

Pānui – March 2014

Ngā mihinui ki a koutou

Pōwhiri

This year's powhiri was held under clear blue skies as always on the last day of January. It is always lovely to have the Tuahiwi School whānau come to the powhiri to hand over their rakatahi to Rangiora High School. Kaharoa Manihera and Brian Hays spoke for the tangata whenua and new staff member, Teina Anderson and Rangi Tutengaehe spoke for the manuhiri. Many thanks to Tamara Kerr who performed her last karanga as a student before starting her university studies. This year the kapa haka group was supported by the 1stXV boys' rugby squad.



Teina Anderson

Tamara Kerr





Students from Tuahiwi School

Head Students

It is wonderful to have as our Head Girl, **Hannah Price**, who studied Te Reo Māori and Kapa Haka through until Year 12.

Roll

This year's roll is 1766 (this includes 42 International Students). There are currently 188 Māori students on our roll of whom 66 are learning Te Reo Māori and 54 are learning Kapa Haka.

Year 9	49
Year 10	34
Year 11	40
Year 12	38
Year 13	27

Our goal remains to retain more Māori students through, and graduating Year 13.

Māori Student Achievement Goal for 2014

To ensure that teaching and learning is built around identity, language and culture in order to improve the engagement and achievement of our Māori students.

The Attendance goal we set two year's ago has proved successful with consistent attendance at 90%. Retention into the senior school was also a goal made five year's ago and it is pleasing to see numbers increasing in year 12 and 13.



This year we are excited to welcome two new staff to the Languages and Arts Faculties teaching Te Reo Māori and Kapa Haka:

LUCY EMERY (Ngati Maniapoto)

Lucy did some relieving here last year and we were very pleased that she was available to come back and take up a permanent position teaching Junior Te Reo Māori classes and the Beginner Māori class. She has been teaching at Villa Maria College, Oxford Area School and the Karanga Mai Centre at Kaiapoi in amongst bringing up two lively little boys!

TEINA ANDERSON

Teina came to RHS last year as a trainee teacher and we pulled out the stops to employ him as a full time permanent teacher of senior Te Reo Māori and Kapa Haka. Teina is a member of Kapa haka group which competes at national level at Matatini. He has two small children and is also a keen sportsman having represented New Zealand in Softball and Touch.

LEANNE ABRAHAM

Leanne is the latest addition to the team as Kaiawhina. She is a parent to current and ex Rangiora High school students and is currently taking a year's break from university studies.

SUCCESS

Some of our stand-out students at prizegiving last year were:

YEAR 13



Holly Diepraam (Ngai Tahu)

RHS Education Trust Top Māori Student Scholarship
Mayor of Waimakariri District Prize for Leadership
RHS Cup for Deputy Head Girl



Justis Atkins (Ngati Porou, Te Arawa)

RHS Music Trophy for Excellence in Rock Music





James Te Aika (Ngai Tahu)

University of Canterbury Emerging Leaders' Scholarship

YEAR 12



Trinity Thompson Browne (Ngati Kahungunu)

Taonga Whakapono for senior student who contributed most to kaupapa Māori

YEAR 10



Celine Goulding (Rongowhakata)

RHS Centenary Cup for Public Speaking; PTA Cup for Year 10 Public Speaking and Te Tara Kuratao for most Promising Junior Māori student

SPORTING SUCCESSES

Rowing: Justis Atkins, Hana Coulston and Charlotte Whitham and are currently competing at the Maadi Cup. Justis has made two B Finals and an A Final, and the girls have also made B Finals in their events. Rowing is a huge commitment and these students are to be commended for this.

Volleyball: The Girls' A Volleyball team are competing at Nationals in Palmerston North and have exceeded expectations. Well done to Mary Goulding and Teri Jones, both Year 13 students who are finishing their school volleyball on a high note.



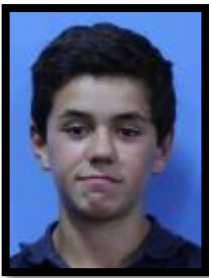
Kaitātaki

This year's leaders are:

Kaitāitaki tāne



Levi Beedles (Ngati Raukawa, Ngati Porou) Year 12



Tahu Collier-Robinson (Ngati Porou, Whanau-A-Apanui, Ngai Tahu)

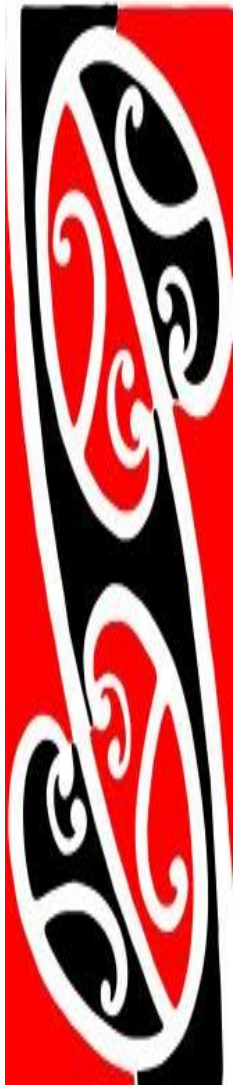
Kaitāitaki wāhine



Simone Pitama (Ngai Tahu) – Year 12



Noellalee Taua (Tainui) – Year 10



Results NCEA

Last year's results for year 11 were a mixed bag and have given us some areas to really focus on.

Year 11 Māori Boys – 56% achieved level 1 (66% NZ European)

Year 11 Māori Girls – 44% achieved Level 1 (79% NZ European)

Year 12 Māori Boys – 62% achieved Level 2 (86% NZ European)

Year 12 Māori Girls – 82.6% achieved Level 2 (90% NZ European)

Year 13 Māori Boys – 40% achieved Level 3 (61% NZ European)

Year 13 Māori Girls – 100% achieved Level 3 (84% NZ European)

Currently staff in their different departments are analysing these results and looking at to improve success for all our students. We have a number of school wide, and faculty wide initiatives in place. It is really important that parents and caregivers make contact with teachers early on with matters of concern so that we can get students on the right track for success in all that they do.

I hope you enjoy reading of our Māori students' endeavours. We look forward to a great year.

Julia Malcolm

Deputy Principal – Student Services

