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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT **for the period ending 31 December 1997**

Kia Ora,
It is with pleasure that I present this my 11th Annual report as Principal of Spotswood College.

STAFF:

The 1997 academic school year started with a new Deputy Principal.

After six years at Spotswood College Mr Lynch departed to take up a Principal's position in Whangarei.

His replacement Mr Garry Carnachan soon made his presence felt and has continued to make a very positive contribution to our school. As a past pupil, teacher and HOD Mathematics Mr Carnachan has had a long involvement and a significant commitment to Spotswood College and with his multifaceted talents in teaching, management and people skills we look forward to his positive influence in our school.

I have no doubt that together with Ms Moran we have a most effective management team who can provide excellent leadership for the school into the next century.

We also welcomed at the beginning of the year, from Southland, Mrs Meryn Penno as Assistant HOD Science and Senior Chemistry specialist. Her special skills have already impacted positively on our school and again we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial association.

Mr Ian Squire joined us as an exchange teacher from the United Kingdom in late January and took over as replacement for Mr Dennis Ingram.

We also welcomed Mr Warwick Foy to the Social Sciences Department and Mrs Heidi Cason, Mathematics, to our permanent staff.

Mrs Eileen Kiffin resigned during the year from the Special Needs Unit to be replaced by Mrs Lee George in a LTR position until the end of 1997.

1997 also marked the resignation, due to poor health, of one of the schools longest serving teachers. Mr Doug Oliver joined the Spotswood College staff in 1971 as a teacher of Accounting and Economics. During his long career with us Mr Oliver was involved in a variety of co-curricular activities particularly 1st XV Rugby, Cricket and Golf but perhaps most significantly as Teacher in Charge of Stationery. For nearly 20 years Mr Oliver had sole charge of school stationery and unselfishly gave countless hundreds of hours to the ordering, supply and distribution of school stationery. It was largely due to Mr Oliver's efforts in running the profitable Stationery Room that the school was one of the first in the District to purchase computers for our school computer suite.

His commitment and loyalty to the school was unconditional and I would like, on behalf of the school, to wish him well in his retirement.

During the year a number of staff took on extra responsibilities while I was on extended study leave in

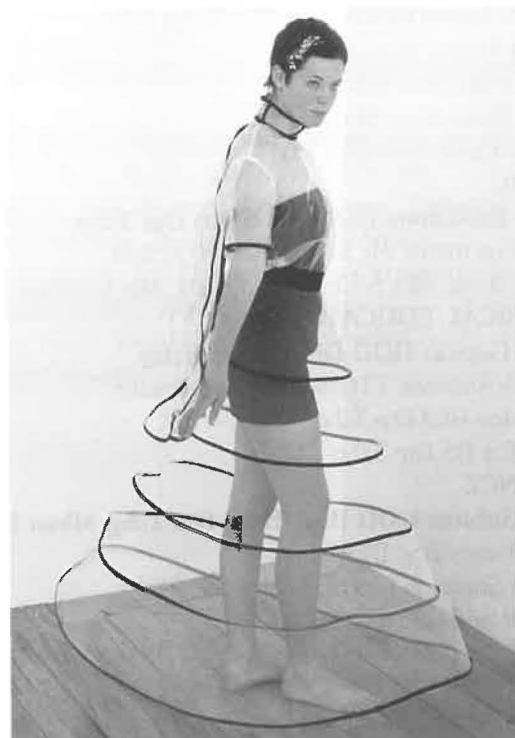


USA and Canada. I would like to thank all those teachers involved for the outstanding job they did; particularly Mr Carnachan, Ms Moran, Mr Cooper, Miss Andrews and Mr Hodgkinson. It is an interesting personal observation that as much as we would like to think to the contrary no one is irreplaceable!

Other staff changes for 1997 saw Mrs Pirikahu and Mr McGregor on one years leave of absence. Both will be returning in 1998.

STUDENTS

1997 was a really outstanding year for school achievements both in curricular and co-curricular activities.



The most significant academic success was achieved by one of our 5th Form students, Tim Bedford, who, out of 530,000 Mathematics students throughout Australasia, was awarded one of only 42 medals and was placed 1st in New Zealand. Tim travelled to Sydney, Australia, on 4th November to receive this most prestigious prize from the Governor General of New South Wales. A wonderful effort indeed.

1996 exam results were very pleasing indeed. In the School Certificate examinations, for the 2nd time in 3 years, a maximum mark of 100% was awarded in Workshop Technology, this year to Bridgette Wilson. At Bursary/Scholarship level the school achieved 13 "A" Bursaries, 23 "B" Bursaries and 10 Scholarships. A very good result for our students at the highest possible level. Overall it is pleasing to see our examination results stand up to National scrutiny.

Our young designers continued to achieve at the highest level and carry on a tradition for excellence that is clearly quite remarkable. For the 3rd consecutive year students from Spotswood College reached the New Zealand finals with placemen Catherine Moore - 1st Fantasy Section, Amy McCandlish - 3rd Fantasy Section, Claire Charteris - 3rd Product Design and Philippa Berry - 4th Product Design leading the way. In total, Spotswood College had 8 finalists, 7 semi-finalists and 8 quarter finalists in the New Zealand wide competition. Well done to all those involved including the Teachers in the Textiles and Graphics and Technology Department for their encouragement and support of our students.

At the Taranaki Science Fair, John Gabites not only won the prize for Senior Physics but also was adjudged 'Best in the Fair' and will go on to the New Zealand final in Auckland in early December.

In the cultural arena it was a delight to hear of the success of our Maori Culture Group, under the guidance of Mr Lionel Skipper, at the Regional Cultural Festival. As 1st place winners in the Intermediate Section and recipient of the Taane I Te Waananga Trophy they have won the right, together with Waitara High School, to represent the region at the National Finals next year.

Drama has always played a significant role in the life of our school and again in 1997 we saw examples of the wonderful talent we have in our midst.

Our major school production, under Director Mr Merv Chivers, produced some wonderful performances. None more so than that given by our Deputy Head Girl Leanne Smith, whose convincing performance in a most difficult lead role was nothing less than superb.

Also during the year our school production of *McBeth*, Director Ms Joanne Stallard, represented Taranaki at the National Shakespeare Festival in Wellington. The group of Ben Shaw, Leanne Smith, Amelia Gaffy, Jackie Laugesen and Courtney Lucas were awarded one of the top 3 prizes - 'The Ida Gaskin Award for General Excellence'. In addition Ben Shaw was selected to a group of young actors for a week-long workshop in Wellington during October.

The significant contribution of the Technical Support Group of Katie Bool and Brent Howard was acknowledged when Brent Howard was granted a special award for his contribution to the festival lighting.



Jon Gaastra was selected for the New Zealand Youth Choir to tour Australia.

A significant first for 1997 was the Concert/Jazz Band Tour to Sydney in late April. This 9 day excursion was facilitated by the Spotswood College Band Boosters under the Baton of Mr Don Boyd, assisted by Mr Barry Bradshaw. An outstanding event, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and made possible by the countless hours of work put in by the organising committee. Many thanks to teachers, parents and students for carrying the Spotswood College banner with such pride.

Unfortunately, immediately after this event, we lost the services of our Director of Bands Mr Don Boyd, to overseas study and subsequently to Onslow College in Wellington. Many thanks go to him for his support and encouragement of our highly successful Band programmes.

In the sporting area many of our students achieved distinction at the highest Provincial, National and International level. Far too many to list but some worthy of special mention.

Nick Daly	NZ B Wrestling team to Australia
Joanna Demetriou	NZ Speed Skating team to Argentina
Jay Warren	NZ Under 18 Development Squad
Joe Govier	Taranaki Secondary School Rugby Rep
Adam El-Agez	Gold Medal NZ Beach Volleyball and NZ Junior Mens Team
Dion Cowley	Gold Medal NZ Beach Volleyball
Jean Tompkins & Amy Laird	2nd NZ Pony Club Champs
Sonia Whitmore	Gold NZ Tae Kwan Do
Dion Mathys	Silver NZ Tae Kwan Do
Kylie Sisarich	NZ Under 18 Champion of Champions - Highland Dancing

There were many many other highlights throughout the year - but perhaps the most pleasing aspect to come out of 1997 was the increase in participation of our many school teams. With a real focus on participation and with great support of our student events such as Inter-school swimming and athletics, our school was presented in a very positive way indeed. With the introduction next year of a whole new range of sports uniforms I have no doubt our teams will again make their presence felt in the District.

My thanks to all the coaches, managers and supporters who make it possible for our students to participate in such a diverse range of sports.

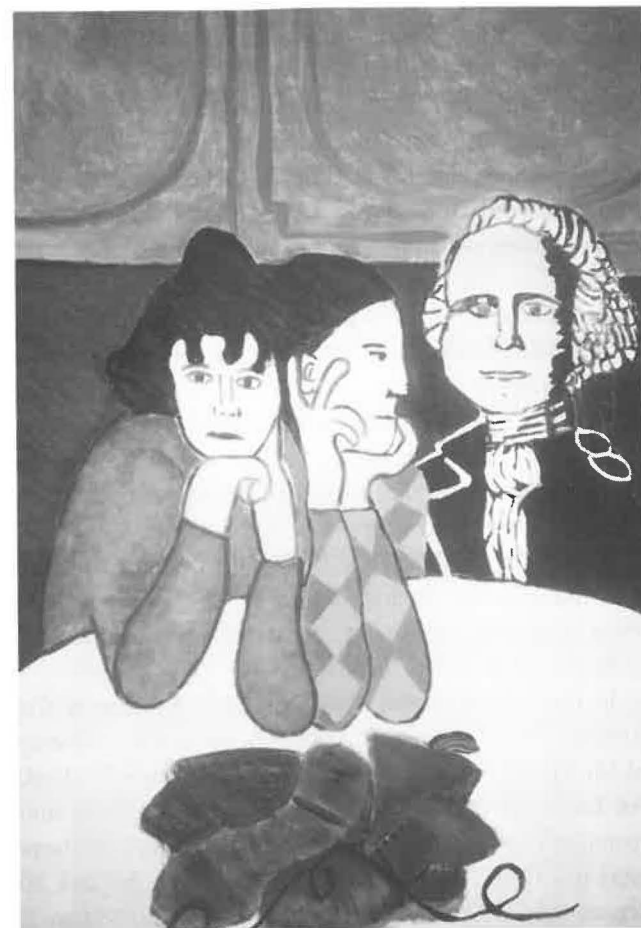
A significant Board of Trustee activity in 1997 has been the joint Staff/Board of Trustee initiative in developing and preparing a detailed brief and design plan for our new Technology Suite. This involved many many hours of consultation with the various teaching faculties in the school and will hopefully result in a learning environment in the specialist technical fields which are second to none in the country.

While we were not included in the 1997/98 Capital Works programme, with the continued support of the Ministry of Education in Wanganui we can look forward to the 1998/99 round with some confidence.

The second significant joint Staff/Board of Trustee initiative this year was the completion of the school's Strategic Plan and Vision Statement. The completion of this plan was due largely to the excellent facilitation skill of Mr Carnachan who lead both Board and Staff through a complex but enjoyable process.

Congratulations to Mrs Janice Gibb, Chair, and Mr Paul Goldsmith, Deputy, for their "promotion" within the Board and many thanks to Mr Doug Hislop, Deputy, and Mr John Eaddy, Chair, for the previous 3 years in the hot seats!

I could not complete this report without some general observation about the school and its future.



Unfortunately our school numbers are still in decline with a 1997 school roll of 958 and predicted to move down to 820 in 1998.

While this decline does impact on staff numbers I have to say that there are a number of positive aspects - school facilities are now excellent with space for all activities and home rooms for all teachers. The school appears more focused with fewer disruptive students and a much more positive and secure school environment.

Changes to management structures and team work and co-operation between staff and management has resulted in a much more consultative and involved school.

1997 has, from my perspective, been a success. I therefore look forward with some confidence to the years ahead, confident that this school has much to offer the young people of New Plymouth.

Therefore my thanks to my team - Garry Carnachan, Robyn Moran, Alison Hodges, Peter Smith and Brian Sowman for their support. To Faculty Heads, Committee Chairs, those with responsibility and to subject teachers - a good year, well done. To students I wish you success in your exams, good luck for your future and for those returning a restful vacation and a safe return to Spotswood College in 1998.

Tena Koutou, tena koutou, kia ora Koutou katoa
Barry Finch
PRINCIPAL



DANCING SINCE SHE WAS 4!!

Kylie Sisarich - 6th form student at Spotswood College tells our interviewer a little about her life as a dancer.

When did you start dancing?

I started Highland at 4 years old and Tap, Jazz, Ballet at 8.

What types of dancing do you do now?

Highland dancing, Tap, Jazz.

Do you also teach dancing?

Yes, I teach tap at the moment but hope to get into teaching in a big way next year.

How much time each week do you give to dancing?

At the moment I am busy as I have just sat a Tap exam, and I am still training for my Highland and Jazz exam, so I spend about three hours every day in training.

Is it very expensive to learn?

It is very expensive to learn so you need a lot of dedication if you want to succeed. My Highland costume costs well over \$1000. When you add expenses for competing fee and coaching fee it all adds up as well as travelling to compete.

Where do the other competitors come from?

All over New Zealand and overall it is a very high standard of skill.

Are other members of your family affected through your dancing?

My family are very supportive and that's what you need as they are always there at the good times as well as the bad times.

What other awards have you won over the last 5-6 years?

Many New Zealand titles as well as North Island titles and provincial championships. Nominations for Tap, Jazz and Highland. 1995 NZ under 16, 1996 runner up New Zealand under 18, 1997 New Zealand under 18.

How much longer do you intend to dance?

- Until I achieve: the New Zealand Champion of Champions -18 years and over.

- Solo Seal which is really hard to achieve - your technique has to be perfect.

- The Highland Nationals, 1st - \$1500, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$150. You have to get nominated - they are in Wellington this year and I will be representing Taranaki.

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SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 1997

SPECIAL AWARDS

DUX CUP and A L McPHAIL AWARD
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Marnie Carter

PROXIME ACCESSIT CUP
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James Robinson

ALTER EMERITUS CUP Inga Boyd

R.S.A. - DR GEORGE THOMPSON AWARD
Alistair Tippet

EMILY CANNELL MEMORIAL CUP Amy Bloor

BRUCE WALKER TROPHY Leanne Smith

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD
Deputy Head Girl Leanne Smith
Deputy Head Boy Dion Cowley

L.M. MOSS PRIZE and
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD Adam El-Agez

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE
P.T.A. PRIZE and BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD
Amelia Gaffly

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD Alistair Tippet

MARJAN van PAASSEN AWARD Julia Hobby

JOE GREENWOOD
MEMORIAL PRIZE Brent Howard

SPECIAL SUBJECT AWARDS

HELEN J. BACON AWARD Marnie Carter

HARRY M. BACON MEMORIAL PRIZE Inga Boyd

DUYNHOVEN AWARD Chad Sands

NEW PLYMOUTH
LITTLE THEATRE AWARD Leanne Smith

EMO AWARD Brent Howard

BANDBOOSTERS AWARD
Senior Award Fiona McIntosh

JOY ROOKES TROPHY Trent Martin



Kapa Haka Awards

Lead Kaea Tukaha Davis
Senior Kaikaranga Selena Ngaia

Speech Awards

First in Senior Speech Alistair Tippet
Second in Senior Speech Jared Wilson

First in Senior Maori Language Speech
Tukaha Davis

ACADEMIC AWARDS

FORM 7 PRIZE WINNERS

FIRST IN SUBJECT

Joe Govier	Design Technology
Phillip Rose	Graphics & Design
Amy McCandlish	Fabric Art
Hilary Blackstock	Physical Education
Maria Li	Japanese
Colin Charman	Computing
Angela West	Wordprocessing
Nicholas Forsythe	Printmaking
William Lewis	Mathematics with Calculus
Taryn Lobb	Painting
Julia Hobby	Classics
Jamie Ward	Classics - Correspondence
Inga Boyd	Photography
	Art History

Richard Berry & Claire Shannon	A & M Hutchinson Prize for 1st= in Senior Biology
Richard Berry	Physics 1st =
James Robinson	Physics 1st = Mathematics with Statistics Chemistry
Marnie Carter	History English Geography

FORM 6 PRIZE WINNERS

FIRST IN SUBJECT

Samantha Brill	Journalism Daily News Literary Prize
John Gabites	Geography NZ Institute of Physics Prize
Evelyn Nicholson	Computing Wordprocessing
Brendon O'Keeffe	Design Technology
Melissa Green	Graphics & Design In Focus Cup for 1st in Photography Practical Art
Kevin Demchy	Horticulture
Ben Shaw	History Physical Education 1st = English - Dramatic Interpretation of a Text (individual Performance)
Bridgette Wilson	English - Static Images
Katie Bool, Melissa Green, Suzanne McCarthy	English - Dramatic Interpretation of a Text (Group Performance)
Julian Pitman	Alternative English
Alistair Tippet	Physical Education - 1st =
Elizabeth Buttimore	Home Economics Spanish
Elizabeth Charman	Mathematics Applied II
Marie Tooman	Textiles
Joy Bridger	First in 6B
Miranda Short	Transition
Rowena Howard	Music
Meika Perry	Maori

Amy Cruickshank	Economics Legal Studies Accounting Mathematics
Suzanne McCarthy	Chemistry Biology Physics English - Transactional Award

FORM 5 PRIZE WINNERS

FIRST IN SUBJECT

Alaina Crafar-McKee	French
Jean Tompkins	M J Hickey Trophy for Excellence in French
Amanda Bingham	Geography
Wayne Harrison	Transition
Thor Gudjonsson	Accounting
Philippa Berry	Music
Anna Wilkinson	Practical Art
Wade Lobb	Horticulture
Tina MacDonald	Mathematics Applied I
Mandy James	Maori
Kellyrose Wech	First in 5B
Michelle French	Taranaki Science
Timothy Bedford	Mathematics Taranaki Mathematics Association Award
Daniel Jones	Home Economics
Ben Wilmshurst	Alternative Home Economics Alternative English
Donna Bond	Textiles
Natasha Crow	Japanese Workshop Technology (Wood)
Sarah Russell	Economics
Emma Shannon	Graphics & Design
Fiona Johns	Wordprocessing
Jared Steel	Workshop Technology (Metal) and the Scott Commercial Workshop Technology Cup
Emily Miller	History Spanish Science Winner of the Margaret Hurley Prize for top student of English

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SPECIAL SPORTS AWARDS

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Sonia Whitmore



1st XV Rugby Trophy - Best All Round Team Member
Alistair Tippett

Thomson Cup for Captain 1st XV Rugby plus
Spotswood United Rugby Club Miniature
Joe Govier

Tony Struthridge Memorial
for Most Conscientious Rugby Team Member
Gareth Hill

Olsen Trophy for
Commitment and Excellence in Girls' Rugby
Renee Penman

Boys' Indoor Basketball Player of the Year
Jay Warren

Girls' Indoor Basketball Player of the Year
Tennille Yandle

John Lucas Award for
Most Improved Boys' Hockey Player
Dwayne Hill

D.C. Andrews Trophy
- Most Dedicated Female Hockey Player
Amy Bloor

D.V. Sutherland Prize for Endeavour in Cricket
Jason Ottens

Dow Elanco Cup for the Most Dedicated Girl Cricketer
Rowena Howard

Brodie Cup for Most Improved
Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year
Eloise Pollard

Matthew Coleman Trophy for Senior Boys' Volleyball
- Most Improved Player
Brendon O'Keeffe

Antony Joe Trophy for
Senior Boys' Volleyball Player of the Year
Adam El-Agez

Wilson Trophy - for Senior Girls'
Volleyball Player of the Year
Michelle Thorstensen

Talo-Manu Netball Trophy
for services to the school in coaching Netball
Claire Shannon

L.J. Trophy for Senior Netball Player of the Year
Tennille Yandle

John Lawton Memorial Cup for Boys' Tennis
Dion Cowley

Lorraine Lovell Challenge Trophy for Girls' Tennis
Eloise Pollard

The Spotswood College Sailing Cup for Leadership
Mathew Hughes

John Bell Memorial Cup for Lifesaving
Michelle Walker

Spotswood College Premier Women's Soccer Award
for Team Leadership and Commitment
donated by Gaylene Kendrick
Angela Thompson

Trina Cowley Trophy for Sporting Excellence
John Gabites and
Adam El-Agez

Excellence in Volleyball

Division II National Secondary School Tournament
Team and Taranaki Senior Men's Volleyball Team
Adam El-Agez
Brendon Henchman
Brendon O'Keeffe
Dion Cowley

Taranaki Senior Men's Volleyball Team and
North Island Secondary School Senior Boys' Team
Adam El-Agez

Taranaki Senior Women's Volleyball Team
Melissa Green
Michelle Thorstensen
Natasha Whiting

SPORTING AWARDS

Championship Certificates in Athletics

Intermediate Girls	Kathryn Greaney
Intermediate Boys	Jared Wilson
Senior Girls	Michelle Walker
Senior Boys	John Gabites

Championship Certificates in Cross Country

Intermediate Girls	Jean Tompkins
Intermediate Boys	Heydon Bartlett
Senior Girls	Tania Vercoe
Senior Boys	Andrew Pritchard
Ironperson - Female	Sharlene Turner
Ironperson - Male	Jared Wilson

Championship Certificates in Swimming

Intermediate Girls	Kelly Shuker
Intermediate Boys	Julian Pitman
Senior Girls	Renee Penman
Senior Boys	Adam El-Agez

School Awards: Inter-House Awards

Morine Cup in Athletics	Richmond
Faye Hill Cup in Netball	Darnell
The Chris Hamil Cup in Softball	Richmond and Darnell
Phil Gayton Cup in Volleyball	Darnell
Craigmyle Cup in Swimming	Richmond
R & N Mong Cup in Basketball	Atkinson
Barriball Trophy in Hockey	Darnell
Ballinger Cup in Cross Country	Atkinson
Honour Cup in Rugby	Richmond
McDonald Cup in Cricket	Richmond
Borrell Cup in Soccer	Richmond
Tug-of-War Shield	Darnell
Touch Rugby Shield	Barrett
Sole Cup in Tennis	Richmond

The Inter-House Shield is
awarded this year to Richmond

THE DAILY NEWS

Newspapers In Education

For services to the School in the following sports:

Netball	Claire Shannon
Rugby	Michael Kemsley Richard Peters Adrian George Rhys Danaher

Boys' Cricket	Tim Biesiek
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Hockey	Richard Berry Amy Bloor Chris Greenhill
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Basketball	Sarah Greenbank
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For services to Sport	Joe Govier Chris Greenhill
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For services to the School in coaching Basketball	Jay Warren Joshua Paurini Megan Riddock Rebekah Bloomfield Sarah Greenbank
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For services to the School in coaching Volleyball	Michelle Thorstensen
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Merit Certificate for Excellence in Basketball	Chaya Runciman Aaron Lockett Sarah Greenbank Dylan Spencer Brendon O'Keeffe Maren Huntley Adrian George Charles Ip
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Merit Certificate for Excellence in Basketball & Most Improved Player	Rebekah Bloomfield
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Merit Certificate for Most Improved Basketball Player	Eli Waikawa
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Merit Certificate for Excellence in Rugby	Michelle Walker Jana Adlam
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Merit Certificate for Most Valuable Player in 2nd XV Rugby	Darryl Roper
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Merit Certificate for Excellence in Netball and Most Improved Player	Melinda Clark
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Merit Certificate for Excellence in Netball	Suzanne McCarthy Tracey Schuler
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SCHOOL DIARY

January

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February

3 House Meetings
 5 1st XI Gillette Cup Cricket V Stratford
 3A class trip
 6 Waitangi Day TSSSA Yachting
 - Good Sailing Spotswood
 9 TSSSA Beach Volleyball
 10 TSSSA Surfing - 1st swell day
 11 Swimming/Athletics
 12 BOT/Staff Strategic Planning Day
 S.T.A.R. courses begin
 14 Valentines Day
 16 TSSSA Softball
 18 TSSSA Tennis - Boys
 Athletics finals
 19 TSSSA Tennis - Girls
 20 TSSSA Tennis - Mixed
 21 School Photos
 23 Regional Volleyball Qualifying
 24 T.E.A.M. meeting with
 25 TSSSA Swimming
 - Excellent effort Spotswood
 26 Visit to Whakawhiti Pa Site
 27 6/7 English trip to Romeo & Juliet

March

2 TSSSA Touch
 3 Navy Visit
 Senior Interim Reports
 4 German & French advisers visit
 5 Book Display
 40 Hr famine guest at Assembly
 Gideons at Assembly
 Japanese adviser visits
 6 Trevor Weir - Massey Liaison visit
 7 3W Ec trip
 9 Taranaki Anniversary
 11 17 Japanese students in school
 Zen Do Kai Demonstration
 12 Tots to Toddlers Course
 13 6th Biology students Field Trip
 14 Junior Interim Reports Home
 15 TSSSA Athletics
 16 Volleyball Senior Regional Series
 17 St Patricks Day
 F7 Media Studies trip to Wgtn
 4 Textiles to the Art Gallery

18 Inter-House Softball
 19 Parent Interviews
 20 Music students to Saxcess
 School Dance - 'Outer Space'
 21 Mishima Theatre Group
 26 National Bank Junior Maths
 Competition
 PPTA meeting Stratford
 27 Equestrian team at FDC
 28 Good Friday

April

1 TSSSA Equestrian - FDC
 4 Eye tests for Form 4
 7 Senior Boys and AJ at Volleyball
 House Sports - Cricket
 8 Certain Sounds at lunchtime
 9 Bands play at Assembly
 then depart for Sydney
SCHOOLS OUT

TERM 2

May

2 Waikato University Information Day
 TSSSA Golf
 Senior Debaters at Okato
 Gloria Taylor to speak to Living Skills classes
 4A/L TOPEC
 S.T.A.R. Taster Course
 13 Australian Science Competition
 16 Cross Country
 18 TSSSA - Squash
 19 Nga Moemoea for 20 4th Formers all week
 House Netball
 21 BOT Presentations at Assembly
 3rd Forms to Telecom Science
 Road Show
 23 Staff Night at Bowllarama
 25 TSSSA Road Relays
 27 Staff v's students Netball -
 The Oldies whipped them!
 28 TSSSA Cross-Country
 30 Shakespeare Group to Wgtn



June

4 Presentation of Heart Beat Award
 5 Form 6 Legal Studies go to Court
 6 Eton Senior Maths Competitions
 8 TSSSA Basketball
 9 TSSSA Basketball
 House Sport - Basketball
 Choir at TSS Smokefree Choral Festival
 10 4x Economics on a trip
 11 Senior Exams until 17 June
 15 TSSSA Weightlifting
 18 Sports Assembly with Nicky Gardiner
 22 TSSSA Girls Soccer

July

2 Form 7 Slave Day
 3 Mufti Day
 Dance - Something beginning with P
 4 7th Form Trip to Victoria
 Senior Reports home
 Holidays! Staff go to Court
 21 GC goes skiing!
 Option changeover for Form 3
 22 1st XV v's Hawera High School
 23 Excel Theatre performance for Juniors
 25 Junior Reports home
 TSSSA Badminton
 27 Senior OPC group departs
 28 TV2 films Kapa Haka for Mai Time
 29 Australian Maths Competition
 30 4th Advanced Band to Devon
 Team Xtreme for 4th Form Group
 Maths Fair opens
 Senior Parent Interviews

August

1 Taranaki ISCF day
 Junior Reports home
 4 Senior Tug of War
 5 Hawera Sports Exchange - washed out
 Airforce Careers Meeting
 Dancing lessons for Seniors
 Junior Parents Evening
 6 Careers Expo open
 7 Careers Expo visits
 8 Speech and Drama Festival NPBHS
 Cultural Festival NPGHS

9 School Ball
 10 TSSSA Cycling
 11 4S/4F at TOPEC
 Girls Cricket Session with Katrina Withers
 12 Fraser Exchange
 TSSSA Basketball - Juniors
 13 Fraser trip continues
 14 3rd Beginner Band play for PTA meeting
 17 TSSSA Ten Pin Bowling
 18 Smoking Cessation Group meet
 19 Hawera Sports Exchange
 - Washed out again!
 Blood Donors
 Young Designers leave for Christchurch
 21 Good Vibrations Concert
 for the Senior Citizens
 Senior Girls Volleyballers
 at Smokefree presentation
 Science Fair
 22 Form 4 Quiz team at Science Fair
 25 Snowboarders in action
 House Sports - Soccer
 26 House Soccer
 27 Rehearsal for play
 28 University Liaison Officers visit

September

1 Freyburg 1st XV v's Spotswood
 Form 5 Maori students at Rangiatea
 4 Opening Night for 'The Warrior Virgin'
 Otago University Liaison Officer visits
 5 2nd night 'The Warrior Virgin'
 6 Final Night - 'The Warrior Virgin'
 7 TSSSA Mountain Biking
 12 Massey Visit for Form 7
 Senior Boys Basketball play
 NPBHS in League final
 14 TSSSA Indoor Bowls
 15 TSSSA Skiing - another holiday for GC
 4th Advanced Band play at Highlands
 The Smokefree programme concludes
 17 Senior Exams begin
 21 TSSSA Indoor Rowing

TERM 4

October

Spring is here!

- 13 Shakespeare tutor Sarah Davey from England in school
- 17 Performance by Kaiako Toi Whakari
- 16 students at Pacific Hotel International Day
- 24 Senior 5,7 Reports home
- 27 Labour Day
- 28 Work Experience students at TOPEC all week
- 29 Form 7 History Seminars
- 30 6 PE go to Golf

November

- 2 TSSSA Junior Touch competitions
- 4 Good Vibrations Concert in Hall
- Stratford v Spotswood Tennis, Cricket
- 5 S.C. Art marking in hall
- 10 4th Form at TOPEC
- 11 TSSSA Junior relays
- 14 Senior Certificate Assembly - last day for 5ths & 7ths
- 17 Senior Prizegiving - 7pm
- 21 S.C./U.B. exams begin
- 25 Art & Design Expo - Grand Opening
- 26 Arts & Design Expo
- 28 : :

December

- 2 S.C./U.B. end
- Senior Documentation Day
- 3 Activities Week
- 8 Junior Certificates Assembly
- 9 Junior Prizegiving

1997 School Year is OVER!



Staff News



1997 rolled around, all too soon it seemed and the staff were gathered for the first social event of the year - a welcome to new staff members, Meryn Penno from the deep South, Heidi Cason from South Africa, Ian Squire from England and part-time teachers, Mrs Genevieve Herder and Mrs Alka Sumbaly. It was good to see everyone back and raring to go for the New Year. We also welcomed our new Deputy Principal, Garry Carnachan, alias Brad Pitt.

Some staff members experienced a change of status - Warwick Foy married Sarah over the holidays, while other staff members travelled to interesting foreign parts.

The first term seemed to fly and ended with a great progressive dinner at Dot Thomas's house.

Term 2 saw Mr Doug Oliver retire to be replaced by Terri-Lee Farr, who during that term travelled to Hong Kong to participate in the Hong Kong marathon where she came a creditable third. Well done Terri-Lee.

The term also saw a new team at the top with Barry Finch travelling overseas on sabbatical. "While the cats away, the mice will play..... but we worked hard as well - parent nights, whipping the 7th Form at Netball, morning teas and so on.

The end of the term saw the staff called to trial at "Steps", by Bailiff Smith. Those on trial were duly sentenced by Judge Cooper who handed down interesting sentences, the lengthiest being to enjoy two weeks holiday.

Term 3 was upon us and again another busy one. The Finches returned from sabbatical and life returned to normal. This was the term that saw some staff suffering badly from influenza and Gloria Holland in hospital to have a hip replacement. Two staff played truant for overseas holidays in term time - Helen and Shirley.



The term's end signalled the end of bachelorhood for Tony Peters and we wished him and Margaret the very best for their married life. It also saw the Wards become grandparents again to join the Hodgkinson's, and an excellent social event - the International night. This was an excellent occasion and saw many of the staff in disguise, from pigtailed Chinese to salacious Spaniards. The food was excellent - there are some wonderful international cooks on the staff and a great time was had by all.



Term 4 saw some staff return with early suntans acquired in foreign parts. As Term 4 nears an end we farewell Mr Doug Oliver from the staff. Mr Oliver, during his time at Spotswood, made a huge contribution - minding the Stationery Room, but was also involved in rugby, cricket, golf, basketball and athletics. We wish him well in his retirement.

Also leaving us is Ian Squire who returns to England after his year's exchange. We thank him for his contribution to the school, especially in terms of Outdoor Education. Terri-Lee Farr also leaves us, to enjoy her impending motherhood. Terri-Lee began at Spotswood as a relief teacher but has also taught Home Economics, Accounting and Economics. We are most appreciative of her efforts and wish her well for the future.



Mrs Dot Thomas will also be away for 1998 on Study Leave. We wish her well for this venture.

While everyone seemed to be leaving we were very happy to welcome Black Sox Softball player, Bevan Martin to the staff. Bevan is working as Sports Co-ordinator and Teacher Aide. He has already done wonders tidying up a certain office.

At this time our thoughts go to Mary Gilbert, our Librarian, who is also on sick leave. Get well soon Mary, we miss your cheery voice.

As the term finishes we wish everyone a happy and restful holiday - see you all next term.

HEAD GIRL'S REPORT

Being Head Girl of Spotswood College for 1997 has been a great honour and privilege. It has helped make this year the best of all my years at Spotswood.

Hearing Mr Finch announce at a full assembly that I was to be Head Girl fairly knocked me for six. I had the biggest grin you've ever seen and didn't stop smiling for days.

It has been challenging at times but overall the responsibility has been fun and exciting.

Taking part in Junior and Senior Council meetings has been an interesting experience. Some of the things they came up with were strange to say the least. The College Council meetings with my fellow prefects and Ms Moran were great fun. Even the long and often confusing Board of Trustees meetings proved interesting and helpful. Well, that was when Adam and I knew what was going on, which probably wasn't too often, come to think of it.

This year I was involved in many activities such as house sport, debating, the School Ball and school play. The two activities I enjoyed the most were the Shakespeare Festival and the Youth Parliament (two free trips to Wellington, can't complain).

I think one of the most challenging tasks of this year was taking part in the Peer Support Programme. The two days of training that we had at the start of the year made it look pretty easy. Coming face to face with a group of Third Form students who weren't always on their best behaviour, was far from simple. However, looking back I can say that I gained a lot from it.

Attending the other secondary school balls in Taranaki was definitely a bonus. Out of the five I attended I can honestly say that this year Spotswood College did the best job. Not to say that there weren't a few hiccups along the way. Arriving at the Westpoint Complex with Sam on Saturday morning and discovering that we had a shortage of decorations, tablecloths, backdrops for photos and a coat rack but no coat hangers wasn't the best.

The abundance of lighting and sound made up for everything else. Despite everything the night was a great success, even the teachers enjoyed themselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people whom I worked with and who supported me through the years. Firstly, all my friends who helped me get where I am now, I will remember you always.

Thanks to my fellow Head Prefect, Adam, you've helped make the job a lot easier and more enjoyable.

To Dion, Leanne and all the Prefects, thanks for the support, I think we made a great team.

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Thanks to Mr Finch, Mr Carnachan and Ms Moran for putting their confidence in me and being there whenever I had a problem

I want to say thanks to all my teachers, but in particular, Ms Stallard. You've always been the person I could go to for help whether it was with school work or anything else, thanks heaps.

To all you Spotswood College Seventh Formers to be, have fun and good luck.

Amelia Gaffy



Head and Deputy-Head Prefects

Adam El-Agez, Dion Cowley
Amelia Gaffy, Leanne Smith



HEAD BOY'S REPORT

1997, you little beauty!

This year, being Head Boy of Spotswood College, a school that has made such a huge impact on my life, was a huge honour and great privilege.

As I reflect on a year that was cram-packed with opportunity, challenge, success and enjoyment, I realise how much I am going to miss Spotswood.

The position of Head Boy allowed me the opportunity to attend Board of Trustees meetings. I found out what really goes on behind the scenes, with a group of professionals who made Amelia and me feel welcome and comfortable.

Another 'perk' was being invited to other school balls, although I only attended a few due to other commitments. Chairing Senior and Junior Council meetings was not always an easy task. A licensed bar was suggested to be placed under the canteen, but for some reason it didn't quite make it to Mr Finch's desk or qualify for government funding. There were, however, some more practical suggestions that were forwarded to the College Council and then to the Board of Trustees.

Reading the Sports notices in assemblies allowed me to compete in the National Horse Racing Commentator Championships, which I won!

This year's School Ball was a major success. The decision to go back to a more formal ball, met with some criticism at the start, but it was a crucial one. Thanks must go to Sam Laugesen, Ms Moran, Mr Gayton, Alistair Tippet and the dedicated and hard working Ball Committee.

School dances totally rocked as well and provided memories not to be forgotten ... remembered? Once again the success of these events was due to the outstanding efforts from the Social Committee and Inga Boyd.

Without a doubt the highlight of my year, if not my life, was in the Sports Department. This was winning two National titles in Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. The huge sense of achievement and pride will stay in my memory for ever, and I would like to thank the team, coach and management for making these memories possible.

There are, of course, some people I would like to acknowledge and thank for their part in making Spotswood College such a successful and productive place for myself and others.

Mr Joe, what can I say, not just a teacher and a coach, but also a friend. I will always look up to you AJ and I cannot thank you enough for what you have done. Mr Gayton, thanks for your huge contribution to Volleyball and for being the best manager a team could have. Mr Finch, Mr Carnachan and Ms Moran thanks for all the support you gave me especially through tough times.

Thanks to my fellow Head Prefects Amelia, Dion and Leanne, working with you guys was always enjoyable and a great experience.

To my friends, even though you did your best to make me crack up laughing during assemblies I would like to

thank you for being by my side and providing many classic moments.

To the students of Spotswood College, you have heard it before and no doubt you will hear it again - seize the day, do it all while you still can and do not die wondering "what if".

Adam El-Agez

SADD REPORT

Well, SADD started off this year with a really sad beginning (excuse the pun) due to lack of support. For those of you who have not heard of SADD, it is an acronym for Students Against Driving Drunk, run by students in High Schools and Tertiary Institutions.

The 15-25 year old age group has the highest drinking and driving statistics, so that includes the majority of Spotswood College. And that is why SADD is here. SADD tries to make teens aware of the consequences of drinking and driving and of getting into a car with a drunk driver behind the wheel. However, it is not all doom and gloom. SADD also has a lot of fun.

On August the 8th, SADD was splashed across the paper with 2 smashed cars, police cars, fire engines, an ambulance and lots of blood (all fake of course) on the lower field. The mock crash was to coincide with the Spotswood Ball being held the next night. The realistic smash, complete with victims, pretend injuries, the jaws of life and a drunk driver was to shock the students out of driving once they had been drinking. This became SADD's most successful day.

by Angela West - Chairperson



SADD

Matthew Scrimgeour
James Robinson, Amy Bloor, Leanne Smith, Gernot Eisermann
Sian Morgan, Nicola Mc Carthy, Angela West.
Angela Thompson

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well, there's never a dull moment at the Junior and Senior Council meetings. The Councils are comprised of representatives from every form class to ensure everybody gets their say. They are divided into Junior and Senior Councils.

The Head and Deputy Head Prefects run the meetings and take serious issues to the Board of Trustees. Adam and I sure had fun repeating some of the suggestions to the College Council.

This year's issues went from a skateboard ramp on the bottom field to a colour co-ordinated and more 'fashionable' P.E. uniform.

We finally stopped hearing 'we want coke and hot chips in the canteen' when the management changed hands (THANK-YOU!). That prevented a lot of repetition. Overall the students had a really positive attitude and looked to the future.

The College Council of Prefects was great fun. Ms Moran ran the meetings and amazingly managed to maintain order throughout the duration of the discussions. The meetings were held once a month. Adam and I reported on Junior and Senior Council meetings, letters to the College Council were read and various committees reported on their progress. The College Council adopted Barnardo's as their charity for this year and gave them donations whenever they could.

We enjoyed having an input into the school's new dress uniform and everyone was really pleased with the result.

Overall we had heaps of fun and probably learnt a lot too. Thanks Ms Moran for keeping us in line. Great job guys.

Amelia Gaffy



Prefects 1997

Matthew Scrimgeour, Joe Govier, Mathew Hughes
Leanne Smith, Amy Bloor, Rebecca Grundy, Abbey Stone, Stathie Triadis, Sam Laugesen, Malachi Huntley
Inga Boyd, Claire Shannon, James Robinson, Chris Greenhill
Amelia Gaffy, Dion Cowley, Hannah Krutz
Absent: Megan Blackler, Adam El Agez, Angela West



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

The end of '97 is almost upon us ... finally.

It has been a busy year for me and other students alike and I like to think that many things have been accomplished. My year on the Board of Trustees as student rep has been a brilliant year and from it I have gained many valuable skills, some of these skills being leadership, communications and public speaking which are all needed in life today. The members of the Board have been very supportive to me over the year and have helped me to understand more about the running of a school and the happenings within a board. For that I am forever thankful and will never forget.

Many projects have been started and achieved through the Board this year, some major things being the school mascot that was developed last year and was finally complete and used this year. The new mascot 'Grizz' has been seen at many major sports events and has improved morale among sports teams. The terracing of the top field was also a major project that was brought before the Board to consider, although cost is a major issue.

Since the start of the year the school has under gone many little changes that, when put altogether, make a dramatic change to the teaching and learning environment of the school. The actions of the Board have made the schooling conditions safe and enjoyable for all.

I would like to thank the board, teachers and students who have all made my '97 year such a great year that has been memorable and fun.

Alistair Tippett
Student Representative



RICHMOND HOUSE REPORT

1997 has been an extremely successful year for Richmond, coming away with the two giant events and various smaller events giving Richmond an unbeatable status on the points table.

However, throughout the year Richmond has had to put up with the envy that was generated by other obviously inferior houses that was sparked out of pure jealousy and frustration for Richmonds consistent success. The alliance of other houses against Richmond worked in our favour as it made our hunger for success grow and the expectations to be met placed on the mighty Richmond.

The key to Richmonds success was greatly due to a highly loyal group of athletes with phenomenal talents in a wide range of sports which shone through throughout the year.

Richmond's destination became more obvious in some events, for example Richmond dealt out thrashings in both touch rugby and sevens rugby due to its teams of highly skilled and exceptionally talented rugby players. Another event where Richmond's superiority was evident was in the swimming sports at the start of the year where Richmond finished up way above the other houses. This was the starting point for a tremendously eventful year, where Richmond reigned supreme despite numerous valiant efforts from various house leaders with little talent to work with in their houses.

Dion Cowley
An extremely proud House Leader



DARNELL HOUSE REPORT

Darnell's skill and strength dominated in Softball, Netball and Tug of War. Darnell's leaders, Joe, Brendan, Taryn and I joined forces to produce an outstanding enthusiastic house which I'm sure will be as good, if not better next year. Participation from all forms got better as the year progressed and Atkinson and Barrett produced good, fair challenges. Better luck next year Richmond.

Thanks to Mr Joe for all his hard work and to all those Darnellians who put in a great effort. Darnell is the best!

Leanne Smith



ATKINSON HOUSE REPORT

Atkinson will always pride itself on being the house with the most spirit and courage. At times when all seemed lost, Team Atkinson stuck to their guns and ploughed forward. With their heads raised high and their hearts filled with pride, success was sure to follow.

Atkinson won the Cross-country and Basketball, events that required supreme endurance and exceptional hand-eye co-ordination along with large numbers of enthusiastic participants.

A special mention must go to the following, who were either outstanding performers or who repeatedly gave their services for the benefit of the house:

John Gabites, Renee Penman, Rebekah Bloomfield, Sarah Buttimore, Jay Warren, Eli Waikawa, Jimo Rangi, David Hunia, Adam Priest, Hinga Manukonga and Abbey Penman.

A huge thanks to Mr Joe for his organisation of House Sport and for making it an outstanding success in 1997. Good luck to next year's House Leaders and indeed the whole of Atkinson House. Atkinson rocks man!

Adam, Hilary, Philip and Megan



THE VIRGIN WARRIOR TAKES THE STAGE

The Warrior Virgin, by Tessa Duder and Martin Baynton, was this year's Spotswood College's annual play. This play explores the history of Joan of Arc, with a slight twist.

The setting is not in Orleans, France, the 15th century, but some time in the 22nd century. Resources are depleting, birth-rates are declining, warring states are fighting all the time, the greenhouse effect is in full swing, serious climatic changes have occurred. There are laws against females wearing male clothing and females must produce their quota of babies. Joan, a simple peasant girl, who is free spirited and caring, joins the army and provides a slight glimmer of hope.

There is a war on between Joan's allegiance and her Queen's ex-boyfriend. She becomes the spiritual and military leader of the army and leads them to victory, almost. A slight problem arises, by the name of Strachan. He is a vile, conniving ambassador of the enemy. His actions and thoughts shape the fall of Joan.

Mervyn Chivers directed an excellent cast of students, with marvellous effects and terrific sound. The play encompassed four of the cast from the winning Macbeth cast, of the Shakespeare Festival. These cast members, coupled with the dedicated troop of actors created an excellent and enjoyable play. There were some outstanding individual performances. Leanne Smith, as Joan, gave a poignant portrayal of the character while Tim Biesiek and Shay Lattimer also had fine performances.

On the first night of the performance, Jackie Laugesen, who played Isabella, fell sick and the prompt, Jenna McMillan, took her place. She played the part very well, and she only had seven hours notice! The first night drew a few laughs and a great applause. The audience even laughed when Mr Hill, a teacher, in the audience disappeared down a hole between the rostra. The first night was an enjoyable night, for the audience, cast and crews.

To relieve some of the stress there was a competition. Its aim was to fit as many cheeseballs in your mouth all at once. The record was 27, and held by Matthew Gaze. There were also many card games going on. Everyone joined in the games.

"Great I love it!" (in a Scottish accent!)" Tim Biesiek

"Without the cast, the play would not have gone on"

Matthew Gaze

"Glad it's over, but it was fun" Anon

"Great fun, highly enjoyable" Anon



The cast was enjoying that camaraderie that is associated with the long-term work we put in to the production. As James Robinson and Jon Gaastra said "We have made friends with the other members of the cast that we would not have normally talked to. Now we say hello and chat as we see each other around school and town." It may seem a bit obvious, but as Matthew Gaze said "Without the cast, the play would not have gone on".

The magic of the theatre can only be accomplished with the backstage and the cast working together, which usually happens towards the end, and the visions of such a terrific director like Mervyn Chivers. All the cast is going to be sorely missed by me and others. For those who saw the play, it was magic.

by Owen Brighurst



The Warrior Virgin Cast

Row 1: Owen Brighurst, Jon Waters, Peter Bielawski, Kerry Rea, Richard Turner, Ingmar de Ruiter, Erle Moetara

Row 2: Jenna McMillan, Rowena Howard, Jimo Rangi, James Robinson, Mervyn Chivers, Malachi Huntley, Matthew Gaze, Jon Gaastra, Brent Howard, David Fox, Hayden Smith, Jeremy Flower

Row 3: Julia Gaze, Sarah Russell, Leanne Smith, Sam Laugesen, Euan Ross

Row 4: Tim Biesick, Katie Bool, Shay Lattimer, Inga Boyd, Kate Spencer, Laura Sommerville.

Absent: Jackie Laugesen



Te Ropu Kapahaka O Ngamotu

This year Te Ropu Kapahaka O Ngamotu was Tumeke (awesome). The group just like others had their ups and downs but then pulled through, because something big came up, and everything was put behind us. Tutoring the ropu was Lionel Skipper sometimes known as Matarahi. Lionel has made this fine young group of rangatahi respect themselves so they could respect others.

The group this year has focused on these three aspects:

Aroha

Always be humble

Kotahi Tatou - think as one.



This year not only Maoridom were involved in the group but a number of different races, such as Samoan and Pakeha. To the ropu, different colour skin and race, but that doesn't change the way we feel about each other.

Throughout the year we have been entering competitions. Our first competition was held at New Plymouth Girls' High School and that was for the Toanga Riro Shield. We were very surprised in our placing because we came third. We were all happy with the placing and we are managing to get to the Nationals.

We welcome anyone to join our ropu for 1998 and hope to have a well-looking group that would take our school name a long way, not only the school but our group and ourselves.

We would like to thank Ms Moran, Mr Finch and most of all to Mr Carnachan for all the help and aroha he has given to the group this year. We must not forget our tutor Lionel Skipper for the aroha and support he has given us.

No Reira

Tena Koutou Katoa

Dwayne Theobald and Hinga Manukonga



Kapa Haka

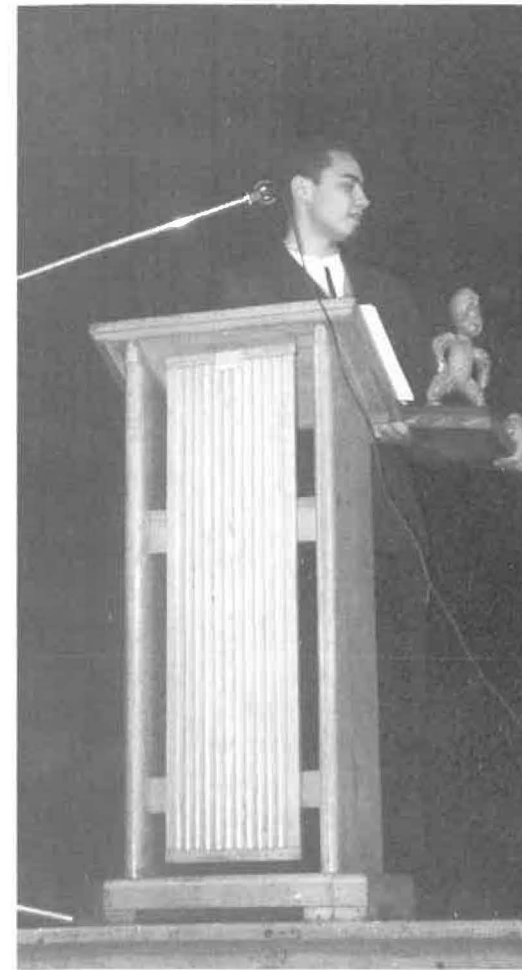
Back Row: Dwayne Theobald, Jamie Amstad, Jimo Rangi

2nd Row: Lionel Skipper, Renee Abrams, Hinga Manukonga, Michelle Robb, Santini Rangi, Dianna Tuki, Talimai Tuigaleava, Tukaha Davis

3rd Row: Cara Graham, Jenelle Gilmore, Damian Ngataierua, Selina Ngaia



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"SHAKESPEARE STIRRERS"

And that is what they called us in the Midweek after winning the Regional Competition of the Sheila Winn Shakespeare in Schools. Mind you it had taken a good deal of shaking and stirring to get there in the first place.

The Regional Competition had been left very late in the second term, the 14th of May, which, in a way, was great because it meant we had plenty of time to prepare ... But as usual one thing led to another and serious production work didn't start until four weeks out from the final. Despite the fact that everyone was trying their best to learn lines and deal with sub-text, hopes were not high. We didn't have "the edge" that we felt would make all the difference.

Knowing that Macbeth had probably been, as one critic put it, "mauled to death", we had to find a "new" angle. Bowler hats, umbrellas and black dress suits certainly seemed different from any other version of the three witches we had ever heard about. According to Alan Cox, the Regional Adjudicator, it was enough to take first place at the final.

The significance of the late date for the Regionals then became apparent. We had only two weeks to find accommodation in Wellington and iron out all the kinks in the performance. After the first five phone calls we knew we were in a desperate situation, there wasn't a hotel, motel or youth hostel bed free anywhere in Wellington. Just as we were about to give up hope of finding a place to stay Mrs Gaffy offered us her flat for free. We didn't care that we had to sleep like sardines in a 6 x 8 space, we had somewhere to stay.

The prospect of the National final in Wellington was a bit daunting, when none of us knew what to expect. It didn't help that we were scheduled to perform on the morning of the last day.

In fact, last day performing was a bonus, despite a weekend of anxiety, because we knew that our Macbeth was different. After watching five versions of "Macbeth" complete with hissing, screaming and cackling witches we just knew we had found the right "edge".

The performance itself was good enough to gain us one of the top three awards "The Ida Gaskin Award for General Excellence".

It is excellence that clearly describes the efforts of the cast. Katie didn't grumble when her role as Hecate was cut because the performance ran over twenty minutes. Ben and Leanne didn't flinch when they had to hug each other (only because we didn't make them kiss), Jackie, Courtney and Amelia didn't hit the director because the umbrellas were faulty and Brent tolerated all the frolics in his own inimitable style.

As a result Spotswood made a mark on New Zealand with its ability to perform convincingly the text of Shakespeare.

Congratulations to Ben Shaw who was selected to attend the Youth Drama Workshop in Wellington and Brent Howard for his Lighting and Technicians Award.

Special thanks to the Operatic Society for sponsoring our costumes for the National Festival.



Cast: "Macbeth" 'the Mantle of Power'

Three Witches:	Jackie Laugesen Courtney Lucas Amelia Gaffy
Macbeth:	Ben Shaw
Lady Macbeth:	Leanne Smith
Hecate/Technician:	Katie Bool
Lighting/Technician:	Brent Howard



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DEBATING, SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL

We had a low key year in 1997. The students were keen and put quite a lot of effort in but somehow we didn't manage to convert that into the successes of 1996. Never mind, people participated and enjoyed themselves.

The Senior Debating team was entered in the Jaycees' Competition and as luck would have it drew Okato in the opening round. The team of Kelly Lovegrove, Jared Wilson, and Amelia Gaffy spoke well and debated the topic, 'That the benefit cuts are better for New Zealand', with enthusiasm and insight, but were beaten by a polished Okato team who went on to eventually compete in the regional finals.

The Speech and Drama festival was held at NPBHS in 1997. Spotswood had organised the day for the last two years so it was somebody else's turn. Once again the participants were well prepared and enthusiastic but success proved elusive. The Junior Debaters, April Pitman, Suzanne Jones and Nathan Carswell went down by one point to Inglewood after a spirited performance, debating the proposition, 'It is better to be bright than beautiful'. The Seniors, Leanne Smith, Kelly Lovegrove and Jared Wilson put a very creditable performance against NPBHS arguing against the proposition, 'It is better to live as a coward rather than to die as a hero', in an entertaining display and were beaten but certainly not disgraced. Alistair Tippett was placed second in the Senior Impromptu speeches.

Kelly Lovegrove represented the school at the Jaycees' Speech Competition and performed creditably.



JUNIOR DEBATING

This year's Junior Debating team attended the Pukekura Lions Speech and Drama Festival at New Plymouth Boys' High School. The members of the team were Suzanne Jones, Chris Hobby and April Pitman. Unfortunately Chris was unable to come on the day because of sickness. At 8.30am on the day of the debate, Nathan Carswell was roped in to take Chris's place.

The topic of the debate was "It is better to be bright than beautiful". The debate went well and in the end the opposition, Inglewood High School, won by just one point.

April Pitman



THIRD FORM BEGINNER BAND

Since the beginning of this year I have been part of the Third Form Beginner Band. We started off sounding a bit like broken records, but with a bit of practice and much encouragement from our tutors, Mr Bradshaw, we have reached the stage where we can play in public without getting kicked out of the building!

But seriously we have reached a high standard in a very short period of time and I believe much of this is due to the patience and dedication of our tutors. So thanks Mr Maunder, Mr Evans and Mr Bradshaw.

by Laura Somerville



3rd Form Beginner Band

Back Row: Brendon Eggers, Joshua Dixson, Chris Brill, Adam Marshall, Tofa Malili, Mr. Bradshaw

Front Row: Simon Besseling, Ben Rosser, Sandra Dix, Sheena Donald, Laura Sommerville

Absent: Mr. Maunder, Ryan Leatham

THIRD FORM ADVANCED BAND

I have participated in this year's Third Form Advanced Band class and have thoroughly enjoyed myself. Our teachers have given us many different pieces of music: some jazz, some rock and the occasional classical piece. I know that I am not the only one who has really enjoyed this year's programme.

Earlier in the year under the direction of Mr Boyd we travelled to the Hurdon Kindergarten to give a short performance.

Later on in the year we travelled to the Blind Foundation under the direction of Mr Maunder. We played several pieces, this being our first big performance. We also plan to take a trip to Highlands Intermediate to give a performance later in the year.

I would now like to take this chance to thank our teachers: Mr Maunder, Mr Boyd, Mr Evans and the head of the music department Mr Bradshaw, for the hours of time they have put into tutoring and directing us.

by Vicky Shuker

4th FORM BAND

As was seen on their performances at Devon Intermediate and the Good Vibrations Concert, the years advanced 4th Form band were very accomplished. With a powerful rhythm section (Matthew Paul, Shane Krutz, Chris Hobby, Nathan Carswell and Angus Boyd) and a talented front row (April Pitman, Esther Bell, Barney Fitzpatrick and Russell Watson), this band was probably the most popular of the year. The band enjoyed many play-outs, which were well-appreciated. We look forward to hearing more from this talented group.

By Barney Fitzpatrick



4th Form Advanced Band

Back Row: Angus Boyd, Matthew Paul, Barney Fitzpatrick, Nathan Carswell, Russell Watson

Front Row: Esther Bell, Shane Krutz, April Pitman

Absent: Mr. Maunder, Mr. Nana



3rd Form Advanced Band

Back Row: Ingmar de Ruyter, Lionel Haldane, Samuel Wilson, Sarah Hughes, Meredith Bool

Middle Row: Janine Howard, Hazel Robertson, Vicky Shuker, Mr. Bradshaw

Front Row: Daniel Gastra, Yvette Batten

Absent: Mr. Maunder

FOURTH FORM BEGINNER BAND

This year's Fourth Form Beginners Band is a very small one allowing students to get a lot more attention from their teachers, Mr Bradshaw and Mr Maunder. The band as a whole is coming along well. The band has learnt to read music and play their instruments. Most people in the band did not know how to read music at all at the beginning of the third form and they had never even picked up their instruments. They are now playing more competently after a lot of hard work and practice by all and some are looking forward to being part of the Jazz Band "Hatrix", or the Concert Band next year.

by Magenta Taylor

4th Form Beginner Band

Back Row: Linda Larsen, Erica Ward, Magenta Taylor, Mr. Bradshaw

Front Row: Tai Dean, Andrew Cotter, Bilha Baker, Rosie Mundt

Absent: Mr. Maunder, Mr. Nana, Ryan Shaw, Michael Davis



"HATRIX"

WE ARE "HATRIX" - the school jazz band and we wear the red hats.

In May this year we and the Concert Band travelled to Sydney and performed in primary schools, high schools, shopping-malls and on the Sydney waterfront, combining hard work with hard play. We fundraised for months before hand, playing at places like the Jazz Club, The Gables, the Mall, Pukekura Park, the Egmont Hotel, the Plymouth Hotel, the Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust, at garden parties and private functions, the racecourse, Burgess House and the Govett Brewster Art Gallery.

"Hatrix" rehearses for two hours on Tuesday evenings under the capable baton of Mr Stewart Maunder and the hard work we put in is paying off with a greatly improved standard of playing and the usual stream of invitations to perform at local venues. Our grateful thanks to Mr Maunder and to Mr Don Boyd, our former director, for their tireless work on our behalf. Our thanks too, to Brent Howard and to Angus Boyd who will be leaving us at the end of the year. Their faithful service to the band has been much appreciated.

by Philippa Berry



Jazz Band "Hatrix"

Back Row: Mr. Maunder, Laura Sommerville, April Pitman, Brent Howard, Rowena Howard, Martin Emo, Matthew Flower, Simon Tafa

Front Row: Jeremy Flower, Esther Bell, Philippa Berry, Katie Bool, Barney Fitzpatrick, Trent Martin

Absent: Chris Hobby



CONCERT BAND

Well, what a year! It was all go from the beginning: fundraising, weekend rehearsals, all leading to one thing - Sydney! The Concert Band had a great time over in Sydney, meeting up with a Rugby team from Dannevirke in one of the hotels.

When we got back we said goodbye to Band Director Mr Boyd as we welcomed a new one, Mr Evans, whom we had for just over one term. Now, as I am writing this, we are preparing new music with our new Musical Director Mr Maunder who will be taking us around the mountain visiting different schools late in October.

So the Concert Band has been very busy this year and it has been a great experience for everyone involved.

It is with some sadness that we must say "goodbye" to those loyal members of both Concert Band and Jazz Band who are now in the 7th Form: Jeremy Flower, Brent Howard, Julia Hobby and Matthew Gaze. We thank them for their services over the years and wish them every success for the future.

By Brent Howard



Symphonic Band

Back Row: Mr. Maunder, Barney Fitzpatrick, Brent Howard, Martin Emo, Matthew Gaze, Trent Martin, Shaun Brooking, Mr. Bradshaw

Middle Row: Rowena Howard, Lionel Haldane, April Pitman, Suzanne Walker, Matthew Flower, Stacey McIndoe, Philippa Berry, Janine Howard

Front Row: Vicky Shuker, Julia Hobby, Fiona McIntosh, Katie Bool, Sharlene Turner, Rachelle Davis, Esther Bell

Absent: Toni Cowles, Chris Hobby



String Group

Nerina Gaastra, April Pitman, Melody Ashwin

Absent: Mrs Gaastra, Luke Keegan



SCHOOL CHOIR 1997

The School Choir is one of the smaller groups in the school. At the start of the year it contained only six members, but under the tuition of Lisa Abbott it has grown to twenty members. It has performed with merit on a number of occasions, including the Smokefree Choral Festival, a concert for the Blind Foundation, and the school's Good Vibrations Concert.

The Choir has also enjoyed a number of individual successes within its ranks. Five of its members have been accepted into the Taranaki Youth Choir. One member Jon Gaastra, has gained a place in the 1997-98 New Zealand Secondary Students' Choir, and has travelled to Wellington, Brisbane and Invercargill to perform with this prestigious choir.

The School Choir is not well patronised, but with the members they do have they are able to produce a good sound and perform some decent works. All in all, this year's Choir has done a lot, and had fun doing it which is the main thing.

Jon Gaastra
Choir Member



Choir

Emily Miller, Jon Gaastra, Lauren de Ruyter, Brendon Mill, Jennifer Batten

Daniel Gaastra, Ingmar de Ruyter, Melody Ashwin, Joanne Jones, Yvette Batten

Joshua Law, Nerina Gaastra, Ken Wong

THE SYDNEY EXPERIENCE

by Julia Hobby

April 22 - May 1st 1997

The Jazz and Concert Bands were off to Australia with six months of practicing and rehearsals finally behind them. All the hard work and determination from fundraising has finally paid off.

Frantic lolly selling, newspaper inserting at some ungodly hours of the morning and concerts in the hot sun while everyone else was doing their Christmas shopping were a few of the many fundraising activities the music students and Fundraising Committee took part in.

Sure, this trip had great potential from the start but the bands realised what a great accomplishment this trip was - the first ever band tour overseas was taking place and we were the first group of students to be a part of it, to take Spotswood Bands to great heights and to a much larger city.

The incredible size of Sydney itself was hard to get used to especially as we were staying in a hotel that was right in the middle of the city - the Oxford Koala Hotel. This hotel, on the outskirts of Kings Cross, was where we came back to between staying at billets and staying at the Rooty Hill Resort.

Altogether we visited four schools in Sydney. The first we played at was Villa Maria Primary School, which was a Catholic school. This concert gave us great confidence because the little kids were so full of enthusiasm. They just loved our collection from "The Lion King" which they all sang along to. On the afternoon of Wednesday 23 April we went to another Catholic Primary School, Saint Charles. We then took part in a workshop and concert. We had great fun making the students say Fish & Chips. That night the students were our billets, it was like everyone was staying in mansions.

The next day we met our beloved "Rocko" the bus driver. He was very easygoing and we found him extremely friendly and helpful. Also on this day we travelled about an hour to Campbelltown Performing Arts School. As the name suggests this school only enrolls students with an interest in music and drama etc. As part of this visit we experienced

a new tradition - an ANZAC Day Service at school complete with flag hoisting and lowering, speeches, Army Cadets and "The Last Post". This was a rather serious occasion.

As ANZAC Day was the following day we returned to the Oxford Koala Hotel and as Australians make a big deal of ANZAC Day we watched a three hour parade through the mainstreet of the city with numerous bands, bagpipes and even police on horses complete with guns.

On our only rainy day in Sydney we played at the Darling Harbour Shopping Complex, the newest in Sydney. We ended up playing twice at this complex but we had to bring all the equipment from the bus into the complex (in the rain). Instead of playing outside we played in the arcade type foyer area of the complex.

Then we travelled to the plush resort called Rooty Hill. This was on the outskirts of Sydney and was very relaxing and peaceful compared to the action packed city. This resort was where those memorable injuries happened. Barney and Katie colliding, with Katie ending up on crutches and Barney with a very sore head. Even the sore back sufferers like Shaun had to be wheeled around the resort in a wheelchair because of the strain of lifting heavy equipment.

But the most exciting part of the whole tour was the trip to Australia's Wonderland Theme Park for the day. Just ask the band members about the exhilarating rides. It is the largest theme park in the Southern Hemisphere with rides to match the reputation. The "Demon" - the fastest roller coaster in the Southern Hemisphere, "Space Probe 7" where you drop 23 stories with speeds in excess of 120km/hr. Also, there was Hanna Barbaraland, International Village, Gold Rush with the awesome Snowy River Rampage, waterslides and pools with 80 other fantastic rides and even a wildlife park complete with Koalas.

That night, after all the soft toys were won (Mr Boyd decided to put these in the Timpani as they could not fit in the suitcases on the way home in the plane) we had the pleasure of watching a live show at Rooty Hill called "The Elton Jack Show" which is a take off of Elton John.

On Sunday 27 April we travelled to the Flemington Markets and also viewed the Sydney Olympic site. Following this we had another concert at Darling Harbour but this time in the burning sun - sunblock and sunglasses were a must.



Monday 28th July was a very touristy day as we went on a Harbour Cruise and experienced the panoramic views of the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge which we cruised right under to the Sydney Aquarium. The highlight of this was the huge crocodile and especially the seals which had an underwater glass tunnel through their tank so you could see the seals underwater.

From there we caught the monorail (where Mr Boyd got off at the wrong stop) to Centrepont Shopping Centre, this is where the famous Sydney Centrepont Tower is. This is extremely high and you can view the massive city of Sydney through binoculars and a 360° view. In the afternoon we travelled to the Powerhouse Museum with its many exhibitions including a fun hands-on experience with Science and Technology.

Dinner was a Hard Rock Cafe and this was a very interesting place for music lovers. Memorabilia including costumes, guitars, albums, signatures, original song lyrics and a full size Cadillac hanging from the ceiling.

Everyone was starting to get tired by the next day - Tuesday 29th April as there were only three days left of the tour. We travelled to South West Sydney to Thomas Reddal High School complete with huge security fences with barbed wire and roller doors to block of entry and bars on the windows.

This school was overcrowded and in a suburb where there is a great crime rate, a very industrialised area. But the students were very friendly and made us welcome. This was to be our last billeted stay and the concerts - one at the shopping complex - Macarthur Square and at the school (at night) were to be our last .

The last day was free to do whatever we wanted to as we were back in the city at Oxford Koala Hotel. In some ways this hotel was good because it was close to all the shops and action but also there were the typical sights of big city streets - especially because Kings Cross was just a few metres away. This was great as we shopped, spent all our money while having a good time with the lifts, 30c McDonald's ice-creams and Hungry Jacks (Burger King).

In the end we appreciated all the hard work the Committee had put in along with the dedication of Mr Boyd and Mr Bradshaw. At the end of the tour Mr Boyd left to go to USA but we will always have the memories of this wonderful tour.

NGA MOE MOE COURSE

Kia Ora Koutou, I am writing on behalf of Ngamoemoea a Te Rangatahi which means "dreams and aspirations of the young ones".

It was a really excellent one-week which brought all of us together as Maori. We were all singled up at the start of the course but when it had finished we were as one Kotahitatu.

Our tutors were Mario and Ngarupiki. They were awesome! They taught us a lot about acting and not to put people down for what they are and what they do. We gave them the power to teach us because we wanted to learn.

There were about 20 people who took part. At the end of the course we put on a performance.

No reira Tena koutou, Tena ra kautou katoa.

by Santini Rangī



1997 EXCHANGE STUDENT

Hello! I'm Yohei, but somebody calls me YOOHOO. Don't ask me why, because I don't know why anyone would call me YOOHOO? Never mind, I like this nickname.

I remember, I came to New Plymouth at end of January. The first few months I couldn't enjoy school life, because I didn't have a lot of friends and didn't have good confidence. However, after a few months I had a great time at school. Everyone is kind to me and I made a lot of friends. For example, all the students helped me to understand English. I always ask them, "What did you say?" and "What does it mean?" Anyway, I enjoy talking to my friends.

My Japanese high school is very busy everyday and I always have to take exams. (about twelve subjects every two months). However, New Zealand high school is very simple for me. Like not many examinations and many holidays! I feel relaxed and peaceful at school.

I was thinking "How time flies!" in 1997. Because you know, I enjoy New Zealand life and activity but unfortunately, I have to go back to Japan. I do not want to leave here. But I cannot stay

Finally, I want to thank my friends and my school teachers. Especially Mrs Charteris who has been my form teacher.

Thank-you SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE for one year I will never forget.

by Yohei Tajima



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE'S NEW LOOK

Finally, after much consultation and planning we have new look both for formal wear and for sports wear.

Thanks to the P.T.A. for a generous donation of \$5000, and to the efforts of all those who bought scratch'n'win tickets on the wettest day of the year, we were able to purchase new style ties and green jackets. Together with a white shirt and black skirt or trousers these jackets form a very smart dress uniform.

As well, we have purchased new athletics singlets, tracksuits, polo shirts and rugby shirts so in future Spotswood students will be able to step out in style.



SCHOOL GAINS HEART BEAT AWARD

Concern over students' eating habits prompted the PTA to look to providing healthy options in its canteen food (no kids, cheezles and coke do not provide a balanced diet) Together with a unit in Form 3 Living Skills on Healthy Food, students were being educated to make more healthy choices with their food.

The Canteen Manager, Chris Butler, was in full agreement, and slowly a range of more healthy foods was introduced - wholemeal and full-grain bread for sandwiches, more fruit and fruit juices with sweets being less visible.

The result was the presentation of the Heart Beat Award to the College Canteen by Bev Rea, from Taranaki Hospital's Health Promotion Unit.

However, it is noted that this award can only be sustained by young people becoming more aware of the needs of their daily food intake and take more responsibility for their health.



TANIA NORDICK - MAGICIAN

On Monday 12th of May in the Spotswood College Hall, Forms 3 and 4 students were entertained by the well-known Magician Tania Nordick. Tania had brown hair tied back, she was wearing a black leotard covered by a long black coat.

Her most spectacular performance was making her doves appear out of white cloth. She performed tricks using Mr Chivers, dressing him up as a wizard. She tied scarves into his pants then asked him to choose a card out of the pack she was holding. She guessed but got it wrong so she pulled the scarves from Mr Chivers trousers and out came boxers with the right cards on them.

The funniest performance would have been her puppet, Dick, the talking bird. Another act was using three rings (similar to chatter rings) she could link them up and unlink them.

Choosing a student from the audience she tricked him to think she was doing a trick 'but really'. As a reward she made the student a puppy out of blown-up balloons.

The show was well worth \$2.00 and the audience really enjoyed it.



THE WALL COMES DOWN

To those unfamiliar to the school, the question was often asked - what is that wall on the lower field for - apart from being a hangout for would-be smokers? The answer - a climbing wall, built partly by Spotswood College and an Alpine Group.

Concern over the safety issues of the wall - the attempted scalings of it by non-mountaineers, and the fact it was simply an eye-sore, promoted staff and students to call for its removal.

Responding to the call, Mr Carnachan organised A.J. Cowley to have a 'bite' at the wall to see how hard it would be to push over.

So, one Winter lunchtime, the heavy artillery rumbled in, and a huge arm with teeth began to 'bite' the wall. It's demolition proved surprisingly easy and the wall came tumbling down, much to the entertainment of the student crowd.

Now we await the erection of basketball hoops - for a half court game.

UGLY SHAKESPEARE

Senior students were again treated to a performance by this talented group while entertaining. This year's production which was largely a very different interpretation of Hamlet proved to be a little remote for many of the audience.

Still, it was well worth \$2.00 and we look forward to further productions.



TOURISM AND TRAVEL

"STAR COURSE"

This year Spotswood College provided 6th and 7th form students with the opportunity to attend STAR Courses, one of those successful courses being the Tourism and Travel.

Thanks to this course, many students have decided on the direction of their future careers.

During this course we gained credits towards the National Certificate in Tourism and Travel; these credits we can also use in the future towards other courses.

We also went on many local trips, one being to Dairyland. It was heaps of fun. We would like to say thanks to Mrs Beggs for organising and providing this enjoyable course for us.

NEW ZEALAND YOUNG DESIGNERS' TRIP

This year students from both the Textiles and Graphics and Design courses entered in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Young Designer Awards. Out of all the entrants, eight of us were placed as finalists.

These students were:

4th Formers	Claire Charteris Philippa Berry
5th Former	Catherine Moore
6th Formers	Michelle Walker Marie Tooman Melissa Green
7th Formers	Amy McCandlish Emma Corkill

At the awards Catherine Moore gained an outstanding first place in the Fantasy Section and came home with a trophy. Amy McCandlish, also in this section, gained 3rd place, Claire Charteris and Philippa Berry were both placed in the Industry and Product section. Claire gaining 3rd place and Philippa 4th. Although four students did not gain placings at the awards, we all feel that it was an outstanding achievement in itself to make it to the finals out of the 1300 entrants from all over New Zealand.

The finals were held in the Christchurch Town Hall. The evening itself was a glamorous, stylish event - exciting for all of those present. The tables were full of nervous nail-biting students, all awaiting the announcement of the place getters in each section. The hall was filled with loud cheering, especially from table one (us!) which really set the scene.

While down in Christchurch we all attended workshops and master classes, accompanied by Mr O'Keeffe and Mrs Kreisler. Although parts of these presentations were a little long and to put it bluntly, boring, we did learn a lot from them.

Between workshops we went shopping with the two mothers who came down as supporters, Mrs Walker and Mrs Green.

Whilst down in Christchurch we attended the New Zealand Fashion Show which turned out to be a great night. But the thing that ended our trip on a very good note was the snow.

We would all like to give a special thanks to Mr O'Keeffe and Mrs Kreisler who made entering the competition possible for us, with all the time they both devoted to organising us. We would also like to thank Mrs Charteris for all her devoted time organising the many sponsors to help pay for our trip.

By Melissa Green



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FORM THREE GERMAN

Ich heisse Marlies. Ich bin dreizehn Jahre alt. Ich wohne in Neu Plymouth in Neu Seeland. Ich habe zwei Schwestern sie heissen Jennifer und Stephanie. Jennifer ist zehn Jahre alt und Stephanie ist sieben Jahre alt. Ich habe auch eine Katze und drei Hühne. Ich tanze auch gern und ich schwimme gern. Ich sammle Briefmarken. Ich spiele Schach nicht gern.

Guten tag!

Ich heisse Siegfried

Ich Bin dreizehn Jahre alt

Ich wohne in New Plymouth in Neu Seeland.

Ich habe eine Schwester sie heisst Tamara sie ist siebzehn Jahre alt.

Ich spiele Playstation gern

Ich habe zwei katze

Meire matter heisst Ngaere

Mein Mutter

Guten Tag!

Ich heisse Ludwig

Ich bin dreizhn Jahre alt

Ich wohne in New Plymouth in Neu seeland

Ich habe zwei Hunden

Ich bin Holländer

Ich habe einen Bruder, Lauren, er is sechszehn

Ich spiele Federall gern, und spiele Schach

Ich lese gern

Ich habe Disco nicht gern und schwimme nicht gern

Meine Mutter heisst Jackie, und mein Vater heisst Klass

Guten Tag

Ich heisse Hannelore

Ich bin dreizehn Jahre alt

Ich wohne in New Plymouth in Neu Seeland

Ich habe einen Bruder und eine Schwester

Mein Bruder ist I Jahre alt und meine

Schwester ist I Jahre alt

Nein Mutter ist eine alt Beutel, und mein

Vater ist eine Nuss

Mein Mutter war in das Mittelalter geboren

Guten Tag! Ich heisse Rita. Ich bin vierzehn Jahre alt.

Ich wohne in New Plymouth in Neu Seeland. Meine Mutti heisst Thea and meine Vatti heisst Otto. Ich habe einen Bruder er heisst Geoffrey. Ich habe eine Schwester, sie heisst Adele. Ich war in Mai geboren. Ich habe lange blonde Haare und blaue Augen. Ich arbeite in die Kantine. Ich spiele Hockey gern.



FORM THREE FRENCH

Bonjour

Je m'appelle Brigitte

J'ai quatorze ans

J'habite New Plymouth en

Nouvelle Zélande

Je suis Neo Zélandaise

J'ai un frère et

J'ai une soeur

Il s'appelle James

Il a 16 ans

Elle s'appelle Julia

Elle a 19 ans

Bonjour tout le monde

Je m'appelle Richard

J'ai treize ans

J'habite New Plymouth

en Nouvelle Zélande

Je suis Néo-Zélandais

J'ai un frère

Il s'appelle Steven

Il a dix-sept ans

Il a les cheveux verts

Il a les yeux bleus

J'ai une soeur

Elle s'appelle Melissa

Elle a huit ans

Elle a les cheveux blonds

Elle a les yeux bleus

J'aime jouer golf, soccer,

cricket et volleyball

J'aime le chocolat Belgian

J'ai les cheveux courts et blonds

J' ai les yeux bleus

Bonjour tout le monde

Je m'appelle Jean-claude

J'ai treize ans

J'habite New Plymouth

en Nouvelle Zélande

Je suis Néo-Zélandais

J'ai un frère

Il s'appelle Zachary

Il a huit ans

J'aime jouer au Volleyball

Zachary aime jouer au Rugby

Bonjour Je m'appelle Norbert

J'ai treize ans

J'habite New Plymouth en Nouvelle Zélande

J'ai un frère

J'ai une soeur

J'aime jouer de la guitare et écouter la musique

5F SPANISH

The 5F Spanish students have compiled a few notes on what they have done over the last three years, here are some of their comments.

PIÑATAS

One of the highlights was making piñatas. This was a very interesting combination of glue, newspaper and a class full of third formers! We made the papier mache piñatas using balloons for the shape and later decorated them. The piñatas were filled with lollies then hung from trees, where we took turns hitting them with a broom while blindfolded, when the piñata split, it resembled a gridiron tackle, with around thirty people scrambling over each other to grab lollies. There were loads of them and everyone ended up with a couple of handfuls. Hopefully we will be able to do this activity again next year!!!

Amanda Bingham and Emily Miller



Over the three years I have been learning Spanish, I have learnt many things, not only the language but also the culture. You have to be dedicated and prepared to put time into your work, to learn what is required of you. It is an enjoyable subject and a useful one for the future.

Amanda Robinson

...Spanish has been one of my harder subjects. Learning all the different verbs and tenses particularly but it has been made much easier with all the games and activities we have had, fun things going on like parties and piñatas.

Darin Oulaghan

During the 3 years we have been doing Spanish we took part in many activities which made our learning easier, these are things like making piñatas, playing games, having parties, going to the movies, singing and dancing. We have learnt many tenses, verbs and how to use the language well. We have learned how to speak, write and read Spanish.

Through the last three years, I have seen the Spanish class progress and learn a new Language and Culture. We have done many things with the help of Spanish teacher Mrs Bushell. We have learnt new things starting from the alphabet right through to the dreaded imperfect tenses. We have done interesting things, like having Spanish parties, with piñatas to having people from Spanish speaking countries come to talk to us about their culture, this includes Juan who has just finished visiting our class over the last four weeks. I have really enjoyed my time learning this language.

Jennifer Batten



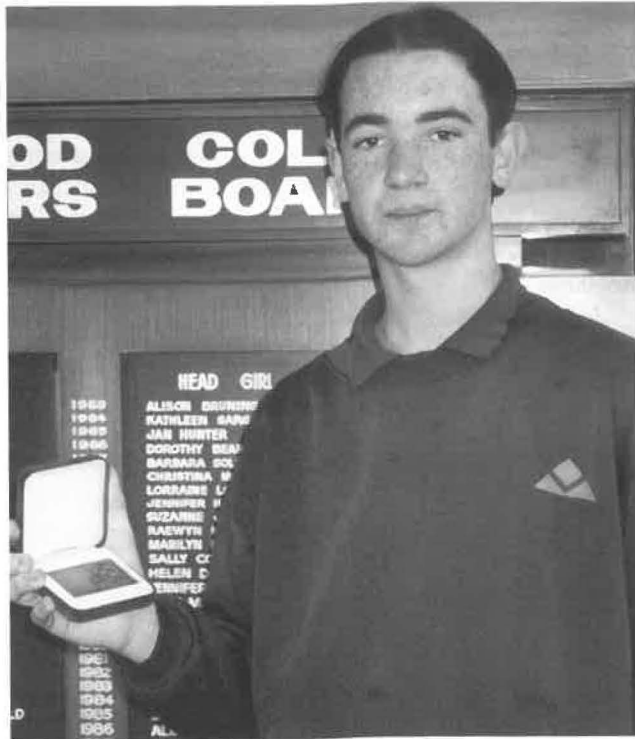
It all started after the orientation night at Spotswood. Mum suggested that I take a language so I took Spanish as it seemed so easy. It has been hard but fun. We have met many people and have had a few Spanish exchange students visit which was very interesting. We have played games and even went to the movies.

Brendon Webby

PUPIL NEWS

Tim Bedford - Top Maths Scholar

In the Australasian Maths Competition Tim, against competition of half a million students from around the world, came out as NZ's top fifth form maths student. Tim received a gold medal for his outstanding achievement, and a trip to Sydney for the presentation. Excellent work Tim.



Young Designers

Another great effort by Spotswood.

Catherine Moore - 1st Fantasy
Amy McCandlish - 3rd Fantasy
Claire Charteris - 3rd Product
Philippa Berry - 4th Product

Joe Govier

Member of the Taranaki Secondary Schools Rugby Team who won against the Welsh Secondary School Team

Jessica Terrill

At Primo Taranaki Secondary School Snowboarding Champs
2nd in Dual Slalom
3rd in Half Pipe

Adam El-Agez

NZ Senior Secondary Schools Volleyball Champs, played Trans-Tasman Series in Brisbane

Science Fair

Sarah Bingham - 2nd Scientific Journalism
Marcia West - Merit
Leanne Mancer - Merit
Michael Steel - 2nd Scientific Photography
Yvette Batten - Merit
Lionel Haldane - Merit
Tiffany Kendall - Merit

Craig Peters

Photofinish in NZ Secondary Schools Cycling Champs



Joanna Demetriou

NZ Speed Skating Representative which won Junior Pacific Roller Blading Championships. Joanna also competed for NZ in Argentina at the World Speed Skating Comps.

Tae Kwon Do

NZ Tae Kwon Do Championships
Matthew Scrimgeour - Bronze
Dion Mathys - Silver
Sonia Whitmore - Gold

Garan Sinclair

3rd in NZ Orienteering Champs
1st - M 14 Grade - N.I. Secondary Schools Orienteering Champs

April Pitman

1st U/15 Wellington Regional Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition

Brendan Riddick

U/15 Taranaki Boys Hockey team

Michael Nepia

U/15 Taranaki Hockey Development Team

Nick Daley

NZ 'B' Wrestling Team



Aaron Lockett
NP U/18 Basketball Team

Heyden Bartlett
U/18 NZ Team for In-Line Hockey

Miranda Short
NZ Secondary Schools Rock'n'Roll Dancing Champion

Ben Shaw
NZ Secondary Schools Shakespeare Theatre Performance Group

Jon Gaastra
NZ Secondary Schools Choir

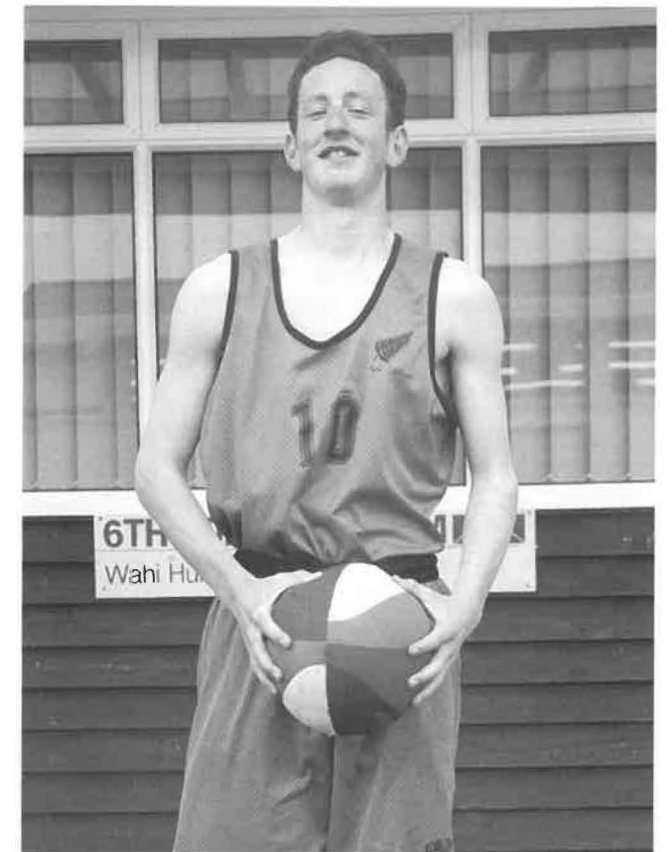
Sarah Greenbank
New Plymouth U/18 Girls Basketball Team - NZ Champions



Jeremy Flower, Brent Howard, David Fox,
Colin Charman
Winners of the Dan Wilkinson Memorial Radio Award

Taranaki Representatives

Back Row: Joe Govier (Rugby), Mathew Hughes (Yachting), Aaron Lockett (Basketball), Brendon Henschman (Volleyball), David Charteris (Athletics)
Third Row: Rick Christiansen (Surfing), Scott Hodges (Yachting), Dion Cowley (Volleyball), James Grieve (Soccer), Brendan O'Keeffe (Volleyball)
Second Row: Michael Nepia (Hockey), Brendan Riddick (Hockey), Daria Clark (Netball, Softball), Sarah Greenbank (Basketball), Kathryn Greaney (Soccer)
Front Row: Sally Morgan (Yachting), Jessica Terrill (Surfing, Snowboarding), Natalie Shanks (Yachting)



Jay Warren
Reserve for Taranaki Royals Basketball team, U/18 NZ Development Squad

Misty Donaldson
Captain U/13 Taranaki Girls Soccer Team

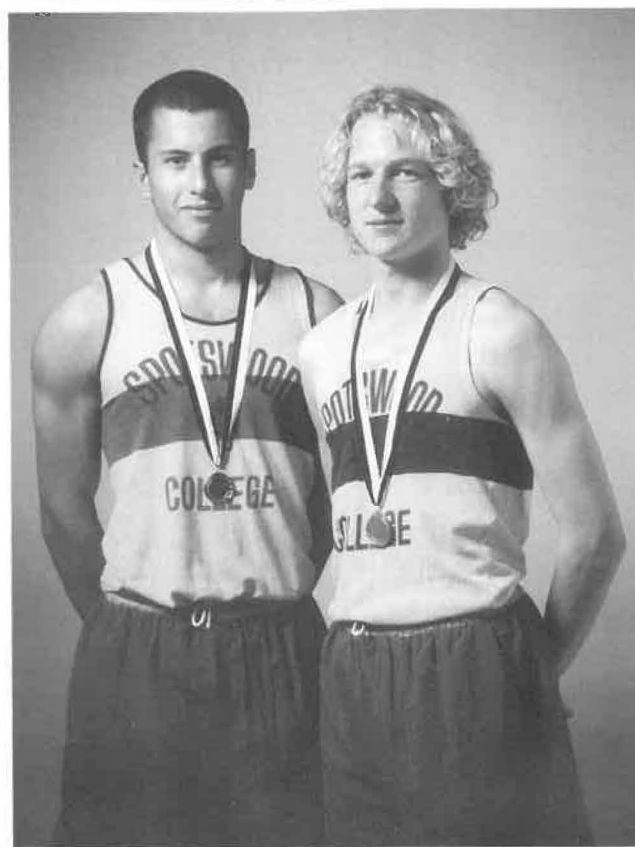
Michelle Fuller
1st Artistic Skating

Sarah Hughes
3rd in Novice Figure Skating

Shane Krutz
Gold Medal U/45kg grade NZ Championship

Jean Tomplins/Amy Laird
Taranaki Pony Club Team - 2nd at NZ Championships

Kathryn Greaney
Taranaki Senior Women's Soccer Team



1997 New Zealand Secondary Schools Senior Boys' Beach Volleyball Open Champs

Adam El-Agez, Dion Cowley

ISCF DAY TAKES OFF!

On the second week of term three, the Inter-School Christian Fellowship day was held. Groups from throughout Taranaki gathered together in St Mary's Church in New Plymouth. Over 120 students turned up.

The day started with singing, then the students divided up into four workshop groups. As the day moved on they formed ten teams and competed in some weird and unusual competitions. For example, each team had to make a human pyramid, a moving machine and perform a skit.

Lunch followed and then another round of workshops, followed by The Rad Mad Bible Quiz.

Spotswood College had an awesome group of students but we didn't quite make the finals. All the students agreed that the ISCF day was a blast and are looking forward to participating again next year.

Kylie Brill

MORE THAN THRASHING A CAR!

I started my racing career at the age of 12 - just general club stuff, motorkhanas, hillclimbs, gravel sprints. It taught me more than thrashing a car as some teenage drivers think when talking about racing a car. It taught me how a car **really** works - what cars do when they corner at high speeds, what to expect when the steering wheel begins to feel different. It's the perfect environment to learn in. The older, more experienced members tell you where you're going wrong and help you correct it.

I know the fundamentals that I learnt in those first few years have saved my life more than once especially when I've misread a piece of road. No doubt it will happen to everybody in their driving years. I am just glad I know what to do.

All of the skills I learnt I have carried on to a new aspect of car racing. In March this year, a friend of mine, Jon Allen and I, decided to convert his club car into a rally car (basically a fast road legal car). After four months of late nights and a lot of stress the car was ready - with 24 hours left to spare before race day!

We had a few problems with the way we were going to drive - some MotorSport New Zealand officials tried to stop us running because you see Jon is only 15 years old and doesn't have a civil driver's licence, so I was to do the driving between stages. Some people didn't like that idea but we proved them wrong in the end and were able to race.

Jon started racing at the age of 12 also. I would say he is blessed with something special as he is faster than his dad around the Taupo race circuit driving his Dad's Chevron Sports car. He drives better than any 7th former at this school including me. I can honestly say he drives like a 25 year old (isn't that when we all become better drivers!) and he's only 15!

The rally was successful for us. We finished, not first, but still not last where we were seeded. We had only a few problems - a fuel leak and a near disagreement with a bank at 130 km/h. All good experiences to learn by, of course!

A last note - congratulations to all of those brave enough to do the Prodrive Programme. Believe it or not you are now safer on the road and I'm glad about that!

by Cameron Bayliss
7MG

LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE REPORT 1997

Another busy and successful Library year has passed by ... where do all the years escape to?

This year we continued our focus on developing the electronic resources we have to offer with the purchase of extra CD-ROM discs and the placing of audio and video tapes in the Library, for borrowing by both staff and students. We hope that all faculties will make copies of their video and audio resources available for you to borrow, either as catch-up after illness or absence, or as revision or extension material.

CD's we have purchased include a number of quite expensive resources:-

Britannica World Book and Macmillan Encyclopaedias, Astronomy, Plant Science Investigation, Human Anatomy, Modern Art, Photography, Volcanoes ... all are worth a look, fun to use, entertaining and educational. Try them out!!

The Internet use seems to have increased significantly - so much so that next year we intend to place it in the Library itself, though you will need to be authorised to use it. A small charge may be needed to help cover some of the extra costs incurred by us in making it available for use. Many of you seem to find it useful and quite entertaining so we hope you will continue to use it in 1998. Check out the Spotswood Home Page!!!!

A disappointing aspect of library use this year has been the continued decline we have noticed in senior reading habits. Reading widely is an indicator of educational depth and breadth and you should make every effort to develop your interests and maturity through recreational reading. Next year we intend to focus on this and will start by heavily weeding the fiction bookstock in December and by expanding our purchases of quality fiction next year. Please address this issue. The library is a resource to assist your learning but should not be ignored as a source of leisure interest also.

Another thing we try to do is to use our display areas to reflect the great things that are happening in your classrooms. If you have ideas about displays you would like to see, tell us. Remind your teachers that they can take advantage of this, too. Perhaps there are visitors or live displays we can offer you, too? Suggestions are welcome.

We owe a lot of people thank-you's for the work they have done on your behalf: Our Librarians Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Moetera have worked hard, dedicated to serving your needs all year. Student Librarians have put in lots of lunchtime hours helping to run the Library (in a very social way!) - Special thanks go to: Daniel Gaastra, Joshua Law, Joanne Jones, Ingmar de Ruiter, Victoria Martin, Swann Brandt, Robyn Kelsen, Michael Webb, Kelly Parker and also to Jodi Sanson for her great work on Wednesdays. If you would like to help us with the Library in 1998 we'd love to have you. Special thanks must also go the College PTA who have come to our aid by providing funding for shelf-dividers: these have long been needed and will greatly help you to find exactly the books you need!

From the Library and all who work in it come best wishes for 1998 to those of you who are leaving us, and a hope that you will all have a safe, happy, relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. Take a good book with you, wherever you go!

Mr Crawford



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty International is a world-wide organisation that works for the release of prisoners of conscience. It believes in fair trials for all prisoners, and works to abolish torture and the death penalty. Amnesty International is important in promoting human rights. Its influence is based on careful documentation and publicity of human rights abuses.

Here at Spotswood College, we have the only Amnesty International group in Taranaki. It is led by Mr Foy, and contains a wide range of different people. Being a part of this group does not take much effort, as our meetings run one lunch-time every two weeks. During these meetings we have a fun and progressive time, discussing fundraising, publicity and various issues concerning Amnesty International and what small things we can do to help make a difference. New members are welcome any time - just watch the notices.

To help fundraise and publicise Amnesty International, we contribute in various ways. Some of these have been on display in the Spotswood Library, and a Sausage Sizzle outside The Warehouse - on a Saturday morning! This was an embarrassing yet uniquely fun experience, in which we earned a reasonably large sum of money, to help support Amnesty International. Another bonus of being part of our Amnesty group is not just personal satisfaction of helping save lives and promoting human rights, but food, yes food! Occasionally, when our group gets together, we put in money to get a McDonald's lunch.

During these meetings, our Amnesty International group also writes letters to repressive governments to try and help free the prisoners of conscience - which we all sign - every signature counts. Writing these letters does make a difference. Showing governments that they are being watched by ordinary people throughout the world, who care about the citizens, can and does bring relief to such people.

By Maria Priestley

BALL

After a few organisational hiccups the School Ball finally got underway on Saturday 9th August.

The Ball is a special event that senior students look forward to for many months. It is an opportunity for true enjoyment and half the fun is the preparation leading up to the night.

It was decided that this year we would have a more traditional and formal Ball, an idea that turned out to be a great success.

A big thankyou to Mr Gayton for attempting to improve the co-ordination of the 6th and 7th Formers who joined in on the 5th Form Ballroom Dancing lessons. The cramped dance floor at the Westpoint Complex certainly did not inhibit Mr Gayton's style on the night and most people at least attempted the formal dances.

Thanks also to Brent Howard and Co. for the terrific lighting and ensuring that asphyxiation resulting from the smoke machine did not affect too many people.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Alistair Tippett, did a great job announcing people as they arrived with his booming voice. The fountain provided by Amy and Vanessa helped to set the mood for our Magical Fantasy theme. With the band 'Slam Dunk' providing fantastic music the night went without a hitch although, for some strange reason, the letters on the sign saying BALL PHOTOS kept on rearranging themselves into mysterious messages such as HOT BALLS, TOPLAS and ALL POT. Hmmm curious.

Thankyou everybody who went to the 1997 Spotswood College Ball for a memorable night and I wish the best of luck to the Ball Committee for next year.



AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (ZL2UZ)

The Spotswood College Amateur Radio Club was involved in only one event this year, but it was an important one. On Saturday 24th May we participated in the Dan Wilkinson Memorial Contest. Dan Wilkinson was New Zealand's first ever amateur radio operator. So when he died the local club set up a memorial contest in memory of Dan Wilkinson. His callsign was ZL2AB, which is now the callsign of the local club.

The contest is open to both schools and an open section for any operator. The idea is to work (contact) as many people in six, one hour periods. Each person can only be worked once in any period.

Our group consisted of me (David Fox ZL2DJF), Clayton Lines (ZL2VCL), Brent Howard and Jeremy Flower. It was an excellent opportunity to introduce the other operators to contests, which is one of the highlights of Amateur Radio. The event went well, with the addition of vital food supplies being produced and transported to the school by my parents. We had only two problems. The first when I didn't turn the S-Block Alarms off properly and got a nasty fright when I went to use the nearest convenience. The second was when one of the teachers turned the alarms on when we were still in the building. This resulted in Abel alarms being alerted and the caretaker being rung at home.

After the contest I went home and calculated our points to a staggering figure of 50,856. As you can imagine we won the contest by 10,000 points and received the Dan Wilkinson Shield and certificates to all who participated. Second place was awarded to Manukorihi Intermediate School who got about 40,000 points.

Sadly, since I am a seventh former, this is the last year that I will be involved with the Spotswood College Amateur Radio Club so I sincerely hope there are some 3rd and 4th formers out there interested in taking up the hobby. It has to be one of the best hobbies around, where else can you sit in your living room and make a new friend half way around the world - for free! With Amateur Radio I have been involved in everything from mountain tramps to meeting an astronaut from the NASA Space Shuttle Project.

I would like to thank Mr Finch for the use of the equipment over in the radio room and hope that some more students would like to take up the hobby next year.

----- 73s'

David Fox, Brent Howard, Jeremy Flower,
Haydyn Fox and Colin Charman.

Ball Committee

Mathew Scrimgeour, Amelia Gaffy, Sam Whiteman
Michelle Walker, Sam Laugesen, Angela Thompson,
Hilary Blackstock
Chris Greenhill

OUTDOOR PURSUITS TRIP

As usual the annual pilgrimage to OPC took place in July. A group of hardy individuals accompanied by Mrs Penno and Mr Tuz enjoyed a week at Taurewa in the Tongariro National Park.

The first day, after a rather cold night - thank goodness for table tennis, we spent exploring the local area and experienced some of the camp's activities. We orienteered around the tracks, crossed some streams and learned basic compass and map reading skills. As well we retrieved, not without some difficulty, a drink bottle from the overflow of the Taurewa intake, and indulged in a serious toi toi war.

Other adventures included a river crossing where some people got wetter than others eg Matthew, scaling a vertical bank - thrashing through bush lawyer and flax. And that was Day 1.

Day 2 consisted of Skiing and Snowboarding. It was perfect weather but there was little snow. Despite this everyone had a great time, learning to carve or trying new manoeuvres or jumps. That night we watched a slide show of an ascent of Mt Makalu in the Himalayas. This was to be preparation for the real highlight of the trip - snowcaving.

We set out with all our gear including ice-picks shovels and helmets. A 200-300 metre climb took about half an hour because of our gear and having to use ice-picks. Once there we set about making a snow cave - more complicated than one would think. By the time we had finished we were famished, exhausted and soaked but really satisfied with our awesome cave. We all crammed in to try and claim a space and change. A fairly chaotic experience. There's nothing like confinement to stimulate conversation - ours ranged from Kung Fu to aliens.

Next morning, despite our aching necks and muscles - the ground was really hard, we packed up and headed back to camp, to tackle some indoor climbing. This was followed by climbing outdoors - a maze of ropes, nets, walls and wires. The big swing being the best - where one had to leap from a platform about 20 metres high in a harness. This gave one a fairly powerful adrenalin rush and resulted in some rather white faces. A great effort from Malachi especially who conquered his vertigo.



Finally, it was time to go home, but not before a spot of caving - another challenge - slithering through a hole the size of a car back window into a labyrinth of crevasses, cracks, rocks and running water. It was great - squirming along through crannies with glow worms overhead.

Back at camp it was the big clean-up definitely the worst part of the trip.

Then the presentation of certificates and we were on our way - a week of fun, wet socks, exhaustion and challenges came to an end - but a week which will be remembered by all.



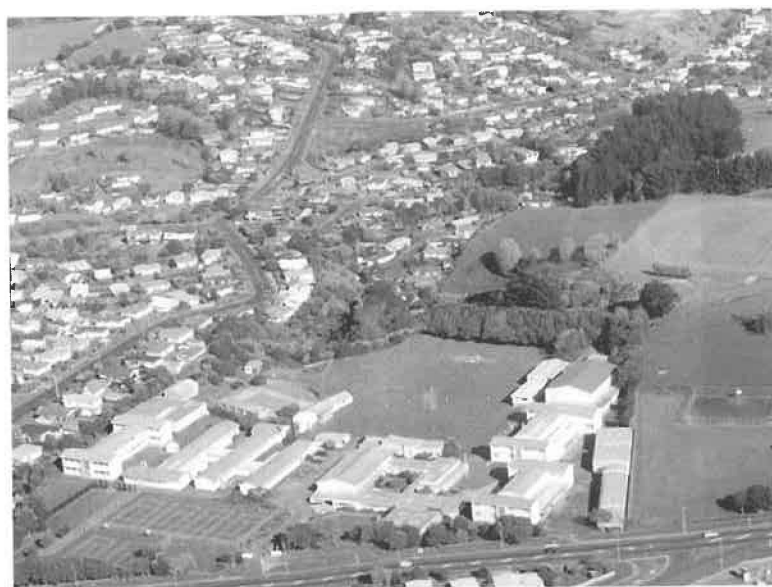
AERO CLUB VISIT

As part of their internally assessed work in Physics, some Seventh Form students elected to study the Physics of Flight. Part of this involved a visit to the New Plymouth Aero Club, followed by a brief flight over the city (including Spotswood College). Well known rally driver Cameron Bayliss was one of these intrepid students. His report on the visit is given below.

"Part of our Special Topic was to go to the local aero club and get a hands-on approach to the Physics of flight. I was a bit apprehensive to start with, but for the price it was a good opportunity at an extraordinary experience.

First of all Andrew, our Flight Instructor, took us over the basics of flying a light aircraft. Then came the "do's and don'ts" to ensure absolute safety, something which seemed to be a key word around the Aero Club. The planes get an overhaul every 50 hours of flying time. (Race cars don't even get that treatment!) So it seemed to me that we were probably a lot safer than in the average passenger car.

Next we did a pre-flight check of the aircraft we were to fly - a new Cessna 172. The check includes a fuel tank dip (as the gauges are not trusted fully) for both volume in each and for water contamination. The Cessna has tanks in both wings and in the fuselage. As well, all control surfaces (ailerons, rudder etc) are checked for damage and proper operation. The body of the aircraft is checked for stress damage such as popped rivets and stretched panels. Wheels too are checked for pressure,



the engine cooling intakes are checked for birds (and/or nests!) and the engine is checked for oil. Eight pints is normal, but they can run on only two. (This is a seven litre engine!) The propeller is also checked for fatigue.

Finally we were ready for a 20 min flight along the coast and up to the College and back. There was only one problem: Five people and only four seats. Andrew was not prepared to let us take his \$200,000 baby up without him! None of us were prepared to hang off the wing to make it a one flight affair. So me, being the rational one, stayed behind to go up later. It was definitely worth the wait as I got to fly the plane by myself - a very interesting experience that I didn't expect to get. I'm not sure Mr Gabites wanted me to control the plane, but we got back in one piece.

I thought that flying may have been a little trickier for me from my car-racing experiences of having to correct weight transfer before anything happens. This goes against the rule of not reacting to changes in the aircraft's attitude while flying because it usually creates a bigger problem if overcorrected. This is very easy to do. In simpler terms, oversteering doesn't work in an aircraft.

It was an awesome experience. Thanks for the opportunity.

Cam Bayliss

1997 GRADUATES SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE

University of Canterbury

Chapman, Richard A. - BE (Hons) - 1985
Cooper, Bevan J. - MEM - 1992
Dodunski, Gavin F. - BA - 1975
Hodgkinson, Jane M. - LLB - 1990
Kemsley, Duncan J. - BE (Hons) - 1992
Rossiter, Lisa J. - LLB - 1991

University of Waikato

Adams-Broyd (prev. Adams) - Lisa Michelle - BSocSc - 1993
Avery, Beverly Mary-Jane - LLB(Hons) ~ 1992
Blong, Kristie Lee - BSocSc - 1993
Churchill, Geoffrey Raymond A. - BA - 1993
Eaddy, Catherine May - BSocSc(Hons) - 1992
Eriksen, David Charles - LLB - 1992
Gaudin, Grant Wilson - BSc - 1991
Gill, Daniel Richard - LLB(Hons) - 1992
Gleeson, Sarah Jane - BSc - 1993
Grundy, Michelle Leah - DipT - 1991
Hosking, Sarah Jane - BEd - 1990
Lay, Mark Christopher - BSc - 1991
Maistry, Anandh Nell - BSocSc - 1991
Manukonga, Kim Nicola - DipT - 1991
McCabe, Ross Murray - BMS - 1991
Moral, Vionay Han'vaden - PGDipCompSc - 1991
Rainey, Gary Brent - BSocSc - 1993
Smart, Craig - Unitech Cert - 1995
Smith, Letitia Melanie - BEd - 1992
Stolte, Milou Adrianus Gertruda - BEd - 1989
Thomson, Andrew Gavin - BSocSc - 1981
Toomey, Sarah - PGDipOrgBh - 1991
Watkin, Jocelyn Anne - MBA
Wilson, Niall Graham - BEd - 1991
Withers, Julie May - DipMrkt - 1991

University of Otago

Derrett, Sarah Louise - MPH - 1980
Dickson, Brendan Grant Francis - DipGrad - 1986
Fagg, Dianne Margaret - MC1InPharm - 1978

Victoria University of Wellington

Earl, Susanne Margaret - LLB - 1968
Fenwick, Kevin Bruce - MBA - 1978
Krijoor, Andrew Dwight - BA - 1979
Mcphee, Justine - BA - 1983
Reader, Shelley Ann - BCA - BA - 1990
Salisbury, Helen Catherine - BA - LLB (Hon) 1990

Massey University

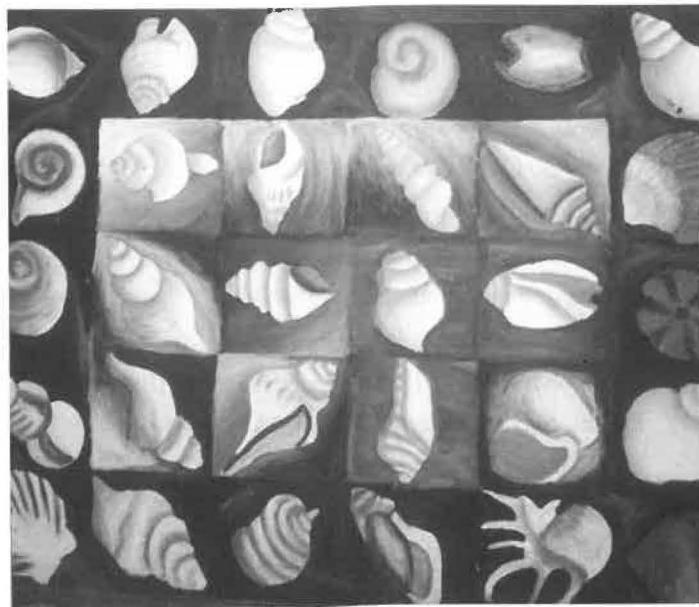
Black, Ian Kenneth - BA (Hum) - 1979
Blackler, Andrew George - BBS - 1993
Burton, Andrew Mark - Btech (Hons) - 1992
Butler, Philippa Jane - MA (SocSc)(Hons) - 1991
Colman, Shane Patrick - BEd - 1978
Coombes, Craig Warren - BBS - 1991.
Cox, Brian Edward - DipBusStuds - 1965
De Barr, Martin Peter - BEd - 1992
Dravitski, Simon Paul, BBS - 1982
Eales, Katrina-Maree Jan - BSc - 1993
Ellis (prev. George, Berry), Jennifer Ann - BBS - 1966
Ellison, Michael John - BBS - 1993
Emo, Allison Margaret - BA (SocSc) - 1991
Erueti, Bevan Blair - BEd - 1992
Farrell (prev. Telfer), Kim Jane - BA (SocSc) - 1992
Fisher, Brett Steven - BSc - 1992
Godkin, Brenda Michelle - Dip Humanities - 1992
Hewitt, Chantel Louise - DipSocSc. - 1975
Kemsley, Eric David - Cert Agric Engin, Distinction - 1967
Lawton, David Eric Benjamin - BVSC, Distinction - 1979
Lowen (prev. Daamen), Linda Maree - BA (SocSc) - 1978
Majoor, Natasja - BSc - 1992
Murdoch, Vance Justin - DipBkg - 1987
Novak, Sasha Jane - BEd - 1992
Paton, Deborah Louise - BBS - 1991
Sleep, Merrill Dee - BBS - 1992
Tullett, Sarah Margaret - Med (Hons) - 1975
Weavers (prev. Hyland), Judith Frances - BEd - 1968
West, Carol-Moana - BA (SocSc) - 1990
Wood, Stephen William - DipSc - 1978

Note: Date shown is last year at school.



AUTHORS' USE OF NATURE TO REFLECT CHILDHOOD

Through the works of William Wordsworth, Laurie Lee, Kenneth Grahame, and A.R.D Fairburn it can be seen that 'nature is often used by authors to reflect the special insights and experiences of childhood'. Children are unaffected by the societal pressures inflicted upon the older generation, this means that they have an ability to become closer to nature. The innocence that a child possesses allows them to recognise the wonders of nature, everyday objects and happenings become magical and wondrous occasions. These authors reinvent this magical world by including nature in their writing when describing the special moments of their first experiences.



In 'Cider with Rosie', Laurie Lee's first childhood experiences interact with nature, 'rabbits jumped like firecrackers'. As a child these new happenings seem to open his eyes to the wonders of nature, life is vivid, exciting and free.

'We could hear the pond as we ran down the hill, the shouts that only water produces, the squeal of skates, the ring of the ice and its hollow heaving grumble.'

Nature is dominant, aggressive and forceful, this is shown in 'Cider with Rosie' by how overwhelming Laurie Lee's first experiences are. In all areas of life there is never anything like the first time, the first day of school, the first time to ride a bike, the first kiss. All are such momentous occasions that every time thereafter they pale in comparison. In 'Cider with Rosie' all these experiences are highlighted and emphasised by the wonders of nature, making these special insights into Laurie Lee's childhood full of energy, laughter and life.

A child is born into the world with an open mind and the ability to accept and discover new ideas and experiences. The simplicity of childhood allows a child to have a 'soul unsubdued by habit and unshackled by custom', this state of innocence brings them closer to accepting the spiritual gifts that nature offers. This spiritual side of nature is used by William Wordsworth and Kenneth Grahame in their writing. Wordsworth in particular, writes of intense experiences he has as a child.

'By day or star-light thus from my first dawn of childhood didst thou intertwine for me the passions that build up our human soul.'

These experiences overwhelm him, building up his human soul with their passionate intentness. Throughout Wordsworth's childhood simple boyish occupations, such as nutting, skating, or rowing a stolen boat turned into intense, spiritual experiences. Wordsworth's genius was a very uncomfortable and perplexing thing to have inside him, distressing and haunting his young mind.

'Like living men, moved slowly through the mind by day, and were a trouble to my dreams.'

On occasions when his genius made itself felt he realised how frightening the hills, water, trees and wind could be,

'No familiar shapes remained, no pleasant images of trees or sea or sky, no colours of green fields; but huge and mighty forms, that do not live.'

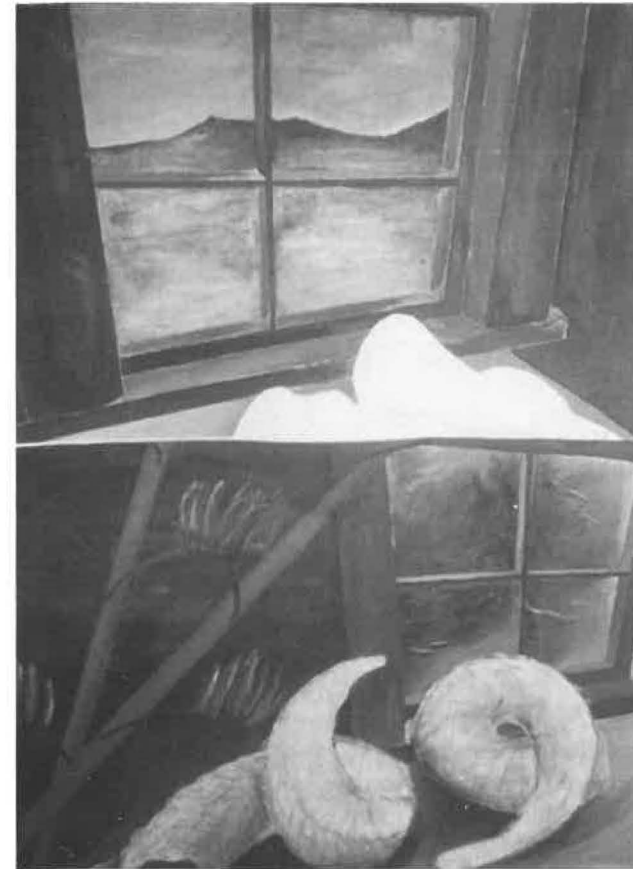
Wordsworth realises he is the unworthy stranger and unwelcome guest amongst nature; yet this presence is also something good and great, with a special message for him.

As in 'Cider with Rosie' the intense domineering side of nature overwhelms both authors which shows in their writing. In Grahame's 'Wind in the Willows' and Wordsworth's 'The Prelude' the spectacular side of nature is revealed.

'Sudden and magnificent, the sun's broad golden disc showed itself over the horizon facing them; and the first rays, shooting across the level water-meadows, took the animals full in the eyes and dazzled them.'

Kenneth Grahame's characters, Mole and Rate, are able to experience this intense, spiritual beauty of nature due to an uncluttered heart. The simplicity of their souls allows them to hear, see and smell the wonders of nature.

'Rat who was in the stern of the boat, while Mole sculled, sat up suddenly and listened with a passionate intentness.'



Throughout these writings nature is personified and given personal connotations of security, safety and peace of mind. These are qualities associated with the care of a mother, thus 'Mother Nature' brings the reader and characters back to the safe haven of childhood and sheltered care of their parent.

Children have the capacity to see things more clearly than adults do. The innocence and purity of a child makes them closer to nature as they are unaffected by societal pressures enabling them to open their minds. As time progresses these qualities fade as the individual is forced to succumb to the pressures and constraints of a mindless society. This change over time from an innocent child to a mindless, overworked adult is described in A.R.D Fairburn's poem 'Song at Summers End'. As life moves through the seasons, the individual moves from a 'rag-happy' child to an adult trapped in a 'world of sweat and strife'. This poem shows how short the time frame during which a child is able to accept and acknowledge nature, until gradually this freedom dissipates and they become a confused, working, being in that 'world beyond'. Forever existing among the 'factory people' trapped beneath the 'smokey skies'. Human beings are seen by these authors as individuals rather than members of this monotonous society. A child has the freshness and immediacy of intuition so is linked with nature rather than with the artificiality of urban, social existence.

William Wordsworth, Kenneth Grahame, Laurie Lee and A.R.D Fairburn all use nature in their writing to reflect special experiences of childhood. A child is innocent and clear, not yet tainted by the wealth, status and material goods that occupy the adult world. This enables them to accept nature and acknowledge its spiritual side. These authors use nature to reflect youth. The sights, sounds and smells of the natural world that a young child experiences feature in their writing. Wordsworth was overwhelmed as a child by how menacing yet how beautiful and powerful nature was. This unwavering force described in 'The Prelude', can be seen everywhere today and throughout the centuries in the mass destruction caused by earthquakes, tornadoes and floods. Yet this strength is also present in the germination of a flower; all components of nature's cycle. A reader should understand and take from these works that the imagination is the key to these author's writing, to their understanding of the meaning of things, and to their very existence. Without imagination, they are nothing; with it they can glimpse the inner-most secrets of the Universe.

Suzanne McCarthy - 1st Place - Form 6
Transactional Writing Competition



Sun
blazing, hot
burning your skin
beating down on you
with its hot golden rays
toasting everything in sight
sun sets peacefully
into the
sea.

Sarah Bingham



Sea
deep blue
cold and salty
waves build up then
crash down to the shore
fish swim around you
foam washes around
seagulls screeching
splash

Rebecca Reidy

BAA BAA BLACK SHEEP (The Politically Correct Version)

Baa Baa dark pigmented wheat-consuming animal
If it does not offend you could I please hav
esome natural clothing material
Yes person, yes person
3 receptacles full

Haydyn Fox



Mountain Sonnet

The clean, crisp air and piney-scented trees,
Among the fresh, white snow and shrubs,
The swishing, slicing, speeding of the skis,
Children warming hands on cocoa mugs.
Trampers packed and dressed for the part,
Crunching stones and snow under boots,
Campers set off and check their chart,
People dressed up warm in thick ski suits.
Cold winds reddening face and ear,
Visitors coming from all around,
Locals arrive with thermos and gear,
Taking a day off from busy town.
Snow is cold on teeth like ice-cream cones,
Darkness falls, people pack up for home.

Suzanne



The Mountain

Snowflakes float to the ground
Children make snowballs, nice and round
Skiers, snowboarders shizzing down the slopes
Holding on tightly on the tow ropes
Freezing cold as you fall off
Makes children sneeze and cough
And at the end of the day we all pack up
We head off home for some hot chocolate in a cup.



Fishing

The morning is crisp and clear
Puffy white clouds roll over the mountain
The water shimmers in the sunlight
Sparkling myriads of fish sweep through the water
Disappearing into the dark rocky outcrops
The fish line splashes into the now - disturbed water
A few minutes later he has hooked a Tiger Trout
And pulls it to the soft-cemented sand

Andrew Thomson



Halloween

It is the night of ghosts and goblins,
When the spooks come out to play,
The witches fly across the sky
Cackling all the way.
The haunted graveyards full of the dead,
Have come to life tonight,
To play tricks on unsuspecting
Victims just happening to pass by.
Pranks played by the devil
Are so twisted and mean,
What a night to be out
On evil Halloween.

Kathryn Goodman

Light hits my shadows
My shadows hit the light
Light cannot touch
The shadows of my life
Is light not shadow?
Is shadow not light?
The night is my comfort
The day my disease.

Thomas Avery



Wind
howling, whistling
through the trees
violently screaming all night
blowing leaves all around me
making a mess everywhere
picking up anything
in its
sight

The Sea

The rogue waves of the west coast
crash into the iron black
of a desolate beach
The salt spray rises up the cliff leaving deposits
on the jutting ledges
The smell of dead fish, washed up
sea weed on the rocks is enough to
strip the paint of an abandoned dinghy

Scott Hodges

CHILDREN'S STORY MAKES ADULT LEARNING

I believe that the children's story 'Alice in Wonderland', written by Lewis Carroll, is much more than just a story designed to amuse a child. Instead, a surrealistic discovery for adults and children alike, to learn and discover more about themselves and prepare for life ahead. A closer look at the book will show that it is really an allegory for life that makes us really think about who and what we as people and individuals are. It also gives reason for us to celebrate and be happy when there is not an immediate reason to do so. It lets us think beyond the happenings of everyday life and look into the unknown and dreams we possess.

To look deeper into the books, we must first get ourselves around the writer and his way of life. Most people would consider Lewis Carroll a dirty paedophile if he were around today but in his time it was normal for an individual to have love for children as Lewis did. Lewis used to photograph naked girls which is considering that there is more than a century between our times and society has under gone many changes since his era. Lewis never photographed the girls to see their naked bodies but to capture the beauty of small girls. He never took any photographs without the parents permission and never against the girls will. He had one particular girl he spent a lot of time around and adored very much. A small girl named Alice that gave him inspiration and a character at which to base his stories. Everything would catch Alice's attention and she was always investigating some aspect of life or another.

An idea adopted in Lewis' books is one of liking ones physical appearance. When Alice finds herself always been the wrong size for the tasks that she wishes to complete, this idea is suggested. An example of this is when Alice finds herself in the corridor with all locked doors. All except one little door that she can not fit through because of her size. She finds a potion that reads 'drink me'. After drinking it she begins to shrink in size until she is so small she can fit through the door. Now she is the right size but when she tries to open the door the door springs into life and tells Alice she left the key on the table. Now Alice is too small to get the key and is again unhappy. Alice then begins to want to be big again. She drinks another potion to find herself rising bigger than she was before and begins to cry because she is too big and can not move at all. She grabs the key and eats some cup cakes that shrink her down to the size of the door where she finally enters. This suggests to the readers that no matter what size you are, there are always things you can not do. It is best to stay the same way and focus on the things at which you can do.

Lewis' story of Alice in Wonderland also teaches a reader that one does not need good cause to celebrate or enjoy. Lewis demonstrates this idea in Alice in Wonderland when Alice comes across the 'Mad Hatter' and his tea party. The 'mad hatter' is celebrating not a birthday, but an unbirthday. This idea is first not quite understood by Alice and the reader, although Alice does join in the party because of the mere reason that there is a party. She soon realises how simple and bazaar the reason was for the celebration. This use of this idea is to prove that there is always something to be grateful for an imagination is all you need to get a reason for celebration. The 'mad hatter' used the excuse of an unbirthday that happens all the time to be thankful for and celebrate. The thought that one is still alive to celebrate is one worth celebrating. It proves to Alice that just because society does not normally do an activity it should not happen at all. A dream can come to life if you really want it to and step beyond the points of what society expects of you.



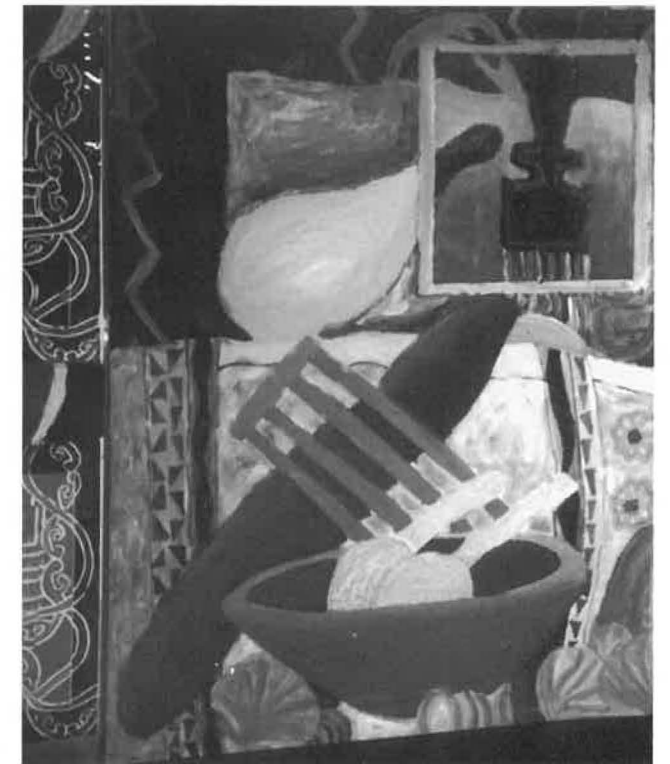
The story teaches a valuable lesson that is that our actions may mean different things to different people. The way we interpret different things gives everybody a different outlook on events and life itself. Different people read all the things we say and our actions differently. We can never fully understand what another person is thinking or in which state their life is in and why. An example could be when Alice follows the white rabbit and finds the painters in the park painting the roses red. The painters are painting the rose red because the wicked 'Queen of Hearts' decided she should be the only beauty and removed the beautiful red roses. Alice begins to help the painters paint the roses red when the wicked 'Queen of Hearts' catches her in the act. Alice tries to talk her way out of it and tries to persuade the 'Queen of Hearts' to keep the roses red because they look beautiful. The Queen does not understand this and thinks she should be the only beautiful thing in Wonderland. The Queen sentences Alice to go to court and be punished for her actions. While in court Alice begins to see the facial features of a cat sitting on the Queen's shoulders. Soon the whole cat appears and begins to talk to Alice. No one else can see the cat but Alice. Alice interprets the lines on the Queen's dress to be a cat but nobody else can see or understand. The Queen hears the cat say something but because she can not see it she blames Alice for talking back. This lesson teaches the readers that just because we can not see something does not mean it can not exist at all. It teaches us that we all see the scenes of life differently and should not attack or blame those who see it differently to us. This can be applied in real life, where the differences between cultures, religion and sex, which all involve the different interpretations of life, have conflict between each other.



Lewis Carroll's all time favourite children's story, Alice in Wonderland, is not all it appears to be. Although it originated over a century ago, it still uses many ideas and lessons that are very much required in today's society. This didactic book is not only suited for children for amusement purposes, but an allegory of life for many adults to learn and to think about themselves in a different way. It teaches that there is nothing stopping our dreams coming true but the 'holds' that society has upon us and that peoples views on things will always differ because we interpret things differently. Releasing these 'holds' from society lets us explore and control our dreams, letting us learn about who we really are. Alice in Wonderland lets everyone enjoy a common ground that is the love for fantasy and adventure.

Alistair Tippett

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JACQUES VILLENEVUE

With his bleached blonde hair
He's the new rold champion in formula one
Drives the Williams Renault car
Wears a baggy driver suit
He wears glasses, a voracious reader who
Loves computer games, and comes from Canada
Won the Italy 500 and Indy Car Championship
Took Williams to the constructors title
Was behind by 12 points
Now he's won by 3 points
He's the new World Champion!

Crispin Andrews



NATURE ESSAY

Nature is often used by authors to reflect the special insights and experiences of childhood. In the texts and passages from 'Cider with Rosie' by Laurie Lee, 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame, 'Prelude' by William Wordsworth and 'The Song at Summers End' by A.R.D. Fairburn these experiences and insights of childhood are conveyed. Nature is used to convey these insights because of its usefulness, beauty, fear and inspiring aspects.

Laurie Lee uses nature to reflect the special insights and experiences of his own childhood. Everything about nature was new to Lee when he was young, but as he grew older he experienced the many wonders it contained. "The June grass, amongst which I stood, was taller than I was, and I wept." Here Lee experiences nature's potential for fear as did Wordsworth, the Rat and the Mole. Nature educated Lee. "... I watched the sun move around the walls, drawing rainbows from the cut-glass jars..." Nature made him see the beauty, and the mystery it contained and tried to make him understand its qualities. Throughout his autobiography Lee uses nature to convey how he was feeling at particular moments.

'The whirr of the mower met across the stubble, rabbits jumped like fire-crackers about their fields.'

This simile conveys his feelings wonderfully. It represents his excitement towards Rosie by creating a feeling of zest. By using 'rabbits', quickness and energy is conveyed by referring to their frenzied breeding. 'Fire-crackers' has been used to give a feeling of excitement and ecstasy. These feelings Lee describes are reinforced throughout the extract by quotes such as; '...she crawled with a rustle of grass...', 'pulsating hays', and '... her body seemed to flicker with lightning.' Laurie Lee uses nature as an indirect comparison to describe his first intimate experience with a girl. Kissing Rosie. 'We kissed, once only, so dry and shy, it was like two leaves colliding in air.' Because of nature's beauty inspiring aspect Lee was able to use it to convey his emotions.

William Wordsworth was a genius as a child. This was a very uncomfortable thing to have inside him when he was young as he did not understand his intellectual gifts and did not know how to use them. The consciousness of his difference made itself felt when he was engaged upon particularly normal and boyish occupations, like birds nesting, nutting, ice-skating, hunting and rowing in a stolen boat. This 'act of stealth and troubled pleasure' led to being quite an intense experience for him. As he was rowing, the consciousness of his difference took the form of physical recognition that nature, the hills, the sunlight, the water of the lake, the trees, and the wind were all part of the 'Wisdom

and Spirit of the universe'. The innocence he possessed as a child allowed him to be the unworthy stranger in nature. Wordsworth realised that the recognition of nature was something good and great and it welcomed him even though he was a stranger in its midst.

'...Homeward I went in solitude, such intercourse was mine: mine was it in the fields both day and night, and by the water, all the summer long.'

Wordsworth was teased by other children because of his intellectual gift. He felt that he could not turn to humans for support so instead he turned towards nature. He went to nature to try and escape his reality. He enjoyed the 'mystical' experiences with nature, experiences in which he was 'laid to sleep in body' and became 'living soul', moments when he became a conscious part of another greater and more eternal world. Moments in which he had 'visions' of greater things a better life. The presence of nature helped Wordsworth to recognise and accept his intellectual difference and it taught him the spiritual power of nature and special gifts it contains.

Kenneth Grahame also uses nature to reflect the special insights of childhood in "The Wind in the Willows". While 'padding with caution' the Rat and the Mole did not realise that they were about to be entranced by nature. Like Wordsworth, Rat and Mole were strangers amongst nature, amongst this 'silent silver kingdom'. While they were engaged with nature they experienced both its goodness, '... the river itself, from bank to bank, all softly disclosed all washed clean of mystery and terror...', and its potential for fear 'Dark and deserted as it was, the night was full of small noises...'. The mystery of nature begins to drop away from the two animals as they meet with the spirit of nature, Pan. She played heavenly, intoxicating melodies which caught the ears of Mole and Rat to help them understand the spiritual power of nature.

'Clearer and nearer still', cried the Rat joyously. 'Now you must surely hear it! At - at last - I see you do!'

'Breathless and transfixed the Mole stopped as the liquid run out of the glad piping broke on him like a wave, caught him up, and possessed him utterly. He saw the tears on his comrade's cheeks, and bowed his head and understood.'

The presence of Pan helped the Rat and the Mole in their quest to find the animal child, but most importantly brought them the gift of recognition. Recognition of the surprising and splendid beauty of nature.



'Song at Summers End' portrays the unpleasant aspects of the 'Adult World'. Fairburn uses childhood, filled with 'laughing, fighting' and 'running races', as a comparison to the 'sweat and strife' of the life of adults. He clearly conveys to the reader the fact of reality that society and its workforce take over from the 'rag-happy' play of childhood. That children will become 'factory people' and lead a monotonous life of work. The carefree spirit of a child enables nature to entrance them by creating an inner peace and harmony. Children have a lot of time on their hands. They pick flowers, chase butterflies, play amongst the long grass and do things for fun and enjoyment. As Fairburn conveys, adults do not possess the time to do these activities and be inspired by nature the way a child does. They are too busy dancing in the 'muddy pond' like the leaf mentioned in the poem, trying to advance technology to make life easier for themselves now and in the future. Their non recognition is killing nature and their world of work is taking over from the play of the park.

'Shadows from the world beyond lengthen, sprawl across the park; day rolls onward towards the dark. From the clock-tower, wreathed in smoke, Times speaks gravely, stroke on stroke.'

Children understand nature because they are obsessed with anything but making life as fun as possible. They have the time to escape reality and respect the spirit of nature.

In the texts and extracts from 'Cider with Rosie', 'The Wind in the Willows', 'Prelude' and 'The Song at Summers End' nature has been used incredibly well to convey the special insights and experiences of childhood. Because of its inspiring aspects, beauty, usefulness, and ability to amaze and fear, nature has been used by the four authors to convey childhood experiences. Laurie Lee uses nature to describe his emotions throughout his autobiography, nature helped Wordsworth to accept his intellectual gifts as a child, allowed the Mole and the Rat to understand its spiritual power and was used by Fairburn to help contrast the difference between the 'adult world' and the 'child world'.

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LEST WE FORGET ... WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

A summers day freshly dawns a damp morning. I am woken in my room by my mum with a look in her eyes that show deep inside, great sadness. I sense something is wrong. I am told by mum "Grandad died peacefully this morning". It hits me like a sledgehammer thrusting into my heart. I urge to cry water-falls of tear but a lump blocks in my throat.

An image of Albert Thomas Turner, or 'Bert', 6828 "old soldier grandad" appears vividly and his merry laughter echoes in my mind.

Two weeks ago, Nan and Grandad Turner, from Waitara, visited our house in the weekend. Nana and mum were out shopping and dad was working on our Volkswagon van. Grandad and I were in the sunny conservatory and I wanted to play Grandad some songs on my flute. He remarks joyfully, he used to sing this song when he was a boy. I played "My Grandfathers Clock" and he sang. I could feel a great bond between us, I felt happy.

Mum comforted me. We held each other close. All the stories he told me came flooding back.

Grandad told me a true story about when he was five years old an elderly Maori man, about 90 years old told him, how the tribe of the Waikato Maori chased the Taranaki tribe off a cliff. The old man's mother and himself survived, he was only a baby. (They survived from landing on dead bodies).

Mum told me that dad was currently at Nana's house. I wanted to comfort Nana too but I had to go to school.

At school I felt as if I was carrying a heavy load of sadness around with me. None of my friends knew about this ordeal, except Katie - her parents read the newspaper - gave me a sympathy card, I broke into a fit of tears. Instantly my friends treated me as if I were a fragile new-born pony learning to walk, they were very understanding.

After school, my family gathered at Nan's house that had a heavy atmosphere of sadness. I had the urge to comfort everyone's sorrow.

That night I was invited to stay overnight at my aunty and uncle's house with my cousins, in Urenui. My mood lifted.

The following day our grieving family, joined by my cousin from Australia gathered at the funeral palace to view Grandad for the last time before he was trapped in polished wood. His face was convincingly alive, his eyes rested peacefully as if he were asleep. I thought he would get out of his coffin laughing "It's a joke - gotcha all!!". His nature was so happy and he had a great humour that warmed everyone's heart.

I couldn't handle it so I left the room, I tried to cry but I could here Grandad's voice telling me "Please don't cry".

At his funeral no-one was normal. I felt insecure. People were miserable, as if a spell had been cast over hem. As I sat in my seat by mum and dad I clutched mum's hand, clench, unclench, clench, unclench. I admired Grandad's coffin - I was scared, my Grandad was lying in that box. The New Zealand flag lay neatly protecting the coffin with flowers framing it.

The proceedings of the funeral were flowing, washing away around me. "...a man who was a baker, a boxer, a biker. He served his time as a prisoner of war in World War II..." Soon it was my turn to give a speech, my words meant so much. I looked around at eyes that lock into mine, forgiving eyes that looked so sincere. I sobbed, I struggled out my last line looking at Grandad's coffin - paying tribute because I admired him so much.

I was in another world as the minister spoke continuously. My eyes were blurred, I thought about when Grandad and I went fishing, holidays, all those memories come flooding back through my bursting mind.

At his burial I was surrounded by people who experienced him in many ways. The NZ flag was raised half mast and the "Last Post" sent him on his way to his final resting place. The former soldiers saluted, paying their respects by tossing a poppy onto his coffin. I am proud that no other person is as unique as this man that I am proud to call my Grandad. I tossed in my poppy and watched it float down to touch the coffin. The sad voice inside me whispered "Farewell Grandad, I love you."

Sharlene Turner

A THOUGHT

When I was younger, I always felt that I was missing something. As I grew, I started to think seriously about it, analysing every part of my inner self. Striving to find what made me, me.

I think back on my short experience in this pathetic game called life, and shudder at some things and smile at others. The paradox that runs through my mind so frequently, the inexplicable question of life, confuses me very deeply.

Uncountable lessons to learn, ideals that you chase throughout your life, friendships and love to be created in a short period of time only to be forever lost at the moment of our demise. Why do we struggle for these earthly things, to strive to build an Empire of values, hopes and dreams, just to witness its collapse at a weak moment.

This all may sound philosophical, yet it runs through my mind so often, and in such a complex manner, that to explain it any other way would only succeed in devaluing these precious inner thoughts.

On a stifling summer's afternoon, as the heat rolled over me in the breeze, I slowly sauntered home, trying to attract the attention of my latest crush, and today, finally, after weeks of pursuit, he nodded casually in my direction, and beckoned me over. I was elated. My heart was beating overtime, and my stomach was full of leaden butterflies, but I approached him and his group wearing a mask of calmness. He tilted his head and smiled slightly, and his eyes swept over me, sizing me up. After a few seconds of my discomfort, he smiled broadly, and spoke those eternal words.

"Wanna sesh?"

He took out a rolled joint, and held it out to my. My mind was racing. Should I, shouldn't I? What do I do? Do I really want to do this? In those few moments of my hesitation, images ran through my mind of my best friend, David, who had always been against drugs, until the 'one' time he became weak. He destroyed his life, and ripped apart the hearts of those who truly loved him. I remember the pain I had gone through, watching him, day by day, forgetting special moments we treasured, moving and talking in slow-motion, become bored, and dropping out of school. My friend, the intelligent, bright, fun-loving guy, turned Zombie.

I thought about my future. What could a druggie look forward to, other than their next high? And surprisingly

enough, I thought about my parents. What would they think? Could I put mum and dad through the pain I new David's parents went through?

Could I willingly destroy my life?

I looked my 'former' crush squarely in the eye and said firmly "I don't do dope." The surprise that came over his face was priceless. He shrugged, as I walked away with my head held high.

Liana Halverson



GREAT ESCAPE!

On Thursday the whole class walked down to the breakwater. We set up all the rods. Corey's hat fell into the water and Corey's shoes got soaked. Then Fred started laughing and the teachers told him to put his hat away. Steven helped Shane to drop his fishing line into the water. Then Shane wanted Fred to cast the rod properly. We had fish and chips for lunch. We had to take cover every time it started to rain. After we had walked back to school we were all tired.

By Andrew Graystone, Fred Girling and Steven Bridger

1997 ANNUAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR BOYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Time/Dist.
100 m	Gareth Chivers (R)	Joe Ngawini (R)	Jimo Rangi (A)	12.80s
200 m	Joseph Ngawini (R)	Gareth Chivers (R)	Jimo Rangi (A)	27.00s
400 m	Andrew Sharpe (D)	Zair Parkes (A)	Blair Tunnicliffe (D)	1 11.49s
800 m	Glen Wells (B)	Zair Parkes (A)	Andrew Sharpe (D)	2 51.10s
1500 m	Michael Steel (B)	Andrew Sharpe (D)	Daniel Gaastra (R)	5 20.00s
Shot Putt	Tamie Ngaia (A)	Adam Te Awa (D)	Glen Wells (B)	9.80m
Discus	Mayce Nicholas (D)	Jimo Rangi (A)	Adam Te Awa (D)	25.02m
Javelin	Adam Te Awa (D)	Josh Kivell ((B)	James Jenkins (D)	25.58m
Long Jump	Jimo Rangi (A)	Gareth Chivers (R)	Joseph Ngawini (R)	4.51m
Triple Jump	Adam Te Awa (D)	Johnny Ross (D)	Barney Fitzpatrick(D)	8.94m
High Jump	Alan Graham (A)	Barney Fitzpatrick (D)	Tony Hetherington(R)	1.37m
4 x 100 m Relay	Atkinson	Richmond	Darnell	56.10secs

JUNIOR GIRLS

100 m	Rebecca Reidy (R)	Laura Adlam (R)	Hazel Robertson (A)	13.80s
200 m	Rebecca Reidy (R)	Hazel Robertson (A)	Laura Adlam (R)	30.69s
400 m	Rebecca Reidy (R)	Jessica Peoples (B)	Sharlene Turner (R)	1 16.50s
800 m	Rebecca Reidy (R)	Sharlene Turner (R)	Hazel Robertson (A)	3 05.00s
1500 m	Rebecca Reidy (R)	Sharlene Turner (R)	Adele Main (R)	5 41.75s
Shot Putt	Ashleigh Faamai (D)	Astyn Hare (D)	Philippa Soulsby (A)	7.20m
Discus	Astyn Hare (D)	Sheena Donald (B)	Rebecca Reidy (R)	17.08m
Javelin	Rebecca Reidy (R)	Tessa Versteeg (R)	Lana Ngaia (R)	15.18m
Long Jump	Rebecca Reidy (R)	Santini Rangi (D)	Jessica Peoples (B)	4.19m
Triple Jump	Elli Pillette (B)	Santini Rangi (D)	April Pitman (A)	8.51m
High Jump	April Pitman (A)	Jasaraha Tobin (R)	Astyn Hare (D)	1.29m
4 x 100 m Relay	Richmond	Darnell	Barrett	59.85secs

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

100 m	Corey Manukonga (R)	Shaun Brooking (R)	Seth Henare (A)	12.10s
200 m	Heydon Rangi (B)	Corey Manukonga(R)	Shaun Brooking (R)	25.82s
400 m	Carl O'Sullivan (B)	Alan Millward (D)	Brodie Dalton (A)	1 09.75s
800 m	Andrew Thomson (B)	Michael Lowers (B)	Carl O'Sullivan (B)	2 44.20s
1500 m	Jared Wilson (R)	Seth Henare (A)	Leon Valentine (A)	5 10.00s
Shot Putt	Aaron Lockett (B)	Hayden Rangi (B)	Johnny Faamai (R)	10.15s
Discus	Eli Waikawa (A)	Jared Wilson (R)	Gene Henare (A)	30.86s
Javelin	Johnny Faamai (R)	Manu Hay-Vega (D)	Brendon O'Keefe (D)	32.58s
Long Jump	Jared Wilson (R)	Steven Reed (R)	Brent Krutz (A)	5.02m
Triple Jump	Jared Wilson (R)	Joshua Paurini (R)	Brent Krutz (A)	10.24m
High Jump	Jared Wilson (R)	Steven Reed (R)	Brendon O'Keefe (D)	16.00m
4 x 100 m Relay	Richmond	Atkinson	Barrett	51.4secs

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

100 m	Kathryn Greaney (R)	Hinga Manukonga(A)	Linda Larsen (R)	14.00s
200 m	Hinga Manukonga (A)	Alaina Crafar-McKee(R)	Kathryn Greaney(R)	30.15s
400 m	Kathryn Greaney (R)	Stacey McIndoe (A)	Emily Miller (R)	1 10.60s
800 m	Jean Tompkins (R)	Kathryn Greaney(R)	Stacey McIndoe (A)	3 09.10s
1500 m	Jean Tompkins (R)	AJ Hall (B)	Stacey McIndoe (A)	5.34.3s
Shot Putt	Lee Hare (D)	Hinga Manukonga (A)	Sarah Hayman (R)	7.67m
Discus	Hinga Manukonga(A)	Sarah Greenbank (R)	Amy Laird (R)	22.21m
Javelin	AJ Hall (B)	Anna Wilkinson (B)	Sarah Hayman (R)	14.89m
Long Jump	Alaina Crafar-McKee (R)	Kathryn Greaney (R)	Jean Tompkins (R)	4.52m
Triple Jump	Anna Wilkinson (B)	Jean Tompkins (R)	Kathryn Greaney (R)	8.67m
High Jump	Jean Tompkins (R) & Kathryn Greaney (R) = 1st	Atkinson	Alaina Crafar-McKee (R)	1.37m
4 x 100m Relay	Richmond	Atkinson	Barrett	59.28secs

SENIOR BOYS

100m	John Gabites (A)	Phillip Rose (A)	Damon Conaglen (B)	12.00secs
200m	John Gabites (A)	Damon Coneglen (B)	Dylan Coutts (A)	24.3secs
400m	John Gabites (A)	Dion Cowley (R)	Gernot Eisermann(B)	1min04.16sec
800m	James Robinson (B)	Darryl Roper (D)	Craig Sharpe (B)	2 min33.50sec
1500m	Darryl Roper (D)	James Robinson (B)	Matthew Scrimgeour (R)	5min01sec
Shot Putt	Matthew Scrimgeour (R)	Ken Huang (B)	Mathew Hughes (B)	10.30m
Discus	Mathew Hughes (B)	Matthew Scrimgeour (R)	Joe Govier (D)	29.75m
Javelin	Brendon Henchman (D)	Dylan Coutts (A)	Adam Priest (A)	34.26m
Long Jump	John Gabites (A)	David Charteris (B)	Ben Masters (A)	5.48m
Triple Jump	John Gabites (A)	David Charteris (B)	Adam El-Agez (A)	10.77m
High Jump	David Charteris (B)	Brendon Henchman(D)/John Gabites(A)/Charles Ip(B)=2nd	Gabites(A)/Charles Ip(B)=2nd	1.54m
4 x 100m Relay	Barrett	Atkinson	Richmond	50.3secs

SENIOR GIRLS

100m	Michelle Walker (B)	Rebecca Grunday (B)	Inga Boyd (R)	13.9secs
200m	Michelle Walker (B)	Rebecca Grunday (B)	Inga Boyd (R)	29.9secs
400m	Inga Boyd (R)	Melissa Green (B)	Elizabeth Buttimore (B)	1min 11.43secs
800m	Inga Boyd (R)	Michelle Walker (B)	Melissa Green (B)	3min 11.0secs
1500m	Inga Boyd (R)	Melissa Green (B)	Alison Beath (B)	7min 01.8secs
Shot Putt	Natasha Whiting (B)	Karyn O'Sullivan (A)	Amelia Gaffy (R)	7.35m
Discus	Michelle Thorstensen (D)	Natasha Whiting (B)	Leanne Smith (D)	18.9m
Javelin	Melanie Haseltine (D)	Rowena Howard (B)	Neta Wharehoka (D)	18.42m
Long Jump	Michelle Walker (B)	Neta Wharehoka (D)	Inga Boyd (R)	3.98m
Triple Jump	Alexandra Bain (A)	Fiona McIntosh (B)	Daria Clark (D)	8.20m
High Jump	Michelle Walker (B)	Neta Wharehoka (D)	Fiona McIntosh (B)	1.29m
4 x 100m Relay	Barrett	Richmond	Atkinson	58.5secs



INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Junior Boys	Adam Te Awa
Junior Girls	Rebecca Reidy
Intermeidate Boys	Jared Wilson
Intermediate Girls	Kathryn Greaney
Senior Boys	John Gabites
Senior Girls	Michelle Walker

INTER-HOUSE TROPHY: OVERALL POINTS FOR THE MORINE CUP

Richmond	1134 points	1st
Barrett	1114 points	2nd
Atkinson	987 points	3rd
Darnell	800 points	4th

Athletics Team

Back Row: Shaun Brooking, Jared Wilson, Darryl Roper, Matthew Scrimgeour, Eli Waikawa, Phillip Rose

4th Row: James Robinson, Mathew Hughes, Dion Cowley, David Charteris

3rd Row: Michael Steel, Michelle Walker, Daria Clark, Sarah Greenbank, Kathryn Greaney, Alaina Crafar-McKee

2nd Row: Astyn Hare, Rebecca Reidy, Hazel Robertson, Laura Adlam, Anna Wilkinson

Front Row: Sharlene Turner, Melissa Green, Jon-Paul Heather, Andrew Sharp, Zair Parkes



TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual Taranaki Secondary Schools Athletic Championships were held at Jubilee Park, Inglewood on Saturday 15th March. The following athletes represented Spotswood College:-

JUNIOR GIRLS

Laura Adlam, Astyn Hare, Rebecca Reidy, Hazel Robertson, Sharlene Turner.

JUNIOR BOYS

Gareth Chivers, Barney Fitzpatrick, Mayce Nicholas, Joseph Ngawini, Zair Parkes, Jimo Rangi, Andrew Sharpe, Michael Steel, Adam Te Awa

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

Alaina Crafar-McKee, Kathryn Greaney, Lee Hare, AJ Hall, Sarah Greenbank, Hinga Manukonga, Anna Wilkinson

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Shaun Brooking, Jon-Paul Heather, Corey Manukonga, Jared Wilson, Eli Waikawa

SENIOR GIRLS

Alexandra Bain, Melissa Green, Karyn O'Sullivan, Fiona McIntosh, Michelle Thorstensen, Natasha Whiting

SENIOR BOYS

David Charteris, Damon Coneglan, Dion Cowley, Mathew Hughes, James Robinson, Darryl Roper, Phillip Rose, Matthew Scrimgeour



THE FOLLOWING WERE THE TOP RESULTS GAINED BY OUR SPOTSWOOD ATHLETES:-

JUNIOR GIRLS

Rebecca Reidy	1st 800m	2mins 38.78secs
	1st 1500m	5mins 20.12secs
	2nd Long Jump	4.11m
	3rd 3000m Walk	12mins

Sharlene Turner		
57.33secs		

4 x 100m Relay	3rd	58.88secs
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JUNIOR BOYS

Mayce Nicholas	2nd Javelin	29.46m
Gareth Chivers	3rd 100m	13.11secs
Joe Ngawini	3rd 200m	26.98secs
Michael Steel	3rd 1500m	5min 08.72secs

INTERMEIDATE GIRLS

AJ Hall	2nd 1500m	5min 48.23secs
AJ Hall	3rd 800m	2mins 45.31secs
Alaina Crafar-McKee	3rd Long Jump	4.46m

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Jon-Paul Heather	2nd 400m	1min 23.58secs
Jared Wilson	2nd High Jump	1.65m
Shaun Brooking	3rd 1500m Walk	10min
03.50secs		

Eli Waikawa	3rd Javelin	36.84m
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SENIOR GIRLS

Melissa Green	2nd 100m Hurdles	18.22secs
	2nd 200m Walk	15mins

20.24secs		
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Fiona McIntosh	3rd Triple Jump	9.31m
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SENIOR BOYS

David Charteris	1st Long Jump	5.76m
Mathew Hughes	2nd Discus	28.10m

ADDITIONAL MINOR PLACINGS WERE:

Jon-Paul Heather	4th Intermeidate Boys 800m
Mathew Hughes	4th Senior Boys Shot Putt
Zair Parkes	5th Junior Boys 800m
Darryl Roper	5th Senior Boys 1500m Steeplechase

James Robinson	6th Senior Boys 800m
	6th Senior Boys 1500m Steeplechase

Andrew Sharpe	7th Junior Boys 800m
Shaun Brooking	8th Intermediate Boys 1500m



NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual North Island Secondary Schools Athletic Championships was held in Wellington

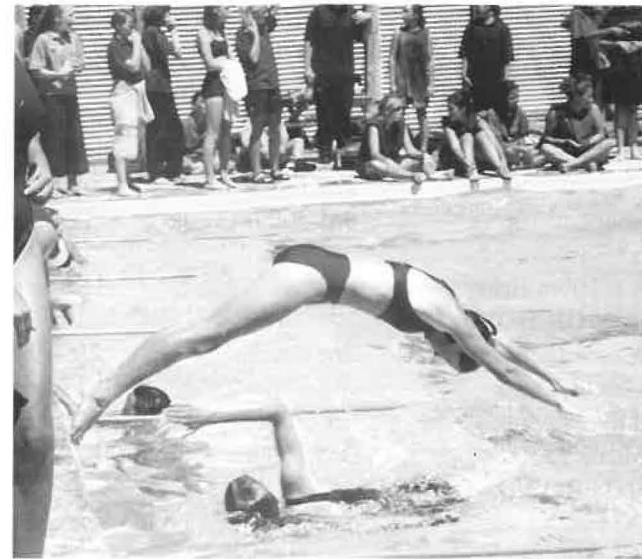
on 22-23 March and David Charteris was selected in the 50 person Taranaki team - congratulations David.

SWIMMING TEAM

The Spotswood College swimming team competed at the 1997 TSSSA swimming champs at Stratford. Spotswood was the largest team, the best presented, and the most vocal of all the secondary schools in Taranaki.

Our swimmers competed with pride and spirit and the support from the team was outstanding. The team that represented Spotswood College was:-

Adam Johansen	Jasaraha Tobin
Chaise Elliott	Abby Penman
Nathan Fenwick	Astyn Hare
Julian Pitman	Suzanne Jones
Peter Bielawski	Kelly Shuker
Heydon Bartlett	Michelle Soulsby
James Grieve	Emily Miller
Luke Keegan	Anna Wilkinson
Adam El-Agez	Hayley Thorpe
Michael Gargan	Adrea Noyes
Matthew Scrimgeour	Renee Penman
Damon Coneglan	Jackie Laugesen
Alistair Tippett	Fiona McIntosh
Ken Wong	Gemma Wilshire
Logan James	Sally Johns
Dion Cowley	Vicky Soffe
Eli Waikawa	Megan Riddock
KJ Baker	



This was one of the largest swimming teams to represent the College at a TSSSA event in recent years and although not recording any outstanding wins, the whole team swam with credit. Our best performance was:

Intermediate Boys' 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay (Julian Pitman, Heydon Bartlett, KJ Baker and Peter Bielawski) who finished 3rd overall in a time of 1min 02.03secs.

Other good performances were:-

<u>Junior Girls</u>	
Abbey Penman	3rd Butterfly
<u>Intermediate Girls</u>	
Relay Team	5th Freestyle
<u>Intermediate Boys</u>	
Julian Pitman	2nd (heat) Butterfly
Hayden Bartlett	3rd (heat) Backstroke
Relay Team	3rd Freestyle
<u>Senior Girls</u>	
Megan Riddock	4th Butterfly
Relay Team	5th Medley
<u>Senior Boys</u>	
Relay Team	4th Freestyle (by .2 of a second)

Good luck to next year's team.

Thanks to Mr Gayton for organising the team and a big thanks to Mr Finch and Mr Joe who travelled with us, supported us, encouraged us and fed us.



1997 ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY

This year's annual Cross Country day was held on Friday 16th May with fine overcast conditions prevailing. Similar to previous years, three courses were offered - the Cross Country events, the Iron Person race and the walk.

The various results were:-

CROSS COUNTRY

JUNIOR GIRLS

Rebecca Reidy	Richmond	1st	14mins 49.43secs
Sally Morgan	Atkinson	2nd	
Hazel Robertson	Atkinson	3rd	

JUNIOR BOYS

Andrew Sharpe	Darnell	1st	14mins 03.62secs
Michael Lowers	Barrett	2nd	
Zair Parkes	Atkinson	3rd	

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

Jean Tompkins	Richmond	1st	14mins 44.31secs
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Amy Laird	Richmond	2nd	
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Kathryn Greaney	Richmond	3rd	
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INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Heyden Bartlett	Barrett	1st	18mins 07secs
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Jon-Paul Heather	Atkinson	2nd	
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Jay Warren	Atkinson	3rd	
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SENIOR GIRLS

Tania Vercoe	Darnell	1st	16mins 22secs
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Karina Stewart	Darnell	2nd	
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Jenna Quay	Darnell	3rd	
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SENIOR BOYS

Andrew Prichard	Darnell	1st	19mins 10secs
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Craig Sharpe	Barrett	2nd	
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Kerry Rea	Barrett	3rd	
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IRON PERSON

JUNIOR GIRLS

Sharlene Turner	Richmond	1st	27mins 08secs
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SENIOR GIRLS

Melissa Green	Barrett	1st	29mins 57secs
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JUNIOR BOYS

Daniel Gaastra	Richmond	1st	23mins 14secs
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Mark Drabble	Darnell	2nd	
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Paul Chinery	Atkinson	3rd	
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INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Jared Wilson	Richmond	1st	21mins 42secs
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Brent Krutz	Atkinson	2nd	
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Sam Heath	Richmond	1st	22mins 21secs
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SENIOR BOYS

Dion Cowley	Richmond	1st	22mins 21secs
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James Robinson	Barrett	2nd	
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Jon Gaastra	Barrett	3rd	
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INTER-HOUSE POINTS FOR THE BALLINGER CUP

Barrett	30 points	1st
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Atkinson	28 points	2nd
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Richmond	25½ points	3rd
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Darnell	23½ points	4th
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1997 SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE - ANNUAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR BOYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Time/Dist.
25m Freestyle	Chaise Elliot (B)	Adam Johansen (B)		21.88secs
25m Backstroke	Angus Boyd (R)			23.66secs
25m Breaststroke	Angus Boyd (R)			24.34secs
25m Butterfly	Angus Boyd (R)	Nathan Fenwick (A)		25.63secs
50m Freestyle	Angus Boyd (R)	Nathan Fenwick (A)		42.84secs
50m Backstroke	No event			
50m Breaststroke	No event			
100m Freestyle	No event			
4 x 25m Relay	Atkinson	Barrett	Richmond	1min 11.15secs

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

25m Freestyle	Julian Pitman (R)	Eli Waikawa (A)	Kylee Briskee (D)	14.71secs
25m Backstroke	Julian Pitman (R)	Haydon Bartlett (B)	Peter Bielawski (B)	17.47secs
25m Breaststroke	Julian Pitman (R)	Peter Bielawski (B)	James Grieve (D)	19.16secs25m
25m Butterfly	Julian Pitman (R)	William Lewis (B)	Haydon Bartlett (B)	18.25secs50m
50m Freestyle	Julian Pitman (R)	Kylee Briskee (D)	Haydon Bartlett (B)	32.22secs50m 50m
Backstroke	Julian Pitman (R)	Heydon Bartlett (B)		40.85secs
50m Breaststroke	Julian Pitman (R)	K J Baker (D)	James Grieve (D)	43.72secs
100m Freestyle	Julian Pitman (R)	William Lewis (B)	Luke Keegan (D)	1min 15.88secs
4 x 25m Relay	Barrett	Atkinson	Darnell	1min 06.31secs

SENIOR BOYS

25m Freestyle	Michael Gargan (R)	Matthew Scrimgeour (R)	Adam El-Agez (A)	13.03secs
25m Backstroke	Adam El-Agez (A)	Damon Coneglan (B)	Dion Cowley (R)	19.03secs
25m Breaststroke	Michael Gargan (R)	Logan James (A)	Young Lee (B)	20.15secs
25m Butterfly	Maren Huntley (D)	Matthew Scrimgeour (R)	Alistair Tippett (D)	19.75secs
50m Freestyle	Adam El-Agez (A)	David Charteris (B)	Dylan Coutts (A)	32.37secs
50m Backstroke	Adam El-Agez (A)	Ken Wong (B)	Alistair Tippett (D)	49.43secs
50m Breaststroke	Michael Gargan (R)	Logan James (A)	Maren Huntely (D)	47.47secs
100m Freestyle	Adam El-Agez (A)	Alistair Tippett (D)	Dion Cowley (R)	1min 32.16secs
4 x 25m Relay	Richmond	Barrett	Atkinson	59.68secs
Open 4 x 25m Medley	Julian Pitman (R)	Peter Bielawski (B)	Alistair Tippett (D)	1min 27.63secs

JUNIOR GIRLS

25m Freestyle	Jasaraha Tobin (R)	Abby Penman (A)	Astyn Hare (D)	16.75secs
25m Backstroke	Jasaraha Tobin (R)	Abby Penman (A)	Astyn hare (D)	19.84secs25m 50m
Breaststroke	Abby Penman (A)	Jasaraha Tobin (R)	Astyn Hare (D)	21.50secs
25m Butterfly	Abby Penman (A)	Jasaraha Tobin (R)		19.75secs
50m Freestyle	Jasaraha Tobin (R)	Abby Penman (A)	Astyn Hare (D)	36.93secs
50m Backstroke	Jasaraha Tobin (R)	Suzanne Jones (A)	April Pitman (A)	46.31secs
50m Breaststroke	Abby Penman (A)	Astyn Hare (D)	Sharrolyn Robinson (R)	47.22secs
100m Freestyle	Jasaraha Tobin (R)	Abby Penman (A)		1min 32.35secs
4 x 25m Relay	Richmond	Barrett	Darnell	1min 12.22secs

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

25m Freestyle	Lee Hare (D)	Vicky Soffe (R)	Jean Tompkins (R)	15.85secs
25m Backstroke	Anna Wilkinson (B)	Emily Miller (R)	Amy Laird (R)	20.25secs
25m Breaststroke	Michelle Soulsby (D)	Janet Charteris (A)	Hayley thorpe (R)	21.66secs
25m Butterfly	Kelly Shuker (D)	Jean Tompkins (R)		18.91secs
50m Freestyle	Kelly Shuker (D)	Jean Tompkins (R)	Vicky Soffe (R)	38.87secs
50m Backstroke	Emily Miller (R)	Anna Wilkinson (B)		45.43secs
50m Breaststroke	Michelle Soulsby (D)	Janet Charteris (A)	Hayley Thorpe (R)	48.81secs
100m Freestyle	Kelly Shuker (D)	Vicky Soffe (R)	Emily Miller (R)	1min 33.09secs
4 x 25m Relay	Darnell	Richmond	Barrett	1min 09.00secs

SENIOR GIRLS

25m Freestyle	Jackie Laugesen (R)	Adrea Noyes (A)	Inga Boyd (R)	17.07secs
25m Backstroke	Jackie Laugesen (R)	Renee Penman (A)	Inga Boyd (R)	19.66secs
25m Breaststroke	Adrea Noyes (A)	Fiona McIntosh (B)	Renee Penman (A)	21.28secs
25m Butterfly	Renee Penman (A)	Inga Boyd (R)		20.10secs
50m Freestyle	Jackie Laugesen (R)	Renee Penman (A)	Sally Johns (R)	41.06secs
50m Backstroke	Renee Penman (A)	Gemma Wiltshire (B)	Amy Bloor (A)	45.79secs
50m Breaststroke	Adrea Noyes (A)	Fiona McIntosh (B)	Renee Penman (A)	50.06secs
100m Freestyle	Renee Penman (A)	Amy McCandlish (B)		1min 32.09secs
4 x 25m Relay	Richmond	Darnell	Barrett	1min 15.84secs

OPEN GIRLS

4 x 25m Medley	Abby Penman (A)	Renee Penman (A)	Kelly Shuker (D)	1min 44.00secs
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INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Junior Boys	Angus Boyd
Junior Girls	Abby Penman
Intermediate Boys	Julian Pitman
Intermediate Girls	Kelly Shuker
Senior Boys	Adam El-Agez
Senior Girls	Renee Penman

INTER-HOUSE TROPHY: OVERALL POINTS

Richmond	540 points	1st
Atkinson	390 points	2nd
Barrett	360 points	3rd
Darnell	328 points	4th



1997 TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's annual Taranaki Secondary Schools Cross Country championships were again held at Francis Douglas College on Wednesday 28th May in fine and overcast conditions.

This year a team of 47 runners represented Spotswood in the six grades of competition. Our best result being recorded by Rebecca Reidy, who was placed second in the Junior Girls race over 3km. In the teams event, where the first six runners from each school were counted, Spotswood took out three third placings - Junior Girls, Junior Boys and Intermediate Boys.

Our full results were

JUNIOR GIRLS (3km)

Rebecca Reidy	2nd	11mins 25secs
Laura Adlam	19th	
Hazel Robertson	24th	Team placed 3rd (135 points)
Sally Morgan	25th	
Sharlene Turner	28th	
Angeleigh White	37th	
Adele Main	57th	
Misty Donaldson	66th	
Lauren James	72nd	
Rebecca Jull	76th	

JUNIOR BOYS (3km)

Michael Steel	9th	10mins 47secs
Andrew Sharpe	11th	
Josh Blundell	18th	
Daniel Gaastra	25th	Team placed 3rd (124 points)
Michael Lowers	27th	
Zair Parkes	34th	
Mark Pattison	54th	
Mark Drabble	62nd	
Brendon Eggers	64th	



INTERMEDIATE GIRLS (3km)

Kathryn Greaney	7th	12mins 45 secs
Sonia Whitmore	12th	
Stacey McIndoe	24th	
Cassie Willoughby	33rd	
AJ Hall	61st	
Tracey Schuler	DNF	

INTERMEDIATE BOYS (4.5km)

Jared Wilson	7th	14mins 50 secs
Leon Valentine	8th	
Heydon Bartlett	21st	
Aaron Lockett	26th	Team placed 3rd (124 points)
Jon-Paul Heather	27th	
Jay Warren	35th	
Jared Steel	45th	
Joshua Morris	46th	
James Grieve	48th	

SENIOR GIRLS (3km)

Tania Vercoe	10th	13mins 24secs
Melissa Green	22nd	
Fiona McIntosh	25th	

SENIOR BOYS (4.5km)

Craig Sharpe	16th	15mins 57secs
Kerry Rae	19th	
Dion Cowley	22nd	
Andrew Pritchard	23rd	Team placed 4th (133 points)
Jon Gaastra	26th	
Adam El-Agez	27th	
James Robinson	29th	
Phillip Hood	32nd	
Phillip Rose	34th	
Logan James	36th	

HOUSE SPORT 1997

This year's House Sport has been keenly contested and very spirited, with some excellent skills being shown by many Junior and Senior Athletes. The House Captains and Leaders have lead from the front encouraging both participation, activation and encouragement on all parts not to mention fierce rivalry.

House Captain and leaders are:

Richmond	Teacher Mr Ward
(H) Dion Cowley	(D) Matthew Scrimgeour
(H) Inga Boyd	(D) Angela Thompson

Barrett	Teacher Mrs Charteris
(H) David Charteris	(D) Mathew Hughes
(H) Angela West	(D) Rebecca Grundy

Atkinson	Teacher Miss Andrews
(H) Adam El Agez	(D) Phillip Rose
(H) Hilary Blackstock	(D) Megan Blackler

Darnell	Teacher Mr Joe
(H) Joe Govier	(D) Brendon Henchman
(H) Leanne Smith	(D) Abby Stone

The House Competition has been led by Richmond House who dominated two of the big three events. ie Swimming and Athletics, missing the Cross Country Trophy and have steadily increased their Trophy Cabinet with wins in the Cricket, Soccer and sharing the Softball Trophy with Darnell.

The other three houses have been sharing the rest of the trophies and are all evenly tied to fight out the runner-up berth.

There have been some new sports added to the calendar this year with Tug of War, Sevens Rugby, Indoor Hockey and the re-introduction of Soccer. Also to be contested is the Theatre Sports award which was yet to be held before this report was submitted.

Also the House Leaders and Captains challenged the Staff in three events hoping to whip their older counterparts.

The results were:-

Touch Rugby	= Draw
Netball	= win to the teachers
Basketball	= win to students with biased refereeing

The results showing that there is still a lot of life in them there teachers.

The overall impression from this year's House Sport was honour above everything. Defend your house's honour on whatever playing field, sport and competition. It didn't matter if you couldn't play the sport but get out there and compete and be apart of the action.

Finally, I would like to thank all the House Captains and Leaders for their valued effort and mustering for sports teams and competitions, all the referees who helped the competition function and all the staff who supported House Sport. Without these people it wouldn't happen.

The Editors note:

The House Sports this year have been a great success, thanks to the enthusiasm and organisation of Antony Joe who was awarded a Board of Trustee's Certificate from the students for his effort.

Well done!

RESULTS '97

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Winner '97</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Athletics	Morine Cup	Richmond	Richmond clean up.
Swimming	Craigmyle Cup	Richmond	Richmond continue their lead.
Softball	Chris Hamil Cup	Darnell and Richmond	A tied performance after 24 games.
Cross Country	Paul Ballinger Trophy	Atkinson	After several disputes an Atkinson win.
Touch Rugby	Touch Shield	Barrett	Barrett Juniors being the difference.
Netball	Faye Hill Cup	Darnell	Darnell dominates outright.
Basketball	Robert and Nancy Mong Cup	Atkinson	Atkinson to the fore.
Cricket	McDonald Cup	Richmond	A Richmond whitewash lots of appeals.
Tug of War	T.O.W. Shield	Darnell	A Darnell power house performance.
Volleyball	P.Gayton Cup	Darnell	Darnell excels.
Tennis	Sole Cup		Not contested before print.
Soccer	Mr and Mrs E.H Borrell	Richmond	A close contest going down on goals.
Hockey	D Barriball Trophy	Darnell	A fiery encounter Darnell Juniors sealed it.
Sevens Rugby	Honor Cup	Richmond	An excellent spectacle, great skills shown.
Theatre Sports			Not contested before print.

The House Points as at 18 September:

Richmond	117
Barrett	81
Atkinson	81
Darnell	81

So a close contest for 2nd place.



GIRLS' CRICKET

The 1996/1997 was a somewhat mixed one. We opened with a new coach, Rachel Barron, a Taranaki and Central Districts Representative player, as well as many new players.

Early successes were against Hawera High School with Rachel top scoring, and Inglewood High School with Nicola Johnson top scoring. This was an especially impressive match as the Inglewood side had many Central Districts players.

Another win was nearly achieved over Stratford - again a team full of Representative players. In fact the team looked pretty invincible. However, when school returned we lost many of the old hands and the new players were a little daunted by the experience of players from other teams, so wins were not so forthcoming.

Players who had some stand-out performances throughout the season were Sarah Hayman with some excellent batting and keeping, Ashleigh Faamai with a bowling record of seven runs for six wickets, Aisha Niwa with three wickets and two catches in one match.

The 1997/1998 season will have a new format - 25 over game on Wednesday afternoons and then a later 40 over Saturday competition. We also will field a Junior Team for the Friday night competition. It is hoped that enthusiasm and commitment for Girls' Cricket will continue.

Our thanks to Rachel for her coaching and transport, Rowena for her captaincy, Ms Moran for organisation and also to those keen parents who transported the team and were there to support us every Saturday.



Girls' Cricket

Alaina Crafar-McKee, Ashleigh Faamai, Dianna Tuki, Rowena Howard
Jessica Wilkinson, Talimai Tuigaleava, Sharlene Turner, Sarah Hayman
Tessa Versteeg, Kate Vowles, Janine Howard



Grade V Boys Cricket

Mr W Foy, Ben Gudjonsson, Crispin Andrew
Joshua Dixon, Shayman Pihama, Josh Blundell
Kerrin Harrison, Ashley Crockett, Robbie Kerr
(captain), Kenneth Short
Kane Piper, Zair Parkes, Andrew Sharp



FIRST XI CRICKET

The 1996-97 season saw Spotswood College Second XI Cricket team unintentionally promoted to first XI status as many of the school's senior cricketers chose to play for clubs. The team was entered into the Grade IV competition where they were playing against grown men who, in many cases, had wrestled with willow and leather for a good couple of decades.

Although team results were disappointing - 13 losses and only 1 win - individual performances were strong in many cases. Jason Ottens and Aaron Lockett had satisfying seasons with both bat and ball. Kieran Greene (Captain) tried to lead by example and there were many useful performances from the other team members. The catch of the season was taken by Barney Fitzpatrick. Reacting to a high, powerful shot Barney leaped up and backwards and snatched the ball expertly. He then tumbled to the ground in spectacular fashion surprising and impressing everyone on and off the field.

The team was helped by the efforts of a couple of non-school players who performed well. Thankyou to all the "ring-ins"! Thankyou also to the parents and supporters who came along - it would be nice to see more of you next season!

Special thanks must go to Eddie Biesiek for his dedicated support, help, coaching assistance and, on occasions, his willingness to play for the team.

It is my hope that Cricket will grow in this school as we have a new crop of talented Third Formers and continually improving facilities. If the result of the Grade IV verses Third Form match is anything to go by the future is bright indeed - the Third Formers thrashed the Grade IV's by 47 runs!

by Warwick Foy



Senior Boys Cricket

Thor Gudjonsson, Aaron Lockett, Jay Warren, Mr W.Foy
Matthew Hughes, Kieran Green, Phillip Hood

TENNIS

Most students interested in 'having a hit' found their way to the tennis courts at lunch times this year. Although many were absolute beginners, they quickly improved and coaching sessions were organised for after school by Mr Cooper.

School Championships were played over a four week period with the following results:

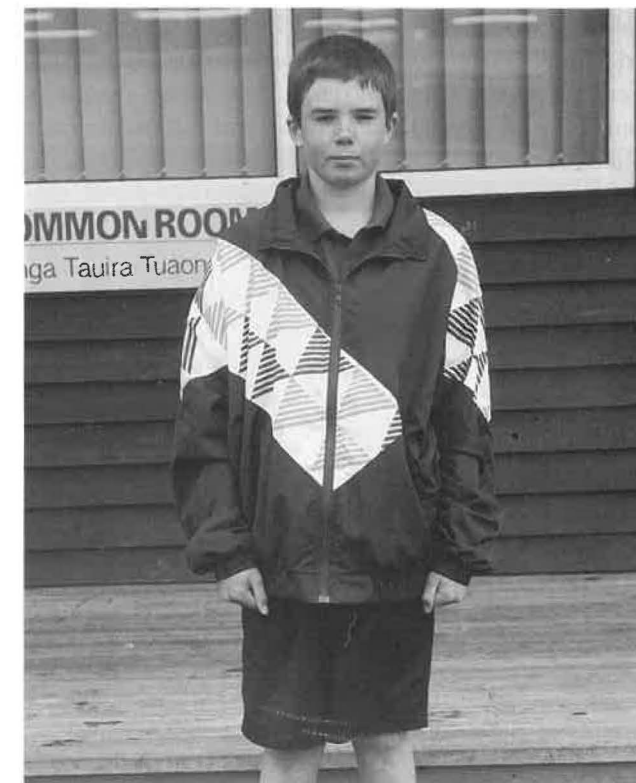
	Winner	Runner Up
3rd Girls	Ashleigh Faamai	Tracy Amstad
3rd Boys	David Tito	Mayce Nicholas
4th Girls	Eloise Pollard	Jean Tompkins
4th Boys	Michael Ropitini	Jared Wilson
Sen. Boys	James Li	
Sen. Girls	Eloise Pollard	

The champions at each level then played each other for the Junior trophies. Congratulations to all who took part and especially to the trophy winners, Eloise and Michael.

Next year we hope to increase the numbers of students taking part at lunchtimes, enter a team in the Secondary School Championships and hopefully arrange matches with other schools to improve our playing standards.

SQUASH REPORT

Shaun Brooking and Robbie Kerr played in the upgraded beginners section and although both were beaten in the first round they both played on through to the Plate final. Shaun Brooking won the Plate final defeating Robbie Kerr in a close match. Congratulations to both for their efforts.



Junior Squash

Robbie Kerr
Absent: Shaun Brooking

1997 TARANAKI FLETCHER CHALLENGE SCHOLASTIC SURFING COMPETITION

Fitzroy, lowtide, barely contestable conditions, the surfers were amped for the Taranaki Inter-secondary Schools Surfing Competition, after being postponed for three days in a row because of poor conditions. The heats began with an inconsistent swell. Tough conditions were the deciders for the oncoming heats. Spotswood guys were up against some tough competition from schools such as New Plymouth Boys' High, Francis Douglas and Waitara High School. Luckily enough Spotswood women had some pretty soft competition from Girls' High and Sacred Heart.

After the first heats the Spotswood Boys lost out to tough competition which resulted in the elimination of Adam Elagez (under 18), Jarred Greenbank (under 16) and Jon-Paul Heather (under 16).

After the heats a combination of an incoming tide gradually hitting a nice little bar and increase of swell, made for a vast improvement in conditions. These improving conditions saw Josh Blundell (under 16), Jessica Terrill (under 18) and Rachel Cowley (under 18) through to the semi finals. After the remaining Spotswood guys put up a good fight, the persistent Boys High and Francis Douglas Boys pushed through to the finals eliminating the majority of our Spotswood team, with the exception of Rick Christiansen (under 18) and Stephan Freeman (under 18) who saw Spotswood's Bodyboarding team through to the finals to come in with a 4th from Rick and an impressive 2nd from Stephan. Dylan Rickett managed to slide in at 4th place in the (under 18) surfing finals. Spotswood's women's team of Rachel Cowley and Jessica Terrill cleaned up right from initial heats through to semis then on to finals, to come out with a 1st from Rachel Cowley and a 3rd from Jessica Terrill.

All competitors who made it through to the finals of their sections went on to tryout for the regional team to go to Raglan for the National Scholastics. Competitors endured a week of nerve-racking trials for the team, with a number of supporting Mums and Dads from various schools helping out with transport and coaching. Training consisted of the majority of week days after school for a couple of hours meeting at Oakura Boardriders for team tactics and advice, then off down the beach for some intense, competitive sessions, and team training exercises. Unfortunately competition from other regional teams around New Zealand proved to be too tough for the remaining Spotswood surfers in the Taranaki team, with Rachel Cowley pulling-out because of personal and school commitments, leaving Jessica Terrill to come in at 2nd place and Rick Christiansen (Bodyboarding) who made it to the finals but was not placed.



Surfing

*Stefan Freeman, Mr Tony Peters, Gareth Hill
Rick Christiansen, Rachel Cowley
Wade Lobb, Jessica Terrill, Jon-Paul Heather
Jared Greenbank, Josh Blundell*



Triathlon

*Julian Pitman, Mathew Hughes, Matthew Scrimgeour
Kevin Bryant, Jon-Paul Heather*

SKI TEAM REPORT

The Spotswood Ski Team participated in two competitions this year, one at Mt Taranaki and the other at Mt Ruapehu. The Ski Team this year included the Juniors - Rupert Goldsmith, Russell Watson and Linda Larsen and Seniors - Stefan Freeman, Bridgette Wilson and Adam Priest.

In August the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Ski Championships were held in cold and very icy conditions. Despite the hazardous weather (and a few falls, ouch!) there were some fine performances and Spotswood managed to come out a very well deserved 3rd place.

The North Island Secondary Schools' Competition was held in September at Whakapapa Ski Field on Mt Ruapehu. The icy conditions of the race course took some getting used to, what is the secret? It is simply a matter of getting into the rhythm; poleplant, push, glide... (Note: generally it is a good idea to start your scream before you actually crash to the ground because ice crystals frequently embed themselves in your respiratory system and make screaming difficult).

Unfortunately Spotswood did not get a recognised placing but fun was had by all. Well done to those juniors who raced for the first time.

Many thanks to Paul Goldsmith for the use of his bach. Also Brendon Dickson and Mr Carnachan who provided us with fine cuisine. Thanks again to Mr Carnachan, for the organisation of the trip. Hope to see you all back next year.

by Bridgette Wilson
6MP



Skiing

*Bridgette Wilson, Stefan Freeman, Laura Sommerville
Lynda Larsen, Rupert Goldsmith, Adam Priest
Absent: Russell Watson*



Commando: Central Regional Champions

Back Row: Craig Frost, Blair Cox, Scott Parker, Jon Waters, Robert Crow

*Centre Row: Rhys Danaher, Steven Smith, Kerry Rea
Front Row: Peter Bielawski, Alan Millward*



Indoor Rowing

*Back Row: Charlene Edwards, Peter Bielawski,
Joshua Kivell*

Front Row: Leon Valentine, Jon-Paul Heather, John Tooman



Snowboarding

Rupert Goldsmith, Taryn Lobb
Inga Boyd, Jessica Terrill, Rayne Anderson
Jenna Quay, Rick Christiansen, Wade Lobb



PRIMO NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SNOWBOARDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nine Snowboarders amping to hit the snow crammed into a mini van. As we arrived at the Whakapapa Ski Field on Mt Ruapehu the sun was out, the air temperature was +3° and everyone was stoked to be there.

The first events of the Primo North Island Secondary School's Snowboarding Championships had the Boys' Dual Slalom running parallel with Girls' Boardercross. Rayne Anderson, Lionel Haldane and Rupert Goldsmith all raced with style. Rayne Anderson was placed 6th and won a pair of 'Smith' goggles for a spot prize. Meanwhile racing in the Girls' Boardercross were Inga Boyd, Taryn Lobb and Jessica Terrill.

Inga got through to the 2nd round and Taryn to the 3rd with Jessica reaching the 4th. All were close to the finals but unfortunately missed out on a place.

On day two we arrived at the ski field hoping for yesterdays awesome conditions but found that it was cold, windy and only 50 - 100 metres visibility. Still the contest was all go.

Racing in the morning's poor conditions were the Boys' Boardercross. Meanwhile, in worsening conditions, the Girls' Dual Slalom was slowly proceeding. Jenna Quay, Taryn Lobb and Jessica Terrill all performed. Jenna and Taryn raced successfully through to the 3rd round and Jessica through to the finals finishing 2nd.

In the Halfpipe division the conditions had worsened to 3-5 metres visibility. We had Wade Lobb, Neville Lapwood (fill-in from Boys' High) all racing well with Neville finishing 2nd in the finals.

In the Girls' Halfpipe we had Taryn, Inga and Jessica competing with Jessica finishing 3rd in the finals.

The Spotswood team did extremely well with the boys finishing 9th overall and the girls finishing 3rd overall. The Spotswood team returned to Taranaki with a van full of medals, prizes, trophies and a group of stoked boarders.



YACHTING TEAM

For 14 years in a row Spotswood College has beaten New Plymouth Boys' High School to win the right to represent Taranaki Schools at the National Secondary Schools Teams Racing Championships. This year they were held at the beginning of April in Gisborne.

Coach	Neil Hodges
Captain	Mathew Hughes
Team members	Scott Hodges
	Ryan Leatham
	Sally Morgan
	Natalie Shanks
	Kerrin & Wayne Harrison

Together with Ryan's and Natalie's mums we left on Saturday afternoon for Rotorua where Mathew cooked tea. The next morning we headed for Gisborne.

Natalie had never done any sailing whatsoever before but got roped in because Sally did not want to be the only girl!!

A good week's racing was had with excellent viewing from Kaiti Hill. Unfortunately, we did not perform as well as we should have but with one novice and three new chums in the team we can only improve (hopefully!!). We, however, made lots of friends with the other teams representing the other 14 schools from throughout New Zealand.

Thank you to Mr Finch, Neil Hodges, Jean Leatham and Sally Shanks. Hopefully we will continue our reign so we can compete in Lyttleton next year.



Yachting

Mathew Hughes,
Scott Hodges, Wayne Harrison
Sally Morgan, Natalie Shanks, Kerrin Harrison



SENIOR A NETBALL REPORT

This year the team played 5th grade. We played 10 competition games and lost two of them. This was good enough to take us to the New Plymouth final between ourselves and Tukapa. The game was very evenly contested with a final score of 23-21 to Tukapa.

Thanks to Kath Yandle, our coach who gave up not only her Saturdays but also her time to attend our practices during the week.

Thank you also to Miss Andrews for all her efforts regarding uniforms, balls, and general organisation. We also thank Bindy Huntly, and Lisa Snowden for filling in when sickness and injury prevailed.

To the parents and supporters, Thank you, and to the team, well done on your efforts this year.

Most improved player - Melinda Clark

Most outstanding and all round player
- Tennille Yandle (C)



Senior 'A' Netball

Suzanne McCarthy, Lisa Snowden
Daria Clark, Tracey Schuler, Rebekah Bloomfield
Tennille Yandle, Sarah Hayman
Absent: Melinda Clark



Senior B Netball

Anna Wilkinson, Mrs R. Stevens
Mary Potangaroa, Julie Lovegrove, Jenna McMillan,
Catherine Moore
Sarah Buttimore, Lisa Snowden, Claire Charteris

SENIOR B NETBALL TEAM

The Senior B Netball team had a slow start to the season with players coming in and going out of the team. By April we had a group of nine individuals who were keen to go out on the court and have a go. The team had many near misses and were very unfortunate not to win more games. As the season wore on we started improving and picked up a gear to finish off the season with a couple of wins. This placed us second in our section. Thanks to Rachael Stephens, our coach, who put a lot of time and effort into the team.

Lisa Snowden (Captain)



4A Netball

Maitera TeWhiti, Angeline Topia, Talimai Tuigaleava,
Tracy Amstad,
Bindy Huntley
Cara Graham, Paula Eynon, Lee Hare, Michelle
Hannam
Absent: Hoana Renau
Coach: Mrs Moore



Third Form A Netball

Astyn Hare, Esther Willing, Mrs Shannon
Tammy Keegan, Venita Christensen, Jane Coleman
Marcia West, Hazel Robertson, Rebecca Reidy

STARS NETBALL TEAM FORM 3

This year the 3rd Form 'Stars' Netball team was placed in the middle group of 3rd Form Netball teams. The team showed strength, when on a couple of occasions we played with only 6 players. We had few rainy matches which was a plus, but we were unable to go to Hawera after the trip was postponed twice. Overall, a good season emphasised by enthusiastic players.

Thanks to our coach Claire Shannon for her time and effort.



3B Netball (Stars)

Laura Sommerville
Genevieve Zimmerman, Laura Adlam, Claire Shannon
(Coach)
Sally Mattock, Sarah Bingham, Kate Vowles



MAGICS NETBALL TEAM FORM 3

We have had a great season after a few teething problems at the start. All members worked well together as part of the team. This effort was reflected in the results, with only four losses all Winter. Injuries took a toll with Esther injuring her arm and Rebecca with ankle problems. The wonderful sideline support from parents was very much appreciated. We finished the season with a lunch bar-be-que for players and parents.

A most enjoyable season with a great team. A big thank-you to Mrs Shannon for coaching the team and to all the parents for their support.



MAGIC 3RD FORM NETBALL

Mrs Shannon

Astyn Hare, Marcia West, Tammy Keegan, Jane Coleman

Hazel Robertson, Venita Christensen, Rebecca Reidy

ABSENT: Esther Willing



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Once every blue moon, the heavenly Gods cease from raining out at Lake Mangamahoe. Those bike eating swamps, the killer hills that make your ears bleed, the effort needed just to stay upright, had all gone today. As today the Mangamahoe Forest was dry. Today was the Taranaki Secondary School Mountain Biking Championships organised by Steve McKean.

Spotswood had a large team this year, but very few people would turn up to meetings. Luckily the word got around and by Sunday we had 8 Spotswood College Mountain Bikers ready to race. With our three Spotswood teams we had the largest turnout of riders out of the ... Boys' High, Stratford, Hawera and Inglewood High Schools.

After an interesting practice we were soon racing. Six laps had to be completed by using the 3 team members of each team (apart from Leon's team with 2 members).

The competition wasn't as stiff as previous years but with a National Representative competing, life wasn't easy. The flat twisty terrain made getting a vital sip of cold water hard at the best of times.

After an hour or so the teams had finished. Spotswood placings were 2nd, 4th and 5th. As this was many riders' first taste of cross-country racing I'm sure it fulfilled their expectations. Mountain Biking is a great sport. It's your world - ride It!

By Matthew Mayhead



Mountain Biking Team

Tyrone Riddick, Andrew Gibb, Brendon Henchman
Leon Valentine, Mr T. Peters, Matthew Mayhead
Kevin Bryant, Phillip Rose
Jon-Paul Heather, Andrew Pritchard, Kevin Demchy



EQUESTRIAN REPORT

This year, like many years, has been interesting and exciting. The Equestrian team competed in two events this year. Two of our riders, Lydia Quay and Amy Laird competed in a jumping event with one of them finishing 5th. We also entered two teams in the Inter-School Horse Trials which we had won the previous year. We hosted it this year. Even though we did not win it this year everybody had a thoroughly enjoyable time and we were all smiles at the end of the day.

This year three of our team members, Jean Tompkins, Amy Laird and Lydia Quay competed at National Pony Club events. Jean Tompkins competed at the Pony Club Horse Trials and Amy was reserve for the team. Lydia and Jean entered in a National Pony Club Dressage Tournament and competed well.

Thanks to everyone who put so much time into organising especially Mrs Tompkins and Miss Andrews. It was a great year.

Inter-School Teams

Team 1 Jean Tompkins, Amy Laird, Kasia Scannell

Team 2 Lydia Quay, Emma Shannon, Jenna Pillette
by Kasia Scannell



Equestrian

Back Row: Emma Shannon, Jenna Pillette, Kasia Scannell, Jean Tompkins

Front Row: Elli Pillette, Lydia Quay, Amy Laird



Badminton

Kenneth Wong, Phillipa Soulsby, Robert Crow,
Michelle Soulsby, Michael Nepia
Amanda Bingham, Julie Willans, Sarah Bingham,
Lauren Cooper



SENIOR A BOYS' BASKETBALL

This season was a very productive one. At the beginning we went to a tournament in Rotorua. We did not win many games but it was a valuable learning experience.

With the start of the regular season, we began a 19 game winning streak that lead us to be first in one league and second in another.

The semi-finals saw us play well in each competition. The final was an excellent game against NPBHS which unfortunately we lost. Thanks to Grizz and all our supporters.

Eli Waikawa improved to be the 3rd highest scorer behind Aaron and Jay.

Thanks to the coach Bill Warren and to all those parents who also supported us throughout the season.



Senior A Boys Basketball

Eli Waikawa, Brendon O'Keeffe, Aaron Lockett, Adrian George

Maren Huntley, Jay Warren Dylan Spencer.

Absent: Josh Paurini,

Basketball Taranaki Secondary School A Junior

Todd Bolton, Mr J Tuz, Crispin Andrews
Mathew Ubels, Paul Greaney, Ben Gudjonsson, Josh Blundell
Kane Piper, Jared Greenbank, Andrew Sharpe

NIKES - U18 BASKETBALL (Girls)

This year we started the season with two completely new players, but through lots of hard work and commitment everyone has gradually become better. Everyone had heaps of fun and we are looking forward to next year.

Thanks to Simon Bevington for coaching us. Kylie, Julie and Kelly S were all awesome ball carriers, Julia and Kelly M worked well on defence and Michelle was always right where she was needed. And then there was Sarah ...



Nikes Basketball Team

Simon Bevington (Coach), Kylie Jones, Kelly Mason, Michelle Soulsby,
Julie Willans, Sarah Russell, Kelly Shuker, Julia Gaze



SPOTSWOOD SNOB SQUAD FORM 3 BASKETBALL TEAM

We have had a good year and worked well together, considering we have done it all ourselves without a coach. We have won most of our games. The whole team has improved remarkably since the first game. We hope to work as a team again next year, this time with a coach.

Jane Coleman, Lisa Garvey, Jessica Peoples, Laura Adlam, Venita Christensen, Adele Main, Abby Penman, Tiffany Kendall



SNOB SQUAD BASKETBALL

Abby Penman, Jessica Peoples, Adele Main, Jane Coleman
Tiffany Kendall, Venita Christensen, Lisa Garvey
ABSENT: Laura Adlam, Tiana Kupe



UNDER 18 FRIENDS BASKETBALL

1997 was the year of 'Friends' the ultimate Basketball team - with the best name ever, compliments of KATE SPENCER who, by the end of the season could actually dribble the ball. We won the majority of our games and made it to the semi-finals up against Waitara but unfortunately Waitara came up on top by just a few points. The team did pretty well to be in Section A considering we did not have a coach or practices.

The team was made up of different abilities ranging from pretty good players to people who had not even played Basketball before.

The season was a most enjoyable one for all of us.
Thanks team

Jean, Alaina, Rebekah



BASKETBALL (SOCIAL)

Alaina Crafer-McKee, Anna Wilkinson, Rebekah Bloomfield
Kate Spencer, Jean Tompkins
Tracey Schuler, Sarah Greenbank, Amanda Robinson

**WORMS
BASKETBALL**

*Ben Gudjonsson, Zair Parkes,
Crispin Andrews, Josh Blundell
Sarah Greenbank (Coach), Jared
Greenbank, Kane Piper, Andrew
Sharpe*



**FORM 3 & 4 TARANAKI
SECONDARY SCHOOLS
BASKETBALL**

At this Tournament in August our school entered a team of keen and talented girls. We won two of the four games we played. It was a good day all round but unfortunately we didn't make the finals.

Thanks to Mrs Carnachan for coaching us.
Elli Pillette, Heidi Wallin and Lydia Quay.



**TSSA BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT TEAM**

*Hoana Renau, Rebecca Reidy, Heidi Wallin, Hinga
Manukonga, Mrs Carnachan
Jamie Lloyd, Lydia Quay, Elli Pilette, Michelle
Hannam*



BOYS BASKETBALL

*Ben Gudjonsson, Matthew Ubels, Paul Greaney
Andrew Sharpe, Shane Ries*

**U18 YHCNUAR BASKETBALL
(Girls) 1997**

After being together for the past four years, you would expect us to be really awesome and kill the opposition, and most Friday nights we do, but in a way that nobody else could possibly understand.

Over the years the 8 or 9 girls who make up the team YHCNUAR have grown close and developed the skills to read the thoughts and movements within the team. We are probably the least serious team in the league and we use this to our advantage.

We begin our nights by warming up (mostly without a ball) and then waiting for our coach, who has taken the past years to realise we actually need to do something at practice and yes, we do need him at our games!

By the time we reach the court we are all amped up and are in laughing moods.

Throughout the game Lisa usually throws a whopper of a pass, Chaya has made a few enemies in the other team, Bridgette's done a backward shot (good stuff blonde!), Jenna has snuck through and scored a lay-up, Michelle T has made great charge down the idle line, Renee scores a rebound, Karina flukes a shot and I hopefully get a three pointer.

So, as you can imagine, we are dead by the full time buzzer.

This year we have continued the tradition from last year by reaching the semi-finals hopefully to gain a place in the finals.

The 'girls' have all played well and thanks to Leon for being a more committed coach this year.

Thanks guys -

Michelle Walker (Captain)



**U16 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM
(Pirates)**

At the start of the season our team took a while to get used to each other, but as the season went on we started winning more games and playing better together as a team. We finally got a coach (Jay Warren) and he was a great help to our team, he taught us lots and made a good effort.

Elli Pillette, Heidi Wallin and Lydia Quay



YHCNUAR BASKETBALL

*Lisa Snowden, Chaya Runciman, Megan Riddick
Bridgette Wilson, Jenna Quay, Renee Penman,
Katrina Stewart
Michelle Walker
ABSENT: Michelle Thorstensen*



PIRATES BASKETBALL

*Jay Warren (Coach)
Hinga Manukonga, Rebecca Reidy, Jamie Lloyd,
Michelle Hannam, Lee Hare
Elli Pillette, Hoana Renau, Lydia Quay, Heidi Wallin*

SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

On Saturday 29th March 1996, the day after Nationals 96, the senior boys volleyball team began a mission, this was to win the Division II title after coming 2nd in 1996.

The training schedule was hectic. It was not uncommon for guys to be putting in up to 20 hours of training in a week, especially during the beach volleyball season.

As Nationals approached the team was looking strong. In a pre-nationals tournament the team managed to beat defending Division I champions, Western Heights High School, twice. This was the first time, a school side (in three years) had beaten them.

After a successful Regionals campaign that saw the team beat New Plymouth Boys' High School 15-0, and not lose a set throughout the whole series, the team was off to Auckland to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools (NZSS) Volleyball Championship and the NZSS Beach Volleyball Champs.

At the tournament the boys were anxious to get on court. The team had wins against Campion College, 3-0, Te Aroha College, 3-0 and Kerikeri High School, 3-0 in section play.

Post section play saw the boys beat St Patricks College, 3-0, Freyberg High School, 3-0 and Auckland Grammar, 3-0.

As the semi final time rolled around and we got shifted into a different stadium, there were obvious signs of nervousness. A game of indoor cricket was on the cards and has now become a pre-semi final ritual as it eased a few laughs, even though we were playing in front of the New Zealand team members and International referees, not to mention our opposition, Westlake Boys' High, who didn't quite see the funny side of it.

The Spotswood team was in a very difficult situation. It was too easy to start thinking about the final or get complacent with our performances, but with help from our excellent coach we remained focussed and realised we would have to exert ourselves or we'd catch

the next bus home. Anyway, we managed to beat Westlake 3-1 to secure a place in the final, to be played in three hours time.

Jokes grew thin, stares became fixed as time passed! In the stadium carpark we had a team meeting and we talked about how much the game meant to us, especially how hard it was to lose in the final in the previous year. We also talked about how gutted we'd feel if we lost, how stoked we'd be if we won and how much pride there was in representing Spotswood College.

The game was against Avondale College of Auckland and they were unbeaten so far.

The game began. To me much of it was a blur but we won and that was what mattered. Emotional scenes followed



1997 NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SENIOR BOYS' DIVISION TWO CHAMPIONS

Mr P Gayton (Manager), Gareth Hill, Jared Wilson, Brendon Henchman, Brendon O'Keeffe, Mr A Joe (Coach)

John Gabites, Dion Cowley, Adam El-Agez (Captain), Ben Masters



Senior Boys B Volleyball

Back Row: Jared Wilson, Blair Cox, Jared Steel.

Front Row: Brendon Webby, Matthew Coward.

Absent: Damon Trott.

as the realisation that a dream had become a reality hit home. Eight players, a manager and a coach became the proudest people on earth for a moment, many still are.

To Mr Joe, thanks for your commitment and on-to-it coaching over the years, you're a legend mate!

Mr Gayton, thanks for your exceptional organising management and support, it was much appreciated and needed.

Thanks also to Rach, Liz, Melissa and Michelle who supported us during our semi and final, you guys rocked!

A huge thanks to our sponsor, A J Cowley.

by Adam

SMOKEFREE SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

1997 has been a mixed year for our squad. We have had many high points and a few low points.

Our year started with the Regional tournament held at the TSB Stadium. Our squad split into two teams with at least one hoping to qualify for Nationals which were to be held in Auckland. But as fate would have it we were just pipped at the post by a very good team from Waitara and another team from Inglewood.

It was very disappointing for everyone involved not to make it to the Nationals. However we got over it and sent two pairs teams up to Auckland to play in the National Beach Championships. These teams consisted of Liz Buttermore and Melissa Green, the other team was Rachel Garvey and Michelle Thorstensen.

Both our teams were feeling the effects of the Social the night before and the 6.00am wake up that morning. But after checking out some of the talent in the guys' competition we were ready to play. It was a perfect day, a pity about the beach though, not one grain of sand on the whole beach - just shells.

Both teams played extremely well considering the circumstances, and the team of Rachel and Michelle gained a 3rd placing to the surprise of everyone - especially themselves. Considering we only had one or two practices together it wasn't a bad effort indeed.

Our teams have now rejoined as one squad and have been away to a Club tournament in Wellington and have played teams of women twice our age and three times our height - lets just say we tried very hard.

Another of our high points was the Fraser High exchange. We don't really like to gloat, but we did win, and we won by quite a lot. Now how many other teams can say that about their Fraser trips?

We are now practising very hard for next year and we are hoping to make it to the Indoor Nationals next year and maybe take another couple of placings in the Beach competition as well.

Thanks to Mr Joe and Mr Gayton for all their coaching and organisation.

Senior Girls B Volleyball

Back Row: Eloise Pollard, Nicola Cox, Alicia Field, Alaina Crafar-Mckee.

Front Row: Sarah Buttimore, Donna Bond, Lisa Broadmore.



Senior Girls A Volleyball

Back Row: Rachel Garvey, Michelle Thorstensen (captain), Katie Bool.

Front Row: Elizabeth Buttimore, Victoria Masters, Melissa Green.

Absent: Natasha Whiting.





4th Form Boys Volleyball

Back Row: Leon Valentine, Peter Manu, Shane Williams.
Centre Row: Lewis Evans, Kieran Crafar-Mckee.
Front Row: Andrew Thomson.
Absent: Russell Watson.



Third Form Boys' Volleyball

Back Row: Zair Parkes, Richard Turner, Ben Gudjonsson, Samuel Wilson
Centre Row: Crispin Andrews, Michael Steel, Shayman Pihama
Front Row: Jordon Lewis, Hayden Smith, Lionel Haldane
Absent: Vernon Stuart



Jared Wilson, John Gabites, Antony Joe, Gareth Hill, Dion Cowley, Brendon Henchman
 Brendon O'Keeffe, Adam El-Agez, Ben Masters



**3rd and 4th Form Girls Volleyball
 "Club"**

Back Row: Abby Penman, Michelle Wiltshire, Jasaraha Tobin.
Front Row: Heidi Wallin, Laura Holland, Jessica Peoples.
Absent: Tiffany Kendall.



3rd Form Girls Volleyball - "Hearts"

Back Row: Adele Main, Charlotte Stoddart, Rebecca Reidy
Front Row: Lisa Garvey, Ronni Painter
Absent: Venita Christensen, Donna Sinclair



**Third Form Girls Volleyball -
 "Diamonds"**

Back Row: Kimberley Rolls, Tammy Keegan, Phillipa Soulsby, Jane Coleman
Front Row: Hazel Robertson, Vicky Shuker



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE 1ST XV 1997



1st XV Rugby Team 1997

Back Row: Dallas Jackson, Eli Waikawa, Johnny Fa'amai, Mathew Hughes, Vesan Seko, Adrian George, Alistair Tippett

Middle Row: Eric Kemsley (Coach), Richard Peters, Kerry Rea, John Gabites, David Charteris, Dion Cowley, Jon Waters, Tom Coneglan (Manager)

Front Row: Michael Kemsley, Rhys Danaher, Damon Coneglan, Joe Govier (Captain), Gareth Hill, Adam El-Agez, Alan Millward

Absent: Matthew Scrimgeour



2ND XV REPORT

This year's Spotswood College 2nd XV had a bad start to the season but with the help of our coach Salevi Tiatia and the enthusiasm of the boys we turned out to be an aggressive talented Rugby team.

With some players letting the team down by dropping out we found it difficult to perform to our skills. Thanks to dedicated and skilled team mates we managed to beat some of the top teams.



Unluckily, we missed out on making the finals due to starting the B2 Competition late. We played some awesome Rugby games. Top players of the season were Darryl Roper, Peter Bielawski, Aaron Lockett, Jon-Paul Heather, Craig Frost, Stephen Smith, Kieran Green, Jamie Amstad, Jared McElhannan, Jimo Rangi, Simon Tafa, Vince Himiona, Tukaha Davis, Steven Reed.

Thanks to all the boys who played this season. Good luck for next year. Special thanks to Salevi Tiatia and Lindsay Robertson.



The players who stood out this year were Gareth Hill and Rhys Danaher for the forwards and Dion Cowley and John Gabites for the backs with Alan Millward being the most improved player of the year.

Congratulations were given to Captain Joe Govier for gaining selection in the Taranaki Under 19 team and also the Taranaki Secondary Schools' team that played the touring Welsh team.

Thanks must go to Eric Kemsley for giving up his time to coach the team and also to Tom Coneglan for managing the team. Thank you also to Ken Maharey for his expert help. Many thanks to Mr Carnachan for the faith he showed in us by not letting us give up, and the team spirit building sessions - they were greatly appreciated. The parents and supporters who attended the games each week were great too - thank you to you all.

Finally to the guys, thanks for the season and although it wasn't the most rewarding one, don't give up, hopefully next year will be more successful.

by Joe Govier (Captain)
& Eric Kemsley (Coach)



2ND XV RUGBY

Simon Tippett, Mark Krutz, Steven Reed, Simon Tafa, Jucy Talau, Matthew Smith, Gernot Eisermann, Jared McElhannan, Shane Jenson, Keiran Green, Tukaha Davis, Jamie Amstad, Peter Bielawski, Darryl Roper, Craig Frost, Jon-Paul Heather

ABSENT: Stephen Smith, Jimo Rangi, Aaron Lockett, Shaun Johnson, Salevi Tiatia (Coach)

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE 3rd XV RUGBY - D1 GRADE

The 1997 Rugby season started well with three wins out of four in grading games. This placed us in D1 grade which was top for our division.

Coach, Grant Dunlop had the boys running well at practices which resulted in some boys showing early potential. This effected some early season successes.

Unfortunately, Grant ended up with his leg in plaster from a sporting injury and this resulted in a change in coaches. In stepped Brian Thurlow and Glynn Danaher who had been assisting Grant and under the new regime the team continued with further successes.

Unfortunately, as the season carried on, team numbers dropped away which resulted in some default games, or taking the field with 12 - 13 players on many Saturdays. This started to reflect on the results on the scoreboard. Thanks to the core of players who turned out every Saturday for their loyalty and commitment. I feel we were let down by a few players and this robbed us of the opportunity of reaching the final which we were certainly capable of on our early season form. Thanks to the boys who filled in towards the end of the season allowing us to complete the competition.

However, there were still some highlights with a solid win recorded against Hawera and some good even games against Stratford. One of the highlights from my point of view was the boy's attitudes and their on the field behaviour which was a credit to the school and to their supporters.

Thanks to the parents for their support and help with transport. It was certainly appreciated by the coaches and myself. A special thanks to the Rugby Committee for their hard work.

Finally, all the best to the boys for their coming years of Rugby. I would, however, ask that some players think about what they are committing to when they enrol to play at the start of a season. It is a commitment to coaches, managers and fellow team members to turn up for practices and turn out every Saturday for the entire season.

Kevin Sharpe
Manager

Coaches: Grant Dunlop
Brian Thurlow
Glynn Danaher

Manager: Kevin Sharpe

Merit Awards:

Most Improved Player:	Barney Fitzpatrick
Most Consistent Player:	Andrew Sharpe
Best All Round Player:	Dwayne Hill
Encouragement Award	Aukuso Tuiletoa
Best Team Member:	Joseph Ngawini
3rd Form Most Dedicated Player Trophy:	Joseph Ngawini



3RD XV RUGBY

Brian Thurlow
Shane Williams, Damian Ngataierua (Capt.), Joseph Ngawini, Barney Fitzpatrick
Russell Watson, Shane Ries Shayman Pihama, David Hunia
Dwayne Hill, Andrew Sharpe, Zair Parkes
ABSENT: Johnny Ross, Lionel Haldane, Luke Leathers, Gareth Chivers, Philip Martin, Cameron Hughes



GIRLS RUGBY

Janine Howard, Jana Adlam, Rowena Howard, Abby Penman
Michelle Walker, Renee Penman, Carla Saville, Jamie West
ABSENT: Toni-Anne Kearvell

This is the second year Spotswood have had a Girls' Rugby team.

We played in a 7 aside tournament at the start of the season and then only 3 games throughout the rest of the season due to lack of organisation.

Hopefully, next season, there will be involvement from all schools in Taranaki, which would make a full season of Rugby possible. Everyone who stayed committed to our team learnt new skills and had fun.

Thanks to Steve and Leigh who coached us for the second year. Hope to see more new faces next year.

by Renee Penman

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The team of Garan and Blake Sinclair and Michael Steel went to Napier on the 18th and 19th of July for the Silva New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships. About 49 schools turned up with about 300 competitors.

The first day was the individual event on the Tangio East map with some pretty interesting features. Steep hills and even steeper gullies. Mainly it was easy running tracks, fences and some easy open fire breaks. There were some pretty annoying patches of thick unrunnable forest. All three of us were running the Junior Boys' Championship Grade (2.5km direct but we must have run about 4km up and down the hills). Garan was 3rd, Blake 18th and Michael did not finish due to an interesting choice to run the thick undergrowth and unrunnable forest instead of the track. We did pretty well, we thought, but the real test was tomorrow - the relays.

The next day broke to a nice cold, frosty morning and greeting us was a pretty interesting walk to the start area. The relays were run on the Seafield Rd map of forest with tall pines and some undergrowth. It turned out to be a lot steeper than yesterday. A total length of about 8km could prove interesting. Blake was 1st and did a time of 33 minutes, Michael in a time of 22 minutes and Garan 3rd in 21 minutes. We were the fastest and though put us first we were really worked up until they checked our clipcards and found we had forgotten to clip one control even though we had stood beside it. This meant that we were disqualified. We were gutted. All round it was a great time and maybe next year we will win.

The championships will be nearer New Plymouth next year in the July holiday (10 - 13th). Maybe more people would be interested in the competition as they also have a course for people who haven't Orienteered much.



Road Race

Andrew Pritchard, Logan James, Kerry Rea
Russell Laird, Jon-Paul Heather, James Robinson,
Craig Sharpe
Andrew Sharpe, Sally Morgan, Fiona McIntosh,
Melissa Green



Girls' Soccer

Mr N Davis (coach), Rebecca Russell, Amelia Gaffy, Sarah Hughes, Angela Thompson, Raneë Bibby, Aimee Preston, Salena McCracken, Tiana Kupe, Tessa Versteeg, Misty Donaldson, Aimee McDonald, Jodie Heath, Michelle Fuller



GIRLS SOCCER REPORT

My appointment as coach of the Spotswood College Girls' Soccer Team almost occurred by accident; in January, while playing for a Woodleigh mixed team at Moturoa, I was asked if I was interested in applying for the position. Having coached mens', womens' and junior teams in the past I approached the job with enthusiasm - here was a new challenge (little did I know)!

The initial must at school in February was promising; despite a lack of experienced players we had good numbers to begin the season with. Our initial training sessions concentrated on 'learning the basics' of the game; later in the season I introduced more advanced drills to challenge the players. Overall, the season progressed much as I expected, with the team becoming more and more competitive with each match, until our unforgettably impressive 7-1 defeat of NPGHS near the end of the season.

To complete our season we held a dinner at Pizza Hutt to present end-of-season Player Awards; these went to:
Misty Donaldson - Player of the Year
Angela Thompson - Most Consistent Player
Tessa Versteeg - Best and Fairest Player
Rebecca Russell - Most Improved Player

In summary, congratulations to all those who participated and supported us throughout the season and special thanks to Dot Andrews (for initiating and supporting the team), New Plymouth Rangers A.F.C. (for hosting the team) and team captain Angela Thompson (for her enthusiasm, even after the shoulder operation).

Nigel Davis, Team Coach



BOYS SOCCER

Jared Steel, Blair Cox, Jared Wilson, Heydon Bartlett, Matthew Coward, Joshua Morris, James Grieve (Capt.)
Jared McElhannan, Andrew Thomson, Brent Krutz
ABSENT: Philip Hood, Daniel Clarke, Redmond Hanlon



GIRLS' HOCKEY

Once again the Spotswood Girls' Hockey team ended up being rather large (seventeen players in total). With various sicknesses and occasional clashes with other school commitments we ended up with the right number of players for just about every game.

Having a team of mixed ages and abilities I can say was a bonus, even though we didn't win many games, we developed an outstanding team spirit that was never defeated.

We were also very fortunate to have Cleve Bloor coaching us again, he was the driving force behind it all. In conclusion I can safely say everyone enjoyed themselves which resulted in a memorable 1997 season.

Amy Bloor, Captain



GIRLS HOCKEY

Cleve Bloor (Coach), Rowena Howard, Amy Bloor, Philippa Berry, Meredith Bool, Janine Howard, Sandra Dix, Fiona McIntosh, Natalie Shanks, Emily Miller, Ronnie Painter, Sally Johns, Fiona Johns, Sharlene Turner
ABSENT: Jennifer Batten, Yvette Batten, Laureen Cooper



Boys Hockey

Chris Greenhill, Richard Berry, Jon Gaastra, Luke Keegan, Thor Gudjonsson, Brodie Dalton, Tim Biesick, Andrew Cotter, Peter Manu, Brendan Riddick, Redmond Hanlon, Dwayne Hill
Absent: Michael Nepia, Stephen Bedford,



SURF LIFE SAVING

Renee Penman, Michelle Walker

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Absent: Shaylee Morgan



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