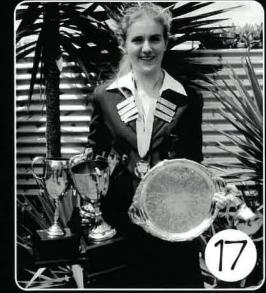
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Whakataka te hau ki te uru Cease the winds blowing from the west Whakataka te hau ki te tonga Cease the winds blowing from the south kia ma kinakina ki uta Let the breeze blow over the land kia ma taratara ki tai Let the breeze blow over the ocean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











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principals message 🔊

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

Mr Chairman, Kuia Andrys, Kaumatua Uncle Jimmy and Mr Finch, distinguished guests, Board Members, Staff, Students, Parents, Family and Whanua welcome to our 2014 Senior Prizegiving. Thank you for celebrating with us tonight the learning and achievement of our Senior Students. Our MP Mr Jonathan Young and his wife Maura along with Coach Steve McKean have sent their apologies.

I wish to acknowledge the passing during the year of Kaumatua Uncle Joe Broughton. Uncle Joe, who served on our Board from 1998 – 2002, enjoyed our Prizegivings and the opportunity the occasions give to support, encourage and acknowledge our rangitahi. The presence of our Kaumatua and other friends of our school remind us of the interest that our community has for the education and success of our young people and the ongoing development of our school. We are grateful of the support of our community.

Prizegivings are an occasion to reflect on the past, enjoy the ceremony of the present and to plan and wonder about the future. My report will deal with the past by acknowledging the 2014 accomplishments of a school focused on continual improvement. I will touch on the future and then together we will celebrate the present as we recognize the individual accomplishments of our senior students.

"At Spotswood College we embrace the approach of placing each individual student at the centre of our plans, tasks and activities."

During 2014 we have reviewed the curriculum further to ensure that we better meet the diverse strengths, interests and pathway plans of individual students.

Our rationale has been that across New Zealand only 30% of secondary school students move from school to study at University (incidentally of that 30% only half complete their undergraduate degree in their first 4 years at University). Clearly then, 70% of students choose pathways other than University. The question then has to be

how well do secondary schools meet the learning needs and career aspirations of 70% of their students? The knowledge economy of the 21st Century demands a skilled and suitably qualified workforce, all workers in all positions require skills to adapt to, and learn within, a

constantly changing work environment.

Understanding this reality Mr Knapton and Heads of Faculty have introduced a number of new courses to better respond to the needs of students not wanting to attend University, but who nonetheless, require skills and knowledge to equip them for work and the lifelong learning demanded by modern workplaces.

The introduction of semester (1/2 year) courses offers greater flexibility in the design of learning programmes, giving students greater choice to tailor their learning more specifically toward their chosen career pathway.

Examples of the new courses include:

- English for the Workplace
- Maths for Vocational Pathways
- Personal Financial Management
- Making the Show Performing Arts Semester courses involving Music and Drama
- Digital Technologies for the Workplace
- Hospitality
- Leadership through Physical Education

Responsive student centred learning programmes have contributed to once again improving our annual school NCEA results. Having worked hard over the past two years on raising levels of achievement in Levels 1 & 2 our attention is now moving toward improving outcomes for Level 3 students.

The Education Review Office noted these improved results when they reviewed our school in August.

Along with acknowledging our improved results the report identifies a number of strengths and improvements noted since our last review in 2011.

These included, and I quote:-

"courses are more appropriate for the strengths and future goals of students"

increased use of achievement data to track and respond to individual student needs"

"the curriculum effectively promotes and supports the learning of most students"

"Maori student achievement in the senior school has improved significantly"

"ERO's classroom observations indicated positive, respectful and affirming relationships between teachers and students"

"E TŪ Principles support the teaching of skills and values that underpin a safe and caring learning environment and develop behaviours for learning"

We found the external ERO review useful in affirming our

direction and in helping to plan next steps for 2015 and beyond.

The Board, staff and students have been working through an internal review process to identify how best we can further develop and embed our E TŪ Programme to ensure our vision, values and philosophy is well understood by everybody.

Feedback has identified the need to simplify the messages of ETŪ and to clearly state what the various ETŪ values look like when demonstrated in the variety of contexts and spaces that make up our school. I am encouraged when students feedback their understanding that E TŪ is about values for life and learning, rather than simply a behaviour reward system. I am very grateful of the commitment staff and students are making to ensure the growth and development of this most important learning initiative.

The development (or lack of) of our property has been of considerable frustration to us all, but perhaps none more so, than for PE staff and their students as they have coped without a gymnasium since the end of May. Because the decision about what the Ministry will do with the Gym is crucial to all other property development plans, MOE Property staff have temporarily put all our other work or hold. We had planned to be starting the upgrade and refurbishment of A Block this term. Grrrrr !!

The gym has undergone a major engineering review, the results of which we expect to receive by mid December, then existing whole school development plans will be modified accordingly. We need and deserve upgraded facilities.

The list goes on - congratulations to you all for your On the upside we have just received notification that our fabulous accomplishments and the contribution you application to the TSB for funds to refurbish the lighting, have made to our School. sound and visual systems of our hall has been approved (\$77,000 worth !). We are currently waiting on other grant Success is not random; it comes from setting goals and building the strategies to achieve them. Success has a applications before this work can begin. We are a very lucky province to have our own Trust Bank ! future focus.

One of the key tasks of an education is to assist young people develop a Future Focus. It encourages students A summary of the extraordinarily diverse accomplishments to look to the future to see that they are developing of our students during 2014 include:skills, knowledge and attitudes to enable them to make

- National sporting success and representation in a difference, not just for themselves, but to participate volleyball both indoor and beach volleyball and contribute positively as citizens of the world. Having a future focus is what schools are inherently 8 Ball about. It is most exciting as a teacher to observe Indoor bowls students as they grow and develop over the 5 years that they are with us and as they meet our vision of..... Boxing "developing young people of character with the skills **Special Olympics** and knowledge to contribute to our 21st Century Global Village". A curriculum with a future focus helps **Roller Hockey** young people see that they are on a journey. At times Academic success have included: adolescents feel stuck in the frustration of neither being child nor adult. Those who can see where they year on year improving NCEA results are going know that the power of change comes when increasing numbers of NCEA merit and excellence the skills of the next transition are practiced, demonstrated and lived. Aristotle suggested as much endorsements when he wrote "we become just by performing just 7 Scholarships including one outstanding actions, temperate by performing temperate actions, brave by performing brave actions".

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- Winning of a National writing competition -
 - A National Culinary competition victory

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The challenge is not to find a map but to draw a map. I recently quoted to students from Bob Dylan's song Forever Young where he sings about building a ladder

to the sky or creating scaffolding to reach your future goals. Dylan also suggests in the song that you climb on every rung of that ladder – developing your future is a step by step process where more often than not the process or the journey is as important as the destination.

So students, as you journey up the ladder of life here are some bits and pieces of advice to take with you:-

Do only things that make you proud. When you do things that make you proud you like yourself. Like yourself because no matter where you go-there you are. Like yourself otherwise you spend an awful lot of time with somebody you don't like. Doing things that make you proud requires you to find and follow your passion, know that you only ever have to do your best; you do not have to be perfect, if you think, and believe you can, and work hard, then you can.

Focus on giving and you will receive, wait to receive and you will be disappointed.

For those leaving today I wish you well for your future - be a person of integrity and you will lead a fulfilling and meaningful life.

Helping young people to build a future focus requires a team approach – teachers, parents, support staff, employers, community personnel, outside agencies, clubs as well as of course the students themselves and their peer leaders through the Prefects Student Council, Hapu Leaders, Peer Supporters and so on. I wish to acknowledge the contribution made by these key teams.

Teachers at our school work hard. Thank you all for the passion you have for our students and our school and for the extra miles you so regularly travel to ensure success for individual students and for the development and improvement of our school as a learning community.

At the end of the year we are farewelling Mr Ian Leonard who has been Teacher in Charge of our Special Needs Unit. Ian's gentle care and high expectations will be missed in the Unit by students, staff and parents alike. We wish lan well for the future which begins with him undertaking a major renovation to the house he built 27 years ago – may your level always be true and your tape measure always accurate !

Miss Laurence is taking a years leave during 2015. Her position will be covered from within the PE Department. We wish her well for the year.

Mrs Takarangi is away on Maternity leave. We look forward to her return during 2015. We wish her well for the birth of her third child due this month.

Support staff continue to make the rest of our jobs 'doable' through their dedication, creativity and what appears to be their endless patience. Thank you - your contribution to our students and our school is greatly valued.

Our three key parent groups are wonderful contributors to, and supporters of, our school.

The Board have been reviewing their own performance and are keen to govern the school as effectively as they can to ensure best outcomes for students. Their strategic and focused approach underpins all that we achieve as a school. Their significant energy and commitment is very much appreciated.

A \$15,000 contribution from the PTA to our school this year is clear evidence of the hard work undertaken by this group of parents. The Gala was this years major project and was the third Gala organized by the PTA in recent years. The Gala has got better each year and has now become a most important opportunity for our school to connect with our community. Grateful thanks to you all for your wonderfully practical support of our school.

Komiti Maori continues to support us in our quest to assist Maori students achieve as Maori. We appreciate the support given to Matua Morehu and for our Kapa Haka group. With support from Tui Ora and Tu Tama Wahine next year we seek to strengthen our connection with our Maori Whanau.

Nga mihi nui ki te komiti Maori

Mo ou mahi mo Te Kura

Student groups are playing an increasingly important role in the development of our school. The 2014 Prefects have been fabulous ambassadors as they have attended and worked at a multitude of school events. Thank you Prefects – your commitment, loyalty and just plain hard work has been outstanding and has contributed much to the ongoing improvement of our school. The E TŪ Committee consisting of students from Years 9 - 13 have worked tirelessly to develop E TŪ across our school. Your vision and your passion has been enormously encouraging.

Our Student Council has been involved in projects within the school but also in supporting youth focused initiatives in the wider community, your contribution has been important - thank you. The Year 13 Peer Supporters did another wonderful job this year supporting Year 9's as they transitioned from Primary and Intermediate school to our College. Thank you - your care and positivity supported many students. Thank you also to our Hapu Student Leaders who work hard to ensure the success of our Hapu events throughout the year.

Technology assistants, librarians, Whanau Leaders, Sports and Cultural leaders, Musicians, Junior Leaders, you all help make our school the diverse, inclusive and caring community that it is - thank you all.

As in other years I would like to conclude by thanking you all for your assistance, encouragement, courtesy and kindness throughout the year. I look forward to working with you during 2015 in the ongoing growth and development of our young people, our school and our community.

No reira, tena koutou tena koutou tena tatou katoa











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Warren Smart Chairperson



I have been the chairperson of the BOT this year. As a Board the highlight has been the ERO visit and the report that followed. ERO visits are usually a time of nervousness for staff and boards but the report reinforced that we are on the right track. A couple of quotes from the report tell us that we are creating a supportive environment for learning that identifies and responds to the needs of individual students is a focus. The E TŪ programme teaches critical skills that help students to become competent and responsible young people.

Wellbeing is a shared responsibility across the school. Respect and concern for those of diverse backgrounds and beliefs are apparent. Students generally feel well supported and positive about their relationships with others. Student voice should continue to be considered as part of ongoing evaluation of school effectiveness.

To achieve these positive comments thanks must go to the Principal, the senior management team, the teachers, and all the other staff that make up Spotswood College. I would also like to take this chance to publically thank the teachers for the efforts that they put in here at school as they are the ones that daily get alongside our pupils to develop positive relationships and make sure learning and progress occur. So to the teaching staff of Spotswood College-thank you very

As a Board, we have also had some levels of frustration to deal with this year. Unfortunately that frustration remains as the Ministry have been slow in deciding what we can and can't do to the buildings on site. Various plans and suggestions have been drawn up, only for new problems and delays to occur. The gym being closed is part of this problem and meetings keep getting delayed and pushed further back. As a Board, we want to be able to move forward on these issues and hopefully we will get some clarity and direction from the Ministry sooner rather than later.

I have one last message and that is for the pupils. 34 years ago I was sitting where you are, ready to leave Spotswood College. Part of me couldn't wait, and part of me didn't want it to end. What I found when I left Spotswood was how well it had prepared me for the world. The friends I made here are still my friends. Some of you will leave and go off to further studies, some to jobs, some to paths as yet undecided. Remember the things you have learnt, but keep in your mind the values of diversity, caring, and inclusiveness. Wherever you end up I want you to always be proud that you were a Spotswood College student, and be a positive advertisement for the school by the way you

Good luck for whatever your future holds.

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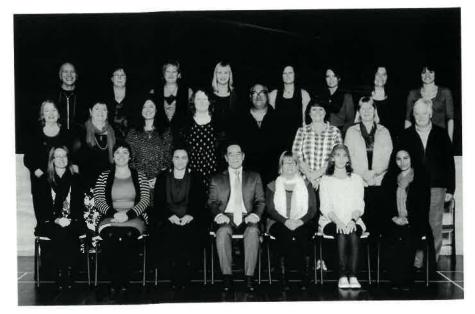
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staff report T

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

Thank you to the teachers, educational assistants, and support staff who work tirelessly to make learning at our school possible. We wish those teachers and support staff who are leaving Spotswood College all the very best for their future and a heartfelt thank you for their contribution to our school.

Whaia Robyn Davey

Nga mihi nui ki a Whaia Robyn Davey mo ona mahi rangatira. We would like to wish Whaia Robyn well with her new teaching role at Opunake High School at the beginning of Term Three. The staff always appreciated Whaia Robyn's cheerfulness and her passion for her students. We welcome back former student Matua Morehu Tuuta-Ransfield as our new Kaiako for Te Reo Māori. Matua Morehu brings with him a passion for teaching and a determination to assist students to achieve to their potential.

Mr. Ian Leonard

Mr. Leonard is saying farewell to Spotswood College after seven years teaching in the Experience Unit. He will be missed by the staff and especially his students who have gained much from his passion and drive and from his care. In the immediate future Mr. Leonard is donning a tool kit and embarking on a home extension project.

Ms.Tracey Lawrence

After ten years teaching at Spotswood College, Tracey Laurence is taking a year's leave to pursue other interests and to reenergise for 2016. She has been part of the school's Health and Physical Education Department and has had the role of Head of Department in recent years. Tracey has enjoyed being both a Senior and Junior Dean, as well as representing Motumahanga as Hapu leader in 2012. She will particularly miss working with her Whana $\bar{\boldsymbol{u}}$ class as she has built a strong and positive relationship with them and their families.

Mrs. Hilary Takarangi

Mrs. Takarangi left at the end of Term Three this year to go on maternity leave. She has since given birth to Tessa, and mother and daughter are doing well. Mr. Ian and Mrs. Jocelyn Gabites are the proud grandparents. Mrs. Takarangi will return to Spotswood part way through 2015. We are very pleased to welcome Ms. Dominique Simanke back to Spotswood College again to relieve for Mrs. Takarangi while she is away on maternity leave.

Other new arrivals this year were welcomed into the Spotswood College Family. A baby boy named Aiden for Rob and Lisa Moorby (well done Science Faculty). Also a baby boy named Roman for Ryan and Amber McFadyen. Congratulations to you all.

2014 SUPPORT STAFF AT SPOTSWOOD

Tracy Eru was appointed Finance and Administration Manager in November 2013 and soon made an impact as she took control of the budgets and financial aspects of the school.

Sonia Wuest-Harrop was employed as a Parttime Finance officer in March and is well known for her bubbly personality and love of chocolates.

Our very own Body Builder Extraordinaire Tamara Merriman commenced in March as an Assistant Sport Co-ordinator. Her weird and wonderful concoctions at morning tea never ceased to amaze us. She is leaving to pursue a career in a Managerial role in the Fitness Industry.

Ra Cottam (who left in 2010) has returned to assist in the Gateway and Learning Centre areas.

Matt Welham was also employed to help students in the Learning Centre/Piki Te Mana along with Ivan Pihama and Holly Howison.

Sandra Hinton began as a part-time Canteen Assistant in April of this year and is thoroughly enjoying the position.

Melissa McLeman and Edna Mossman began at the beginning of the year are have proved great assets as Teacher Aides in the Special Needs Unit.

Unfortunately Raewyn Barron is retiring after 16 years in the Special Needs Unit and Ruth Baker is leaving to return to the Philippines after 6 years service.

Coralie Andrews, Therapist, is leaving to take up a position as Clinical Lead in the Community Occupational Therapy team at the Hospital. Coralie has worked with our students for over 10 years.

OBITUARIES – EX-STAFF

It is with deepest sympathy that we record the passing of the following ex-staff members.

Barry Watt (1968-1992): Barry was a teacher in the Technology department and was the HOD during his last 5 years. Barry died on Sunday 27th July, 2014.

Len Hill (1970-1977): Len was the inaugural Head of the Remedial Department and made a big contribution to the work experience programme that Spotswood College pioneered in the late-1960's (now known as the Gateway programme). Len died on Wednesday 24th September, 2014.

lan Brown (1972-1974): lan was a teacher in the Social Studies department. Ian died on Sunday 19th October, 2014.

Margaret de Jardine (1989): Margaret was a teacher in the English department in 1989 and was a well known local historian. Margaret died on Monday 3rd November, 2014.

Emmy Coventry (2012): Emmy was a teacher in the English department in 2012. Emmy died on Friday 6th June, 2014.

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO SCHOLARSHIP WINNER MAKING THE MOST OF OPPORTUNITIES

Tane Leong has only lived in Otago six months, but he's hoping to make the regional badminton team later this year. The former head boy of Spotswood College moved to Dunedin this year to study commerce at the University of Otago. As well as majoring in economics and finance, he's been playing badminton competitively, and made the quarter finals of the singles competition at the Otago Open recently, and the semis in doubles. "It's really good to have a sport while here – it brings me some motivation and structure. Plus it's a good workout!"

Tane (Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, Whakatohea) won a \$10,000 Māori and Pacific Island Entrance Scholarship to attend Otago and likes the small-city feel of Dunedin. "There's a real sense of student identity here." Tane was strongly considering a career in Treasury or the Reserve Bank prior to starting his university studies. "But now I'm taking finance as well, and I'm finding that really interesting too. That could lead to work in investment banking or private banking, so I'm now keeping my options open." Both career paths, he thinks, could be useful for his planned travel later. "An OE is definitely on the cards."

Tane, who attended a Māori immersion primary school, has noted the wide range of support available to students at Otago. His chosen residential college, Arana College, offers weekly tutorials as well as the Otago Business School, and there are more on offer at the Māori Centre on campus as well.

"There's lots of help if you want it." As the first of his siblings to go to university, Tane is aware of the opportunities he has open to him, and is determined to make the most of them.

Learn more about University of Otago Entrance Scholarships [http://www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/].

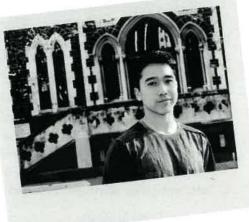
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2014 Prefects From left to right: Michael Mischeski (Deputy Head Boy), Jaymz Tito (Deputy Head Boy), Faris Petty (Head Boy), Mark Bowden (Principal), Hayley Mapley (Head Girl), Monique Flaszynski (Deputy Head Girl), Kaitlyn Koboski (Deputy Head Girl).



Student Council



international languages (#)

This year was a challenging one for the Faculty of International Languages and Te Reo Maori as we lost our wonderful teacher of Te Reo and Maori Performing Arts, Robyn Davy. Robyn had been with us for two and a half years and, along with the Departments of Spanish, French and Japanese, had formed a tight Faculty where the sharing of resources, ideas and friendship were a priority. We had come to value Whaia Robbie highly for her teaching ability, her organisation, her rapport with the students and her integrity. We were devastated when we heard she was leaving, but knew she couldn't pass up the opportunity to return to her home town Opunake.

We were very fortunate, however, to pick up, at the eleventh hour, Morehu Tuuta-Ransfield as LTR teacher for Robyn's classes. Morehu has brought with him a special mana of his own and a desire to increase the profile of the Maori Department in the school. He has already set up initiatives to return Whaitata to the welcoming environment he remembers as a student here himself.

All International Language classes have enjoyed learning about culture as well as language and there have been many classes where food, cooking, song, dance, drama and cultural themes such as sport and travel have featured.

The Faculty combined to once more travel down to Devon Intermediate School during International Language Week to entertain the Devon students during their Assembly, while also advertising International Languages and Te Reo Maori at Spotswood College, with a number of students dressing up in traditional dress.

Academically, the portfolios of work for interactions and pieces of writing have now spread across all levels. These portfolios (especially the recorded conversational interactions) present a challenge for the students, but in the end the work they produce is of an amazing quality and they are to be congratulated on their achievements.

Michelle FitzPatrick HOD Languages

JAPANESE

This year we have strongly encouraged the students to achieve their personal best within this subject. Spotswood College student's billeted students from our sister school Hatuskaichi High School during their Summer school programme. The students were able to improve their language skills and cultural understanding and vice versa.

We were very fortunate to receive Kendo gear from the laido Club New Plymouth and Year 9 students were able to experience wearing the Kendo gear and learning about this Japanese Martial Art. This year also was the first time for the Year 10 students to visit the Japanese Tea House during the Taranaki Garden Festival, when the Tea Master and owner were here, in New Plymouth for the festival. The students both liked and disliked the authentic green tea flavour; however, they all loved being involved in the fabulous cultural atmosphere. I was so proud of all of my students, their warm personalities and wonderful manners were a credit to them all.

Sensei: Reiko Smithers

T.I.C. Japanese



Year 9 Thomas Avery wears **KENDO** gear



NEW CALEDONIA TRIP 2014

Noumég in the rain ...

On the last day in September, six students went off to New Caledonia for a taste of French culture and We stayed the whole 12 days in language. Nouméa this time, and the students were billeted with families. The Lycée Lapérouse has 1800 students, including a technical and a cookery school.

After two days of school, it was decided life is easier in NZ schools as their school starts at 7 am and ends at 5.15pm, the teachers are stricter, there is more homework... The surprise was at the 'cantine' where lunch is a three course hot meal, served in a huge dining hall between 11.15am and 12.15pm.

The rest of our time was divided between various activities: visit of the cathedral and museums on the history of the Island and its people, the Centre Culturel Tjibaou, where indigenous people have a dynamic voice and look to the future with the support of communities worldwide, promoting their work (art, music, dance, festivals...) and having debates and conferences on issues that affect us all. We went swimming, snorkelling in an environment rich with colour and shape, we looked at native fauna and flora, we walked and bussed everywhere, regardless of steepness and rain, and of course, there was some time for hanging out in town for some shopping or browsing.

The Lycée is keen to come and visit us next year, particularly after seeing photos of the surfing and the school ball! Our students were fantastic, and did Spotswood College proud. Some of their comments were 'The food is so nice, here!' 'The people are so kind it makes me feel guilty!' Thank you all for coming on this adventure with such good spirits.

Sabine de Crevoisier





spotswood international

"We are diverse, inclusive and caring".

to Spotswood College this year would wholeheartedly agree that this school is 'diverse, inclusive and caring'. Spotswood College students, staff and community have They open their homes to an stranger who quickly warmly welcomed the Internationals and supported them to have the best possible kiwi experience. This year's students have come Austria, Brazil, Germany, China, Thailand, Japan, Italy, Switzerland along with an Exchange student from Spain.

2014 has seen a large number of local students befriend International Students. Lifelong friendships have been formed and we have seen many tearful airport farewells. We have also been very fortunate to have been visited by a number of former international students returning to New Plymouth on their OE.

It is of great benefit to the local students to be introduced to other cultures and become aware of the opportunities that travel and language learning can have for them. Special thank you to our International Prefects Bailey Scown, Epirama Ligavatu and Kelsey Lovegrove for their efforts to help integrate the new arrivals.

The 33 International students who have been welcomed Our wonderful homestay families make the International Programme possible. These caring people ensure our students quickly settle into a kiwi lifestyle. becomes one of the family.

> Thanks to Janet Wrightson Lean who works many long hours to ensure the International Students make the most of their New Zealand experience.

> Thanks also to the Senior Leadership team, the Administration team, the Board of Trustees and the ESOL staff who all contribute to the International Programme.

As another year closes, we look we continue to focus on the growth of Spotswood International. Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support of our students.

Farewell to our leaving students – safe travels. We know you will take home wonderful memories of your time at Spotswood College.

Best wishes to you all for a safe and restful Christmas! We look forward to the challenges of 2015.

Gloria Holland Director of International Students



The ESOL department at Spotswood College is a mix of international resident students. Our resident students are migrant families from China, Turkey, Kiribati, South Africa and Thailand. The main focus of the

students and Fiji, The Philippines, Croatia, department is to support the students with their English language learning needs. This empowers them to achieve their personal best. A focus on students' literacy skills in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing ensures they make a successful transition into a fully immersed English speaking world. This year we have had three successful students Prithvi, Muhammet and Eparama in Year 13. They have all achieved NCEA level 1 and level 2 and achieved Literacy at both these levels. We farewell these students and wish them all the best in their chosen futures.

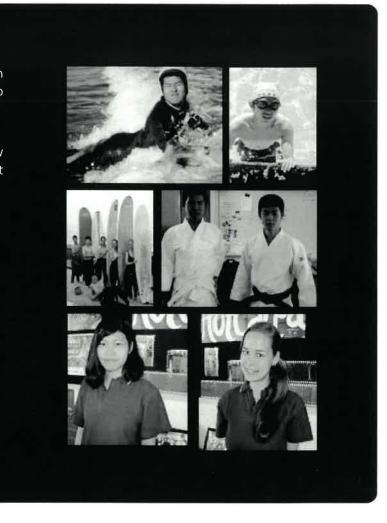
The friendly and professional nature of the staff in our department enables students to feel welcomed and supported into our culture. The staff includes Lyn Carroll, who teaches the students in a one on one situation by monitoring and catering to their diverse individual needs at all levels. Janet Wrightson Lean supports all students at all times with pastoral care, administration needs and many other varied requirements. Gloria Holland is our International director who supports both the staff and the students with all that is required with their education and well-being. This includes their emotional and physical well-being. Her professionalism, foresight and years of experience in all aspects of her work are highly regarded by other International Directors in the province of Taranaki. We wish to thank all the staff and whanau of Spotswood College for the continued support, care and education they provide for our ESOL students. **KOULLA BENTON - ESOL teacher**



Luis Reisman & Mascha Trietsch – German students from 2011 visit the Yellow Room



Mr. Bowden welcomed our students from Hatsukaichi High School, Yoshio Obayashi, Shusuke Araki & Daria Oki



esol department

(English for speakers of other languages)



2013 saw improved NCEA results for the school in a range of areas. This was the result of many initiatives and strategies that have grown and developed in the College over the last few years, they include:

•Improved tracking and monitoring of students at risk of failure. Much of this was facilitated by the year 11, 12 and 13 Deans and with assistance from Parents, Family, Whanau and classroom teachers.

•Improved tracking and monitoring of Priority Learners (Maori, Pasifika and Special Needs), with systems of support developed to enhance their learning and progress. The hard work of our Deputy Principal Mr Shaw must be recognised in supporting the improved outcomes for these students.

•Additional programmes of learning developed to meet the needs of students and their aspirations. The Vocational Pathway taster courses have led to improved retention of senior students in year 12 and 13 in 2014.

•Call-back programmes, where students came back during study leave in Term 4, to complete their programmes of study in various subjects. The work of the year 11 Dean Mr McFadyen was outstanding in this work.

•NCEA support programmes. Developed in many subject areas to provide support for students who needed extra revision, tuition and opportunity to complete work. Many of the sessions were held in the holidays and after school. Special thanks to the high level of commitment from our staff.

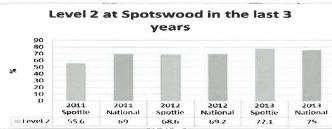
·Literacy programmes in English to support students in gaining NCEA literacy and U/E Literacy requirements. Thank you to the English Faculty for all your dedication and hard work.

•The development of Numeracy programmes which enabled increasing numbers of students to get NCEA Level One Numeracy. Congratulations to the Maths Faculty for another year of improved Numeracy results.

In addition to these initiatives, the committed and caring hard work of classroom teachers and whanau teachers contributed much to enhanced achievement. Teachers used their professional inquiries to improve teaching and learning.

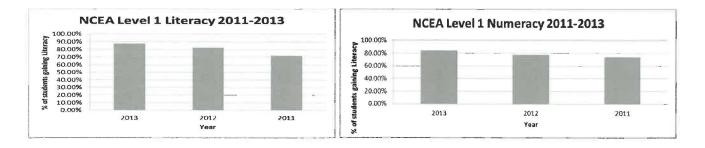
LEVEL TWO RESULTS

Level 2 pass rates have improved to 77.1% these result higher in 2013 from 2012.



LEVEL THREE RESULTS

Level 3 pass rates were down from 2012 (40.4%) to 34.9% in 2013, although Maori achievement is higher in 2013 than in 2012. Improving Level Three results are a key focus for 2014 with a number of staff involved in initiatives to lift these results.



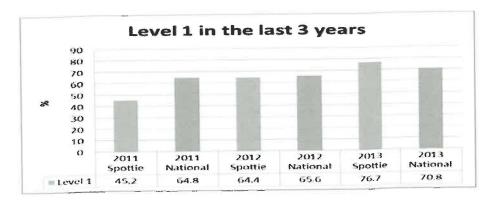
NCEA ENDORSEMENTS

An NCEA endorsement is awarded to a student that gains 14 or more credits at Merit or Excellence, with 3 or more credits being from External assessments (Exams). We are pleased that over the last few years the number of endorsements at Merit and Excellence level has been improving. Again, this has so much to do with the teachers and their commitment to supporting students to get the best outcomes they are capable of.

YEAR	LEVEL	EXCELLENCE	MERIT
2013	1	32	126
	2	26	51
	3	9	18
2012	1	24	133
	2	21	57
	3	5	9
2011	1	18	119
	2	10	43
	3	2	14

LEVEL ONE RESULTS

Level 1 pass rates were above the National Average for Decile 5 schools, this is the first time in 6 years, L1 pass rates were 76.7% compared to 70.8% nationally. Maori Achievement at Level 1 has also improved to 67.3%, up from 64.4% in 2012, this is well above the National average of 57.3%.



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2014 SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING RESULTS

School Awards: Inter House Awards

Morine Cup in Athletics Craigmyle Cup in Swimming Paul Ballinger Cup in Cross Country **Touch Rugby Shield** Fave Hill Cup in Netball **Borrell Cup in Soccer** Phil Gayton Cup in Volleyball The Inter-House Shield - MOTUROA/ATKINSON

Motumahanga/Barrett Moturoa/Atkinson Moturoa/Atkinson Moturoa/Atkinson Moturoa/Atkinson Moturoa/Atkinson Moturoa/Atkinson



Kiara Quirante - Head Girl 2015 Luke Abbott- Head Boy 2015

YEAR 11 PRIZE WINNERS - FIRST IN SUBJECT

Michael Anderson Music, Top Scholar Award; Kacy Banadera Art, Art Top Folio, Equal Geography; Montana Bennett Drama, Equal Geography, Top Scholar Award; Lockie Bower Technology Metalwork & Scott Commercial Cup; Lana Campbell Equal Mathematics with Statistics; Jonathan Colsby Technology Woodwork; Emma den Hartog Equal English & Joint Winner Margaret Hurley Prize, Equal Food & Nutrition & Joint Winner Food & Nutrition Cup, Graphics; Robert Fox Electronics, Equal Physical Educaton; Daria Hardgrave English Alternative; Bayden Harker Pre-Employment Skills; T J Harris Digital Technologies & Miles Trophy; Taneesha Horo-Edwards Science Alternative; Shiann Jolly Equal English & Joint Winner Margaret Hurley Prize, French, Equal Spanish, Top Scholar Award; Josh Knowles Equal Mathematics with Statistics; Connaugh McKibbin Technology Voss Scholarship; Brooke Milne Equal Japanese; Baylee O'Donnell-Martin Equal History, Science & The Patrician Doyle Cup, Equal Spanish, Overall Top Year 11 Scholar; Darryl Olsson Top Year 11B; Amirah Osama Equal Mathematics, Equal Physical Education; Lael Poole Equal Mathematics; Jesse Sharrock Horticulture; Elijah-Blue Simonson Accounting, Economics, Top Scholar Award; Chelsea Takamori Mathematics Numeracy; Mavis Tunnicliff Equal Te Reo Māori; Natalija Wallace Equal Food & Nutrition, Joint Winner Food & Nutrition Cup; Taylah Williams Top Scholar Award; Risa Walters Equal Te Reo Māori; Anya Wangsuwan Equal History, Technology Textiles, Top Scholar Award; Zane Wiseman Horticulture Alternative;

YEAR 12 PRIZE WINNERS - FIRST IN SUBJECT

Luke Abbott Drama; Erin Barrett Biology, Equal English, Top Scholar Award; Coralee Carter-Gates Graphics; Xavi Clarkson Horticulture, Technology Woodwork, Vocational Pathways & Outstanding Gateway Trophy; Larissa Garrick Vocational Pathways Anne Wilson Entrepreneur of the Year Trophy; Bryce Goble Technology Metalwork & Weldwell Trophy; Josie Hick Equal Music; Matthew Hufton Accounting, Mathematics & The Messenger Cup, Physics, Top Scholar Award; Haruka Kawamura Equal Japanese Level 1; Aimee Kopeke Equal Spanish; Ben Lowe Electronics; Levi Mahony English Alternative, Hospitality & Food & Nutrition Cup; Jeremy Martin-Dromgool Top in Year 12B; Kim Nguyen Art, Equal English, Top Scholar Award; Fiona Nicoll Chemistry, Technology Textiles, Top Scholar Award; Siany O'Brien Equal Classical Studies, Equal Spanish, Top Scholar Award; Naomi Parkinson French; Kiara Quirante Mathematics with Statistics; Matthew Reed Physical Education; Jennifer Reidy Top Scholar Award; Olivia Smith Equal Music; Teia Wallace Equal Classical Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Art Photography, Overall Top Year 12 Scholar; Nicole Weir Tourism; Jamie Williams Vocational Pathways Driving; Alec Zhong English for Speakers of Other Languages;

YEAR 13 PRIZE WINNERS - FIRST IN SUBJECT

Simon Anderson Accounting; Jasmine Bailey Art Photography & In Focus Cup & Photolife Studios Ltd Award; Leteia Beros Vocational Pathways & The Most Outstanding Gateway Student of the Year Trophy; Brooke Carter Art Painting; Jessica Cooper Geography, Equal History; Ashleigh Downing Tourism; Alvin Faulkner Digital Technologies & Webster Trophy, Graphics; Monique Flaszynski Equal Spanish & Joint Winner Senior Spanish Brewster Cup; Braden Forth Special Needs Unit Senior Prize; Nikki Gedye Equal Horticulture & Joint Winner L A Alexander Agricultural Prize, Technology & Technology Trophy; George Harris Art Design, Classical Studies; Trent Lankshear Statistics & Modelling;

Kelsey Lovegrove Equal Food & Nutrition & Joint Winner Ariana Bracey BOT Student Representative; Monique Food & Nutrition Cup, Physical Education & The Phil Flaszynski BOT Award for Service Deputy Head Girl; Gayton Cup; Hayley Mapley Drama, Equal Spanish & Joint Kaitlyn Koboski BOT Award for Service Deputy Head Girl; Winner Senior Spanish Brewster Cup; Ashlin McAlpine Michael Mischeski BOT Award for Service Deputy Head Equal Food & Nutrition & Joint Winner Food & Nutrition Boy; Hayley Mapley PTA Prize and BOT Award for Service Cup, Equal History: Sarah Messenger Biology & A & M Head Girl; Faris Petty PTA Prize and BOT Award for Hutchinson Tray, Chemistry & The John Doyle Memorial Service Head Boy; Jaymz Tito BOT Award for Service Cup, French & M J Hickey Cup, Calculus & The Messenger Deputy Head Boy; Cup, Physics & NZ Institute of Physics Prize; Jos O'Rourke Top in Year 13B; Faris Petty Economics; Bailey Scown SCHOLARSHIP Japanese; Sinman Tekata Te Reo Mãori; Corey Vickers Hayley Mapley Soroptimist International New Plymouth English, Technology Textiles; Branch LOIS WILLIAMS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP;

Waru Waiwiri-Hetet Equal Horticulture & Joint Winner L A Alexander Agricultural Prize, Music;

SPECIAL AWARDS-CULTURAL AWARDS

Gloriana Wilson - NGATI TE WHITI HAPU AWARD; Manual Tulisi ~ HE TOHU RANGATIRATANGA AWARD;

KAPA HAKA AWARDS

Manuel Tulisi – Tāonga ā Whaitata 'Tuatahi' Lead Kāea (Male);

Sinman Tekata – Te Kura Tuarua Ngāmotu 'Reo Rangitira' (feathered Taiāha);

PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

Ariana Bracey New Plymouth Little Theatre Trophy Best Stage Performance of the Year; Hayley Mapley Drama & Liz Murray Cup; Bailey Scown Waitere Family Cup Senior Drama:

SPEECH AWARDS

Hayley Mapley Joint Winner First in Senior Speech; Ashlin McAlpine Joint Winner First in Senior Speech; Corey Vickers Kyle Gilmour Memorial Award for Public Speaking;

SPECIAL SUBJECT AWARDS/MUSIC/SERVICE AWARDS

Jessica Cooper Joint Winner Helen J Bacon Award Geography & History; Monique Flaszynski Bruce Walker Trophy; Kelsey Lovegrove The Emily Cannell Memorial Cup; Ashlin McAlpine Joint Winner Helen J Bacon Award Geography & History, The Joe Greenwood Memorial Prize; Hayley Mapley Harry M Bacon Memorial Award Best Allround Promise in the Arts; Joshua Moyle The Duynhoven Award Technology with Graphics & Design; Faris Petty RSA Dr George Thompson Award; Kiara Quirante Spotswood College Prefects Award; Nouveau Rogers Melissa Long Memorial Trophy; Corey Vickers Marjan van Paassen Award; Gloriana Wilson YMCA Excellence in Youth Leadership Award;

MUSIC

David Froom Howard Music Trophy Excellence in Academic Music and Band participation, Carnachan Trophy Most Improved Brass Band Player; Hayley Mapley Senior Bandboosters Award Best Band Person: Olivia Smith The Paul Emo Memorial Award for Senior Jazz or Concert Band; Waru Waiwiri-Hetet Joy Rookes Trophy for Original Composition:

SERVICE

SPECIAL PRIZES

Sarah Messenger DUX 2014

- Dux 2014

- First in Biology Year 13 & A&M Hutchinson Tray Senior Biology

- First in Chemistry Year 13 & The John Doyle Memorial Cup

- First in French Year 13 & M J Hickey Cup
- First in Calculus Year 13 & The Messenger Cup
- First in Physics Year 13 & NZ Institute of Physics

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Ashlin McAlpine Proxime Accessit





The 2014 academic year in the English Faculty has been packed with curriculum delivery, assessments and co-curricular events. The Faculty team have enjoyed working with students at all levels to promote learning.

With the departmental focus on student engagement and achievement it is obvious that a strong foundation in English at the junior level is vital. The Faculty's Junior Curriculum is focussed on delivering interesting and relevant lessons that equip our junior students with the necessary skills to meet the requirements of NCEA in the senior school. The English Faculty events calendar kicked off the year in April with a group of students from all year levels going to see 'Animal Farm' at the New Plymouth Little Theatre. It was an enjoyable group experience as well as an invaluable study aid. In May our school was fortunate to have renowned author Elizabeth Knox come and speak to a large group of our Senior students in the School Library. She answered the many questions that the students put to her and gave very good advice to the numerous 'budding writers' in the room. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear someone of Ms Knox's calibre talk about Literature and her works. Students gave very favourable feedback after her visit and were enthusiastic about what they had learned. The English Faculty wishes to congratulate Year 13 student Darcy Corrigan on her success in the Rodney Walshe Ireland Essay Competition 2014. Darcy received a Certificate of Merit and a monetary prize for her essay "The Lord of the Claddagh Ring." Darcy was the only participant from Taranaki to be awarded a certificate. We hope Darcy will continue with her writing in the future.

This year we had outstanding success in the Waikato University School of Law Secondary Schools' Mooting Competition!

CONGRATULATIONS to Spotswood College Mooting Team who were the Runners-Up in the Finals that were held in June at the High Court in Hamilton. Spotswood College student, COREY VICKERS was awarded: THE BEST INDIVIDUAL MOOTER 2014 It has been a long journey to get to the Finals, the Regionals were held in the New Plymouth District Court House on 11th May and the Semi-Finals were on the 5th June, at the District Court in Hamilton. The 2014 Spotswood Mooting Team members are Year 13 students: COREY VICKERS, JESSICA COOPER, and SUMMER TOSLAND.

These students are to be commended on their hard work and perseverance in preparing a case for delivery in front of District and High Court judges. Each student received a \$100 Book Voucher and Corey also received a Cup and \$500 for Best Mooter 2014.

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

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

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

ICAS WRITING ASSESSMENT

Katie Pullen Year 9 gained Credit her score was in the top 14 percent of Year 9 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Blake Tanner Year 10 gained Merit his score was in the top 44 percent of Year 10 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Tom Oates Year 11 gained Merit his score was in the top 37 percent of Year 11 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

ICAS ENGLISH ASSESSMENT

Katie Pullen Year 9 gained Distinction her score was in the top 4 percent of Year 9 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Talia Calder-Blake Year 10 achieved Participation status. Tom Oates Year 11 gained Merit his score was in the top 44 percent of Year 11 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Sarah Messenger Year 13 gained Credit her score was in the top 25 percent of Year 13 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Summer Tosland Year 13 gained Merit her score was in the top 45 percent of Year 13 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Congratulations to all 2014 ICAS participants. Finally, an important part of the success of the English Faculty is due to the co-operation with the Library, Learning Centre/Piki Te Mana and ancillary staff. Thank you to you all.

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

Nga mihi nui Paula Cast HOD English

MOOTING TEAM

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2014 Spotswood College Mooting Team who were the Runners-Up in the Finals of the Waikato University, Faculty of Law Secondary Schools' Mooting Competition which was held on Thursday, 12 June at the High Court in Hamilton. First place went to Hillcrest High School Hamilton.

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Paula Cast Senior Leader/HOD English





SENIOR ORATORY EVENING 2014

On Thursday 29th May, the English Department held our annual Senior Oratory Evening. Well done to the 2014 winners and all the participants who made this such a successful evening. Each participant will receive a certificate from the English Department. Thank you to the judges: Mrs FitzPatrick, Ms Stoate and Mr Hill they had a very difficult job as all the entries were at such a high standard. A huge thank you to the English Department team as they always put an enormous amount of effort into holding such events.

Year 11 Speech

1st- Lael Poole 2nd-Shiann Jolly 3rd- Anya Wagsuwan

Year 12 Speech

- 1st- Kiara Quirante
- 2nd-Joanne Cummings
- 3rd- Mahana Nathan

Year 13 Literary Seminar

1st Equal- Hayley Mapley and Ashlin McAlpine 2nd- Monique Flaszynski **3rd- George Harris**

2014 JUNIOR ORATORY WINNERS

The Junior Oratory Evening was held on June 24th and it was also a very successful evening. Again thank you to the judges: Mr Lapworth, Mr Stanford and Ms Abdullah. Well done to the 2014 Junior Oratory winners and all the participants.

Year 9 Speech 1st- Nadia Hill 2nd-Jedsel Villaluz 3rd- Caitlin Brown

Year 10 Speech 1st-Fabian Johnson 2nd- Rhett McAlpine 3rd-Sophie Willis

We hope to see all the students from years 9-12 competing again in 2015!

Rodney Walshe Ireland Essay Competition 2014

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Elizabeth Knox – Authors Visit to Spotswood College

On Tuesday, 20th May our school was fortunate to have renowned author Elizabeth Knox come and speak to a large group of our Senior students in the School Library. She answered the many questions that the students put to her and gave very good advice to the numerous 'budding writers' in the room. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear someone of Ms Knox's calibre talk about Literature and her works. Students gave very favourable feedback after her visit and were enthusiastic about what they had learned. Paula Cast HOD English

science department

THE AURORA ASTRONOMY SCHOOL AND NANOCAMP

These Easter holidays I had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Aurora Astronomy School held at Canterbury University and Mt John Observatory at Tekapo. We attended lectures and labs at the university, which enhanced my understanding of the universe. The lectures covered many aspects of astronomy from planet detection to the lifecycles of stars. Our labs included calculating the rotation of the sun and plotting the structure of the universe. We travelled to Tekapo for two nights of observing at Mt John Observatory and a trip to Mt Cook. The weather was perfect revealing the amazing night sky. The Aurora Australis (southern lights) were even visible on the horizon. We viewed various planets, galaxies and nebulae as well as controlling the telescopes to do imaging. The Aurora Astronomy School opened me up to a whole new outlook on the universe and how it works. I came home feeling inspired to learn more about life the universe and everything!

In the summer, I spent one week at Victoria University for NanoCamp funded by the Macdiarmid Institute of advanced materials and nanotechnology. This was also an amazing experience. I witnessed cutting edge, innovative science in progress thanks to the talented and dedicated scientists. Highlights for me included NMR (MRI), laser spectroscopy to analyse the performance of plastic solar cells and spending a day at

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the Callaghan Innovation Centre. The full-on programme also involved a night trip to Zealandia where we saw kiwi.

Not only were these camps extremely fun and interesting, I was able to form strong friendships with likeminded peers in a nurturing environment whilst getting a taste of university life. I strongly recommend that anyone interested in physics, the universe or general science apply for these fantastic and exciting camps.

Sarah Messenger













The Fonterra Science and Technology Fair was held on August 28th - 30th 2014 at the Taranaki Raceway. Spotswood College had a number of entries in a variety of categories. The following students were successful with their entries:

Caitlin Brown & Adelaide Campbell

"Whose memory is best? Girls or Boys?" Merit Scientific Investigation, Year 9

Ashlan Stening	
Second Prize	Advertising Poster, Year 9
Rebecca Spindler	0 ,
First Prize	Photographic Section, Year 10
Sophie Willis	•
Second Prize	Photographic Section, Year 10
Darcy Stanton	
Merit	Photographic Section, Year 10
Darcy Stanton	
First Prize	Scientific Journalism Year 10

Amirah Osama

"Does it take two to tango?"

Merit Scientific Investigation, Years 11-13 The University of Otago "Hands On Science" Prize for the "Best

Application of Scientific Method" from Years 11 or 12, (which entitles her to a fully paid for trip to Otago University in January for a week of Science experiences).

Sarah Messenger

"The effect of temperature on the activity rate of woodlice" Merit Scientific Investigation, Years 11-13 Special Prize Fitzroy Engineering Prize Major Prize AWE Taranaki Scholarship (\$1000)

Four Year 10 students (Rebecca Spindler, Rhett McAlpine, Andrew Whiteley and Campbell Insley) entered into the Year 10 Quiz and competed against teams from other schools throughout Taranaki. They worked well as a team and demonstrated a good knowledge of Science to gain Second place (piped by only 3 points to NPBHS!!). All these students were wonderful ambassadors for Spotswood College at this event. Well done to you all!

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The Taranaki Methanex Mathematics Spectacular was held on Thursday, August 28th at the Pukekura Raceway in New Plymouth. 2014 marks the 25th year of the Mathematics Spectacular. Spotswood College entered two teams in the Year 9 Quiz Night competition and one team in the Year 10 Quiz Night competition. Spotswood amazingly won both of the competitions. The competition consisted of a range of challenging mathematical questions covered in the New Zealand curriculum. The students had 30 minutes to answer 20 guestions and were awarded points for correct answers. This is the second time that Spotswood College has won both the Year 9 and Year 10 trophies. Spotswood College achieved the double victory in 2008.

Year 9 Quiz Team Xavier Johnson Nadia Hill **Ronan Avery Philip James**

Year 10 Quiz Team Fabian Johnson **Rhett McAlpine** Sam Holmes **Rebecca Spindler**

Spotswood College had strong representation in the exhibition portion of the Mathematics Spectacular. There were 4 prize winners in the various categories of the exhibitions.

Mostyn Lee Kurtis Gilmour Xavier Johnson **Katie Pullen**

1st Place 2nd Place 2nd Place **3rd Place**

Year 10 Hand-drawn Art category Year 10 Individual Project category Year 93D Artwork category Year 9 Creative Writing category



Year 10 Quiz Team - left to right: Fabian Johnson, Rebecca Spindler, Rhett McAlpine, Sam Holmes

Year 9 Quiz Team - left to right: Xavier Johnson, Nadia Hill, Ronan Avery, Philip James

NORTH TARANAKI REPRESENTATIVES

Maeghan King North Taranaki Showjumping team

TARANAKI REPRESENTATIVES

Bailee Cassidy	Taranaki Under 15 Netball team
Courtney Callaghan	Taranaki Under 19 Netball team
TJ Morunga	Taranaki Under 15 Rugby League
Tutama Waiwiri-Hetet	Taranaki Under 15 Rugby League
Cole Webb	Taranaki Under 15 Rugby League
Kayne Locke	Taranaki Whanui Rangatahai Rug
	League 17's team
Jahvis Moke	Taranaki Whanui Rangatahai Rug
	League 17's team
Jewelz Peters	Taranaki Under 15 Girls' Football
Aleisha Olsson-Jane	Taranaki Under 15 Girls' Sevens R
Molly Lincoln	Taranaki Under 19 Girls' Sevens R

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES

Faris Petty NZ Under 17 Beach Volleyball Development team NZ Youth (Under 18) Indoor Volleyball team **Cory Bedford** NZ Under 20 Mens' Roller Hockey team Adam Swain(Baldwin) NZ Cue Sports

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONS

Adam Swain

NZ Under 188-Ball championship

TOP SPORTS TEAMS CAPTAINS FOR 2014

Basketball First V-Boys' Basketball First V-Girls' Beach Volleyball-Boys' Beach Volley-Girls' Cricket First XI - Boys' Football First XI - Boys' Football First XI-Girls' Hockey First XI Netball – Senior A Girls' Rugby First XV - Boys' Volleyball Senior A – Boys' Volleyball Senior A – Girls'

-Alec Zhong -Ashleigh Allen -Faris Petty -Kelsey Lovegrove -Simon Anderson -Nicholas Jones -Brooke Carter -Mixed Team - Conor Lav -Bailee Cassidy -Tama McGuigan -Faris Petty -Kelsey Lovegrove



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Sports Captains



Sports Council

PRESTIGE SPORT AWARDS

Trina Cowley Trophy - for Sporting Excellence This award recognizes both participation and high achievement in Representing the college in a wide range of sports.

The winner for the year 2014 is Nicholas Jones

THE HALE SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR TROPHY

The winner will have achieved real excellence at the highest level of performance for School, Province or Country in any sport (available in the school or not).

The winner for the year 2014 is Faris Petty

THE NICK BANKS TROPHY

The award will be made by a selection panel (appointed by the Principal) to the College team who in the panel's opinion has achieved the highest overall Performance based on the following criteria. The winner for the year 2014 is-

Boys' Indoor Bowls Pairs Team (J Hook & A Zittersteijn)



On the 8th August, I was pleased to take a team of students to NPGHS to attend the TSSSA Badminton Competition. It involved teams from Secondary Schools from throughout the region. This year the format was a knockout competition for both singles and doubles, with each School team consisting of two Junior Girls/Boys and two Senior Girls/Boys. Our team of eight, made up of almost entirely new players from last year, really enjoyed the day and the opportunity to mix and socialise with students from a number of other schools. I was very impressed with the way our Spotswood team performed in terms of both results and amount of support and encouragement they offered each other, and the friendliness and sportsmanship they showed toward other competitors and the event organisers.

Our Spotswood College Badminton representatives in the 2014 TSSSA Event were:

Ronan Avery; Ai Horinouchi; Lucy Stinson; Sam Wood.

Fiona Nicoll; Trent Lankshear; Jayden Monaghan; Kiara Quirante.

2014 TSSSA Badminton Competition Results:

Ronan Avery made the semi finals in the Junior Boys Singles, losing to Francis Douglas.

Sam Wood and Ronan Avery won the Junior Boys Doubles, winning 21-18 against Waitara.

Trent Lankshear and Jayden Monaghan made the semi finals of the Senior Boys Doubles, losing to Waitara.

Well done to the whole team.

Mr Leonard.

















basketball





hockey

Well, what a season 2014 was. Despite having a large number of juniors in our team compared to recent years and also new coaches for many of the team, we managed to win our division and the trophy for the first time in 24 years! That has to be considered quite a remarkable achievement and I am very grateful and proud to be the captain throughout the year. Our season had a lot of ups and downs. For much of the season we were perhaps unlucky with results and struggled for form. It was only in the last quarter or so of the season that all our hard work in training paid off and we begin gelling together just in time for the important games. For this I would like to thank the coaches Andrea and Caleb Humphrey for all the time and commitment they dedicated

to developing us all. Also to Layton Goldsworthy, the manager of the team for all his work throughout the year. know that all the rest of the team and I appreciate how much you all developed and helped us. I would also like to recognise the incredible effort throughout every one of my teammates. Every week, sun, rain or hail we all left everything on the turf and I am proud to have played alongside every one of you. A special mention to the year nines new to the team, Caitlin Brown, Courtney Goble and Philip James for their adaption to College level hockey-with you guys in the team the future is bright for Spotswood Hockey. A last mention to Daniel Pirihi, Vice Captain of the team and also the other member who has played for the school with me throughout his five years at Spotswood. I am pleased to have played with you all this time and it has been good achieving the captain and vice captain roles alongside you, I like to think we both gave our all for the school and left the team in half-decent shape. To the rest of the team, once again thank you for your effort and fun times I have had with you and good luck to all of you for your future. I hope to come along to a few games next year if possible. Well done again for the season team! Conor Lay



2014 Spotswood College Hockey Team: Aaron Brightman, Jake Brightman, Caitlin Brown, Bailey Elliot-Bland, Josh Fleming, Courtney Goble, Tyler Goldsworthy, Philip James, Aidan Lay, Conor Lay(C), Fiona Nicoll, Cullen Paton-Courtney, Daniel Pirihi(VC), Sinman Tekata, Mavis Tunnicliff, Corey Vickers, Anne-Sophie Willen

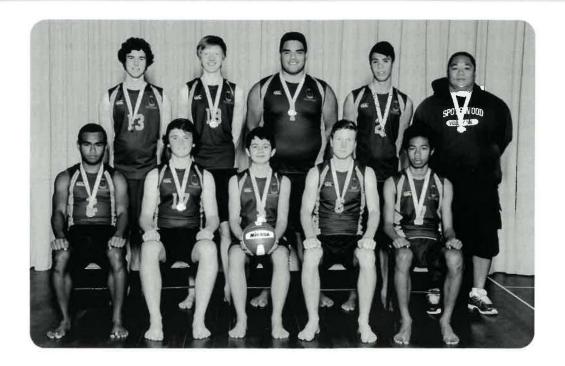
NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL NATIONALS

The boys had trained very hard for this event and had won the Taranaki Secondary School volleyball competition after several years losing to Boys High school.

At the National Championships we had an 8 match winning streak at Nationals and played the final but were unfortunate in the final to come 2nd in New Zealand for Division 3. This event gualified Taranaki back to the Honours division in 2015.

It was a great achievement to be part of a great team and the boys did the school proud in the way they played at the event.

Qualified Division 3	R
Quarter-final	W
Won 3-0 Otumoetai College B (Tauranga) 25-21, 27	- W
25, 25-21	W
Semi-Final	W
Won 3-1 Wellington St Pats 25-22, 25-21, 25-27, 25	- W
21.	W
Final	14
Lost 2-3	W
Rutherford College (Auckland) 25-20, 25-17, 20-25	,
25-27, 12-15.	
Finished 2ndDivision 3. 34th in New Zealand.	







Results Premier Grade:

Non 3-0 Taita College (Wellington) 25-15, 25-14, 25-23 Non 3-0 Tauranga Boys College Yellow 25-16, 25-21, 25-11 Non 3-0 Wellington High School 25-17, 25-17, 25-17 Non 3-0 Katikati College 25-18, 25-10, 25-12 Non 3-0 Katikati College 25-18, 25-10, 25-12 Non 3-0 Riccarton High School B (Christchurch) 25-17, 25-4,25-17 Non 3-0 Matamata College 25-13, 25-14, 25-7

> The Senior Boys team of Faris Petty (Captain) Jaymz Tito Eparama Ligavatu Jordan TeWaaka Daniel Pirihi Jayden Monaghan **Cameron Angland** Daniel Clark Luke Abbott Jonah Naborisi and Referee Keegan Joe



New Zealand Under 17 Beach Volleyball Team

In the January school holidays Faris Petty was chosen to and Faris Petty (New Plymouth) represent New Zealand for the Under 17 Beach volleyball Coaches AJ Joe (New Plymouth) and Jason Woods team for a Development tour of Vanuatu. Faris was chosen (Whangerei). after several National Beach Volleyball camps in 2014 at further International events.

The tour was a week in Vanuatu in the heat of Summer and included matches against the Vanuatu and Solomon Island teams.

Faris was paired up with another local player from New Plymouth (Sean Hone) NPBHS and it was both boys first International match experience against other countries.

New Zealand Under 17 Team Boys

Joel Ropitini and Kahu Robinson (Rotorua), Greg Vukets and Jack Gallivan (Auckland) Zaw Tin, Oscar Baden and Jacob King (Nelson) Harrison Kruiger (Blenheim) Ethan Dunn (Gisbourne) Perry Cassidy (Tauranga) Sean Hone

Mount Manganui and was chosen with 11 other boys At the end of the 3 day Tournament which had 12 teams. throughout New Zealand and 14 girls. It was a squad Faris and Sean ended up 3rd in the tournament after a development tour to develop New Zealand athletes for very narrow semi final loss against the New Zealand number 2 team from Rotorua (Kahu Robinson and Joel Ropitini) who went on to win the tournament easily.





The Junior Boys Volleyball Tournament

Spotswood College sent 7 players to the Junior Volleyball Championships.

Jonah Naborisi (Captain), Mio Waipouri, David Jeffrey, Ethan Clarke, Ben Dey, Hoani Paora, Ronan Avery.

We had not trained this year inside a gym due to the problems with the school gymnasium and volleyball practices were spasmodic to say the least. Some of the boys however, attended outdoor volleyball practices and were reasonably fit. Going into this tournament our expectations were not that high, but to their credit the team pulled together and in true Spotty form, played their hearts out to win this year's 2014 TSSSA Junior Volleyball Tournament.

Games in Pool play

Won 63-36 over Opunake High School Won 50-26 over Inglewood High School Won 60-25 over FDMC Semi-final Won 50-26 over Waitara High School Final Won 42-40 over NPBHS Spotswood College won the TSSSA 2014 Junior Volleyball Championships.



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

The main highlights during the past year (since October, 2013) were:-

* The 2013 Junior Girls' Year 10 team finished in 16th place in Division 2 (32nd overall), with the combined team placed 17th in Division 3 at the 29th North Island

Secondary Schools Junior Championships played at Mt. Maunganui last November.

* Several of our Junior and Senior Girls' Beach Volleyball Pairs teams competed creditably from November to February in various tournaments in New Plymouth.

* Four girls' pairs teams competed at the 2014 VNZ Age group Beach Volleyball championships at Mt. Maunganui on 21 & 22 January.

* Four girls' pairs teams competed at the 2014 NZSS Beach Volleyball championships played at Mt. Maunganui Beach on 9 & 10 February.

* Four senior girls teams competed at the 14th TSSSA- Taranaki Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Championships were played at Ngamotu Beach, on Sunday 23rd February.

* The Senior Girls' team finished second in the 2014 Taranaki Secondary Schools senior regional qualifying series in March, prior to the NZSS championships.

* The Senior Girls finished in 13th place in Division Four(61st overall) at the 46th NZSS Senior championships played in Palmerston North in late-March.

* The Year 10 Junior Girls' team played at the 2014 Taranaki Secondary Schools Sports Association (TSSSA) Junior Championships played at the TSB Stadium on Wednesday 29th October.





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

1. 2013 - 30th NORTH ISLAND JUNIOR INDOOR **CHAMPIONSHIPS-TAURANGA:**

Two teams traveled to Mt. Maunganui from 25-29 November for the 30th NISS Junior Championships.

The Year 11 team (Spotswood Gold) of Casey Carass (Captain), Montana Bennett, Sophie Bowden, Ksenia James, Baylee O'Donnell, Amirah Osama and Taylah Williams had qualified as Taranaki no.2, and were seeded into the Top 32 grade.

Their pool play results were: lost to Mt. Maunganui A 0-2, 6-25,6-25; lost to Manurewa HS 0-2, 13-25, 17-25; lost to Westlake GHS 0-2, 15-25, 9-25;

Division 2 results:-lost to Napier GHS 0-2, 22-25, 15-25; lost to NPGHS 0-2, 16-25, 6-25; beat Te Puke HS 0-2, 25-15, 25-23; lost to Otumoetai 9B 1-2, 19-25, 25-18, 9-15; lost to Western Heights HS (Rotorua) 1-2, 25-23, 9-25, 8-15, lost to Havelock North (Hastings) 1-2, 25-16, 25-27, 14-16.

With 1 win and 8 losses, the team finished in 16th place in Division Two or 32nd overall.

The combined Year 9 & 10 team (Spotswood Green) played in the in the Challenger Division 3 (for teams 33-49). The team was:- Sophie Willis, Amelia Sanger, Laura Robinson, Ella Fox, Aleisha Olsson-Jane, Renee McCready and Emma den Hartog.

The team played hard and contested every match with enthusiasm but unfortunately lost all 8 games played to finish 17th in Division 3 (49th).

A big thank you to Amber Shepherd and Kelsey Lovegrove for coaching and managing this team.

2. 2013 -NORTH ISLAND JUNIOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL **CHAMPIONSHIPS-**

This event was played at Mt. Maunganui on Saturday 30 November after the indoor championships. Our Junior Pairs teams were:- Willis & Olsson-Jane, Sanger & Robinson, Carass & O'Donnell, James & Bowden, Bennett & Osama, Williams & den Hartog.

3. 2014 VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL AGE **GROUP BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

This year's national age group Beach Volleyball championships were played at Mt. Maunganui on 21-22 January. Teams and placings were:

Girls' Under 19: Kelsey Lovegrove & Brooke Carter 14th. Girls' Under 17: Casey Carsss & Montana Bennett 15th=; Ksenia James & Sophie Bowden 15th=; and Taylah Williams & Sophie Willis 19th.

4. 2014 NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS BEACH **VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS-MT. MAUNGANUI:**

Spotswood College entered four teams in this year's championships held at Mt. Maunganui on 8-9 February. The teams and placings were:-

Year 11 and Under Girls' Pairs:-

Division 2: Casey Carass & Montana Bennett 5th=; Taylah Williams & Sophie Willis 13th=; Ksenia James & Sophie Bowden 13th=

Senior Girls' Pairs:-

Division 1: Kelsey Lovegrove & Brooke Carter 23rd; Division 2: Magdi Grobler & Kaitlyn Koboski 12th

5. 2014 – 13th TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS(TSSSA)- NGAMOTU **BEACH. SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY.**

Spotswood College entered four senior girls' pairs teams in this year's TSSSA championships. The teams and placings were: Kelsey Lovegrove & Brooke Carter 3rd; Taylah Williams & Amirah Osama 4th; Casey Carass & Montana Bennett 5th=: Ksenia James & Sophie Bowden 5th=.

6. 2014 TARANAKI SENIOR REGIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES:

This year, three teams Spotswood and NPGHS(2) entered the Taranaki senior regional qualifying series. Our team was: Kelsey Lovegrove(Captain), Brooke Carter, Kaitlyn Koboski, Magdi Grobler, Casey Carass, Montana Bennett, Sophie Bowden, Ksenia James, and Taylah Williams. We finished as runners-up to qualify as Taranaki no. 2 for the NZSS championships.

7. 2014–46th NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SENIOR INDOOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS -**PALMERSTON NORTH:**

This year's championships were again played at

Palmerston North from 18th -22nd March.

Our team was Kelsey Lovegrove(Captain), Brooke Carter, Kaitlyn Koboski, Magdi Grobler, Casey Carass, Montana Bennett, Sophie Bowden, Ksenia James, and Taylah Williams. As Taranaki 2, the team was seeded into the Premier grade for teams ranked 33 - 64 to decide the teams for Divisions 3 and 4.The Pool play results were:- lost to Aquinas College(Tauranga) 0-3; 18-25, 18-25, 23-25; beat Glendowie College (Auckland) 3-0; 25-17, 25-10, 25-14; lost to Newlands College (Wellington) 0-3; 14-25, 14-25, 12-25.

Division Four Championship play: lost to Elim Christian College (Auckland) 1-3; 14-25, 13-25, 25-23, 12-15; lost to One Tree Hill College (Auckland) 0-3; 17-25, 21-25, 22-25; lost to Katikati College 0-3; 16-25, 22-25, 24-26; 13-16 play-off group lost to Long Bay College (North Harbour) 1-3; 19-25, 23-25, 25-17, 21-25; beat Otago Girls HS-B (Dunedin) 3-1; 25-14, 23-25, 25-15, 25-9; beat Katikati College 3-1; 17-25, 25-20, 25-16, 25-21.

Overall we played 9 games, won 3 and lost 6; winning 11 sets for with 20 sets against. The team finished in 13th place in Division 4, an overall placing of 61st overall from the 82 girls' teams entered.

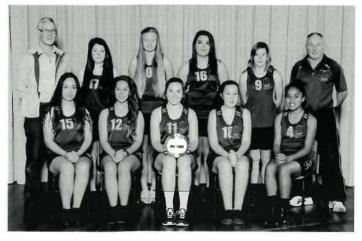
8. 2014 NEW PLYMOUTH AUTUMN & WINTER INDOOR LEAGUE:

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

Seniors-Year 11 Spotswood Lions: Montana Bennett, Sophie Bowden, Casey Carass, Ksenia James, Amirah Osama, Taylah Williams. Juniors- Spotswood Tigers: Sophie Willis, Ella Fox, Jallah Barber, Larissa Salisbury, Catriona Oates, Paris Brown, Adelaide Campbell, and Siteri Naumotu.

9. 2014 TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS JUNIOR **VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS (TSSSA):**

This year's championships were played at the TSB Stadium on Wednesday 29th October. Our combined team was: Oceana Kaponga, Ella Fox, Jallah Barber, Larissa Salisbury, Catriona Oates, Siteri Naumotu, Adelaide Campbell and Paris Brown. Their pool play results were:- beat Inglewood HS 42-35, beat Hawera HS 50-34, lost to Waitara HS 27-51. Semi-final lost to NPGHS 22-55, play-off for 3rd & 4th lost to Sacred heart 45-47. Final placing of 4th in the 8 team event.



10. 2014 TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOL JUNIOR To the players who are leaving, best of luck for the future **REGIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES:**

As this year's magazine went to print, the 2014 Taranaki Junior regional series was being played. We will report on this next year.

CONCLUSION:

A big thank you to all of the junior and senior players for their involvement in the girls' Volleyball programme during 2014. Special thanks to Kelsey Lovegrove and Casey Carass for their coaching assistance with the Year 9 and 10 junior teams at various times during the year. A special thanks to Mr. Robbie Booth who has helped with the coaching of all Spotswood girls' teams throughout the year.

This year our College gymnasium was closed on Thursday 29th May by the Ministry of Education which completely disrupted our practice nights. Luckily we managed to have the Juniors train on Monday nights with the Sacred Heart Year 9 team, and the seniors were granted permission to use the Hospital recreation hall on Tuesday nights from July.

Best wishes to the Junior girls' as they prepare for their regional qualifying series and the North Island Junior Championships in Wellington 24th - 28th November. Good luck to those players who will be involved in the various Beach Volleyball events during the summer of 2014/2015.

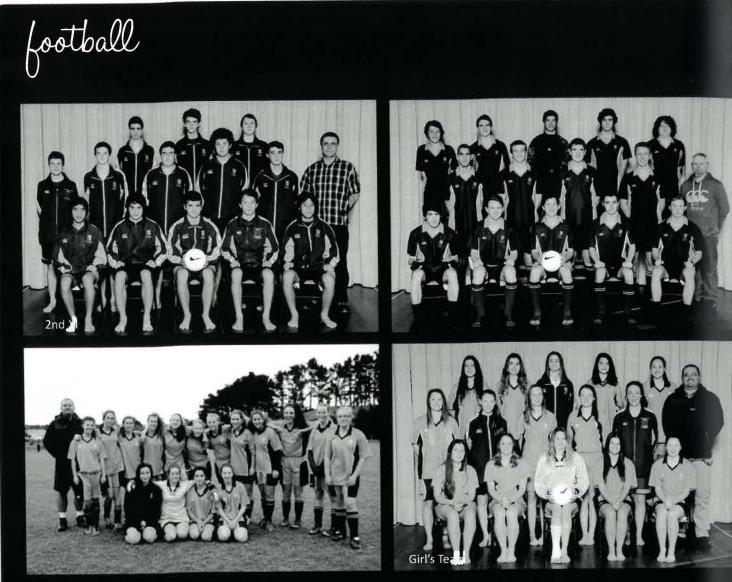


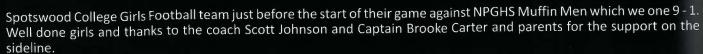
and I look forward to seeing you on a volleyball court somewhere.

To those players returning, you can look forward to another enjoyable and successful year in 2015-BUT !! remember that you are only as good as you practice, and you don't improve unless you practice.

P.GAYTON HEAD COACH-GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL











N.Z.S.S. INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's New Zealand Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls championships were played at Porirua in Wellington on 31 August and 1 September during winter tournament week. Our team of Aidan Zittersteijn, Jason Hook and Ryan Vincent had an outstanding two-day tournament with Aidan finishing as runner-up in the singles championship and then pairing up with Jason to finish in fourth place in the pairs championship. Aidan was awarded the "The Player of the tournament" trophy. The singles (co-ed) championship was played on the Sunday with 63 competitors including our 3 Spotswood players: Their results were:

Aidan Zittersteijn: Pool play beat Toby Rameka (Aotea College, Wellington) 15-2, beat Trent Tamakehu(Te Wharekura o Tupoho) 15-3, beat Jodi McFarlane Otumoetai College, Tauranga) 10-5, beat Rowan Morell (Gisborne BHS) 13-1;Post-section play beat Trevor Burgess (Southland BHS) 15-4, beat Journey Hihi (Gisborne GHS) 12-7, Quarter-final beat Jonty Horwell (Logan Park HS, Dunedin) 9-8; semi-final beat Shaquaid Hihi (Gisborne BHS) 7-6; final lost to Jakeb White (Rosehill College, Papakura) 9-10.

Jason Hook: Pool play lost to Matthew Lansdaal (Matamata College) 6-8, lost to Bradley Down (Aotea College) 6-9, beat Penopa Faavae (Porirua College) 10-7, beat Sebastian Va'auli (Porirua College) 16-4.

Ryan Vincent: Pool play lost to Iosefa Lafaele (Porirua College,Wellington) 5-10, beat Zak Hetherinton (Coastal, Okato) 13-5, lost to Alex Middleton (Hamilton BHS) 3-13, beat Vinnie Rayner (Menzies College) 8-6.

The pairs championship was played on the Monday with 28 teams entered. Our team was Aidan Zittersteijn and Jason Hook. Their results were: Pool play- drew with Leighton & Lucy Shanks (Lytton HS, Gisborne) 7-7, beat Clinton & Kacey Cheetham 12-8, beat Stuart Rayner-Neilsen & Daniel Curtis (Fielding HS) 12-2, beat Myrin Kumeroa-Woon & Kaiwhara Rupuha-Green (Te Wharehura) 9-4. Post-section play quarter-final beat Leighton & Lucy Shanks (Lytton HS) 12-4, semi-final lost to Bronwyn & Amber McNally (Hillcrest HS, Hamilton) 11-5, play-off for 3rd & 4th lost to Matthew Heads & Ethan Batt (James Hargest HS, Invercargill) 7-9.

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sailing



On Wednesday the 19th of February the TSSSA (Taranaki Secondary Schools Sports Association) sailing competition took place at the New Plymouth Yacht Club. At the beginning of racing the winds were light around 4-6 knots and by the end of the afternoon the wind was around 7-11 knots. Instead of competing for ourselves we were competing against each other for our individual school's for rankings. The types of boats that sailed in this regatta were Optimists, Starlings and 420s sailed by primary, intermediate and secondary school students. Seton Clarke won the primary school class, Anthony Van Hameren won Intermediate class and I won the Secondary School class.

By David Robinson Year 9

dressage

TSSSA (Taranaki Secondary Schools Sports Association) Dressage was a horse riding event held this year on the 10th of April at the Hawera A & P show grounds. It was thoroughly enjoyable and a very well organized horse show.

The two Spotswood College teams consisted of Molly Lumb, Maegan King(x2), Georgia Strachan, Erin Barrett and Rebecca Spindler(x2). Spotswood Team One consisted of Molly Lumb, Maegan King, Erin Barret and Rebecca Spindler. Spotswood Team Two consisted of Georgia Strachan, Maegan King, Rebecca Spindler (and a draft rider from NPBHS).

Riders Could take part in three different classes. Each class consisted of two different dressage tests you had to do. While you could enter on up to two horses, you could only do one class on each horse.

The teams did very well bringing home a 2nd and 4th placing's as teams. Overall 8 secondary schools competed at this event with up to 5 teams from some schools. Riders competing numbered around 70. This made for a very strong competition.

All of the team members also did very well with individual placing's as follows:

Molly Lumb - 1st test 2A and 3rd test N3 Maegan King - 6th test Q Georgia Strachan – 1st test J and 1st test O Erin Barrett - 2nd test J and 4th test O Rebecca Spindler – 10th test J and 8th test O

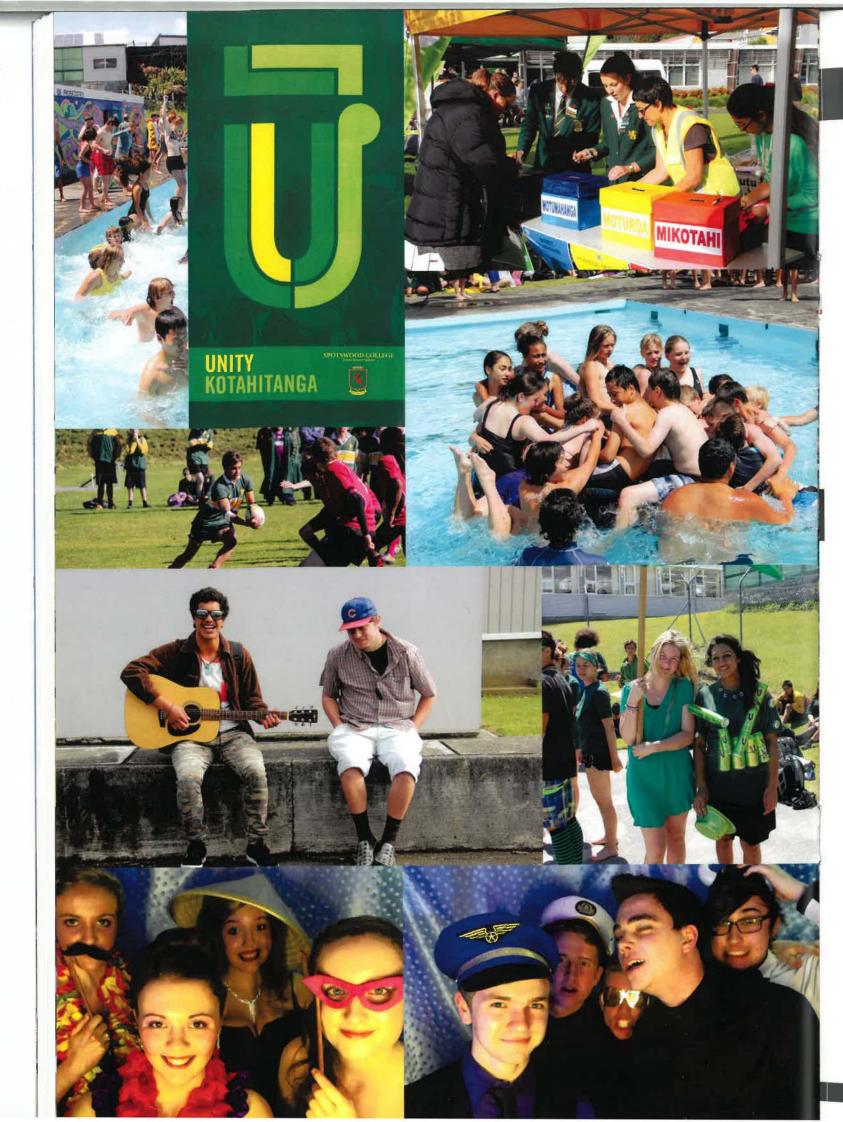
The event was lots of fun for all competitors and there were no casualties (horse or human) so it was overall a really great result.

By Rebecca Spindler









There are now over 40 events scheduled annually on the Taranaki Secondary Schools Sports Association calendar. Spotswood College enters individuals or teams in most of these events. Below is a summary of our Spotswood results for 2014 for those events completed prior to the deadline for this year's magazine.

TSSSA YACHTING:

Congratulations to David Robinson on winning the Optomist fleet race at this year's event sailed off Port Taranaki on Wednesday 19th February.

TSSSA BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Congratulations also to our team of 20 who competed at the TSSSA Championships played at Ngamotu Beach on Sunday 23rd February. Our best results were:

Junior Boys: Jonah Naborisi & Mio Waipouri 2nd Senior Girls:

Kelsey Lovegrove & Brooke Carter3rdTaylah Williams & Amirah Osama4thCasey Carass & Montana Bennett5th=Ksenia James & Sophie Bowden5th=Senior Boys:5th=

Faris Petty & Jordan Te Waaka1stEparama Ligavatu & Jordan Te Waaka2nd

TSSSA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL:

This year's championships were played at the TSB Stadium on Wednesday 29th October. Congratulations to the Boys' who finished in 1st place, and the Girls' team on finishing 4th. The teams were:

Boys: Jonah Naborisi, David Jeffrey, Mio Waipouri, Ethan Clarke, Ben Day, Hoani Paora and Ronan Avery. Girls: Ella Fox, Larissa Salisbury, Jallah Barber, Oceana Kaponga, Paros Brown, Adelaide Campbell, Catriona Oates and Siteri Naumotu.

TSSSA GOLF CROQUET:

Well done to our two teams who competed at this year's event played at the New Plymouth Croquet Club on Tuesday 25th February.



TSSSA LAWN BOWLS:

This year's event was played at the Hawera Club on Wednesday 12th March. Congratulations to Aidan Zittersteijn who finished in 2nd place in the Boys' singles. Aidan & Ryan Vincent were selected in the Taranaki Youth Bowls squad to compete at the regional qualifying series that was played in Wanganui on Fridays 3rd & 10th October.

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



TSSSA SMALL BORE RIFLE SHOOTING:

This year's event was held at the Inglewood Club on Sunday 10th August. Our no.1 team (Luke Bowden, Trent Lankshear, Connaugh McKibbon, Tom Oates) finished 7th with 658.5 points, the no.3 team(Ayeisha Nowell, Kaya Spencer, Alex Smart, Kelsey Lovegrove) scored 628.4 points for 12th place, and the no.2 team(Connor Mann, Emily Hazelton, Tamia Kane, Thomas Morgan) finishing 14th with 623.2 points.

TSSSA SNOWBOARDING:

This year's event was held at the Maunganui skifield on Wednesday 23rd July. Our results were: Junior Boys' Downhill: Riley Smith 7th Senior Boys' Downhill: Lachlan Brewster 9th Senior Girls' Downhill: Tayla Willetts 2nd, Anne-Sophie Willen 5th, Olivia Smith 6th, Meg Parsons 7th.

TSSSA ATHLETICS:

This year's championships were held at the TET Stadium in Inglewood on Thursday 13th March.

Our results were:

Junior Girls: Nadia Hill 7th High Jump 1.20m Junior Boys: David Jeffrey 4th 100m 13.50secs; 3rd Triple Jump 10.33m; 8th Long Jump 4.39m Josh Clarke 5th Triple Jump 9.76m; 7th Shot Putt 7.98m Liam Ransley 8th Shot Putt 7.81m Intermediate Girls': Aleisha Olsson-Jane 3rd High Jump 1.30m; 5th Long Jump 3.85m; Emma den Hartog 4th High Jump 1.25m; Molly Lumb 6th Discus 18.53m Shiann Jolly 7th 400m 79.53 secs Sydney Corry 7th Long Jump 333.73m Intermediate Boys':

Jesse Faulkner 7th Triple Jump 10.95m



TSSSA ORIENTEERING: This year's event was held at Spotswood College on Wednesday 12th March.



TSSSA MOUNTAIN BIKING:

This year's event was held at the Lake Mangamahoe Forest course on Sunday 7th April.

TSSSA DRESSAGE:

This year's event was held at Waitara on Thursday 10th April. Our team was: Erin Barrett, Molly Lumb, Maegan King, Rebecca Spindler, and Georgia Strachan. The results were:

Georgia Strachan 1st Class 1 Test J; 1st Class 1 Test O Erin Barrett 2nd= Class 1 Test J, 4th Class 1 Test O Molly Lumb 1st Class 3 Test 2A, 3rd Class Test N3, Highest score Test 2A.



TSSSA SWIMMING:

This year's championships were held at the Stratford Pool on Tuesday 15th April. Our results were: Intermediate Boys: Blake Tanner 1st 50m Breaststroke 38.3 secs; 3rd 50m Backstroke 33.77secs Senior Boys: Mahana Nathan 3rd 50m Backstroke 32.51 secs; 3rd 50m Butterfly 33.2secs. Our senior boys medley relay team finished second in 1

min 09.25 secs.

TSSSA NETBALL:

This year's competition was held at Stratford on Sunday 18th May. The results were:

Junior A lost to NPGHS Int A3 3-18, lost to NPGHS Int A2 3-26, lost to Inglewood HS Year 10 1-28,

lost to Stratford 4A 1-30, beat NPGHS Red 10-0. Senior A lost to Inglewood HS 8-19, lost to SHGC 8-20, beat Opunake A 10-0, lost to Stratford A 21-13.

TSSSA INDOOR BOWLS:

Well done to our team at this year's championships that were held at the Central Division Hall in New Plymouth on Wednesday 21st May. Our team was:-

Congratulations to Faris Petty, Kelsey Lovegrove, Emily Hazelton and Tamia Kane on winning the Fours grade.

TSSSA CROSS COUNTRY:

This year's event was held at the Hawera Showgrounds on Monday 19th May. Our race results were: Junior Boys: Ronan Avery 16th, Sam Wood 25th, David Robinson 30th, Caleb Grazier 58th Intermediate Boys: Jayden Monaghan 7th, Levi McIntyre 41st, Ben Oaten 46th, Cain Freakly-Ryan 48th. McIntyre 41st, Ben Oaten 46th, Cain Freakly-Ryan 48th. This year's event was held at Bowlarama in New Plymouth on Sunday 3rd August. Congratulations to Faris Petty, Nicholas Jones, Jordan Te Waaka and Kelsey Lovegrove who won the Mixed grade scoring 1576 points, with Jesse Faulkner, Tyler Goldsworthy, Trent Lankshear and Shirvana Bryant finished in 3rd place with 894 points. The Boys team of Alex Smart, Mathew Hufton, Jayden Monaghan and David Froom finished in 10th place in their grade with 1032 points.



TSSSA BADMINTON:

This year's event was held at the Spotswood United gymnasium on Friday 8th August. Congratulations to Ronan Avery & on winning the Junior Boys doubles grade.

Our results were: Junior Boys' singles: Ronan Avery 3rd= Junior Girls singles: Ai Horinouchi 5th= Senior Boys singles: Jayden Monaghan 5th=; Trent Lankshear 10th=

The annual TSSSA Sports co-ordinator's dinner was held at the West End Bowling Club on Friday 14th November.

This year, the TSSSA awarded four inaugural Service Awards for Long term "Service to Secondary Schools Sport".

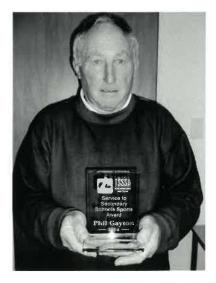
Included in this year's awards were former Spotswood College Principal Barry Finch, and the current HOD of Sport Phil Gayton. Both Barry and Phil have been involved in both sports coaching and sports administration for over 30 years. Our congratulations are extended to both Barry and Phil.

TSSSA TEN PIN BOWLING:



- d Senior Girls singles: Kiara Quirante 5th=;
 o Fiona Nicoll 9th=
 s Junior Boys doubles: 1st place
 Junior Girls doubles: 5th=
 Senior Boys doubles: 3rd=
 - Senior Girls doubles: 5th=





cross country

The annual Cross Country championships were held on the College course after lunch on Thursday 10th April. Over 100 competitors took part in the six events that were raced in fine and sunny conditions but with a cool southwesterly wind.

The fun walk was completed by the remainder of the school and saw an increased number of participants. Best dressed prizes were presented to the best individual in each Hapu and the best overall Whanau class.

The championship results for 2014 are:

Junior Girls:	
Courtney Goble (Moturoa)	1
Ayeisha Nowell (Paritutu)	2
Elaine Ngarongo (Paritutu)	3
Junior Boys:	
David Jeffrey (Mikotahi)	1
Ronan Avery (Moturoa)	2
David Robinson (Moturoa)	3

athletics

JUNIOR GIRLS:	1ST	2ND	3RD	TIME/DISTANCE
100m	Adelaide Campbell (Mah)	Hannah Broad (Mah)	Siteri Naumotu (Mot)	15.22secs
200m	Adelaide Campbell (Mah)	Siteri Naumotu (Mot)	Laura Smith (Par)	32.55 secs
800m	Georgia Strachan (Mik)			3 mins 04.00 secs
1500m	Elaine Ngarongo (Par) & Tayla	a Wilson (Par)=		7 mins 19.00 secs
Shot Putt	Anya Tearoa (Mik)	Paris Lee (Mik)	Lucy Stinson (Mik)	
Discus	Paris Lee (Mik)	Mikaela Phillips-Nassif (Mik)	Rishel Goundar (Mik)	15.32m
Javelin	Lucy Stinson (Mik)	Cee-Jei Gray (Mah)	Paris Lee (Mik)	14.05m
LongJump	Amelia Sanger (Mik)	Nadia Hill (Par)	Hannah Broad (Mah)	3.90m
Triple Jump	Nadia Hill (Par)	Hannah Broad (Mah)	Elaine Ngarongo (Par)	7.70m
High Jump	Amelia Sanger (Mik)	Ayeisha Nowell (Par)	Georgia Strachan (Mik)	1.23m
4 x 100m Hapu/House Relay	/ Moturoa	Motumahanga	Paritutu	1 min 06.09secs
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INTERMEDIATE GIRLS:				
100m	Karoha Moke (Mah)	Taylah Williams (Par)	Oceana Kaponga (Mot)	14.66secs
200m	Karoha Moke (Mah)	Dione Rley (Mik)	Kiara Quirante (Mah)	32.59secs
400m	Shiann Jolly (Mik)	Momo Mueller-Mark (Mik)	Kiara Quirante (Mah)	1min 22.35 secs
800m	Emma den Hartog (Mah)	Momo Mueller-Mark (Mik)		3mins 02.39secs
1500m	Emma den Hartog (Mah)	Mono Mueller-Mark (Mik)		6 mins 22 secs
Shot Putt	Molly Lumb (Mik)	Bailee Cassidy (Mot)	Emma den Hartog (Mah)	9.83m
Discus	Sydney Corry (Mah)	Ruby Crawshaw (Mah)	Molly Lumb (Mik)	17.38m
Javelin	Dione Riley (Mik)	Kiara Quirante (Mot)	Meg Parsons (Par)	15.22m
LongJump	Momo Mueller-Mark (Mik)	Sydney Corry (Mah)	Aleisha Olsson-Jane (Par)	3.56m
Triple Jump	Oceana Kaponga (Mot)	Emma den Hartog (Mah)	Shiann Jolly (Mik)	7.85m
High Jump	Emma den Hartog (Mah)	Aleisha Olsson-Jane (Par)	Ksenia James (Par)	1.30m
4 x 100m Hapu/House Rela	y Motumahanga	Moturoa	Mikotahi	1 min 05.22secs

Intermediate Girls

Intermediate Girls:	
Emma den Hartog (Motumahanga)	1
Sophie Willis (Paritutu)	2
Coralee Carter-Gates (Moturoa)	3
Intermediate Boys:	
Jayden Monaghan (Moturoa)	1
Jesse Faulkner (Paritutu)	2
Levi Mc Intyre (Motumahanga)	3
Senior Girls:	
Brooke Carter (Motumahanga)	1
Kelsey Lovegrove (Motumahanga)	2
Sinman Tekata (Paritutu)	3
Senior Boys:	
Luke Abbott (Moturoa)	1
Nick Jones (Mikotahi)	2
Bryce Goble (Moturoa)	3
The inter-hapu/house event for the Ba	llinger trop
Moturoa	1

The inter-hapu/house event for the Ballinger trophy:Moturoa1Paritutu2Motumahanga3

On Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd April over 30 Year 11 - 13 PE Students from school turned up to Ngamotu beach to be volunteers for the Weetbix 'TryAthlon'. This was a great activity for Spotswood College PE students to be involved in, running a major sporting event of over 1600 participants (a record for Taranaki) and taking part in giving back to the community.

The students were true ambassadors for the school and were involved in many roles throughout the day, from the food tent for breakfast and lunch, registrations and signing in, to finishing chute responsibilities and pack down. The students started from 6.45am in the morning and finished the day at 3pm. The skills the students displayed on the day and the positive comments the event staff made toward the Spotswood College were a great testament to the students. Their eagerness to learn new roles and put in to practice the skills event management, participation and involvement in a community project shows their potential as future Physical Educators.

Students involved.

Faris Petty, Daniel Pirihi, Eparama Ligavatu, Jordan TeWaaka, Callum Foley, Nick Jones, Jaymz Tito, Aaron Alldridge, Peter Greenhow, Sebastian Berger, Koboski, Kelsey Lovegrove, Molly Lincoln, Renee Downing, Brooke Carter, Ashleigh Allen, Courtney Callaghan, Alex Smart, Jayden Mongahan, Matthew Hufton, Jordi Thompson, Cameron Angland, Daniel Clark, Luke Abbott, Jake Brightman, Aaron Brightman, Aidan Lay, Taine Alsweiler, Bailee Cassidy, Amirah Osama, Molly Lumb, Sydney Corry, Meg Parson, Emma Gibson, Dione Riley, Ben Snowden, Luke Bowden, Jonah Naborisi.

pikite mana learning centre 2014

Another busy year for Piki Te Mana and some new fac joining our department. Alongside Jenny Ropitini, Ma Turner and I, we welcome Ra Cottam (working mainly Mathematics) and Ivan Pihama.

The Year 9 Reading for Confidence option has prov popular this year. The course helps students to becor confident with reading aloud, improve comprehensi skills and extending vocabulary. The subjects we has studied this year have been quite diverse, with topics lil Dinosaurs, Skateboarding, Nuclear Reactors, Sumo

weetbix tryathlon



From left: Jake Brightman, Alex Smart and Jaymz Tito

ces ary / in	Wrestling and Chocolate (my favourite!).
	The Toe by Toe and Reading Mileage programmes have helped several students attain fluency in their reading.
ven me ion ave ke:	We continue to be responsible for Junior literacy assessments. We are looking forward to 2015, when much of this will be done electronically.
	It has been rewarding to see so many of our former students going on to achieve NCEA Level Two.
	Deirdre Doherty (HOD-Learning Support).

food and nutrition department 🖱

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE CULINARY TEAM 2014

WITT in Term Three this year.

McGovern and Tenesee Murfit in reserve. The team had to use Leek as the main part of their entree, Chicken breast with the bone in, 3 NZ grown vegetables one of dishes they were cooking in the final, in a bulk way. which had to be a potato. They had 1 1/2 hours to main.

City & Guilds Secondary School Team Challenge -Secondary Schools.

The team won the regional, which came with the honour of representing Taranaki in the finals in Auckland later that year.

The Final

The final in Auckland, the girls opted to use the same menu as the first competition. The pressure was on for this event with the nine schools coming over from all over New Zealand, so they were up against the best of the best.

The Regional Finals for the Culinary Teams were held at Before any of this could happen there was fund raising to do. Three nights of approximately 25 people for a three course dinner at a super low price, but enough to make The team comprised of Bree Paton-Courtney, Shardae the money required for the trip. The fundraising dinners were hard work, but paid off with great comments from everyone. Also one of the main aims was to practice the

prepare and present four portions of an entree and a The girls were treated to an evening dinner at Molten -Micheal Van de elzen old restaurant in Mt Eden. The dinner was made up of small tasters, a main course and delectable deserts, everything was so exciting and a new experience for the girls who had never experienced dinning at such a high level. Unfortunately the girls didn't win, but they did do well enough to get a silver medal, which is an awesome feat in itself. To quote Glen Fulcher the City and Guilds Pacific Regional Manager, "The food was amazing and up there with any event I have been involved in. Each school had planned and executed their dish in the best way possible during a heated competition."

Simon Houghton

Entrée Filo Encased Fresh New Zealand Grown Leek 'cannoli' Filled with Ricotta, Mushroom and Corlander, Roast Capsicum Jelly, Balsamic Reduction

MainEvent

Pan Seared Supreme of Chicken, Pumpkin Puree, honey Parsnip, Brocdoli, Crisp Flat Diced Potatoes, Cherry Tomato Flame, lime infused avocado oil



special education department

2014 has been yet another busy and eventful year in the Special Education Department with a variety of events and learning opportunities arising for our students.

A regular event on our calendar is the Taranaki Secondary Schools AWD competition run by Special Olympics NZ and Sport Taranaki. This competition included Athletics held in beautiful April weather at the Inglewood TET Stadium, Boccia, Football and Basketball held during terms two and three at TSB Stadium and Aquatics in term four. The Special Education department entered several teams into each of these activities where our students competed against students from other secondary schools throughout Taranaki. All students represented Spotswood College with pride and thoroughly enjoyed the competitive nature of the events. Our students were placed in the top three of Divisions one and two in the basketball competition and Divisions two and three in Boccia. Well done to all our students.

Towards the end of term three a group of nine students traveled to Auckland and spent a full day working at the Mind Lab. Students were actively engaged in working with various pieces of equipment creating stop motion movies and programmed robotic cars. The boys behaved remarkably well and although it was a very long day the students loved the experience and would jump at the chance to do it all again. Fingers crossed the opportunity arises in 2015.

In term four a smaller number of our students were involved in AWD swimming at the Stratford Aquatic Centre. Spotswood are very fortunate to have a great bunch of strong swimmers who once again competed to the very best of their abilities and ended the day with some results they are to be very proud of. A great effort by all students involved.

Also in term four we held our annual camp at the Eltham Campsite. Last year's camp was such an enjoyable and successful experience that we decided to return again for another year. The camp was well organized within the department where students participated in archery, kayaking, and fun team games. This year we included a bus excursion around the mountain stopping at many historical Taranaki sights and locations. One afternoon was spent at the Hawera Aquatic centre engaging in a variety of aquatic activities. In the evenings students watched DVDs and relaxed over social games of cards and various board games. Both



students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are again looking forward to next year's camp.

In the classroom year 9 and 10 students have been actively engaged and working hard on their numeracy and literacy skills due to being equipped with a department set of i-Pads. We are very lucky to have use of them and they have been a popular medium for our students to learn through a large number of educational apps. Students thoroughly enjoy working in the mainstream and learning new skills that they can implement in other aspects of their lives. Senior students have continued to focus on developing their life and work skills through their supported learning units and unit standard assessments. Many of the year 12 and 13 students have been involved in Work Experience placements out in the community and have learnt many new skills that they can take with them upon leaving Spotswood College. We are extremely grateful to the many and varied workplaces who welcome our students on a weekly basis.

The department continues to be well supported by our wide range of specialists including Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapists. All



students welcome the opportunity to work closely with these experts and enjoy the extra support. Each therapy session helps immensely with each individual's learning and behaviour within the classroom setting. It is also important to acknowledge the dedication and passion demonstrated by each of the teacher aides within the department. Each works incredibly hard with our students to ensure they are well supported in the classroom and to help maintain student engagement in their learning. We continue to be impressed with the hard work each teacher aide puts into our students and extend our thanks and gratitude to them.

As you can see, 2014 has been a busy year in the Special Education department. We have seen many achievements made by our students but it is especially pleasing to see some of our senior students make a smooth transition from College into the workforce. We look forward to many more fruitful moments like these in 2015.

Vikki Collet



Special Olympics Swimming Squad

Special Olympics Basketball and Boccia at TSB Stadium Term 3 2014



Teng koutou

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by, with a lot of great stuff happening in the Social Sciences.

This year we welcomed into our dynamic department two new staff members, Mrs Tran-Lawrence and Mr Chapman, who have worked very hard to engage their students and ensure they succeed. Other changes in our staffing this year included Mr Knapton moving into the role of Deputy Principal, and myself moving into the role of Head of Department. It is an exciting time for us as we continue to develop and make improvements to our programmes in order to improve student outcomes.

This year I have been impressed with the overall behaviour and attitude of our Year 9 and 10 students, who have worked hard to complete their core assessments. This year most Year 10 students completed a Level One NCEA Accounting Achievement Standard which was based on planning and budgeting two holidays. This assessment helped give students an understanding of NCEA in the Social Sciences, and allowed them to gain three literacy credits. This will be a good 'head start' for 2015. In Term 4, Mrs Tran-Lawrence, with the support of Mr Johnson, organised an enrichment and extension programme for Year 10 students. This programme has involved learning about the history of the Taranaki region, with students going on trips to Puke Ariki museum and out to Parihaka. We feel that it is important for students to know their local history and it is awesome that students have had an opportunity to expand their knowledge.

Geography continues to be a strong subject at the school, and we have seen some good results from our students in their internal assessments. Mr Johnson, Mrs Tran-Lawrence and Mr Parr have done a great job organising field trips based on various Achievement Standards and preparing students for external exams.

Tourism is also becoming a popular subject, especially for those students who plan to pursue a career in the industry. Mr Whyte has put in a lot of time and effort planning and managing these courses this year, and is already thinking of some new ideas for 2015. Tourism has close links with the Gateway department, and we thank Mrs McLean for helping get our students work placements in the industry and supporting us with our resources.

Accounting and Economics has always been a high achieving area of the school and this is due to the hard work of Ms McGlade, who spends hours of her time doing one-on-one tutoring with students. I know students have really appreciated her high level of expertise and enthusiasm for these subjects.

"It has been another successful year in our History department, with students achieving great results in their internal assessments."

During the year I have thoroughly enjoyed the discussions I have had with students about past and current events. It is great to see a high level of interest in this subject from many students, who all have certain topics they are really passionate and knowledgeable about.

"2015 promises to be a good year, with enthusiastic students and teachers."

We have already started our planning for next year and we hope to include a few more opportunities to learn outside the classroom in our programmes. I hope you have a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all back again in 2015.

Ka kite anō

Miss Willy (Head of Social Sciences)







textiles technology



A group of Junior and Senior students entered into a local fundraising competition, organised by Barbara Olsen-Henderson and Shirley Taylor.

Entrants were given a pack of two recycled garments or could choose their own recycled garments if they preferred and a photograph of the pack garments, in their original condition which, had to accompany each entry.

There were two sections; Section One stipulated that a garment be made completely out of recycled clothes/fabric and Section Two entrants were to use 30% (or more) of the pack provided and purchase whatever was required to finish the outfit.

We had seven students who participated in the competition, creating and constructing original designs that could be modelled by the designers or friends. Spotswood College was well represented by Corey Vickers, Jo Mohan, Ashleigh Downing, Anya Wangsuwan, Victoria Doherty, Ruby Crawshaw and Darcy Stanton.

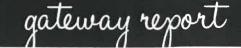
Several of our students received awards for original design, creative design, technical skill, highly commended and participation. This Fashion Show was an opportunity for students to showcase their work and contribute their time and support in a successful community fundraiser for a very worthy cause.











Congratulations to the 98 students who have been part of the Gateway Programme in 2014. This year our Vocational Pathways Department at school combined with Taranaki Futures has enabled more students to experience and achieve in both academic and practical areas. Our aim is to support our students so that they are better prepared for the transition from school to workplace or tertiary study and able to make informed decisions about their future pathways.

As always, we are grateful to the support from the community– the many employers who enable us to continue to offer this valuable opportunity for our students.

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

GATEWAY LUNCHEON

On October 31st our annual Gateway Luncheon was held in our school hall. We appreciate the time taken by our employers who were able to attend.

AWARD WINNERS

YEAR 12 TROPHY: Xavi Clarkson YEAR 13 TROPHY: Leteia Beros ANNE WILSON ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR TROPHY: Larissa Garrick

THE WAREHOUSE RED SHIRTS IN SCHOOLS – CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

In May five students began a ten week Gateway placement on the Red Shirts programme at The Warehouse in New Plymouth. Each week our students worked in a different part of the store; Entertainment, Footwear, Grocery, Gardening, Stockroom, Customer Service Desk, Bag Packing and Checkout. Our students also worked on the Customer Service Award – 27 credits at Level 2 and had the support of Lara Tyson, the Red Shirts in Schools Coordinator for our region each week when she visited them in store. This support, along with support from the Store Manager and Student Supervisors, enabled our students to achieve the Customer Service Award, to grow in confidence and learn so many new skills. Thank you also to Lyn Topliss who worked with our students at school with their homework each week.

"On my first day at The Warehouse I was nervous as I didn't know where many of the products were placed within the store. As the programme progressed, I felt more confident interacting with customers. The programme has taught me a lot about working in Retail. It was a really worthwhile experience. I enjoyed working with Robyn in the Everyday Family Needs section and Kitty in Clothing. Thank you for the chance to be on the programme." Jeremy Martin-Dromgool

"I loved my time working on the Red Shirts programme at The Warehouse. I enjoyed every bit of it, the people, the work, everything! I have learnt so much, how to work without complaining and customer service skills too. I also did some ladder training, learnt about pricing and what recovery was. It was fun. Being on this programme has improved my confidence levels and I am now less shy. I have improved people skills too." Sam Leathem

"I enjoy coming to Coastal Services every week. The people who work here are very friendly and helpful. I have learnt so much including how to use a welder and grinder correctly. My goal is to gain an apprenticeship." **Dom de Waal**

"At Spotswood Primary I support the children with their reading, maths and writing. I take reading groups and enjoy being in the classroom helping the teacher. I am working on PORSE books at school which will help with my future career." **Taylor Murphy-Peters**

"At Pepper Construction I have built saw horses, dug a trench for a concrete pad, helped build steel cases for reinforcing concrete, and helped with demolition. I am working on BCITO units at school. I also have a placement at Pukekura Park as I enjoy Horticulture." Xavi Clarkson

"This year I have been fortunate enough to work together with the Gateway programme and my horse riding instructor to enable me to attain equestrian credits towards NCEA Level 2. This has entailed working at Winterland Riding Centre in Inglewood with Brenda Bellringer, my riding instructor. I have increased my knowledge of horse training and care through practical and theory assessment, in an environment that has also given me experience of what it may be like to work in a professional stable. I have learnt new skills, such as lunging, which will be enormously beneficial to me in the future whilst working with my own horses. I particularly enjoyed riding new and different horses as part of the assessment criteria, as it provided a challenge and an opportunity to test my skills. No two horses are ever the same, and as such, each requires an adapted riding style. Brenda has helped me to recognize this and to ride accordingly. Now, when considering employment options in the future, I have some insight into how employment in the horse riding industry might suit me. This is very exciting for me, as it is a great pleasure to be able to work in an industry that I am passionate about. I am very grateful to Brenda Bellringer and Gateway without whose organisation and instruction this would not have been possible."

Erin Barrett

I work in the office at Lone Star doing data entry. Accuracy is very important, as customer details are constantly updated along with competition and voucher details. I also help with the banking and mail and setting up of the restaurant. It's a good experience.

Alvin Faulkner

STAR COURSES

This year we have provided our students with the opportunity to learn new industry skills using external providers such as WITT, Safety 'n Action, Meditrain, Yoobee–School of Design and AB Equipment.

"The Meditrain First Aid course was very informative and worthwhile. We learnt about CPR and how to deal with many other situations that would require knowledge of first aid. I now feel confident that I have the skills needed to help in an emergency." **Brittany Elliott**

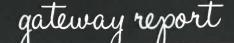
"I attended a Hearing Conservation and Manual Handling course at school. I learnt about hearing gateway report

protection equipment and the benefits of using it in the workplace. We were also taught many useful techniques for lifting heavy and awkward objects to prevent injury. It was very worthwhile." **Hamish Lehrke**

"Safety 'n Action facilitated two courses at school and I attended the Hazard ID and Job Safety course. I learnt a lot about how to apply safe work practices and how to identify hazards in the workplace. This was very helpful and made me think about how to apply risk assessment procedures." **Brook Allan**

"I attended the Introduction to Welding course at WITT during Term Two. I learnt how to do four different welds, butt, fillet, plug and lap. I also learnt how to set up and pack up the welder. This helped me increase my knowledge of welding which is useful as my Gateway placement is in engineering." **Dom de Waal**





Well done to our students Xavi Clarkson and Chino Reihana, who have both had successful Gateway placements with NPDC at Pukekura Park. Because of their hard work and enthusiasm they have been offered seven weeks paid employment over the school holidays.

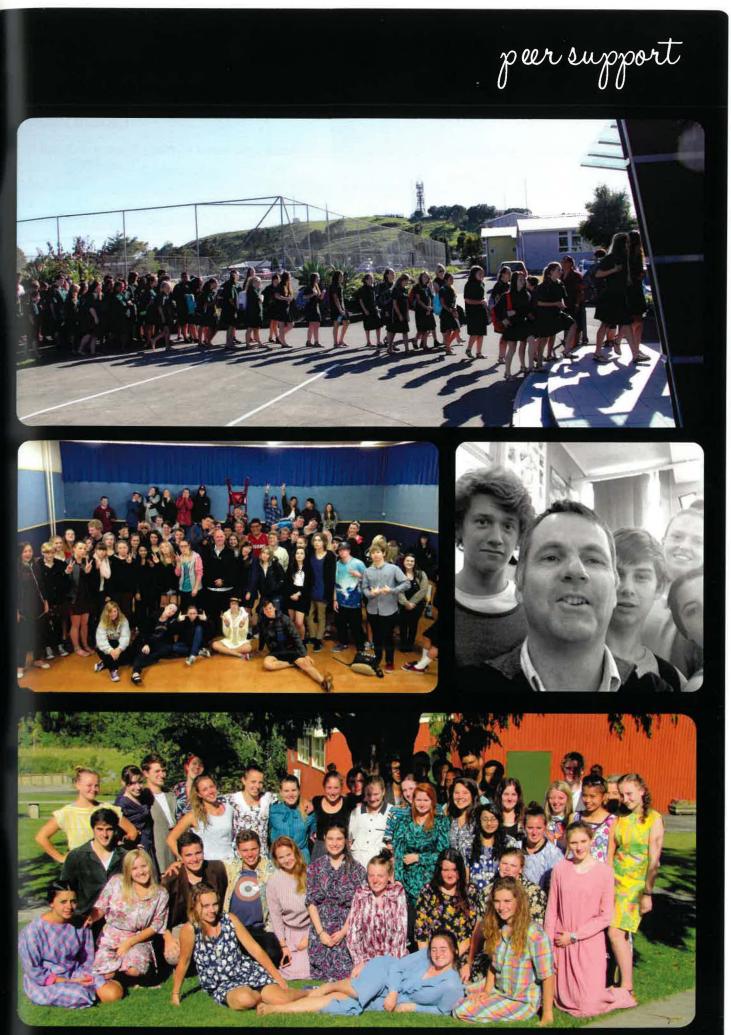
"This year I have successfully studied for and achieved the National Certificate in Youth Work Level 3 at the YMCA. Each workshop revealed a new component of social work, as well as teaching me how to properly support young people. I discovered a career path that I am passionate about, one that involves interacting and helping people who need it most. Next year I am going to study for the Bachelor of Applied Social Science (Social Work) at WITT. Thank you Gateway for giving me the wonderful opportunity to explore this career path". **Dominique Goldsworthy**

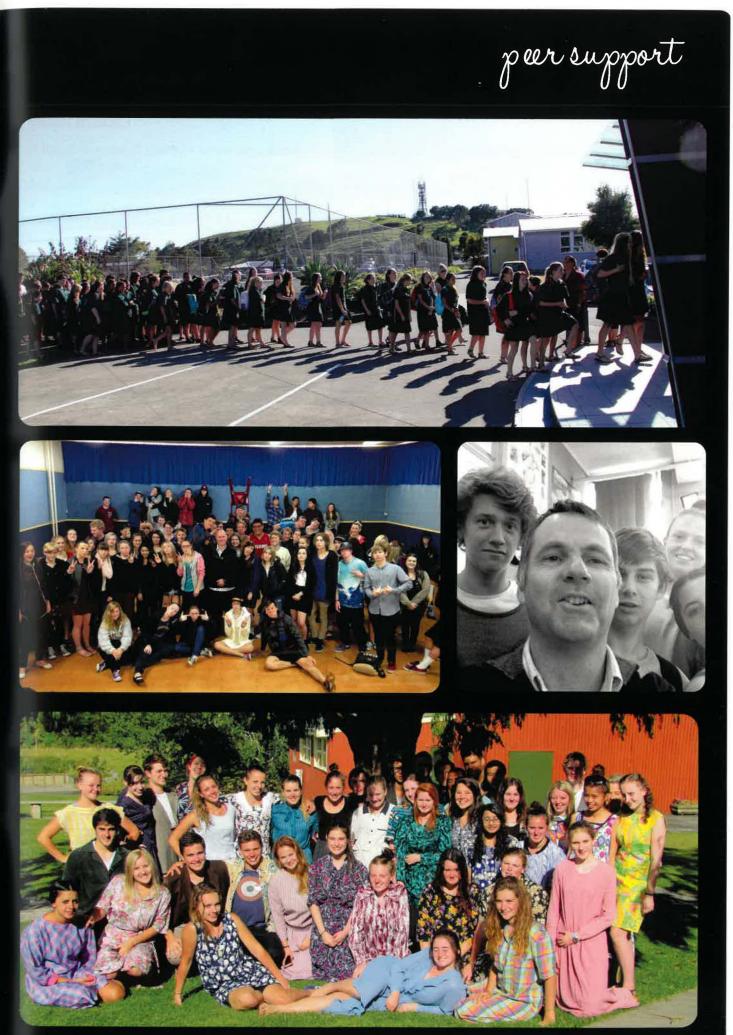
Sophie de Waal was a Gateway student in 2011, where she received the Year 12 Gateway Student of the Year award and in 2012 she was awarded the Anne Wilson Entrepreneur of the Year trophy. Sophie made the most of every opportunity available to her and worked hard in school and at her placement. She is a wonderful success story for our programme and school.

"At Spotswood College in 2011 and 2012 I was part of the Gateway Programme. My placement was at Caffe Blues, where the owners Wayne and Tane Morgan provided an awesome working environment where I learnt Barista and Customer Service skills. I also obtained school holiday and weekend employment there. This experience, combined with my school studies, which included Tourism, enabled me to successfully apply to study at Travel Careers and Training in Wellington for qualifications in Airline Travel and Tourism Level 3 and also International Flight Attending.

I am currently doing Airline Travel and Tourism level 3 and will be graduating on the 18th of December. Whilst studying at Travel Careers and Training for a year you have the opportunity to apply for an internship at Disneyworld in Florida. I have just been successful in gaining a place. I will be going to America in January to start this new adventure.



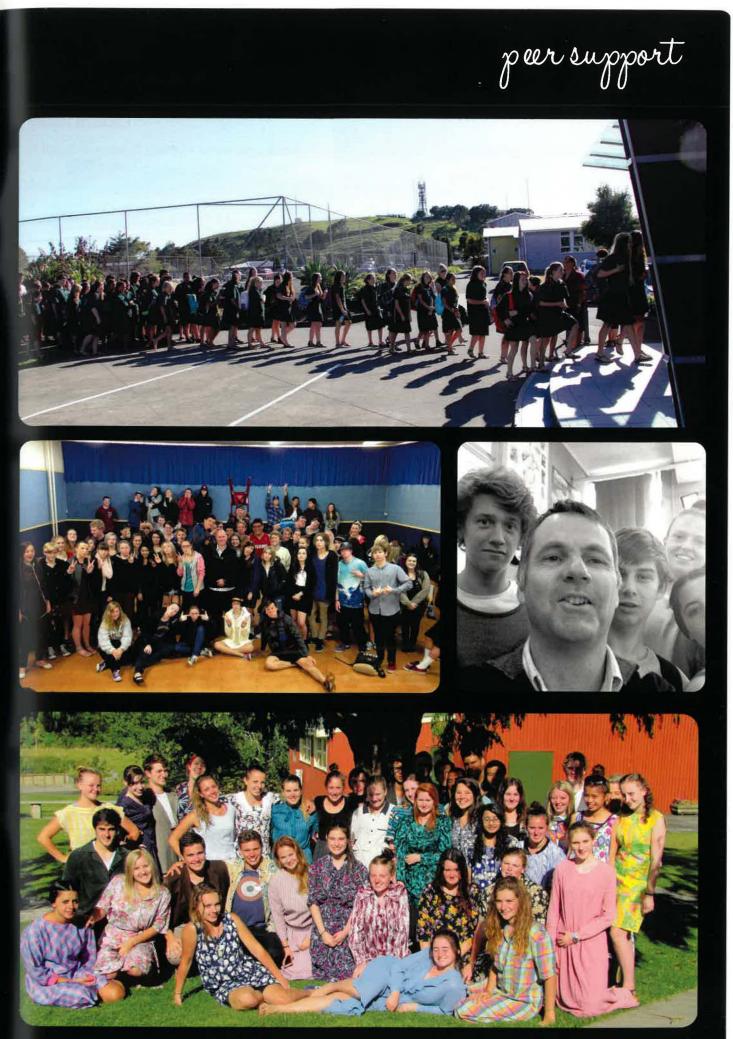


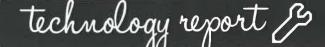


I definitely recommend seizing every opportunity starting with Gateway. It is a great way to get your foot in the door and you never know where it might take you.

Thank you Gateway for all the support you have given me, even when I was no longer at school. You guys have helped me more than you know. One day I hope to have the honour of serving you your tea and coffee on a flight somewhere in the world."

Sophie de Waal





Yr 12 Mechanical Engineering Project - Design and Construct a Mini Bike

Yr 12 Mechanical Engineering project - Design and Construct a mini bike, with the view to taking it to Manfield Race track on the 13th to the 15 October and race against 13 other schools. The schools came from all over the North Island from Gisborne, to the Northlands, Taranaki, Whanganui and Palmerston North. Spotswood College was the only school from Taranaki to enter.

The day started off with getting all the bikes through the scrutineer check, to make sure the bikes were safe and up to the job of racing around the track. With all the bikes getting the tick of approval, some easier than others, but with a full workshop supplied by Campbell Smart, (Alex Smart's father) including a welder and his life time experience in the engineering industry everything was achievable.

The racing was great, with lap times being broken, and lots of place changes as the bikes went around the circuit.

A special mention has to go to Bryce Goble, who had to start from the back of the grid for all his races, as his bike was outside of the size specifications (which we didn't realise until scrutineering) he came second in his first race, then won his second race, even though he had to nurse his way around the last lap as his gear drive was about to shear off, he had such a huge lead that he was still the winner. After a hunt around other schools pit area we found a school who let us remove the part from a student's bike and fit it to Bryce's, unfortunately, the drive wasn't the only problem, as the clutch wasn't engaging correctly so he couldn't start his final race. If he had, I feel he would of taken the win again.

All the race team had a great time and the learning for everyone was massive (teachers included!!).

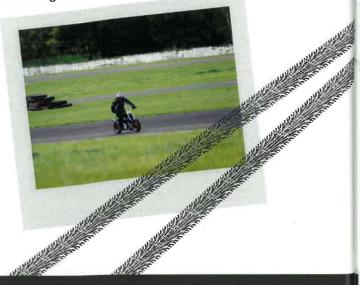
Everyone is looking forward to next year when they can race again, but this time they will have modified their bikes to make them even more competitive.

Special thanks has to go out to Nigel Giddy who was a great for support and his prowess in the pits and his partner Tana who ensured the team didn't go hungry, Angela Mason for all her great administration skills.

All of this couldn't of happened without Don O'Connor from Eurobike, who rallied around all the motorcycle companies around New Plymouth, to gain sponsorship to

aid the students in the financial part of building the bikes.

Simon Houghton



3 essential skills

VISUAL LITERACY

A lot of very small children these days know how to operate a tablet. This means that even before they can read or write they are taking in a huge amount of visual information. Parents need to be aware that children learn a lot more from graphic sources than they have ever before. Children need to know more about the world than just what they can learn from text or numbers. Art education teaches students how to interpret, analyse and use visual information to inform their choices.

DECISION MAKING

Art education strengthens problem solving and critical thinking skills. The experience of making decisions and choices in the course of making art carries over to other parts of life. If they are exploring and experimenting and trying ne ideas, then creativity will occur.

INVENTIVENESS

When children are encouraged to express themselves and take risks in creating art, they develop a sense of innovation that will be an important skill in their adult lives.

You could, at some stage, find yourself asking "Why would I choose art as a subject? What purpose does it have? Or how can it help me in the future?".

Well consider this:

As educators, parents and students we are preparing for an uncertain future. One where jobs will probably be based in technology and are yet to be invented.

Employment that dominates industry and services today requires a solid understanding of technology and an ability to be flexible, forward thinking, creative and be able to solve problems. If we can prepare our young people with these skills they will be well equipped for their futures.

Art education helps young people exercise and develop higher order thinking skills including analysis, synthesis, evaluation and problem solving.



arts report

music department \$555

Everyone be upstanding as the band plays the Music Department's anthem, the humbly titled 'll Maestro Primo Reigns Supreme'...

Hatrix and Concert Band practiced every week on Thursday after school. This year saw a really valuable contribution to both groups by our International students - Michelle Suess, Rebecca Hanke, Haruka Kawamura, Kaspar Sellner, Chika Aizawa, Finn Mussi, Alex Jira and Nilson Ferreira. Concert Band and Hatrix would not have been the same without them. Several of these International students learned their instruments as beginners and got very good very quickly during the duration of their stay!

This year Hatrix has featured a number of vocal pieces at the competition with Gloriana Wilson and Michael Hine delivering exceptional performances.

One of the instrumental pieces Hatrix chose had memories for us as we originally performed it 3 years ago, when some players were very young, and two played different instruments. The piece is Brotherman by Courtney Pine, and I was introduced to this artist by Logan Squire when I first came to teach at Spotswood, so Courtney Pine and particularly the track Brotherman are very much Spotswood Music Department institutions.

Hatrix went away to the Waikato/BOP Band Festival in term 3 and, for the first time in ages, so did the Concert Spotty Idol had a large contingent of Music Department Band.

Kerry Smith (Olivia and Riley's Dad) was our extremely helpful parent helper and his knowledge of setting up stages, instruments and musicians efficiently was greatly appreciated. And he drove the other van; a superior option to cutting me in half.

The Concert Band's triumphant return to the Waikato/BOP Festival was heralded by a medley of songs by Queen and a couple of other pieces. This proved to be hard work to whip into shape, but we did it and it did sound great!

This year saw the vans return via Cambridge, but thanks to the wonders of GPS and new-fangled smartphones this was a conscious decision, rather than merely getting lost...

Rockquest saw a flurry of activity from Spotswood College, and it paid off well. Gloriana won the solo/duo category and Thamasis (Waru Waiwiri-Hetet, Sean Gillespie, Marie Goldsworthy, Charlie Whittaker, Reuben Egli) entered with a single 7 minute long song and scooped the Best Song award.

Gloriana also had some other successes this year including winning her heats for the TV show Homai te Pakipaki and singing with Stan Walker.

Waru also deserves special mention; in addition to his Rockquest success his song was highly rated by the Play It Strange judges (rated at L3 Excellence) and his steady work for composition and performance throughout the year saw him take the prize for top of Level 3 Music.

Josie Hick's entry to Play It Strange was selected to appear on their nationally released CD and she was offered (and took!) the opportunity to record her winning piece in Neil Finn's studio.

entries with great pieces (if I do say so myself) and at this point I must mention the outstanding sound and lighting work coordinated by Josh Fleming. Josh is specializing in these technical areas. Where would the Music and Drama departments be without him?

The Music Department recording studio (run as a Gateway course every Friday) has successfully enabled students to record their original pieces to good effect. Big thanks to Nikita Doherty for keeping everything ship-shape for the second year running.

Last but not least: early in term two Spotswood College hosted the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Orchestra Day for the 8th consecutive year. The effort of running this event is most certainly offset by the pleasure and privilege of hosting every Taranaki secondary schools' Music Departments alongside the Taranaki Youth Orchestra. This year saw in excess of 90 students participating in the workshops and public concert.

Il Maestro Primo (that's Mr Greenfield to those who do not yet know) has now spoken, the anthem has finished and you have my permission to sit down.









Hatrix



The Concert Band





spotty idol \$ 53-53

Even though the T.V. show, which is Spotty Idol's name sake, seems to be in decline, our own talent show still showcases the best of Spotswood talent. And what Talent! Each year I am blown away by all the performances and this year was no different.

Gloriana Wilson and Josie Hick opened the evening with Led Zep's Rock 'n' Roll aided by the guitar skills of Waru Waiwiri-Hetet with Josie then following with a tune from Les Miserables. And, although the veterans of Spotty Idols past, like Gloriana, Josie, Olivia, Tegan and Hayley, certainly had a presence, the night had to go to the new comers. Eparama surprised us all with his beautiful version of a John Mayer classic and juniors Nadia, Oceana and Rishel proved they will be ones to watch in the future. Jannaha Henry's Killing in the Name of packed a punch but the top spot went to imports Michael Hine and Cascade Price when the judges were moved by their version of Say Something. Second place went to the dance troupe of Graceyn, Kiara, Taryn, Libby and Ariana.

It was a great night and I would like to thank our judges Ryan McFadyen, Nigel Colless and Belinda Tran-Lawrence, and our sponsors, TSH Audio and Video, Music Works and the PTA.

drama department

2014 was a year of transitions and new beginnings in the Drama department. With the departure of Ms Stoate early in 2013 and then Mrs Tahuaroa and Mr Benton later that same year, I took over the department with more than a little fear and trepidation. No-one could deny the massive contribution Ms Stoate made to the school and the impact she had on students and teachers alike. Let's just say I am very aware of the big-little shoes I have to fill. However, I am really looking forward to making my own mark as I transition from the English class to being a full time performing arts teacher.

"With new beginnings there are always new challenges."

One of these challenges, at the senior level, was the very large composite year twelve and thirteen class. Managing space, different units of work, and time was difficult but it did also presented some unique opportunities. As a teacher of Classical Studies, I had always wanted to produce a Greek play so I thought performing Aristophanes' Frogs would be a great solution. The year twelves played the chorus while the year thirteens played all the named parts. This enabled us to complete four different assessment standards across two year levels in one production. Greek theatre is not easy and I was amazed at how well the class did as they created their own masks, learnt how to work as a chorus, worked on their comic timing and slapstick, and dealt with long passages of difficult language. Bailey Scown and Ariana Bracey did a fantastic job as Dionysus and Xanthias and, as a result, Bailey was awarded the cup for most improved drama student he hadn't taken drama since year nine – and Ariana was awarded the cup for best stage performance at the senior prize-giving. Hayley Mapley also gave a skilful performance as the playwright, Aeschylus, demonstrating her abilities as an imaginative physical performer. Hayley was awarded the cup for contribution to drama to acknowledge the great work she has done for the department in the five years she has been at Spotswood.

The elevens also took on a challenge with their production of Arthur Miller's The Crucible. It was a big step up for the elevens to go from the teen comedy

Puck they performed in year ten to the emotional depth required to play The Crucible. I felt, and the audience did too, that they did a great job. Two stand-outs were Montana Bennett, who played Mary Warren, and Baylee O'Donnell-Martin, who played Abigail Williams. I also had fun acting with the elevens in my role as Danforth. The play gave the students the opportunity to develop their range as actors and their capacity to work together as an ensemble.

The year twelves spent most of term three working on their production of Arden City, a modern take on Shakespeare's As You Like It. The play followed a group of teenagers on a journey of self-discovery as they attempt to escape their problems by leaving the city to hide-out in an allotment. While there they learn to see what is really important. Love blooms and family differences are reconciled. The challenge was the large class again but it also gave us the opportunity to have three different casts and see three different interpretations of the two main female roles. We also played in front of a student audience during a matinée which was a change of pace from the usual night time performances. The cast had fun and even tried out some improvisation to add a bit of 'local' humour to the play.

Other highlights for the year happened outside the classroom. Ensemble Impact's performance of Asian Invasion, a collection of extracts from NZ plays that explored issues of race and identity, was excellent and gave all the students in the drama department insight into how theatre can be both entertaining and thought provoking. The Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival was well represented by Spotswood again and although we didn't come away with any wins this year, we are proud of the engaging, teacher and student driven work that was produced. It was also great to see two year nines, Josh Clark and Nadia Hill, take on challenging roles in King Lear. Well done. Hayley Mapley also started an improvisation group at lunch times which was well attended and will hopefully continue to grow next year. 2015 will bring a new set of challenges, like the new Making the Show course Mr Greenfield and I are collaborating on, but I am looking forward to the opportunities those challenges will present.

Mr Hill

This year's Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival saw Spotswood College submit a number of quality performances from the Artaud inspired King Lear, directed by Monique Flaszvnski and Niamh Kelly, to the whimsical extract of Antony and Cleopatra, by Jani Grobler and Josie Hick. But the stand out piece of the evening was Michele FitzPatrick's Othello, with an amazing performance from one of our German exchange students, Sebastian Berger. Although none our pieces was selected for nationals this year, we can be proud that we consistently enter a number of innovative interpretations of the Bard's classic plays. Jared Hill



On Thursday 29th May, 2014 the Ministry of In late-May, consultants carrying out an investigation of Education(MOE) advised the Principal Mr. Bowden that the gymnasium's structure discovered water rot in several the gymnasium had to be temporarily closed. The of the structural beams. The MOE immediately closed gymnasium remained closed for the remainder of 2014. down the facility until further investigations were carried out. Originally built in 1969 and opened in 1970, the

gymnasium has been plagued with water rot issues in the The initial investigations were undertaken in late-June and structural beams. Over the years, many of the exterior the recommendation was for a more detailed survey to be portions of the beams have been replaced due to this oncarried out. going problem.

In late-October, a comprehensive investigation was Over the last decade, there have been three major issues undertaken for all three of the above issues. The that have caused concern to buildings throughout New consultant engineers are currently in the process of Zealand. Firstly, the leaky building problem, secondly preparing a detailed report for the MOE on the gymnasium with a final decision to either repair or to following the Christchurch earthquakes in December, demolish expected to be made by mid-December. 2010 and February, 2011, and thirdly the asbestos problem in many of the pre-1982 building materials.

Having no indoor teaching space has certainly been a In 2010, the College Board of Trustees embarked on challenge for the PE staff and frustrating for the students planning for a major \$15million building project to of Physical Education and they are to be congratulated for replace many of the over 50 year old buildings and to the way in which they have handled the situation. modernise the school's learning spaces. An upgrade of the gymnasium was included in this project. The impact The gymnasium closure has also meant that we have not of the three issues identified above have frustratingly put been able to offer practise facilities for the Badminton, Basketball and Volleyball players during 2014. a temporary hold on this big picture modernisation programme.

sheilah winn shakespare festival

gymnasium closure

We look forward to a resolution in the near future.



Spotswood College's gala day on the 8th of June turned out to be a huge success, with a beautiful blue sky and a crowd that seemed to never end. The activities you could get involved in were endless, for example, sumo wrestling, face painting, volleyball, and a ring toss just to name a few.

We also welcomed some very familiar faces into the gala such as the Taranaki MountainAirs basketball team and Jonathan Young. The gala was heavily supported by the community and Spotswood College staff and students. "Spotswood College has had one of the best galas in New Plymouth. There is so much community support and people coming together for this wonderful event, I'm glad I could be part of it." That is from Jonathan Young, our local MP. A lot of people were drawn to either our music talent on the main stage or to our food stalls set up around the area. We had a lot of different places to get food, one of the most popular was the waffle tent, but we also had an India Today tent, sausages, bake sale and cotton candy. We also had a very educational visit from the Fire Department warning of the dangers of cooking and being safe whenever using fire. The public was very enthusiastic and had so many nice and encouraging things to say about the gala. Our senior prefects who could be seen all around the gala wearing our number 1s were commended for being so helpful and dedicated to making sure the gala ran smoothly. The public were pleased that Spotswood College's gala of 2014 was one to remember. It really showed how strong our school community is and the amount of love that we feel for our school.

Kaitlyn Koboski (Deputy Head Girl)



MOTUROA HAPU 2014

WOW!!! 2014 has been one whirlwind year for the entire Moturoa Hapu. A whirlwind that has been full of achievement, growth, leadership and a growing sense of Hapu belonging and culture.

At the eye of the unstoppable whirlwind were the year 13 leaders: Alex Forde (energy), Renee Downing (dedicated) and Tayla Willetts (fun loving). This fantastic trio led from GO to WOAH and were well supported by their peers and staff. They have left BIG shoes to be filled and their leadership will be missed in 2015. THANKS GUYS.

The year was full of great results and the Moturoa trophy Cabinet is busting at the seams with silverware. We took out a number events and this was only possible with a committed and consistent effort from the whole Hapu. The whirlwind kicked into action during the swimming events, winning both the Novelty and Championship swimming events, coming with it the Craig Myle Cup. We followed this up with a hard fought 2nd place in the Athletics, a highlight being 3 relay wins on finals day.

Cross Country was another big event for Moturoa. A close tussle with Paritutu saw us take the Paul Ballinger Cup by the slimmest of margins and a 2nd place to the Green Machine kept them in touch for overall Hapu honours.

The Moturoa whirlwind was still blowing strong and during Hapu Sports it did not stop for anyone or anything, clearing its path with fantastic team play, sportsmanship and unity by taking wins in the: Touch Rugby, Netball, Football, Volleyball and T-Ball.

More important then the fantastic results we achieved during the year was the huge progress we made in building a team and Hapu culture. The culture being built incorporates support, fair play and a sense of belonging and unity. Moturoa Hapu is a happy bunch of students and staff that look forward to trying new things, challenging themselves and show a high level of motivation and respect for each other.

The challenge has been set for 2015. Engage, continue to grow as a Hapu and have fun.

Mr. S Manson – Moturoa Hapu Leader 2014

hapu reports

PARITUTU 2014

Well done to Paritutu during 2014. We participated well in most events and placed 2nd in no fewer then five events. It was great to see the continued building of Hapu spirit which will be important to maintain as we move in 2015.

I would like to thank the student Whanau Leaders for their role in supporting Paritutu. Special mention of our student Hapu Leaders Glorianna Wilson and Alvin Faulkner needs to be made.

Their energy and assistance was greatly appreciated.

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

Mr. L Whyte – Paritutu Hapu Leader 2014.



Hapu leaders 2014



HAPU NEWS - MIKOTAHI

Mikotahi made a good attempt, especially in School Athletics Day and Cross Country, to take on the other three mighty Hapu. There was also a lot more participation and dressing up. What we lacked in points we made up for in enthusiasm, perseverance and style (red is the new black!).

It was great seeing our more artistic and creative students competing in the Arts and Crafts Trophy, with students like Michael Hine, Kacy Banadera, Shiann Jolly and many others representing Mikotahi. Many of our students have completed 5 or more E TU cards and have maintained excellent attendance throughout the year. Well done to Ashley Walker-Kemp who achieved the highest number of E TU cards completed in the Hapu.

Finally, a big thank you to the Whanau Leaders and the fabulous Hapu Leaders (Jannaha Henry, Joanne Cummings and Larissa Garrick). They were fully supportive and involved in all the challenges and demonstrated good leadership qualities.

MOTUMAHANGA 2014

Greetings from team Motumahanga.

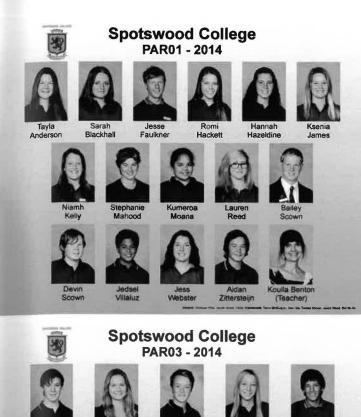
It was wonderful to see Motumahanga over represented again in prefect appointments for 2014. These students along with our Whanau student leaders have been excellent role models for our younger students.

Participation during inter-Hapu events has been strong throughout the year with success in Athletics and the Arts trophy. This has enabled us to remain in second place overall on the points table. Our senior girls were particularly strong and cleaned up in most events.

The challenge now goes out to all students at every year level to get involved so we can return to the number 1 spot in 2015.

Special thanks to Ashleigh Allen and Daniel Piripi for their dedication and efforts in leading Motumahanga throughout the year.

Mr B. Dunnet-Motumahanga Hapu Leader 2014



hapu arts trophy

Deirdre Doherty

Hapu Leader - Mikotahi

This term the Hapu Leaders have introduced a new competition: the Hapu Arts Challenge.

This gives students in each Hapu, who enjoy: Art, Technology, Music and Drama, an opportunity to show their creative abilities.

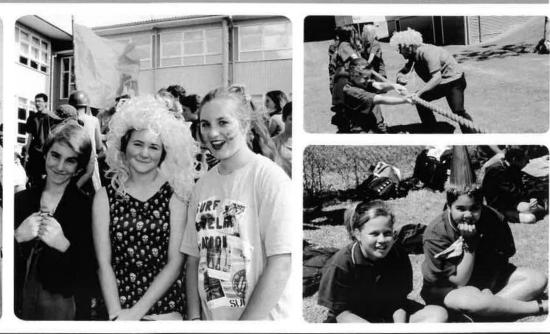
The first challenge took place in week 4. The students were directed to make a Hapu mascot from recycled materials and to give a brief reason for their creations. It was wonderful to see so many students following the E TU expectation of taking part. After careful consideration by our independent judges, Moturoa came first.

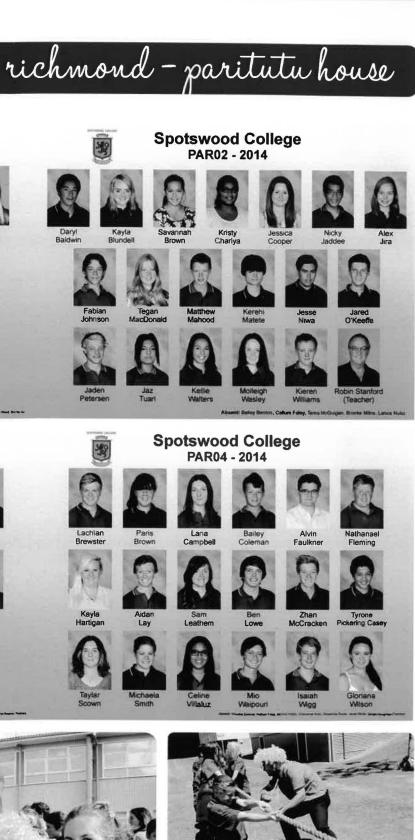
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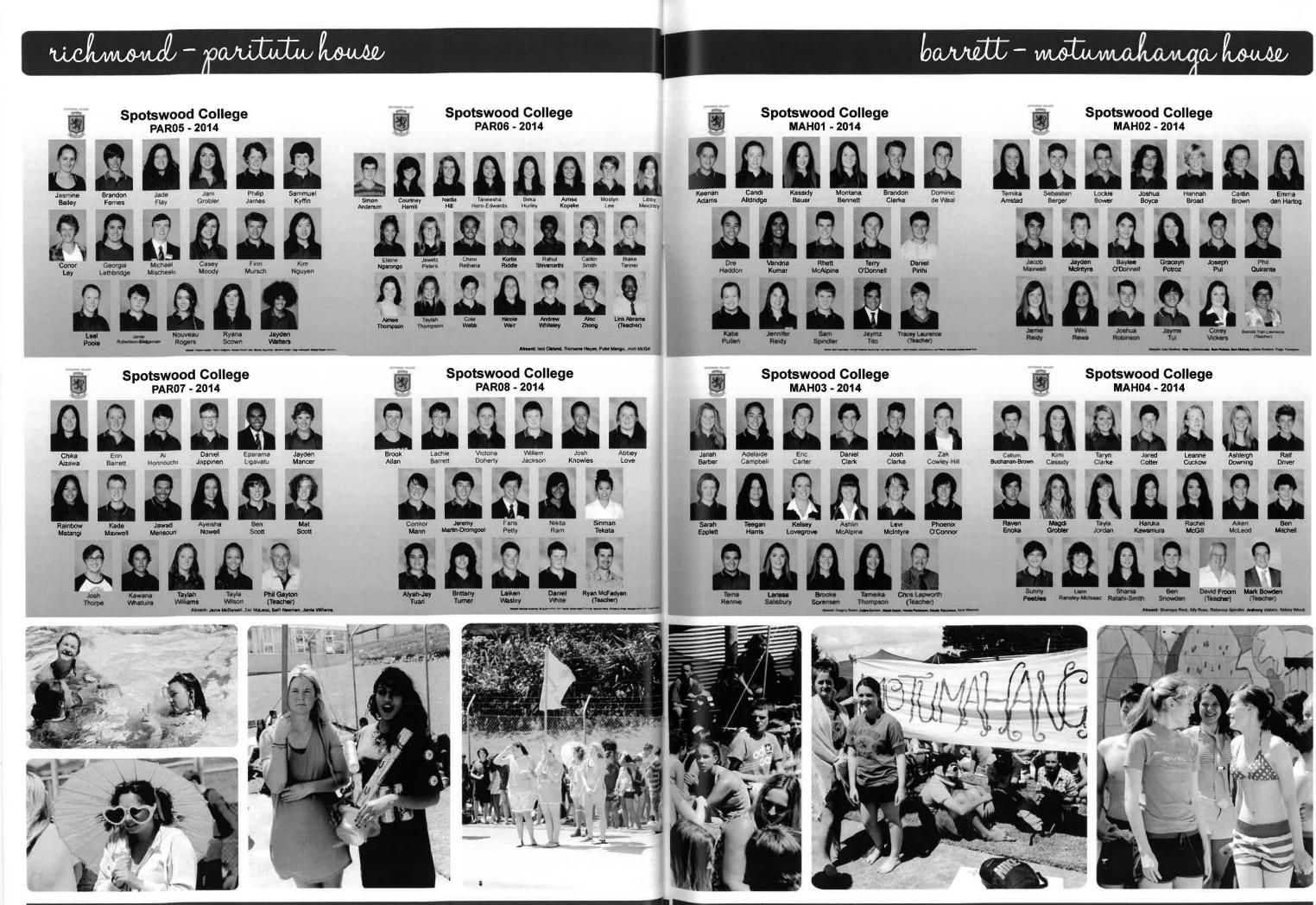
The Arts Trophy will be presented to the Hapu with the most points at the end of Term Three. Deirdre Doherty (Hapu Leader for Mikotahi)







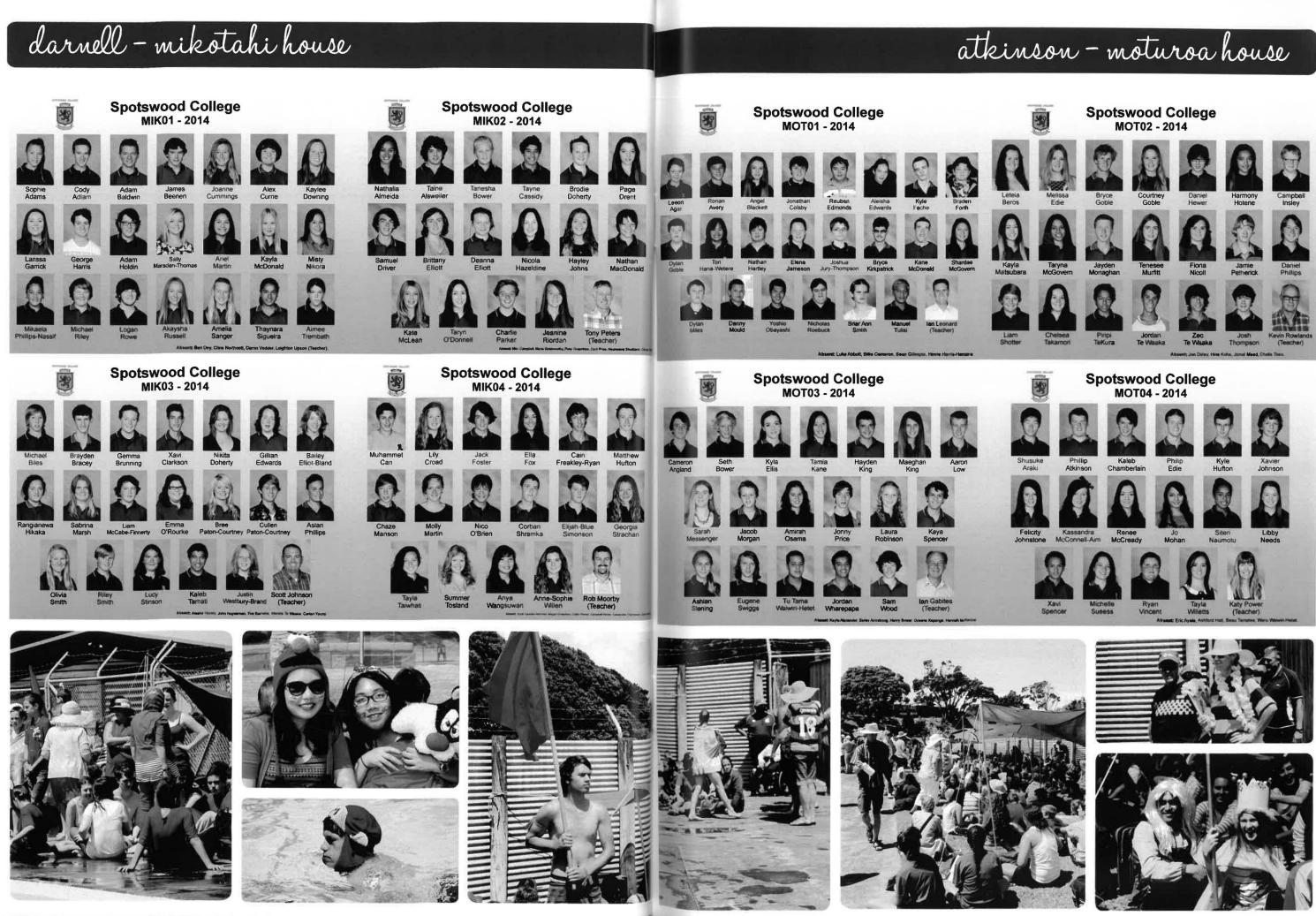




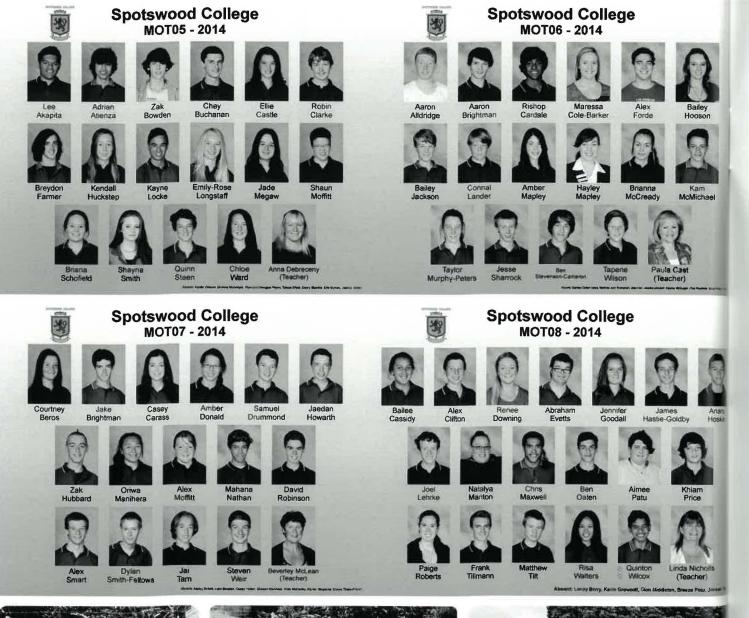
barrett - motumahanga house



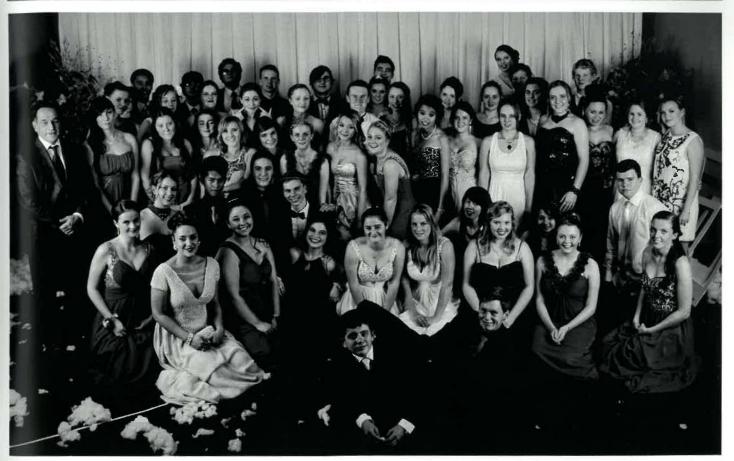
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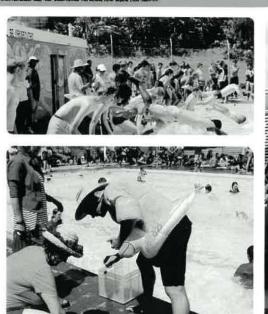














ball night



ALUMNI (EX-PUPIL) DATABASE

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

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

The Alumni is always wanting to increase its electronic database of ex-pupils. Current Year 13 students are also encouraged to register. The registration site is:

alumni.spotswoodcollege.school.nz

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