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2013 Yearbook

# Otamatea High School

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A thought for those who want to use their grey matter, even at this time of year:

“Put your money in your head, that way no one can take it from you.”

Rita Mae Brown, from her book Six of One

# Staff



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“Progress is a nice word. But change is its motivator and change has its enemies.”

Robert F. Kennedy

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# Principal's Report

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds

I'd like to start by acknowledging the hard work and dedication of the Senior Leadership Team and staff prior to my arrival, in particular Roy Fletcher as Acting Principal. The School Charter, Strategic and Annual Plans are excellent documents which were prepared at the end of 2012 and have been the guiding documents for the school this year. The many hours of working with the Ministry of Education, the SAF team and ERO on setting the school's direction is starting to pay off. The work with the architects and Ministry of Education around ensuring the building project and school network upgrade happened this year was all achieved prior to my arrival in Term Three.

It's important to also acknowledge the much improved 2012 NCEA results which are the product of hardworking and dedicated staff members who have high expectations for their learners.

I'd like to thank the Board of Trustees who employed me and believed in my ability to lead the school into the future. I am very much enjoying the challenge of leading the school and have enjoyed beginning to get to know the staff, students and families. I'd like to also take this opportunity to thank the students, staff and families for the warm welcome that I have received into this vibrant community.

Otamatea High School is an extremely busy place with students being involved in many facets of school life. This magazine outlines some of the opportunities that have been made available to our students throughout the year.

Significant building work throughout the school has meant that our physical surroundings are improving substantially. Students and staff have coped remarkably well with the disruption of being in different classrooms and the noise associated with the building project. As a school we are all looking forward to settling into our new classrooms at the beginning of 2014. We are also hoping to

enjoy better internet connectivity in the future as a result of the network upgrade.

The prefects have done a great job of helping to steer the school in the right direction. They are role models of what the New Zealand Curriculum endeavours to produce; 'Actively Involved, Confident, Connected, Lifelong Learners'. I have enjoyed working with them immensely and especially hearing their perspective about the future direction of the school.

Good luck to all the school leavers. I wish you the best for whatever the future holds for you.

# Deputy's Principal's Report

Roy Fletcher

This year has been one that has seen many changes for me personally and for the school. For the first two terms I was Acting Principal and then in the third term the new principal started and I went back to being deputy principal. I enjoyed working with the senior leaders at the beginning of the year because without a senior class of my own I really missed the contact with senior students.

At this point I always like to single out a highlight or two for me this year. I think one highlight for me was getting slimed in assembly. You may think this is a strange thing to think of as a highlight but it was, because it represented the wonderful effort of Stacey Lewin and her team in fund-raising a massive total

for the 40 hour famine. I am most proud of our students when they do things for others and not themselves. Another highlight was the films of Jake Powell and his teams. These films showed wonderful creativity and often contained great social messages. I am sure that we will read about these students, in this field,

sometime in the future.

It was sad to farewell Haydn Hutching and JB from the school this year. Two people who have made outstanding contributions over many, many years.

Ka mate kaainga tahi. Ka ora kaainga rua.

Accept who you are.  
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~ Ellen DeGeneres



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There was a photo in a local newspaper, people had read articles and heard all about her, but on July 29th at the start of Term 3, there was a porwhiri to greet our new principal, Rachel Clothier-Simmonds, to Otamatea High School.

She encountered the students who were all trying to get a look at her and the accompanying whanau from McAuley High School in Otahuhu, as well as staff, members of the Board of Trustees and some parents. Fairly overwhelming. The hall has never been so quiet for an assembly! Later on in the day there were official photos to be taken, a walk around school for closer encounters with students and then it was getting to grips with everything.

A new principal being welcomed into our school is something that none of the students recall experiencing before, or some teachers come to that, but Mrs Clothier-Simmonds is now a part of everyone's school life into the foreseeable future.

Kua takoto te manuka.

## Board of Trustees Chairman's Report

**2013 will be remembered as a year of challenges and change but also an exciting one with the appointment of a new principal, Mrs Rachel Clothier-Simmonds. This year has also seen the election of a new board with both the experience and knowledge to govern the school and a commitment to deliver the highest education possible within a safe and interesting environment.**

With the continuation of the positive support from the Ministry of Education, ERO and the work of the previous board and staff, we now have a strong foundation to build a great school, the school of choice where everyone's self-esteem, pride and potential are promoted, a school that everyone is proud of, a school that has the support of the local communities and a school of excellence.

The Board is committed to achieving better outcomes for all our children; we care about their wellbeing and education, we want to prepare them for the future. The Board will focus on student achievement data and make decisions and support the school to deliver excellence in leadership, management and teaching. There will be changes as new skills and ideas are

implemented as we drive to succeed to higher standards.

The school has continued the tradition of achieving great results from our sports teams as they compete outside the school at regional and national competitions. You have all been wonderful ambassadors for our school and have shown great pride. Well done to everyone who has represented the school in areas of learning, culture and sport through the year.

Process on building upgrades finally got started with new modern learning environments for years seven and eight classrooms, new science labs and upgrading of the computer rooms. During this time the whole school is having a data and communication upgrade with an added extra of wireless. All of these projects will help deliver an improved education.

During the year we celebrated the teaching and leadership of two long standing staff members, with the resignations of the previous school principal Haydn Hutching, and John Bruce who have been at the school for a combined 45 years. Both men have achieved a lot for Otamatea and have left a legacy that will never be lost.

The Board of Trustees would like to wish all students who are sitting exams well, and congratulate all those who have achieved great results during the year, your successes have been the result of your own hard work and effort. To the school leavers continuing the life of learning, the board wishes you well for the future and to everyone have a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday.

2014 will see the start of many new beginnings and a positive journey ahead.

**Wayne Linton**  
Board Chairman



"I love acting. It is so much more real than life." *Oscar Wilde*

# 2013 Diary

## January

- Heigh ho and back to school we go.
- 23rd and 24th Leadership Day for Year 13 to learn to be 'grandparents' – not easy when you are only 17!
- 29th Some uncertain small people arrive at school – oh, yes. They are this year's super sevens.
- 31st Scary if you are one of the wee folk because the entire school is back – if everyone remembered to set their alarms.

## February

- The lovely humidity of Northland makes itself felt.
- 12th Swimming Gala
- 13th Meet the teachers for new parents to the school
- 18th Senior Athletics Day
- 19th Junior Athletics Day and ID photos taken
- 28th SADD Workshop

## March

- 1st Ugly Shakespeare Company – was it just me, or were they not so good this time around?
- 7th 13 bio to the Auckland Med. School
- 8th Junior Triathlon and levels 2 and 3 Fashion go on a buying spree in Whangarei
- 15th Bay of Islands trip for 10 Social Science to see the 'Hell hole of the Pacific' Russell. OK.
- 22nd 13 geo trip to Omaha Beach to contemplate its fate in case of a tsunami
- 26th Some 7 and 8 students go to Kerikeri for the Kids Lit Qizz
- 29th – 6th hot cross bunnies and chocolate buns. Yum

## April

- 5th NSSSA Individual Triathlon
- 8th – 9th 10 N Science at the marae doing Kaipara Ecology Survey
- 11th Young Leaders Conference in Auckland
- 15th People pop over to Japan for a little stay
- 17th Tai Tokerau Festival and our whanau created a first by including a 'film' of the story being told
- 19th Aviation Academy to Whenuapai Air Base
- Hols: at l-o-n-g last!

## May

- 7th level 1 science to Waipu
- 10th level 3 bio to North Tech
- 13th Tourism trip to discover the delights of Rotorua
- 16th-17th Uni visits for year 13s
- 27th-31st Exams – the excitement is just too much to manage
- 30th-31st years 9 and 10 teach a visiting group about sex. Hang on. Whoops! Other way around. Sex-Wise group visit school

## June

- 3rd Waikato Uni visit by students planning to sit scholarship
- 13th Matariki Concert and exhibition of levels 2 and 3 art and photography
- 20th Northland Cross Country
- 27th parents roll up to discuss their darlings' reports and 9N go ice skating in Auckland. Was there a link there?

## July

- 3rd Level 1 neuroscience competition
- 4th and 11th Aviation Academy experience the flight simulator in Auckland
- Hols again: we are grateful for small gifts!
- 29th Porwhiri for our new Principal and meeting teachers, students and other supporters from McAuley College

## August

- 9th senior drama goes to Mangere Arts Centre to attend a performance
- 16th Open Day
- 29th mixed hockey team leaves for Ashburton for Tournament Week – and it snowed! Real freezing slushy wet stuff

## September

- 2nd-6th Tourney Week
- 11th Special Olympics
- 14th Kapa Haka regional finals
- 16th AIMEs Games in Tauranga for years 7 and 8 students
- 22nd Whangarei Fun Run-Walk
- 24th-25th Junior Speech Competitions – let's just get it over with
- Yah ha. More hols.

## October

- 19th Kapa Haka whanau performs at Kaipara Festival
- 21st Super 7s to Auckland to see the Moana – My Ocean exhibition at the War Memorial Museum
- 22nd-23rd Real Art Road Show Truck at school and many experience the equivalent to an art gallery for the first time

## November

- 1st Senior prize giving and final assembly

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# Head Girl Report

**Wow. What a year 2013 has been! When I think about my journey throughout this year a rush of feelings, emotions and memories come to mind – discovery, excitement, joy, new experiences, new friends, compassion, understanding, adventure, commitment, achievement, worry, wonder, satisfaction, appreciation and contentment.**

When our team of prefects began the year we were filled with a ton of great ideas that had formed from our collective experiences at Otamatea. Our journey has been non-stop productive and engaging and I cannot believe here it is, finally coming to an end. But what I can say is that every moment of it has been well worth it and I can leave knowing that I did what I could to make the most out of my time here.

Several highlights for me have included the intense athletics and swimming sports days – due to the hard work from the teachers, house captains and prefects organizing and promoting the events as well as the HUGE turn out of students participating or supporting, has contributed immensely to our goal of increasing school spirit and involvement.

In March, we entered a year 13 team into the Cancer Society Relay for Life event. We were able to raise around \$2,000 towards such an amazing cause as we ran, walked and finally, hobbled for 24 hours around a track, totaling over 1500 laps between us! I had an incredible time getting to know the other year 13s a lot better, as well as many of the staff who also took part.

In the tail end of term two the process of introducing a new principal started. I feel honored to have experienced the leadership of Mr. Hutching, Mr. Fletcher and Ms. Clothier-Simmonds during my time here and hold very highly all that I have learnt from each of them. One thing I remember Mr. Fletcher saying when I was in year 11 that has really stayed with me was, "You can't expect to get any further than the usual if you don't work hard".

There have been numerous outings to the surrounding schools and other community events. It has been so cool to see the wide

range of activities throughout our local area and I have loved learning from all those people that are so talented, inspiring and passionate about what they do. I thank them all for sharing their enthusiasm to help make our community such an active one that I have been honored to be a part of.

One particular event I will always remember is the school ball. We had a large team of year 11-13 students who all put in an incredible amount of hard work and time. We wanted the night to be phenomenal and I'm very confident we delivered the ball to the highest possible standard. The much-appreciated guidance from Mr. Cathersides and Mr. O'Mahoney, the design by Mia Tong, as well as the immensely high level of support from parents in the community, led to making the 2013 Narnia school ball such a memorable occasion. Countless statements, including one from Mrs. Clothier-Simmonds that of all the school balls that she had been to, this was the best she had seen. Wow! That really showed just how much our hard work had paid off.

The workloads have certainly been intense. But, I have loved every part of it; balancing NCEA level 3 with two part time jobs, multiple sports and outer-school commitment's, a social life and most of all trying to find ways of making everyone's experience at Ota as beneficial and uplifting as possible in my role as Head Girl.

This year I have learnt more about myself and my abilities as I have pushed myself further than any other point in my life before. I admit, it got hard at times, and I have to give special thanks to the prefects, year 13's, staff and friends for being so supportive and productive throughout the year. Many hands make light work and here at Ota there are a lot of people willing to get involved and help. This has been the main contributor to 2013 being such a great year.

I have three weeks of my high school life left. The past five years have helped make me who I am now. I hope to return here one day, whether it's just passing by on my travels, applying as a teacher, enrolling my own children (in the distant future), or gathering at a school reunion. Either way I know that my experience at Otamatea has been as good as it possibly could have been because I have made the most out of the many opportunities at Ota.

It all comes together to say: a huge bunch of good people doing incredible things in such a great place, has made 2013 a really amazing year.

I will miss this place. I look forward to what is to come, knowing that my experience here has set me up and prepared me for whatever it is.

Thank you to all the students, staff and community for everything and I wish you the very best for 2014.

**Tahlia Howard**  
Head Girl

# Student Council

**This year the Student Council was busy fundraising as always. This year we worked hard alongside the prefects to organise how we were going to run the 40 Hour Famine and came up with a number of incentives to try to make the event exciting and interesting for the Ota students.**

As well as this we helped to organise dates for mufti days and socials which provided opportunities for groups such as the Mixed Hockey team and Kapa Haka to raise funds for trips away.

Over the course of the year, two long standing staff members left our school: Mr Haydn Hutching and Mr John Bruce. The Council was pleased to be able to raise some funds and make lump sum donations to purchase farewell gifts to show the students' appreciation for all the commitment and service given by them. Mr Hutching received a greenstone adze head pendant and air fares to Queenstown while JB was given Rebel Sports vouchers.

As the year comes to a close we are also supporting the Samaritan's Purse, where students are asked to make a donation towards small boxes of gifts for child refugees and children in need in Asia and Africa.

Overall it has been a busy year for us where we have been able to achieve and learn a lot, so watch out for even more success next year!

**James Finlay**  
Chairperson 2013

# Haydn Hutching

**Principal from 1996 until 2013, Haydn Hutching arrived from Opononi Area School to take up the position of Deputy Principal at Otamatea – and suddenly found himself the Principal instead.**

At that time the school roll had dropped to around 280 students, with 12 teachers having to move on and he set out to turn things around. The staff, students and community were more than ready for the personable man who was ready to lead the school forward. In so doing, he gave wholehearted support to sporting, cultural and community activities in which students, often with staff guiding them, became involved. This ranged from the Duke of Edinburgh Award endeavours, to school productions, various sporting codes, and establishing the annual talent night that offered 'a little bit of everything', Olla Podriga.

A thoroughly approachable person who operated, literally, an open door policy, Haydn was available to all who sought his advice or ideas. He was able to listen, to talk with and support anyone who sought him out and help that person to feel important, and to know he was enjoying their company. This natural skill meant that people wanted to follow him and be a part of his ideals.

Haydn's commitment to the school was everything. He wanted positive outcomes for all at Otamatea and would take great delight in the school vans being seen 'all over the country', as Robyn Bruce put it, because people would ask about our school. In 2001 the school won the Goodman Fielder Award for the best composite school in New Zealand, which was testimony of the hard work done by the 'Thompson Twins', Haydn and his deputy, Roy Fletcher.

Several years later another part of Haydn's school vision was achieved with the opening and use of the all year astro-turf, followed closely by E block with its flexible space and the Perry Little Theatre, the weights room and reroofing of the gym. The school grounds underwent repaving and the swimming pool area was up-graded.

From a student's point of view he was 'a good fulla'. Teachers knew they had his trust and support, while members of the community saw him as 'a man with ideas'. He helped Otamatea High School feel like a very large family. All families have problems, issues and crises, but somehow they survive with a spirit peculiar to each one and evolve because the family is a dynamic group.

Over the years Haydn made a huge contribution to the Ota family. We all wish him, and his wife Mary, a long and happy retirement.

**Kāore te kumara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka.**

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## hello



**Tena koutou katoa! My name is Arina Bosch and I have been lucky enough to join the staff at Otamatea High School this year teaching English and history.**

My love of working in education stems from a part time job I held as a high school tutor while I was completing my MA at Auckland University. I have always valued the energetic and open-minded approach that teenagers tend to take into everything they do, and every year I have taught since completing my teacher training in 2005 has further demonstrated to me the great fulfilment that comes from helping young people set and achieve their goals.

My teaching experience has been spread across a wide range of schools, and I began my career as a social sciences teacher at Long Bay College, and subsequently took up the role of year 9 dean. I reluctantly left this position to seek wider experience and travelled to London,

teaching in a range of schools over two years. Since returning to New Zealand I have worked as an English and social science teacher as well as professional development coordinator for two years at Rangitoto College, before embarking on the new challenge of moving north with my ever-patient husband Jared and working at Otamatea.

Shifting from a school of 3200 to 420 has been a big change, but certainly not a negative one. I have found the students at Otamatea to be inquiring, responsive to academic challenge and very welcoming. My family connections to the local marae have been an enormous source of support in making me feel a sense of belonging here, and being accepted by the kapa haka group as 'Aunty Bosch' has been awesome. I look forward to further carving out a place for myself within the school and the local community.

## goodbye



John Bruce

**He will forever be remembered as JB at Ota.**

Mention will not be made of his budgie smugglers or the Lycra bike shorts, but they have formed part of his story, too, along with the horse racing style commentaries at the swimming galas and athletics days, Bruce ball and cash prizes to most improved, highest goal scorer or most valuable player of teams or winners of the road race.

Having taught at Ota for 28 years, John Bruce has left an enviable legacy that has centred on sport. Some of this has included students who have gone on to perform or referee at international and national sports levels in a variety of codes, seeing his daughter Kelly become an internationally recognised tri-athlete and many school records broken, especially in the annual road race.

One of his personal favourite memories was having his four children, plus Sam MacLennan, Joe Fletcher and Jareth Cocking in the same mixed hockey team, coached by wife Robyn, beat Avondale College to win the New Zealand title in 2002 at Whangarei. At the time his youngest daughter, Anna, was in Year 8.

JB passionately believes that sports prepare people to live their lives by teaching co-operation, thinking of others and learning consequences.

He will still be around the district on his bicycle, bright orange bum in the air, shoulders down and streamlining with the handlebars. We may even see him at school, but whatever happens, JB will leave a heritage behind him at Otamatea. He will be remembered and sorely missed.

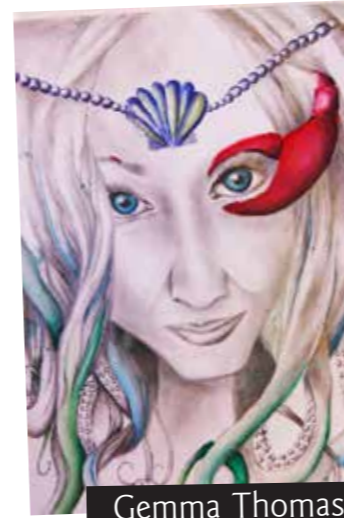
## Elizabeth Perry

It was with sadness that the school learned of the death from cancer of Mrs Elizabeth Perry earlier this year.

She had been the Assistant Principal from 2000 to 2009 as well as teaching English and drama, the latter being her particular passion. She always encouraged her students to take part in the Sheila Winn Shakespearean Drama Festival held each year and it was often high drama in the staff room, too, while this was in progress.

Mrs Perry would often be teased unmercifully for her ideas of what was correct dress, speech or behaviour – and that was just among the staff! She will be long remembered for 'wearing her drama hat' or the definitive statement that 'this is a formal occasion,' and her unwavering loyalty to Haydn Hutching and Roy Fletcher. Her exit into retirement was in a chauffeured black Rolls Royce – the company where she worked for a number of years before taking up teaching and yet another source for a number of jokes between the staff.

In part, through her husband John's illness as a result of cancer, Otamatea became involved in the annual Relay for Life event that takes place in March. Next year both their names will be among those we will particularly recall.



Gemma Thomas



Jaz Gilpin



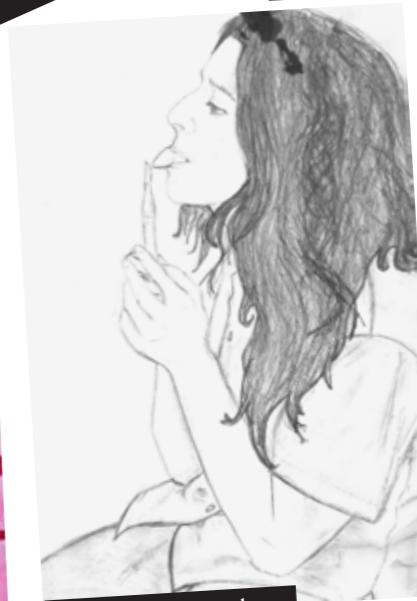
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“Free speech carries with it some freedom to listen. Bob Marley”

## Film Maker

Last year OTA 12 featured a Stop Press item about a film made by a group of students, headed by director Jake Powell that had been placed in the Turners Student Short Film Comp.

At the time, the group were waiting to learn how and where they had been placed. The film won Judges' Choice and Best Direction - you may have seen the award plaques in the foyer at some stage when venturing into the area. The prize also gave \$800.00 to both the crew and the school. In the latter case, the money was put into two video cameras for Media Studies which was very much appreciated by students working on their films this year.

But Jake has not remained idle.

Earlier this year he and several other Year 13 students entered the Rialto Channel 48 Hour Film Competition with a quirky film about sleeplessness, a doctor's prescription and zombies. Although there was no placing for this film, some of you may have seen it at the Festival of the Arts evening.

Jake also made a 30 second film for the Wise Up drug education advertising campaign which began with a discussion about eggs and ended up with red paint on white plastic. With help from Joesiah Day and Jack Williamson as 'star' and technical crew, a very strong message was made graphic. The advertisement won the competition and netted \$5000.00 for a day of filming and several days of editing.

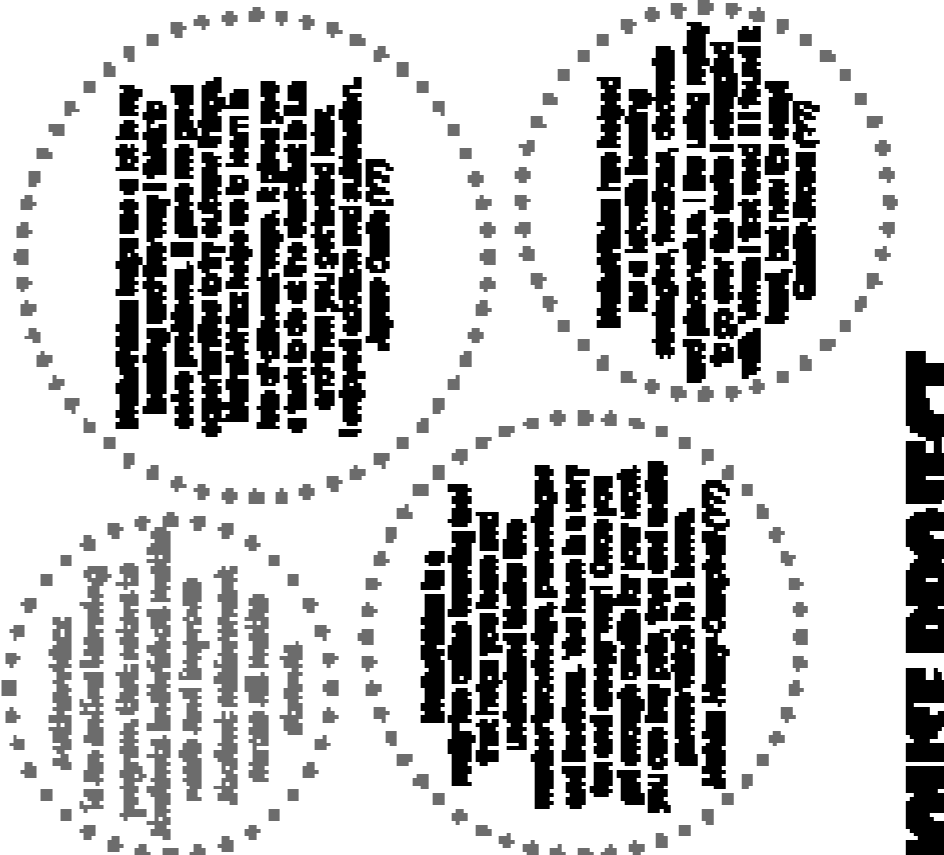
If you are interested in films, it would be a good idea to tuck away the name Jake Powell for the future.

Jake Powell

[www.youtube.com/user/Kappapatrol](http://www.youtube.com/user/Kappapatrol)



# MATHS WHIZZ



As part of our Measurement Unit students created a 3D house model. They used homestyles to get an idea of sensible sizes for rooms in their house and then created scaled drawings of their house plan that was not allowed to be bigger than 0.54 square metres.

Students loved constructing and painting their houses!



# MATHEX

## Northland Maths Competition

Over the last 10 years, the Northland Maths Competition has been a great success story. It has provided a platform for students to showcase their mathematical skills and compete against their peers from other schools in the region. The competition is held annually in the first term of the year and is open to all students in Years 7 to 13. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves and learn from their peers. The competition is held at the Northland School of Leadership and Enterprise, and is a great day for all involved. The competition is held on the 15th of the month, and is a great day for all involved. The competition is held on the 15th of the month, and is a great day for all involved.

### Competition Structure

Please note, team names with a 1 or 2 numeral were created to distinguish between two teams from the same school and is not an indication of a team's mathematical ability. Only finishing times for first, second and third places were taken at the event resulting in joint places between schools for remainder results based on total points earned.

**Year 7-8** - 1st place with 10 points  
**Year 9-10** - 1st place with 10 points  
**Year 11-12** - 1st place with 10 points  
**Year 13** - 1st place with 10 points

**Year 7-8** - 2nd place with 5 points  
**Year 9-10** - 2nd place with 5 points  
**Year 11-12** - 2nd place with 5 points  
**Year 13** - 2nd place with 5 points

**Year 7-8** - 3rd place with 3 points  
**Year 9-10** - 3rd place with 3 points  
**Year 11-12** - 3rd place with 3 points  
**Year 13** - 3rd place with 3 points

**Year 7-8** - 4th place with 2 points  
**Year 9-10** - 4th place with 2 points  
**Year 11-12** - 4th place with 2 points  
**Year 13** - 4th place with 2 points

**Year 7-8** - 5th place with 1 point  
**Year 9-10** - 5th place with 1 point  
**Year 11-12** - 5th place with 1 point  
**Year 13** - 5th place with 1 point

**Year 7-8** - 6th place with 0 points  
**Year 9-10** - 6th place with 0 points  
**Year 11-12** - 6th place with 0 points  
**Year 13** - 6th place with 0 points

**Year 7-8** - 7th place with 0 points  
**Year 9-10** - 7th place with 0 points  
**Year 11-12** - 7th place with 0 points  
**Year 13** - 7th place with 0 points

**Year 7-8** - 8th place with 0 points  
**Year 9-10** - 8th place with 0 points  
**Year 11-12** - 8th place with 0 points  
**Year 13** - 8th place with 0 points

**Year 7-8** - 9th place with 0 points  
**Year 9-10** - 9th place with 0 points  
**Year 11-12** - 9th place with 0 points  
**Year 13** - 9th place with 0 points

**Year 7-8** - 10th place with 0 points  
**Year 9-10** - 10th place with 0 points  
**Year 11-12** - 10th place with 0 points  
**Year 13** - 10th place with 0 points

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## KIDS' LIT QUIZ

In March I took eight year seven and eight students to Kerikeri to compete in the 2013 Northland Kids' Lit Quiz. This is a competition aimed at intermediate age students who are avid readers. The competition is run by Wayne Mills from Auckland University. Regional heats are held and then a grand final takes place in Auckland. The winners travel overseas, to South Africa in 2013, to compete in the world finals. This year the New Zealand team came second, by one point.

Our students had a great day and were wonderful competitors. Thank you to Paparoa Lions Club

and our own PTCA for helping us with funds. Thank you too, to Wuzz for driving us to Kerikeri, (and back again).

The students who represented Otamatea High School so well were: From year 7, Lucas Beeler, Jade Reid, Georgia Denton, Pasindu Mudannayaka and Mahina Henry-Campbell, while Ellen Corbel, Zoe Meehan and Claude Smyth were the year 8 students.

Catherine Pilkington, Librarian



## Library Report

**The library started the school year once again with a zero book buying budget. Mr Fletcher released some money to purchase the Scholastic standing orders and donations of used books from the public library and generous other people added some much needed new material to the library collection. At their September meeting the PTCA generously donated \$1000.00 to the library. I am now looking at an injection of up to date New Zealand fiction, some new graphics and quick reads and a small amount of non-fiction. A big thank you to the PTCA for their support.**

The library has been the home to some senior study classes this year: from our point of view this has been successful. The students on the whole made good use of their time whilst in the library. We have been able to find resources for them and to help with their research efforts.

During term three extra computers from A block were set up in the library and some year 7, 8 and 9 classes were timetabled into the library whilst A block is being renovated. This has meant that at times the library has been very full and very busy. On the whole this has been a successful exercise.

The number of book issues is at about our yearly average, hopefully with some new books, interest will pick up next year.

As always, thank you to Vicky and also to the student librarians for another good year.

Catherine Pilkington, Librarian

## Special Olympics

Our group of students have had another fantastic fun filled year attending the many different sports events at North Harbour Stadium and North Shore Events Centre.

Our activities have included soccer, athletics, basketball and football. The games were successful and some extremely challenging, giving us a "run for our money". The students came home with placing's of first and second for all the different sports.

Georgia May and Marion were extremely excited when they spotted New Zealand's Valerie Adams at North Shore Event Centre practicing her shot put and very shyly approached her to have a photo taken together.

We attended basketball a few weeks ago, and had such great fun with the ball skill challenges, along with the competitive games that our team played. I was very impressed with all of our players and was thrilled to see how much their ball skills had improved. Along with their determination to win the games! (although I was constantly yelling and jumping around on the side-line, I did have to keep reminding them it wasn't about winning, it was about having fun!

I would like to thank all the students that came with us for their wonderful behaviour. Im sure we will all be looking forward to the challenges for next year's Special Olympics.

Ladene Hunter  
Otamatea High School



## Impressions of school

### Mark Langman

**When** I first came to Ota I stayed where I was because I was so scared. It was big. Kids were staring at me and I felt bad, but the library was so cool. When I went in there I saw eight computers and I was allowed to go on them and get out a book.

Now I play with lots of friends. I am not scared now and I can say hi to lots of people and they know me.

### Mya Lawrence

**I was** a human earthquake; shaking, nervous and wondering why I hadn't paid more attention at Open Day. I would be the only one who couldn't remember where everything was. How was I going to remember all the teacher's names? I knew I would get lost.

Now I wonder how I could have felt like that! It is AMAZING here at school. You meet new people, make new friends, learn new ways and have lots of fun doing it.

The best thing about the start of the year is summer and that means swimming. It is so wonderful when you have been running, getting puffed, hot and sticky, then jumping into the cool, refreshing water of our school pool. It is so good.

Even better than that was not having to do a recount of the holidays the way we always had to at primary. That was so boring, but not at high school.

I'm loving it!

### Sammy Andersen

**Walking** through the doors. Scared. Nervous. Just us and the year 13s. I'm shaking.

Then assembly. It's ok. Not shaking so much now, but still very nervous. I meet my grandparent and Poppy's lovely. Now it is our whanau class where I get to know more about Poppy and she learns about me and then she takes me for a walk around school.

The bell goes and we return to our classroom and timetable and I'm not feeling so scared any more. We start working on our subjects and the bell rings. The day is over. Home time.

I rush to the bus full of so many things to tell Dad about. My first day at high school is over. I look forward to tomorrow.

### Lucas Beeler

**My heart** was racing. I had no idea what book was what. All my friends were in a big group, walking around trying to work out where to go. We were checking our timetables every second. Teachers were kind if people were a bit late because they couldn't remember where they were supposed to be. It was the same if you got lost.

I like P.E. because sometimes there is a game in one period, the next one is learning skills and the one after that is health. It's like in English when we do fun activities before starting to do real work. If our writing is good we can type it up and print it. I love Maths Wizz, too, because we can use the computers again.

At interval and lunch time we play games with our mates. We can go on the field or astro to play soccer, touch or just muck around and we can use the computers in some rooms or in the library.

### Tyler Flannagan

**My heart** was beating really, really fast. I didn't think it could get worse, but it did, because suddenly the bell rang! I didn't know where to go so decided to check my timetable. I had just finished period one so this had to be period two and then it was interval. Phew, thank goodness for that. I realised I had to be more organised with my classes.

I needed a high school survival kit. You will need one, too. Two red pens, three blue ones, a black one, a watch and a timetable. I found that I always needed my timetable - well, at least for the first two terms. If you have no timetable and forget where you are supposed to be, it can be trouble. Find where the big notice board is and check it out. It could save your life.

### Terewai Neil

**On my** first day at school I didn't know where I was or what I was doing. I was completely lost!

Now it is different and I am switched on to being at high school. The year has just gone fast, so fast and I have experienced all kinds of possibilities in just one year.

At primary school it was very small and coming here was nowhere as bad as people said - just different and it took a while to adjust because it was such a challenge and then I wasn't ready. I wasn't very happy at first, but I have got used to having a timetable, a uniform and things like that.

I like our school.

### Jade Reid

**In the** morning I woke up on my first day of school and I had a bad case of nervousness. I couldn't eat anything and felt a bit sick.

When I got to school I was ok because I saw all my friends waiting for me. Phew.

Now that it is term three I have been here for almost a year and I know most of the people and they all know me. I have brilliant teachers. I have made new friends. It is fun at high school and people are fun, caring and loving. I love being here.

### Mahina Henry-Campbell

**Wow, I** thought to myself. This school is massive. The big flaxes, bushes and pathways were amazing; so much bigger than Maungaturoto Primary. The girl that was showing us around talked about A, B, C, D, E, H, P and T blocks and I wondered how the heck was I going to remember them all.

The two things that I thought I would forget were where I had to go and which teachers were which. In a way I was right because there are still only some teachers that I know. One day I even called Mr Burnell Miss Kingsford and I don't think he was impressed! I am still getting the hang of it.

The things I enjoy most at Ota are P.E., rotations and sport. Since I have been here I have done swimming, cross country, athletics and the road race - all of these were things that I never thought I would enjoy. I want next year to start so I can do them all over again.

### Hyde Massey

**When I** got off the bus all I saw were people greeting each other and talking to their friends. I was just standing there on the courts by myself and a girl introduced me to her little brother who was new as well. We talked a bit and told each other jokes until we had to go to the hall.

Later there was a muck up with the house I was put into. I was supposed to be in Whatua but I got put in Ngapuhi. It happened to Jeremy, too.

The first thing we did in English was 'Me, Myself and I'. There were lots of rules to remember as well. I think I have got them now.

# Writing

## EBONY AND IVORY

- By Jamie Mace

I remember that day, it seemed like just yesterday. I wish I had said no. I wish he hadn't asked, although Uncle Sam was really to blame. I could spend all my time regretting and wishing but I guess now I would have the knowledge to help stop it, to educate. To heal and to help...

The stony wind kissed my neck, the ebony birds silently flew from above. Their tiny shadows floating along the ground, filling every rut. Every grave hole. This place was so different from New Zealand but I guess it was because I was home sick. My body ached but I pressed on, the only sound was our guns rattling and knocking against each other and our shallow breathing. We surrounded the main entrance on both sides. I looked around at my men, their faces and clothes were dirty and dusty making them look ten years older. Tiredness hooded their weather beaten faces. I nodded the signal and we kicked the door in. I yelled my commands and we took him away writhing and squirming, from his family and his friends with an old bag over his head. The children sobbed and the parents screamed, wailing and weeping in their foreign language but we ignored them and dragged the now limp body down the broken crumbling steps. Stones scattering, making tinkling noises as they hit shrapnel and other pieces of littered metal as we crunched over them with our heavy boots. They let go of him, tossing him onto the sandy ground, blood was seeping from a recent wound on his wrist, discolouring the sand. He whimpered a pathetic plea of innocence but my right hand man silenced him by crushing his scrawny hand under his big hefty boot, causing the boy to let out a feeble moan. I turned away to report our findings for less than a minute and rejoined them to find them pissing on his battered body. I told them to stop but then I joined in, laughing carelessly along with them. That poor boy, I now surmise. He didn't do anything yet he suffered for his beliefs. And they weren't even his. He just did what he was told. Believed what he was told to believe. A tear escaped my eye as I recounted that sombre day.

She walked bold and proud through the smoke and mist, her face was glistening with sweat. As was mine. Her eyes held a haunting determination. A tiny flag was crumpled in her fist as she strode towards me. I asked her to stop and begged her to stay, but she marched on. I had done all I could. If she went much further they would beat her shamelessly. So I lifted my gun. It was heavy in my hands. Like lead. Her face showed pride and courage as she collapsed. The shells scattering and bouncing into the soft hot sand. Shoots of grass were strewn around her body. Blood surrounded her head as thick and black as midnight; a ruby halo. The flag unfurled as her grip loosened. Blood red on the black, yellow and green ground. Her national flag. I stood shell shocked at the realisation of what I had done. Her hair blew gently in the wind as the image, the scene, burnt like a hot iron brand into my brain.

...I stand now in front of the mirror, my body shaking violently, the images of the past few months flashing and replaying in my head. Bodies strewn across the land... A traumatic nightmare that I could never be rid of till the day I die. My hair has slowly grown back and my fingers are tangled among the knots. I look at my face in the dark; my eyes have a cat like shine to them in the mirror. I look deeply at each wrinkle, every line of stress and sorrow. I can't bear it. I lift my fist and plunge it into the mirror dropping to the ground as the glass shatters and falls around me. It glitters and shines as the sun finally makes its showing; reflecting and bouncing around me in a disco ball effect. I pray to God this cannot go on. I lift myself off the ground, glass crunching and piercing my feet as I walk out of the bathroom, but I do not notice...or care. As I amble out the door I swat the framed picture of me and my ex-girlfriend, the love of my life, off the counter. A crack runs down the length of the photo. The sun burns my eyes and I don't even bother to lock the door behind me. I know I will not return. They all see me as a hero for what I have done, but it's all glorified. All exaggerated, because I am not a hero for what I have done. I am a monster. I have killed innocent people and I will never forget.

## The Storm

Edhen Hockenull-Church

The temperature in the room dipped all of a sudden, sending a quaking shiver down my spine. Outside, dark purple and grey clouds obscured the phosphorescent moon; they churned grimly in the evening sky, towering above, making their presence known, and proving their unyielding power to the world beneath them. The moon's mercury flush was painted silver, casting down shards of light between the cracks of the clouds solid form, showering a ghostly glow through the dense air.

A winnowing wind fermented and sighed, gathering speed and determination as the storm grew. It belted through the trees and shrubs, naked to the wind's forces, their leaves and branches flailed, billowed and buffeted as the wind etched its path through their souls. Loose litter and belongings were scattered and torn across the streets, carried effortlessly in the strong arms of the wind. But yet, the wind was delicate, it caressed and nursed the loose belongings as it weaved its way through the landscape, picking them up, but always replacing them back down. Its forces grew stronger with each passing minute, but the way in which it danced and moved remained graceful. It spoke with a shrill wail as it hastened to win its own race, through all the little nooks and crannies, right up to the towering clouds and back to the ground, to where the brew of the storm was only just beginning.

The thunderclaps cracked and whipped in the sky, sounding like the hunting hounds of hell; it pealed, and boomed, leaving an eerie silence in its wake. Every few seconds it would repeat itself, causing a repetitive ringing sound in my ears. Kinked lightning wriggled from amongst the clouds, fizzling with a golden sheen; it lashed out unexpectedly, sending a wave of fear through the unlucky street goers who had been out and about before the storm's peak. It lasted only a second, and then it vanished again, leaving behind the suspense of its next strike. The thunder and the lightning worked together, one after another, in perfect synchronization to each other, when the clap of the thunder sounded; the crack of the lightning was not far behind.

Lacerating rain whipped down like crystal bullets onto the concrete paths and roads, skimming and bouncing into the flooding drains, while the unpaved paths became stained with mud. The great sheets of water poured down over the town out of the dark skies, the gullies rushed with hurried water as it raced to the lowest point, gurgling and bubbling as it made its path. Hundreds of forming puddles danced with thousands of miniature water fountains as the rain continued to fall. It battered the roof of my home like a hail of bullets, demanding entrance into my sanctuary, of which I could not oblige. It licked every surface, nook and cranny, combing for a flaw, hammering down on the dark, steamy glass of the windows like the relentless drumming of nails. Outside, umbrellas dotted the sidewalk, pedestrians dashed for cover, using newspapers and handbags as makeshift hats, windscreen wipers swished over the passing cars, the hiss of tires screaming on the glistening roads. The smell of the rain sent a fresh scent of clean air through the town, creating an alluring sense of calm. And still, the thrum of the storm continued.

## The Stranger.

Izzie Porter

Jessa shivered and hugged her legs close to her chest. Despite the lack of space on the bus stop's metallic bench she felt secure even as an icy tendril of wind whipped past her spitefully, sending her dark hair flying around her in a chaotic halo of split ends. Jessa pushed the escaping strands back from her face irritably, to watch dismally as her bus roared past her stop and rumbled down the street without hesitation. She leapt up from her seat in exasperation and shouted bitterly at the retreating bus. "Hey! You idiots missed me!" Her words were snatched away by the wind, as it buffeted her tired body maliciously.

She turned on her heel and threw herself down on the bench and glared at the bus until it reached the end of the street and was swallowed by the on-going traffic. According to the bus schedule tacked to the inside of the bus shelter, the next bus wasn't due for another 20 minutes. Jessa lifted her feet off the slick cement and tugged on her worn-out leather jacket in a poor attempt to create a barrier from the unrelenting wind. She let her head fall back against the glass and sighed. A puff of white smoke snaked from her mouth and she found herself staring at the wisp in fascination. Turning to the window of the stop, she allowed the glass to stain white against her breath. Gingerly, Jessa pressed her palm across the fog on the window and smeared it away. She found herself staring into her dark green eyes. Jessa's gaze slowly wandered across her pale skin, mostly unblemished with the exception of a thin, silver scar above her left eyebrow, her lips tinged with blue from the cold and finally to her long, windswept hair, the colour of ink. She glanced back at her eyes to see a look of distaste reflect back at her. Jessa had never liked her features. She looked deeper into her reflection into the night sky. The moon glowed softly, hidden behind the safety of the clouds and Jessa couldn't help sighing wistfully for her night sky back home. There the night sky was always gleaming with luminous clusters of stars but here in the city the only bright lights you got were the blinking neon signs that decorated the streets.

A low cough startled Jessa from her reverie. She dragged her eyes away to a tall, dark-skinned man standing awkwardly with shoulders hunched against the savage wind, by the bench where Jessa's legs lay outstretched. She murmured something apologetic, and hastily swung her legs down and shuffled sideways. She gave the stranger a curious look from the corner of her eye. He was around his mid-forties with dark eyes and a lingering smell of smoke. He dug his hands into the pockets of a long, dishevelled woollen coat that had definitely seen better days. In fact, so had the rest of his clothing. His faded denim jeans were frayed at the bottom and straggly laces escaped a pair of filthy sneakers. He was also Maori. Jessa's head snapped ahead to the busy road. As she stared vacantly ahead her thoughts drifted to her father, who was endlessly ranting about the Maori people about how they were all thieves, alcoholics and to blame for all New Zealand's governmental problems. Although she had left home as soon as she could, his opinion had left a lasting impression on her. She peered cautiously at the stranger. He sensed her watching and met his curious gaze with her cautious one. Jessa scooted closer to the wall and she thought she caught a flash of hurt cross the man's face but it was too dark to be sure.

Amidst the hum of the city, Jessa heard the rumble of the approaching bus and stood eagerly, her bones stiff with the cold. Her bus came to a stop a few feet away from her stop and thick grey exhaust fumes enveloped the bus. Drawing her jacket in closer, she lowered her head against the cruel wind and strode up to the doors with the footsteps of the Maori man following her. The doors creaked open with a mechanical groan and a rush of warmth swept over her. Uncomfortably aware of the man standing behind her, Jessa hurried up the steps and pulled her wallet from her jacket pocket and fumbled for her fare money with numb fingers. Her face fell when she realised it wasn't there. She shook her head disbelieving, and frantically scrabbled through her wallet. She needed this bus. Home wasn't far miles and Jessa cringed at the thought of dragging herself through the bitter coldness. The bus driver stared, tired and impatient as she searched anxiously. To Jessa's complete surprise the Maori man stepped in front of her and placed a small pile of coins into the driver's outstretched hand, and he waved us on aimlessly. Jessa lingered hesitantly at the top of the steps and stared in confusion at the back of the man's head as he made his way to a seat in the near empty bus. He dropped into a seat and stared out the window with a solemn expression. The bus jerked to life, rousing Jessa from her state of confusion as she was thrown off balance. She stumbled towards the man and flung herself into the seat next to him. He slowly turned from the window to stare curiously at her to which she returned with a tentative smile. And as the bus slowly pulled out from the curb, into the neon lights and starless night sky, he smiled back.

## Words I Found

**The minor fall, the major lift**

**While starin' at the shadows**

**Soon found I was losin' my mind**

**A dusty brain in a mistral wind**

**So paranoia strikes deep**

**As unenlightened stars pass my way:**

**The hand-made blade, a child's balloon.**

**There's battle lines being drawn**

**But you don't think of them as human**

**It's the saddest thing in the whole world.**

**It's in the whites of my eyes**

**And yours shone like diamonds**

**As I was golden and green beneath the bough**

**Thrown like a star into my vast sleep**

**The night music seemed so lush and slow**

**A hollowed horn playing wasted words.**

**You took your time to call.**

**Miriana Littlejohn**

## RAW

JAMIE PAGE

All I hear is the bereaved bells,  
The guns firing, the empty shells.  
Straying in and out of sanity,  
They look down on us, our vanity.  
For we fight for only ourselves,  
Drowning in our own seven hells.  
Too numerous to mourn,  
I look upon one of many a pawn.  
Life took him so bluntly by the breath,  
The caustic stench of an innocent death.  
A tear trails to a pause,  
What terror, travail have I transpired to cause?  
I close my weary eyes, the accumulation of laboured lies.  
Gasping, gulping, sinking.  
His terror stricken, bloodless eyes, an alarming rapid blinking.  
Drowning in someone else's fate,  
When you have the fortuity to escape, why wait?  
The feel of raw metal on skin,  
the last feeling before I execute my final sin.

**"If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people."**

~Virginia Woolf

## Hello Everyone

... in Otamatea High School. I'm Lisa.

Some people called me "Risa" but I don't like it because when I type "Risa", there is a red line.

Since I came here, I'm having a very nice time in New Zealand. I think it is because of my host family.

I live in Maungaturoto with my nice host family. My host mum is a good cook so I eat really yummy food. She always cares about me. When I came back home from school she always asks me how it was at school. At first, I couldn't talk much to her, but now I can say everything to her, good and bad. I like her very much.

My host sister is really kind and she is like my real Japanese sister. I couldn't always talk to her but sometime like at dinner time or watching TV, I could talk to her. Her conversation with her mother is like my real sister and my real mum, so I feel that I'm in Japan

My host dad works in Auckland as a teacher, so I meet him just on the weekend. He is a good cook as well. He's really nice to me. When we had a school ball, he was playing drums as a band member. He was so cool.

Thanks for them I could have a really good time in New Zealand. I think they are the best family here and I have never met such a good family. I'm very lucky that I meet them. Of course my friends were cool and I have an exciting time. I enjoy being with them, but the best is my host family. I hope that everyone in here can have a nice life for ever. I'm glad to meet all you guys. :)

## Relay For Life Report

by Tahlia Howard



Cancer is something that everyone is affected by, whether it is first hand or through those we love or are close to us. Because of this, the 'Ota Kids' and 'Otamatea Strollers', staff members and their families, decided to again take part in the annual Relay for Life event, held in Whangarei, in support of the Cancer Society.

We began our Saturday with open minds and a lot of eager energy, ready to take on the challenge of the sleepless hours ahead of us. At midday the opening ceremony was set off with a blessing, an oath read out by the team captains and a live performance of the Relay for Life theme song. This amped everybody up even more for the event. Following the clock striking twelve, a cancer survivors lap was carried out and then the relay officially began.

The whole time we were walking there was live or radio music playing around us, stalls with things to buy or do things at and heaps of fun optional activities like a scrabble challenge, open mic, and zumba.

20 hours later with half the team either dragging their stiff legs along or struggling to keep their eyes open after making it through most of (or nearly) the night, we were told to pack up and head home early because of heavy rain.

We all walked for a number of reasons, but I think the main message was that even though we are going through this small struggle of a 24 hour relay, there are people coping with a much bigger struggle, and this is our way of helping them.

It was a weekend packed with love, fun, good memories and great spirit. Between the 13 of us year 13 students in the Ota Kids team, we walked well over 600kms! With all the help of our school community through their fundraising efforts, we were able to raise around \$2000 for the Cancer Society!

I would really like to see Ota continue to support the Relay for Life: it is a fantastic cause that touches us all, an eye-opening and heart-warming experience which really does bring everyone together.



## MARINE LIFE

Fish  
Deliciously scaly  
Swimming slicing splashing  
Fish swim through the sparkling fresh water  
Calming shimmering relaxing  
Beautiful blue  
Ocean water

Tasha Perrett 7N

## UNDER THE SEA

Sea  
Bright blue  
Diving swimming fishing  
Beautiful fish floating slowly by  
Hiding moving splashing  
Free gorgeous  
Under the sea

Portia Wehi 7N

## World Vision 40 Hour Famine

This year's 40 Hour Famine at Otamatea High School was a huge success, as we raised a total of \$5910.60 and we even managed to be the top raising high school in Northland. I would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported and helped out with the famine, as none of this could have been done without you.

The funds that we raised go to people in Bougainville, Papa New Guinea, to help improve their standard of living and education. Bougainville came into this crisis through a civil war in 1990 with the rest of Papua New Guinea which created a lost generation. Their society was unable to regain stability after this and continues to struggle today where 24% of children under five years suffer from diarrhoea, a life threatening illness. That is why access to good health services, clean water and proper sanitation is so critical.

The amazing effort that students put into the fund raising allowed me the privilege of participating in the 40 Hour Famine Scholarship Week in the holidays. Through this I learnt so much about World Vision and all that they do. I came to realise that the annual famine event is only a small way to generate income for a much bigger organisation that is working to give many throughout the world a chance to make improvements in their lives. World Vision helps support a total of 17 different countries and they work together with the local communities to help develop their society.

Organising the 40 Hour Famine this year has given me so much experience and memories that I will greatly cherish. If anyone is given the opportunity to lead such an amazing event I highly recommend grasping the opportunity. It is definitely worth it.

The really beautiful peeps who brought you the 40 Hour Famine. Yeah, right!

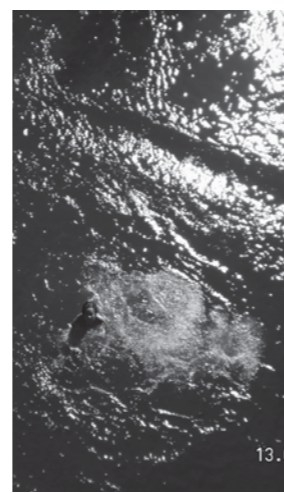


# FIELD TRIPS

Field trips come in all shapes and sizes. This year there have been year 13 science excursions to Auckland University and the Auckland Zoo, while geographers found out about waves and sand at Omaha Beach and the mixed level tourism class experienced the delights of Rotorua. Tough life for some.



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# the ball

# A MAGICAL NIGHT IN NARNIA

Saturday 14 September year 11-13 students gathered outside, amongst a magnificent pine forest, waiting to venture through the wardrobe and enter the magical world of Narnia. Walking through the wardrobe proved an exciting beginning to the journey, as you passed through racks of furry cloaks into what felt like the actual setting from the Narnia Chronicles itself. Posing for an entrant photo next to what looked exactly like Mr Tumnis's lamp post had me half expecting beavers to pop out from behind me and tell me to "get a move on."

The standard school hall had been totally transformed into another dimension for the 2013 school ball. A chandelier of fairy lights hung from the ceiling with snow covered ivy outlining the stage and posts holding up an incredible coat of arms, featuring the friendly face of Aslan the lion. The white backdrop covering the walls softened the room and added to the snowy winter wonderland atmosphere that filled the space. Even the office, which was the allocated photo area, had been transformed into an utterly outstanding domain, with topiary balls on either side, ivy outlining the couch and fairy lights which all provided a perfectly magical backdrop.

The night proved just as incredible as the decorations, as the hall echoed with the sounds of laughter, and of course, the music from the fantastic band. As everyone danced the night away, the surprise of the snow machine and confetti drawing the night to an end proved an absolutely perfect and magnificent climax to an enchanting evening, as everyone danced one last waltz while being showered with bubbly snow and colourful confetti.

Huge congratulations to designer Mia Tong, now at Whitecliffe College of Art and Design, the ball committee and seniors who spent countless hours of study periods and time after school, up ladders, scaffolding, stapling, painting and decorating the hall, to produce what has to be the most stunning and exceptional ball our school has ever had to date. Also thanks to those of you who came to the ball, you will know exactly what I am talking about and to those who didn't turn up - you missed an extraordinary night in the world of Narnia!

Poppy Tohill



# FASHION AND TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

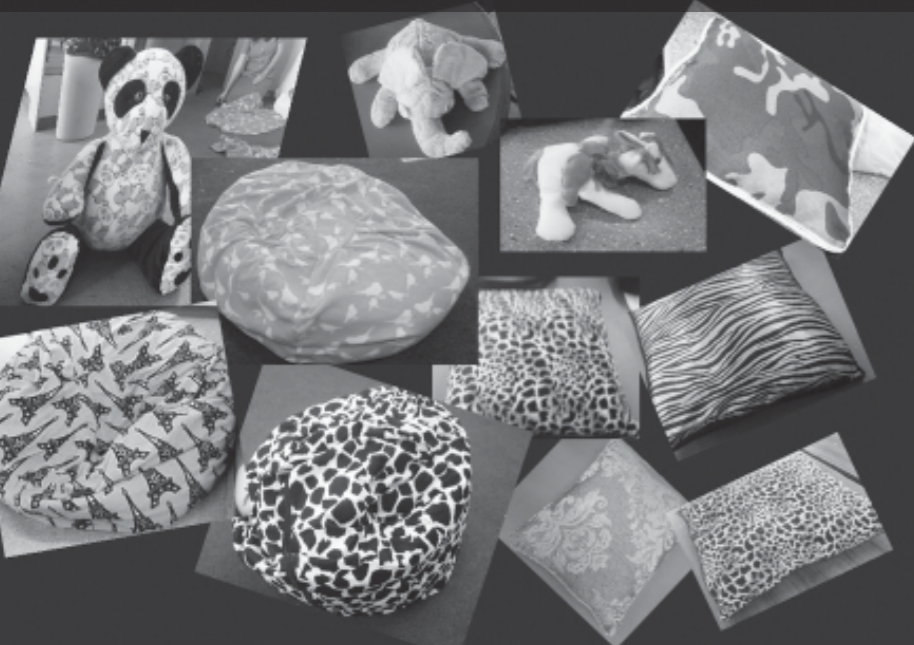
We have had another successful year in the Fashion and Textiles Technology department with students expressing their creativity and honing their skills.



Mya Lawrence, a year 7 student, took the basic hand-sewing products to a whole new level. Look at the exquisite detail cut from fabrics and made into a picture on the mask, the detailed stitching on the cat and the original construction of the puppets.



In the year 12 interior design unit students this year made a wide variety of items ranging from a giant panda bear, to small soft toys, cushions and bean bags.



With the realignment of standards introduced for NCEA Level 3 this year, students had the opportunity to make an applied design. Stacey Lewin did some complex screen printing, Ella Sims and Holli Bishara took on the age old art of smocking (the picture shows Ella's work), and Kendall Hayes used loose sequins to create decoration for a dress she made. At the school's Festival of the Arts Kendall also showed her Avant Garde garment modelled by Jamie Mace.



A most ingenious article was made this year by Ly Sang Kim. She devised a parrot costume for the pantomime, Paradise Island. She started by looking at pictures of similar costumes and was led by Ms Walters, the director of the show, of what she wanted it to look like, Ly Sang drew concepts. These she transferred into a mock-up that fitted her Barbie doll. Then came the challenge of transforming all the ideas into a costume that looked the part and could withstand the performances on stage.



*I feel privileged to be part of these and so many other students' enthusiasm and drive.*  
Elizabeth van den Berg

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# KAPAHAKA

## What a year!

As usual our year started with intensive practising in preparation for the Tai Tokerau Festival which was held at Taipa Area School in April. We performed in public three times before that event to ensure that our supporters at school and in the community had a chance to see what all our hard work had achieved. Te Hana being put under an atahu or love spell was the kaupapa of our bracket and we were also revolutionary in kapahaka as we created a video to show before our performance so that our non-Māori speaking audience understood what we were singing about.

The kapahaka group also opened the Festival of the Arts this year and this was particularly momentous as we had 10 boys performing the haka.

Undoubtedly the highlight of 2013 was the Tai Tokerau Regional Competition which was held in September at Kensington Stadium in Whangarei. Our students represented our school with pride and mana. Each of the year 9 and older students that performed achieved with merit a Level 3 Māori Performing Arts standard worth 10 credits. Ka mau te wēhi!

In October the kapahaka group performed to a group of indigenous people for the Te Uri o Hau Indigenous Conference which was held at the Otamatea Marae. The response from the audience was very humbling and there was a consensus that many of them would take our model of ensuring cultural preservation through song and dance back to their countries to target the younger generation.

October also sees the annual Kaipara Festival which is held at Whangaparaoa School and is a festival that is frequented by most of the schools of the southern Kaipara and Otamatea High School and Kaiwaka School from the northern Kaipara.

We have been lucky enough to be invited to participate in the Maungaturoto 150th celebrations and will kick off the day in the powhiri and sing in the inter-denominational service.

Tama tū tama ora, tama noho tama mate. An active person is healthy and full of vitality whilst the lazy person languishes and dies. There is no doubt that 2013 has been a busy year but full of fun and only possible through the commitment of the passionate students in the roopu.

**Mauri ora!**



# MATARIKI

**Matariki huinga whetū, Matariki huinga tangata.** Matariki: the gathering of stars brings forth a gathering of people. On Thursday 13th June we were lucky enough to celebrate the Māori New Year with a hiss and a roar at the Otamatea High School hall. The night started off with an impressive performance from the Maungaturoto Primary School kapahaka group. That momentum was carried through to the end of the night with kapahaka performances also from Paparoa Primary and Otamatea High School. We were also educated about Matariki through the year 10 Māori class's AV presentation. Diversity was abundant with a dance exhibition from Joseph Allen-Ulrich and Sam Gardner and singing performances by the Seager whānau, Crishla Kemp and the finale act, Ben Ratima who had everyone up on their feet dancing. The audience was also exposed to all three of the country's official languages by Te Kura Kaupapa o Ngā Ringa o Matariki

who performed in NZ sign language, English and Te Reo Māori. Peppered throughout the night were Fiona Kemp and Roy Fletcher enlightening us about how we can get involved in our children's education. Special mention to our wonderful presenters; Blossom Connolly, Tasha Perrett and Matua Reno who kept our audience entertained throughout the night. Ko te hāpai o ki muri: thank you to the ringawera who helped feed our manuhiri. Ngā mihi to our AV extraordinaire Taylor Mc Connell and Mr Smith. Matariki was successful because of all the support received by the performers, staff and behind the scenes crew and Te Roopu Tautoko would like to thank everyone who helped highlight the importance of celebrating kaupapa Māori and whānau in education.

Ko tōku nui, tōku wehi, tōku whakatiketike, tōku whānau. My family is my greatness, my inspiration, that which I hold precious



# OPEN DAY

*The day when Ota brushes up and puts on its shiny face for visits from those very scary people commonly known as potential students and their parents: that's right. It was Open Day 2013.*

A mixture of prefects and senior students were allocated a small group from the contributing schools to guide them around the school. Some shoes had never been so clean nor socks so straight as they were that Friday morning so as to meet, greet and make a good impression.

The seniors also had fun at various activities in different departments, helping or encouraging the alarmingly small people from Matakoho, Paparua, Maungaturoto, Kaiwaka, Waipu and Mangawhai Primary Schools to join in.

Pancakes with yummy fruit toppings were made and eaten in food technology; table tennis and badminton were played in the gym; instruments in the music room were played by people with a range of abilities. Later, they all had the opportunity to hear The Vybes playing in the hall.

Elsewhere, science was made interesting with a physics experiment to find out which ball bounces higher – a tennis ball or a rubber ball.

It was the latter, in case you are interested. Seeing the work being carried out at the Aviation Academy opened up future possibilities for some wide eyed students who had never thought about learning to build and fly a plane while at high school.

The kitchen in the Learning Centre was busy as the various groups moved around the school, although no one seems to recall what was being made at the time. While in that particular area of school, everyone called in to the where where they were taught a rakau activity, complete with lots of giggles and laughter.

A collaborative art work was created with the visitors being encouraged to make Hundertwasser lollipop trees which were pasted on to a simple cityscape; in the drama room moving, roaring dragons began to take over and the library was also visited to see what was what. The general impression was, "It's big."

Very happy years 6 to 8 students, their parents, carers and teachers, finished up their exploration of Ota with a sausage sizzle. The seniors had done an excellent job as ambassadors.

**Thanks to Tom and Alana for information/impressions and Krystal for photos.**





# SWIMMING GALA



# TREASURE ISLAND

## A Wave of Craziiness

Challenging. Like you couldn't imagine; especially coming straight back from tournament with an injured ankle. Everything was so intense. Only a few days till we were performing. I still didn't know my lines! Back at school. Everything was mad. We hadn't even done a whole run through.

Then it was 30 minutes until curtain call. We were all anxious. How it was going to go? Practicing going down the stairs and I managed to hurt my ankle again. Oh no! Somehow I managed to cope. And finally it was the last scene. The scene we had never managed to run through. It became a hilarious fluke. Everyone made up lines. The audience laughed. I don't know how, but it worked!

This new experience was awesome and completely different. It wasn't just the joy of earning credits but also getting to know people a lot better. Backstage we were all having so much fun and also having a good laugh, especially when Joesiah decided to eat the shaving cream onstage when he wasn't supposed to and then spat it out. Mackenzie ripped her dress and people always seemed to be coming out at the wrong time or way too late. So much went completely wrong or unexpected things happened throughout all four shows and there were the things on stage only the cast knew about. It made it even funnier when we knew the script and where everyone was supposed to be. But that's what made the experience so humorous, so enjoyable and left so many memories.

Thank you to Ms Walters for all her hard work making the production happen. It would not have been as much fun without her effort and stress. We all really appreciated the experience.

Go on, give it a go next year!

+ Bianca Slimo

## TREASURE ISLAND - THE PANTOMIME

By Richard Lloyd, based on the Robert Louis Stevenson classic and produced by arrangement with Samuel French Ltd.

It was a swashbuckling romp with all the wonderful conventions of Pantomime, including the outrageous dame, a handsome hero, a beautiful courageous heroine, two bumbling fools and some raucous pirates in search of treasure. Then there was that pesky parrot Captain Haddock and who knows where he might turn up next. The audience participated. 'Oh yes they did!'

I think my life up till now has prepared me to direct Treasure Island. My great grandmother, Leah Morgan, was reportedly descended from Sir Henry Morgan, a ruthless pirate, who became the Governor of Jamaica. He owned a sugar plantation and his name was later used for Captain Morgan Rum.

Having performed in many stage shows myself and been a junior theatre director, props, costume, set design and publicity officer I knew just how I wanted this pantomime to look. Luckily I teach across the year levels in art and drama because this year's Otamatea High School had the perfect classes for this pantomime.



The years 10 to 13 group exceeded my expectations and added so much to the performance with their comic timing, commitment to developing their character and collaborative group work. The three boys who put their hands up to be our tech crew, Matthew, Mark and Luke, were brilliant. They self-managed, set up, organised all the lighting and sound cues, as well as the effects, and I could not have done it without them.

Stage manager Simone Sidwell with her crew of Taylor Wetini Donaldson and Gabriella Seager were fantastic. I was stunned by the standard of pantomime parrot costume made by Ly Sang Kim and am really excited at the prospect of the up and coming talent in years 9 and 10, some of whom were my stage set assistants and makeup crew.

The hours making costumes, painting the set, designing and preparing the props - largely done by my very supportive partner Dave Brown - was well worth it. On the Wednesday night the students owned the show and I just sat back to thoroughly enjoy it along with an audience of over a hundred.

Huge congratulations all concerned for a successful school major production.

+ Deb Walters



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Special mention needs to be made of Miriana Littlejohn's face painting and make up work which was very dramatic, adding to the overall effect for Ruby Rose Hallimore and Celia Bailey who modelled each other's designs.

# The Festival of the Arts



There were short 'advertisements' from a year 7 drama group, the Kapa Haka whanau, a fashion show, teasing excerpts from Treasure Island - The Panto, singing, dancing, musical items and, of course, the wearable arts produced mainly by the year 10 art class.

Once again the evening showed the range of creativity we have at school, reinforced by an exhibition of student art work on display during the interval supper.



For the wearable arts, judging was done by Monique Chasteau who, before she became a counsellor was an art teacher. She said how impressed she was by the range of ideas, interpretations and the quality of construction of the garments.

The winner was Natalie Tornquist with her Gustav Klimt inspired raiment that glittered and shone while she paraded among the audience. The other two designer runners up were Gabriella Seager and Kelly Mace.



# Te Roopu Tautoko

2013 has been an extremely productive year for Te Roopu Tautoko- a group made up of students, staff and whānau. Our function is to support the achievement of Māori students at Otamatea High School. We meet twice a term to discuss ways that we can assist students directly and indirectly at the kura. Chaired by Doreen Kemp, we have helped support the kapahaka group and are a constant source of assistance to the Te Reo Māori teacher.

The Matariki concert was run by Te Roopu Tautoko and is a way of engaging Māori whānau with the school. Roles were spread out so that the load was even and we had a ball organising the different events, working alongside our neighbouring schools with the single goal of uplifting the profile of Te Ao Māori in our community.

Te Roopu Tautoko was also instrumental in the raising

of Māori participation in science and pathways to university. The BEAMS, Whakapiki ake and MASH programmes that encourage Māori into university academic pathways have been adopted by this group and we actively support students to participate in these programmes.

Fundraising throughout the year has provided equipment, bus subsidies and uniform items for the kapahaka group. We have also purchased exam stationery to aid students in a very stressful time. To celebrate Māori student success, Te Roopu Tautoko has purchased books to give as taonga to all of the students who have won a prize for Māori language or Māori focused prizes that will be received in prize giving. Ko te pae tawhiti whakamaaua kia tata, ko te pae tata whakamaaua kia tīna!

We are always looking for new ideas and welcome anyone who is keen to help support Māori students at Otamatea High School.



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# Otamatea High School Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award

2013 has been a busy year for DOE students, currently there are 40, in the 50th year the programme has been operating in New Zealand.

February saw the Silver group training at bush-craft instructor, Stephen Orchard's Kaiwaka farm. This group tramped to Cattle Mount practicing compass/map reading skills and furthering their knowledge of bush-craft. They had a 'route finding' mission they will never forget!

The ponga log that was pushed over by Harri, stepped over by Jett, jumped on by Dylan ended up with him wondering why his leg was sore: only to find a wasp, being closely followed by a whole swarm of them after him. This interesting event saw several students, howling in pain, running frantically through the bush. Ultimately they regrouped down in an unknown stream bed, where antihistamine and stingoes was administered.

We then followed the stream until we came to a point that led us back to our camp. A training session not to be forgotten and so the wasp story has grown!

This group and the gold group, have their pre expedition around the Tongariro Northern Circuit at Labour Weekend, followed by their December qualifying expedition of 54km+ through the Milford Track at Fiordland National Park. James, along with the silver group, is also tramping the Routeburn/Caples 65km+ Mt Aspiring National Park track for his gold qualifier.

In December, 2012 a group of Gold students tramp 65km+ around Mt Ruapehu. This was

definitely the most challenging gold qualifying tramp to date as the terrain was very rugged and unforgiving in places. The weather also threw sun, wind, rain and white out conditions at us over the four days and we all had to 'dig deep' at some point to overcome exhaustion. For some of us, having feet covered in blisters was just a little extra. Climbing to the top of Mt Ngauruhoe and screening down its slopes was definitely a highlight for the boys!

Else, Ellen and Matthew have almost finished their gold section requirements and will be receiving their award at Government House at Auckland, in 2014 from the Governor General. Well done!

The Bronze group did their pre expedition tramp training in March for the Tanekaha Track on the Mangawhai walkway in the April holidays.

They completed their bronze qualifying tramp to the Puketi Forest, KeriKeri - Waipapa River Track at the start of the March holidays: a 22km route. This tramp was mostly in native bush and involved making several crossings of the Waipapa River and an overnight camp at Camp Creek - where the sandflies and moreporks more than made their presence felt!

These students have now completed their bronze level and are working towards their silver level requirements.

As well as this, a newly formed bronze group is completing their bush-craft instruction the weekend of 30th November at school, which will be followed by tramping in the New Year.

**Robyn Bruce**



Michelle Schmanski, Michael Parker and Tayla Perkinson

**"One of the perpetual problems about human life is that young people of every generation have to discover for themselves what life is all about."**  
Duke of Edinburgh

A HUGE thank you to Mr MacLennan and Mrs Bruce, who are our co-ordinators, for the hours of their own time which they give up to help us achieve our awards. We very much appreciate all that they do, which goes from fundraising, filling out EOTC forms, meetings, newsletter, pack checks, pre expeditions and qualifying tramps.

Without you, the programme would not be running at Otamatea High School. We need to look after our 'OLD GOLDS'!

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50 years DOE

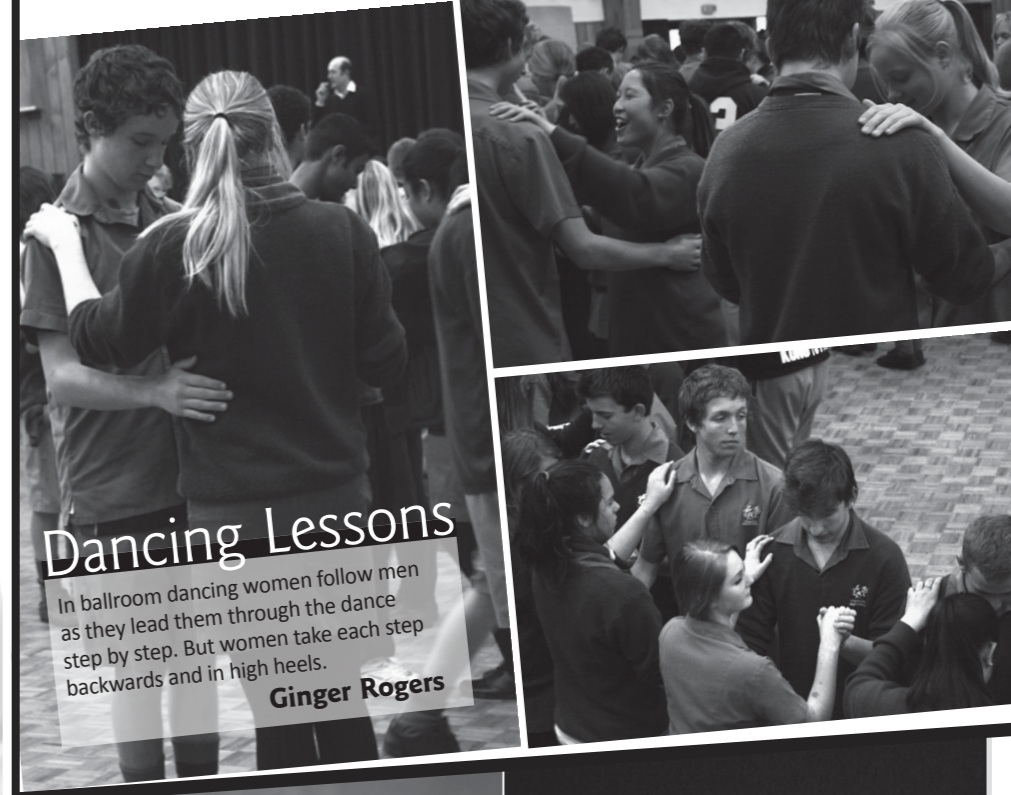


Mr MacLennan and Mrs Bruce attended a special 50th year celebration in Auckland for all DOE Volunteers and Co-ordinators.



Scott Donaldson, Kiriane Abel, Elliot Millar, Portia McCabe and Jonathan Sargent.

**In May five of our ex-students received their Gold Awards at a formal ceremony at Government House in Auckland. Portia McCabe was also invited to thank the Governor General on behalf of all recipients - a job which Portia did admirably, making us feel very proud.**



## Dancing Lessons

In ballroom dancing women follow men as they lead them through the dance step by step. But women take each step backwards and in high heels.

Ginger Rogers



## 2012 SOLAR ECLIPSE

At the end of last year each student in the junior syndicate was issued with a pair of cardboard framed 'glasses' that looked rather like 3-D movie ones. But they weren't. They were for watching the eclipse of the sun which occurred on November the 13th.

New Zealand experienced only a partial eclipse with the north seeing 87% of the event. It was not a clear day, but cloudy and at times, overcast. That didn't alter the fact that it was a fun and memorable experience for all concerned.



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# Senior Special Prizes 2012

Kia Maia – Be Brave in Learning	(Te Uri o Hau Development Ltd) <b>Isaac Reil</b>
Peer Support Award	(Kaipara District Council) <b>Leila Salter</b>
Best Aggregate of Science Subjects in Year 13	(Fonterra Cup and Scholarship) <b>Lara Ware</b>
Jessie Vaughan Trophy for Senior Citizenship	(Ferguson and Oldham Trophy) <b>Amy Harrop</b>
Best All Round Maori Pupil	(Rennie Trophy) <b>Jake Powell</b>
Fair Play & Sportsmanship Trophy	(Engraving Systems) <b>Damian Rowe</b>
Outstanding Sporting Achievement	(Haydn & Mary Hutching Cup) <b>Simone Sidwell</b>
Excellence in Year 12 English & Science	(R & F Tornquist Trophy) <b>Jake Powell</b>
Student Exhibiting School Spirit	(Te Jay Cup) <b>James Finlay</b>
University of Auckland Alumni Scholarship	(University Of Auckland) <b>Leila Salter</b>
Senior Victrix Ludorum	(Karen McNay Cup) <b>Caitlin Foster</b>
Senior Victor Ludorum	(Webster Brothers Cup) <b>Dalton Tapper</b>
First in Year 11	(OHS Board of Trustees Cup) <b>James Finlay</b>
First in Year 12	(Neil McKay Trophy) <b>Jake Powell</b>
Most Promising Student Returning to School	(Thompson Trophy) <b>Jake Powell</b>
General Excellence by a Senior Student	(D A Finlayson Cup) <b>Marama Linnell</b>
Proxime Accessit	(Mr & Mrs J Morrison Cup) <b>Marama Linnell &amp; Vanessa Lillas</b>
DUX OF THE SCHOOL	(Mr & Mrs L Mitchell Trophy) <b>Lara Ware</b>



2012 Dux  
**Lara Ware**

# Junior Special Prizes 2012

## Special Endeavour Prizes

Endeavour in Year 7	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	<b>Marion Rabuatoka</b>
Endeavour in Year 8	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	<b>Diva Ratu</b>
Endeavour in Year 9	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	<b>Gabriella Seager</b>
Endeavour in Year 10	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	<b>Joseph Hoshino</b>
Excellence in Physical Education		
Junior Boy		<b>Rhys Shadbolt</b>
Junior Girl	(M B Mulholland Cup)	<b>Sam Cawkwell-Troost</b>
Year Book Award	(Art for Cover)	<b>Mercedes Von Dincklage</b>
Excellence in Years 7 & 8 Maths Olympiad	(School Cup)	<b>Ewan Smith</b>
Excellence in Junior Art	(Williamson Trophy)	<b>Caleb Young</b>
Aptitude in Social Science		<b>Ruby-Rose Hallamore</b>
Excellence in Year 9 English	(Elizabeth Perry Cup)	<b>Natasha Tornquist</b>
Excellence in Year 9 Science	(Huston Family Cup)	<b>Michaela Rowe</b>
Excellence in Year 9 Mathematics	(Haydn Hutching Cup)	<b>Erin Mooney</b>
Excellence in Year 9 Social Science	(R Fletcher Cup)	<b>Erin Mooney</b>
Excellence in Practical Skills for Year 10 Food Tech.	(Rural Prize)	<b>Jazmind Gilpin</b>
Excellence in Year 10 English	(R Fletcher Cup)	<b>Tayla Perkinson</b>
Excellence in Year 10 Science	(S O'Mahony Cup)	<b>Jordan Smith</b>
Excellence in Year 10 Mathematics	(R Perkinson Cup)	<b>Jordan Smith</b>
Excellence in Year 10 Social Science	(Mr & Mrs McAdam)	<b>Nina Linnell</b>

## INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS

Endeavour Cup	(J & D Olsson)	<b>Arawa</b>
Academic Cup		<b>Maniapoto</b>
Sporting Cup		<b>Arawa</b>
Champion House		<b>Arawa</b>

## SPECIAL PRIZES

Third in Year 9		<b>Jesper Smyth</b>
Second in Year 9		<b>Ruby-Rose Hallamore</b>
Third in Year 10		<b>Nina Linnell</b>
Second in Year 10		<b>Jordan Smith</b>
<b>Junior Victrix Ludorum</b>	(J & E Saunders)	<b>Kate Cawkwell-Troost</b>
<b>Junior Victor Ludorum</b>	(School Cup)	<b>Cullen Curtis</b>
<b>First in Year 9</b>	(OHS BOT Trophy)	<b>Erin Mooney</b>
<b>First in Year 10</b>	(OHS BOT Trophy)	<b>Tayla Perkinson</b>

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“ A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort. *Herm Albright* ”

The sunshine brought out a large number of students for two great days of athletics. For some the heat was more of a hindrance, especially as they ran the 800 metres, but for the sprinters conditions were almost perfect for setting some very fast times.

Notable performances were in abundance as there was excellent competition between the year groups. Te Awaroa Peihopa ran a respectable 12.47 in the 100 metres and Kharnse Namana threw the discus over 32 metres in the junior boys competition. Rakai Parker ran the 800 metres in 2 minutes 34 only to see Rhys Shadbolt do it in 2.22 later in the day. Shontay Morunga was the fastest girl running 800 metres in 2 minutes 55. Kayne Goodfellow was the sub-junior fastest over this distance and is helping to create a family tradition of very good long distance runners.

In the high jump there were a number of good performances with Joshua Nishitani-Hart clearing 1.40, along with Rakai Parker. Julia Pearce was another stand-out high jumper, as was Erin Kingi.

On Monday there was a real festival atmosphere as the seniors and intermediates took to the field. The fastest boys in the school for 100 metres were Levi Adomea and Alex Damsted. Fastest girl was Tahlia Howard, also the fastest over 800 metres with Michaela Rowe. For the boys it was Bobby Fisher and Dylan Sim in the 800 metres. In the throwing competition Caitlin Foster proved herself again, winning both discus and shot put as did Joesiah day for the boys. Michael Parker putted the shot over the 10 metre mark and Leslie Shum took out the intermediate boys discus.

The final events were the relays and this year it was Maniapoto who won five of the eight races, extending their lead at the top.

### Final Results:

- 1st Maniapoto
- 2nd Whatua
- 3rd Arawa
- 4th Ngapuhi

My thanks to all the staff for their efforts over the two days and most importantly to Mr Bryn Davies for the excellent job he does in preparing the grounds for athletics.

**Paul Chambers**



2013 Northland Secondary School Athletics Reps  
Back Row: William Church, Michael Parker, Samantha Allen  
Front Row: Julia Pearce, Rhys Shadbolt, Shontay Morunga



2013 All Northland Sports Reps  
Back Row: Lachlan Sidwell, Dylan Sims, Caitlin Foster  
Front Row: Cullen Curtis, Rhys Shadbolt, Michelle Schimanski, Simone Sidwell



2013 National Reps  
Dylan Sims, Michelle Schimanski, Caitlin Foster, Cullen Curtis



## Girls 1st XI Soccer

This year the Otamatea Girls 1st XI Soccer team came sixth in Northland. This is the best result that they have had in many years.

They played their final game against Whangarei Girls where they lost 4 - 0. This game was incredibly close and this is the lowest score that they had achieved against Whangarei Girls. The Golden Boot award went to Tayla Perkinson and the Player of the Year to Simone Sidwell. I would like to thank the girls for their commitment and hard work over the season. I wish the Year 13 students the best of luck and I look forward to seeing the girls next year.

**Lana Parkinson**



Back: Dani White, Ellen Nalder, Poppy Tohill, Brooke Madden, Ehdan Hockhuil-Church, Jessica Beeler, Tayla Perkinson, Tyler Heywood  
Front: Julia Pearce, Kezrah Powley-Anderson, Nina Linnell, Simone Sidwell

## Boys 1st XI Cricket

**Coach/Administrator - John Bruce**

**Captain - Jack Williamson (5) Matthew McRae (4)**

Playing Record:	Played 10	Won - 1	Drew - 0	Lost - 9
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### Achievements

- 8th Place - Bruce Scott Trophy - Northland Secondary Schools Boys 1st XI Championship 20/20
- 3rd Place - Wyatt Cup - Lower North Secondary Schools Boys 1st XI Championship 30/30

### Season Review

A very young and inexperienced group of players assembled for the 2013 boys 1st XI cricket programme, unsure of what the future held, but determined to give their best and learn from their opportunities.

Steady improvement was made throughout the season. This improvement culminated in a thrilling win against Rodney College, at Port Albert, in the last game of the season. This meant OHS took third place in the Wyatt Cup: a just reward for perseverance and persistence. It also meant OHS had turned around heavy losses to Rodney College into a narrow win. Evidence of the improvement made during the season.

Once again, a lack of runs was the major problem for the team as they performed creditably in the fielding and bowling department. Connor Van Dalsum, 142 at 17.75, topped the batting averages, while Matthew McRae, 8 at 26.50, and Van Dalsum, 8 at 14.50, were the leading wicket takers.

Jack Williamson, with the fire dismissals, was statistically the leading fielder, just ahead of Matthew McRae, who took four catches. Five players, McRae, Small, Van Dalsum, Tavinor, and McDonald played all nine games while Kallum Cresswell missed only one game in a promising start to his cricketing career.

All members of the team contributed, and with more cricket, standards will improve. Year 13 students Jack Williamson and Austin McCabe leave OHS on a winning note and I thank them for their efforts on the cricket field in their time at OHS. Thanks to everyone who transported and supported the team.

**John Bruce**



Back Row: Tamatt Abel, Thomas Macdonald, Michael Parker, Matt McRae, Mr J Bruce (Coach)  
Front Row: Kallum Cresswell, Connor Van Dalsum, Connor Small, Jack Williamson, Austin McCabe, Harri Millar, Corey Sliemo



# 1st XI Football

The boys 1st XI have had a very difficult season this year in the premier Northland Schools competition. Taking on schools such as Whangarei Boys, Kerikeri, and Kamo have pushed them beyond their abilities, although a 2-1 defeat to Kamo away, showed that they did have the potential to compete with the best.

Two draws against Whangarei Boys second team were the only points to show for a lot of hard work and effort. Their defeat in the final game of the season to Reporoa was hard to stomach for the boys, going down 3-1 in a game in which they should have tasted victory.

The season has been worthwhile and many players are better off for their experiences. The defence have been under pressure for the whole season and have shown some good improvement. Jack Williamson has again performed well in goal. In the centre of defence, Jim Bokma and Dylan Sims have made steady progress and have cut out many of the "school boy" errors from their game. Prashil Prasad has been a rock at full back, very rarely missing a tackle. Other players at the back have been Brent Sewell, James Findlay, Bobby Fisher, before his injury, and Joseph Morley. All have learnt from their experiences and have a new respect for the abilities of some of the opposition.

In midfield, the team were reasonably competitive, realising that they had to work far harder when the opposition had the ball. Harri Millar captained the side and led by example.



Back Row: Mr P Chambers (Coach), Cameron Gill, Dylan Sims, Brent Sewell, Jim Bokma, Janos Panyoczki, Levi Adomea, Elias Giles  
Front Row: Joseph Morley, Joshua Lees, Jett Hallimore, Jack Williamson, Harri Millar, James Findlay, Bobby Fisher

He began to 'see' the passes, putting in some very good balls for the forwards to chase. Joshua Lees, Jett Hallimore and Alex Damsted provided the support and were the regular players across the middle of the park. All of them show a great deal of promise for the future.

In attack, Cameron Gill, Janos Panyoczki and Elias Giles were always willing runners, but often did not get the service they required to trouble the opposition defence. Levi Adomea also played his part up front, using his speed to great advantage. Near the end of the season Josh Nishtini-Hart, a year 9, made his debut and looks to have an excellent career ahead of him.

# Senior Triathlon

Dylan Sims, the "Arawa Arrow", flew around the course in a straight line to set a new record of 1:08:02 in the Otamatea High School Senior Triathlon. Sims was never headed as he beat home Jack Williamson (1:42:40) and the seven teams taking part in the event. Sam Cawkwell-Troost (swim), Lee Holst (bike) and Ashton Coates (run) combined well to finish four and a half minutes behind Sims (1:12:44), in second place overall, with Harrison Millar (swim), Rakai Parker (bike) and Rhys Shadbolt (run) close behind in a time of 1:14:11. The 800m swim, 14km bike ride and 5km run were completed in hot conditions.

John Bruce

OHS Senior Triathlon - Teams 800m Swim, 14km Bike and 5km Run

Place	Swim	Bike	Run
1	Sam Cawkwell - Troost	Lee Holst	Ashton Coates
2	Harrison Millar	Rakai Parker	Rhys Shadbolt
3	Tahlia Howard	Emma Bennetto	Tahlia Howard

# Junior Triathlon

Ocean Shadbolt stormed to an impressive win in the OHS Junior Triathlon on Friday 8th March 2013. In doing so she set a new junior girls triathlon record of 32.32 minutes lopping a massive 25 seconds off Samantha Cawkwell-Troost's 2012 mark of 32.57. Shadbolt also equalled Hayden Lupton's 2009 individual race record as she led both the individual and team fields home. The evenly matched field of five individuals and four teams raced closely throughout with junior girls swimming champion Chantel Shadbolt competing the swim in front. However the winner took control shortly after and extended her lead at the finishing line to three minutes to the fast finishing Ann-Marie Holst who pipped Chantel Shadbolt. Aaron Lupton at 39.30 minutes was fourth overall ahead of Josh Christensen (42.19 minutes) to take the boys title while Shawna Hawken (swim), Jessica Allen (bike) and Dietrich Von Dindklage (run) took the team title in 33.52 minutes.

John Bruce

# Student Leadership

By Emma Bennetto, Maika Able and Kenneth Shum



Sports leadership is a multi-level subject that I have found to enjoy because we do a variety of different activities. In Term 1 we learnt about ABL and orienteering. During the ABL unit we learnt different strategies that would help you when you are doing outdoor activities.

We put our new skills into practice when we went to the Glenberrie adventure forest. The orienteering unit was more difficult for me. But the highlight of this unit was that my fitness was brought up to a high level and we went to Barge Park and completed an orienteering course.

Tramping was quite a different experience.

We tramped through Mangawhai and the Tangihua forest just south of Whangarei. It was fun even though we walked for six hours. Everyone was positive and thoroughly enjoyed it. I think the highlights for tramping were the incredible views and scenery on the trails. Thank you to Mrs Bruce, Mr Chambers and Miss Parkinson for organising the tramps and looking after the sport leadership group.



At the end of term 2 we went on the R. Tucker Thompson voyage from Marsden point to Opuia. It was a great experience and probably the highlight of sport leadership. I think everyone that came on the voyage enjoyed themselves, it was something new and completely different. We learnt a lot about sailing and what it's like to be part of a team. The crew that looked after us were great and I would like to thank them for their hospitality and giving us this opportunity.



In Term 3 we looked at leadership. The sport leadership students organised the Kaiwaka sports day which included over 150 students competing in four different sports. We organised where every event was held, when the breaks were and what teams were given prizes at prize giving. It was a great day and I would like to thank the teachers, students and the Kaiwaka sports ground for a successful day.



In Term 4 we played squash at the local squash club. We had been given the opportunity to go down to the club during class time and learn squash. It has been great fun and I would like to thank the Maungaturoto squash club for this opportunity to play.



# Otamatea Cross Country

The weather certainly shone on us as both major cross country events passed off in glorious sunshine.

Nearly 200 students ran the school cross country which was up on previous years. The entries were reasonably evenly divided between the four iwi, but on the day it was again Maniapoto who were the run-away winners. The three other iwi were split with only 12 points separating runner up to last place. A timely reminder to all students that their participation can make a difference.

Iwi positions: - 1st Maniapoto, 2nd Arawa, 3rd Ngapuhi, 4th Whatua

Individual results: -

Sub Juniors	Boys	Girls
Winner	Kayne Goodfellow	Ocean Shadbolt
Runner-up	Isaac Sheppard	Jenna Swadling
Junior		
Winner	Rhys Shabolt	Kate Cawkwell-Troost
Runner-up	Joseph Perrett	Holly Kenyon

Intermediate		
Winner	Dylan Sims	Michaela Rowe
Runner-up	Marshall Ratima	Jasmine Sampson
Senior		
Winner	Hayden Lupton	Tahlia Howard
Runner-up	Austin McCabe	Renee Mooney

Lower North Cross Country featured seven schools from the area putting in runners. Bream Bay, Otamatea and Rodney College made up the biggest group of runners, with Wellsford Primary having a very strong contingent. The winners and runners-up were:

Sub Juniors	Boys	Girls
Winner	Kayne Goodfellow (OHS)	Georgia Briely (Wellsford)
Runner-up	James Dalebrook (BBC)	Victoria Valatini (Wellsford)
Junior		
Winner	Rhys Shadbolt (OHS)	Alice Maylon (Rodney)



Back Row: Marshall Ratima, Dylan Sims, Samantha Allen, Ocean Shadbolt  
Front Row: Shontay Morunga, Rhys Shadbolt, Kayne Goodfellow, Tyler Flannagan



## Motorcross

The Motor-Cross Two Stroke Nationals were held on the 22nd of September in Dairy Flat, Kaukapakapa. Top riders from around New Zealand - and even Australia's National 250cc champion were all there. I competed in the Junior 125cc class.

After torrential rain over night the track started out as a bog hole but steadily dried out during the day. I had to abandon the practice race at the beginning of the day as my bike had lost all its power. It was pretty stressful to watch Dad quickly strip the motor, not being sure if I was even going to make it to the first race. Luckily the bike went well after that and I won the first two races, second and then fourth in the last race to come out with an 18 point lead to win the Two Stroke Junior 125cc National title. Thanks to Simone for milking for the week-end and to Hamish Dobbyn for the training.

**Lauchlan Sidwell**



Motorcross Team  
Simone Sidwell,  
Lachlan Sidwell,  
Cullen Curtis,  
Blake Porteous,  
Leroy Porteous

## Otamatea High School Road Race 2012

Yr 8 student Rhys Shadbolt announced his arrival to Otamatea High School open racing with a convincing win in the 5km OHS Road Race on Wednesday 24th October. Finishing in a time of 19.28 minutes, Shadbolt was too strong for the opposition and just over two minutes outside Trenton Powell's 2008 record of 17.18 minutes. OHS Senior Triathlon winner Dylan Sims was second (21.37 minutes) ahead of 2011 OHS Road Race champion Bobby Fisher and Michael Melville both (22.17) with Head Boy Blair Cullen fifth in 22.18 minutes. Tahlia Howard, in a time of 23.20 (10th overall) was a comfortable winner of the girls race, 2 mins and 35 secs ahead of the promising Michaela Rowe (25.55 minutes) and 19th overall and the consistent Shontay Morunga (27.21 minutes). **John Bruce**

### OHS Road Race - 2012 Top Ten Placings Girls/Boys

Place	Boys	Time	Overall Placing	Girls	Time	Overall Placing
1	Rhys Shadbolt	19.29	1	Tahlia Howard	23.20	10
2	Dylan Sims	21.37	2	Michaela Rowe	25.55	19
3	Bobby Fisher	22.17	3	Shontay Morunga	27.21	26
4	Michael Melville	22.17	4	Ruby Hallamore	27.33	27
5	Blair Cullen	22.18	5	Holly Anderson	29.08	34
6	Ashton Coates	22.54	6	Cheyenne Fisher	29.38	37
7	Dylan Swadling	22.54	7	Michelle Schimanski	31.11	42
8	Marshall Ratima	23.03	8	Natasha Tornquist	31.13	43
9	Jesper Smyth	23.18	9	Shuntel Rika	31.40	44
10	Damian Rowe	23.45	11	Jasmine Sampson	31.57	45

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# Hockey

## 1st XI Boys' Collegiate Report

This year saw a boys' team contesting Division one for the first time in 5 years. The team fielded lots of first time players and saw the core players working overtime for the first few games. Dylan Tavinor became an asset to the team with his many years of club hockey showing skill wise.

Logan Eager returned to goal and demonstrated some amazing saves throughout the season. The 'pelting' from the division One teams paid off at tournament with some terrific goal keeping from all angles being displayed. The team finished sixth out of six. The scores came down each time we met our opponents, our skill level improved along with the knowledge of positional requirements.

We farewell our year 13 students:

**Captain Austin McCabe**

4 years of service to hockey! Austin has gone from strength to strength on and off the field. Thank you!

**Logan Eager**

2 years of 'goal keeping extraordinaire' – Thank you, 'Alby' or is it 'Logi Bear'? (Last time you'll tell me I'm off my game!)

**Tom Nordmeier**

Who quietly gets on with whatever his positional job requires, usually coming away with the ball! Thank you!

- Robyn Bruce

Good luck to all of you for your future!

Thank you to all the parents, for your support throughout the two terms' season. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to Mr MacLennan for his dedication to this team and its water bottles! (The boys' love having your support and words of wisdom weekly).

The remaining players are returning next year and I have players cueing to fill the vacant spaces, so 2014 looks promising!



# Girls Hockey

Our 20 week season of hockey has come to an end and with that the end of collegiate Hockey for the three of us year 13s, but whoa, the OHS girls first XI hockey team has done us proud. We started the season with a few new members but also a lot of committed girls from the year before.

There were a lot of skills to be learned and the newest experience was that of our new coach, Mrs Myburgh. She put in an incredible amount of time and effort teaching us hockey skills, teamwork and strategy. We probably caused her a fair amount of stress but she stuck with us, even without any manager for the majority of the season. We all want to give Mrs Myburgh a huge thank you as she has been an amazing coach!

For the first part of the season we probably experienced more losses than wins, but we were coming together as a team more

and more every game and learning which positions we best suited and what our team and individual strengths and weaknesses were. The girls began to bond and make new friendships, which made it a really great team. As the season went on, the girls abilities bloomed into some of the most amazing hockey we've experienced during our hockey lives at Otamatea.

To recount on our adrenaline filled finale – have to stop or we will write a novel. Nothing could have been more typical than a final for first and second ending after two sets of overtime, cutting the 11 girl team down to seven, and ending on a pressure-pumping penalty shootout. I would like to say it went in our favour, but Tauraroa Area School had a little more experience than us. Despite the very close loss as a team, the season ended on a high, with the girls having completed such an outstanding

season of hockey. We year 13s have extreme faith in all of the girls, becoming an absolutely unstoppable team in the years to come. We have had an unforgettable experience being a part of the girls hockey team.

Stacey has been an amazing captain, her knowledge and experience of the game teamed with her commendable leadership is largely considered to be the success of the Otamatea Girls Hockey team this year.

We would like to thank the support of our school for helping us throughout this season, and for the care and help from the parents and teachers that were involved throughout the year: we don't know how we would've managed without you. Your help with transportation, fundraising and your support backing the team up was greatly appreciated.

Tahlia Howard, Stacey Lewin and Alana Stewart.



### 1ST XI BOYS' COLLEGIATE

Back Row:

Mrs R Bruce (Coach), Joseph Morley, Cameron Gill, Michael Parker, Matt McRae, Jordan Smith, Mr W MacLennan

Front Row:

Dylan Tavinor, Joshua Linton, Austin McCabe, Harri Millar, Logan Jaques, Joshua Lees, William Church, Lee Holst, Tom Nordmeier



### MIXED HOCKEY

Back Row:

Mrs S Shelswell, Ashley Coates, Shelby Ata, Maika Abel, Crystal Millar, Mrs K Cullen

Front Row:

Tayla Wetini-Donaldson, Jamie Mace, Macalla McCarroll, Kelsey Orford, Simone Sidwell, Llyla McCarroll, Quynthen McCarroll

# Northland Secondary School Triathlon

This event was held at the Marsden Cove Marina on Tuesday 26th February. Seventeen Otamatea High School students participated in the swim, cycle and run disciplines over the age group distances.

There was a cold easterly wind blowing and overcast conditions, but it did not affect the racing. Highlights of the day were:

- Dylan Sims leading the U16 boys out of the swim section.
- Rhys Shadbolt almost gaining a second place spot for his team with a strong run section.
- Emma Bennetto pedalling away, determined to finish her first 20km in the bike section.

The students represented our school with pride and were a pleasure to look after. Thank you to Tina Holst for helping with bike racks and transport. Thank you to Wuzz Phillips for his organisation. The day was very successful, as were the results.

Well done!



## Results:

### Junior U14 boys swim 200m, cycle 9.5km, run 1.8km

3rd Aaron Lupton, Lee Holst, Josh Linton

### Junior U14 girls

2nd Chantel Shadbolt, Annmarie Holst, Shontay Morunga

4th Eve McCallum, Kate Cawkwell-Troost, Tyler Porteous

### Intermediate U16 swim 400m, cycle 20km, run 3.6km

Boys: 3rd Dylan Sims, Jamie Manuell, Rhys Shadbolt

Girls: Tayla Perkinson, Jasmine Sampson, Michele Schimanski  
*(Jasmine was sick on the day but Tayla and Michelle still completed their respective disciplines)*

Senior U19 Girls 6th Tahlia Howard, Emma Bennetto, Caitlin Foster

# Swimming Gala

The stage was set for a great night of swimming in the carnival atmosphere of the Otamatea Swimming gala on February 12th.

The pool had been repainted and the setting, with sun shining, was ready for the four tribes to commence competition. The Iwi Leaders had been out rallying their troops, so with banners, flags and face paint, all to be admired, it was time for the contests to start.

Swimmers did not let their tribes down and there were some exciting finishes with the final relays providing a suitable climax to round off the early evening.

Notable performances on the night came from Ocean Shadbolt, in the sub-junior girls' competition, winning all the events she entered; in the junior boys and fresh from his 'Top of the Rock' success, Rhys Shadbolt won his four championship events to be the junior boys champ. In the intermediate boys, Dylan Sim won all of his championship events as well as the two open (200 metres freestyle and 25 metres butterfly), while Head Girl, Tahlia Howard, also took out all four of her races and setting a splendid example particularly to younger and new students.

The overall winning iwi was Maniapoto followed by Whatua.

As well as these outstanding performances on the night, there were the winners of other races, all the students who took part and the families who came to support their students. It was great end-of-day entertainment and I am really looking forward to next year's carnival.

Many thanks to all of you who helped make it such a great success and occasion! Come on 2014.

## Age Group Champions

	Girls	Boys
Sub-junior	Ocean Shadbolt	Patrick Butler
Junior	Chantel Shadbolt	Rhys Shadbolt
Intermediate	Michelle Schimanski	Dylan Sim
Senior	Tahlia Howard	Harri Millar

## Iwi Relay

Sub-junior	Arawa
Junior	Whatua
Intermediate	Arawa
Senior	Arawa

# YEAR PHOTOS



Back Row: Janos Panyoczki, Keanu Holden, Logan Eager, Joesiah Day, Logan Jaques, Jack Williamson

4th Row: Prashil Prasad, Tom Nordmeier, Jake Powell, Tayla Eager, Jacynnda Galloway, Ming Xing, Lawton Dods

3rd Row: Austin McCabe, Renee Mooney, Elese Cocking, Stacey Lewin, Alana Stewart, Brooke Madden, Mitchell MacKenzie

2nd Row: Mr S O'Mahony, Layne Tantin, Maika Abel, Kendall Hayes, Caitlin Foster, Macalla McCarroll, Poppy Tohill, Claire Timperley, Kenneth Shum, Ms A Bosch

Front Row: Jamie Mace, Susie Katavich, Emma Bennetto, Mariah Mane, Holli Bishara, Tahlia Howard, Kimi-Ora Follas, Paige Mottram, Simone Sidwell

Absent: AmyRose Barnes, Brittany Dyer, Michaela Galloway, Ella Sims, Vincent Terzief

YEAR 13



YEAR 12

Back Row: Sophia Butler, Elena Thiess, Bradley Cooper, Elias Giles, Brent Sewell, Marshall McMonagle, Matt McRae, Jim Bokma, Joseph Morley, Jacob Webster, Nate Madsen, Zak Robinson

3rd Row: Jordyn Smith, Llyla McCarroll, David Neaves, Leslie Shum, Jett Hallamore, Bobby Fisher, Joshua Hansen, Alex Damsted, Joshua Lees, William Church, Kelsey Orford

2nd Row: Mr J Laue, Misaki Asakawa, Bayley Coates, Lulu Smith, Harri Millar, James Finlay, Ethan Pou, Shayne Robson, Zayne Burton, Mereana Morgan, Chase Wharfe, Benjamin Linton, Kaitlin Kaire

Front Row: Ly Sang Kim, Jessie Beeler, Ellen Nelder, Shelby Ata, Breeze Tuheke, Edhen Church, Izzie Porter, Dani-Elle White, Sok Cheang Lim, Briahna Dawson, Emily Ball

Absent: Olivia Cripps, Elizabeth Harris, Hayden Lupton, Katie Walker

Back Row: Sam Gardner, Haydn Dyer, Renata Blissett, Cameron Gill, Jamie Manuell, Leslie Kingi, Levi Adomea, Hemi Connelly

4th Row: Dylan Hawken, Murphy Linehan, Hannah Johnson, Blake Anderson, Cullen Curtis, Cheyanne Ball, Liza Fairburn, George Goddard, Jaz Gilpin

3rd Row: Joseph Hoshino, Jordan Hyland, David Jenkins, Anjalim Kumar, Hayden Buckley, Alicia Littlejohn, Samantha George, Brylee Bishara, Tayler Jaques, Chelsea Lloyd

2nd Row: Mrs C Laue, Krystal Buckingham, Meika Hodge, Taylor Kingi, Dakota Honour, Nikita Butler, Joben Hicks, Nana Hirabayashi, Victoria Bidgood, Crishla Kemp

Front Row: Georgia-May Clark, Rebecca Ball, Michaela Kemp, Maddy Garnett, Nicole Biddle, Tyler Heywood, Nina Linnell, Vanessa Arcus, Calin Goodfellow

Absent: Banyon Carnell, Emma Garnett, Erica Kaire, Warren Kiddie-Williams

YEAR 11 A-L



YEAR 11 M-Z

Back Row: Hwiseung Ro, Dylan Sims, Michael Parker, Jamie Manuell, Blake Porteous, Dylan Wharfe

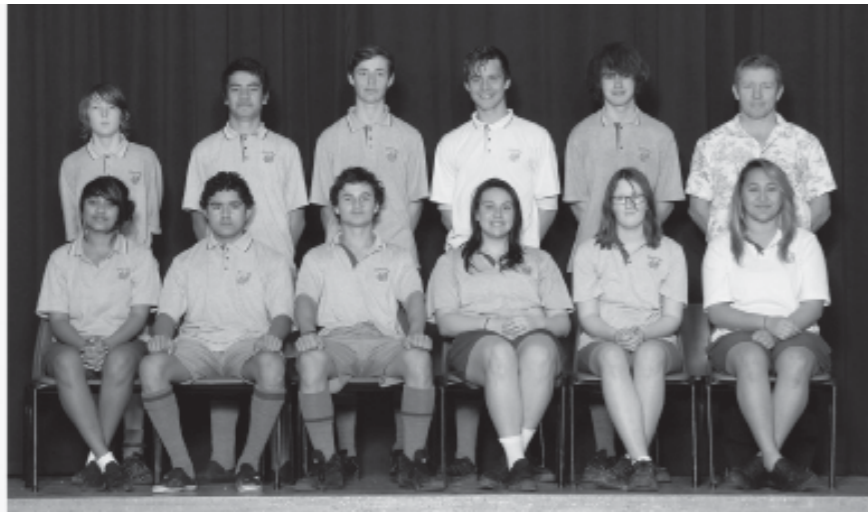
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3rd Row: Mackenzie Rose, Bianca Slimo, Michelle Schimanski, Dylan Tavino, Clayton Nishitani-Hart, Luca Rosseels, Crystal Millar, Tayla Perkinson, Miss R Barclay

2nd Row: Karli Wintle, Maxim Usmar, Risa Masuda, Liam Winslow, Krystal Reyland, Gemma Thomas, Vicky Oishi, Kaipō Parker, Shekainah Tautari

Front Row: Jasmine Sampson, Breanna Taito, Mercedes Von Dincklage, Tashae Paikea, Ayla Wehi, Cynthia Thomas, Amy Thurgood, Joshua Riddlestone, Courtney Mottram

Absent: Thomas Macdonald, Trent McLean, Scott Owens, Cheyenne Phillips, Adam Pierce, Dylan Swadling, Tayla Wetini-Donaldson, Dylan Wharfe



## YEAR 10 T

Back Row: Zac Watson, Tamati Hohepa, Sean Woodward, Marshall Ratama, Tony Walker, Mr M Troost  
 Front Row: Zena-hee Tuhiwhai, Daniel Wallace, Tane Young, Monika Smith, Michelle Baker, Reihana Phillips



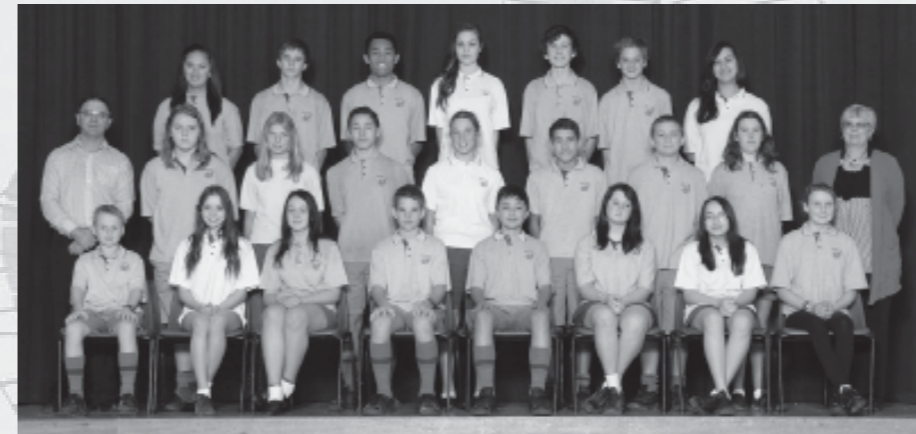
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 Middle Row: Mrs D Mateava, Hamuera Tierney, Julia Pearce, Shuntel Rika, Nelson Gilmour, Te Awaroa Peihopa, Lenhy Massey  
 Front Row: David Hames, Rebecca Robertson, Awhina Thomas, Rowena Allardyce, Liana Reid, Sammy Hammon, Daniel Dykins, Aidan Kiddie-Williams  
 Absent: Diva Ratu



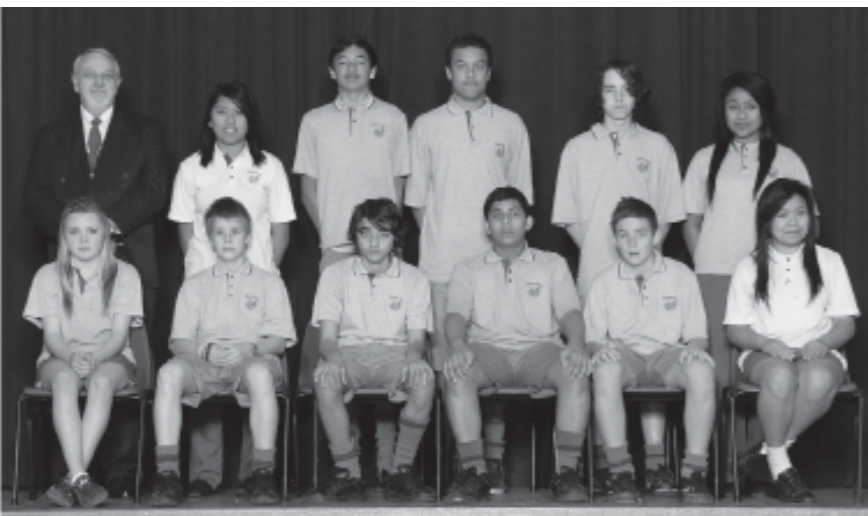
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Joseph Allen-Ulrich	Erin Mooney
Celia Bailey	Abby Parker
Ashton Coates	Emily Parker
Renee Forbes	Jamahl Robinson
Mickii Gilpin	Michaela Rowe
Shinea Goodfellow	Joshua Royds
Ruby-Rose Hallamore	Gabriella Seager
Rita Hames	Connor Small
Monica Jaques	Jesper Smyth
Mycah Keefe	Joel Stephens
Malachi Kerrigan	Natasha Tornquist
Cameron Lupton	Baylee Van Dalsum
Kelly Mace	Connor Van Dalsum
Terira Maxwell	Daniel Woodward
Molly McKie	Mr W MacLennan



## YEAR 9 E

Back Row: Tina Te Awa, Rhys Shadbolt, Kharnse Namana, Jera Stanley, Blake Sims, Ben Morley, Sophia Smith  
 Middle Row: Mr W MacLennan, Finn Denton, Juane Kriek, Rakai Parker, Kate Cawkwell-Troost, Kalani Wehi, Daniel Osborne, Harmony Rothwell, Ms D Squires  
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 Absent: Kenneth Kaire, Aiyana Walker



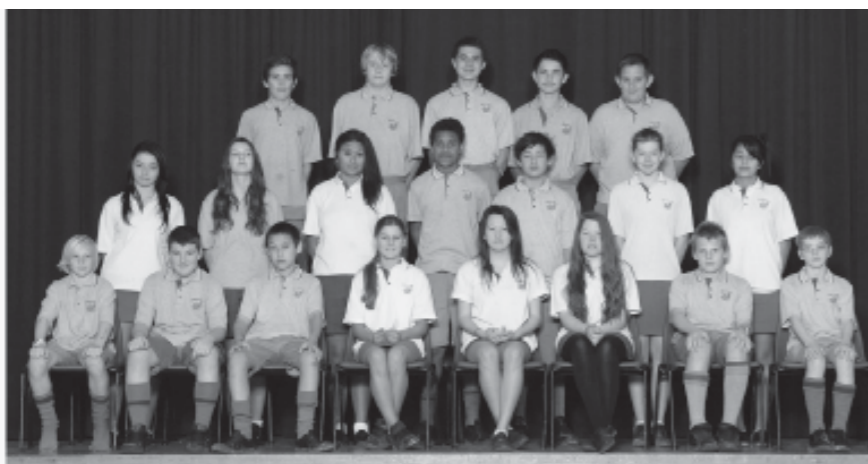
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 Front Row: Cheyenne Fisher, Quyten McCarroll, Kruegor Burton, Ravi Kumar, Kodi Foster, Josephine Maaka



## YEAR 8 N

Back Row: Aaron Lupton, Jonathon Tozer, Cameron McPherson, Dietrich Von Dincklage, Louis Cosgrave-Brogtop, Ewan Smith, Donnya Adams, Kaylah Pene, Shawna Hawken, Kayla Joyce  
 Middle Row: Mrs M Myburgh, Joseph Withers, Bailey Hastings, Tewairipo Tito, Anthony Kim, Rubin Paikea, Alyssa Kiddie-Williams, Kayden French, Shyla Hodge, Jader Fairburn, Conrad Harris, Ms S Landrey  
 Front Row: Holly Anderson, Claude Smyth, Corey Slimo, Marion Rabuatoka, Holly Kenyon, Jimmy Watson, Callum McConchie, Matthew Riddlestone, Tyler Foster, Jessika Grigg



## YEAR 9 S

Back Row: Jade Zaia, Jayson Gilpin, Joseph Perrett, Tane Aitken, Brody Shadbolt  
 Middle Row: Shania Torpy, Danielle Hyland, Ana Fairburn, Moshe Adomea, Mathius McGregor, Shyla Smith, Ebony Smythe  
 Front Row: Kallum Cresswell, Jacob Beeler, Brighdon Robson, Tyler Porteous, Karima Angus, Alice Lewis, Travis Flannagan, Callum Lowrie  
 Absent: Caleb Forbes, Azariah Ingham



## YEAR 8 S

Back Row: Jesse McGee, Laurinda Bokma, Jessica Allen, Natalie Birt, Immanuel Fairburn, Ngapaea Morgan, Zahn Phillips, Mathias Damsted, Erin Kingi, Annmarie Holst  
 Middle Row: Mrs M Myburgh, Hannah Mills, Faun Driver, Erin Corble, James White, Sunil Tohu, Xavier Brown, Angel McGregor, Chantel Shadbolt, Ryan Owens, Mrs L Whitehead  
 Front Row: Jesse Tautari, John McIsaac, Zoe Meehan, Curtis Stanaway, Leroy Porteous, Jason Taiaroa, Devan Gabbitas, Patrick Butler, Stacey Walker, Jarrod Hayes  
 Absent: Jahnessa Davis, Damien Cullen

This year we had a class that managed to utterly confound the school photographer and his camera, thus producing this interesting image for 10N.





## YEAR 7S

Back Row: Isaac Sheppard, Jeremiah Cosgrave-Brogdrop, Terewai Neil, Jayme Curtis, Aubyn Heath, Mark Langman, Waimarie Nathan-Jenkins

Middle Row: Mrs M Myburgh, Jade Tornquist, Chevy Turner-Bennett, Mahina Henry-Campbell, Quintin Brown, Georgia Denton, Mya Lawrence, Emma Millard, Miss A Kingsford

Front Row: Tyler Flannagan, Jeremy McCallum, Jade Reid, Hyde Massey, Suzy Thomas, Lucas Beeler, Bradley Hailes, Jenna Swadling

Absent: Samantha Andersen, Stephen McIsaac, Pasindu Mudannayaka



## YEAR 7N

Back Row: Nikayla Abel, Ethan Trembath, Shicane Storey, Tasha Perrett, Caleb Royds, Raiha Patrick, Ocean Shadbolt, Mason Wintle

Middle Row: Mrs K Sewell, Cole Doyle, Portia Wehi, Andrew Pari, Blossom Connelly, Braeden Yardley, Piper Hastings, Jacinda Halliday, Sam Phillips

Front Row: Danni McKie, Kayne Goodfellow, Damien Hayes, Rosasharn Vincent, Chance Ratima, Bridgette Hosford, Matthew Hamilton, Julia Manschewski

Absent: Rip Linehan



## STUDENT COUNCIL

Back Row: Jake Powell, Dylan Sims, Matthew McRae, Brent Sewell, Jamie Manuell, Jack Williamson, Tom Nordmeier

3rd Row: Elese Cocking, Nate Madsen, Maika Abel, Austin McCabe, Stacey Lewin, Alex Damsted, Lulu Smith

2nd Row: Tahlia Howard, Kenneth Shum, Caitlin Foster, Kelsey Orford, Alana Stewart, Brooke Madden, Kendall Hayes, Poppy Tohill, Miss A Kingsford

Front Row: Simone Sidwell, Paige Mottram, Bayley Coates, William Church, Mrs R Clothier-Simmonds, James Finlay Benjamin Linton, Izzie Porter, Tyler Heywood



## KAPA HAKA

Back Row: Shontay Morunga, Lulu Smith, Sophia Butler, James Ratima, Tamati Hohipa, Tamati Abel, Kelsey Orford, Ngapaea Morgan

Middle Row: Ms T Paul, Portia Wehi, Ebony Smythe, Jasmine Sampson, Michaela Kemp, Kaitlin Kaire, Latina Te Awa, Tasha Perrett, Breeze Tuheke, Shekainah Tautari

Front Row: Jesse Tautari, Crishla Kemp, Taylor Kingi, Cynthia Thomas, Nana Hirabashi, Tashae Paikea, Jader Fairburn, Nikayla Abel, Blossom Connelly



## NETBALL I

Mrs N Kemp, Breeze Tuheke, Bianca Slimo, Bayley Coates, Diva Ratu, Caitlin Foster, Elese Cocking, Cheyanne Ball, Michelle Schimanski, Anna Blythen, Jasmine Sampson, Mrs R Slimo

## STUDENT LEADERS & HOUSE CAPTAINS



Back Row: Kenneth Shum, Austin McCabe, Tom Nordmeier, Lulu Smith

Middle Row: Alana Stewart, Elese Cocking, Maika Abel, Caitlin Foster, Brooke Madden

Front Row: James Finlay, Jake Powell, Jack Williamson, Mrs R Clothier-Simmonds, Tahlia Howard, Stacey Lewin, Simone Sidwell



## LIBRARIANS

Back Row: Mrs V Garnett, Shyla Hodge, Jacynnda Galloway, Gabriella Seager, Emily Ball, Mrs C Pilkington

Front Row: Renee Forbes, Erin Corble, Zoe Meehan, Stacey Walker, Hannah Mills, Juane Kriek

# 2013 LEAVERS

1 - NICKNAME / 2 - BEST OTA MEMORY / 3 - THE FUTURE

## BROOKE MADDEN

**Brookie**  
This year's ball which was amazing!  
*Taking my love of GTA V to the real world*

## KENDALL HAYES

**Ken**  
Rotorua trip and the luge  
*Studying design, but not sure where. Look out Karen Walker!*

## BRITANNY DYER

**Brix**  
Trying to get crutches back from Brooke and Poppy in Media year 12.  
*Early childhood education study at the Careers College*

## JOESIAH DAY

**No nick-name is printable in a book for family consumption.**  
There are no happy memories; if I dwell in the past I will cry.  
*I have no plans, no future, but a deadly secret.*

## LOGAN JAQUES

**Lag**  
Ahhhh... well? Dunno, really  
*No idea*

## PAIGE MOTTRAM

**Peachy or P.gizzle**  
Taryn's fight with Tom Kehoe in Year 9  
*Bachelor of Education at Auckland*

## JAKE POWELL

**Jack**  
On the last day of term our Year 10 PE class running away from Mrs Shellswell and hiding in the bushes.  
*Repeating Year 13*

## POPPY TOHILL

**Popsta**  
Getting a lift home with Jon Toogood when I missed my bus  
*Take over the entire music industry and become Gin's manager*

## JACK WILLIAMSON

**Jake**  
Jayden Johnson forgetting his two pairs of underwear for cricket and JB had to lend him his.  
*Couch arsonist*

## MAIKA ABEL

**White fish**  
Wouldn't know where to start!  
*Joining army as officer cadet - engineering corps*

## ELESE COCKING

**Bin-rustler**  
2009 Japan trip  
*Become champion bin-diver for 2014 at Otago*

## AUSTIN MCCABE

**Persian rug**  
Fantastic memories of the hockey trips around NZ with great mates, snow fights with Mrs Bruce and awesome parent helpers. Thanks guys!  
*Going to Israel on a gospel mission then travelling around the Middle East and Europe looking for inspiration.*

## MING XING

**Kung Fu Panda**  
Activity week for ESOL students  
*Northtec to do mechanical studies*

## EMMA BENNETTO

**Bubblez**  
Sailing a week on the R. Tucker Thompson without internet or cell phone  
*Hospitality service*

## JACYNDA GALLOWAY

**JC or Cynda**  
When Fletch forgot about our history class  
*Party the year away!*

## SMONE SDWELL

**Midget**  
Jumping off the drama stage and nearly breaking my ankle  
*Apprentice jeweller - I hope*

## TAHLIA HOWARD

**Commando**  
I accidentally popped my blister on the tent door at Relay for Life. It squirted on Logan and Stacey's faces, while the whole year 13 group burst out laughing.  
*Move to Norway and paint portraits of nude, aristocratic men.*

## KENNETH SHUM

**Sexy**  
Having a rap battle with Ms Bosch that she won rapping to Tinie Tempah  
*Becoming a male model*

## LOGAN EAGER

**Logi Bear**  
Year 10 camp  
*Pre-trade training to be an automotive engineer*

## ALANA STEWART

**Stewie**  
The Domino Kid (he knows who he is!) doing a huge throw-up in the Waipu car park after pigging out on pizzas and fizzy drink - ewwww!  
*Performing at a high class alternative adult entertainment venue*

## STACEY LEWIN

**Stack**  
Jack spilling an entire Caesar Salad down the front of himself in a flash restaurant.  
*Making interesting and mind altering drugs*

## LAYNE TANTIN

**Peg-leg Pete**  
Leaving  
*Become an internationally celebrated sloth groomer*

## CAITLIN FOSTER

**Poly**  
Falling down a flight of stairs and into a pole that was being painted at Auckland Uni when we went to Girls in Science  
*Becoming Dunner's Babe of the Day*

## KIMI-ORA FOLLAS

**Kimothy or Neville**  
Developing a fear of huhu grubs in my wet suit thanks to Year 10 girls' camp - and no one believed me!  
*Own a llama farm with Taryn (or just go to the International Travel College, if I get bored)*

## JANOS PANYCOZKI

**j\_boy4lyfe@hotmail.com**  
Mr McLennan's dry, dry jokes.  
*Lead guitarist in Keanu's Nickleback tribute band and convert to Islam*

## MITCHELL MCKENZIE

**Year 10 camp**  
*Working and keeping off the dole*

## TOM NORDMEIER

**Nordmeister**  
Too many; the sheep that got 'struck by lightning', Tahlia accidentally popping the blister on her heel and it squirting everyone, Hockey Tournament Week 2013  
*Hunting down the daily Dunner's Babe of the Day*

## HOLLIE BISHARA

**Hollz**  
Mrs Bruce made me and Brody Cummings scrub chewing gum off the netball courts because she thought we were chewing in class - we weren't!  
*Travelling the world to seek my fortune*

## JAMIE MACE

**Mangawhai**  
Alana and I setting the floor fan on fire in English - it was an accident, ok. It was!  
*Starting my own brewery specialising in half serve bottles*

## SUZE KATAVICH

**Subo and Lord Voldemort**  
How Ms Bosche especially bakes food for me  
*Dictator of the World. No problems!*

## TAYLA EAGER

**Taytay**  
Running around school playing foot tiggly!  
*I hope to go nursing :) and grow dank as tea*

## PRASHIL PRASARD

**Work experience at Carters**  
*Buying a Four Square franchise*

## VINCENT TERZETTI

**Mike Jones**  
Got stood down for something I didn't do  
*Going to Bangkok for my special operation.*

## KEANU HOLDEN

**King of the bar**  
When Brooke Wharfe was knocked out by a little year 9 kid  
*Making it big with my Nickleback tribute band*

## LAWTON DODD

**Tubbs**  
My friends - I am so useless with adjectives, guys  
*Auckland uni doing maths*

## CLAIRE TIMPERLEY

**Claire Bear**  
Making new friends  
*Hopefully studying statistics or criminology at university*

## MACALLA MCCARROLL

**Maaka**  
Pretending to be my sister when she bunked class.  
*A visit to Amsterdam to take up a very specialised business opportunity.*

## RENEE MOONEY

**Re-noodle**  
Mr Laue stalking a fly across the room in English  
*Bachelor of Veterinary Science*

## ELLA SIMS

**Twigs**  
Me and Michaela Dodd built a secret hut under the dental clinic  
*Nursing and midwifery*



