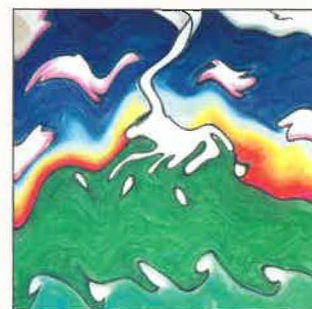
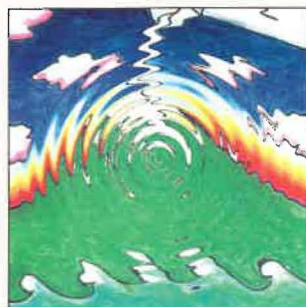
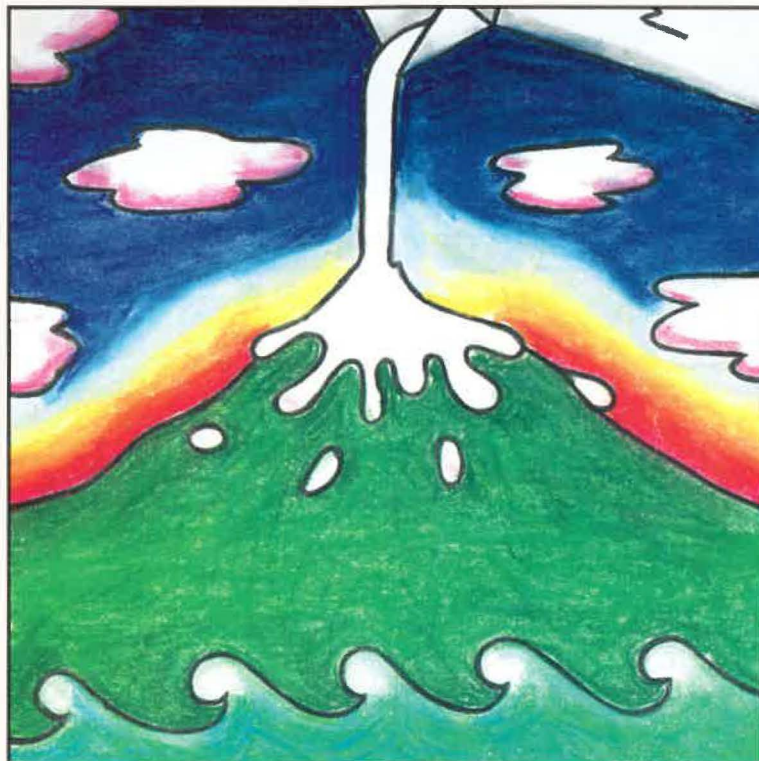


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SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 1996

SPECIAL AWARDS

DUX CUP - Jill Tippet

PROXIME ACCESSIT CUP - Sarah-Jane Thorstensen

ALTER EMERITUS CUP - Shannon Novak

R.S.A. - DR. GEORGE THOMPSON AWARD
Nancy de Bueger

EMILY CANNELL MEMORIAL CUP - Christine Egarr

BRUCE WALKER TROPHY FOR ENDEAVOUR
& LEADERSHIP Mark Rutherford

B.O.T. AWARD - Nancy de Bueger - Peter Coxhead

L.M. MOSS PRIZE and BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AWARD - Mark Rutherford

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE P.T.A. PRIZE and
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD - Gemma Perry

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AWARD - Lauren Winmill

SAINT CHADS SCHOLARSHIP - Sharon Thompson

MARJAN van PAASSEN AWARD - Nicola Bell

JOE GREENWOOD MEMORIAL PRIZE - Kylie Hale

SPECIAL SUBJECT AWARDS

HELEN J. BACON AWARD- Michelle Moore

HARRY M. BACON MEMORIAL PRIZE
- Hannah Brown

FAY LOONEY ARTS AWARD - Helen Gaston

DUYNHOVEN AWARD - Daniel Henry

NEW PLYMOUTH LITTLE THEATRE AWARD
- Lauren Winmill

EMO AWARD - Peter Coxhead

BANDBOOSTERS AWARD
Senior Award - Brent Howard
Intermediate Award - Rowena Howard

Kapa Haka Awards

Lead Kaea - Ataria Thompson
Senior Kaikaranga - Gloria Adams

Speech Awards

First in Senior Speech - Leanne Smith
First in Senior Maori Language Speeches
- Te Rina Tumahuki



ACADEMIC AWARDS FORM 7 PRIZE WINNERS

	FIRST IN SUBJECT
Litisha Jury	Accounting
Nicola Bell	Economics
Katharine Adam	Graphics & Design
Tirena Baird	Textiles
Aimee Muggeridge	Japanese
Michelle Cronin	1st = Physical Education
Carissa Sutherland	1st = Physical Education
Matthew Cruickshank	Computing
Karen Needham	Wordprocessing
Julie Alexander	Printmaking
Simon Hill	Mathematics with Calculus
Nancy Reed	First in 7B
Hannah Brown	Art History
Peter Coxhead	Music
Vanessa Piper	Transition Home Economics
Claire Franklin	Photography Painting
Nancy de Bueger	History English
Shannon Novak	Geography Classics
Jill Tippet	A & M Hutchinson Prize for first in Senior Biology Mathematics with Statistics Chemistry Physics

FORM 6 PRIZE WINNERS

FIRST IN SUBJECT

Jessica Vosseler) 1st = Journalism
Samantha Jolly) 1st = Daily News Literary Prize
Erin MacNeil	Geography
Taryn Lobb	In Focus Cup for Photography
Colin Charman	Computing
Joe Govier	Design Technology
Gloria Adams	Maori
Clayton Lines	Electronics
Phillip Rose	Graphics & Design
Matthew Mayhead	Horticulture
Julia Hobby	Home Economics
Shannon Jacob	Mathematics Applied II
Tracey Jacobsen	Textiles
Gina Harris	First in 6B
Katrina Bee	Transition
Adam El-Agez	Physical Education
Leanne Smith	Biology
James Robinson	Physics
Claire Shannon	Chemistry
David Fox	French
John Plunkett	Theatre Studies
Amelia Gaffy	Economics
Suzanne McCarthy	Mathematics - 1st =
Alison Beath	Mathematics) 1st = English) 1st = English) 1st = Practical Art
Samantha Laugesen	Practical Art
Maria Li	Japanese and Accounting
Inga Boyd	Art History and History
Angela Thompson	Wordprocessing Legal Studies



FORM 5 PRIZE WINNERS

FIRST IN SUBJECT

Anna Rutherford	French and the M J Hickey Trophy for Excellence in French
Emma Collie	Geography
Chaya Runciman	Transition
Ben Shaw	History
	Science - 1st =
Ben Gaastra	Science - 1st =
Amy Cruickshank	Accounting
Rowena Howard	Music
Courtney Lucas	Practical Art
Haydan Tompkins	Horticulture
Daniel Bloomfield	Mathematics Applied I
Te Rina Tumahuki	Maori
Kelly Mould	5B
Kelly Kelsen	Taranaki Science
Elizabeth Buttimore	Mathematics Spanish
Marie Tooman	Home Economics Textiles
Kate Hayward	Japanese Winner of the Margaret Hurley Prize for top student of English
Suzanne McCarthy	Economics Graphics & Design
Bridgette Wilson	Wordprocessing Workshop Technology & Scott Commercial Workshop Technology Cup



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SPECIAL SPORTS AWARDS



Co-Sportsperson of the Year
Michelle Cronin

1st XV Rugby Trophy - Best all round team member
Daniel Sinclair

Thomson Cup for Captain 1st XV Rugby plus
Spotswood United Rugby Club Miniature
Dean Avers

Tony Stuthridge Memorial for Most Conscientious
Rugby Team Member
Gareth Hill

Dwight Murfitt Trophy - for best and fairest player in
2nd XV Rugby
Robert Webber

Boys Indoor Basketball Player of the Year
Simon Bevington

Girls Indoor Basketball Player of the Year
Nicola Johnson

John Lucas Award for most improved Boys Hockey
Player
Bruce Gregory

D.V. Sutherland Prize for Endeavour in Cricket
John Gabites

Dow Elanco Cup for the Most Dedicated Girl
Cricketer
Rowena Howard

Brodie Cup for Most Improved Girls Volleyball Player
of the Year
Odessa Owens

Matthew Coleman Trophy for Senior Boys Volleyball
- Most Improved Player
Dion Cowley

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

Wilson Trophy - for Senior Girls Volleyball Player of
the Year
Sarah-Jane Thorstensen

L.J. Trophy for Senior Netball Player of the Year
Christine Egarr

John Lawton Memorial Cup for Boys Tennis
James Li

Lorraine Lovell Challenge Trophy for Girls Tennis
Eloise Pollard

The Spotswood College Sailing Cup for Leadership
Karla Hodges

John Bell Memorial Cup for Lifesaving
Michelle Cronin

"Spotswood College Premier Women's Soccer Award"
for team leadership and commitment,
donated by Gaylene Kendrick
Angela Thompson

"Lisa Roper Trophy" for desire to achieve in Women's
Soccer. The 1996 recipient is
Karla Hodges

"Trina Cowley Trophy" - for sporting excellence
Nicola Johnson

School Awards: Inter House Awards

Morine Cup in Athletics	Barrett
Faye Hill Cup in Netball	Darnell
The Chris Hamil Cup in Softball	Richmond and Darnell
Phil Gayton Cup in Volleyball	Atkinson and Richmond
Craigmyle Cup in Swimming	Atkinson
R & N Mong Cup in Basketball	Atkinson
Ballinger Cup in Cross Country	Atkinson
Honour Cup in Rugby	Atkinson
The Inter-House Shield	
is awarded this year to	Atkinson

SPORTING AWARDS

For Services to the School in the following sports:

- Netball	Jenny Tudor-Cole
	Christine Egarr
- Rugby	Dean Avers
	Daniel Sinclair
	Jay Miller
	Stephen Casey
- Girls Cricket	Kirstin Olsen
- Hockey	Andrew Bedford
- Equestrian	Jessica Goldsmith
	Christine Egarr
- Royal Lifesaving	Michelle Cronin
	Jessica Goldsmith
	Renee Penman
	Michelle Walker

For Services to Sport

Vaughn Crowther
Mark Rutherford
Christine Egarr
Kylie Hale
Jessica Goldsmith
Michelle Cronin
Carissa Sutherland
Nicola Johnson

For Services to the School in Coaching Basketball

Kylie Hale
Simon Bevington
Arana Jacobs
Nicola Johnson
Shannon Jacobs

For Services to the School in Coaching Volleyball

Mark Rutherford

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

Jenny Tudor-Cole

Championship Certificates in Athletics

Intermediate Girls	Michelle Walker 1st = with Alaina Crafar-McKee F4
Intermediate Boys	Joshua Williams
Senior Girls	Nicola Johnson
Senior Boys	Hemi Manukonga)1st Stephen Casey) =

Championship Certificates in Cross Country

Intermediate Girls	Daria Clark
Senior Girls	Nicola Johnson
Senior Boys	Stephen Casey
Ironperson - Female	Hayley Johns

Championship Certificates in Swimming

Intermediate Girls	Megan Riddock
Intermediate Boys	Julian Pitman
Senior Girls	Michelle Cronin
Senior Boys	Daniel Sinclair



Co-Sportsperson of the Year
Adam El-Agez

Merit in Athletics	
Intermediate Boys	Kerry Rea
Intermediate Girls	Fiona McIntosh
	Melissa Green
Senior Boys	Hemi Manukonga
	Aidan Hellyer
Senior Girls	Nicola Johnson
	Leanne Smith
Merit in Swimming	Michelle Cronin
Merit in Basketball	Brendon O'Keeffe
	Joshua Paurini

Excellence in Volleyball

Division II National Sec. School Tournament Team	Brendon Henchman
(Division II National Sec. School Tournament Team & Taranaki Senior Mens Volleyball Team)	Vaughn Crowther
	Adam El Agez
Taranaki Senior Mens Volleyball Team	Mark Rutherford
	Dion Cowley
	Brendon O'Keeffe
Taranaki Senior Womens Volleyball Team	Jane Aitken
	Sarah-Jane Thorstensen
	Odessa Owens
	Natasha Whiting
	Melissa Green
	Kate Hayward
	Michelle Thorstensen
Excellence in Hockey	Michael Streeter
Excellence in Badminton	James Li
	Kathy Hill
Excellence in Basketball	& Most Improved Player
	Megan Riddock
Excellence in Basketball	Sarah Greenbank

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

for the period ending 31 December 1996



Kia Ora,

It is with pleasure that I present this my 10th Annual report as Principal of Spotswood College.

The trend of an overall reduction in roll which has been impacting on our school over the past 4 years continued at a somewhat reduced rate this year. Our confirmed 1st March roll of 915 was 30 fewer than the 1995 figure and was a clear consequence of the smaller Form 3 intakes we have been experiencing in previous years. It was however pleasing to note that our Form 3 numbers did increase from a low of 177 in 1995 to 213 at the beginning of 1996. The demographics of the western suburbs of New Plymouth together with the low numbers in our main contributing schools have affected our roll and are expected to do so in the immediate future. The sudden rush of late enrolments at the beginning of the year did cause the school some serious problems. Option and core classes quickly rose to sometimes unacceptable maximums. Bigger numbers, together with the effects of a small number of unruly and undisciplined students, did have a significant impact on our school.

While internal processes to deal with these problems were strengthened and were partially successful, additional measures will still be needed to enable teachers and students to function effectively.

What has become very clear this year is that regardless of the initiatives taken by the school, success in modifying attitude and behaviour depend not only on clear statements of school expectation but also on a willingness of students to accept responsibility for their own actions. Only then and with the support of parents can we begin to effect significant change.

This year the school was subject to a formal review on the effectiveness of its policies and operations in providing appropriate education and developmental opportunities for its students. Three years ago the school underwent an Assurance Audit to measure the degree to which it was carrying out its statutory obligations to the Crown and the school community. After that successful audit and as a reward for satisfying the Review Office of its competency we were this year subjected to an Effectiveness Review. A team of four Review Officers spent approximately 3 weeks investigating our school and were able to identify a range of key areas for comment.

Many positive aspects of school operation were identified together with a number of helpful recommendations, which when addressed, should strengthen the schools ability to provide quality educational opportunities.

The Review Office commented most favourably on a number of areas including the operation of the Board of Trustees, the strengths in a number of curriculum areas, school plant and resources and "the opportunity for motivated students to experience success in a broad range of academic, social and sporting areas. Develop leadership skills. Prepare for life beyond school". Also given special praise was the effort which has gone into the design and refurbishing of buildings which are "pleasant, comfortable teaching environments, conducive to learning".

The Review Office also gave clear directions on areas for development which included the production of a more comprehensive data base of achievement for students; extending its policies on assessment and reporting; reviewing the effectiveness of teaching and professional development and training; involving staff in the review and development of policy and extending the range of teaching strategies particularly for unmotivated and disruptive students.

Overall I would say a successful exercise, one which will hopefully improve our school and our ability to deliver quality education. The concluding remarks of the Education Review Office perhaps best sums up the findings of the review.

"Spotswood College provides its students with many constructive learning opportunities. There are modern technological aids available to support student learning and most classrooms are pleasant and well maintained. Formal systems which enable teachers to demonstrate the difference they are making to student achievement are still being developed. Staff will also need to extend the range of their teaching styles and approaches to meet the needs of specific groups of students who have been identified as difficult to motivate".

Generally staffing at our school has remained very stable over the past 4 to 5 years however we did have a number of significant changes throughout the year.

Mr Gary Carnachan was appointed to the position of Manager of Teacher Support Services, part of the Palmerston North College of Education. We were sad to lose the services of this outstanding teacher, HOD Mathematics and supporter of the school. His successor Mrs Naomi Jonas is already making her mark and has successfully taken up the challenge of her promotion.

It was also very pleasing to learn of the appointment of Mr Bruce Bayly to the position of Assistant Principal at New Plymouth Boys High School after 8 years as HOD Commerce. His dedication and hard work will most certainly be missed.

After 25 years at Spotswood College Mr Charles Gill left to tackle new challenges in the History Department of Sacred Heart College. The dry laconic wit, his enthusiasm for history, and might I add fine wines, are part of the folk lore of our school.

Mr Gerard Clarke moved on promotion to HOD Science at Okato College after 10 valuable years at Spotswood College. In addition to his roll as Assistant HOD Science and Senior Chemistry teacher he was heavily involved in school cricket for many years.

It is also with great pleasure that we learnt of the appointment of Mr Chris Lynch to the position of Principal, Pompallier College, Whangarei. His hard work, dedication and loyalty to the school for the past 6 1/2 years will be sadly missed. We wish him well for the successful continuation of his career in education.

The appointment process for his replacement has begun so that we may expect the new Deputy Principal to be appointed and ready to start for the beginning of the 1997 school year.

Fortunately we have been successful in appointing highly qualified and enthusiastic young teachers as permanent replacements -

Mr Warick Foy - B.S.Sc, Dip Tchg, Social Sciences and Economics (from Term 4 1996)

Ms Meryn Kelly - BSc (Hons) Dip Tchg, Assistant HOD Science & Senior Chemistry (Term 1 1997)

Ms Heidi Cason, B.Sc; Higher Dip. Ed; Dip. Ed (Computing) Senior Maths and Computing (Term 1 1997)

Academic achievement in the 1995 external examinations was good with the overall School Certificate pass rate being 51% of all subjects taken while at the Bursary/Scholarship level 73% of students gained a C pass or better. 60% gained either an A or B Bursary and with 4 Scholarship winners the

results were good but not up to the exceptional high standard of 1994. While the standard of our academic success is pleasing I am always conscious of the need to remind both parents and students of the significance of the senior years at high school. External examinations are an important part of the N.Z. Education system and will remain that way in the foreseeable future. Success in both School Certificate and Bursary can most certainly open up many doors to further qualification and the prospect of high level employment. These exams are achievable.

There were many other outstanding achievements of our students during the year. Certainly one of the highlights being the 9 finalists from our school in the N.Z. Young Designers competition. With 5 individual place-getters including 1st placings to Amy McCandlish and Grant Mathews the school was well placed at the forefront of this competition.

Nancy de Bueger, our Deputy Head Girl, was awarded one of the 5 top Prizes in a National Essay competition sponsored by the Police and Disarmament Education Trust of the Department of Internal Affairs.

It is also wonderful to see the continued development and growth of our bands, our Kapa Haka and our various Drama and Debating participants. Some of these activities do not have the high profile of our sporting teams however the commitment and achievement of our students in these areas requires great commitment and play a significant part in the life of our school.

It would be impossible to acknowledge all the fine achievements of our sports teams or the individual sportsmen and women involved however a number of outstanding achievements are worthy of note and give some indication of the breadth of involvement of our students.

Michelle Cronin - 2 Bronze & Silver Medals, N.Z. Surf LifeSaving Champs

Michelle Walker, Jessica Goldsmith, Renee Penman, Michelle Cronin - Taranaki Royal Life Saving Champs

Michelle Walker, Jessica Goldsmith, Renee Penman - 1st N.Z. Womens Mass Rescue Competition

Craig Peters - Taranaki Cycling Time Trial Champ
Daniel Sinclair - Taranaki Rugby Sevens Squad, Taranaki Secondary Schools Rugby

Amy Laird - Broke Devon St Mile 1500 metre Walking record which had been unbroken for 10 years

Equestrian Team - Lydia Quay, Jessica Goldsmith, Jean Tompkins & Amy Laird - Taranaki Champs

Jean Tompkins - 1st N.Z. Junior Dressage Champion

Lydia Quay ~ 1st N.Z. Junior Dressage Champion and awarded the Most Promising Horse Combination Award

3rd N.Z. Beach Volleyball ~ Gareth Hill, Adam El-Agez, Dion Cowley & Brendan Henchman

Boys Basketball - 4th Form Team won Taranaki Champs

Karla Hodges - 2nd N.Z. Schoolgirls yachting championships

Stephen Casey - 1st N.Z. Micron Yachting champs

Our Yachting Team For the 12th consecutive year won the right to represent Taranaki at the New Zealand Secondary School Championships

The year in retrospect has certainly been most challenging, yet throughout the vast majority of students and teachers have remained focused and have supported the philosophy of our school. To all staff, Chris and Robyn, I thank them for their support, loyalty and dedication to the school.

To all who are leaving I wish you well for whatever the future may hold. Particular best wishes to our Form 7 students as they leave us after 5 years of secondary education. Many of you will be moving on to tertiary education. I am confident that for the majority a great journey into the world of higher education has just begun. As future leaders of our society I am confident we are in good hands.

Good luck

Tena Koutou, tena koutou, kia ora Koutou katoa

Barry Finch

PRINCIPAL



Mr Lynch

MR LYNCH

After six years as a staff member at Spotswood College, Mr Lynch is moving on to Whangarei, where he is to become the new Principal at Pompallier College.

Pompallier College is a co-Ed school, with six hundred and thirty students.

Mr Lynch has held three positions at Spotswood College over six years - Deputy Principal, Associate Principal and Assistant Principal - along with teaching English. Before this he held many other positions. For four years, prior to Spotswood, he was the Head of the English Department and the Principal's Associate at Tikipunga High School - a co-Ed school in Whangarei. He has also held the position of the Assistant Head of the English Department at Whangarei Boys High School. He gained a lot of experience earlier as an assistant teacher at four other schools; Palmerston North Boys High, Ross Intermediate (Palmerston North), Putaruru Intermediate and Hirangi Primary (Turangi).

Mr Lynch enjoyed his experiences at Spotswood College very much. This is due to many factors, including the excellent support of the Board of Trustees and Mr Finch, and the collegial support of all of the staff.

Mr Lynch took great joy in celebrating the successes of many students, in a wide range of academic and extra-curricular activities. He found that "the breadth of involvement of students is wider than any other school I've been at."

Mr Lynch and his wife, Jill, have two children - Braden (11) and Alissa (9), who were attending Woodleigh Primary School. Jill was also involved in Spotswood College, where she worked as the transition secretary. She also ran the careers corner in the library, and was very helpful at putting many students on the right track for prospective careers.

Mr Lynch enjoys many outdoor sports, and family pursuits. Golf is one of his many interests which he shared with students. His involvement in organising the school golf team was greatly appreciated, and will be missed.

Hunting, clay target shooting and fishing are just a few of the many other interests of Mr Lynch. His love for the outdoors is made even more evident when he speaks of TOPEC - a worthwhile course, which he took great pleasure in being a part of.

Mr Lynch was a great teacher, dean and leader, and will be sadly missed by staff and students alike.

STAFF NOTES

1996 saw some changes in staff at Spotswood College. Gone were the "Young Turks" among us, Garry Carnahan and Bruce Bayly. Garry as Manager Teacher Support Services and Bruce to a promotion as Senior Master at New Plymouth Boys' High School. Also departed were Sarah Rendall and John (the hedge) Hawkins. No longer will we have Sarah's dulcet tones exhorting us to greater heights (and speeds) Around the Mountain. And we shall certainly miss John's sense of humour, and of course, Wanda! They are both travelling overseas this year.

New faces to join the staff were Roger Richards (Maths) and Carolyn Fraser (relieving in the Maths Department) and Jill Lynch as Transition Assistant. Jill Burge took over the 7th Form Economics class. We welcomed back Corinna Finch to Special Education, and Kyle Gilmore back from his time with Teacher Support Services.



Term I was approached with enthusiasm - something to do with restful holidays and it being the summer term - and we were soon well into the term. Further changes were to take place though. Carolyn Fraser left to take up a position at New Plymouth Girls' High School and was replaced by Chantel Hewitt, while Charles Gill went across to Sacred Heart. Odessa Holmes has replaced Charles until the end of the year.

Another staff member to find pastures greener was Gerard Clark. Gerard has gone to Okato College as Head of Science and has been replaced by Brian Coulthard.



Adele Brooker left on 4 April but returned in Term II as Adele Prince. Best wishes to both you and Cambell, Adele. Wedding Bells, or rather the bagpipes, were played as well for Kristin Abel. Kris had been a member of the Home Economics Department. She is now living in Cairns and chose a romantic wedding in Mackay. Among the guests were Robyn Moran and Dot Thomas.

Maureen Forsythe (Assistant Sports Fit Co-ordinator), also left during the year. She has been replaced by ex-Head Boy, Regan Avery. Welcome back Regan.

Another person who is no longer with us is Judy Munro - School Nurse, photocopy lady, lost property - you name it, she was it. We very much miss Judy's sense of humour and her excellent knowledge of the school. We know she is enjoying her retirement, especially her grandchildren, her garden and her overseas trip.





Travelling overseas seems to be a professional habit - or is it just to escape the New Plymouth rain. Anyway, the Coopers, the Wards, the Thomases, the Beggs and the Domneys, were among some to decide that Oz for a week or two was better than the rain, while the Lynches escaped to Fiji.

It has been a quiet year socially for the staff, though the 1995 Dress-up End of Year Dinner was enjoyed by all - under the watchful eye of Brother Finch and



News from far off places, namely Tanzania, comes from Gaylene Kendrick. Gaylene taught history and Social Studies at Spotswood, leaving at the end of 1994. Now she is growing beans and corn, carrying water, and teaching English at Dongabesh, in between chasing away the goats who come to eat her garden.

Spotswood wouldn't function without our wonderful band of relievers, in particular Terri-Lee Farr, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Annette Larsen and Rosemary Gould. Thanks also Anne Taunga and Suzanne Blackwell who stepped in to cover long-term for teacher-illness. We really do appreciate you all.

As the school year draws to a close, we have the 1996 End of Year Dinner to look forward to, and of course Secret Santas. We will also farewell Odessa who leaves to return to Auckland. She will be replaced by Warwick Foy in Social Sciences, Meren Kelly will join us as PRI Chemistry and Science, while Malcolm McGregor has decided to take a break from teaching. An overseas trip of the extended kind is on the 1997 calender for Dennis Ingram. Dennis is on a teacher-exchange to Britain and will be teaching at Eastleigh, 10 miles south of Winchester. He will be replaced by Ian Squire.

We congratulate Sarah and Jacques Tuz on the birth of their lovely daughter, Nadia.

Enjoy your holidays team, and return safe, well and relaxed - ready for another year.



ROSS DAVID JOHN GOLDFINCH

"Fish"

At the end of November 1990, Ross Goldfinch began feeling sick. He had pounding headaches and became very thirsty and tired. In January 1991, Ross was diagnosed with having leukaemia in his bone marrow.

After the diagnosis everyone was in total shock. Ross never believed that a fit healthy boy like himself would ever become ill. He never showed his fear and took his treatment "like a man". He believed that if he did exactly what the doctors told him, he would get better.

Throughout his illness, Ross kept up his schooling always striving to achieve. When he had to wear a patch over his eye because of a tumour, he told everyone that it was only an eye infection. He would not allow his illness to bring other people down. In 1994 Ross left hospital where he was being treated for pneumonia to attend the Spotswood College school ball. He had to be back in hospital by 8 o'clock the next morning, that was the sort of person he was. Ross was determined to beat the leukaemia and live his life to the fullest.

Ross was a talented, capable, pleasant, enthusiastic and caring student. He had an amazing desire to achieve. Nothing was too difficult. Ross was driven by his illness. It drove him to put one hundred percent effort into all he did. Just shortly before he passed away, Ross was awarded a compassionate bursary pass in four out of five subjects, allowing him University Entrance.

When he was diagnosed with leukaemia, CANTEEN members approached Ross and explained to him about the meetings and the support they provided for teenage cancer sufferers.



At first Ross was just a member but as he became more involved, he realised that the CANTEEN organisation in Taranaki was not very strong and so he helped it to get under way. Ross was one of the initial founders and was soon elected the organisation's Taranaki President.

Ross was very sporty being a keen cricketer and volleyball player. He loved fishing hence his great love for the sea. He was also an enthusiastic and talented photographer. As a keen sportsman playing rugby, soccer, volleyball and cricket, in which he represented Taranaki in the Under 14's, Ross was a model of fair play and never disputed decisions. He was well-liked by his team members. Dion Cowley remembers pranks Ross used to play on them while on school trips "At the Tauranga volleyball nationals, in the middle of the night, he would sneak across the room and I could see Ross's silhouette against the window as he sneaked across the room".

Ross's idols Danny Morrison and Chris Cairns were born out of his great love for cricket. When asked what he wanted to do, Ross would stand up and loudly announce, "Play cricket for New Zealand." Ross prided himself that his fast-paced bowling would one day out-do Danny Morrison's. At the end of the cricket season in March 1991, a surprise meeting was set up for Ross by a friend, Pat Grenville from the Child Cancer Foundation. Ross waited in the lobby unaware of what was to happen. A car with 'New Zealand Cricket Team' printed on the side pulled up and out stepped Danny Morrison. Ross who always kept his cool, acted as if he had known Danny all his life by his casual greeting, "Oh Danny, how are ya?" The two of them talked for about half an hour and quickly formed a strong friendship. It became first and foremost in Ross's mind to overcome the leukaemia and play cricket for New Zealand.

The Transplant Games which are similar to the Olympics are held every two years. Ross participated in the 1995 games held in Manchester. There were 1200 competitors from all over the world. Despite doctors telling him not to go due to his poor health, Ross went and gained a fourth place in swimming. He returned to New Zealand feeling at least fifty percent better. Ross was able to do anything he chose and he excelled at everything he put his mind to.

Ross David John Goldfinch was blessed onto this earth at three minutes to five on the morning of 11 November 1976. For five years this intelligent, sporty and very courageous Kiwi fought a battle against leukaemia which he tragically lost at only 19 years of age on 30 January 1996.

This was a great loss to all who knew Ross but we can take comfort from the memory that Ross certainly lived up to his favourite saying, "We're here for a good time, not a long time."

SCHOOL DIARY

1996



January TERM 1

29 SCHOOL'S IN

February

- 3 Jazz Band play in the rain at Pukekura Park
- 6 Waitangi Day - a holiday
TSSA Yachting Regatta
- 7 Spotswood V Inglewood - cricket match
- 8 Athletic/swimming sports
- 12 Surf's up! - TSSA Surfing
- 13 Day 2 Athletics and Swimming Sports
- 16 Athletics Sports - finals and relays
- 20 TSSA Girls Tennis Competitions
- 22 TSSA Boys Tennis Competitions
- 23 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
- 26 Stress Management begins for 4
- 27 TSSA Swimming Sports
- 29 Massey Liaison officer in school

March

- 3 Senior Touch Competition
- 4 6th PE at Topec
- 5 Blood Donor Day
- 8 Senior Interim Reports home
- 10 TSSA Triathlon
- 11 TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY
- 14 St Valentine's Day
- 15 Form 3/4 Interim Reports home
- 16 TSSA Athletics sports
- 20 Form 3 Parent Interviews
- 25 Senior girls & boys volleyball in Christchurch all week
School yachting team away all week
- 27 Stratford summer sports exchange
Junior National Bank maths competition



April

- 1 Japanese Students at school
- 2 4th English students to Sense and Sensibility
- 3 TSSA Music Festival
- 4 HOLIDAYS!

TERM 2

- 20/21 Te Kura Club 35th Anniversary Celebrations
- 23 TSSA Senior Volleyball
Social studies course
- 25 ANZAC DAY

May

- 1 NZ Badminton team in town to coach our players
- 3 Form 5 History visit to Pukerangiora Pa
- 4 TSSA Equestrian O.D.E
- 5 TSSA Girls rugby competition
- 6 Asthma awareness performances for form 3
- 7 Asthma week begins
- 9 Shakespeare festival in college Hall
- 10 School cross country
- 14 Australian maths competition



June

- 3 Queens Birthday Weekend
- 5 Senior exams
Spanish adviser in school
- 9 TSSA Senior Basketball
- 10 3u Band play at Centre City/ 7pm
Smoke free TSSA choir festival
- 12 Excel performing arts group in school
- 18 Junior sports exchange V Hawera
- 24 4th band play at Centre City
- 25 PTA Fashion Parade
Poetry jam
- 26 Senior options evening
- 28 7th form to Victoria orientation day
End of Term 2

July

TERM 3

- 14 Form 7 at OPC
- 15 Ski time this week - snow willing
Careers fortnight begins
- 17 Senior parent interviews
- 19 TSSA Badminton
- 22 Shakespeare performance
- 24 TSSA Gymnastic competitions
- 27 Battle of the Bands
- 29 Japanese students in school
- 30 Fraser Exchange - We whipped them!
School social
Goff Richards tutors in music
Westpac maths competition

August

- 1 Lincoln University
- 2 Concert Band to Palmerston North for Festival
- 5 Volleyball Girls at Smoke Free Presentation
- 7 Open evening
- 9 Enrolment at Devon
- 10 School ball
- 11 TSSA Cycling competitions
- 13 Vampires at school - more blood donations
- 15 Physics Flight Display
- 16 TSSA Maori Culture Festival - Hawera
- 20 Massey Orientation Trip
- 21 Careers afternoon
- 22 Massey Liaison Officer visit
- 23 1st XV begin successful South Island Tour
- 24 Kapa Haka at Opunake Cultural Festival
- 26 TSB Topec camp
Volleyball nationals
- 27 7th History trip to Auckland
- 30 Daffodil Day
3Y economics to NP golf course
Otago Liaison Officer visits

September

- 2 Correspondence exams
Junior speech finals
- 3 Taranaki Speech and Drama festival
- 9 North Island ski champs
5 geography to Windy Glen Farm
- 10 Good Vibrations concert for the elderly
- 12 Science fair
5th Boys motivation course
- 13 Science fair quiz

October

TERM 4

- 7 Term begins
Topec camp
- 9 Senior exams begin
- 10 Social studies teachers on a course
- 12 TSSA Rugby League competitions
- 24 TSSA Junior Volleyball competitions
- 27 TSSA Touch
- 28 Labour Day
- 29 Good Vibrations Concert - Musical Happening of the Year
- 30 SC art folios being assembled in the hall

November

- 4 Special needs camp at Everett Park
- 14 Senior Prizegiving
- 21 SC and UB begin
- 28 Printing and Painting folios being assembled in hall

December

- 3 Senior leavers day
- 5 Junior activities week - 3 days
- 11 It's all over! Phew!



STUDENT NOTES

HEAD BOY'S REPORT

Being Head Boy for 1996 was a privilege and an honour, but I think more than anything it was a challenge. Looking back now it seems there never really was a dull moment. Attending often long board of trustees meetings, I surprised even myself by actually finding them interesting and most of the talk wasn't going "whoosh!" straight over my head.

Some of the more enjoyable tasks I undertook this year were attending powhiri, speaking on behalf of the students, being house leader (Atkinson), taking part in school socials and modelling in the school fashion parade; where I was the only guy who managed to walk to the end of the catwalk, smile convincingly, get back behind stage, only to discover my fly was down the whole time. (Don't you hate that!)

Peer support was something which also caught my eye. Confronted with the task of taking a group of new (3rd form) students out to play games and talk, which I think the senior students had more fun doing on their two day training. (Games such as 'run the gauntlet', 'the fire engine' and 'the G.R.U.G.' come to mind...).

So I'd now like to take the opportunity to thank a few people. Firstly, to all the teachers, especially Mrs Cooper (the form teacher with attitude) and Mr Gayton (Mr Volleyball himself) for all their support and encouragement over the years. Thanks to Gemma, Peter and Nancy, it was a pleasure having you guys at my side. To all my friends, you are the ones who believed in me, you won't be forgotten. To all the smiling friendly students of Spotswood College, all the best for the future.

Mark Rutherford



HEAD GIRL'S REPORT

I will always remember the feeling of anticipation sitting in assembly at the beginning of the year waiting for Mr Finch to announce this year's Prefects. This year was unique in that announcements were made at a Full Assembly. No applicants had been given prior notice as to what position they had been successful in achieving.

The impact of hearing Mr Finch announce "... This year's Head Girl for Spotswood College is Gemma Perry" Just blew me away.

Chairing the Junior and Senior Councils as well as the College Council of Prefects has been challenging at times, but on most occasions outcomes were finalised in an amicable fashion.

I always thought that one of the bonuses of being Head Girl was free invitations to other Secondary School Balls in Taranaki. Mum thinks otherwise \$\$\$, but never the less they were all great fun - Spotswood College Ball taking the cake.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who worked with me and gave me support throughout the year:

Mark, my fellow head prefect, a big "Thank you", you have been really supportive and I have really appreciated all the help you have given me this year. Thanks also to Nancy and Pete and all the other prefects. I feel confident that we made a pretty good team.

Ms Moran, I can't thank you enough for being there when I have needed someone to talk to, you have been really helpful and supportive.

Thanks also Mr Lynch your assistance has been valued, and a very sincere thank you to our principal Mr Finch, your door has always been open for guidance and friendship.

Gemma Perry

BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Its the end of another year, and for me and many other 7th formers it's also the end of being part of the school life, and experiences of Spotswood College.

When I reflect over the year I see 1996 as being one of my most memorable years, being given the opportunity and honour of representing the students on the Board of Trustees. Though its been a very busy and somewhat hectic year, it has also been an enjoyable learning experience, I have become more aware of the responsibilities of the board members in their job of presenting and discussing problems, and solutions for good leadership, effective management and helping to ensure satisfied students, parents and teachers.

During the year I went to several council meetings to discuss and become aware of the main concerns of the students, but straight away it became clear the main issue was the removal of the "Coke" from the canteen, that was turning into a fully fledged crisis. During the year one very important issue was brought up by parents, teachers and students, that many students of Spotswood College lacked pride in themselves and their school. Through talking to the students it was decided a human mascot in the form of a lion should be made to raise morale by attending sports games and school functions, thanks to the textile department and funds from the school this project should be finished by the start of '97.

The negotiations for the renovation of T Block were a main issue because of the Board had a visit from Roger Maxwell, hopefully there will be a positive result.

To end my report I would like to thank all of the Board members, teachers and students who supported me throughout the year.

To all students good luck for the future, and get out there and make a change.

Laurren Winmill

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

This year's committee was an eclectic group of idealistic enthusiastic young individuals, and although we were few in number the amount of noise made by each individual more than compensated. What can I really say? We worked hard, and hope we brought you an interesting magazine. Have a good 1997 - Michael, Vaughn, David, Ellen, Talia, Katharine, Litisha and Dana - not to forget the toil put in by Ms Moran and Mr Crawford, and the hours and hours of word processing and proof-reading undertaken by Mrs Gaze's 6th (and some 5th) form students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Junior and Senior councils are comprised of representatives from each form class in the school. These representatives bring ideas and concerns once a month to the council meetings where they are listened to and discussed by the deputy and head-prefects.

The issues that were brought up this year have ranged from Coke in the canteen, to priorities in the school's strategic plan. Most of the concerns were related directly to the students welfare and facilities available.

The major concerns were the uniforms, the school's code of ethics, ie traditional vs modern and the quality of teachers. These were then taken to the Board of Trustees Meetings and discussed further.

All four of us found it a challenge to take into account everybody opinions taking only practical suggestions to the board. It is pleasing to note that so many students have such a positive vision for the future of Spotswood College.



HI EVERYONE!

My name is Maija Keinanen. I'm a 17 year old YFU - exchange student from Finland. I come from Espoo, which is the second biggest city in the whole country and it's situated on the southern coast of Finland, right next to the capital, Helsinki.

I came here in January, from the coldest winter in years, (down to 30C) straight into the middle of NZ's summer. On my first day I was too tired to understand the big change that had just happened to me, but on my second day reality really did hit me: "Oh my God, I'm on the other side of the world, alone."

Well, I really have to admit that I'm everything except alone. I've made heaps of new friends and of course, I have my wonderful host-family.

I've been travelling in both the North and South Islands, seen and done heaps of things (and spent a lot of money).

I've got used to NZ things, like: driving on the left-hand side of the road, strong winds and endless rain (does it ever stop?). But I probably won't get used to the thought of packing my bags and leaving this wonderful country around the New Year.

I'd like to say thanks to everybody for making this year the best year of my life and an unforgettable experience.

Maija



EXCHANGE FROM JAPAN

Kon ni chi wa (Hello in Japanese)

I'm Kenzo Veyama, a YFU exchange student from Kobe, Japan. You remember Kobe - we had a BIG earthquake on the 17th January in 1995. I think you know about it. Anyway, I'm talking about my life in New Zealand now. I've been staying in New Plymouth since I touched down here on the 16th January.



When I came to New Zealand (this is my first visit to New Zealand), I was really surprised at such a beautiful and clean country. I could feel the air was different; it was so fresh.

In the first few weeks, I couldn't believe that I would be here for a year. I just felt I was here for sightseeing, so I went to visit places like the mountain, lakes, beach, etc and took many pictures.

But when school started I realised I came here to study English and a different culture.

In the first few months, I couldn't speak English properly and I couldn't understand what you were saying either, so I felt alone sometimes.

Many times, I wondered if I could make friends or not.

However, soon things were getting better. My host family and people I met here have been really kind to me. I hope I haven't forgotten to say thanks to any of them.

Now, I think I'm a real KIWI and I'm proud of it. When the Olympic games were on, I was cheering the New Zealanders more than the Japanese players, and I've found that New Zealand is a great country.

I'm really glad that I could come here to meet all of you.

Can I suggest something to you?

If you have a time when you are doing nothing, why don't you travel the world? I know it costs a lot but I'm sure you can experience something different. It must be valuable.

Finally, I want to say one thing to all of you.

"Thank you very much for letting me have a wonderful experience in New Zealand."

I'm writing this from the bottom of my heart. Thank you.

6th September '96
A little Japanese boy
Kenzo

YOUTH EXCHANGE

When most people my age were worried most about school certificate results, surf, weather and summertime jobs I had other things to consider. I was packing a year of my life into two suitcases; not to weigh more than 64 kg, to leave of a land of no friends, family, familiarity, a land of the worlds' most grammatically difficult language. The night before I left I woke in a cold sweat pondering my own sanity "Why am I doing this? Am I nuts?" Maybe. After three months in my host country, three months understanding little, falling on ice, darkness and only two sightings of the sun, I was beginning to believe that I had been utterly crazy to leave the mild and familiar shores. Time passed and the sun come out; ventured with the land friendly rotarians and exchange students to visit St Petersburg and Europe, travelled to North Finland to go skiing with my host family; I learned to love spending time in a hot, steamy little room called a sauna, and started to understand a language that sounded like people saying gobbledegooky repeatedly. Having come back from Europe I spent my long summer days soaking up midnight sun in the islands off my host city, and come the end of summer I was forced to once again pack up my life into bags - now significantly more than 64 kg and move from the family where I had been affectionately called tyto - the only daughter, to my second host family. I soon settled and was back to school - now a five minute walk instead of half hour busride, and studying from the inside the youth culture of Finland along with art history, philosophy, Russian psychology and phys-ed. In the golden cracker days of autumn I ventured north of the arctic circle with the Turkey friends of Nature group for my favourite trip, camping tramping over rivers, lakes and mountain ranges, seeing northern lights even wishing to Finnish hill god.

I even saw Norway, the only border country I didn't visit. Back in Turkey with winter coming, voraciously cursing the idea that snow might fall, I had fallen in love with my host country. Silly me, I was wrong again about the snow - when it fell it was absolutely magical and after an initial teething period (melt-thaw-melt-thaw) the snow and its joys, skating, crosscountry skiing and brilliance of the four hour days reflected off the snow. By this time I was a full time Finnish speaker and had decided I would go and hide out in Lapland, bail from the Christmas trip so I did not have to come back to this still mild but now alien land. Food and tradition ensconced, Christmas was amazing with a visit to a candlelit ceremony, almonds in porridge and santa knocking on the door. Too soon the youth time of New Years came and went and after my first and last walk on my citys river and hugs goodbye at 4am on a frozen doorstep I had to go. Just before I was forced let go and leave, my host mother put a piece of traditional Finnish jewellery with a globe shaped pendant around my neck. She said to me "Maailam on niin pieni tuiet had kohta takaisin" - The world is so small (as the pendant) that you will be back very soon." I loved it; I hope so

Dana McKay
Rotary Youth Exchange
New Zealand - Finland 1996



PUPIL NEWS

As usual, many Spotswood students have been involved in a myriad of activities, academic, sporting and cultural. We report some of these successes here.

Congratulations to:

Nancy de Bueger	for her prize winning essay for the Disarmament Competition.
Miranda Short	who with her partner, Tane Maxwell, came 2nd in the New Zealand Junior Rock 'n' Roll Championships
Barney Fitzpatrick	2nd in Form three Methanex Maths Quiz.
Scott Hodges	
Jason Rich	
Claire Charteris	

Young Designers:	Award Winners in 1996 Smoke Free Young Designers
Amy McCandlish	1st in Futuristic Leisure Wear 3rd in Fashion Design Trendsetters
Grant Matthews	1st in Individual, Marketing Design and 1st Overall, Outstanding Junior
Amy Laird	3rd in Futuristic Leisure Wear
Marie Tooman	3rd in Cultural Design
Katharine Adam	Finalist in the Telecom Art Awards



Sporting Achievements:

Shane Krutz for winning gold and silver medals at the New Zealand Wrestling Championships

Barney Fitzpatrick
Amy Laird for winning the Under 16 section of the Devon Mile

Pani Falaniko
Vaughn Crowther
Daniel Sinclair selected as Taranaki Secondary Schools Rugby Representatives to play against New South Wales and Tokyo High Schools

Daniel Spittal
Joe Govier
Sam Coxhead
Brendan Riddock
Melanie Hansen
Kathryn Greaney
April Pitman selected for the Under 16 Rugby Team

Melinda Clark selected for Under 15 Boys Taranaki Hockey Team

Leon Valentine selected for the Under 19 Taranaki Womens Soccer Team

Nicky Cox 2nd in Under 14 Grade at Taranaki Open Gymnastics Competition. She also won all her events in the Under 14 Grade at the Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in Wellington

Andrew Thomson
Russell Laird 3rd in the Open Grade at Taranaki Gymnastics Competition

Sonia Whitmore
Dion Mathys 2nd in 54 kg class in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Weightlifting Championships

Mark Rutherford
Vaughn Crowther
Adam El Agez
Dion Cowley
Brendan O'Keefe
Jane Aitken
Sarah- Jane Thorstensen
Michelle Thorstensen
Odessa Owens
Natasha Whiting
Melissa Green
Kate Hayward 1st in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Individuals Championships

selected to represent Taranaki in their age group in the National Soccer Tournament

represented New Zealand in the Australian Trans-Tasman Championships for Tae Kwon Do in New South Wales. Sonia was 1st in the Girls Black Belt and Dion was 1st in the Boys Blue Belt

all Taranaki Volleyball Representatives



Daniel Fanthorpe
Gareth Robinson
Taryn Lobb
Michelle Cronin

all represented Taranaki at the Scholastics Secondary School Team in Westport

won a silver in the 6 man final, bronze in the 4 man final and bronze in the Under 19 Board Relay at the National Surf Life-saving Championships at Oakura



Amy Laird

Chris Copelan

Stephen Casey

Jessica Goldsmith
Renee Penman
Michelle Walker

represented Taranaki at the North Island Athletic Championships. Amy competed in the 3,000 m walk. She also broke the Taranaki record for the 1,500 m walk

won the New Zealand Micron Event in Yachting

1st place in the New Zealand Womens Mass Rescue Competition



Daria Clark

Christine Egarr

Inga Boyd
Kirsten Olsen
Hayley O'Keefe
Toni-Ann Kearvell
Aisha Niwa
Michelle Walker

selected for Under 17 New Plymouth Netball Team

selected for the New Zealand I.R.B. Development Squad

all selected for the Taranaki Secondary Schools Rugby Team which played as the curtain-raiser for the Taranaki Horowhenua Rugby match



Karla Hodges

Ricky Fox

Michelle Fuller
Joanna Demetriou

2nd in the New Zealand Girls Yachting Regatta

selected for the New Plymouth Junior Roller-Hockey Team that won the New Zealand Championships

qualified for the National Roller-Skating Championships to be held in January 1997



Daniel Sinclair
Robert Webber

selected for the Taranaki Senior Mens Rugby Sevens Squad

1st in the 1,000 and 2,000 metres and 3rd in the 500 m at the Taranaki Under 19 Rowing Championships

Congratulations to all well done !!

😊

Congratulations to Kylie Hale for her prize-winning entry for the Logo Competition for the Safer Community

Won \$200 for herself.

😊

Congratulations to Cameron Lucas for his John Gibson Scholarship which will supply all his texts for his tertiary education.

SCIENCE FAIR

Leanne Mancer	1st	3rd/4th	Journalism
Katie Bool	2nd		Senior Photographs

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION WINNERS

Form 3

Stephen Meihana	Credit
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Form 4

Timothy Bedford	Prize (Top 99% outstanding)
Emily Miller	Distinction
Thor Gudjonsson	Distinction

Form 5

Ben Gaastra	High Distinction
Suzanne McCarthy	Distinction
Timothy Biesiek	Credit
Ryan Cooper	Credit
Melissa Green	Credit
Elizabeth Buttimore	Credit

Form 6

David Mill	Distinction
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Form 7

Russell Maunder	Credit
Dana McKay	Credit
David Collins	Credit

SCHOOL EVENTS

SENIOR DEBATING

Spotswood again played host to the Taranaki schools who came to debate, speak and perform in a Festival of Words on 23 October. The English Department organised the day and lots of Spotswood students took part, either competing, as helpers, or audience.

Some outstanding results were achieved:

Leanne Smith came first equal in Senior Prepared Speech

Jared Wilson came second in Junior Prepared Speech

Tukaha Davis came second in Junior Speech in Maori

A clean sweep was recorded in debating with the Senior and two Junior teams winning well. It's great to see how debating is on the move, so if you're in any way interested, join up in 1997!

Next year's festival probably won't be at Spotswood so it's time to give a thought to all those people who have helped us to stage successful festivals over the last two years. Mr Greenhill and Ms Stallard have worked wonders in the Speech section, Mrs Pirikahu has taken care of the speeches in Maori, Mr Chivers in Drama, Mr Gilmore, Ms Moran and Mr Crawford in Debating. Front-of-house organisation, where the enthusiastic and courteous face of Spotswood was shown, has been the domain of Mrs Charteris and her army of helpers from 4G and 4E. To everyone who took part in these wonderful occasions, thanks heaps. We did well!

Mr Crawford,
Festival Committee

Form 3 Debating

Andrew Cotter, April Pitman
Absent: Robert Angell



FORM THREE DEBATING

A very keen group of students volunteered for the annual Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival Junior Debate. From the volunteers, April Pitman, Chris Hobby and Robert Angell were selected to debate against Sacret Heart, the moot being "That school days are the best days of our lives." Spotswood took the negative, with the theme that 'though school days may be good days, they are merely a spring-board for better things to come'.

The team debated well and were successful with April Pitman adjudged best speaker. We look forward to hearing more of them in the future.

TARANAKI SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL 1996

"INTERJECTION!" The Spotswood College senior debating team (chameleon that it was) had two debates this year, the first against NPHGS in our own Library. The moot: 'Girls make better students than boys', Spotswood arguing in the affirmative. Ana, Hannah and Dana (isn't that phonetic?) fought bravely and well, but suffered heinous injuries from the feline claws of the Girls' High team (dubbed Jasmine, Troll and Horse by the audience) and were unable to pull off any kind of victory.

A few months later came the Speech and Drama Festival, and Spotswood were pitted against the Inglewood High School team. The moot: 'television is a mirror in which we see ourselves,' - Spotswood arguing in the negative. Hannah and Ana were unfortunately otherwise committed, so Ellen Somerton and Shannon Novak stepped up to fill the gaps. Dana flatly refused the lead position this time saying 'I want to rip up the opposition.' We did have one minor panic concerning an art history exam, causing us to take on Katharine Adam as a reserve, but no fear, we all made it on the day. Theirs was bigger than ours (we're talking dictionaries here) so, in order to regain the 'intimidation advantage' we had singalongs, gargling, Peter Andre impersonations, cries of 'Go Ricki' and the admonition 'Yes, homosexuals actually do have sex!' Pushed on by the sugar rush from our candy consumption in the English resource room (we were only there in theory!), we thoroughly amused our audience and adjudicator, and despite a well-organised and prepared debate by the Inglewood team, we squeaked in with a win. Thanks to all our supporters (especially the ones with good ideas before the debate!) and all the debaters, and especially to our coach Mr 'Slimbodies' Gilmore.



Senior Debating

Shannon Novak, Dana McKay, Ellen Somerton, Katharine Adam, Hannah Brown, Ana Hislop



Form 4 Debating

Maria Priestley, Jared Wilson, Jean Tompkins



1996 Speech and Drama Festival Speech Winners

Jared Wilson, Junior; Leanne Smith, Senior

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KAPA HAKA

This year Te Kura Tuarua O Ngamotu Kapa Haua Group has had a successful year; having a tutor come in at the beginning of the year. His name was Lionel Skipper, and he was a great help. Lionel came from the well known Waitara Culture Group. This year we had a few trips and live-ins, going to Hawera for a non competition performance was a highlight for me. Lionel designed a new programme for us; and having a new tutor and programme our group expanded from twenty to the thirty or forty members we have

today. The Culture Group has done a few Powhiri for the school sports teams and other events; and during the year the Culture Group has been fundraising for the future. We would like to thank our tutor Lionel Skipper for all his help this year, Mrs Pirikahu for all her help, and the Whanau for all their support.

Written by Sheena Abrams
Member of the Te Kura Tuarua O Ngamotu Kapa Haua Group



NOTHING WILL COME OF NOTHING

"Nothing will come of nothing"... and it won't, but mix together a script written by Ms Stallard about Lear's daughters, (a fantastic direction crew) - Ms Stallard, Mr Chivers, Jess Mead and Ms Blackwell - a sweet innocent Cordelia (Claire Franklin) a jealous malevolent Goneril (Lauren Winmill) an undermining, malicious Regan (Dana McKay), (all type-cast, of course), long red ribbons and a bit of time and effort, and you could just come up with an entry in the 1996 Shakespeare Festival!

Auditions were held just before the end of term one, and coming back in term two we realised we only had about three weeks to get our production onstage. Our first rehearsals, in the drama room were laughable stories of Lauren, Claire and Dana tripping over, smacking heads falling over and very nearly dropping Claire in an attempt to get the moves right. We had just sorted this out when Ms Stallard bought the ribbons - and from there it started all over again, though this time there was the added danger of getting tangled up or choking each other. By this stage we had moved into the hall for all but our weekend rehearsals (9am at Spotswood! Okay?), and we had the very dramatic Mervyn Chivers helping us with those finer details, like how to look when giving birth and how not to go on stage with cold voices and feet - and after Lauren and Dana slipped over and slid into opposite wings one day, we weren't allowed to wear socks any more.

Meanwhile we were having a problem with costumes. Try as we might (and we went to every costume hire and opp-shop in New Plymouth) we could not find three similar outfits which were not dark-coloured (so as not to blend into the curtains), easy-to-move-in (but not too revealing), representative of our characters, and not completely hideous or uncomfortable - was that so much to ask? Inspiration hit us in the costume cupboard right here at Spotswood and after much debate over colour and what to wear under the things, Ms Blackwell had provided us with three very bright, very slippery, very short baby-doll dresses, and a rummage through cast and crew closets produced three white, lacy t-shirts and three pairs of coloured bicycle pants. These perfect costumes did make for some interesting (and chilly!) rehearsals, with our wonderful, shiny, slippery fabric nearly causing Claire to slide right off Lauren and Dana's backs much to everyone's amusement. We sorted it out, however, along with the ribbons (once we couldn't figure out where one had gone - it had slipped right off the stage), and the big night came.

We watched the first performance of the festival (we were listed second to last), and then went to the staffroom to run around, eat our daily chocolate requirement (Ms Stallard - "we're not going on if we don't get our chocolate") sing, yell and whisper and just generally warm up. We were well into character by the time Ms Blackwell commented "My God, it's like being in Tokanui", with everybody walking around gesturing, talking to themselves and snarling, and we were ready for it when we went on. I'm told that right from the moment Claire sang her first clear note, until the last echoes of "blind ..." had died. The audience was quiet - so we can't have been too bad, and no-one noticed that Claire was sliding off Lauren's and Dana's backs, or that Dana, standing on a ribbon end was nearly choked. It was a lot of fun and thanks to all of our awesome crew, especially Lear's graces' creator Ms Stallard.

Break a leg for next year!



CULTURAL EVENTS

Ugly Shakespeare ... maybe not, I think interesting would be more the word, or crazy ... certifiable?. Whatever the adjective should be it most certainly wasn't boring. Ugly Shakespeare visited Spotswood in July to do their version of one of the bard's better known works - 'The Half Hour Hamlet'. Amid actor neuroses about certain important speeches in the play (to be or not to be ring any bells?) and a minor, hilarious foetal rocking nervous, breakdown on stage (who can blame him!) (Due to shortcutting he was playing both the male and the female leads in Hamlet). These three men in tights managed to convey quite an accurate sense of the play. Ophelia went under the microscope with audience participation, the ego running back and forth across the stage (go Vaughn!). The 'subconscious' waving their arms to a chant of "maybe, maybe not" the super ego snarling "paint an inch thick" the id demanding "cut the crap Shakespeare, my biological clock is ticking and I want babies now!" (my kind of woman - loved the actions guys!) and the violent howl of the conscious mind - human desires are, it would seem, perennial. With only three actors the catastrophe was interesting ... but very effective. After this extended version they did it in thirty seconds, in thirty second backwards (who cleaned the water off the stage?), and of course the two second version - walk onstage and 'fordo thyself' - everybody dead - the essence of Shakespearian tragedy so simply - amazing.

Though Shakespeare probably rattles his chains on the battlements the play was in action very like an angel! Thanks to the English Department. We look forward to next year - how beautiful Shakespeare is.



Social Committee Report

This year has been a great success for the Social Committee. Good turnouts were a result of well-planned themes and good effort at decorations and organising. The themes were as follows:

March - Freak Fest, June - Bad Taste, August - Famous People.

Thanks to all involved including those in the service committee and elsewhere who sold refreshments at the socials. Well done.

Peter Coxhead
Chairperson



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PANEL GAMES

A one act play was put on this year by senior drama students, (with Mr Chivers' help). It faced the Big Question of Euthanasia! Sure! The biggest question we faced was how to get all the cast members all together at once to rehearse, thanks to Shay and others.

It's a pretty serious play. The panel, consisting of Lauren (woman), Shay (Doctor) and Jackie (Psychiatrist), had to decide whether the intense Miss Coles (Nancy), the ridiculous Mercedes Thorpe (Michelle Moore) and the genuine Mrs Meade (Jessie) should be 'released from their burden.' All the while the Observer (Claire) observed, (funny that!).

To lift the pressure we scared each other senseless with a melodramatic version. Shay became more obnoxious (is it possible?), Jackie more condescending (equally unlikely) and Michelle Moore common. Nancy had a complete nervous breakdown and lost her voice, but Lauren takes the cake for Miss Melodrama 1996, her face and voice contorting in the most mysterious ways. The result; hilarious! Credit goes to Claire and Nancy for the idea.



One Act Play Professionals!

Panel Games. Clockwise from front. Mervyn Chivers, Lauren Winnill, Jackie Laugesan, Nancy de Bueger, Michelle Moore, Claire Franklin

All in all, we enjoyed the play and hope Spotswood keeps up its high standard in drama after it loses its highly talented, wonderful and startling seventh formers. Finally we would just like to add to the obnoxious third former sitting in the third row on Tuesday's performance that IT WAS NOT BORING! (and he'd better watch out!)



STUDENTS AGAINST DRIVING DRUNK

Well - S.A.D.D was pretty sad this year (excuse the pun). Due to the lack of support from seniors and over enthusiasm of a large group of 3rd formers.

For those of you who have not heard of S.A.D.D it is an acronym for Students Against Driving Drunk, run by student groups in high schools and tertiary institutions.

The 15-25 year old age group has the highest drink/drive accident statistics, so that includes most of you guys. S.A.D.D is not against having a good time; what we want to stop is you getting behind the wheel of a car drunk or allowing yourself to be driven by someone who has been drinking.

But, it is not all doom and gloom, we also have a lot of fun - well I did. 'The Creative Summit' kicked off in Waiouru Army Base. A collection of North Island S.A.D.Dists joined together to spark some new and exciting ideas about S.A.D.D and how to promote our message. I did manage to score a bit of army memorabilia from some unsuspecting Sergeants during the Commando Course (cheers!).

Well, that is it from me. If you want to get involved next year do! It is an important issue which has affected and will affect many of you. It will not stop without your help.

And remember:

"FRIENDS, DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK!"



MATHS IS SPECTACULAR

What do Botat the elephant, a shaggy dog, tessellations, mobiles, and a house and garden have in common? They were all entries from our school in the Methanex Maths Spectacular at the West Point Complex early in term three. We achieved some creditable results, with a large proportion of our entries gaining first, second or third, which meant they won prize money or a merit. We also had four brave teams in the quiz night who battled tough competition and did extremely well. Congratulations to one of our third form teams who came second. Bring us home the cup next year.



Back Row: Matthew Flower, Brent Howard, April Pitman, Shaun Brooking, Stacey McIndoe, Peter Coxhead, Rowena Howard
Fourth Row: Jeremy Flower, Ben Gastra, Michelle Turner, Trent Martin, Jasmine Zimmerman, BJ Martin
Third Row: Jessica Wilkinson, Martin Emo, Matthew Gaze, Suzanne Walker, Sarah Lee Coxhead
Second Row: Mr Boyd, Katie Bool, George Karageorge, Claire Franklin, Julia Hobby, Mr Bradshaw
Front Row: Jon Gastra, Thomas Parry, Angus Boyd, Fiona McIntosh, Toni Cowles, Rachelle Davis
Absent: Kate Hayward

SYMPHONIC BAND

The Spotswood College Symphonic Band has around 30 players from 3rd - 7th form.

Our major trip for this year was to Palmerston North for the National Concert Band Festival. On our way we played at Hawera and Waverley High Schools. This was an interesting experience as no-one at Waverley, except the music teacher, knew who JÊSÊBach was!

At Palmerston North we were put on first in the Concert Band Section, not the School Band Section, and considering how tough the competition was (we were up against the best adult bands in the North

Island) we played very commendably and gained a Bronze Award. Full marks to our conductor, Mr Boyd, for the hard work he put into preparing us, and to Mr Bradshaw for his assistance in other ways.

At the moment we are preparing for the Band Boosters second Good Vibrations Concert in October and we also have our sights on a trip to Sydney in the new year. We hope this trip 'comes off'. If it does it will be an exciting and rewarding experience for us all.

Fiona McIntosh

JAZZ BAND "HATRIX"

The jazz band has had a highly successful and enjoyable year. We began the year with a lot of new players so we struggled for a while but eventually we managed to produce our usual high quality sound. We entertained at a variety of venues, some of the memorable being the Taranaki Jazz Club and the New Zealand Volleyball Nationals.

However, the highlight of our year would definitely be our trip to the Rotorua Jazz Festival - and, of course, those thrilling assemblies! We would like to thank Mr Boyd for all his input into the band and, of course, Band Boosters, the parent support organisation, for their financial help and assistance in other ways.



Jazz Band "Hatrix"

Back Row: Jessica Wilkinson, Dylan Turner, Peter Coxhead, Mr Boyd, Matthew Flower
Second Row: Rowena Howard, Kate Hayward, Martin Emo, Angus Boyd, Brent Howard, Ben Fitzpatrick
Front Row: Jeremy Flower, Lauren Winmill, Michelle Turner, Trent Martin, Claire Franklin

STRING ORCHESTRA

The Spotswood College String Orchestra is small in numbers, but is great in spirit, and under the capable leadership of Mrs Case, all six of us are starting to make an impressive sound. The highlights for this year must be our participation in the Taranaki Music Festival in April, and a play-out for the elderly at a rest home in Vivian Street during July. Since then most of us have been preparing for violin exams. If you can play, even a bit, why not come and join us at the Wednesday lunchtime rehearsal? Strings are "cool" at the moment and we urgently need players, especially for the deeper toned instruments like violas, cellos and double basses! With Mrs Case in charge you can be sure of a fun time, and you'll learn a lot!



String Group

Back Row: Nerina Gaastra, Jennifer Batten, Mrs Gaastra
Front Row: Sharon Thompson, April Pitman
Absent: Mrs Case, Luke Keegan



3W Band

Back Row: Erica Ward, Tai Dean, Chris Olsen, Josh Chaumont, Ricky Fox, Mr Boyd, Logan Coleman
Third Row: Rupert Goldsmith, Cain Carr
Second Row: Magenta Taylor, Paul Greaney, Andrew Cotter, Michael Davis, Jason Rich
Front Row: Rosie Mundt, Charmaine Rangi, Bilha Baker, Talitha Barnes, Linda Larsen

3RD FORM BEGINNER BAND

The whole band started from scratch. Only a couple of people knew how to read music let alone play. But now we are getting better and better. We've done two arrangements that aren't in our band book: 'Bad Moon Rising' and 'The Spook'.

We started off doing one note, holding it for four counts then having a four-count rest, then another four-count note (the same note as before), then another four-count rest, and so on.

Our band consists of four drummers, one flute player, two alto saxes, four clarinets, two bases, two keyboards and three trombones.

We could not have the band without our conductors: Mr Boyd on Mondays and Tuesdays; Mr Mauder on Fridays, and our 'organiser', Mr Bradshaw.

We have been doing very well considering we started from nothing, to get to where we are now. We've played about 70 songs from February this year until now (September).

Andrew Cotter 3RW

Band "Jamtrix"



Back Row: Phillip Spice, Adrian Maxwell, Nathan Carswell, Dylan Turner, Stacey McIndoc, Simon Tafa, April Pitman, Mr Boyd
Third Row: Angus Boyd, Matthew Paul, Matthew Ubels, Matthew Flower, Chris Hobby
Second Row: Katie Bool, Sarah Lee Coxhead, Russell Watson, BJ Martin, Timothy Bedford
Front Row: Jasmine Zimmerman, Barney Fitzpatrick, Phillipa Berry, Rachelle Davis, Sharlene Turner, Thor Gudjonsson
Absent: Leanne Mancer, Katie Blackstock, Jodieanne Faloan, Jucy Talau

4th FORM BAND

This years' 4th Form Band is small in numbers but great in spirit. Under the capable leadership of Mr Boyd we have learned new playing skills. (eg: jazz improvisation) and our technique is improving all the time, in fact, some of us are already playing in the Symphonic Band! I suppose the highlight of our year must be the concert with the 3rd Form Advanced Band at Centre City during Term III. This was a great occasion and we played really well. We have also taken part in the various Band Boosters concerts. Thanks again, Mr Boyd, for all your hard work, and to the Band Boosters and Mr Bradshaw for their help in so many ways: it's been a most enjoyable year!

3U BAND

As a newcomer to Spotswood College, I have been really amazed at the quality of the 3rd form Extended Band programme. As well as the pieces from the "Jazz Discovery" books that we have learned and performed, we have kept up our reading with an easy test once or twice a week from the "Standard of Excellence" series Book 2. I'd like to thank Mr Boyd for his hard work throughout the year and for taking us to a number of out-of-school performances, including Centre City twice. I'd also like to thank Mr Maunder for his work and Mr Bradshaw for his time and for having us play at the Spotswood College fashion parade. This, like all our other concerts, was a great success.

Katie Blackstock

CHOIR

The Choir is a small but dedicated group which meets (usually) in Fridays lunch hour under the direction of Mrs G Barr. This year we had the privilege and pleasure of participating in the Taranaki Inter Schools Music Festival and the Smokefree Choral Festival where we performed a selection of vocal numbers from "The Lion King" and an original composition by one of our 7th formers, Peter Coxhead. Another highlight was our performance at the second Good Vibrations concert in October of "O Sifuni Mungu", an exciting blend of African folk music and rock. This was very well received. It remains for us to thank you, Mrs Barr for your cheerful encouragement and guidance throughout the year, and to thank those stalwart 7th form members who won't be with us in the new year. We wish you all the best for the future!

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The highlight of our year was when we got to use the "Inter School" part of our name. One fine Friday we had a major hooley with about seven other Christian Fellowships from all around Taranaki. (Thanks to Mr Finch for letting us attend on a school day). We have also had videos, DC Talk Day, the Annual Easter Egg Drop, the Big Earth Ball, courtesy of YFC, multiple discussions, guest speakers galore ... We're a bunch of students who just like getting together at lunchtime and finding out more about ... well anything really! Y'all come along now, y'hear?

ART HISTORY

Art History is still alive and well at Spotswood, with both 6th form and 7th form attracting good sized classes.

The students are exposed to a great variety of foreign countries, they travel to Greece and walk the pathways of Acropolis, battle a snowstorm in the Swiss Alps, gaze in awe at the sweeping spires of Chartres Cathedral in France. They polish the shining bronze on the cannons of war, ride in a new automobile which goes as fast as a leaping frog in 1900, head-butt the steel girders of the Eiffel Tower, march in the footsteps of the Russian Revolution. Reach into the depths of Hell through the eyes of Bosch; climb the ladder to Heaven with Michealangelo, and cast their nets like fishermen across the centuries of the sea of knowledge.

LIBRARY NOTES

This year our library completed its growth cycle and launched itself as a state-of-the-art information centre. We've managed to sort out the glitches that troubled us earlier and the on-line catalogues, borrower records, electronic issuing systems and so on, are working well - most of the time. Occasionally electronic gremlins still insert their sticky fingers into the works, but that is to be expected.

We've installed a modem and have now taken an XTRA subscription through Telecom to put the library onto the Internet.

E-mail facilities are also available. These facilities are still largely the domain of staff, but it is intended to extend them more widely to students from 1997 on.

Thanks are due to the many willing helpers who give up lunch-times and leisure in the service of the library. Their work directly helps the users of the library. In 1996 they were: Leanne Mancer, Sharon Shramka, Robyn Kelson, Tanya Tynan, Nerina Gaastra, Adam Mercer, Ben Gaastra, Nancy Reed and Daniel Vandenberg.

As our library grows ever more sophisticated, the workload increases. If you wish to help in some way, however small, your services would be welcome. We look forward to your return in 1997 and hope that we can continue to improve the service we give you. Don't forget your holiday reading - and don't forget to return books that you have already borrowed before you leave school. Have a happy holiday everyone - you all deserve it!

Mr K Crawford

Teacher-in-charge, Library



DARNELL HOUSE REPORT



Well what can I say except that Hannah, Brendan, Tawera and myself were the best House Leaders of the best house. I mean Darnell is the colour of blood and blood runs through all of us making everybody a member of Darnell. Now saying that, I feel it only fair to say that Darnell won everything because everybody's true colour inside is red. There was no competition.

Everybody from the Endomorphs (oval shaped person with concentration of weight in centre of body, abdominal sag, flabby limbs and poorly toned muscles) to the Ectomorphs (extreme thinness, protruding neck, sunken chest, round shoulders, undersized and fragile skeletal system) enjoyed the house sports (all the millions that we had) and overall felt that our house was the greatest to be in! On the other hand we four Mesomorphs (husky, big chested person endowed with dense muscles and huge strong bones) Brendan, Tawera, Hannah and myself had become extremely stressed out with our house leading responsibilities.

So remember being a house leader is not all glory. It requires a huge amount of responsibility!

But is sure is a hell of a lot of fun!

Darnell House Leader

Lawrence Leaf

BARRETT

Barrett conquered in athletics and came second in Cross Country, fourth in Swimming, and showed that a house as legendary as ours can succeed with talents combined. Great enthusiasm and support paid off at all levels - especially juniors.

Thank to all those who put in their effort into the team this year, especially

Mrs Charteris. We hope that next year the enthusiasm will continue throughout the whole year and that the houseleaders will be as awesome as this years.

From your stars -

Nicola, Kylie, Reuben and Michael.



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ATKINSON HOUSE LEADERS

Atkinson House Leaders for 1996 were Michelle Cronin, and Mark Rutherford. Deputies were Christine Egarr and Vaughn Crowther.

Well here goes:

Michelle: "Well Mark, has it been one hell of a year or what?"

Mark: "Yes it sure has! The enthusiasm amongst Junior members was fantastic, and wasn't our first encounter with the other houses an exceptional one Michelle."

Michelle: "Sure was, wasn't it. Swimming? Well what can I say. I suppose doubling second place getters points does mean that we won. By quite a margin it was too."

Mark: "It did appear that you lead by example Michelle, taking our teams to the top."

Michelle: "Yes, but that's what house leading is all about. We seemed to go pretty well in School Cross-Country too Mark?"

Mark: "Yes, even though we didn't have any outstanding individuals, our house as a whole did exceptionally well. We managed to win this as well. Didn't our juniors set an example for the seniors in their outstanding junior Inter-house competitions?"

Michelle: "Sure did. Our seniors will have to work hard to keep up with the successes of our junior house."

Mark: "It's been a pleasure working with you Michelle."

Michelle: "You too Mark, and we can't forget our deputies. Christine and Vaughn who were always great support and also our house, without their enthusiasm, successes would have been rare."



RICHMOND HOUSE REPORT

Richmond had 13 out of 20 individual champs and out of 6 categories Richmond had 5 winners.

Richmond had an outstanding year of sports and also had outstanding leaders who thought it was excellent seeing everyone getting into the swing of things. Our success was largely due to the individual events won by enthusiastic pupils.

We were happy leading the house and with the results of all round sports awards, although more participation and support would have taken us to the top.

Thanks to Mr Ward and to all who have put in a great effort throughout the year.

Tirena Baird
Clinton Kahotea

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE REPORT

A moment of silence for polyprops We fully love them! Twenty 7th Formers spent a week being drenched at O.P.C - here's the low down ...

We arrived at the camp on the last Sunday of the July holidays and our first memorable incident was receiving the spell binding insight from Hugo the instructor that "Snow is dry, and rain is wet!"

We were then split into two groups. Group One consisted of Brendan, Jess G, Ben, Matt, Dion, Maija, Julia, Michelle, Emily and Nancy who had the honour of having 'Hugo' as our instructor.

We knew we could trust him when on the very next day he abseiled into the freezing river without his rubber tube. Good one Hugo!



Needless to say, we were all keen to get home quickly on Thursday. Luckily, Julia was a 'real trooper'. Having slipped and broken her arm the night before, just seconds after trusty ol' Hugo told her to watch her step. Helped with 'Apples and Bananas' from Nancy and scrummy cabin 'wood' bread, she ramped back. Jess was 'one of the guys', leaving the whimpy girls behind, and Ben wins the 'Master Muncher' award for eating \$25.00 worth of food in under ten minutes.

For the rest of the time we risked our lives on ropes, flying foxes, trapezes and swings. Emily won the 'Keeping Herself Safe' award. She chose to refrain from all activities involving ropes (which was basically all of them).

All in all, the week fully rocked! The boys took advice from Uncle Wilson many a time, but forgot the key. I have been told I was the most enthusiastic ping ponger (Hmm, who am I?). The food was good if you believe in 'flour power', and Hugo grew on us. We wish him luck next time he takes the courageous step and 'asks a girl out'. Thanks Hugo ...



Now for Group Two

OPC REPORT - Second Part

Group Two, led by Linda, consisted of Jane, Lauren, Sarah-Jane, Leif, Simon, Michelle, Karla, Blair, Dana and Nick.

After abseiling down a 50 foot gorge into water we slurped hot raro hoping to regain feeling in our limbs. Due to a tyre poppage Michelle came to the rescue giving Leif her tyre, herself body-surfing down the rocks. Next was underground into the caves, where we sent the Aussie first through the tight Squeezes. This is where we became accustomed to Linda's favourite saying "I've never done this before." Yeah right. Linda said we were so awesome we could discover a new cave and name it, I wonder how many names it has by now?

The next morning we were let loose with the compass, charging upstream through the pumice caves.





Our team-work got us to the middle of a swamp using only three planks of wood. We all remained dry until Michelle went on a rampage pushing everyone into the 'Bog of Eternal Stench'. Other team building missions were rock climbing and the ropes course where Nick revealed his monkey-like tendencies.

The highlight of the week was our overnight hell mission on Wednesday. After tramping up the steep track and across the ash covered Mount Tongariro we set up camp. Nick's thermometer kept telling us it was freezing, no kidding. After a co-operative dinner - Karla's rice cooking, Simon's vegie chopping and Dana's torch holding, we dived into our tents. All credit to the four guys making it through the night in a three-man tent keeping bodily contact to an absolute minimum. Camera flashes resulted in raucous laughter from one of the girls' tents. In the morning it was ash for breakfast and straight up the 65 slope to our destination, Tamari Crater. The next five hours we bush-bashed down through the muddy forest being captured and catapulted by vines, and covered head to toe with mud. As darkness set in we had no choice but to keep going. Finally we heard the call of 'track!' It was 'Fully sweeter than as'.

On the way home in the Asylum Van we resembled contented mud creatures.

The last day consisted of swings and the death-defying Trapeze.

We went home wishing we could do it all again, remembering the three golden rules.

- 1 Look cool at all times
- 2 Shit happens
- 3 In the event of No 2, refer back to No 1

Thanks to everyone for the memorable moments.

"Whose were those purple undies Anyway?"



KING LEAR TRIP

A highly entertaining experience was had by the Seventh Form English students and their chaperoning teachers - Ms Stallard, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mr Crawford - who travelled down to Wellington on October 23 to see Shakespeare's play King Lear performed live at the Downstage Theatre.

We chose to rise at four o'clock that morning due to the 5.10 am departure, however despite this everyone who turned up managed to look quite dapper with only one case of scary 'morning hair' I can remember. We were very lucky in that we had a comfortable bus and a good driver with no debilitating blind spots, but as is often the case the excitement of the excursion was mostly in the journey.

The journey down was reasonably humdrum - a toilet stop in Wanganui, a 15 minute break in Levin (where everyone flocked to the mall ... and then flocked back out again) before finally reaching Wellington to be marched off the bus and straight into King Lear where we sat for a further 3 hours. King Lear was an excellent production, and many of us found it helpful to see performed as opposed to the reading of the script in class. I wonder what Shakespeare would have thought could he have seen one of his characters, Edgar, wielding ... chatter rings!

With an hour to waste following the production, Cameron, Cruicky and I took off in search of the Beehive. Cameron, confident of his navigational skills, led us around Wellington while Cruicky and I, also confident of Cameron's navigational skills, followed. However despite the Beehive's large size and probable central location we were unable to locate Parliament Buildings. The only thing we did happen upon was a small dairy run by a bookie who sold warm cokes and cold pies. After not finding the Beehive we decided, with ten minutes to get back to the bus, to make our way back to the Michael Fowler Centre where everyone else was meeting ... And then we realised that we weren't actually one hundred



percent sure where the Michael Fowler Centre was after all! A passing Wellingtonian told us it was a good 15 minute walk away, and if I may be facetious I will say at this point that Cameron, Cruicky and I were not panicking just a little bit because Mr Crawford had pledged to wait for no late comers! Needless to say we proved the Wellingtonian wrong and reached the Michael Fowler Centre in just ten minutes.

The bus ride back hit a bit of a lull until four o'clock in the afternoon when everyone began to liven up. A certain sixth former by the name of Sahy, who was seated behind my fiend and I, prove to epitomise all that is the Really Annoying Travelling Companion. He and a couple of seventh form boys adopted Forrest Gump personas and discussed everything from Lieutenant Dan's post movie death in the Gulf War to roadside brothels of the woolly nature. At one point Shay remarked that he didn't understand the concept of country people dying on country roads, inspiring my seatmate's mumbled reply, "A city person will be dying on a country road soon if he doesn't shut up!"

This was followed by a singalong from the trio who sang everything from Do-Wah-Diddy to that perennial favourite Bohemian Rhapsody. Initially their singing was received with good humour, and requests were even put forward. However a particularly discordant version of Unchained Melody succeeded in unhinging a lot of people, and this was followed by the unanimous request for The Sound of Silence - not the Simon and Garfunkel version, either. The three were pardoned long enough to sing Son of A Preacher Man, most poignantly dedicated to Aidan Hellyer. I have a feeling this may have been in retribution for Aidan's somewhat languid consumption of his ice cream sundae outside the bus at Wanganui when we had been all waiting to leave at 6.20 that evening.

Despite nearly 17 hours spent together, most of which was on a bus, everyone remained amazingly good-natured. I must congratulate Ms Stallard and Mrs Fitzpatrick for either their never-ending patience, iron will, or maybe just their cast-iron eardrums for remaining seated in the front of the bus where it was decidedly noisy. Mr Crawford, who had been relegated to sit up the back during the return trip, appeared outwardly calm, but he was seen walking back to the bus from the direction of a Liquorland while we were in Wanganui for tea.

It was a terrific trip and I would do it all over again, but next time I'd leave people with bad 'morning hair' at home

Ellen Somerton

FUTURISTIC BALL

This year's 7th formers were determined to have a ball! In the second week of school the theme had been decided and the Ball Committee had over 50 names on it. However due to the pressures of the year this number shrank and Lauren, (with Emily and Sarah as her right and left hand (wo)men), and a number of other dedicated people were left with the daunting prospect of envisaging, planning and organising a night to remember.

The questions as to where, who and what, were complicated. Eventually the Race Course was chosen and the band Green Chair and DJ Matt were chosen to 'musicise' this great FUTURISTIC event.

Silver was the season's colour. The asteroids, agapanthus and human statues were all coated with silver spray. The walls were hung with equally silver but smelly milk bottle off-cuts. (With many cuts from their sharp edges to the dedicated decorators.)

The event broke all traditional grounds. Waltzes were deemed a thing of the past as with the food. In fact the food tasted very old indeed, and stodgy for those who dared. We should have got sustenance pills instead.



(It was great to see so many people in theme; silver hair, shimmery outfits, out-of-it hairdos and tuxes. They all looked "absolutely fabulous!" Our excellent photographer, Sue Maxwell, captured this all. Belle and Beau of the Ball went to Ana, the enchanting futuristic fairy and her man, Daryl. A panasonic hair drier and shaver were the prizes.

I think Mr Finch is right in wanting a more formal 'Ball,' if they have one in the future, however this year's one was cool. A sincere thanks to all who helped. The iridescent credit card ticket will remain in my wallet to remind me of this great night.

FORM 7 HISTORY TRIP TO AUCKLAND

In August of this year a number of form 7 history students travelled to Auckland to attend the "History Day" run by Auckland schools at the Auckland University. We left on Monday morning travelling in a couple of vans one of which was driven by Gordon Smith for which we were very grateful.

On the way we took in a number of the historical sites in the Waikato which were relevant to studies being undertaken for bursary. First stop was Orakau and the site of the last of the battles associated with the Waikato campaign in 1863. Nothing much remains of the site but it was easy to see why this land would be a valuable prize for the colonial government and the new settlers.

An extremely interesting stop was at Rangariri where a retired school principal has set up a small museum and audio-visual telling of the conflicts in the Waikato and the crucial battle that took place there. We went up to the impressive Maori defences which were built to stop the imperial forces progress. Today the main highway south to Hamilton cuts right through the middle of these ramparts.

After "safely" negotiating the southern motorway we arrived at the Auckland Museum. They have set up the first part of an excellent display called "Scars on the Heart" relating to conflicts which New Zealanders have been involved. The part constructed so far tells the story of tribal conflicts early in the 19th century, leading to the wars that occurred between the British forces, Tauiwi and the Tangata Whenua which followed the Treaty of Waitangi. Later wars in South Africa, the Middle East and Europe up to World War One are also displayed. An interesting visit if anyone is going to Auckland.

It was then on to our place of stay, one of Auckland's central Backpacker Hostels. The place proved to be comfortable, central to eating places and the University and quite educational in its own right.

Tuesday was the big day at the University. There we took our places among a few hundred Auckland



form 7 students of varying backgrounds and interest in what was actually happening. The day proved to be excellent and well worth while as it focussed on the demands of the Bursary exam. Three excellent lecturers

Claudia Orange, Caroline Daley and Raewyn Dalziel gave presentations about the importance of the Treaty of Waitangi to later events, loneliness or otherwise for the early Pakeha settlers and the growth of colonial government, all relating to New Zealand last century.

It was then the slow trip back to New Plymouth, always the down side of such trips away. However, it all proved to be well worth the effort and fired some of us up for the remainder of the year. Perhaps we could repeat the trip next year, perhaps we could even go further and travel to Waitangi itself!!

My five years at Spotswood College have been very memorable, and I am sure these years will stand me in great stead for the new experiences which await me.

GEMMA PERRY



FORM SIX LEGAL STUDIES TRIP 18 - 21 August 1996

Law is not always 'dry as dust'. A recent course included days in the sun, free afternoon teas at Bellamys, visits to the capital, trips on the cable car, acting as law-breakers, a visit to Parliament, and more!

The activities were undertaken by students taking the Legal Studies course. To raise funds for the trip, the students held sausage sizzles in spite of the rain, wind and the flu they were successful. The school helped by allowing the use of a school van for transport.

We arrived at our first destination, the Royal New Zealand Police College, mid-afternoon. The rooms were smallish, but well laid out and clean. There were several other groups at the hostel taking a variety of courses.

Monday we were up bright and early, starting with a hearty breakfast. Our lecturer took us on a tour of the complex. One of the interesting parts of the tour was a demonstration and explanation of video-taping interviews with suspects, Megan (Blackler) being our volunteer.

A lecture followed our tour. Sergeant Alan Richards explained how to read a statute, various interpretations of the Crimes Act, how simple statements in the Bill of Rights Act have effected Police work and precedents need to be set. The lecture alone was worth the trip.

Just prior to lunch Sergeant Richards took the group in a team building exercise defusing a bomb. Bruce (Gregory) was elected leader and the exercise illustrated that unless everyone in a team co-operates and offers their best, any exercise can fail.

After lunch we acted as suspect or possible law breakers for a class of police recruits. One of our group (Matthew Hughes) was almost too successful at this, being threatened with getting his other leg broken by an officer issuing a ticket. It was fun and both we and the recruits learnt a lot.

We had to rush to get to the Hutt Valley High School before our hosts, members of the Legal Studies class there, left school. Most of us had quiet nights with our hosts and families.

Although we left Hutt Valley High School on Tuesday, we didn't progress very far, as traffic on the Hutt Road was at a standstill - caused by an accident at rush hour traffic. We eventually arrived at the renovated Government Buildings which now houses the Law Faculty of Victoria University, but which, when built, housed Cabinet and most of central government. A quick tour of the building and then across the road to the new High Court.

As the case we were to hear had been stood down, the Court Clerk took us on a tour of the new buildings and the Court of Appeal itself. Several students took the opportunity to don the clerk's robes and read out the proceedings of a case.

We assembled under a porch to shelter from the rain at Parliament House, but couldn't immediately enter the Beehive, as the Governor General was arriving and took precedence!

Our tour of the House began below ground where we saw the new and innovative rubber earthquake bearings. We then visited the Maori Room, the Library, with its reconstructed stained glass windows, said "Hello" to the Prime Minister, ending up in the visitors' gallery during Question Time.

Our Guide took us over to the Beehive for a video, then we had afternoon tea which was arranged by Mr Harry Duynhoven. Unfortunately he was in New Plymouth, so a colleague filled in and answered our many questions about an MP's life.

Marie Short, Mr Duynhoven's Executive Secretary showed us his office and explained what different jobs entail and the changes that often arise after an election.

We had a hasty trip back to the Hutt Valley High School to meet our hosts who had arranged a variety of individual activities for the evening.

Our return trip on Wednesday was uneventful - except that the van seemed to be incapable of passing a McDonald's or KFC establishment!

Altogether, a great trip enjoyed by everyone.



YOUNG DESIGNERS

This year has been full of great achievements for Textile Students - the highlight being the **New Zealand Secondary Schools Smokefree Young Designers Awards**.

Four students gained places in the awards. Amy McCandlish (6th former) was placed first in Futuristic Designwear with a striking flesh coloured leotard with an overall design based around tattoos. Amy also gained third place in the Trend Setters section with two inter-changeable garments made in dark blue and gold stretch fabric featuring oversized zips. Parts of these garments could be 'zipped' off and exchanged with other pieces to create different styles.

The outfit designed by Marie Tooman (3rd form) gained third place in the Ethnic Wear category. Marie's dress, made from soft gold satin fabric included a paler gold silk cape with stencilled motifs.

Amy Laird (4th form) was awarded third place in the Futuristic Leisurewear section. Her garment of yellow and black vinyl had detachable, clear-plastic water-containers, anticipating a water shortage in the year 2030.

Emma Corkill's Nightclubbing entry of black alligator-print vinyl featured opossum fur around the hem and empire-line top.

Five other entries reached the finals and were featured at the award function in the Christchurch Town Hall. These were the designs of Kate Morgan (7th form), Michelle Walker (5th form), and Renee Penman (5th form). Tracey Jacobsen's garment was featured on a shop model in the Christchurch Town Hall foyer.

Alicia Field (4th form) reached the finals in the Leisure Design section of the awards with her Ethnic Art object.

Congratulations to all of those students and to the others who got into the swing of things and put in entries. These were also of a high standard.

Later this year Textile students are entering the Polytech Fashion Awards and the Methanex Make and Model Inter-school Fashions Awards.

Our students have been delighted to receive an iron-press from the P.T.A. and a recent purchase of a computerised sewing machine has created new interest and opportunities for students.

Three seventh form Textile students have gained places in the 1997 Fashion Design Course at the Wanganui Polytech - Tirena Baird, Kate Morgan and Sharon Thompson - we wish them luck for their future.

"THE TRIP"

Emma Corkill

Nine of us (two from Graphics) travelled to Christchurch for the Awards Evening at the Christchurch Town Hall. Eight of us went in the school van and one flew down.

Those of us who went in the school van were able to visit the Wanganui, Wellington and Christchurch Design Schools along the way. (Although some of us weren't too keen on the early morning start after the midnight ferry ride!)

The Awards Evening was very exciting. Philip Leishman was the presenter. Spotswood College students were seated next to the ICE T.V. crew (much to my delight). We were told we were the loudest group there, but we had much to cheer about.

Thanks to the parents who accompanied us, Jim Penman, Joanne Mowatt and Anne Walker - their help made the trip possible and this was appreciated.

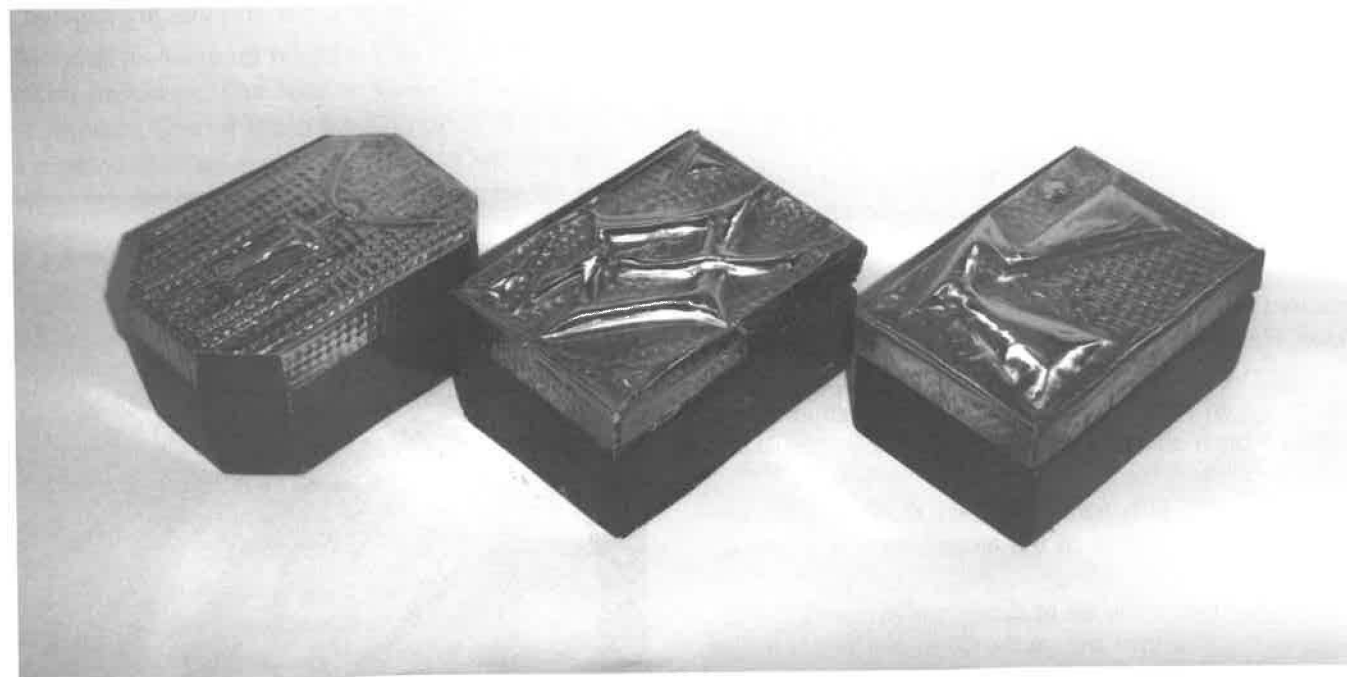


DESIGN ART

The Art Department and artists continue to flourish with many students opting for this subject and demonstrating real talents.

In 1995, Malachi Huntley (Form V) gained an amazing 96% for his School Certificate Art folio. A wonderful effort.

Other students' talents are recognised in their being accepted for Tertiary Arts Schools. While Art is taken as one subject to Form VI level, at Form VII students choose to specialise in either Printing or Painting, or both.



FOURTH FORM HOME ECONOMICS

During Unit 3 - Exploring Childhood, the fourth form home economics students took part in preparing food for children under five. This included a child's birthday party and as a final activity making a child's birthday cake.

This was judged by the class members and the winning cakes were the hedgehog (made by Jenette Reid, Vicki Price, Rebecca Hill and Casey Taylor). And the wishing well (made by Danielle Johansen and Sonia Wells).



SENIOR HOME ECONOMICS

The sixth and seventh form home economics students had the opportunity this year to attend a series of courses run by an experienced chef where they prepared garnished and served different menus. These were held at school and as a finale at the end of the year, these students prepared a Christmas buffet to which they invited guests. An extensive menu was offered showing the range of skills and talents these students have. An excellent end to the year.



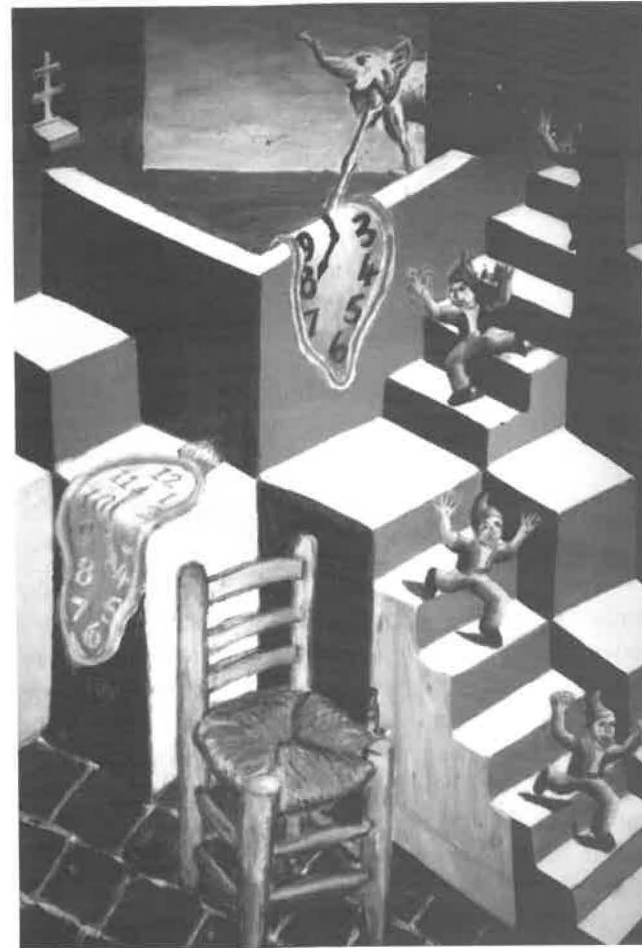
CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

KAKAPO

O kakapo, kakapo, where will you run?
When feral cats chase you and man with a gun.
The humans you thought of once as your friends,
Now chasing you down for your own selfish ends.
Your beautiful feathers, so green and gold,
Lie splattered with blood, matted and old.
Your home's all aflame and your nest's overturned,
If only we humans had listened and learned.

Now few see your glory but all know your name,
Your fight to survive has earned you your fame.
We humans now offer you our helping hand,
Restoring your food, your health and your land.
But will you accept our help to survive?
So time can see you well and alive.
With your mate now returned and your chicks all
around.
Can it be your salvation is found?

Nerina 4DL



I'M OPEN

A man lies alone in a room with no door
He wakes hoping for a presence,
Something,
Anything, to enter.
After spending half his life searching
He still felt as blank as the ceiling at which he stared
He is alive but feels absolutely nothing
So is he?
When he was six he believed that the moon overhead
followed him
By nine he had deciphered the illusion trading magic
for fact
No trade backs
So this is what it's like to be an adult
If only he knew now what he knew then
"I'm open, come in"
Lying atop crumpled sheets and no covers he decides
to dream
Dream up a new self, for himself.

E.V.



Dear Marta

I'm sorry about the delay in the letter, but I've been
busy thinking.
Do you remember that kitten we had called Splog, the
black one with white patches like snow frosted on a
mountain?

I'll never forget the way he looked at me, like he was
caring some type of special secret only he and I
shared. Or when he pounced on a piece of wool then
rebounded like he was tied to elastic.

I think he know.
Knew what his fate was.
Sometimes he sat, resting, under a bush, staring into
space, thinking, and other times he was bright and
playful.
Do you think he had a purpose?

I wonder if he has used up his nine lives?
If he hasn't I hope he goes to a good family, because
he deserves it.
Splog was a good kitten, all my family loved him, and
I know loved us.
I'll miss him.

Love from your friend
Susan

Remember

Remember the golden sunrises we sat
with nature absorbing the blooms
of happiness, beams of foreseeable light
looming from Godly paradise.

Remember those illusions of freedom,
imagined you and I, conjointly with
stable streams of eternity
Afraid, no trace of inexperienced adventures.

But my sun the pea of my pod
I'd like to have cited, prior misfortune
I loved that sparkle of light in you.
Please spare me for what I did not do.

As you lay passive aware not
of the darkness blanketing you
final grains of hourglass, dissolved mind
elsewhere. Planet phantom.

Sudden buzz, oh can you hear
Our sunset vanished, unrestricted bubbles
nonexistence, ambitions demolished
though good will still ties the ribbons of hope.

The pod is void lacking the pea
I'll merge to upper universe
I live not in the absence my angel
Wait, unite me.

Melissa Green



MAGIC

By David Collins

David had only known Michael for a short time. In that time he learned that

Michael dabbled in what he called magic. When he first heard him speak of his hobby he laughed but couldn't help but feel curious, so when Michael asked David if he wanted to see where he studied his art it didn't take David long to agree. All he was told this day, was to come down to the basement and go through the steel door and there he would find Michael. So David let himself in and walked slowly down until he found the door. It was steel alright, like the kind that are used for storage lockers on ships. David pulled hard on the door and it crept open, surprisingly silently, and he looked inside. With only the dim light behind him and a few glimmers of light from a barred window he could see Michael on the stone floor with a piece of chalk drawing what seemed to look like the Star of David in a circle.

"Close the door" said Michael putting the finishing touches on his design.

David shut the door and struggled with the loss of light to make anything out.

"Come closer and tell me what do you smell"

David shuffled forward a few steps and spoke

"What do you want me to do?" he asked.

"Do you want to know what magic is, David? What do you smell?" Michael replied.

David took a long breath and held it for a few seconds before letting it out and answering.

"Urine, vomit, mildew, cold, damp stone"

Michael was quiet which made David wonder if he had somehow offended him but before he could apologise, Michael began to tell a story.

"When I was young, my family lived in the south of France. There was this vast field behind the house. Flowers bloomed there of every colour. The air was full of pollen and the sound of insects. So many flowers - it was overpowering. A thousand shades of sweetness. You'd get dizzy from the fragrance. Intoxicated. On the ride into town, I would pull my shirt up over my face and inhale. Even though we were miles away from the field, you could smell its perfume absorbed into the cloth."

Michael paused then asked David again,

"What do you smell?"

David took a long breath and held it for a few seconds before letting it out. David was in France and was in a field of flowers. He slowly exhaled and opened his eyes and found he could make out Michael and the chalk design on the stone floor.

Michael looked at David, knowing, and spoke again.

"That my friend - is magic."



SCREAMING

Screaming I fell.
Screaming I cried out for help.
Screaming I grabbed the wall.
Screaming I fell.
Screaming I died.
Screaming I passed over to the other side.

M. Bryant



FREEDOM

Set me free
Let me leave this eternal hell
Tormented by untold horrors
Give me a one-way pass
To freedom.

Let me leave and
Leave me alone
Stop this torture
Give me a one-way pass to freedom
Give me a one-way pass to a better place.

M. Bryant



BREATHE

Hand on my face
Stop pushing me down
I cannot breathe
I don't want to be smothered
PLEASE let me breathe.

Stop holding me under
I cannot breathe
Fear over-rides strength
I don't want to hurt you
Just let me breathe.

M. Bryant

TWO FORM CLASS THINGY

There is an ancient Norwegian saying, that in a place before our world a soul is joined, in perfect harmony, but when it enters this earthly plane it is torn in twine, and we spend the rest of our lives trying to find the other half, to feel complete and harmonious. This applies to 7WO. Some say that when the gates of heaven open, harp music can be distantly heard, so beautiful, one could believe that Aeolus were playing it himself. But this is soon tuned out, as Mr Woods angelic smile lofts you into this clouded care-free room. Instantly lovingly surrounded by fellow class-mates who bid you welcome and offer you a warm mug of cocoa. Around the campfire, arms joined, as we sway back and forth, softly humming verses of 'Amazing Grace' and various magical songs from 'The Sound Of Music'.

"Where were you 5th period yesterday, Odessa?" frequently asks Mr Wood, "You had me worried sick chummy!"

"Ok, you caught me, but I just can't stop helping the elderly and distributing blankets to the homeless!". We would all have a good chuckle about those situations later though, over tea and boysenberry crumpets. As I drift my head around, comfortable smiles gracefully hang in the air. Alana, Jeremy, Ellen, Joanne H., Jenny, Odessa, Ben, Joanne M., David, Jane, Sarah, Michelle, Lauren, Jon, Rebecca and countless others, all love to help kittens down from trees and pick up litter. But what I'll come away from this class with is not just an OHP, I'll come away with some of the best friends a guy could have. We've had some great times together, I'll miss you guys ... sob sob.

MATTHEW



LAST exit

Die on a hilltop
Eyeing the crows
Waiting for your lids to close
But you watch as they peck your flesh
Ironical that they go for the eyes first

Once resigned,
Dictating your demise seems only fair
Built in effect of the system
Control
If one cannot control his life,
Will he be driven to control his death?

*David Collins

THE TIME SAVING COMPUTER

"Behave yourself" I say to the computer and walk out to the kitchen to refill the coffee cup.

Maybe this time the computer will give the right orders, maybe this time the printer will obey and a neatly printed page will be forthcoming.

It is not to be. When I return there is a nice copy of the letter that I last tried to print. It is perfect, three days late and now of no use, but perfect.

The letter had ended up being sent in as a bunch of strange shaped carefully pasted papers after the printer had decided it liked the paper to go the wrong way so the writing did not fit and one page became two.

My printer has a memory, as yet I have found no point in this, let the computer remember and the printer take orders - pity neither of them are co-operative, may be I should send them to a course.

Several attempts to clear the printers memory, (if only mine were so good) are all met with sharp beeps. A friend of mine told me the following joke:

Q: Who swears the most?

A: The Road Runner.

I disagree, my computer beeps a lot more often than Road Runner.

I imagine my saviour, the tall, dark, handsome stranger that can speak:

1. The computers language
2. Plain English

Someone knocks at the door.

My hopes are dashed and I am left with a packet of lollies that I cannot afford and will bother me until I eat them all and will continue to do so for two days AC (after consumption).

The sugar from the lollies and the coffee settles me enough to remember the manuals that came with the computer and printer.

My archaeological dig uncovers several pieces of paper with things like " zoop.tdr," written on them. These I throw in the bin knowing full well the minute the rubbish man takes them away, their significance will be recognised.

Following are several disks, none labelled. Mother's voice rings in my head, "label it or you will forget what it is," such a wise lady, who knew better than to go near a computer. The disks are filed in a box that is labelled "work."

No manuals, I look under the keyboard. Jackpot, half the pens I have lost in the last year, along with four dollars' thirty in loose change, a piece of metal with, "warranty void if removed," stamped on it and a screw of unknown origin are now cowering from the daylight.

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THE DAILY NEWS.

The loose change paid for the lollies and I was back at the same place as two hours ago. No manuals. The part of my brain that is known to have occasional fits of genius says, "You put is some where you would not lose it." "Where?" I ask my brain hopefully. I get no reply.

The best way to lose something is put under your nose or put it away. Under this thought I look on the book case. It has the strange quality of holding only books.

A trail of, "if it is not in the freezer, than it must be ..." finally leads me to the boxes the computer came in. The thickness of the dust indicated a long period of disuse, the spider on the manual confirms it. Soon enough, though, I realise the manual is for the computer and not the printer. Back at the boxes I find a second manual three times the size of the first.

Back in front of the computer I am left even more confused. Under the chapter about 'Printing Problems' I find an entire set of problems I never knew existed - how I managed to avoid them is a mystery.

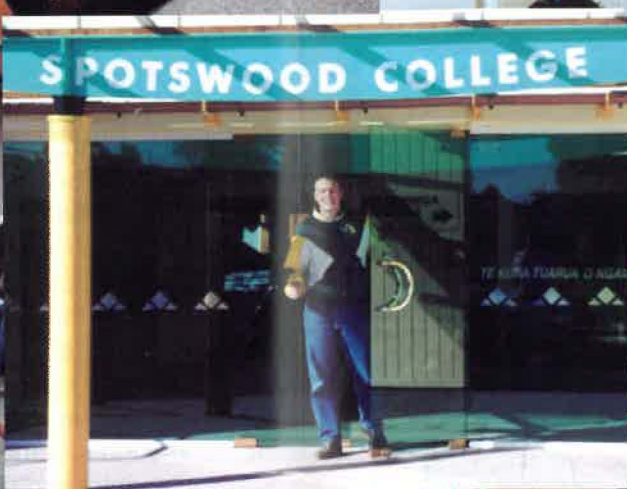
I find an extremely simple answer to a problem I payed some "expert", an unreasonable amount to fix for me. Three seconds before the manual, followed by the printer, are due to a short journey, I find the instructions I want and manage to perform half of them. I say a little prayer and hit the print button.

The printer voices its complaints then produces a line of symbols, , this is the universal symbol for printer laughter.

In disgust, I resort to punching random buttons. The printer launches into spasms spitting out two pages of perfect type. My heart sinks, the page number at the top of the page, the title at the bottom of the page, and all the print is upside down.

By Katharine Adam.





At my age,
your form is THIRD
the other kids tell you,
You're just a turd!

To a new school,
ten times normal size,
"Where the heck am I?"
You soon realise!

But then you remember,
they gave you a map,
Among 80 books -
It's there in your pack.

Now to English
the students must go
You feel really dumb,
As you trip over your toe.

Both 3rd form Deans
are really quite nice,
If you show them respect
and stay out of fights.

After a week
Most confusion is gone,
If you're still having trouble
the Deans are there to lean on.

Your troubles are over
You finally settle in
But the year's almost over
FOURTH FORM soon to begin!!



THE RED ROSE

Seemingly small and insignificant,
Tied with scarlet thread.
Scented with one hundred royal gardens,
Of perfumes not synthesised by man.
Fine feathery ferns remain,
though through tough times been.
Musical miniature pink petals,
sound the bells of angels.

A pearl-tipped pin,
Pricks me as I try to put it on.
I let it be,
For I see it is already crushed.
By my own hand I cannot tell,
But she sustains her beauty.

She is the rose,
None like this,
She gave it
for me to look after.
While I danced.
It pricked me,
As if to remind me
That once my love was a thorn,
Always there.
Charging up inside.
Was I too scared to crush her.
Or too scared to get pricked?
Only time will tell.
I know her beauty will keep
An Empty Eternity Ends,
A Timeless Tragedy Told.

Will I ever hold?



DISABLED PEOPLE

There are many disadvantages of being disabled,
but it doesn't mean disabled people are totally dumb,
or anything. There are so many disabilities, here are a
few examples, a wheelchair from injuries or illness,
blind, deaf, diabetes, mental illnesses, and lots more.

Disabled people need to be regarded as part of the
community rather than as a strange sub-group.

Sometimes people assume that people with
disabilities are incapable of letting other people know
what they need, which is not always true, some of
them are but most aren't and people don't realise
disabled people get very annoyed when they are in a
wheelchair and they have to push open a heavy door
or the doors aren't wide enough for them. Buses and
trains which were easier to board would make life less
difficult, not only for people with walking problems,
but for elderly people and people struggling with
toddlers.

Until the last century it was generally assumed that
there was little point in educating a child with a
serious disability because it would not be able to do
anything useful when it grew up anyway, but now
people are more thoughtful. Most disabled people
hope that is will become the normal thing to see
disabled people in every school from an early age.
Most special schools are boarding schools which
means that the pupils lose the chance to build up and
maintain friendships with able-bodied children.

At work some disabled people put themselves
under strain by feeling they have to prove themselves
at all times - perhaps by not taking a day off when
they feel ill, or by working late because they imagine
they are working slower than everyone else. This may
explain why employers who were reluctant to take on
a disabled employee at first, subsequently ask for one
specifically. They often discover they are forced by
law to give disabled people a chance.

One simple and direct way of finding out what
help-if-any a person needs is to go and ask them. The
disabled person will quickly let you know the answer!
Disabled people vary in the extent to which they want
help. But if you see a blind person waiting by a kerb
or someone in a wheelchair failing to attract attention
in a shop, why not simply go up to them and ask if
they need your help? Most disabled people have
learnt to accept help gracefully but occasionally, the
halo will slip and rudeness, born of frustration, may
follow.

DOING OUR SHARE: It would be wrong to end
this with an impression of disabled people as a group
for whom things have always to be done. As should
have been clear by now, disabled people's needs may
be more visible, but in fact we have as much to give
as we have to take, and shouldn't treat disabled
people differently, as they are winners too.

Katrina Bee

THE STUMP

A stump bares rainbow dullness. Wood sharper
than sharp itself. Knots knitted in the depths of lifeless
darkness. Deserted deepness occupies nothingness.
Not a single soul sleeps. Embraced not by lethal
barbs which entangle. A carcass caught not by
virtuous gods, but by a satanic goatsucker,
imprisoning innocence.

Luxury living once reality blowing like whistling
winds, though singed through time. Twas free and
fortunate now a dejected downcast, dwindling in a
puzzled room. Captured by something born with
feelings as emotionless as the dullest darkest rock.

Unshared, unmarried this solitary skeleton. No life
ceases to exist, not even the ongoing tock of the
borer. Like an unwound toy the stump stays. An
invisible heartbeat like the endless tick of a clock.
Antique moss carved in it's skin. A dirty gut.
Engrossed beneath, lie vacant webs.

It's life seems punished. Beneath does it not feel
hurt and destroyed? Living homeless and isolated.
Proceeding to plead. Let it be where nature made it
to be. Though it keeps waiting, watching, whilst,
wading deeper into wonderland.

Melissa Green



TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

The Triathlon started at 9:30 am on 10 March, a Sunday. Preparation had to start weeks before for the individuals so they could last the distance. The triathlon consisted of a 250 m swim at Ngamotu Beach, a 10 km bike ride up Centennial Drive to Omata and back to Ngamotu Beach, then a 3 km run down to the Lee Breakwater and back to finish. The majority of entrants were in the three person teams, each member completing one discipline. Both the team entrants and the individuals did the same course. The representatives for Spotswood College were all GIRLS, so next year it would be great to see some guys have a go.

RESULTS:

Emily Millar, 2nd Junior Girls, Individual
Karla Hodges, 6th Senior Girls, Individual
Michelle Fuller, Michelle Mowat, Adrienne Hall - 3rd Junior Team
Rowena Howard, Daria Clarke, Megan Riddock - 1st Senior Team



Triathletes

Megan Riddock, Karla Hodges, Rowena Howard
Michelle Fuller, Michelle Mowat, AJ Hall



Cross Country Team

Back Row: Stephen Casey
Fourth Row: Kerry Rea, Ben Gaastra, Jon Gaastra, Jared Wilson, Jenna Phillette, Kate Hayward
Third Row: Michelle Cronin, Stuart McIntosh, Jon-Paul Heather, Nerina Gaastra, Jean Tompkins
Second Row: Sally Morgan, Stacey McIndoe, Jennifer Batten, Melissa Green
Front Row: Nicola Johnson, Sharlene Turner, Elli Pillette, Amy Laird, Tracey Amstad
Absent: Amy Frewin



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JUNIOR BOYS:

100m	Wayne Harrison (R)	Caleb Grey (R)	Matthew Paul (D)	12.38 secs
200 m	Leon Valentine (A)	Johnny Ross (D)	Andrew Thomson (B)	29.17 secs
400 m	Wayne Harrison (R)	Nathan Carswell (A)	Shane Ries (D)	1 min 9.88 secs
800 m	Mathew Ubels (D)	Brodie Dalton (A)	Shane Krutz (A)	2 min 49.99 secs
1500 m	Caleb Grey (R)	Matthew Ubels (D)	Leon Valentine (A)	5 min 24.25 secs
Shot Putt	Kylee Briskee (D)	Simon Lynds (B)	Aaron Marshall-Smith (A)	10.40 m
Discus	Kylee Briskee (D)	Todd Bolton (R)	Shane Williams (B)	22.48 m
Javelin	Mathew Coward (B)	Ben Campbell (R)	Dylan Waitai (R)	21.35 m
High Jump	David Tito (A)	Kylee Briskee (D)	Luke Leathers (R)	1.34 m
Long Jump	Simon Lynds (B)	Wayne Harrison (R)	Adam Crow (D)	4.21 m
Triple Jump	Johnny Ross (D)	Barney Fitzpatrick (D)	Joshua Kivell (B)	7.38 m
4 x 100 m Relay	Atkinson	Darnell	Barrett	59.72 secs

JUNIOR GIRLS:

100m	Hinga Manukonga (A)	Lee Hare (D)	Jean Tompkins (R)	14.00 secs
200 m	Hinga Manukonga (A)	Jean Tompkins (R)	Satini Rangi (D)	32.60 secs
400 m	Jean Tompkins (R)	Hinga Manukonga (A)	Vicky Soffe (R)	1 min 18.07 secs
800 m	Jean Tompkins (R)	Amy Laird (R)	Emily Millar (R)	2 mins 55.03 secs
1500 m	Jean Tompkins (R)	Amy Laird (R)	A J Hall (B)	5 mins 40.03 secs
Shot Putt	Ashley Faamai (D)	Hoana Renau (A)	Lee Hare (D)	7.70 m
Discus	Hinga Manukonga (A)	Jean Tompkins (R)	Fiona Johns (R)	20.18 m
Javelin	A J Hall (B)	Hoana Renau (A)	Lee Hare (D)	14.40 m
High Jump	Jean Tompkins (R)	Hinga Manukonga (A)	Amy Laird (R)	1.30 m
Long Jump	Jean Tompkins (R)	Eloise Pollard (B)	Sonia Whitmore (A)	3.90 m
Triple Jump	Jean Tompkins (R)	Eloise Pollard (B)	Elli Pillette (B)	7.86 m
4 x 100 m Relay	Atkinson	Barrett	Darnell & Richmond	1 min 1.06 secs

INTERMEDIATE BOYS:

100m	John Gabites (A)	Sandy Pattison (D)	Chanan Baker (A)	12.00 secs
200 m	Damon Coneglan (B)	Adrian George (B)	Shaun Brooking (R)	26.54 secs
400 m	Kerry Rea (B)	Jon Waters (B)	Jon Gaastra (B)	1 min 7.97 secs
800 m	James Robinson (B)	Jon Gaastra (B)	Logan James (A)	2 mins 38.07 secs
1500 m	Kerry Rea (B)	Jared Wilson (R)	Jon Gaastra (B)	5 mins 1.17 secs
Shot Putt	Sandy Pattison (D)	Damon Coneglan (B)	Sam Whiteman (D)	10.56 m
Discus	Sandy Pattison (D)	Joshua Williams (R)	Damon Coneglan (B)	32.59 m
Javelin	Joshua Williams (R)	Alan Millward (D)	Jared Wilson (R)	
High Jump	Jared Wilson (R)	David Charteris (B)	Stephen Reed (R)	1.51 m
Long Jump	Joshua Williams (R)	David Charteris (B)	Steven Petter (B)	5.10 m
Triple Jump	Joshua Williams (R)	Jared Wilson (R)	Damon Coneglan (B)	10.80 m
4 x 100 m Relay	Barrett	Richmond	Darnell	51.71 secs

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS:

100m	Kathryn Greaney (R)	Alaina Crafar-McKee (R)	Michelle Walker (B)	13.96 secs
200 m	Michelle Walker (B)	Adrianne Greenhill (R)	Kathryn Greaney (R)	31.30 secs
400 m	Mandy James (R)	Melissa Green (B)	Nerina Gaastra (B)	1 min 23.50 secs
800 m	Michelle Walker (B)	Kathryn Greaney (R)	Melissa Green (B)	3 mins 9.32 secs
1500 m	Kathryn Greaney (R)	Melissa Green (B)	Nerina Gaastra (B)	6 mins 8.50 secs
Shot Putt	Sarah Greenbank (R)	Rowena Howard (B)	Karyn McDonald (D)	8.26 m
Discus	Kelly Mason (B)	Jenna McMillan (R)	Melissa Green (B)	19.02 m
Javelin	Daria Clark (D)	Rowena Howard (B)	Sarah Hayman (R)	20.10 m
High Jump	Kathryn Greaney (R)	Alaina Crafar-McKee (R) & Fiona McIntosh (B)	Fiona McIntosh (B)	1.28 m
Long Jump	Alaina Crafar-McKee (R)	Kathryn Greaney (R)	Evelyn Nicholson (D)	4.50 m
Triple Jump	Anna Wilkinson (B)	Alicia Field (D)	Fiona McIntosh (B)	8.00 m
4 x 100 m Relay	Barrett	Richmond	Atkinson	58.70 secs

SENIOR BOYS:

100m	Hemi Manukonga (R)	Mark Rutherford (A)	Aidan Hellyer (D)	12.03 secs
200 m	Leif Hickman (A)	Stephen Casey (R)	Clinton Kahotea (R)	26.09 secs
400 m	Ken Veyama (A)	Stephen Casey (R)	Clayton Tylee (A)	58.61 secs
800 m	Stephen Casey (R)	Gareth Hill (R)	James Li (D)	2 mins 41.59 secs
1500 m	Stephen Casey (R)	Carl Sinclair (A)	Dion Cowley (R)	4 mins 58.52 secs
Shot Putt	Hemi Manukonga (R)	Vaughn Crowther (A)	Simon Bevington (B)	10.05 m
Discus	Leif Hickman (A)	Clinton Kahotea (R)	Vaughn Crowther (A)	35.40 m
Javelin	Aidan Hellyer (D)	Jeremy Maxwell (D)	Bruce Gregory (R)	31.60 m
High Jump	Aidan Hellyer (D)	Reuben Uncles (B)	Hemi Manukonga (R)	1.43 m
Long Jump	Hemi Manukonga (R)	James Li (D)	Clinton Kahotea (R)	5.20 m
Triple Jump	Lawrence Leaf (D)	Arana Jacobs (R)	Vaughn Crowther (A)	10.10 m
4 x 100 m Relay	Atkinson	Richmond	Barrett & Darnell	50.87 secs

SENIOR GIRLS:

100m	Nicola Johnson (B)	Angela West (A)	Sarah-Jane Thorstensen (B)	13.71 secs
200 m	Nicola Johnson (B)	Lauren Winmill (B)	Hayley Johns (R)	33.60 secs
400 m	Nicola Johnson (B)	Lauren Winmill (B)	Hayley Johns (R)	1 min 16.68 secs
800 m	Christine Egarr (A)	Julie Alexander (A)	Jessica Goldsmith (D)	3 mins 19.16 secs
1500 m	Nicola Johnson (B)	Lauren Winmill (B)	Jessica Goldsmith (D)	6 mins 58.80 secs
Shot Putt	Heather Varty (D)	Josephine Smith (R)	Christine Egarr (A)	8.25 m
Discus	Jill Tippet (A)	Nicola Johnson (B)	Leanne Smith (D)	22.06 m
Javelin	Nicola Johnson (B)	Heather Varty (D)	Kylie Hale (B)	21.20 m
High Jump	Leanne Smith (D)	Sarah-Jane Thorstensen (B)	Lauren Winmill (B)	1.33 m
Long Jump	Lauren Winmill (B)	Leanne Smith (D)	Nicola Johnson (B)	4.71 m
Triple Jump	Lauren Winmill (B)	Leanne Smith (D)	Kathy Hill (D)	5.20 m
4 x 100 m Relay	Barrett	Richmond	Atkinson	59.84 secs

ATHLETICS - SCHOOL**Inter House Trophy****- overall points for the Morine Cup**

Barrett	1163 points 1st
Richmond	981 points 2nd
Darnell	903 points 3rd
Atkinson	698 points 4th

Individual Champions:

Junior Girls	Jean Tompkins
Junior Boys	Wayne Harrison & Kylee Briskee
Intermediate Girls	Michelle Walker & Alaina Crafar-McKee
Intermediate Boys	Joshua Williams
Senior Girls	Nicola Johnson
Senior Boys	Hemi Manukonga & Stephen Casey

Taranaki Secondary Schools Athletic Championships

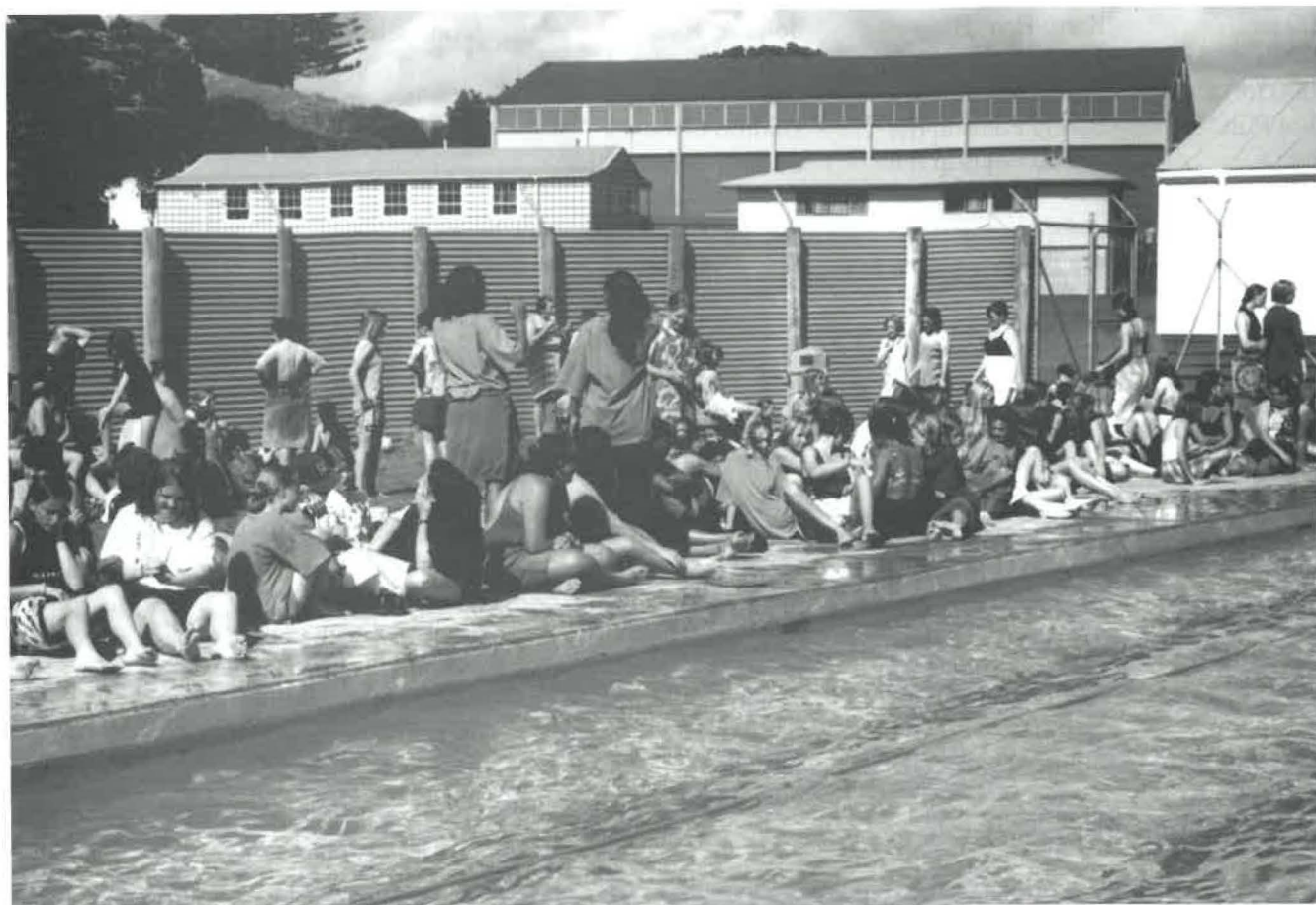
This year's annual taranaki secondary schools athletic championships were held at jubilee park, inglewood on saturday 23 march after being postponed one week due to bad weather.

The Spotwood Team was:

Junior Girls:	Hinga Manukonga, Amy Laird, Eloise Pollard
Junior Boys:	Leon Valentine, Kylee Briskee, Simon Lynds, Chris Copelan
Intermediate Girls:	Kathryn Greaney, Michelle Walker, Melissa Green, Sarah Greenbank, Natasha Whiting, Fiona McIntosh, Anna Wilkinson, Rowena Howard
Intermediate Boys:	Kerry Rea, Jared Wilson, Jon Gaastra
Senior Girls:	Nicola Johnson, Leanne Smith, Angela West, Josephine Smith
Senior boys:	Leif Hickman, Aidan Hellyer, Robert Webber, Clinton Kahotea, Hemi Manukonga

Our best results were:

JUNIOR GIRLS:	Amy Laird	1st 1500 m Walk	8 mins 6.20 secs NEW RECORD!
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS:	Melissa Green	3rd 80 m Hurdles	15.40 secs
	Kathryn Greaney	3rd High Jump	1.30 m
	Fiona McIntosh	3rd Triple Jump	7.96 m
SENIOR GIRLS:	Nicola Johnson	1st 100 m Hurdles	19.30 secs
	Nicola Johnson	3rd Javelin	20.84 m
	Leanne Smith	1st High Jump	1.35 m
JUNIOR BOYS:	Kylee Briskee	2nd Shot Putt	10.64 m
	Chris Copelan	1st Javelin	31.40 m
INTERMEDIATE BOYS:	Jared Wilson	2nd 1500 m Steeplechase	5 min 25.70 secs
	Kerry Rea	3rd 1500 m Steeplechase	5 min 36.70 secs
SENIOR BOYS:	Aidan Hellyer	3rd High Jump	1.55 m
	Aidan Hellyer	3rd Javelin	28.93 m
	Hemi Manukonga	3rd Discus	23.38 m

**Athletics**

Hemi Manukonga, Alaina Crafer-McKee, Jared Wilson, Kerry Rea, Nicola Johnson, Anna Wilkinson, Michelle Walker, Fiona McIntosh, Eloise Pollard, Melissa Green, Amy Laird

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chris Copelan (from the USA) was selected to represent Taranaki at the North Island Championships held in Wellington on 30th/31st March. Chris competed in the Junior Boys Javelin event and was placed with a throw of 32.00m.

1996 Spotswood College Annual Swimming Championships

JUNIOR GIRLS:

25m Freestyle	Emma Moore (A)	Lee Hare (D)	Jean Tompkins (R)	15.11 sec
25m Backstroke	Lee Hare (D)	Michelle Soulsby (D)	Emily Miller (R)	20.15 sec
25m Breaststroke	Lee Hare (D)	Katherine Whalen (B)	Jean Tompkins (R)	22.06 sec
25m Butterfly	Jean Tompkins (R)	Emily Miller (R)		23.80 sec
50m Freestyle	Emma Moore (A)	Vicky Soffe (R)	Katherine Whalen (B)	37.99 sec
50m Backstroke	Emily Miller (R)	Suzanne Jones (A)	Sonia Whitmore (A)	49.11 sec
50m Breaststroke	Emily Miller (R)	Michelle Soulsby (D)	Lee Hare (D)	52.23 sec
100m Freestyle	A J Hall (B)	Katherine Whalen (B)		1 min 42.91 sec
4 x 25m Relay	Barrett	Darnell	Richmond	

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS:

25m Freestyle	Meika Perry (B)	Kelly Shuker (D)	Kelly Mason (B)	16.41 sec
25m Backstroke	Kelly Mason (B)	Jackie Laugesen (R)	Megan Riddock (A)	19.41 sec
25m Breaststroke	Janet Charteris (A)	Stacey Wiseman (D)	Kelly Mason (B)	22.62 sec
25m Butterfly	Megan Riddock (A)	Kelly Shuker (D)	Meika Perry (B)	17.10 sec
50m Freestyle	Megan Riddock (A)	Kelly Shuker (D)	Jackie Laugesen (R)	36.57 sec
50m Backstroke	Megan Riddock (A)	Jackie Laugesen (R)	Kelly Mason (B)	49.60 sec
50m Breaststroke	Stacey Wiseman (D)	Megan Riddock (A)	Kelly Mason (B)	49.22 sec
100m Freestyle	Megan Riddock (A)	Kelly Mason (B)	Stacey Wiseman (D)	1 min 23.05 sec
4 x 25m Relay	Richmond	Darnell	Barrett	

SENIOR GIRLS:

25m Freestyle	Michelle Cronin (A)	Gemma Perry (A)	Sarah-Jane Thorstensen	14.00 sec
25m Backstroke	Michelle Cronin (A)	Jane Aitken (B)	Sarah-Jane Thorstensen	19.13 sec
25m Breaststroke	Michelle Cronin (A)	Gemma Perry (A)	Sarah-Jane Thorstensen	21.03 sec
25m Butterfly	Michelle Cronin (A)	Gemma Perry (A)	Kathy Hill (D)	18.19 sec
50m Freestyle	Michelle Cronin (A)	Gemma Perry (A)	Kathy Hill (D)	34.05 sec
50m Backstroke	Michelle Cronin (A)	Claire Shannon (A)	Kathy Hill (D)	44.29 sec
50m Breaststroke	Michelle Cronin (A)	Gemma Perry (A)	Amy McCandlish (R)	47.05 sec
100m Freestyle	Michelle Cronin (A)	Gemma Perry (A)	Dana McKay (D)	
4 x 25m Relay	Atkinson	Barrett	Richmond	1 min 06.46 sec

JUNIOR BOYS:

25m Freestyle	David Tito (A)	Josh Chaumont (R)	Damian Ngaitaiurua (A)	18.85 sec
25m Backstroke	Aaron Kivell (A)	Josh Chaumont (R)	Damian Ngaitaiurua (A)	22.34 sec
25m Breaststroke	Barney Fitzpatrick (D)	Josh Chaumont (R)	Aaron Kivell (A)	25.50 sec
25m Butterfly	David Tito (A)	Damian Ngaitaiurua (A)	Leon Valentine (A)	23.71 sec
50m Freestyle	Josh Kivell (A)	David Tito (A)	Josh Chaumont (R)	40.69 sec
50m Backstroke	Aaron Marshall-Smith (A)	Josh Chaumont (R)	Josh Chaumont (R)	1 min 00.99 sec
50m Breaststroke	Josh Chaumont (R)	Barney Fitzpatrick (D)	Damian Ngaitaiurua (A)	1 min 45.71 sec
100m Freestyle	Luke Keegan (D)	Aaron Marshall-Smith (A)	Shayne Williams (B)	1 min 44.86 sec
4 x 25m Relay	Atkinson	Darnell Barrett		1 min 52.13 sec

INTERMEDIATE BOYS:

25m Freestyle	Jamie Caley (R)	John Gabities (A)	Julian Pitman (R)	14.40 sec
25m Backstroke	Stephen Petter (B)	John Gabities (A)	Hayden Bartlett (B)	18.27 sec
25m Breaststroke	Peter Bielawski (B)	Julian Pitman (R)	Jamie Caley (R)	19.21 sec
25m Butterfly	Eli Waikawa (A)	John Gabities (A)	Julian Pitman (R)	17.20 sec

50m Freestyle	Julian Pitman (R)	Chris Greenhill (D)	Jamie Caley (R)	33.50 sec
50m Backstroke	Hayden Bartlett (B)	Peter Bielawski (B)	Eli Waikawa (A)	44.59 sec
50m Breaststroke	Julian Pitman (R)	Peter Bielawski (B)	K J Baker (A)	48.12 sec
100m Freestyle	Julian Pitman (R)	Hayden Bartlett (B)	Chris Greenhill (D)	min 58.45 sec
4 x 25m Relay	Barrett	Darnell	Atkinson	min 05.07 sec

SENIOR BOYS:

25m Freestyle	Daniel Sinclair (R)	Bruce Gregory (R)	David Charteris (B)	13.80 sec
25m Backstroke	Chris Sanson (D)	Clinton Kahotea (R)	Leif Hickman (A)	19.61 sec
25m Breaststroke	Bruce Gregory (R)	Chris Sanson (D)	Cameron Lucas (A)	18.79 sec
25m Butterfly	Leif Hickman (A)	Brendon Henschman (D)	Simon Coward (R)	18.85 sec
50m Freestyle	Adam El Agez (A)	Daniel Sinclair (R)	Leif Hickman (A)	31.60 sec
50m Backstroke	Clinton Kahotea (R) and	Cameron Lucas (A)	Grant Daish (R)	48.57 sec
50m Breaststroke	Simon Coward (R)	Cameron Lucas (A)	Dion Cowley (R)	44.63 sec
100m Freestyle	Adam El Agez (A)	Daniel Sinclair (R)	Leif Hickman (A)	min 58.49 sec
4 x 25m Relay	Atkinson	Barrett	Darnell	min 03.56 sec

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS:

Junior Girls	Emily Miller and Lee Hare	1st	Atkinson
Intermediate Girls	Megan Riddock	2nd	Darnell
Senior Girls	Michelle Cronin	3rd	Richmond
Junior Boys	Josh Chaumont	4th	Barrett
Intermediate Boys	Julian Pitman		
Senior Boys	Daniel Sinclair		



Swimming Team

Hayden Bartlett, Peter Bielawski, Adam El-Agez, Michelle Cronin, Kelly Shuker, Janet Charteris

1996 Taranaki Secondary Schools Swimming

The Spotswood College swimming team completed at the Taranaki Secondary Schools Swimming Event at Stratford on Tuesday 27th February. Competition was very strong with some excellent time being achieved. Our team did not manage any placings but every individual did their best and represented the school with pride.

The team was as follows:

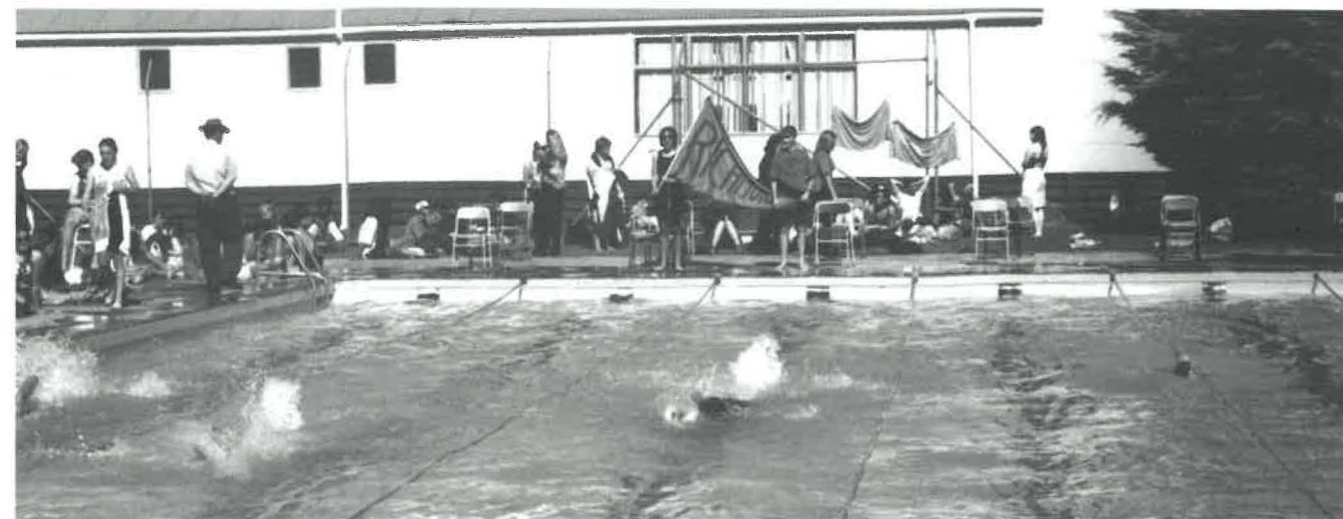
Junior Girls: Kate Whalen, Emma Moore, Emily Miller, Lee Hare, A.J Hall, Suzanne Jones.

Junior Boys: Luke Keegan, Josh Chaumont, David Tito

Intermediate Girls: Janet Charteris, Kelly Mason, Jackie Laugesen, Stacey Wiseman, Kelly Shuker.

Senior Girls: Michelle Cronin

Senior Boys: Adam El Agez, Simon Coward.



SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL



Christine Egarr, Megan Riddock, Sarah-Jane Thorstensen, Kate Morgan, Kylie Hale, Sarah Greenbank, Michelle Cronin, Nicola Johnson

CAPTAINS REPORT

The first game for the season was a scary thing for all of us, because we had no coach, and we only met each other that same day. However, we came out of the stadium with a coach, and a WIN, something we are all proud of.

Throughout the season our team kept our image in its prime by playing fairly and with great sportsmanship. We all did our best; and a team as skilled, well disciplined, as ours deserves more than a pat on the back.

A special thanks to Chris Prudden who coached us with such great dedication. Of course 'thanks to the team for all your efforts. Good luck for next year, guys, I guarantee you will do as well.

Kylie Hale

SENIOR 'A' BASKETBALL

We had an up and down season playing our best basketball in the T.S.S.A. Tournament. We were pipped in the semi-final by eventual winners Francis Douglas. We ended the tournament ranked third best high school in Taranaki - lack of a coach may have cost us a place in the final.

The inter-school clash with Fraser was a disappointing game losing 42-45 but a few key players, missing because of injury, really cost us.

Unfortunately we were unable to attend the Central Region Tournament as money for only the female team was forwarded by the school.

The Girls' Basketball team had a season of ups and downs. We started well winning our grade, and going up to Premier Reserve. The last round was unfortunately hampered by it's told from injuries and sickness. For example; Nicola "Magic" Johnson playing foot-ball on the court. However injuries and sickness didn't stop;

- Sarah - continuously shooting the ball
- Christine - fouling-off
- Michelle .C - finally making her shot after a lot of sweat and blood
- Kylie - playing rugby with Waitara High - tackles, boots and all
- Megan - her wrestling earned her a name - *#@*!!

Player Profile:

Holly - wipe out

Michelle Cronin - The joker - cleaning agent

Nicola - The 'Spoon'er, 'Magic' my 'foot'

Michelle Thorstensen - Childs play

Kylie - Mum

Tenille - Mother Goose

Kate - Sister of Mercy

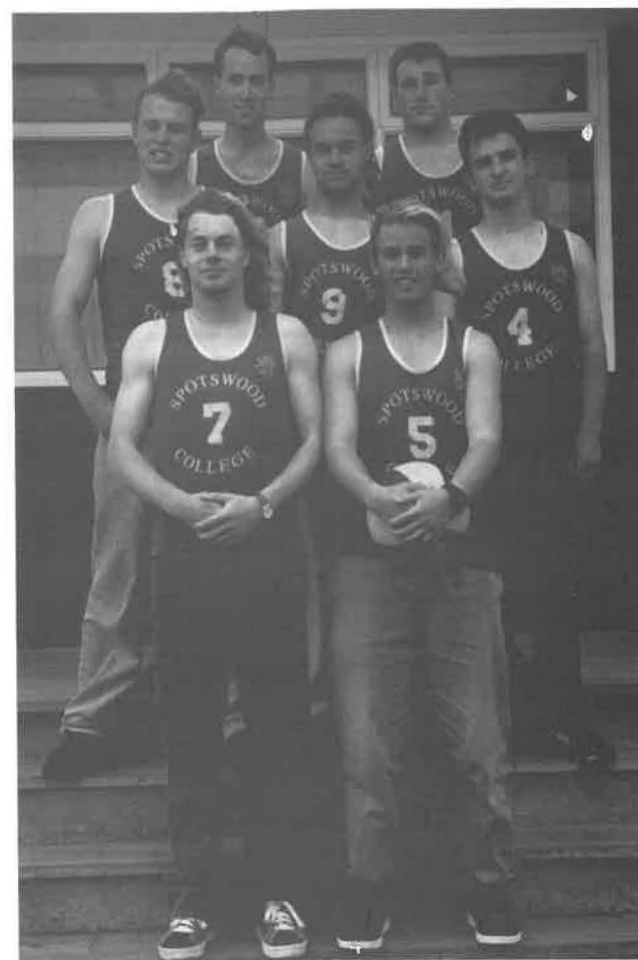
Karyn - knee high to a grasshopper

Sarah - Cousin Wonderful, yeah

Megan - "Excuse me, ref"

Christine - Road Runner

Coach/Chris - Adolf Hitler.



Mark Rutherford, Simon Bevington, Brendan Main, Clinton Kahotea, Lyndor Young, Aiden Hellyer, Simon Coward

U16 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nikes

This year we made up a whole new basketball team with many of our players having little or no experience, but with the help of our coach Simon Bevington we worked hard and learnt a lot of skills.

Our first few games were a sham; very funny, but as the season went on so did our team. Although we didn't end the season with a win we did have some close encounters but we kept our heads high and continued the season with pride, courage and Mark. We would like to thank our coach Simon (and Mark Rutherford) for the support they gave over the season.

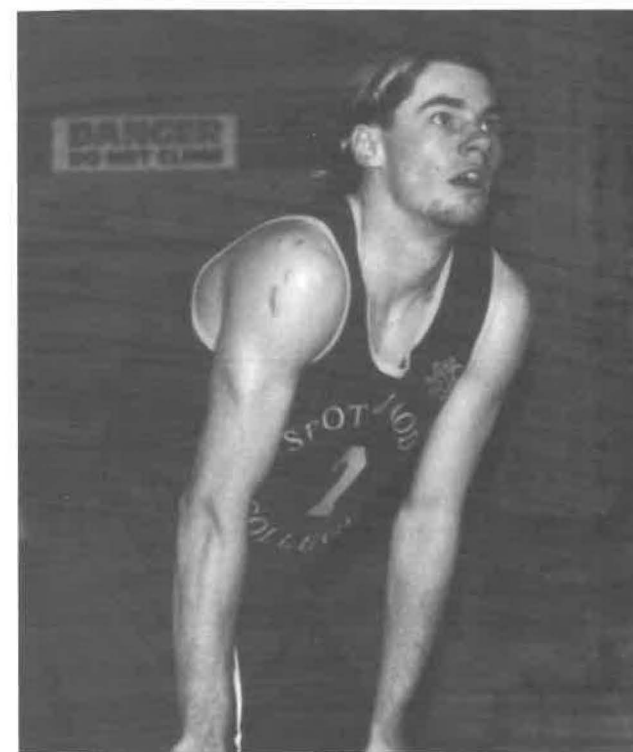
Finally I must admit it was a really interesting and fun season and we are looking forward to trying our hardest again next year.

Rebekah Bloomfield



NIKES BASKETBALL

Sarah Hayman, Julia Gaze, Rebekah Bloomfield, Alicia Field, Mary Potangaroa, Kylie Jones, Sarah Russell, Kelly Shuker



Megan Riddock, Michelle Thorstensen, Lisa Snowden, Chaya Runciman, Renee Penman, Michelle Walker, Bridgette Wilson

UNDER 16 YHCNUAR BASKETBALL GIRLS

At the beginning of the season we decided to play for fun, which we did. Our coach (Leon Christensen) was away quite often with his rugby commitments. In total we had one full teams practice which was right before the final! Our semi-final was very exciting the score was 23/23 with 10 seconds on the clock, when Megan Riddock got shooting fouls, and she managed to get one in so we went to the finals with a 24/23 win against Girl's High.

In the final we had a lot of support from teachers, parents and friends but we still managed to lose to Girl's High which placed us second in our league.

We would like to say a big thank-you to Mrs Runciman who took over subs when Leon couldn't make it and also Leon for his help. It was a fun season.



ROUGHNECKS - Social Girls Basketball

We started the season off by missing out first game and getting a fine, but once we got into the swing of thing we had heaps of fun. Throughout the season we made a lot of improvements, we even won a game - (by default!)

The players made their habits known - Oakura players will always be late to the game, Christine can't get off the floor, Jenny can't make a game before netball, Carissa is the boss, Cronin gets on the bad side of certain teams and Claire was a little roughneck herself.

By the end of the season we were playing well as a team and our final game was a highlight. We worked hard together to prove more of a match than expected.

The team had an excellent attitude both on and off the court.

Thanks to Aidan for his help and the people who came to support us at the games.

We had a great season.

UNDER 14 BOYS BASKETBALL HAWKES

The U14 Boys Hawkes is a team of 3rd form boys who showed they could play with great skill, when they either wanted, or were pressured to. The team has potential which would be developed with commitment and discipline. Their game improved dramatically from the first to the last game. They should all be proud of this considering practise was always a difficult thing to commit to. As their coach I'd like to say, "Never give up, guys." That's something you've shown me this season and I've learnt as your coach. To all of you, keep on playing and you will go far!

(Just remember me if you become famous)

Thanks for the 'Challenge'

Kylie Hale.



Social Basketball - Roughnecks

Carissa Sutherland, Christine Egarr, Kate Morgan, Claire Franklin, Ana Hislop, Jenny Tudor-Cole, Tirena Baird, Nicola Bell, Michelle Cronin



Hawkes Basketball

David Hunia, Mathew Ubels, David Tito
Paul Greaney, Hemi Puke, Danni Kaweroa

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL

In the third term a group of 3rd and 4th formers formed a team for the Basketball Tournament. Spotswood won two games against Patea and Inglewood and lost two games against Girls' High School and Hawera. Overall, Spotswood came fourth equal. The coach (Mrs Carnachan) and the team, were fun to be with.

Elli Pillette and Lydia Quay



Kiwis Basketball

Elli Pillette, Hoana Renau, Heidi Wallin, Lee Hare, Lydia Quay,
Hinga Manukonga



Junior Taranaki Basketball Champs

Aaron Lockett, Jared Wilson, Jared Steel, Emmett Young, Jay Warren, Adrian George, Brendan O'Keeffe, Joshua Williams, Joshua Paurini



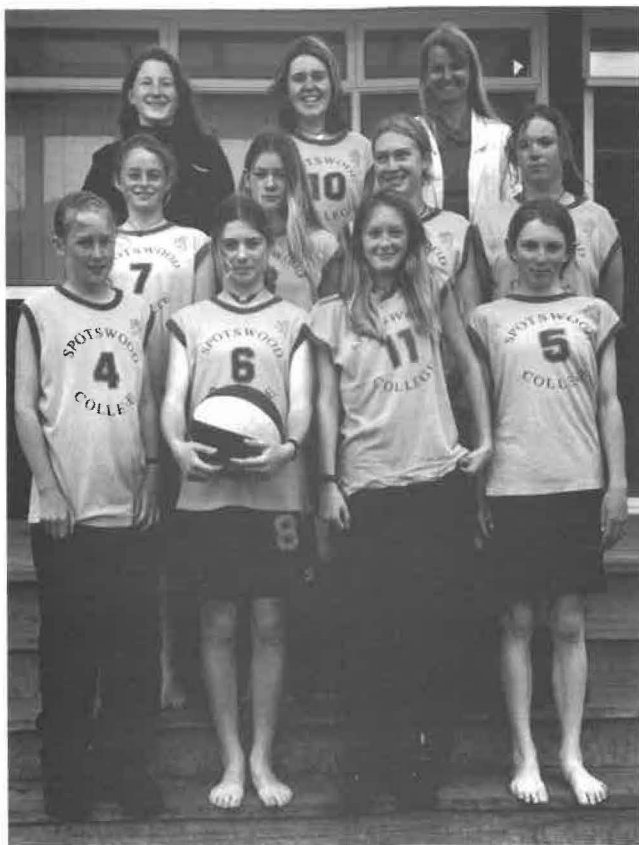
Station Wagons

Nicola Johnson, Donna Bond, Anna Wilkinson, Kate Guthrie,
Amanda Robinson, Eloise Pollard, Jenna Stone, Victoria Masters



Hornets Basketball

Alaina Crafar-McKee, Janet Charteris, Kelly Mason, Jessica Wilkinson, Maria Priestley, Amy Laird, Jean Tompkins



F3/F4 Tournament Team

Kylie Hale, Janet Charteris, Mrs Carnachan, Lydia Quay, Amanda Robinson, Alaina Crafar-McKee, Rebekah Bloomfield, Elli Pillette, Jean Tompkins, Heidi Wallin, Amy Laird



Road Race

Logan James, Jared Wilson, Kerry Rea, Robert Webber, Hamish Field, Jon-Paul Heather, Craig Sharpe, Russell Laird



N.P. U14 Basketball Team

Jay Warren, Aaron Lockett



Surfing

Gareth Hill, Mr Peters
Adam El-Agez, Taryn Lobb, Rachel Cowley
Stefan Freeman, Daniel Fanthorpe, Gareth Robinson, Joel Scott, Wade Lobb



Taranaki U14 Rugby League Reps

Dillon Waitai
Kylee Briskie, David Tito

SURFING 1996

The Spotswood surf team performed very well this year, getting third overall in the Taranaki Scholastic Surfing Competition.

The waves were going off in the morning, but dried off when low tide came.

Taryn Lobb came first in the women's and Gareth Robinson came first in the under sixteens while Daniel Fanthorpe came first in the under eighteens and James Robinson came second.

Taryn, Gareth and Daniel were all selected for the Taranaki team to compete in Westport (South Island) at the New Zealand Scholastic Competition, and they all did well.

By Daniel Fanthorpe



Taranaki Surfing Reps to Nationals

Taryn Lobb, Daniel Fanthorpe, Gareth Robinson



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE 1st XV 1996



Back Row: Gareth Hill, Pani Falaniko, Alistair Tippet, Daniel Spittal, Vaughn Crowther, Joe Govier, Paul McCurdy
Middle Row: Jim Avers (Coach), Jay Millar, Stephen Casey, Mathew Hughes, Phillip Reid, Leif Hickman, Clay Maitland (Coach)
Front Row: Michael Bryant, Rhys Danaher, Jeremy Maxwell, Dean Avers (Captain), Daniel Sinclair, Hemi Manukonga, Chris Batten, Damon Coneglan

The 1996 season has been a very enjoyable and successful one for the 1st XV.

Trials were held in late March, and the 1st XV was announced in early April, and then it was down to serious training two hours a night, two nights per week. Pre-season games gave the team a good build-up to the start of the competition: a combined 4/19 club and school 1st XV competition involving 14 teams.

This was a very competitive and demanding competition. The team played a very good brand of rugby, with all the members showing a lot of team spirit and character in some very tough contests. To finish third in this competition was above our expectations - an excellent result.

The 1st XV finished third equal in the secondary schools competition. This was also an excellent result and very satisfying for all concerned.

Fullback Daniel Sinclair scored a total of 319 points during the season, a big performance from a very gifted player.

The team's dress and behaviour on and off the field was of the highest standard. They must be congratulated for this. The team was very well led by Captain Dean Avers, who received good support from all team members. The younger players in the team came through the season well, all with a greater understanding of the game and better skilled. This is satisfying for all.

A special thanks to Assistant Coach Clay Maitland for all his time and effort which is very much appreciated. With the South Island Tour at the end of the season, this was a very big year for the 1st XV. Well done guys and thankyou.

- Jim Avers

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE 1st XV SOUTH ISLAND TRIP 1996

At 7 am on Saturday 24 August the 1st XV left New Plymouth by bus bound for the South Island and four games of Rugby in eight days.

Fundraising for the trip began in December of 1995. A total of \$12,500 was raised by the twenty members of the 1st XV and a very small band of parents and friends - a very big effort.

We arrived in Blenheim at 7 pm on Saturday evening and met our billets. It had been a long day. The following day we were to play our first game, against Marlborough Boys' High.

Sunday dawned a beautiful sunny day. We spent the morning sight-seeing and getting into the groove of being away as a tour party.

At 2 pm we kicked off against Marlborough Boys' High School. This was a fast-paced game and we won convincingly 46-15. Daniel Spittal was Player of the Day with a fine display of lineout skills. Leif Hickman required five stitches for a cut about his right eye after hitting the corner flag diving for a try. Later that evening Daniel Spittal was diagnosed as having mild concussion: one game and two injuries. Team Management were a little worried, but all in all a good start to our tour.

Monday morning we were on our way to Nelson. On the way we visited Outward Bound at Anakiwa and went gold-panning at Havelock. The scenery through the Marlborough Sounds captivated us all. We arrived at Nelson at 5 pm to meet our billets at Nayland College.

Tuesday was match day. The morning was spent sight-seeing around Nelson and a visit to Happy Valley Adventures where we all enjoyed a wet ride on the Fun Buggy.

Early afternoon we prepared for our game against Nayland College 1st XV. They were top of their secondary school competition and unbeaten. This was a big game for us and the boys didn't need to be motivated. This turned out to be another fast paced game. After five minutes we were down 10-0 and struggling to adjust to the heat of the day. The water bottles were in great demand. The team played very good running rugby to win 35-22, showing superior skills and fitness to the opposition. Vaughn Crowther was



player of the day and Daniel Sinclair once again was main points scorer. Gareth Hill had an outstanding game on the side of the scrum and Alistair Tippet filed Daniel Spittals boots with a gutsy performance. A very satisfying win.

That evening one of our major sponsors, Wayne McCurdy, flew into Nelson to join us for the rest of our trip.

Wednesday morning we set off for Hokitika via Westport and Greymouth. This was an eight hour bus trip and it rained for eight hours. We arrived in Hokitika tired, cold and hungry, and to the news that our opposition the next day, Westland High School, were unbeaten and a very confident side. Their coach rated them very highly. That night the management of both teams, over a few quiet lemonades, agreed that the replica of the Ranfurly Shield would be made and played for the next day. This was duly done and given to us, as the holders, the morning of the game.

Thursday was a wet and miserable day. We experienced a Maori welcome at Westland High School and then prepared for a 11.30 kickoff. Tensions were high, we were up against an unbeaten side and the Ranfurly Shield was at stake. This had become a test match. The field was a 'bog hole', ankle deep mud and big pools of water. We were down 10-0 after five minutes and the large crowd was very vocal and parochial. The whole team played with a lot of pride and character and at the end of a very physical encounter we had prevailed to win 20-10. The shield was ours. There was great jubilation and the singing of the team in the changing room showers after the game is a very fond memory for me - very moving and emotional. Vaughn Crowther was once again forward player of the day. Jay Millar, our 2 5/8 was our backs player of the day for a huge performance. His tackling in the midfield was a major factor in our win. Special mention is needed of our front row, Joe, Rhys and Dean who gave their opposition a



lesson in wet weather rugby. The local doctor informed us that Damon Coneglan had concussion thus ending his playing season. After a photo session in central Hokitika we set off for Christchurch - the sun came out on a very happy rugby team. We stopped at the top of Arthurs Pass for a snow fight and to take in the awesome scenery. We arrived in Christchurch at 6.30 pm, it was snowing and it was cold. After checking into our hotel we had a huge meal and enjoyed a few social activities together.

Friday morning we were on our way to Picton to catch the 6.30 pm ferry and to spend the night at Petone Motor Camp. Saturday morning we had breakfast at McDonalds and set off for Pahiatua for our fourth and final game. At 2 pm we played Tararua College 1st XV in what was an unexpected very hard game. They were very physical and committed to beating us but, as other games, team pride prevailed for a hard fought win 23-15. Chris Batten was player of the day, Zinny was amongst the points again and the tight five excelled once again.

Saturday evening we sat down to a formal dinner and enjoyed the evening together with special entertainment from Rhys.

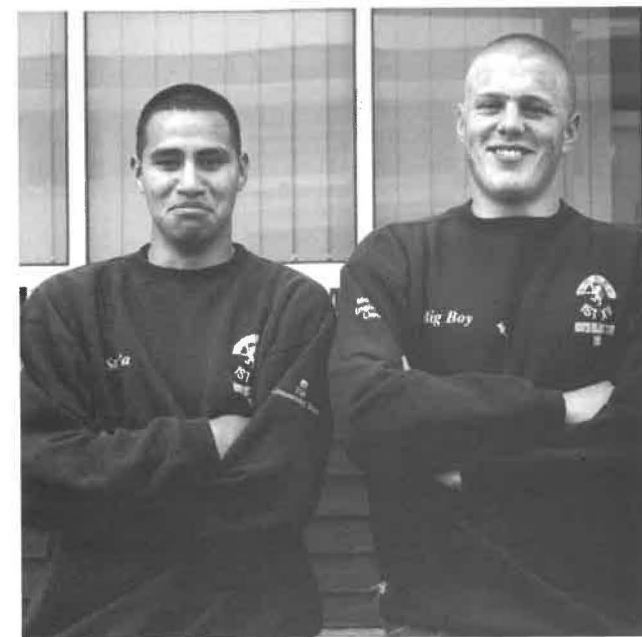
Sunday morning we were on our way home to arrive in New Plymouth early afternoon. We had travelled over 2,500 km, played four hard games of rugby and won all four. A very enjoyable and successful South Island tour. It was an absolute pleasure to spend eight days in the company of twenty young men such as these. Thanks for the many great memories guys. Thanks to Clay Maitland for all his help and his humour. A very special thankyou and heaps of praise to Steven Casey, Jay Millar, Daniel Sinclair and Dean Avers for being persistent and getting the team up and running and going out and securing all our sponsors to have it all possible.

Jim Avers



2nd XV

Simon Tafa, Royce Bailey, Arana Jacobs, Robert Webber, Kerry Rea
Kevin Bryant, Tama Garlick, Clinton Kahotea, David Charteris, Adrian George, Marc Beard
Hamish Field, Dylan Coutts, Joshua Williams, Richard Peters, Michael Bryant, Alan Millward



Taranaki Rugby Reps

Pani Falaniko, Vaughn Crowther
Absent: Daniel Sinclair

2ND XV RUGBY

The 96 season for the 2nd XV started off with a good win over NPBHS, unfortunately after that we started to go downhill a little. Players getting injured, pulling out, and not turning up to training were the main reasons.

At the end of the first round we dropped down to B2 division along with four other teams from B1. That was when we started to pick up our game. We ended up finishing third in the B2 division.

All of the 2nd XV would like to thank Mr (Grandad) Peters and Mr Bryant, who gave us a lot of help to get a team on to the field and play. Thanks also to the players of the 2nd XV and a great season of rugby.

RICHARD PETERS (Captain)
MICHAEL BRYANT (Vice Captain)

GIRLS' RUGBY

This year something new came to Spotswood College, that involved 20 enthusiastic young women. Girls' Rugby succeeded for the first time. Twenty girls were entered into a seven-aside tournament held at Francis Douglas. Although the other teams came out on top - eighteen of us remained to enter in the 1st XV school girls' rugby competition. It took a while for us to get into gear overall during this season. Opunake annihilated us on their home turf but a couple of weeks later we were ready to fight back. We won the game 37-5. The competition with Hawera High was always close and physical. Six of us were picked for the Taranaki Team to play Horowhenua. Although the game was disorganised and the team only had two practices, it was an exciting experience. All of the 18 girls who stuck it out through the season have the skills, knowledge and experience to see the next season through.

I'd like to thank the girls for just getting out there and having fun. You all really made it worthwhile. 1996 is hopefully the starting point for the girls' rugby at Spotwood College. We had the best girls and coaches that any rugby team could possibly have had. For myself and many others this has been a great year. Hopefully more keen girls will enter the competition next year and in years to come. I cannot mention just one person who played well, because the whole team played really well.

Congratulations for the season and keep it up!



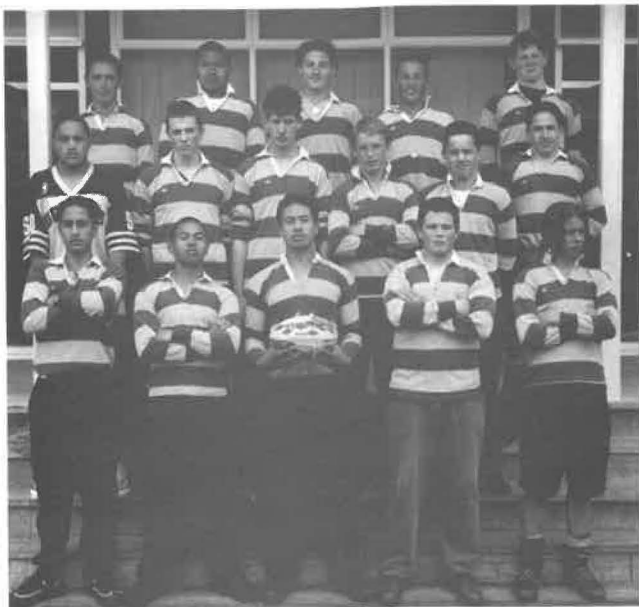
Girls Rugby

Julia Alexander, Gloria Adams, Carla Saville, Samantha Laugeson, Emma Corkhill, Cara Graham, Hoana Renau, Aisha Niwa, Hinga Manukonga
Tawera Phillips, Inga Boyd, Michelle Walker, Hayley O'Keeffe, Bonnie Gaudry
Kylie Hale, Toni-Ann Kearvell, Kirstin Olsen, Renee Penman, Jana Adlam



Taranaki Rugby Reps

Kirstin Olsen, Toni-Ann Kearvell, Bonnie Gaudrey
Aisha Niwa, Inga Boyd, Michelle Walker, Hayley O'Keeffe



3rd XV

David Tito, Johnny Faamai, Jamie Amstad, Tukaha Davis, Stephen Reed, Hayden Rang, Mathew Smith, Mark Krutz, Jon Waters, Cory Matenga, Cory Manukonga, Dillon Waitai, David Hunia, Jucy Talau, Kieran Green, Kerry Rea

D2 RUGBY

"A season with an excellent start and a disappointing end" would sum up the D2 team's season.

After winning the first three games, we then won twelve of our next fifteen to be assured a finals berth with three rounds remaining.

Throughout the season however we lost a lot of players for various reasons, in particular to league and injuries. Two big losses were David Tito (league) and our brilliant goal-kicker, and committed flanker, Stuart MacIntosh (broken arm).

Unfortunately, we were only just able to scrape up the numbers to play the final against Inglewood. Even so, we managed to lead 8-7 at half-time. But they scored two tries to none in the second half to win 19-8.

Congratulations to J P Heather for being awarded the team's Most Valued Player, also good seasons from David Hunia, Shane Jensen, Russell Watson and Philip Martin. Special thanks to Mr B Young (coach), Mr G MacIntosh, and our three assistant coaches: Jay Millar, Dean Avers and Daniel Sinclair.

- Emmett Young (Captain)



D2 Rugby

GOLF REPORT

This year we entered a team as usual in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Tournament at New Plymouth Golf Club. Thomas Goudie was placed in the top of the field on an individual basis. Accordingly he was "targeted" by Boys High to join their team in their quest for national team honours. Our other players, all begin-ners, were entered for the experience of a tournament event. They were Vicki Soffe, Magenta Taylor and Michael Seddon. Well done all team members.



VOLLEYBALL 1996

It is again with pleasure that we can report on another successful twelve months for the various boys' and girls' Volleyball teams representing the College at one of the numerous tournaments played in during the year. I would like to report in brief, the major highlights for Volleyballers during the last twelve months:

- * the Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' teams both won silver medals in finishing 2nd in the 1995 North Island Division Two Championships played in Hastings and Napier.
- * John Gabites, Brendon O'Keefe, Natasha Whiting, Kate Hayward and Michelle Thorstensen were all chosen for the Division Two tournament teams.
- * the Senior Boys' squad finished 1st and 3rd in the Taranaki Secondary schools regional series, and 1st in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Champs.
- * the Senior Girls' finished 1st in the regional series and 3rd in the Taranaki Champs.
- * the Senior Boys' A team finished 2nd and the Senior Boys' B team finished 8th at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Division Two Championships in Christchurch. The Senior Girls' finished 15th in the Division One Championships.

- * three of the boys were selected in the Division Two tournament team - Adam El Agez (also Best Spiker), Vaughn Crowther and Brendon Henchman.
- * the Boys' A team won bronze medals in finishing 3rd at the inaugural National Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Open Championship.
- * Adam Al Agez was selected for the New Zealand pre-elite squad of the Beach Volleyball Academy being established for the Sydney 2000 Olympics.
- * Eleven Spotswood players were selected in this year's Taranaki Senior Mens' and Womens' team that competed in the inter-provincial tournament in Wellington in late-September. They were Dion Cowley, Adam El Agez, Mark Rutherford, Vaughn Crowther, Brendon O'Keefe, Jane Aitken, Odessa Owens, Sarah-Jane Thorstensen, Michelle Thorstensen, Kate Hayward, Melissa Green and Natasha Whiting.
- * the Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' teams both finished 2nd at the Taranaki Secondary Schools Junior Championships.
- * the Senior Boys' team finished 4th in the National Club Championships Division Two tournament.



Senior Boys A Volleyball

Back Row: Brendon Henchman, Mark Rutherford (Captain), Vaughn Crowther, Adam El-Agez

Front Row: Gareth Hill, Ben Masters, Dion Cowley



Senior Girls Volleyball

Jill Tippet, Odessa Owens, Sarah-Jane Thorstensen, Jane Aitken, Josie Roberts, Michelle Thorstensen

Absent: Hayley O'Keefe



BOYS VOLLEYBALL - SENIOR A -

The trip to the National Secondary Schools Championship in Christchurch was always going to be one to remember; pity Vaughn didn't remember to take the keys out of the car when he got dropped off at school, leaving his mother locked out.

The first night was spent in Wellington and again Vaughn provided us with a laugh, when he lost a bet and was made to do a rendition of "Old Grandma She Ain't What She Used to Be" with his pants down in the middle of Wellington.

Trust Mr Gayton to book accommodation next to a strip-tease parlour and peep show.

Aboard the ferry the boys raced towards the gambling machines, an act that typifies any South Island trip, soon the monotonous clanking of coins erupted as Brendon "struck it lucky".

Down in Christchurch the accom-modation was somewhat cosy if not damned overcrowded, which caused a few problems and put Dion in a bad mood for the rest of the trip. A pathetic attempt to avoid using each other's drink bottles and eating utensils failed and soon an epidemic of cold, flu and God knows what else broke out. Gareth's interpretation of medication was amusing as he gathered between 5-10 of the nearest pill, capsules and cough medicines and made a delightful little cocktail that could probably have been used to cure cancer. He had tablets for energy, headaches, heart burn, stomach cramps, sore throats - even period pain.

At the opening ceremony the lads felt a little bemused and intimidated at the size of the opposition, most of which were "well built" Samoan boys, but the feeling soon passed as the female teams entered the stadium.

"Let the games begin" was the call and soon the boys found they were on top of things. As finals time came around the nerves set in, Gareth resorting to the medication yet again. The support from the rest of the crew was much appreciated, especially Alister "Mongrel" Tippet.

After a bit of an anti-climax that saw most of the boys strewn over the court semi-naked and a little queasy the medal ceremony began, and it went off!

The next day everyone packed up. It was off to the beach volleyball champs at Sumner Beach. Mark decided enough was enough and opted to be the cameraman for the two four-a-side teams.

During one of our games a near-naked model was seen frolicking in the water getting photos taken - we now know why Mark didn't play.

Mr Gayton was officiating and the game was soon postponed as most of the ball-playing was not volleyball related ...

The boys picked up their bronze medal after a tough playoff match against Napier. Yeah, the boys were pretty stoked with 3rd in New Zealand! It was off to Blenheim for a night on the town (well, not really). The trip from Wellington to New Plymouth was pretty slow but made me realise what a great bunch of guys I was with.

Thanks to Mr Gayton and Mr Joe for organising and coaching us. Thanks also to Mr Thorstensen for the fab grub. To Mark and Vaughn, thanks for being such great team mates and we wish you well for the future.

Thanks also to our sponsors, A. J. Cowley, Oakley Eyewear, Export Gold and Yeah Right!



Adam El-Agez, Volleyball



Volleyball Reps



Senior Girls Volleyball

Jill Tippet, Odessa Owens, Sarah-Jane Thorstensen
Jane Aitken, Josie Roberts, Michelle Thorstensen

Absent: Hayley O'Keeffe



4th Form Boys Volleyball

Back Row: Jared Wilson, Aaron Lockett, Stephen Reed
Centre Row: Jared Steel, Jay Warren, Matthew Coward,
Brendon Webby

Front Row: Damon Trott, Trent Cox, Heydon Bartlett



Senior Boys B Volleyball

Back Row: Alistair Tippet, Brendon O'Keeffe, Blair Cox, Sam Whiteman

Front Row: Joshua Paurini, Ben Shaw

Absent: John Gabites, Morgan Kratz



4th Form Girls Volleyball All Stars

Back Row: Alicia Field, Nicola Cox, Alaina Crafar-McKee

Front Row: Amy Laird, Natasha Lees, Lisa Broadmore



3rd Form Boys Volleyball

Back Row: Russell Watson, Peter Manu, Lewis Evans, Kieran Crafar-McKee

Front Row: Shane Williams, Andrew Thomson, Shane Ries

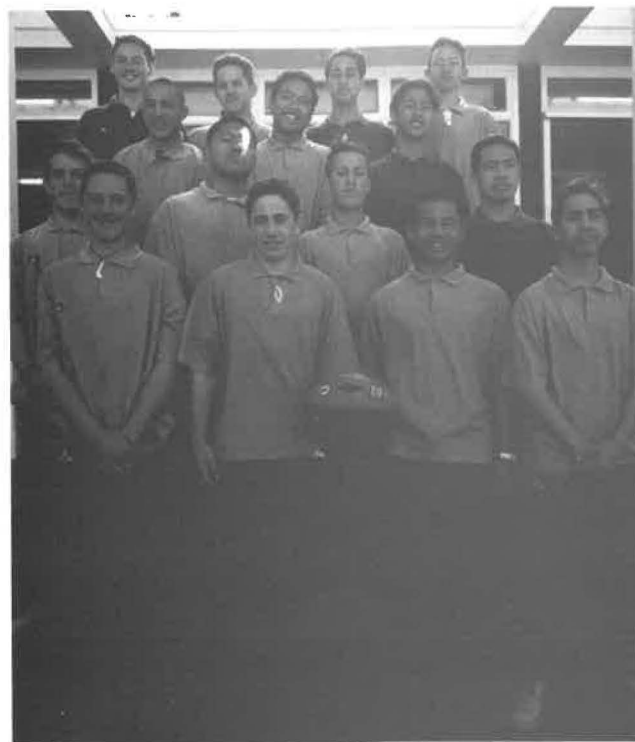


4th Form Girls Volleyball Rockets

Back Row: Donna Bond, Eloise Pollard, Amanda Robinson, Anita Walsh

Front Row: Sarah Buttimore, Victoria Masters, Mary

RUGBY LEAGUE



Junior League

Back Row: Jamie Amstad, Corey Matenga, Dillon Waitai, Michael Ropitini

Third Row: Hayden Rangit, Simon Tafa, Damian Joseph

Second Row: Kylee Briskie, Johnny Faamai, Tukaha Davis, Jucy Talau

Front Row: David Tito, Corey Manukonga, David Hunia, Damien Ngataierua



Senior Rugby League

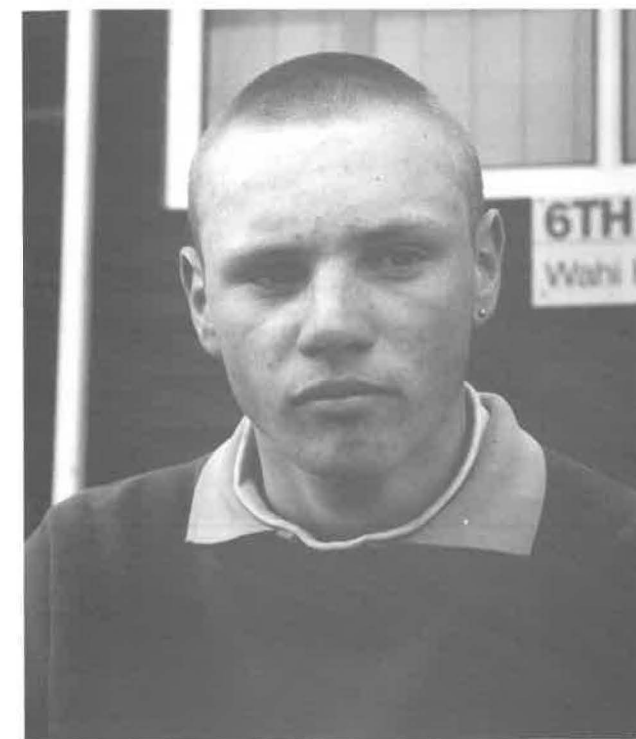
Gareth Hill, Pani Falaniko, Vaughn Crowther, Arana Jacobs
Hemi Manukonga, Jeremy Maxwell, Jay Miller, Dylan Coutts

CYCLING



Cycling

Craig Peters, Nicola Cox, Richard Peters, Mr Peters
Robert Webber, Hamish Field, Kevin Bryant



Craig Peters
Taranaki Time Trial Champion

The cycling team was put together four weeks before Fraser High came for the sports exchange. The first day we had the teams time trial we won the shield back (that Fraser had for three of the five years) by 53 seconds. The second day we had the individual road races. Kevin Bryant was first and Craig Peters took fastest time. It was good to see Nicola Cox take part in the road race for Spotswood.

We went on to race in the Taranaki Secondary School team time trial at Inglewood and win the trophy for the second year in a row and Nicola Cox won the girls individual time trial.

To end the cycling season off, Craig and Richard Peters went down to Manfield to race in the New Zealand individual road races but did not fall in the top three places.

Craig Peters, as Captain, would like to thank Shane Peters, Tony Peters and the parents that helped out with the team and would like to thank the boys for their effort and time.

CRAIG PETERS



Mountain Biking

Russell Maunder, Hamish Field, Craig Peters
Matthew Mayhead, Ian Klenner, Mr Peters

SENIOR A NETBALL

The senior A had a frustrating season with mixed results and little consistency. At times all things were beyond our control with sickness and injuries limiting our performance, but unfortunately team commitment and attitude left a lot to be desired at times.

We started the season with a young team - just three experienced players remaining from last season. After the grading matches we found ourselves in Division II of Grade III, but we definitely had the potential to take this grade out. Again we entered the Taranaki Secondary Schools Pak'n'Save League, and used these games merely for team experience, but they did not seem to help our confidence for our club games.

All was not lost though, and we salvaged several of our club games and had an intense battle with Fraser High to be narrowly beaten in the closing minutes.

I would like to thank Kerryn for all her time and effort as coach, and to Mrs Yandle for her assistance in Kerryn's absence, and her support to the team. Also thanks to the parents who supported us throughout the season and provided transport to the Pak'n'Save games.

Thanks to the girls for a lot of fun during the season and good luck for next year.

Christine Egarr
(Captain)



A Netball

Sharlene Morunga, Jenny Tudor-Cole, Christine Egarr (Captain), Lisa Snowden, Alaina Crafer-McKee
Absent: Daria Clark, Natasha Whiting, Tania Wilson, Tennille Yandle

1996 NETBALL REPRESENTATIVES

Daria Clark was selected for the New Plymouth U17 team which won the Taranaki Netball Association Age Group Tournament.

Christine Egarr was selected for the New Plymouth U19 team who came runner-up in the Taranaki Netball Association Age Group Tournament.



3B Netball

Anna Aitken
Angeline Topia, Deena Robinson, Erica Ward, Hayley Thorpe, Angela Farley
Chantee Tunbridge, Margaret Sansom, Carla Adlam

BULLETS

This season started off on a sad note with the team coming away without even a close win (that was so bad), until we rearranged our positions and came away with our first win. After that it was like no-one could beat us, until we played a certain Girls' High team. Unfortunately they beat us by one very close point. It took us a while at the start to realise what positions we should take and could play to our extreme abilities. We had a few experiences, but over the season we worked hard and reached a very good standard.

Thanks to Melanie Eynon and Jenny Tudor-Cole for coaching us over the season. Also thanks to Kelly Mason, Kathryn Greany and Kylie Jones for filling in for people from our team who were unable to play a few games. Most of all a very big thanks to all the team members who make it happen, considering we only just managed to scrape up a team.



Jentae Netball

Claire Shannon, Angela Thompson
Nicola McCarthy, Coach Mrs H Shannon, Erin McNeil, Angela West
Absent: Marnie Carter, Deanna Riley, Megan Blackler



Bullets Netball

Jenny Tudor-Cole, Sarah Hayman, Catherine Moore
Kelly Mason, Jenna McMillan
Julia Gaze, Rebekah Bloomfield, Mary Potangaroa

Angels in Skirts Netball

Elizabeth Buttimore, Jenna Pillette
Michelle Thorstensen, Rachel Garvey
Suzanne McCarthy, Bridget Quinlan
Melissa Green, Michaela Krutz



Bootie Slappers

Tracey Amstad, Talimai Tuigaleava, Bindi Huntley, Paula Eynon, Lee Hare, Hoana Renau, Cara Graham
Absent: Coach - Paula White, Kate Whalen, Michelle Hannon



Netball B

Leanne Smith, Jacqui Laugeson, Katie Bool, Ataria Thompson, Karina Stewart, Kelly Scrivener, Tawera Phillips, Janet Charteris

Absent: Coach, Mrs Scrivener



Netball - Spotty Leotards

Emma Shannon, Donna Bond, Kate Guthrie, Eloise Pollard, Anita Walsh, Amanda Robinson, Julie Lovegrove, Jessica Zimmerman, Sarah Buttimore, Anna Wilkinson

NETBALL SENIOR B

The start of the season was pretty rough as the team was still trying to fit together, but by the end we had improved. Even though our season was not very successful the games were very challenging especially against Tukapa and on the second round against Western Suburbs.

We had some great defence work from Leanne Smith and Katie Bool. Karina Stewart and Kelly Scrivener were outstanding attackers. Karina showed some good skills but sometimes was just a bit faster than everyone else. There was great shooting from all the shooters Ataria Thompson, Jackie Laugesen and Janet Charteris. It was hard to get all the team motivated but everyone worked well once they were. It was good to see the commitment from some of the girls.

The supporters were good especially Mrs Charteris who was always walking up and down the side line always cheering and Mr and Mrs Scrivener who were also there, cheering us along.

We would like to thank Danny for giving up his time to coach us and to Mrs Scrivener who was our manager.

SPOTTY LEOPARDS

The Spotty Leopards had a really enjoyable season together. We won the top 4th Form grade in New Plymouth and had an excellent interschool match against Hawera which was surprising as we started off as a social team.

The most improved player was Anita Walsh, who did really well in her first netball season.

Our two shoots, Eloise and Sarah, had an excellent season showing great ability, with Kate also shooting well when she wasn't playing skilfully in her midcourt positions. We had strong defence all season, with Donna, Julie and Anna playing excellent games and showing outstanding ability (with Anna also playing well in other positions).

Amanda, Jasmine and Emma all had a really outstanding season playing exceptionally well in midcourts.

A huge thanks to our wonderful coach Mrs Shannon, who was really great and made our season really enjoyable.

Thanks also to Mrs Robinson, who was a wonderful manager and supporter at every game.

Thanks Spotty Leopards for a really wicked year.

SOCCER

1996 was a good season for Spotswood Soccer. Both boys teams were undefeated throughout the season, due to a great squad of eager young footballers. All games were played in good spirit, sportsmanship and discipline. We would like to thank the team, but most importantly the loyal supporters, because we couldn't have done it without you.

Well done lads!

Jonty and Tommo



Soccer

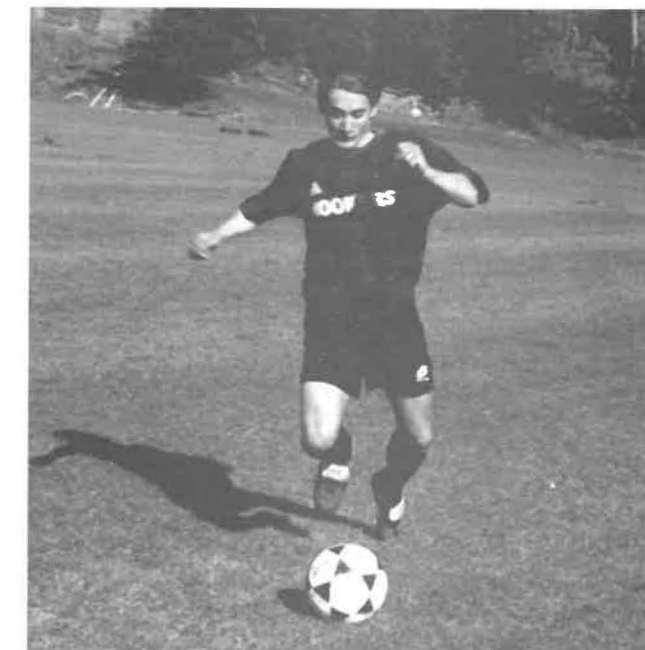
Jared Wilson

Dylan Coutts, Brendan O'Keeffe, Gareth Hill, Joshua Paurini, Matthew Thomson, Jeremy Maxwell, Jonathan Bieseik, Russell Laird, Andrew Thomson



Girls Soccer

Kathryn Greaney, Sarah Hayman, Andrea Noyes, Kate Spencer, AJ Hall, Hillary Blackstock, Gina South, Leanne Crowe, Angela Thompson, Michelle Fuller



Taranaki U19 Womens Soccer Representatives

Kathry Greaney, Melanie Hansen



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE 1ST XI BOYS HOCKEY

For the first time in at least five years, Spotswood College had two boys' Hockey teams. After a few practices and trials the First XI for 1996 was chosen. The season began with games against Opunake and Stratford, but having had little practice time due to rain and unfamiliarity with new rules, the side went down 5-2 against Opunake and 6-2 against Stratford, the latter game played without a goalie and a fullback.

With a few adjustments and a full team, the following two games against Hawera and Boys High 2nd XI showed what we were capable of, losing narrowly to Hawera and drawing with New Plymouth Boys' High School. After three losses and one draw we dropped to second division, but we started our campaign to take out the second division with an awesome display of sublime hockey against NPBHS 3rd XI to win 15-0. After this came wins over Waitara and Stratford.

Upon our return from the holidays came a win against a top women's club in New Plymouth in a friendly game. Back on the path to second division glory - a gutsy display after being behind 2-0 after five minutes.

However, just as it looked like the second division was ours, the relegation of another team (NPBHS 3rd XI) meant these results were all for nothing and the second division race began again. Subsequently after two shock losses to Inglewood and Waitara we were unable to finish no better than second for the season.

Standout players for this year were, Michael Streeter (top goal scorer), Bruce Gregory, Brendon Riddick and Stephen Bedford (all in their first year at Spotswood), Bruce, (a seventh former, playing his first year of hockey). Others to feature were Richard Berry, Peter Manu and Brodie Dalton (before an unfortunate incident with a soccer goal ruled Brodie out).

Catch phrases for 1996:

'C'mon, Chris pass the ball'

'My stick's cracked again' (and again, and again)

'Chris ya hungus'

'It was that close' (miles away)

'Hit it Chris'

Thanks must go to Mr Streeter, Mr Berry, Mr and Mrs Riddick, Mr and Mrs Gudjonsson and everyone else who lent their support, cars and time throughout the season.

To 1997's First XI, Goodluck and have a great one.



Boys Hockey 'A'

Michael Streeter, Bruce Gregory, Andrew Bedford (Coach)
Brendan Riddick, Redman Hanlon, Richard Berry, Peter
Coxhead (Captain), Christopher Greenhill, Thor Gudjonsson,
Sam Coxhead, Brodie Dalton, Stephen Bedford, Peter Manu,
Leigh Petersen



Boys Hockey 'B'

Scott Birmingham, Ben Gaastra, Luke Keegan, Jon Gaastra,
Adam Johansen, Levi Elliott, Michael Nepia, Michael Davis,
Daniel Jones, Andrew Cotler, Jim Bieseik, Chaise Elliott

Taranaki U15 Hockey Reps

Brendan Riddick, Sam Coxhead



Girls Hockey

Sarah-Lee Coxhead, Mr C Bloor
Natalie Shanks, Phillippa Berry, Jennifer Batten
Fiona Johns, Rowena Howard, AJ Hall, Amy Bloor
Sharlene Turner, Sally Johns, Fiona McIntosh
Absent: Hayley Johns (Captain), Stacey Wiseman, Adrienne
Greenhill

ROYAL LIFESAVING

The 1996 team of Michelle Cronin, Jessica Goldsmith, Renee Penman and Michelle Walker competed in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Association Royal Lifesaving Championships held at the Aquatic centre for the first time since the year dot.

The team was made up of club surf life-savers which gave Spotswood the winning edge.

Spotswood won the title through exceptional effort made by all team members especially in the resuscitation section where full marks were obtained. The marks added up to win the day as top team, top girls team and best leader.

GIRLS HOCKEY FIRST ELEVEN

Well, we started the year with several new players and a few who've been around for a "year or two", but with some generous sponsorship for tracksuits we looked and felt like a real team. The team being relatively new to each other seemed to get along straight away. We achieved a mixture of scores and as we worked our way through the season we became more accustomed to how each other played and what we were capable of. The visit from Fraser was a lot of fun and we were pleased to have a win on our turf. Many thanks to all our supporters for that game and also to those who supported us Saturday mornings regardless of the weather or town we had been posted in. With a variety of injuries and other activities we weren't always able to field a regular team which caused us to have some "ups and downs", but overall we've had a good season with all players developing their skills. A special thanks goes to our coach Cleve Bloor, who has stuck by us through all the "ups and downs". We are really grateful for his time, effort and enthusiasm towards our team and hope he'll coach us again. Keep it up and all the best for the future.

Captain Hayley Johns



Royal Life Savings Taranaki Champs

Jessica Goldsmith, Michelle Cronin
Michelle Walker, Renee Penman

FIRST ELEVEN CRICKET

This year's team was very young and only two players remained from the successful team of '95. The team had a mixture of players from clubs and the weekend school side. Everyone got on well and were never bored on the field, with Regan McMillan and Dion Pigott keeping everyone amused.

Our first inter-school game was against Inglewood in the Gillette Cup. We bowled first and expected to get them out quickly. Our bowlers were all over the place with the exception of Isiah Reynolds who took 3 for 25. Daniel 'Zinny' Sinclair gave away 29 extras, which was Inglewood's second highest score. We were chasing 175 and never really looked like getting there, with only Philip Hood (20) and Sean Townsend (27) giving any resistance. We lost the game by 73 runs and were out of the competition.

We were lucky enough to have another game arranged for us against Waitara at Pukekura Park. This was going to be harder than the Inglewood game as Waitara were a much better side. We had Waitara in real trouble at 5 for 4 with some excellent bowling coming from Daniel Sinclair and Brendon O'Keeffe. Regan suggested giving them some runs, but two big partnerships gave Waitara a respectable 172. We started our chase well with Adam Styles scoring 25, but a middle order collapse slowed the scoring. John Gabites gave the team some hope scoring 54, but when he was out it was all over. Waitara won by 16 runs.

The annual game against Stratford was a total disaster. With two key players on a Volleyball trip the side was going to struggle. Spotswood batted first, scoring a miserable 85, with Daniel Sinclair scoring 24 not out. Stratford won easily by 6 wickets.

On Saturdays the team, comprising of some of the school XI and last year's seventh formers, played in the North Taranaki Third Grade. Wins were very rare because we didn't practice or have a coach, and some players failed to turn up to games. Thanks go to Mr Gabites for his efforts in trying to organise the team.



Gillette Cup Team

Vs Waitara High School 1st XI, March 1996

FOURTH GRADE CRICKET

The Spotswood College fourth grade cricket team had a loss in their first cricket game this season encountering the fourth grade senior Old Boys team at Vogeltown park in the weekend. Spotswood lost the toss and were sent to field, with Old Boys posting 130 all out. The best bowling figures went to Kieran Green getting the wickets for five runs off two overs. Close by him was Damon Trott with three for 23, off four overs, and Brendon Webby with two wickets for eight runs of one over.

Then Spotswood College went to bat with Stephen Reed and Kieran Green opening. A tragic start, saw Spotswood's first wicket fall for five runs. Fifteen minutes later the score was 24 for 4. A miraculous innings by Aaron Lockett and Jason Ottens bringing the score to 110, before Aaron went out for 31. Jason Ottens went on to score 63 not out, but was not lucky enough to get to 130. We slumped to be all out for 124.

WOMEN'S CRICKET

We had a season of more losses than wins but we had fun keeping team spirit up. The team always pulled together but unfortunately struggled to make up team members. We all enjoyed our season showing that fair play and good fun was in our minds each time we played.

Thank you to all those who participated and made the experience worthwhile. Thank you to Terry Hayman who spent a lot of time with us - it was much appreciated. Good luck to all those future players.

Kylie Hale



John Gabites Vs Waitara High School 1st XI. Gillette Cup Match, March 1996 (Scored 54)

GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY TEAM

We weren't the most experienced team in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Touch Rugby Tournament, however we managed to show that we were a team who could play with a lot of charisma. We played fairly, we did our best and proved that you can have fun and win (we won about three games). We also worked well together, showed commitment, and great sportsmanship. Thanks to Howie Tamati for coaching us, teaching us the basic skills. Thanks Tawera for persuading him to coach us.

Also, thankyou team for making the tournament a possible goal for us.

Kylie Hale



Senior Boys Touch

Jay Miller, Hemi Manukonga, Arana Jacobs, Pani Falaniko, Jeremy Maxwell



Senior Girls Touch

Jenny Tudor-Cole, Tawera Phillips, Hinga Manukonga, Hannah Brown, Kylie Hale, Tirena Baird



Mixed Touch Team

Arana Jacobs, Jay Miller, Hemi Manukonga, Pani Falaniko, Tawera Phillips, Tirena Baird

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Our first team event of the year was the Wanganui Interschools Show Jumping competition to which we sent seven riders and eight horses. All riders performed very credibly with Russell, Ellie and Christine on two of her ponies, being the highest point earners and making up the final team, which at the end of the very long day, lay sixth out of more than 20 schools that were competing.

The next competition that we entered was the Nga Tawa Interschool One Day event at Marton. Jessica, Amy, Lydia and Christine went down for this event with Lydia performing the best with a double clear show jumping and cross country round, Christine with one rail in the show jumping and a close call at the water incurring one stop. Jessica had a clear show jumping round and a good cross country ride with only one trouble spot. Amy had the biggest mission of us all with a feisty bundle of pony to control. She did admirably, even with the faults incurred cross-country she had a lovely clear show jumping round. We finished the day third in dressage and eighth overall of the 25 teams competing. I think it was a great experience for these riders who apart from Christine had not been to this event before. It was a great team and we all had a lot of fun. Thank you to all the parents for their support and help at this event.

The final event for the year was back here in Taranaki and due to the success of last year's equestrian team, Spotswood College had the role of organising the TSSA One Day Event. It was a hectic event to organise finding a date and venue especially hard with the four term year interrupting organisational time and the equestrian calendar. But after extensive efforts and meetings by Miss Andrews and Steve McKean and with a lot of extremely helpful parents, a successful event was held at the AFFCO property at Waitara. Spotswood performed exceedingly well with both of the teams we entered lying second and third behind Girls' High after the first phase, and overall our teams of Lydia Quay, Amy Laird, Jessica Goldsmith and Jean Tompkins took out the vent leading by 16 penalties, leaving Miss Andrews and her team of helpers to organise the event again next year. The second team of Ellie and Jeanna Pillette, Kasia Scannell and Emma Shannon finished ninth which was a very credible ranking given the 12 teams that competed.

Individually our riders have been very successful, with Jean again representing Taranaki at the New Zealand Poly Club Champs in Oamaru, and yet again this team took out the competition for the third year running. She also made the Taranaki Dressage team and won the New Zealand Junior section. Lydia made it to the Taranaki Dressage team as well and this team finished third in New Zealand.

Christine Egarr



Taranaki Championship Equestrian

Jean Tompkins, Jenna Pillette, Christine Egarr, Russell Watson, Amy Laird, Emma Shannon, Ellie Pillette, Lydia Quay
Absent: Kasia Scannell, Jessica Goldsmith



NZ Dressage

Lydia Quay, Jean Tompkins



Jessica Goldsmith, Lydia Quay, Jean Tompkins, Amy Laird
Winners - TSSA ODS

BADMINTON



BADMINTON

The school badminton club, led by Mr O'Keeffe, had had a great time again this year, with a mixture of successes and losses. The club meets Mondays after school, with a mix of ages and talents, serious players and those who just want to play for fun. Mr O'Keeffe was challenged regularly, with many of us being happy to win just one or two points from him. Individual players challenged each other too, and Mr Joe was often dared into playing a game as he was passing through the hall.

This year, the Spotswood badminton teams played at Hawera, the Secondary Schools Badminton Championships and against the Fraser team.

At Hawera, the Junior teams suffered an unfortunate loss, while the Fraser Challengers were beaten 11 games to 5 overall.

Eight members of the Badminton teams were entered in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships at Inglewood, winning three placings overall:

Tash Robertson and Maria Li reaching the semi-finals in senior Girls Doubles; Michelle Soulsby - Junior Girls Singles semi-finalist; Jared Wilson - semi final - Junior Boys Doubles.

Near the end of the season, there was a play-off for the inter-club finals. The games lasted several weeks, with the overall winners being:

Seniors: Girls - Maria Li Boys - Jamies Li

Juniors: Girls - Michelle Soulsby Boys - Jared Wilson

Many thanks to Mr O'Keeffe for once again providing us with the use of racquets and shuttles, his knowledge of how to play the game, and the opportunity to play badminton for fun.



Badminton

Jarron Piggott, Jared Wilson, Heydon Bartlett, Robyn Kelsen, Amanda Bingham, Kelly Shuker, Kathy Hill



Tennis

Stephen Casey, Jared Wilson, Jared Steele, Eloise Pollard, Michelle Soulsby, Kelly Shuker
Absent: Karen Needham, James Li

YACHTING

The "Epiglass National Intersecondary Schools' Teams Racing Championships" were hosted by Wakatere Boating Club on Narrow Neck Beach on Auckland's North Shore. We had to trial for the right to go and after the first trials were appealed against (- the appeal was won).

After the Spotswood team discovered their closest rivals New Plymouth Boys' High School were using an illegal boat we had a second lot of trials which we won 4-0. The champs were held during our holidays from 25 March - 1 April and are traditionally being sailed in two-person, two-sail dinghies called SUNBURSTS. Team racing is three boats from one school against three boats from another.

The Spotswood team consisted of: Russell Maunder, Sally Morgan, Karla Hodges, and Ana Hislop with our coach Neil Hodges and our two 'mums', (who went on strike one night due to bad sailing by the team) Nancy Morgan and Vicky Whalen. Due to the flexibility of the team many different combinations were used when things started to go wrong.

There were a total of 17 teams competing and everyone sailed against everyone else in a Round Robin series which took ages to complete in the light winds and meant a lot of waiting around. Due to the weather packing up and blowing 40+ knot gale-force winds on the 31st, the Round Robin couldn't be completed so we missed out on four races. We won three out of twelve races but this doesn't reflect some of the close races and finishes we had; in one race we had to wait until the results were posted that night to find out who had won - unfortunately it wasn't us. We ended up placed 11th overall which was a good result considering the tough competition.



Karla Hodges
2nd NZ Schoolgirls Yachting Champs



Yachting

Matthew Hughes - 1st Taranaki Champs



Taranaki Champs - Yachting

Back Row: Matthew Hughes, Russell Maunder (Captain)
Ana Hislop, Scott Hodges, Sally Morgan, Karla Hodges, Kate Whalen
Absent: Coach, Mr N Hodges, Reserve, Natasha Lees



Stephen Casey
NZ Micron Champ - Yachting

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE SKI TEAM REPORT

The first event attended by the Spotswood Skiing and snowboarding teams was the Taranaki Secondary Schools Ski competition at the Maunganui ski field. The Ski team this year included the Juniors, Rupert Goldsmith, Ben Plummer and Adam Priest, and Seniors Michelle Moore (Cap), Stefan Freeman and Amy Frewin (Replacement for Bridgette Wilson who was injured). The snow boarding team consisted of Richard Woofindin and Adam El-Agez. The weather for the Taranaki competition was good with satisfactory snow conditions. All events went well for both teams especially for Richard Woofindin who came 2nd in the snowboarding division with his team mate Adam El-Agez close behind him in 6th position. The ski team also had pleasing results with Spotswood Colleges coming 4th overall out of the Ten competing Taranaki Secondary Schools. In the individual events the results were also excellent with Ben Coming 4th in his division with Rupert taking 8th position in the juniors. Stefan and Michelle both gained 6th in their grades and Amy came away with 10th position. This resulted in a very happy, and sleepy bus ride home after a full on day of skiing.

The next event on the, 'busy,' skiing calendar for the ski team was the North Island Secondary Schools Skiing Competition, 9th - 11th September held at the Whakapapa ski field and hosted by Ruapehu College. The team for this event had only one change with the substitution of a budding ski champ Adam Priest in the junior section. The team were very grateful to accept the generous offer of the use of Paul Goldsmith's Batch in Ohakune as "headquarters."

Due to the predicted bad weather conditions the first day of events was postponed, which left the team to spend the day putting to good use to the ski machines, spas and hot pools around Ohakune. The weather luckily improved ... sort of anyway ... and the events went ahead as planned on the second day, regardless of the driving sleet and zero-low visibility! Day one went well with good results coming from the junior section with Ben being ranked 47th and Adam 57th out of 127, earning the team 12 and 11 points respectively. In the senior women's category Michelle gained 17th place earning 14 points for the team. Unfortunately the lack of visibility and a confusion at the last gate left Stefan 112th and 10 points from the team. After the first day the team were sitting on joint 40th out of 95 schools, making us the 2nd highest ranking school in Taranaki.

The day was finished off with a "Talent Contest" where we reached the conclusion that the team talents are definitely confined to the ski field! The second day ended with less impressive results from the team, Rupert producing the only 1st place in the dual slalom. At the end of the competition the Spotswood skiers retired to, 'H.Q.' tired, rosy-cheeked, dreading the long car journey home and minus a pair of brand new ski poles.

The prize giving was held at Ruapehu College. We are proud to say that the team did not leave empty handed as we won the team spot prize and were presented with a matching set of bindings covers from the sponsors, "Solomon." Spotswood ended up 71st place over all. Just a little more practise and we'll leave with the trophy ... next year. The team would like to thank Keith and Paul for their patience, time and endurance of the dreaded course maintenance; Paul for the use of his batch; Jan Carnachan for the organisation of the trip.

Michelle Moore 7W0.



Skiing

Bridgette Wilson, Rupert Goldsmith, Ben Plummer-Butt, Adam Priest, Michelle Moore, Joel Scott, Adam El-Agez, Mrs Carnachan, Stefan Freeman, Richard Woofindin



Prefects

Back Row: Lawrence Leaf, Sarah-Jane Thorstensen, Shannon Novak, Vaughn Crowther, Jane Aitken, Cameron Lucas, Hemi Manukonga

Second Row: Matthew Thomson, Kathy Hill, Hannah Brown, Jessica Goldsmith, Michelle Cronin, Lauren Winmill, Nicola Johnson, Kylie Hale

Front Row: Ana Hislop, Mark Rutherford, Ms Moran, Mr Finch, Mr Lynch, Gemma Perry, Nancy De-Bueger, Melanie Hanson

Absent: Christine Egarr, Peter Coxhead, Clinton Kahotea



Form 7FC

Back Row: Jonathan Biesiek, Pani Falaniko, Mark Rutherford, Shannon Jacob, Leif Hickman

Second Row: Corey Lynds, James Robinson, Donald Niwa, Robert Webber, Russell Maunder, Christopher Batten, Mrs Cooper

Front Row: Karla Hodges, Nicola Bell, Lisa-Marie Cowley, Matthew Thomson, Julie Alexander, Sarah Peters, Jill Tippet

Absent: Stephen Bishell, Claire Franklin

Form 7AB

Back Row: Alistair Eaddy, Cameron Lucas, Vaughn Crowther, Shannon Novak, Kenzo Ueyama, Phillip Walker

Second Row: Katharine Adam, Emily Whiteman, Julia Stoddart, Brooke Wagstaff, Michelle Cronin, Jay Millar, Mrs Adele Prince

Front Row: Gemma Perry, Lara Raeder, Tina Williams, Hannah Brown, Sharon Thompson, Muriel Achermann, Nancy Reed

Absent: Christine Egarr, Adele Gichard, Amber Priest

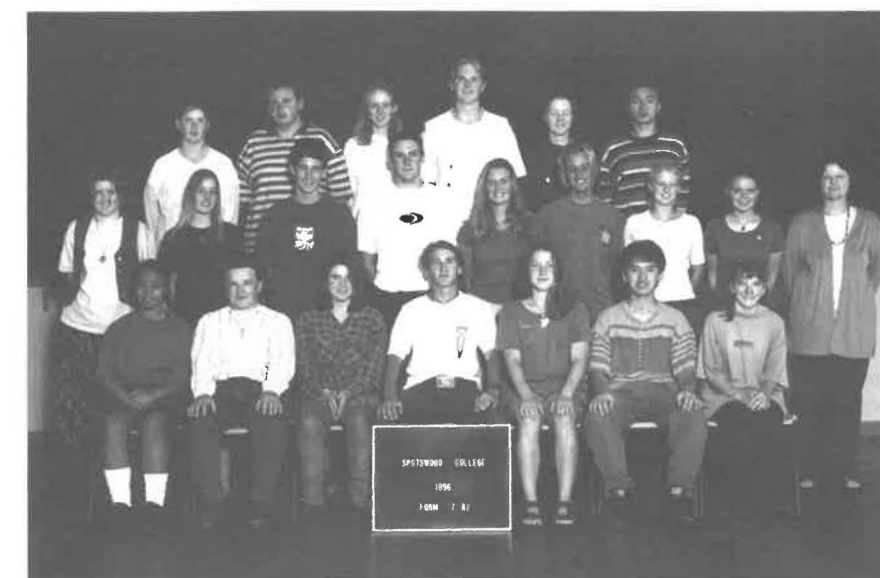


Form 7NJ

Back Row: Talia Eaton, Dean Avers, Kate Morgan, Bruce Gregory, Nicola Johnson, Brad Park

Second Row: Helen Gaston, Lisa Franklin, Nicholas Webby, Simon Bevington, Tirena Baird, Simon Coward, Kyla Williams, Ana Hislop, Mrs N Jonas

Front Row: Tania Wilson, Michael Bryant, Gina Chamberlain, Reuben Uncles, Kylie Hale, Banh Nguyen, Vanessa Piper



Form 7GC

Back Row: Andrew Bedford, Chris Sansom, Brenda Main

Second Row: Lyndon Young, Aidan Hellyer, Litisha Jury, Maija Keinanen, Jessica Goldsmith, James Li, Lawrence Leaf, Mr G Clarke

Front Row: Kathy Hill, Dana McKay, Dana Marie Murray, Tawera Phillips, Carissa Sutherland, Melanie Hansen, Jessica Mead



Form 7JT

Back Row: Grant Daish, Hemi Manukonga, Stephen Casey, Dion Pigott, Leif Warren, Shane Amstad, Mr Jacques Tuz

Second Row: Alisha Parsottam, Arana Jacobs, Anthony Fowler, Teresa Peters, Dion Neil, Blair Collie, Lisa Counihan

Front Row: Jessica Zimmerman, Carly Gordon, Hayley Johns, Karen Needham, Josie Roberts, Josephine Smith, Olivia Neate



Form 7WO

Back Row: Matthew Cruickshank, David Collins, Ben Fitzpatrick, Jeremy Maxwell

Second Row: Sarah Jane Thorstensen, Jane Aitken, Rebecca Martin, Michelle Moore, Joanne Hodgson, Mr R Wood

Front Row: Joanne Mitchell, Ellen Somerton, Nancy de Bueger, Lauren Winnill, Alana Glentworth, Odessa Owens, Jenny Tudor-Cole, John Plunkett



Form 6AJ

Back Row: Daniel Fanthorpe, David Charteris, Stephen Petter, Steven Turner, Hamish Field, Scott Webber

Second Row: Colin Willoughby, David Mill, Tommy Varty, Ben Winther, Stefan Freeman, Euan Ross, James Robinson, Mr A Joe

Front Row: Emma Corkill, Maria Li, Gemma Wiltshire, Mathew Walsh, Danielle Hill, Erin MacNeil, Amy Christiansen

Form 6DE

Back Row: Stuart Patterson, Michael Streeter, Brent Howard, Darren Mackay, Mathew Hughes, Richard Wooffindin, Thomas Goudie, Mrs Evans

Front Row: Gina Harris, Rebecca Grundy, Leisa Gilbert, Daniel Henry, Rachel Cowley, Hannah Krutz, Heidi Armstrong

Absent: Clayton Lines, Richard Young, Stephen Rowe, Emma McArthur



Form 6KC

Back Row: Carl Sinclair, Clayton Tylee, Adam El-Agez, Shane Lovegrove, Ian Klenner

Second Row: Joseph Rowe, Sharlene Morunga, Jessica Vosseler, Michelle Turner, Sarah Schilperoort, Marnie Carter, Phillip Rose, Mr Crawford

Front Row: Sam Jolly, Annette Reid, Julia Hobby, Nicola Holub, Sam Laugesen, Chrissie Trye, Rachel Keighley

Absent: Patrick Leonard, Holly Hanscombe



Form 6JH

Back Row: Matthew Mayhead, Stathie Triadis, Cameron Parkes

Second Row: Phillip Spice, Mark Willans, Tammy Scott, Dylan Coutts, David Fox, Mr Hodgkinson

Front Row: Alison Beath, Adrea Noyes, Melanie Eynon, Hilary Blackstock, Megan Blackler, Angela West, Kirsty Weir

Absent: Philip Reid, Howard Shute, James Prestidge



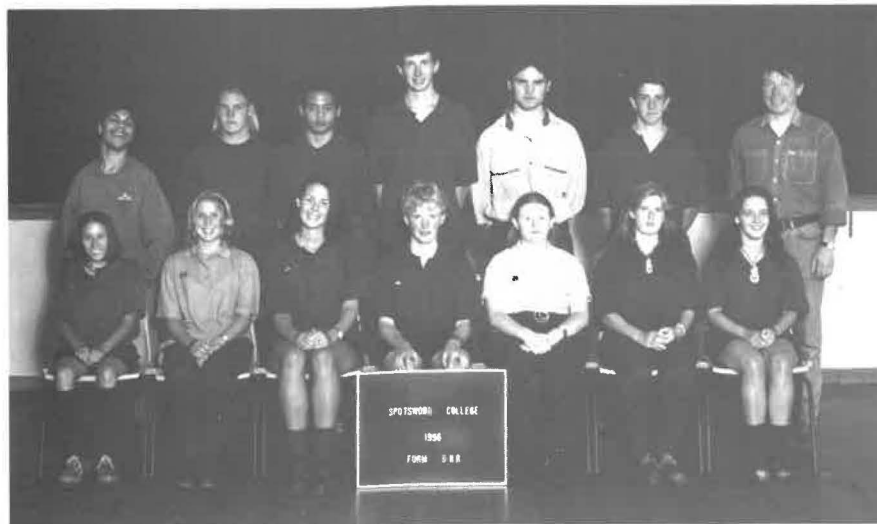
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Second Row: Shay Lattimer, Jeremy Flower, Amelia Gaffy, Katrina Bee, Anna Jorgensen, Ataria Thompson, Simon Miller, Mathew Dodunski, Mrs Margaret Gaze

Front Row: Ann Shearer, Debbie Clearwater, Inga Boyd, Kirstin Olsen, Angela Thompson, Tamsin Corkill, Amy Frewin

Absent: Scott Plyler, Daniel Wilkinson



Form 6HR

Back Row: Noho Taha, Damian Anderson, Malachi Huntley, Mathew Foster, Tama Garlick, Rowan Cairns, Mr Rilkoff

Front Row: Candice Manukonga, Sandra Hannam, Abbey Stone, Stephen Millward, Amy Clifton, Rachel Russell, Kristy Gray

Absent: Rowan Chivers, Hayley Wells, Dwayne Inwood



Form 6DW

Back Row: Jeremy Rothery, Jamie Caley, Mrs Walker

Front Row: Jacquie Goble, Amy McCandlish, Nick Forsythe, Jackie Laugeson, Matthew Gaze, Angela Kirkpatrick, Sharon Shramka

Absent: Kurt Haskell, Michael Gargan, Regan McMillan, Daniel Berger, Colin Charman, Gloria Adams, Amanda Hales

Form 6SG

Back Row: Brendon Henschman, Andrew Gibb, Sean Townsend

Second Row: Richard Peters, Joe Govier, Richard Berry, Chris Greenhill, Daniel Kereama, Mr Greenhill

Front Row: Taryn Lobb, Kelly Lovegrove, Leanne Smith, Shane Wech, Vanessa Rowe, Tracey Jacobsen, Jamie Ward

Absent: Chinta Tambunan, Angela West, Rawinia Hare



Form 5CC

Back Row: Charles Ip, Redmond Hanlon, Jon Gaastra, Adam Bentley

Second Row: Tim Brown, Damon Coneglan, Rowena Howard, Natasha Whiting, Peter Bielawski, Kevin Huang, Mrs Charteris

Front Row: Sarah Taylor-Smith, Michelle Walker, Courtney Lucas, Jenna Pillette, Katie Scott, Suzanne McCarthy, Rachel Garvey

Absent: Levi Elliot, Garth Fox, Richard Von de Vril



Form 6DT

Back Row: Ben Masters, Daniel Spittal, Darren Rogers, Daniel Bloomfield

Second Row: Brian Farley, Paul McCurdy, Reuben White, Clifton Yardley, Michael Thornhill, Mrs D Thomas

Front Row: John Lares, Amy Bloor, Claire Shannon, Charlotte Maraki, Dearnna Riley, Nicola McCarthy, Tracy O'Sullivan



Form 5DI

Back Row: Aaron Meijer, Craig Peters, Scott Steer, Marc Newbrook, Simon Hill, Logan James

Second Row: Michael Kemsley, Elizabeth Charman, Jasmine Matenga, Delwyn Kennedy, Lisa Snowden, Kelly Kelson, Phillip Hood, Mr D Ingram

Front Row: Emma Collie, Renee Penman, Kylie Brill, Nyssa Hall, Rebecca Piper, Karyn O'Sullivan, Bridget Quinlan, Shara Lee Parkinson

Absent: Chanan Baker, Steven Martin, Vesan Seko, Janine Meihana



Form 5DP

Back Row: Brad Kidney, Owen Brighurst, Julian Pitman, Sam Coxhead
Second Row: Josh Paurini, Nick Webber, Kevin Bryant, Josh Williams, Adam Styles, Rhys Danaher, Daniel Hunter
Front Row: Jana Adlam, Kelly Hopkinson, Sarah Greenbank, Serena King, Lisa Allen, Nicola Beattie, Sally Johns, Monique Duffill
Absent: James Cooper, Gabriel Walden, Jaana Miller



Form 5KG

Back Row: Scott Parker, Blair Cox, Damian Leathers, Adrian George
Third Row: Fraser Ross, Kerry Rea, Martin Emo, Hayden Seed, Craig Sharpe, Jon Waters
Second Row: Marcia Ngawhini, Sharol Verma, Fiona McIntosh, Keri Raeder, Tennille Yandle, Melinda Clark, Claire Grant, Mr Gilmore
Front Row: Toni-Ann Kearvell, Elizabeth Buttimore, Suzanne Walker, Meika Perry, Verity Hewitt, Paula Bibby, Melissa Green
Absent: Waveney Corry

Form 5HB

Back Row: Jason Ottens, Tyrone Riddick, Shaun Brooking, Alban Childs, Stephen Smith
Second Row: Dylan Spencer, Mark Charteris, Hayley Steele, Sara Edwards, Aisha Niwa, Heydon Paul, Morgan Kratz, Mrs Brandon
Front Row: Amy Stenner, Terina Tumahuki, Kylie Sisarich, Carla Saville, Michaela Krutz, Samantha Dillon, Meren Roberts, Amy Cruickshank
Absent: Gareth Christensen, Lauren Fenton, Lucas Gordon



Form 5LK

Back Row: Brendan Holswich, Alistair Tippet, Bryden Glen, Lauran de Ruiter, Kenneth Wong
Second Row: Danny Carley, Maren Huntley, Gareth Smith, Dallas Jackson, Steven Erickson, Luke Palmer, Robert Crow, Mrs Kreisler
Front Row: Melanie Haseltine, Anita Kumar, Michelle Thorstensen, Joy Bridger, Karina Stewart, Karyn McDonald, Evelyn Nicholson
Absent: Katie Bool, Regan Robinson, Shannon Ross, Chad Sands



Form 5HL

Back Row: Louis Beattie, John Gabites, Richard Benson, Trent Martin, Eli Waikawa
Third Row: Megan Riddock, Kerri Stewart, Anna Rutherford, Kate Hayward, Lana Mana
Second Row: Shannon Honeyfield, Timothy Biesek, Adam Priest, Haydan Tompkins, Gregory Taylor, Alicia Montgomery, Kevin Demchy, Ben Gastra, Mr Hill
Front Row: Nicola Grey, Jody Sanson, Kirsten Barrett, Alexandra Bain, Chaya Runciman, Toni Cowles, Joanna Jackson, Kelly Mould
Absent: Kristi Burt



Form 5MP

Back Row: Alan Millward, Shane Jury, Ben Shaw, Sam Whiteman, Brendan Mills, Ryan Cooper, Sandy Pattison
Second Row: Glen Adlam, Brendon O'Keefe, Marie Tooman, Philippa Wells, Kasia Scannell, Bridgette Wilson, Marc Beard, Terry Standing, Mr M Paling
Front Row: Miranda Short, Samantha Brill, Daria Clark, Bonnie Gaudry, Amanda Hall, Neta Wharehoka, Jenna Quay
Absent: Tamara Bennetts, Sharnee Sheperd, Alan Walsh



Form 4CF

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Third Row: Tukaha Davis, Nicholas Webster, Ronald Atkinson, Wayne Harrison, Paul Hugill, Andrew Ngaia
Second Row: Amy Laird, Joanne Walker, Nicki Bee, Alaina Crafar-McKee, Jenelle Reid, Emily Miller, Danielle Johansen, Mrs C Finch
Front Row: Mandy James, Jean Tompkins, Casey Taylor, Jilaire Ross, Maria Priestly, Sarah Hayman, Ben Wilmshurst
Absent: Shane Mathews, Jonathan Tremaine, Ronald Atkinson

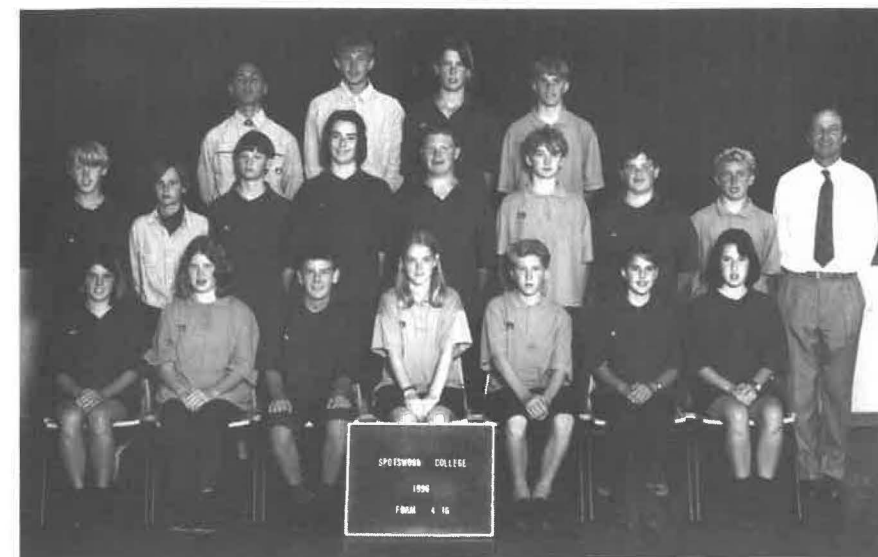
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Front Row: Nerina Gaastra, Karla Kennedy, Amiria Gilmore, Kate Spencer, Gia Williams, Kylie Jones, Jennifer Batten



Form 4DO

Back Row: Rick Christiansen, Thor Gudjonsson, Grant Matthews, Aaron Lockett, Heydon Bartlett, Dickson Hohaia, Timothy Bedford
Second Row: Clayton Bosson, Jason Doherty, Brendon Webby, Nicola Cox, Matthew Coward, Shayde Martin, Bryce McKinley, Mr D Oliver
Front Row: Natasha Lees, Eloise Pollard, Donna Bond, Sonia Wells, Cara-Lai Fennell, Anna Wilkinson, Natasha Cook
Absent: Tanya Tynan, Lisa Broadmore, George Karageorge



Form 4IG

Back Row: Khan Wafer, K J Baker, Jason Bee, Joshua Morris
Second Row: Jared Bryant, Kristin Taylor, Sean Laurence, Triston Insley-Younkin, Shane Hale, Josef Mundt, Kieran Green, Gareth Robinson, Mr I Gabites
Front Row: Kelly Shuker, Natasha Crow, Daniel Jones, Angela Jensen, Dwayne Hill, Michelle Soulsby, Sarah Russell
Absent: Katrina Bennett, Hinemoa Rangi, Stacey Wiseman

Form 4MM

Back Row: Wade Harding, Johnny Faamai, Stephen Reed, Jaron Pigott, Jamie Amstad, James Stoddart, Mr M McGregor
Second Row: Trent Cox, Dion Mathys, Sarah Lealand, Julia Gaze, Hannah Whiteman, Kathryn Greaney, Ian Phillips, Theresa Ellis
Front Row: Amanda Bingham, Julie Lovegrove, Jenna McMillan, Emma Shannon, Fiona Johns, Nikau Hohaia, Catherine Moore
Absent: David Bunyan



Form 4MV

Back Row: Michael Rosser, Paul Mould, Danny Beale, Jay Warren
Third Row: Rosemary Aukett, Robyn Spencer, Rebecca Wetzel, Rebekah Bloomfield, Anthony Steer
Second Row: Thomas Parry, Shaun Johnson, Emmett Young, Jared McElhannan, Shane Jensen, John Laurie, Michelle French, Ms S McVicar
Front Row: Jasmine Zimmerman, Jenna Stone, Sarah Buttimore, Robyn Kelsen, Mary Potangaroa, Kate Guthrie, Danielle Adams
Absent: Jamie Ruakere





Form 4 SD

Back Row: Brent Krutz, Jucy Talau, Shane Phillips, Michael Brill, Corey Matenga, Michael Ropitini, Brodie Dalton

Second Row: Chris Carter, Karl Horo, Brett Clearwater, Emma Medway-Smith, Nick Hepi Te Huia, Damian Joseph, Brad Theobald

Front Row: Kelly Scrivener, Janet Charteris, Kellyrose Wech, Rebecca Hill, Stacey McIndoe, Jessica Wilkinson, Rachelle Davis

Absent: Casey Scott, Sarah Lee Coxhead, Mrs Domney



Form 3CG

Back Row: Marc Birkby, Shaun Fennell, Glenn Wells, Adam Robinson

Third Row: Tama Colvin, Chaise Elliott, Nathan Christensen, Joshua Paul, Michael Nepia, Colin Ridley

Second Row: Adam Johansen, Luke Olliver, Anna Aiken, Renee Abrams, Deena Robinson, David Forsythe Ryan Adlam, Mr Gill

Front Row: Leanne Mancer, Bilha Baker, Angeline Topia, A J Hall, Tracy Amstad, Claire Charteris, Joanna Demetriou, Chantee Tunbridge

Form 4TL

Back Row: Luke Keegan, Jess Prestidge, Matthew Smith

Second Row: Damian Hirini, B J Martin, Matthew Flower, Darin Oulaghan, James Healey, Mr Lanning

Front Row: Minal Moral, Victoria Masters, Letitia Bloor, Selena Ngaia, Alicia Field, Anita Walsh, Amanda Robinson, Sheena Abrams

Absent: Nathan Bates, Vince Himiona, Simon Tafa, Beverly Capps, Demelza Johnson, Vicki Price, Crystal Winning, Nadia Ropitini



Form 3CV

Back Row: Damian Ngataierua, Dwayne Theobald, Logan Coleman, Chris Marra, Leigh Petersen

Third Row: Adam Ross, Philip Martin, Kieran Crafar-McKee, Leon Valentine, Quyn-ton Tuari, Nathan Mackey, John Tooman, Jamie Woods

Second Row: Paul Chinery, Leonna White, April Pitman, Megan Kennedy, Julia Loney, Tammy Hills, Stacey Short, Stephen Bedford, Mr Mervyn Chivers

Front Row: Margaret Sanson, Cassie Willoughby, Hoana Renau, Deanne Topless, Paula Eynon, Suzanne Jones, Hinga Manukonga, Sarah Jamieson



Form 3BB

Back Row: Shane Ries, Cain Carr, Jon Rutherford, Matthew Arden, Matthew Ubels, James Jenkins

Third Row: Michael Webb, Peter Manu, Johnny Ross, Matthew Paul, Aaron Reid, Chris Olsen

Second Row: Tony Feek, Santini Rangi, Ashley Faamai, Natalie Shanks, Erica Ward, Sarah Walden, Dianna Tuki, Joseph Deacon, Mr Bradshaw

Front Row: Leanne Crow, Rosie Mundt, Anna Broughton, Charmaine Rangi, Delina Adlam, Lisa McDonald, Larna Lehdorf, Lisa Mould



Form 3PG

Back Row: Lewis Evans, Peter Miller, Brett Ropitini, Ben Campbell, Caleb Gray, Leighton Hunt, Stephen Meihana

Second Row: Ricky Fox, Andrew Graystone, Paul Greaney, Michelle Hannan, Kathleen Gaffy, Brendan Riddick, Jason Rich, Michael Sedden, Mr P Gayton

Front Row: Lauren James, Michelle Fuller, Jodieanne Faloon, Koren Robson, Talimai Tuigaleava, Michelle Mowat, Talitha Barnes, Todd Richardson

Absent: Dallas Russell, Shaun T Ruki, Dillon Waitai



Form 3JC

Back Row: Robert Angell, Shawn Kane, Scott Birmingham, Eugene Bridger, Brendan Manu

Third Row: Tai Dean, Shayne Williams, Adam Mercer, Josh Kivell, Carl O'Sullivan, Adrian Maxwell, Stuart McIntosh, Michael Davis

Second Row: Andrew Thomson, Christopher Hobby, Heidi Wallin, Magenta Taylor, Kate Whalen, Rupert Goldsmith, Michael Nicholson, Mrs J Carnachan

Front Row: Elli Pillette, Tania Reed, Ebony Moke, Cara Graham, Lydia Quay, Jessica Oka, Carla Adlam, Laura Holland

Form 3JS

Back Row: Adam Crow, Warren Bublitz, Hohepa Awhitu, Kylie Briskie, Phillip Benge

Third Row: Scotty Rowe, Blair Tunnicliffe, Barney Fitzpatrick, Bryce Foster, Steven Bridger, Fredrick Girling, Todd Heremaia, Scott Hodges

Second Row: Adrian Fenton, Scott Long, Gina South, Kirsty Robinson, Phillipa Berry, Lee Hare, Ben Plummer-Butt, Dylan Weeks, Ms J Stallard

Front Row: Allison McClennan, Katie Blackstock, Salena McCracken, Bindy Huntley, Janelle Perry, Rosanna Childs, Hayley Hoffman, Yoshida Tan

Absent: Michael Baskin



Form 3SM

Back Row: Sam West, Nathan Carswell, David Tito, David Hunia, Jon-Paul Heather

Third Row: Shane Krutz, Ricky Lucas, Garan Sinclair, Russell Watson, Jacob Rapi, Michael Gibb, Mrs S Mack

Second Row: Russell Laird, Emma Moore, Adrienne Smith, Amellia Liddall, Rebecca Hawkins, Jessica Honeyfield, Michael Wilkinson

Front Row: Tracy Henschmen, Charlotte Atkinson, Michelle Wiltshire, Sally Morgan, Amanda Conaglon, Sonia Whitmore, Leigh Andrew, Sarah Huang



