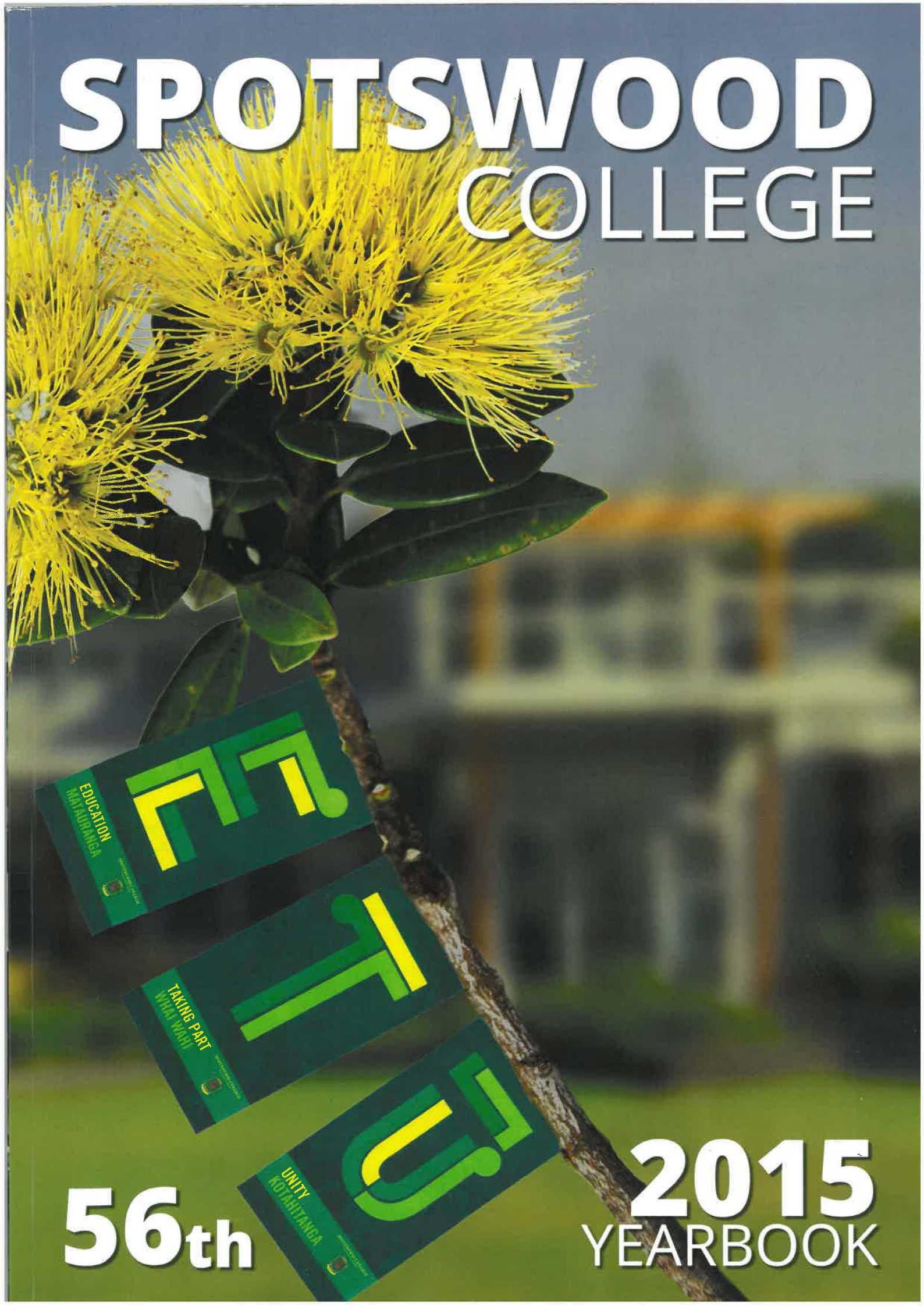


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Yahoo!!!! The 2015 edition of the Spotswood College School Magazine has finally been put together and we have made it to the printers on time.

I would like to thank the dedicated group of Year 13's that helped me with this year's magazine, they were: Matthew Hufton, Siany O'Brien, Niamh Kelly, Zoe Sagarin, Luke Abbott, Libby Needs, Jani Grobler, Josie Hick and Teia Wallace.

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Lastly to Tony Peters our photographer extraordinaire, thank you so much for fitting into your busy days, time to take the amazing photographs that appear in our publication.

John O'Keefe

Spotswood College Magazine Editor/Co-ordinator



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2015

I would like to present some ideas to challenge all of you, whether school leavers or life-long learners, in your thinking about the role education has in the development and future of communities – both local and global.

We are all aware of the pace of change. Adapting to new technologies challenges us all (especially those of us more afflicted by gravity than others) but we do adapt. Technology is bringing about subtle changes to our social structures, the way we organize ourselves, the way we communicate and relate to one another, the way we build the cohesiveness needed to achieve economic and social prosperity – these are the changes I believe we need to give considerable thought to, and plan for, if we are to survive as a species.

Science and Technology have long been vaunted as the tools for solving the planets challenges. Science will find a solution to the sustainability issues inherent in the use of fossil fuels; Science will provide mechanisms to ensure sufficient food is available for the planets burgeoning population; Science will solve the issues of climate change, pollution, aging and so on.

But can Science build unity across diverse populations, assist communities to agree upon universal values, develop mutual respect regardless of ethnic, cultural and religious differences? Can Science assist mankind to address the inequities created by an economic system based on competition? I suggest not.

The competitive approach to human development has served us well for thousands, probably hundreds of thousands of years, but just like the oil, the water, the environment, it is not a sustainable way of ensuring the existence of the human species? It is time that the philosophers helped us develop new creative and collaborative ways of thinking that will lead us to new ways of organizing ourselves.

Students at Spotswood College are creative thinkers and they do recognize the values that underpin successful groups. Our recognition and acceptance of diversity; our willingness to include people who are different from ourselves and our commitment to caring for one another are key skills required for life in the 21st Century.

We are excited about the future, and the changes our senior students will lead, whether it be in your backyard or on a global stage.

Local and global collaboration is rapidly becoming a

survival necessity rather than a nice to have utopian vision of peace and love. Relentless competition for finite global resources is not sustainable. A collaborative focus in our thinking as groups, communities and nations has the potential to assist us develop sustainable economic models and systems, supported by Science and Technology and founded upon universal values.

Yeah right – pie in the sky? It is happening. The Ministry of Education is reviewing the current Education Act (1989) to encourage schools to collaborate rather than compete to advance student learning and achievement. Spotswood College has established COP Groups (Communities of Practice) to enable teachers to learn, share and trial best practice teaching techniques. Spotswood College, Devon Intermediate, Omata School and Oakura School are working together to improve the seamless teaching of written language from Year 6 – 13. Next year we will establish a Community of Learning with 10 other schools in our area to share teaching resources, knowledge and skills. Our Board of Trustees are developing a vision of Spotswood College as a community school. The Board is wanting our new Gymnasium to be available, not only to local sports groups, but to other community groups who can utilize meeting space and catering facilities within the Gym. We are currently seeking funding to carry out an in-depth study of this proposal to determine the feasibility of our school as a hub for the community on our side of town.

Taranaki Secondary Schools are discussing ways that we can share resources and expertise. Schools are beginning to understand that all our young people must achieve if we are to prosper. We must not allow ourselves as a community to get narrow in our thinking that one school should be better than another – all schools must be resourced and supported with a view that they are developing our community children not just those associated with any particular school.

Employers through the Taranaki Futures Trust are understanding the importance of their role in working with schools and tertiary providers to help prepare young people, not only to be workers, but to be contributing participants in our community. The collaborative approach taken through Taranaki Futures has educators, businesses, Iwi and community groups committing themselves to a community focused and collaborative model of community prosperity and development.

As numbers of people attending Church regularly, dwindle, and as 24/7 work commitments impact on Sports and other clubs, the schools are becoming one of the few organisations where facilities can be available for the community.

Students today are going to experience massive social change, not just technological change. As a community we must think about these changes and assist our leaders of tomorrow to navigate their way through them.

The Board, Staff, Students, PTA and Komiti Maori have recently been reviewing the vision, principles and values of our school to ensure that they are current and reflect what we are about and where we are going as a community school. Whilst we are wanting to improve the words of some of our documents we are satisfied that the sentiments of “Developing young people of good character with the skills and knowledge to contribute to the increasingly complex and connected global society” ring true and that our underpinning E Tū values are right for our school and for these times.

2015 has been another year of our relentless desire for continual improvement. NCEA results have improved again – our students have excelled across a wide range of sporting, cultural and academic pursuits including national representation and titles in:-

- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival
- Equestrian – both Dressage and Show Jumping
- Music from Rock Quest, Jazz and Band competitions, to the Orchestra in a day and the brilliant performances of our very own Spotty Idol Competition
- Visual Art Scholarships
- Oratory Competitions
- Special Olympics
- Maths Fair Quiz Winners
- Spelling Bee Winners
- Writing and English Comprehension
- Science Fair Placings
- Boxing International
- Indoor Bowls
- Volleyball
- Rugby and Rugby League Provincial Representatives
- Skiing and Snowboarding
- Mini Bike Racing

Along with these accomplishments students have taken significant leadership roles through the E Tū Committee, Student Council, Kotahitanga Group, Prefect Committees, Whanau and Hapu roles as well as through the Peer Support Programme where Year 13 students work with Year 9 students.

We have appreciated student participation in beautifying the school through their landscaping efforts and in painting murals, through their involvement in our PTA Gala and their support of numerous functions as well as their community support through breakfast programmes, writing and second language assistance to local Primary schools as well as coaching and refereeing at Primary School Sports Day.

It goes without saying that behind each of these successful events are teachers and support staff who give of their time, skills, passions and talents. Spotswood College is most fortunate to have such committed caring and able staff. Thank you all for your contribution to our students and our school during 2015.

It is a sad joy to be farewelling Miss Emily Scott from the end of the year. Miss Scott has taken a promotion to be Head of the English Faculty at Opunake High School. Her expertise as a teacher, the highly effective and caring relationships she develops and maintains with students and her fastidious attention to planning and detail will be sorely missed by both staff and students. We wish Emily all the very best for this much deserved promotion and fresh challenge.

Recently we farewelled Mr Nigel Colless, our Guidance Counsellor. Mr Colless worked with students and staff to plan, implement and refine our E Tū programme. His expertise as a Counsellor and his caring as a person will be missed by students and staff alike. Mr Colless has resigned to take up a Senior Psychologist position with a social agency in Auckland.

Mrs Colless has worked closely in our school this year in her role as RTL (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour). Mrs Colless will leave us at the end of the year to be with Nigel in Auckland. Mrs Colless' contribution has been significant in the short time that she has worked with us.

Ms Aly Scott left us early November on maternity leave for 2016. We wish Aly and Tyrel well for the birth of their third child and look forward to Aly rejoining us in 2017.

Mr Robin Stanford is taking leave for 2016 – he too will return to us in 2017. We wish him well for his year of travel and refreshment.

Mr Brent Dunnet has been awarded a Science Study Scholarship for Terms 1 & 2 next year. We congratulate

him for winning this prestigious award and look forward to his return to our school in Term 3 of next year.

Ms Ros McGlade is leaving with her family for Australia. We appreciated her willingness to assist us again this year. We wish her well for this new adventure.

We are pleased to be welcoming back Ms Tracey Laurence who has been away on leave during 2015. We look forward to her ongoing leadership of the PE and Health Faculty.

Our Science Technician Mrs Mary-Ann Stretton is retiring at the end of the year after almost 20 years in the role. We wish her a well-earned and enjoyable retirement.

Student Sport Captains at our Sports Prizegiving acknowledged the wonderful contribution that our Coaches, Managers and parent supporters make to our school through their involvement in school sport – we are very appreciative of the work you do with our students.

The BOT continues to work hard in their Governance role. Their strategic thinking and planning has been crucial as we begin our property upgrade, their understanding of the challenges teachers and students face is commendable. I am very grateful of their guidance, support and encouragement.

Our PTA works hard to provide the 'extras' for our school. The PTA Winter Gala was again successful raising almost \$15,000. The feedback and goodwill of the PTA contributes significantly to our growing sense of school community.

Komiti Maori are setting clear goals for 2016 to raise the profile of our Kapa Haka group. We are very fortunate to have Matua Clive as our tutor and to be able to tap into the passion and enthusiasm of a number of parents and whanau.

This year we established the Parents Consultative Group (PCG) to help develop an effective communication forum between our school and parents who have children with Special Learning needs. The group has offered challenges and suggestions to improve the inclusiveness of the Special Needs Unit and Experience Unit into our school. We are all excited by the opportunity presented by the design and building of our new Special Needs Unit – 2016 will be an exciting year for Special Education.

Thank you all for your contribution to our school.

The joy of teaching is working with young people, our rangatahi, as they journey from emerging adolescents

to young adults. We are so proud of our Leavers – they are young people who have contributed to us, and our school, as much as they have received.

As you leave our school take time to reflect on this moment of transition. Think about the learning you have done, the growing and success you have experienced. Determine in your heart to strive always to be the best you can be, to be a giver rather than a taker, to be generous in your support and care for others, to set yourself goals that challenge and engage you. If you continue in this way you will adapt, you will see opportunities and solutions – and be leaders in your communities. Work hard, have fun, live positively and fully.

All the very best for your futures, work hard for your exams. Thank you for being part of our school over the past 5 years.

My special thanks to all members of our school community for your contribution over 2015. I have appreciated your support, encouragement, kindness and courtesy. 2016 will be another exciting year of learning and development both as individuals and as a school. It feels way too early to say this but I want to be the first to start the avalanche – Have a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

No reira, tena koutou tena koutou tena tatou katoa

BOARD CHAIRMAN PRIZEGIVING SPEECH

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa Hello everybody here
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa..... warm greetings to everyone
Ki te atua-tēnā koe to God – greetings
Ki a papatuanuku – tēnā koe to mother earth – greetings
Ki te kura/whare – tēnā koe to the school/house – greetings
Ki te hunga mate farewell the dead
Ki te hunga ora welcome the living
Tēnā koutou katoa greetings to all

Ko Warren Smart toku ignoa,
Ko chairman of the BOT

2015 has been an interesting year for the Spotswood College BOT. We are finally seeing some progress on paper for a new Special Needs Unit and a new Gym. It has been almost 12 months since these projects were agreed to by the Ministry of Education. In Auckland they have had a population growth of 8.5%, in Taranaki that population growth has been 7.7%. In Auckland the spending on school buildings is far greater than the spending here in Taranaki. From a Board perspective this is a frustrating statistic when we want our school to be as modern as any in the country.

There is one asset our school does have and that is the people that work here. In this respect I would like to publically thank Mr Bowden for the way he leads our school with an eye to the future and always with the pupils in the forefront. I would also like to thank all the teachers and support staff here at Spotswood College, without your efforts and hard work this school would not be as successful as it is. Again in the boards dealing with the staff, you are professional and put our pupils first. Thank you.

As a board we have also been using the values of the school to guide us in our decision making. As a school we are diverse, inclusive and caring. These are the overriding principles of the E TŪ programme and we also use them at a board level to influence our decisions. If this is your last year at Spotswood, no matter where or what you are heading to, try to keep those three values in your life. If you are coming back next year think about how those values can help you at school. But don't just think about those values, try to live by them as well. This is my challenge to you as you set off to the next stage of your life.

Finally, 35 years ago I sat here as a student leaving Spotswood College just as the year 13s are now. I have no idea what was said in the speeches on that

day, but I do remember being proud that I had been to Spotswood, and that is still true for me today. So remember your school with pride and go forward to find your own way in the world.

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STAFF REPORT

We are most grateful of the dedication and commitment our staff (both Teaching Staff and Support Staff) make to ensure that our students achieve to the best of their ability and that they are well prepared for the next step in their lives.

We wish leaving staff all the very best for their next steps and acknowledge their wonderful contribution to our school and to our students.



Ian Gabites

Mr Gabites has retired after 30 years dedicated service to our school. His expertise as a teacher is regularly referred to by both past and present students and their families. A true gentleman Ian has

always developed and maintained positive and highly effective relationships with students, families and staff. He will be greatly missed by staff, particularly by his Science Faculty staff members. As a Senior Staff member, through his role as Science Faculty Head and previously as Staff Representative on the Board of Trustees, Ian has contributed significantly to the vision and direction of our school. We wish Ian and Jocelyn all the very best for this new chapter in their lives beyond the gates of Spotswood College.



Emily Scott

Miss Emily Scott is saying farewell to Spotswood College after thirteen years of dedicated service. The school would like to wish her well with her new role in 2016 as HOD English at Opunake High School. The staff have always appreciated Miss Scott's cheerfulness and her passion for her students to achieve to their potential. We will miss her contribution to the wider life of the school. Kia Kaha Miss Scott.



Mary-Ann Stretton

Mrs Stretton has been our Science Technician for 20 years. Preparing materials for Practical Science classes and ensuring resources are well maintained has been critical to efficiency and effectiveness

of our Science Faculty. Mrs Stretton has worked very closely with Mr Gabites and his team; her knowledge, skill and calm methodical approach to her work will be sorely missed by our Science Staff. We wish Mary-Ann and her husband Trevor well for their retirement.

Nigel Colless

Mr Colless resigned as Guidance Counsellor early in Term IV. As a registered Psychologist he has moved to take up a Senior Psychologists position with an agency in Auckland. Over the last five years Mr Colless has made a significant contribution to the development of our student support systems including our E TŪ project as well as supporting, encouraging and caring for many individual students. We congratulate Mr Colless on his new position and wish him well for his change of career direction.

Dawn Colless

Mrs Colless has been our RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour) based in our school for 2015. During her time with us she has been instrumental in assisting us develop systems to enhance teaching and learning. Her expertise has been greatly valued as has her ability to gain the confidence of staff, students and families.

Liza Albers

Liza has been the RTLB attached to our school. During 2015 she has been on Study Leave and has recently returned invigorated by her study and research and looking forward to putting new ideas into practice. We welcome Liza back to our school.

Jo Hill

Jo has relieved for Ms Albers in the RTLB role. We have enjoyed Jo's positivity and the warmth of her interactions with everybody. We wish Jo well for whatever role she undertakes in 2016.



Rebecca Willy

Ms Willy left us in Week 6 of Term III to go on maternity leave. Bethany Lorna Thomson was born shortly after. We wish Rebecca well for this precious time but look forward to her return to us following her maternity leave.



Ros McGlade

Ms McGlade officially left us at the end of 2014 but a change in her plans allowed us to have her on our team for another year. We have always appreciated her expertise as an Accounting and Economics teacher. As she moves to Australia with her family we wish her all the best for her new and exciting Sydney adventure.



Jenny Brookes

We have very recently appointed Mrs Brookes to our Finance Team. Mrs Brookes has been with us for some time but we are very pleased to have her now permanently in Finances. Her expertise, attention to detail and the warmth of her interactions with others is greatly appreciated.



Brent Dunnet

Mr Dunnet has been awarded a Science Study Scholarship for Terms 1 and 2 of 2016. We congratulate him for his winning of this prestigious award and look forward to his return to school in Term III.



Robin Stanford

Mr Stanford is taking leave for 2016 returning to us in 2017. Mr Stanford has a year of travel and other pursuits planned to re-energise for 2017. We trust that he has a safe and an exciting year.

Aly Scott

Ms Scott has just left us on maternity leave for 2016. Ms Scott and partner Tyrel are looking forward to the arrival of their third child. Mrs Anna Scott will relieve for Aly through 2016.

Tracey Laurence

Miss Laurence has enjoyed her year pursuing other interests. We are very pleased to be welcoming her back into her role as Head of Physical Education for 2016.

AN OBITUARY

Ms Edna Mossman (1972 – 2015)

Edna worked as a Teacher Aide in our Special Needs Unit from the beginning of 2014. Edna's son Kam has been a student at our school over the past 4 years. Edna's strength and positivity despite her battle with cancer inspired and encouraged us all.

HEAD BOY, HEAD GIRL & DUX

Dux 2015



Teia Wallace is the Spotswood College Dux for 2015. Teia has been a student of the school since 2011 and she has achieved NCEA Level One and Two, both with Excellence endorsement.

This year Teia studied Level Three English, Geography, History, Classical Studies, and Economics. At the Senior Prizegiving Ceremony, she was awarded first in Geography, History, and Classical Studies. She was First Equal in Economics and First Equal in Senior Speech. Teia was also the recipient of the Helen J. Bacon Award for Excellence in Geography and History.

Teia has contributed to the wider school in her role as a member of Peer Support and the Secondary Schools' Mooting Competition. She has also been an active participant in TSSSA events and the 40 Hour Famine.

In 2016 Teia will read Law and undertake a BA Degree majoring in Philosophy, Economics and Politics at Otago University.

Proxime Accessit 2015



The Proxime Accessit to the Dux at Spotswood College for 2015 is Siany O'Brien. She has been a student of the school since 2011 and she has achieved NCEA Level One and Two, both with Excellence endorsement.

Siany's subjects for this year have been Level Three English, Drama, Spanish, Classical Studies, and Geography. Siany was awarded First Equal in Senior Speech at the Senior Prizegiving Ceremony, and also gained Merits in Classical Studies, Drama, and Spanish along with Diligence for English.

Siany's contribution to the wider school has been substantial with her role as Academic Prefect and a member of Peer Support. Siany participated in the 2015 Secondary Schools' Mooting Competition and she was student director at the 2015 Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. Siany also served on the Spotswood College Ball Committee this year.

In 2016 Siany will read Law and undertake a BA Degree majoring in Computer Science and Linguistics at Otago University.

Head Girl 2016



I am Montana Bennett, Spotswood College Head Girl for 2016. I am thrilled to be given this opportunity to be able to work more closely with the students and staff, in order to make positive changes within the

school. The values of our school resonate with me because they apply to life during school and outside of it, particularly relating to our relationships with others and integrity.

In 2016 I plan to study Level Three English, Classical Studies, History, Drama, and Calculus. In the future I would like to attend Victoria University to read Law.

Head Boy 2016



I am Michael Anderson and I am excited to be Spotswood College's Head Boy for 2016. For me, Spotswood College exemplifies a positive and enjoyable learning environment for students to thrive

and succeed. At Spotswood we are inclusive, caring and learning is our focus. These principles, along with the Key Competencies are wrapped up in our school's value system ETŪ (Education, Taking Part, Unity). This system aids us not only for our learning at school, it prepares students with life skills to utilise in the 'real world.'

In 2016 I am planning to study Level Three English, Spanish, Physics, Calculus, and Music. At the moment my plans for tertiary study are undecided but I am thinking about pursuing a career in Education and Teaching.

HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL PRIZE GIVING SPEECH

Hello, Good evening ... I don't have time to thank everybody, but I will take this time to show my appreciation to my three favourite teachers ... Mr Google, Mr Wikipedia, and Mrs Copy & Paste. Thank you.

It began in the summer of two thousand and ten plus one, Your journey through high school had just begun, the people were so tall and made you scared, but you looked around and saw you weren't the only one who was weird. Sometimes you got lost and tried not to cry, but you didn't let anyone know you were melting inside.

Over time you made lots of friends and soon fit in, and then wham just like that, Year Ten begins. You were all grown up now, and you knew you were cool, so you started wearing your mufti to school, you brought all your snapbacks and all your gear, until Mr Joe caught you and said "Hey, come over here!"

Then its year 11 and now you're in NCEA, and suddenly that Year Ten ego has gone away, it was time to get to work, no more time for fun, getting your grades getting your credits, getting that work done. Just working harder than you have before, like you'd never believe, then it's the moment of truth your grades are back ... NOT ACHIEVED!?!

And then BOOM, just like that, it's Year Twelve, except time you have to read the book you picked from the library shelves, but you're seasoned pro at high school, you know how to NCEA, until you do biology and the paramecium keep running away.

Then to top it all off you've got prefect applications, you've never experienced this stress, and just before your interview you notice your hair's a mess, and then just like that exams are back, but this time you're not scared, this time you "studied", and this time you were prepared.

Then it was the final year of school you were a big kid, "Year Thirteen", at this point you start to question your life and what it really means. Where will you go next year? What will you do? And what about your friends? You're not ready to leave school, you can't leave home, you don't want this to end. And out of all your decisions to make, you have to make that choice, so you find inspiration in a familiar, yet sometimes annoying, voice. You sit in your final prizegiving, and whilst the head boy speaks, your life is changed for the better just from listening to his speech. You realise your life's path, your potential and more! And wham it's two thousand and sixteen, you're no longer that young boy or girl, you're a grown adult ... and you're about to change the world!

Written by Luke Abbott.

I walked through those doors not knowing what was in front. Not knowing the element and the brilliance of what was planned and prepared, for me. Where one day I am shaped into a person I thought I would never be. I was moulded for success, ready to be the best, more than less, because of Spotswood College. Through those doors was E. T and U was the virtue that I grew and flew to now. To the journey that unlocked my dreams, and to stop me screaming was me believing that I can achieve anything. The place was full of benevolence, the teachers were intelligent taught me and inspired me, so hard work was the evidence, guess what Luke achieved with Excellence. Five years back I walked through those hall doors not knowing what was in store for me. We were the new year 9's of 2011, and we were seated on that side of the hall, and Mr. Bowden was speaking to us up here, and I specifically remember him saying, "Five years from now you would be on that side of the hall." And I looked over on that side and I saw the Year 13's, on that side of the hall were the ones who I believe were full of knowledge and capability just by looking at them. Well five years came along really quick should I say. We didn't end up being on that side, but that's alright. Earlier of this year we had the pleasure of welcoming the new year 9's of 2015 along with their parents. And we were now the year 13's. 5 years is here. 5 years of growth I'm not sure physically but definitely educationally. The student that I am now, the ability that I have to reach my goals and stay committed and be confident, was not because of me alone. Yes sure self-motivation did play a part but it was because of the people here in Spotswood College. My journey in my formal education was bigger than life, and so I will give this opportunity to give a bigger than life thanks to those people who have helped me through this voyage.

First of all, I would like to say a big thanks to Mr. Hill who is my whanau teacher for 5 years. Thank you Mr. Hill for supporting me and guiding me throughout my time here. I am especially thankful for all that you have done

in the parent teacher interviews. At that time I didn't know my career path but aiming for a goal such as aiming for excellence endorsed in NCEA Level 1 was definitely a step. So Mr. Hill I'd like to say thank you for helping me reflect on my goals and the steps to make that happen. My parents as well are very thankful for your support.

Thank you to Mrs. Cast for having me in year 9, 12 and 13. Personally I love English my favourite subject. Mrs. Cast took our English class in 1930's Southern United States, where we were introduced to the civil rights movement and the prejudice within it. I have learnt to avoid killing mockingbirds. She also took us in 1692, in the small Massachusetts village of Salem. I will never forget the sacrifice of John Proctor, a marvelous tragic hero. And I love the 1920's, where we were introduced to Jay Gatsby, who I wish to tell, "Daisy isn't worth it move on buddy". Mrs. Cast I really enjoyed being in your class. You are very passionate at what you do and thank you for sharing that to us.

To Mr. Shaw who is a very positive person, who tells us not to worry, and to give your best. Thank you Mr. Shaw for your words of inspiration and motivation, even if it is only short. Your positivity radiates throughout and it definitely made a huge impact on the way I am able to tackle the challenges of school work.

Thank you to Mr. Stanford, Mr. Moorby, Mr. Gabities, Mr. Clarke, and for Mrs. Tran-Lawrence, for teaching me this year. Thank you to Mr. Parr for being our Year 13 Dean. Thank you to my Year 9 and 10 teachers for making my junior years very fun and memorable. The teachers I had as a junior student helped built the solid foundations that allowed me to do well in my senior years.

And to Mr. Bowden, a man of integrity, and a man with a big heart whose love is evident in this school. Thank you for your support, for the outstanding care you show for all of us, and most of all thank you for your leadership. You are a great leader. Your service and unwavering dedication towards the school has inspired us. We are all privileged to have you as our Principal.

And to all the other teachers and staff I have not mentioned, those who I have never had as a teacher, and those who work outside the classroom, I am grateful and thankful for the time and effort you have offered to the students and to this school. Your time and talent is treasured.

And to the Year 13's, thank you for your support as mates, study mates, shouting me lunch because I don't have any money mates. I am very grateful that I have met such a lovely bunch. You all are my friends for life, and I wish you all the very best in the new chapters of your own journey. Remember that greatness can only be accomplished with passion, so be passionate, pour your hearts out to make your dreams a reality, and do not be afraid. For those who do not know what to pursue, start with pursuing happiness. I am excited to see where you take your place in this world. And I hope to see you all there in 2020 where we will have our reunion.

A quote from T. S. Eliot. My first day in Spotswood College, first time being a high school student was in this hall, and now I am arriving in this hall after 5 years of exploration. I have arrived to where I started and I know this place for the first time. I know that I will never stop being grateful for the five years of support, challenges, opportunities, and so much more. I will never forget Spotswood College, but most importantly ... we will never forget the people in it ... Thank you.

Written by Kiara Quirante.



Head Boy - Luke Abbott



Head Girl - Kiara Quirante

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES & TE REO MAORI

We had a few exciting changes to our usual year in the Faculty of International Languages and Te Reo Maori in 2015.

The French and Spanish Departments made a joint trip to Wellington to participate in Lingofest - an International Language Drama Competition. We made this an overnight stay in an interesting old backpackers' hostel and during the day of the Festival we were jammed into a tiny hall with a number of other schools, changing into costumes, makeup, etcetera, in a minute kitchen area. As there were twenty-seven of us from Spotswood this was a challenge in itself. To our delight, we won several awards: the Spanish Soap Opera won the overall 'Best Play' Award, Josie Hick from the French Twisted Fairy Tale won the 'Best Actress' Award and Joanne Cumming from the Spanish play won a Special Award for her impassioned portrayal of a jilted pregnant wife. It was a fantastic trip and we have pledged to enter again in 2016.

The Japanese Department has recently made their annual Year 10 trip to the Japanese Tea House. This is an amazing cultural experience and once inside it is as though you are in Japan and far from the busy pace of life in the school. All students are now able to participate in a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony.

The French Department also made their annual trip to Petit Paris to practise their French while ordering delicious French patisserie.

The Spanish Department Senior Students made their usual teaching trips to Marfell Primary School once a week in Term Two. Once again, both the Spotswood students and the Marfell students enjoyed this experience, especially the 'Comida Española' sessions.

LINGOFEST

The Senior Spanish and French classes represented Spotswood College at the 2015 Lingofest competition; a festival where language classes around the country competed with plays and skits in different languages. 2015 is the first year the festival has been held, and Spotswood's representatives were incredibly successful. Spotswood College Spanish class won Best

Thank you to the caring students involved. The joint Year 10 'Fashion Parade' with FDMC this year was held at Francis Douglas College, with the Spanish class travelling up there for the occasion. We were caught up in a Fire Drill while there, adding an unexpected dimension to the trip. The FDMC students lined up in orderly fashion, so we made an extra line at the end of the field and let them know we were there. On either side of the drill the Spotswood students presented great speeches! A Year 11 trip to see a Hispanic movie in the Len Lye Theatre as part of the Hispanic Film Festival was less eventful but for two hours plunged us into the heart of another culture in another time, always an amazing experience.

Culturally, as well as our usual in-class cooking experiences and cultural studies, we celebrated Japanese Children's Day with a quiz and prizes, The French Fête de la Musique with musical items and the Spanish El Día de los Muertos with Face Painting.

Academically, the students have once again excelled in each language with their Internal Assessments and they have put a lot of effort into their work. The French Senior Class were part of a National trial of online examination, as we head towards this type of assessment.

As for the future, next year will see a trip to Japan with the Japanese Department, a trip to Spain with the Spanish Department and a return exchange from Nouméa in readiness for the French class trip there in 2017.

The Maori Department have also had an exciting year with a new Maori Art focus for the MPA class. An expert tutor was brought in to teach the students and they produced work of an exceptional standard.

Performance, and Josie Hick from the French Class won Best Actor. The Spanish class performed an original comedic play based on Spanish soap operas, and the French class recreated the tale of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, with Snow White ended up eloping with the narrator. The Language Department hopes to compete again next year.



SPOTSWOOD INTERNATIONAL

In 2015 students from China, Brazil, Germany, Japan, New Caledonia, Switzerland, Thailand and Austria have been warmly welcomed by our school and community. They have become valued members of our kiwi families, our kiwi classes, our kiwi sports teams and our kiwi lifestyle.

Our goal is to ensure the Internationals have the "best possible kiwi experience" and this can only be achieved by a team effort. Mr Bowden and the Senior Leadership team, the Administration team, the Board of Trustees, the International team, and especially the dedicated host families all make a large contribution to our international programme. Staff, students and the international prefect team of Olivia Smith, Niamh Kelly, and Akisi Naumotu are always willing to help our new arrivals to become 'Spotty Kids'.

Highlights for our international in 2015 have included the school ball, Hapu sports days, black water rafting, the gala day, skiing and snowboarding in Mount Taranaki and Mount Ruapehu and, of course, fun lunchtimes in the Yellow Room with kiwi students!

We are sad to farewell our departing students but I know you will take home a small piece of New Zealand in your hearts and that you will be back one day. Safe travels!

Best wishes to everyone for a fabulous Christmas. Take care and we look forward to more exciting challenges in 2016.



It is a treasure for my life. I'll never forget this experience.

I will never forget my awesome moments here. I feel that I grew, I'm a new person. I have no fear anymore and these have been the best months ever.

I don't want to leave my new life, leave my amazing friends, leave my supercool host family, leave this beautiful place.

I've met people that I'll never forget and made life-long friends that I'll stay in contact with even from the other end of the world.

The students are so kind and tolerant which makes it easy to make friends. I love to have so many cultures at school. Thanks to Spotswood College.

I call New Plymouth home.

The comments above from departing International Students confirm that Spotswood College really is a diverse, caring and inclusive school!

Gloria Holland.



CARLOTTA



Hey guys,

My name is Carlotta, I'm 16 years old and I am from the north of Germany.

I will be studying here until the end of February. Just before the 9th of June, the date of my departure I was undecided and not

quite sure if I should go for this adventure. Leaving my friends, my family as well as my boyfriend and my whole old social environment behind me to live on the other end of the world.

But now after three wonderful months in New Zealand I am very lucky that I went for this adventure. You have to know that my host family is the best you could ever wish and because of them and their support it is way more easier to feel like home. Also at Spotswood College, Miss Janet and Mrs Holland helped me a lot and everyone tries to make anything possible for the International Students. Of course there were already some hurdles, for example to find people for whom you can say they are real friends. Furthermore you have to get along with all the school stuff and homesickness. That is one of the worst and annoying feelings you could ever have! Sometimes if you are alone or just if there is something that reminds you of home you get sad. Another scary thing were the first school days I had so many ideas how nice it could be and actually I looked directly for friends who are exactly like my friends in Germany. And as soon as I found out that there would never be doubles I was not quite sure anymore if I would ever find some nice friends. But luckily all I had to do was look around and see that all the people who are so different to my friends in Germany are nice and they still can be really good friends.

Anyway now after three months of up and downs I am settled and I wish I could stay here for longer as I only have until the end of February to do more fun stuff. I actually really enjoy the months here at the other end of the world and all the adventures. I am lucky that I chose New Zealand for a section of my life.

So guys thanks everyone who supported me and who helped me to have such a nice time here. I hope you enjoyed reading this!

Dankeschön Carlotta.

NINA



Nina Huber (17), Switzerland

Hi, my name is Nina and I'm from Switzerland. My big adventure has been here in New Zealand.

I started in July; I can't believe how time has flown! I've already done and seen so much, in New Plymouth itself as well as outside of New Plymouth.

It's a weird mix, on the one hand I feel like I've been here for only one or two months and on the other hand it feels like ages because everything has become familiar!

I love my host family and I also enjoy going to Spotswood College a lot. There's a great atmosphere and lots of helpful, open and nice people – both staff and students – at this school, which facilitates the settling in hugely.

I really fell in love with the kiwi culture and the whole country!

It's great to have so many different and varied facilities available, especially outdoor activities. In my three months here I've already been to Whangamata, Auckland, Wellington, Hamilton etc. I took part in skiing competitions on Mt Taranaki and Mt Ruapehu and I had my first little successes on the surfboard.

My host family has shown me so many things and places, so that I experience the "real kiwi lifestyle", which I appreciate a lot.

I could write on and on about my "New Zealand life" ... So here my message to future Internationals: enjoy and get the most out of your time, because it will pass by so fast! I'm happy and thankful to still have almost nine months left!

Nina.

ESOL *(English for speakers of other languages)*

This year at Spotswood College we offered two separate ESOL option classes. The students in these classes were from various countries. These include China, Brazil, Germany, Kiribati, Japan, Croatia and Thailand.

The main focus of the department is to provide support for the students in their learning of English language. Unit standards have also been part of this year's course which has enabled students to achieve credits for both NCEA Level 1 and 2.

Supporting our department this year as in previous years is Lyn Carroll. Lyn teaches the students individually according to their many and varied needs. Lyn's support is a significant and important part of our department.

Gloria Holland is our International Director and together with Janet Wrightson-Lean they look after all the needs of the International students who attend our school.



It is a pleasure to see the progress and success of our students in this department. This year we have Alec Zhong and Binke Xu leaving as year 13's both with Level 2 qualifications.

Binke Xu – ESOL 2015



Hey everyone, my name is Binke Xu and I am from China. This is my last year at school as I am nineteen. I have studied at Spotswood College for five years. I remember when I first arrived at school I felt very excited and nervous, because this was a new country for me and there were so many different faces around

me. My English was very bad. I couldn't understand what people were talking about, but luckily the teachers were very friendly. They helped me to learn more English. Miss Carroll helped me by taking me for extra English every week during my time at Spotswood. My English got better and better, so I could talk with people and make friends.

New Zealand is very different to China. In New Zealand you can choose your own subjects and go to different classrooms for each subject. You can cook in the food classroom, and make some amazing projects in metal work. I will leave New Zealand when school finishes but I will come back to New Zealand again to live. I love it very much. I have really loved Spotswood College and my time here. Thank you so much to all my teachers for your support during my time here.

FRENCH DEPARTMENT

Bonjour, bonjour!



Another good year for French at Spotswood College! We have had various lovely international students who brought their skills and strong focus to our lovely class. As in the last few years, we have also had visitors from Tahiti for three weeks: Vaimiti and Ysé Masurier. I would like to thank the families who welcomed them so generously. Next year, our exchange

school from Nouméa, New Caledonia is sending us 20 students and I will be asking for families to house them during that short period. They are coming to practice their English and to experience life in New Zealand. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience a

different culture first hand. In 2017, our students will be going to New Caledonia on a reciprocal visit.

The Spanish and French senior classes went to Wellington in August to take part in the first Lingofest drama in languages festival and it was a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their skills in front of an audience. We won best actress and best play went to the Spanish soap. It was a truly wonderful experience.

We are experimenting with using the Internet and its wonderful tools more for learning and practicing language skills, discovering good websites for homework, and practicing sitting NCEA exams online. There is no doubt it is the way of the future.

Bonnes vacances et à l'année prochaine!
Sabine de Crevoisier – TIC French

GEOGRAPHY TRIP

In March, the Year 13 Geography class took a field trip to Mount Maunganui. In Term One we began our study of wave processes and spatial patterns in the Mount Maunganui Coastal Environment. Toward the end of the term, Mr. Parr, Mrs. Trans-Lawrence, and thirty-two Geography students took a bus up to Tauranga and stayed in Golden Grove Holiday Park for two nights. During our stay we explored the beach, hiked to the top of Mount Maunganui, walked to the tip of Leisure Island, visited the local hot pools, went shopping in Bayfair Mall, and rode the luge in Rotorua.

We had been learning about the environment for several weeks in class but our trip allowed us to put our study into perspective. The knowledge we gained from this trip applied to an internal research project as well as one of our external papers in November. Although not every student doing these assessments was able to go on the field trip, it was definitely helpful to have that tangible experience in addition to what we were able to learn in class.

One definite highlight of the trip was climbing Mount Maunganui. The 25 minute walk to the top included

a lovely display of local flora and fauna, as well as a bird's-eye view from the summit. We were able to look out over the white-sand beaches, the Tauranga harbour entrance and the city of Mount Maunganui. Personally, I found this one of the major highlights of the trip as well as one of the main learning opportunities. It gave a real sense of the entire environment: the beach, the waves, the people in a way that Google Earth cannot.

The accommodation, dining, and daily itinerary were fantastic. Staying in 5-person cabins gave us the opportunity to spend time with old friends as well as build new friendships. We chose from a large selection of global meals every day and had time to go shopping, look around town and visit the beach. Mr. Parr and Mrs. Trans-Lawrence created an itinerary suitable for every type of student which balanced learning, adventure, and leisure at a completely reasonable price. I strongly recommend this opportunity to future Year 13 Geography students.

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE VIETNAM TRIP

On the 23rd of September, a group of nine senior students accompanied by two teachers from our Social Sciences department, Belinda Tran-Lawrence and Scott Johnson, travelled to Vietnam for the trip of a lifetime. Starting in the northern city of Hanoi, our group was introduced to heat, humidity and outright chaos, after immediately learning that Hanoi knows no road rules. With our first hotel situated in the heart of Hanoi's old quarter, our group had the opportunity to explore the Old Quarter that had been influenced by 1000 years of history. Amongst the French architecture, the group quickly learned that you have to just assertively walk out to cross the road, be ready to turn down eager sellers at every corner, and be ready to lose yourself in the maze of streets, scooters, stores, people and culture.



From here we made our way to Ha Long Bay, a World Heritage site in the Gulf of Tonkin, and home to approximately 2000 limestone pillars. Cruising through Ha Long Bay was definitely a highlight for many of us on the trip, and yes Levi, I chose the word highlight on purpose... To those of you unfamiliar with the reference, swinging a lightbulb used for attracting fish at the end of a junkboat and breaking it, is bound to irritate the staff, requiring you to pay for its replacement and a bit extra as an apology – we wouldn't recommend it.



From here we made our way further south, travelling through to Dong Hoi on a train with a few

questionable pets, the former imperial city of Hue, the city of Hoi An known for the incredible tailoring services, and our final city stop of Saigon, or Ho Chi Minh City – the Capitol of Vietnam. Although our trip may seem like all play and no work, the work was entwined with the play aspect. We were privileged to visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, visit and learn to distinguish government buildings, climb the incredible Marble Mountain, visit the Pearl Factory (and cry a little the moment that we saw the prices), visit the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between North and South Vietnam, and learn of its significance during the war. We were able to visit the Vinh Moc Tunnels, and crawl through the Chu Chi tunnels similar to the way that the Viet Minh did during the war, visit the Duc Son Pagoda which is home to orphaned children and those still suffering the effects of Agent Orange, we cycled through the streets of Hoi An (less scary than you'd imagine with that traffic), learned to farm the way that traditional Vietnamese farmers did, and visited Bhuddist temples, which not only had a significant influence on the abolition of the Diem Regime, but is a place of worship for many Vietnamese today (and quite frankly, the last place we thought that we'd witness monks practicing their BMX skills, if that were ever a sight we expected to see).



Every single moment we were in Vietnam, we were learning something about culture, history, friendship, economics, relationships (the boys appreciate the advice Hoang!), people, nature, Mad Max (don't ask) or each other, and I can honestly say that it was one of the best experiences I have ever had. A massive thank you to Rebecca Willy for her organisation of the trip, Mr Johnson and Mr and Mrs Tran-Lawrence for their accompaniment, and our group – it was an unforgettable experience.



ENGLISH FACULTY

The 2015 academic year in the English Faculty has been very rewarding with each term packed with Curriculum delivery, assessments, student achievement, and co-curricular events.

With the departmental focus on student engagement, achievement and success for all students it is obvious that a strong foundation in English at the junior level is vital. The Faculty's Junior Curriculum is focussed on delivering engaging and relevant lessons that equip our junior students with the necessary skills to meet the requirements of NCEA in the senior school.

The English Faculty events calendar in the Senior School started in Term 1 with the Literary Challenge and a group of 10 students participating in three teams in The Waikato University School of Law Secondary Schools' Mooting Competition. Congratulations to the teams who represented our school at the Regionals held in the New Plymouth District Court House in May this year.

The 2015 Spotswood College Mooting Team members were Year 13 and Year 12 students:

Kacy Banadera, Erin Barrett, Montana Bennett, Lonay Berry, Jannah Henry, Akisi Naumotu, Siany O'Brien, Zoe Sargarin, Ben Stanford, and Teia Wallace.

A special thank you also needs to go to **AULD BREWER MAZENGARB & McEWEN** whose **Partner Caroline McLorinan, Associate Philip McCarthy and Solicitor Sean Maskill** have tirelessly mentored our teams. Each year their help has been instrumental in enabling our school to participate in this prestigious event.

In Term 2 the Faculty held our annual **Junior and Senior Oratory Evenings**. These events are an excellent occasion for our students and English teachers to showcase to the community the very best in Junior Speech, Year 11 Speech, Year 12 Dramatic Monologue and Year 13 Literary Presentations/Seminars. The support of family, friends and the general public was much appreciated and a great time was had by all. Both Junior and Senior participants are to be commended on their fine effort and application to perform at their best for NCEA Excellence Level.

This year a substantial group of students from Year 9 through to Year 13 took up the challenge to participate in the **ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) English**. ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement nationally, providing a comprehensive reporting of results in English Unfamiliar Text.

ICAS ENGLISH ASSESSMENT

Roan Upson Year 9 gained **Distinction** his score was in the **top 6 percent** of Year 9 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Ashlan Stening Year 10 gained **Distinction** her score was in the **top 11 percent** of Year 10 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Anton Von Hunerbein Year 11 gained **Distinction** his score was in the **top 11 percent** of Year 11 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Shiann Jolly Year 12 gained **Distinction** her score was in the **top 11 percent** of Year 12 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Other participants in the ICAS English gained certificates for Credit, Merit, and Participation.

Congratulations to all the 2015 ICAS participants.

Finally, an important part of the success of the English Faculty is due to the co-operation with the Library, Learning Centre/Piki Te Mana and ancillary staff. Thank you to you all.

My thanks to the English Faculty team whose dedication and hard work have contributed to a successful year in our Faculty.

Also a special mention that our Faculty wishes Miss Emily Scott all the very best for 2016 when she will take up a new position as HOD English at Opunake High School. We will all miss her!

Nga mihi nui – Paula Cast HOF English

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

2015 SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING RESULTS

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School Awards: Inter House Awards

Craigmyle Cup in Swimming - Moturoa
Paul Ballinger Cup in Cross Country - Moturoa
Faye Hill Cup in Netball - Paritutu
Borrell Cup in Soccer - Motumahanga
The Inter-House Shield - MOTUROA

Top Sports Teams Captains for 2015

Brown, Peyton, Netball Senior A Girls'; Carass, Casey, Volleyball Senior A Girls', Beach Volleyball Girls'; Clark, Daniel, Football First XI Boys'; Clarkson, Xavi, Cricket First XI Boys'; Fleming, Josh, Hockey First XI Mixed Team; Monaghan, Jayden, Beach Volleyball Boys'; Naborisi, Jonah, Volleyball Senior A Boys'; Riley, Dione, Football First XI Girls'; Zhong, Alec, Basketball First V Boys';

Prestige Sport Awards

Monaghan, Jayden, Trina Cowley Trophy - for Sporting Excellence;

Tohu, Tekapota, The Hale Sportsperson of the Year Trophy;

Barrett, Erin, Gibson, Jessica, King Maeghan, Spindler, Rebecca, & Fox, Robert, Monaghan, Jayden, Joint Winners, The Equestrian Show Jumping Team & Senior Boys' Beach Volleyball Team, The Nick Banks Trophy - Top College Team Sports Award;

Year 11 Prize Winners - First In Subject

Banner-Smith, Emmy, Equal Food & Nutrition; Beros, Courtney, Geography; Buchanan-Brown, Callum, Equal Functional English; Burkitt, Nicky, English Alternative, Technology Woodwork; Clarges, Jonno, Equal Art; Cockfield, Ellie, Japanese; Conaglen, Reihana, Equal Art, Equal Art Photography Level 2 & Photolife Studios Ltd Award, Scholar Award; Courtnell, Jake, Equal Functional English, Equal Technology Metalwork, Voss Scholarship; Crawshaw, Ruby, Equal Art, Equal Design & Visual Communication, Equal Technology Textiles, Scholar Award; Culpan Saige, Equal Functional English; Diamond, Chloe, Equal Science Alternative; Dunn, Miles, Equal Science Alternative; Edwards, Gillian, Equal Functional English; Ellery, Connor, Equal Functional English, Equal Science Alternative; Hausman, Tania-Rose, PEP Pre-Employment Skills, Equal Science Alternative; Hazeldine, Hannah, Car; Hoskin, Anaru, Equal Art; Howarth, Jaedan, Year 11B;

Insley, Campbell, Electronics; Johnson, Fabian, Equal Art, Equal Art Top Folio, Digital Technologies & Miles Trophy, Equal English & Margaret Hurley Prize, Equal Science & The Patricia Doyle Cup, Scholar Award; Longstaff, Emily-Rose, Mathematics with Statistics; McAlpine, Rhett, Accounting, Economics, Equal English & Margaret Hurley Prize, Equal Science & The Patricia Doyle Cup, Spanish, Top Scholar Award; McIntyre, Levi, Physical Education; Neighbour Levi, Equal Functional English; O'Keefe, Jared, Horticulture Alternative, Equal Technology Metalwork; Raumati, Sam, Equal Design & Visual Communication, Music, Scholar Award; Robinson, Laura, Equal Art, French; Shramka, Corban, Equal Functional English; Spindler, Rebecca, History, Horticulture, Equal Mathematics, Scholar Award; Tanner, Blake, Equal Art, Equal Art Top Folio, Scholar Award; Turner, Brittany, Equal Art; Viner, Will, Equal Functional English; Walters, Kellie, Equal Food & Nutrition & Cup, Equal Technology Textiles; Welson, Caleb, Equal Science Alternative; Willis, Sophie, Drama, Scholar Award;

Year 12 Prize Winners - First In Subject

Banadera, Kacy, Equal Art Painting, Equal Classical Studies, Japanese, Scholar Award; Bennett, Montana, Equal Classical Studies, History, Scholar Award; Bower Lockie, Technology Trophy, Equal Technology Metalwork & Weldwell Trophy; Collett, Shaun, Horticulture & L A Alexander Agricultural Prize; Currie, Alex, Year 12B; Edie, Philip, Equal Art Photography; Ellis, Tara, Equal Art Design, Equal Art Painting; Fox, Robert, Physical Education Sport Science, Physical Education Leadership; Gibson, Emma, Equal Mathematics with Statistics; Harris, T J, Equal Art Design; Jackson, Bree, Equal Accounting; Johns, Liam, Equal Technology Metalwork; Jolly, Shiann, Equal Classical Studies, English, French, Spanish, Scholar Award; Kumar, Vandna, Equal Art Design; Martin, Ariel, Equal English Alternative; McKibbin, Connaugh, Technology Woodwork; O'Donnell-Martin, Baylee, Biology, Chemistry & AICA NZ Award, Drama, Equal Mathematics Level 3, Equal Physics, Top Scholar Award; Parker, Campbell, Music; Parsons, Meg, Equal English Alternative, Equal Mathematics with Statistics; Poole, Lael, Equal Classical Studies, Scholar Award; Reyes, Reus, Economics, Equal Mathematics & The Messenger Cup, Equal Physics, Scholar Award; Russell, Akaysha, Equal Food & Nutrition & Cup, Equal Mathematics with Statistics; Schofield, Briana, Equal Mathematics with Statistics, Tourism; Scott, Mat,

Electronics; Scown, Devin, Digital Technologies & Claassens Trophy, Geography; Simonson, Elijah-Blue, Equal Accounting; Takamori, Chelsea, Hospitality, Vocational Pathways Mathematics; Tunnicliff, Mavis, Te Reo Māori; Wallace, Natalija, Equal Food & Nutrition & Cup; Wangsuwan, Anya, Equal Art Design, Equal Classical Studies, Technology Textiles; Scholar Award; Williams, Kieren, Design & Visual Communication, Gateway & Trophy;

Year 13 Prize Winners - First In Subject

Clarkson, Xavi, Gateway The Anne Wilson Entrepreneur Trophy, Horticulture & L A Alexander Agricultural Prize; Emmett, Renee, Equal Accounting; Fleming, Josh, Equal Electronics & Dave Froom Trophy; Goldsworthy, Marie, Art History, Equal Art Painting, Art Photography & In Focus Cup, Equal English; Hartley, Nathan, Special Needs Unit Senior Year; Hufton, Matthew, Biology & A & M Hutchinson Tray, Calculus & The Messenger Cup, Physics & NZ Institute of Physics Prize; Kelly, Niamh, Drama; Kopeke, Aimee, Equal English, Equal Spanish & Brewster Cup; Lay, Aidan, Food & Nutrition & Cup; Lowe, Ben, Equal Electronics & Dave Froom Trophy; Mahony, Levi, Tourism; Megaw, Jade, French & M J Hickey Cup; Monaghan, Jayden, Chemistry & The John Doyle Memorial Cup, AICA NZ Award, Physical Education & The Phil Gayton Cup; Murfitt, Tenesee, Gateway & Trophy; Needs, Libby, Technology Textiles; Nguyen, Kim, Equal Art Painting; Parkinson, Naomi, Food for Flatters & NZ Chefs Trophy; Reidy, Jennifer, Equal Accounting, Equal Economics; Sagarin, Zoe, Equal Mathematics, Equal Spanish; Smith, Olivia, Music; Tarrant, Mitchell, Art Design; Wallace, Teia, Classical Studies, Equal Economics, Geography, History; Wilson, Symbol, Year 13B; Zhong, Alec, Statistics & Modelling;

Special Awards - Cultural Awards

Kopeke, Aimee, NGATI TE WHITI HAPU AWARD, & HE TOHU RANGATIRATANGA,

Kui Andrys Underwood BOT Award; Henry, Jannaha, Kui Andrys Underwood BOT Award;

Performing Arts Awards

Smith, Olivia, Senior Drama & Waitere Family Cup; Hick, Josie, New Plymouth Little Theatre Trophy Best Stage Performance; Needs, Libby, Drama & Liz Murray Cup;

Speech Awards

Abbott, Luke, Kyle Gilmour Memorial Award for Public Speaking; O'Brien, Siany, Equal Senior Speech; Wallace, Teia, Equal Senior Speech;

Special Subjects /Music /Service Awards

Quirante, Kiara, PTA Prize Head Girl & BOT Award, Abbott, Luke, PTA Prize Head Boy & BOT Award;

Barrett, Erin, Deputy Head Girl BOT Service Award, Joint Winner The Emily Cannell Memorial Cup Contribution to School Life; Kopeke, Aimee, Deputy Head Girl BOT Service Award, Joint Winner The Emily Cannell Memorial Cup Contribution to School Life; Monaghan, Jayden, Deputy Head Boy BOT Service Award, Joint Winner Bruce Walker Trophy Endeavour & Leadership; Nathan, Mahana, Deputy Head Boy BOT Service Award, Joint Winner Bruce Walker Trophy Endeavour & Leadership; Henry, Jannaha, BOT Student Representative, Joint Winner The Joe Greenwood Memorial Prize for School Service; Wallace, Teia, Helen J Bacon Award Geography & History; Goldsworthy, Marie, Harry M Bacon Memorial Award Best Allround Promise in Arts; Low, Aaron, The Duynhoven Award Graphics & Design; Froom, David, Joint Winner The Howard Music Trophy, The Senior Bandboosters Award, Carnahan Trophy Most Improved Brass Band Player; Hick, Josie, Joint Winner The Howard Music Trophy; Smith, Olivia, The Paul Emo Memorial Award Senior Musician Award; Raumati, Sam, Joy Rookes Trophy for Original Composition; Anderson, Michael, Spotswood College Prefects Award; Nicoll, Fiona, The YMCA Excellence in Youth Leadership Award; O'Donnell-Martin, Baylee, Marjan van Paassen Memorial Award Enthusiasm About Learning; Needs, Libby, Joint Winner The Joe Greenwood Memorial Prize for School Service; Jury-Thompson, Matthew, Melissa Long Memorial Trophy Adversity & Achieved to Best of Ability; Cummings, Joanne, The RSA - Dr George Thompson Award;

O'Brien, Siany, Proxime Accessit Cup 2015; Wallace, Teia, Dux Cup 2015, A L McPhail Dux Medal and Scholarship, Argyle Schoolwear Scholarship Prize;

2015 Spotswood College Sports Prizegiving Awards

Athletics

Carter-Gates, Coralee, Senior Girls' Champion; Jeffrey, David, Intermediate Boys' Champion; Knight, Chloe, Junior Girls' Champion; Monaghan, Jayden, Senior Boys' Champion; Walters, Kellie, Intermediate Girls' Champion; Whitehead, Tane, Junior Boys' Champion;

Cross Country

Avery, Ronan, Intermediate Boys' Champion; Carter-Gates, Coralee, Senior Girls' Champion; Goble, Courtney, Intermediate Girls' Champion; Knight, Chloe, Junior Girls' Champion; McGuigan, Gerald, Junior Boys' Champion; Monaghan, Jayden, Senior Boys' Champion;

Swimming

Barrett, Erin, Senior Girls' Champion; Cole, Gaby, Intermediate Girls' Champion; Joe, Keegan, Junior Boys' Champion; Nathan, Jaz Mahana, Senior Boys'

Champion; Pepper, Phoebe, Junior Girls' Champion; Tanner, Blake, Intermediate Boys' Champion;

Badminton

Reyes, Reus, Senior Boys' Player of the Year;

Basketball

Downing, Kaylee, Senior Girls' Best Player; Matheson, Sherwood, Senior Boys' Player of the Year; Nowell, Dominic, YMCA Excellence in Basketball Award; Whatuira, Kawana, The Paurini Family Trophy Junior Boys' Player of the Year;

Beach Volleyball

Bennett, Montana, Joint Winner Phillipa Soulsby Cup Senior Girls' Player of the Year; Carass, Casey, Joint Winner Phillipa Soulsby Cup Senior Girls' Player of the Year; Han, Hikaru, The Anne-Marie & Beatrice Petty Cup Junior Girls' Player of the Year; Joe, Keegan, The Faris Petty Cup Junior Boys' Player of the Year;

Cricket

Clarkson, Xavi, Rodney Brown Cup First XI Boys' Player of the Year; Scott, Tramane, Harding-Kerr Trophy Best All-round Year 10 Boys' Cricketer; Stinson, Lucy, Dow Elanco Trophy Most Dedicated Girls' Cricketer;

Equestrian

Lumb, Molly, Equestrian Cup for Overall Excellence;

Football

Angland, Cameron, Joint Winner Male Player of the Year; Clark, Daniel, Joint Winner Male Player of the Year, The Birkett Family Trophy Captain Boys' First XI; Downing, Kaylee, Lisa Roper Trophy Desire to Achieve in Womens' Football; Katene-Rosa, Zaine, R H Griffin Trophy Most Improved Year 9 Boys'; Oaten, Benjamin, Most Improved Male Player of the Year; Riley, Dione, Premier Womens' Award for Leadership & Commitment; Vogel, Erica, Emily Scott Trophy Most Improved Junior Girl;

Hockey

Brown, Caitlin, D C Andrews Trophy Most Dedicated Female Player; Fleming, Joshua, Julian Family Trophy for Commitment to Hockey; Hufton, Kyle, John Lucas Award Most Improved Boys' Player; Tarn, Jai, Coaches Trophy Most Improved Female Player; Tunnicliff, Mavis, J Stallard Trophy Most Improved Female Player;

Life Saving

Uhlenbruch, Finn Marie, John Bell Memorial Cup for Improvement;

Netball

Austin, Jade, Richardson Trophy Most Improved Year 10 Player; Brown, Paris, Carter Cup Most Outstanding

Junior Player; Cole, Gaby, Simply Blooming Florist Cup Senior Most Improved Player; Knight, Chloe, L J Trophy for Senior Player of the Year; Sharrock, Sidney, Morrison Trophy for Most Improved Year 9 Player; Wilkinson, Larissa, Lovegrove Cup Year 9 Player of the Year;

Rugby

Baker, Tawera, TWT Trophy for Best & Fairest Senior Player; Broad, Hannah, Olsen Trophy for Girls' Commitment & Excellence; Brooks, Nehanera, E2E Trophy for Best & Fairest Junior Player; George, Maiawa, Tony Stuthridge Memorial Trophy for Most Conscientious First XV Rugby Team Member; Hikaka, Te Rangihuatau, McCall Trophy for Most Dedicated Year 10 Player; McGuigan, Gerald, Spotswood College RFC Trophy for Most Dedicated Year 9 Player; Roberts, Thomas, Alan Millward Memorial Cup for Most Improved 1st XV Rugby Player;

Skiing

Willis, Ben, Junior Boys' Skier of the Year; Willis, Sophie, Senior Girls' Skier of the Year;

Snow Boarding

Parsons, Jack, Senior Boys' Snowboarder of the Year; Parsons, Meg, Senior Girls' Snowboarder of the Year;

Volleyball

Carass, Casey, Brodie Cup Most Improved Senior Girls' Player; Fox, Robert, Antony Joe Trophy Senior Boys' Player of the Year; Han, Hikaru, Wilson Trophy Senior Girls' Player of the Year; Joe, Keegan, Andrew Russell Trophy Junior Boys' Player of the Year; Knight, Chloe, Jackson Trophy Most Improved Junior Girls' Player; Naborisi, Jonah, Matthew Coleman Trophy Most Improved Senior Boys' Player; Naumotu, Siteri, Debbie Richardson Trophy Junior Girls' Player of the Year; Wilkinson, Larissa, Buzz The Butcher Cup Junior Girls' Year 9 Player of the Year; Younger, Harry, Rhys Williams Trophy Most Improved Junior Boys' Player;

Athletes with Disabilities

Manton, Natalya, Jody Sanson Trophy for Effort and Achievement by a Female Athlete with a Disability; Howarth, Jaedan, James Hoffman Trophy for Effort and Achievement by a Male Athlete with a Disability;

Prestige Sports Awards

Han, Hikaru, The Mandy McGregor Trophy Junior Sportswoman of the Year; Joe, Keegan, The Barnett Bond Trophy Junior Sportsman of the Year; Lumb, Molly, The Heelan Tompkins Trophy Senior Sportswoman of the Year; Tohu, Tekapotai, The Dillon Boucher Trophy Senior Sportsman of the Year.

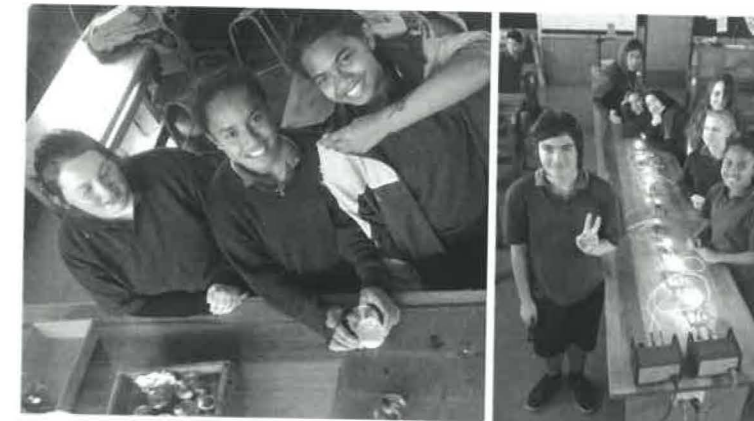
SCIENCE FACULTY

Once again, 2015 has been an extremely busy year, with many activities and events happening throughout the year. After saying farewell to Mrs Takarangi at the end of last year (for the birth of child number 3!!), we welcomed Mr Leauga and Mrs Harris into the Science Department for 2015, who have fitted in well and introduced new dynamics into the department. The remainder of the team have continued to work at high standards to maintain a very efficient, well-organised department. A large part of this is due to our fantastic technician Mrs Stretton, who is the true organisational and practical genius, and certainly keeps all staff on their toes.

We continue to offer programmes in Science, Physics, Biology, Chemistry & Horticulture that cater to most students' abilities and we keep encouraging everyone to aim high and achieve to the best of their ability.

We have had lots of success throughout the year, particularly with the ICAS Science Competition and the Science & Technology Fair. In the ICAS Science Competition, Liam Nicholas gained a 'High Distinction' by being placed in the top 1% of Year 9 students in NZ. Chris Hobson backed this up with a 'Distinction' (top 10%), while Nadia Hill received a Credit for her placing in the top 13% of Year 10 students in NZ. Top place-getters in the Science & Technology Fair included Amirah Osama, Lachie Barrett and Rosie Ray, who all won special prizes in their respective areas.

We also experienced success in the annual Year 10 Science Quiz at the Science & Technology Fair. This year's team consisted of Lachie Barrett, Jai Tarn, Nadia Hill and Hikaru Han. A very close third placing was an excellent result considering the competition.



The department has continued to provide exciting and educational fieldtrips, particularly in Biology with the annual Year 12 'Rocky Shore' expedition and a very informative visit to Rotokare Scenic Reserve for the Year 13s. In addition, the new Year 10 extension class participated in a study of the Waiwhakaiho River, and are also planning a trip up to the Waitomo Caves and Otorohanga Kiwi House near the end of the year.



To those students who are leaving Spotswood College at the end of the year, we wish you well for your future endeavours. The Science staff would like to wish all other members of the staff and the students a restful and well-earned holiday. We look forward to the challenges of 2016 – whatever they may be!

Ian Gabites
HOD Science



TARANAKI METHANEX MATHEMATICS SPECTACULAR

The Taranaki Methanex Mathematics Spectacular was held on Thursday, August 27th at the Pukekura Raceway in New Plymouth. Spotswood entered two teams in both the Year 9 and Year 10 Quiz Night competition. Spotswood won both of the competitions last year and entered this year with high expectations of retaining both trophies.

The Year 10 team won the competition for the second year in row. They managed to score 75 points holding off second placed Francis Douglas (69). The Spotswood Year 9 team had a strong showing on the night. They finished 5th in the competition. They will be looking forward to preparing for next year's competition in the attempt to win the Year 10 trophy for three straight years. The competition consists of a range of challenging mathematical questions covered in the New Zealand curriculum. The students have 30 minutes to answer 20 questions and are awarded points for correct answers.

Year 10 Quiz Team

Xavier Johnson
Nadia Hill
Ronan Avery
Philip James

Spotswood College was well represented in the exhibition portion of the Mathematics Spectacular. There were 6 prize winners in the various categories of the exhibitions.

Callum Astwood	2 nd Place	Computer Generated 2D Artwork
Luke Cocker and James Dey	2 nd Place	3D Artwork
Keegan Joe	2 nd Place	Statistical Project
Katie Pullen	2 nd Place	Creative Writing
Erica Vogel	3 rd Place	3D Artwork
Josh Gilmour	3 rd Place	Individual Project
Kiara Farmer	Merit	Hand Drawn 2D Art
Pipa Clarkson	Merit	Hand Drawn 2D Art
Ryan Clough	Merit	Individual Project



ALUMNI INFORMATION

ALUMNI (EX-PUPIL & STAFF) DATABASE

The Spotswood College Alumni (ex-pupils & staff) currently send out newsletters four times per year (at the start of each holidays) on news and successes of ex-pupils and ex-staff.

The Alumni have also started planning for the **60th Jubilee/Reunion** that will be held at the college in **2020 (10-12 April)**.

The Alumni is always wanting to increase its electronic database of ex-pupils.

Current Year 13 students are also encouraged to register.

The registration site is:
alumni.spotswoodcollege.school.nz

SHORT STORY WINNERS

A TALES TAIL

Mostyn Lee

I wound up into a ball. Covering myself best I could, the tattered clothing I wore hardly patching over the necessities. The only thing cloaking my body, a brown blanket draped over my shoulders by my hosts. I didn't know where I came from, who my hosts were; by first looks they didn't seem to know me either. 'Boy', 'Boy', Counsellor a low rough voice 'Do you know where you are?' My mind went racing trying to wrap itself around what was happening, Search for the basics. It's night, I'm in a strangers home, on their couch? My clothes are barely pieces of cloth and I'm cold. 'Boy?' echoed the voice, as I looked up to see my host I could feel my eyes watering, this big man stared back at me with a soft face, his partner entwined with him. "Let him rest Pete, the boy's terrified" A small silence drifted before she finished "and shivering, get him something to drink." "Tea?" she offered, while kneeling down to me making me feel lilliputian and insignificant, I timidly nodded as if though her gesture had made me a mute.

A small moment passed while I waited for the tea, the silence was sweet and the sound of a boiling jug was soothing but my mind was still troubled with a million questions wondering what had happened to me and if my hosts wanted something from me or if they were genuinely good people. 'Here ya go Boy' I heard the low voice state while a warmth filled my hands. I sat and pondered for a while as my hosts decided what to do with me. "You get some sleep, I'll take care of him" the woman hummed to her partner, 'don't stay up too late' he replied. I huddled up hiding behind my legs and the hot drink while the woman grabbed some knitting needles and took a seat opposite me, she seemed mid-fifties with a kind soulful face the type only a mother would have.

We sat in a mutual silence, me trying to make sense of everything and her knitting some sort of scarf. I finished my hot drink just before it fell cold and lay down on the couch resting my head on the pillow lain for roe wrapping myself up in the blanket. Before long I heard footsteps coming, silent and muffled but still there. I could feel the new personality the room acquired, the footsteps came all the way around in front of me and sat down next to the woman, 'why is he here?' she whispered her voice with a familiarity to it, "he showed up at our door, hardly any clothing, shivering and petrified." "He is a friend, from school" she said, "Not a boyfriend I hope?" "No mum, just a good friend," "did you ever tell him where you live?" "No" okay darling, I'm going to get some sleep now, see that he doesn't steal anything." "Mum he's not a

thief," "That's what they all say"; "Goodnight" the woman said pushing her lips on her daughters forehead. When I could no longer hear the woman's footsteps I opened my eyes, two eyes almost as watery as mine stared down on me, her face smooth as silk showed everything, shock, sadness, wonder, sympathy and anger. I shut my eyes in a heartbeat when she saw mine, 'Rad?' What are you doing here?; 'Why are you not at home, with your family?' I rolled over as shivers rolled over me, 'Rad?' "I don't know" I croaked into my pillow as the realization hit me.

'Who is he?' enquired a sweet voice 'A demon sent from hell' stirred another, 'Nahh he's too cute to be from hell' admired a third, 'Girls leave him alone, you'd be terrified if you woke up to six guys all staring at you disputing what you are'. My eyes opened only to be shut again by the bright morning sun, I heard several giggles as I opened them again seeing twelve brown eyes staring at me. 'He's awake', the smallest blurted. I sat up straight to get a better glimpse at them and immediately felt a breeze come across my body and quickly wrapped the blanket around me again remembering I was basically naked as my cheeks flashed red. 'What's your name?' The tallest inquired, she must have been the oldest one judging on the authority she emitted, she looked about seventeen, two years older than me. 'Everad', replied my friend from the kitchen behind me. 'A friend of mine,' she spoke with emphasis on friend. c0000h, a "friend" huh? cheekily said the youngest who looked about seven, 'Girl's that's enough, leave the boy in peace, you've got to get to school, go on scram.' They all grumbled and continued on getting ready. I rolled back over and waited for sleep to collect me despite the feeling of a stale face and the itching of rheum in the corners of my eyes.

I would have been out for another couple of hours if I didn't feel it, both the warmth and coldness of her presence. I could tell she was waiting for me to turn over and wake so she could ask me a million questions and by the end of it make her judgement if she should abandon either her warmth or coldness. I would have been fine with this, usually, but these circumstances were far from normal and frankly I wish I knew the answers to the questions she would ask. She could obviously tell that I was awake and knew she was there when she finally asked, 'tea?' Surprised by the notion I rolled over and opened my eyes, the sunlight shone in again but this time it was mildly bearable. I wanted to reply yes, only a croak came out. 'Rad?' she said with anxiety in her voice, I coughed to clear my throat and went to speak again, nothing but a croak came out. I sat up straight and tried a third time. Nothing.

"BULLY"

Reihana Conaglen

As the girl turned the corner the last glimpse of her was her celebrity obsessed school bag. The bag was hanging off one shoulder and swung from side to side as she walked with its purple edges and Justin Bieber face dead center, by the looks of it her and her friends had scribbled the most unoriginal catchphrases and images all over the poor bag. According to the school gossip network, her personality matched her bag, bland, mean and unoriginal.

Her brown, straight hair came down to the middle of her back and a face full of make-up, dark eye liner, long eyelashes and sparkly pink lips which gave her the confidence to overcome her bigger size. She is a bully, but you would not know. She hides behind the protection of a screen, she uses her phone and her words as weapons, as sharp as a knife. Follows her is a trail of broken self-esteems, devastated smashed emotions and the hopes and dreams of anyone she has delightfully graced her Internet presence on. Via the internet she is witty and cruel yet confront her in person her only response is okay. It is almost like she believes her words cannot hurt when not in person, like she does not realize the broken humans she has harmed.

She is wickedly loyal to her friends and the day her best friend struggles with another person is when she

decides to stick her nose in where it is unneeded. At about 10:30 one Friday night she pulls out her phone, loads up her Facebook app and begins work on her newest victim, the girl that messed with her friend. That weekend a social media war went down. Armies were created, alliances formed, as harsh words were fired. Both sides were at fault when they all awoke on the Sunday morning to internet silence. Neither girl had succeeded in destroying the other. She was not victorious but neither defeated and Sunday was a day of rest before Monday was to arrive.

Monday morning, she sat at the school gate laughing away, with all her friends giggling like nothing had happened. Until unexpectedly the other girl, walked up to her, the laughing and chattering died. But the fight did not come, she apologized, for everything, for the harsh words from her and her friends. The girl was dumbfounded and could not respond. They looked like a school of fish as they stood there, their mouths and eyes wide open unable to recall the English language until all she said was 'okay' and the victim of hers walked away.

The girl might have won the war by defeat and surrender and while she still walked around like she owned the place there was a little less swing in her bag, she watched her mouth a little bit more and she judged less harshly of those around her.

COLOURFUL

Felix Ashworth.

My name is Jasper Baker, I'm 13 years old, with brown hair and blue eyes that can make out only two colours: Green and Blue.

Let me backtrack a bit. When I was a baby, I was diagnosed with colour blindness. They said I'd never have the ability to see brighter colours, like red, orange and yellow, and the darkest colours are nothing but a flicker in my imagination to me. For my whole life, only greens and blues have been visible to my eyes.

I like to go on walks in the forest, as that's the only place I can feel fully human. Anywhere else, whether it's the mall, or the library, or the movies, I can't see properly. In the forest, however, the green trees and blue skies make me feel truly at home.

As the years went by, and I got older, I got over it, and indeed, came to terms with it. My parents had always said that I was mature for my age, and I guess that was more true than even I knew. Anyway, one day after a hard day of Maths, English, Science (all done in green books with blue lines) and daydreaming about Louisa Pollard (a cute girl with green eyes and a pretty face), I walked back home. Slumping down on my bed, I closed my eyes, tired.

When I opened my eyes, I saw the calendar on my wall, (with green, blue and red). Wait, red? I blinked a few times, just to be sure I wasn't dreaming or anything. Instead of going away, however the red just intensified. I let out a breath I didn't even know I'd been holding at that moment, and rushed into the living room to tell my parents.

When I got there, I just had to pause and look at the red things in the kitchen and living room. Cups! Bowls! Tomatoes! Apples! Paintings! Cushions! My eyes were assaulted with a myriad of what was then, to me, a

completely new thing! Red didn't have a name to me, but it . . . was there!

My parents looked at me curiously, and when I explained to them that I could see!

It was when I got back from one of my walks, a few weeks later. That I heard the news. Mum and Dad broke it to me as gently as they could. Ice-cream (green, with grey, red and blue dots) and a trip to the bookstore (filled with covers that all of a sudden were red) were both in store before we arrived back at our grey roofed house. They came into the lounge as I was watching Doctor Who (the show with the big blue box), turned off the TV, and sat down to break the news that the doctors had informed them of.

That night I went to bed crying.

It was a couple of weeks after, I first saw the next colour. With blue and red on my spectrum, purple blossomed into being. This time, I wasn't so happy. It was another couple of months, with a feeling of dread, that I noticed yellow, and soon after

orange. I was happy to be able to see, to be fully alive. But at the same time, I knew that it was a sign of something much worse that was soon to come. I went to school on the last day before the holidays, and saw everything. Mr Briggs in a red santa hat, the huge green christmas tree, the orange on my school uniform. I saw the blue water, the yellow wings of the angel at the top, and Louisa Pollard's purple shirt. I

saw the brown, the amber, the aqua, the acid green, the forget-me-not flowers, the almond trees, the amber on the trophies in their case, the vibrancy of the world... Every colour was fresh and exciting! But as the day drew to a close, and I waved goodbye to Louisa and all my friends, I knew I wouldn't be seeing them again for a long time.

I made it past Christmas, at least. I saw the wrapping paper, the plum pudding, the turkey, the book covers, the tiny colourful bits of Lego. I saw my aunts, uncles, cousins, I saw my elderly grandparents and I saw the rest of my extended family. Happy as the day was, I...

Two weeks and a couple of days after Christmas, I started to get really ill. I couldn't sleep, couldn't eat, could barely breathe. The only thing I had now was my sight. They took me to the hospital, my Mum and Dad, and although we all had all known what was coming, Mum and Dad still cried as they saw me lying there in the hospital bed, staring out at the cloudy sky. Images flashed before my eyes as I lay there. Louisa Pollard, Mum, Dad, cousins, friends, aunts, uncles, pets, toys, houses, memories both sad and happy.

As I lay there, with my life flashing before my eyes, I looked past them. I looked past the pain, the suffering, the happiness, the contentment, I looked past it all, and out the window. As the clouds parted, I saw it. The most beautiful thing I had ever seen.

A rainbow.

LIBRARY 2015

2015 has been an extremely busy but productive year. Our school library has been well used both by students and staff. This year the library continues to be open to students throughout the school day, including morning tea and lunchtimes, it has also been wonderful to have so many students using the library in their break times. I must commend the many Year 13 students for making the most of their study periods and using the library space and resources to assist their studies.

The Library has also been used for numerous guests to the school, these include authors and football stars. Teachers have made good use of the computers in the Library and also send students to type up their school work.

I have had a wonderful group of Student Librarians this year and would like to say a big thank you to all my Student Librarians. We have had lots of fun and also enjoyed running book club, which has been well attended and I hope will continue to run for more years. A huge thank you to Miss Emily Scott for her help and contribution of chocolate biscuits during book club.

Along with Mr O'Keefe we ran the Short Story competition again, thank you to all the wonderful students who took part. The winners of the \$20.00 Warehouse Vouchers were Felix Ashworth, Mostyn Lee and Reihana Conaglen. The students work was also entered into the Re-draft Competition.

Mrs Tracey Boschat – Library Manager

HORTICULTURE STUDIES

What have those Horticulture students been doing?

The Horticulture classes have been on a mission this year. All while gaining Industry Training Organisation credits. The operation objective - 'Make Spotswood College beautiful'. Even those amongst us that wouldn't notice a weed or tree losing its leaves in Autumn would have at least noticed the new openness in the school grounds. Huge flaxes have been removed and replaced with low lying plants that behave well. The soil has been covered with wood chips donated by several landscaping firms. Fences have been painted. Flower gardens replanted ready to celebrate an anticipated sizzling summer.

The focus of our operation has been the school entrance through to the caretakers' garage. There are many gardens around our huge grounds that are seen less. We invite all to have a look at the Mexican garden near the top field or the masses of flower gardens growing along the far South road entrance. The Belair exit is now "kicking in" with flowering Geraniums, Miniature Agapanthus and Reinga lilies. But we won't confuse you with names. Just go have a look.



ANZAC SPEECH

JOSH:

Tomorrow, 100 years will have passed since the day that the soldiers of the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps, landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and entered a war of unimaginable brutality.

An estimated 13,977 soldiers landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and over 5,212 were badly injured in battle. 2,779 of those Kiwi soldiers were never to return home. We owe our lives to these brave souls. I admire them greatly, they were people so devoted to protecting their country. It is people, and their beliefs that they signed their lives and futures away to. They deserve the highest honour and respect from us because if it weren't for their sacrifice, it is likely that we would not have the freedom that we have today.

The 25th of April has since become the day that we as a nation, as well as Australia, have dedicated not to celebrate war, but to commemorate every man and woman who devoted themselves to obtaining the freedom that we have today. Whether their service be in the First World War, the Second World War, or the wars in Afghanistan, Vietnam, Malaya, Korea or other such places, all of these people suffered tremendously and many lost their lives in the battle for our freedom.

Each year, men and women of all ages make their way to the cenotaph to pay their respects to the servicemen and to the fallen to ensure that neither their hardship or their memory be forgotten as the years pass since they fell.

TEIA:

To quote the book, 'Voices of Gallipoli', I'd like to say that most nations have days to celebrate wars of liberation and triumphant feats of arms. New Zealand does not. Anzac Day, 25th April, began as an anniversary of a national disaster; one which gutted a young country of its bravest and brightest. It was a campaign in which 3,000 New Zealanders were cut down; a campaign which heralded the death of many thousands more in the trenches of France. For most of the world they perished in a futile battle best forgotten - a sickening sideshow of World War 1 which is remembered, where recalled elsewhere at all, under the name of Gallipoli. For many New Zealanders though, Gallipoli has remained as potent a placename as any in the outside world, a name as familiar as Taupo or Timaru but one that chills the heart.

Although a century has passed since this tradition began, we would like to remind all of you why it is imperative we continue to ensure that their memory never dim.

The place that many fell on the Gallipoli peninsula is the place where a sense of national identity and relationship with our neighbours was forged. This relationship has developed tremendously and the bond that was forged on Anzac cove is now one of the strongest between two countries in the world.

The fundamental aspects of our society, such as the *right* to education, healthcare and democracy are all aspects that we would have likely lost had our soldiers not fought for our country as they did.

These wars were wars that many of our families fought in. Creating tales of courage, heroism and endurance that I am sure your families treasure to this day.

Finally, many of these soldiers were as old as, or slightly older than, those of you sitting in front of me. To imagine myself and my peers on a battlefield is something out of nightmares. These men died so that you did not have to face the same fate that they did. It is our duty not to let their sacrifice be in vain. These men kept the future of our country safe by doing what they believed to be the right thing. We, as the youth of today, can also keep the future of our country safe by ensuring that these wars and the men who sacrificed their lives in them are not forgotten but are honoured. One way that we can honour those soldiers and servicemen is by laying a wreath or simply making an appearance at one of the parades tomorrow.

Josh and I will be attending the Dawn Parade tomorrow morning. We hope to see you there; however, if this is too early for you, we hope that you will make the effort to attend a ceremony later on in the day.

Thank you for your attention.



FOOD & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

Food & Nutrition Department WOMAD Cooking Competition Spotswood Year 10 Hospitality Team

The Spotswood Year 10 Hospitality team, consisting of Lachie Barrett, Catriona Oates and Mikaela Phillips-Nassif along with teacher, Mrs Katy Roach, competed in a WOMAD Cook-off, held at WITT in March 2015.

The team of three had been allocated the country of Japan and had to create a dish in under 2 hours. They chose Okonomiyaki, a Japanese pancake, filled with poached shrimps and topped with smoked bacon, a homemade garlic mayonnaise and a Japanese-inspired salsa. This was topped with deep-fried nori sheets.



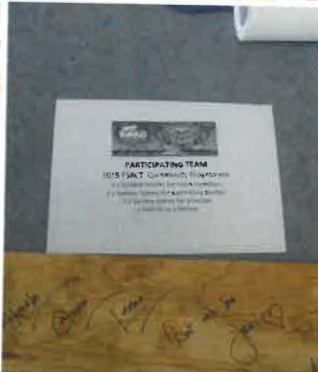
To get to this point the team spent hours practicing and hard work with research to make sure everything was the way it should be.

Lachie, Catriona and Mikaela (and especially Mrs Roach) were very pleased with the end result. The team came 3rd out of about 10 other schools to

complete for the title of the WOMAD Cook-off Champions for 2015.

The experience was very enjoyable for all members; the excitement was overwhelming for everyone when we saw Jax Hamilton, the runner-up on Masterchef New Zealand. She was one of the judging panel and Mikaela and Catriona were super pleased when she said she absolutely loved our food which was presented on wooden boards which were made in Wood Technology, so-much-so that she wanted to buy one of them from our team. But Mrs Roach said we would be delighted to gift her one. So we did and she autographed our second board for us.

Written by Catriona Oates and Mikaela Phillips-Nassif.



New Zealand Secondary Schools Nationals 2015 Mount Maunganui February

Spotswood College sent 3 boys' teams to the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Beach Volleyball Nationals at Mount Maunganui in early February.

Jayden Monaghan, Robert Fox, Matthew Hufton, David Jeffrey, Jonah Naborisi and Keegan Joe. The Boys played very well at the National Championships with some excellent results and were a credit to the school.

Jonah Naborisi and Keegan Joe finished 4th in New Zealand out of 28 teams.

Jayden Monaghan and Robert Fox finished 7th = out of 32 teams in the senior boys section

Matthew Hufton and David Jeffrey finished 23rd in the senior boys section.

Keegan Joe & Jonah Naborisi

30 teams

Pool Play

Won 2-0 James Hargest College Invercargill (Dymand/McIntyre) 21-12, 21-10

Won 2-0 Tauranga Boys College 2 (Rodger/Knight-Polamalu) 21-16, 21-10

Won 2-0 Nelson College (Darling/Orange) 21-16, 21-13

First Division (Top 16)

Won 2-0 Takapuna Grammar 3 (Lambert/Harris) 21-14, 21-15

Won 2-1 Takapuna Grammar 2 (Birchfield/Smeed) 21-16, 19-21, 15-10

Lost 0-2 Tauranga Boys College 1 (Furlong/Hamilton) 20-22, 18-21

Quarter-final

Won 2-1 Nelson College (Darling/Orange) 21-14, 18-21, 15-12

Semi-Final

Lost 1-2 Waimea College (Nelson) (MacDonald/Hayward) 16-21, 21-18, 12-15

Playoff 3rd/4th

Lost 1-2 Takapuna Grammar 1 (Roberts/Roberts) 18-21, 21-18, 11-15.

Finished 4th in New Zealand Secondary Schools Junior Section.

Jayden Monaghan & Robert Fox

32 teams

Pool Play

Won 2-0 Bethlehem College (Tauranga) (Lipinski/Bartlett) 21-9, 21-11

Won 2-0 Long Bay College 2 (Auckland) (Burfoot/Quinn) 21-13, 21-12

Lost 1-2 Rangitoto College 2 (Auckland) (Carter/Adams) 20-22, 21-19, 12-15

Division 1

Won 2-0 Mount Maunganui College 2 (Busby/Lewis) 21-15, 21-19

Won 2-0 Otumoetai College 3 (Tauranga) (Hunter/McKneeley) 21-14, 21-8

Lost 0-2 Western Heights HS 1 (Rotorua) (Robinson/Gillespie) 13-21, 19-21

Quarter-Final

Lost 0-2 Tauranga Boys College 1 (Reid/Kilpatrick) 8-21, 9-21

Lost 0-2 Waimea College (Nelson) (King/Kilgour) 21-23, 18-21.

Finished 7th = in New Zealand Secondary Schools Senior Boys Section.

The Taranaki Secondary Schools' Beach Volleyball Championships were played in awesome weather at Ngamoutu Beach in late February.

Boys involved:

Jayden Monaghan, Cameron Angland, Daniel Clark, Matthew Hufton, Robert Fox, Joseph Pui, Kurtis Riddle, Terry O'Donnell, David Jeffrey, Jonah Naborisi, Ronan Avery, Keegan Joe, Meli Naborisi, Neme Faga, Tautahi Phillips, James Dey, Harry Younger, Luke Cocker, Leo Bennett, Tane Whitehead.

Senior Boys Pairs

1st Jayden Monaghan and Cameron Angland

2nd Daniel Clark and Matthew Hufton

4th Robert Fox and Jonah Naborisi

Junior Boys Pairs

1st Keegan Joe and Ronan Avery

2nd Meli Naborisi and Neme Faga

5th Tane Whitehead and Harry Younger.

Highlights from the Beach Volleyball

- Keegan Joe named in the New Zealand Under 17 Beach Volleyball team to go to Vanuatu in December.

- Jayden Monaghan being named in the New Zealand team for a Development tour to the Gold Coast in Queensland and played in the Queensland Open and trained at the High performance facility at Runaway Bay Super Sports Centre.

- Keegan Joe and Jonah Naborisi – 4th in the Junior Boys New Zealand Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championships at Mount Maunganui.

- Keegan Joe & David Jeffrey represented Taranaki and gained 2nd U15 Inter – Provincial Championships (Hamilton).

- Keegan Joe & Aaron Hone 1st New Zealand U15 Beach Volleyball Championships (Mount Maunganui).

- Cameron Angland & Jayden Monaghan 4th NZ U19 Beach Volleyball Championships.

- Robert Fox & Jonah Naborisi 7th place NZ U19 Beach Volleyball Championships.

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Volleyball Nationals Palmerston North

Spotswood College Boys' team:

Jonah Naborisi, Robert Fox, Jayden Monaghan, Cameron Angland, Lao Vickers, Matthew Hufton, Daniel Clark, Tawera Baker, Joseph Pui, Michael Anderson, Keegan Joe.

The team attended Palmerston North for the 47th New Zealand Secondary Schools' Senior Volleyball Nationals.

We were placed in the Premier Division.

Pool play Premier Division

Won 3-0 Havelock North High School (Napier) 25-15, 25-13, 25-17

Lost 0-3 Christchurch BHS 23-25, 20-25, 23-25

Won 3-0 Matamata College 25-13, 25-17, 25-20
Qualified Division 3

Pool play Div 3

Won 3-2 Otumoetai College (Tauranga) 25-27, 20-25, 25-20, 25-22, 15-13

Lost 0-3 Trident High School (Whakatane) 16-25, 17-25, 27-29

Won 3-1 Rowville High School (Melbourne Australia) 25-10, 25-16, 19-25, 25-20

Quarter-final

Lost 1-3 Bethlehem College (Tauranga) 20-25, 25-23, 11-25, 21-25

5th - 8th Cross over

Lost 2-3 Aranui High School (Christchurch) 25-14, 22-25, 17-25, 25-22, 12-15

7th / 8th playoff

Lost 2-3 Otago Boys' High School 28-26, 20-25, 20-25, 25-18, 13-15

Finished 8th Division 3.

40th in New Zealand Senior Secondary Schools' Volleyball Nationals. A very creditable result.

Junior Boys' Volleyball

Squad:

Keegan Joe, Meli Naborisi, Neme Faga, Ronan Avery, Ben Willis, Harry Younger, Luke Cocker, Roan Upson, James Dey, Ryan Clough, Tane Whitehead.

The Junior Boys won the TSSSA championships beating Opunake HS, Waitara HS and Inglewood HS in Pool play.

In the Semi-final they beat NPBHS.

In the final they again played Waitara HS coming out victorious in the final.

Taranaki Regional Volleyball Championships:

The boys have been playing the Regional Championships and won the Taranaki Junior Boys' Regional Championships.

The team play in the North Island Secondary Schools' Volleyball Championships in Wellington in November.

Highlights Volleyball Season

- 3 boys trialled for the New Zealand High Performance Volleyball Squads for 2015.

- Robert Fox, Jayden Monaghan, Keegan Joe.

- Robert Fox made it through to the High Performance training camp for a 5 day training camp at Wellington.

- Taranaki Under 19 Team: Cameron Angland, Robert Fox and Keegan Joe trialled and made the Taranaki Team to attend the National Inter-Provincial championships at Mount Maunganui.

- Junior Boys winning the TSSSA and Taranaki Regional Championships.

SWIMMING RESULTS

2015 SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE ANNUAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

JUNIOR GIRLS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
25m Freestyle	Larissa Wilkinson (Par)	Chloe Knight (Mik)	Phoebe Pepper (Mah)	17.15secs
25m Backstroke	Phoebe Pepper (Mah)	Gemma Clarges (Mah)	Pippa Marshall (Par)	21.19secs
25m Breaststroke	Phoebe Pepper (Mah)	Chloe Knight (Mik)	Larissa Wilkinson (Par)	23.67secs
25m Butterfly	No event			
50m Freestyle	Phoebe Pepper (Mah)	Larissa Wilkinson (Par)	Chloe Knight (Mik)	40.32secs
50m Backstroke	Phoebe Pepper (Mah)	Gemma Clarges (Mah)	Pippa Marshall (Par)	50.65secs
50m Breaststroke	Phoebe Pepper (Mah)	Rosie Ray (Mot)	Larissa Wilkinson (Par)	53.69secs
100m Freestyle	Larissa Wilkinson (Par)	Chloe Knight (Mik)		1 min 42.22secs
4 x 25m Individual medley	No event			
Year 9 & 10 Relays:				
4 x 25m Medley Relay	Paritutu	Motumahanga	Moturoa	1 min 26.08 secs
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	Paritutu	Motumahanga	Moturoa	1 min 15.53 secs
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS:				
25m Freestyle	Gaby Cole (Par)	Sally Beckingsale (Mah)	Finn-marie Uhlenbruch (Par)	15.90secs
25m Backstroke	Gaby Cole (Par)	Hannah Broad (Mah)	Finn-marie Uhlenbruch (Par)	19.27secs
25m Breaststroke	Finn-marie Uhlenbruch (Par)	Gaby Cole (Par)	Sally Beckingsale (Mah)	21.35secs
25m Butterfly	Gaby Cole (Par)			17.00secs
50m Freestyle	Gaby Cole (Par)	Finn-marie Uhlenbruch (Par)	Laura Robinson (Mot)	35.13secs
50m Backstroke	Gaby Cole (Par)			43.01secs
50m Breaststroke	Finn-marie Uhlenbruch (Par)	Gaby Cole (Par)	Laura Robinson (Mot)	47.34secs
100m Freestyle	Gaby Cole (Par)	Finn-marie Uhlenbruch (Par)	Gillian Edwards (Mik)	1 min 15.94secs
4 x 25m Individual medley	Gaby Cole (Par)	Gillian Edwards (Mik)		1 min 32.69secs
SENIOR GIRLS:				
25m Freestyle	Erin Barrett (Par)	Amirah Osama (Mot)	Zoe Sagarin (Mik)	16.10secs
25m Backstroke	Amirah Osama (Mot)	Erin Barrett (Par)	Zoe Sagarin (Mik)	20.41secs
25m Breaststroke	Erin Barrett (Par)	Amirah Osama (Mot)	Zoe Sagarin (Mik)	21.19secs
25m Butterfly	Erin Barrett (Par)	Amirah Osama (Mot)	Zoe Sagarin (Mik)	17.69secs
50m Freestyle	Erin Barrett (Par)	Amirah Osama (Mot)	Zoe Sagarin (Mik)	33.80secs
50m Backstroke	Amirah Osama (Mot)	Erin Barrett (Par)	Zoe Sagarin (Mik)	42.60secs
50m Breaststroke	Amirah Osama (Mot)	Erin Barrett (Par)	Zoe Sagarin (Mik)	46.06secs
Girls open 50m Butterfly	Erin Barrett (Par)	Gaby Cole (Par)	Amirah Osama (Mot)	38.21secs
100m Freestyle	Erin Barrett (Par)	Amirah Osama (Mot)		1 min 12.96secs
4 x 25m Individual medley	Erin Barrett (Par)	Amirah Osama (Mot)		1 min 25.81secs
Year 11, 12 & 13 relays:				
4 x 25m Medley Relay	Paritutu	Moturoa	Motumahanga	1 min 28.46secs
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	Paritutu	Moturoa	Mikotahi	1 min 13.75secs
JUNIOR BOYS:				
25m Freestyle	Keegan Joe (Mot)	Phoenix O'Connor (Mah)	Ryan Clough (Mik)	14.78secs
25m Backstroke	Keegan Joe (Mot)	Ryan Clough (Mik)	Luke Cocker (Mah)	17.20secs
25m Breaststroke	Keegan Joe (Mot)	Ryan Clough (Mik)	Luke Cocker (Mah)	21.51secs
25m Butterfly	Keegan Joe (Mot)	Luke Cocker (Mah)	Jonathon Whiteley (Par)	16.71secs
50m Freestyle	Keegan Joe (Par)	Phoenix O'Connor (Mah)	Ryan Clough (Mik)	33.15secs
50m Backstroke	Keegan Joe (Mot)	Ryan Clough (Mik)	Roan Upson (Par)	42.45secs
50m Breaststroke	Keegan Joe (Mot)	Ryan Clough (Mik)	Luke Cocker (Mah)	50.37secs
100m Freestyle	Keegan Joe (Mot)	Ryan Clough (Mik)	Luke Cocker (Mot)	1 min 19.46secs
4 x 25m Individual medley	Keegan Joe (Mot)	Ryan Clough (Mik)	Luke Cocker (Mot)	1 min 32.93secs
Year 9 & 10 Relays:				
4 x 25m Medley Relay	Moturoa	Paritutu	Motumahanga	1min 27.43secs
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	Moturoa	Motumahanga	Paritutu	1 min 06.03secs

INTERMEDIATE BOYS:

25m Freestyle	Blake Tanner (Par)	Jake Courtnell (Mah)	Ben Oaten (Mot)	13.56secs
25m Backstroke	Blake Tanner (Par)	Hayden King (Mot)	Ronan Avery (Mot)	15.52secs
25m Breaststroke	Blake Tanner (Par)	Jake Courtnell (Mah)	Ronan Avery (Mot)	16.57secs
25m Butterfly	Blake Tanner (Par)	Ronan Avery (Mot)	Andrew Whiteley (Par)	14.10secs
50m Freestyle	Blake Tanner (Par)	Jake Courtnell (Mah)	Zharn McCracken (Mik)	30.18secs
50m Backstroke	Blake Tanner (Par)	Ronan Avery (Mot)	Andrew Whiteley (Par)	34.66secs
50m Breaststroke	Blake Tanner (Par)	Ronan Avery (Mot)	Andrew Whiteley (Par)	37.11secs
100m Freestyle	Blake Tanner (Par)	Andrew Whiteley (Par)	Jared O'Keffe (Par)	1 min 05.93secs
4 x 25m Individual medley	Blake Tanner (Par)	Ronan Avery (Mot)	Andrew Whiteley (Par)	1 min 12.68secs

SENIOR BOYS:

25m Freestyle	Mahana Nathan (Mot)	Cameron Angland (Mot)	Stefan Baier (Mah)	13.22secs
25m Backstroke	Mahana Nathan (Mot)	Stefan Baier (Mah)	Cameron Angland (Mot)	15.53secs
25m Breaststroke	Mahana Nathan (Mot)	Stefan Baier (Mah)	Cameron Angland (Mot)	18.94secs
25m Butterfly	Mahana Nathan (Mot)	Stefan Baier (Mah)	Cameron Angland (Mot)	15.07secs
50m Freestyle	Mahana Nathan (Mot)	Cameron Angland (Mot)	Stefan Baier (Mot)	28.91secs
50m Backstroke	Mahana Nathan (Mot)	Stefan Baier (Mah)	Cameron Angland (Mot)	34.35secs
50m Breaststroke	Mahana Nathan (Mot)	Stefan Baier (Mah)	Cameron Angland (Mot)	39.39secs
100m Freestyle	Stefan Baier (Mah)	Cameron Angland (Mot)		1 min 22.77secs
4 x 25m Individual medley	Mahana Nathan (Mot)	Stefan Baier (Mah)		1 min 12.79secs
Year 11, 12 & 13 Relays:				
4 x 25m Medley Relay	Moturoa	Motumahanga	Paritutu	1 min 11.47secs
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	Moturoa	Paritutu	Motumahanga	59.66secs
Record attempt 4 x 25m Freestyle relays:				
Intermediate Boys:	Paritutu			1 min 04.22 secs
Senior boys:	Moturoa			57.75 secs

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS:

	TROPHY		
JUNIOR GIRLS	Brittney Pearce trophy	Phoebe Pepper	Motumahanga
JUNIOR BOYS	Murray Barrett trophy	Keegan Joe	Moturoa
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	(No trophy)	Gaby Cole	Paritutu
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	Barnett Bond trophy	Blake Tanner	Paritutu
SENIOR GIRLS	Helen Barrett trophy	Erin Barrett	Paritutu
SENIOR BOYS	Osama Family Cup	Mahana Nathan	Moturoa

OVERALL HAPU/HOUSE POINTS FOR THE CRAIGMYLE TROPHY:

1st	Moturoa	501 points
2nd	Paritutu	467 points
3rd	Motumahanga	307 points
4th	Mikotahi	173 points





ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

2015 SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE ANNUAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS:

	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME/DISTANCE
JUNIOR GIRLS:				
100m	Unity Walters (Mot)	Chloe Knight (Mik)	Hanna Martin (Par)	14.19secs
200m	Unity Walters (Mot)	Chloe Knight (Mik)	Estella Durrant-Riddick (Mah)	32.45secs
400m	Chloe Knight (Mik)			1min 39.30 secs
800m	Chloe Knight (Mik)			3 mins 38.50 secs
1500m	Chloe Knight (Mik)	Unity Walters (Mot)		7 mins 01.00 secs
Shot Putt	Te Puawai Moke (Mot)	Tayla Taiwhati (Mik)	Chloe Knight (Mik)	8.35m
Discus	Te Puawai Moke (Mot)	Larissa Wilkinson (Par)	Gemma Clarges (Mah)	16.26m
Javelin	Te Puawai Moke (Mot)	Estella Durrant-Riddick (Mah)	Unity Walters (Mot)	15.80m
Long Jump	Monique Wigg (Par)	Hanna Martin (Par) & Catriona Oates (Mah)=		3.70m
Triple Jump	Unity Walters (Mot)	Hanna Martin (Par)	Tanesha Bower (Mik)	7.60m
High Jump	Avalon Leathers (Mot)	Unity Walters (Mot)	Chloe Knight (Mik) & Star Healy (Mah)=	1.17m
Year 9 & 10 - 4 x 100m Hapu/House Relay				
	Moturoa	Paritutu	Motumahanga	1 min 03.22 secs
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS:				
100m	Kellie Walters (Par)	Siteri Naumotu (Mot)	Amber Donald (Mot)	13.85secs
200m	Kellie Walters (Par)	Finn-Marie Uhlenbruch (Par)	Hannah Broad (Mah)	30.41secs
400m	Emmy Banner-Smith (Mah)	Kellie Walters (Par)		1min 43.30secs
800m	Emmy Banner-Smith (Mah)	Kellie Walters (Par)		4mins 28.00secs
1500m	Finn-Marie Uhlenbruch (Par)	Courtney Goble (Mot)	Chloe Loveridge (Mik)	5 mins 33.0 secs
Shot Putt	Sophie Willis (Par)	Peyton Brown (Mah)	Oceana Kaponga (Mot)	8.09m
Discus	Ruby Crawshaw (Mah)	Mikaela Phillips-Nassif (Mik)	Hannah Broad (Mah)	17.87m
Javelin	Hannah Hazeldon (Par)	Hannah Broad (Mah)	Lucy Stinson (Mik)	17.30m
Long Jump	Kellie Walters (Par)	Adelaide Campbell (Mah)	Hannah Broad (Mah)	4.10m
Triple Jump	Hikaru Han (Par)	Hannah Broad (Mah)	Nadia Hill (Par)	8.57m
High Jump	Ayeisha Nowell (Mik)	Kellie Walters (Par), Hikaru Han (Par) & Georgia Strachan (Mik)2=		1.25m
SENIOR GIRLS:				
100m	Coralee Carter-Gates (Mot)	Taylah Williams (Par)	Kiara Quirante (Mah)	14.68secs
200m	Coralee Carter-Gates (Mot)	Taylah Williams (Par)	Zoe Sagarin (Mik)	29.47secs
400m	no event			
800m	no event			
1500m	Coralee Carter-Gates (Mot)	Zoe Sagarin (Mik)	Jannaha Henry (Mik)	6 mins 46.00 secs
Shot Putt	Molly Lumb (Mik)	Fiona Nicoll (Mot)	Coralee Carter-Gates (Mot)	8.04m
Discus	Molly Lumb (Mik)	Fiona Nicoll (Mot)	Zoe Sagarin (Mik)	17.74m
Javelin	Dione Riley (Mik)	Molly Lumb (Mik)	Taylah Williams (Par)	16.02m
Long Jump	Coralee Carter-Gates (Mot)	Meretita Baiteke (Par)	Isabella Gaugelhofer (Mah), Shiann Jolly (Mik), Kiara Quirante (Mah)=	3.55m
Triple Jump	Coralee Carter-Gates (Mot)	Kiara Quirante (Mah)	Shiann Jolly (Mik)	8.40m
High Jump	Johanna Sander (Mot)	Molly Lumb (Mik)	Coralee Carter-Gates (Mot)	1.22m
Year 11, 12, 13 - 4 x 100m Hapu/House Relay				
	Paritutu	Motumahanga	Moturoa	1 min 01.06secs
JUNIOR BOYS:				
100m	Tane Whitehead (Par)	Phoenix O'Connor (Mah)	Meli Naborisi (Mah)	12.84secs
200m	Tane Whitehead (Par)	Phoenix O'Connor (Mah)	Caleb McDonald (Mah)	24.20secs
400m	Tane Whitehead (Par)	Gerald McGuigan (Par)	Oliver Scott (Mik)	1 min 02.21secs
800m	Tane Whitehead (Par)	Gerald McGuigan (Par)	Clinton Healey (Mah)	2 mins 42.00secs
1500m	Souljah Phillips (Mik)	Seamus Fawkner (Par)		
Shot Putt	Liam Ransley-McIsaac(Mah)	Liam McCabe-Finnerty (Mik)	Tane Whitehead (Par)	10.60m
Discus	Neme Faga (Par)	Josh Clarke (Mah)	Tane Whitehead (Par)	28.40m
Javelin	Taylor Newton (Mik)	Ralf Driver (Mah)	Izac White (Mot)	5.74m

Long Jump	Josh Clarke (Mah)	Tane Whitehead (Par)	Boston Haddon (Mot)	4.30m
Triple Jump	Josh Clarke (Mah)	Meli Naborisi (Mah)	Tane Whitehead (Par)	10.04m
High Jump	Tane Whitehead (Par)	Kaleb McDonald (Mah)	Meli Naborisi (Mah) & Liam Ransley-McIsaac (Mah)	1.48m

Year 9 & 10 - 4 x 100m Hapu/House Relay	Motumahanga	Moturoa	Paritutu	57.84secs
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INTERMEDIATE BOYS:

100m	David Jeffrey (Mik)	Jayden Mancer (Par)	Fabian Johnson (Par)	12.18secs
200m	David Jeffrey (Mik)	Jayden Mancer (Par)	Ben Dey (Mik)	24.25secs
400m	Ben Dey (Mik)	David Jeffrey (Mik)	Tarryn Rose-Love (Mik)	1 min 01.20secs
800m	David Jeffrey (Mik)	Tarryn Rose-Love (Mik)	Zahn McCracken (Par)	2 mins 30.40secs
1500m	David Jeffrey (Mik)	Ronan Avery (Mot)	Chief Anderson (Mik)	4 mins 56.00secs
Shot Putt	Jayden Mancer (Par)	Tayne Cassidy (Mik)	Blake Tanner (Par)	9.86m
Discus	Darrin Vedder (Mik)	Tayne Cassidy (Mik)	Blake Tanner (Par)	21.43m
Javelin	David Jeffrey (Mik)	Michael Anderson (Mik)	Cory Bedford (Mah)	28.85m
Long Jump	David Jeffrey (Mik)	Fabian Johnson (Par)	Hoani Paora (Par) & David Robinson (Mot)=	4.80m
Triple Jump	David Jeffrey (Mik)	Jonah Naborisi (Mah)	Blake Tanner (Par)	11.68m
High Jump	Blake Tanner (Par)	Mio Waipouri (Par)	David Jeffrey (Mik), Jonah Naborisi (Mah) Connor Mac Donald (Mah)=	1.52m

SENIOR BOYS:

100m	Matthew Reed (Mik)	Daniel Clark (Mah)	Alex Smart (Mot)	12.69secs
200m	Jayden Monaghan (Mot)	Matthew Reed (Mik)	Daniel Clark (Mah)	24.05secs
400m	Alex Smart (Mot)	Dominic Nowell (Mot)		1 min 11.80 secs
800m	Jayden Monaghan (Mot)	Dominic Nowell (Mot)	Alex Smart (Mot)	2mins 23.50secs
1500m	Jayden Monaghan (Mot)	Luke Abbott (Mot)	Rory McDonald (Mik)	4 mins 54 secs
Shot Putt	Daniel Clark (Mah)	Jayden Monaghan (Mot)	Lao Vickers (Par)	10.53m
Discus	Tawera Baker (Mah)	Daniel Clark (Mah)	Jayden Monaghan (Mot)	29.30m
Javelin	Daniel Clark (Mah)	Tawera Baker (Mah)	Bayden Harker (Mik)	41.50m
Long Jump	Robert Fox (Mot)	Samuel Driver (Mik)	Jayden Monaghan (Mot)	5.70m
Triple Jump	Robert Fox (Mah)	Jayden Monaghan (Mot)	Daniel Clark (Mah)	11.74m
High Jump	Daniel Clark (Mah)	Jayden Monaghan (Mot)	Rory Mac Donald (Mik)	1.67m

Years 11, 12 & 13 - 4 x 100m Hapu/House Relay	Moturoa	Paritutu	Mikotahi	51.90secs
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INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS:

CATEGORY	TROPHY	CHAMPION	HAPU
JUNIOR GIRLS	Ashleigh Pearce Trophy	Chloe Knight	Mikotahi
JUNIOR BOYS	(No trophy)	Tane Whitehead	Paritutu
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	Kirsten Hasell Trophy	Kellie Walters	Paritutu
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	Blair Telford Trophy	David Jeffrey	Mikotahi
SENIOR GIRLS	Hazel Robertson Trophy	Coralee Carter-Gates	Moturoa
SENIOR BOYS	Amadinah Trophy	Jayden Monaghan	Moturoa

OVERALL HAPU/HOUSE POINTS FOR THE MORINE CUP:

Moturoa	1st	987 points
Paritutu	2nd	880 points
Motumahanga	3rd	849 points
Mikotahi	4th	768 points



SPORTING REPRESENTATIVES 2015

NORTH TARANAKI REPRESENTATIVES

Aidan Zittersteijn North Taranaki Indoor Bowls Junior & Senior teams
 Maeghan King North Taranaki Showjumping team

TARANAKI REPRESENTATIVES

Cameron Angland Taranaki Under 19 Mens' Volleyball team
 Robert Fox Taranaki Under 19 Mens' Volleyball team
 Keegan Joe Taranaki Under 19 Mens' Volleyball team
 Sophie Willis Taranaki Under 17 Womens' Volleyball team
 Leeara Noble Taranaki Under 19 Womens' Rugby team
 Hannah Broad Taranaki Under 15 Girls' Rugby team
 Neme Faga Taranaki Under 13 Rugby League team
 Tane Whitehead Taranaki Under 15 Rugby League team
 Jahvis Moke Taranaki Under 17 Rugby League team
 Tane Whitehead Taranaki Under 14 Rugby team
 Josh Clarke Taranaki Under 14 Football team
 Hikaru Han Taranaki Tennis Senior team

NORTH ISLAND REPRESENTATIVES

Aidan Zittersteijn North Island Indoor Bowls Academy team

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES

Jayden Monaghan NZ Under 17 Beach Volleyball Development team
 Cory Bedford NZ Under 20 Mens' Roller Hockey team
 TK Tohu N.Z. Junior Boxing team to World championships, Russia
 Robert Fox N.Z. Junior Mens' (Under 19)Volleyball Development team (non-travelling reserve)

NEW ZEALAND TITLES

Keegan Joe NZ Under 15 Boys' Pairs Beach Volleyball championship
 Hikaru Han NZ Open Womens' Doubles Grasscourt championship
 Aidan Zittersteijn NZ Under 18 Open Singles Indoor Bowls championship
 Aidan Zittersteijn 1st place Welch trophy for Inter-provincial Indoor Bowls

FIRST ELEVEN GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

This year our girls' First Eleven Soccer Team had a great season. Our team played our hardest at every game we played. We never gave up and worked well as a team, each and every game. I feel our team had a great bond throughout the whole season and we also came 3rd place in the Premier League this year.

A highlight of the season was going on tournament to Auckland. We had a great week away and I'd like to thank our coach Mr Johnson and the two parents who came with us and supported us at every game.

Everyone was positive and never gave up throughout the week, it was a great team bonding experience and all of us enjoyed every second of it.

Well done to all the girls on the team and I can't wait for next season.

Dione Riley

SECOND ELEVEN GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

The Second Eleven Girls' Soccer team was made up of juniors except for the team captains of Ruby and Victoria. A lot of the girls were new to the game and, although not winning too many games, were always competitive.

The team was always happy and became known as the roly-poly Queens of the competition. Huge improvements were made as the season progressed

which was due to the hard-work and dedication of their coach Paul Wilkinson.

Brent Dunnet (Soccer Mum)

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Spotswood College's Equestrian Show Jumping team stole the limelight when they finished in first equal place with pre-championship favourites

St. Peters School (Cambridge) at the North Island Secondary Schools Show Jumping championships held at Cambridge, on Friday 23rd October 2015.

29 teams representing 27 schools from throughout the North Island competed in this year's championship.

Spotswood College and St. Peters finished the day equal on 36 points with Pukekohe HS 3rd (29 points), St. Kentigerns College 4th (24 points), a combined team from Taupo Niui Tia, Te Kuiti and Morrinsville 5th (23 points), and NgaTawa School 6th (18 Points).

Best individual results for Spotswood were:-

Ring2:- 80cm-90cm Class 1
 2nd Rebecca Spindler- Golden Sunset

80cm-90cm Class 2
 1st Rebecca Spindler- Golden Sunset

Ring 1:- 1m- 1.05m Class 2
 4th Maeghan King - Alexander Bay

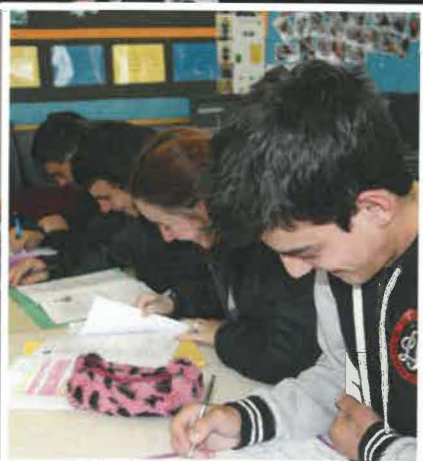
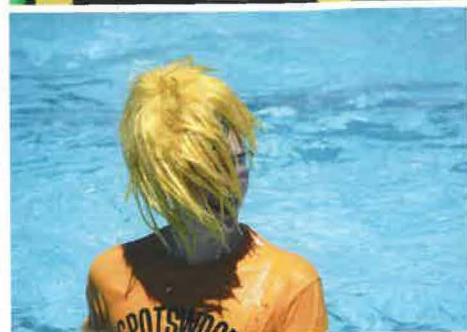
Spotswood College won the Teams Jigsaw event.



(L to R) and horse names: Jess Gibson (Asterix II), Erin Barrett (Molly), Rebecca Spindler (Golden Sunset), Maeghan King - Alexander Bay



(L to R): Jess Gibson, Rebecca Spindler, Maeghan King, Erin Barrett.



INDOOR BOWLS

N.Z.S.S. INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's New Zealand Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls championships were played at Porirua in Wellington on 30th & 31st August during winter tournament week.

Our team of Aidan Zittersteijn and Ryan Vincent competed individually in the Open singles and together in the Open Pairs championship.

N.Z. UNDER 18 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Aidan Zittersteijn (Year 11) on winning the New Zealand Junior(Under 18) Open Singles championship played in Wellington on Saturday 29th August. Representing the North Taranaki region, Aidan played through the championship undefeated winning all seven games. Well done Aidan – National Under 18 champion for 2015.

SENIOR NATIONAL INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations again to Aidan who was a member of the North Taranaki team that won the Welch Trophy Inter-provincial championship for 2015. This

is the premier event on the national Indoor Bowls programme and Aidan became the youngest player in NZ to have ever won this trophy. The win gives Aidan his first national senior title towards the NZ Gold Star(5 titles).

Aidan Zittersteijn's other successes during 2015

1st place Central Division Open singles
1st place North Taranaki Junior Open singles
3rd place Western Taranaki Open pairs
28th= place New Zealand Open pairs
5th= place New Zealand Open Fours
Junior player of the tournament North Island championships



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

On Wednesday 1st April 40 Year 11 - 13 PE Students from school turned up to Ngamotu Beach to be volunteers for the Weetbix Tryathlon. This was a great activity for Spotswood College PE students to be involved in, running a major sporting event of over 1800 participants (a record for Taranaki) and taking part in giving back to the community.

The students were very positive ambassadors for the school and were involved in many roles throughout the day, from the food tent for breakfast and lunch, registrations and signing in, to finishing chute responsibilities and pack down. The students started from 6.45am in the morning and finished the day at 3pm. The skills the students displayed on the day and the positive comments the event staff made toward Spotswood College were a great testament to the students. Their eagerness to learn new roles

and put into practice the skills of event management, participation and involvement in a community project shows their potential as future Physical Educators.

Students involved:

Alex Smart, Jayden Monaghan, Coralee Carter-Gates, Jake Brightman, Aaron Brightman, Daniel Clark, Matthew Reed, Rebecca Hanke, Robert Fox, Tawera Baker, Joseph Pui, Kurtis, Riddle, Amirah Osama, Molly Lumb, Dione Riley, Zak Hubbard, Matheus Fonseca, Meg Parson, Romi Hackett, Kate McLean, Pauline Lischner, Finn Uhlenbruck, Pedro Wasilewski, Mavis Tunnicliffe, Thomas Roberts, Terry O'donnell, Teina Rennie, Cole Webb, Jonah Naborisi, David Jeffrey, Sophie Willis, Oceana Kaponga, Ryana Scown, Zhan McCracken, Hayden King, Oriwa Manihera, Kellie Walters, Emily Hazleton, Kaylee Downing, Ben Dey.

SENIOR A BASKETBALL TEAM

The Spotswood College Senior A Basketball Team returned to the New Plymouth Secondary School Basketball League in 2015. The team combined a mixture of young and experienced players who made the commitment to return to competitive basketball.

Alex Zhong was the captain of the team and provided inspiration for the younger players with his tireless effort and hustle during each and every game. Sherwood Mathieson transferred to Spotswood College in 2015 and was the 2015 MVP. Sherwood contributed high-powered scoring and lock-down defence to the team. His natural flair and confidence

helped Spotswood maintain respectability in the fiercely competitive league. The team this year played through the challenges of not having a home gym. All of the games were road games and practices were held on the outside courts during lunchtimes and after school many times in cold, wet and windy conditions. These challenging conditions no doubt built character, discipline and strength within the team. These attributes were displayed in each and every game with gritty effort and a 'never give up' attitude. The team will use the experiences from 2015.

TSSSA EVENTS

There are now over 40 events scheduled annually on the Taranaki Secondary Schools Sports Association calendar. Spotswood College enters individuals or teams in most of these events. Below is a summary of our Spotswood results for 2015 for those events completed prior to the deadline for this year's magazine.

TSSSA GOLF CROQUET:

Well done to our two teams who competed at this year's event played at the Inglewood Croquet Club on Tuesday 17th February. Cody Adlam and Robin Clarke participated.

TSSSA SURFING & BODYBOARDING:

This year's event was held on Friday 20th February. Our best results were:
Gabe Pitano 3rd place Under 18 Surfing
Ronan Avery 2nd place Bodyboarding

TSSSA BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Congratulations also to our team of 30 who competed at the TSSSA Championships played at Ngamotu Beach on Sunday 22nd February. Our best results were:

Junior Boys:	Keegan Joe & Ronan Avery	1st
	Meli Naborisi & Nema Faga	2nd
Junior Girls:	Adelaide Campbell & Larissa Wilkinson	3rd
Senior Girls:	Sophie Bowden & Taylah Williams	3rd
	Sophie Willis & Amirah Osama	4th
	Casey Carass & Montana Bennett	5th=

Senior Boys:	Jayden Monaghan & Cameron Angland	1st
	Daniel Clark & Mathew Hufton	2nd

TSSSA SURF LIFE SAVING:

This year's event was held on Wednesday 4th March. Our team of Ryan Clough, Keegan Joe, Jonathon Whiteley, Luke Cocker, Andrew Whiteley and Harry Younger finished in 6th place overall.

TSSSA 3 v 3 BASKETBALL:

Spotswood entered 3 teams in this year's 3 vs 3 Basketball tournament played at the TSB Stadium on Wednesday 11th March. A total of 20 teams entered the Boys Division. The players were: Ben Dey, Tyrone Gleave, Cykarn Haddon, David Jeffrey, Kam McMichael, Jonah Naborisi, Terry O'Donnell, Hoani Paora, Xavi Spencer, TK Tohu, Jayden Walters, Alec Zhong.

TSSSA ATHLETICS:

This year's championships were held at the TET Stadium in Inglewood on Thursday 12th March.

Our results were:

Junior Girls:	Te Puawai Moke 3rd Javelin 18.66m; 3rd Shot Putt 8.44m; 6th Discus 17.12m
Junior Boys:	Tane Whitehead 3rd 100m 13.27secs; 3rd 200m 27.14 secs; 3rd 800m 2mins 30.11 secs; 4th High Jump 1.40m

Intermediate Boys':

Tarryn Rose-Love 6th 800m 2mins 24.25secs; 7th 3000m 11mins 37.16secs; David Jeffrey 6th Triple Jump 11.10m

Senior Boys':

Jayden Monaghan 2nd 800m 2mins 13.84 secs; 3rd 1500m 4mins 47.60secs

TSSSA ROGAINE:

This year's event was again held at Lake Mangamahoe on Wednesday 18th March with a squad of 54 students participating from Spotswood College.

TSSSA SWIMMING:

This year's championships were held at the Stratford Pool on Tuesday 31st March. Our results were:

Intermediate Boys:

Blake Tanner 3rd 50m Breaststroke 36.93 secs

Senior Girls:

Amirah Osama 3rd place 50m Breaststroke 46.05secs; 3rd 50m Backstroke 42.33secs, Erin Barrett 2nd 100m Freestyle 1min 14.073 secs; 3rd 50m Butterfly 38.83 secs.

Relay teams:

2nd medley 1 min 14-98secs; Freestyle 2nd place 1 min 05.94secs

Senior Boys: Mahana Nathan 3rd 100m Freestyle 1min 01.99secs(new school record beating the time of 1min 03.94 secs set by Geoffrey Hawksworth in 2002); 3rd place 50m Backstroke 32.14secs (new school record beating the time of 32.40 secs set by Julian Pitman in 1998).

TSSSA LAWN BOWLS:

This year's event was played at the West End Club greens on Wednesday 1st April. Congratulations to Aidan Zittersteijn on winning the Singles Championship.

Aidan was selected in the Taranaki Youth Bowls squad to compete at the regional qualifying series that was played in Wanganui on Fridays 3rd & 10th October.

Well done to Aidan who was selected from the regionals to participate at the NZSS national championships to be held in Auckland in December.

TSSSA MOUNTAIN BIKING:

This year's event was held at the Lake Mangamahoe Forest course on Sunday 7th April. Callum Astwood and Lachlan Brewster participated.

TSSSA DRESSAGE:

This year's event was held at Waitara on Wednesday 22nd April. Our team was: Erin Barrett, Molly Lumb.

Jess Gibson was placed 1st in the Junior Test, with Erin Barrett placed 3rd in the Intermediate test.

TSSSA CYCLING:

This year's event was held at the Cycle Park in Bell Block on Sunday 30th April. Andrew Whiteley participated in the Senior Boys grade and finished 7th in both the 200m Flyer and the Individual Criterium.

TSSSA INDOOR BOWLS:

Well done to our team at this year's championships that were held at the Central Division Hall in New Plymouth on Wednesday 27th May. Our team was:- Jason Hook, Chloe Loveridge, Kaleb McDonald, Gage Peters, Ryan Vincent, Kian Watkins, and Aidan Zittersteijn.

Congratulations to Aidan Zittersteijn on winning the Open singles.

TSSSA JUNIOR BASKETBALL:

This year's event was held at The Hub in Hawera on Tuesday 16th June. In the play-off game, our Boys' team defeated Waitara HS 26-25 to finish 5th=

TSSSA TEN PIN BOWLING:

This year's event was held at Bowlarama in New Plymouth on Sunday 21st June. Erin Barrett, David Froom, Matthew Hufton and Alex Smart participated

TSSSA NETBALL:

This year's competition was held at the Waiwakaiho courts (NP) on Sunday 9th August. Two Spotswood teams competed. The results were:

Green team-C grade: beat NPGHS Angels 13-10, lost to NPGHS Silver Worms 11-15, beat Waitara HS-B 21-16, lost to Stratford HS-Strikers 21-22, play-off for 3rd & 4th lost to NPGHS Silver Worms 8-18 to finish in 4th place.

Gold team-Year 10 grade: lost to NPGHS-Int A1 3-45, lost to Hawera HS-Ngaio 6-33, lost to NPGHS-Int A4 13-16, beat Inglewood HS 10-0.

TSSSA BADMINTON:

This year's event was held at N.P.G.H.S. on Friday 14th August. Our team was:- Ryan Clough, Luke Cocker, James Dey, Keegan Joe, Ronan Avery, Adelaide Campbell, Hikaru Han, Lucy Stinson, Rishel Goundar and Reus Reyes. Our best results were:

Junior Boys' singles: Ryan Clough & Keegan Joe 5th=

Junior Girls singles: Lucy Stinson 5th=

Senior Boys singles: Reus Reyes 3rd=

Senior Girls singles: Hikaru Han 5th=

Senior Boys doubles: Reus Reyes & Ronan Avery 3rd=

Senior Girls doubles: Hikaru Han & Rochelle Goundar 3rd=.

TSSSA SMALL BORE RIFLE SHOOTING:

This year's event was held at the Inglewood Club on Sunday 16th August. Our team was:- Viera de Melo Andrade, Robert Anglesey, Ethan Butler, Ryan Clough, Luke Cocker, Star Healy, Tamia Kane, Phoenix Maddox, Jeremy Martin-Dromgool, Tom Oates, Ben Scott, Dominic Smillie, Blake Tanner, Josh Thompson and Jordan Wi.

TSSSA SKIING & SNOWBOARDING:

This year's event was held at the Maunganui skifield on Tuesday 20th August.

Our Skiing results were:

Junior Boys': Ben Willis 1st place

Senior Girls': Sophie Willis 3rd place

Our Snowboarding results were:-

Senior Boys': Jack Parsons 2nd place; Lachlan Brewster 3rd place

Senior Girls': Carlotta Langel (from Germany) 2nd place; Meg Parsons 3rd place.

MANFIELD 2015

The Spotswood College Mini Bike Race Team comprised of myself (Mr Houghton), six racers, (Connaugh McKibbin, Aaron Low, Nathan Foley, Jake Brightman, Alex Smart, Taine Alswailer) two parent mechanics, (Campbell Smart and Derrick Foley) and one pit boy (Daniel Phillips).

The event is run over three days at Manfeild Race Track in Fielding. There are schools from all over New Zealand. Having been to this event for the third time has re-enforced that the decision to only build the 70cc motor bikes was a wise decision. The bikes components are of greater quality and will go the full distance of the racing and further!

It was great to see these students racing the motorbike which they had worked hard all year to complete. Many late nights were spent in the school workshop to get the bikes ready to race.

TSSSA 8 BALL:

This year's event was held at Bowlarama, New Plymouth on Sunday 23rd August. Four students represented Spotswood-Ben Dey, Jonah Naborisi, Terry O'Donnell and Aidan Zittersteijn. Terry and Aidan finished in 4th place.

TSSSA TABLE TENNIS:

Well done to Izac White who competed in this year's event played at Stratford High School on Sunday 13th September.

TSSSA DUATHLON:

This year's event was held at the Veladrome at Bell Block on Saturday 17th October with Ronan Avery participating.

TSSSA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL:

This year's championships were played at the TSB Stadium on Tuesday 3rd November.

The teams were:

Boys: Jonah Naborisi, Hoani Paora, Ronan Avery, Keegan Joe, Luke Cocker, Ryan Clough, Roan Upson, Tane Whitehead, James Dey, Harry Younger,

Girls: Paris Brown, Adelaide Campbell, Hikaru Han, Catriona Oates, Siteri Naumotu, Chloe Knight and Larissa Wilkinson.

The bikes have to be scrutineered before they are allowed to race; the organisers are looking at the safety of the build, including the brakes, kill switches and head bearing. The boys' bikes went through without too much trouble, a little tweak here and there and they were ready to race.

The racing was great with the Spotswood boys all running at a similar pace, with Connaugh having the fastest lap time out of the Spotswood team, Aaron Low who had a slowish start, but soon gained confidence to get the second fastest lap time from the Spotswood boys.

It would be great to have a local racetrack for the boys to hone their skills before the race meeting, the overall results would look much better. This was evident by how the boys' times got faster each race

they rode and the confidence in their ability and their bikes' handling grew.

The trip was, as always, a great success and each of them would have gone back the following weekend to race again if there was more racing on.

This year we hope to have another race team ready to go ...



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MOTUMAHANGA HAPU

Greetings from team Motumahanga.

Participation during inter-Hapu events has been strong throughout the year with our major success being in Soccer. Congratulations especially to our Junior Students for getting behind these events. With a lot of second and third placing's, we finished third place overall on the points table.

The challenge now goes out to all students at every year level to get involved so we can return to the Number 1 spot in 2016.

Special thanks to Josie Hick and Ben Stanford for their dedication and efforts in leading Motumahanga throughout the year.

Mr Dunnet – Motumahanga Hapu Leader 2015

MIKOTAHI HAPU

2015 started with a hiss and a roar beginning with the main events - our annual novelty swimming and athletics days. It was especially pleasing to see the abundance of red amongst the crowd with so many staff and students embracing Hapu spirit and showing UNITY through dressing up. Congratulations to each and every one of you who got involved in these events. A special mention to Ryan Clough (Yr. 9) for his achievements in the competitive swimming event, Chloe Knight (Yr. 9) for her efforts in both competitive swimming and on athletics day and David Jeffery (Yr. 11) for his well-deserved intermediate athletics champion title for 2015. To all other Mikotahians who TOOK PART in these events I thank you for making the effort and earning valuable points for the Hapu. Your efforts did not go un-noticed.

The remainder of the year involved inter-Hapu sports events; Cross Country, Netball and Football. A fair number of participants enjoyed a leisurely walk around the course on a drizzly afternoon and a small number of competitive runners did themselves and the Hapu proud through a dedicated effort on the course. The junior members of the Hapu made a gallant effort in both Netball and Football but were sadly overtaken at the final hurdle. It is genuinely difficult to put in a

winning effort with such low numbers of participants. It would be great to see many more of you from team Mikotahi get involved and embrace the 'Spotty Way' by taking part in the events on offer in 2016. You never know, you might just enjoy yourself. And maybe, just maybe, Mikotahi might find themselves off the bottom of the leader board!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Hapu, juniors for your enthusiasm, seniors for your consistency and Whanau teachers for your hard work, dedication and support of the students in your classes. To Zoe Sagarin, our ever reliable and enthusiastic Student Hapu Leader. Thank you for all the effort you put in to organising and rounding up students when it came to competing in the events. I knew I could rely on you to get teams sorted so thank you for all your efforts throughout the year.

Looking ahead to 2016, I challenge you all to get involved, seek your potential, and grab hold of the chance to experience success with both hands. Above all else, enjoy taking on new opportunities. I cannot wait to see what 2016 has to offer all of us in Team Mikotahi. Best of luck to you all.

Miss V. Corlett – Mikotahi Hapu Leader 2015

MOTUROA HAPU

The MOTUROA Hapu have again had a fantastic year. Led by the Year 13 duo of Fiona Nicoll and Jake Brightman (THANKS GUYS) the Hapu started in the year with excellent participation numbers in the Novelty swimming, taking the win and some confidence in to the competitive College Swimming

championships. Moturoa were the proud winners of the Craig Myle Cup for swimming and the boys relay team come within a whisker of breaking a long standing school record. GREAT work TEAM. We had individual champions in Keegan Joe (Jnr boys) and Mahana Nathan (Snr boys).

Next on the calendar was the school Athletic Championships, a hard fought day of action on the track and field. Some fantastic participation rates, relay efforts and outstanding individual results saw us claim the Morine Cup. We had wins in 3 of the 6 100m Hapu team relays. FANTASTIC. The TEAM was on a high, heading the Hapu points table and setting the pace early on.

Cross Country was another big event for Moturoa and again a real arm wrestle with the green machine of Paritutu saw us pull out the overall win and remain the holders of the Paul Ballinger Cup. We had four individual champions in this event with Courtney Goble and Ronan Avery intermediate champions and Coralee Carter-Gates and Jayden Monaghan senior champions. A terrific result for Moturoa.

Lunchtime sports were also held and Moturoa got second placing in both Netball and Football through some excellent sportsmanship and team play. In both

these events we had large teams and everyone got a turn in representing the Hapu. Unity at its best. Again, well done to all the students who represented the Hapu in these sports.

This year was again another year where we continued to build a team and Hapu culture. The culture being built incorporates support, fair play and a sense of belonging and unity.

Moturoa Hapu is a great bunch of students and staff who respect each other, show a supportive nature towards each other and love to give things a go, challenging themselves on the way to reaching goals as a Hapu.

Well done to all MOTUROA staff and students for a FANTASTIC year that sees us end the year on top of the points table. CHAMPIONS!!!!

Mr S. Manson – Moturoa Hapu Leader 2015

PARITUTU HAPU

Well done to Paritutu during 2015. We participated well in most events and were rewarded with placing 2nd in the overall standings behind Moturoa. We placed 2nd in each of the closely contested main events – Athletics, Swimming, and Cross Country and won the Netball competition. It was great to see the continued building of Hapu spirit which will be important to maintain as we move in 2016.

I would like to thank the student Whanau Leaders for their role in supporting Paritutu and the encouragement that they gave to students to

participate in Hapu events. Their energy and assistance was greatly appreciated.

The assistance of the Teacher Whanau Leaders is also vital in furthering the development of Hapu spirit – their importance and drive cannot be overstated. I look forward to next year with great anticipation and hope to have increased student participation in all levels of Hapu activities.

Mr. L Whyte – Paritutu Hapu Leader 2015.

MUSIC 2015

Highlights and thoughts of 2015 ...

The 10th annual Taranaki Secondary Schools' Orchestra Day early in term 2, which means that this was the 10th time Spotswood College has hosted musicians and teachers from every High School in Taranaki to make an orchestra of about 90 people. Huzzah!

Success in Rockquest regional finals: **No Good** won 1st place overall (Kalin Wara, Rory McDonald, Thaddeus Poole, Campbell Parker) and **Garage Girls** won Best Low Down Song (Sam Raumati, Hikaru Han, Libby Meichtry, Sophie Willis).

Top 40 placements in the **National Play It Strange Songwriting Competition** for Sam Raumati and Cascade Price

Hatrix gaining a Silver award in Hamilton at the Waikato/Bay Of Plenty Band Festival with a line up including Sophie Kumeroa-Webster, Sam Raumati, Kurtis Gilmour, Riley Smith, Amirah Osama and Mostyn Lee and featuring **Spotswood College's Hellfire Horns**: Olivia Smith, David Froom and Josie Hick.

The music at our Gala day went well despite some rain and blustery conditions, with a selection of solo, duo and group acts.

Spotty Idol is probably going to be mentioned elsewhere in this magazine, but I'd like to make special mention of Josh Fleming and his role of most-excellent-and-indispensable-lighting-tech-dude, Olivia Smith who was the Stage Manager and Kurtis Gilmour who was the Assistant Stage Manager for this concert.

With this cohort of Year 13 students leaving it is timely to remember the numerous occasions that we have made music together over 5 years. Of course

SPOTTY IDOL

Spotty Idol was a disappointing night... for everyone who wasn't there! Amiright? With 19 incredible acts and over 40 students involved, Spotswood once again proved it has talented students in spades.

The Garage girls, fronted by Sam Raumati, opened the evening with Joan Jett's *Hate Myself for Loving You* followed by Jannah, Olivia and Mahana with a rendition of Blue Moon accompanied by Mr Greenfield and Mr Hill. There were lots of new comers this year like Year Nine Andee Coles, Year Ten Caitlin Brown, and Tayla Taiwhati who busted out a last minute original song, but the two standout new comers would have to be Nicola Carrol and Sophie Webster-Kumeroa. Sophie was awarded Best Solo Vocal with her wonderful version of Beyonce's *Halo*. Another newcomer, Joel Smith, proved the boys could cut it too with his duet with Marie Goldsworthy. The Melody brother's band

KING LEAR

Staging *King Lear* cannot be easy. And it wasn't. Getting through the language of Shakespeare's thou- and hast-s, preparing the costumes, learning the lines, rehearsing and rehearsing again.

The performance turned up to be absolutely stunning. Every single detail fell into place bringing up genuine and emotional acting. The decorations and costumes were set as if in nowadays. The austere style of office suits and ties, guns instead of swords and handcuffs instead of ancient stocks were telling us – this story of love and betrayal, this drama of fathers and children could happen in any time and place; it still speaks to the heart.

The actors were at their best. Genuine and passionate King Lear (Mr.Hill reflected later that at some moments he felt he was the king), Cordelia (Josie Hick) – sincere in every emotion, strong and realistic

2015 is readily recalled and highlights for me have been our Beatles sets – Olivia, Josie and Josh '12-string' Fleming; all the Spotty Idol and assembly music, a few jams here and there, the 3 and 4 part harmony singing, hearing a number of highly developed compositions.

Special thanks to Mr Peter Jefferies for his unfailing support and all those who helped Mr G with All Things Must Pass at the end of term one assembly.

Beneath These Waters treated the audience to their brand of Metal with an original opus and won best band. The dancers represented with an entertaining and theatrical tango by Kalin Wara and Jannah Henry but best dance went to Graceyn Potroz and her dance troupe. Olivia Smith won best original song, which she wrote with Alex Markart. But Spotty Idol and the most entertaining awards went to Josie Hick and Mahana Nathan for their version of *I Will Always Love You*, with Josie's Dolly Parton facing off with Mahana's Whitney Houston.

It was a great night and I would like to thank our judges Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mr Colless and Mr Lapworth, and our sponsors, TSH Audio and Video, and our great backstage crew – led by Olivia Smith – for making it a great evening.

Jared Hill

Gloucester (Niam Kelly), impressionable Edgar (Luke Abbot) and sarcastic Fool (Libbi Needs) - they all made the old drama living and real for the audience.

Out there in the cold winter night life was all of a sudden full of meaning and inspiration. An amazing gift from Shakespeare and Spotswood College Y13 Drama class.

Why *King Lear*?

Mr.Hill: Good question. *King Lear* has always been my favourite. I taught it with my English class some years ago. I guess I always wanted to stage it and act in it, too; always wanted to play *King Lear*. After the success of Sheila Winn this year I thought – why don't I try to do something together with students?... It was really challenging – but very rewarding.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

I'm sure it is said every year, where has 2015 gone? It feels like only yesterday that last year's department report was written. This can only mean that the staff and students within the Special Education department have had yet another busy and eventful year.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Ms. Leonie Sole into the department as teacher in the Special Needs Unit. Leonie came to us from West End primary and over the year has made a positive impact on the students within the SNU. At the end of Term One Mr. Kit Turnbull retired after 10 years teaching in the department, firstly in the SNU and more recently in the Experience Unit and as Special Education Dean. He too played a huge role in the lives of the students. Both staff and students have missed his witty sense of humour, however, he does promise to visit with morning tea. As I write this we are still waiting! This year we welcomed the return of Mrs. June Mosely on a part time basis teaching in the senior B classroom. Maria Ruakere joined the department as a teacher in the SNU during terms three and four.

A small number of our dedicated and hardworking teacher aides in the SNU moved on to experience other opportunities in 2015. Mrs. Raewyn Barron retired and is now enjoying spending more time with family. Ruth Baker has returned to her home country the Philippines and is pursuing a new avenue of work. It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Edna Mossman who lost a brave battle with cancer at the end of Term Two. Edna was a hard working teacher aide with a passion for working with the students in the SNU. She always worked with a smile on her face and with care for our students. She, along with Raewyn and Ruth, are missed by all the students and staff within the department. In 2015 we have been lucky to welcome many new teacher aides into the SNU who continue to work with just as much passion and dedication as all those in the past.

This year the students continued their involvement in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' AWD competition. This involved termly sports events run by Special Olympics NZ whereby students from throughout Taranaki compete against one another to promote fair play and involvement in sport. Athletics was held at the Inglewood TET stadium in Term One and Boccia, Basketball and Football competitions were held at TSB stadium in Terms Two and Three. Several teams were entered into each of these one day events where our students represented Spotswood College with pride and displayed excellent examples of our school E TU values. All students enjoyed the competitive nature of

each event and even enjoyed much success taking out several top three spots in different divisions across the three AWD events. Congratulations to all students for their outstanding effort and achievements.

Early in Term Four the Experience Unit held their activities week. A group of 32 students enjoyed an educational trip to Wellington experiencing a wide range of opportunities from staying at Nomads Backpackers in the central city, a tour through Parliament and meeting local MP, Johnathan Young, visits to Te Papa, the Museum of Wellington and the National War Memorial Museum, Cater Observatory and Space Place, a climb up Mt Victoria and excursions to Wellington Zoo and Zealandia. All students displayed excellent behaviour and represented our Spotswood College E TU values with pride and excellence. Because of this both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed their week of learning and are looking forward to seeing what next year's educational trip may provide.

During the same week other students from the Experience Unit enjoyed activities in and around New Plymouth ranging from mini putt, ten-pin bowling, Airzone Trampoline Park, movies and the all-important visit to McDonald's. Once again all students and staff enjoyed a week off from classroom learning.

In the classroom, Year 9 and 10 students continue to actively engage and work hard on their numeracy and literacy skills. It is especially pleasing to see the students making significant progress in these areas of learning that will prepare them for coping in mainstream classes in their senior years. Students enjoy working in their mainstream classes learning new skills that they can implement in other aspects of their lives. Senior students have been working towards gaining NCEA credits with some students successfully achieving Level Two this year. This is especially exciting for our students since it opens up many avenues for them upon leaving school and embarking on a journey in the workforce. Many of the other students have been focusing on their life and work skills and have been involved in work experience placements out in the community. The skills they have learnt on this programme are new skills that will enable them to successfully enter the workforce when they are ready. We are extremely grateful to the many and varied workplaces who work with our students on a weekly basis.

The department continues to be well supported by our Specialists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists and of course our amazing team of Teacher

Aides without whom the students would not be able to achieve the successes they have this year. They are a dedicated, passionate and hardworking group who love working with the students and in return gain a lot of reward seeing the students gain so many wonderful achievements throughout the year. On behalf of the students, thank you to all teacher aides for everything you put into your job.

It is not hard to see that 2015 has been a wonderful year for the staff and students of the Special



Education department. There have been many achievements and learning opportunities presented to us and at this time of the year it is always neat to look back and reflect over the year on everything that has happened. We always look forward with excitement for what the next year will bring and I am positive that 2016 will be no different.



SOWMAN CENTRE

It has been a busy year for the students and staff of the Sowman Centre. All students have worked hard and have achieved many of their goals.

According to the students, real highlights have included: AirZone, Sailing, Art, Science, Kayaking and Archery, Swimming, Riding for The Disabled and Music with Mr Jeffries and Christine's delicious scones.

Thanks to all for making 2015 a wonderful year



SPECIAL OLYMPICS SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS DAY



WINTER GALA



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VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS DEPARTMENT



The Vocational Pathways Department continues to thrive with another busy year.

We have welcomed two new teachers into the department—Ben Chapman and Wayne Cribb who have joined Scott Manson and Beverley McLean to teach the Year 12 and Year 13 classes. We are appreciative of the assistance of Ra Cottam and Matt Welham for their work as teacher aides assisting students with the generic units.

Congratulations to the 93 students who have been part of the Gateway Programme in 2015.

We would again like to thank the community and businesses for supporting us and providing placements for the many students.

GATEWAY LUNCHEON

On October 30th our annual Gateway Luncheon was held in our school hall. We appreciate the employers who were able to give up their time in order to attend.

AWARD WINNERS

YEAR 12 TROPHY: Kieran Williams

YEAR 13 TROPHY: Tenesee Murfitt

ANNE WILSON ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR TROPHY: Xavi Clarkson

Some of the student profiles:



My Gateway placement is with Chris Bell Construction. This company builds amazing residential houses as well as different commercial projects. This makes each week interesting and to see the plans start to turn into a solid building is cool. I am enjoying the hard work, I have helped pour concrete and set up frames. My goal is to work hard and gain an apprenticeship, I am also working on BCITO units at school.

Gabriel Pitano



I enjoyed my time at Spotswood Primary school and am very grateful to them for giving me this fantastic opportunity. I would listen to children read, do puzzles with them and help mark childrens work. Sometimes I worked with Special Needs children, they were lovely. Before I had this Gateway placement I couldn't decide between Childcare or Hospitality and this placement helped me to see that I belong in Hospitality. I would like to thank Spotswood College Gateway Team for giving me this opportunity and helping me choose a career path.

Daria Hardgrave



I enjoy going to Coastal Services twice a week. I am learning so much about Engineering. Last week I cleaned up the lathe and drill and helped make a lifting unit. My goal is to do a welding course and gain an apprenticeship.

Dom de Waal



I am enjoying the experience of being in the workshop at Norwood Farm Machinery Centre and also going around Taranaki with the diesel mechanics to fix tractors and farm machinery. I am learning diesel mechanic skills as well as customer service.

Tyler Goldsworthy



My Gateway placement at HQ Studio has helped me realise that hairdressing is the career for me. I have learnt so many skills from the experienced stylists and they make me feel part of the team.

Tenesee Murfitt



I enjoy working at the counter at Robert Harris dealing with customers and taking their orders. It requires good listening and communication skills. All the staff are helpful and friendly, it is a great place to work.

Jesse Sharrock



I code bank statements and transactions in Banklink, do journal entries, work papers and filing. I enjoy talking to the accountants at Armstrong Fleming and it is valuable to get this real insight.

Jennifer Reidy



At Superior Stainless I have helped install new compressor pipes and also laid down some PVC on stainless steel domes. Attending the Welding Trades Academy as well as Gateway is helping me gain experience in the industry.

Luke Bowden



I am studying for the National Certificate in Youth Work Level 3 at YMCA. Being a Prefect and interacting with Year 9 students during peer support has taught me a lot of new communication skills too.

Taryn James



I enjoy doing a variety of jobs such as fencing, building retaining walls. I have learnt that detail and precision are very important. I enjoy working at Outdoor Living Solutions.

James Brinkmann



In my placement I have learnt how to find new ways of solving problems. I set up new computers, fix and trouble-shoot and help teachers and students here at Spotswood College. I plan to go to WITT next year to study.

Matthew Jury-Thompson



I enjoy being creative when working on logos at Razz Print and have learnt how to use Adobe Suite. I also help on the machines which print, fold and stack the designs.

Jacob Jones



I am learning so much by attending the Welding course at WITT. I enjoy going there and learning new skills. I have learnt how to do a butt weld and fillet weld. We are currently working on welding a cube together. Along with my Gateway placement at Chris Bell Construction I plan to learn as many skills as possible while I am at school to help me when I leave and get a job.

Gabriel Pitano



At my Gateway placement at Tricky Trees I do a lot of different work such as using the stump grinder, using the chipper and pruning trees and hedges. I have learnt heaps of new skills and work with a great team. I really enjoy going there.

Jack Parsons



I am currently working on a large scale web application for Spotswood College as part of the programming work I do for my Gateway placement. I am interested in software and network engineering and this is a valuable experience for me.

Elijah-Blue Simonson



I enjoy working at Mad Butcher for my Gateway Placement. So far I have learnt about different cuts of meat, how to prep, pack and weigh. I have also learnt about proper cleaning procedures. I am also working on Butchery units at school through Skills4Work.

Thomas Morgan



At Simply Blooming I am learning the names of flowers, how to care, present, and prep flowers correctly. I am in the process of learning how to decorate and create arrangements. They are lovely people to work with and have been kind and patient with teaching me new things every week. I am really enjoying this experience.

Jani Grobler

YEAR 13's 2015



Taleina Kilpatrick

Nickname: Lena

Proposed Occupation: To become one with a cat

Favourite Staff Member: Tracey - She's like a 2nd Mum

Guilty Pleasure: BOOKS! Fiction, Fantasy, Crime, BOOKS!



David Froom

Nickname: Ross Hornby

Favourite Staff Member: Mr Froom - He created me

Memorable Moment: Winning cross country (never)

Proposed occupation: Making Memes



Jannaha Henry

Nickname: Naya

Proposed Occupation: Composer/ Performer

Guilty Pleasure: Singing in the shower

People would not expect: I have 18 pets



Kalin Wara

Nickname: That gay guy

Memorable Moment: Walking cross country in heels

Famous quote: "If you can't love yourself, how the hell you gonna love somebody else" - RuPaul



Taine Alsweiler

Nickname: Batman

Favourite Staff Member: Ol' Gav - Do I need to explain

Guilty Pleasure: Geordie Shore

People would not expect: I'm the Batman

YEAR 13's 2015



Aidan Lay

Proposed Occupation: Mr Parr

Favourite Staff Member: Mrs Fitz

Memorable Moment: Burying the common room bird

People would not expect: Me to get an excellence



Josh Fleming

Proposed Occupation: Lighting Technician

Famous Quote: "Be who you are, and say what you mean, because those who matter don't mind, and those who mind don't matter". -Dr. Seuss



Libby Needs

Nickname: Ellen

Proposed Occupation: Stage Manager

I will be remembered for: Loving Musicals

Song lyric: And it was all yellow



Renee Emmett

Nickname: Renaenae

Memorable Moment: Year 13 Spotty Idol Dance

Guilty Pleasure: One Direction

Proposed Occupation: Physiotherapist



Madison George

Nickname: Maddy

Guilty Pleasure: Hoarding Sour Skittles on my desk

Quote: "Don't worry, we're all mad here" - Lewis Carroll

Song Lyric: Don't worry be happy

YEAR 13's 2015



Taryn Jade James

Nickname: Tazza

Favourite Teacher: Mr Parr and his stories

I will be remembered for: Being Short

Memorable Moment: Making lifetime friends



Barry Tett

Nickname: Bazza

Guilty Pleasure: Singing High School Musical

Memorable Moment: Meeting life long friends

I will be remembered for: Bad Humour



Kiara Quirante

Nickname: Sassy Fork

I will you be remembered for: For my kindness

Favourite Staff Member: ALL! They all taught me something different



Jade Megaw

Nickname: Jadey

I will be remembered for: Being afraid of Mr Hill

Famous Quote: "Welcome to the real world. It sucks! You're going to love it!" - Monica Geller - F.R.I.E.N.D.S



Luke Abbott

Nickname: Cap'n No Gains"

Favourite Staff Member: Mr Hill - he is one of the few teachers I look up to... literally I look up.

Guilty Pleasure: Looking at myself in the mirror

YEAR 13's 2015



Cameron Angland

Nickname: 'We'll figure it out'

Famous Quote: "Born too late to explore the earth, born too early to explore the galaxy, born just in time to browse dank memes."



Kim Nguyen

Proposed Occupation: Organ donor

Memorable Moment: Lunch Time

What will you be remembered for: Announcing when I need to use the toilet.



Karena Ngarewa Cribb

Memorable Moment: Dressing up on Halloween

Guilty Pleasure: Eating Peanut butter and Oreos

Famous Quote: "Don't Quit! Suffer now and live the rest of you life as a champion" - Muhammed Ali



Niamh Kelly

Nickname: Niamhy - Noodles

Proposed Occupation: Teacher

Memorable Moment: Drama lessons with Mr Hill

Favourite Staff Member: Mr Hill - Cause he's the bomb



Jasmine Donald

Nickname: Jazzy-Man

Favourite Staff Member: Mrs Cast- she's so lovely

Famous Quote: "Life is short. Kiss Slowly, laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly" -Paulo Coelho

YEAR 13's 2015



Tayla Murphy-Peters

Nickname: Tay Tay

Proposed Occupation: Early Childhood Care

Memorable Moment: Meeting all my friends

People would not expect: I am really shy



Akisi Naumotu

Memorable Moment: Kapa Haka for 3 years

Guilty Pleasure: Cookies and Cream Ice-Cream

Favourite Staff Member: Mrs Cast- She is a strong willed person and has been there for me in all my best and worst times at Spotswood



Siany O'Brien

Nickname: San

Proposed Occupation: The Family Business

Famous Quote: "Miley, whats good?" Nicki Minaj



Lachlan Brewster

Memorable Moment: dressing up as a sexy priest and whipping the head boy in an animal onesie.

People would not expect: I'm actually completely sane

I will be remembered for: My shenanigans & banter



Jani Grobler

Nickname: Naan Bread

People would not expect: I never lived in a mud hut

I will be remembered for: Eyebrows and Seflies

Proposed Occupation: Housewife

YEAR 13's 2015



Matt Reed

Nickname: [REDACTED]

Guilty Pleasure: Beatboxing

Proposed Occupation: Gynaecologist

I will be remembered for: Shuffling in the year 13 dance



Matthew Hufton

Nickname: Hufflepufon

Proposed Occupation: Space thing builder

Guilty Pleasure: Lemon, Lime and Bitters. Lots.

Memorable Moment: Being a Spice Girl



Jayden Monaghan

Memorable Moment: Winning U17 Volleyball Champs

Proposed Occupation: Engineer

Quote: "You can do anything, but not everything"

I will be remembered for: Being an Athlete



Aimee Kopeke

Nickname: Sassy Spoon

Guilty Pleasure: Old book smell

Memorable Moment: Taking selfies with Mr Dunnet

I will be remembered for: Making great speeches



Joanne Taylor

Proposed Occupation: Police Woman

Favourite Staff Member: Ol' Gav and Mr Hill

People would not expect:: I'm amazing at air hockey

Guilty Pleasure: Raspberry liquorice

YEAR 13's 2015



Teia Wallace

Favourite Staff Member: Mr Hill - spending 125 minutes with someone 5 days a week is more pleasant when you get along.

Famous Quote: "I'm tempted to make my bio stripper themed" - Siany 2015



Erin Barret

Famous Quote: "Does anyone have a pen I can borrow?" - Me

Proposed Occupation: God

Memorable Moment: Vietnam Trip 2015



Graceyn Potroz

Memorable Moments: Countless performances

Famous Quote: "Use what talents you possess: the woods would be silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best"

Proposed Occupation: Urban Planner



Hannah McKenzie

Memorable Moment: Peer Support Camp - The Raft

Guilty Pleasure: The X Factor

Famous Quote: "Be nice to everyone, always smile and appreciate things because it could all be gone tomorrow" - Ed Sheeran



Calan Climo-Clethero

Nickname: Ranga

I will be remembered for: Being Ranga

Famous Quote: "Why listen to Ed Sheeran when you could listen to me" - Calan 2015

YEAR 13's 2015



Jess Webster

Nickname: Webby

Proposed Occupation: Professional Netflix n' Chiller

Famous Quote: "Life's a garden, dig it" - Me

I will be remembered for: Overdue Library books



Jared Cotter

Memorable Moment: Yr13 Geo Trip to Mt Maunganui

Guilty Pleasure: Coca Cola

Proposed Occupation: Joiner

People would not expect: I love music



Olivia Smith

Nickname: Liv

Famous Quote: "One can never have enough Socks"

I will be remembered for: Assembly music items

Guilty Pleasure: International Student friends.



Mahana Nathan

Nickname: Beyonce

Proposed Occupation: Fresh Prince of Hallensteins

Guilty Pleasure: Beibs

People would not expect: I collected Lolly wrappers



Josie Hick

Nickname: Jopie

Famous Quote: "Hey-don't go changing" - Jared Hill

Song Lyric: Give peace a chance - John Lennon

People would not expect: I wrote a song called Death

YEAR 13's 2015



Fiona Nicoll

Nickname: Fi Fi / Finnizle

Proposed Occupation: Owning a bakery by day, and saving lives by night .

Memorable Moment: Year 10 eyeliner *cringes*



Jennifer Reidy

Proposed Occupation: Accountant and world traveller

Memorable Moment: Getting voted Queen at the ball

Famous Quote: Oh the places you'll go, today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So ... get on your way!" - Dr Seuss



Xavi Clarkson

Nickname: X Man

Proposed Occupation: Clarkson Demolition Enterprises

Favourite Staff Member: Mr Peters

People would not expect: Me to gain the entrepreneur trophy in Gateway Awards

YEAR 13 PEER SUPPORT

Throughout the year, a large group composed of Yr 13's embarked on a mission to individually and collectively personify our young Yr 9's to our school E T U values. This mission began with the training from professional supervision; Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mr Colless. The training took two gruelling days of cognitive and collaborative exercises (games) where our Yr 13's were truly tested to their limits.

As advancement from their school training, the year thirteens were sent abroad to extend their capabilities, and were challenged to learn new ones. This overnight camp brought our peer supporters to near tears and crushed egos, in the midst of the 5am wake-up and great mud run. However, each and every participant prevailed their obstacles, gaining confidence and perseverance through their adversities. Throughout what tasks seemed impossible and amongst all their angst, relationships and skills of our peer supporters were built and battle hardened through their pain, sweat and tears (I'm not joking ... literally all three happened).

Our esteemed peer supporters returned home seasoned with their adept skills and abilities to cope with the daunting task of growing our young Yr 9's up strong. Our peer supporters did not return home as individuals but as a unified group, concertedly enhancing the learning and development of each and every junior student within our school. Whether it was through peer support lessons, cognitive and collaborative exercises (games), beach day,

a game of touch at lunchtime, a simple "wassup", a high five, or an added friend on Facebook; the Yr 9's grew fond of the support and thrived from it.

I can say with confidence that the 2015 Yr 9's will blossom over their time here at Spotswood College and I believe that it will have been to the work of the teachers, staff, and peer supporters who laid the foundation for them to grow and stay strong.

Luke Abbott (Head Boy & Peer Support Mentor)



AUTOGRAPHS



