# SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE 2013 School magazine

Whakataka te hau ki te uru Cease the winds blowing from the west Whakataka te hau ki te tonga Cease the winds blowing from the south Kia ma kinakina ki uta Let the breeze blow over the land Kia ma taratara ki tai Let the breeze blow over the ocean Kia hi aki ana te atakura Let the red tipped dawn come with it He tio A sharpened air He huka A touch of frost He hau u The promise of a glorious day

Tihei mauri ora

The 2013 edition of the "Spotswood College School Magazine" has finally been put together and we have made it to the printers, Hooray!!!!! I would like to thank the dedicated small team of staff who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically, without these reliable people this publication would have never been completed on time and budget in 2013.

people this publication would have never been completed on time and budget in 2013. In particular, Tony Peters who has been responsible for many of the photographs and the montages that appears in both the magazine and the DVD's that have been shown throughout the year, as we have celebrated our continued success at Achievers Assemblies. Additionally Hilary Takarangi and Jarod Hill who both dedicated huge amounts of time to assisting me in the final proofreading of this year's publication and for this I am extremely grateful.

John O'Keefe 2013 Spotswood College Magazine Editor/Co-ordinator

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## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Haere mai, haere mai, naumai ki tena kura. E ki ma, e koro ma, e rau rangitira ma. Haere mai, haere mai, naumai

2013 has been another busy year. We began the year encouraged by the NCEA results our students gained in 2012. Average Level 1, 2 and 3 results for our school all increased representing a significant improvement on 2011 outcomes. Regular and robust tracking and monitoring of student achievement by our Deputy Principals, Deans and Heads of Faculty have contributed much to these results along with information sharing with parents and changes in curriculum and teaching strategies.

However, in the list of things that make me proud to be the Principal of Spotswood College, academic achievement is but a part of the interrelated attributes that contribute to developing good people, or as our vision statement says "Developing young people of good character with the skills and knowledge to contribute to our 21st Century Global Village"

Too often in thinking about schooling, education and assessment are regarded as synonymous; they are not. When exploring the purpose of education, parents, teachers and the wider community, invariably identify 3 key purposes:-

- 1. growing 'good' people
- 2. engaging young people to participate and contribute to their community
- equipping young people with skills, knowledge and attitudes for employment

In growing good people at Spotswood College our  $E\ T\bar{U}$  work ( $E\ T\bar{U}$  is our Positive Behaviour for

Learning project and is about standing up for Education, Taking Part and Unity) remains a priority platform for our vision of constant and meaningful school improvement. Like all schools, Spotswood College must take a key role in assisting young people understand the social concepts of democracy, justice, equality and responsibility. These values are imparted through the developing and nurturing of a school community which has clearly defined rules, boundaries, responsibilities and where expectations are co-constructed with students, parents and our wider community and then explicitly taught and modelled.



Our responsibility in this regard is huge and we undertake it with care and responsibility but increasingly we are placed in double bind positions.

The community is led to believe that the ills of society manifest themselves in the playgrounds of our schools, unfortunately children simply reflect what they observe of adult behaviour – our heroes and heroines modelling dishonest, aggressive and intolerant behaviours.

Sometimes in schools we feel we are dammed if we do and dammed if we don't, chastised for the poor behaviour of a few students but then criticized when we act to enforce reasonable standards to ensure social cohesion and individual responsibility. Young people are bombarded with disturbing images with conflicting values which to some youngsters are interpreted as normal and acceptable.

We need to live in communities where relationships are strong and communication effective, where right and wrong are not only taught but modelled also. This partnership is crucial if we are to do the best we can for our young people in New Zealand.

Spreading and embedding our  $E\,Tar{U}$  approach to

school improvement has been challenging as we work to clarify processes and implement them consistently across our school.

Student feedback and input through the E  $T\bar{U}$ Committee has been significant. Students recognize the importance of the project while identifying areas for development.

The  $E \ T \bar{U}$  Committee, Prefects, the Student

Council, Peer Support Leaders and Hapu Leaders all contribute meaningfully to the development of our school. Events such as the Gala, our Open Evening, whole school fund-raising projects, school assemblies and so on all rely heavily on the positive leadership, contribution and participation of students.

Student participation in sport is slowly but steadily rising. Student involvement in cultural productions

has again highlighted the talent of our musicians, dancers, actors and Kapa Haka group as they have participated in school, regional and national competitions and performances. Peer Support leaders are developing their role beyond just the first few weeks of Year 9 transition and the Academic Committee have assisted students with learning and study assistance. Spotswood College is most fortunate to have so many caring and passionate students committed to making a difference for students and our school.

At the 2012 Prizegiving I outlined significant changes that the Government is putting in place to ensure our economy can compete internationally. The strategies focus on ensuring young people are well prepared to move from school, to work or further training and education, with relevant and meaningful qualifications.

During 2013 we have worked very hard to take these ideas and put programmes and strategies in place to turn the ideas into realities.

Learning for earning has been a focus of these changes with the introduction of vocational pathways that link student learning in school to partnerships with local tertiary providers and employers that lead to industry based qualifications in 5 key vocational areas. These are: Primary Industries, Construction and Infrastructure, Service Industries, Social and Community Services and Manufacturing and Technology.

The Curriculum and Assessment Committee, with leadership from Mrs Barnes and Mr Knapton, have aligned our curriculum to assist students develop contextualized individual learning programmes linked to real life experiences. The new Vocational Pathways curriculum encourages students to develop their vocational imagination and to see the relevance of their learning to future career options. These programmes align seamlessly to our highly effective and well renowned Gateway Programme to produce a clear vocational pathway for our students to the world of work.

Part of this 'learning for earning' shift has been our work with the wider community on the development of the Taranaki Youth Guarantee Network. This group of local schools, tertiary providers, employers and industry groups, with significant input from our MP Jonathon Young, is putting together an ambitious collaborative network to assist young people into further education, training and employment within Taranaki.

The group recognizes the looming skill shortages which we will face over the next decade as the baby boomers retire. With the strength of its Dairying and Oil and Gas Industries, Taranaki is well placed to become the centre of excellence in engineering and related fields. An aging population, a strong local economy and a commitment to work collaboratively across the sectors, is presenting Taranaki with a unique opportunity to rethink vocational learning for our students. Students with the right qualifications and a positive work ethic will be well positioned to get good jobs locally in the near future. With the recent appointment of a Taranaki Youth Guarantee Network Coordinator we are looking forward to formally launching this significant initiative early in 2014.

All members of the Taranaki Youth Guarantee Network Committee recognize the imperative of engaging our youth in our local economy and are committed to the belief that "it takes a whole village to raise a child"

Nothing remains static in education; in fact the only constant, is change itself. The past few years have seen the introduction of a

number of new systems and approaches all designed to improve outcomes for students. Our focus is to spread and embed these changes across all areas of our school as we develop the learning culture of Spotswood College.

Local or national initiatives aside, classroom teachers are the crucial ingredient to successful outcomes for students. We are very lucky at Spotswood College to have teachers who are passionate about their students and who regularly go the extra mile to assist them to achieve their best. My grateful thanks to all teachers for their work d u r i ng 2013; w o r k i ng simultaneously to meet the needs of individuals, while also working to improve our school as a whole. Thank you all.

Commitment to our school is most keenly felt when people leave. In March we farewelled Miss Dot Andrews who retired after 44 years teaching at Spotswood College. Miss Andrews' legacy is one of total commitment through the generosity of her time, skill and expertise in a huge variety of roles and responsibilities across the school. But it is the care of students for which she will be most remembered, not by individuals alone, but by whole cohorts of students and their parents.

Mr Peter Smith, our Executive Officer, retired recently. Peter served the school for 23 years overseeing the financial and property aspects of our school. Peter's expertise, his attention to detail and his vast institutional knowledge will be sorely missed. We wish him well for his retirement.

Mrs Barnes leaves us at the end of the year to take up a position with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority in Wellington. We have gained much from Mrs Barnes' expertise in national qualifications and as an expert teacher. Her ability to take ideas and develop them into practical systems and processes has contributed much to the development of our school and to improved outcomes for students. We wish her well in her new and exciting position. Ms Fromings has gained a new teaching position at New Plymouth Girls High School beginning in 2014. We have appreciated her work over the past 3 years. Her work as Numeracy Co-ordinator has assisted students gain their numeracy requirement for NCEA. We wish Ms Fromings all the best for her new role.

With the departure of Ms Stoate to take up a new role teaching at Waikato University in June, we had Mr Matt Benton relieve in her position. Ms Stoate continued to support Mr Benton and the classes until the examinations. We are very grateful of the support of both Ms Stoate and Mr Benton.

As Ms Aly Scott will be returning from maternity leave in 2014, we are farewelling Ms Katie Keane. Ms Keane's work teaching art and leading the Motumahanga Hapu group has been valued by students and staff.

At the start of this term we welcomed Mrs Takarangi back to her Science teaching role following her maternity leave. We farewelled Ms Dominique Simanke at the end of Term 3 who had been relieving for Mrs Takarangi.

The Taranaki Activity Centre is an offsite programme attached to our school but established to serve all Taranaki Schools. The Taranaki Activity Centre meets the needs of students who struggle, for learning or behavioural reasons, to cope within mainstream classes. Both the Director of the Taranaki Activity Centre and the Centre's teacher are retiring from the end of the year. Mr Fleming has been the Director for 19 years during which time he has expertly met the needs of students throughout Taranaki. Mr Fleming has been ably assisted in this role by Mrs Sue Markham. We wish both Mr Fleming and Mrs Markham all the very best for their respective retirements.

Our support staff continue to do just as their title suggests - they support us. Mrs Kerrie Grieg is leaving our school at the end of the year and Mr Brian Sowman and Mr Colin Jarman left during the year along with Mrs Jenny Brookes and Mrs Mary Eaton. We are most fortunate to have so many passionate and loyal support staff - thank you all for your contribution to our students and our school.

The Board of Trustees, Komiti Maori and the Parent Teacher Association are all volunteers who add much value and expertise to the continued growth and development of Spotswood College.

Mrs Boardman is the new Chair of the Board of Trustees. The Board are keenly focused on strategic and sustainable change for our school. Thank you all for your considered and student centred work for Spotswood College.

The PTA continue to raise funds to improve facilities as well as fostering our community links through the Gala and other community targeted activities. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Komiti Maori support, for our Kapa Haka group, gave performers a real boost this year. Supporting students and tutors with kai, night-time supervision and transport were wonderful practical support strategies which led to very credible performances at Pae Rangatahi in Whanganui in July. The role of our Kaumatua in supporting students at risk was a most successful intervention - thank you.

To students leaving - we wish you well. It has been a pleasure to be part of your journey from childhood to adulthood. Thank you for your contribution to our school through the multitude of learning, sporting, cultural and social activities that you have participated in over the past five years.

It is good at transition times like this, to reflect upon your journey noting to self the most important things to take with you on the next part of that journey. It is a good thing to know, that life is a multi-part series of all your experiences, and that each experience contributes to who you are, where you are going and what you will achieve next.

Be your best, do your best.

Zig Zigler - an American educationlist wrote:

"You are not inferior or superior to any human being. You do not determine your success by comparing yourself to others, rather you determine your success by comparing your accomplishments to your capabilities. You are 'number one' when you do the best you can with what you have, every day".

As in other years I would like to conclude by thanking you all for your assistance, encouragement, courtesy and kindness throughout the year. I look forward to 2014 and to the ongoing development of our school.



I am delighted speak to you tonight on behalf of the Board of Trustees. I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of work undertaken by my fellow board members to ensure that the school is well governed and provides a supportive and caring environment for our students to learn. We work closely with the senior leadership team of the school, focussing in particular on student achievement. Tonight we are here to celebrate the achievements of our senior students. This is one of a number of celebrations including the Gateway luncheon, Maori student graduation, international student graduation, Sports prize giving and junior prize giving. It is a real privilege to attend these events and hear about the many and varied achievements of our students.

I would like to start by thanking all our students for their contribution to our school and I congratulate each and every one of you. You cannot all come up to the stage this evening as prize winners but you can all feel very proud of what you have achieved in your time at Spotswood College. It's also appropriate to acknowledge the teachers, support staff, parents and whanau members who have supported students in so many ways. I encourage students to "pay it forward" and support others as you continue on your way. You all have much to contribute to the world.

It has been a very successful 12 months. The year started with the publication of the NCEA results for 2012 which showed a continued improvement in results at all levels. The participation results for Spotswood College students at NCEA levels 1,2 and 3 were higher than the national average. Particularly pleasing were the results achieved by Maori students which were 10% above the national average for Maori students at NCEA levels 1,2 and 3. Our students have also seen successful in National and regional competitions in many areas such as theatre, music, kapa haka and sport; and local maths and science events.

At Spotswood College our vision is to develop young people of good character with the skills and knowledge to contribute to our 21st Century Global village. Our international students expose the whole school to a range of cultures. This year we have welcomed students from Germany, Brazil, Japan, America, China, Russia Switzerland and Thailand. Our students have visited Japan, Argentina, Vietnam and New Caledonia. We have hosted students from our sister school in Hiroshima Japan, as well as students from New Caledonia and Wales. Spotswood College provides a truly multicultural experience.

As you head into exams take time to eat and sleep properly and try and get some exercise each day. You've done the work, you know your stuff, and this is just about demonstrating it on paper. However if the worse happens and you don't get the result you were expecting don't panic. Remember there are many people in this room, me included, who have changed direction and made a success of Plan B!

Good luck to all of you - we've really enjoyed having you as part of the Spotswood family.

Sandra Boardman Chairperson Board of Trustees

No reira, tena koutou tena koutou tena tatou katoa

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## STAFF REPORT



Our staff are our greatest resource and the key to improving outcomes for students.

We wish to acknowledge the passion and dedication that our staff, both teachers and support staff, bring to their jobs each and every day.

With a staff of 100 changes occur during the year and at the end of the year.

Thanks to all staff for their contribution to our school, we wish those who are leaving all the very best for their future beyond Spotswood College.



## Mrs Jude Barnes

Ms Lynda Fromings

During her five years at our school Mrs Barnes has worked tirelessly to lift levels of achievement for our students. She leaves a legacy of strong systems and processes and a reputation as a great teacher. We wish her well as she begins a new job in 2014 with NZQA in Wellington.

For three years Ms Fromings has

worked assisting students who

have struggled with their NCEA

Numeracy requirements. Her

pro-active work as Numeracy

Co-ordinator and her hard work

has assisted many students over

the NCEA Line. We wish her well in her new position at New

Plymouth Girls High School.



**Mrs Jocelyn Gabites** Mrs Gabites is taking study leave from teaching in 2014 to complete her Masters Degree. A lifelong learner Mrs Gabites is looking forward to full-time study in the area of her expertise and passion – food and nutrition. We will miss her expertise in a multitude of areas within our school that she has contributed to over the past 10 years.

#### Ms Katie Keane

Ms Keane has completed her second stint maternity relieving for Ms Aly Scott. She has quickly established herself as an Art teacher of passion and expertise. We will miss her involvement as Hapu Leader of Motumahanga and as part of the  $E T \overline{U}$  Team.

An academic, Ms Stoate will relish the opportunity to work as a University teacher at Waikato University. Although we farewelled Ms Stoate in June of this year she has continued to support our students in their Drama Scholarship work and has been in our school regularly when not at Waikato. Ms Stoate's contribution to Drama and the Arts has been fabulous.

Mr Benton took over Ms Stoate's classes when she left during the year. His enthusiasm, positivity and cheerful sense of humour has been appreciated by staff and students alike. We wish him well as he tours overseas with his band.

## Ms Dominique Simanke

With Mrs Hilary Takarangi's return from maternity leave at the start of Term 4, Ms Dominique Simanke left us in September of this year. We were very grateful to be able to tap into her previous knowledge of our students and our school. We wish her well for her future beyond Spotswood College. At the time of printing the magazine we were uncertain of the roles for three teachers who have been in relieving positions for us. Their contributions to our school have been significant and so although uncertainty still exists we do want to acknowledge their work despite not knowing exactly what 2014 may hold for them.

#### **Miss Dot Andrews**

It was wonderful to farewell Miss Andrews with a large community gathering when she retired in March of this year after 44 years service to our School. She is clearly enjoying her retirement getting back into golf, whitebaiting and some well deserved "Dot" time.

#### Mr Peter Smith

After 23 years as our Executive Officer Mr Smith has 'hung-up his ledgers' and retired. We wish Mr Smith well as he focuses on his local voluntary work and travels to visit family around the world.

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Ms McGlade's role in teaching Economics in the Senior School has contributed much to academic excellence within the Social Sciences. Her passion for her business orientated subjects had a practical aspect as she has assisted the PTA with managing finances for the Gala.



#### Support Staff

We have a large number of Support Staff at our School. Their loyalty, commitment and expertise enables teachers to teach-thank you all.

Mr Brian Sowman and Mr Colin Jarman have been working part-time in our Property Team for a number of years. Their knowledge of the school property and their ability to seemingly fix anything will be missed. We wish them both all the best as they 'fully' enjoy their retirement.

Significant change has occurred in the Finance Office during the year. Mrs Jenny Brookes left in April to take up a position in the Oil and Gas Industry and Mrs Mary Eaton left to work in a family business. We welcomed Ms Kerry Paton to our school in May as she took up the reins from Mrs Brookes. As the magazine goes to print we are welcoming our new Finance and Administration Manager, Ms Tracy Eru, to our school replacing Mr Smith.

Mrs Lisa Floyd left as Librarian in June of this year. Her Deputy, Mrs Tracey Boschat, took over this important role.

Mrs Kerrie Grieg has resigned from her role in the Special Education Faculty, her care and concern of our students has been greatly appreciated.

Mrs Holly Howison joined our Support Staff Team towards the end of Term 3. We have appreciated her contribution to the Learning Support Centre.

A hugely busy year, our grateful thanks to you all for your contribution to it.

Mark Bowden PRINCIPAL

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#### Ms Jos James

Teaching across a number of Faculty areas - Maths, Science and Technology led to Ms James being a very important Long Term Reliever for us. We have appreciated the hard work she has put in to get abreast of the teaching in these various Faculty areas.

#### Ms Lisa Tahuaroa

Ms Tahuaroa's position for the Performing Arts has encouraged us all as she has articulated the importance of the Arts of part of a 21st Century Curriculum. Students have gained much from her passion and drive and from her care.

# INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

## **IAPANESE**

We have had a very active relationship between various Japanese groups and our school this year, which has reinforced the overall bonding between both cultures.

At the beginning of the year, we hosted or actually Spotswood College hosted our first students from our sister school Hiroshima Hatsukaichi Senior High School for the first term of the year. The three girls were wonderful ambassadors for their school and had a great experience with NZ school culture and understanding NZ life styles. In March, we hosted a delegation from our Sister City Mishima for five days. These were representatives from the seven junior high schools in Mishima. Straight after they left, a group of seven students and four adults including (DP) Mrs. J.Barnes, and myself traveled to Japan. This year within the group included one student from N.P.B.H.S and anther from I.H.S making it a truly New Plymouth district event. This was my fifth trip to Japan and was as successful and enjoyable as in the past. For myself one of the high lights were visiting our sister school, being the first delegation to do so and being treated wonderfully well. Again the reason for our trip was to offer our students a cultural and language immersion within home-stays, school visit, YHA, and valuable connections with both our sister schools and sister city. The students, as expected were great ambassadors for Spotswood and New Plymouth. In September twenty four Nihon University students visited our school. Here they interacted with our year 9 and 10 students in various events and game activities. So in closing, it's been a very busy and satisfying year for all concerned.

Sensei: Reiko Smithers T.I.C. Japanese



In April this year, myself and a small group of students and teachers were lucky enough to be able to go to the beautiful country of Japan, a cultural and technological hotspot. Strange foods, fashions and customs that are very unique to New Zealand's were daily challenges that we were faced with and required a lot of patience and hard work to adapt to.

Over the two weeks spent experiencing the unique Japanese lifestyle, we were tested in many ways. From having our own host families, to making our way around bustling cities and streets, using our acquired knowledge of the Japanese language. We had the support of many people, but the trip also required a lot of independence to truly experience the Japanese culture.

It was heartwarming to see all of the new friendships and lifelong bonds formed in the space of two weeks, as well as seeing a number of old friends meeting again.

The generosity of everyone in Japan was overwhelming, as they not only opened their homes, but their hearts to people an ocean away.

I would like to thank Mrs Reiko Smithers for all of her hard work put into making the trip a success. I would also like to thank Mrs Barnes, Mrs Ritchie and Mrs Henderson for their help and support during the trip. I really enjoyed it and cannot wait to go to Japan again.



#### **SPANISH** CLASS TRIP TO ARGENTINA

Over the two weeks of the October holidays a group of their teachers even those who were initially worried about ten senior students from the Spotswood College Spanish their ability settled in comfortably. Well done especially classes and five students from Francis Douglas Memorial to the Year 11s - Lachlan, Aidan, Siany, Jani and Joanne! College travelled together to Buenos Aires, the capital George was our 'Art' student and managed to visit five city of Argentina. As a city of 12 million people where Art Galleries during our stay, including the Museo de Spanish is spoken by everyone, but English only by a few, Bellas Artes and the Malba gallery of Modern Art. He Buenos Aires posed a significant culture shock to the was thrilled to be able to see original works by such whole group. But by the end of the fortnight the students famous artists as Gaugin, Van Gogh, Goya, Diego Rivera were travelling across this vast city to and from their and Frida Kahlo. homestays and the Language School, by subway, bus and long treks on foot through streets made up of only The subte, or subway, was an experience all in itself. The giant skyscrapers, getting instructions only in Spanish if oldest subway system in the Southern Hemisphere, it was they got lost, like true Porteños. Laura and Monique more closely crowded than we would have believed to be had the furthest to go and became adept at possible; impossible to move a muscle once you had understanding directions, at times with different people forced your way on board and prone to breaking down or speaking rapid Spanish and pointing them in opposite even derailing! To be stuck underground for up to an ways. hour without air conditioning was a very unpleasant

Every weekday morning the students attended language school and then grabbed a quick lunch of empanadas or tarta (or maybe of MacDonalds or Burger King), before heading off on our tourist venture for the day followed by the long trip back to their homestays. A particular highlight of these afternoon tours was a visit to the Recoleta Cemetery, which was like a city for the dead with streets flanked by ornate mausoleums in place of houses, through the wrought iron gates of which could be seen the coffins piled tidily around the interior, with a small altar for worship and sometimes beautiful stained glass windows for the dead to look out.

On the Saturday we visited a ranch, eating the traditional congratulations to Tiffany and Cormack who were brave Argentinian barbecue of enormous steaks, traditional enough to get up with the experts to dance and looked sausages, blood sausage and massive chunks of chicken quite at home! (a Kiwi barbecue will never be the same again), experiencing local music and dance performances, On their last day, the students were lucky enough to meet riding horses and watching the cowboys demonstrating up with a group of students from a Private School linked their horse riding skills. On Sunday we had an amazing to FDMC and enjoyed the company of other teenagers, boat trip along the River Plata Delta to an island where forging instant friendships. we had another giant barbecue and were able to relax for Two schools set out together to Buenos Aires, but they the day.

returned as one group of students, having conquered The Language Academy, with its stained glass windows together obstacles and difficulties as well as raising their and 121 stairs to climb at the start of the day, at first Spanish language skills, their big city survival skills and seemed intimidating as the lessons were taught in their knowledge of a very different culture. !Un viaje Spanish at each level, but as the students got to know inolvidable!





experience, especially as the lighter colouring of some of our students (Laura and her auburn hair!) meant that they were the target of unwanted attention. It couldn't be denied, however, that it was by far the fastest way around the city. The homeless people and beggars openly living in the subway, as well as the slum dwellers we saw outside the city, were another form of culture shock for the students.

All of the students became practiced Tango dancers after four lessons from the lovely Christian and they had an evening at a Tango Club to practise their skills. Huge thanks to our experts Hayley and Laura who acted as models for us during the teacher's demonstrations and



## !Un viaje inolvidable!

## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES



## FRENCH

## Parlez-vous Français?

It has been an exciting year for the French Department- all 2012 students got their 24 French credits, some with a Merit or an Excellent endorsement. We had 27 New Caledonian visitors in May and we trialed a visit to prepare for the New Caledonia 2014 trip.

We bought new ressources and we now have a data projector in our class (a BIG thank you to the PTA) to better prepare the students for the listening component of the NCEA French exam which is moving towards viewing clips rather than listening to a text on CD. This is also convenient for cultural studies.

Year 9 had a great breakfast in the first term and are about to make French pancakes.

Year 10 and seniors cooked and ate three-course meals, visited le Petit Paris and practiced the art of ordering and eating French food as well as conversing with the French staff. Some acquired a definite taste for fresh baguettes...and escargots.

The number of students in senior classes is growing fast, which is really exciting. The internals are completed and it is the end of another year already.

So bring on 2014!

## NEW CALEDONIA EXCHANGE 2013

Caledonians aged 14 -15 and three members of staff lead by Aurore Gubansky from the Collège Jean Fayard in Dumbéa, near Nouméa. They stayed in New Plymouth for a week and it was a resounding success as the students and their billets seem to have really enjoyed their time together.

They loved their school day, finding the rules more relaxed than what they were used to, and they enjoyed the late starts, as the New Caldonian school day starts at 7.10am and ends at 4.30. They were also surprised at the variety of subjects on offer.

They loved the shops - apparently much cheaper than at home - and the cleanliness of their surroundings; they walked tracks in the bush seasoned by a hefty shower at the end; they were surprised by our black sand beaches ... a pleasant time was had by all.

A big thank you to all the families who billeted our visitors - including at Sacred Heart and Frances Douglas - and gave them a nice taste of life in NZ.

This is the start of a long term relationship between our schools, and we are now planning our visit to New Caledonia in 2014 for senior French students.

Escargots chauds: Snails anyone? On the last day of term 2, the Year 10 French class cooked, ate and cleaned up a three course meal plus drinks between 12.40 and

In mid-May, we welcomed twenty-four New 3.10. There were four groups, each in charge of one course: salade aux deux choux et sauce secrète de Madame de Crevoisier, croquemonsieurs avec béchamelle, and for dessert, clafouti aux pommes, with freshly made citronade for drinks. Due to demand from a few culinary adventurous students, snails were offered as a side dish, and 20 snails were eaten with varying degrees of enjoyment...

I am grateful for the help of Bethsabée, our visitor from Tahiti, and my daughter Camille, as this is always a frantic experience.

Cup-cakes tricolores

The colourful cupcakes the senior French class shared to celebrate the French national day , le 14 juillet.



## Vous avez dit Nouvelle Calédonie?

On 3 October, three senior French students, a parent and their teacher set off to New Caledonia for twelve days. We were setting up an exchange programme with the Collège Jean Fayard in Dumbéa, half an hour out of Nouméa.

On arrival, we met with our billeting families (from Kanak to French expats) and caught up with the students who came to Spotswood in April this year. Some of us changed host families half-way through our stay. The week ends were spent with the host families doing a variety of things.

We spent two days at school so the students could experience the life in a French speaking environment: starting at 7am finishing at 4.10 pm, with a hot three-course lunch at the cantine, it was a radical change to what they are used to.

On the other week days, we went out on our own to experience the warm sea: local islands full of colourful and fish and coral, with the odd turtle swimming by... The sun shone brightly and the temperature was between 26 and 28 ° C every day. After a pleasant morning snorkling among sea grass, and wonderful tropical fish, we experienced a wild afternoon of wind and rain at the Amédée Lighthouse, and saw a large number of tricot rayé snakes on the island. Josie was keen to touch these cute critters!

Other places of interest were the Musée de Nouvelle Calédonie and the Centre Culturel Tjibaou presenting local history, collections of Pacific artefacts and contemporary art, and cultural exhibitions. The aquarium had a great display of colourful fish, shellfish (some huge crabs!), glow in the dark corals and the extraordinary nautilus which appears to be floating upside down.

We also indulged in a bit of shopping and a day at the markets. The most interesting was the fish market as there was a great diversity of fresh lobsters, crabs and fish on display. There were various tourist souvenir shops and also local tailors where the missionnary "poppinée" dress is made in a great variety of styles and colours. Some excitement was had in the local Champion and Carrefour supermarkets. It is guite surprising to be surrounded with mostly imported French products in a Pacific environment. So expensive too!

We also had a tasty food experience within host families or out. As it is in France, food is an important part of daily life and hospitality. Most of us had a taste of "bougna", a local dish of fish or meat cooked slowly in banana leaves with coconut, different types of sweet potatoes and taro, some bright purple, orange or yellow, greens and spices.

All in all, it was an exciting trip steeped in different cultures and languages, and we are looking forward to a longterm relationship with the incredibly diverse people of the Collège Jean Fayard.

Sabine de Crevoisier, French teacher



## SPOTSWOOD INTERNATIONAL



## "We are diverse, inclusive and caring"

The International Students who became part of Spotswood College this year will certainly confirm the truth of this. These students came from Austria, Brazil, Germany, China, Japan, Switzerland, Thailand and Russia and they have taken every opportunity to live the kiwi lifestyle.

The key ingredient of our International Programme is people and the whole Spotswood community has embraced the International Students. It is this support that makes the International Programme such a valuable part of our school.

The host families continue to take an unknown teenager into their hearts and homes and these strangers leave as lifelong friends and family members. The staff at Spotswood College are welcoming and understanding of cultural differences and are always willing to go the extra mile to ensure the students have a successful academic, sporting and cultural experience experience.

The friendships that develop with our kiwi students are very special. The local students' willingness to accept, include and support the International students is always heartwarming.

Special thanks to our International Prefects Jess Clark, Brooke Jury, Amanda Carter and Wakaia Tamehana for their help and friendship.

I know all the International Students are grateful to Janet Wrightson Lean who is committed to the wellbeing of our students. Thanks also to the Finance Staff, Mr. Bowden and the Senior Leadership Team.

To the International Students – we are in awe of your bravery, leaving behind everything you have known to come to New Zealand is frightening. You are young people we are very proud to have at Spotswood College and I know you have great futures ahead. Kia Kaha!

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful Christmas.

Safe travels to your homelands for our departing students we know you will be back!

We look forward to more exciting challenges in 2014.

**Gloria Holland** 



Hi, my name is Maria Luiza Souza Nieto. I`m from Brazil and I have been in New Zealand for nine months. My time here is nearly finished and it is hard to explain how I`m feeling about it. On one hand I`m looking forward to seeing my family and friends but on the other hand I am really sad to leave my new life, family and friends.

This year has been amazing! For me it was the best decision that I could ever have made and I`m glad that I was here at Spotswood College for this adventure. The people and the staff gave me all the support I needed and I will be always thankful for that. They made all the indecision and doubt at the beginning turn into happiness and blessings.

New Zealand is a place that is really different from Brazil, but in a good way and I love it. The people, culture, landscape and the kiwi life style are incredible.

So I just want to end this year with a big smile on my face, with no regrets and saying a big thank you to all my friends and teachers but most especially to my host family. They helped me when I needed it the most, they showed me how to take life not so seriously and made my year unforgettable!

#### Kiaora Keitepē heakoe.

Hello, my name is Sebastian Berger and I am an International student from Leipzig in Germany.

Since my arrival here in July so much time has gone by and countless great things have happened. Time flies and I have already been living in New Plymouth for more than three months now.

Every day I spend here just makes me love this place even more. It is the right mixture of truly beautiful landscape, probably really nice food and of course, amazingly nice and lovely people around me. It is incredible how much I have already been able to experience during that time.

I have not only started playing cricket, begun to do surfing, capoeira and surf lifesaving and spent lots of time walking the Coastal Walkway and Back Beach, but I have also made really good friends and met great people that I will surely miss once I am back in Germany. I have gained a new brother, a new dad, a new family - at the other end of the world.

At the moment I am glad I still have some time here in New Zealand as I will be staying for a whole year and there is still a great number of things for me to do and

to explore. Although I have already seen many different aspects of Kiwi culture, I am still keen on more, especially now – summer is about to come!

Apart from that, there are fantastic teachers and a very lovely international office at Spotswood College that make me enjoy every day in school.

such a beautiful country.

Therefore, I want to say thank you. Thank you to all for taking care of us.

#### Haererā

Sebastian



The ESOL department at Spotswood College is a mix of international and resident students. Our resident students are migrant families from China, Fiji, Kiribati, Turkey, Romania, The Netherlands, Samoa and Tonga. These students form binding and loyal friendships with each other, and with New Zealand students. The main focus of the department is to support the students with their English language learning needs. This then empowers them to achieve their personal best. A focus on students' literacy skills in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing ensures they make a successful transition into a fully immersed English speaking world.

The friendly nature of the staff in our department enables students to feel welcomed into our NZ culture. A sense of security is established at a time when students may feel vulnerable and lost. This is with the help of Janet Wrightson-Lean and Lyn Carroll. Gloria Holland oversees the smooth running of the department, in her role as the International Director and ESOL teacher. The positive relationship between the ESOL department and other departments in the school has seen our students succeed in achieving NCEA levels one and two. Spotswood College provides a wonderful multi-cultural, caring and diverse environment for all students. The ESOL department appreciates the support given to our students across the whole school community.

**Koulla Benton** 



# ESOL

## (ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES)

## **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

## CAMBODIA & THAILAND TRIP 2013-2014

From 12th December to 12 January, five Spotswood College students will be travelling to Cambodia and Thailand on a trip "of a lifetime". Travelling with six students from Darfield High School we arrive in Phnom Penh on the Mekong River. On the first day the students divide the budget between them and take control! They will decide where we stay, what we eat, how we travel. All the planning and management of the trip will be their responsibility. They also have to make sure that we don't run out of money before the end of the trip!!

Once we're "organised" we begin our project phase. Working in a remote community in Cambodia we will take part in a project of benefit to the community. This may be painting a school or building a larger structure started by another group and finished by someone who follows on behind us. During that phase we will make friends with the local community and learn about the culture and traditions of the country. The project phase is followed by some "R&R".

Heading to Angkor Wat we explore the largest religious complex on Earth. Built between 1113 and 1150 by King Suryavarman II it is the biggest of a series of temples constructed at the pinnacle of the Khmer Empire. This is the last part of our visit to Cambodia.

Heading to Bangkok in Thailand we will undoubtedly be overwhelmed by how much there is to see and do before heading into our acclimatisation phase, trekking around Erawan National Park. This trek leads to one of Thailand's most famous awterfalls about 50 km north of Kanchanaburi. The waterfall has an impressive seven tiers and the top pool is said to resemble the mystical elephant Erawan.

We then trek Hellfire Pass, constructed by Allied Prisoners of War and immortalised in the 1957 film "Bridge on the River Kwai". We will be walking in their very footsteps! We then catch a train to Chiang Mai.

The former Royal Capital of the historic Kingdom of Lanna, Chiang Mai is bursting with cultural significance and things to do. Here we recharge our batteries before heading off for the trek at Chiang Dao.

Arriving before lunch will enable us to go White Water Rafting down the frothing rapids of the Mae Nam Taeng. As we trek over the next six days we will learn jungle survival skills, sleep in hammocks and explore the wealth of hill tribe villages before returning to Chiang Mai.

Back in Chiang Mai we can explore the sights we missed out on before, rest and recover, shower, do some washing and basically refresh ourselves ready for the next phase.

We arrive in Ko Chang (Elephant Island after its shape) which is an idyllic island paradise to unwind and relax before returning home, probably exhausted but happy!

**Robin Stanford** 





# SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING 2013

SCHOOLAWARDS: INTER HOUSE AWARDS Craigmyle Cup in Swimming Paul Ballinger Cup in Cross Country Touch Rugby Shield Faye Hill Cup in Netball Phil Gayton Cup in Volleyball R & N Mong Cup in Basketball **Barriball Trophy in Hockey** 

Paritutu/Richmond Paritutu/Richmond Motumahanga/Barrett Motumahanga/Barrett Moturoa/Atkinson Paritutu/Richmond Paritutu/Richmond

The Inter-House Shield

Moturoa/Atkinson

## TOP SPORTS TEAMS CAPTAINS FOR 2013

Ashleigh Allen – Basketball First V, Laura Anderson – Volleyball Senior A, Keegan Bruckner – Basketball First V, Brooke Carter – Football First XI, Brandon Clarke – Hockey First XI Mixed, Trent Lankshear – Cricket First XI, Tane Leong – Rugby First XV, Kelsey Lovegrove – Beach Volleyball, Jayden Monaghan – Beach Volleyball, Faris Petty – Volleyball Senior A, Matthew Putt – Football First XI, Faith Simeona – Netball Senior A, Jasmin Warren Hockey First XI Mixed.

## PRESTIGE SPORT AWARDS

Brooke Carter - Trina Cowley Trophy - for Sporting Excellence; Faris Petty – The Hale Sportsperson of the Year Trophy; Jaymz Tito & Faris Petty – The Nick Banks Trophy – Top College Team Sports Award

## YEAR 11 PRIZE WINNERS - FIRST IN SUBJECT

Luke Abbott Physical Education, Top Scholar Award; Erin Barrett Equal Art Top Folio, English and Margaret Hurley Prize, Geography, History, Mathematics, Science and Patricia Doyle Cup, Top Overall Yr 11 Scholar; Coralee Carter-Gates Graphics; Xavi Clarkson Horticulture; Dominic de Waal Transition; Renee Emett Food & Nutrition; Sarah Epplett Equal Top Year 11B; Josh Fleming Digital Technologies and Miles Trophy, Electronics; Nathanael Fleming Car; David Froom Technology Metal and Scott Commercial Cup; Bryce Goble Voss Scholarship; Jennifer Goodall Equal Top Year 11B; Nikora Hana English Alternative; Josie Hick Music; Matthew Hufton Accounting, Top Scholar Award; Kaitlin Johns Japanese; Matthew Jury-Thompson Science Alternative; Niamh Kelly Drama; Aidan Lay Technology Woodwork; Jade Megaw French; Libby Needs Top Scholar Award; Kim Nguyen Art, Equal Art Top Folio, Top Scholar Award; Fiona Nicoll Technology Textiles; Siany O-Brien Equal Spanish, Top Scholar Award; Taryn O'Donnell Equal Dance; Kiara Quirante Equal Dance; Jennifer Reidy Economics; Katharina Schulte Equal French Level 2; Teia Wallace Top Scholar Award; Anne-Sophie Willen ESOL;

## YEAR 12 PRIZE WINNERS - FIRST IN SUBJECT

Simon Anderson Equal Accounting; Mark Araez Graphics; Sebastian Berger ESOL; Jessica Cooper Equal History; Ashleigh Downing Dance; Monique Flaszynski Scholar Award; Teodora Flavall Equal Spanish; Mikayla George English Alternative, Gateway and Trophy, Equal Physical Education, Tourism; George Harris Art Design, Scholar Award; Bailey Hooson Equal Art, Equal Music, Scholar Award; Nick Jones Horticulture; Kaitlyn Koboski Drama; Trent Lankshear Equal Accounting; Kelsey Lovegrove Food & Nutrition and Cup; Hayley Mapley Classical Studies, Equal Music, Spanish; Sally Marsden-Thomas Art Photography; Ashlin McAlpine Geography, Equal History, Scholar Award; Sarah Messenger Biology, Chemistry, English, Equal French and MJ Hickey Cup, Mathematics and Messenger Cup, Physics, Top Overall Year 12 Scholar; Breeze Patu Top Year 12B, Horticulture; Faris Petty Economcis, Equal Physical Education, Scholar Award; Bailey Scown Japanese; Josh Snowden Open Modules Driving; Jordan Te Waaka Technology Metal and Weldwell Trophy; Toni Te Wake Te Reo Mãori; Corey Vickers Equal Drama, Technology Textiles, Top Scholar Award; Tayla Willetts Equal Art;

## YEAR 13 PRIZE WINNERS - FIRST IN SUBJECT

Laura Anderson Spanish and Brewster Cup; Phillip Bailey English Alternative; Jordon Benton Economcis, Physics and NZIP Prize; Morgan Bird Art Design; Kayden Briskie Art History, Art Photography and In Focus Cup and Photolife Studios Award; Amanda Carter Art Painting; Daniel Courtney Music; Reuben Edmonds Special Needs Unit Senior Prize; Paul Faga Technology and Trophy; Regan Jeffery Food for Flatters; Tane Leong Physical Education; Michaela Mason Tourism; Stefan McIntyre Electronics; Hamish Nicoll Calculus and Messenger Cup; Matthew Putt Food & Nutrition and Cup; Aimee Roberstson-Lord Gateway and Trophy; Rachel Roebuck Top in Year 13B; Murray Shields Horticulture and LA Alexander Agricultural Prize; Jordan Smith Digital Technologies and Webster Trophy, Anne Wilson Entrepreneur Trophy; Liam Soffe Transition; Maria Luiza Souza Nieto ESOL; Jasmin Warren Art Sculpture, Geography, History; Connor Williams-Parkes Accounting; Lucy Wilson Biology and A & M Hutchinson Tray, Chemistry and John Doyle Memorial Cup, Classical Studies, Equal Drama, English; Yi Ming Xu Graphics;

#### SPECIAL AWARDS - CULTURAL AWARDS

Tane Leong - NGATI TE WHITI HAPU AWARD; Faith Simeona & Wakaia Tamehana - HE TOHU RANGATIRATANGA;

#### **KAPA HAKA AWARDS**

Ebony Wherahiko - Te Kura Tuarua O Ngāmotu 'Tāonga ā Whaitata' Wakaia Tamehana - Tāonga ā Whaitata 'Tuatahi' Lead Kāea (Male) Te Hanakore Mahutonga - Te Kura Tuarua Ngāmotu 'Reo Rangitira' (feathered Taiāha)

#### PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

Tegan MacDonald - Senior Drama & Waitere Family Cup; Olivia Preston New Plymouth Little Theatre Trophy Best Stage Performance; Monique Flaszynski Drama & Liz Murray Cup; Graceyn Potroz Dance& Joint Winner Eichstaedt Trophy; Kiara Quirante Dance & Joint Winner Eichstaedt Trophy; Taryn O'Donnell Dance & Joint Winner Eichstaedt Trophy;

#### **SPEECH AWARDS**

Laura Anderson Kyle Gilmour Memorial Award for Public Speaking; Phillip Bailey English Alternative Senior Speech; Kristina Pui First in Senior Speech;

#### SPECIAL SUBJECTS / MUSIC / SERVICE AWARDS

Laura Anderson PTA Prize Head Girl & BOT Award, Emily Cannell Memorial Cup; Aaron Brightman Melissa Long Memorial Trophy; Jessica Clark Joint Winner Marjan van Paassen Award; Daniel Courtney Joy Rookes Trophy for Original Composition; David Froom Joint Winner Carnachan Trophy Most Improved Brass Band Player; Josephine Hick Joint Winner Carnachan Trophy Most Improved Brass Band Player; Bailey Hooson Howard Music Trophy Excellence in Academic Music and Band participation; Kaitlyn Koboski Prefects Award; Tane Leong PTA Prize Head Boy & BOT Award; Hayley Mapley Senior Bandboosters Award Best Band Person; Joshua Moyle The Duynhoven Award in practical technology with graphics and design; Thaddeus Poole Intermediate Bandboosters Award; Matthew Putt BOT Award for Service Deputy Head Boy, The RSA Dr George Thompson Award; Jordan Smith Joe Greenwood Memorial Prize; Olivia Smith The Paul Emo Memorial Award for Senior Jazz or Concert Band; Wakaia Tamehana BOT Award for Service Deputy Head Boy; Milly Tuheke BOT Award for Service Deputy Head Girl; Ashley Warner BOT Student Representative, Bruce Walker Trophy; Jasmin Warren Helen J Bacon Award Geography & History, Joint Winner Marian van Paassen Award; Lucy Wilson Harry M Bacon Memorial Award Allround Promise in the Arts, BOT Award for Service Deputy Head Girl;

#### SPECIAL PRIZES

Dux Lucy Wilson; Proxime Accessit Jasmin Warren;

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The 2013 academic year has passed so quickly with each term packed with curriculum delivery, assessments and co-curricular events.

This year saw the realignment of standards for NCEA Level 3. The changes across all three senior levels are fast becoming entrenched as we deliver the new curriculum.

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

As for English Department events, a class of Year 13 students gathered to watch 'The Great Gatsby' at Event Cinemas which linked into class study of the novel. It was an enjoyable group experience as well as an invaluable study aid. A group of Year 13 students also had a film evening later in the year to jumpstart their film study for Level 3 NCEA.

In May we also participated in the Taranaki Literary Challenge and this was quickly followed by our involvement in the Waikato University School of Law Secondary Schools' Mooting Competition. This year we put forward a team that acquitted themselves admirably. Tabitha James, Ashley Warner and Jasmine Warren gained valuable experience and knowledge in this field. They are to be commended on their fine work ethic. We were very fortunate to have Caroline McLorinan (a Partner of Auld Brewer Mazengarb & McEwen) and solicitor Phillip McCarthy from the same Law firm acting as mentors for our team.

In Term 2 the department 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 very small group of students from Year 9, Year 11 and Year 12 took up the challenge to participate in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) English Competition. 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.

Sarah Messenger, Year 12, gained a Distinction, and her score was in the top 7 percent of Year 12 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Sam Holmes, Year 9, gained a Distinction, and his score was in the top 2 percent of Year 9 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Finally, an important part of the success of the English Department is due to the co-operation with the Library, Learning Centre/Piki Te Mana and ancillary staff. My thanks to the English staff whose dedication and hard work have contributed to a successful year in our department.

Nga mihi nui Paula Cast HOD English





#### JUNIOR ORATORY WINNERS 2013

YEAR 9	
1st	Rhett Mcalpine
2nd	Fabian Johnson
3rd	Rebecca Spindler
Highly Commended	Darcy Stanton
Commended	Emily-rose Longsta
	Tamia Kana

Participation At Excellence Level

Kurtis Gilmour **Nicole Higgins** Thomas Jury

YEAR 10 1st 2nd Equal

Highly Commended

Baylee O'Donnell Amirah Osama Montana Bennett Haumoana Shortland

SPECIAL AWARDS

2013 Kyle Gilmour Memorial Award for Public Speaking Laura Anderson

First in Senior Speech

Kristina Pui

Shiann Jolly

First in Alternative English Senior Speech Phillip Bailey

2013 has seen some staffing changes to the Library. Mrs Floyd moved on to pursue other career options after seven years of running a very successful Library. Mary Turner has joined the Library as an assistant for 10 hours.

After having worked with Mrs Floyd for the last two years I now find myself in the position of Library Manager. I hope to bring some new

ideas to the Library and share my love of books, reading and expanding knowledge with all students at Spotswood College. I have created a Library Blog which can be accessed from the school website in which I hope to encourage students to submit book reviews. Students can also find new books, level 1 and 2 reading suggestions and links to other book websites. I would also like to encourage a reading club for students who would like to share knowledge of books they have read and

I have had a wonderful group of student librarians that have helped with numerous tasks during the year. The students have helped put together wall displays and also started a recommended reading list which we hope will encourage other students to try a new book. They also help keep the shelves in order and issue and return books, so a big thanks to Daniel, Tabby, Maddy, Taleina, Jade, Caitlyn, Devin, Kacy, Lennon and Elijah. I am looking forward to working with you again next year.

#### **SENIOR ORATORY WINNERS 2013**

YEAR 11	SPEECH
1st	
2nd	
3rd Equa	al

Commended

Luke Abbott Jordi Thompson Niamh Kelly Kiara Quirante Paige Collins Libby Needs

YEAR 12 DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE 1st Hayley Mapley 2nd Alvin Faulkner 3rd **Corey Vickers** Highly Commended Ariana Bracey Monique Flaszynski Kaitlyn Koboski Ashlin Mcalpine Sarah Messenger Nelson Smart

YEAR 13 ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH SPEECH 1st Phillip Bailey

YEAR 13 LITERARY SEMINAR/SPEECH Kristina Pui 1st 2nd Equal Lucy Wilson Jeremy Martin-smith 3rd Equal Jessica Clarke Jasmin Warren

## LIBRARY

discuss themes and story lines. This would be beneficial for English studies.

This year I have tried to encourage Senior Students to use their study periods wisely and make use of the Library. I have also made the library more accessible for students who wish to study and complete work at interval and lunchtimes.

Mrs Tracey Boschat, Library Manager

# SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

It seems not long ago that this report was being written for last year's magazine and boy has time flown!! 2013 has continued to be a very busy but productive year for us. At the end of 2012 we farewelled Mr Buchanan-Brown who had been at school teaching Chemistry for a number of years while at the start of Term 4, we welcomed Ms Each year a different school has to organise the Year Dominique Simanke. She fitted well into the tight Science Department team while Mrs Takarangi was away on maternity leave. She left at the end of Term 3 this year and we want to sincerely thank her for the work she did with her students while she was with us. The rest of the team all contribute to help keeping the department ticking over. The hidden gem of the department has to be our wonderful technician Mrs Stretton. Without her we would well and truly be lost!

We continue to offer programmes that cater to most students' abilities and we keep encouraging everyone to aim high and achieve to the best of their ability. Along with Physics, Biology, Chemistry and Science at the senior levels, we have continued with the Year 11 Alternative Earlier this year Mr Dunnet and Ms Simanke took a Science programme. Mr Peters has continues to do outstanding work with the Horticulture students at all levels.

It was fantastic to come back to school at the start of the year and find out that Callum Johns (Year 13, 2012) had attained an Outstanding Scholarship in Physics and that Aidan Clarke (Year 13, 2012) gained a Scholarship in Physics. These are amazing results from talented students and also show the capabilities of staff within the department. Scholarship provides recognition and monetary reward to top students in their last year of schooling. Scholarship exams enable candidates to be assessed against challenging standards, and are demanding for the most able candidates in each subject. Approximately 3 per cent of Year 13 students studying each subject at Level 3 are awarded Scholarship, if they reach the standard that has been set. NCEA results for all senior subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Horticulture) were all very pleasing and the pass rates for each subject demonstrate that our students are very capable in all aspects of Science. The stand-out achiever in Year 11 Science was Sarah Messenger.



Once again we had students competing in the Australasian Science Competition. Stefan McIntrye received a Distinction certificate, which means he was placed in the top 5% of Year 13 students in New Zealand. Well done Stefan!

10 Science Quiz at the Fonterra Taranaki Science and Technology Fair. This year it was Spotswood's turn. We entered a team comprised of Lael Poole, Shiann Jolly, Baylee O'Donnell and Elijah-Blue Simonson. They did not place this year but they all aquitted themselves very well and showed their enthusiasm in each of the tasks.

" Amirah Osama from Year 10 was a participant in the Scientific Investigation section of the Fonterra Science and Technology Fair this year. She entered a project entitled "Chickens are People Too" and gained second place in this section as well as gaining a DairyNZ prize for Scientific Endeavour. Well done Amirah! "

group of Year 10 students down to Massey University, PalmerstonNorth.





blueberries!

The Year 13 Biology students have been on a trip to Pouakai Zoo again this year where they checked out the monkeys! This trip helped them with their study on human evolution and looking at different primates. They have also had a trip to the Rotokare Reserve where they were investigating methods of pest control. Mike Tapp (a Department of Conservation Ranger) also came in to school and spoke to them about possum control in Egmont National Park.

MacDiarmid Institute.

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The students were able to experience university life as well as investigating the Science facilities and some of the subjects they offer. They had the chance to get hands-on with a van de Graaf Generator and this was a real highlight for them. In the Biology area they were able to sequence DNA of various organisms and in Chemistry they were able to make a solar cell out of

Sarah Messenger (Year 12) has been chosen to attend an exclusive "nanocamp" science programme in January, which is to be held at Victoria University. Nanotechnology involves the science and study of technology at a molecular level. Only 15 secondary students from around the country have been chosen and Sarah is one of them! Sarah gets her flights, accommodation and meals covered so that she can enjoy five days of hands-on learning about nanotechnology and nanoscience with top scientists from the

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 wants to wish all other members of the staff and the students a restful and well-earned holiday. We look forward to the challenges of 2014 - whatever they may be!



## HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

This year Spotswood College became accredited to assess Primary Industry Training Organisation (PRITO) unit standards. This has given senior students the opportunity to gain standards towards National Certificate in Horticulture as well as contributing to achieving NCEA. These standards all involve practical skills required within the commercial horticulture industry.

Students had the opportunity to develop gardens within the College individually or as a class assessment. Year 12 students planted and maintained the annual flowerbed at the front of the school. Pansies were plant for a winter display and this will be followed by petunias for the summer. Other gardens were developed adjacent the Belair exit, near the South Road entrance and at the Special Needs Unit. Students propagated plants from both seed and cuttings for these gardens.

Year 11 horticulture students spent 3 days learning how to ride All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) safely. The course was taught and assessed by Peter Henderson from Land Based Training and funded by Gateway. One day was spent learning and being assessed on the theory of ATV safety. The next 2 days were spent riding an ATV on the upper field. Here a range of skills were assessed from turning to more difficult courses. Almost all students achieved success in these standards.

#### **Mr Tony Peters**



The 2013 Methanex Mathematics Spectacular was well represented by Spotswood College students. There were numerous entries to the various categories in the Spectacular. Spotswood also had teams in both the year 9 and year 10 Quiz night competition. The highlight of the Quiz night competition was the Spotswood College year 9 team finishing 2nd place in a closely contested battle. The members of the year 9 teams are Sam Holmes, Fabian Johnson, Rhett McAlpine and Rebecca Spindler.

These students won awards in the following categories.

#### YEAR9

3D Artwork Fabian Johnson Computer Generated 2D Artwork Sam Holmes Rhett McAlpine Poetry and Creative Writing Hand Drawn 2D Artwork Fabian Johnson Hand Drawn 2D Artwork Blake Tanner Hand Drawn 2D Artwork Ruby Crawshaw Year 9 Quiz Team **Rhett McAlpine** Sam Holmes **Rebecca Spindler** 

#### YEAR 10 3D Artwork 3D Artwork Hand Drawn 2D Artwork Hand Drawn 2D Artwork Hand Drawn 2D Artwork Central Design for 2014

Individual Project

Central Design for 2014

Campbell Parker 1st Prize Baylee O'Donnell 3rd Prize Bree Jackson **3rd Prize** Amirah Osama Merit Montana Bennett Merit **Casey Carass** Merit Brook Milne Merit Amirah Osama 2nd Prize

Fabian Johnson





# METHANEX MATHS SPECTACULAR

2nd Prize 2nd Prize **3rd Prize** Merit Merit Merit 2nd Place

## SPORTS PRIZEGIVING 2013

## YEAR 9

Ethan Clarke Spotswood College RFC Trophy for Most Dedicated Year 9 Rugby Player; Kurtis Gilmour R H Griffin Trophy for Most Improved year 9 Boys' Soccer Player; Mawene Hiroti Junior Sportsman of the Year; Jeroen Intven Basketball The Paurini Family Trophy for Junior Boys' Player of the Year; Zach Price Cricket Shield for Best all-round Year 9 Boys' Cricketer; Amelia Sanger Morrison Trophy for Most Improved Year 9 Netball Player;

Blake Tanner Junior Boys' Swimming Champion; Zara Warren Lovegrove Cup Year 9 Netball Player of the Year; Sophie Willis Buzz The Butcher Cup for Junior Girls' Year 9 Volleyball Player of the Year;

## **YEAR 10**

Michael Anderson Rhys Williams Trophy for Most Improved Junior Boys' Volleyball Player; Casey Carass Debbie Richardson Trophy for Junior Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year; Bailee Cassidy The Mayhead Family Trophy for Junior Girls' Basketball Player of the Year, Carter Cup Most Outstanding Junior Netball Player, Junior Sportswoman of the Year; Breydon Farmer Nick Webster Trophy for Most Promising Junior Boys' Soccer Player; Jesse Faulkner Junior Boys' Cross Country Champion; Robert Fox Andrew Russell Trophy for Junior Boys' Player of the Year; Tamu McGuigan McCall Trophy for Most Dedicated Year 10 Rugby Player; Amirah Osama Matt Cooper Trophy for Junior Girls' Tennis Champion; Lael Poole Junior Girls' Cross Country Champion, Emily Scott Trophy for Most Improved Junior Girls' Soccer Player; Kurtis Riddle Harding-Kerr Trophy for Best all-round Yr 10 Boys' Cricketer; Briana Schofield Junior Girls' Swimming Champion, Richardson Trophy for Most Improved Year 10 Netball Player; Kieren Williams Junior In-Line Hockey Player of the Year; Taylah Williams Jackson Trophy for most improved Junior Girls' Volleyball Player,

#### **YEAR 11**

Erin Barrett Intermediate Girls' Cross Country Champion; Coralee Carter-Gates Intermediate Girls' Cross Country Champion; Jennifer Goodall Jody Sanson Trophy for effort and achievement by a Female Athlete with a Disability; Kyle Hufton John Lucas Award for most improved Boys' Hockey Player;

## **YEAR 12**

Ashleigh Allen Senior Girls' Best Basketball Player, Lisa Roper Trophy for Desire to Achieve in Womens' Soccer; Jasmine Bailey Simply Blooming Florist Cup Senior Netball Most Improved Player; Brooke Carter Premier Womens' Soccer Award for Leadership & Commitment, Brodie Cup for the Most Improved Senior Volleyball Girls' Player; Mikayla George Senior Girls' Swimming Champion; Nicholas Jones Football Cup for Most Improved Male Player of the Year. Senior In-Line Player of the Year; Celine Klingel Senior Girls' Cross Country Champion; Kaitlyn Koboski John Bell Memorial Cup for Improvement in Life Saving; Conor Lay Julian Family Trophy for Commitment to Boys' Hockey; Eparama Ligavatu First XV Rugby Trophy for the Best all-round Team Member; Kelsey Lovegrove Services for Coaching & Refereeing Girls' Volleyball, Lorrain Lovell Challenge Trophy for Girls' Tennis Champion, Phillipa Soulsby Cup for Senior Girls' Beach Volleyball Player of the Year, Senior Sportswoman of the Year: Faris Petty Intermediate Boys' Cross Country Champion, Intermediate Boys' Swimming Champion, John Lawton Memorial Cup for Boys' Tennis Champion, Jared Wilson Cup for Senior Boys' Beach Volleyball Player of the Year, Antony Joe Trophy for Senior Boys' Volleyball Player of the Year, Senior Sportsman of the Year; Olivia Smith Equestrian Cup for Overall Excellence in Equestrian Events; Corey Vickers J Stallard Trophy for Most Improved Female Hockey Player; Gloriana Wilson L J Trophy for Senior Player of the Year: Jordan Te Waaka Matthew Coleman Trophy for the Most Improved Senior Boys' Player;

## **YEAR 13**

Jamie Barrett Senior Boys' Swimming Champion; Keegan Bruckner Senior Boys' Basketball Player of the Year: Kyle Cox Senior Boys' Cross Country Champion; Paul Faga TWT Trophy for the Best & Fairest Senior Player; Sriwantha Hewage Rodney Brown Cup for First XI Boys' Cricket Player of the Year; Tabby James Talo-Manu Trophy for Coaching Netball; Daria Kuhne Wilson Trophy for Senior Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year; Tane Leong Senior Boys' Badminton Player of the Year, Tony Stuthridge Memorial Trophy for the Most Conscientious First XV Rugby Team Member, Thompson Cup & Spotswood United RFC miniature for Captain of the First XV; Hamish Nicoll Alan Millward Memorial Cup for Most Improved First XV Rugby Player; Ahleah Paul-Kaponga Olsen Trophy for Commitment and Excellence in Girls' Rugby; Matthew Putt Football Cup for Male Player of the Year; Amber Shepherd Spotswood Volleyball Club Trophy for Services to the School in Coaching & Refereeing Girls' Volleyball; Jasmin Warren D C Andrews Trophy for the Most Dedicated Female Hockey Player;



Our Spotswood College Badminton representatives in the 2013 TSSSA Event were:

Maruyama.

Sriwantha Hewage and Tane Leong won the Senior Boys Doubles against Inglewood High School.

Leonard



## BADMINTON

It was great to see such huge interest in our Spotswood College Badminton Club again this year. In addition to welcoming many new junior and senior players, we also had great support from the International Students attending our school. I would like to thank all the players for the effort, maturity and friendliness they exhibited throughout the season.

On the 9th August, the TSSSA Badminton Competition was held at NPGHS. It involved teams from twelve Secondary Schools from throughout the region. This year the format was a knockout competition for both singles and doubles, with each School team consisting of two junior girls/boys and two senior girls/boys. As the coach, I was impressed with the way our Spotswood team performed in terms of both results and amount of support and encouragement they offered each other, and the friendliness and sportsmanship they showed toward other competitors and the event organisers.

Reus Reyes; Eddie Wahia; Sapphire Moke; Kasumi

Tane Leong; Sriwantha Hewage; Linqing Qiu; Fiona Nicoll.

2013 TSSSA Badminton Competition Results:

Eddie Wahia made the semi final in the Junior Boys Singles.

Tane Leong came second in the final of the Senior Boys Singles against NP Boys High.

I hope to see you all again next season. Many thanks, Ian



## BASKETBALL

The Spotswood College Senior A Basketball team had an adventurous season in 2013. The team managed to win three games during the year. The team played in many close games and were unlucky on several occasions, losing games in the final minutes. Injury and illness also hindered the performance of the team. For a large portion of the season there were injuries to key players which forced players to play out of position and in roles which they were unaccustomed. The highlight of the season was beating Francis Douglas. As Spotswood had not beaten Francis Douglas in recent memory, the team put together an outstanding performance in the game and were able to grind out a huge victory. The team received a large boost this year from Matt Everest. His scoring ability made Spotswood a legitimate force each



time they took the court. The Captain Keegan Bruckner led the team and was voted Most Valuable Player (MVP) by his teammates. He was valuable on both offense and defense, often having to face up against the best player from the opposition. Faris Petty was a new player in 2013. His energy and effort on every single play was a motivation to the team. He improved significantly during the year and was influential in all of the Spotswood wins. Luke Abbott and Alec Zhong were helpful contributors during the season. They will be key players for the team next year.







## CRICKET

The Spotswood College Cricket Team, fought their way through into the semi-finals of division 2 in the Taranaki Secondary School Cricket competition in Term 1. Unfortunately in the semi-finals they were denied entry into the final by a strong Hawera High School Team.

Over the course of the season, a number of players including Brad Espiner, Jayden Monaghan, Xavi Clarkson and Sriwantha Hewage all notched up 3 wickets for bowling. In one game in particular, a number of players came close to half centuries, including Sriwantha Hewage with 46, Trent Lankshear with 41 and Simon Anderson with 40 all in one game against Waitara High School which subsequently resulted in us picking up a crushing victory.

One moment though in the season that stood out was when captain Trent Lankshear notched up a half century on his way to 76 runs in a true captains knock against New Plymouth Boys High School but unfortunately the team could not capitalise on the back of this effort as we had a very close loss.

Many thanks to our coaches Todd Niwa and Daniel Price for their help this season.

Trent Lankshear & Simon Anderson



## **BOYS INDOOR VOLLEYBALL**



#### Well, where to start?

It was a great Indoor Volleyball season, one of the best! To see and observe individuals improving and forming friendships as well as bonds with one another. As a result, this made us such a strong team. All those countless days spent in the school gym with Mr. Joe doing push-ups and bridges, conditioning our bodies for the upcoming tournament. A week off school with your best friends and a remarkable teacher has to be one of the highlights of this year. I would like to thank Mr. Joe, Mr. Gayton and the team for making this Volleyball season achievable. We shared memories we will never forget. I would like to share some with everyone but what happens in Palmerston North stays in Palmerston North. I suppose we could share a few; Eparama's amazing massages and fear of females, Mr. Joe's encouragement and inspirational team talks, J.T's PS3, Jordan Hale's 2 minute noodles, Pi's midnight investigations, Jayden's encounter with the ladies, and not to mention the huge \$60 KFC dinner that Cameron, Daniel, Jonas and the other boys feasted on! Throughout that week we supported each other and proudly represented our school. In addition, we will greatly miss Jonas the German who helped make the team complete. Congratulations to the Senior Girls team for their achievement of Gold in 4th division. On behalf of the team, we would like to thank you Mr. Joe for your time and effort with us. It was greatly appreciated and you helped to create a memory we will share with us for the rest of our lives.





## 2012 North Island Secondary Schools Junior Boys 15-25 Volleyball Championships Wellington

The Junior Boys team finished 15th in Division 2 at the North Island Secondary Championships in late November 2012. Jayden Monaghan, Cameron Angland, Alex Smart, Matthew Hufton, Robert Fox, Tawera Baker Zac McLeod, Michael Anderson, Kieran Williams Bailey Benton attended the championships.

The boys placed 31st in the North Island and a great experience for the boys as the boys got to stay at the University Hostel Weir house went to the Hobbit Premier and played some great volleyball for the week.

Captain Jayden Monaghan, Cameron Angland, Alex Smart, Matthew Hufton, Tawera Baker, Robert Fox, Zac McLeod, Michael Anderson, Bailey Benton, Kieran Williams.

#### **TOP 32**

Lost 0-2 One Tree Hill College (Auckland) 13-25,

Lost 1-2 Hamilton BHS 25-12, 16-25, 6-15 Lost 1-2 Tauranga Boys College B 25-23, 24-26, 5-15

#### POST SECTION PLAY DIVISION 2

Lost 1-2 Upper Hutt College 25-21, 10-25, 5-15 Lost 0-2 Gisbourne BHS 22-25, 22-25 Won 2-0 Long Bay College (Auckland) 25-21, 25-16 Lost 1-2 Upwey College (Australia) 17-25, 25-23 3-15 Lost 1-2 Westlake Boys High 16-25, 25-18, 7-15 Playoff 31st and 32nd Position Hillcrest high School (Hamilton) Won 16-25, 25-17, 16-14. Finished 31st in North Island Secondary school championships.

Senior Boys Volleyball started in term 1 2013.

We played regionals and were unfortunate to not win the series losing to Boys High School in a close 3 game series 1-2. To finish second in Taranaki regional championships.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Volleyba **Championships in Palmerston North** 

Spotswood College sent a team of 9 boys to Nationa in Palmerston North. We had a great week away a went close to making a medal in division 4 but we unfortunately unable to capitalise on opportunities convert crucial points to get us to the medal. A fun we had bye all.

Faris Petty (Captain) Jordan Hales, Jonas Schumach Jordan Te Waaka, Daniel Pirihi, Eparana Ligavat Cameron Angland, Jayden Monaghan, Prithvi Kumar. Pool Play

Lost 1-3 Otumoetai College B (Tauranga) 19-25, 25-15-25, 13-25

Lost 1-3 Tauranga Boys College B 21-25, 19-25, 25-2 22-25

Lost 3-0 Bishop Viard College (Wellington) 15-25,15-2 20-25

Division 4

Won 3-2 Tikipunga HS (Whangerei) 12-25, 22-25, 25-1 25-19, 15-13

Won 3-0 Maribnong HS (Australia) 25-15, 25-21, 25-11 Won 3-2 Mana College (Wellington) 20-25, 18-25, 2 23, 25-17, 15-13

Lost 0-3 Porirua College 9-25, 14-25, 12-25.

Quarter-final

Won 3-0 Rangitoto College B (Auckland) 25-19, 25-1 25-23



This year we had a mixed hockey team and our coaches, Sarah and Tim were a wonderful asset so thank you. They helped our team improve so much while still having fun. Throughout the year the team improved immensely, the new players developed key skills and the established players built on what they had already learnt. As a team, I feel we have developed strong friendships within the team and everyone looked out for each other. A highlight would have been playing Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera from Swansea in Wales. They gave us a good challenge, a close game and lots of fun. It was also a wonderful opportunity for our players to host



all als nd ere to eek	Semi-Final Lost 2-3 Riccarton HS (Christchurch). 25-18, 25-20, 22-25. 22-25, 21-25, 8-15 Playoff 3rd / 4th Lost 2-3 Rutherford College (Auckland) 25-14, 20-25, 25-22, 22-25, 8-15 Finished 4th in 4th Division. 52nd in New Zealand.
er, tu, 15, 22, 25,	TARANAKITRIALS Many of the boys trialled and gained representation in the Taranaki Under 19 Volleyball team. Faris Petty, Jordan TeWaaka, Jordan Hales, Jaymz Tito, Eparama Ligavatu, Jayden Monaghan and Cameron Angland made the team to attend the provincial championships in October unfortunately the trip did not go ahead.
19, I 25-	JUNIOR BOYS TEAM 2013 We played the TSSSA Volleyball championships. We had 4 wins to make it to the final but lost the final by 5 points to finish 2nd in the TSSSA event.
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HOCKEY



billets and learn a bit about the Welsh culture. Throughout the season we had ups and down, with Aaron losing teeth along with some really tough games. Positives included the friendships within our team that developed throughout these ups and downs. Our first win against Opunake was a real positive and gave the team a much needed boost. Throughout the season we played well, won some games and just missed out on third place after a close match. Well done to everyone on the team, you were committed, mature, showed great attitude and did our school proud.

Jasmin Warren

## **BOYS BEACH VOLLEYBALL**



North Island Secondary School Junior Beach Volleyball Championships Hamilton, December 2012

Spotswood Colleges Jayden Monaghan and Cameron Angland took part in the North Island Junior Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championship.

Spotswood College team made it through to the Quarter -final stage of the tournament where they beat Chapman & Pohatu of Tikipunga High School A (Whangerei) 2-0. The boys then lost the semi final to Dunn & Cooper of Campion College (Gisbourne) 1-2.

In the Bronze medal playoff they went close with Parata & Job of Tikipunga High School B but eventually losing 1-2 finishing Spotswood College 4th in the North Island Secondary Schools Junior Boys Beach Volleyball Championships.

New Zealand National Age Group Beach Volleyball Championships Mount Manganui January 2013

Several Spotswood Students attended the New Zealand National Age Group Beach Volleyball Championships at Mount Manganui.

Jonah Naborisi partnered Keegan Joe (Devon Intermediate) and got 3rd in the National Under 15 Boys age category.

Jayden Monaghan and Cameron Angland got 5th in the National Under 17 Boys age category.

Faris Petty and Jaymz Tito got 15th in the National Under 19 Boys age category. Kelsey Lovegrove and Olivia Preston got 17th in the National U19 Girls age category.

## TSSSA Beach Volleyball

Notable results

**Junior Boys** 

Jonah Naborisi and Kurtis Riddle 1st Junior Boys Pairs

Robert Fox and Tawera Baker 3rd Junior

**Boys Pairs** 

Senior Boys Pairs

Faris Petty and Jordan Hales 2nd Senior



**Boys** Pairs Eparama Ligavatu and Jordan TeWaaka

2013 New Zealand Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championships - Feburary, Mount Manganui

Cameron Angland and Jayden Monaghan were the best performing team finishing 4th in New Zealand in the U16 Junior Section. Faris Petty and Jaymz Tito Also preformed well gaining 13th position in the Senior Boys section. Faris Petty and Jaymz Tito

Won 2-0 Wills/ Polley (Hamilton Boys High School) 15-7, 10-1512-5

Lost 0-2 McAdam / Fullerton (Tauranga Boys Coll) 11-15, 7-15 Division 1

Lost 0-2 Aperahama / Reid (Tauranga Boys Coll) 15-21, 11-21 Lost 0-2 Matherson/Lewis (Otumoetai Coll Tauranga) 11-21, 12-21

Lost 0-2 Moore/ Riddell (Mount Manganui College ) 17-21, 16-21

Lost 0-2 Mabbott / Winstanley (Tauranga Boys Coll) 17-21, 15-21

Won 2-0 Hallett /Clare (Rangitoto College Auckland) 21-15, 21-16

Finished = 13th Place New Zealand Secondary Schools Senior championships.

Jayden Monaghan and Cameron Angland

Won 2-0 Duncanson/ McCall (Otumoetai Coll Tauranga) 15-3, 15-7

Lost 1-2 Vukets/Howard (Westlake BHS Auckland) 15-10, 12-15,7-12

#### Division 1

Won 2-0 Adams / Carter (Rangitoto College Auckland) 21-8 21-11 Won 2-0 Oswald / Richmond (Trident HS Whakatane) 21-12, 21-17 Won 2-0 Cooper/Gordon (Campion College Gisbourne) 21-12, 21-14 Quarter-final

Won 2-0 Young/May (Otumoetai Coll Tauranga) 21-11,21-15 Semi-final

Lost 0-2 Swan/ Preston (Mount Manganui College) Bronze Medal Match

Lost 0-2 Brown / Anderson (Rangitoto College Auckland) 17-21 18-21 Finished 4h = Place New Zealand Secondary Schools Y11 championships.

NATIONAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL TRIALS AND CAMPS

Several of our students went to a couple of New Zealand Beach Volleyball trials and beach camps throughout the year (April and October) at Mount Manganui Beach. Faris Petty, Jayden Monaghan, Cameron Angland, Jordan TeWaaka, and Kelsey Lovegrove attended the trials.

Faris Petty was successful in making the New Zealand Under 17 Team for a Development tour of Vanuatu in January where they will train and play a test series verse Vanuatu and Tahiti. Jayden Monaghan was named as a non travelling reserve for the trip. Mr Joe is going as the coach.



It is again with great pleasure that we can report on another very successful year for the various junior and senior girls' teams that have represented Spotswood College at Indoor and Beach Volleyball during the last twelve months.

The major highlight for 2013 was the Senior Girls' team winning the Division 4 championship (49th overall) at the 44th New Zealand Secondary Schools Senior indoor Championships played at Palmerston North in late-March.

Other highlights during the past year (since October, 2012) were:-

\* The 2012 Junior Girls' Year 9 team finished in 7th place in Division Three (39th overall), at the 29th North Island Secondary Schools Junior Championships played at Wellington last November.

\* Several of our Junior and Senior Girls' Beach Volleyball Pairs teams competed



# **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

creditably from November to February in various tournaments in New Plymouth.

\* Seven girls' pairs teams competed at the 2013 NZSS Beach Volleyball championships

played at Mt. Maunganui Beach on 9 & 10 February. Our best result was Olivia Preston & Kelsey Lovegrove who finished in 5th= place in the senior girls' Division 2 pairs.

\* The 2013 -13th TSSSA- Taranaki Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championships were played at Ngamotu Beach, on Sunday 24th February. Olivia and Kelsey finished in 2nd place in the senior girls pairs with Taylah Williams and Renee McCready also finishing in 2nd place in the junior girls event.

\* The Senior Girls' teams finished second and third in Kaitlyn Koboski 13th= (29th=). the 2013 Taranaki Secondary

Schools senior regional qualifying series in March, prior to the NZSS championships.

\* Several players were selected for the two Taranaki age-group teams:- Under 19

Olivia Preston and Kelsey Lovegrove; Under 19 development team Amber Shepherd and Kaitlyn Koboski.

\* The Year 10 Junior Girls' team finished in 2nd place at the 2013 Taranaki Secondary

Schools Sports Association (TSSSA) Junior Championships played at the TSB

Stadium on Wednesday 16th October.

The following is a summary of the various activities in which our girls' volleyball teams participated in during the last twelve months:

#### 1. 2012 - 29th NORTH ISLAND JUNIOR INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS WELLINGTON:

The Junior Year 9 team of Montana Bennett, Sophie Bowden, Casey Carass,

Romi Hackett, Ksenia James, Renee McCready, Sapphire Moke, Baylee O'Donnell, Amirah Osama and Taylah Williams travelled to Wellington in the last week of November for the 29th NISS Junior Championships. Our accommodation was at Weir House.

As Taranaki no.3, our team was seeded into the Division 3 championship.

Our pool play results were: lost to Upwey B (Australia) 1-2, 17-25, 25-23, 3-15; lost to St.Catherine's College (Wellington) 0-2, 12-25, 8-25; lost to Chilton St. James School (Wellington) 0-2, 9-25, 12-25; lost to Wellington East Girls' College 0-2, 13-25, 1-25; lost to Newlands College (Wellington) 0-2, 7-25, 19-25; lost to Kew High School (Australia) 0-2, 12-25, 8-25.

2. Play-off for 5th - 7th placings: - lost to Upwey B 0-2, 18-25, 17-25, lost to St. Catherine's 0-2, 22-25, 7-25. The team finished in 7th place in Division Three or 39th overall.

### 2. 2013 NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS **BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

#### CHAMPIONSHIPS-MT. MAUNGANUI:

Spotswood College entered seven teams in this year's championships held at Mt. Maunganui on 9-10 February. The teams and placings were:-

Year 11 and Under Girls' Pairs Division 1: Amirah Osama & Montana Bennett 22nd=; Casey Carass & Baylee O'Donnell 24th.

Year 11 and Under Girls' Pairs Division 2: Romi Hackett & Ksenia James 15th=; Renee McCready & Taylah Williams 19th=.

Senior Girls' Pairs Division 2: Olivia Preston & Kelsey Lovegrove 5th=(21st= overall); Laura Anderson & Amber Shepherd 9th= (25th=); Magdi Grobler and

#### 3. 2012 - 13th TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS(TSSSA)-NGAMOTU BEACH. SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY.

Spotswood College entered seven teams in this year's TSSSA championships. The teams and placings were:

Junior Girls' Pairs: Taylah Williams & Renee McCready 2nd; Casey Carass & Baylee O'Donnell 3rd: Amirah Osama & Montana Bennett; Sophie Bowden & Yuka Kyoguchi.

Senior Girls' Pairs: Olivia Preston & Kelsey Lovegrove 2nd; Laura Anderson & Amber Shepherd 3rd.

#### 4. 2013 TARANAKI SENIOR REGIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES:

This year, Spotswood(2), NPGHS and Sacred Heart entered teams in the Taranaki senior regional qualifying series. Our teams were:

A team: Laura Anderson (Captain), Olivia Preston, Amber Shepherd, Magdi Grobler, Kaitlyn Koboski, Baylee O'Donnell and Montana Bennett. The results were: Round 1 beat SHGC 2-0; lost to NPGHS 0-2; Round 2 beat SHGC 2-0; lost to NPGHS 1-2; Round 3 lost to NPGHS 0-2 and beat SHGC 2-0; to finish in third place.

B team: Hannah Tattersall, Ashleigh Allen, Brooke Carter, Megan Greenhow, Abby Christodulou, Ariana Bracey and Amirah Osama. The results were:-Round 1 lost to NPGHS 0-2; beat SHGC 2-0; Round 2 lost to NPGHS 0-2; beat SHGC 2-0; Round





NPGHS 2-1 (22-25, 25-19, 15-8) and beat SHGC 2-0 to finish in second place to NPGHS.

#### 5. 2013 - 45th NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SENIOR INDOOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - PALMERSTON NORTH:

This year's championships were again played at Palmerston North from 18th -22nd March.

A big thanks to all of the junior and senior players for Our team was Laura Anderson (Captain), Olivia their involvement in the girls' Volleyball programme Preston, Daria Kuhne (from Switzerland), Amber during 2013. Special thanks to Amber Shepherd, Shepherd, Kelsey Lovegrove, Hannah Tattersall, Kelsey Lovegrove and Magdi Grobler for their Ashleigh Allen, Brooke Carter, Kaitlyn Koboski, and coaching assistance with the Year 9 and 10 junior Magdi Grobler. As Taranaki 2, the team was seeded teams at various times during the year. A special into the Premier grade for teams ranked 33 - 64 to thanks to Mr. Robbie Booth who has helped with the decide Divisions 3 and 4. The Pool play results were:coaching of all Spotswood girls' teams throughout lost to Hastings Christian School 2-3; 20-25, 25-22, 14the year. Best wishes to the Junior girls' as they 25, 25-23, 10-15; lost to Long Bay College (North prepare for their regional qualifying series and the Harbour) 2-3; 25-22, 20-25, 26-24, 22-25, 11-15; lost North Island Junior Championships in Wellington to Marlborough Girls College-B (Blenheim) 1-3; 14-25, 25th - 30th November. 25-23, 21-15, 19-25.

Good luck to those players who will be involved in the various Beach Volleyball events during the Division Four Championship play: beat Tauranga Girls College-D 3-1; 25-20, 25-20, 17-25, 25-15; beat summer of 2013/2014. Burnside HS-B (Christchurch) 3-2; 22-25, 23-25, 25-22, To the players who are leaving, best of luck for the future and I look forward to seeing you on a 25-23, 15-12; beat Lincoln High School (Christchurch) 3-0; 25-16, 25-14, 25-21.Quarter-final beat Te Aroha volleyball court somewhere. College 3-0; 25-17, 25-22, 25-10; Semi-final beat To those players returning, you can look forward to Taradale HS-A (Napier) 3-0; 25-14,

another enjoyable and successful year in 2014-BUT 25-21, 25-17; Final beat Burnside <u>HS-B 3-1; 25-10, 25-</u> !! remember that you are only as good as you 22, 17-25, 25-12. practice, and you don't improve unless you practice.

3. Overall we played 9 and won 6 and lost 3; winning 23 sets for with 13 sets against. By winning Division 4, the team finished in 49th place overall from the 82 girls' teams entered.

#### 6. 2013 NEW PLYMOUTH AUTUMN & WINTER INDOOR LEAGUE:

This year two girls' team was entered in the New Plymouth Autumn and Winter indoor leagues. Those who played were:-

Seniors: Laura Anderson, Amber Shepherd, Kelsey Lovegrove, Brooke Carter and Magdi Grobler.

Juniors: Montana Bennett, Sophie Bowden, Casey Carass, Romi Hackett, Ksenia James, Renee McCready, Baylee O'Donnell, Amirah Osama, Taylah Williams and Yuka Kyoguchi.

#### 7. 2013 TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS(TSSSA):

This year's championships were played at the TSB Stadium on Wednesday 16th October. Our Year 10 team was: Sophie Bowden, Montana Bennett, Casey Carass, Ksenia James, Renee McCready, Baylee O'Donnell, Amirah Osama, Taylah Williams and Yuka Kyoguchi. Their pool play results were:- beat Waitara HS 44-37, beat NPGHS-B 50-30,

beat Hawera HS 55-25; semi-final beat Inglewood HS 57-26; final lost to NPGHS-A 31-40, to finish in 2nd place in the 8 team competition.

#### 8. 2013 TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOL JUNIOR **REGIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES:**

As this year's magazine went to print the 2013 Taranaki Junior regional series was being played. We will report on this next year.

#### CONCLUSION:

#### P.GAYTON HEAD COACH-GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL



## NETBALL

#### **SENIOR A NETBALL**

The 2013 netball season for the Senior A Spotswood College Netball team was a difficult year as we were a team of new players all unsure of each other's capabilities and what we were about to face throughout the season. This made our journey an unforgettable experience, which can only be described as a rollercoaster. It was a season filled with tears of laughter, frustration, joy and pain as we claimed our wins and admitted to our defeats. I am proud to say that from this season I have met a group of girls who have more heart, perseverance and dedication for the sport than any others that I know. They continued to strive no matter what the score was because pain is temporary. It may last a minute, or an hour, or a day, or a year, but eventually it will subside and something else will take its place. However, if we quit that would last forever. Throughout the year we competed in multiple tournaments including the Lower North Island Secondary Schools Tournament and also had the opportunity to verse a school from Swansea in Wales called Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera which was an amazing experience for us all which we created friendships which will last a lifetime. Particular mention at this point must go to Bailee Cassidy, Kate Mclean and Ruth Boardman for stepping up from the Junior A Netball team during tournament week helping us to claim a win on the last day. Special thanks must go out to Cath Spindler our gorgeous coach, Lynne Jaram our beautiful manager and all the amazing friends and family who were our hugest supporters, supporting us every step of the way. Words cannot explain how truly grateful we really are, without your support throughout the year none of this would have been possible. From this experience I have learnt that one person can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one person cannot make a team. So I personally thank every person who contributed in any way to making our season possible. Finally being the captain of such a talented group of girls I can only end this on saying that I am extremely proud and to those leaving the team to accomplish bigger and greater things I wish you the very best.







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## SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE SWIMMING CHAMPIC 2013

The Spotswood College Swimming Champs were held 18th of February, with the finals completed on the 28th had a great day, with excellent weather and so involvement. There were some exciting races, with numbers of swimmers in most of the age groups. The competition was very close, with the lead seethroughout the competition. In the end, Paritute superior, with a number of their swimmers placing finals. Here are the overall results:

#### Hapu Competition

1st Paritutu, 2nd Moturoa, 3rd Motumahanga, 4th Mil

## Junior Girls Championship

1st Briana Schofield, 2nd Rebecca Spindler, 3rd Stanton and Kassandra McConnell-Aim







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## **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 2013 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 New Plymouth Croquet Club on Sunday 17th February. Our results were:

Ryan King & Eric Carter 3rd place (4 wins and 2 losses) Alvin Faulkner & Trent Lankshear 6th place (2 wins and 4 losses)

#### **TSSSA BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Congratulations also to our team of 30 who competed at the TSSSA Championships played at Ngamotu Beach on Sunday 24th February. Our best results were:

Junior Girls:	Taylah Williams & Renee McCready	2nd
	Montana Bennett & Amirah Osama	3rd=
Junior Boys:	Jonah Naborisi & Kurtis Riddle	1st
-	Tawera Baker & Josh Knowles	2nd
	Robert Fox & Joseph Pui	3rd=
	Zac Mcleod & Michael Anderson	3rd =
Senior Girls:	Kelsey Lovegrove & Olivia Preston	2nd
	Amber Shepherd & Laura Anderson	3rd=
Senior Boys:	Eparama Ligavatu & Jordan Te Waaka	2nd

#### **TSSSA LAWN BOWLS:**

This year's event was played at the West End Bowls Club on Wednesday 13th March. Congratulations to Eric Carter who finished in 2nd place in the Boys' singles. Eric was selected in the Taranaki Youth Bowls team to compete at the regional qualifying series that was played in Wanganui on Monday 8th April.





TSSSA BMX



**TSSSA CYCLING** 

#### **TSSSA ATHLETICS:**

This year's championships were held at the TET Stadium in Inglewood on Thursday 14th March. Congratulations to Jayden Monaghan (Year 11) who narrowly broke the Spotswood College record for the Intermediate Boys' 800m. Jayden's electronic time was 2 mins 11.33 secs just edging out 2 mins 11.8 secs set at the TSSSA championships in 1983 by Craig Rawlinson.

Our top 10 placing results were: Junior Girls': Tabatori Baiteke 4th Javelin 13.83m; 7th Shot Putt 5.79m. Junior Boys: Jesse Faulkner 6th 100m 13.56, 2nd 800m 2mins 19.46, 3rd High Jump 1.45m TK Tohu 5th Javelin 20.22m. Intermediate Girls': Molly Lincoln 8th 100m 14.90, 8th 200m 31.46, Intermediate Boys': Jayden Monaghan 2nd 800m 2mins 11.33; 2nd 3000m 9mins 55.49 Daniel Clark 5th Javelin 36.03m; 7th High Jump 1.65m; 8th Discus 24.47m Senior Girls': Brooke Carter 4th 400m 71.99; 6th 100m 15.09 Molly Lincoln 8th Discus 18.58m



efforts with the administration tasks prior to the day.

#### **TSSSA BMX:**

This year's event was held at Hawera indoor track on Wednesday 8th May. Congratulations to Aleisha Olsson-Jane who finished in 2nd place in the Junior Girls' race.

#### **TSSSA ORIENTEERING:**

This year's event was held at Pukekura Park on Wednesday 27th March. Congratulations to Hayley Mapley and Sarah Messenger who won the Senior Girls' Pairs event, and to Amirah Osama and Renee McCready who were 2nd in the Junior Girls' Pairs event.



#### **TSSSA MOUNTAIN BIKING:**

This year's event was held at the Lake Mangamahoe Forest course on Sunday 7th April. Congratulations to Cory Bedford on winning the Junior Boys' Cross Country race in 22mins 21 secs and finishing 3rd in the Down Hill in 1min 33.76 secs.

#### **TSSSA DRESSAGE:**

This year's event was held at Waitara on Thursday 11th April. Our team was Erin Barrett, Maeghan King, and Rebecca Spindler.

#### TSSSA GIRLS' FOOTBALL:

This year's event was held at the Waitara Soccer Grounds on Sunday 12th May.

#### **TSSSA CROSS COUNTRY:**

This year's event was held at the Hawera Showgrounds on Thursday 23rd May. Our team was: TJ Morunga, Levi McIntyre, Shiann Jolly, Lael Poole, Jayden Monaghan and Coralee Carter-Gates. Congratulations to Jayden Monaghan on his 2nd placing in the Intermediate Boys' race. Jayden was subsequently selected into the Taranaki Secondary Schools Cross Country Relays team that competed at the North Island Secondary Schools championships held during winter tournament in September.

#### **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 29th May.



#### **TSSSA SNOWBOARDING:**

After many weeks delay due to no snow, this year's event was held at the Maunganui skifields on Monday 2nd September. Many thanks to Mary Brewster for organizing the team at short notice. Our results were:

Junior Girls' Downhill: Meg Parsons 2nd place, Monique Clarke 3rd place

Junior Boys' Downhill: Timi Te Ua 2nd place Senior Girls' Downhill: Olivia Smith 4th place Senior Boys' Downhill: Lachlan Brewster 6th place.





## TSSSA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL:

This year's championships were played at the TSB Stadium on Wednesday 16th October. Congratulations to both the Boys' and Girls' teams on finishing as runners-up. The Boys' team lost their final to NPBHS 33-38, with the Girls' team loosing to NPGHS 31-40. Our teams were:

Boys: Michael Anderson, Tawera Baker, Ethan Clarke, Jesse Faulkner, Robert Fox, Zac McLeod, Jonah Naborisi, Joseph Pui, Kurtis Riddle, Mio Waipouri.

Girls: Montana Bennett, Sophie Bowden, Casey Carass, Ksenia James, Yuka Kyoguchi, Renee McCready, Baylee O'Donnell, Amirah Osama, Taylah Williams.

# **HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

#### SENIOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It has been another busy year for the Health and Physical Education department, building on the academic success of last year. It is very positive for us to see the subject helping students reach their NCEA goals. We had pleasing overall results, as well as the following students earning Physical Education endorsements:

Level 1 Physical Education endorsed with Excellence: Kaitlyn Koboski

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Level 2 Physical Education endorsed with Merit: Faith Simeona

Level 3 Physical Education endorsed with Merit: Sam Newman

Level 3 Physical Education endorsed with Excellence: Catherine West

We have now completed the alignment process for Physical Education Levels 1 -3 and our next area of focus is to review the junior programmes to both encourage all students to follow the subject to senior level and to better prepare them for the required assessments.

#### Weet-bix Triathlon

In Term 1, 15 Year 12 students were volunteers for the annual Weet-bix Triathlon at Ngamotu Beach. They completed a wide range of tasks and did a great job of representing Spotswood College at this very popular community event. They worked extremely hard for the day, and the school has been asked to provide twice as many students for next year's event! The students involved have enjoyed wearing their bright red volunteer t-shirts for PE lessons. Well Done!

#### The Brave

In August, we were able to take 50 students to the School's Matinee Performance of "The Brave" during the Taranaki Arts Festival. This performance was based around the stories of 8 young New Zealand men and contained a range of messages for our students. It was a cleverly choreographed production and much of the story was told through the medium of movement. The students and teachers who were lucky enough to attend this event found it very moving and entertaining.

#### League Leadership

Year 12 students had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills with the help of League Taranaki. Alan Jackson, the co-ordinator for League Taranaki taught the students how to lead successfully. A group of students took sessions with students from Moturoa and Marfell Primary schools. Other groups worked with our Year 10 students. This was a positive and powerful learning experience for our students and many showed a real aptitude for teaching and leadership.

#### Year 13

This year's Year 13 Physical Education class took on the task of promoting physical activity for teachers at Spotswood College. They planned, organised and ran lunchtime sessions during Term 2 to encourage teachers to be more active. While the students did a great job of planning, it proved very difficult to motivate teachers to attend the sessions. Students got a first-hand experience of the challenges facing New Zealand and most other western countries to improve the physical activity levels of adults. They did however gain valuable skills in team work and working with adults.

#### Senior Health

This year the Health class worked on a range of internally assessed standards at NCEA Level 2. As part of a unit of work to promote well-being of students, the class planned and implemented a programme to

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#### JUNIOR HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We have continued to promote physical activity and participation in our junior programme and overall we have seen a pleasing improvement in student engagement and attitudes. Students understand the need for and value of regular physical activity and have developed the skills and knowledge to make positive decisions for themselves in the future.

All the Year 10 classes this year are completing a Level 1 Physical Education standard (5 credits) and as teachers it has been exciting to see the students embrace this opportunity. We expect the majority of students to achieve this standard and we hope to award a large number of merits and excellences.

#### Institute of Sport

This Year 9 and 10 option classes continue to be a great addition to our core programme. This year the student focus was on fitness, goal setting and performance improvement and hopefully this will lead to rewards both in our College sports teams and the success of individual athletes striving for excellence in the near future. All students have been challenged to work at a high level and the results have been positive.

## **PIKI TE MANA/LEARNING CENTRE 2013**

Piki Te Mana has had another busy and productive year. The combination of Year 9 Reading for Confidence option, the Toe by Toe and Reading Mileage programmes along side support from staff and whanau, has seen many of the students attain reading fluency.

It has also been gratifying to see many of the Year 11 students, we have supported, gain crucial Literacy credits for NCEA.

Piki Te Mana is also responsible for the enrolment and administration of work sent by Te Kura/ Correspondence School. Many students have taken up the opportunity to do extra or alternative courses through this medium. This type of studying demands a high level of self-discipline, motivation and independence.

This year we had students electing to study: Art History, Commerce and Media Studies.

Piki Te Mana is still the centre for assessment in the

Junior school (carrying out assessments on all students in Year 9 and Year 10). Our main focus is to assess the students' ability in literacy. The results enable us to measure the progress of the year group, classes and individuals. We also analyse our data, so we can modify our teaching programmes, address students' needs and compare our results against other students in the same age group throughout New Zealand.

I competed in the Mid Winter Swim and won a prize to take a group of Year 9 students to the Aquatic Centre, free of charge with lunch provided by Dominoes Pizza. It was a lovely way to celebrate the students' progress and success and well worth the icy plunge!

We have gained a new member of staff, Holly Howison, in Term Three, to join our fabulous teacher aides.

Dee Doherty (HOD Learning Support).

2013 has been an outstanding year and great food followed by a dessert called Carrot Halwa. This is a continues to be prepared by aspiring and talented sweet carrot, cardamom and sultana dessert and students on a daily basis in our highly productive tasted surprisingly very delicious. Practical Foods Room.

Another highlight for three senior students (Briair Our students are industriously committed to Hannam, Destiny Hayman and Regan Jeffery) was working under pressure and time to produce their assisting in the meal preparation and service of a food products within 1 hour lessons. They learn formal dinner, aboard the HMNZS Endeavour Navy very quickly that when the going gets tough (in a ship when it came to visit Port Taranaki in Term 2. Food Practical) then the tough get going! Time The formal 3 course dinner was served on the upper management, group participation, listening and deck on a perfect autumn evening with each observational skills, along with enthusiasm and student having to introduce themselves to the speed are essential requirements. guests and describe either a course or wine being served. The guests included the Mayor, A special thanks goes to all the staff in our Councillors, the Captain - Commander Sandra Department – Jocelyn Gabites, Simon Houghton Walker - and Ms Power. During the meal, every 20 and Angela Mason. Team work, support and unity minutes the crew changed seats to ensure they make our Department a productive and valued intermingled with a number of guests, similar to the teaching domain at Spotswood College. speed-dating concept!

In Term One we entered a team of students into the In Terms Three and Four, the Year 13 classes Taranaki Hospitality Competition, held at WITT. established and ran a very successful Breakfast Club Our team members consisted of Paul Faga, Jordan every Tuesday and Thursday morning. This was the Giddy, Nehaa Shah and Hannah Barron. Action Plan component of an Internal Achievement Standard which aimed to increase the number of It was the first time for all four novices to compete students eating a nutritious breakfast before school and thus improve their wellbeing and ability to learn and concentrate in class.

in a Hospitality Competition. While they were full of enthusiasm, it was a steep learning curve for the team and many hours were spent practicing their culinary skills. They had to prepare, cook and The Foods Room was transformed into the present their meal of authentic Indian dishes in Breakfast Diner and themed in checkered front of a panel of judges who took note of tablecloths with flower centerpieces and a everything and asked many questions related to transistor radio playing. Sponsorship from Carefirst their selection of recipes and cooking methods. It Pharmacy, Countdown Spotswood and Kiwi was very similar to a Masterchef show and while Triathlon enabled the Breakfast Club to be there were lots of nerves and anxiety, the students successful and offer lots of healthy food choices. enjoyed the amazing opportunity to participate and compete at this level. We were also very The student response to attending the Breakfast fortunate to have the hospitality expertise of Mr Club has been outstanding and, as a result, we hope Simon Houghton to assist in the training of the to continue with its operation in 2014. team. The students each won a WOMAD pass!

Their meal consisted of Curried Lentil Chicken and HOD FOOD & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT Rice served with Tomato Salsa, Raita and Roti Bread, accompanied by a drink called Lassi and

# **FOOD AND NUTRITION DEPARTMENT**

Katy Power

## **KAI WITH SOUL**



We continued our partnership with NPBHS's Home Economics Department to assist in the production of our valued community feature where Head Hospitality teacher, Aaron Lock, who spent a term as a trainee teacher at Spotswood College in 2011, is currently in charge. Each school produces a monthly full page Kai with Soul feature which shares the same goals and gives us the opportunity to showcase healthy, tasty and economical everyday foods that we all like and need to eat to fuel our bodies and make them perform like super-charged machines!

Every month we come up with a new theme and set of recipes to entice the Taranaki Community. Each recipe is trialed, tested and made to become as healthy as can be for that particular food. Saturated fat, sugar and salt are decreased and the healthy parts such as vitamins, minerals, wholegrains and protein are increased.

Both fun and drama are involved in producing and testing the foods for the photo shoots. A photographer from the Taranaki Daily Newspaper comes to take the photos. There is much multi-tasking to be done in one period as students prepare and make the foods for the photos. The food must look perfect for the photos and be styled ready for the photographer to shoot the pictures.

The best part of the lesson is, of course, sampling the tasty food after the hard graft has been completed and the mountain of dishes washed and sorted. Thanks goes to all those students who volunteered or were coerced to appear in the photos and suffered the embarrassment of smiling for the camera while the rest of the class looked on!

Our Kai with Soul Cookbook continued to sell well throughout the year and we only have 4 books left to sell at school. We are very pleased with that outcome.

Way to go Kai with Soul and Year 13 for completing another brilliant year of showcasing healthy, practical and economical eating in your community.

#### Katy Power

HOD FOOD & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT



- Takeaways choose Subway or sushi
- Drinks water is free and natural
- Stay away from fizzy and energy drinks
- Eat regularly 3 meals and 2 snacks a day
- · Start the day with a healthy breakfast
- Get outside and run around in the fresh air daily
- Snack on fruit (fresh and dried), wholemeal bread sandwiches, cheese and crackers, plain popcorn
- Avoid too many sweet foods, eg cream doughnuts, chocolate eclairs, iced cakes, lollies and chocolate
- Limit the consumption of salty, greasy foods eg potato chips, fried chips, fried foods
- · Keep treat foods to Birthdays, Christmas and any other celebrations
- Eat lots of different types of food every day
- Stop and think do I really need that extra serve???
- Enjoy eating healthy Kai (food) with your family and friends.

A brand new and exciting new course has been established in Spotswood College for the year 12 students in 2014.

As an extension to the already successful and popular Food and Nutrition Department, where the vital skills and understanding of the importance of a healthy diet and how to buy and cook food for a healthy life style are taught.

The new Hospitality course although run from the same facility is a completely different course, which focuses on industry units developed by the Hospitality Standards Institute. The course covers key skills from knife skills, food presentation and building a dish to the various methods of cookery. These key skills will give a good base for any young budding person wanting to embark on a career in hospitality.

The hospitality teacher has 26 year experience as an award winning chef, who has worked in England, Wales, France and New Zealand in high class restaurants and hotels. One of the many highlights of his career was co-managing and training the Junior New Zealand Culinary Team, who competed against Australia in an international competition and won with a gold medal. Mr Houghton states "I am looking forward to passing on my passion of the hospitality industry to the front of house and chefs of the future. This course will work hand in hand with the Vocational Pathways that are being implemented in schools next year."



# HOSPITALITY

## SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

2013 has been another busy year in the Special Education Department. We started the year with our Marae camp at Oakura. Alongside learning the cultural aspects to staying on a Marae, this camp was an opportunity for students to socialize with each other, learn to work cooperatively with peers and adults alike and to form new and friendships. We camped in tents and were extremely fortunate to have superb weather, not to mention hot! Students enjoyed river kayaking, swimming, beach walks, rock collection for rock art activities and learning the art of flax weaving under the expert tutelage of one of our senior students, Manuel Tuilisi. At night we enjoyed games and activities, movies and Mr Turnbull's favourite game, Predator. This was a valuable camp enjoyed by students and staff alike.

A regular event on our calendar in the Special Education Department has been the Taranaki Secondary Schools AWD (Athletes With Disabilities ) competition run by Special Olympics NZ and Sport Taranaki. The Competition included Athletics, Boccia, Soccer Basketball and Swimming and our students competed against Secondary schools throughout Taranaki.

Our students represented Spotswood College with pride and were commended for their attitude and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

In term four we held our annual camp at the Eltham Campsite. Last year's camp was such an enjoyable and successful experience that we decided to return again for another year. Once again we organized our own activities such as archery, kayaking, camp and kitchen cooking and orienteering. This year we tried something different by including a survivor style competition between small groups. In the evenings we had a DVD night, a camp fire on Halloween night and .... even Mr Turnbull's favourite game Predator made an appearance. Both students and even staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are again looking forward to our next camp in 2014.

The Department continues to be well supported by our wide range of specialists including Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Therapy. The students benefit greatly from their therapy sessions which have an impact on their learning and behaviour within the classroom setting.

It is also important to acknowledge the dedication and passion demonstrated by each of the teacher aides within the department. Each one works incredibly hard with our students to ensure they are well supported in the mainstream classroom and assist in encouraging them to maintain engagement in their learning. We continue to be impressed with the hard work each teacher aide puts into our students and extend our

thanks and gratitude to them.

As you can see, 2013 has been a busy year in the Special Education department. We have seen many achievements made by our students but it is especially pleasing to see some of our senior students make a smooth transition from College into the workforce. We look forward to many more fruitful moments like this in 2014.





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Being as this was my first year with the students, I wrote a specific cookery course for them. The process is to build on their hands-on experience and gain further knowledge of how to cook basic healthy meals for themselves.

The key ingredient was that the students were to do everything - from growing and picking the vegetables from their Sensory Garden to slicing, dicing, grating, stirring, mixing, grilling and baking and of course eating! We started with basic breakfast dishes, which are tasty and nutritious, moving on to hearty lunch dishes through to afternoon tea and all the sweet treats any teenager loves to make!!

The students have a great team to support them, making the lessons enjoyable for everyone, special mention must go to Raewyn and Morris as my diligent Second Chefs, whilst keeping an eye on the oven and stove top, also takes on the responsibility of making sure the washing up is second to none.

I often get asked what it is like to teach these students. My reply is always the same..... They are the easiest students to teach; they want to taste, smell and touch all the ingredients. Everything we do in the lesson can be repeated at home by the students, but a helping hand from their caregivers is always welcome.

# **KAI FOR LIFE - THE STORY**

When I was asked to teach the Special Needs students, I was 'keen as', not having much experience with unit ! thought it would be great to get to know this area of the

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

Another year of hard work in the Social Sciences Faculty is coming to an end and although things have been really busy, taking this moment to reflect makes me proud of what we have done and continue to do.

In the Junior Level I have been pleased with the behaviour and attitude of the students in general and the efforts of the teachers to engage them in the subject, we are benefited by having strong units of work and teachers that are able to 'bring them to life'. The self-review process where we collect students' views about our teaching and work helps us to shape what we do successfully.

This year most year 10 students completed an Accounting standard that helped hone their financial literacy skills, through planning and budgeting two holidays, and then choosing their preferred destination with justification. The assessment developed their understanding of NCEA and their independent learning and research skills. Well done to all those students who succeeded in the standard.

Tourism has continued to grow this year as an option, and the links with the Gateway Department are always fruitful, with several students in the Tourism class having placements in the Tourism industry, this adds real meaning to the subject. Thanks to Mr Whyte and Mr Johnson for all your hard work this year in the subject.

Although Miss Willy is away in Europe on her OE, I am sure she won't mind me saying how happy she is of the efforts of the History students this year and how well placed they are to succeed in the subject. I must commend Miss Willy in her efforts in raising levels of attainment in History, achievement levels at Spotswood are above similar schools across NZ.

Accounting and Economics has always been a high achieving area of the school and this is much down to the hard work of Miss McGlade and Mrs Barnes. Another fantastic trip to Wellington was organised and the students really had their eyes opened by visits to the Beehive and Parliament. Mrs Barnes will be leaving us at the end of the year as she begins work at NZQA in Wellington, it is fair to say that her level of expertise and enthusiasm for teaching and learning will be missed greatly; we wish you all the best.

Geography remains a popular subject at the school, and we are looking forward to seeing some great success in the Externals at the end of the year. Mr Parr organised a highly successful trip to Mount Maunganui for the year 13's, the trip was enjoyed by all and we hope the students can apply this learning to their exams. Miss Tran-Lawrence came into teach a year 12 Geography class at the start of term 2, the students have benefitted from her enthusiasm and her energies and they are well situated to succeed.

2014 promises to be a good year, with numbers in the Social Sciences strong and students enthusiastic about the subjects we teach and the teachers who teach them.

Mr Knapton (Head of Social Sciences)



## **GATEWAY REPORT**

Congratulations to the many students who have been part of the Gateway Programme in 2013.

The Gateway Programme strengthens pathways for students from school to further education and we are grateful to the support from the community– the many employers who enable us to continue to offer this valuable opportunity for our students.

Because of their Gateway placements, students leave school with a developed sense of selfawareness and are better prepared for the transition from school to workplace or tertiary study.

With the numerous choices available to students now and the cost to pursue study it's important for students to make informed decisions about their future pathways.

The value in Gateway is that students can find out if an industry is right for them before committing to it fulltime.

#### **GATEWAY LUNCHEON**

On October 30th our annual Gateway Luncheon was held at the Plymouth International. A big thank you to those employers who were able to attend.

#### AWARD WINNERS

YEAR 12 TROPHY: Mikayla George

YEAR 13 TROPHY: Aimee Robertson-Lord ANNE WILSON ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR TROPHY: Jordan Smith

DILIGENCE: Josh Snowden, Melissa McLeman, Nikita Doherty, Magdi Grobler, Sasha Lucas-Jones, Colleen Frederickson, Lennon Turner

Mikayla George, a Year 12 student, has been a Gateway student this year:

"I have had the opportunity to take part in Amadeus booking training and to practise working with Infinity who is one of the major wholesalers. I have completed Level 2 and 3 Tourism at school as well. After working in the tourism industry for a year through Gateway I have realised that this is the career for me. I have found that if you want something you need to work hard for it, and this year I have pushed myself to achieve goals in photography and tourism. I really appreciate all the support I have received."



"I work in the Special Needs Unit at Spotswood College. I enjoy helping the students learn and they also teach me about different things too. I am working on units through PORSE and plan a career working with Special Needs children."

Melissa McLeman







"My Gateway placement is at Hawera Hospital. I am assigned to a nurse who I follow around and observe. I experience how the different departments and different types of nursing deal with different stages of care. So far I have been able to experience work in the ward, emergency department, district nursing and public health nursing. I really enjoy being able to observe and learn about nursing as a career and the variety in the profession. I have learnt so much about different procedures and have been shown how to use equipment to measure blood pressure, oxygen rate and temperature. I have also been shown how the ECG machine works and have been able to observe an ultrasound procedure. I'm really enjoying my placement at Hawera Hospital, the staff members are really friendly. I have also spent the day on the mobile surgical unit down at Hawera Hospital which is a surgical theatre on the back of a truck. I observed surgeries with the Orthopaedic team and learnt about all the equipment they use. It was really interesting to see the different procedures and techniques they use for different surgeries. I had the privilege of being present with the patients before, during and after their surgery. It was an amazing experience.

I am working on Health Science units at school through Southern Institute of Technology and I am focusing on nursing as a career." Aimee Robertson-Lord

"I have been a Gateway student for the past two years focusing on my love of animals. I have been privileged to have worked at four different placements. These experiences have been invaluable. My first placement was at Brooklands Zoo, where I helped clean the animal enclosures and feed and look after the many different animals at the zoo. I also enjoyed spending time at Riding For The Disabled, looking after the horses and the students. This year my placements have been at Jane's Dog Grooming Studio and the SPCA, which have both been fun and the people have been very friendly and helpful. I have gained so many new skills in animal care and have achieved industry unit standards as well."

Sasha Lucas-Jones



'I work in the Music Studio here at Spotswood College on a Friday along with 3 other Gateway Music students. We record other students music as well as our own and we also use a mixer to make different sounds. We are learning so many new skills such as setting up PA systems." Nikita Doherty



"At Tasman Toyota I learn something new every time I go there. I assist with WOF, oil changes and services and clean the workshop. The team is friendly and helpful. I also attend the Automotive Trade Academy at WITT" Josh Snowden

for 2 years:

learn about his function in the school. I was able to help maintain the school network.

been awesome. I have gained knowledge about office work and the many aspects of running a business. Through this I have gained part-time work in the office as well as Front of House. I have also completed a STAR Hospitality Course and achieved my Bar Managers Certificate at WITT. I thank the Gateway staff for all their assistance."



"My placement is at the Aquatic Centre in the gym area. I really enjoy it and I am learning new skills. I help out with running the classes and clean the equipment as well. I am working on Fitness-Core Skills units through Skills Active." Magdi Grobler

For my Gateway placement I attend "I love being able to help workshops at the YMCA Education manage the servers at school, Centre, I am studying for the National and fix problems for staff have. Certificate in Youth Work Level 3. For one My aim is to have a career in assessment I had to help organise and run server administration and a youth project. I worked with the YMCA's Breakaway school holiday has helped me gain new skills." programme. I helped with the activities such as horse trekking, rock climbing and tramping. I really enjoyed it and loved working with young people." **Colleen Frederickson** 

desktop support and Gateway Jordan Smith

## TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY REPORT





A busy and rewarding year for all levels, as students have worked through the design process to complete recycled garments, crazy creatures, hoodies, PJs, pattern adaption, formal garments and prototypes for containers. An understanding of material performance in product development and consolidation of skills and techniques has enabled students to achieve exciting outcomes.

Student success at Regional Level

The Underground Youth Fashion Show gave students a great opportunity to showcase their talent, develop their skills and to be acknowledged for their achievements.

Anya Wangsuwan, a Year 10 student, designed a form-fitting dress and overskirt to earn her first place in Up and Coming Youth Designer as well as Overall Up and Coming Youth Designer.

Ashleigh Downing, a Year 12 student, also took up the challenge, creating an outfit and accessory from Youth Cancer Charity Canteen's fundraising bandanas. Ashleigh constructed a five-piece ensemble, including skirt, overskirt and lace up bodice. Ashleigh won her section and her garment will be used as a promotional piece for Canteen.

A recycling brief gave students the opportunity to consider the negative impact of fabric and fibre waste on our environment and the growing trends towards sustainability. Being resourceful deconstructing and reconstructing garments, having fun opshopping and sourcing materials from family and friends, to create trendy and original looks on a very limited budget.

Jo Mohan and Corey Vickers created two great looks from deconstructed recycled skirts, shirts and jackets.

The junior students have recycled materials to create cute creatures, owls, bags and modified jeans to create a new look, using their skills and their knowledge of design elements.





## PEER SUPPORT 2013

2013 was a most successful year for a very competent group of Peer Support Leaders. They are to be congratulated for their dedication in their work with the Year 9 students, the relationships they formed and the well planned and thoughtful sessions they ran. A highlight of the year's work was the Leadership Camp which the leaders attended at Vertical Horizon in Inglewood.

This camp always challenges the students and stretches their comfort zone and this year was no exception! There were team building challenges to be overcome on the first day and then the fun of 'dressing up' in op shop clothing for the formal dinner, followed by a thought provoking movie session and the usual lengthy settling time for the night.

In no time at all it seemed the alarms were ringing and the students were assembling at the edge of the lake for their morning pre-breakfast challenge. Congratulations are due to the students, whose teams completed the whole course, surviving the physical challenges like the 'mud run', the intellectual challenges and the dreaded 'silent gazebo' challenge. My word, not talking is hard for teenagers! It took a lot longer to get to breakfast than would have been expected.

A very tired, now silent (!) bunch headed back to school at 3pm, loaded with dirty, wet washing for someone (Mum?) to do and thankfully with Waitangi Day to recover before the next school day.

Mrs FitzPatrick and Mr Colless

## **TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

#### SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE MINI BIKE PROJECT

Following our meeting and discussions to support Spotswood College students to participate in the National Minibike NCEA building project. The first step took place on Wednesday 16 October.

THE TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MINI BIKE CHAMPS

The first step was to take the interested students to Manfeild racetrack to see first hand what students at other participating schools had built and to see those students racing their bikes at the National Mini Bike Grand Prix held once a year at the Manfeild Park race track.

#### WHO WENT?

Spotswood College metal work teachers had identified 16 students who were interested in participating in the course next year. Teachers Chris Lapworth and Simon Haughton together with project sponsor, principal of Eurobike Wholesale Ltd Don O'Connor, journeyed down to Manfeild in two minivans.

Personally I have to say what a great bunch of kids they were. They were polite, courteous, and interested in the project subject. They were excellent ambassadors for Spotswood College. It was uplifting to be on the trip with them.

#### THE RACE MEETING

I knew that the National Mini Bike Grand Prix was growing into a big event; nevertheless I was very impressed at the turn out. 185 competitors, more than 50 volunteers, teacher organisers, Lions Club, motorcycle club time keepers and officials kept the very busy and lively race meeting running on time. Even though the bikes are small and not very powerful, the racing was at times quite exciting and entertaining. It is so good to see all these young boys and a few girls so genuinely involved in the engineering side of this motorcycle event.

My son Rodney is an ex Spotswood College student who went on to gain an NZCE and an engineering degree from Auckland. Rodney worked for Triumph Motorcycles in the UK and later as a design tester for KTM in Austria. Rodney came down to the race meeting and talked to the kids. Rodney works for Solid Works the company who sells 3D drawing software. He was able to present Spotswood College metalworking department with a free set of drawing software.



Rodney also works for Kiwi Rider motorcycle magazine as a freelance writer, so we can expect coverage of the Mini Bike champs in the December/January issue.

At the prize giving it was great to see the support of the engineering trade with great prizes and genuine enthusiasm for what these kids are achieving.

#### THE 2014 METALWORK BIKE PROJECT

I sensed the kids had a great day out. It will be interesting to see how many actually enrol in this project next year. As soon as the 2014 rolls are finalised the metalwork department will come back to us with a budget for sponsorship of the kits and materials. We will have another meeting then to see what we can put together for them.

Don O'Connor





















Laura Anderson, Jasmin Warren, Olivia Preston and myself (Milly Tuheke) have had another busy year at Spotswood College in the Arts department and it has been our privilege being Arts Prefects for 2013. There have been various successes in the Arts department this year with many highlights, these include:

This year Sheilah Winn competition saw Spotswood College win the Taranaki title for the 7th year. The duo of Olivia Preston and Lucy Wilson travelled down to Wellington to represent not only our school on a national level but also the community. Our thanks go to all teachers involved as well as students who participated.

The 2013 Smoke free Rock Quest saw a Spotswood student claim the top solo/duo spot with the powerful, lone voice of Gloriana Wilson. Spotty Idol held an outstanding night of entertainment showcasing the amazing talent that we have at Spotswood College. Spotswood definitely showed the talent with singing, dancing, instrumentals and even rapping this year. This year's competition was taken out by year 12 Abby Christodoulou who sung 'Never Alone' by Lady Antebellum.

We have learnt a lot from our experiences this year and have had an amazing time being an Arts Prefect. We would like to thank all of those who supported and guided us, as we couldn't have had the great success without you. Wishing next year's Art Prefects the same support and success we had.

Laura Anderson, Jasmin Warren, Olivia Preston Milly Tuheke

# **ARTS PREFECTS REPORT**

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

<blows into mic>Hello? Is this thing on? < tap tap>

Fire. Plague. Rabies. Riots. None of these things happened in 2013 in the Music Department.

But the following things did...

Hatrix and Concert Band practiced every week and Hatrix went away to the Waikato/BOP Band Festival in term 3. More of this later.

practiced lots and lots and we prepared four pieces to play at the competition. Two of them featured a vocalist and we asked Phoebe if she would sing them. She said 'yes' so we all learned 'I thank you' (by Sam and Dave) and 'Let the good times roll' (as played by Georgie Fame and the Blue Flames). Sam and Dave's 1969 live version feature the most fantastic moves by the horn section, so we choreographed our own version. This worked very effectively and took almost all of one rehearsal session to perfect - time well spent. The wholly instrumental pieces were the jazz standards: 'Mercy, mercy, mercy' and 'Work song',

both of which featured completely improvised solos. All solos in Hatrix have been improvised in 2013, which represents a major milestone for our players.

An important section of Hatrix has been The Hellfire Horns; any time a quality horn section (sax, trumpet and trombone) has been required this top-notch group has been available, often at short notice.

Hatrix's trip up to Hamilton for the Band Festival was mildly eventful as usual, however this year we arrived ...actually we should talk about it now. Hatrix in enough time to have lunch. This was because we didn't get lost. This meant that there was less material for writing a song, but a song was still written on the way back because we did not get lost and did not come back via Cambridge, which everyone wanted to be an annual institution. Except me (Mr G).

> Many tales were revealed in the van during idle talk, but it was solemnly agreed that all that was said in the van stayed in the van. By the way, the band played really well and we gained a Silver award.

> We had just one entry in Rockquest this year -Gloriana - and she came first in the solo/duo category with two well written atmospheric songs. A



well deserved result for her.

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In 2013 the Music Dept. has supplied a 'musical item' at almost every assembly in addition to the Waiata at the start. That's pretty good going, I think. The big performances each end of term Achievers' assembly have been a particular highlight for us, but logistically quite difficult - a one hour set up is an incredibly tight timeframe for the Music Dept. tech bods to shift, set up and adjust a large amount of heavy gear. No, there is no Equipment Fairy.

Spotty Idol had a large contingent of Music Dept. entries with highly polished pieces; strictly speaking this is not a Music Dept. event so it will be mentioned elsewhere in this yearbook.

A number of our performances have been uploaded onto youtube, including our first foray into video making - search for PerformingArts SpotswoodCollege. That's a nice catchy search phrase...

The studio has continued to record compositions and songs with Gateway students manning the desk and setting up the equipment. Even Mr Greenfield has recorded a song, to be released with a video about taking care of your leads. Featured in the song and video are handy hints such as: avoid crushing leads with chairs, feet and anvils.

The second week of term two saw Spotswood College host the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Orchestra Day for the 7th consecutive year. It is a pleasure and privilege to host every Taranaki secondary schools here for a day of intense music making culminating in a public concert. As far as I am aware this is the only event where Spotswood College hosts every other school for a public event, so it is a real feather in our schools' hat.







## SPOTTY IDOL

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The Roman philosopher Cicero said that, "cultivation to the mind, is as necessary as food to the body." Far be it for me to argue with Cicero; however, I would add that cultivation to the soul through the arts is just as necessary. This is why I love Spotty Idol. I love seeing the talent at this school being encouraged to grow and I love seeing the courage and hard work of each performer come to fruition on stage. It seems so much more meaningful than the exploitative reality-television-talent-showmachine because it is us. It is our community sharing in and celebrating our success. If nothing else, it's good for my soul and I hope it's good for yours, also.

#### Enough waxing philosophical!

Right off the bat I would like to thank our sponsors, TSH audio and video, Piano Works, and the PTA for helping make Spotty Idol happen because without your support it would not happen. In fact, you are so important I'm going to give you your own paragraph. Thank You!

Also, I would like to say a BIG thank you to the staff who helped out on the night, especially the judges, Mat Benton, Ryan McFadyen, Lisa Tahuaroa, and the incomparable Michelle FitzPatrick, because it couldn't happen without you either.

The auditions this year were as difficult as ever as I tried to balance the variety of acts and the familiar faces with the new faces. Because we can't have a four hour show, people inevitably get cut. Well done to everyone who auditioned. It takes a lot of guts, I know. There were a number of new faces in the line-up this year, which was exciting to see. Brodie and Renae were a couple of year 13s we haven't seen on the Idol stage before and year 9 Charley Curran is certainly someone to watch in the future. The year 10 vocal group of Teegan and Cerisa – I think they called themselves the Kuzzies – were a welcome addition, so was Ashlin McAlpine, Reynell and Jaymz, and the year 11 dance crew. For me though, it was new import Mat Everest's blinding Steve Vai guitar solo which almost stole the show – I'm a sucker for guitar acrobatics.

The Idol veterans didn't disappoint either. Past Idol champ Gloriana Wilson opened the show with her own version of Bon Jovi's Livin' on a Prayer and Team Swag – Olivia and Lucy – were back again to close the show with their particular brand of white-girl-princess-gangsta-rap. In between, the likes of Kaitlyn, Janice, Hayley, Shaye, Olivia Smith and Ebony showed us all why we've seen them on the Idol stage before.

However, to quote a film from the 1980s I really like, "there can be only one," so it was Abby Christodoulou who took the title 'Spotty Idol' for 2013. Abby's beautiful voice and ability to tell a story through song really impressed the judges. According to judge Mat Benton, Abby's performance of Lady Antebellum's You're Never Alone was "outstanding." "She is a natural born performer who oozes charisma. Definitely one to watch in the future."

So, thanks again to everyone who supported Spotty Idol in any capacity this year. I'm already looking forward to the next one.

Jared Hill



## SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

If I may indulge in a little personal opinion, I would like to say that watching the creative, original and sometimes daring way we approach Shakespeare at the annual Otago University Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival makes me feel proud to represent Spotswood College. This year was no exception. Each one of the many teacher and student directed pieces from Spotswood attempted to present Shakespeare's work with a new insight and fresh perspective, making Spotswood's work stand out. But, hey, I'm biased.

The teacher directed extracts from Mrs FitzPatrick, Miss Stoate and Mr Hill – I should really stop writing about myself in the third person – continued to push the conceptual boundaries. Mrs FitzPatrick took the wrestling scene from As You Like It and injected it with a lot of physical humour – boys wrestling in colourful unitards and head gear is always funny – which complemented Shakespeare's verbal humour nicely.

Miss Stoate focused on the imagery of acid in her group's Romeo and Juliet. The feuding Capulets and Montagues spat verbal acid at each other while also throwing acid as a weapon giving us a metaphor for the corrosive nature of those familial and societal expectations which lack grace, forgiveness or understanding. Set in a CSI-lab-coat-crime-scene kind of way, the group of year 11 students did a great job of bringing Miss Stoate's vision to life.

For me, this year was the most fun I've had putting a piece together and the cast of Lucy, Olivia, Tegan, Milly, Jessica, Daniel and Chris were the main reason it was so fun. My key idea was the addictive nature of ambition in Shakespeare's Macbeth. The moral decline of Macbeth was brought about by the three drug-dealing-stonerhippie-witches. I could not have asked for three better witches than Lucy, Tegan and Olivia as they are daring, intuitive and playful actresses who created a really engaging performance. Daniel and Chris are to be commended also for doing such a great job having never acted before.



The student directed pieces were also up to the high standard that we have come to expect from Spotswood College. Lucy Wilson and Tegan MacDonald's scene from Hamlet explored the difficult relationship Hamlet had with his mother while playing with the title character's gender. Also, Hayley Mapley and Monique Flaszynski carried on the kind of chilling choral theatre that we have become known for with their version of Othello. They took the imagery of light from the "put out the light" scene and magnified it with the stunning way the chorus emerged from the audience, all holding LED candles, to add emotional emphasis and moral judgement to the death of Desdemona. But, it was Lucy Wilson and Olivia Preston's version of Othello's "willow" scene that most impressed the judges as it was the piece selected to represent Taranaki in the student directed section at the national festival. Olivia's revisioning of the psychological effect Othello's jealousy had on Desdemona was chilling and effective. Well done airls.

In sum, another year in which all those who participated in the festival can look back and be really proud.

Jared Hill











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