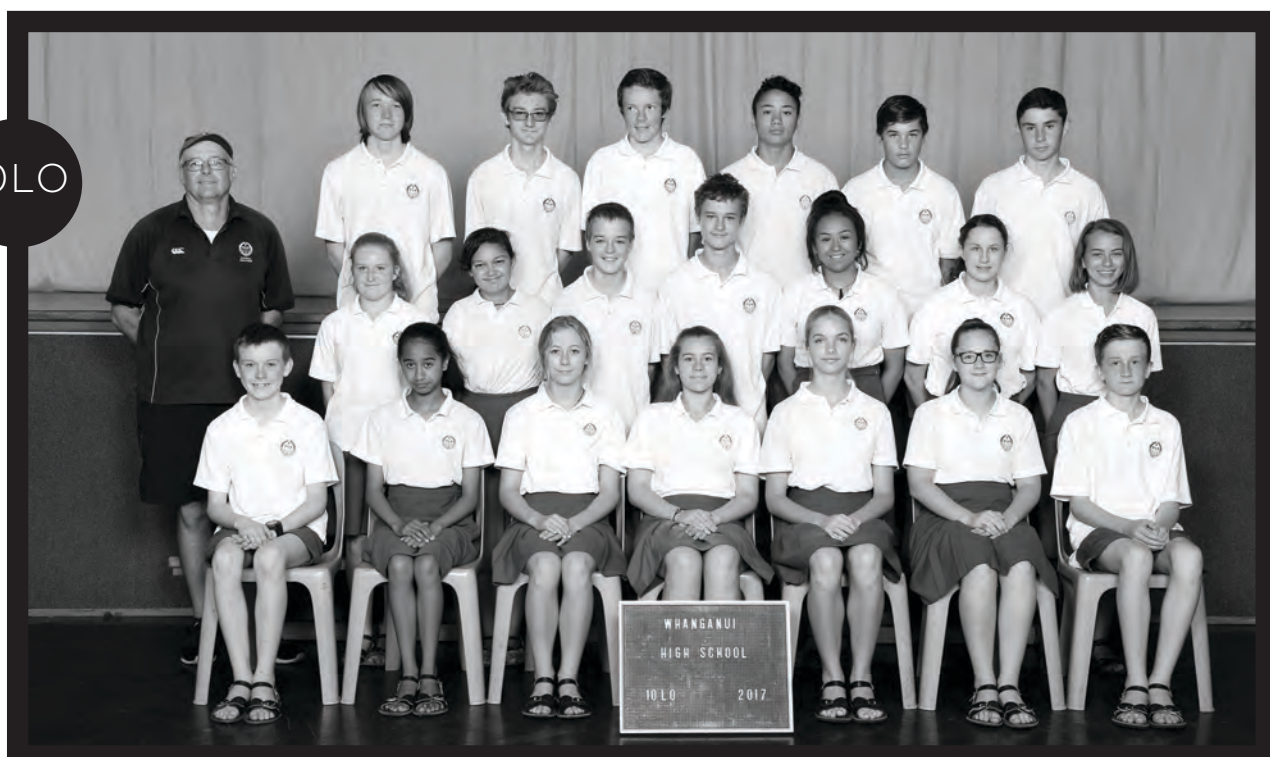


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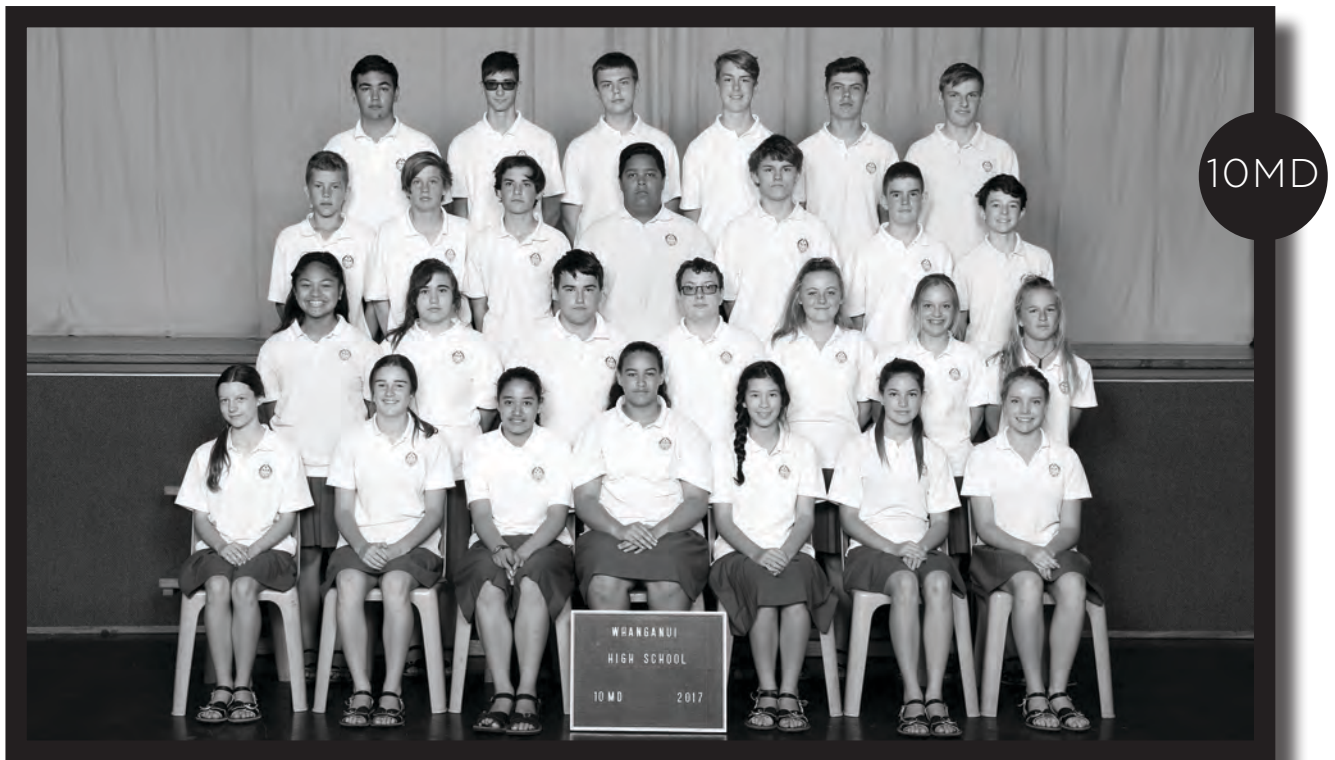
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 Front Row: Shania Morris, Shivani Verma-Atkinson, Alex Hudson, Eva-Rose Wakefield, Lucy Whitford, Karla Mills, Rose Ross  
 Absent: Tyler Rhodes

10LO



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 Middle Row: Mr A Lock (Teacher), Leah Belchambers, Jannah White, Jake Goldsbury, Jayden Grant, Mystique Munro-Thompson, Jessica Arthur, Basia Sosnowska  
 Front Row: Lachlan Baxter, Hairini Waitokia, Grace Swanston, Talia Carr, Annabel McMahon, Liana Pollard, Blair Slight  
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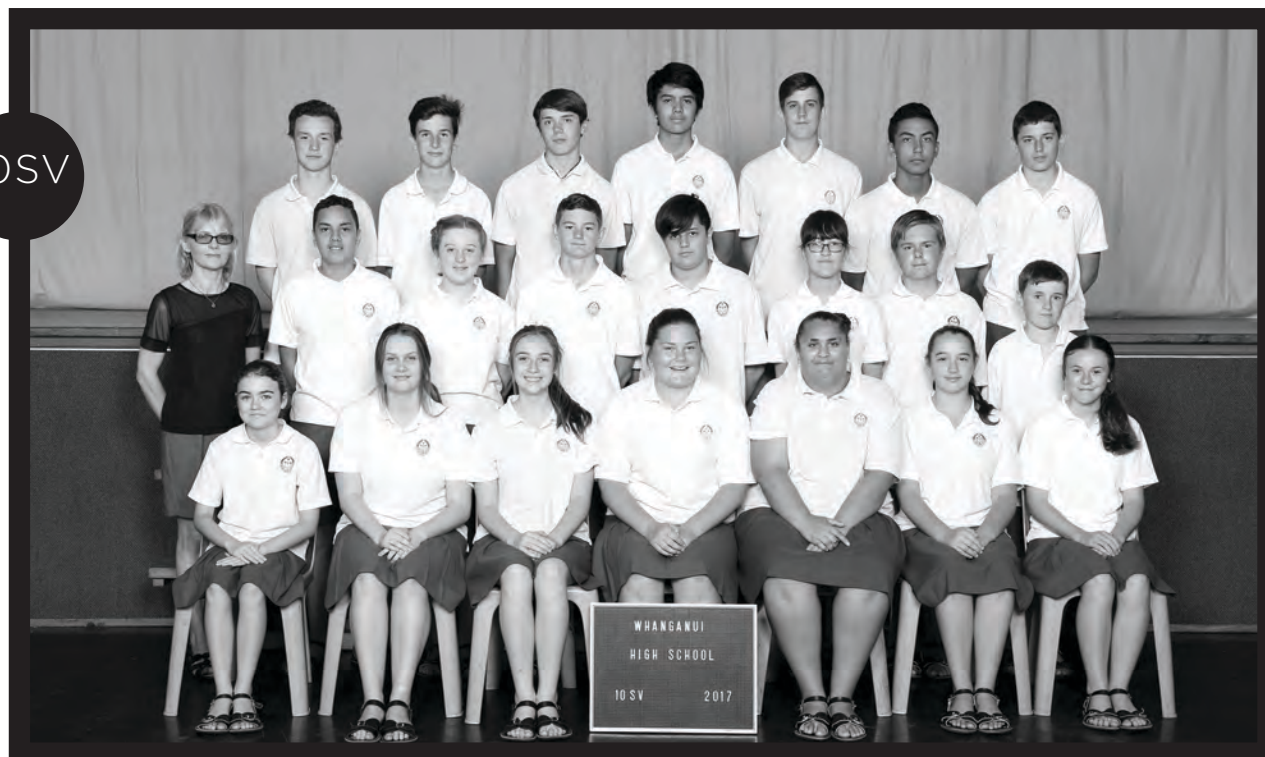
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 Front Row: Jaycee Kohrt, Rosa Spence, Cheyenne Huia, Jaelyn Herewini, Jorja Wong, Cassidy Wright, Shayla O'Mahony  
 Absent: Mr D Martin (Teacher)



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 Third Row: Rehimana Meihana, Anthony Sellers, Amokura Roore-Hamilton, Ariki Teki, Te Atawhai Wanihi-Quirke, Ngarimu Matthews  
 Second Row: Miss L Martin (Teacher), Madison Puohotaua, Riana Tamati, Ranita Kirk, Pippi Taumaunu, Danielle Tahana  
 Front Row: Daisha Cromarty, Mikayla Heka, Sophie Andrews, Kara Adrole, Mahalia Dempsey, Grace Paama, Tyler Hawira  
 Absent: Tamati Glendinning, Japhez Te Huia, Tijuana Pereniko



10SV



Back Row: Joseph Petersen, Lachlan Montgomery, David Marks, Alex Paikea, Tomas Ross,  
Joshua Renata, Julian Mayer

Middle Row: Mrs M Stevenson (Teacher), Jackson Parr, Imogen Maguire, Flinn Bates, Markus Lawrence,  
Libby Firmin, Jack Fawthorpe, Bailey Walsh

Front Row: Lillian Bidgood, Alannah Dunkerton, Brooke Ryland, Brierley Watson, Talysha Thomas,  
Charlotte James, Lucy Bennetts

Absent: Abby Squire, Andre Awatere, Jimmy Gower

11BS



Back Row: Tapiri Madams, Dante Kemp, Legion Nuku, Puhi Pene

Third Row: Yendi Wiparata, Dallas Swaneveld, Tipene Reweti, Riley Haenga, Shae Winter

Second Row: Mr S Brown (Teacher), Delaney Mason, Shanice Campbell, Maringi-Ora Ranginui, Rebecca Tamati,  
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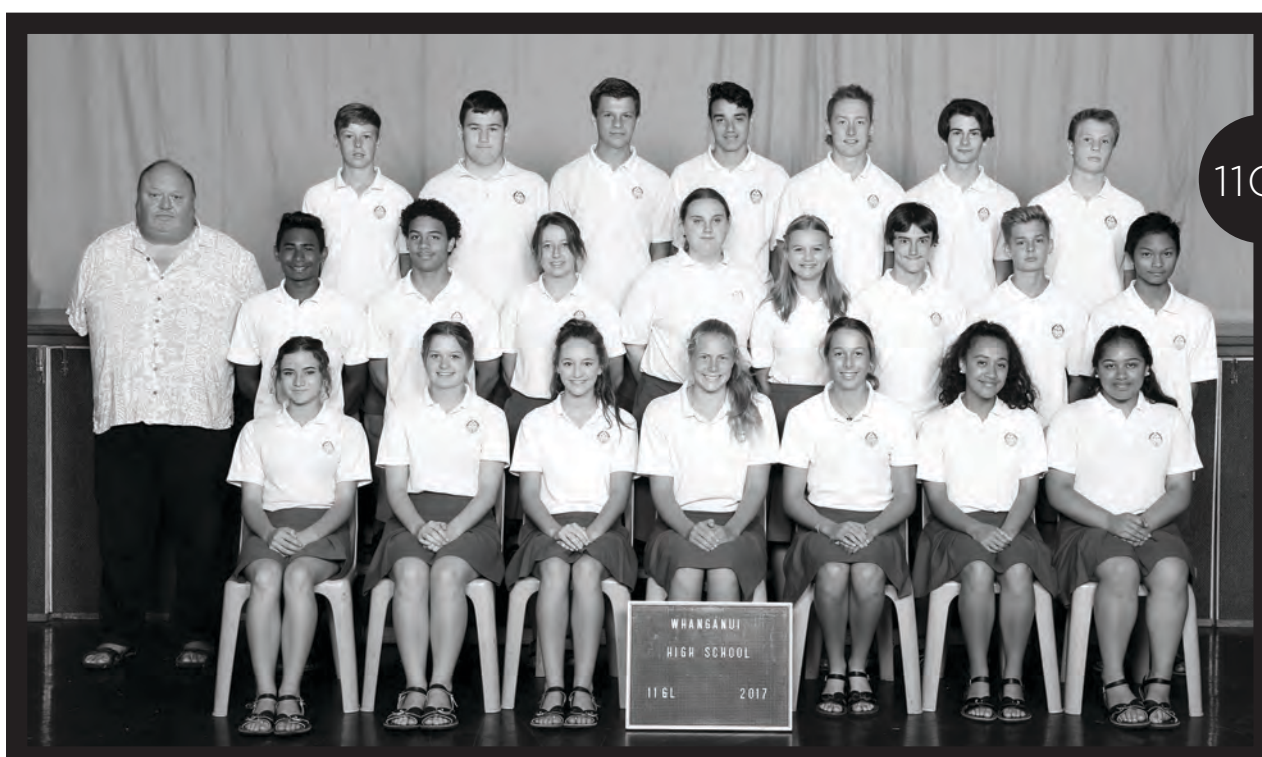
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Kristin Thompson, Mereana Kumeroa

Absent: Ashleigh Clarke, Trey Loveridge-Sheehy, Miriama Kawana, Maia Ramis, Jade Johnson, Tyrine Takarangi





Back Row: Zayus Keeley, Jake Simcox, Troy Cornor, Caleb Wilson, Halsten Ogilwy  
 Third Row: Jesse Barrow, Danny Rogers, Danny Ye, A J Pye, Richard Chambers, Jack Moorhead  
 Second Row: Mr P Coombs (Teacher), Anh Nguyen, Kayla Holt, Tayla Hobbs, Azaara Khan,  
 Ashlee Hood, Hana Millar-Satherley  
 Front Row: Honey Rose Worth, Dharma Jurgens, Georgia Tijssen-Cox, Maria Williams, Katelyn Satherley,  
 Miciah Tait, Lydia Mitchell-Anyon  
 Absent: Erwin Aust, Connor Munro, Phoenix Davy



Back Row: Joseph Loveridge Mills, Findlay Piercy, Mark O'Shanassy, Byron Lloyd, Finn Terrey,  
 Thomas Hedley, Ben Chapman  
 Middle Row: Mr N Glaister (Teacher), Amishel Kumar, Kai Bennett, Rebecca Hopkins, Cheyanne Bisset,  
 Rachel Hamblyn, Charlie Turner, Jarad Knight, Allan Landingin  
 Front Row: Ali Gammeter, Taylor Head, Imogen Flower, Sophie Brooke, Niamh Monk,  
 Jericho Leiasamaivao Turvey, Ani Te Hei  
 Absent: Michael Davy



11GW



Back Row: Noah Belchambers, Harrison Vincent, Martin Kuhn, Keelan Tui, Sam Cripps, James Glaister, Tom Knapp

Middle Row: Mrs M Greenwood (Teacher), Benjamin D'Ath, Jordyn Jaggard, Cindy Pogtoka, Britney Walsh,

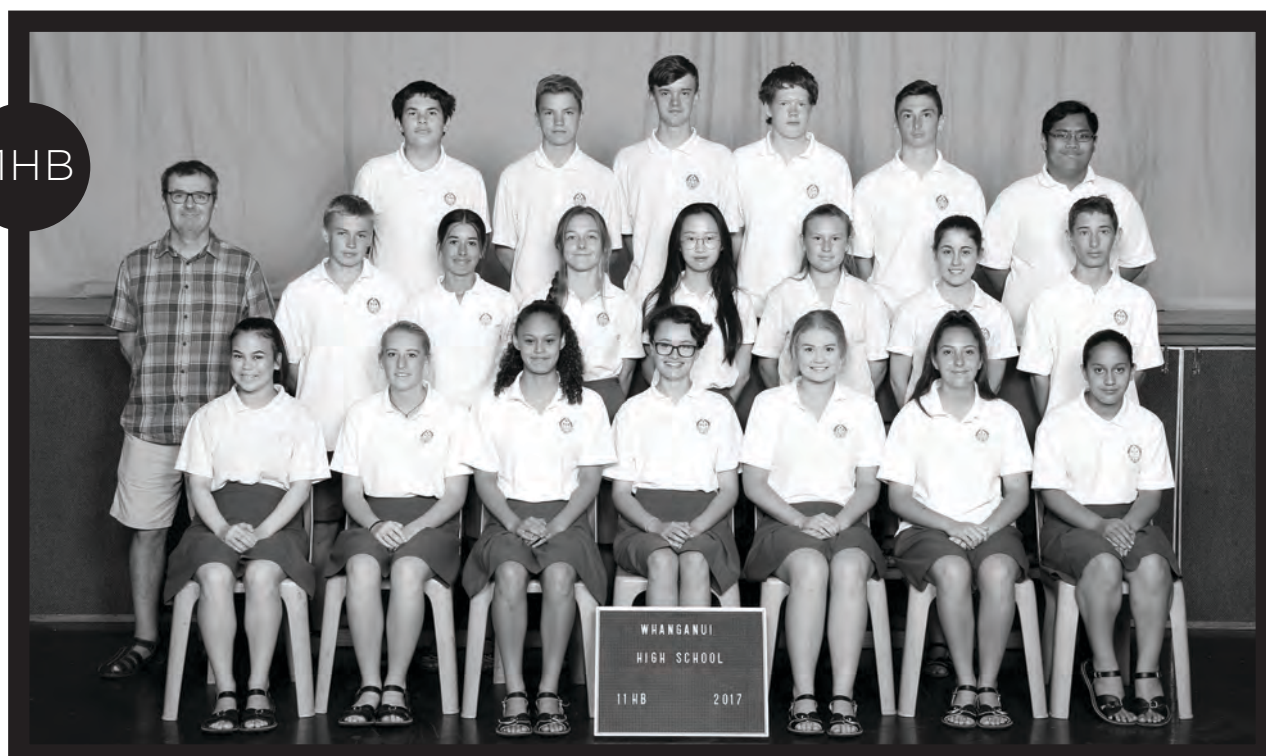
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Front Row: Khalia Budd, Aimee Holden, Abbey Mitchell, Hunter van der Jagt, Ella Trevor-Roper,

Jaimee Bridger, Aaliyah Ranginui-Gunn

Absent: Louis Cornelius, Hope Davies, Byron Ashworth, Mako Marks, Joseph Panui, Kristian Pettigrew, Tane Venter

11HB



Back Row: Buster Brown, Noah Payne, Josiah Durning, Samuel Le Gallais, Alex Nevil, Clave Ajoc

Middle Row: Mr B Holt (Teacher), Travis Bayler, India Oldaker, Lichelle Fairweather, Claudia Pan, Bonnie Huntley,

Imogen Eastgate, Aaron Whitton

Front Row: Sahara Alder-Lindsay, Amanda Ban, Sarya Lower, Madalyn Thompson, Zoe Mackay,

Candice Clark, Siobhan Tobin

Absent: Jajveet Singh, Gb Oliver, Jacob Omundsen, Grace Unga, Caprice Whiteman





11HL

Back Row: Sam Luff, Jaden Falconer, Kobe Titter, Oisin Broadhead, Josefa Tamaniyaga  
 Third Row: Zachariah Clark, Liam Cole, Caleb Benn, Jacob Hill, Hao Nguyen Chi  
 Second Row: Mr G Hall (Teacher), Tyler Baker, Lucy Black, Tamir Ben-Ezra, Charlie Brown,  
 Abigail Gaskin, Meadow McGrail  
 Front Row: Ella Dudley, Caitlin Gillum, Allison Campbell, Riley Frecklington, Naomi Lockett,  
 Jodie Bell, Ahimsha Saravanapavan  
 Absent: Leon Matai-Williams, Paige Parkinson, Jamez Rihia



11HS

Back Row: Ben Power, Samuel Hodge, Fox Keane, Jack Donaldson, Regan Batson, Zachary McKenzie,  
 Josiah Booth-Richards, Patrick Madder  
 Third Row: Anson Reid, Jackson Wilson-Yalden, Thomas Friedel, Charith De Silva, Benjamin Brandon,  
 Luke Pearson, Jayen Gulab, Sean Sarkar  
 Second Row: Ms S Hughes (Teacher), Hunter Flanagan-Connors, Jae Ee Kim, Tegan Stoneman-Wills,  
 Arafia Khan, Rhiannon Free, Madeleine Thompson  
 Front Row: Emelye Brown, Rebekah Neilson, Nanea Schurhammer, Leigh-ana Hale, Jemma Barnes,  
 Niamh Murphy, Abigail Martin



11HV



Back Row: Jack Burrows, Michael Tian, Archie Smith, Scott Coombe, Isaiah Scurr, Kieran Johnston  
 Third Row: Levi Harvey, Ryan Turner, Brandin Kenny, Damien Wheeldon-Isted, Blake Papworth, Oliver Dennison, Ben Walkley, Reuben Gould  
 Second Row: Mr C Hedivan (Teacher), Lily Perkins, Madison Austin, McKenzie Hayward, Ashlee Barlow, Leticha Ryland-Annabell, Eden Ruissen, Kelsi Keown, Zoe Henry Watson  
 Front Row: Caitlin Currie, Sasha Matthews, Te Pounamu Tamehana, Ellie Bullock, Kayla Jones, Lani Hall, Laura Haughian

11MA

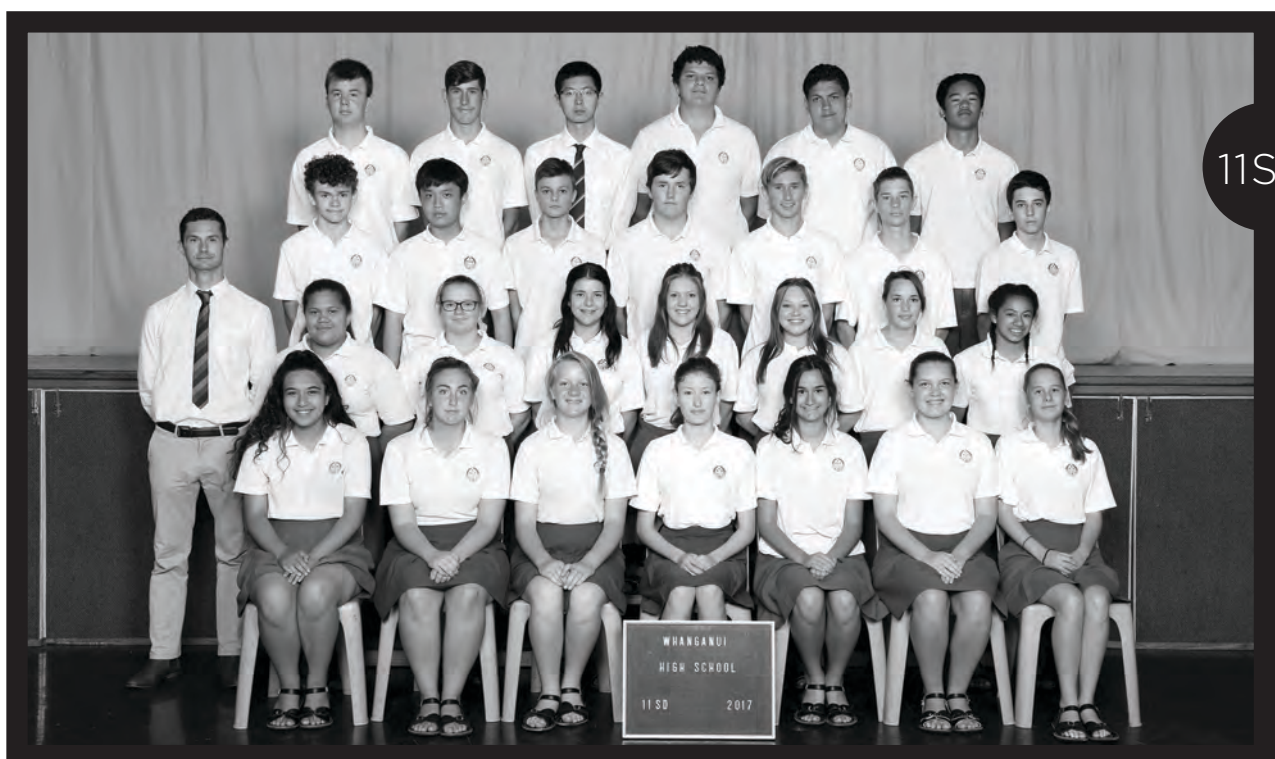


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 Middle Row: Ms T Martin (Teacher), Sophie Scaletti, Sophie Cohen, Madison Caird, Kayla Chadfield, Leticia Farrier, Nikita Fraser  
 Front Row: Riana Viljoen, Cori Herewini, Amisha Kumar, Chantelle de Koning, Shayne Winterburn, Abigail Sewell, Victoria Whibley  
 Absent: Tyler Adlam, Seth Ihaia, Veda Roebuck





Back Row: Isaak Pohio, Ethan Cohen, Ethan Dormer, Ben McHugh, Michael Greig, Kyle Ward-Trillo  
 Middle Row: Mrs H Pedersen (Teacher), Libby Abbott, Shane Martin, Devon Malcolm, Joseph Rapana, Zara Harding, Rebecca Baker  
 Front Row: Abigail Cairncross, Alundra Egan, Tiana Absolum, Allyssa Pram, Cristina Cooper, Romy O'Brien, Celtic White  
 Absent: Ataahua Burling-Claridge, Nikaela Easton, Te Amo McMaster-Davis, Jayden Muir



Back Row: Harry Mill, Jack Clifton, Kevin Chen, Ethan Girven, Kaea Cronshaw, Jayden Ratahi  
 Third Row: Nicholas Spence, Geoffrey Wong, Thor Wrigglesworth, Owen Poppe, Lucas Thompson, Justin Whitton, Anaru Brown  
 Second Row: Mr J Shepherd (Teacher), Karaitiana Broughton, Caitlyn Butlin, Aleisha Baigent, Tayla Mack, Grace Whyte-Aplin, Makayla Watty, Gabriel Johnson  
 Front Row: Sade Motu, Jackie Mayson, Jessica O'Brien, Elea Ness, Elyana Gifford, Kayleigh Lethbridge, Morgan Filer  
 Absent: Isobel Ross



11SK



Back Row: Cameron Russell, Tyler Watson, Arden Tagoai, Keightley Watson, Max Collins, Lyric Williams, Joseph Read, Jady Thorby-Reid  
 Middle Row: Jordan Craig, Brocky Chadfield, Zeah Brewer, Brianna Cooke, Courtney Miller, Brooklyn Hearfield  
 Front Row: Tayla Atkinson, Jamie Campbell, Emma Shotter, Kayla Holdaway, Odessa Wilson, Summer Ruissen-Hohaia, Caitlin Mottram  
 Absent: Mr N Staples (Teacher), Alec Cole, Devin McIntyre

11TS



Back Row: Jordan Price, Robin Stiele, Felix Newton, Leo Wei, Josh Bleackley, Christian Schram, Taria Hepi, Keylen Holloway  
 Middle Row: Mr I Thomas (Teacher), Kimberley Fackney, Reegan Keeley, James Rountree, Ethan Brasting, Tarron McGinniss, Jared Ball, Amber Andrews, Lucy Dowman  
 Front Row: Cassie Jarman, Maia Falkner, Jessica Gear, Athena Jones-Collings, Autumn Hoskyn, Mikaylah Macdonald, Abby Waring  
 Absent: Kaelin Mooney, Nicholas Matthews





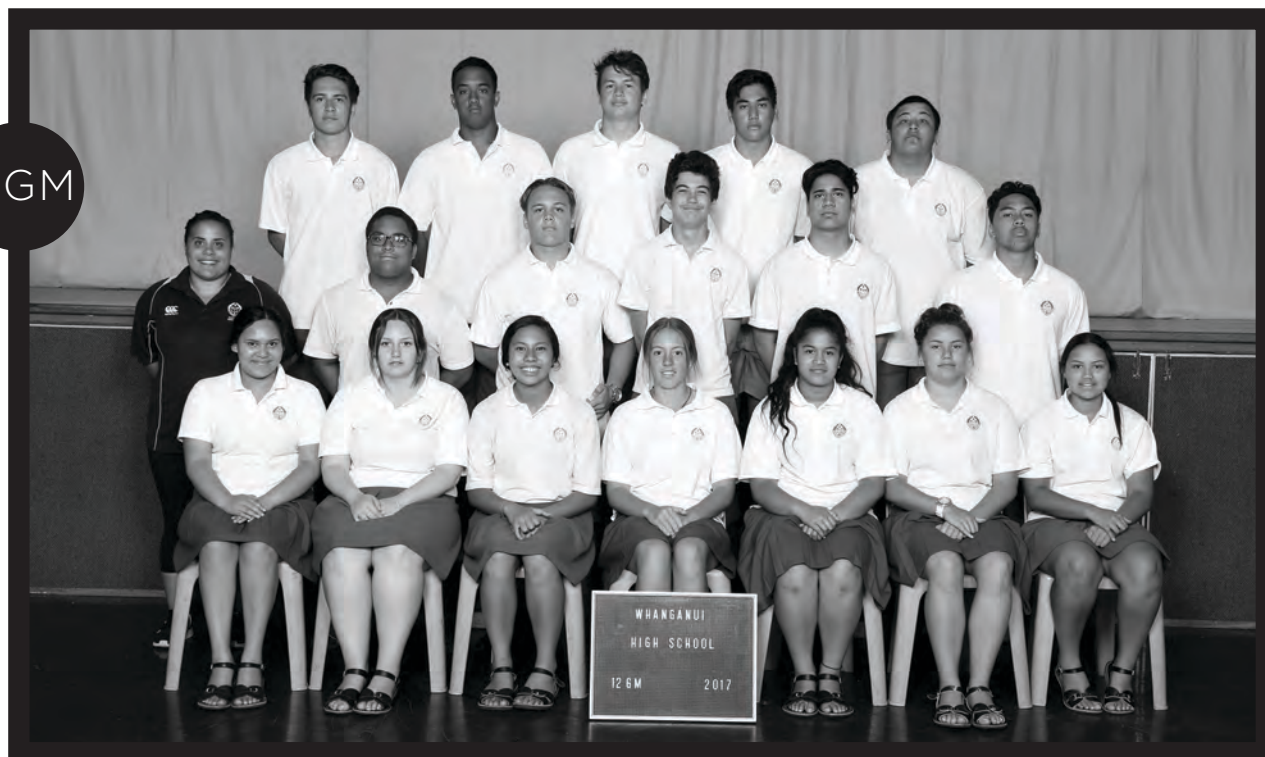
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 Second Row: Ms L Anderson (Teacher), Medina Kitongan, Jessemine Frederick, Leah Pendleton,  
 Carrie Rose Percy, Shayla Williams, Kate Landingin  
 Front Row: Kira O'Connell, Madison Kirkwood, Monique Neil, Shayleigh Egan, Sarah Smith,  
 Tia Reyland, Lena Fuerhoff  
 Absent: Lily Claypole, Drew McKinlay, Yolanda Zhao, Tyrone Tasker



Back Row: Thamma Tharasombat, Kobi Moles, Bryn Lewis Jones, Liam Lace, Robbie Douglas, Felix Su  
 Middle Row: Mrs S Frost (Teacher), Hollie Parkes, Charlotte Wilsher, Ryunosuke Kiyota, Jack Brown,  
 Pippa Petersen, Kotobuki Yamaguchi  
 Front Row: Tyla-Rose Godfrey, Leah Paikea, Aleisha Caird, Sara Hills, Zara Roestenburg,  
 Britney Bills, Eugenia Lee  
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 Max Fiedler, Grace Trillo, Andrew Thompson



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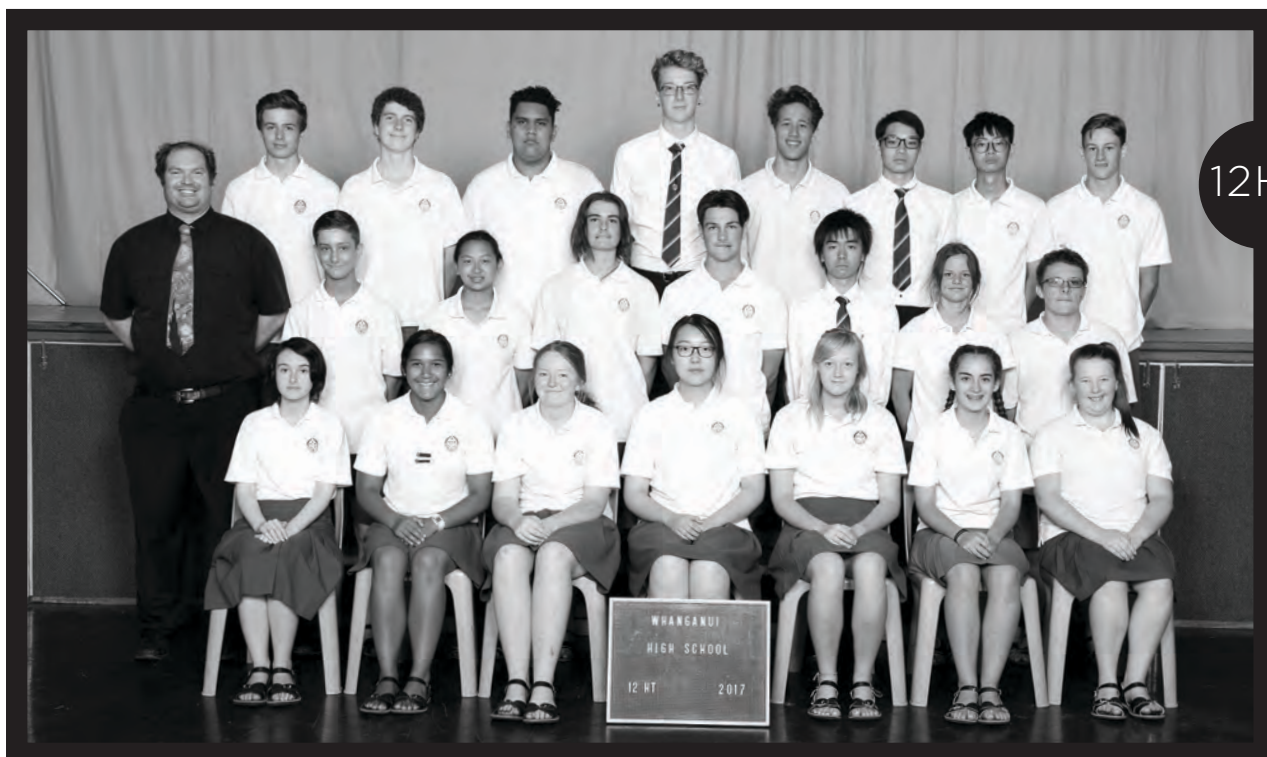
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 Middle Row: Mrs C Graham (Teacher), Wiremu Rogan, Jahzia Puohotaua, Taane Potaka-Osborne Whanarere, Darren Teriaki Osborne, Carson Mareikura  
 Front Row: Cypress Kani-Hurinui, Eden Norgate, Leighton Kotuhi-Brown, Samara Windle, Daynah Bishop, Simone Davey, Kaewa Potaka  
 Absent: Ellie Castle, Kasey Haenga, Bronson Hooper, Zafiah Kersh-Bullock, Cheyanne Ngatai, Spirit Te Moana

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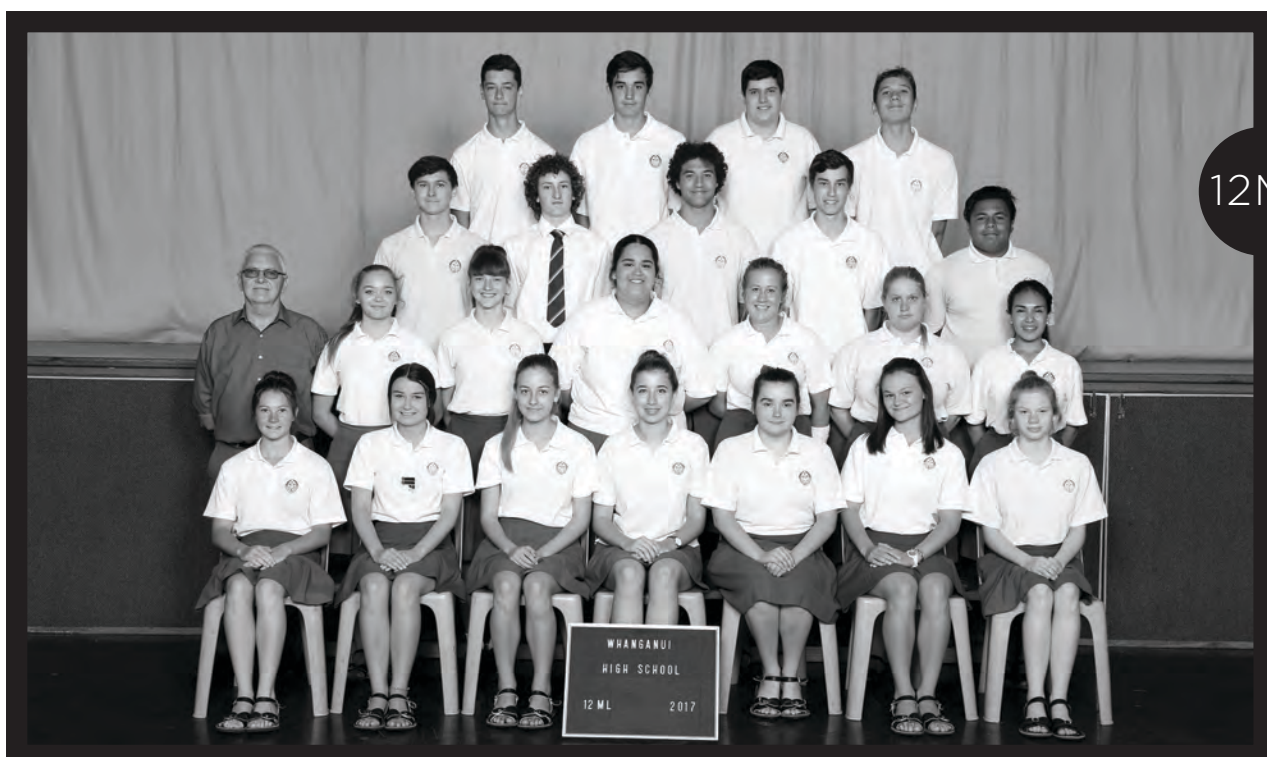


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 Middle Row: Mrs N Gifford (Teacher), Phoenix McLaughlin, Tristan Wilson, Cody Davy, Jack Anderson, Logan Kenny, Kaveh Safaei Torogh, Taylor Barrie  
 Front Row: Amber Watkins, Harmony Te Amo, Sturm Poole, Briella Maua, Sylvah Anderson, Iriaka Mason, Maioha Sadlier





Back Row: Ethan Tomuri, Jack Clark, Marlon Long, Nathan Filer, Matthew Marsh, Frankie Yu, Paul Ma, Liam Candish  
 Middle Row: Mr B Hunter (Teacher), Callum Weck, Polly Tai, Kahn Barrett, Flynn Phillips, Koki Kawanami, Jessica Wilson, Sam Dixon  
 Front Row: Olivia Lamont, Kerwyn Morgan, Jessica Bamford Short, Vivian You, Tayla Malcolm, Devon Bannister, Ava Fox  
 Absent: Darcy Britton, Tayla Burt, Kristina Cvitanovich, Sarah Hatcher, Joel James, Shozo Nishitani, Olive Pegler



Back Row: Eduan Venter, Finley Steedman, Mitchell Jarrett, Michael Hiroti  
 Third Row: Julian Brennan, Brandon Hatch, George Panui, Jack Dawson, Kaleb-Lee Taylor  
 Second Row: Mr S Miller (Teacher), Ashley Mayo, Clara Abel, Aleesha Jackson-Apai, Alex Denzel, Elyssa Fraser, Magdalena Serei Céspedes  
 Front Row: Kayla-Lee Wainwright, Niamh Mullany, Aimee Rowe, Annika Lueddeke, Leah Woodhouse, Joani De Villiers, Hannah Lawler  
 Absent: Joshuwa Old, Jozion Martin, Oliver Miller, Jack Longie, Tania Moller, Joshua Cable, Jessika Manson, Lochie Cox-Sundman



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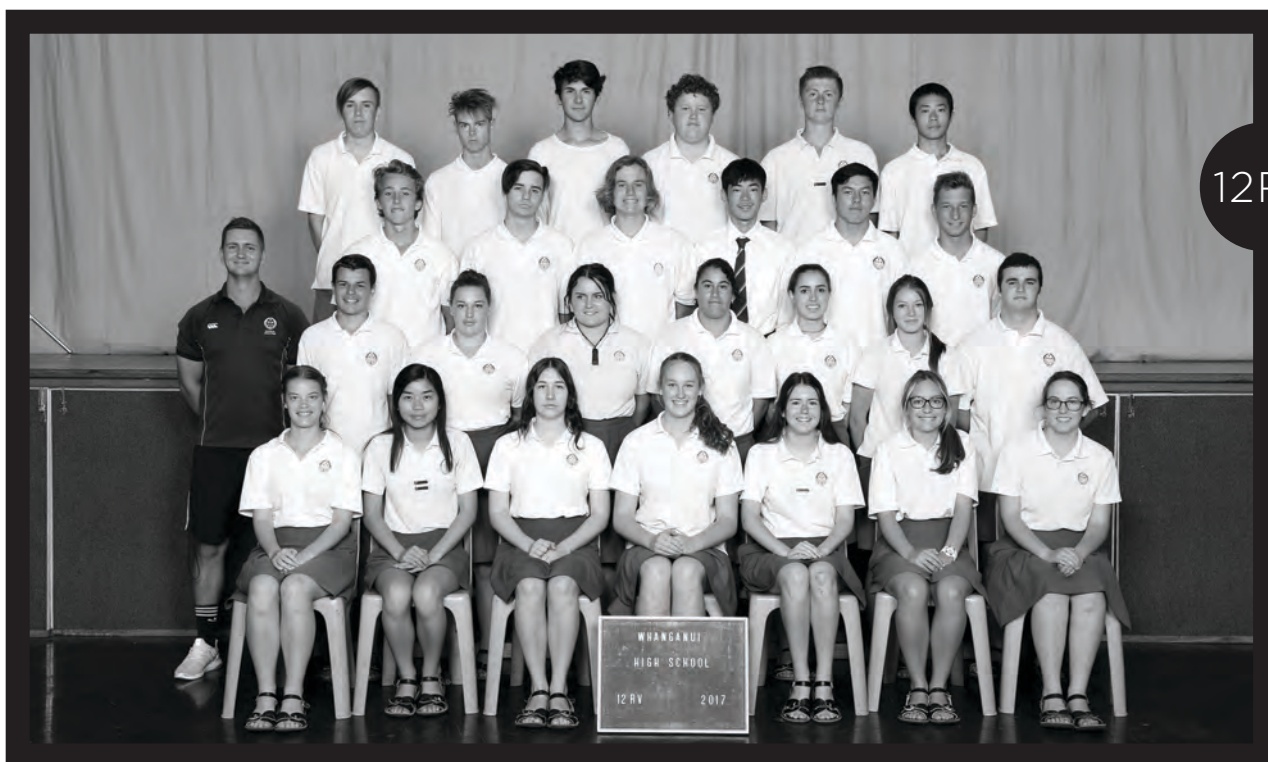
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 Third Row: Jayden Chant, Sean Tighe, Matthew Adam, Jude Hiri, David Perofeta, Zion Tawaroa, Chris Mao  
 Second Row: Mr S Mackrell (Teacher), Tayla Coker, Serah Sali, Zane Morgan, Braydon Marklew, Kevin Zhu, Hope Unga, Imogen Burrows  
 Front Row: Mikayla Baldwin, Hollie Mackay, Emily Payne, Philomena Tuinman, Georgia Hamilton-James, Candice Buys, Ashley Fowler  
 Absent: Claire Stokoe, Levi Hussey

12PS



Back Row: Callum Evans-Sturzaker, Jonathan Maples, Samuel Austin, Alexzander Nightingale, Luke Thornton, Jack Nayler, Tasman Winchcombe, Hayden Pryce  
 Middle Row: Mr R Prasad (Teacher), Anna Brown, Anton Montague, James Selby, Tim Lightband, Jacob Morgan, Nathanael Darbyshire, Long Vu, Geneva Moke  
 Front Row: Misty Tutaki, Abbey Hocquard, Vivien Linder, Jasmin Beard, Kayla Foster, Emily Mayhead, Virginia Thomson  
 Absent: Mark Gac-Ang, Cole Brasting, Emma Loggie, Riley Nayler





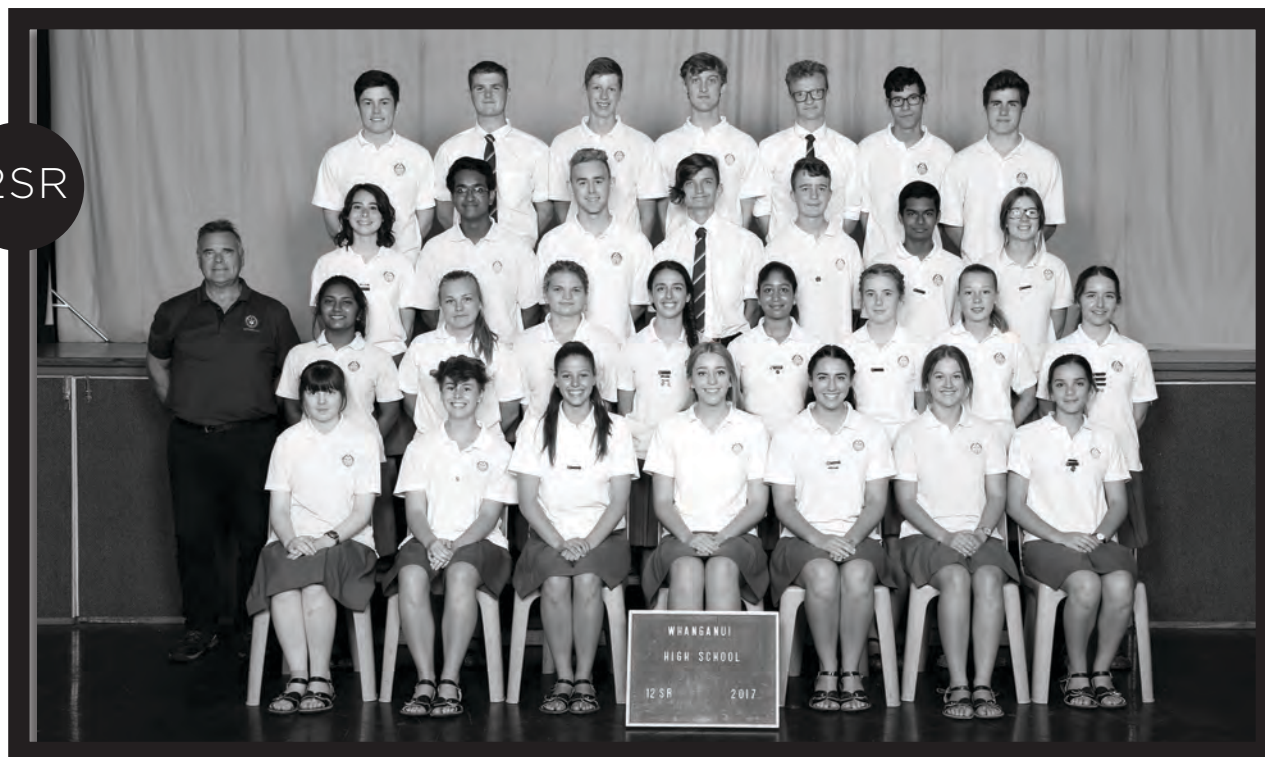
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 Third Row: Isaac Bognuda, Jack O'Leary, Sam Cosford, Oscar Zhang, Jarad Moeke, Jordan Cohen  
 Second Row: Mr K Rivers (Teacher), Hamish Beissel, Sasha Nicol, Courtney McKeown, Ashley Tobin, Paula Menzel, McKenzie Banks, Ethan Mancer  
 Front Row: Jacinta Manville, Rose Xu, Alissa Norton, Niamh Hogan, Alexandra Nicoloff, Lucinda Jurgens, Laura Pennington  
 Absent: Jack McCoubrie, Jardyn Pomeroy



Back Row: Jordan Candish, Ben Fantham, Thomas Little, Dario Wendt, Ezerah Wood, Sam Lyu  
 Third Row: Keelan Tweeddale, Thomas Gilligan, Judah Tamaniyaga, Jesse Corlett, Liam McKee, Jimi Blinkhorne  
 Second Row: Miss C Sleyer (Teacher), Georgina Green, Brandon Kidd, Cameron Mackintosh, Blake Rountree, Saima Sakik, Kate Belsham  
 Front Row: Abigail Watt, Allyssa Ching, Ellie Castle, Isabella Haynes, Rachel Cranch, Ailie McDonald, Maggie Zhang  
 Absent: Tane Drakefield, Piper Kirkby, Bridget O'Connell, Summer Petzold-Thompson



12SR



Back Row: Alex Vinnell, Lachlan James, Jonty Thomson, Luke Forrester, Evan Ross,  
George Iliffe, Christian Schneider

Third Row: Sarah Torrie, Raoul Sarup, Reece Hoobin, Abel Scrimshaw, Owen Parkinson,  
Pravinesh Dayal, Brylee Atkinson

Second Row: Mr B Spencer (Teacher), Natasha Khan, Storm Elkenhans, Amber-Rose Roos, Leila Collinson,  
Rhea Colaabavala, Brianna Walker, Lena Walter, Josephine Verhaaren

Front Row: Kate Thomas, Tessa Wink, Alex Forlong, Ella Towers, Kaya Dobbie, Selina Campbell, Portia Sharp

Absent: Toka Poa, Yannik Epple

12WA



Back Row: Levi Carroll, Isaac Paterson, Ford Proctor, Andrew van den Broek, Lewis Young,  
Alexander Lee, Josiah Kirk

Middle Row: Mr A Watkins (Teacher), Abishai Dohare, Quinn Allpress, Henry Chapman, Connor Thomas,  
Jordan Coveny, Bailey Greig, Timothy Dew

Front Row: Laura Savell, Saskia Knight, Rebecca Benge, Devon Thompson, Maddison Plumridge,  
Ashley Oldale, Stella Nowak

Absent: Bayley Blythe, Byron Egan, Kennedy Hall, Henry Oh, Braydin Taumaunu





13BG

Back Row: Taku Hove, Solomone Tamaniyaga, Kaelim Hall, Jacob Eades, Ian Chen, Cody Sanderson  
 Middle Row: Mr C Burgess (Teacher), Eloise Young, Lily Meade, Jade Barrow, Niamh Flower, Sophie Dennison  
 Front Row: Mirella Andreotti Veiga, Monique Cleeve, Janne Rother, Joy Hou, Ella Clark, Charlotte Smith, Nicola Farrington  
 Absent: Mateo Capon Blanquer, Oliver Sharrock, Luke Howe-Matthews, Emma Rainey, Lionel Treweek, Fabrizio Jorge-Miranda, Lydia Li, Taliesha van Bussel, Nicholas Watkin, Mason McGahey, Reid Pram, Jesse Butson



13CD

Back Row: Ilan Ben-Ezra, Joseph Hiroti, Mason Johnson, Connor Reid, Kasey Watson  
 Third Row: Lance Barron, Jay Patene, Kohlt Coveny, Flynn Bilderbeck, Conrad Wildey  
 Second Row: Mr D Craig (Teacher), Kasey Souness, Isla Burke, Cindy Xu, Samantha Harrison, Caitlin Evans, Anna McLeod  
 Front Row: Jayne Merrick, Tegan Cox, Amie Bishop, Rakapa Sciascia, Sanchia O'Sullivan, Clare Cvitanovich, Olivia Cairncross  
 Absent: Atsushi Fujiyama, A J Newton, Kororia Waitai, Eddie Zheng, Tony Zhu



13CT



Back Row: Daniel Wilson, Carl Coombe, Luke Janiten, Ben Tijssen-Cox, Ryan Cvitanovich, Ben Sherwood

Third Row: Bailey Cranston, Matt Hirini, Tim Riddell, Malachi Weber, Brendan Bamford Short,

Cambell Tanner, Jacob Tangira

Second Row: Mr P Chiet (Teacher), Lily Lin, Maggie Matthews, Emily Carroll, Morgan Amer, Sarah Herdman

Front Row: Brianna Kirk, McKenzie Tunua, Olivia Caird, Rhyss Hawira-Richdale, Emilia Schmidt,

Hana Woodhouse, Jessamine Howard

Absent: Brie Parkinson, Charlotte Taylor, Theo Rossi, Brooklyn Egan, Richard Marks

9HN



Back Row: Lushaan McKay, Tazman Rei, Nelson Martin, Elijah Ellison-Rogan, Kaleb Lama-Love, Chase Pauro

Middle Row: Whaea R Henry (Teacher), Mikaya Teki, Britney Rourangi, Paora Winter, Emmanuelle Savage,

Asrana Blackstock, Melany Brown

Front Row: Airini Ross-Spooner, Mahinarangi Millar-Potaka, Te Miringa Parkes, Catherine Nauga,

Dominique Taupa'u-Rogan, Xaviera Manley-Green, Rongomai Eru

Absent: Lakan Haenga, Mairangi Tamehana, Aroha Hiri





Back Row: Jason Shao, Arthur Yi, Cameron Lawrence, Hayden Wang, Daniel Dong, Matthew Murphy  
 Third Row: Lockie Jones, Taylor Ward, Byron Boothby, Yuma Shimokawa, Michael Petersen, Ethan Ross  
 Second Row: Ms J Khalique (Teacher), Anastasia Zhang, Danielle Sewell, Annabelle Barritt, Tiffany Zhang, Caitlyn Friedel, Millie Prince, Lika Suzuki  
 Front Row: De-Ann Tyrell, Charlotte Peters, Taylah Aki, Rose Hudson, Rebekah Ngapeka, Grace Pratt, Sophia Baum  
 Absent: Javi Menares, Ronan Spence, Thomas Adams, Juliana Newman



Back Row: Ben Robertson, Jack Southee, Dylan Wilkie, James Rowe, Sam Conley, Liam Jones, Boston Flanagan-Connors  
 Third Row: Vincent Collins, Angus James, Ryan Gray, Vitek Sosnowski, Alister Hughes, James Yu, Nusr Ghamri, David Tastard  
 Second Row: Mrs R Kennedy (Teacher), Hugo Collins, Deve Mey-Ou, Ally Bennett, Caitlin Booth-Richards, Brenna Hadley, Libby Kennedy, Cameron Allardice  
 Front Row: Hannah Lewis, Jackie Hazelhurst, Meghan Price, Taliah Su'a, Julia Van Niekerk, Elly Douglas, Danielle Thompson  
 Absent: Danielle Bourne



13LW



Back Row: Leon Bluecher, Kyle O'Keefe, Simon Qin, Timothy Roebuck, Corey Page, Luke Ellis  
 Third Row: Alex Scott, Stefan Yuan, Caleb Thomson, Logan Petersen, Tom Healy, Neitana Rikihana  
 Second Row: Mrs V Lawson (Teacher), Vin Almazan, Ana Gilligan, Rebecca Collins, Joanna Bell, Rebekah Butters-Chamberlain, Mya Cohen, Ronan Heathcote  
 Front Row: Safca Smith, Bronwyn Wildey, Alex Robinson, Brianna Ross, Chloe Boniface, Kate Minnell, Paige Dykstra

13PA



Back Row: Rogan Perry, Tayla Robinson, Branden van Tonder, John Dillon, David Glaister  
 Third Row: David Mosen, Stefan Teers, Jack Johnston, James Lee, Max Holloway, Luca Multazzu  
 Second Row: Mr B Parry (Teacher), Nicole Bishop, Miho Noriyasu, Kayla Devine, Angelique Mariner, Kristine Li, Louise Clifton, Shayal Sen  
 Front Row: Jessica Steele-Johnston, Sophie Wham, Cassidy Chadwick-Matloe, Jade Bennett, Mikal Terrey, Belinda Crawford, Zainabiha Khan  
 Absent: Nacho Cavoret Cardaci, Ben Foster, Cameron Hansen, Dontae McCoy, Ryan Middlemiss





Back Row: Adam Millward, Reuel McIntosh, Sam Mackie, Zane Puklowski, Sam Russell,  
Charlie Quirk, Neal Hughes

Middle Row: Mrs V Rivers (Teacher), Tyler Nicoll-Hylton, Mika Gordon, Olivia Young, Sophie Bates,  
Jayna So'olefai, Matt Kleinsmith, Ahilan Saravanapavan

Front Row: Baileigh Takarangi, Ruby Reardon, Rebekah Johnson, Daina Pa'a, Caitlin Meyer,  
Molly Rosewarne, Chynna Dykstra

Absent: Abigail Buchan, Olivia Spring-Reynolds, Joshua O'Mara-Jackson, Carlin Cooksley, Emily Te Au-Watson,  
Manahi Pile, Jesse Satherley, Kieran Hindes

## A WORD FROM THE YEAR 13 DEAN MR LEONARD

Well, here it is. After 5 fantastic years working with this year group, it's time for you to move on and in to the real world.

It has been a great experience for me from day one, January 29th 2013. That was the day that you came to Whanganui High School, had your powhiri and then were put in to your form classes. I'm sure it was a daunting day, coming to a school with over 1500 students. No longer were you the biggest students in a smaller pond, you were the youngest in what some of you may have thought was an ocean!

Back then you had the wonderful Mrs Clark (with the Birmingham accent) as your Dean, with me helping Mr Torrie with Years 9 & 10. I did take over for one term that year and it sticks in my mind because I remember the first assembly of Term 2 and I was complaining about my newborn son, Patrick, covering me in puke and other bodily fluids! Then it was Mrs Jervis (with a 'normal' accent) in

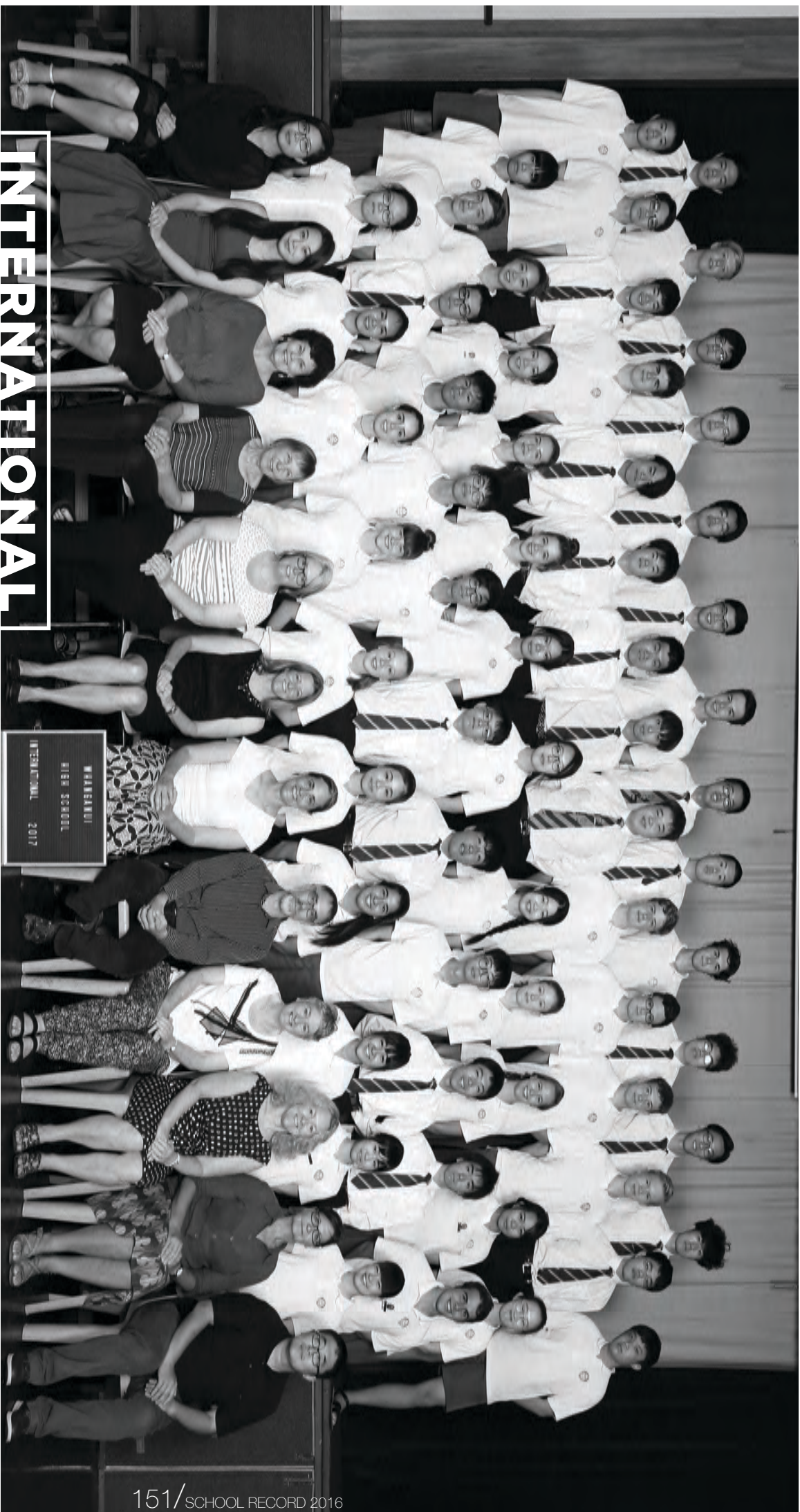
Year 10 and when you were starting your NCEA years in 2015, you had me with the mother (and best) of all accents. That was a great year for me! This was when we saw you follow your distinct (for most) paths to where you are now. And of course, let's not forget Mr Crook's excellent assemblies.

We have had some good times, sprinkled with the bad every now and then. You've seen me get run the gamut of emotions in assemblies and, not often, I have got grumpy. All because I, and all the other teachers here, DO care about you and your future. It's unfortunate that not all of you who started in 2013 made it to the end of Year 13 but I hope that those who left are doing well and are happy.

Now, as your formal education comes to a close, that boy of mine is about to start his in April of next year! Time has flown, hasn't it?

*I just want to say a heartfelt  
THANK YOU to you all. I wish  
you all the best in your future  
endeavours and I will genuinely  
miss you. A lot.*





# INTERNATIONAL

**Back Row:** Lyu Siyuan (Sam), Leon Bluecher, Tian Yuheng (Michael), Chen Boyu (Kevin), Qin Yuhang (Simon), Dong Xiaoran (Daniel), Dario Wendt, Wang Yuheng (Hayden), Wei Yuge (Leo),

Maximilian Katzengruber, Yi Yongjing (Arthur), Zhu Yixiao (Tony), Yuan Hongzhi (Stefan)

**Fifth Row:** Zhou Kuan, Yu Kung Cheung (Frankie), Zhang Jia Chun (Oscar), Christian Schneider, Oh Seunghyeon (Henry), Shimokawa Yuma, Liu Limu (Robin), Chen Yiheng (Ian), Zheng Yizhang (Eddie),

Robin Stiele, Max Fiedler, Yannik Epple, Christian Schram, Shao Yugen (Jason), Wong Chung Wai (Geoffrey)

**Fourth Row:** Lin Xin (Lily), Li You (Lydia), Hou Yufei (Joy), Lena Fuernhoff, Annika Lueddeke, Zhao Yangyu (Volanda), You Yunuo (Vivian), Zhang Xiaoyu (Tiffany), Elea Ness, Janne Rother,

Li Kaiyan (Kristine), Pan Rui (Claudia)

**Third Row:** Erwin Aust, Kiyota Ryunosuke, Su Junsheng (Felix), Thamma Tharasombat, Zhu Fehao (Kevin), Fujiyama Atsushi, Mao Shuo (Chris), Ma Haixiang (Paul), Sui Liteng (Brady),

Kawanami Koki, Luca Multazzu

**Second Row:** Zhang Pingchuan (Anna), Magdalena Serei Céspedes, Paula Menzel, Clara Abel, Lena Walter, Zhang Jiating (Maggie), Javiera Menares, Noriyasu Miho, Suzuki Rika (Lika), Yamaguchi Kotobuki

**Front Row:** Miss N Kang (Connie), Miss T Wei (Alice), Mrs C Peak, Mrs C Mackay, Mrs S Crook, Mrs J Langrish (Deputy Principal), Mrs A Ferretti (Director), Mr M Crook (Dean), Miss R Cleary,

Mrs T Hoobin, Mrs H Schmidt, Mr B Ding

**Absent:** Vivien Linder, Nishitani Shozo, Hui Wang Shun (Jacky) Absent: Daria Franckenstein, Jan Hoffmann, Suzuki Rika, Clotilde Manouvrier







# CLASS *of* 2017

THOMAS ADAMS



TAYLAH AKI



CAMERON ALLARDICE



BRENDAN BAMFORD SHORT



Dear Math,  
please grow up  
and solve your  
own problems, I'm  
tired of solving  
them for you.

ANNABELLE BARRITT



LANCE BARRON



SOPHIE BATES



SOPHIA BAUM



I hate  
it when I lose stuff  
at school, like my  
pencils and  
papers and life  
ambitions

It's too  
bad I don't  
have my  
unicorn  
hair.

ALYSSA BEAZLEY

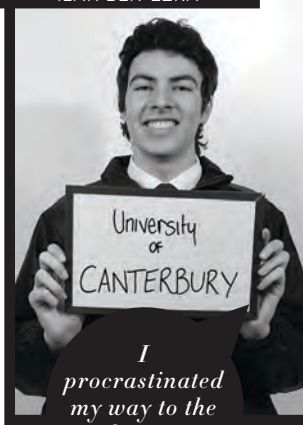


JOANNA BELL



"You don't  
get what you  
wish for, you  
get what you  
work for."  
#squabs

ILAN BEN-EZRA



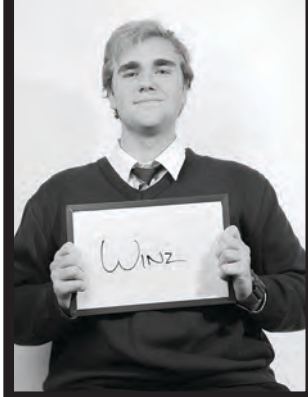
I  
procrastinated  
my way to the  
bottom

ALLY BENNETT





FLYNN BILDERBECK



AMIE BISHOP



NICOLE BISHOP



ASRANA BLACKSTOCK



CHLOE BONIFACE



CAITLIN BOOTH-RICHARDS

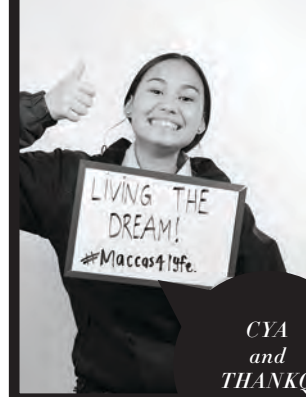


DANIELLE BOURNE



*I love all my friends. Except you Deve. - Sinking Ships*

MELANY BROWN



*CYA and THANKQ*

ABIGAIL BUCHAN



ISLA BURKE



OLIVIA CAIRD



OLIVIA CAIRCROSS



*Thanks for the adventure WHS. Now it is time for a new one.*

EMILY CARROLL



CASSIDY CHADWICK-MATOE



IAN CHEN



ELLA CLARK





MONIQUE CLEEVE



LOUISE CLIFTON



*A person's a person, no matter how small.*  
- Dr Seuss  
#laterbol

MYA COHEN



HUGO COLLINS



Checkmate

REBECCA COLLINS



VINCENT COLLINS



*Follow your dreams because you owe it to your future*

CONLEY SAM



COOKSLEY CARLIN



KOHLT COVENY

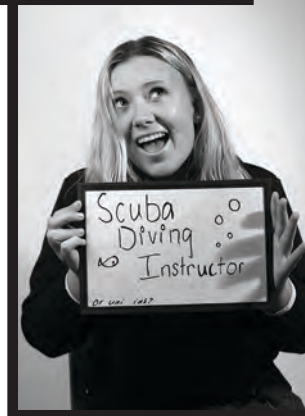


*I could be keen...but then again I could be seen*

BELINDA CRAWFORD



CLARE CVITANOVICH



SOPHIE DENNISON



KAYLA DEVINE



*"Sweetie, if you're going to be two faced, at least make one of them pretty"*  
- Marilyn Monroe

JOHN DILLON



DANIEL DONG



*Time is a bird forever on the wing*

DOUGLAS ELLY





CHYNNA DYKSTRA



*This wasn't like High School Musical at all.*

PAIGE DYKSTRA



JACOB EADES



LUKE ELLIS



RONGOMAI ERU



BOSTON FLANAGAN-CONNORS



*Get in.*

NIAMH FLOWER



BEN FOSTER



CAITLYN FRIEDEL



*Be a Cupcake in a world full of Muffins*

NUSR GHAMRI



ANA GILLIGAN SCOTT



*Astra inclinans non obligans*

DAVID GLAISTER



RYAN GRAY



*Wolves don't lose sleep over the opinions of sheep*

BRENNA HADLEY



LAKAN HAENGA



SAMANTHA HARRISON



*"Thanks WHS, I learned to right good."*

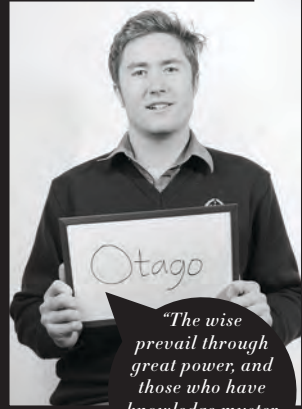


RHYSS HAWIRA-RICHADE



*None of my assignments are done, but I sure am*

TOM HEALY



*"The wise prevail through great power, and those who have knowledge muster their strength"*  
- Proverbs 24:5

RONAN HEATHCOATE



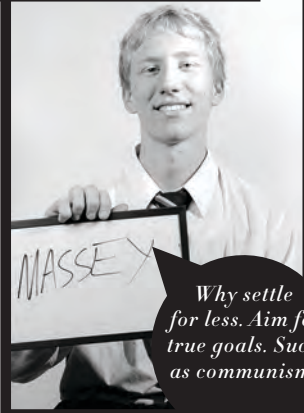
*In Omnia Paratus*

SARAH HERDMAN



*"I've got 99 problems & 98 of them can be attributed to poor time management & self control"*

MATT HIRINI

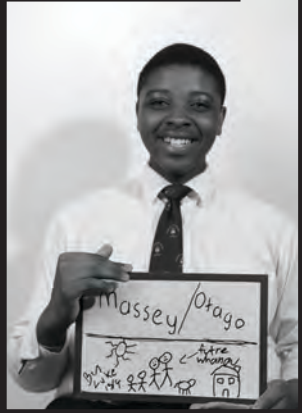


*Why settle for less. Aim for true goals. Such as communism.*

JOY HOU



TAKU HOVE



JESSAMINE HOWARD



*It's over school, I have the high ground.*

LUKE HOWE-MATTHEWS



ROSE HUDSON

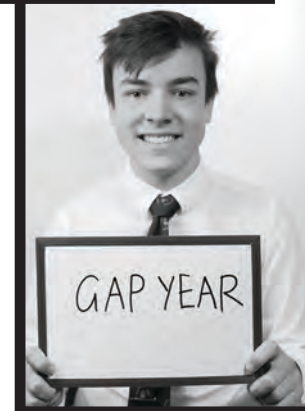


ALISTER HUGHES

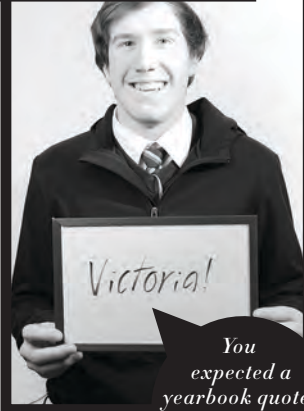


*'Don't think you haven't lived long enough to have a story to tell.'*  
- Patrick Ness

ANGUS JAMES



LUKE JANITEN



*You expected a yearbook quote, but it was me, Dio!*

MASON JOHNSON



*I'm Hungry*  
- Peni Ramacake Silotolu

JACK JOHNSTON



LIAM JONES





FABRIZIO JORGE-MIRANDA



LIBBY KENNEDY



*Is this worth  
credits?  
- Sinking  
Ships*

ZAINABIHA KHAN



*Verily,  
with hardship  
comes  
ease*

BRIANNA KIRK



MATT KLEINSMITH



CAMERON LAWRENCE



*No  
matter what  
they say, sometimes  
a problem doesn't  
need a solution, it  
just needs clarity.  
Take that maths  
department.*

JAMES LEE



HANNAH LEWIS



KRISTINE LI



LYDIA LI



XAVIERA MANLEY-GREEN



*5 years  
later and they  
still can't  
pronounce my  
name :)*

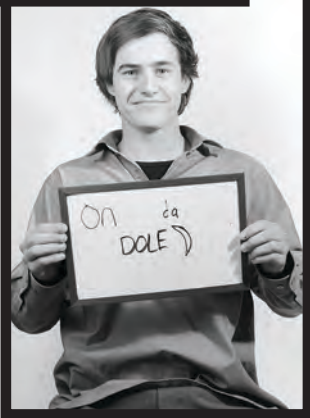
RICHARD MARKS



MAGGIE MATTHEWS



DONTAE MCCOY



REUEL MCINTOSH



LILY MEADE





JAYNE MERRICK



DEVE MEY-OU



*We're just  
young, dumb  
and broke  
But we still got  
love to give  
-Sinking Ships*

MAHINARANGI MILLAR-POTAKA



ADAM MILLWARD



KATE MINNELL



*It's been  
magical, but  
I'm done.*

DAVID MOSEN



MATTHEW MURPHY



CATHERINE NAUGA



*Thank you  
WHS  
for unleashing  
my inner self.  
Thanks da!!*

JULIANA NEWMAN



REBEKAH NGAPEKA



*It's a story  
to tell.  
8.7.17*

DAINA PA'A



*Relax'n,  
Eat'n, Having  
a great  
time.*

TE MIRINGA PARKES



*#BACK2BACK*

CHASE PAURO



ROGAN PERRY



*Horðu á  
mig, ég er  
herra leitast  
við*

CHARLOTTE PETERS



*I'm pretty  
normal, but then  
I remember the time  
I sneezed yoghurt  
out my nose,  
talented!!!!  
- Me*

MICHAEL PETERSEN





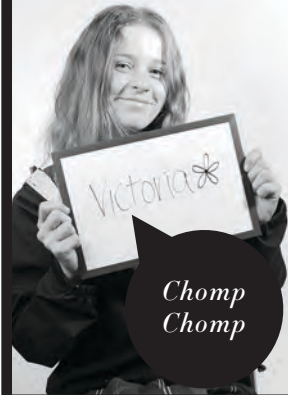
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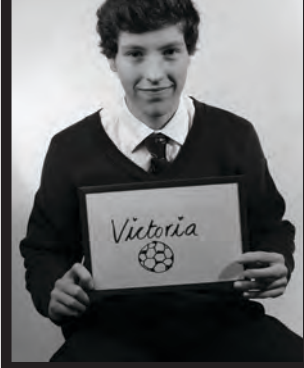
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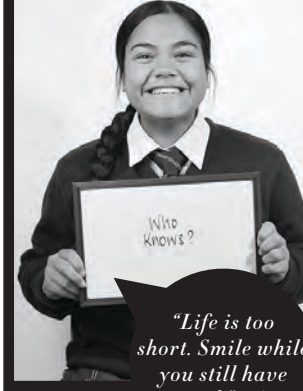
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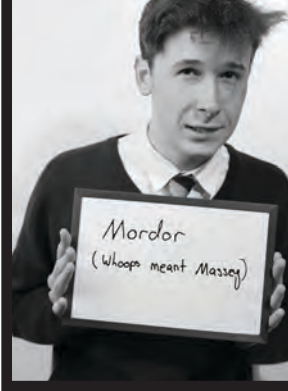
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BRITNEY ROURANGI



JAMES ROWE

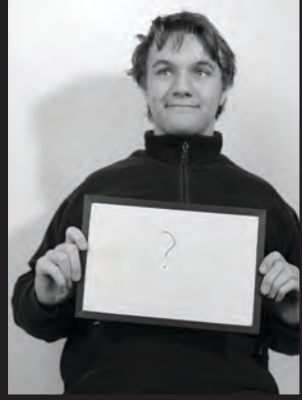


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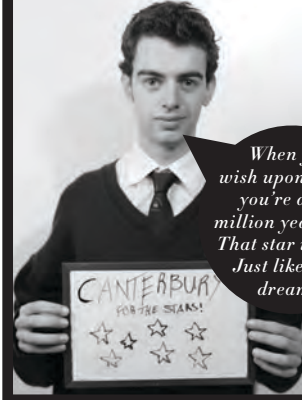
CODY SANDERSON



AHILAN SARAVANAPAVAN



JESSE SATHERLEY



*When you wish upon a star,  
you're a few million years late.  
That star is dead.  
Just like your dreams.*

SHAYAL SEN



DANIELLE SEWELL



*"I'm not superstitious,  
but I am a little stitious"*

JASON SHAO



YUMA SHIMOKAWA



CHARLOTTE SMITH



*They say good things take time...  
that's why I'm always late*

ISOBEL SOMERVILLE



VITEK SOSNOWSKI



KASEY SOUNESS



*Chomp  
Chomp*

JACK SOUTHEE



TALIAH SU'A

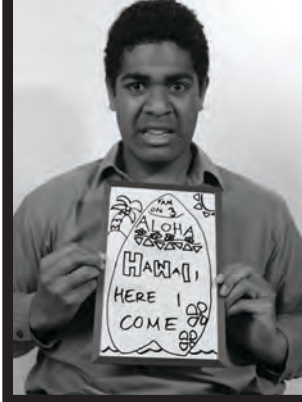


*People never forget how  
you made them feel*

LIKA SUZUKI



SOLOMONE TAMANIYAGA



MAIRANGI TAMEHANA

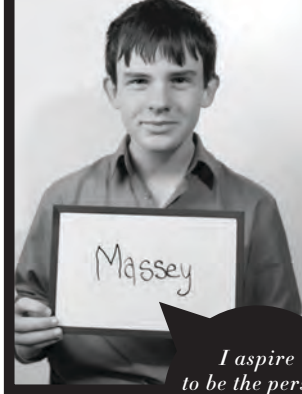




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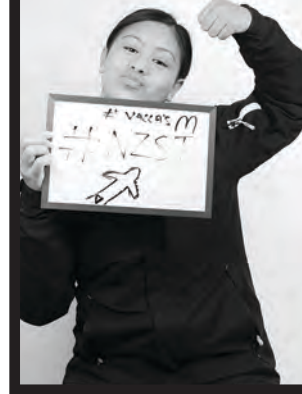


DAVID TASTARD



*I aspire  
to be the person  
my dog thinks  
I am*

DOMINIQUE TAUPA'U-ROGAN



CHARLOTTE TAYLOR



MIKAYA TEKI



MIKAL TERRY



*Never  
be ashamed  
of who you are....  
That's your  
parents job*

DANIELLE THOMPSON



*"Dance like it  
hurts. Love like  
you need money.  
Work when people  
are watching."  
- Dogbert*

CALEB THOMSON



BEN TIJSEN-COX



*"It's everyday  
bro"  
- Jake Paul*

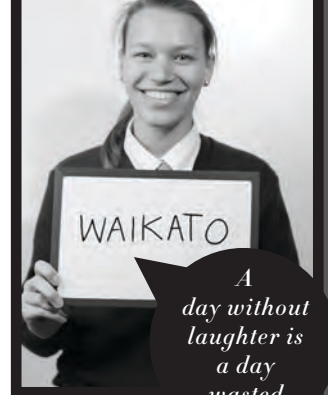
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DE-ANN TYRELL



JULIA VAN NIEKERK



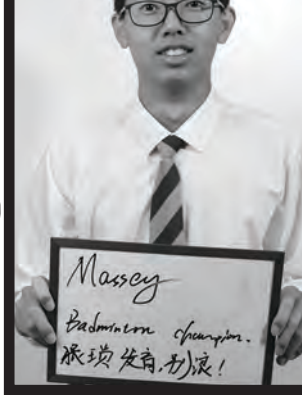
*A  
day without  
laughter is  
a day  
wasted*

KORORIA WAITAI



*Disregard  
Males, Acquire  
currency.*

HAYDEN WANG



NICHOLAS WATKIN



MALACHI WEBER



*Thanks, high  
school, for a  
good year!*



SOPHIE WHAM



Stay woke.  
- Sinking  
Ships

BRONWYN WILDEY



Never give in,  
Never give up

DYLAN WILKE



When you  
come to a fork  
in the road...  
Take it  
-Yogi Berra

PAORA WINTER



HANA WOODHOUSE



CINDY XU



ARTHUR YI



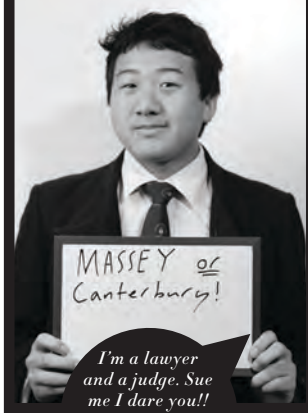
ELOISE YOUNG



OLIVIA YOUNG



JAMES YU



I'm a lawyer  
and a judge. Sue  
me I dare you!!  
(unless you're a  
therapist,  
then please  
don't)

TIFFANY ZHANG



"You know  
some birds are  
not meant to be  
caged, their feathers  
are just too bright."—  
Shawshank  
Redemption

TALIESHA VAN BUSSELL



BRANDEN VAN TONDER



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BEST *for the*  
FUTURE

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