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Editorial

Nick Webster

High School could be related to the structure of a movie. Starts off with a hiss and a roar, full of excitement as you're not sure what to expect. It can then lag a bit and drag in the middle but then when you near the end it gets exciting again and finishes with a bang. I guess this coupled with my love of film have visually inspired elements of this years magazine. A lot has happened again this year at the best school in town and I hope that we have done it justice.

I need to say a huge thanks to my amazing editorial committee who you see with me below, left to right, Adam, Sophie, Chelsea, Brooke, Emily, Paxe, Hannah and Evan. You have all been a great support and made my life so much easier and enjoyable this year. Also thanks to Mitchell for your work and support too with the cover and design. It is a privilege to work alongside such a professional and talented group of individuals. I also wouldn't be here without the loyal support of many of the staff at this school, most notably Hilary, Anna and Sue for their expert proof-reading skills.

After eight years I am moving on from Spotswood to further my study and would just like to say a final thank you to all of the friends I've made here and the students I have taught. This place has a unique and special feeling about it and as tough as it is to move on, it is great to know that the schools future is in such capable and caring hands. May the spirit continue to grow!

To the students and staff of Spotswood College, I wish you all a safe and happy summer and all the best for the future, whatever that may hold.



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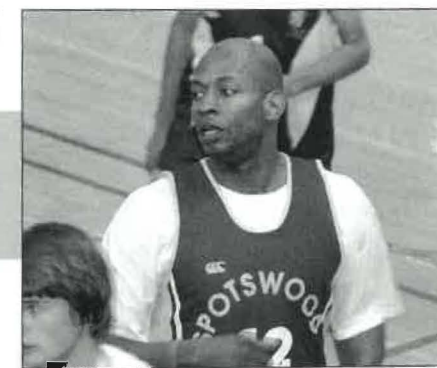
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Principal's Report

It is Labour Day 2008, a good opportunity to pause and reflect upon a year of achievement, challenge, success and change. We are a school for our students and over recent days I reflect upon the tremendous diversity of our students in both their character and wonderful range of achievements. For instance over the past week we have enjoyed three evenings which showcased the talents of students. We had our Year 10 Dance Performances, our Junior Speech Finals and our All Bands Concert. These three events in one week are clear testimony of the wonderful diversity of talents of our School.

I recently came upon the following quotation:

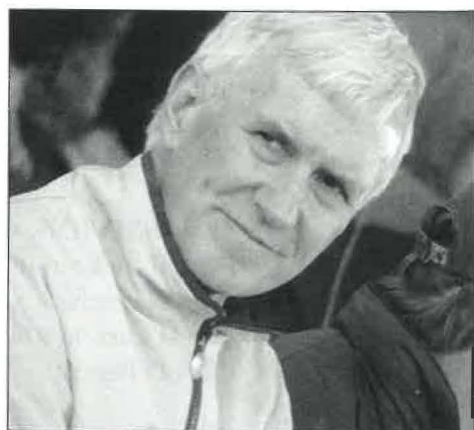
"The young today do not heed their teachers. They are wilful and go their own way. They do not obey their parents and those in natural authority over them. They are lazy and I fear for their future."

This criticism does have a certain familiarity. My point is that this was unearthed by Archeologists from the ancient City of Ninerah and was written some 3000 years ago. I want to stress that the bulk of the students at Spotswood College may well show such attitudes and behaviours at various times, as we did at their stage of life, but the majority of our students strive to demonstrate and live by our Core Values encapsulated in our PRIDE theme:

- P = Personal Best**
- R = Respect**
- I = Integrity**
- D = Determination**
- E = Enjoyment**

These Core Values provide a framework for the daily activities of Spotswood College. I believe the development of character and a firm Values base is equally as important as pure academic achievement.

I am reminded of the comment of a



retired Principal whom I heard speak in Dunedin in 1992. She said "the most important aspects of education are the things you cannot easily assess." I believe that Spotswood College provides wonderful opportunities for youth to develop their values, their key competencies and a love of learning alongside the more measurable indicators of academic achievement.

My report for 2008 provides a series of highlights of student and staff successes while at the same time indicating the challenges that lie ahead.

Student Leadership

At the outset I would like to pay tribute to our 4 Head Prefects, our Students Leaders for 2008. Kelsey, Matt, Nick and Rebecca have been effective leaders, who clearly show character and our Core Values. They have been both loyal and hardworking and have been very successful advocates, in a marketing sense, for the Spotswood College style of education for life. I thank them and all our Prefects for their hardworking contribution to 2008 at Spotswood College.



Graeme McFadyen Student Academic Success in 2008

As a school, 2008 has seen a renewed and open programme to raise the levels of student achievement especially in Senior NCEA programmes. We want, as a school, to build on the past achievements of the last few years and to provide as many future opportunities as we can for our students by enabling them to achieve the very best they can. This academic thrust is symbolised by the introduction of a once a term Achievers Assembly where the entire school meets in the Gym and student academic success is acknowledged and celebrated.

Academic Medallions

In Term One we were very pleased to award the following Senior students with their Academic Medallions for gaining a high number of NCEA Excellences:

Gold - Sam Burton, Tegan Coventry, Jorja Green, Andrea Brewster, Samantha Hill, Nathan Woodhead, Monique Walsh, Rosie Alldridge, Mathew Dickey, Shannon Bliss, Bethany Lowe, Alex Barlow, Jessica Dixon, Tiffany Ho, Cheyanne Reed, Darelle Martin, Tyler Bevins, Sarah Cox, Tod Rookes, Kaye McKee.

Silver - Toby Andrews, Kristy Bradley, Hannah Hendriks, Laura Ross, James Walkinshaw, Laura Carley, Ahmed Osama, Nikita Lubransky, Andrea Bruce, Nicole Eichstaedt, Victoria Aebig, Simon Mace, Kelsey Farmer, Sarah Hollingsworth, John Hinton, Elise Wolfgram, Nichola Ross, Declan Doherty-Ramsey, Josh Pirihi, Jayden Conceicao, Jessica Christini, Jonathan Clark.

Bronze - Alysha Silby, Ryan Ballinger, Rachel Crockett, Michelle Carter, Simon Coles, Sarah Anderson, Steve O'Donnell, Phillip Zhou, Dominic Fitzpatrick and Kate Jones.

Head Pupils
Nick Murphy, Rebecca Shannon, Mr Graeme McFadyen, Mathew Dickey, Kelsey Farmer

Year 13 National Scholarships

We were also extremely proud of our continuing success in Visual Arts where three Year 13 students gained Scholarships in Sculpture. Well done to Ryan Ballinger, Tiffany Ho and James Walkinshaw (Outstanding) who were awarded National Scholarships.



Regional Competition Success

What a year in Taranaki for Spotswood College students! Students have shown a tremendous array of talents, hard work and sheer determination. Examples of our Regional successes:

- "Free Funk on the Freeway" Regional winners of Rockquest
- Spotswood College won the 2008 Taranaki Literary Challenge from 14 teams



- Pae Rangatahi Kapa Haka competition where Spotswood College was the best performing Secondary School from Taranaki.
- Toi Ngeru (Year 10) won the Taranaki Regional Manu Korero Maori Section Speech competition. He represented us at the Nationals and was placed 5th. A tremendous achievement for Toi.
- Fonterra Taranaki Science and Technology Fair: Amin Osama scooped the Year 10 first prize and

the Niwa Environment Prize for his investigation. "Draught Buster - an investigation into alternative sources of irrigation". Blair Rookes, Shaun Hall and Daniel Wharepapa took second prize for their Year 9 investigation entitled "Ballistic Pendulum" while Fiona Skene, Sophia Smolenski and Jonathan Messenger were awarded 1st prize by the Geological Society of New Zealand for their project on crystal forms. Ashleigh Ballinger was awarded a merit for her poster advertising the Science Fair and Beth Bowick gained a merit in the Photography section.

- Methanex Maths Spectacular where both our Year 9 and Year 10 Teams won their respective Competitions. This was the second year in a row for the Year 10 team who won as Year 9 students. A wonderful effort from our students, against high powered opposition. Team members were - Year 9 - Callum Johns, Patrick Coombe, Fiona Skene and Aidan Clarke. Year 10 - Regan Clarke, Josh Kenny, Amin Osama and Tyrone Hart.
- Our Hatrix and Concert Bands both won Silver medals in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Music Festival.
- Our teacher directed excerpt won the Taranaki Shakespeare Sheilah Winn Competition and performed extremely well in the National finals in Wellington.
- Young Enterprise won one 1st placing, two 2nds and one 3rd in the Taranaki Regional Competition. They travelled to Wellington for the National Awards and at the time of writing we were not certain what that was.

Student Cultural Successes

As a school we pride ourselves on the achievements of our students in a range of events on the cultural front:

- In Term One 55 Senior students attended a Drama Camp in Wellington where they were able to live, eat and dream Performing Arts.
- Our Drama Department once again excelled in both Senior and Junior Performance Evenings. What clear demonstrations of the importance of Creativity and Communication for our students.
- Our Term Three school production of "Footloose" was a tremendous celebration of all that is good in our co-educational school.
- In Term Four our musical students provided a terrific Community Concert for a highly appreciative audience of Golden Oldies. What a great chance to provide enjoyment for Senior Citizens and to showcase the talents of students and teachers.
- Our Term Four All Bands Concert also showcases a very diverse range of student musical ability.
- It is wonderful to report that our Junior Dance Option Programme continues to develop. Their Dance Performance Evening was highly successful.
- Five Year 13 Art students travelled to Sydney for the International Festival of Contemporary Art.



- Our Kapa Haka Group coupled with our Whanau Support Group continues to develop and we are proud of their Regional success and the individual success in Manu Korero. Special extra assemblies were held in 2008 to showcase the performing abilities of our Kapa Haka group.
- Martijn Boeren represented Spotswood College at the Global World Leaders Conference in Washington DC.
- Jessica Darby and Nicole Richards both represented Spotswood College at the Model United Nations Assembly in Wellington. Both students represented their respective countries with distinction.



Student Sporting Success in 2008

A key aspect of the diverse fabric of Spotswood College is the sporting involvement of many dedicated students. The following student achievements need to be acknowledged and praised:

- Our Girls Equestrian Team won the North Island Dressage Competition. Well done to Andrea Brewster, Hayley Beekman, Catherine West and Anna Hinton.
- Our Waka Ama mixed team came 3rd in the National Bowl Final and our boys team 4th.
- The following teams were all involved in their finals at the end of their competitive season – Boys 1st Soccer, Boys Basketball and our 1st XV who

very narrowly lost to Hawera High School 1st XV after a very successful season.

- The following students achieved very well in TSSSA Athletics this year – Ashleigh Pearce, Amin Osama, Pascal Kuenzel, Heidi Topless, Jacob Morton and Anaru Matthews.
- Our Volleyball teams, both beach and indoor, continued their Taranaki successes and were well placed nationally especially our Boys Team being placed 5th in Division One nationally.
- In National Tournament Week we were well represented by Mixed Hockey, Boys Soccer, Netball and Basketball.
- Our seven Netball teams played with dedication and skill and we are particularly proud of our successful Senior A team and our 9A team who both performed well in tournaments.
- Our school travelled to Fairfield College in Hamilton in August and we are proud holders of the McFadyen Shield.

We are extremely proud of a tremendous range of student success in Taranaki Representation and in National Age Group Teams. Individual successes include:

- Abby Bridgeman selected in the U18 NZ Womens Inline Hockey Team.
- Anaru Matthews and Pascal Kuenzel represented the school at the NZ Secondary Schools Athletic Championships.
- Sarah Cox and Ashleigh Pearce, who for the second year in succession, were selected into the 2008 Volleyball New Zealand Junior Beach Volleyball elite Development Squad.
- Four Spotswood College students were chosen to represent New Zealand Beach Volleyball teams on



a development tour of Australia – Tim Hook, Thomas Wiseman and former 2007 students Jessica Dixon and Jessie Muggeridge. Tim and Thomas also took part in two tournaments and they won the Queensland A Grade Open and Australian Under 19 Age Group Championships.

- Heidi Topless competed in the Taranaki Athletic champs and came first in the Javelin with a throw of 18.55m which broke the current Taranaki record. In Shotput she was placed second and in the Discus she was placed third.
- The Taranaki Team selected to attend the NZ Pony Club Horse Trials included two Spotswood College students – Andrea Brewster and Anna Hinton.
- Hayley Gedye was selected in the New Zealand BMX Team for Beijing.
- Bineati Teriuea and Anaru Matthews were selected for the Secondary Schools Hurricanes Training Squad.
- Anaru Mathews, Bineati Teriuea, Jamie Henshilwood and Kodee Kee Sue were selected for the U18 Taranaki Rugby League team and Anthony Faga, Cody Martin, Joseph Tipene-Edwards and Sione Sifa for the U16 side.
- The Taranaki U17 Football squad included Ben Taylor, Jake Andrews and Andrew Sanders; the U14 squad included Sam Neuman, Ryan Dingle and Zayed

Rabbaney. Andrew Southgate, Jake Andrews, Gabriel Rodella and Guido Calvancanti were included in the U19 Development Training Squad.

- Our Boys Golf Team, once again defeated New Plymouth Boys High School to win the Secondary Golf title.

School Support Groups

Our School would not be the vibrant and successful organisation it is without the ongoing support of our committed Board of Trustees, well led by Martin Pearce and his fellow Trustees. A special thanks for their dedication, generosity of spirit, knowledge and time. Their foresight has resulted in the formulation of a new Vision and Mission Statement for Spotswood College.

VISION STATEMENT:

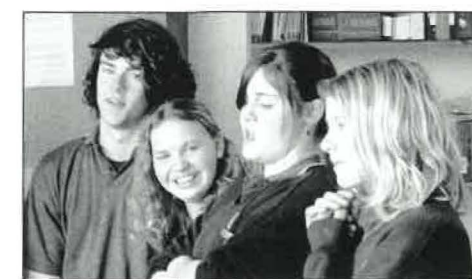
"Helping Build Great People"

MISSION STATEMENT:

"Encouraging pride, achievement and respect in a diverse, inclusive and co-educational environment"

These principles are the guiding framework for our school. I personally am proud to be associated with such a fine group of Trustees.

Our students and staff are very well supported by our Whanau Hui and our P.T.A. These dedicated parent members provide a very sound and strong family base for our school activities. The school acknowledges your time, care and financial support.



Spotswood College Staff

As a person who has taught in eight other New Zealand secondary schools over a reasonably long period of time I believe I can say that our staff, both teaching and non teaching are first class. I acknowledge and thank all staff for their commitment to our students and the huge amount of opportunities that their energy provides for our students.

I would like to record my sadness at the passing of Whaea Karen Wano in early March 2008. I acknowledge her loving contribution to our students and school. She is genuinely missed by our community and will always remain in our hearts.

Special acknowledgement and thanks to Brett Sloan for eight very effective years of service to our school and almost thirty to education in New Zealand. Brett established our International Student Department, now an integral part of our school. His talents for systems and personal relationship development are well demonstrated in the success of our Foreign Student Programme. Brett also left us the inheritance of weaving Restorative Practices into the web of our school. This vision will not be given up.

I would like to express my thanks to a group of staff who picked up a variety of extra tasks and responsibilities when Brett Sloan retired. Your support and hard work are highly appreciated.

I also thank and commend Sue Baker for her two years of service as a Deputy Principal at Spotswood College. Her gift of working with people, developing and applying systems and persevering in the face of challenges have been highly valued. We wish her well in her appointment as Deputy Principal at Thames High School.

In Term Three we were grateful to be able to welcome Daryn Shaw to our school. He has worked tirelessly to enhance our school culture by maintaining high standards of student behaviour and by developing a greater awareness of Maori protocols amongst both students and staff. You are appreciated Daryn.

To our hard working support staff ranging from Teacher Aides, Office, Finance, Property and Grounds, Photocopying, Truancy, Health and Technical support a sincere thank you from your Community. You people provide the support that enables the teaching and learning of students to occur.

Education Review Office Visit – June 2008

We welcomed ERO to our school in early June. Their visit was not without challenges but ultimately it has proved to be beneficial as it has provided a blueprint for further improvements. Mrs Anne Devonshire, the Ministry of Education Area Manager, has congratulated our school on the generally positive report. I now provide a few of the strengths of Spotswood College as reported on by ERO.

Celebrating Success – "Students are provided with other opportunities to experience success in a wide range of academic, cultural and sporting arenas through national competitions and events. Their success is recognised through Principal's congratulatory letters, medallions, awards, assembly certificates and praise letters, school newsletter and Principal reports to Board and community. Students value the affirmation of their personal achievements."

Pastoral Care – "Students have access to support from an extensive pastoral care network. Two Deans at each year level monitor attendance and attend to behaviour incidents reported by teachers. Staff in the pastoral network, trained in

restorative practices, provide advice and counseling for students. These practices contribute to reductions in the number of stand-downs and suspensions. A daily vertical form class time provides opportunities for informal mentoring by senior students. Many students value the pastoral care they receive."

Opportunities—"Students have access to a wide range of programmes designed to cater for their interests and qualification pathways such as Gateway. Education to Employment (E2E) and unit stand assessment opportunities supports the retention of senior students"

Teaching Strategies "In many classrooms teachers use appropriate strategies to engage students in learning. Successful strategies employed in these classes include:

- Well established routines and effective use of class time to maximize student learning
- One to one assistance for students, sometimes provided by teacher aides
- Using assessment to inform teaching and promote success by matching learning to the needs of students.
- Using a range of practical activities within lessons to motivate students
- Providing students with individual or group tasks to cater for different learning levels in the class
- Modifying core programmes to

meet the interests of the members of the class or individual students and

- Establishing positive and supportive relationships focused on encouraging learning.

In these classes students are more motivated learners."

Future Challenges for Spotswood College

2008 has seen many successes and changes. I believe that the Professional Development Programme for our teaching staff has been a key success in 2008. I pay tribute to a dedicated group of professional staff for this. Our challenge is to continue to ensure the implementation of our plans.

In summary I believe the challenges facing our school in the next few years are:

- To continue to offer a diverse and challenging range of subjects in the face of ongoing resourcing constraints.
- To inspire and motivate New Zealand teenagers to apply themselves to learning programmes
- To improve the patterns of attendance of a group of students who have huge non-school expectations placed upon them.
- To build on our improved reputation within New Plymouth and to continue to attract students to Spotswood College. The huge benefits of a co-ed education in

our supportive environment are still not widely accepted in New Plymouth, even though they are in the rest of New Zealand and the world.

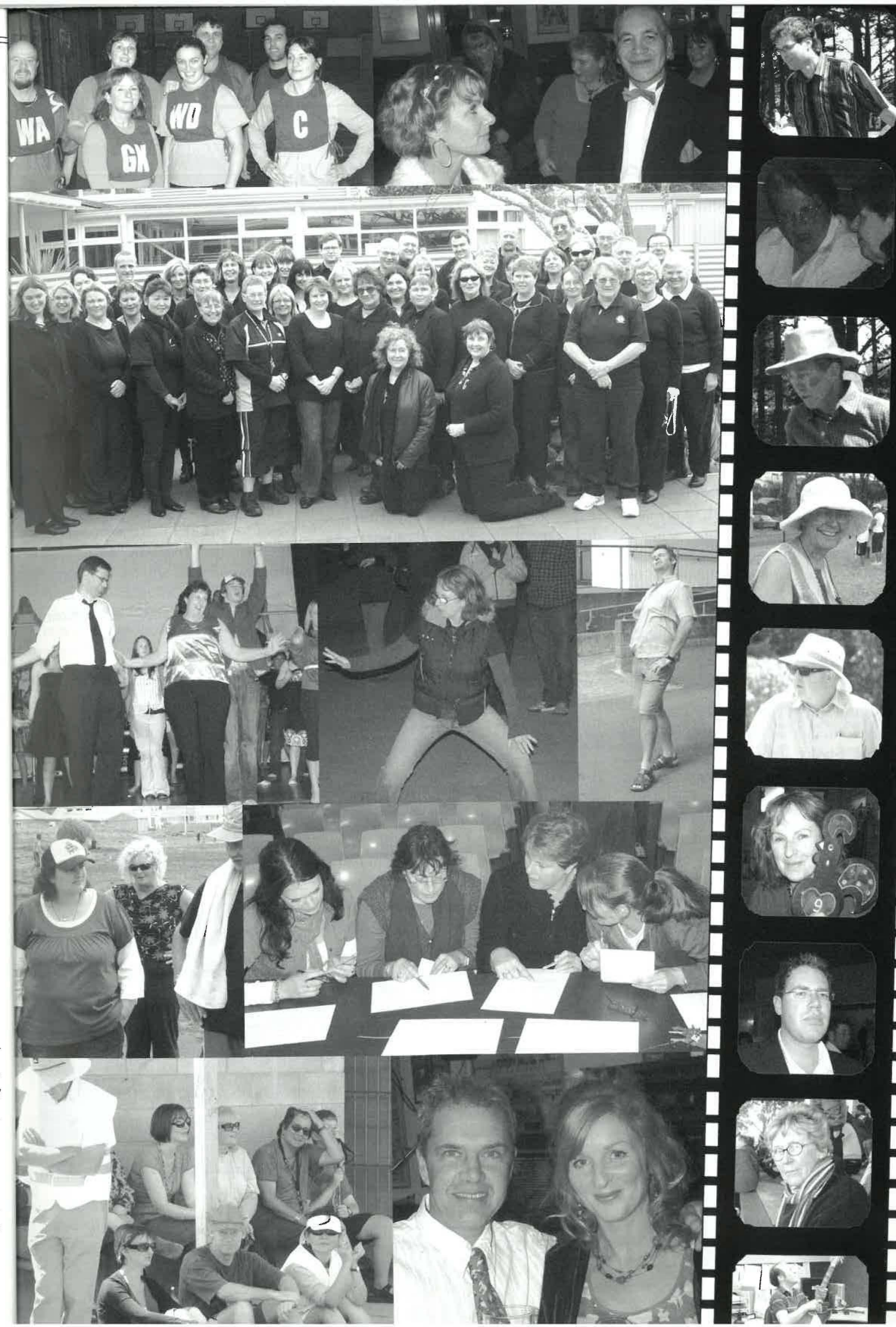
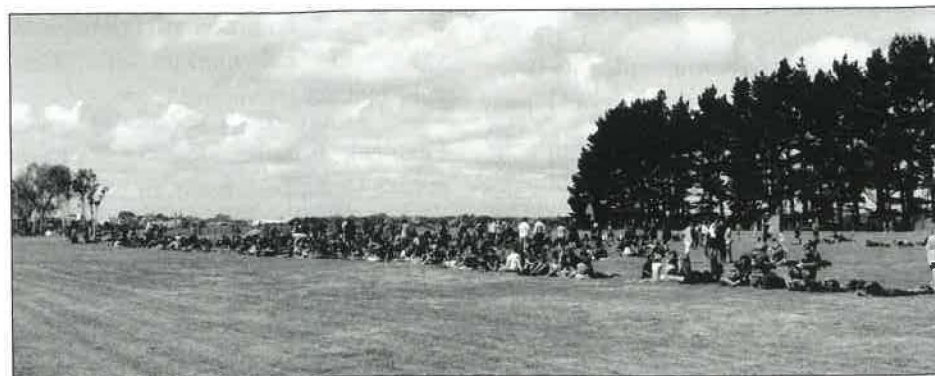
- Key challenge for schools and teachers, with the advent of the new Curriculum, is not to lose sight of the importance of content in our teaching. Too often we are asked to stress process and to focus on skills and techniques that are transferable. I believe that we also must still teach knowledge, especially the deep heritage of knowledge that all cultures possess. We ignore the teaching of knowledge and content at our peril.



In conclusion I believe that Spotswood College does a very effective job in equipping our young people to face the rigours of the 21st Century living. While we encourage our students to achieve their very best in NCEA, the development of values and an exemplary character are equally important. For me the values I want to see demonstrated by Spotswood College students are summed up in the words of Mother Theresa who said in 1989:

"My Doctors are always telling me that I must not travel so much, that I must slow down, but I have all eternity to rest and there is still so much to do. Life is not worth living unless it is lived for others".

Best wishes to all who are proud to call themselves Members of the Spotswood College family.



Head Girl's Report

For me, this year hasn't simply been about study, sports and socializing, though Year 13 is notorious for the three (albeit not necessarily in that order), I have also learnt so much more about myself, and about the classmates I have had the pleasure of growing up with.

The peer support Vertical Horizons leadership camp at the beginning of the year taught me that, as a Year 13 student, positive role-modeling is invaluable to younger students. I also learnt that the people you thought you knew alter dramatically if woken up at 5am to traipse through mud in the freezing cold, barefoot, pyjama-ed and, in my case, blindfolded. Spotswood's athletics and swimming days have taught me that enthusiastic participation is the only way to ensure a fair chance at success. I also learnt that, despite the desire to win, it is impossible to feel threatened by a 'sassy' Atkinson bumblebee.

Culturally, I've been taught that, even though we certainly didn't rival our Spotty Idol, Lavinia Winter, a group of spirited Year 13's, with Mrs. Stevenson's help (of course), can pull off a pack of thrillingly convincing zombies, even if they have to deny gravity to do it (Re: Dom's hair.) And lastly, but not conclusively, organizing reports like this, prize-giving speeches and graduation dinners has taught me



to reflect on and appreciate all the mind-opening, the challenging, and the spectacular things that have happened over the past five years and, especially, the people that created them.

Starting the year off as a senior student seemed almost surreal, and with my 2004 Year 9 beach day and own peer support leaders way too fresh in my mind to consider myself a leader, I tip-toed into my position as Head Girl, unsure what to expect or what was expected of me. Within days I found Mr. McFadyen's and Mr. Sloan's passion and enthusiasm for the school to be contagious, and their support generous, and I was immediately motivated and determined to get the best out of the opportunities that being a prefect could offer. These opportunities and highlights have included being appointed chairperson of the student council, member of the New Plymouth District Council Youth Sub-Committee, traveling to the National Young Leaders conference in Wellington with Mat and promoting the school locally. Not to mention I still have plans to head to OPC on Mt. Tongariro after exams.

However, the most significant opportunities and highlights that I have been able to enjoy in my last year at Spotswood have been the limitless talent and originality of the students that I have been able to study, speak and become good friends with. I have been humbled by the voices of Emily Wilson and Lavinia Winter, the mature talent of Free Funk on the Freeway (get autographs while you can afford it) and Caviar, how well you can cut Footloose, the school's enthusiasm to get behind Mr. Shaw's offer of a karakia and waiata in assemblies, and the dedication of students to do well in class, as shown by the numbers of scholarship students.

This year, more obviously than ever, have we built on Jessica Dixon's notion that Spotswood has spirit and proved that we also have soul, musically, culturally, athletically and, most importantly in

Kelsey Farmer



the looming weeks, academically.

Judging by the reputation given to "school" of insufferable classrooms and dragon teachers (none of which reside at Spotswood College, by the way), I have enjoyed school way too much. This is primarily due to a few amazing people:

Mr. McFadyen: This year, you have been a motivator, supporter, organizer and sometimes a reality check. Making sure I don't work too hard in order to keep me sane, but pushing me to develop my potential was an intricate balance that somehow you have perfected, and I would like to sincerely thank you for this.

To all the prefects, especially Nick, Mat and Rebecca, and the Year thirteen's: your personalities, humour and support have made life-long memories and hopefully life-long friendships. You are all welcome on my couch if ever the going gets tough (assuming I have a couch; I am going to Otago.)

And, finally, to all of my teachers over the years: I have come, I have seen and I have conquered, most of which is due to your persistence, inspiration and optimism. I am proud to say that you have all taught me everything (worthwhile) that I know, and I wish you all the best.

Spotswood College and Aroha - It's more than just love.

Head Boy's Report

Mathew Dickey

2008. What an amazing year!

Time flies when you're having fun, and that has certainly been the case in my last year at Spotswood College. I have had one of the best years of my life, from performing in our school production 'Footloose', to playing out my last year in the Senior A basketball team - along with so many other experiences.

I thank the students, staff, and Mr. McFadyen for having the confidence in me to take on this role. I believe I have had a positive influence on Spotswood College, and have done my best to meet the challenges this role has presented.

I have really enjoyed my time as Head Boy of 'The Best College in Town' - it has been a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I believe I have made the most of it. I would like to acknowledge my 'partner in crime' Nick Murphy - it has been great to share all the responsibilities of being a head prefect with you, while still having a laugh. Also to Rebecca and Kelsey, it has been a great experience working with you all, and one I will never forget!

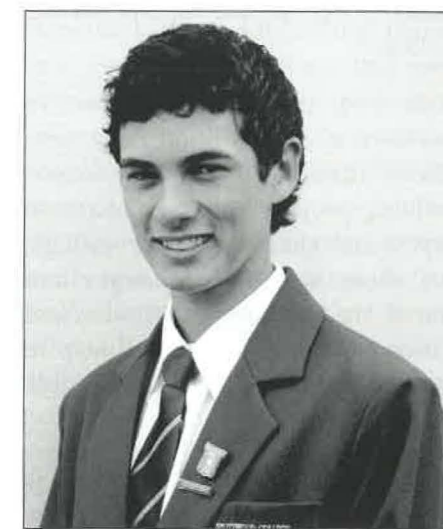
To Mr. McFadyen, you have had such a positive influence on my life, and I am looking forward to keeping in touch with you in years to come. It has been a huge honour and privilege to work

with you this year, and I can't express the respect I have for you. You are definitely leading Spotswood College in a positive direction - Co-Educational and Proud!

This year has been full of so many cultural and sporting experiences for me. Our Senior A Basketball team had one of the best basketball seasons in the College's history, placing second in the Taranaki Secondary School League - a big thanks to Mr. Abrams and the team; bring it home next year boys! 'Footloose' was an exciting production to be a part of, and I really enjoyed working with all the cast and producers to put on a top show! The ball this year ran smoothly, and was a good time for all of the senior students who attended, full credit to the ball committee. Spotty Idol is getting better and better each year; and this year was no exception! What a talented college we have. House competitions were dominated by Atkinson this year... Pretty much no competition for the mighty yellow!

To the boys - College was as good as it gets with such great friends. Mates for life.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of my teachers this year, and those that have taught me in previous years. You have all made my five years at



Spotswood an enjoyable, challenging and very rewarding experience.

To attend Spotswood College has been the best decision of my life. I will never forget the friends I have made and the great times I've had. This college has taught me to make the most of everything, and in the words of William Blake:

*"To see a world in a grain of sand,
And heaven in a wild flower,
Hold eternity in the palm of your hand,
And infinity in an hour"*

Kenny C would be proud of that!

Spotswood College is a garden... Dig it.



Prefects

Back Row: Monique Walsh, Jane Allemann, Bianca Brons, Sophie Sassman
2nd Row: Tim Hook, Sam Burton, Tod Rookes, Daniel Terrill, Daniel Bruce, Declan Doherty-Ramsay
Front Row: Rosie Alldridge, Nicholas Murphy (Deputy Head Boy), Kelsey Farmer (Head Girl), Mr Graeme McFadyen, Mathew Dickey (Head Boy), Rebecca Shannon (Deputy Head Girl), Alex Barlow

Board of Trustees Chairperson's Report

Hello to the people of Spotswood College.

2008 from the Board's perspective has been a very full and busy year. There have not been any major building projects this year to create any visual changes to our college, but there have been changes and one of these is our new Mission and Vision Statement which will help to shape our direction into the forever changing future.

The new Vision Statement is "Helping Build Great People." The new Mission Statement is "Encouraging Pride, Achievement and Respect in diverse, inclusive and a co-educational environment."

There was a good level of consultation from the community and the two statements are made up from all of the feedback. Thank you to all the people who were involved in the process.

A large "thank you" goes to all fellow Board Members who have committed their time from their already busy lives to do their part in the governance of our college. Our members are consistently monitoring our finances, student achievements and the overall wellbeing of our college.

Last year I mentioned Restorative Justice as being implemented into our college. Although in its infancy, the latest figures from MOE show a definite improvement in this direction.

Martin Pearce

This is encouraging and as we all embrace the system I'm sure there will be advantages on an ongoing basis.

Graeme and his team need also to be thanked for their efforts to advance our young people in a world that changes so rapidly for all people involved in education. With limited funding resource available every effort is made to use it with maximum impact for our students.

Education is not just about teachers passing on facts and figures, it is the whole college community doing their part in "Helping Build Great People." We all have a part to play. So until next year, thank you for supporting Spotswood College.

Board of Trustees Student Representative Report

What a year! I think that I have done a broad range of things as a student rep, like appointing Mr Shaw as the new Deputy Principal, being part of the ERO process, part of the disciplinary committee on a few occasions & of course representing "the student body" well!

The highlight of my year as Student Rep was definitely going on the Spirit Of Adventure! Meeting other Board Reps from throughout NZ, taking part in leadership activities and waking up at 6am in the morning

for swims off the side of the boat! Not only did I have a great time having fun, I also learnt a lot about the processes involved with the BOT and how I could become a better Board Member.

All in all, I think that being a BOT rep has helped me a lot in understanding governance procedures and maybe even help me for when I rule the country in a dictatorship in a few years time..... ah yeah.....for sure.

Good luck to the next Student Rep, get out there and do our school proud!

Nick Murphy



Staff News

This year we once again started the year by welcoming some new faces to the Spotswood College staff. In the English Department we welcomed Paula Zoro from Waitara as Assistant HOD and as Year 13 Dean and Cookie (Alistair Cook) from Opunake who is also a Year 11 Dean. In the Mathematics Department we welcomed Adam Drenth and Boyd McManus from Turangi as Assistant HOD. In the Science Department we welcomed Rob Moorby from Coastal and Koulla Benton from WITT who

also teaches in the ESOL Department. In Art, specializing in Photography we welcomed Kate Shepherd from Auckland and in the Special Needs Department, Ian Leonard. Jenny Sheriff returned to Taranaki from Auckland as RTL B Maori and Shaun Pender arrived from England, with his family, to teach in the Technology Department.

In the office area we said farewell to Paula Thomson and welcomed the very bubbly Linda Kendall. Linda has made the transition into a school

environment extremely well and we all enjoy working with her.

2008 appears to be the year of travel for Spotswood College staff. Many staff have taken the opportunity to 'extend their horizons' by travelling overseas. June Moseley had an eventful trip to a Welsh-speaking area of Patagonia in South America. Neil McLauchlan had a term cycling around Spain (and managed to stay on the bike until the end when the roads got the better of him). Hilary Takarangi and her husband spent June

Sue Baker

and July in Europe and London. Angela Bayly and her family went to Toronto and Europe as part of her husband's sabbatical from NPBHS. Phil and Deb Baptiste took a well earned rest in the Pacific Islands and Deb also returned to the UK for a family celebration. In November she will be off again to see her new Grandson in Australia. JBB spent a week relaxing in Rarotonga and Bindu Sharma had a week with her husband in Perth. Sue Cottam spent July and August traveling in Canada and the USA with family and friends. Dennis Little took a trip to Europe to catch up with family and to get some education in the wine-growing areas of France. Link Abrams took his two girls back to the States to see their Grandmother in the Term Two holidays. Both Gaenor Stoate and Shaun Pender (and his family) returned to the UK, both for family reasons during the Term 3 holidays. Graeme McFadyen went on a marketing trip to Korea, Italy and Germany. He was able to catch up with his family overseas as well. Jocelyn and Ian Gabites went to Europe and the UK so Ian could participate in the London Welsh Festival of Male Choirs. Over the Christmas holidays Paula Zoro and Harry Cast are off to South America for a couple of months. I am sure I have missed a few... must be my turn next year!!

Our sports stars continue to show their strengths on our staff. Aimee Mason once again represented New Zealand in the White Ferns (Woman's Cricket) and Link Abrams continued to star in the Taranaki Basketball Team, the Dynamos. Kara O'Halloran continues to do well in her chosen sport of Body Building.

Angie Joines gave an excellent performance as a nun in the NP Operatic Society Production "Sound of Music". Jared Hill and Robert Greenfield continue to entertain us with their musical abilities in assemblies and staff farewells. One staff member who has been hiding his talent until Spotty Idol is Cookie who gave a wonderful performance with Jared and Robert singing a Don McGlashan song, Anchor Me. Then of course we cannot

forget the gorilla (alias Brent Dunnet) who gave a good impression of a drum player. A mention must be made of the wonderful team led by Marni Stevenson, that produced Spotty Idol, a very professional production.

Congratulations to Ken Crawford who was a member of the New Plymouth Bridge Club's 12-strong team that won the John Wignall trophy at the National Bridge championships held in Hamilton in October.

As a staff we were all very saddened by the passing of Whaea Karen Wano (HOD Maori) in March. Karen had been unable to return to Spotswood College in 2008 due to her ill-health. Karen will always be remembered as someone who quietly supported others, both students and staff.

After eight years as Deputy Principal of Spotswood College, Brett Sloan resigned in March to begin a career in the radio advertising industry. Brett has been a very successful educator and leader and will be a loss to education in Taranaki.

Several staff welcomed new additions to their families. Rachel Kroon, Boyd McManus and Robert Greenfield all welcomed a baby into their family this year. Alison Hodges, Ian and Jocelyn Gabites and Janet Lean all became grandparents.

In April Harry Cast and Paula Zoro celebrated their marriage. We wish them all the best for a long future together. I gather the 'honeymoon' was postponed for the summer!

After many, many years JBB has, at last, gained his driving licence!! I'm sure it gets harder as you get older John so congratulations are due!

Leighton Upson won a Study Award for 2009 to complete his Masters Degree. This study will mean he will be on leave for much of 2009. This is an excellent opportunity to upskill. Well done Leighton! Freida Cooper has also won a Study Award that will allow her to take some time out each week to study towards an ESOL qualification.

During the year we have also farewelled a few staff. Jenny Sheriff returned to Auckland. The economic downturn has made selling houses and relocating difficult and this made it impossible for Jenny's partner to follow her to Taranaki. She was an excellent RTL B, supporting staff and students. Nick Webster has decided to improve his computer design skills and will be attending Natcoll in Wellington next year. I'm not sure who will be teaching who there as I think they will be very impressed with Nick's skills in this area already (as we are). Nick's contribution to the Arts and promotional work at Spotswood College will be missed a great deal. We wish him all the best. Paul Turner has won a promotion as Deputy Principal of Tararua College in Pahiatua. This is an excellent opportunity for Paul and we wish him all the best! Brent Gribbon has taken a year off next year to do "other things". Brent's skills with the computer systems and his willingness to help staff will be hard to replace. He may need to take the phone off the hook as well! We don't often mention relief staff but this time I will make some exceptions. Paul Hoskins came to Spotswood to relief in Rachel Kroon's position for one term. We were very sad to see him leave to work in the oil industry in the States at the end of Term Three. Elgene Washer came to Spotswood to cover for Dennis Little while he was away overseas. Elgene also left at the end of Term Three. Both these staff made a huge contribution to our staff during the short time they were at Spotswood College. We appreciated their enthusiasm and efforts during this time.

This is also my last year at Spotswood College. I will return at the end of the year to Thames to be with my family up there. I have had a wonderful time at Spotswood College. This school has a fantastic staff and a great group of students. The opportunities and experiences I have had at Spotswood will remain in my memory forever. So goodbye and good luck for 2009!

KAREN WANO

April 1957 - 4 March 2008

*Te mihi kia koe e te whaea Hinenui
 : ra i waiho mai te rau aroha hei tohu mahaki ki a matou o Te Kura
 tuarua o Ngamotu tae atu ra ki Taranaki whaanui, e moe e rangi i ngaa
 ringa ringa o to taaua Ariki a Ihu Karaiti, e moe.*

*Whu aroha kia koe e te whaea. Moe mai ra i roto i te pohu o to matou
 atua, i nga ringa o ou matua tupuna. He pounamu e kore e mimiti i
 waenganui i a matou te whanau o Te Kura Tuarua o Ngamotu.*



We pay tribute to an inspirational,
 hardworking, loving teacher and aunty
 to many – Whaea Karen, who passed
 away this year.

We still miss you heaps.
 We are always thinking of you and
 thank you for the value you
 have added to our lives.
 You will forever be in our hearts.

*Kaore e mutu te aroha mo
 koe e te whaea.*

MARK BEVIN

20 December 1989 - 06 February 2008

*Friendly Cheerful Caring Sensitive
 Humourous Enthusiastic*

The above words are how many of us remember Mark. It was these attributes that made Mark the person he was. He was a good natured young man who was unfailingly courteous and obliging.

Wherever Mark went and whatever he chose to get involved in, he made friends. This was largely due to his accepting nature and his outgoing personality. Peers and staff alike were always welcomed with a friendly greeting and a huge smile that could sometimes be mistaken for a cheeky grin!

Mark loved to have fun and used his wit to encourage others to smile or laugh at his jokes, however funny. Life was meant to be fun when you were dealing with Mark.

It is with sadness we farewelled our Mark. His name continues to come up in conversations as we remember the good times, his funny antics, his interests, his enthusiasm, his questions and his friendly and positive personality.

He will be fondly remembered and is deeply missed.

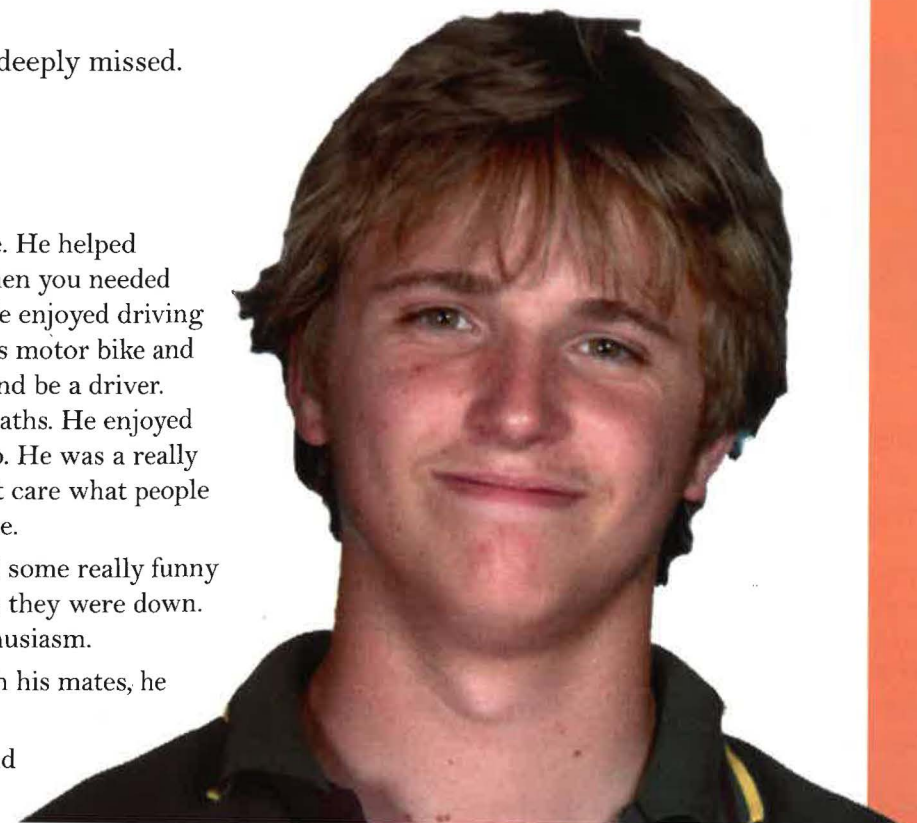
Mark – Always up for a laugh!

Mark was a really good mate to everyone. He helped everyone out and he was always there when you needed him. He was always up for a challenge. He enjoyed driving and loved all his vehicles – his scooter, his motor bike and his red car. He wanted to join the army and be a driver. He was great at drawing and a whiz at maths. He enjoyed school and did as much work as he had to. He was a really happy, caring and loving friend. He didn't care what people said and always had a big smile on his face.

He had a great sense of humour and told some really funny jokes. He always made people smile when they were down. He was always so full of energy and enthusiasm.

He loved to eat, he loved to hang out with his mates, he was quite a ladies man too.

He was our friend. We miss him heaps and we will never forget him.



New Staff



Koulla Benton

Ms Benton describes herself as enthusiastic, positive, forward-thinking and artistic. She was teaching English Language at WITT for 4 years before coming to Spotswood. For two years before that, she was teaching at Inglewood High School.

Ms Benton always has wanted to teach at Spotswood as she says she loves the multi-cultural nature of the school as well as the friendly, caring environment. This year she has been teaching ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) as well as Science.

The first impressions Ms Benton had of Spotswood were a friendly, supportive and very caring environment. She also noticed that student were very accepting of new staff members. The highlight of her year so far has been feeling that she belongs to the school as well as enjoying meeting new people and students (who she loves).

Outside of school time Ms Benton enjoys the arts (music, concerts and movies) as well as exercising (she walks for an hour a day). She also does oil paintings.



Alistair Cook

Mr Cook describes himself as accepting, forgiving, realistic and humorous. His favourite saying is "The older I get ... the better I was". He also says that he teaches "English, specialising in crop rotation in 14th Century Britain"!!

Mr Cook decided to come to Spotswood because of a move for his family. He had heard positive things about Spotswood and he really enjoys the co-educational nature of schools. He had also heard that the HOD of English was "an attractive pushover" ... wrong on both counts!!

Before coming to Spotswood Mr Cook was teaching English at Opunake High School as well as being a Dean and being involved with many extra-curricular activities. He describes Spotswood as having some really friendly staff and students. This helped to make a hard move for him, a lot easier.

Mr Cook lists his interests and hobbies outside of school to be watching sports and saying "In my day ...", hanging out with his children Bonnie, Fern and wife Tracy, listening to music and reading.

The highlight of the year for him so far has been "Not being asked to leave"!!

Hilary Takarangi



Paula Zoro

Ms Zoro has joined the English Department this year. Previously she was teaching English and Japanese, as well as being the Careers Adviser, at Waitara High School for 9 years.

Ms Zoro describes herself as approachable, up-front, loyal and positive. She is a very experienced teacher, having taught for "19+" years! She enjoys walking, travelling, photography, film, literature and current affairs outside of school.

She wanted to come to Spotswood as she like the co-educational nature of the school. She also wanted the challenge of working alongside a new bunch of staff and students.

The initial impressions of Spotswood that Ms Zoro had were a caring and friendly environment. Her highlight so far this year (apart from getting married?!) has been having great classes. She says her students are good people!!



Chris Lapworth

Mr Lapworth and his wife decided to immigrate to New Zealand. His wife, who is a mid-wife, got a job at Partners in Pregnancy and a job came up at Spotswood College for Mr Lapworth. Before coming to New Zealand, Mr Lapworth was working as the Head of Technology at Stourpork High School, Worcestershire in the United Kingdom.

Mr Lapworth teaches Product Design, Resistant Materials, Graphic Products, Design Technology, Food Technology and Manufacturing. He has been teaching for 12 years before coming to Spotswood. His initial impressions were that we had friendly students with great buildings and great rock music coming from the Music Department! He found the staff also to be very friendly and helpful.

Mr Lapworth, who describes himself as "practical, academic and a problem solver", enjoys fishing (both sea and trout fishing), motorcycling, scuba-diving and rock music outside of school. The highlight of his year so far was coming to New Plymouth to live - good choice!!



Ian Leonard

Mr Leonard has worked at school for the past three years as a teacher aide. Then he decided to get his teaching degree through Massey University. Because he enjoyed working with the students and staff at Spotswood, especially those in the Experience Unit, it was an easy decision for him to accept a full-time position here teaching the Junior class in the Special Needs Unit.

He describes himself as creative, encouraging, funny and honest. Outside of school Mr Leonard enjoys sports such as rugby, badminton and indoor cricket. He also enjoys designing and building things.

Mr Leonard has always liked the environment and atmosphere at Spotswood. He has made some really good friends with staff members and he has worked with lots of fun and dedicated children throughout the school. The highlight of the year so far for Mr Leonard has been working with and getting to know the very cool children and staff in our Special Needs Unit.

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Robert Moorby

Mr Moorby came to us from Coastal Taranaki School in Okato where he had been the HOD Science for three years. During 2003 - 2004 he did a teacher exchange to Canada. He is a family man who is travel-crazy and sports mad.

He decided to come to Spotswood where he could teach senior Biology (the class sizes at Okato were nothing like ours) as well as Science. He also wanted to work in New Plymouth, closer to his home, and he had the opportunity to teach in a large, vibrant school.

Mr Moorby has been teaching for 10 years but his initial impressions of his classroom were not too good - he had no gas, water or heat (but luckily this was quickly rectified). There was also a very welcoming atmosphere at our school as well as his interesting classes.

Mr Moorby lists his hobbies as sport (particularly touch, cricket and rugby), environmental issues and photography. He may not have too much time for these soon as his second child should be arriving at Christmas time!!

The highlight of Mr Moorby's year so far has been his 5th Grade cricket team winning their competition as well as having awesome discussions with his Year 13 Biology class.



Boyd McManus

Mr McManus is another new member to the Mathematics department. He has been teaching for six years and before coming to Spotswood, he was teaching at Tongariro School in Turangi.

He describes himself as "finding fun and adventure". He enjoys river flows, meteorology and kayaking outside of school.

Mr McManus decided to come to Spotswood because it was a combination of the right position at the right school. His initial impressions of our school were that we have great students and staff. The highlight of his year so far has been taking the school Snowboarding team to Ohakune and Turoa.



Shaun Pender

Mr Pender has come to Spotswood to join the Technology department. Previously he was teaching in a school in north Wales called "Ysgd Emrys ap Iwan". He decided to come to Spotswood after speaking to Mr McFadyen and realising that it was a golden opportunity to teach at an established and caring College.

Mr Pender's initial impressions of Spotswood were that it was fair with good staff and lovely surroundings. His highlight of the year so far has been going out to TOPEC where he was able to build relationships with students outside of the school environment.

Outside of school, Mr Pender enjoys playing Badminton.



Kate Shepherd

At the start of this year we welcomed Miss Shepherd to teach Art, Art History and Photography. Before coming to Spotswood, she was training to be a teacher, as well as working too many part-time jobs and living in an "over-priced, run-down flat" in Auckland!

Miss Shepherd describes herself as idealistic, inquisitive and optimistic. She chose to come to Spotswood because she had a good feeling about the school and its environment. She also was impressed by New Plymouth, which she describes as a beautiful place. Her hobbies are bike riding, hiking and yoga.

Since being here this year Miss Shepherd she has found the staff to be supportive and the whole school to be friendly. Her highlight so far has been seeing the talent that so many of her students have!



Adam Drenth

Mr Drenth has joined the Maths department this year. He is an out-going, energetic and inquisitive person who enjoys tramping, horticulture, playing the guitar and learning international cooking.

Before he came to Spotswood College, Mr Drenth was at Teachers College in Christchurch as well as being a full-time tutor at University where he taught for approximately a year. He was looking for a good school in a good area and he decided that Spotswood was both of those things. He also saw a lot of potential with what he could do here.

The highlight of Mr Drenth's year has been working in such a wonderful and supportive department.

Leaving Staff



Nick Webster

Unfortunately for Spotswood Mr Webster has decided to leave after teaching IMA/Print Design for five years and being a teacher aide in the Special Needs Unit for three years (plus the time he was a student here!). He has decided that he needs a change and a new challenge. That challenge will be studying computer graphic design at Natcoll in Wellington.

The thing Mr Webster will miss most about Spotswood is the staff and students, and his form class in particular - they are the most amazing group of individuals in this school!

There have been a number of highlights for Mr Webster during his time here. They include Drama Camps; TOPEC camps; having a Year 13 class who would dress up with him as Teletubbies; and watching some of his students really grow and develop into amazing, talented people.

Mr Webster has been involved heavily in the technical side of the Performing Arts performances (you name it, he's done it!), managing and coaching Basketball and Soccer teams, as well as organising staff to have a good time by being a member of the Staff Social Committee.

Mr Webster thinks he will be remembered by the students for being the teacher who used to wander around the classroom in bare feet.

Mr Webster wishes to say a special thank you to his 2008 Year 13 class - especially Joe, Hannah, Adam, Saskia, and Brian who had to put up with him for four years - they started together and they will finish together.



Daryn Shaw

Mr Shaw returned to Spotswood College at the beginning of Term 3. He left us at the end of 2006 to go to Waitara High School where he was the Deputy Principal. When Mr Sloan left, Mr Shaw got the Deputy Principal job and as well as doing all the duties associated with that job, he also teaches a Year 9 Social Studies class.

Mr Shaw decided to come back to Spotswood because he knew it was a great school with awesome students and staff as well as a fantastic Principal. The highlight of the year so far for Mr Shaw has been returning to Spotswood as well as being lucky to be one of the DPs.

Outside of school, Mr Shaw enjoys his whanau as well as sports, basketball in particular. These days though he does more watching than playing.

Hilary Takarangi



Sue Baker

Mrs Baker is leaving Spotswood to go back to the Coromandel Peninsula to be with her family. She has recently got a job as Deputy Principal at Thames High School.

She will miss the friendly and honest Spotswood students as well as the fabulous staff. The highlight of her time here has been being able to meet so many students and their families in her role as Deputy Principal. Another highlight was going tramping with Mr Turnbull, Mr Buchanan-Brown and the international students (her injury has nearly healed!).

While being here for the three years, Mrs Baker has taught Maths as well as being a Year 11 Dean (those wonderful students are now leaving as well).

Mrs Baker thinks she will be remembered by the students for being late to class and chocolate cake.

Mrs Baker wishes to say a special thank you to all the students she has taught - "You have all, in turn, taught me something."



Brett Sloan

Mr Sloan left us during Term One this year to leave teaching and go and work for Radioworks Taranaki.

He was Deputy Principal here at Spotswood College for eight years and was the epitome of a dedicated professional. He gave of himself in so many ways.

Mr Sloan was the driving force behind the initiative of introducing Restorative Justice to the practices of our College and it was his skill and foresight that established our International Student Programme. He had a wonderful gift of working with people and this was demonstrated in all of his connections and policies and procedures and just general every day running of our International programme.

Mr Sloan also played a huge leadership role in terms of Property, Maintenance and development at our College. The very massive Admin upgrade over the last 3 - 4 years were largely due to his leadership, commitment, dedication and attention to detail.

Mr Sloan will be fondly remembered by staff and students alike for always being immaculately dressed and for his great talent at public speaking.



Paul Turner

Mr Turner is leaving Spotswood to become a Deputy Principal at Tararua College in the Wairarapa. He has been here for four years and has been the Head of the Mathematics department.

Mr Turner is going to miss the Mathematics department staff as well as New Plymouth. He describes it as a beautiful place and Spotty is the "best co-ed school in town" because of the supportive staff and 95% of the students.

Since being here, Mr Turner has been involved with the soccer teams (as well as other activities from time to time). Also being involved with the winning teams at the Maths Spectacular are some of the highlights he has had in his time here.

Mr Turner thinks he will be remembered by the students for being "grumpy", having a weird sense of humour and his odd sayings such as "there's no such thing as a stupid question, only stupid people (they're the ones who don't ask questions)." He would like to sincerely thank the senior management team (Mrs Baker, Mr Cooper and Mr McFadyen) for their support and encouragement, as well as the other members of the Maths team.



Aimee Mason

Miss Mason has been at Spotswood since 2006. Since then she has taught a real range of subjects - from Gateway and PE to Beauty Care and Open Modules. This year she has also been the school Sports Co-ordinator. Miss Mason has also coached the girls cricket team and the girls basketball team.

In 2009 Miss Mason has a really busy year with her cricket. In February she competes in the Rosebowl series versus Australia (to be held in New Zealand), in March the team competes in the World Cup in Sydney and then in June there is the 20/20 World Cup in England. No doubt her passport will get a real workout!

The thing Miss Mason will miss most about Spotswood is all the great staff and students she has worked with through sport. The highlight of her time here has been seeing the Year 9 and 10 boys and girls she taught in 2006 turn into lovely young men and women in their senior year.

Miss Mason thinks she will be remembered by the students for "always hounding them to pay their fees and bringing their sports uniforms back!"



Brent Gribbon

After six years here teaching Mathematics, Mr Gribbon is taking a years break "to see what's happening in the outside world." He's going to miss the students with their sense of humour and their quirky ways as well as the staff.

The highlight of his time here has been teaching Year 13 Calculus - he loves it! He has also been involved in creating the timetable for the school as well as being the "go-to man" for all our IT issues.

Mr Gribbon thinks the students will be remember him for talking too much!! He would like to say a special thank you to everyone who has put up with him as a teacher and given him a reason to laugh each day (in a good way).



On The Front Line

There is a metaphor about the running of a company; the company appears to glide over the surface of the water like a swan, while the staff are underneath, paddling at high speed to keep it afloat. Our office and administration staff can be likened to this swan, not only in their obvious beauty and grace, but it is them who help our school to run smoothly.

Linda Kendall left her job as an Operations Manager at Okato Buslines to become our school's receptionist. Her duties involve answering the phone, greeting visitors, updating KAMAR, and enrolling new students. She thought Spotty C would be a good place to work after meeting Mr McFadyen and some teachers at Okato Buslines, and thoroughly enjoys working with the girls in the office – "A great environment!"

Jenine Parkinson is our school Attendance Officer, and deals with, you guessed it, attendance. She'll know if you have been bunking, as she liaises with Deans and Truancy officers, and analyses attendance data. Jenine previously worked in

photography for eight years and has been enjoying the change working with students. She also loves the busyness of her job and the great staff.

Ra Cottam does all the typing for our school, which includes newsletters, curriculum books and letters. She previously worked at New Plymouth prison in Administration, but decided to come to Spotswood because of the fantastic hours. "Working in a school is a dream job when you have children. Holidays!" Her highlights of the year include working with "our fabulous new receptionist, Linda," and the Ball.

Alison Hodges, aka the Principal's PA, ensures that all the staff are paid their wages. She came to work at Spotswood when our previous principal, Barry Finch, asked her to apply. Before Spotswood she was a secretary at the New Plymouth High School Board, which was closed down due to "Tomorrow's Schools" initiative. Her favourite part about working here is the staff.

The "meat in the Spotswood College sandwich," Pamela

Crowe, is in charge of photocopying and first aid. Prior to coming to Spotswood, she worked at Westown Primary School in the office and helped out at her kid's school. She has enjoyed witnessing the positive changes in students from when they first started at the college, but the highlight of her year was going to see our production of Footloose, the musical.

Finally we have the trio in the finance office. Peter Smith is the Administration Officer, who looks after our main money matters, assisted by Jenny Brookes and Delwyn Kennedy.

Without these people, it's likely that our swan would be left high and dry, or up the creek without a paddle. But thanks to these integral members of our school, we can continue on swimming.

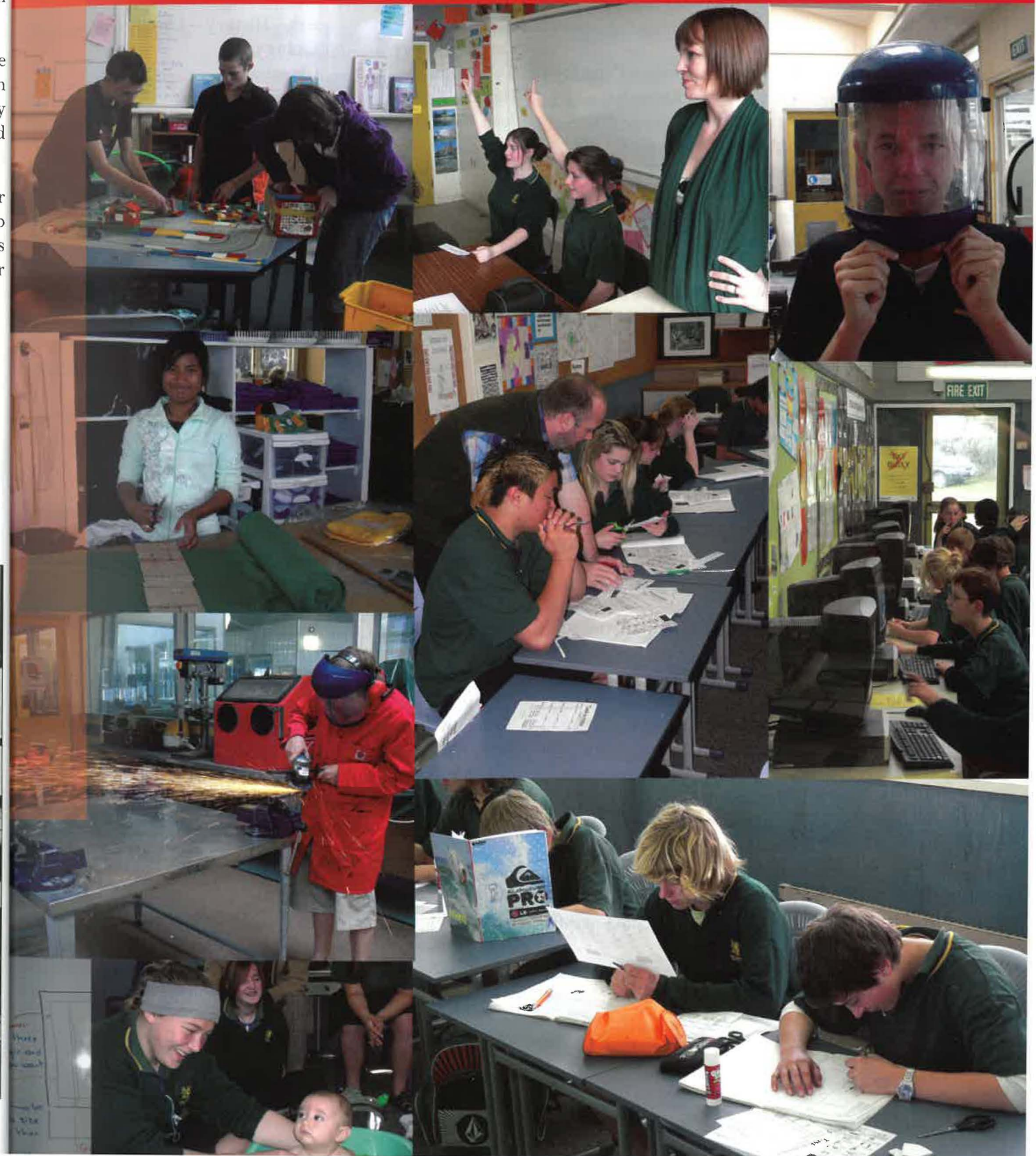
Rosie Alldridge



The Awesome Administration Staff
 Standing: Mrs Pamela Crowe, Mrs Jenny Brookes, Miss Delwyn Kennedy, Ms Jenine Parkinson, Mrs Alison Hodges, Mrs Ra Cottam
 Seated: Mrs Linda Kendall
 Absent: The elusive Mr Peter Smith



ACADEMIC



2008 Senior Prizegiving Results

YEAR 11 PRIZE WINNERS - FIRST IN SUBJECT

Nicole Millynn	First in 11B
Hamish Crimp	Accounting
Samuel Clyma	Art
	Graphics
Brooke Dobson	Art - Top Folio
Matthew Taylor	Drama
Trent Ngatai	E2E Car
Julian Bridgeman	Economics
Dylan Trigg	Electronics
Courtney Newbold	English
	The Margaret Hurley Prize for Top Student in English
Roxanne Bryant	English Alternative
Pailegutū Ikitau	English for Speakers of Other Languages
Hineana Todd	Food & Nutrition
Jessica Carter	French
Callan Bird	Geography
	Te Reo Maori
Huan Brownson	Health & Leisure
Amber Parrish	Health & Personal Presentation
Kailas Moral	History
Elliott Lucinsky	Horticulture – First Equal
Sharad Woodhead	Horticulture – First Equal
James Potter	Horticulture Alternative
Nikki Froom	Information Management
	Miles Trophy For Excellence in Yr 11 Information Management
Lesley Alldridge	Japanese
Anne-Marie Petty	Mathematics
	Technology
	Scott Commercial Technology Cup
Luke Davis	Mathematics with Statistics
Martin van Paassen	Music
Kate Murphy	Physical Education
Leo Pritt	Science
	Mathematics - Level 2
Sam Jull	Science Alternative
Mallory Hill	Spanish
Kyle Bright	Technology
	'Tool Shed' Award for Best Practical Senior Student
Kate Salvatore	Technology Textiles
Shannon Collins	Transition

YEAR 12 PRIZE WINNERS - FIRST IN SUBJECT

Emma Reed	First in 12B
Tyler Bevins	Accounting
Jorja Green	Art – Design
	Art – Photography Top Folio
	Art – Painting
Victoria Aebig	Art – Photography
	Technology - Textiles
Kelly Ann McKercher	Art – Design - Level 3
	Art – History – Level 3
Carina Hibbert	Biology
Toby Andrews	Chemistry
Hannah Enright	Classical Studies
Josh Pirihi	Computing
	Physics
Sarah Hollingsworth	Drama
Jayden Conceicao	Economics
	History
Craig Martin-Smith	Electronics
Tegan Coventry	English
	French
	"M J Hickey" Cup For Excellence in French
	Music
Tania Hall	English Alternative
Andre Tamanaha	English for Speakers of Other Languages
	Food & Nutrition
Sarah Cox	Physical Education
	Gateway - First Equal
Emma Davis	Gateway - First Equal
Heidi Topless	Geography
Darelle Martin	Horticulture
	Graphics
Marcus Williams	Information Management
Sam Hendriks	Claassens Trophy for Excellence in Yr 12 Information Management
	Japanese
Phillipa Maessen	Mathematics Alternative
Nathan Krutz	Mathematics with Statistics
Jacob Parkinson	Mathematics with Calculus - L3
Kaye McKee	Print Design
Mitchell Watts	Baker Trophy for Excellence in Year 12 Print Design
	Natcoll Design Technology Prize
	Spanish
Andrea Brewster	Sport & Recreation
Kamyn Pratt	Te Reo Maori
Toni Aistle	Technology
Oliver Eaton	Technology
Daniel Cox	'Masters' Award for Most Improved Senior Woodworker
	Transition
Tim Fleming	

YEAR 13 PRIZE WINNERS - FIRST IN SUBJECT

Brian French	First in 13B
Sam Fleming	First in Special Needs Unit - Senior Year
Tod Rookes	Accounting
	Statistics & Modelling
Samuel Burton	Art – Painting
Monique Walsh	Art – Photography
	'In Focus' Photography Cup
Holly Harre	Art – Sculpture
	Technology Textiles
Samantha Hill	Biology
	A & M Hutchinson Tray For First in Senior Biology
	Music
Mathew Dickey	Chemistry
	Physics
	NZ Institute of Physics Prize awarded for diligence, progress and additional endeavour in some selected areas of Physics
Dominic Fitzpatrick	Classical Studies
Martijn Boeren	Computing
Rosie Alldridge	Drama
	Geography
Nathan Woodhead	Economics
	History
Robert Bush	Electronics
Kelsey Farmer	English
	Taranaki Newspapers' Literary Prize
Adam Collins	English Alternative
	Food and Nutrition
Daniel Moreira	English for Speakers of Other Languages
Kirsten Jones	Gateway - First Equal
	The Most Outstanding Gateway Student of the Year
Shuming Shen	Gateway - First Equal
	The Most Outstanding Gateway Student of the Year
Tui Wright	Horticulture
Hannah Hendriks	Information Management
	Webster Trophy for Excellence in Yr 13 Information Management
	Japanese
Yuuki Smithers	Mathematics Alternative - Level 1
Thomas Lysaght	Physical Education
Jane Allemann	Spanish
Alexandra Barlow	Technology
Evan Brien	Te Reo Maori
Kotuku Kaiki	

SPECIAL SUBJECT AWARDS

Helen J. Bacon Award for Excellence in Geography and History
Phillip Zhou
Harry M Bacon Memorial Award Best Allround Promise in the Arts
Rosie Alldridge
"The Duynhoven Award" in practical technology with Graphics and Design
Marcus Williams
Howard Music Trophy for general excellence in academic music and band participation
Samuel Towler
Emo Award for a senior musician in the Jazz or Concert Band who shows commitment, leadership and musicianship
Samuel Towler
Joy Rookes Trophy for Original Composition
Declan Doherty-Ramsay
The Senior Bandboosters Award for the best band person demonstrating commitment, attitude and attendance
Nicholas Lambert
Intermediate Bandboosters Award
Callan Bird
Waitere Family Cup for Most Improved Senior Drama Student
Julia Collins
New Plymouth Little Theatre Trophy for Best Stage Performance of the Year
Sophie Sassman and Metua Sadler
"Liz Murray Cup" for contribution to Drama
Rosie Alldridge
SPEECH AWARDS
First in Senior Speech and School Prefects Cup
Declan Doherty-Ramsay
Manu Korero – First Senior Maori
Kotuku Kaiki
Manu Korero – First Senior English
Cheyenne Manukonga

KAPA HAKA AWARDS

Kura Tuarua O Ngamotu 'Taonga A Whaitata' Senior Kaikaranga (Female)
Kotuku Kaiki

Taonga A Whaitata 'Tuatahi' Lead Kaea (Male)
Iriapa Rarere

Kura Tuarua Ngamotu "Reo Rangitira" (feathered taiaha) - For excellence in the academic pursuits of Maori Studies
Kotuku Kaiki

SCHOOL BLUES AWARDS

The following students have received Blues Awards on merit of outstanding participation, contribution and/or achievement in representing the school in a chosen area:

Mitchell Watts	Performing Arts (Technical)
Kotuku Kaiki	Kapa Haka Kaia (Leader)
Emily Wilson	Music
Declan Doherty-Ramsay	Music
Dominic FitzPatrick	Music
Benjamin Haley	Music
Samantha Hill	Music
Samuel Towler	Music
Jayden Conceicao	Public Speaking
Sam Burton	Cricket
Ben Taylor	Football
Rebecca Shannon	Netball
Anaru Matthews	Rugby Union
Sarah Cox	Volleyball
Ashleigh Pearce	Volleyball

SPECIAL AWARDS

Spotswood College P.T.A. Prize for the Head Girl and Board of Trustees Award for Service to the School
Kelsey Farmer

Spotswood College P.T.A. Prize for the Head Boy and Board of Trustees Award for Service to the School
Mathew Dickey

Board of Trustees Award for Service to the School Deputy Head Girl
Rebecca Shannon

Board of Trustees Award for Service to the School Deputy Head Boy and BOT Student Representative
Nicholas Murphy

Spotswood College "Prefects Award"
Tegan Coventry

MARJAN van PAASSEN AWARD for "enthusiasm about learning"
Phillip Zhou

The JOE GREENWOOD MEMORIAL PRIZE for School Service
Nicole Richards

The EMILY CANNELL MEMORIAL CUP - for excellence in achievement and contribution
Alexandra Barlow

BRUCE WALKER TROPHY for Endeavour & Leadership
Nicholas Murphy

MELISSA LONG MEMORIAL TROPHY - For working through adversity, taking up the opportunities life offers and achieving to the best of their ability
Elizabeth Mischevski

NGATI TE WHITI HAPU SCHOLARSHIP - Awarded to the Best Academic Year 13 Maori student
Kotuku Kaiki

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP - For a tertiary education scholarship
Rosie Alldridge

THE R.S.A. - DR. GEORGE THOMPSON AWARD
Mathew Dickey

The PROXIME ACCESSIT Cup - For academic excellence and runner up to school Dux
Mathew Dickey

A L MCPHAIL DUX MEDAL
A L MCPHAIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ARGYLE SCHOOLWEAR SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE
- For highest academic achievement in 2008
Samuel Burton and Tod Rookes



2008 Senior Sports Prizegiving Results

ATHLETICS "EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES"

Junior Girls' Champion	Jodie Donald
Junior Boys' Champion	Cameron Brewster
Intermediate Girls' Champion	Abby Bridgeman
Intermediate Boys' Champion	Iriapa Rarere
Senior Girls' Champion and Hazel Robertson Trophy	Ashleigh Marsters
Senior Boys' Champion	Pascal Kuenzel

CROSS COUNTRY "EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES"

Junior Girls' Champion	Catherine West
Junior Boys' Champion	Kody Little
Intermediate Girls' Champion	Kate Murphy
Intermediate Boys' Champion	Amin Osama
Senior Girls' Champion	Moselle Brown
Senior Boys' Champion	Mathew Dickey

SWIMMING "EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES"

Junior Girls' Champion	Brittney Pearce
Junior Boys' Champion	Anton Foley
Intermediate Girls' Champion	Kristy Billing
Intermediate Boys' Champion	Amin Osama
Senior Girls' Champion	Merle Brinkhus
Senior Boys' Champion	Thomas Wiseman

SERVICES TO SPORT

Basketball

Kimberley Kalin Coaching	
Jane Allemann	Coaching
Nigel Te Huia	Coaching
Mitchell Scanlan	Coaching

Netball

Vanessa Adlam	Coaching (Talo-Manu Trophy)
Jendi Logan	Managing

INDIVIDUAL CODE AWARDS

Basketball Senior Girls' Best Player (trophy donated by C Finch)
Abbey-Louise Mayhead

Basketball Senior Boys' Player of the Year (trophy donated by BP Finch)
Kaye McKee

Phillipa Soulsby Cup for Senior Girls' Beach Volleyball Player of the Year
Sarah Cox and Ashleigh Pearce

Jared Wilson Cup for Senior Boys' Beach Volleyball Player of the Year
Tim Hook

Dow Elanco Trophy for Most Dedicated Girls' Cricketer
Tahlia Hoyle

Cricket Shield for Best all-round Year 9 Boys' Cricketer
Desmond Wilcox

Harding-Kerr Trophy for Best all-round Year 10 Boys' Cricketer
Travis Eaton

Equestrian Cup for Overall Excellence in Equestrian Events
Mathew Dickey

R H Griffin Trophy for Most Improved Year 9 Boys' Soccer Player
Thomas Sonntag

Nick Webster Trophy for Most Promising Junior Soccer Player
Jack Foxwell

Emily Scott Trophy for Most Improved Junior Soccer Player
Josh Kenny

Premier Womens' Soccer Award for Leadership & Commitment
Larissa Hook

Lisa Roper Trophy for Desire to Achieve in Womens' Soccer
Anna Hinton

Football Cup for Most Improved Player
Codi Hackett

Football Cup for Player of the Year
Joe Cole

D C Andrews Trophy for the Most Dedicated Female Hockey Player
Phoebe Phillips/Kate Murphy

J Stallard Trophy for Most Improved Female Hockey Player and Coaches Trophy for Most Improved Female Hockey Player
Clementine Smart

John Lucas Award for Most Improved Boys' Hockey Player
Matt Rowlinson

Julian Family Trophy for Commitment to Boys' Hockey
Aidan Clarke

Junior In-Line Hockey Player of the Year

Tori Hackett

Senior In-Line Hockey Player of the Year

Abby Bridgeman

John Bell Memorial Cup for Improvement in Life Saving

Elliot Lucinsky

Morrison Trophy for most Improved Year 9 Netball Player

Molly Bygate

Richardson Trophy for Most Improved Year 10 Netball Player

Emma Glucina

Carter Cup Most Outstanding Junior Netball Player

Catherine West/Shaquille Knowles

L J Trophy for Senior Player of the Year

Vanessa Adlam

Olsen Trophy for Commitment and Excellence in Girls' Rugby

Shanice Graham

Spotswood College RFC Trophy for Most Dedicated Year 9 Player

Shaun Hall

McCall Trophy for Most Dedicated Year 10 Player

Junior Mason

E2E Trophy for the Best & Fairest Junior Rugby Player

Kale Te Waaka

TWT Trophy for the Best & Fairest Senior Rugby Player

Nathan Sole

Dwight Murfit Trophy for the Best & Fairest Second XV Rugby Player

Nick Long

First XV Rugby Trophy for the Best all-round team member

Corey Brookes

Alan Millward Memorial Cup for Most Improved 1st XV Rugby Player

Daniel Joubert

Tony Stuthridge Memorial Trophy for the Most Conscientious 1st XV Rugby team member

Adam Collins

Thomson Cup & Spotswood United RFC miniature for Captain of the 1st XV

Anaru Matthews

Touch Rugby Player of the Year

Alana Paulin

Jackson Trophy for Most Improved Junior Girls' Volleyball Player

Lisa Maloney

Rhys Williams Trophy for Most Improved Junior Boys' Volleyball Player

Josh Kenny

Brodie Cup for the Most Improved Senior Girls' Volleyball Player

Hannah Enright

Matthew Coleman Trophy for the Most Improved Senior Boys' Volleyball Player

Corey Brookes

Debbie Richardson Trophy for Junior Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year

Beatrice Petty

Andrew Russell Trophy for Junior Boys' Volleyball Player of the Year

Taylor Lucinsky

Wilson Trophy for Senior Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year

Jane Allemann

Antony Joe Trophy for Senior Boys' Volleyball Player of the Year

Nathan Sole

Spotswood College Sailing Cup for Leadership in Yachting

Leo Pritt

PRESTIGE SPORTS AWARDS

Trina Cowley Trophy - For sporting excellence

Anaru Matthews

The Hale Sportsperson of the Year Trophy

Hayley Gedye

The Nick Banks Trophy - Spotswood College Sports Team of the Year

Timothy Hook and Thomas Wiseman (Beach Volleyball)

English Department

Another year. Done and dusted. I must be ageing as I feel compelled to say 'where has the year gone' and 'aren't children a great measure of time'... these things are all true of course but such reflections are usually reserved for grey haired old folk, sheltering from the wind in the local bus stop or musing over a quiet cuppa at the local RSA. The truth is, I really don't know where the year has gone.

It has been a whirl of events. Our department welcomed Ms Paula Zoro and Mr Alistair Cook to the team in January this year. Ms Zoro came on board as the long-awaited Assistant Head of English (and Assistant Year 13 Dean to boot!) and Mr Cook joined us to teach a mixture of junior and senior English as well as in the role of Year 11 Assistant Dean. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach with these two fine people and their strengths and talents have been an asset to our team. Miss Debreceeny was also welcomed in a full-time capacity teaching a mixture of junior and senior English and has been a joy to teach along side and has given a great deal of support to students by offering extra tutorial support. I feel very blessed to teach within a team with such heart, such passion for literacy and literature and a deep commitment to the success of our students.

The team, with much envy, temporarily farewellled Mr Dennis Little for 6 weeks in Term 3 as he and his wife, Chris travelled overseas to be with their sons. Elgene Washer came to the rescue and took on Mr Little's teaching load and in that very short time, impressed upon the staff the importance of kindness



and collegiality in the workplace. Can I publicly thank Elgene for her contribution to our team and the wider school. We will miss you.

Miss Scott led our Literary Challenge Team to a fine win in Term 1, competing against a number of Taranaki High Schools! Our students participated in the ICAS competition in Term 3. Some of our top Year 10 Speech makers represented the school at the Devon Ladies Probus Meeting and received huge applause and praise for their outstanding deliveries. The Gifted and Talented Group once again, created an amazing anthology of writing and attended the 'Get Published' seminar in the September school holidays at Puke Ariki. Students wrote and illustrated their own children's stories and gifted them to neighbouring primary schools. There are too many bouquets to mention here. But, might I say, they all point to a vision we have; 'to create confident, connected and acitvely involved lifelong learners.' Participation and community contribution matters.

Relating to others matters. Thinking matters. Learning to manage self matters and clearly in English using language, symbols and text matters. These are all key competencies which enact our vision, values and principles as part of the new curriculum. The seeds have already been sewn. I often say to people that teaching English is the best teaching job in the world. These competencies have always been present in our subject, in what we study and in the way we study. It is really about making them explicit. And so, the new curriculum must not be viewed as a wave that will knock us from our comfortable posts but rather a wave to ride that will take us all places.

Another project this year has been the creation of a working party to write the school's information literacy policy. Can I acknowledge the commitment and energy given to this project by Mrs Angela Bayly in the Learning Centre, Mrs Lisa Floyd, our wonderful school

Marni Stevenson - HOD English



librarian, Mrs Martie Claassens, Mr Scott Johnson and Ms Paula Zoro. It is wonderful to see teachers working together across disciplines to create a policy that will benefit all students. As well as that, ERO certainly kept the department busy in Term 1 and 2 as we prepared for this visit. A huge thank you to the team for their hard work and time given to this preparation.

It is so important to look forward and anticipate all that lies ahead but there is a great deal to be said for reflection too. And there it goes again. I want to say 'well, dears, it won't be long 'til Xmas'...'hasn't the year flown by.' We cannot stop the marching of time. But we can savour those wonderful times we have all had. The wonderful teaching moments. The successes. The learning curves. The joy we feel when a struggling youngster grasps an idea once remote to them. The apple on the teacher's desk. The 'can you read us that poem again' moments. That's why we are all here. That's what matters above all else. Our kids. To all our students, be lifelong learners. Never let it stop.

Blessings from our team.

Science Department

It seems not long ago that this report was being written for last years' magazine and boy has time flown!!

This year the Science Department has welcomed Mr Rob Moorby to the team. He has come from teaching at Coastal Taranaki School in Okato, to teach Science and senior Biology. He has made himself most welcome in A13 and it is really good to have him in our department. Ms Koulla Benton was also welcomed to teach a Year 10 and a Year 11 class. She was teaching English Language at WITT before coming to our school. Mr Dunnet made the permanent move from the Maths department to teach full-time in the Science department – good choice Mr D!! The rest of the team (Mr Buchanan-Brown, Mr Rilkoff, Mrs Takarangi, Mr Peters, Mr Joe and Dr Sharma) 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!

2008 has continued to be a busy but productive year for us. We have continued 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 Science programme and the early morning



Year 10 Chemistry class with Mr Rilkoff. Mr Peters has once again, continued to do fantastic work with the Horticulture students at all levels.

Once again we had students competing in the Australasian Science Competition. Thirty-nine brave students gave it a go and again, we had students who have done very well. Fiona Skene, Callum Johns and Aidan Clarke all received Distinction certificates, which means they were placed in the top 5% of Year 9 students in New Zealand. Cameron Brewster, Jonathon Messenger and Gregory Spiers all gained Credit certificates, which means they were placed in the top 15% of Year 9 students in New Zealand. Year 10 students did just as well. Regan Clarke gained a Distinction certificate with Stephanie Pirihi, Courtney Klenner, Jessica Old and Byron Lynds all receiving Credit certificates. Congratulations to all students who gave it a go!

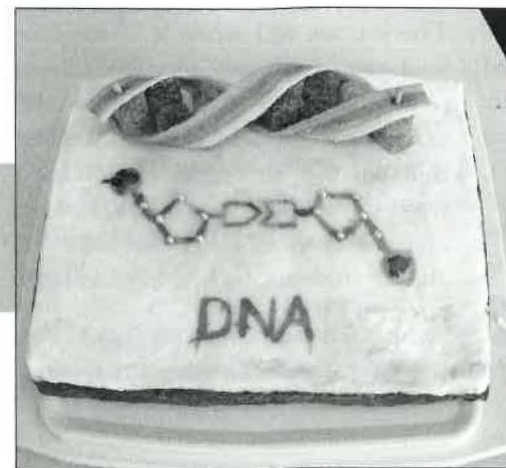
Term Three saw students present projects at the annual Fonterra Taranaki Science and Technology Fair. Amin Osama won the Year 10 Scientific Investigation category and

Ian Gabites - HOD Science

also won the NIWA environment prize. For this Amin won a significant amount of money - all this for just presenting his research on alternative sources of irrigation. Blair Rookes, Shaun Hall and Daniel Wharepapa won second prize in the Year 9 Scientific Investigation category for their project on the "Ballistic Pendulum". Fiona Skene, Sophia Smolenski and Jonathon Messenger won the Geological Society prize for one of the best entries in the Earth Sciences for their project on "Crystal Forms". In the more 'artistic' sections of the Fair, Ashleigh Ballinger got a merit prize in the Year 9 - 10 Advertising Poster section and Beth Bowick gained a merit prize in the Year 9 - 10 Photography section. Well done to all students who entered. We would encourage all students to have a go - you never know what you might win!!



To those students who are leaving Spotswood College at the end of the year, we wish you all the best for your future endeavours. I also wish all staff and students a restful and well-earned holiday and we look forward to the challenges of 2009 - whatever they may be!



Social Science Department

Gavin Parr - HOD Social Science

The world is all about people, and it's true to say that Social Science reflects this saying, with topics studied in this department ranging from Tourism in Rotorua to the Causes of World War Two to Black Civil Rights in the USA to Polynesian Exploration of the Pacific to the Impact of Interest Rates on the Economy. There is always interesting issues to do with people to learn about. This year the department has again had some significant staff changes. In the History Department Mrs Kroon left on maternity leave in June and has since had a baby daughter. In her place we had Ms O'Connor for four weeks and for Term Three we had Dr Hoskin taking History. In Term Four Miss Cameron has taken over to finish with the seniors. Also early in term one Mr Sloan left Spotswood College and in his place Mr Parr and Mr Knapton took 10L Social Studies. In term 3 we welcomed Mr Cast as their teacher until the end of the year. Also our new

Deputy Principal Mr Shaw has taken over 10P for Social Studies.

The Social Science Department is a diverse department subject wise, with Accounting, Economics, Geography, History and Social Studies offered. This means there are plenty of exciting issues and events taking place. Fieldtrips are one activity that students enjoy. This year the Year 13 History class did a day trip guided around the Downtown New Plymouth area, visiting historical sites. The Year 13 Geography class went on a four day fieldtrip in August to Mount Maunganui and Rotorua. Year 13 Economics visited Wellington. Next year we intend having more field trips with trips planned to Rotorua (Year 11 Geo), Tongariro (Year 12 Geo) and more local trips in the Taranaki region for Social Studies and History.

We have a major change in Geography next year where the Year 12 Applied Geography class is now an option. This

class will focus on the extractives industry, in particular oil and gas, which is very relevant to our region. There has been keen interest in this class.

Results for internal assessments throughout the year have been pleasing, and it's good to see some Year 10 students attempting achievement standards. Also in Year 9 Social Studies teachers have been putting in plenty of work adapting our modules to fit the new curriculum, thanks especially to Mr Knapton for all his hard work in this area. Everyone in the Social Science Department wishes senior students well for their external exams.

Lastly, a big thank you to the staff of the Social Science Department - Mr Johnson, Mr Knapton, Mrs Kroon, Ms McGlade, Dr Hoskin, Mr Shaw, Mr Cast and Mr Whyte for all their tireless efforts. And thank you to support staff for all your help.

Information Management Department

Martie Claassens - HOD Information Management

In many ways this has been a particularly busy and challenging but, at the same time, exciting year in the Information Management Department. We have continued to offer our traditional programmes and also introduced a new Print Design Course which has proven to be very successful and popular. Very high standards were set from the start, which could be seen in the completed assessments under the leadership of Mr Webster who always strives to get the best out of his students.

Two of our students, Mitchell Watts and John Hinton, took part in the International Secondary Schools Digital Design Competition and came up with a great design. Unfortunately they did not walk away with any prizes but appreciated the chance to compete on international level at a very high standard.

This year we also introduced Information Management as a subject to the senior special needs students which proved to be very successful.

The format of our external examination changed as from this year. Instead of sitting a two hour session students will have the opportunity to sit two Achievement Standards over a period of four weeks. We expect that this would be advantageous to students, especially regarding the Design Achievement Standard.

It is with sadness that we farewell Mr Webster at the end of this year. Although I have not known him that long, it soon became clear to me that he has a vast range of knowledge and skills which the whole school depend on throughout the year. He was always available 24/7 and completed every task with enthusiasm and professionalism. To mention a few: School Magazine,

Photographer at all events, Spotty Idol, Footloose, and the list goes on. We wish him well in his new venture of becoming a fulltime student again, doing what he enjoys most.

Performing Arts Department

Record numbers opting for Drama in the senior school this year have enriched our involvement and development both inside and outside the classroom.

We welcomed teacher Jared Hill to the department at the beginning of the year and he has brought experience and depth to the work we are exploring with Year 10 and 11 classes. Jared is an excellent role model for our young performers; he is an accomplished performer himself, as many of you have seen, in public performances on stage and as a singer. We are very lucky to have him on board.



Term one was very busy with Drama Camp in Wellington during Week 5 for the seniors and many of us in the department preparing for the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival in April. Regionals were held before the end of the term so our five entries were strategically sharing the stage and drama room, halls, fields and houses at weekends and after school – one group seemed to have the right idea with snacks and nibbles – there were always delicious looking cakes and bakes lying abandoned on the chairs while they toiled at rehearsal.... I don't think they noticed some unidentified teachers sampling a bite or ten when no one was looking. Although I confess I think it was Mr Webster who sampled the most. I was on a diet so it wasn't me.

Term two and a new EOTC opportunity presented itself to the department which we couldn't resist. Spotswood College would enter



the national 48 Hour Furious Film Making Competition! We managed to capture four extremely talented staff members from the Maths, IMA, Art and Languages Departments – dragged them off to our creative lair where students Sophie, Steve and Rosie and script writer Jared were waiting and made a 6 minute film over a weekend in May, great fun!

Then we were off to Wellington again over Queen's Birthday weekend to represent Taranaki in the Shakespeare Nationals, taking with us our honorary drama teacher Michele FitzPatrick who is such a source of inspiration and support to the department that we even let her have one of our special shirts. Then we were back to school for the ERO visit, Year 13's warmly received production of Ayckbourn's "Confusions" during Week 7 and seeing so many of our students from the department put huge efforts into preparation for "Footloose".

The focus of Term Three has been mainly on developing drama ideology throughout the department. We are increasing our use of drama process work which includes enquiry based learning and it is interesting to note the extent of drama's potential to address the new curriculum's key



Gaenor Stoate - HOD Performing Arts

competencies. Drama students have great opportunities to show leadership and many of them volunteered to lead workshops for Arts Hour in Week 4.

Year 13 solo devised pieces based on the history and culture associated with Mount Taranaki showed real craft and innovation in their presentation during week 8.

Years 12 and 11 will present their final performances in Term Four and we look forward to seeing some very imaginative work from these talented young people.

We will all have to say goodbye, however, at the end of the term to Nick Webster who has been involved in the technical and design aspects of every major production with the department. He is an absolute diamond of a teacher – a bottomless pit of knowledge, ability, energy and loyalty. A treasured friend as well as a colleague – we will miss him hugely but are delighted that he is finally going to enjoy some study for himself!

Thanks to all the staff, students and parents who have supported us in 2008. Our strength grows with your encouragement.

Kia Kaha Kia Mananui Kotahitanga



Physical Education and Health Department

Tracey Laurence

With the addition of an extra hour per week for Year 10 Health in 2008, the Physical Education and Health teachers have had a great opportunity to develop the student's knowledge of health and wellbeing.

In Term 3, the Year 10 students were taken through a programme by Mickey Harrison a counsellor from Relationships Services Whakawhangaungatanga.

The programme "When The Wheels Fall Off" seeks to create an awareness of both the immediate and the on-going effects of violence in the home, school and wider community. The students really appreciated Mickey's style of teaching and learnt valuable

Sports Institute

The Sports Institute was an idea put forward in 2006. Last year was the inception of the program which catered for 20 budding young sports enthusiasts. This is the second year that the Sports Institute has been up and running, at both the Year 9 and 10 level.

The Year 9 intake this year has plenty of sporting talent across the board with some very promising individuals. Some of the sports that the students represent include swimming, rugby, soccer, judo, equestrian, and basketball. Particular topics are covered to help improve performance for the athletes. Some of the topics at the Year 9 level include, Goal Setting, Fitness Studies, Human Anatomy, and Nutrition to name a few. Included in the program are our practical sessions which involve plenty of variety and are game orientated to help improve decision making as well as skill sets. Some results in our Year 9 group include:

- Kelly Marshall-Smith = Judo. North Island Champion in weight division and selected to the New Zealand Camp.

skills. We were also fortunate to have Greg Barrett come in and share his experiences of the effects of violence on his life and his whanau. The programme concluded with an afternoon tea for all the students. The audience was treated to some impromptu performances by the Year 10 Dance group and a solo performance by Lavinia Winter. It was a great way to end the term – many thanks to all those involved.

Attitude is an Auckland based organisation that provides the College with many useful health resources. This year Dave Atkinson, an Attitude presenter visited the school and spoke to the Year 9s, 10s and 11s. He is an

enthusiastic and humorous speaker and the students (and staff) really enjoyed his witty view on life and how to make healthy choices. The department thanks Attitude for their ongoing support, and the number of corporate sponsors that fund them.

The senior health programme continues to play an important role in educating students about their wellbeing. The programme continues to evolve and we look forward to our new course for 2009, Healthy Choices, which will see the Health and Physical Education Department work more closely with the Food and Nutrition Department.

Darren Scott - TIC Sports Institute

- Catherine West = Equestrian. New Zealand Young Rider level 2 Champion
- Simon Meijer = Soccer. Taranaki 13th Grade Rep. 2nd 200m Taranaki Athletic Champs
- Sam Newman = Soccer. Taranaki 14th Grade Rep
- Desmond Wilcox = Cricket, Pool. Taranaki U/14 Rep
- Steven Taylor = Cricket. Taranaki U/14 Rep
- Cameron Gibson = Rugby, Moto x, Swimming. Taranaki champ 13-16 Moto x 85cc

There are plenty of gifted and talented students in the Year 9 class that I believe have the ability to go as far as they want to. It is very encouraging to see the talent and potential in this group and next year I believe we will see further success.

Last year's group graduated to Year 10 with the plan to further develop their knowledge of topics and also improve on their skills. A few new topics were introduced which included, coaching and leadership, training programs. They also completed a literacy

component, which involved the students reading an auto-biography on a sportsperson of their choice and answering questions. The idea behind this was to get the students gaining an understanding that sport is not only related in the physical sense but encompasses many other areas, which needs to be understood if they are to reach the echelons of their sport.

Some results include:

- Ella Mischevski: Surf Lifesaving Award and Placings at the North Island and New Zealand I.R.B Champs.
- Amin Osama: Taranaki Junior Secondary School Champ in 1500, 3000m. 3rd New Zealand Teams Cross Country Champs. Taranaki Representative Swimming. 3rd Taranaki Duathlon Champs
- Cody Martin: Taranaki U/15 Rugby League Team

The students have done well and I look forward to their continued development and success in their chosen field.

Technology Department

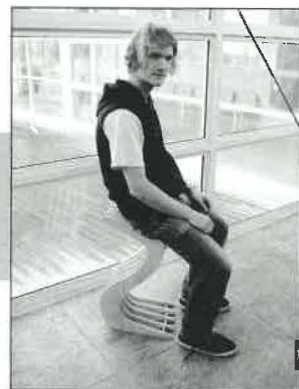
Phil Baptiste - HOD Technology



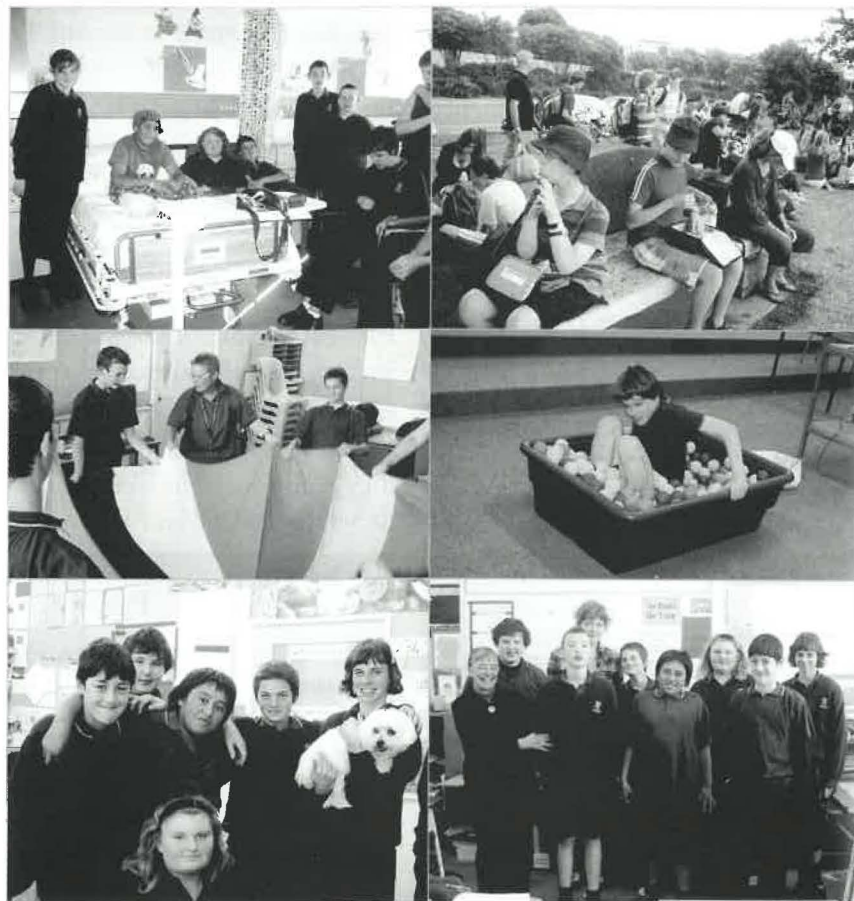
I think the theme for 2008 for us in Technology is CHANGES.....lots of them! It's been almost an open door policy here with two teachers leaving, many long term and short term relievers and three student teachers. We are now heavily reliant on UK-trained technology teachers and as the UK is the world leader in Technology Education, this is not a bad thing. There are lots of changes to Technology in the UK and with our own NZ curriculum too. But some things don't change. Here at Spotswood, we believe students should

take a pride in their work. Pride is not in the new curriculum, you don't get credits for it either. But when a student takes home a piece of work made in Technology and mum or dad, gran or aunt look up and see it.....that's the feeling I am talking about.

I am determined that in all the changes now and in the future, we will still have students making fabulous projects to take home, made to a high standard using quality materials.



Nicole Richards
Recipient of the New Plymouth District Council Young Achievers Award for Community Service



Special Education Department

Scott Manson

The Special Education Department had another rewarding year in 2008 while continuing to provide a safe and positive learning environment and opportunities for development to its students and large array of staff - teachers, teacher aides, therapists and trainees.

Within the Special Education Department in 2008 we had 5 core classes operating, all offering students with the opportunity to work toward their goals by working through individualised programs and thus incorporating the school-wide philosophy of differentiation.

The 5 classes of 2008 include junior and senior Special Needs Unit classes and 3 classes in the schools Experience Unit: Year 9, Year 10 and the Senior class which is home to Year 11 and beyond students.

The Special Needs Unit is very unique and a valuable part of Spotswood College and what it has to offer to the wider community. The junior class this year underwent some major changes with the introduction of a new teacher, Mr Ian Leonard, and also the arrival of five new students. The needs of these students are varied and within the class all students worked on individual programs ranging from tactile and sensory activities to early level literacy and numeracy skills.

The senior class, run and organised by Mr Kit Turnbull, maintained its focus on developing the students living skills and their transition into the community and workplace. The amount of hours and correspondence work involved in this program has again been huge and the work of Mr Turnbull and his experienced and supportive teacher aides must be commended.

The students of the Special Needs Unit enjoyed trips to various events within the school and community but the highlight would have to be their end of year Activity Week, an action packed week for all involved.

Special thanks are offered to the staff who support the Special Needs Unit by running their option classes. Miss Laurence is a fantastic PE teacher and after 3 years as the SNU PE teacher has developed some great rapport with the students and staff.

Mrs Kreisler continues to offer a valid cooking program, where many of the students develop their kitchen skills and knowledge. Mrs Moseley introduced a new option called MOVE to take the place of the Drama classes previously held and Mr Manson run weekly Art classes for the SNU.

These later 2 teachers, working from within the Special Education Department, take these classes in order to offer the Special Needs Unit students a wider array of learning opportunities. It would be great to see these classes run elsewhere within the school and by teachers from outside the department in 2009. It is this inclusion that makes Special Needs a more integral and unique feature of the college.

The Experience Unit is a growing part of the college and consist of three home room environments. These home rooms are an important part of the Experience Unit students school programs. These classes are attended when the students are not at their option classes (some with teacher aide support).

The Year 9 class is taught by Mrs Moseley and her role in educating and readying the students for their time at college is a delicate and pastoral based program. The students also concentrate on literacy and numeracy in order to build a foundation for their future in the college.



The Year 10 class, taught by Mrs Cottam, offers a continuation of the Year 9 numeracy and literacy and begins to look at personal development of comprehension, reading skills and life skills which will assist the students become more confident as they head toward being senior students within the college and hopefully role models within the department.

It must be noted that both the Year 9 and 10 Experience Unit classes were fortunate enough to have Mrs Lee George relieve while staff were away on overseas trips. Mrs George's enthusiasm to be involved saw her not only enjoy her time with us but also be rewarded by the students fantastic response and production of some great work.

The senior class, run by Mr Manson (the first male teacher within the Experience Unit for a number of years) is a very busy class and allows students the opportunity to develop their work skills, transition and living skills and also to gain NCEA credits through the completion of Supported Learning Unit Standards that cover an array of curriculum areas. Students in the senior class also participate in a Work Experience program, attend a STAR Hospitality course to obtain credits and are encouraged to be involved in the wider school community in order to make the most of their time at Spotswood College. Mr Manson replaced Miss Morris in 2008 as she took a year of leave to the South Island.

The Department would like to thank all of its staff and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period. We look forward to new challenges in 2009 and working together to again offer the students within our department the best possible opportunities to reach their potential.

Languages Department - Japanese 日本語

Reiko Smithers - TIC Japanese

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The Japanese department has had another very successful year.

This year, I have used the power point projector for my lessons, as well as introducing the Year 9 and 10 students to use the Japanese word processors as a way of learning Japanese, including Japanese literature. This speeds up their development of their language skills, especially with the electronic generation. The students really enjoy these kinds of lessons, as it is a fun way of learning.

One of the cultural events was the "Cranes for Peace" project by the Sasakawa Foundation programme during Arts Week. Seventy other schools took part in this project, which was making origami paper cranes with combining all classes from levels Year 9 ~ Year 13 as

well as Japanese students to help make and achieve 1000 paper cranes for the Memorial Peace Park in Hiroshima city. The "Midweek" journalist Yvette Batten and her photographer recorded these for the newspaper article with a very favourable outcome for Spotswood College.

On the 16th September the Japanese



university students from Nihon University in Mishima (our sister city) visited our school and had an intercultural exchange with our Year 10 students. In this exchange they assisted the students by demonstrations of calligraphy on the fans. They had a huge impact on our students with their inspiration, manners, culture and language.

Languages Department - Spanish

Michele FitzPatrick - TIC Spanish

The Spanish department has had another great year, with a very successful senior celebration of Las Fallas to finish off last year. Here's hoping this year's will be as exciting. A large class of Year 9's managed to cook tortilla de patatas without any major mishaps, and the Year 10's were so organised with their paella cooking they scarcely needed me. All classes tucked into the annual desayuno of churros y chocolate

early in the year. The Year 10 tapas y gazpacho con limonada feast will finish the year for them, and the year nines, who earlier on made some creditable Spanish casas, will end up with pinata making in readiness for Christmas.

Once again the Year 12 and Year 13 classes performed the community service of teaching Spanish to some lucky Marfell Primary students during Term three, and proved themselves to

be great teachers in the making. The Year 10 class completed a cultural research study which hopefully will net them some early credits for NCEA.

Academically the senior students could be very proud of both their results from last year's NCEA and from this year's Internal Assessments.

!Viva Espana! y ojala que el ano proximo sea tan estupendo que este ano.



Maori Department

Tapakione Skinner - HOD Maori

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui

The department has experienced a wide range of diversity this year. We have focused on aspects of attitude, respect and doing our best. The students in the junior classes concentrate on pronunciation and thematic units with Maori option classes working through language mechanics which is the foundation for NCEA in the senior school. We have endeavoured to give our students an insight of the Language and Tikanga, its interpretations and implications. The department is also adamant that all students who

take Maori are made as comfortable as possible in a sharing and caring learning climate. Most importantly though, learning is FUN!

Kia kaha koutou

The senior school programme of learning focuses on NCEA achievement which also incorporates the generic philosophies of Taha Maori. The department offers tutorials and other assistance to support and nurture students. They are a great group of kids.

This year we have participated in:

- Pae Rangatahi Manu Korero Regionals
- Manu Korero Nationals
- School based Powhiri
- Community Powhiri
- Waikato University orientation
- Year 10 Careers Day
- Marae Hui

We wish all students and their whanau a very happy and joyous New Year.

Nga tino mihi nui mo te tau hoa 2009

Food and Nutrition Department

Katy Power - HOD Food and Nutrition

It has been an industrious and challenging year in the Food & Nutrition Department and the senior classes have performed on a regional and National scale like never before. Practical and academic knowledge have been exposed to the public and the Year 13 students have been responsible for producing a fortnightly Food feature for the Taranaki Daily News. This put them on the front line and made them highly accountable for their ability to plan, organize, work as a team, manage time and resources and demonstrate their food skills and nutrition expertise. A big responsibility indeed for secondary students, but also a positive and highly rewarding one in terms of participation in a project and exposure for our Department and School.

On a daily basis, our Department continues to be a stimulating and happening place. It is a challenging mix of theory and practical food classes. Monday morning sees anything from \$400-500 worth of pre-ordered groceries arrive from the New World Supermarket which are unpacked and stored for the practical classes taught throughout the week. This happens around and behind the scenes while the theory classes are in progress. Routines and strict time management are essential to make every practical class a success as a food product must

be prepared, served and usually eaten within an hour which includes the students taking responsibility for their dishes and tidy up as well. You will be surprised by the speed at which students can operate by, if they have to. Personal safety is an essential component of each class especially when working with equipment and gas.

On the academic side, our students succeed positively in the internal and external exams and there are unit standards and achievement standard classes at most levels. Two extra classes were added at Years 11 and 12 to cater for the growing number of students selecting Food and Nutrition this year. There has been a significant increase in the number of males choosing to take this subject which we are thrilled to see as, apart from having the opportunity to prepare and consume delicious food or kai, they are also taught invaluable nutrition skills and healthy eating habits which they will take with them for the rest of their lives.

At the end of term three a group of senior students, including a number of international students, catered for the Sports Coaches Thank You Dinner. This required the students to plan every detail from selection of menu, through to budget, time management, food preparation, food storage and

service. It proved to be a challenging and highly rewarding experience and the guests were appreciative of a delicious and well served 4 course meal. Tantalising morsels such as bruschette, mushroom and bacon vol-au-vents, antipasto platters, potato & frankfurter soup, glazed ham and roast turkey were served as were the sweet treats of apricot and chocolate truffles, chocolate brownie and fresh fruit kebabs to name but a few.

A special thank you goes out to Jocelyn Gabites and Lesley Kreisler who continue to make their courses and classes as stimulating and productive as possible. A real team effort is required to successfully combine the mix of both practical and theory classes in our Department.

A tremendous thank you to Angela Mason who is our food and office technician extraordinaire. This is just one of her many roles and she has the ability to multi task, type, unpack groceries, take phone messages, photocopy, set out practical ingredients and many more tasks at a high, efficient and speedy pace, while always appearing extremely calm and unfazed.

Good health and happy eating.

Music Department



Booooooom. That's an explosion, that is. (Maybe I should have put it in italics AND bold, and colour. Doesn't look terribly explosive. Anyway...)

The Music Department has seen an explosion in the numbers of students involved in Music this year. 2008 saw around 140 students enrolled at any one time and well over 100 taking half-hour lessons on instruments. The large increase in senior students saw a real milestone in having separate classes for Year 12 and Year 13, and an overflowing Year 11 class with 29 students. Three cheers for the Music Dept...

The only issue with this many students is the incredible pressure on the instruments, equipment and space, but we have managed thanks to the co-operation and 'can-do' attitude of the students. We won a brand new electric guitar back in term two! The Year 13 class and I sat down and wrote a song about drunk driving (I've had 7 pints) and performed it and that won it for us. Yee ha. There were no other new instruments acquired this year, but restoration and repair of existing ones continues apace; various guitars, 2 saxophones, a trumpet and the amazing sousaphone. This is a fancy sort of tuba and I am not aware of any other school that has one. We've got lots of fancy large bass instruments.

A number of students (and Mr G) have bought wonderful instruments this year; some thanks to grants from Trust Funds. It is a thrill for me to see the uplifting effect of a high-class instrument on its new owner,

especially in terms of inspiration and tone. Now about me. Mr G bought a new guitar! New guitar, new guitar, new guitar, new guitar, new guitar. It is one I've wanted since I was 14 and now 16 years later I have it; a Rickenbacker 360/12v64 electric 12-string. It was worth the wait; I love it to bits. Now back to the regularly scheduled programme...

Spotswood College Music Department again hosted all the other secondary schools and the TYO for the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Orchestra day early in Term Two. This was the third year of this event and it was more popular than ever; there was a massive 120 players in the orchestra; the stage was so full that Harry Brown and I had to conduct perched atop a couple of tables so those at the back could see us! The house was full to overflowing too. In fact there were not enough seats for all the audience, so some lucky students got to see the orchestra right up close in the wings on stage!

Closer ties have been made with Waitara HS Music Department, sharing players, expertise and a good vibe. Both schools have been really moving ahead in Music for the last few years, so it seemed natural to share some equipment, concerts and students.

Rockquest was rather good this year, with four bands from Spotswood College entering: Cartoon Heroes, Sausage Assassin, Free Funk on the Freeway (FFOTF) and Mantis, and FFOTF won!

Interestingly FFOTF were the only band to have more than just good ol' guitars, bass and drums in their line-up. All our bands that entered in Rockquest have played other gigs during the year, and Nick Lambert organised a very successful gig at Okurukuru, called The Empty Cellar.

Hatrix and the Concert band have gone from strength to strength this year. Concert band had over 26 members and sounded very full and rich. Hatrix

Robert Greenfield - HOD Music

did a number of good playouts around town for the School and both groups did well in the Waikato and B.O.P. bands festival in Hamilton. There is a separate report for these bands from the Towler brothers. Hope they don't mention things like the 'drinking diesel straight from the pump' idea or the evil photos taken whilst people slept on the bus. Oh, what a giveaway.

The Music Gateway programme has moved forwards after another experimental year, but so much has been achieved, quite apart from the Unit Standards gained by the students. Every Friday has seen recordings being undertaken in M2 and the Control Room, and any school concerts needing PAs have been attended to by the Gateway crew. Also they have fixed leads, headphones, guitars etc, so not all just twiddling knobs on the mixer for gigs.

On the topic of recording and studios there has again been an amazing outpouring of songs that needed recording. In addition to the Gateway sessions, Peter Jefferies has been very busy with his 8-track recorder capturing soloists and duos. I am so glad to see such creativity here at Spotswood College; it satisfies assessment requirements and students' wellbeing to write pieces and record them. The only sour note for the songwriters is that no songs were able to be submitted for the Play It Strange competition due to an oversight, however Mr Jefferies and I are intending to arrange to release an album of works recorded here at school. Watch this space...

As this report nears its conclusion I am happy to say that the Golden Oldies concert went very well. In addition to Hatrix and the Concert Band there were a number of vocal items and soloists and as always, yummy bikkies and a cup of tea at the end. The All Bands Concert is looking good too, but the crystal ball is on the blink, so I can't tell you what occurred...

Art Department

2008 has proven to be another successful year in the Art Department.

We welcomed Ms Kate Shepherd whose specialist subject is Photography. She is enthusiastic about promoting the dark room photographic process and intends to fully utilise the school's dark room facility.

Due to the popularity of Art Design, the Art computer suite was given an upgrade and additional computers with CS2 have been installed, giving more students access to graphic design programmes and the Internet.

This year, as usual, there have been some 'out of classroom experiences'.

Art classes visited Puke Ariki for the "Taranaki Whenua" exhibition. This was of particular interest for Year 11 art classes as it formed the basis for their Level 1 Visual Art theme.

The Year 13 Sculpture class continues to enjoy success and maintain its links with WITT. Their trip to the Sydney Biennale was enjoyable and very inspirational for the Sculpture students.

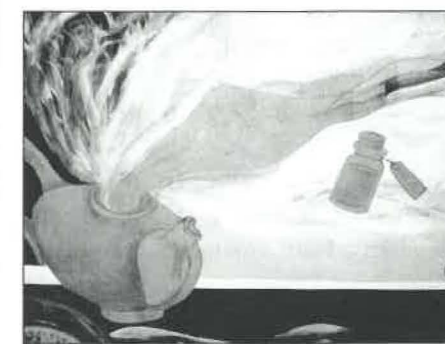


Brooke Dobson - Year 11

Freida Cooper - HOD Art



Kayleigh Tompkins - Year 11



Shannon Blount - Year 11

The whole school was invited to enjoy "The Real Art Road Show" which was a traveling exhibition of original art work by sixty well known New Zealand artists. Both staff and students enjoyed this unique opportunity to view a huge range of diverse and original work.

Arts Week this year was whole school participation. Students were encouraged to lead the activities. Within the Art area we offered student led sculpture and pinhole camera workshops. An Art group was hosted at the Govett Brewster Gallery to a workshop of Polynesian lashing, which was extended into the making of fractal kaleidoscopes.

Throughout the year we have been pleased to offer opportunities for International students to join our art classes. These students have contributed positively to the classes. They enjoyed the investigation of new subject areas.

Our end of year celebration of senior student work was once again showcased in the hall for school and public viewing.

International Language School

Gloria Holland - HOD ESOL/Dean of International Students



2008 has been another busy year with fifty four International and six Exchange Students being welcomed to Spotswood College. These students have come from Brazil, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Germany, Italy, Costa Rica, Austria, Spain, and France. Along with our resident students, who live in New Zealand with their families, but whose first language is not English. We really are a "global village" at Spotswood College.

Our resident students cover the Pacific Islands, Asia, Chile and South Africa.

The year started with a civic reception at the New Plymouth District Council with Mayor Peter Tennent welcoming all International Students to Taranaki in his usual exuberant style. It was a wonderful introduction for our students.

Other highlights this year have included the Multi Ethnic Parade, the School Ball, our Graduation Dinner for departing students, outstanding results mid-year in IELTS exams (International

English Language Testing System), International Assemblies and visits from past students, agents and parents of our students.

Most of our International Students join a sports team at Spotswood College and we have had some great successes in golf, football and hockey.

The team at the Language School is always looking for opportunities to give our International Students the "very best experience" during their time in New Zealand and we are grateful for the skills and expertise of Koulla Benton, Janet Wrightson-Lean and Lyn Carroll. This team provides not only the best ESOL programmes in New Zealand but also ongoing pastoral care and support for the students in every facet of their life in New Plymouth. Thanks also to Meribwe Timau who provides support for our Kiribati students.

Early this year we were very sad to say farewell to Brett Sloan. Brett's enthusiasm and passion for education was the driving force in the establishment of our International Programme and his skills and experience will be missed. Good luck in your new career Brett. We are fortunate that Graeme McFadyen has taken over the role of Director of International Students.

The other vital part of the International Programme is our Host Family Network. These amazing people take an unknown teenager into their families, their homes, their lives.

Our students often also gain a new extended family. When it comes time to say goodbye they leave behind kiwi grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles as well as mums, dads, brothers and

sisters. The friendships made are for life and we appreciate the efforts our families go to to make the students feel part of the family.

Spotswood College is known to be a school that welcomes and embraces new cultures. It is always rewarding to see the empathy and friendliness shown to our International Students by our school community. One of our students was involved in a serious accident this year and the support and kindness she has received from our local community has been heartwarming. I know that Francesca would like to say 'thank you to everyone for their thoughtfulness.



Farewell to our departing students - I know you will be back! Farewell and thanks to Sue Baker who has always been a great supporter of the International School. Thanks to all the teachers, support staff and kiwi students (especially our four head prefects) who have helped make Spotswood College a place our International Students will never forget.

Take care over the holidays and we look forward to a new year full of new challenges and the continuing growth of our International School.



Gateway and STAR

Beverley McLean - HOD Transition/Gateway/STAR

Thank you again to the business community and the employers for their tremendous support of the Gateway programme. Over 70 students have again participated and most have had positive outcomes. We are always encouraged by the response we receive from the community. We are grateful for their generosity as they introduce our young people to the world of work. We hope that employers are eventually able to benefit from the help these students are able to give them in return.

This year most students completed the Passport to Safety certificate. This is an international health and safety awareness programme which supports and encourages training required to eliminate needless injuries.

Many thanks to the following businesses for sponsoring the Gateway vehicle:

- Fitzroy Engineering
- Harcourts - Cindy Hosking
- Jago Print
- New Plymouth District Council
- Shell Todd Oil Services
- Tasman Toyota
- Vital Signs
- Practical Education Institute
- ASB Bank

Our grateful thanks to Mr Harry Cast for relieving for Miss Aimee Mason during her month playing cricket for the White Ferns. Aimee captained the team for two games against England.

Thanks too to Mrs Lucy Butler for relieving for the Gateway classes for two weeks in July.

The most popular industries this year

have been Engineering, Hospitality, Retail and we have had a large number of students involved in Childcare.

This year we were required to complete an Investment Plan for TEC to secure funding for the next three years. Thanks to the staff, students, parents and employers who returned the survey.

A few quotes from the students:

- "It opens up opportunities"
- "It is helping me to deal with customers"
- "It is showing me how life works and how hard work is"
- "I can get practical experience from film making which I will use in the future"
- "You learn more about yourself and how to work with the others"
- "Communicating skills, listening skills are skills I've developed through Gateway"
- "It gives us hands - on learning experiences"
- "It's a way to gain credits out of school in a learning environment"
- "Time-management skills"

From staff:

- "We see an increase in confidence"
- "It's a wonderful help with decision-making"
- "I think Gateway works wonderfully well at Spotswood College. Many students gain a direction in life from the programme.."

On the 28th May Kim and I spent a wonderful five days on the Gold Coast visiting schools with similar programmes to ours. This trip was made possible because of the scholarship awarded in 2007 in the Skills in Action Regional Competition. We mainly visited schools involved in the Doorways

to Construction programme and Gateway Schools to Industry Project - Manufacturing, Engineering.

Overall we were impressed with links and support between the local industries and schools for the benefit of both parties. There has been huge commitment from the Queensland Government to ensure the training systems equip Queensland jobs in these crucial industries. They see that creating a skill workplace is a shared responsibility between industry, employment training providers, unions and Government. We were impressed with the enthusiasm of the students as well as the huge commitment of the part of the staff to embrace programmes.

On the 21st August we held a successful Parents' Evening. Prospective Gateway students. Our thanks to Graeme Fairclough (BCITO) and Ian Major (Compete) who also attended this evening, along with Daniel Bruce who reported his Gateway experiences.

On 4th September Heidi Toplak, Kayla Kaye, Jay Judson and Ewan Brien represented Spotswood College in the first ever Taranaki Secondary Schools Gateway Workplace Safety Challenge organized by ACC, Department of Labour and Centre for Applied Engineering. The teams were judged on their work in six different modules covering different aspects of safety. They were thrilled to win the competition and brought home the trophy.



"Gateway has been an awesome opportunity this year. I really enjoy working at Brooklands Zoo, gaining hands on experience with different animals. The Ring-tailed Lemurs and Eemee the Emu are my favourites"
Alannah Lousich



"My placement at Hareb Del is great as I love cars. I service cars, change oil, air and fuel filters and engine oil. I replace shocks, brake pads and discs. I enjoy the challenge of fault finding and then repairing the problem for a customer"
Johnny Wadeson



"I have a range of jobs in the Photo Centre. I design displays and serve customers. It is a great environment to work in and I am learning so many customer service skills in the Photo Centre"
Nicolette Ewans



"This year I am continuing my Gateway placement at Mainline. I have recently been fitting a new head to a Mitsubishi Galant. This includes converting torque figures for tightening the head bolts using a specification booklet and diagrams"
Ryan McMahon



"I work at Steelfab from 7am to 5pm. Although it is a long day I enjoy learning new skills such as welding, how the machines work and watching experienced fabricators. I have helped install a 3 metre high aluminium moving sculpture"
Evan Brien



"I help out in many of the classes. I really enjoy working with children. At lunchtimes I play softball, rugby and basketball with the boys. I have coached the league team and also helped with Kapa Haka"
Nigel Te Huia



"I am learning a lot about domestic and industrial electrical work at Electric=L. I help to fix electrical equipment and install new equipment. I have worked at new and old homes in Taranaki. My units are through ETITO"
Ben Bush



"I'm really enjoying my Gateway placement in the new entrants' classroom. I help the children with writing and maths. There is a blind student and I help her with outside activities. I am working on units from PORSE"
Heidi Topless



"I enjoy my Gateway placement at Paul Muller Aircraft Ltd because it has helped me decide my future career. I helped reassemble a Cessna A-152 airframe and engine and also removed panels on a P68B twin engine aircraft"
Kanimea Baiteke



"Next year I am keen to do a vet nursing course. To help me achieve this my placement is at NP Vet Group. I have witnessed the birth of 10 puppies and a newborn kitten having its eye removed. I am so lucky to have this opportunity"
Holly Harre



"Every Wednesday at West End Primary School I help Miss Sole teach the children. I love interacting with the 6 and 7 year olds. My goal is to achieve a Bachelor of Teaching degree and teach in a primary school"
Olivia King



"I am learning a lot about the cycle industry at Mitchell Cycles. The staff are very friendly and helpful. I am working on retail units on bike maintenance, stock taking, pricing and customer service"
Jourdan Lethbridge



In 2008 STAR has supported many students in their exploration of career pathways helping them to make informed decisions about their schooling and future work and study.

A few of our STARS:



The Interior Design course was a great experience and an awesome opportunity. We learnt a lot on how to make design and colour work together in a chosen environment. We visited Harvey Norman where we looked at different furniture styles, designs and fabrics. One of the highlights was visiting Boon Goldsmith Bhaskar Architects where we were shown a lot of the designs for the new buildings around New Plymouth. It was fascinating to see how the ideas and work had come together. We appreciated the funding from STAR to provide us with this opportunity.

Holly Harre



During the last week of Term Two 80 senior students attended First Aid sessions with Jamie Coull from St Johns as the tutor. We learnt various methods about how to deal with common injuries and how to recognize if an ambulance is needed. We learnt how to apply bandages and slings effectively, CPR for

all ages, how to deal with burns, cuts and abrasions. We worked in groups on mannequins of different ages - babies, children and adults, which was a lot of fun. We were often placed outside our comfort zones working with groups of students at different levels, demonstrating our new skills in front of a class. The many skills we have learnt will help us in the future.

We would like to thank Jamie, our tutor, for his excellent facilitation of the programme and for sharing his knowledge and expertise with us.

Nicole McGregor & Danielle Roche

On Tuesday afternoons we attend a course at WITT on Beauty Therapy. It's an amazing course and we are learning lots of new skills about skin and nail products. So far we have learned how to do a facial, how to shape eyebrows and how to do manicures.

Brooke - This course is a great opportunity to learn new skills about Beauty Therapy.

Christie - I am enjoying going to WITT.

Nicole - I think it's totally amazing, I really enjoyed learning how to pluck my eyebrows properly.

We would just like to say thanks to STAR for giving us this opportunity.

Brooke Harre, Christie McMillan & Nicole Hibell

Feedback from WITT Beauty Therapy Tutor - I would just like to say that this is the nicest group of STAR students that I have ever had. Well done to them all, they are really great girls and their participation to date has been wonderful.

In the holidays we attended the Introduction to the Fashion Industry Course at WITT, which was held over 2 days. We learnt how to make a page for a folio which included drawings and designs, about freelance designing, specialty clothing, retailing, merchandising as well as costume hire. We enjoyed using different media to make different textures for fashion illustrations. It was great to be involved

with a group of motivated students from many different schools in Taranaki. We hope to work in this industry in the future. Thanks to STAR for funding this course.

Michelle & Sarah Brungar



On Thursdays I go to Taranaki FEATS for a hospitality course. I really enjoy it, we make something delicious every week. We are learning lots and have just finished working on our food handling certificate.

I would like to thank Mrs French-Wright, Mrs Baptiste, Suzy and Kathy, our tutor, for working with us.

Nicole Millynn



We have had the privilege of learning about Tots and Toddlers. In this unit we had mums and their babies come into the class. We have learnt about bath, play, bed time and food. The bath time has been the funniest so far. In bath time we learnt how warm the bath water had to be by putting our elbow in the water. When washing the baby we had to use special soap so it isn't so harsh on their skins.

It has been a pleasure working with the babies and their mothers, we have learnt so much on how to care for a baby. On behalf of the Transition class we would like to thank the mums and Miss Page for taking time to come and teach us about caring for children.

Shaela Cooper & Shannon Collins

Mooting

This year for the first time Spotswood College entered a team in the prestigious Waikato University School of Law Secondary Schools' Mooting Competition.

A moot is a sort of 'mock trial.' It involves a team of three senior students who prepare a prescribed case and then argue the points of law before a judge or a law professor. This Mooting competition provides students with a valuable introduction to the law, the opportunity to gain insight into some of the skills required for the study of law, and for employment in law-related areas.

Participants have the opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience in:

- the process of litigation (taking a case to court)
- court etiquette and procedures followed in court
- the process of legal reasoning
- the source of law in New Zealand
- the principals of legal research
- the development and presentation of a legal argument
- general public speaking and presentation skills

Library Report

It has been a very busy year in our library with many classes taking advantage of the dual booking system that we use. This means that our library can accommodate larger classes downstairs and smaller (usually senior) classes up on the mezzanine level within the same period, with a total of 26 computers available to assist students with their research and learning needs.

I would like to acknowledge the help that my voluntary student librarians have provided to our school library this year. A special thank you to our Year 13 departing student librarian Malany Turner who has put in several years service at the school

All registered teams must participate in a preliminary round, held in May, with each team competing against one other team. From the preliminary round eight teams go forward to the semi-finals held at the Hamilton District Court and from there the top two teams overall participate in a grand final held at the High Court in Hamilton.

The winning team is awarded a trophy and a \$3000 scholarship each to assist with costs of their first year of study at the Waikato School of Law (should they elect to attend). Winning team and runner-up team members each receive a book voucher and all those involved receive a certificate of participation, and there is a Best Individual Mooter Award of \$500.

Three Year 13 students took up the challenge for our first year of participation, Dominic FitzPatrick, Nicole Richards and Metua Sadler. Their presentation was meticulously prepared and delivered with confidence. The Spotswood team was most fortunate to have lawyer Cherie Clarke, of Auld



Dominic FitzPatrick, Nicole Richards and Metua Sadler

Brewer Mazengarb and McEwan, offer her time to mentor the students. Her expertise was greatly appreciated.

Miss Debrecey and Mr Johnson also gave their time to help the team make progress. Dominic, Nicole and Metua worked tirelessly even though there were time constraints and other school commitments. It was hard work but all three said they really enjoyed the experience. They are to be congratulated as our first mooters and they were a credit to Spotswood College.

Senior students early next year should think about participating and being part of the Spotswood College Mooting Team for 2009!

Lisa Floyd - Library Manager



library and has been a superb role model for all students that use the library. Good luck with your future studies Malany.

We are fortunate that in our library there is great display space on the walls. A fact I have taken advantage of by displaying various students work throughout the year. The positive feedback from students and staff has been very encouraging and the sense of pride that the students gain when seeing their work on the walls is very empowering for them and their peers.

This year we have purchased a new World Book Encyclopedia set which has been a very valuable addition in both assisting with students with their research needs and also as a tool for teaching research strategies such as skimming and scanning for information.

It has also been satisfying over the course of the year to see the amount of students coming in and issuing books for recreational reading as much enjoyment can be found in a great story.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this past year and am looking forward to another busy and successful year in 2009.

Paula Zoro

Literary Challenge

In early May the annual Taranaki Literary Challenge was held in Hawera, South Taranaki's capital! 16 teams from most Taranaki high schools competed ... and Spotswood won! For the competition each team of four students read and studied carefully 10 chosen books - non-fiction and young adult fiction were the genres - and had to answer intricate questions on theme, characterisation, setting and plot. The team started reading early in Term One with each team member specialising in three to four books, with one girl reading seven, and meeting regularly to discuss the books and quiz one another. The non-fiction books covered spiders, fish, birds, the weather and the late Sir Edmund Hillary. These books were very informative. The fiction books were 'Salt', 'The Sea-wreck Stranger', 'Tomorrow All Will Be Beautiful', 'The Transformation of Minna Hargreaves' and 'Zillah'. These books had a target

audience of teenagers. Round One of the Literary Challenge involved 50 questions. All teams were animatedly whispering to each other in an effort to answer the difficult questions within the allotted time. Girls High, Sacred Heart (the 2007 & 2006 winners) and us, Spotswood, were announced as making it into the finals. Round Two - very closely monitored by judges to prevent communication between team members and their supporters in the audience - involved another 50 questions, even more intricate in nature. At the conclusion of this final round, the wait for the winning team to be announced was almost unbearable. Finally Spotswood College, the first co-ed (and proud!) team to ever win the competition, were announced the

winners! The look of achievement on the team members faces said it all. Each team member earned a \$50 Paper Plus voucher and a medal for themselves plus a trophy and 10 books for our Library. Most impressively, the team represented Spotswood College in a very positive light in yet another field.



Tegan Coventry, Jayden Concenciao, Simon Cannell, Miss Scott
Absent: Jessica Old, Katherine Whaley

Junior Speech Competition

What a wonderful evening!

The English Department was very pleased with the high standard exhibited by the Year 9 and Year 10 finalists in the Junior Speech Competition which was held on October 22nd in the school staffroom. By holding this event in the evening, many family members and friends of the finalists could attend to give their support and enjoy the occasion.

The judges, our own Miss Debrecey, Mr Pryme from Westmount School and Mr Walthew from Toastmasters International, were very impressed with the standard of all speeches. All participants can be proud of their effort and achievements.

The winners of the speech finals were:

Year 10



1st Sarah Bieleski



2nd Sally Hickey



3rd John Riley



Year 9



1st Anna Hinton



2nd Jackson Dally



3rd Tai Juneau



Paula Zoro

Kai With Sole

The Food and Nutrition Department received an interesting phone call back in May from the Features Editor, Deborah Sloan, at the Taranaki Daily News, asking us if we would be interested in producing a fortnightly feature about healthy eating and tasty food made by students at our school. We jumped excitedly at the prospect and after a healthy discussion weighing the pros and cons of the proposal, we literally took the "bull by the horns" and accepted the challenge. One of our Year 13 students, Nathan Sole, accepted the responsibility of being the "frontman" for the fortnightly story and he stars in the practical food photo shoot where an action photography shot is taken preparing a food dish. This is accompanied by 2-3 recipes which have been trialed and tested by the expertise of the class members.

We have had a tremendous amount of enjoyment and entertainment from this project, even though it has required a serious amount of commitment and input on a fortnightly basis. The students have excelled in terms of teamwork, time management and dedication. Everybody has had an important part to play from brainstorming and conception of ideas through to research, testing, preparation and presentation of the foods to be photographed.



Below is an outline of one of our features which states the goals of our "Kai with Sole" food feature. It was published in the Daily News back on 2 September 2008:

The primary objective of the "Kai with Sole" team in the Year 13 Food and Nutrition class at Spotswood College is to promote and encourage people from all walks of life to purchase, prepare and make food that is healthy, tasty, quick and easy to cook. We staunchly believe that homemade food is the better option, in most cases, over many of the processed and pre-packaged foods available to the consumer. We aim to inspire and give confidence to people to attempt to do more food preparation in their home kitchen and around their busy lifestyles.

We choose recipes that are nutritious and meet the New Zealand Food and Nutrition Guidelines with a particular emphasis on low saturated fat, low salt and sugar. These ingredients contribute significantly in the short and long term to our Nation's leading health diseases, namely heart attacks, high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol and tooth decay.

We also aim to increase the amount of fruit and vegetables and complex carbohydrates in the diet as these contribute to a wide range of health benefits.

Katy Power and Year 13 Food and Nutrition

Teenagers who have healthy eating and lifestyle habits have a higher chance of success at school. Their ability to concentrate, focus, persevere and learn in class, along with personal socialization skills will be enhanced. In short, they will have more sustained energy to learn and be positive in class and the school environment.

Our Year 13 Food and Nutrition class is passionate about providing nutritious and delicious recipes to cook and this week we are cooking green quiche and butterscotch pudding. One is self crusting and the other self saucing.

The quiche uses silverbeet or spinach and leeks which seem to be the best value vegetables for both quality and money at the moment. We used approximately 1 cup of both silverbeet and 1 cup of leeks in our quiche. The bacon can be left out if you want a meat-free quiche. A hot temperature makes the quiche produce a fairly firm outer layer as it cooks. Serve it as a dinner or lunch food with baked, boiled or scalloped potatoes or oven potato wedges and a salad.

The self saucing butterscotch pudding has had the amount of butter and sugar reduced but still tastes delicious. It has been adapted from the Healthy Food Guide Magazine – September 2008 issue.

Have a healthy eating week from Nathan and the team.



Fuelled 4 School Challenge

Our school was selected to be involved in a healthy eating campaign along with 49 other New Zealand Intermediate and Secondary schools. We submitted a detailed application outlining the reasons why we thought healthy eating was important for students at Spotswood College and were the only school chosen in Taranaki to be part of the challenge.

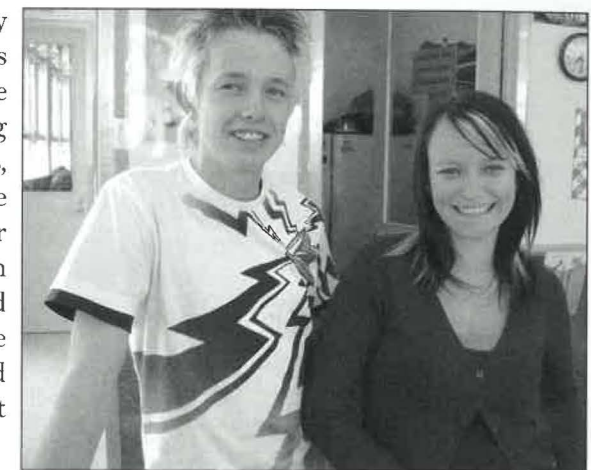
Below is an outline of the Fuelled 4 School Challenge that appeared in the Taranaki Daily News, "Kai with Sole" Food and Drink feature on 22 July 2008:

The canteen at Spotswood College has the very important and crucial role of providing food suitable to satisfy the taste palates and energy levels of many hungry and sometimes starving teenagers.

The food sold must be tasty, instant, quick to eat and above all, cheap to buy. Whether it's healthy or not is a debatable issue according to our students and a growing number of them do recognize the need for good, healthy choices, but the main factors that influence their purchase are taste and cost.



Adam Collins, Kirstin Farley and Katy Power



Adam Collins and Kirstin Farley - Team Leaders

Junior students may have only a few dollars to spend whereas senior students tend to have more disposable money, along with much bigger appetites, especially the boys. These are just some of the issues that our Year 13 Food and Nutrition class at Spotswood College faced when tackled with the challenge of providing new, healthy and appetizing food items to sell at the canteen this year.

Why? – because we were chosen to be part of a National Fuelled 4 School project that aims to promote and encourage the choice of healthy foods and eating by teenagers at school. Quite simply, the selection of foods available in the canteen determine lunchtime eating habits for many students which can lead on to become lifetime habits. In summary, the more nutritious the foods are now, then the healthier their lifestyle eating habits may become.

Our Fuelled 4 School challenge is headed by team leaders Adam Collins and Kirstin Farley who earlier in the year attended a conference day in Wellington with 49 other students to discuss and gain knowledge on how to

successfully carry out the challenge. They returned full of enthusiasm, confidence and exciting ideas and together with the rest of the class have planned and supervised the production of 3 new food items which are sold on a weekly basis in the school canteen. On a Monday it's Pizza Swirls, Wednesday it's Chicken and Salad Wraps and on Friday it's Berry Banana Smoothies.

The foods were chosen after consultation with our canteen manager and Food and Nutrition teacher and a student survey that showed students were keen to buy healthy foods as long as they were tasty and cheap.

The survey also showed that students wanted to eat more freshly produced foods made on site (home made) as opposed to being processed, packaged and made off site.

So, with a lot of commitment and industrious energy, a dedicated team of students produce the pizza swirls and chicken and salad wraps weekly in between their regular classes. They have become highly efficient in production and always practice meticulous hygiene and safe food standards. Sales have been very successful and on most days both products are sold out.

We hope that the canteen will take over the role of producing and selling these healthy and tasty food items once our project time finishes at the end of Term Three.

Maths Successes

Westpac Australian Maths Comp

The Westpac Australian Mathematics Competition celebrated its 30th birthday this year and was as always a popular academic competition for Spotswood College students. We had 67 students participating alongside over 19000 other New Zealand secondary pupils. The contest requires students to answer 25 multiple choice questions and 5 questions where the answer had to be calculated.

Certificates are awarded to candidates for various levels of Achievement.

In 2008, High Distinction Certificates (Top 5 %) were awarded to Callum Johns and Martin Van Paassen. Distinction Awards were made to Aidan Clark, Fiona Skene, Regan Clarke, Byron Lynds, Nao Nishida, Jake Andrews, Robert Skene, Tiffany Gaastra, Mallory Hill and Samantha Hill. Well done to all!

Bill Hastings Visit

On the 20th of June this year Bill Hastings the chief censor of New Zealand made a visit to Spotswood and spent a couple of hours with senior students to explain his position and the role of censorship in New Zealand.

For the first hour Mr Hastings gave an address to Year 12 and 13 students focusing on why there is a need for censorship in our society and what media are covered by his office (The Office of Film and Literature Classification) - most recorded visual, oral or audio expressions, in fact. Even a letter to your Grandmother could be submitted for censorship!

The next hour was a more informal workshop with Year 13's where Bill went into more specific detail on how media is rated, what is deemed

Taranaki Mathematics Spectacular

The Year 9 and Year 10 Problem-Solving Champions are... Spotswood College!

Two trophies are awarded each year at the Maths Spectacular and this year, BOTH were awarded to teams from Spotswood.

High hopes had been held that the defending Year 9 Champions from 2007 might step up to the challenge this year whilst it was all new for the Year 9 team.

During the competitions, the team scores are displayed on a big screen, which is switched off in the last frantic 5 minutes. Spotswood College's Year 9 'A' team was trailing in 5th position at this point so it was awesome to find that they had won convincingly when the placegetters were announced. Winning team members were Fiona Skene, Callum Johns, Aidan Clarke and Patrick Coombe.

Paul Turner - HOD Mathematics

In Year 10, we had reports of some schools completing extra-curricular study for the months leading up to the competition so whilst hopeful, (our modest training consisted of some in-class question practice the week before competition); the Spotswood team relied on 'collective brain power' and were once again triumphant. Amin Osama capped the night by winning the Year 10 Statistics Project Prize so all in all a great night for the boys. Winning team members were Regan Clarke, Josh Kenny, Tyrone Hart and Amin Osama.

Supporting participants on the night were Kale Te Waaka, Courtney Klenner, Brittany Clarke, Hannah Andrews, Brent Scheultze and Patricia Reyes with Karlene McArthur taking a prize also for her 3-D Art work.



David Summerfield

objectionable and why some things are banned entirely.

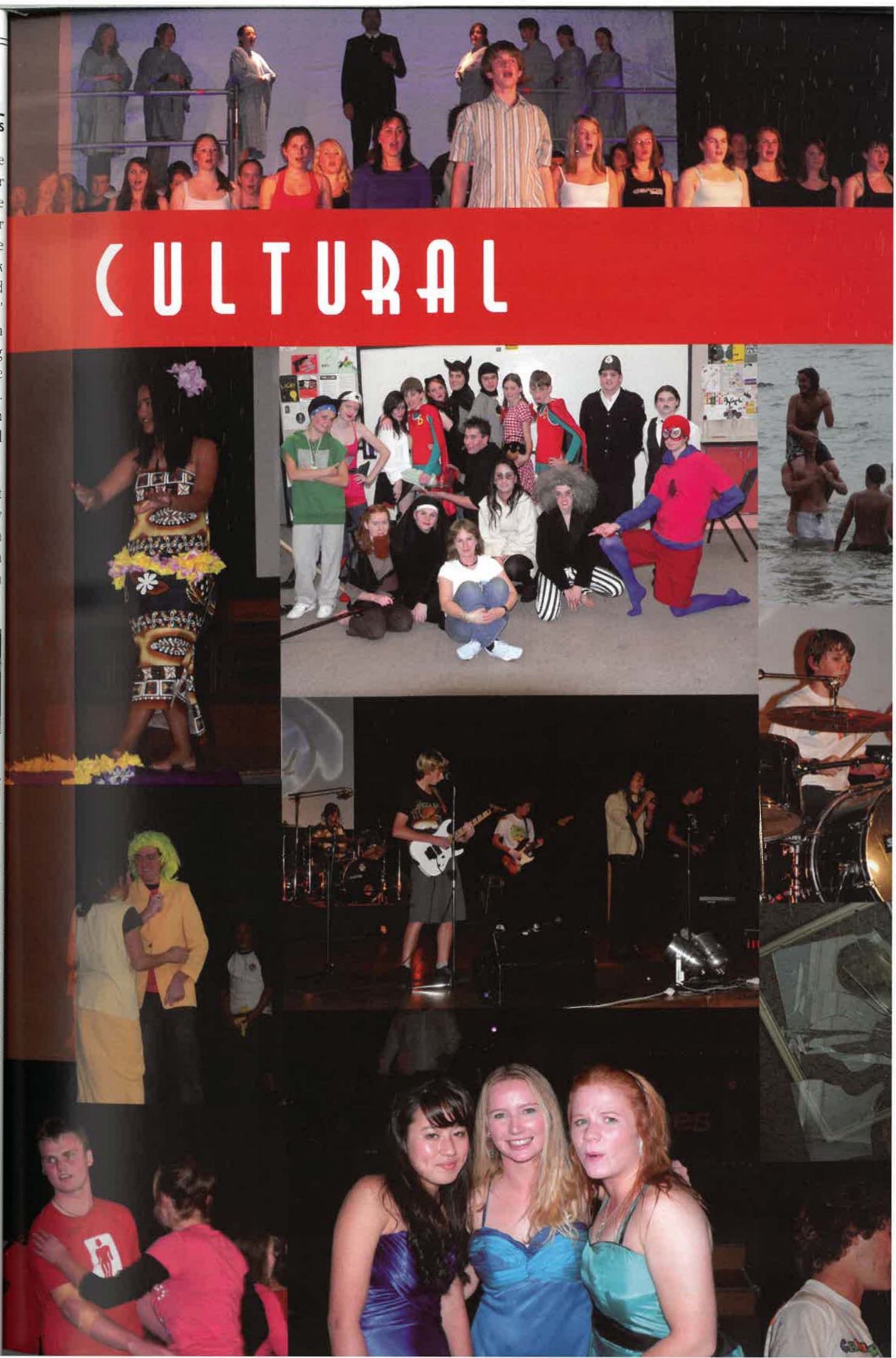
The idea of a job where you are allowed to view material too objectionable for general consumption struck a chord with some, and one of the first questions in the Q and A was what qualifications are required to become a censor. "I'm way too over-qualified for this job," laughed Bill. "I have so many qualifications, its crazy," said Bill who, as it turns out, was associate Dean of law at Victoria University for several years before becoming a censor. "We don't have people straight from high school."

The rest of the questions focused on why some video games were rated higher than others when they contain the same amount of violence - the answer, according to Bill, is because

of more realistic graphics or less reasonable causes for said violence. A question that caused some contention was whether people today have become largely desensitised to the material censored from us; with Bill responding with several examples of things society would never find acceptable. After much goading from students Bill closed with a series of gory death-clips from the banned game Manhunt. Many students agreed with Bill that a pickaxe impaling someone in the head does seem a good reason for a ban; many did not.

All in all, Bill Hasting's visit generated thought and gave students a valuable insight into how the government protects its citizens from dangerous objectionable material not fit for good law abiding people of the state.

This article has been censored and rated G for general consumption.



Spirit of Adventure



Lots of zinc, "Nickoolio is the man!", snorers, mean feeds & an awesome bunch of peeps = The Best Spirit Of Adventure Voyage in the History of Mankind!.....yeah for sure! Pretty much one of the best things that I

have done & I would recommend it to anyone that gets the chance to do it!

I met a guy from Iran who was taking all year 13 subjects & Scholarship at year 12, a guy from Waiheke Island called Zeebo (whose parents were Hippies) & a whole bunch of cool as people that I still keep in contact with today.

Learning how to flip the life raft back over in the middle of the open sea, doing "mean as bombs & dives" off the back of the boat, climbing the mast,

Spotty Idol

I know I say it every year so forgive me for being repetitive but DOES SPOTTY HAVE TALENT OR WHAT??? Every year since its inception (2004 was our first Idol) I have been amazed by the calibre of performances on stage and every year I say to Mr Webster "That was the best Spotty Idol ever", we high five one another and begin to plan the next one! What a night! Once again, we filled the hall with friends, family, staff and the local community who generously give up their time to support this event. The show was opened this year by a mystery gorilla (somewhat similar to the Cadbury Dairy Milk gorilla on TV) who opened the evening with a spectacular drum session to the tune of 'I can feel it coming in the air tonight "...who was that furry, masked primate I wonder? Who could have DUNNET? The crowd went BANANAS! Mr Hill did a splendid job as our new MC and welcomed our good ol' judges back for another most challenging task of choosing an Idol for 2008. Thanks again to Mr B-B, Mr Lose and Mrs Fitz who always do such a fantastic job and are so supportive of you all! And what a difficult job they had... the variety and quality this year was absolutely amazing. We saw everything from Monty Python sketches, "Hairspray" dancers, 'Flight of the Conchords',

rock bands and soloists who all performed to the highest level. I don't know about you but I feel like a nervous and slightly uptight stage mother when all the performers walk on the stage and then a tearful and hugely proud Mamma when their acts are over. We are all terribly proud of every person who performs or assists in Spotty Idol in any way.

The backstage crew must be mentioned for their incredible effort and energy given, especially the amazing and unmatched talent of our lighting guru Mitchell Watts (he will be hugely missed next year!), Ben Haley and Robert Erkes on sound and Martijn Boeren and Kristian Peters backstage. What talent! A thank you to Mrs Joines who assisted onstage and off and to Mr Greenfield who is always just such a trouper at these events and has lifted the profile of our musical talent at this school. A thank you to our sponsors who gave so generously to the show (including BTW, The Devon Hotel, Centre City, Noel Leeming, Warehouse Stationery, the PTA and of course TSH for their incredible generosity and expertise).

A special mention must go to Mr Webster, my partner in crime. This is Mr Webster's last 'Idol' at Spotswood College as he moves on to train in another field. Mr Webster is the brains of the show (I am the heavy with the

Nick Murphy leading a mass of blind people around & through obstacles at night (me as the leader with pretty bad eyesight = a good leader!) were just a few of the things that I took part in during the four day voyage.

Cheers to the BOT for paying for me to go on this amazing experience & I totally recommend that the next BOT rep gets a chance to go on a voyage next year!

ZEEBO IS MY IDOL!

Marni Stevenson - Co-producer

clipboard and microphone who says things like 'MOVE IT PEOPLE' or 'AND THAT'S A WRAP') and without his vision, expertise and incredible talent there would never have been this opportunity for our students to be part of something of this magnitude. On behalf of the school community, I would like to acknowledge Mr Webster's huge contribution and wish him all the very best in his future pursuits.

Finally to our winner Lavinia Winter. What an extraordinary talent. There was not a heart unstirred. Not a dry eye, when Lavinia sang 'Let it be'. Congratulations from us all for such an incredible performance Lavinia. A close second were 'Danny and Declan' who performed a Flight of the Conchords' song and Tiipsy Tau who came third with an extraordinary solo performance.

Each year we get better and better. Each year the variety and talent grows. I can hardly imagine what you will all come up with for next year but one thing must be said, I cannot think of another event that is so inclusive, that appeals to so many and empowers so many students to venture from their comfort zone and give performing a shot. Happy holidays and Merry Christmas to you all and thank you all for your continued support of our show. LONG LIVE SPOTTY IDOL!



Beyond The Camera

In the term three holidays we were fortunate enough to attend the film and television course "Beyond The Camera" in Christchurch. During our time at BTC we got the opportunity to work with a lot of different people and experienced tutors, and develop our skills working with professional equipment.

Due to foggy weather our flight was cancelled and we arrived a day late, but got to experience a presenting workshop and see inside a television studio that afternoon. The next day we were involved in a more focused presenting workshop, and during lunch we met a cool group of students and decided to make a movie with them. We brainstormed

our ideas and the next day filmed our whole movie. We spent the following day editing it, and it was chosen to appear in the final show on Saturday.

The final show was amazing! It was live, just like a real television show. We had an audience of parents and families, and presenters in front of them introduced the show, told them more about the course, and bantered with another group of presenters in the upstairs studio through a TV screen. Camera operators, a floor manager, and props people rushed around while VT's (video tapes) were played, setting up for the next piece of the show. There was a countdown, cues and we were going live again. The show also had live performances and roving reporters,

Sophie Sassman and Rosie Alldridge

it ended up being around two hours long and a DVD was recorded so the students could all have a copy.

Others experiences we were involved with were guest speakers from TVNZ and the Broadcasting School CPIT, meeting Hammond Peek (winner of two Oscars for his sound work on The LOTR and King Kong), a tour of the broadcasting school and What Now studio, watching a rehearsal of What Now in the park, and working with Rosenwal and Ketina Ferreira from Brazil, who are experienced in media.

BTC was a full-on, fast paced course and we thoroughly enjoyed it. We'd like to thank STAR and Gateway for funding us and making it possible.

Footloose

One of the greatest times of my high school years...

Every second year, Spotswood singers, dancers and people who just want to have a bit of fun, audition, learn the dance moves, learn the lyrics, learn the script and handle school work at the same time for up to six months!

Although it was a lot of work and after dance routines were practiced over and over again! (thanks Raelene!!!), the end result is the best feeling of accomplishment ever.

The first rehearsal, was straight forward. We hardly got to see the faces of everyone else because after being introduced to the music coordinator and the choreographer, we were given our thick scripts and immediately started to learn the opening scene's dance and song: Footloose.

The last performance, was finally here, by now lines, songs, dance moves and nerves had been conquered and were burned onto the back of our heads. After Sunday rehearsals every week for something like six months, it was

coming to an end, in two-to-three hours time, it was over...no more singing and dancing with a cast of sixty-ish other singers and dancers right next to you on the stage. So before we went onto the stage, we had our traditional Footloose group prayer to remind ourselves of all the hard work and all that we had accomplished in six months.

Silence, sadness, relief and a few nerves were a lot of the feelings felt by the cast but once on the stage, everything went well and we found ourselves saying "it's finally over" and "how do we get to the after party?"

Six months to rehearse a two-to-three hour musical doesn't happen without a list of people who put in their hard work, effort and time into teaching dance moves, teaching group and individual singing (thanks Jan!), building stage scenes, lighting and sound.

Don't think that musicals are for losers or nerds either! Four 1st XV rugby players, head boy, deputy head boy, deputy head girl, five prefects, half of the Year 13 drama class, Mrs Joines and Hildog are just a few different mixes of people who made up the cast.

Steve O'Donnell

If you get the opportunity to be a part of a musical or a play or something you think you might enjoy and have some fun in it, just do it because you will regret it if you don't. The amount of good times, jokes, pictures, microphones left on at the wrong time (Jess and Ellee), skating in the car park, practicing dances in the car park, laughs, tag around the hall with Raelen's kids and playing leapfrog with roller blades on makes it worthwhile.

So THANK YOU on behalf of the cast and myself.

Raelen and Jan - you're the bestest!



Drama Camp

Senior students from the Drama Department enjoyed a cultural week in Wellington in March this year. The camp coincided with the International Arts Festival and consequently we were able to see some fantastic events during the week. The highlight was the physical theatre piece "Traces" which had the audience strung out on a tension trip we hadn't experienced before! Performers attempted reality defying acrobatic moves which were made all the more gripping with the effective use of atmospheric sound, music and light.

"This is Our Youth" by Kenneth Lonergan, seen at the Circa Theatre was a gritty piece of social realism and we enjoyed watching Alan Henry perform as the victimised Warren in this play. Several of the students from our department are pretty much on first name terms with Alan- he has been their stage combat tutor in Wellington at the Shakespeare finals for two years running! Director Rachel More spoke to us about the process of putting on a play like this which demands high levels of drama skills especially in terms of

developing relationships, using space and vocal skills. The play is set in New York so placed demands on the actors to sustain credible accents - which they did!

"Bouncers" - a multi role playing piece was not so warmly received by us. The play was staged at BATS theatre and was not so effectively directed, several scenes were depicted which left little to audience imagination and vocal skills were not sustained for the duration of the performance. Seeing this variety of performances, however, has given us plenty to discuss and analyse for external exams.

We stayed in the beautiful grounds of Silverstream in Lower Hutt and ate our way cheerfully through great meals provided by the staff at Silverstream. Late night debates on the theory of the universe, visits to Toi Whakaari and some guitar strumming, practical workshops and a little bit of shopping made up a really enjoyable week - big thanks to all the students who behaved impeccably and were such great company- and a big thanks to the staff who helped out - Mr Hill, Mr Webster and Miss Weir.

"Confusions"

From the 18th - 20th of June, Ms Stoaate's Year 13 Drama class performed Confusions, a British comedy by Alan Ayckbourn. The play consists of four short one-act plays, linked by characters or settings.

In Mother Figure, Lucy spends so much time at home with the kids, that she starts treating everyone like children, even her misbehaving next door neighbours. Her errant salesman husband, Harry, is miles away on a "business trip", and has other things on his mind - namely, winning the charms of Paula and Bernice in Drinking Companions.

Their waiter also has other concerns - the rapidly deteriorating relationships of diners Polly and Martin, and Mr and Mrs Pearce, in Between Mouthfuls. Mrs Pearce is then invited to open Gosforth's Fete - but the event turns out to be a huge disaster.

Confusions was in fact another success for Spotswood College's Drama Department. A big thank you to Ms Stoaate for everything! Also thanks to Mr Webster and Mitchell Watts for lighting and technical assistance. Their help as always was greatly appreciated.

Gaenor Stoaate



Rosie Alldridge



Sheilah Winn Shakespeare

Simon Cannell

Another year of Sheilah Winn Competitions and another year of success for Spotswood College.

Each year, Spotswood College organizes teams of students, either directed by a teacher or a student, to perform an extract from a Shakespeare play which is then entered into the Regional Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition. This year we had five teams, three teacher directed and two student directed pieces which entered the competition in May, held once again in the Spotswood College Hall.

Over the course of the night we saw everything from a traditionally set Macbeth to a 60's set King Lear. Ms Stoaate directed A Midsummer Night's Dream; 3 hours worth of theatre squashed into a comic, Super Hero themed, 15 minutes of theatre which obviously tickled the judges' funny bones as they selected us to head off to the National competitions in Wellington.

So in June we headed down to compete against the best schools from around the nation in the annual University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. While there we took part in workshops about Stage Combat, Dance, Stage Deaths and many more, saw seminars about the different University courses available to us for Performing Arts and watched short films made by other students in the University courses (Obey the Cockerell!) We performed our Midsummer Night's Dream in our Batman and Robin costumes, Spiderman costumes and Catwoman costumes to the laughs of many entertained audience members and had a great time doing it. We would like to say a massive thanks to Ms Stoaate, Mrs FitzPatrick and Mr Webster for coming down with us and looking after us all.

This was definitely one of my highlights for the year and I will without a doubt be entering it again next year. An awesome experience!



Sheilah Winn Shakespeare

Back Row: Matthew Taylor, Mr Jared Hill

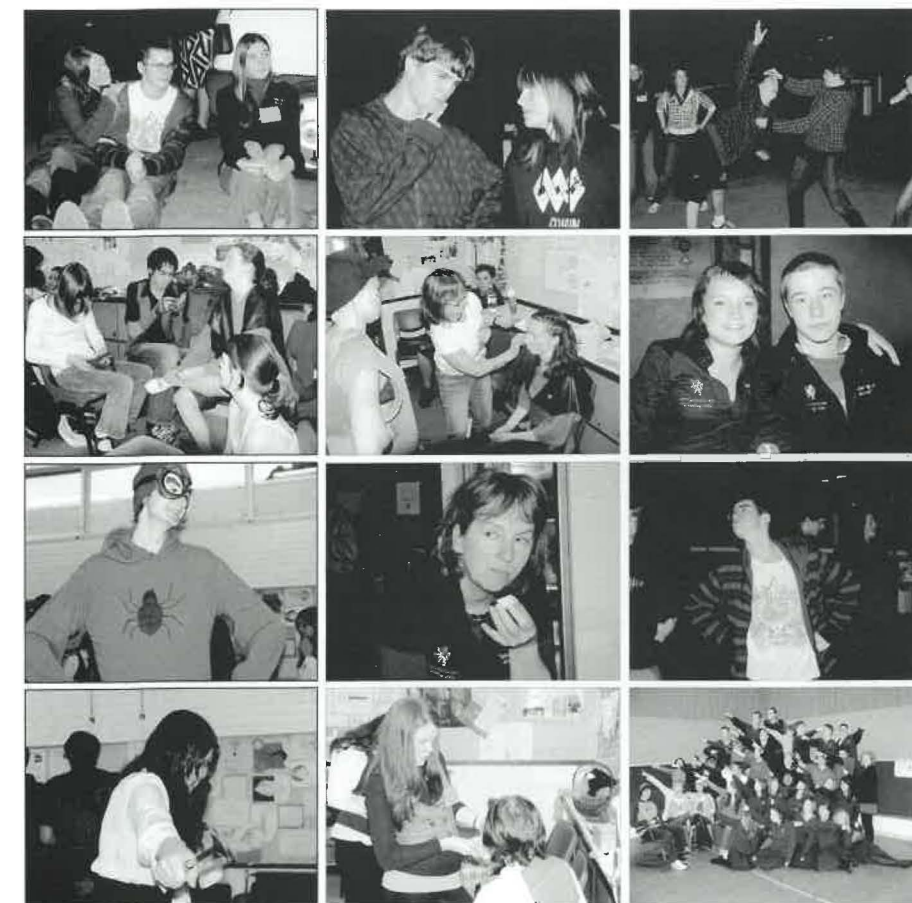
4th Row: Liam Aitken, Jessica Christini, Danny Maloney, Tiffany Gastra, Declan Doherty-Ramsay, Simon Cannell, Anthony van der Hulst, Simon Coles

3rd Row: Ms Gaenor Stoaate, Mallory Hill, Samantha Hill, Elise Wolfgram, Tod Rookes, Dominic FitzPatrick, Shaun Piercy, Tyrone Hart

2nd Row: Alex Barlow, Sophie Sassman, Rosie Alldridge, Julia Collins, Sarah Hollingsworth, Pippa Maessen, Holly McLeod, Georgia Pui, Mrs Michele FitzPatrick

Front Row: David Summerfield, Courtney Klenner, Jessica Old, Emma Burge, Jessica Richardson-Land, Sally Hickey

Absent: Jessica Nepia, Louise King, Matthew Ridgewell-Lang, Mitchell Watts, Mr Nick Webster



48 Hours Furious Film Making

48 Hours of Furious Film Making is a national Film Making competition in which you have to produce a film in 48 Hours. In the film you had to include a brush, the character, Kerry Post the perfectionist and the quote "wait a minute".

This year Steve O'Donnell, Rosie Alldridge and I were given the opportunity to work along side a group of teachers who wished to participate in this competition. It was an awesome experience because we had never really had the opportunity to work on screen and with cameras before. It showed us the difference between working in theatre and on screen.

We all had our own roles to make the film possible. On the Friday night at 7 o'clock we found out what our genre was, the genre for our film was drama. After a few hours of brainstorming ideas for our film we all headed home for a good nights sleep for the next day of filming, while our writer Jared Hill stayed up to finish our script. The next day the script was completed and the actors, Michele FitzPatrick, Steve O'Donnell, Rosie Alldridge and I had

a few hours to learn our script and for Mitchell Watts to set up the lighting and prepare for filming at 12 o'clock. The director of our film was Gaenor Stoate. She gave us precise direction of how each character should act and how it was going to look good. Kate Shepherd and Nick Webster filmed each scene multiple times, experimenting with different angles to provide themselves with enough shots to make a good film. After the Saturday of filming, we were then free to leave except for the editors Nick and Kate, who had to come back again on the Sunday to do almost 12 hours of editing! Holding the whole project together was our awesome producer Sue Baker. She made sure the shoot went like clockwork and was the level head we needed to keep ourselves sane. Also thanks to Koulla Benton for coming in an assisting with the make-up.



48 Hours Team - 9 Lives

Back Row: Mr Jared Hill, Rosie Alldridge, Sophie Sassman, Mr Nick Webster

Front Row: Ms Gaenor Stoate, Mrs Sue Baker, Steve O'Donnell, Miss Kate Shepherd, Mrs Michele FitzPatrick

When it was finally done we decided to name our film "Broken." We had to have our film completed on the Sunday night at 7 o'clock which we managed to do with time to spare!

I was surprised at how well our film turned out after just 48 hours! It was awesome that we were able to work with students and teachers. We were all able to use our own talents and came together as a team to produce a really amazing short film.

Bianca Brons

Taking out the awards this year were:

- Ball King** - Tim Hook
- Ball Queen** - Rosie Alldridge
- Ball Prince** - Oliver Eaton
- Ball Princess** - Natalie Bunn
- International King** - Pascal Kuenzel
- International Queen** - Merle Brinkhu
- Staff King** - Mr Webster
- Staff Queen** - Ms Stoate



Before the event a lot had to be done before we could take a deep breath and sigh of relief, such as book a venue, catering, entertainment, lighting, decorations, balancing money, ticket design, theme, and the list goes on.

The music and theme were a lot of fun, knowing all the words to songs that were a big hit back in the day before we were born. Also seeing the teachers feel right at home with the theme, joining in with the fun on the dance floor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the ball committee for their input and time. And also good luck to Natalie and Kaye who will be organising the 2009 Ball.

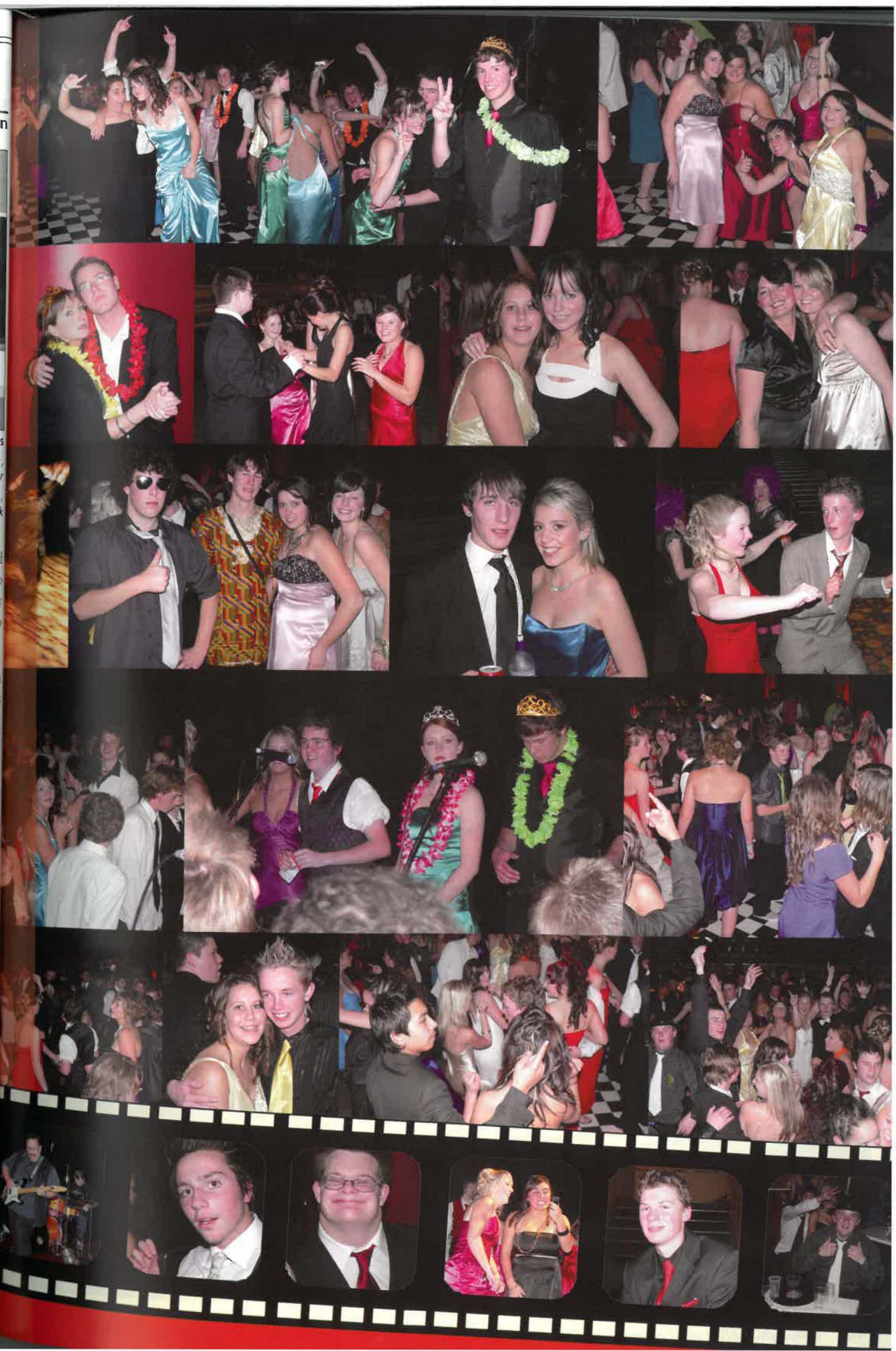
School Ball

Finally the night has come, no more stressing about what you're going to wear, who you're going with and how you're going to wear your hair.

It's time to get down and boogie to the old school beats, stuff your face with delicious catering and get the group photos with all your friends (and of course the random who always decides to jump in the photo)

This year's Saturday Night Fever Ball was a great success, watching all Spotty students coming together and having a great time was so good to see after all the hard work that was put into the event from the ball committee.

Sophie Sassman



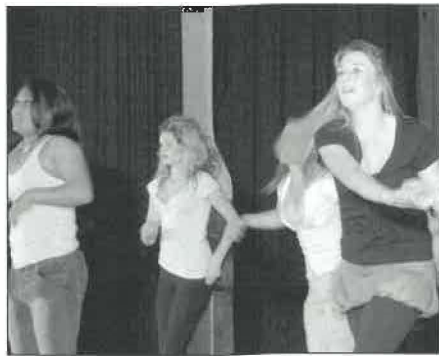
Year 10 Dance Performance

Year 10 Dance has been pretty full on this year. Although the classes every week weren't just dancing around and relaxing, we also had theory to concentrate on, learning about the backgrounds of the styles that were taught to us. It was hard work keeping up with the routines that were choreographed for the class but Mrs Maharey knew how to make it fun.

We've had many assignments this year but the biggest one that my class were looking forward to had to be the end of year performance in Term Four. Mrs Maharey put together an amazing show which was enjoyed by everyone who came to watch and especially by the class.

We all contributed to it through many forms and we all performed well. The night was just great and brought us closer together in our friendships and also working as a team. Everything that the Year 10 class has done this year was in preparation for our performance and I have to say that all of the hard work was definitely worth it. Thanks to our teacher Mrs Maharey, we couldn't have done it without her!

Our final assignment for the year is where each student has to do an impromptu 30 second dance of their own unique style. It can be any type of dance and music that we choose. I'm sure that Mrs Maharey will miss us but has enjoyed watching her class perform.



Stephanie Balsom

Concert Band

The Concert Band has developed in the past few years and has a wider range of instruments. The Concert Band traveled to Hamilton this year and won a silver in the Hamilton band competition. We also traveled to many different schools and the students thoroughly enjoyed it.

One of our last gigs for the year is the All Bands Concert. All the bands at Spotswood College play on October 23 to express our talent and to enjoy ourselves. Our final gig of the year will be at the Bowl of Brooklands. This is the Christmas festival and Hatrix also plays at this gig.

Mr Greenfield has been a big help organizing the band and all the pieces we play. So on behalf of the Concert Band I would like to thank Mr Greenfield for helping getting this band together.



Concert Band

Back Row: Callan Bird, Martin Van Paassen, Mallory Hill, Declan Doherty-Ramsay, Nick Lambert
 2nd Row: Sam Towler, David Bovett, Tegan Coventry, Shaun Piercy, Tori Green, Mr Robert Greenfield, Samantha Hill, Ben Boardman, Jorja Green, Danny Maloney
 Front Row: Pippa Maessen, Carina Hibbert, Emma Burge, Michael Johnson, Dominic FitzPatrick, Caleb Towler, Emily Wilson, Jacob Burton
 Absent: Anne-Marie Petty, Kate Smart, Daniel Moreira

Hatrix

Hatrix has had a very good year with numerous playouts and gigs, along with an awesome result at the Hamilton band Competitions where we achieved a silver award.

This year Hatrix was invited to play at the Puke Ariki Birthday Celebration, where we performed a few pieces for the general public. We also performed at the Jazz Club held at the RSA for the School Bands Day where we got to play most of the pieces we have been practising all year.

I have really enjoyed playing with Hatrix for the past three years and I will greatly miss performing with the band and the friendships I have made when I leave this year.

So on behalf of Hatrix I would like to thank Mr Orr for all the hard work he has done this year and past years for the band.

Keep on Jammin'



Hatrix

Back Row: David Bovett, Sam Towler, Nick Lambert, Danny Maloney, Dominic FitzPatrick, Ben Boardman
 2nd Row: Jeremy Martul, Tegan Coventry, Pippa Maessen, Emma Burge, Emily Wilson
 Front Row: Shaun Piercy
 Absent: Mr W Orr, Anne-Marie Petty

Sam Towler

TSB TOPEC

Shannon Day and Emma Glucina

This year our Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend TOPEC camp. My friend and I were thrilled at having the option of going and couldn't wait to get there. We were at TOPEC for one week and took part in a range of different activities, such as team building, jumping off bridges, white water rafting, abseiling, a mud run, rock climbing around Paritutu, bush walking and spending one night in the wild.

We loved every minute but our favourites would have to be the bridge swinging, rafting and our camp bonfire on the Wednesday night. The roasted marshmallows definitely added a nice touch.

The camp was definitely worth it! If you get the chance don't turn it down, you can make heaps of new friends and the memories will last a lifetime.

Year 9 Beach Day

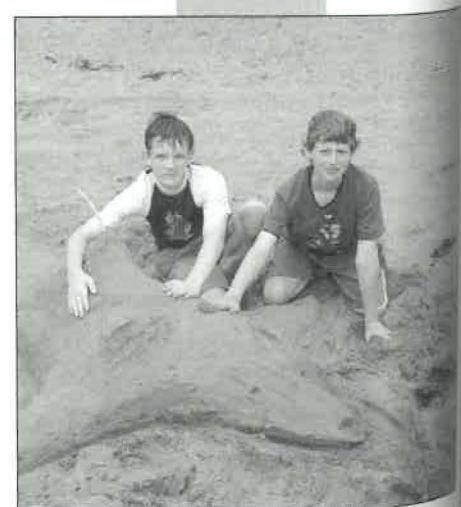
Anna Hinton

At the beginning of the year the Year 9 and Year 13 students went down to Ngamotu beach for a day of fun.

water looked really cold! It was a really good way to meet the rest of the Year 9's, and get to know them better.

There were heaps of activities to do like volleyball, soccer, sandcastle building swimming although the

Having the Year 13's there was really cool as well because we got the hang out with them and have fun.



Year 13 Leadership Camp

Paxx Kopu

A few weeks into Term One, Year 13 students got the chance to attend a Leadership camp held at Vertical Horizons. We were split into groups and challenged mentally and physically throughout the camp, where we participated in games, workshops and obstacle courses. Five am wake up calls and mud runs were all a part of the experience and surprisingly enjoyed by many who attended.

Thank you to Mrs Fitz for organizing the entire trip and to Paul from Vertical Horizons for teaching us while we were there. As a group we learnt a lot about leadership and responsibility, and also a lot about ourselves and each other. It was a great bonding experience for the Year 13s and one that none of us will ever forget.



Geography Camp

Rosie Alldridge

On the 18th-22nd of August, the Year 13 Geography class went on a camp to Mt Maunganui. We are studying the Mt Maunganui coastline for our end of year exams, so it was really helpful to visit the area. We measured the beach profile, climbed to the top of Mt Maunganui, and took a walk out to the blow hole at the end of Moturiki Island. Mr Parr showed us how people were wrecking the sand dunes by walking in areas that were fenced off. We also spent a day in Rotorua, "studying tourism" by going on the gondola and The Luge, and visiting the old Bath House museum. After a busy day, we relaxed in the salt water hot pools back at the Mount.

We stayed at Golden Grove backpackers, which was a nice place situated next door to a dairy (they made a huge profit that week), close to the pools, and a short walk from the Bayfair shopping centre.

Our bus broke down on the morning we were leaving, but overall it was a fun-filled and informative trip, and Nathan had a happy birthday ;-)

Lastly a huge thank you to Mr Parr and Mr Knapton for organising the trip. It was truly a memorable experience!



40 Hour Famine

Monique Walsh

For the 40 Hour Famine this year we set a goal to get as many people aware of the work that World Vision does and to involve as many people as possible.

hoping to make people aware that he famine was in full swing and also that we were starving (hoping to raise some money for the schools famine total), and we did succeed.

We endeavored to organize a massive sleep out in the middle of town for those who were doing the famine over those forty hours. But the council didn't like the idea of so many students running rampant so instead we made a stall outside Woolworths in town for the Saturday. We were

In the end, with all the individual students that participated in the famine and the fundraising that we did in the week leading up, we were able to achieve an amazing total of three times the amount which was raised last year. A huge thanks to all those who participated!



Accounting/Economics Trip

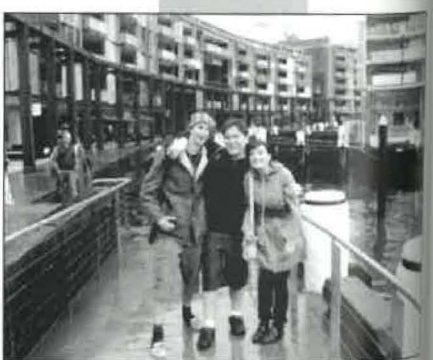
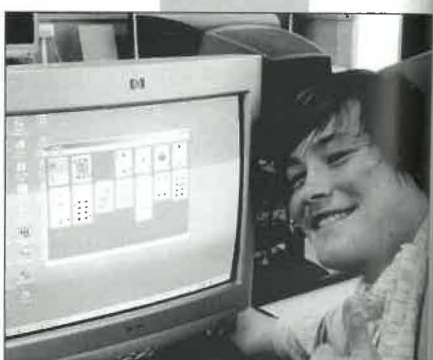
Jacob Seath

This year I had the privilege of attending an Economics and Accounting trip in Wellington. This is a new trip for Spotswood College Year 12 and 13 students, and is one which I would personally recommend.

Our four days in Wellington were packed with appointments at The Reserve Bank of New Zealand, The Westpac trading rooms, the Treasury and Parliament where we saw a nice debate between the parties, the types of debates you see on TV that make adults look like five years old. However that wasn't the only humour on our trip with whoopy cushions and that infamous cap gunsushhh.

All of our appointments were incredibly interesting, and very relevant to the topics we were studying in class. We were able to ask questions to help with our exams, except Josh who found sleep much more beneficial. However the students who got the most out of the trip were the accounting students who learned so much...

All in all this was a very entertaining trip, where both Year 12 and Year 13 could mix and learn a lot about economics to help with NCEA. Big thanks to Ms McGlade for organizing the trip and also to Mr Whyte for helping with looking after us. We all thank you for your efforts.



Arts Week

Sam Burton

Arts Week 2008 was a great success. Students were encouraged to attend an arts related workshop during a utility period in the week. Overall student participation was exceptional, pointing directly to the endless workshops available from food presentation to clay-mation and dancing.

to let loose with paint on paper, using an impressive array of strange but useful tools. The classroom was brimming with energy and enthusiasm, the loud sound of enjoyable productivity booming. The responses I got from the students was very positive which bodes well for Arts Weeks future.

I myself took an Organic Painting workshop where students were able

I hope that in 2009 we can build on this achievement and continue to make Arts Week the best week of the school year.

Sculpture Trip

Paxx Kopu

In the July holidays, a group of five students from the Year 13 Sculpture class (Brooke Bowers, Sam Burton, David Summerfield, Declan Doherty-Ramsay and Paxx Kopu) along with Mr Upson traveled to Sydney for the 2008 Sydney Bienalle.

Along with the educational experiences we had a lot of fun sightseeing, shopping (Old Holland paint anyone?), getting lost many times and stumbling into one of MANY bookstores.

We visited many art galleries (MCA, Artspace and Brett Whitely studio) and temporary exhibition spaces (Pier Two and Three and Cockatoo Island) where work by many leading international artists were being exhibited.

Overall the trip was a great experience that I'm sure none of us will forget. We would like to thank Mr Upson (Mr Anderson) for making the trip possible. We all had a really great time even though all the humans were dead.

Kapa Haka

We have had great success with our Kapa Haka team this year. We entered into the Paerangatahi competition which is a regional event meaning schools from all around Taranaki compete. With only a weekend to finalise our bracket we managed to come 4th overall which was a huge surprise for all of us.

We have also had success within the group with Toioraroa Ngeru winning the junior Maori Manukorero regional competitions enabling us to go to Rotorua for the nationals. We had a great time meeting other schools and supporting Toioraroa who did a great job.

We are currently working on a new bracket for the Puanga competition which will be held on the 7th of November. A big thanks to Whaea Tapakione and Matua James for all of their support of the group. Also to Whaea Aroha for being such an awesome guitarist and great support. Special thanks to parents who support us and to Matua Don and Whaea Sue Paratene who are there at every noho and practice helping and supporting us. Thank you so much for cooking for us. To Matua BJ, Whaea Kath and Matua Dave Hoare, thanks for your fantastic work over the year, and to Matua Raymond and the team your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Matua Raymond Kaiki – without your time, skills and effort we would not be where we are today. Your leadership and teaching has been inspirational to us all, thanks for all that you do as a tutor and a mentor.



Kotuku Kaiki

Kapa Haka
 Back Row: Wikitoria Nelson-Te Rehu, Elizabeth Faga, Mele Sau, Angeline Orr, Christina Spence
 3rd Row: Legend Heta, Tahlia Hoyle, Aroha Swannell, Jennifer Tume, Whakairi Leilua, Lavinia Winter
 2nd Row: Hana Baker, Hema Te Ao, Toi Paratene, Iriapa Rarere, Cheyenne Manukonga, Trent Ngatai, Dallas Watson, Raymond Kaiki (Tutor)
 Front Row: Latisha Austin, Phoebe Davis, Isileli Sau, Toi Ngeru, Kotuku Kaiki, Sione Sifa, Maringirangi Phillips, Mele Sau
 Absent: Matua Dave Hoare, Whaea Kath Haare



Young Enterprise - No Bull

This year the Spotswood College Young Enterprise team, No Bull, has had the privilege of participating in the 2008 young Enterprise Scheme. Our Managing Director, Dylan Trigg, invented our product, a revolutionary Locking Gate Hinge System. We are currently in negotiations with a manufacturer and have a product pending.

Our trip to the National Field days was a huge success in the Innovation Centre where we received huge publicity and generated a lot of interest.

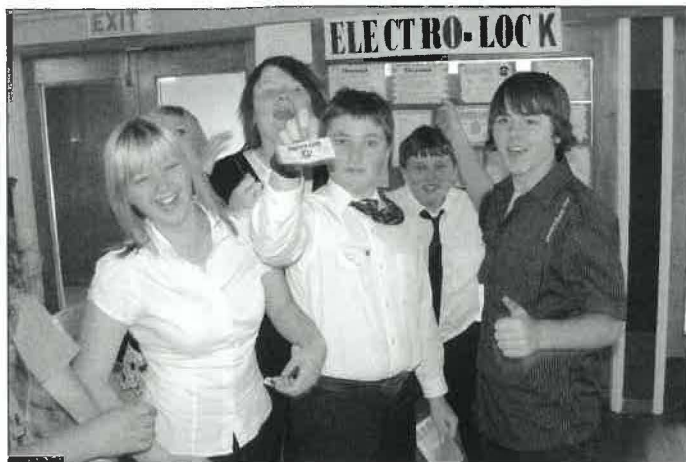
At the Taranaki Regionals on the 16th of October we received awards for first place in oral presentation, second in presentation at the Trade Fair, second in innovating and third in marketing and sales. We also won a national excellence award and are heading to Wellington on the 5th of November to receive our award.

We would just like to say a massive thank you to Ms McGlade for all of her work and support this year. It has been amazing.

No Bull

"Your future hinges on us!!"

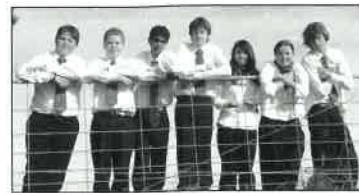
SELL



Hannah Tuahine and Dylan Trigg

Young Enterprise - No Bull

Back Row: Kris Lal, Hamish Crimp, Samuel Easton
2nd Row: Anne-Marie Petty, Hannah Tuahine
Front Row: Leo Pritt, Dylan Trigg



Roslyn McGlade

Eighty Year 10 students took part in the Student Enterprise Learning Link (SELL) three-day practical business education programme, run by Enterprise NZ Trust (ENZT) at Spotswood College from Wednesday 29 to Friday 31 October.

This involves students forming national companies researching and deciding on a good or service, writing a business plan and launching it in an oral presentation competition. This was the second time the college has hosted this very exciting event. With financial literacy and creativity becoming sought after skills in the workplace and indeed now necessitated by the curriculum this is a fun way for students to experience the real world. They amazed even themselves as they discovered how innovative they are and what hidden talents they have.

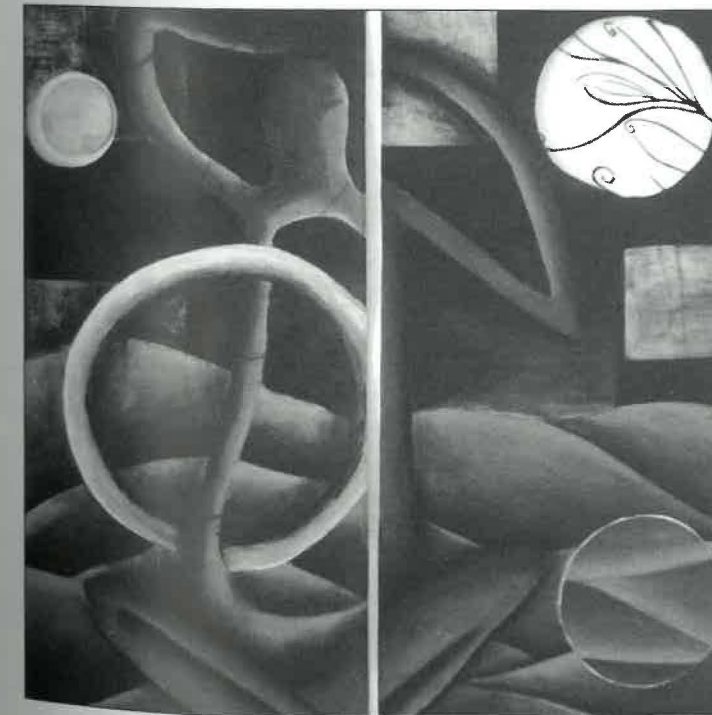
The students are still talking of how much they learned from and enjoyed SELL. The best three days!



Rhiannon Lambert - Year 11



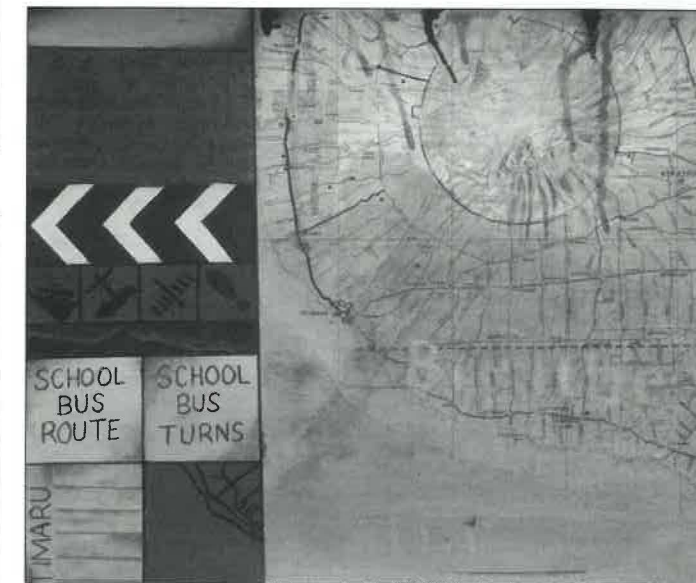
Alana Paulin - Year 11



Brooke Dobson - Year 11



Rhiannon Lambert - Year 11



Sarah Davies - Year 11



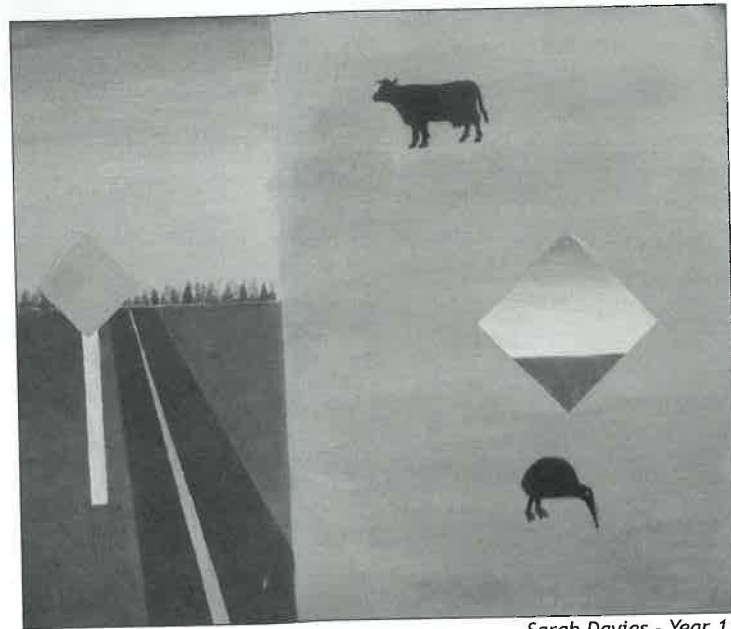
Hannah Hay - Year 11



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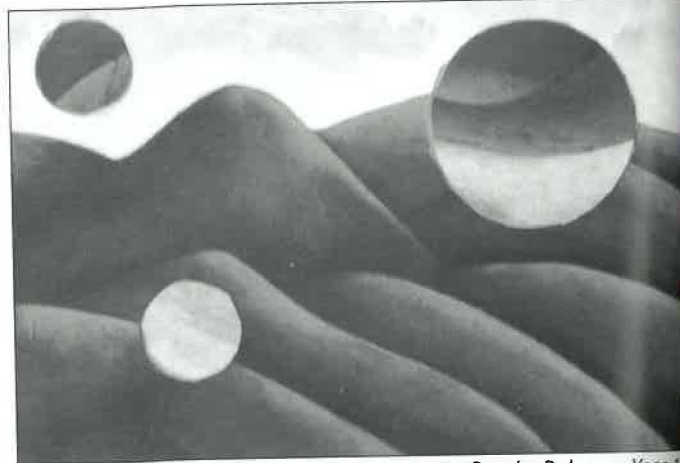
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Sarah Davies - Year 11



Shelby Farmer - Year 11



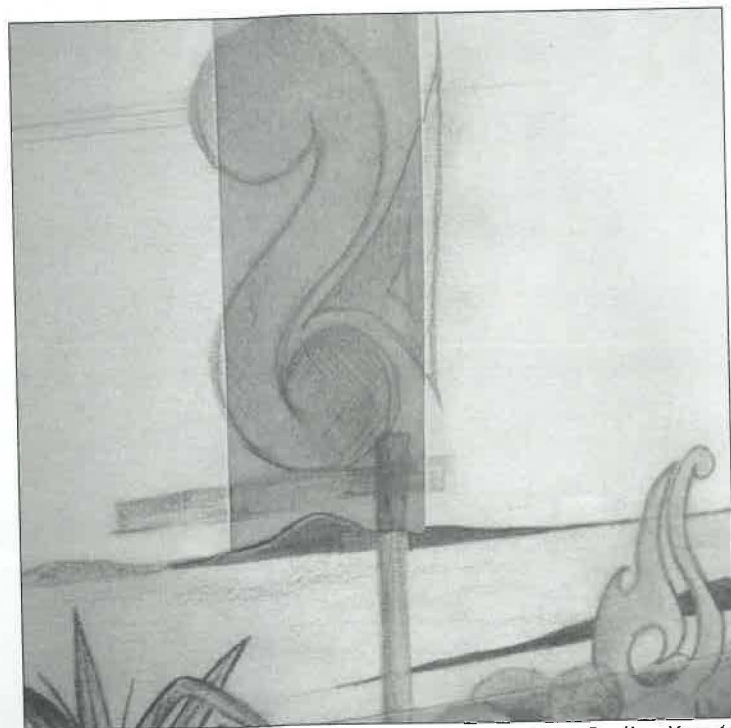
Brooke Dobson - Year 11



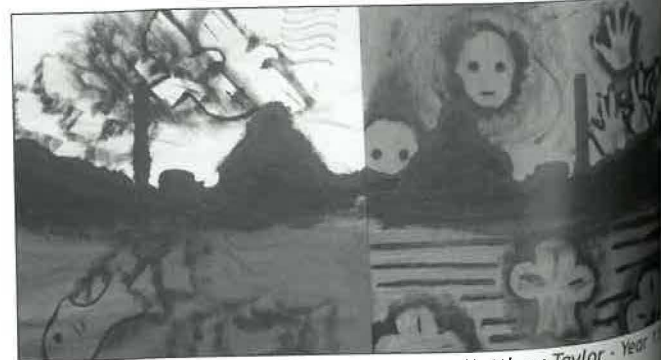
Matthew Taylor - Year 11



Frances Woods - Year 11



Alana Paulin - Year 11



Matthew Taylor - Year 11

SPORTS



2008 Annual Athletic Championship Results

JUNIOR GIRLS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
100m	Chance Bunyan (B)	Brittany Clarke (A)	Jodie Donald (D)	15.18secs
200m	Jodie Donald (D)	Anna Hinton (B)	Beatrice Petty (A)	31.30secs
400m	Jodie Donald (D)	Emily Hovell (D)		1 min 17.28secs
800m	Jodie Donald (D)	Catherine West (D)	Emily Hovell (D)	3 mins 07.40secs
1500m	Catherine West (D)	Anna Hinton (B)	Jodie Donald (D)	6 mins 30.20 secs
Shot Putt	Soana Fakavamoeanga (R)	Shayla Boyce (A)	Kathleen Dalleston (R)	8.14m
Discus	Brittney Pearce (B)	Beatrice Petty (A)	Jamie Van Asch-Rangihaeata (R)	21.75m
Javelin	Amy Brungar (A)	Soana Fakavamoeanga (R)	Beatrice Petty (A)	26.15m(record)
Long Jump	Beatrice Petty (A)	Brittany Clarke (A)	Jamie Van Asch-Rangihaeata (R)	3.38m
Triple Jump	Anna Hinton (B)	Beatrice Petty (A)	Jamie Van Asch-Rangihaeata (R)	8.10m
High Jump	Brittney Pearce (B)	Beatrice Petty (A)	Anna Hinton (B)	1.25m
4 x 100m House Relay	Atkinson	Darnell		1 min 05.28 secs

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
100m	Kylie Vedder (R)	Kate Murphy (D)	Abby Bridgeman (D)	14.88secs
200m	Abby Bridgeman (D)	Sophie Matthews (R)	Tiffany Gaastra (D)	33.52secs
400m	Abby Bridgeman (D)	Kate Murphy (D)	Emma Glucina (D)	1 min 17.00secs
800m	Abby Bridgeman (D)	Jessica Old (D)	Phoebe Phillips (D)	3mins 12.62secs
1500m	Kate Murphy (D)	Abby Bridgeman (D)	Danielle Roche (B)	7mins 02.81secs
Shot Putt	Anne-Marie Petty (A)	Phoebe Phillips (D)	Abby Bridgeman (D)	8.25m
Discus	Honey Komene (D)	Dallas Watson (B)	Phoebe Phillips (D)	19.65m
Javelin	Zoe Hutchieson (R)	Danielle Roche (B)	Rachel Southgate (B)	23.00m
Long Jump	Natalie Bunn (B)	Emma Glucina (D)	Rochelle Maindonald (R)	3.44m
Triple Jump	Danielle Roche (B)	Brooke Dobson (R)	Tiffany Gaastra (D)	7.40m
High Jump	Chance Bunyan (B)	Hayley Beekman (B)	Mallory Hill (A)	1.00m
4 x m100m House Relay	Richmond	Darnell	Barrett	1 min 02.24secs

SENIOR GIRLS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
100m	Ashleigh Marsters (A)	Alex Barlow (A)	Jessica Nepia (R)	14.72secs
200m	Ashleigh Marsters (A)	Alex Barlow (A)	Moselle Brown (A)	29.71secs
400m	Ashleigh Marsters (A)	Elsa Martin (D)	Moselle Brown (A)	1min 14.69secs
800m	Ashleigh Marsters (A)	Victoria Aebig (B)	Elsa Martin (D)	3 mins 03.56secs
1500m	Katherine Whaley (B)	Malany Turner (R)	Moselle Brown (A)	6 mins 07.85secs
Shot Putt	Ashleigh Pearce (B)	Elsa Martin (D)	Ashleigh Donald (D)	9.70m
Discus	Ashleigh Pearce (B)	Sarah Hollingsworth (B)	Ashleigh Marsters (A)	24.65m
Javelin	Ashleigh Pearce (B)	Tahlia Hoyle (R)	Elise Wolfgram (D)	19.40m
Long Jump	Sophie Sassman (D)	Ellice Hona (R)	Elsa Martin (R)	3.73m
Triple Jump	Bethany Lowe (D)	Elsa Martin (D)	Ashleigh Pearce (B)	8.35m
High Jump	Ashleigh Pearce (B)	Ellice Hona (R)	Nadia Schroll (B)	1.55m(record)
4 x 100m House Relay	Atkinson	Barrett	Darnell	1 min 01.29 secs

JUNIOR BOYS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
100m	Simon Meijer (B)	Cameron Brewster (D)	Denim Rawiri (R)	13.56 secs
200m	Simon Meijer (B)	Cameron Brewster (D)	Kieren Adlam (D)	28.36 secs
400m	Sam Newman (R)	Kieran Adlam (D)	Jackson Dally (B)	1min 18.27secs
800m	Steven Taylor (D)	Reuben Weston (R)	Sam Newman (R)	2 mins 53.27secs
1500m	Callum Nicholas (B)	Cameron Gibson (B)	Sam Newman (R)	5 mins 41.88secs
Shot Putt	Simon Meijer (B)	Jessie Byers (R)	Zayed Rabbaney (D)	8.85m
Discus	Cameron Brewster (B)	Simon Meijer (B)	Soljah Moke (B)	23.68m
Javelin	Cruize Patene (A)	Kieran Adlam (D)	Danyon Lee (D)	23.25m
Long Jump	Cameron Brewster (D)	Callum Nicholas (B)	Jackson Dally (B)	4.35m
Triple Jump	Cameron Brewster (D)	Callum Nicholas (B)	Leeroy McKay (B)	9.95m
High Jump	Cameron Brewster (D)	Zayed Rabbaney (D)	Keane Hall (R)	1.45m
4 x 100m House Relay	Richmond	Darnell	Barrett	56.36 secs

INTERMEDIATE BOYS:

Event	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
100m	Iriapa Rarere (B)	David Hartley (R)	Thorne Kyle (D)	13.07secs
200m	Byron Lynds (R)	Thorne Kyle (D)	Jacob Morton (A)	25.25secs
400m	Thorne Kyle (D)	Yannik Grundy (D)	Byron Lynds (R)	1 min 05.42secs
800m	Amin Osama (A)	Byron Lynds (R)	Thorne Kyle (D)	2 mins 27.63secs
1500m	Amin Osama (A)	Leslie Alldridge (A)	Nick Long (R)	4 mins 43.28secs
Shot Putt	Joseph Tipene (B)	Iriapa Rarere (B)	Jamayn Kepa (R)	10.40m
Discus	Iriapa Rarere (B)	Anthony Faga (R)	Jamayn Kepa (R)	29.90m
Javelin	Robert Popata (B)	Kyle Bright (R)	Sam Askew (D)	34.20m
Long Jump	Iriapa Rarere (B)	Josh Curran (R)	Yannik Grundy (D)	4.76m
Triple Jump	Iriapa Rarere (B)	Tama Tume (D)	Aden Lowe (D)	9.50m
High Jump	Joseph Tipene (B)	Tama Tume (A)	Iriapa Rarere (B)	1.50m
4 x 100m House Relay	Barrett	Darnell	Richmond	54.15secs

SENIOR BOYS:

Event	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
100m	Pascal Kuenzel (B)	James Henshilwood (A)	Jacob Seath (R)	12.02 secs
200m	Pascal Kuenzel (B)	Jacob Seath (B)	Tod Rookes (A)	25.04 secs
400m	Jacob Seath (R)	Kodee Kee Sue (R)	Adam Collins (A)	1 min 00.97 secs
800m	Kodee Kee Sue (R)	Jamie Henshilwood (A)	Peter Marks (D)	2 mins 34.68 secs
1500m	Adam Collins (A)	Ethan Jensen (B)	Mathew Dickey (A)	5 mins 12.44 secs
Shot Putt	Daniel Joubert (D)	Anaru Matthews (B)	Kodee Kee Sue (R)	11.23m
Discus	Anaru Matthews (B)	Pascal Kuenzel (B)	Jamie Henshilwood (A)	40.16m (record)
Javelin	Anaru Matthews (B)	Pascal Kuenzel (B)	Robin Morgner (D)	51.70m(record)
Long Jump	Pascal Kuenzel (B)	Tim Hook (B)	Rhys Izett (B)	5.43m
Triple Jump	Isiah Donald (B)	Pascal Kuenzel (B)	Tim Hook (B)	11.75m
High Jump	Ethan Jensen (B)	Pascal Kuenzel (B)	Tim Hook (B)	1.70m
4 x 100m House Relay	Atkinson	Barrett	Richmond	50.22secs

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS:

Category	Champion	Overall Points for the Morine Cup
JUNIOR GIRLS	Jodie Donald (on a countback)	BARRETT 1134.5 points ATKINSON 986.5 points DARNELL 820 points RICHMOND 706 points
JUNIOR BOYS	Cameron Brewster	
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	Abby Bridgeman	
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	Iriapa Rarere	
SENIOR GIRLS	Ashleigh Marsters (on a countback)	
SENIOR BOYS	Pascal Kuenzel	

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES:

Hazel Robertson Trophy-Senior Girls' Athletic Champion: Ashleigh Marsters

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE SUMMARY OF ATHLETIC RECORDS (as at 10th March 2008)

Event	Junior Girls	Int. Girls	Senior Girls	Junior Boys	Int. Boys	Senior Boys
100m	13.28s	12.7s	13.30s	11.8s	11.1s	11.08s
200m	28.40s	28.11s	27.42s	25.8s	23.33s	22.4s
400m	63.20s	63.78s	60.08s	58.8s	54.5s	51.18s
800m	2m 37.20s	2m 33.48s	2m 32.27s	2m 16.2s	2m 11.8s	2m 05.8s
1500m	5m 20.12s	5m 11.0s	5m 16.10s	4m 45.8s	4m 25.14s	4m 22.5s
Shot Putt	11.21m	11.60m	11.91m	12.34m	13.09m	14.21m
Discus	26.40m	31.16m	29.51m	38.07m	45.56m	42.80m
Javelin	26.15m	28.06m	32.03m	46.39m	50.70m	51.70m
High Jump	1.50m	1.58m	1.56m	1.70m	1.80m	1.90m
Long Jump	4.66m	4.52m	4.71m	5.26m	5.89m	6.19m
Triple Jump	8.69m	9.24m	9.45m	10.20m	11.80m	13.00m
4 x 100m Relay	57.3s	55.24s	55.64s	52.9s	50.62s	48.03s

2008 Annual Swimming Sports Results

JUNIOR GIRLS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
25m Freestyle	Brittney Pearce (B)	Beatrice Petty (A)	Julia Van Paassen (D)	15.43secs
25m Backstroke	Brittney Pearce (B)	Beatrice Petty (A)	Amy Bielecki (D)	19.22secs
25m Breaststroke	Brittney Pearce (B)	Holly McLeod (D)	Beatrice Petty (A)	24.43secs
25m Butterfly	Holly McLeod (D)	Brittney Pearce (B)	Beatrice Petty (A)	22.02secs
50m Freestyle	Brittney Pearce (B)	Holly McLeod (D)	Beatrice Petty (A)	36.81secs
50m Backstroke	Brittney Pearce (B)	Beatrice Petty (A)	Holly McLeod (D)	44.48secs
50m Breaststroke	Holly McLeod (D)	Beatrice Petty (A)	Lisa Maloney (A)	56.44secs
100m Freestyle	Holly McLeod (D)	Beatrice Petty (A)	Sophia Smolenski (A)	1 min 38.80secs
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	Darnell	Atkinson		1 min 20.19secs
4 x 25m Medley Relay	Darnell	Barrett	Atkinson	1 min 34.82secs

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
25m Freestyle	Nicole Sturgess (R)	Alana Paulin (A)	Danielle Roche (B)	16.30secs
25m Backstroke	Danielle Roche (B)	Nicole Sturgess (R)	Brooke Dobson (R)	20.19secs
25m Breaststroke	Ella Mischevski (D)	Nicole Sturgess (R)	Danielle Roche (R)	22.96secs
25m Butterfly	Ella Mischevski (D)	Kristy Billing (D)	Brooke Dobson (R)	18.65secs
50m Freestyle	Alana Paulin (A)	Ella Mischevski (D)	Kristy Billing (D)	40.54secs
50m Backstroke	Kristy Billing (D)	Brooke Dobson (R)	Pippa Maessen (A)	47.14secs
50m Breaststroke	Emma Burge (B)	Kristy Billing (D)	Danielle Roche (B)	52.72secs
100m Freestyle	Pippa Maessen (A)	Jessica Christini (A)		2 min 20.77secs
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	Barrett	Darnell	Richmond	1 min 14.11secs
4 x 25m Medley Relay	Barrett	Darnell	Richmond	1 min 24.33 secs

SENIOR GIRLS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
25m Freestyle	Elsa Martin (D)	Merle Brinkhus (D)	Jessica Darby(R)	16.11secs
25m Backstroke	Michelle Carter (B)	Merle Brinkhus (D)	Jane Alleman (B)	21.16secs
25m Breaststroke	Merle Brinkhus (D)	Amelie Mahler (B)	Jessica Darby (R)	21.82secs
25m Butterfly	Michelle Carter (B)	Jane Alleman (B)	Natalie Ropitini (B)	20.52secs
50m Freestyle	Elsa Martin (D)	Michelle Carter (B)	Ellice Hona (D)	39.57secs
50m Backstroke	Michelle Carter (B)	Jane Allemann (B)	Ashleigh Marsters (A)	45.73secs
50m Breaststroke	Merle Brinkhus (D)	Amelie Mahler (B)	Alina Ewald (A)	48.47secs
100m Freestyle	Natalie Ropitini (B)	Jane Allemann (B)	Asha Smith (A)	1 min 40.84secs
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	Barrett	Richmond	Darnell	1 min 06.50secs
4 x 25m Medley Relay	Barrett	Darnell	Richmond	1 min 16.71secs

OPEN GIRLS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
4 x 25m Medley	Michelle Carter (B)	Holly McLeod (D)	Jane Allemann (B)	1 min 50.69secs

JUNIOR BOYS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
25m Freestyle	Anton Foley (R)	Wesley Knock (A)	Leeroy McKay (B)	15.47secs
25m Backstroke	Aidan Clarke (A)	Anton Foley (R)	Ryan Dingle (B)	21.44secs
25m Breaststroke	Steven Goodin (R)	Cameron Gibson (B)	Anton Foley (R)	21.61secs
25m Butterfly	Aidan Clarke (A)	Ryan Dingle (B)	Leeroy McKay (B)	20.31secs
50m Freestyle	Anton Foley (R)	Wesley Knock (A)	Ryan Dingle (B)	36.72secs
50m Backstroke	Aidan Clarke (A)	Jordan Smith (R)	Kieran Adlam (D)	52.58secs
50m Breaststroke	Cameron Gibson (B)	Jackson Dally (B)		52.38secs
100m Freestyle	Anton Foley (R)	Toi Paratene (A)	Leeroy Mc Kay (B)	1 min 37.04secs
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	Richmond	Barrett	Atkinson	1 min 12.87secs
4 x 25m Medley Relay	Barrett	Atkinson		1 min 29.54secs



INTERMEDIATE BOYS: 1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME	
25m Freestyle	Amin Osama (A)	Isaac Gulliver (D)	Iriapa Rarere	13.86secs
25m Backstroke	Amin Osama (A)	Iriapa Rarere (B)	Taylor Lucinsky (A)	16.68secs
25m Breaststroke	Amin Osama (A)	Hayden Marshall (A)	Isaac Gulliver	19.23secs
25m Butterfly	Amin Osama (A)	Ryan Goble (R)	Taylor Lucinsky (A)	16.11secs
50m Freestyle	Amin Osama (A)	Ryan Goble (B)	Taylor Lucinsky (A)	31.93secs
50m Backstroke	Amin Osama (A)	Anthony Bruce (D)		35.66secs
50m Breaststroke	Amin Osama (A)	Ryan Goble (B)	Josh Kenny (A)	41.89secs
100m Freestyle	Amin Osama (A)	Ryan Goble (B)	Taylor Lucinsky (A)	1 min 12.49secs
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	Barrett	Atkinson	Darnell	1 min 02.55 secs
4 x 25m Medley Relay	Atkinson	Barrett	Richmond	1 min 15.04secs

SENIOR BOYS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
25m Freestyle	Sam Towler (R)	Isiah Donald (B)	Louis Aiello (D)	13.46secs
25m Backstroke	Isiah Donald (B)	Thomas Wiseman (D)	Malcolm Honeyfield (D)	17.03secs
25m Breaststroke	Andre Moore (A)	Marcus Williams (D)	Thomas Wiseman (D)	19.15secs
25m Butterfly	Tom Sommerville (R)	Thomas Wiseman (D)	Alex Choi (B)	17.56secs
50m Freestyle	Sam Towler (R)	Marcus Williams (D)	Andre Moore (A)	31.70secs
50m Backstroke	Thomas Wiseman (D)	Andre Moore (A)	Gabriel Rodella (A)	43.31secs
50m Breaststroke	Thomas Wiseman (D)	Steve O'Donnell (R)		44.93secs
100m Freestyle	Gabriel Rodella (A)	Tom Sommerville (R)	Thomas Wiseman (D)	1 min 30.54secs
4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	Darnell	Richmond	Atkinson	59.98secs
4 x 25m Medley Relay	Darnell	Atkinson	Barrett	1 min 13.19secs

OPEN BOYS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME
4 x 25m Medley	Amin Osama (A)	Hayden Marshall (A)	Thomas Wiseman (D)	1 min 17.13secs

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS:	OVERALL POINTS FOR THE CRAIGMYLE INTER-HOUSE TROPHY:		
JUNIOR GIRLS	1ST	BARRETT	537 points
JUNIOR BOYS	2ND	ATKINSON	499 points
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	3RD	DARNELL	423 points
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	4TH	RICHMOND	312 points
SENIOR GIRLS			
SENIOR BOYS			

2008 Annual Cross Country Results

The annual Cross Country Championships were held at the College on Wednesday 21st May in near perfect conditions - a warm, sunny windless day, with close to 200 runners taking part in the six races. All races were contested over the same course.

Junior Girls:

1st Catherine West (Darnell)	22mins 15.02 secs
2nd Jodie Donald (Darnell)	
3rd Beatrice Petty (Atkinson)	

Junior Boys:

1st Kody Little (Richmond)	19 mins 36 secs
2nd Sam Newman (Richmond)	
3rd Steven Goodin (Richmond)	

Intermediate Girls:

1st Kate Murphy (Darnell)	22 mins 45.62 secs
2nd Starlet Peebles (Barrett)	
3rd Kristy Billing (Darnell)	

Intermediate Boys:

1st Amin Osama (Atkinson)	16 mins 59.60secs
2nd Taylor Lucinsky (Atkinson)	
3rd Elliot Lucinsky (Atkinson)	

Senior Girls:

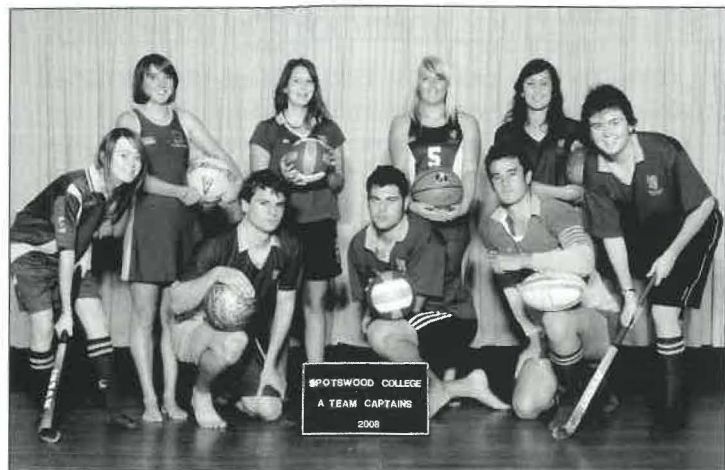
1st Moselle Brown (Atkinson)	25 mins 32.92 secs
2nd Malany Turner (Richmond)	
3rd Tui Wright (Richmond)	

Senior Boys:

1st Mathew Dickey (Atkinson)	19 mins 44.3 secs
2nd Jannik Weisser (Barrett)	
3rd Ethan Jansen (Barrett)	

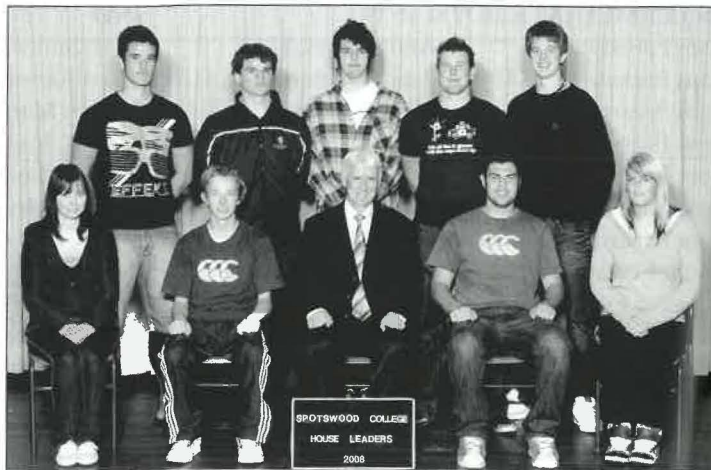
Inter-House points for the Ballinger Trophy:

1st Atkinson	21 points
2nd Richmond	15 points
3rd= Barrett & Darnell	14 points



A Team Captains

Back Row: Rebecca Shannon (Netball), Jane Allemann (Volleyball), Kimberley Kalin (Basketball), Jessica Nepia (Soccer)
Front Row: Kate Murphy (Hockey), Ben Taylor (Soccer), Nathan Sole (Volleyball), Anaru Matthews (Rugby), Nick Murphy (Hockey)
Absent: Tom Sommerville (Basketball)



House Leaders

Back Row: Anaru Matthews, Ben Taylor, Tom Sommerville, Thomas Wiseman, Steve O'Donnell
Front Row: Kirstin Farley, Adam Collins, Mr Graeme McFadyen (Principal), Nathan Sole, Kimberley Kalin



Taranaki Representatives

Back Row: Desmond Wilcox, Catherine West, Anna Hinton, Ryan Dingle
3rd Row: Jamie Henshilwood, Fiona Skene, Mathew Dickey, Ben Taylor, Daniel Cox, Anna Hassler, Louis Aiello
2nd Row: Andrea Brewster, Marcus Williams, Daniel Bruce, Tim Hook, Corey Brookes, Nathan Sole, Amin Osama
Front Row: Kate Murphy, Shanice Graham, Isaac Gulliver, Anaru Matthews, Iriapa Rarere, Cheyenne Manukonga, Amy Bielecki



New Zealand Representatives

Back Row: Louis Aiello, Mathew Dickey
Front Row: Sarah Cox, Tim Hook, Ashleigh Pearce
Absent: Abby Bridgeman, Hayley Gedyr

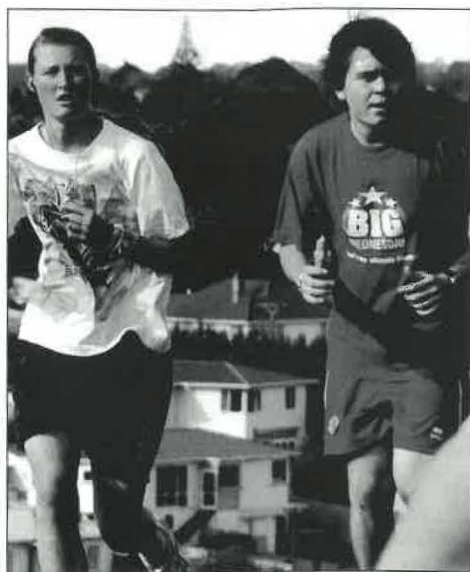
Hockey

Kate Murphy, Jacob Seath and Nick Murphy

Hockey Girls 1st XI

This year our team definitely surprised everyone in the girls A grade after beating and drawing with teams that we never thought we would have a chance against. At times we even took to the field with less players than needed and still managed to put up a fight. This showed the great spirit that we had as a team as we went out there to have fun as well as compete, and that was what often won us the game. We ended up fourth in our grade, just narrowly missing out on the finals

and third place. In our team this year we had five Taranaki rep players that went to national tournaments. Thanks to our great coach Yvonne and fantastic manager Caroline who made sure we got to the games in Stratford on time. They did an awesome job of taking the team – thanks!
 Good luck to the girls that are moving on next year (especially our German import!) and good luck to the girls staying. It's been a great season, lets push for finals next year!



Hockey Boys 1st XI

"They say that absence makes the heart grow fonder, but I doubt it, I really doubt it, playing ping pong over oceans, messing with emotions, messing with my head....." Oh What A Song! Well what a year we have had boys, going down to B grade (playing with those strange, strange boys) was probably the best for us (and will set you up for next year). Cheers to all the boys for the effort they have put in, we were a young team and we did pretty well. It was a pity about the final though!! Also a big thanks to Garnie for all his time that he put into our team, we couldn't have done it with out him. Good luck for the future guys, We are really going to miss playing for SPOTTY-C!



Hockey Boys 1st XI

Back Row: Tobias Ashcroft, Robert Skene, Joshua Ferries, Steve O'Donnell, Jacob Seath
2nd Row: Lewis Fitness, Steven Davis, Thomas Seath, Aidan Clarke, Garnet Henderson (Coach)
Front Row: Matt Rowlinson, Cameron Highnam, Nicholas Murphy (Captain), Josh Kenny, Anthony Bruce



Hockey Girls 1st XI

Back Row: Carrie Hurliman, Malany Turner, Anna Hassler, Clementine Smart
2nd Row: Aleisha Vickers, Amy Bielecki, Sarah Bielecki, Phoebe Phillips, Mrs Yvonne Bielecki (Coach)
Front Row: Moselle Brown, Kate Murphy, Fiona Skene, Nicolette Ewans, Alina Ewald
Absent: Olivia Madgwick

Mixed Hockey

5th Equal!! Yeah Boi! We were so close to that final guys, but it just wasn't meant to be. All the teams in that tournament knew that we were a ruthless bunch of thugs-turned-hockey players and they loved us....I'm sure. A good finish to a great time playing for Spotty C! A big thanks again to Garnie for taking time off to come and coach us, to Mama Skene (aka Caroline) for all her time she put into our intense training regime. Big Ups to all the team, you were a great bunch of peeps & I will miss you all terribly. SPOTTY C FOR LYFE!

Cricket 1st XI

Nick Murphy, Sam Burton, Tod Rookes, Andrew Southgate and Daniel Joubert

We would have to have one of the most dysfunctional cricket teams in the tournament! With a small dwarf as our wicket keeper - an 8 ft Tall, 120kg 3 year old as our big hitter, an angry pom who loved doing Hollywood dives for the ball, a set of twins who were just plain annoying (jokes boys.... well not really) & our favourite all-rounder, Aaron "Crazy Arm" Cash. How did we end up being the winners of the league??!! Probably from our intense training regime we were put under by Robert "DJ Moorbs" Moorby, Ph.D which involved lifting weights (eg. Daniel Joubert), Endurance (Andrew Southgate running us down in his car) & Sprints (Beating Crazy Arm for the ball).

Cheers to all the guys in the team, we have had a great lot of fun over the years & I hope we have quite a lot of 20/20 matches down in Andrews Park over the summer.

Later Bols



Cricket 1st XI

Back Row: Oliver Eaton, Ben Taylor, Jacob Preston, Steve O'Donnell, Tod Rookes
2nd Row: Mr Rob Moorby (Coach), Travis Eaton, Josh Kenny, Jamie Henshilwood, Thomas Seath, Mr Kit Turnbull (Manager)
Front Row: Andrew Southgate, Jacob Seath, Sam Burton, Aaron Hutton-Cash, Nicholas Murphy
Absent: Bryce Taylor, Steven Taylor, Desmond Wilcox, Daniel Joubert

Soccer

Soccer Boys 1st XI

Ben Taylor

This year was our year to win the youth league, only losing once until we played our final fateful game against Francis Douglas. All the guys wanted the win but in the end FDMC took it out. Now for the third time in a row we came second best.

This season everyone was very committed to playing and every player turned up to every training, good job boys. A huge thanks to Mr Manson for the expert coaching and support he gave us and also to Mike Cole for managing us during the Winter Tournament Competition. Maybe next year the Spotty boys can take it out.



Soccer Boys 1st XI

Back Row: Jannik Weisser, Thomas Wiseman, Kaye McKee, Gabriel Rodella, Tim Hook

2nd Row: Daniel Moreira, Regan Foster, Jake Andrews, Andrew Sanders, Guido Cavalcanti Garcia, Scott Manson (Coach)

Front Row: Rajan Chand, Joe Cole (Vice Captain), Andrew Southgate, Ben Taylor (Captain), Codi Hackett

Absent: Luke Howcroft



Soccer Under 15 Gold

Back Row: Callum Nicholas, Josh Kenny, Tyrone Hart, Cameron Brewster, Samuel Halliburton-Ritchie

2nd Row: Kallie Eustace, Thomas Sonntag, Shayla Kay Boyce, Jonathan Messenger, Mr Martyn Knapton (Coach)

Front Row: Beatrice Petty, Hannah Andrews, Kristina Rodgers, Sophie Matthews, Danielle Rodgers



Soccer Under 15 Green

Back Row: Sophie Matthews, Ben Martin, Cameron Brewster, Jack Foxwell, Danielle Rodgers, Mr Martyn Knapton (Coach)

2nd Row: Callum Nicholas, Shaun Piercy, Logan Bryant, Travis Eaton, Thomas Sonntag

Front Row: Samuel Edge, Byron Lynds, Dean Langton, Taylor Lucinsky, Tyrone Hart



Soccer Girls 1st XI

Larissa Hook

The girls had a pretty good season, after being put up against the best teams in the league first (Girls High and Sacred Heart 1st XI).

We developed and worked very well as a team throughout the season which achieved very good results.

Sophie Matthews goal scoring capabilities and Vanya Vichovich's gutsy goal keeping skills saw us through to being 3rd overall in the league after beating Sacred Heart 2nd XI in a penalty shootout that we won by a goal and finally being beaten in our last match by Girls High 1st XI. Also during the season we managed to beat Fairfield College in a sports exchange.

Overall, we had a pretty pleasing season and I wish the girls all the luck I can give them for next season.



Soccer Girls 1st XI

Back Row: Sophie Matthews, Sophie Sassman, Lucy van der Fi, Sarah Hollingsworth, Danielle Rodger

2nd Row: Beatrice Petty, Kate Salvatore, Kristina Rodger, Laura Ross, Ashleigh Dona

Front Row: Leah Clark, Larissa Hook, Vanya Viskovic, Jess Nepia, Anna Hint

Absent: Mr Scott Johnson (Coach), Olivia Ki

Canoe Polo

The Spotty A canoe polo team played about 20 to 30 games and we won about 10-15 games.

In Canoe Polo there are three players and one goalie and we played all our games at Bell Block Aquatic Centre. We were trained and taught how to recover from being tipped over while in our canoe.

It is a safe and enjoyable game to play and we were one game away from getting into the finals.

It was a lot of fun and I would love to play it again some day.



Canoe Polo 1st XI

Back Row: Samuel Halliburton-Ritchie, Jack Foxwell

Front Row: Christian Allen, Jannik Weisser, Dean Langton

Rogaine



Rogaine

Back Row: Pippa Maessen, Emma Burge

2nd Row: Tamara Williamson, Shelby Farmer, Jessica Richardson-Land, Jess Carter

Front Row: Courtney Klenner, Louise King, Sally Hickey, Jorja Green, Kate Murphy

At the beginning of the year 11 of us took up the challenge of Rogaine '08. I'll admit, I underestimated this sport. We got to Lake Mangamahoe eager to have a bit of fun... what we saw surprised us! Uniforms, kneepads, everyone geared up in tramping boots and sneakers (I immediately regretted strapping on my chucks). After hearing safety briefs and deadlines we were off! Battling bushes, overgrown tracks, and a forrest of gorse bushes (not a good call on my part). We tramped on, only to come across tiring hills, slippery tracks and a certain stinging nettle that lodged itself into a fellow team member.

As darkness fell it was a race to the finish, either get there on time or risk parting with valuable points. We made it with mere minutes to spare. All in all it was an unforgettable experience and getting sixth place out of thirty teams was a score to be proud of.

Can't wait for Rogaine '09!

Boys Volleyball

Volleyball Highlights and Bright Sparks

This has been an exceptional year for Boys Volleyball:

- Tim Hook and Thomas Wiseman named in the New Zealand Under 19 National Development Team to go to Australian Age group Championships.
- Tim Hook and Thomas Wiseman winning the Australian Under 19 Beach Volleyball Championships Surfer's Paradise 2008.
- Thomas Wiseman and Tim Hook win the Queensland A grade Beach Volleyball Championships.
- The Senior Boys Team gaining 5th Place in New Zealand Secondary Schools Division 1.
- Jessie Muggeridge and Jess Dixon named in the New Zealand Under 19 National Development Team to go to Australian Age group Championships Surfer's Paradise January 2008.
- Tim Hook, Thomas Wiseman and Nathan Sole Named in New Zealand Beach Volleyball Development squad.
- Six Boys named in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Volleyball Team.
- Tim Hook named in New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament team.
- Tim Hook selected in the North Island Secondary Schools Volleyball team.
- Senior Boys winning the Taranaki Secondary Schools Regional Championships.
- Nathan Sole, Tim Hook and Anaru Matthews Trialling for National Indoor teams.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Volleyball Championships

The Senior Boys A team went throughout the Taranaki Regional Volleyball Championships undefeated. The team were Nathan Sole (Captain), Tim Hook, Corey Brookes, Thomas Wiseman, Anaru Matthews, Tom Sommerville and CJ Suliman.

The B team of Isiah Donald, Daniel Cox, Isaac Gulliver, Nick Long, Huan Brownson, Liam Lubransky and Daniel Campbell finished in 3rd position.

Throughout Regional's Corey Brookes was the standout player with awesome attacks and passing.

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships was held at Palmerston North and a successful tournament for us Gaining 5th place in New Zealand this was an excellent result. We finished with an 8 win 1 loss ratio a feat only better than the eventual winners.

After the National Championships 3 Spotswood College players trialled for New Zealand teams. Tim Hook, Nathan Sole and Anaru Matthews. Also Tim Hook made the prestigious National Secondary Schools Tournament team.

Players to really shine throughout the tournament were Tim Hook and Nathan Sole.

Results meant the team qualified in first division which lead to them being top in Pool T and 2nd in Pool S.



Thomas Wiseman and Tim Hook with their medals for winning the Australian U19 Beach Volleyball Champs

Antony Joe, Tim Hook and Nathan Sole

Taranaki Secondary School Senior Boys Volleyball Team

6 Spotswood College students were selected in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Senior Boys Volleyball team for the National Provincial Volleyball championships at Hamilton. Tim Hook, Nathan Sole, Corey Brookes, Thomas Wiseman, Daniel Cox and Nick Long. This team was able to finish in 5th place with 2 losses and 3 wins.

Also Tim Hook was selected in to the North Island Secondary school team for the Quadrangular tournament between South Island, Queensland and New South Wales in Nelson.

Junior Boys Volleyball

The Junior Boys Volleyball Team gained 5th place at the TSSSA Junior Volleyball Event. The team won 2 games and lost 2 games

The boys beat Inglewood High School and Stratford High School and lost to Waitara High School and Hawera High School.

The Junior Boys team for the TSSSA event were: Taylor Lucinsky, Josh Kenny, Travis Eaton, Aden Lowe, Anaru Joseph, Dylan Alexander, Cody Martin and Jordan Smith.

Beach Volleyball

The Beach Volleyball season was a very successful year. Tim Hook, Thomas Wiseman, Jessica Dixon and Jessie Muggeridge were named in the National under 19 Development team to represent New Zealand at the Queensland and Australian Age Group Championships.

Tim Hook and Thomas Wiseman have won the Australian U19 Beach Volleyball Championships on the Goldcoast (Coolangatta Beach). The students won all 4 games in their pool then won their quarter-final match

against over Behrend and Stock of Victoria 2-0

They followed up that match with an exciting win over Fox/Snart of Western Australia 2-1.

In the final they played Jack Welsh and Mike White of South Australia to win 2-0. Hook and Wiseman have been representing New Zealand U19 team at the Australian U19 Beach Volleyball Championships and had previously won the Queensland A Grade Open in the weekend and have been dominant in the Australian Age group championships to now win 2 tournaments in a row and be undefeated. Mr Joe was coach of the New Zealand team and was very happy with the way the boys played the tournament with excellent defence and ball control allowing them to beat the much larger Australian counterparts. The Boys won the U17 Championships last year in Adelaide and have moved up a division to win the older age group.

Jessica Dixon and Jessie Muggeridge played off for 9th position in the Australian U19 Women's Division and also finished 3rd equal in the Queensland A grade competition.

Jessie Muggeridge was selected in the New Zealand Under 19 Women's team to play in the World Under 19 Beach Volleyball Championships at the Hague in the Netherlands. Jessie raised over \$6000.00 for the trip and was able to experience International competition



Senior Boys Beach Volleyball
Back Row: Huan Brownson, Nathan Sole, Nick Long, Mr Antony Joe (Coach)
Front Row: Corey Brookes, Thomas Wiseman, Tim Hook

and travel in Europe. Jessie's experience has made it exciting for her upcoming beach season with Jane Allemann as they prepare for the upcoming National beach season.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Beach Nationals 2008

The National Beach Volleyball Squads trained on the Friday with Tim Hook, Nathan Sole, Thomas Wiseman and Jessie Muggeridge training with a battery of test from SPARC and also the other National Beach Volleyball Coaches.

The National Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball tournament started the next day.

Thomas Wiseman and Tim Hook were unable to play well in their pool match losing a crucial match to Tauranga Boys College pairing of James Thomas and Mike Krammer. This placed them in a quarter-final show down with National Elite Squad members Sam O'Dea and Ben O'Dea, but in losing the match they finished 5th in New Zealand.

Nathan Sole and Corey Brookes finished 2nd in their pool but also lost their quarter-final to finish in 7th place.

Nick Long and Henry Saleman finished in 13th place in the junior championships and Huan Brownson and Taylor Lucinsky, 22nd place.

Overall a disappointing finish for the senior boys considering they were coming off a busy beach volleyball season but were unable to win crucial matches when they counted.

Australian Beach Volleyball Trips 2008

Miles of beautiful beach, 40 degree weather and some serious Beach Volleyball action was how Thomas and I (Tim Hook) spent a week in sunny Australia at the start of this year representing the New Zealand Beach Volleyball Development team. Over the week we competed in two competitions the A grade of the Queensland Open and the Australian Junior Championships where we competed in the U19 division. They were both held on the Coolangatta beach just south of Surfers Paradise where we were stationed. Having won the 2007 U17 Beach Volleyball titles in Adelaide we had a bit of a reputation to uphold. But no worries, us Kiwi boys beat the Aussies in both Competitions without losing a game, bringing home two gold medals and a lot of respect. We were the best performing duo out of the 10 other New Zealand teams. I'd like to say a massive thanks to our dedicated coach Antony Joe (or Mr Joe as we have to call him) for all his time and effort through out the 4 years he has coached us. Couldn't have done it without you. THANKS!!!

A final thank you...

On behalf of the boys and myself (Nathan Sole), I'd like to thank Mr Joe for all the hard work he has put into our team over the four years he has coached most of us. Mr Joe has made a lot of sacrifices for us and put up with a lot. Personally I will never forget the times I've had on my volleyball trips, those memories will be with me forever and I know the other boys feel the same. Good luck to all of your future teams Mr Joe, I look forward to seeing some good results!



Senior Boys Volleyball

Back Row: Corey Brookes, Tom Sommerville, Anaru Matthews
 2nd Row: Daniel Bruce, Huan Brownson, Nick Long, Daniel Cox, Mr Antony Joe (Coach)
 Front Row: Isaac Gulliver, Tim Hook, Nathan Sole (Captain), Thomas Wiseman, Chandler (C.J) Suliman



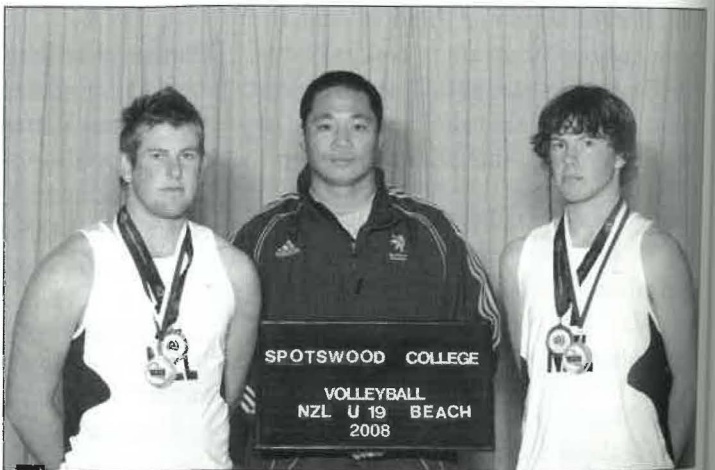
Junior Boys Volleyball

Back Row: Monty Anderson, Aaron Coutts, Cody Martin, Jordan Smith, Mr Antony Joe (Coach)
 Front Row: Travis Eaton, Dylan Alexander, Taylor Lucinsky, Josh Kenny, Aden Lowe



Junior Boys Beach Volleyball

Back Row: Monty Anderson, Mr Antony Joe (Coach), Taylor Lucinsky
 Front Row: Travis Eaton, Josh Kenny



NZ Under 19 Beach Volleyball

Thomas Wiseman, Mr Antony Joe (Coach), Tim Hook



Corason Volleyball

Back Row: Marina Da Riva, Hanna Lange
 Front Row: Merle Brinkhus, Anna Hassler, Pascal Kuenzel



Euroes Volleyball

Back Row: Jannik Weisser, Robin Margner
 Front Row: Nadia Schroll, Alina Ewald, Leonie Wuepper

Girls Volleyball

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 highlights during the past year (since October, 2007) were:

- In the 2007 Taranaki Regional Junior Qualifying series, our A team finished 3rd with the Year 9 team 4th.
- The 2007 Junior Girls' A team finished in 11th place in Division Three (43rd overall) at the 24th North Island Secondary Schools Junior Championships at Rotorua, last November.
- Several of our Junior and Senior Girls' Beach Volleyball Pairs teams competed creditably from October to February in various local and national tournaments in New Plymouth, Mount Maunganui and Auckland.
- The 2008 - 10th TSSSA - Taranaki Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championships scheduled for Sunday 2nd March were cancelled due to wet weather.

- Sarah Cox and Ashleigh Pearce finished in 3rd place (Bronze medal) in the Senior Girls' Pairs grade at the 2008 New Zealand Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championships played at Mt. Maunganui. Both players were also selected into the Volleyball New Zealand Junior Beach Development Elite Squads (Sarah Under 17) (Ashleigh Under 19) for 2008. The targeted event for these squads is the Australian Junior Masters Championships in Brisbane next January.

- The Senior Girls' A team won the Taranaki Secondary Schools senior girls' regional qualifying series undefeated winning all 6 games against NPGHS A & B.
- The Senior Girls' squad finished in 16th place in Division 2 (32nd overall) at the 40th New Zealand Secondary Schools Senior Championships played at Palmerston North in early-April.
- Sarah Cox and Ashleigh Pearce both trialed for their respective New Zealand Indoor age-group squads (Sarah-Under 17 and Ashleigh Under 19) following the NZSSS championships

Phil Gayton

- The Junior Girls' Year 10 team finished in 3rd place and the Year 9 teams were placed 5th and 7th at the 2008 Taranaki Secondary Schools Sports Association (TSSSA) Championships played at the TSB Stadium on Tuesday 26th August.

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

2007 Taranaki Secondary Schools Junior Regional Qualifying Series

Only two schools (Spotswood and NPGHS) entered in the 2007 Junior regional series that was played over four nights in October-November.

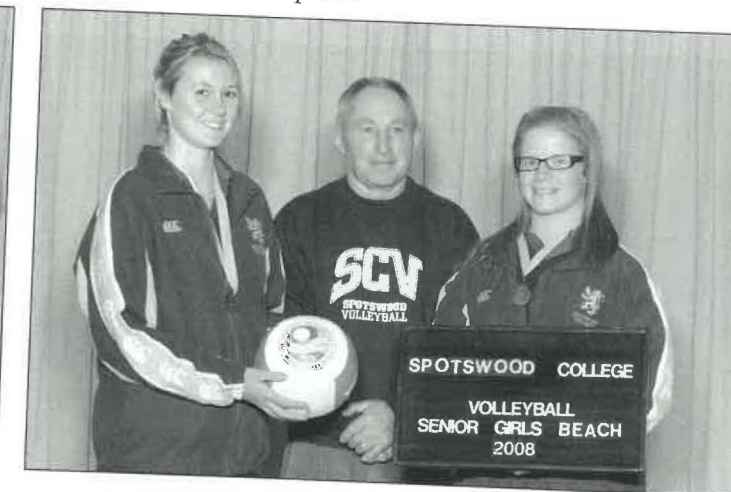
The Gold team: Anne-Marie Petty (Captain), Naraya Frank, Holly Aplin-Ford, Tristie Porteous, Melissa Larsen, Jamie Wilson, Samara Cargill, Beatrice Petty, Kate Smart and Tori Green finished in third place.

The Green team: Jaimee Tarrant, Kirsty Little, Kylie Vedder, Courtney Klenner, Mariah Hona, Emma Applegarth, Drewdayne Chambers, Laura Hillier, and Sophie Hillier finished in fourth place.



Senior Girls Volleyball

Back Row: Ashleigh Pearce, Naraya Frank
 2nd Row: Beatrice Petty, Sarah Cox, Alex Barlow, Anne-Marie Petty, Mr Phil Gayton (Coach)
 Front Row: Kimberley Kalin, Sarah Hollingsworth, Jane Allemann (Captain), Tristie Porteous, Hannah Enright
 Absent: Toni Johnston, Melissa Larsen



Senior Girls Beach Volleyball

Ashleigh Pearce, Mr Phil Gayton (Coach), Sarah Cox

2007 - 24th North Island Junior Indoor Championships

The Junior A squad traveled to Rotorua in late November and after pool play qualified for the Division Three Championship.

Their final placing was 11th in Division Three or 43rd place overall from the 44 teams.

Special thanks to Mrs. Smart and Dr. Petty for their valuable assistance at Rotorua.

2008 New Zealand Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championships

Four Spotswood Girls' pairs teams competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championships played at Mt. Maunganui on 16th & 17th February. Our results were:

Senior Girls' Open Pairs:

Sarah Cox & Ashleigh Pearce came 3rd=

Alex Barlow & Kimberley Kalin came 19th=

Junior Girls Pairs:

Anne-Marie Petty & Beatrice Petty came 11th=

Chance Bunyan & Jaimee Tarrant came 23rd=

10th Taranaki Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championships (TSSSA)

Due to be held on March 2nd at Ngamotu Beach, this year's event was cancelled due to rain.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Senior Regional Qualifying Series

Two schools (three teams) entered this year's senior regional qualifying series that was played in March. We played through the series undefeated with six wins all by 2-0 - three excellent wins over NPGHS-A, and three over NPGHS-B, to claim the series and the Taranaki no.1 ranking for the national championships.

39th New Zealand Secondary Schools Senior Indoor Volleyball Championships

This year's championships were played at Palmerston North in the first week of April. Our squad was: Jane Allemann (Captain), Alex Barlow, Kimberley Kalin, Sarah Cox, Ashleigh Pearce, Sarah Hollingsworth, Hannah Enright, Anne-Marie Petty and Beatrice Petty. After finishing in fourth place in Pool play, the team qualified to play in the Division 2 Championship where they finished in 16th place or

32nd overall from the 80 girls' teams entered. This was the same placing as in 2005.

2008 New Plymouth Autumn League

This year, four teams were entered in the New Plymouth Autumn league.

These were:

1. Spotswood Lions - Hannah Enright, Anne-Marie Petty and Beatrice Petty who finished in 4th place in the C grade.

2. Spotswood Tigers - Kate Smart, Kirsty Little, Chance Bunyan, Jaimee Tarrant and Melissa Larsen who finished in 5th place in the D grade.

3. Corasons (Internationals) - Hanna Lange, Merle Brinkhus, Pascal Kuenzel, Marina Fiuka & Anna Klauser who finished in 6th place in the C grade.

4. Euroes (Internationals) - Jannik Weisser, Robin Morgner, Leonie Wuepper, Alina Ewalo, & Nadia Schroll who finished in 5th place in the B grade.

2008 New Plymouth Winter League

This year, four teams were entered in the New Plymouth Winter league.

These were:

1. Spotswood Lions - Hannah Enright, Anne-Marie Petty, Melissa Larsen & Beatrice Petty who finished in 4th place in the C1 grade.

2. Spotswood Tigers (Year 10) - Kate Smart, Kirsty Little, Chance Bunyan & Jaimee Tarrant who finished in 4th place in the C2 grade.

3. Spotswood Jaguars (Year 9) - Amber Clement, Lori Paulin, Julie Richardson, Jodie Donald, Anna Hinton & Melissa Bush who finished in 4th place in the D grade.

4. Spotswood Panthers (Year 9) - Brittney Pearce, Danika Phillips, Amy Bielecki, Lisa Maloney, Jacoline Venter & Julie van Paassen who finished in 3rd place in the D grade.

Inter School Matches

This year we were not invited to be part of the annual inter-school exchange against Fairfield College in Hamilton in August.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Junior Volleyball Championships (TSSSA)

This year's championships were played at the TSB Stadium on Tuesday 26th August, with ten junior girls' teams entered including three Spotswood teams. Our Year 10 team of Beatrice Petty (Captain), Tori Green, Kate Smart, Kirsty Little, Jaimee Tarrant, and Lisa Maloney finished in 3rd place.

The two Year 9 teams in their first major inter-school tournament performed creditably finishing in 6th and 7th places.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Junior Regional Qualifying Series

As the magazine went to print this year's junior regional series was being played. This year's North Island Secondary Schools Junior Championships are to be held in Napier during the first week in December. We will report on this next year.



Ashleigh Pearce and Sarah Cox

Conclusion

A big thanks to all of the junior and senior players for their involvement in the girls' Volleyball programme during 2008. Special thanks to Jane Allemann, Ashleigh Pearce, Melissa Larsen and Anne-Marie Petty for their coaching assistance with the Junior teams at various times during 2008.

A special thanks to all of the parents who have helped me with our teams - fund-raising, transport, chaperoning and managing during 2007/2008 - in particular to Mr Pearce, Mr Cox, Mrs Smart and Dr Petty.

Best wishes to the Junior girls' as they prepare for their regional qualifying series and the North Island Junior Championships in Napier in early December.

Good luck to those players who will be involved in the various Beach Volleyball events during the summer of 2008/2009.

Those players returning can look forward to another enjoyable and successful year in 2009 - remember that you are only as good as you practice, and you don't improve unless you practice.



Year 9 Girls Volleyball

Back Row: Amie Corrigan, Amy Bielecki, Lori Paulin, Mr Phil Gayton (Coach)

Front Row: Jacoline Venter, Julie Richardson, Brittney Pearce (Captain), Lisa Maloney, Amber Clement

Absent: Danika Phillips, Julia van Paassen, Melissa Bush



Year 10 Girls Volleyball

Back Row: Jaimee Tarrant, Kirsty Little, Kate Smart, Kylie Vedder, Mr Phil Gayton (Coach)

Front Row: Tori Green, Sophie Hillier, Beatrice Petty (Captain), Laura Hillier, Chance Bunyan



Rugby

This year has seen plenty of changes for rugby in our school. We had a new change in the running of rugby in the college and as many of you are aware, and for those of you who didn't, it was myself. It has been a huge learning curve and with it plenty of challenges but at the same time very rewarding and satisfying. That is what makes it so exciting having plenty of raw talent to develop and with the right attitude everybody has the potential and ability to be as good as they want to be.

It was encouraging to see our Year 9 team make the semi finals in their grade. You guys are the future of rugby in our school and have shown that there is plenty of ability within your side. Hopefully you guys return next year and with predominantly the same team which will continue to evolve into a team that will have the potential to reach any heights that you want to. To Rob Moorby, the coach, your time and help has been invaluable. Without you we would not have had two teams in the Under 15 section. I know it's difficult in the first year in a new college. It has challenges in itself, especially with a young family, to be able to train and then turn up on Saturdays is greatly appreciated. I hope it has not deterred you from next year!

It was great that we were able to field a Year 10 team many of who are also good friends. They were greatly supported by Markham Grey who does many wonderful things within our community. It was awesome to have you on board this year and we hope we can see you next year as well. I know the boys respect you



deeply. It was also very encouraging to see two young faces on the coaching staff this year. Daniel Hoyle and Hagan Brown came in and provided support for the boys which was also greatly appreciated. I hope you two return next year to provide further assistance and also to improve and further yourselves as coaches. The team fought hard and made good improvements over the course of the season. A couple of near losses were unfortunate.

For the first time in four years we were back to having a second XV. This team is very important within the structure of rugby. It provides a platform to the first xv and to learn from the first xv set up with a bit of game time here and there makes it that much easier making the step up the following year or two. This team played well over the year and always had the instinct to run even with a strong southerly at the back, nah bro spin it! If it had not been for a little bit of inconsistency with the Union on rules I'm pretty confident we would have had another team in a final and



a very real prospect of a title having played with a weakened team to beat the eventual competition winners. So all I will say to you boys is have some faith, there is so much potential and talent that you don't see in yourself. Just believe, heads down backsides up and go for it!

Bearing the flag for our college was our First XV in the premier A grade. After a solid pre season the boys were fired up and did not disappoint culminating in making the final against a Hawera side that has been undefeated over the last two years. Not making any excuses

Darren Scott



but perhaps the 2 week break after a good semi final win to playing the final wasn't exactly the best situation to be in. And I think after the first 20 the boys perhaps didn't realize that they were actually playing in the final. However it was obvious after the turn around that they wanted to make the most of their opportunity to making their own piece of history in our college. Into the wind they played as a more cohesive unit which gave them more ball which turned into confidence. It was obvious to see that they were playing for a years worth of commitment and dedication and didn't want any ifs or buts everything left on the field. They certainly did closing the gap to 23-20 and the final whistle blowing with a 12 person maul collapsed over the Hawera line. So close. But that's the way games go. You win some and you lose some and it is how you get yourself up and move forward that defines you. But there was no doubt in my mind that you boys were winners. A huge thanks goes out to Jason Avery and Glenn Brookes for developing these boys over the last 3 years. They have made big strides under your guidance and become better players on and off the field. The sacrifices are huge, especially in what is a voluntary position. And what would the team be without a manager to make sure everything is ship shape. Terry Long has had a long association with the school and to have your expertise over the years has been invaluable and greatly appreciated. Aply supported by Jonesy, you guys have helped turn rugby and its standards in our college to new levels and reaching the final 3 out of the last 3 years is testament to that. The role of a first xv member is more than playing a game of rugby. It is

a position of responsibility that should not be taken lightly and also remember that you act as an ambassador for our college. Take pride in what you do, respect the jersey, and promote our school with the passion and belief that we are the best on and off the field. The backbone of many teams is the parents and supporters and throughout the year it has been great to see the



Rugby 1st XV

This years 1st XV season started off in the right direction with a decent victory over the coastal schools 1st XV, which was a positive start for the boys and set the standard for the rest of the season.

We had many highlights thought out the season. One being our decent victory against our exchange school from Hamilton "Fairfield College", it was the first time we had beaten them on their home soil.

Our regular season was trucking along nicely with making the top 2 then winning our semi final at home taking us to the final to face a two year undefeated Hawera.

The boys put in a huge effort but unfortunately came away on the wrong side of the score board with a 23-20 loss.

Congratulations to Daniel Cox, Isaac Gulliver and Aaron Coutts for making their respective age group rep teams. Also Anaru Matthews for making the Bulldogs U20 league team it's a huge honor and wish him all the best.

I was extremely proud of the season we had and would like to thank our coaching staff, Jason Avery, Glen Brookes, Terry Long and Glen Jones, we wouldn't be where we are today without you guys and the time and effort you put in is greatly appreciated. I'd also like to thank our sponsors Stu Bruce of J.L.E, Denis and Hester Sole and Blagdon four Square.

Good Luck boys for next year and all future plans.

"WHAT ARE WE"?

numbers swell. Without you guys these boys wouldn't be able to do what they do.

To the players an awesome group of guys who have played together over the last few years and to hear you guys chanting brothers before kick off it was plain to see that you were there for each other, and at the end of the day its not for anyone else but yourselves. To the Year 13 boys leaving I hope you have enjoyed your footy over the years. Hopefully what you have learnt will give you a descent enough platform to continue to improve and develop and reach your potential. Good luck. For the boys returning I have four words:

Next Year Unfinished Business!

Nathan Sole



Rugby 2nd XV

Back Row: Ben Bush, Isaac Looker, Hema Te Ao, Dylan Taylor, Shaun Adlam

2nd Row: Mr Alistair Cook (Manager), Vunivola Tavo, Trent Ngatai, Kaio Smith, Anthony Faga, Mr Darren Scott (Coach)

Front Row: Mal Honeyfield, Reagan Coutts, Nick Long, Iriapa Rarere, Thomas Skipper, Ngatai Baker, Oliver Eaton

Absent: Jamie Henshilwood, Te Nga Hartley

Rugby 2nd XV

Iriapa Rarere

This season the 2nd XV had a lot of ups and downs, with just missing out on the semi finals and having points deducted setting us back.

We had a very dominant forward pack who were outstanding in line-outs and rucks and mauls.

I'd like to congratulate the boys on their commitment this year and also the support of family and friends. Finally big thanks to Mr Scott and Mr Cook.

Churr churr good luck next year.

Rugby Under 15 Division 2

Markham Grey

Our team (mostly Year 10's) spent the first part of the season getting graded. We saw an excellent season from the guys who got close to the playoffs and with a bit more of a concerted effort should have at least made the semi-finals.

Special thanks to Hagan Brown and Daniel Hoyle for helping to coach this team, and to Darren Scott our Rugby Administrator and Jack Kirifi, the Taranaki Development Officer. Also thanks to the ground staff, Angus and Dave, for their support.



Rugby Under 15 Division 2

Back Row: Hagan Brown, Hayden Pratt, Elijah Webby, Brandon Walker, Keanu Chase, Kale Te Waaka, Daniel Hoyle

2nd Row: Junior Mason, Jordan Smith, Bodean Luke, Atreyu Kempton, David Cameron, Corey Bennett, Markham Grey (Coach)

Front Row: Bodean Taylor, Steven Taylor, Toi Ngeru, Isileli Sau, Cameron Gibson, Denim Rawiri, Bryce Taylor

Absent: Paul Baiteke

Rugby Under 15 Division 3

Leeroy McKay

At the start of this season there were too many boys for one team so we were split into a Year 9 and a Year 10 team. My team came up against a Francis Douglas side and won 82-5. We thought after this that we were going to have a good season but unfortunately we slipped in performance until the games right before the semi-finals. We came up against a NPBHS side which was a hard match and although we lost I give the boys credit for making the semi in our first year together. Thanks to our coach Mr Moorby for taking us and doing such an awesome job.



Rugby Under 15 Division 3

Back Row: Shaun Hall, Cruize Patene, Tai Juneau

2nd Row: Raymond Richards, Anton Foley, Jack Thomson, Jordan Rust, Keane Hall, Mr Rob Moorby (Coach)

Front Row: Nathaniel Barrett-Campbell, Aaron Johnston, Troy Phillips, Leeroy McKay, Connor Hamilton, Jackson Dally, Jeremy Rielley

Absent: Ashley Phillips, Andrew Kainaka

Rugby Girls Sevens

Tahlia Hoyle

This year we had lots of girls play for the team. We did very well, winning two games, drawing one and losing one.

Our only competition this year was the TSSSA Girls Rugby competition held at Francis Douglas.

We would like to thank our coach Rich and also Angus who really pulled together for us and helped us through.



Rugby Girls 7's

Back Row: Jamie-Lee James, Cheyenne Manukonga, Dallas Watson

2nd Row: Angeline Orr, Alana Paulin, Shanice Graham, Phoebe Davis

Front Row: Mele Sau, Jennifer Tume, Tahlia Hoyle (Captain), Hana Baker, Elizabeth Sau

Basketball

Basketball Senior A Boys

Tom Sommerville

This year we attained some great results through hard work and dedication. We travelled to Hastings for the regional tournament where we came 14th. We also travelled with the rest of the school teams to Hamilton for the annual exchange with Fairfield College, where we narrowly lost in a thrilling game.

Our greatest achievement though, was our second place in the Med-Lab Secondary School Basketball Tournament. We came up against a very focussed and disciplined Francis Douglas team who had that little bit extra to come up trumps. It was a great game and to top it off, one of our players, Kaye McKee, was named Top Forward in the whole league of 8 teams.

Thanks to Mr Abrams for his dedication and great coaching and good luck for next year.



Basketball Senior A Boys

Back Row: Nigel Te Huia, Ethan Jensen, Toby Cashin, Mitchell Scanlan, Mr Link Abrams (Coach)

Front Row: Mathew Dickey, Iriapa Rarere, Tom Sommerville (Captain), Kaye McKee, Jacob Preston



Basketball Senior A Girls

Back Row: Mele Sau, Jane Allemann, Alex Barlow, Miss Aimee Mason (Coach)

Front Row: Merle Brinkhus, Abbey-Louise Mayhead, Kimberley Kalin (Captain), Alana Paulin, Carrie Hurliman

Absent: Vanessa Adlam, Kate Salvatore

Basketball Senior A Girls

Kimberley Kalin

This year we played in the Womens A grade. We had a good season, coming second in our grade.

All the girls in our team really enjoyed themselves and improved heaps throughout the season.

Aimee Mason was our coach this season and we appreciate all her hard work and commitment to our team!

Basketball Suns

Stacy Povey

Our team was called the Spotswood Suns. We had ten members and only two with previous experience. With the help of a great coach the whole team improved a great amount.

We were in a social league playing against seven other teams but we only managed to win against two with a huge effort from every player. Everyone played hard at every game but unfortunately we did not manage to make it to semi-finals.

Basketball Senior B Girls

Abbey Mayhead

On behalf of the Spotswood Bulls basketball team I would like to thank our coach Frankie Salvatore for being such a good coach and helping us to have a great season. Unfortunately we just missed out on semi-finals, coming fifth, and we hope for a better result next year.

A huge thank you to our amazing supporters and to all of the girls who played for us this year. We played well as a team and had outstanding team spirit.

Basketball Senior B Girls - Bulls

Back Row: Nadia Schroll, Hana Baker, Karlene McArthur, Kayla Phillips

Front Row: Abbey-Louise Mayhead, Shelby Farmer, Kate Salvatore, Taurean Winter, Lavinia Winter

Absent: Frank Salvatore (Coach), Catherine Mayhead (Coach), Leonie Wuepper



Basketball Junior A Boys

Nigel Te Huia

This year we trained as a team on Wednesdays after school which was fun and a new experience every time. One practice we were very lucky to be coached by the Taranaki Dynamoes coach, which the boys and I enjoyed and learnt a lot from. The boys fought through 11 games and came out with three impressive wins which I was very proud of. I have enjoyed every minute of coaching the boys this year and hope they continue with basketball in the future. I would like to thank the parents for their support and the boys for sticking with me and playing hard all season.



Basketball Junior A Boys

Back Row: Keane Hall, Jack Thomson, Zayed Rabbaney, Iriapa Rarere (Coach)
2nd Row: Mitchell Scanlan (Coach), Tai Juneau, Cruize Patene, Nigel Te Huia (Head Coach)
Front Row: Braiden Jensen, Ryan Dingle, Toi Ngeru, Danyon Lee, Jeremy Rielly

Basketball Senior Social - Underdogs

Jacob Preston

This year me and a few guys entered a team into the social grade for basketball. We had a pretty mean season with some big blocks and sick dunks. The team ended up just missing out on the finals and we were all pretty gutted. Thanks to the boys for a great season.

Basketball Senior Social - Underdogs

Back Row: Mitchell Scanlan, Iriapa Rarere, Nigel Te Huia
2nd Row: Andrew Riley, Kamyn Pratt
Front Row: Jake Viskovich, Jared Ingram, Jacob Preston, Josh Curran, Robin Morgner



Basketball Junior A Girls

Back Row: Jamie-Lee James
2nd Row: Jane Alleman (Coach), Talafungani Sau, Aroha Swannell, Kimberley Kalin (Coach)
Front Row: Amy Brungar, Kiera Lay, Jodie Donald (Captain), Anna Hinton, Victory Peebles

Basketball Junior A Girls

Jodie Donald

We started the season well with a great win which was an awesome start even though many of us had never played before. Since then we have really improved as a team and were asked to compete in the TSSSA Basketball tournament. We lost two games and won one but it was a great experience to see the opposition and other schools play. We ended up seventh out of all the secondary schools.

On Friday nights we played in the junior girls league and made it to the semi-finals. After a long, tiring game with no subs we lost 24-18 which left us fourth overall after a great season.



Basketball Llamas

Ella Mischefski

This year we decided to make our own social team. We've been asked to move up a grade as we are doing so well and have won all of our games by a reasonably large margin.

Apart from a minor communication difficulty with the officials, all our games have gone smoothly. Our best game was when half our players got back from TOPEC and still managed to pull off another win. On writing this we are heading into semifinals in 1st position hoping to take out the grade! Thanks to our dedicated coach Marianne Coulton who brought us lollies every Thursday. Also thanks to the girls and parents for turning up to every game



Basketball Llamas

Back Row: Stefanie Johnston, Shannon Day, Emma Glucina, Clementine Smart
Front Row: Georgia Pui, Jessica Old, Carrie Hurliman, Ella Mischefski, Caitlin Busby
Absent: Marianne Coulton (Coach)

Netball

Netball Senior A

This year our Senior A netball team started off with a bang by coming runner up in the Netball Taranaki Open Day Tournament, playing against senior A grade teams and then continued on with our success winning the TSSSA B Grade tournament.

Throughout the season we had many adventures and many laughs, the team was made up with an awesome group of girls that got on and blended well together. We've got so many stories, from learning how to shoot rifles and hunt archery style in a team bonding exercise at Icon Sports Tariki, to meeting Chris Cairns on his walk down New Zealand for Railway safety, whilst

we were in the middle of doing hot and colds so were all wearing bikinis and towels in the middle of the street (see our photo on his website www.chriscairnsfoundation.co.nz (Track Chris, Palmerston North 4th September, and make a donation).

We recently participated in the Lower North Islands Secondary School Tournament in Palmerston North where we did ourselves and coaches proud by getting our best placing in 5 years, 19th out of 30 and besides the trip was a heap of fun on and off the court.

Back in New Plymouth we were still doing wonderful things coming runner up in the A grade at the Netball



Basketball Pineapple Lumps

Back Row: Cheyenne Manukong
2nd Row: Elizabeth Sau, Latisha Austin, Mele Sau, Elizabeth Faga, Miss Anna Debreceny (Manager)
Front Row: Angeline Orr, Jennifer Tume, Tahlia Hoyle, Dallas Watson, Phoebe Davis

Basketball Pineapple Lumps

Tahlia Hoyle

We played in the social grade this year and it was really cool. Last year we came second so we had to live up to our reputation. We had a really good season and had loads of fun. I recommend this sport to anyone.

We play on Friday nights and we play other schools from around Taranaki. We play at the school gym so it's a home game every night until we get into the finals. It's a confidence boost and it makes us all play a lot harder. Thanks to Miss Debreceny for her support of us too.

I hope to see some new players next year.

Taranaki 2 Day Closing Tournament. We had two players selected as trialists for the U19 Taranaki team (Rebecca Shannon and Vanessa Adlam) and two in the U17 (Ashleigh Pearce and Jess Carter), which made us all proud.

All up it was an awesome season and thanks for all the laughs and good memories we gave each other. Also thanks to Pete and Pauline as manager and coach in their last netball season here at Spotswood College. Thanks for all the hard work over the last 5 years.

A big thank you to Janeen for her tireless work with netball. Best wishes for continued success in the future.

Rebecca Shannon



Netball Senior A

Back Row: Cheyenne Manukonga
2nd Row: Jess Carter, Latisha Austin, Vanessa Adlam, Jane Allemann, Pauline Shannon (Coach)
Front Row: Kimberley Kalin, Michelle Carter, Rebecca Shannon (Captain), Ashleigh Pearce, Asha Smith
Absent: Pete Shannon (Manager)

Netball Senior B

Chelsea Officer

This year has brought our team closer together, even though we are all from different age groups, and we pushed ourselves to play every weekend.

We also became the Smokefree team for Spotswood College and with this our team completed two Smokefree events in order to promote Smokefree to the school and community. These events went well and I believe our team represented Smokefree well.

Thanks to all of the members of the team and all the parents that came out and supported us and helped every Saturday. As for our coach Raymond Kaiki – thanks for teaching us new skills and always encouraging us to be the best.



Netball Senior B

Back Row: Shannon Collins, Ellee Marie Donald, Taurean Winter, Alex Barlow
Front Row: Carla McKay, Kotuku Kaiki, Chelsea Officer
Absent: Olivia King, Stacey Hinton, Tui Wright, Raymond Kaiki (Coach)

Netball 10A

Caitlin Busby & Lavinia Winter

On behalf of the 10A Netball girls we would like to thank our two amazing coaches, Colleen Busby and Vanessa Adlam, who have been there for us 100% of the time, whether we won or lost. Thank you so much and also to our refs and supporters. Our netball team started off the season great coming third in the pre-season tournament and won all of our grading games. We were then put up to the top grade top grade to join top teams like Spotswood Senior A. All the girls pulled together to play awesome and challenging games. We traveled to Levin with the 9A girls for the Junior Western Development Tournament. It was a great and joyful experience, although not winning the tournament we had some wins and plenty of happy memories. Thanks to all the girls for a great season.



Netball 10A

Back Row: Emma Glucina
2nd Row: Jaimee Tarrant, Caitlin Cole, Sade Gillespie, Caitlin Busby, Vanessa Adlam (Coach)
Front Row: Chance Bunyan, Ashleigh Clark, Lavinia Winter, Kristy Billing, Abbey-Louise Mayhead
Absent: Colleen Busby (Coach)



Netball Wild Things

Back Row: Kate Jones, Brooke Dobson, Toni Johnston
Front Row: Naraya Frank, Megan Rangī, Jendi Logan (Captain), Sophie Ardern, Merle Brinkhus
Absent: Ashleigh Donald

Netball 10B

Demelza Richards

This year the 10B Netball team played in C grade social. The game of the season for us was against NPGHS. This was the most memorable because they are a really tough team to beat and are also challenging but we had a lot of laughs together. Our coach this year was Letitia Mellow and she did a fantastic job of it. Our manager was Debbie Little and we would like to thank these two for their efforts this year. Good luck for the next season and we hope to have the same girls back next year.



Netball 10B

Back Row: Katie Coppin, Letitia Mellow (Coach), Jeena Sifa
Front Row: Kirsty Little, Chae Watts, Nao Nishida, Holly McLeod, Demelza Richards

Netball Boys

Nathan Sole

This year was the first year Spotswood has entered a boys netball team in the regional TSSSA competition. The guys were full of high spirits after some rigorous trainings from netball legend Janeen Carter. The 'men' played well ending up, it was a top effort. Big thanks to Jenine and the Tyson's netball team for all the support and giving up their time to teach some 'men' some new skills.



Netball Boys

Back Row: Kodee Kee Sue, Corey Brookes, Nathan Sole, Janeen Carter (Coach)
Front Row: Bineati Teriuea, Daniel Cox, Tim Hook (Captain), Iriapa Rarere, Tama Tume
Absent: Isaac Gulliver

Netball 9A

Shaquille Know

Everyone in the team were great, everyone's family was there to support us at every game. Tournaments were great as well, everyone put their heart into it and played hard. There were a lot of people in our team that made rep trails were Soana, Shaquille and Catherine. The tournament in Levin was awesome. We came 5th out of 10 teams. We are all proud of ourselves as the whole team. Our game of the season was when we played Waitara High School, we all were going hard and played fast. I would like to thank our coach Janeen, our manager Jo and our umpire David for all their help. Also huge thanks to the families for supporting us through the season from start to finish. Thanks.



Netball 9A

Back Row: Jo West (Mngr), Nga Waiata Mahea Kaiki Pate, Molly Bygate, Catherine West, Soana Fakavamoeanga, Janeen Carter (Coach)
Front Row: Brittney Pearce, Karlene McArthur, Shaquille Knowles (Captain), Jodie Donald, Kori Rapira

Netball 9B

Spotswood 9B was a really cool team to be in. We all worked together well and had an awesome time. Even though we weren't the A team we all had the skills to be an A team.

We all had a really fun season.



Netball 9B

Back Row: Anne Baiteke, Brittany Clarke, Ataahua Shortland, Aroha Kaiki-Pate (Coach)
Front Row: Jahphay Huhu-Wereta, Danielle Vickers, Jamie Van Asch-Rangihaeata
Absent: Anahera Awhitu

Equestrian

Spotswood College Equestrian Teams were entered in five separate events over the past year – TSSSA Dressage, TSSSA One Day Event, NISS Showjumping, NISS Dressage and NISS Horse Trial. We currently have a very strong group of junior and senior equestrian athletes and many of the riders competed in school and pony club representative teams.

October 07 - NISS Showjumping held at St Peters School, Cambridge

Caroline Beekman (Eager to Ride) and Andrea Brewster (Sexy B) competed in ring 1 (1.05-1.15m jumps height) and Darelle Martin (Asterix) and Hayley Beekman (Victory Time) competed in the 90cm -1.05m height. The team was not placed but had a wonderful experience attending this event and representing Spotswood College. Mrs Carolyn Miles was attending the event with her daughter who attends another school, but she was vocal in her support for our team. We hope to enter a team in this event later this year.



April 08 - NISS Dressage Competition held at St Peters School, Cambridge

60 teams of 4 riders competed at this event with each team member riding two judged dressage tests. Catherine West (riding The Zeus) and Anna Hinton (Oddspot) were placed first in both of their tests and this gave our team a huge advantage. Andrea Brewster (Beyonce) and Hayley Beekman (Victory Time) were also both placed in their tests.

The final results were not posted until after the last rider had finished so we were not sure of our final score until the very end of the competition.

This was the first time that Spotswood College had entered a team in this competition and we were thrilled to have the highest points and win the North Island Secondary School title. The announcer stated that the win had made our long journey worthwhile!! We hope to defend our North Island title next year.

TSSSA Dressage

This competition was held in Hawera in April, however our teams withdrew on the day due to atrocious weather conditions – we made a decision not to risk rider and horse safety in the wet conditions.

TSSSA One Day Event held at Carlyle Pony Club

Andrea Brewster (Beyonce), Anna Hinton (Oddspot), Hayley Beekman (Victory Time) and Darelle Martin (Asterix) all performed well in their classes and the Spotswood College Team won this competition on combined points of all of the team members.

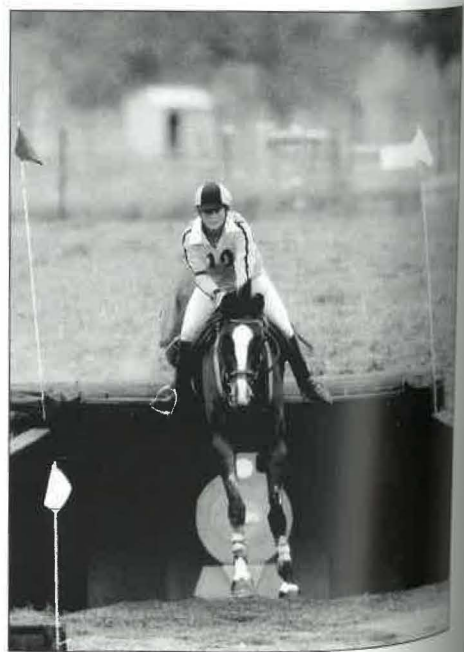
May 08 - NISS Horse Trial held at Waikato Equestrian Centre, Te Rapa, Hamilton

Each team member rode a judged dressage test followed by a series of cross county jumps and then a showjumping round, with points combined for the team score. Hayley Beekman (Espresso) competed in pre-training (85cm class) while Anna Hinton (Oddspot), Darelle Martin (Asterix) and team captain Andrea



NISS Equestrian
Back Row: Anna Hinton, Catherine West
Front Row: Andrea Brewster, Hayley Beekman, Darelle Martin
Absent: Mrs Wendy Bayley

Brewster (Beyonce) competed in the open (1.05m) class. All riders performed very well and our team gained 2nd place overall in our class. We were very lucky to have a team groom, Brooke Dobson, travel with us and help with the horses.



Pony Club Representative teams:

Several of our Equestrian riders have been selected as members of representative teams for North Island and national competitions this year. Riders must be nominated or invited to trial and then perform well and gain a top placing at the trial competition to gain selection for these teams.

Anna Hinton, riding her pony Oddspot:

1. Member of North Taranaki Team at North Island Pony Club Showjumping Championships held at Cambridge - placings in top 10. Also awarded "style prize" in the Intermediate ring - awarded for most correct riding style.
2. Member of Oakura Pony Club team for the North Island Teams Training Eventing competition. The team placed 5th overall.
3. Member of North Taranaki team at Mounted Games Lower North Island finals.
4. Member of North Taranaki team at Timberlands, the North Island Eventing Championships. The team won this prestigious event.

Catherine West, riding her horse The Zeus:

1. Member of Taranaki Team at North

5. Reserve for Taranaki DC team (3 riders 16yrs & under) to compete at the New Zealand Horse Trials Eventing Championships, held in Nelson.
6. Won the 11-13yrs NRM sash for the most points gained during the eventing series of competitions.

Andrea Brewster, riding her horse Beyonce:

1. Member of North Taranaki Team at North Island Pony Club Showjumping Championships held at Cambridge. Placed 6th and 8th.
2. Member of Taranaki DC team (3 riders 16 & under) to compete at the New Zealand Horse Trials Eventing Championships, held in Nelson. Riders had to qualify by performing well at open (1.05m level) events throughout the season and then be invited to trial and gain a top 3 placing at the Area Trials competition. A huge journey to Nelson and tough competition, Andrea was placed 2nd overall in New Zealand, and 2nd in the Taranaki team.

- Island Dressage Championships Taupo.
2. Member of North Taranaki Team at Mounted Games Lower North Island finals.
3. Taranaki Junior Dressage Champion
4. NZ Young Rider Dressage Champion Level 2
5. Member of the NZ Junior Dressage Training Squad

Darelle Martin, riding her horse Asterix:

1. Member of North Taranaki team at Timberlands, the North Island Eventing Championships. The team, captained by Darelle, won this prestigious event.
2. Won the 16yrs & under NRM sash for the most points gained during the eventing series of competitions.

Hayley Beekman, riding her horse Espresso:

Member of Oakura Pony Club team for the North Island Teams Training Eventing competition. The team placed 5th overall.

Equestrian High Achiever

I was lucky enough to have three amazing horses in the 2007/2008 season. It has been very rewarding for me to see that all of the hard yards done riding at home have paid off at national competitions. I am now very keen to see what the international equestrian scene has to offer. My equestrian success is a reflection of the support my family has given me to pursue my goals, along with long hours in the saddle.

2007/2008 Season - New Zealand Highlights

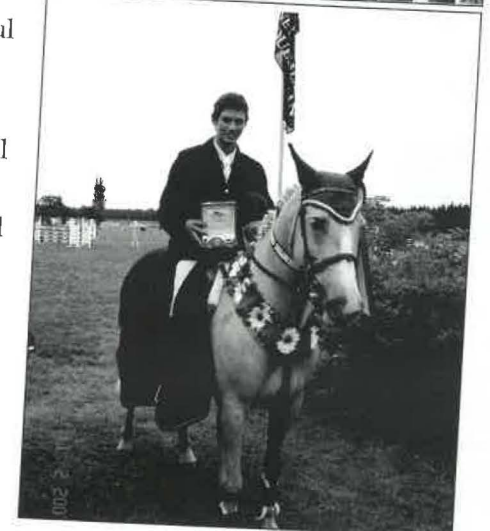
- Winner – Pony of the Year "Co Calico" and placed 3rd on "Wilful" (National Title)
- Winner – Pony Showhunter of the Year "Wilful" (National Title)
- Winner – North Island Champion Showhunter "Wilful" (NI Title)
- Winner – South Island Champion Showhunter "Wilful" (SI Title)

- Pony Grand Prix Series – Winner on Wilful, 2nd on Co Calico (National Series)
- Junior Rider South Island Champs Winner Kiwi Guard, (SI Title)

Pony Grand Prixs won this season:

- Hawkes Bay A&P – Wilful 3*
- Wairarapa SJ Masterton – Wilful 2*
- Tauranga – Co Calico 3*
- Taupo Christmas Classic – Wilful 3*
- Waitemata World Cup Woodhill – Wilful 3*
- Levin A&P – Wilful 2*
- South Island Champs – Wilful 3*
- Woodhill Platinum Homes – Co Calico 3*
- Pony of the Year – Co Calico 3*

Mathew Dickey



Waka Ama

This year for Waka Ama we went away twice. The first time was for National Sprints in Cambridge and we stayed there for a week. We played in a race and it was really awesome.

We stayed at a Marae just out of Cambridge, I think, which was decent. We took away two girls teams and one boys team. We all became very

good friends and I would like to say a big thanks to Matua Ian for all of his support.

The second time we went to Raglan and we stayed over night for the 17 km winter race.

Waka Ama is a great sport that can be played throughout the whole year.

Tahlia Hoyle and Kodee Kee Sue

Hopefully next year we can have more teams entered and bring home some more medals.

We highly enjoyed our trips away with the Waka Ama teams. We didn't win anything but we tried our best anyway.



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE
WAKA AMA SENIOR GIRLS 2008
Waka Ama Senior Girls
Back Row: Latisha Austin, Elizabeth Faga
Front Row: Angeline Orr, Mele Sau, Tahlia Hoyle



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE
WAKA AMA SENIOR BOYS 2008
Waka Ama Senior Boys
Back Row: Toi Paratene, Toi Ngeru, Kodee Kee Sue
Front Row: Bineati Teriuea, Iriapa Rarere, Tama Tume



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE
WAKA AMA JUNIOR GIRLS 2008
Waka Ama Junior Girls
Back Row: Phoebe Davis, Dallas Watson, Shanice Graham
Front Row: Hana Baker, Elizabeth Sau, Jennifer Tume



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE
WAKA AMA MIXED 2008
Waka Ama Mixed
Back Row: Toi Paratene, Bineati Teriuea, Kodee Kee Sue
2nd Row: Latisha Austin, Elizabeth Faga, Angeline Orr, Mele Sau
Front Row: Tahlia Hoyle, Tama Tume, Iriapa Rarere, Toi Ngeru, Dallas Watson

Badminton

Shaun Pender

Badminton is played by students of all years. The tournament the teams played in was the TSSSA. All students played extremely well with good results. The boys team came 4th and the girls came 2nd.

Badminton will be played throughout the year on a Monday after school until 5.00pm and Saturdays for extra coaching from 9.00am till midday. All keen badminton students are welcome.

A huge thanks to Mr Leonard and Mrs Cottam for giving up so much of their time for Badminton this year, it really made things easier having three expert coaches!

Our goal for next season is to be the best in Taranaki.

Skiing and Snowboarding

Boyd McManus

At the Taranaki Champs we placed 2nd overall by just 1 point behind PNBI with very creditable performances in all divisions of skiing and snowboarding. In the North Island Snowboard Champs we placed 18th= in the boys' division out of more than 50 teams. Convincingly the best placed team from the Naki.



Skiing and Snowboarding Team
Mr Boyd McManus, Cameron Brewster, Travis Eaton, Oliver Eaton, Henry Saleman
Absent: Tom Sommerville, Kaye McKe

Taranaki Secondary Schools Sport Association Report

Aimee Mason - Sports Co-ordinator

This year has been another successful year for the TSSSA Sports Calendar. Over 45 events were offered to all the Secondary Schools in Taranaki. Spotswood College entered in 41 of those events, with 195 students competing for the various titles. We had many good performances and wonderful team support from fellow students, staff and parents. At many events the focus was on participation and trying an event/sport that is not typically known as 'main stream' - such events as 10 Pin Bowling, Indoor Bowls, Rogaine, Smallbore Rifle Shooting, Cycling Time Trials and Motocross were all entered into with great enthusiasm.

Spotswood College had major success in 4 TSSSA events (at the time of writing this report).

TSSSA Mountain Biking

Jourdan Lethbridge (Yr 12) won his Senior Boys Downhill Mountain Biking race at the TSSSA Mountain Biking event held at Lake Mangamahoe.

TSSSA Golf

The Boys Golf team winning the TSSSA Golf title for the second year running. To win this event they had to beat a NPBHS team who last year were National Champions - a huge congratulations to Alex Cho, Lewis Choi, Sun Ho Choi and Jack Jung who out - played a classy NPBHS team.

TSSSA Athletics

At the TSSSA Athletics Competition we had success with a number of events.

- Amin Osama won the Intermediate Boys 1500m and 3000m races.
- Heidi Topless won the Intermediate Girls Javelin with a record breaking throw, and also won the Intermediate Girls High Jump.
- Jacob Morton won the Intermediate Boys 100m Hurdles.
- Ashleigh Pearce won the Senior Girls Discus.
- Anaru Matthews won the Senior Boys Discus.

TSSSA Indoor Rowing

We sent our biggest team of the year (27 students) to the TSSSA Indoor Rowing event which was again held at NPGHS. Corey Bennett won the Junior Boys 1000m Individual race. This was a huge effort as this was the first time he has ever been on an indoor rowing machine. Congratulations Corey, you will be back to defend your title next year.

Along with these sporting events the TSSSA also put on seminars with some of New Zealand's top sports ambassadors. Nathan Fa'ave (Adventure Racing) took a seminar with our schools future leaders. Corey Hutchings (Surf Life Saving) took a seminar with our captains and elite athletes. Bevan Martin (Softball) took a seminar with our junior elite athletes/future leaders. All of these seminars were hugely beneficial, with the students who attended picking up some valuable tips and motivation from some of New Zealand's top athletes.



TSSSA Athletics

Back Row: Heidi Topless, Amin Osama, Cameron Brewster, Mr Darren Scott (Coach)

Front Row: Chayce Hayward, Jodie Donald, Byron Lynds, Ashleigh Pearce, Jamie Henshilwood



TSSSA BMX

Back Row: Robert Popata, Thomas Sonntag, Cameron Brewster, David Sonntag

Front Row: Luther Brown, Stephen Gedye, Chayce Hayward



TSSSA Cross Country

Back Row: Samuel Newman, Jacob Newbold, Callum Johns, Amin Osama, Kristy Billing

2nd Row: Paige Wells, Jaimee Tarrant, Ryan Dingle, Anna Hinton, Logan Bryant, Mr Darren Scott (Manager)

Front Row: Jacoline Venter, Jamie Van Asch-Rangihaeata, Jodie Donald, Catherine West, Victory Peebles

Absent: Moselle Brown, Kody Little, Kelly Marshall-Smith, Starlet Peebles, Campbell Shaw

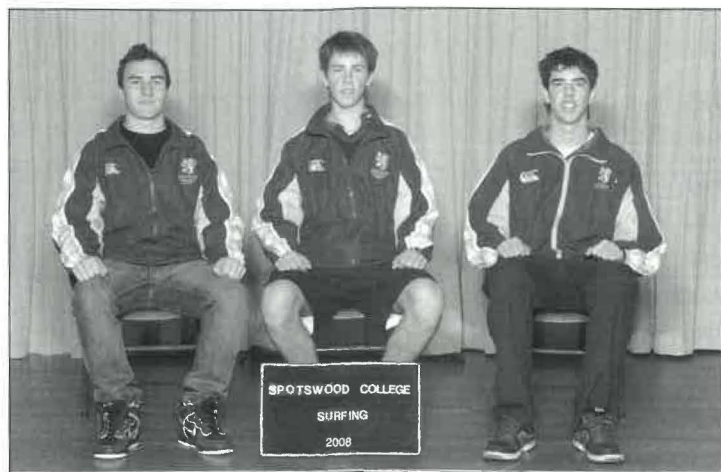


TSSSA Swimming

Back Row: Cameron Gibson, Ella Mischefski, Ryan Dingle

Front Row: Hayden Marshall, Josh Kenny, Amin Osama

Absent: Anthony Bruce, Jackson Dally, Anton Foley, Leeroy McKay, Holly McLeod



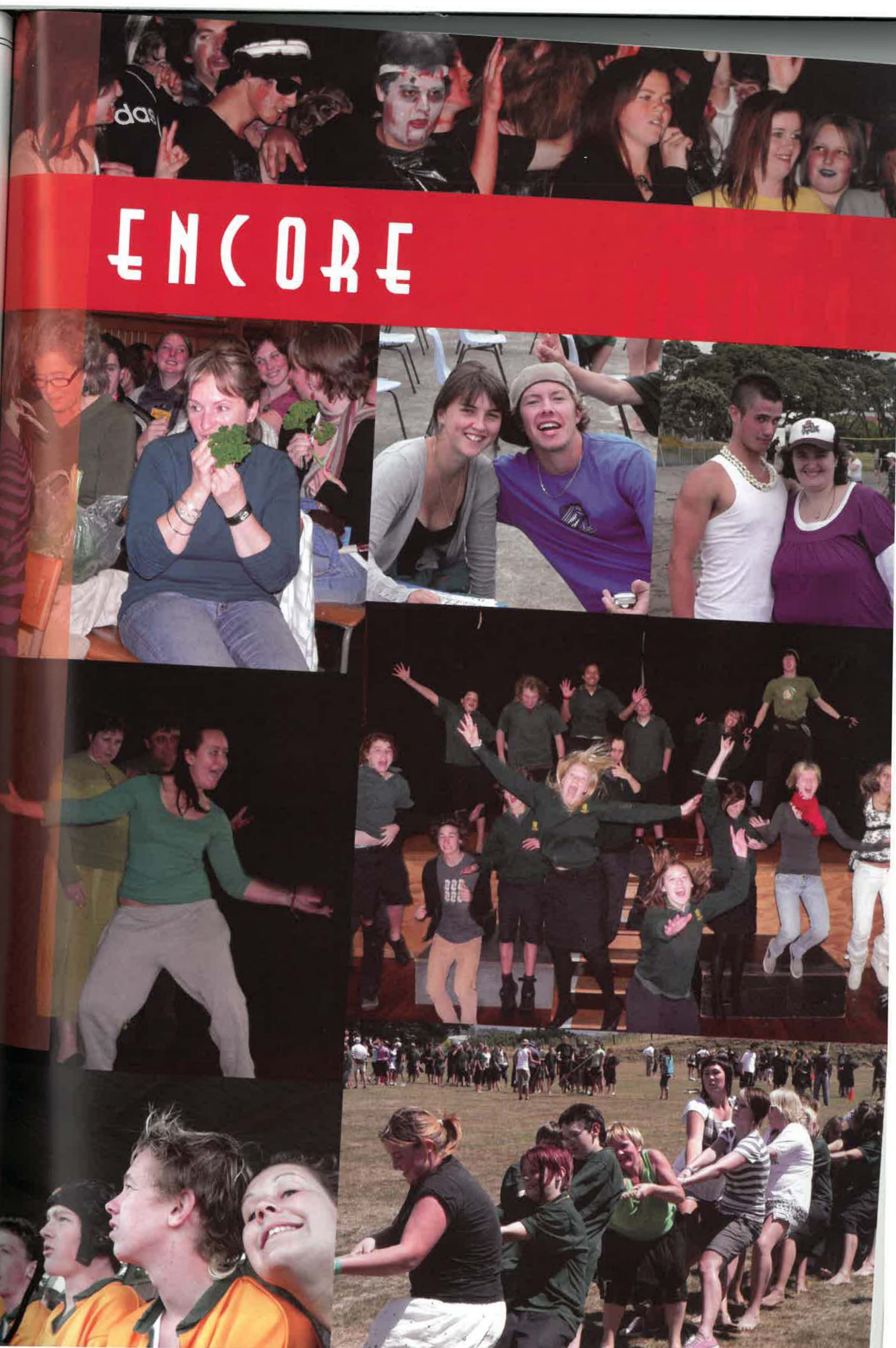
TSSSA Surfing

Front Row: Sam Towler, Marcus Williams, Kaye McKee



TSSSA Squash

Front Row: Mal Honeyfield, Josh Kenny, Hayden Marshall
Absent: Cameron Gibson



YEAR 13 PROFILES



Monique Walsh

Nickname: Moni-q, Meek
I will never forget: When Tim and Tod had a little 'moment' in Year 11 Maths
I will be remembered for: Being an art geek and always being late to class
Most embarrassing moment: When I tripped over the chain which is 10 cm off the ground and fully face planted
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Webster, Miss Murray, Ms Scott
Next year I will be: Haven't fully decided yet
In 10 years I will be: Alive? (hopefully)
Departing comment: "Don't eat too much cake"



Corey Brookes

Nickname: Minty Breath
I will never forget: Volleyball trips and playing rugby with the boys
I will be remembered for: Having minty breath
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Hodgkinson, Mr Shaw
Next year I will be: An All Black or an apprentice at Fitzroy Engineering
In 10 years I will be: Still playing for the All Blacks
Departing comment: "Don't 4gt 2 brush ur teeth" (Monkey and Porkchop)



Olivia King

Nickname: Livi, Ugly
I will never forget: Jane and Nathan
I will be remembered for: My amazing soccer talent
Most embarrassing moment: My face... when Pies creamed it
My fave teacher/subject: Calculus, Physics, Chemistry
Next year I will be: Pregnant with Wiseman's first child
In 10 years I will be: Married to Thomas with three children
Departing comment: "I love Pies... and Jane and Nathan..."



Tom Sommerville

Nickname: Jerome
I will never forget: Jane
I will be remembered for: My pickup line (Surf shops)
Most embarrassing moment: My Hot Wheels (burnt car)
My fave teacher/subject: Beauty Care, Mr Abrams
Next year I will be: Whale fishing
In 10 years I will be: Snowboarding
Departing comment: "I won Mr Muscles"



Natalie Ropitini

Nickname: Nat
I will never forget: The fight between Mat and Aaron on the bottom field
I will be remembered for: My curly hair and silliness
Most embarrassing moment: I don't have one
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Scott - I love food!
Next year I will be: At WITT and working part time
In 10 years I will be: Married with eight children, three dogs and two rabbits
Departing comment: "A goal set is a goal achievable - aim high"



Jay Botica

Nickname: Doos
I will never forget: My first girlfriend Jane
I will be remembered for: Bringing Barney DVD's to school
Most embarrassing moment: When Pies found my Barney teddy
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Turner
Next year I will be: The new blanket man
In 10 years I will be: Living on the street
Departing comment: "Please put your rubbish in the bin"



Guilherme Sartori

Nickname: Gui
I will never forget: That Spotswood College have so many subjects
I will be remembered for: Forgetting things easily
Most embarrassing moment: When I was lost
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Parr
Next year I will be: A student
In 10 years I will be: An engineer



Ellice Hona

Nickname: E, Easy E, Uru, Blackness
I will never forget: Mathew and Aaron's fight at the half court, Che and Holly
I will be remembered for: Being the only NOHGK to make it to 7th form, 7th form Hitman
Most embarrassing moment: Getting snapped for throwing water bombs at Mr Joe
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Webster, Mr Little, Hooch
Next year I will be: Getting a tan in Aussie, LMAO
In 10 years I will be: Living off my parents
Departing comment: "Don't do drugs kids! Uru!"



Ben Taylor

Nickname: BJ, Tommy Tippee, Minge
I will never forget: The time Nick came to school with no clothes on...
I will be remembered for: Being an IMS
Most embarrassing moment: Getting hit in the throat at Volleyball nationals
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Sewter
Next year I will be: In Brazil
In 10 years I will be: Living overseas somewhere
Departing comment: "Mongrels for life"



Chelsea Officer

I will never forget: The original form class
I will be remembered for: Being Chelsea
Most embarrassing moment: That time I went red
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Webster - Information Management, Miss Weir - English
Next year I will be: At Massey in Palmy
In 10 years I will be: An animal trainer
Departing Comment: "Yes, it's automatic"



Alina Sommer

I will never forget: The people here, especially my host sister Eva
Most embarrassing moment: When my apron started to burn in cooking
My fave teacher/subject: Mrs Gabites - Cooking
Next year I will be: Back to school in Germany
In 10 years I will be: Married with children
Departing comment: "I will miss you all"



Stefania Ebli

Nickname: Red Panda
I will never forget: All the people I knew here, Gur narqhile!
I will be remembered for: Being ginga
Most embarrassing moment: I haven't had one yet and hope it won't happen
My fave teacher/subject: Mr BB - Chemistry
Next year I will be: At school in Italy, real bored
In 10 years I will be: On a beach in Brasil
Departing comment: "Ciurla Bene"



Vanessa Adlam

Nickname: Nessy, Fat Fanny
I will never forget: My crazy girls, tounry week, getting lost on my first day of school (2008)
I will be remembered for: My pink hair, PDA, lol
Most embarrassing moment: Don't have one
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Shepherd
Next year I will be: Being a bum
In 10 years I will be: Making little Vanessa's...
Departing comment: "Pink 4 lyf!"



Janna Kollbach

Nickname: Lana, Jaja
I will never forget: The people here, especially my host sister Gorja
Most embarrassing moment: When I had a really big hole in my trousers
My fave teacher/subject: Cooking
Next year I will be: Back in Germany
In 10 years I will be: Hopefully returning to New Zealand and being really happy



Braden Robinson

Nickname: B-Rob, Crumb, Shmaden
I will never forget: The original form class
I will be remembered for: My obsession with sirens
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Weir, Geography
Next year I will be: Travelling the world
In 10 years I will be: A cop in Wellington
Departing comment: "I'll be there!"



Ashleigh Donald

Nickname: Ash
I will never forget: Dancing in the common room and my great friends. Getting stared at by a psycho person
I will be remembered for: The fence
Most embarrassing moment: Fencing – sorry Vanessa and Timmy?
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Andrews, Mr Sloan
Next year I will be: Making new friends cause everyone's leaving me!
In 10 years I will be: Old...
Departing comment: "I love Paxx and Vanessa and Uru"



Pedro Otoni

Nickname: Petru, Pedrofile
I will never forget: My host families kindness, Mrs Holland and Mrs Janet's help, the Yellow Room and all of the friends I have made
I will be remembered for: Being no good at sport
Most embarrassing moment: Many embarrassing moments in Sport and Rec, eg: kicking in front of the goal and missing
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Gribbon and Mr Greenfield for being kind and helpful
Next year I will be: In Brazil studying for an exam to get into university
In 10 years I will be: Studying law
Departing comment: "Coming to NZ was both the craziest and the best thing I have done"



Bianca Rose Brons

Nickname: B
I will never forget: Having a lovely girl sing Hannah Montana to me in tutorials... and Sophie Sassman!
Most embarrassing moment: Slipping over in the middle of S block with Rebecca catching me gracefully in her arms
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Webster, Ms Stoate, Miss Shepherd, Mrs Stevenson, Miss Duffy
Next year I will be: Travelling, seeing the world and experiencing life
In 10 years I will be: A famous actress on your television
Departing comment: "If you're not living on the edge you're taking up too much space"



Evan Brien

Nickname: Eels, Eeltoe, Snake Blues, Jelly Bean
I will never forget: Good times, games in the common room, stats with Jane
I will be remembered for: Having the 1st ever clean mullet, my kindness towards others
Most embarrassing moment: When Jess Darby creamed me in the face with my own cream bun
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Webster - IMA, Stats with Jane
Next year I will be: At Oxford University studying Law and Witchcraft
In 10 years I will be: In Jane's Stats class (11th year 7th form)
Departing comment: "If absence makes the heart grow fonder, you must be my fondest friend"



Dale de Jongh

Nickname: Moses
I will never forget: How messy the common room is and how much we played cards
I will be remembered for: Being South African and for being short
My fave teacher/subject: Mr McLauchlan
Next year I will be: Doing an apprenticeship in something???
In 10 years I will be: Having drinks on my yacht
Departing comment: "Go Bokke!!!" (South Africa - Springboks!)



Rebecca Shannon

Nickname: Bekah, Big B
I will never forget: My three friends and that's about it... nah sports trips, Drama Camp etc and Nick
I will be remembered for: Not being here
Most embarrassing moment: I'm too cool to be embarrassed
My fave teacher/subject: Ms Stoate, Mr Sloan, Mrs Stevenson, Miss Laurence
Next year I will be: The coolest person in the world making amazing amounts of money
In 10 years I will be: Visiting Sophie teaching young Samoan kids english (Go Soph)
Departing comment: "Yo"



Eva Luraschi

Nickname: Capuchin Monkey
I will never forget: The bad smell of the common room, Bernard, helpful form time
I will be remembered for: My yellow jacket, my fantastic Italian accent
Most embarrassing moment: When somebody made comments about my t-shirts
My fave teacher/subject: Textiles, Mr BB - I will never forget he gave me a Chupa Chup
Next year I will be: In Italy unfortunately, probably back at my school
In 10 years I will be: Under a bridge or maybe a chimney sweep
Departing comment: "Guisy!"



Nathan Woodhead

Nickname: Wookie, Chewbacca
I will never forget: All the kneecap dislocations, surgeries, car mowdowns and scars... ouch!
I will be remembered for: Getting Excellences and lots of 'em, being one big Wookie
Most embarrassing moment: April 8th 2006 - Attack of the Eyebrow Razor
My fave teacher/subject: Ms McGlade, Mr Parr, Mr Helliiker, Mrs Kroon, Dr Hoskin and Mr McFadyen Jnr
Next year I will be: Returing to Kushyyyk, homeworld of the mighty Wookie race
In 10 years I will be: 28
Departing comment: "Yipee-ki-yay!"



Mathew Dickey

Nickname: Pony, Dickless, Hasabig, Dickey
I will never forget: Lunchtime touch games, and remember Mr Turner - "Nobody cares"
I will be remembered for: Being a hardcore gangster rapper, along with my role as Head Boy - SPOTTY C REPRESENT
Most embarrassing moment: Being wheeled around in a rubbish bin while wearing a floral dress and lipstick
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Shaw, Mr BB, Mr Gabites, Mr McFadyen, Mr McLauchlan
Next year I will be: Peacing out like a puzzle at university
In 10 years I will be: Riding my horse into the sunset
Departing comment: "Life's a garden, dig it"



Brian French

I will never forget: All the good mates I have made during my time here
I will be remembered for: All my hard work and good personality
Most embarrassing moment: When I transferred from Boys High and went into my first class - everybody stared
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Manson, Mrs McLean, Mrs Joines, Mr Webster, Mr Little, Mr McGregor
Next year I will be: Going to WITT or hopefully working at Janko computers
In 10 years I will be: At a computer shop earning a lot of money
Departing comment: "Thank you to all the teachers for all of their help"



Gloria Bayma

Nickname: GLo
I will never forget: The moments in the common room, my host sister Janna and the other International students
Most embarrassing moment: When I fell down in a very funny way
My fave teacher/subject: Ms Stoate - Drama
Next year I will be: Happy about New Zealand and sad about being in Italy again
In 10 years I will be: Travelling around the world



Francesca Schonsberg

Nickname: Franceschina
I will never forget: The first time I understood there was a common room, New Plymouth's BIG airport, how friendly people are here
I will be remembered for: My Italian accent or maybe because I broke a nail
Most embarrassing moment: When I started to speak Italian and couldn't understand why people weren't answering
My fave teacher/subject: Ms Fraser, Photography, English
Next year I will be: Better
In 10 years I will be: Trying to discover something important
Departing comment: "Formaggio, I need food, Burrd e cornflakes, sunshine and rainbow"



Christian Lovell

Nickname: Anti-Christian, Serpent of the Deep
I will be remembered for: Being a hungry hungry hippo
Most embarrassing moment: My driving skills
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Gabites
Next year I will be: At Waikato University
In 10 years I will be: Travelling the world
Departing comment: "Can I play on your saxamophone?"



Fulvia Balzanelli

Nickname: Fulvietta
I will never forget: My host house
I will be remembered for: My Italian accent
Most embarrassing moment: My monologue in English
My fave teacher/subject: I loved cooking!
Next year I will be: A university student
In 10 years I will be: Married with a family and with a job in another European country
Departing comment: "I love New Zealand and Kiwi people! I will wait for all my new friends in Italy, I'll be happy to host you!"



Cara Potter

Nickname: Pottie, Chopper
I will never forget: All my friends and all the good times
I will be remembered for: Being the girl that won the cellphone in Year 10
Most embarrassing moment: Letting loose at teachers and office staff... I sincerely apologise, this is not like me!
My fave teacher/subject: Mr BB, Mr Little, Mr Webster
Next year I will be: Studying or working
In 10 years I will be: Well on my way to being a childcare teacher/nurse and owning my own farm
Departing comment: "Live life to the fullest, life is what you make it"



Robert Bush

Nickname: Roberto
I will be remembered for: 1337 computer fixing skills
Most embarrassing moment: Swearing during a speech
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Froom - Electronics, Mr BB - Year 9 Science
Next year I will be: At Waikato University
In 10 years I will be: Living in a million dollar mansion
Departing comment: "Booya"



Yuuki Smithers

Nickname: Baby Boy, Crazy Asian
I will never forget: Japan trip, Peer Support camp and my mates
I will be remembered for: Being the tall Asian and being the Asian guy everyone loves to mock
Most embarrassing moment: When I was at Boys High - big mistake!
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Knapton, and all of my other teachers who helped me out this year
Next year I will be: Hopefully at Victoria Uni studying Geography
In 10 years I will be: Travelling the world
Departing comment: "Jimmy Jones only comes from Scotland"



Lucy van der Fits

Nickname: Goose, Loosepuss
I will never forget: Lying in the sun on the Gym steps, wicked volleyball trips, coming back from boarding school during Year 12
I will be remembered for: Getting facial cellulitis
Most embarrassing moment: Getting called up on stage with Asha for a Drunk Driving show
My fave teacher/subject: Gateway and playing with the lil' kids at Bubbles every Wednesday
Next year I will be: Either a gap year, working hard, playing harder or early childcare
In 10 years I will be: Saving caged pigs because pigs deserve better
Departing comment: In the words of JD Fortune "Live, love, learn"



Gabriel Rodella

Nickname: Whatever you want
I will never forget: My real Kiwi and International friends
I will be remembered for: How I killed Nick Murphy
Most embarrassing moment: Losing to Hawera
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Knapton - Geo. He is English but he is still the man
Next year I will be: Back at home having fun but missing NZ so bad!!!
In 10 years I will be: Remembered in Spotswood history



Sindy (Shu Ming) Shen

Nickname: Sindy, Candy Pandy, Shorter
I will never forget: How the teachers taught me, how to learn new things, all my friends and teachers
I will be remembered for: My Gateway class and ESOL class
Most embarrassing moment: I can't understand English!
My fave teacher/subject: Mrs McLean, Ms Holland, Mr Little, Miss Mason
Next year I will be: Working in a great job
In 10 years I will be: Owning my own business
Departing comment: "Good luck for the Gateway and International students - you have to work hard!"



Rachael Williams

Nickname: Rachee, Raro, NZ (in USA)
I will never forget: Going to the USA and "turning American"
I will be remembered for: Having an American accent
My fave teacher/subject: Dance class in USA and Drama
Next year I will be: At Excell Performing Arts or in Denmark
In 10 years I will be: In Europe married to a rich man that's really attractive
Departing comment: "Life is like one big improv game, why not embrace it?"



Thomas Hopkirk

Nickname: Hop 2 da Kirk yea
I will never forget: Year 13
Most embarrassing moment: Too many to list
My fave teacher/subject: Mr BB
Next year I will be: At uni studying Law
In 10 years I will be: Travelling the world
Departing comment: "L8az Sk8az"



Kelsey Farmer

I will never forget: My foxes and wolves
I will be remembered for: My public speaking with good intentions and lightning speed
Most embarrassing moment: Not applicable
My fave teacher/subject: Sarcastic Mr Hodgkinson all those years ago
Next year I will be: Becoming a scientific artist, or an artistic scientist
In 10 years I will be: The epitome of glamour in Tokyo/London/Paris/New York etc
Departing comment: "Home is where the heart is - and the Spotswood College Class of 2008 sure has heart kids!"



Martijn Boeren

Nickname: Wu-Tang, Tall Guy
I will never forget: GYLC, all the friends I've made at Spotty
I will be remembered for: My height
My fave teacher/subject: Mr BB - Chemistry, Computing
Next year I will be: Studying at Waikato
In 10 years I will be: Somewhere...
Departing comment: "Mahal Kita guys"



Toby Cashin

Nickname: People try to start things but I shut them down quickly
I will never forget: The uprising of Flight of the Conchords, furniture piling with Bryn, Jesse Bradley
I will be remembered for: Putting peoples belongings in the microwave (seemed like a funny thing to do at the time)
Most embarrassing moment: Can't remember, no doubt tripped on a bottle cap at some time
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Abrams - he did more for basketball than any teacher in history
Next year I will be: Uni or maybe skate busking
In 10 years I will be: Professional skate busker
Departing comment: Like a good friend once said "Life's a joke, laugh at it"



Samantha Hill

Nickname: Sam, Saman, Samuel, Mallory's sister, Sammy Jane
I will never forget: So many things... Japan trip... Super Spud... Yr 11 Maths...
I will be remembered for: Being a rebel
Most embarrassing moment: Falling down steps repeatedly
My fave teacher/subject: All of them
Next year I will be: Studying at Waikato
In 10 years I will be: Eating Tacos
Departing comment: "Watch out for C31, and remember to practice columnarillumilocotackerminterraclysmicliason"



Andrew Sanders

Nickname: Anjeur, Yoda Jedi-master
I will never forget: Teaching exchange students naughty words
I will be remembered for: Blue Blue Jeans, the emo purse, being offended easily and offending easily, - the Lonely Jew
Most embarrassing moment: The day Nick came to school with no clothes on...
My fave teacher/subject: DJ Moorbs featuring M.C Fadyen (BRRRRRAAT)
Next year I will be: Learning Yiddish, fighting global warming
In 10 years I will be: legal owner of the moon
Departing comment: "I got love to lift my heavy load and gotta roof over my head and I'm ever thankful for my daily bread"



Bernard Graf

Nickname: Gurnard
I will never forget: New Plymouth and my year at Spotswood College
I will be remembered for: The things that you remember me for
Most embarrassing moment: One of those moments you fast forget
My fave teacher/subject: Wood tech with Mr Pender
Next year I will be: Back in good old Germany
In 10 years I will be: Rich
Departing comment: "Make sure you give heaps of love for Taranaki bro"



Tui Wright

Nickname: Tui McTutu
I will never forget: Spotswood Spottie
I will be remembered for: My lunches, the boat
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Peters - he's had to put up with me the longest so thank
Next year I will be: Studying at Massey
In 10 years I will be: Who knows? Travelling the world?
Departing comment: "I'm co-educated and proud!"



Joshua Waitere

Nickname: Yoda, Afro, Waitara
I will never forget: Breaking my nose
I will be remembered for: Having fun creeping people out
Most embarrassing moment: Tripping over myself
Next year I will be: At university or work
In 10 years I will be: Bored
Departing comment: "I see you!"



Kymbali Jayne Kalin

Nickname: Kimbo
I will never forget: Asha's silly common room games (Lava ground)
I will be remembered for: Codi says cleavage, Eels says personality
My fave teacher/subject: Food, Miss Laurence
Next year I will be: In Wellington, or a bum at home
In 10 years I will be: Rich haha and 28
Departing comment: "Oh my gosh, Eels is cool"



Anna Klauser

I will never forget: My first solo flight
I will be remembered for: Always thinking about flying
Most embarrassing moment: My most embarrassing moment at high school will happen
My fave teacher/subject: Sport, Maths, Physics
Next year I will be: Still in school for another two years
In 10 years I will be: A pilot, well I hope so!
Departing comment: "I really enjoyed my time in New Zealand and I will always remember my stay overseas"



Metua Sadler

Nickname: Dr Coolio
I will never forget: The initiation of my Nurses Coolio. Bow chika bow wow
I will be remembered for: My dashing looks, endearing personality and handsome smile
My fave teacher/subject: S-Dawg, Mr McG, DJ Moorbz, Sensei Snizzle Dizzle
Next year I will be: Studying "Human Biology" Bow chika bow wow
In 10 years I will be: Rich, with many cribs
Departing comment: "May all your days be fresh and funkalicious. Peace out"



Carol Bush

Nickname: Carolla
I will never forget: Our mad mishes to Maccas
I will be remembered for: My wacky lunches and two toned car
Most embarrassing moment: I don't get easily embarrassed
My fave teacher/subject: Year 11 PE because of the people in it
Next year I will be: Studying at UCOL in Palmy
In 10 years I will be: Marrying a sexy, rich man
Departing comment: "When I'm rich and famous..."



Jane Allemann

Nickname: Jaynoz, Janos, Janey Babe
I will never forget: Cutting Footloose, all volleyball trips, when Olivia got creamed by Pies and Adam
I will be remembered for: Being loud and annoying, volleyball girl and being real cool
Most embarrassing moment: Falling down the stairs and ending up on crutches
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Dunnet because I'm his favourite student (not Pies!)
Next year I will be: Studying at Vic Uni, hopefully!!
In 10 years I will be: Sailing the seven seas
Departing comment: "I love Olivia more than Adam. The call"



Danny Maloney

Nickname: Professor Maloney, The Wolf Man
I will never forget: The day Nick came to school with no clothes on
I will be remembered for: Falling over in mid air, being King of the Moochers
Most embarrassing moment: "Reach down Tod" ...he knows...
My fave teacher/subject: DJ Moorbz, Gabitron and the Gribbonator, Kenny Crawfish, Tay-Dawg
Next year I will be: At uni, or eating haggis in the homeland
In 10 years I will be: Far richer than you... or living in a box
Departing comment: "The gangsta lyf is the lyf 4 me"



Kirstin Farley

Nickname: Kirst, K-Dawg
I will never forget: My "F" stream class in Yr 9 and 10 - good times!!! All my amazing friends
I will be remembered for: I dunno? Will I be remembered, ha ha
Most embarrassing moment: I'm not embarrassed of anything... I don't think!
My fave teacher/subject: Ms Stoate, Miss Laurence
Next year I will be: In Wellington having the time of my life
In 10 years I will be: Personal training the All Blacks. Jealous much!
Departing comment: "Miss you already! Peace out bro!!"



Laura Ross

Nickname: Nurse Coolio, Lollz, Arval
I will never forget: The day Nick came to school with no clothes on
I will be remembered for: Drinking Fanta... everyday... without fail
Most embarrassing moment: When the Bio class found out how I eat rice and chicken. The French room lock incident
My fave teacher/subject: DJ Moorbz, Gabitron, Kenny Crawfish, Tay-Dawg, Mr Drenth
Next year I will be: In Otago training more nurses for Dr Coolio
In 10 years I will be: Almost a surgeon
Departing comment: "My imaginary friends are cooler than your real friends Elise"



Sam Towler

Nickname: Sammy T, Sammy Wammy, Sambo
I will never forget: Common room cards and all my mates
I will be remembered for: Being The Sammy T
Most embarrassing moment: Dunno?
My fave teacher/subject: Mr BB - Chemistry, Mr Gabites - Physics
Next year I will be: Down south studying hard at uni
In 10 years I will be: Hopefully in the oil industry working my way around the world
Departing comment: "What?"



Connor Parkes

Nickname: Aya
I will never forget: Making Metua buy questionable "comics"
I will be remembered for: Only ever drawing in classes. Maths - drawing. Science - drawing
Most embarrassing moment: The time I came into the common room
My fave teacher/subject: None... they all hated me (except Mr Webster)
Next year I will be: Still trying to get into art school
In 10 years I will be: Sttttlllllllll trying to get into art school
Departing comment: "Whyyyyyeeeeeeeeee"



Emily Bower

Nickname: Em
I will never forget: When Shannon peed in the boat while white water rafting at TOPEC
I will be remembered for: Always dressing up as a moa
Most embarrassing moment: Always tripping over
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Shepherd, Mr Upson
Next year I will be: Living under a bridge in a cardboard box
In 10 years I will be: Living on a row boat in the middle of the ocean eating cans of baked beans
Departing comment: "Cya later"



Sam Burton

Nickname: Colonel Samuel P. Williger Burton
I will never forget: Footloose, the 'mudrun' at Vertical Horizons, Mr Beyer and Mr Upson with his bird calls and strange sense of humour
I will be remembered for: Enjoying art, always studying in study, and for having luscious shapely thighs
Most embarrassing moment: Being fat in Yr 10
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Upson - he's been inspirational and opened my mind too
Next year I will be: At uni doing a Fine Arts degree while bearded
In 10 years I will be: Working at Weta Workshop while bearded still
Departing comment: "You should see the other guy"



Rose Salvatore

Nickname: Rohe
I will never forget: When Amy had a fight with that chick by the cafe
I will be remembered for: Wearing my trackys
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Shepherd, Mr Hill
Next year I will be: Living poor with Laura in Duffers
In 10 years I will be: Somewhere in Europe
Departing comment: "Watevs"



Nicole Richards

Nickname: Gingernut, Crazy Ginga
I will never forget: The day Nick came to school with no clothes on
I will be remembered for: Excess amounts of food, opening the common room, my mad organising skills
Most embarrassing moment: Dom's birthday party
My fave teacher/subject: DJ Moorbz, The Gribbonator, S-Dawg, Fitzy, Dr Hoskin
Next year I will be: Probably still in New Plymouth flatting with Vanya
In 10 years I will be: Probably in jail after snapping and killing Vanya
Departing comment: "OMG I cleaned the oven this weekend!!"



Declan Doherty Ramsay

Nickname: Ed, Ducklan, Dekuran, Dec
I will never forget: Winning Fusion 08, Rockquest and Declan Ball!
I will be remembered for: Winning Good Cooks and living in the Music room
Most embarrassing moment: Advertising Spotty Idol to "I'm too sexy"
My fave teacher/subject: Greeniel Mr Jefferies, Mr BB
Next year I will be: Studying composition at the New Zealand School of Music
In 10 years I will be: In Berlin teaching music
Departing comment: "I did it for the lulz"



Christopher Weber

Nickname: Chris
I will never forget: My whole time in New Zealand
I will be remembered for: My table in the Yellow Room
Most embarrassing moment: When I fell off my chair and onto my bottom in French
My fave teacher/subject: Mrs Holland, Mrs Janet
Next year I will be: Back in Germany
In 10 years I will be: Rich
Departing comment: "I had a great time here in New Zealand"



Shannon Offord

Nickname: Shannon Offord me a piece of cake
I will never forget: Any of the hilarious and amusing things that have happened these past five years
I will be remembered for: My phobia of cheese, never being at school, broken window wipers when it's raining. MOIST
Most embarrassing moment: I make a dick of myself daily
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Hodgkinson
Next year I will be: Probably still deciding what to do with my life while at uni (if I even get in)
In 10 years I will be: Either a complete failure or the exact opposite
Departing comment: "Don't litter"



Kirsten Jones

Nickname: Fussy, Shorty, Farley, Doris
I will never forget: The endless homework, the friends I made and awesome school balls
I will be remembered for: Being short for my age
Most embarrassing moment: Calling a teacher dad by mistake
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Little, Mr Webster, Miss Scott, Mrs McLean
Next year I will be: Hopefully employed in Early Childhood Education
In 10 years I will be: Travelling the world hopefully - we can all dream
Departing comment: "Best wishes to all and to all my mates, keep in touch!"



Joe Cole

Nickname: Emo, Pom, Joe the Pom
I will never forget: Football team! Being with my buddies and our emo circle lol
I will be remembered for: Being the guy Codi turned emo
Most embarrassing moment: Kicking a ball up and spilling hot noodles on me
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Webster, Mr Parr
Next year I will be: Rich and famous - NA!!
In 10 years I will be: Arresting people drinking a lot
Departing comment: "Aww NA!, Lata bow"



Felipe Duarte

Nickname: Long Dong
I will never forget: Mrs Holland, Mrs Janet and 'Cookie Times'
I will be remembered for: Being a Brazilian who looks like Andre
Most embarrassing moment: When I cut the legs off my project in a Wood technology machine
Next year I will be: A carpenter because of the Wood technology classes
In 10 years I will be: A really good carpenter
Departing comment: "I love New Zealand and Spotswood College"



Tessa Edwards

Nickname: Doobie, Blondie, BlahGirl, Emo's gf
I will never forget: Trying on Tellytubbies suits instead of going to geo, meeting my super amazing boyfriend Josh, yelling at the instructors at peer support camp
I will be remembered for: Calling people lesbians, going out with Josh, mocking people
Most embarrassing moment: Getting my car stuck on the kerb
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Parr - Geo, "Study," Mr Beyer - English
Next year I will be: Sleeping on my corner and doing Josh's housework and cooking him stuff
In 10 years I will be: Still being Josh's personal slave, Vanya's Thai wife
Departing comment: "Skipping for Jesus!"



Tod Rookes

Nickname: Tulk, Toddy Mc Tod Tod
I will never forget: The amazing year of 7th form and the awesome people I have met, and the cricket boys!
I will be remembered for: Awesome muffins and being the Tulk
Most embarrassing moment: Turning up to school in uniform... on mufti day!
My fave teacher/subject: Geography and Spanish - Mr Knapton and Mrs Fitz
Next year I will be: Partying hard *cough*, studying at Vic
In 10 years I will be: An international cricket player (I wish!)
Departing comment: "Tulk Smash!!"



Saskia Majoor

Nickname: Sassy
I will never forget: Having really good laughs that hurt my side
I will be remembered for: Having facial piercings and not taking them out when told
Most embarrassing moment: Walking into the wrong class and sitting down.
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Webster, Miss Shepherd
Next year I will be: Doing a photography course
In 10 years I will be: A photographer travelling the world
Departing comment: "lolokaybye <3"



Aaron Bell

I will never forget: Songwriting in the music room
I will be remembered for: Probably nothing
Most embarrassing moment: Whatever it is, I've blocked it out!
My fave teacher/subject: Music
Next year I will be: Working locally, then departing somewhere to study
In 10 years I will be: Earning good money (fingers crossed)
Departing comment: "Its been a long 5 years but... yeah its been long"



Anaru Matthews

Nickname: Beakins
I will never forget: The boys, rugby, Lanning awesome hair!! GREASY
I will be remembered for: Ruggaz
Most embarrassing moment: Slipping over in the canteen, getting set-up in prize giving! - the bl**dy boys!!
My fave teacher/subject: P.E, Mr Lanning, President
In 10 years I will be: An Arabian goat farmer in the hills of Arabia with 10 kids dreaming of becoming a thirst fighter
Departing comment: "Beakins out!!"



Ashleigh Marsters

Nickname: Ash, Assbag
I will never forget: Nick, auditioning for stage challenge and tripping on the stereo cord and falling over
I will be remembered for: Stalking Nick, having parties and breaking walls and ceilings
Most embarrassing moment: Nick saw me stalking him
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Parr
Next year I will be: Studying Tourism and Travel at St George Seymour
In 10 years I will be: Watching Nick
Departing comment: "...I see you..."



Elise Wolfgram

Nickname: Kaiba, "Dat goffic chick ow!"
I will never forget: The snowdens of yesteryear
I will be remembered for: Yes
Most embarrassing moment: No
My fave teacher/subject: Yes
Next year I will be: Elsewhere
In 10 years I will be: 27
Departing comment: "No"



Codi Ray Hackett

Nickname: Cod Cats
I will never forget: Evans dirty yet clean mullet
I will be remembered for: Nose piercing, extremely tight pants
Most embarrassing moment: Third form, don't wana talk about it
My fave teacher/subject: Computing with none other than Mr McGregor
Next year I will be: Attending Harvard Law school as a Custodian
In 10 years I will be: Flating with Eel's and still pretending we are 18!
Departing comment: "Guts bow! Later bow!"



Kanimea Baiteke

Nickname: KB, Baiteke, Kaite
I will never forget: The peer support and year 10 student, rugby etc
I will be remembered for: My first rugby team, and rugby tournament
Most embarrassing moment: Naughty Student
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Scott - English, Miss Holland - ESOL
Next year I will be: New Zealand Army
In 10 years I will be: New Zealand Engineering for Air Craft Staff
Departing comment: "This year I would like to thank all the year 13's for supporting me and making my English better and especially my lovely teachers and principal"



Brooke Bowers

Nickname: Pookie, Huia, Longface
I will never forget: Fun times in the common room, Asha stealing my boyfriend, Sunbathing by café in 3rd form, supplying my chocolate
I will be remembered for: Being a twin and wanting to change my ethnicity haha
Most embarrassing moment: Everyone telling me my food smells
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Crawford, Miss Shepherd, Mr Upson
Next year I will be: In Wellington studying something
In 10 years I will be: Fighting my chocolate addiction and probably grown 1cm taller
Departing comment: "Thanks for all the good times! Holla at me brooke.bowers@hotmail.com"



Adam Collins

Nickname: Skelly
I will never forget: Lunchtime touch games cutting Footloose, rugby
I will be remembered for: Being Skelly
Most embarrassing moment: Being eaten first game of rugby
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Webster, Information Management
Next year I will be: Either studying or working, havn't figured that one out yet!
In 10 years I will be: Probably still figuring out what to do with my life
Departing comment: "Skelly's outski. Catch you up guys!"



Larissa Hook

Nickname: Larry
I will never forget: Tessa's krumping, Vanya's extreme facials, soccer road trips
I will be remembered for: Not going to class being in Paris in Flames (my band)
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Little, Study
Next year I will be: Playing drums
In 10 years I will be: In a famous band, rich and famous
Departing comment: "Ger off the bike, ow!"



Vunivola Tavo

Name: Vunivolia Tavo
Nickname: Voltec
I will never forget: Trip to Wellington
I will be remembered for: Black Ford Mondeo
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Drenth - Stats
Next year I will be: at Uni
In 10 years I will be: At work
Departing comment: "Take it easy cause everything is hard"



Dominic FitzPatrick

Nickname: Shoomi, Domie McDomie Dom, Dominatrix
I will never forget: TOPEC 2005, Daragh Markham, The Spanish Room, Mr Hill
I will be remembered for: My long flowing golden hair
Most embarrassing moment: Stinking out the English room in year 10
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Hill - English
Next year I will be: Going to Waikato University
In 10 years I will be: Blowing peoples minds with extreme philosophical word play
Departing comment: "Pirates are way cooler than ninjas"



Daniel Joubert

Nickname: Jesus
I will never forget: Study period
I will be remembered for: Never being absent for study period
My fave teacher/subject: Study
Next year I will be: A truck driver
In 10 years I will be: Jackie Chan
Departing comment: "Your mum owes me a cookie"



Alexandra (Alex) Barlow

Nickname: A.B, Barlow, B-Low, Al-Bino, Ale
I will never forget: Footloose!, volleyball nationals...lol, my three friends haha and all the fun times
I will be remembered for: Being "The Barlow"
Most embarrassing moment: "The Girl gets around" (Footloose), getting shat on by three birds in one year!
My fave teacher/subject: All of them... Thank You! But I'm open to bribes
Next year I will be: I wish I knew. Doing a double degree in economics and politics...
In 10 years I will be: The Prime Minister of New Zealand or at Cobb'n'Co with six kids...
Departing comment: "Yoza! Be happy and enjoy everything life throws at you"



Nathan Sole

Nickname: Soley, Nate, Forehead
I will never forget: Volleyball trips and rugby BBQs, Footloose
I will be remembered for: The forehead, Kai with Sole
Most embarrassing moment: Smashing my teeth in the gym
My fave teacher/subject: It's got to be Mr Joe
Next year I will be: Unclogging your mums toilet
In 10 years I will be: Thirst fighting with Brucie
Departing comment: "Hung"



Bridget Watts

Nickname: Betty Blast, Briggy
I will never forget: Days spent chilling in the common room, my exotic ladies
I will be remembered for: Being brutally honest, making awkward silences and saying things I shouldn't
My fave teacher/subject: Mrs Stevenson, English but purely for the amazing conversations we have
Next year I will be: In massive student debt. Living on noodles and alcoholic beverages as an architecture student
In 10 years I will be: Hugely successful but extremely poor architect
Departing comment: "Don't blame me. My momma raised me this way"



Sarah Davis

I will never forget: Mallorys face
I will be remembered for: Being in love with Paxx
Most embarrassing moment: Cheating on Paxx with Ashleigh
My fave teacher/subject: Daniel Terrill, he taught me everything I know!
Next year I will be: Wishing I was in Wellington with emo Paxx
In 10 years I will be: Wishing I was in New York with emo Paxx
Departing comment: "We're all that and more!"



Tim Hook

Nickname: Timmy, Lippy
I will never forget: Volleyball trips, FOOTLOOSE, All the boys!
I will be remembered for: Chuck Cranston, PDA (haha), Being the man at volleyball
Most embarrassing moment: Bleaching my hair on accident and making it white
My fave teacher/subject: Mr BB (or British Baldy) and PE/Sport and Rec
Next year I will be: Laxing, being awesome
In 10 years I will be: Police or Airforce, still being awesome
Departing comment: "You haven't seen the last of me, Footloose 08 rocked!"



Asha Smith

Nickname: Crash, Smurf, Nurse Coolio
I will never forget: Andrew, Miley Cyrus, playing cards, stealing Brookes boyfriend
I will be remembered for: Breaking hearts, pashfests, being gypsy, loving Harry Potter
Most embarrassing moment: Falling off the table, getting shat on by a bird
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Hodgkinson, Mr Sloan!! Why'd you leave?
Next year I will be: On the islands with Metua, eating strawberries off Aarons chest
In 10 years I will be: On a blue bus with the doors, saving the animals, having Jane's babies
Departing comment: "ATKINSON OWNS YOU! Peace bro, love and Jim Morrison"



Daniel Terrill

Nickname: D.T, Dan Dan the cheerleading man
I will never forget: Footloose, Drama Camps, Peer Support camp and Sophie's Zaks
I will be remembered for: Being the guy who loves Britney Spears, haha...whatever
Most embarrassing moment: On my first day I lost balance and fell off the quad
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Parr, he is cool and Ms Stoate! And Mr Webster!
Next year I will be: At Vic Uni in Wellington studying Media and English studies
In 10 years I will be: Hopefully in Australia doing my thing working my way towards Miss Teen Australia, haha take that Bianca!
Departing comment: "There were 60 people that's 10 more than last time!"



Jacob Seath

Nickname: Spoofy
I will never forget: 15 seconds in A14, Hockey and "Rich-What? RICHMOND!"
I will be remembered for: My amazing dance moves
Most embarrassing moment: To many little ones to remember
My fave teacher/subject: Craw-Daddy - English, Mr Helliker - Economics, Nick - Life Studies/Keeping It Real
Next year I will be: In Brazil partying like its 19 Dicky 2
In 10 years I will be: A rich economist who owns every house on the main mount beach
Departing comment: "Seriously"



Rajan Chand

Nickname: Raj Rajn
I will never forget: Year 13 2008, 1st XI Football
I will be remembered for: Playing in the 1st XI Football team
My fave teacher/subject: Mr McGregor - Computing
Next year I will be: Doing an apprenticeship in Telecommunications
In 10 years I will be: An engineer
Departing comment: "Have fun"



Rosie Alldridge

Nickname: Ro, Ginger Ninja, The Flaming One, Ethel
I will never forget: Footloose rehearsals and fun times with awesome mates
I will be remembered for: Being a temperamental redhead
Most embarrassing moment: My bad hair day (Year 9 photos)
My fave teacher/subject: Ms Stoate is my idol! Mr Webster is the best form teacher and of course Mrs Fitz as she is my second mum
Next year I will be: A broke student, struggling to make a living from acting
In 10 years I will be: On Shortland St and breeding Ninja Kiddies with Tod
Departing comment: "I'm on fire!"



Alex Cho

Nickname: Gaelex
I will never forget: My six years in New Zealand, TOPEC camp
I will be remembered for: Being an Asian golfer in New Plymouth, our AGA Golf Academy
Most embarrassing moment: Only being able to say yes and no, I was really embarrassed
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Carroll for being really funny and Mrs Holland for being my favourite teacher even though she can be a bit scary
Next year I will be: Going to university
In 10 years I will be: A professional golfer
Departing comment: "I love New Zealand and New Plymouth"



Mallory Scott

Nickname: Mal
I will never forget: Paxx Kopu's face, Codi's model legs and Nick's amazing smile (awwww)
I will be remembered for: Ollies pool incident and being the only one that lives in Stratford that had teeth
Most embarrassing moment: HA! Too many to choose
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Scott and her ability to somehow teach me English
Next year I will be: A poor student in H-Town living off cheap pasta and cabbage
In 10 years I will be: Living in a trailer park with 15 little Honeyfields (says Nick)
Departing comment: "Whatever Paxx, I still love you anyways"



Daniel Moreira

Nickname: Dan, Costa Rica, Tasty Cheese, Dan the Man
I will never forget: My football team, all the good moments in NZ
I will be remembered for: Being the only foreign kid
Most embarrassing moment: Codi knows...
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Knapton - Geography (he is the man)
Next year I will be: Back in Costa Rica having a good time with my friends but missing NZ
In 10 years I will be: 10 years older
Departing comment: "I love you guys! Yahbow"



Andrew Berry

Nickname: AB, Berry, Berry Balls
I will never forget: My name
I will be remembered for: Nothing
Next year I will be: At University
In 10 years I will be: At work
Departing comment: "Bye"



Stacey Burrell

Nickname: Staceface
I will never forget: African stuntman and pimping shoes
I will be remembered for: not eating meat
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Shepherd - Art History, Mr Parr - Geography
Next year I will be: Having fun working somewhere
In 10 years I will be: Working on an animal rescue farm
Departing comment: "Love 'em don't eat 'em"



Hannah Hendriks

Nickname: Just Hannah
I will never forget: Footloose, Year 12 Bio with Tay Dawg, fish pants, international students, dressing up as Wonder Woman
Most embarrassing moment: The day that Nick came to school with no clothes on
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Webster, IMA, Mr Taylor, Moorbz
Next year I will be: Studying geo and bio at Vic
In 10 years I will be: Hopefully travelling the world
Departing comment: "Co-Ed and Proud! Whaler's Gate rep!"



Jessica Nepia

Nickname: Neepz, Jess, Rusty, Uru, James' Lil Sister
I will never forget: My girls, the boys, Footloose, Drama Camp, soccer
I will be remembered for: : Fairfield exchange 2006, being an original, being urumama, cake
Most embarrassing moment: The fence
My fave teacher/subject: Drama - Stoaite, Weirdo and Murray, Mr. Helliker, Steve-Oh
Next year I will be: Reaaal black, making new friends, in H-Town with Mallory
In 10 years I will be: Choreographer, have lots of kids and a hubby
Departing comment: "Wot evz guuurl, whats your number? Pokemon will rule the world"



Nick Murphy

Nickname: Wes, Deputy Dawg, Zebronkey
I will never forget: Footloose, 3rd form, The Mongrels!, The Tulk
I will be remembered for: Wes, being a geek in year 9, 10, 11, 12 and half of 13, being a Zebronkey, my red jacket
Most embarrassing moment: The day I came to school with no clothes on...
My fave teacher/subject: Gabitron, Tay-Dawg, DJ Moorbs, the Gribbonator, Kenny-C and Coops
Next year I will be: In Europe
In 10 years I will be: Back at Spotswood sitting at the "Jurassic" table with Mrs Stevenson
Departing comment: "Ich werde deine kinder auffressen!!!!"



Malany Turner

Nickname: Mal, Mal-au-nez, e
I will never forget: The day Nick came to school with no clothes on...
I will be remembered for: Being Mr. Turner's daughter, being a mega bookworm
My fave teacher/subject: DJ Moorbs, Upson8er, Tay-dog, Hill-dog, Painting
Next year I will be: A bum, living in a cardboard box under Simon's house
In 10 years I will be: Still living in a cardboard box under Simon's house
Departing comment: "We are all weird children"



Andre Seiji Tamanaha

Nickname: Deb, Dedeh, Koreaia
I will never forget: Everything that happened in New Zealand!
I will be remembered for: Being the Brazilian who looks like Felipe, ha ha
Most embarrassing moment: I'd better not tell...
My fave teacher/subject: Mrs Holland
Next year I will be: Studying in Year 13 back in Brazil
In 10 years I will be: Sitting on the couch while my wife works
Departing comment: "New Zealand is great, Brazil is greater!"



Elizabeth Mischefski

Nickname: Liz or Lizzy
I will never forget: Hanging out with my friends Monique, Kirsten, Samantha and Yuuki
I will be remembered for: My warm, caring nature, good personality and for being a person for people
Most embarrassing moment: Falling out of the bus to get to church
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Scott, Mrs McLean, Ms Power, Mrs Gabites
Next year I will be: Doing a nursing course
In 10 years I will be: Maybe travelling to Australia
Departing comment: "Thank you Spotswood College for having me. Goodbye"



Paxx Kopu

Nickname: Paxxy Waxxy
I will never forget: Being stared at on my 1st day, dancing in the common room, Footloose
I will be remembered for: Partying, my party voice/volume!
Most embarrassing moment: What did I do that wasn't embarrassing?
My fave teacher/subject: Mrs Cooper!!!!
Next year I will be: Chilling with Emos in Wellington at Uni
In 10 years I will be: Doing cool stuff in a cool place!
Departing comment: "Oi watevs"



Ben Haley

Nickname: Klutch, Audio Jesus, That guy in the music room
I will never forget: Whatever I manage to remember
I will be remembered for: My elite noise manipulating skills
My fave teacher/subject: Sensei Greenfield, Music
Next year I will be: Over there
In 10 years I will be: further over there
Departing comment: "You're doing it wrong!"



Phillip Zhou

Nickname: Philzy, Ninja, Asian Person
I will never forget: The sophisticated equipment we have at school
I will be remembered for: bBeing awesome at badminton
Most embarrassing moment: Accidentally throwing a ball at a kid's face and making him cry, sorry dude!
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Gabites, Mr Parr, Ms McGlade, Economics
Next year I will be: At Victoria Uni studying Geography, Economics and Chinese
In 10 years I will be: Working somewhere and hopefully be rich enough to buy an EV07
Departing comment: "Laters Yo. Asian Pride!! Send me an email: philzy09@live.com"



Sun Ho Choi

Nickname: Xota, Choi Boy
I will never forget: My three years in NZ, 2008 TOPEC, one of my friends elephant leg and all of my friends here
I will be remembered for: Best golfer in New Plymouth and I'm a really good gentleman
Most embarrassing moment: When I could only say yes and no and answered only this to all questions I was asked
My fave teacher/subject: Miss Carroll - she was funny sometimes and we think alike
Next year I will be: In the army
In 10 years I will be: A world famous golfer
Departing comment: "Never give up"



Sophie Sassman

Nickname: Sassman, Soph, Sassy, BJ Face
I will never forget: Footloose "Oi Daniel there were people there 10 more than last time"
I will be remembered for: "The Zacs" - they will last me 22 years
Most embarrassing moment: Everyday I make a fool out of myself
My fave teacher/subject: Ms Stoaite, Mr Webster, Miss Scott
Next year I will be: Going to Uni in Wellington or seeing the world
In 10 years I will be: A famous actress living overseas
Departing comment: "Life is like a butterfly! Helen Lowry is the place to be! Haha"



Stephen Christopher O'Donnell

Nickname: Ren McCormick, Scuba Steve, Tall guy
I will never forget: The Footloose after parties, Drama!, the Boys, Jess Nepia
I will be remembered for: Bunking to go to Back Beach with the Maori girls, holy jeans, my multi-coloured car
Most embarrassing moment: Hitting my head on the door frame and going teary eyed
My fave teacher/subject: Stoaite - Drama, Jess Nepia, Mike Fake, Miss Weir, Mr Knaption
Next year I will be: No longer a cashier. I will be the middle man and working with plants
In 10 years I will be: Married to Codi with 7 adopted children
Departing comment: "Hugs not Drugs"



Vanya Viskovich

Nickname: Beige Brigade, "she devil" etc
I will never forget: The day Nick came to school with no clothes on
I will be remembered for: Nothing really!
Most embarrassing moment: When a ball hit me square in the face while playing soccer
My fave teacher/subject: History Yr 11 and Yr 13 with Mr Hodgkinson and Mrs Kroon
Next year I will be: The OWNER of McDonalds New Plymouth
In 10 years I will be: The OWNER of McDonalds worldwide franchise
Departing comment: "Your mum oi"



Josh Baker

Nickname: Emo, Horse (private joke)
I will never forget: My buddies, gay Sundays, meeting Tessa (awww...)
I will be remembered for: My fringe, being emo, being thrown out the window
Most embarrassing moment: Being thrown out the window, people seeing me and Codi play fighting
My fave teacher/subject: Mr McLauchlan, Wood
Next year I will be: Plastering, flattening and making Tessa do my housework
In 10 years I will be: A pro drummer (don't doubt me!)
Departing comment: "Salmon bits!"



Thomas Wiseman

Nickname: Piez, Wise, Norman
I will never forget: Trips away
I will be remembered for: Volleyball
Most embarrassing moment: Footloose
My fave teacher/subject: P.E, Sport and Rec
Next year I will be: Doing my Electrical Apprenticeship
In 10 years I will be: "Travelling the world"



Kotuku Kaiki

Nickname: Henry, George, Quarta 2 Kotuku
I will never forget: Year 10 when I first started, I was scared!
I will be remembered for: Singing probably
Most embarrassing moment: When me and Conner tripped over in A Block in Year 10
My fave teacher/subject: Mr Webster
Next year I will be: In Waikato Uni
In 10 years I will be: Living in USA next door to Oprah with my 16 kids, nah I don't know aye?
Departing comment: "Have a good day"

ATKINSON HOUSE REPORT

Adam Collins - House Leader

Atkinson started strongly this year and managed to carry this form throughout the year.

House participation this year was a real highlight as a large number of Atkinson members turned up in a wave of yellow to compete against the other houses. We managed to claim a few victories and placings throughout the year which had us sitting at the top of the competition.

Huge thanks must go out to Mr Manson who helped organise and lift the house spirit of Atkinson. His lion costume is an inspiration for the fellow Atkinson members. On behalf of Ben Taylor, Asha Smith and Ashleigh Masters we would like to thank all members of Atkinson that made our job easier, more exciting and enjoyable.

For next year we hope that Atkinson can continue the same form that has allowed us to dominate this year's house competition.

We are YELLOW!



Atkinson 1



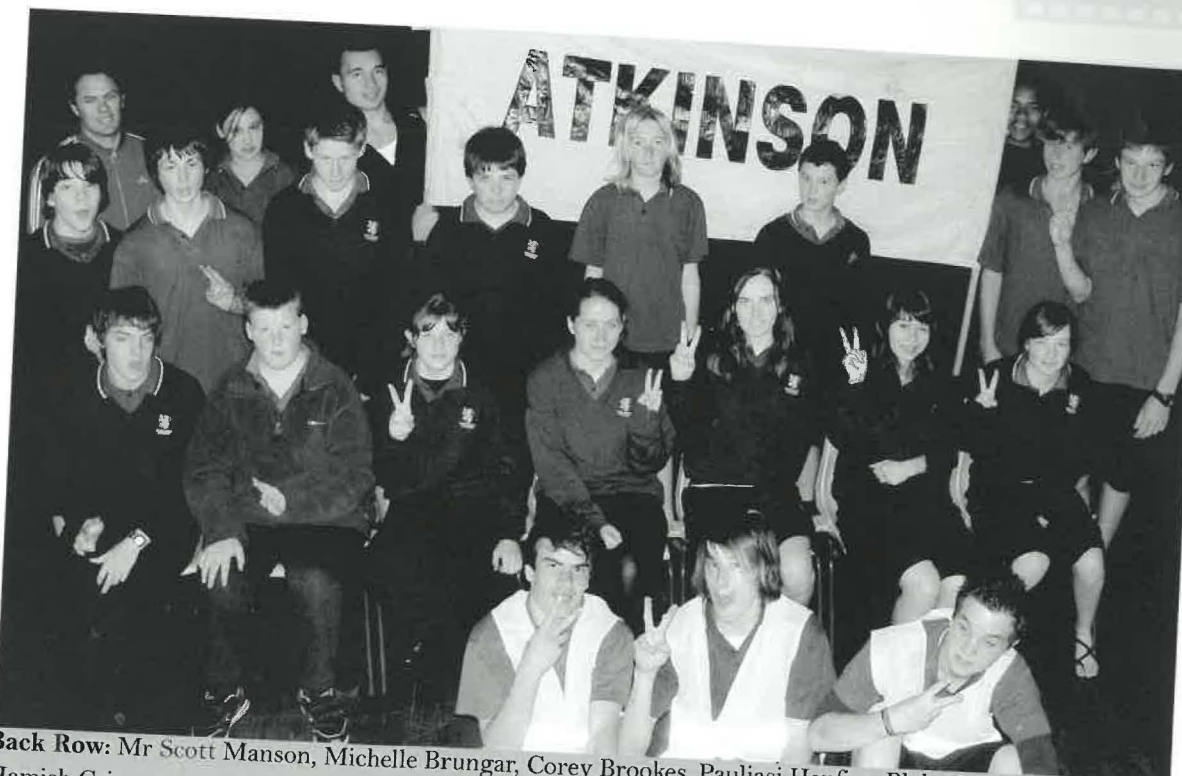
'A' (left to right): Hayden Marshall, Ben Bush, Mitchell Watts, Hinako Ito, Amie Corrigan, Lori Paulin, Esther Taylor Purdie, Mr Nick Webster, Caitlin Cole, Stephanie Balsom, Sade Gillespie, Cruise Whiteman, Andrew Riley, Zara Vercoe, Matthew Read
'A' (middle): Rachael Williams, Rosie Alldridge
'1' (back to front): Stevie Acott, Jaimee Wilson, Moselle Brown, Sophia Smolenski, Aidan Clarke, Kane Birkett, Corey Murphy-Provis
Absent: Bianca Brons, Lesley Danby-Penny, Jack Evans, Charley Harvey

Atkinson 3



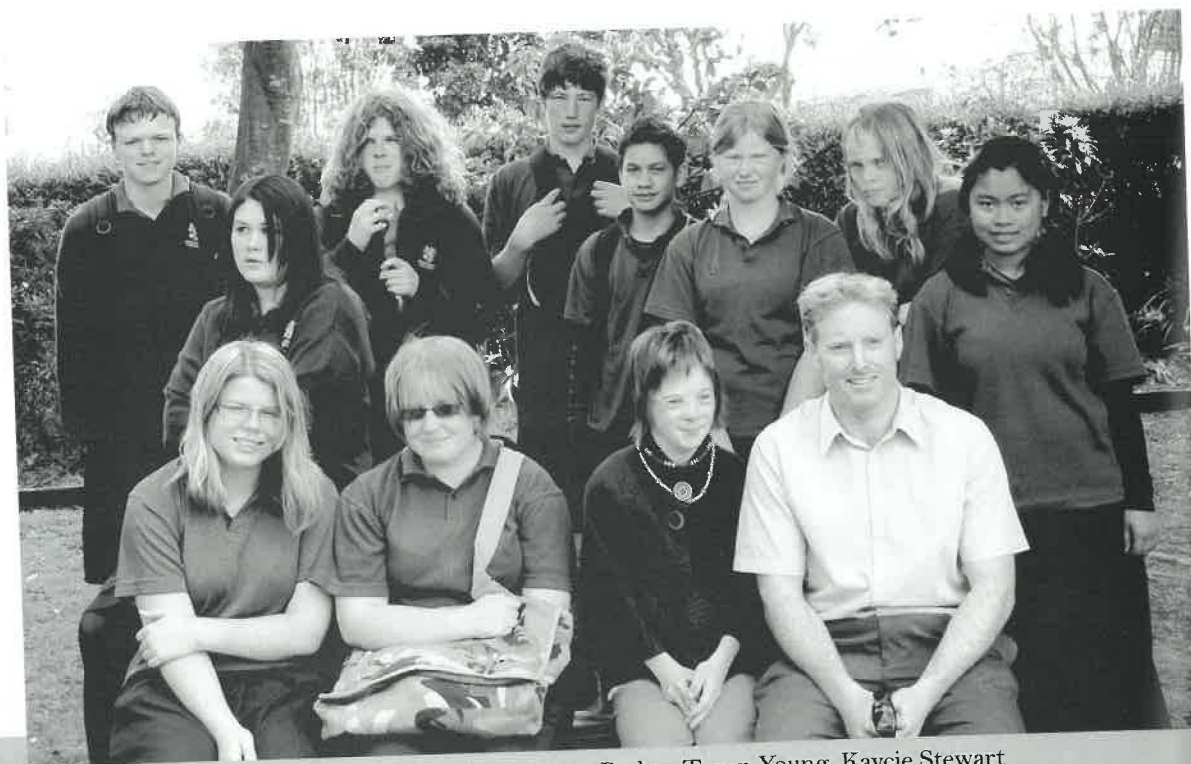
Back Row: Shayla Boyce, Mr Ken Crawford, Naraya Frank, Sarah Brungar
Middle Row: Thomas Hopkirk, Mallory Hill, Shelby Farmer, Aroha Swannell, Sheryl Wolfgram
Front Row: Dylan Taylor, Keenan O'Donnell, Tobias Ashcroft, Maxwell Hill-Eason, Corban Roache, Jacob Burton
Absent: Sarah Cox, Ethon Field, Laura Hillier, Liam Lubransky, Tane Ruakere-Harris, Matthew Trompert

Atkinson 2



Back Row: Mr Scott Manson, Michelle Brungar, Corey Brookes, Pauliasi Hanfiro, Blake Lucinsky, Hamish Crimp
Middle Row: Aidan Edwards, Paul Rowe, Karne Bamber, Chad Nicholson, Dylan Alexander, Callum Nicholl
Front Row: Tahl Waite, Phillip Atkinson, Rachel Roebuck, Ashley Bamber, Amber Parrish, Hannah Tuahine, Sophie Ardern
Floor: Chase Roache, Joshua Ferries, Ben Davis
Absent: Shannon Blount, John Couchman, Tessa Edwards, Kane McDonald, Shay Nicholson, Briar-Ann Smith, Sione Sifa, Hamish Pope

Atkinson 4



Back Row: Regan Clarke, Matthew Knudsen, Shane Parker, Tyson Young, Kaycie Stewart
Middle Row: Nikki Froom, Damelza Richards, Patricia Reyes
Front Row: Jessica Christini, Emily Wilson, Christie van Alphen, Mr Boyd McManus
Absent: Daniel Cox, Sophie Hillier, Connor Hoskin, Olivia Madgwick, Angeline Orr, Cruize Patene, Guilherme Sartori, George Smith, Amy Tattersall, Joshua Waitere, Kris Quay

Atkinson 6



Back Row: Mrs Martie Claassens, Kayleigh Tompkins, Kris Lal, Mitchell Klenner, Joshua McLean, Bronte Jefferies, Johnny Wadeson, Dylan Heatherington, Zac Morris, Jared Ingram, Adam Collins
Middle Row: Mathew Dickey, Shanna Horo-Edwards, Courtney Klenner, Jesse Ingram, Tyler Crimp
Front Row: Renae Timoti, Kalym Growcott, Alana Paulin, Scott Neale
Absent: Charmian Stancliff, Jennifer Tume, Nathaniel Williamson

Atkinson 5



Back Row: Emily Keenan, Mishelle Close, Tamara Williamson, Dong Hwi Kim, Ben Taylor, Andrew Berry
Middle Row: Kelsey Farmer, Miss Anna Debreceeny, Leslie Alldridge, Kailas Moral, Nicole Millyn, Bradley Potter, Jessie Ross, Yungoo Kim, Gordan Huang, Beaudan Joyce, Courtney Newbold
Front Row: Jonathan Messenger, Simon Aldersley, Kirsten Edge, Taylor Lucinsky, Toby Scott, Amin Osama

Atkinson 7



Back Row: Miss Kara O'Halloran, Kale Te Waaka, Jeremy Rielly, Jourdan Lethbridge, Cameron Highnam, Josh Kenny, Jamie Henshilwood, Turi Calder-Blake, Aaron Coutts, Cameron Robertson, Robert Linton
Front Row: Reuben Edwards, Kathryn Campbell, Nicholas Roebuck, Anne-Marie Petty, Beatrice Petty, Pippa Maessen, Kirsten Tompkins, Nao Nishida
Absent: Alex Barlow, TJ Eriksen, Jacob Newbold, Asha Smith, Ryan Tanner, Lucy van der Fits, Phillip Zhou

Atkinson 8



Back Row: Andre Moore, Tama Tume, Vincent Robinson, Leo Pritt, Tod Rookes, Matthew Taylor, Junior Mason, Jordan Rust, Raymond Richards
Front Row: Tyler Roach, Ms Katy Power, Hamish Day
Absent: Amy Brungar, Kayla Clarke, Brady Hales, Darryll Jeffries, Tayla Kelly, Wesley Knock, Kieran Mellow, Phoebe Stewart, Ethan Boyce, Michael Johnson

BARRETT HOUSE REPORT

Tim Hook - Not A House Leader But A Fellow Barrettinian

Barrett had a great year this year taking out most of the house competitions, Scaring out rival houses with the knowledge that we were going to take the trophy once again.

Id like to say a massive "CHEERS" to Matua James. He is the God of Barrett house, screaming our chant no matter what. He was a bit disappointed through the year with the level of participation from Barrett but we pulled through and made him proud. Also a big thanks to our house leaders, led by Anaru Matthews.

I'm certain Barrett will continue their domination in 2009 (hopefully they'll survive without me haha).

The Inter-House Shield for 2008 was awarded to Barrett.



Atkinson 9



Left Table (clockwise from bottom): Wikitoria Nelson-Te Rehu, Sam Easton, Mr Neil McLauchlan, Daniel Moreira, Andre Braga, Francesca Schonsberg, Jana Rudnick, Brittany Clarke, Lisa Maloney, Mackenzie Rawiri
Right Table (clockwise from top): Shaine Johns, Emma Reed, Leith Mita, Damon Newport, Kamyn Pratt, Toi Paratene, Harrison Jull, Greg Jonas, Hanna Ritchie, Amy Rowe, Metua Sadler
Absent: Zakharia Brown-Hana, Tyrone Hart, Bobbie Johnson, Patrick Lawton, Danny Maloney, Jaigan Picard, Connor Pratt

Barrett 1



Back Row: Louis Maxwell, Stephanie Mumby, Hayley Gedye, Simon Cannell, Paul Harris, Alysha Silby
Middle Row: Kelly Ann McKercher, Jessica Carter
Front Row: Legend Heta, Ryan Dingle, Nathaniel Barrett-Campbell, Whaea Tapakione Skinner, Naomi Burge, Stacey Burrell, Shannon Offord
Absent: Priyanka Chand, Ashleigh Donald, Morgan Haymes, Jamie-Lee James, Cheyenne Manukonga, Samuel Nicholas, Stephanie O'Brien, Shaun Piercy, Mitchell Scanlan, Slade Walker, Meizhara Wilson

Barrett 2



Back Row: Jayden Concecio, Courtney Aplin-Ford, Stephen Gedy, Danielle Roche, Natalie Bunn
Front Row: Mr Harold Rilkoff, Daniel Wharepapa, Tania Farley, Jessica Ellis, Callum Nicholas, Kailee Redington, Jessica Silby
Absent: Jane Allemann, Jake Andrews, Jay Botica, Beth Bowick, Isiah Donald, Sam Ikitau, Tom Johnson, Christopher Mumby, Shannon Nicholls, Starlet Peebles, Georgia Pui, Natalie Ropitini, Connor Turner, Jarrod Zittersteijn

Barrett 4



Back Row: Daniel Jensen, Jeremy Graham
3rd Row: Atreyu Kempton, Michael Smith-Hancock, Kane Swift
2nd Row: Mr David Froom, Oliver Eaton, Guido Cavalcanti Garcia, Emma Applegarth, Mariah Hona, Ashlee Beston, Shannon Collins
Front Row: Trent Joyce, Cameron Gibson, Victory Peebles, Michelle Carter, Lauren Yule, Brittney Pearce
Absent: Luke Allan, Dayna Armstrong, Tyler Bevins, Caitlin Busby, Terrence De Beer, Travis Eaton, Henry Saleman, Clementine Smart, Vunivola Tavo

Barrett 3



Back Row: Cliff Peebles, Christina Cooper, Tiana Fox, Jake Viskovich
Middle Row: Samara Cargill, Toni Astle, Mr Brent Dunnet
Front Row: Simon Meijer, Jayden Sanger, Jordan Forbes, Brite Lee, Ruhina Leong, Ethan Jensen, Ben Cooper, Dannielle Cooper
Absent: Corey Bennett, David Bovett, Taylor Briscoe, Toby Cashin, Rajan Chand, Alissa Climo, Liam Izett, Rhys Izett, Kristian Peters, Melissa Saunders, Steven Taylor

Barrett 5



Back Row: Mr Scott Johnson, Narnee Ruakere, Michelle Meijer, Lydia Day, Sarah Hollingsworth, Ben Sewell, Sarah Bielecki, Jahtone Tako
Front Row: Nicholas Enright, Dallas Watson, Thomas Sonntag, Errol Kettle
Absent: Dean Langton, Emma Shaw, Mallory Scott, Braden Robinson, Leeroy McKay, Jessica Huysamen, Darelle Martin, John Hinton, Jack Foxwell, Nicolette Ewans, Rebekah Esaiiah, Chanita Bunyan, Jordan Clarke, Daniel Terrill, Kshar Lowry, Brian French

Barrett 6



Back Row: Jack Thomson, Braiden Jensen, Andrew Southgate, Shane Kalin
3rd Row: Matua James Lose, Melissa Larsen, Kaye McKee, John Plonk, Ryan Goble, Tainui Pompey, Andrew Jacobsen, Joseph Edwards, Te Nga Hartley
2nd Row: Anne Baiteke, Breanna Ewans, Iriapa Rarere, Jeremy Shen
Front Row: Sophie Watson, Rachel Southgate, Aaron Johnston, Kaio Smith

Barrett 8



Back Row: David Sonntag, Quinton Sayer-Wilmshurst, Toby Andrews, Hannah Andrews, Tiarna Hopkinson, Kody Dix, Carol Bush, Holly Aplin-Ford, Callum Johns, Justin Walmsley
Middle Row: Josh Pirihi, Jackson Dally, Rhys Vickers, Tori Hackett, Aleisha Hibell, Irene Hall, Elizabeth Mischefski, Andre Tamanaha
Front Row: Kristle Wallace, Vanessa Sayer-Wilmshurst, Mikaela Thompson, Michelle Du Plooy, Stephen Davis, Mr Kit Turnbull, Ray Davis, Pedro Otoni
Absent: Chance Bunyan, Ben Smith, Cori Coxhead, Kyle Fuche, Sam Fleming

Barrett 7



Back Row: Matthew Hunter, Thaddeus Briscoe, Rochelle Fowles, Morgan Dodkin
Middle Row: Caitlin Fleming, Ayden Christensen, Kimberley Smith, Paige Wells, Jaimee Tarrant, Tyler Coombe, River Price, Allana Smith, Mr John Buchanan-Brown
Front Row: Jonathan Vedder, Logan Bryant, Bodean Taylor, Ashley Koha, Roxanne Bryant, Nadia Schroll
Absent: Alex Cho, Ashlee-Marie Cottam, Tim Hook, Anaru Matthews, Braden Tarrant, Robert Popata, Kane Walsh

Barrett 9



Back Row: Thomas Telford, Codi Hackett, Natalie Coe, Akane Hisaki, Laura Streeton, Gregory Speirs, Matt Rowlinson, Mr Jared Hill
Front Row: Hannah Enright, Victoria Aebig, Ashleigh Pearce, Hosea Rabaka, Kayla Kaye, Ashley Coombes
Absent: Rhys Anderson, Emma Burge, Daryl Burkitt, Bianca Du Plooy, Haley Gear, Sam Highnam, Anna Hinton, Paxe Kopu, Cody Martin, Michael Muggeridge, Stephanie Pirihi, Chantelle Power, Monique Walsh

DARNELL HOUSE REPORT

Emily Bower - House Leader

Wow, what a year it has been for the house of red!

We rocked at house sports, cleaned up the mini Stage Challenge and impressed the rest of the school with our team spirit at athletics and swimming. In my opinion our house this year ruled Spotswood with our presentation, effort, determination and performance. Even though some of our numbers let us down a bit there was always the old handing out of lollies to help get people to participate.

A big thank you to all of those students who put themselves forward and gave there all for Darnell. Also a huge thank you to Mr Joe for his sheer passion in Darnell and all of his organisation.

On behalf of Thomas, Nathan and Kimberley we would just like to thank the teachers of Darnell for giving us this wicked opportunity of being house leaders and wish the house good luck for next year.

GO DARNELL!!!



Darnell 1



Back Row: Shaun Adlam, Marcos Larrondo-Gonzalez, Amanda Knox, Julia Collins, Dominic FitzPatrick, Ben Boardman, Thorne Kyle
3rd Row: Luke Davis, Dannielle Gilbert, Jessica Collins, Catherine West, Courtney Oliver
2nd Row: Cody Smith, Damien Phillips, Anthony Pepperell, Stefanie Johnston, Stefania Elbi
Front Row: Kieran Adlam, Mr Adam Drenth, Bernard Graf, Ashley Phillips, Sean Morris
Absent: Declan Doherty-Ramsay, Gabriel Larrondo-Gonzalez, Cara Potter, Ayla Stewart, Catherine Young

Darnell 3



Back Row: Desmond Wilcox, Bryce Taylor, Holly McLeod, Sally Hickey, Jessica Land-Richardson, Matthew Clarry, Aaron Bell, Islay McLeod, Ellee Donald, Ashleigh Taylor
Middle Row: Nathan Sole, Sophie Sassman, Olivia King, Victoria Moyle, Jessica Brewster, Amber Clement, Jason Peters, Mitchell Kemp, Ms Jill Cameron
Front Row: Eduan Van Der Watt, Kate Murphy
Absent: Joe Cole, Simon Coles, Shanice Graham, Dorothy Hick, Anna Hoskin, Ethan MacKenzie-Gray, Petrina Marks, James Parrish, Tamatea Simanke, Anthony van der Hulst

Darnell 2



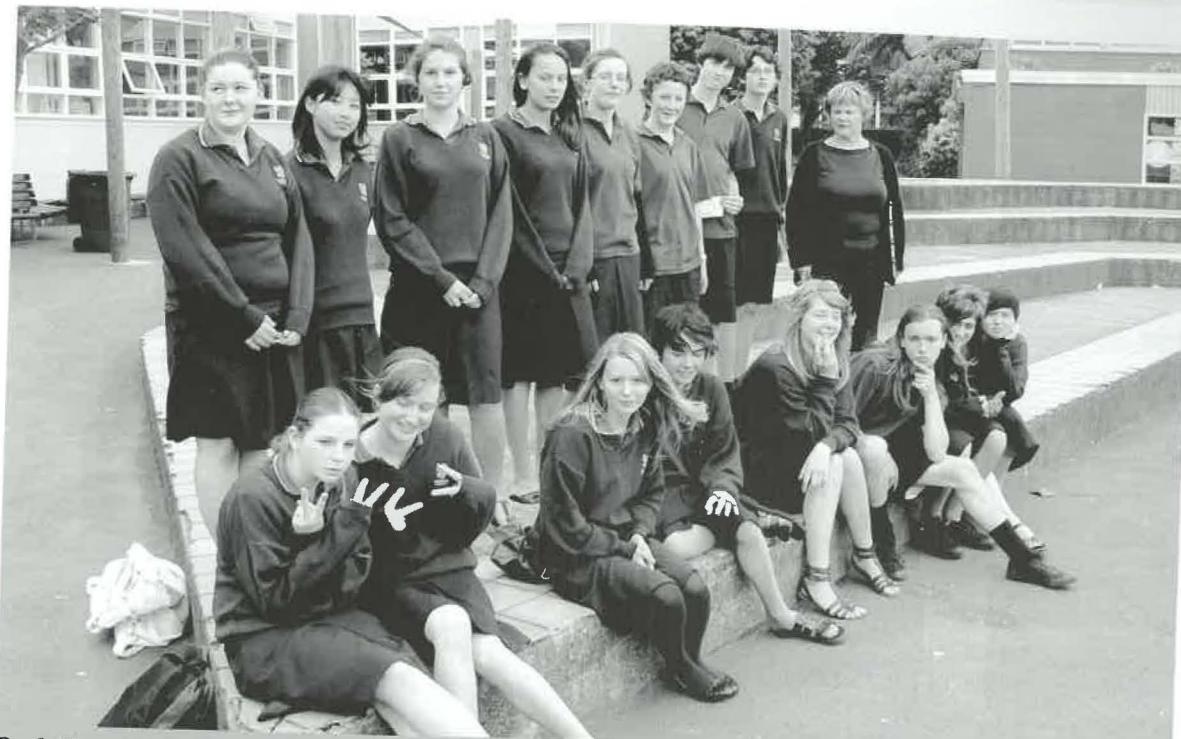
Back Row: William Collins, Daniel Murray, Andrew Phillips, Christian Allen, Jae Hyung Park
3rd Row: Mr Tony Peters, Aden Lowe, Bradley Billett, Cruz Blair, Zayed Rabbaney, Josh Baker
2nd Row: James Potter, Samuel Clyma, Larissa Hook, Jonathon Clark, Liam Aitken
Front Row: Christian Lovell, Yuuki Smithers, Bethany Lowe, Shannon Bliss, Emma Glucina
Absent: Raven Armstrong-Marino, Dylan Trigg, Danielle Vickers

Darnell 4



Back Row: Mr Rob Moorby, AJ Tawera, Troy Phillips
3rd Row: Luther Brown, Julian Bridgeman, Callan Bird, Harley Johnson, Chelsea Officer, Emily Bower, Andrea Brewster, Hazel James, Adehl Russell
2nd Row: Carrie Hurliman, Kristy Billing, Sarah Davis, Gemma Rowe, Kirsten Jones, Chekeera Johnson, Abbey-Louise Mayhead, Molly Bygate
Front Row: Ben Gernhoefer, Alex Auckram
Absent: Louis Aiello, Dale de Jongh, Robert Erkes, Vanessa Erkes, Jessica Hutton, Daniel Joubert, Chalakau Piripi, Alex Rayner

Darnell 6



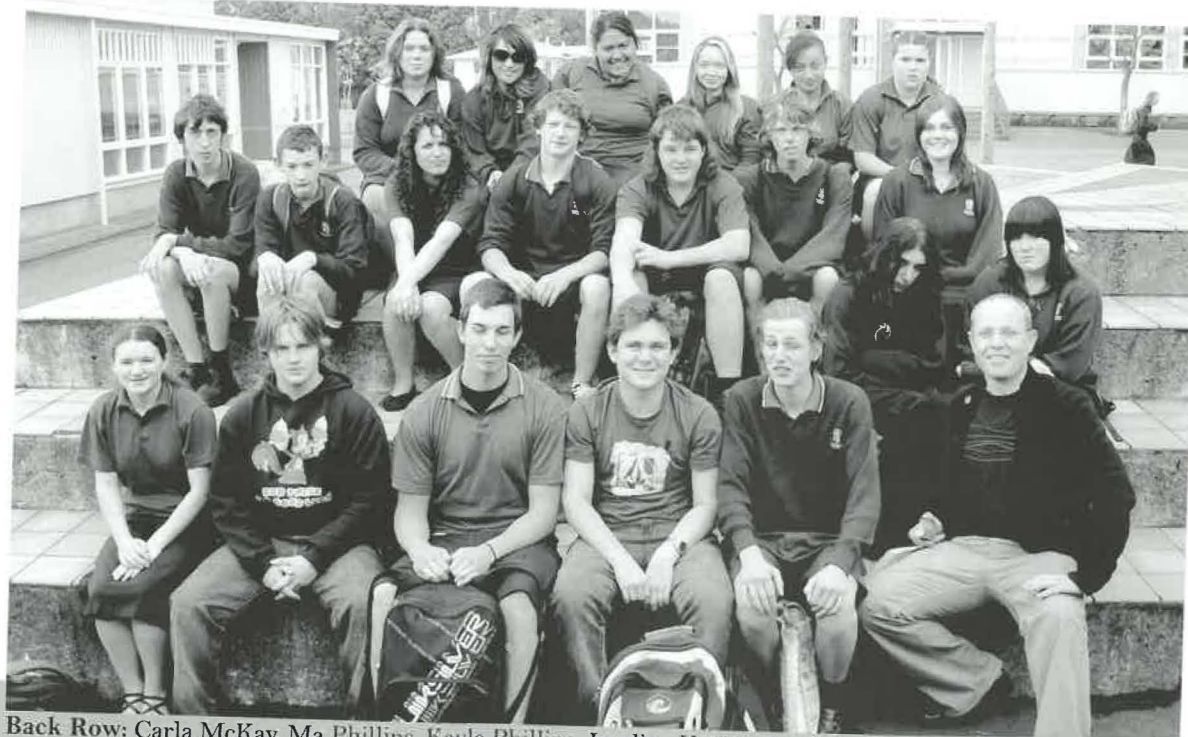
Back Row: Alana Foster, Kurumi Miwa, Shannon Day, Shaquille Knowles, Jodie Donald, John Riley, Alex Batten, Rikki Kilpatrick, Ms Roslyn McGlade
Front Row: Samantha Lindsay, Tania Hall, Nikita Thompson, Jordan Flanagan, Abby Bridgeman, Asher Vallen-Miriam, Stacy Povey, Georgia Paterson-McIsaac
Absent: Michael Hutchinson, Alannah Lousich, Saskia Majoor, Jazz Marshall, Caitlin McLellan, Julie Richardson, Jon-Paul Soffe, Antonio Tepu, Heidi Topless, Sarah Upson, Bridget Watts

Darnell 5



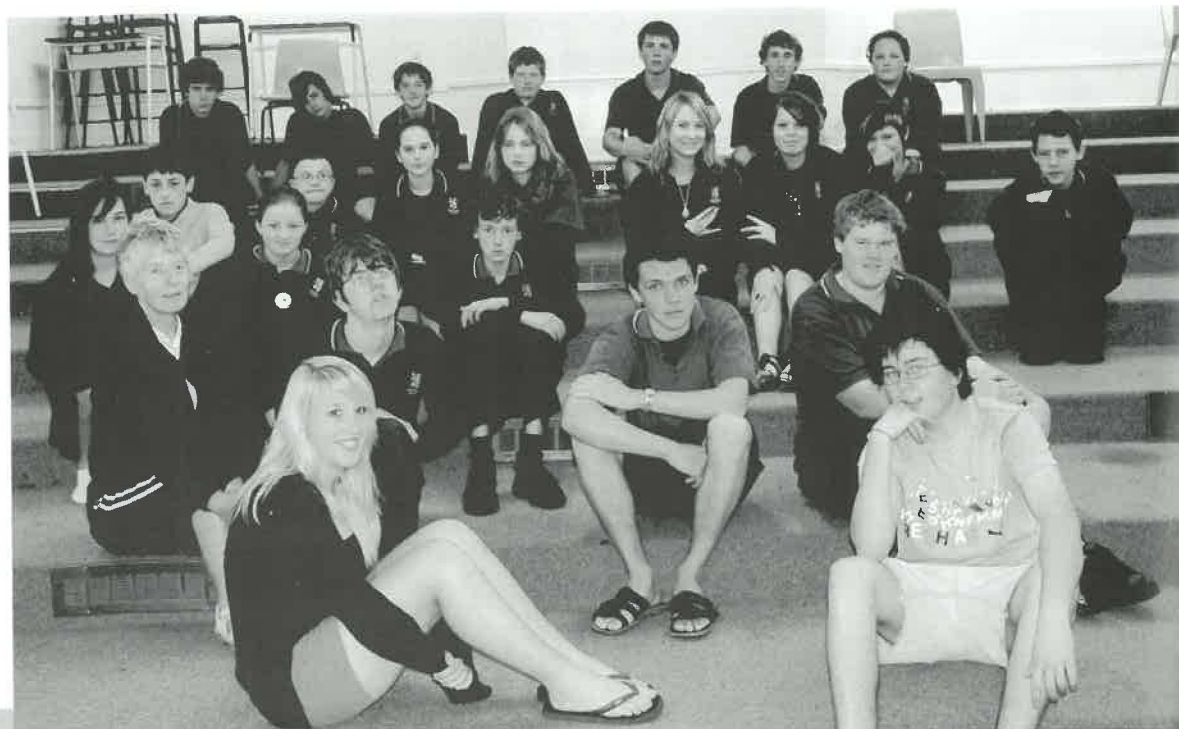
Back Row: Robert Skene, Jang Hoon Choi, Emily Hovell, Caszandra Burkett, Ahu Tako, Samantha Hill
3rd Row: Elise Wolgram, Chae Watts, Julia van Paassen, Danika Phillips, Mikayla Prosser, Tayla Rapira, Joshua Graham
2nd Row: Pai Ikitau, Ryder Cawsey, Tristie Porteous, Ella Mischefski, Aleisha Vickers, Steven Taylor
Front Row: Tahlia Hoyle, Cameron Brewster, Mr Dennis Little
Absent: Ben Frost, Emma-Jane Hanover, Kimberley Kalin, Rocky Marsh, Bailee Mills, Koron Oliver, Kaleb Parkinson

Darnell 7



Back Row: Carla McKay, Ma Phillips, Kayla Phillips, Jacoline Venter, Ataahua Shortland, Kelly Marshall-Smith
Middle Row: Michael O'Brien, Nathan Currie, Wairoku Ratana, Elijah Webby, Malcolm MacDonald, Sam Edge, Jessica Old, Josh Huta, Paige Geard
Front Row: Tiffany Gaastra, Tom Lysaght, Sam Askew, Sam Burton, Matt Ridgewell-Lang, Mr Leighton Upson
Absent: Martijn Boeren, Cody Frederikson, Ben Ko, Mariana Osbourne, Hannah Sole, Christie Trigg

Darnell 8



Back Row: Patrick Coombe, Cameron Parker, Sam Logan, Anthony Bruce, Marcus Williams, Yannick Grundy, Luke Thomson-Gilbert
4th Row: James Watene, Cameron Gillbanks, Melissa Roberts, Melissa Aldersley, Hineana Todd, Hannah Hay, Shannon Harrison, Aaron Hutton-Cash
3rd Row: Amy Bielski, Emma Whayman, Beren Hughes
2nd Row: Mrs Susan Cottam, Cameron Logan, Nathan Krutz, Harrison West
Front Row: Vanessa Adlam, Nick Murphy **Absent:** Alexia Williams, Braden Forth, Jos O'Rourke, Fiona Skene

RICHMOND HOUSE REPORT

Tom Sommerville - House Leader

This year Richmond house was a force to be reckoned with in all areas of house competition.

Sports were a strong point with us bringing our A game in all competition. A highlight of our sporting endeavours was winning the guys basketball competition and our girls doing extremely well.

Our performance for the house performing arts was commendable and congratulations to all that participated. A big thanks to Mrs Joines for her unrelenting commitment and thanks to all Richmond house members for a great year. You all have done our colour of green proud.

All of our house leaders, you have all been role models for our future Richmond leaders.

Good luck for next year and GO GREEN!!



Darnell 9



Back Row: Tamara McEntee, Thomas D'Ath, Tayla Hartley, Brent Schuetze, Latisha Austin, Kaiki Pate Nga Waiata Mahea, Emma Davies, Jamie Law, Kate Jones
Front Row: Scott Wiseman, Mal Honeyfield, Isaac Gulliver, Ben Brennan, Phoebe Phillips, Dr Bindu Sharma, Miranda Gibson

Richmond 1



Back Row: Glynn Kent, Ben Martin, Alex Phillips, Finarfin Brownson, Kyle Bright, Steph Gardiner, Aroha Takie, Alina Sommer, Nicole McGregor, Laura Ross, Mura Eynon, Mrs Wendy Bayley
Middle Row: Riccardo Vecchi, Elizabeth Faga, Jessica Adams, Caitlin Leggett, Rochelle Maindonald, Sherlyn Chariya, Shaela Cooper
Front Row: Jessica Coffey
Absent: Olivia Ankersen, Ben Brown, Jessica Daglish, Tommy Reihana, Nicole Sturgess, Rueben Weston

Richmond 2



Up In The Sky: Kerri Shultz, Damien Priest, Malany Turner
Back Row: Max Thorpe, Nick Long, Rose Salvatore, Evan Brien, Miss Kate Shepherd, Ben Hartley, David Hartley
Front Row: Tim Fleming, Mikayla Coster, Hayden Ferries, Jack Sutherland, Liam Leonard, Kathleen Dalleston
Absent: Hana Baker, Ngatai Baker, Dylan Byers, Jesse Byers, Anton Foley, Hannah Hendriks, Jin Ho Jung, Bodean Luke, Bau Ritai, Tim Rush, Campbell Shaw, Taurean Winter

Richmond 3



Back Row: Jacob Seath, Anna Hassler, Raven Rawiri, Mr Shaun Pender, Anthony Faga, Zachary Sewell
Middle Row: Connor Hamilton-Utiger, Danyon Lee, Steven Goodin, Jeremy Martin-Smith, Alannah Walding, Jorden Jones
Front Row: Rebekah Walsh, Tori Marsters, Elizabeth Drummond, Jahphay Huhu-Wereta, Jacob Preston, Donald Tai, Brooke Harre
Absent: Jessica Darby, Kody Little, Shaun Nicholls, Emma Ross, Chandler Suliman, Sam Towler

Richmond 4



Back Row: Karlene MacArthur, Soana Fakavamoenga, Tegan Coventry, Mr Lewis Whyte, Jamayn Kepa, Jordan Smith, Bryn Winters, Sun Ho Choi, Tom Cochrane
Middle Row: Nikita Hall, Christina-Lee Ritchie, Carina Hibbert, Adella Lee, Clarissa Kepa, Kori Rapira, Kate Salvatore, Aswad Joseph, Loi Nguyen
Front Row: Jessica Nepia, Rachel Boyd
Absent: Katie Darby, Keane Hall, Danyon Kadar-Mia, Aria Nairn, Toi Ngeru, Chris Regan, Hema Te Ao, Nigel Te Huia, Koni Tutauha, Martin van Paassen

Richmond 5



Back Row: Trent Ngatai
Middle Row: Sharad Woodhead, Paul Baiteke, Ravneel Lal, Lewis Fitness, Denise Inwood, Nicholas Courtney
Front Row: Ms Debra Fraser, Jannica Rookes, Huan Brownson, Daniel Willetts, Hanna Brentrup, Kirsten Farley, Tui Wright, Kodee Kee Sue, Alex Dodunski
Absent: Michael Giddy, Ben Haley, Chayce Hayward, Nicole Hibell, Eva Luraschi, Chris Maxwell, Kylie Vedder

Richmond 6



Back Row: Tom Sommerville, Stacey Hinton, Josh Treweek, Jordan Murray, Mauro Tessarola, Aki Yamamoto, Leah Clark, Ryan Munroe
Front Row: Mr Link Abrams, Amy Paki, Chelsea Parshotam, Matthew Sturgess, Kiera Lay, Jamie Van Asch-Rangihaeata, Shaun Hall, Jendi Logan, Donna Grey, Vicky Anderson
Absent: Regan Foster, Tessa Goodin, Ellice Hona, Bryony Jameson, Rebecca Shannon

Richmond 8



Back Row: Robert Bush, Nathan Woodhead, Kanimea Baiteke, Brandon Walker, Felipe Duante
Middle Row: Ms Koulla Benton, Jeremy Martul, Isaac Looker, Brooke Bowers, Rhiannon Lambert, Bhavna Ram, Joseph Batten, Matthew Nichols, Sam Hendriks, Rico Leung
Front Row: Mac Allchurch, Kieran Scown, Lisa Earley, Teabwebwe Itiaai, Jeena Sifa, Tita Merake, Jorja Green, Tori Green, Samuel Newman
Absent: Lavinia Winter, Tiipsy Tau, Zoe Davies

Richmond 7



Back Row: Nick Lambert, Sam Halliburton-Ritchie, Shaun Lankshear, Amadeus Joseph, Jeffery Christensen, Phoebe Davis, David Summerfield
Front Row: Caleb Towler, Mr Chris Lapworth, Andrew Sanders, Tai Juneau, Brooke Dobson, Zoe Hutchieson, Christie McMillan, Janna Kolbach, Fulvia Balzanelli
Absent: Stevie Baker-Cope, Jonathan Bishop, Melissa Bush, Jean Harding, Holly Harre, Celeste Hinz, Ryan McMahon, Shannon Murray, Jasmine Nuku, Jayden Shaw, Michelle Williams

Richmond 9



Back Row: Mrs June Moseley, Yvette Olsen, Sophie Matthews, Kelsi Barriball, Nicole Richards, Byron Lynds, Ashneel Ashish Lal, Jay Judson, Craig Martin-Smith, Bryce Sullivan, Blair Rookes
Front Row: Anna Klauser, Ashleigh Clark, Gloria Bayma, Christopher Weber, Kendra Payne, Victoria Gordon, Richard Cole
Absent: Ashleigh Ballinger, Lisa Bevin, Shay Broadfoot, Jayden Christensen, Sigourney Clark, Josh Curran, Corey Hopkins, Rachel Johnston, Kotuku Kaiki, JR Loveridge, Reihana Martin, Jessie Richards, Thomas Seath, Bineati Teriuea, Lori Walsh

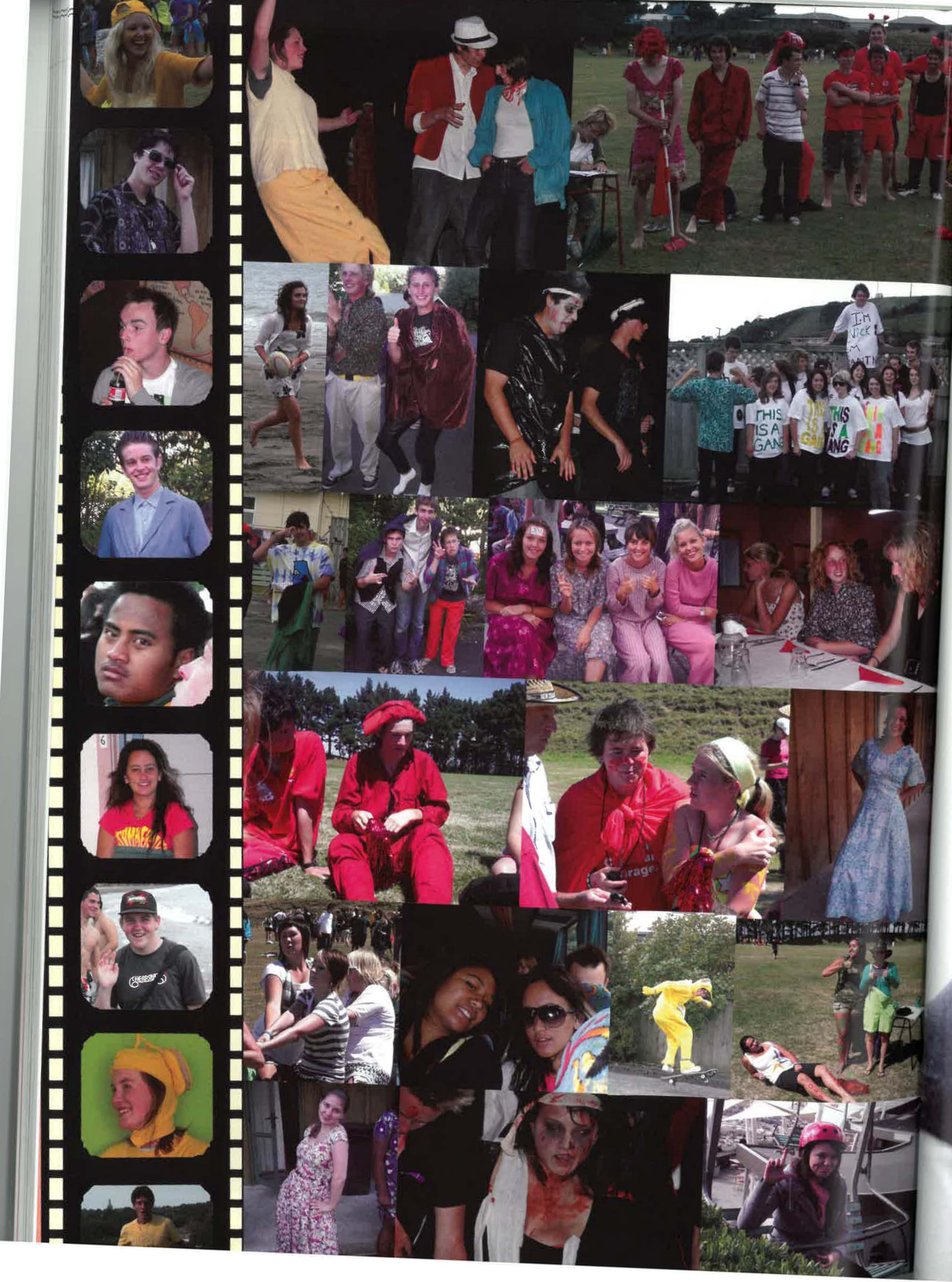
DOT ANDREWS

40 Years of Teaching Service at Spotswood College

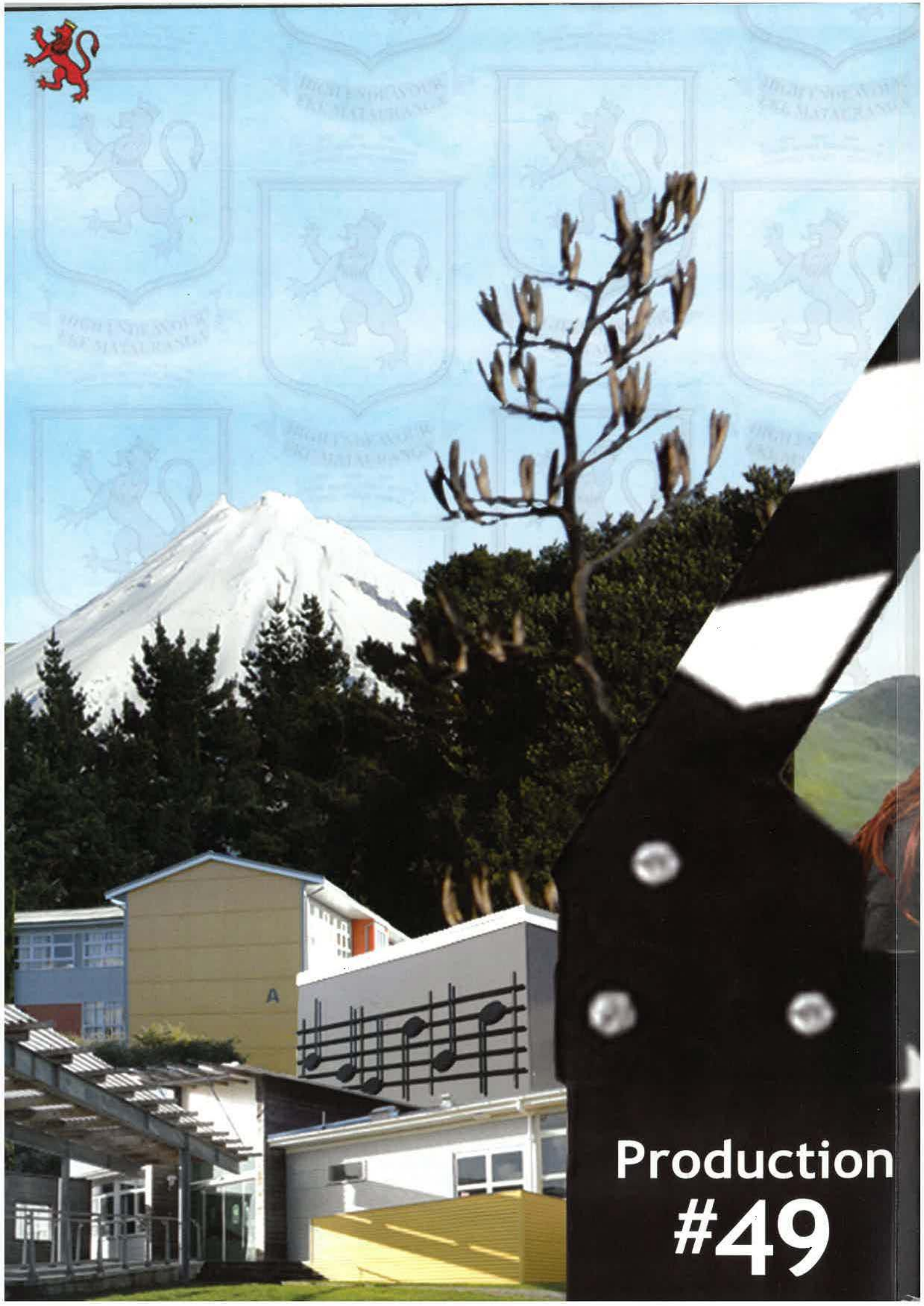
Dot - you are an amazing person and a very effective teacher and Dean. Many of the best things about Spotswood College revolve around you. We, the students and staff, have total respect for you. We hope you are part of our community for a few more good years.

Keep smiling, growling and chasing that little annoying white ball!

Determined
Organised
Thorough
Always chasing students
Never gives up
Dean extraordinaire
Regularly laughs
Energetic
Willing to help
Slices the golf ball







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