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Principal's Report

Stephen Beck

The end of 2016 will mark my third year as Principal at Hurunui College, and can quite simply be defined as a solid year with a shaky finish. I certainly have found my third year at the helm to be more settled, with now having a better understanding of the dynamic of the school and community.



The year will be most remembered by the Earthquake on the 14th November and the devastation that followed. Being prepared for a natural disaster and being prepared for life can draw very similar comparisons. Education for many forms a big part of setting oneself for success in the future. It is not about leaving life to chance, but putting in place the long-term planning to ensure we are prepared in an ever changing world. This is similar to being prepared for natural disaster. We are so often reminded to have stores of food, water and shelter set aside just in case the unexpected happens. We often skimp and compromise on our preparations, or ignore the advice altogether, hoping that it won't happen to me and the "we'll be right attitude" will get us through. It is not until you are plunged into a situation unexpectedly, that forces you to draw on your available resources, do people recognise what a difference being prepared really makes. Life can also take a similar path. No longer can we leave school, enter a company or occupation, follow a smooth road of promotion and pay rises through to a respectable retirement and a golden hand shake at 65. I know this is a path my Grandfather took but sadly, or not, it is no longer the world we live in. Most people will now have a minimum of 10 different occupations before reaching retirement age and for most the retirement age will be when we are horizontal in a box. Life is much more diverse and unpredictable and students must ensure they take full advantage of their learning opportunities so that they are prepared for every path they could possibly take. Often they will not know what skills they need to be successful, and similar to preparing for a natural disaster, the better prepared they are the better they will be able to respond quickly and confidently to the challenges and opportunities presented to them. Comments such as "I will never need this", must be put to rest. Although in some cases this may be true, who will need it can never be accurately predicted. The more we can reinforce this idea with our children, the more value they may place in education. When leaving school if I had to predict where I would be in 25 years' time, I would have not come close to imagining the position I am sitting in now. We need to think of education as not being about preparing for the worst, but about preparing for the best that life can throw at us. The more resources we have stored away the better prepared we will be to take advantage of and respond to what life puts in front of us. It will be the little unexpected things that may make the biggest difference and at the top of this list will be having the ability to learn to learn and adapt.

2017 will bring the challenge of working towards our redefined strategic direction with a strong focus on student wellbeing, achievement and utilising our natural resources.

I wish all our school and community a very merry and safe holiday period and look forward to seeing those returning in the new year. For those that depart Hurunui College at the end of the year, I wish them all the best and hope you take fond memories of your time at Hurunui College.

Deputy Principal's Report

Jane Marsh

An innovative learning environment is one which is learner-focussed, and encourages collaboration and inquiry for both the learner and the teacher. As schools take on their own interpretation of innovative learning environments, at Hurunui College in 2016, we have had a focus on pedagogy – quality teaching and learning, and collaboration. I believe that quality teaching and learning, is paramount if we are to have progress in student achievement. This year the Primary School has continued to build on the structure and function of the two Learning Communities, Discovery and Exploring, with the aim to build on quality teaching and learning practices, and to encourage collaboration with both learners and teachers. As part of best teaching practice, we have had an emphasis on consistency of practice across all primary classes, and this has included the way students set out their books, specific structure



used to teach guided reading, the use of SOLO – a language of learning which encourages different levels of learning and understanding, teaching the positive expectations of behaviour through our RISE values, and ensuring all students are involved in setting appropriate learning goals. Examples of collaboration have included planning and teaching Integrated Inquiry and other curriculum areas such as Physical Education and The Arts. Exploring Learning Community classes also worked together to teach Mathematics and Literacy. In 2017 I hope to see the Primary School build on consistency and best teaching practices, and look for opportunities for collaboration, with both teachers and learners, in an effort to improve student outcomes.

In 2016, there have been excellent learning, cultural and sporting opportunities for all to succeed. Highlights have included WaiSwim Lessons, Spider Week, the Discovery Learning Community trip to Ferrymead, Woodend camp for the Exploring Learning Community, Matariki Celebration, Canterbury Area School's Kapahaka Festival, Debating and Speech contests, Canterbury School's Music Festival, Science Fair and probably the major highlight would have to have been our Primary School Production 'Destination Unknown'.

This year we welcomed Miss Jenni McQuillan to our Primary Team. Miss McQuillan is our teacher in the Year 3/4 Waiporoporo Class in the Discovery Learning Community. In Term 2, she also took on the role of Guidance Counsellor across the entire school. Miss McQuillan is a talented and experienced classroom teacher. She is highly valued and has been a welcome and refreshing face to the primary team.

In 2017, Mrs Melanie Marryatt, our Year 7 Class teacher in the Exploring Learning Community, is taking a year's leave. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Melanie all the best for 2017, and I hope that she returns refreshed and ready to take on whatever challenges we will have ahead of us in 2018.

Finally, to you all, I would like to thank you for your wonderful support throughout the year. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe, restful and relaxing family holiday.

Deputy Principal's Report

Iain Thompson

At this busy time of year it's important to take some time to enjoy some peace and quiet and spend quality time with our families. It is easy at this time of year to feel stressed, exhausted or under pressure to spend a lot of money over the festive period. Christmas and New Year is a good time to stop and reflect on how we can all feel more connected and contented within ourselves and within our families.

Research tells us that a positive state of mental health comes from getting back to the basics: Having family meals around the table, adequate sleep and routines, being physically active outdoors and creating new experiences for our children. Increasing time on social media sites and screen time can erode mental wellbeing and make people feel more disconnected if adequate boundaries aren't put in place. Some families in N.Z have embraced a 'Screen Free Sunday' and have noted positive results of feeling more connected and enjoying more positive interactions within their families. In many cases it can be as simple as turning off the T.V or phone and going for a family bike or walk.

For younger children there is significant evidence that unstructured activities that allow freedom to play and engage with their imagination can reduce anxiety and promote brain development.

It is the simple pleasures in life that often make children thrive; creating time to talk about their day, connect with how they are feeling and creating fun family experiences together. Activities such as going camping don't cost a lot but build memories that will last forever. It is usually your presence that makes the difference, not filling your trolley with lots of expensive items.

So make time to take a breath out these holidays and take time to re-evaluate your priorities and make sure that your time and presence is wisely invested. One of the best quotes I heard this year was from a speaker at the Area Schools conference, where he said:

“In New Zealand how do we measure a person's success? We tend to measure success by the amount of power and monetary wealth we have. Maybe what we should be measuring is how happy we are and how healthy we are!”

As the year draws to a close remember that our, and our children's, happiness does not necessarily come from wealth; it comes from spending time with each other.



Executive Officer's Report

Judith Topp

My opening comment this year is “how did those 52 action-packed weeks pass by so quickly”?

In January we installed a new accounting package for students attached to Edge, our Student Management System. This culminated with the elimination of our trip credit system which had passed its “use by date”. Great excitement, the brand new Ford Transit van was purchased. Police vetting of reader writers and volunteer workers completed. An audit of schoolhouses by registered building practitioner completed. Additional fire alarms installed around the school. Tenants of school houses provided with ten year smoke alarms.

Many property, maintenance and health and safety issues were addressed during the year.

Heat pumps installed in four rooms, the lines on the gym floor painted, LED lighting in the gym, new edging around many of the gardens, boundary fence erected. The old man pine hedge around 15 Tenterden Street was removed and a new paling fence erected by Mr Beck and his family.

Hurunui College joined a cluster property group with regard to 10 Year Property funding. The company “Logic” is the consultants involved. With several schools doing the same maintenance, costs should be reduced and possible service better.

A new Board took office in June. Unfortunately there was no election, maybe a reflection of the busy lifestyle people now have. An additional member was appointed by selection. A new Whanau representative was also co-opted. There was an election for our staff representative, but no election for our student representative, as there was only one nomination.

All in all another very busy year with many new students enrolled and the roll surpassing 250 at the end of the year.

Best wishes to all for the festive season and a safe and relaxing holiday time.

Board of Trustees' Report

Bernie Dobbs, Chairperson

As the year draws to a close it is my pleasure to write a report about the school year and it has been a very good one. On the back of a positive ERO report the students have gone ahead and achieved extremely good results academically, culturally and in sport. So well done to all the staff for their hard work and to the students for rising to the challenge and achieving.

During the year we unfortunately had to say good bye to Megan Stanley Brown and Nathan Scott and wish them all the best for the future and at the same time welcome Brendon Ferguson, Jenni McQuillan and Janet Tilson to the staff and thank them for their efforts fitting into the school. So on behalf of the Board, have a good Christmas break and the best of luck in the future for our latest crop of school leavers.



Head Students' Report

Ricki Allan and Isaac Hassall

It has been our absolute pleasure and privilege to represent Hurunui College as the Head Students of 2016. The role has been the perfect opportunity to hone our leadership skills, grow as people, and take an active role in the school that has nurtured us right from year 1 to become the young adults we are today.

First on our agenda was to build on the unique community our small area school had. The connectivity of the junior and senior school was extremely important to us. We were lucky enough to be offered the opportunity to run the junior school for two periods on the Teacher Union Day, with a majority of the seniors involved in leading a range of cultural, sporting, and academic activities for the juniors. The experience was very rewarding. Another one of our objectives was to give students something to do at lunchtimes, and Isaac was very successful in running a sporting activity every Wednesday in the gym to do so. With both of us involved in the Hurunui Youth Council, we have been able to introduce Nicki Allen, Hurunui Youth Connector to our school. She has proven to be very successful at involving a selective group of students in activities at lunch times.

One of Hurunui College's greatest virtues is that its small size means leadership opportunities come in abundance. In town schools, the ratio of students to leadership roles seems to be invariably smaller than at a small area school like Hurunui College. However, this can sometimes damage the quality of the expectation associated with the role. To combat this in the House Captain role, we formalised the process taken to obtain the role. Instead of the traditional quick vote among students at the start of the year to decide their two House Captains, we have taken to bringing together a selection committee consisting of the house teachers and current House Captains to select next year's House Captains. We hope that having formalised the selection process naturally applicants and recipients will attach a greater level of responsibility and professionalism to the role.

We leave confident that next year's Head Students will step-up and continue to develop the role, which is still relatively new to Hurunui College and yet to be properly defined. We thank the school profusely for the opportunity to lead and the students for making our last year such an awesome experience.



Library Report

Paul Munnerley

The library started 2016 with a few changes. Speedy and Sammy (the goldfish) took up residence, and enjoyed the attention and regular feeding they received! Primary students were able to enter through the north door, that became a normal, rather than emergency, door. Our colourful book bins arrived, as well as 2 custom-built stands for OPAC computers. The competitive nature of some students became evident when 4 bean bags arrived! The new whiteboard table proved popular with senior students, particularly the ones with an artistic bent! Junior students competed for time with the 'talking books' thanks to the arrival of a small touch screen computer. The Hurunui District Library supplied a new sign for the library.

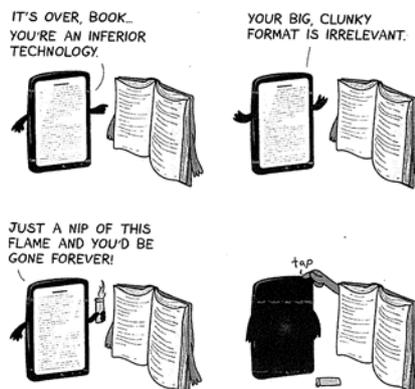
There are now 12 screens operating in our library, plus the 14 laptops that come and go during the day. More students are discovering the convenience of bringing their own devices - smartphones, tablets and laptops - for school work and also to access eBooks and eAudiobooks. Our students are lucky that they can use the Hurunui District Library e-collections which also includes magazines. They can also manage their borrowed material and place holds on items.

New books arrived, old books were weeded, damaged books were repaired or replaced, Graphic novels were shelved separately to make them easier to find. We subscribed to 2 new magazines about skateboarding and rugby. Cartons of books came and went from the National Library using their transformed service to schools.

The games trolley was well used, particularly in the winter months. 5-Second Challenge was the most popular game this year, followed by cards, chess and Othello.

This year we had 30 students enrolled in the Hell Pizza Reading Challenge. At the time of writing 17 had earned a free pizza. Other students earned chocolate fish for a variety of reasons. A small 'elite' team of 4 students became baristas, making long blacks, flat whites, lattes and cappuccinos, for staff and clients under the initial guidance of Corde.

The library has hosted a range of events this year including, debates, meetings, interviews, night classes and visits from preschool groups. Being a community library we often have members of the public, including international visitors, arriving when there are classes or groups working. Our community volunteers and



student librarians are often able to help these people if library staff are otherwise engaged. Many students can now issue items themselves.

A couple of issues we need to address.

One is the number of water damaged books turning up. Rain and leaky drink bottles are the main reasons books get wet, and it does not just happen to junior students! A water resistant book bag is usually much cheaper than the cost of a replacement book. We really appreciate the support of Hawarden 4-Square, providing supermarket bags that students can use.

Another is the number of books and magazines we 'lose'. A few leave the library unissued, some disappear at home, some have gone on holiday with their readers, and not come back, and quite a few have left the district when families have moved. These books either take money from the new book budget or just cannot be replaced and are lost to future readers.

eBooks are one way of avoiding both these issues, but for many of us, the smell and feel of a physical book is one of life's pleasures, even if it comes with a risk of damage or loss.



Hurunui College PTA

Nicci Heywood and Jenny Keeble

2016 has been a rather quiet year for the small group of core parents involved in the running of the PTA. We started the year with a busy day catering for visiting teachers on Jumbo Day. We had another day providing lunches for the judges at the Hawarden A&P show. We catered for 200 hungry Kapa Haka performers in Term Three and then fed 250 athletes for seven aside later in the term and shortly after we provided an extremely successful tuck shop day.

We have paid for the Ugly Shakespeare company to visit and perform in Term One and subsidised Craig Smith author of *The Wonky Donkey*, to come and visit in Term Three. We sponsored one of our students to attend the Spirit of Adventure in the middle of the year.

This group of parents works hard to provide funds for equipment and experiences not always available under the normal school funding. Over the last few years we have

- Subsidised school trips
- Purchased wireless headsets for the music department
- Provided funds for the purchasing of the original school van and trailer.
- Bought Lego for Whero class
- Paid for an ipad for the use of the STEPS students
- Bought books for the English department
- Purchased various sports equipment

We would like to thank the parents who have helped by providing baking, funds on our Four Square account, or by digging in and lending a helping hand on our busiest days.

We finish our year with our usual prize giving raffle and would like to wish everyone a safe and happy new year (preferably shake free) .

2016 STAFF

Senior Management Team

Principal	Mr Stephen Beck, BEd PE, Grad Dip Tchg & Lning
Deputy Principal	Mrs Jane Marsh, DipTchg, SENCO
Deputy Principal	Mr Iain Thompson, MSc, BSc Hons, PGCE, Bus Controller.

Teachers

Primary	Miss Jenny Banks, Dip Tchg Ms Jasmine Findlay, Grad Dip Prim Teacher, Ed (Vic), Catechetical Stud, BA English Miss Jenny Jackson, B Com (Ec), Grad Dip Ed Mrs Melanie Marryatt, BPhEd, Dip Tchg, SMT Miss Jenni McQuillan, B Ed, M Ed Cert Couns, Dip Tchg Miss Sonia Talivai, BEd (Primary), Dip Maori (Tohu Matauranga Maori), TIC Maori Mrs Janet Tilson, B Tchg and Lning Mrs Keri Zino, Dip Tchg
Music	Mr Philip Biddlecombe, PGCE Music, BA Hons Mus, TIC Music, TIC NetNZ
Social Sciences	Mrs Anne Costello, Dip Tchg; Dean, TIC Social Sciences
Science	Mr Tim Kelly, MSc, PGCE, TIC Science, NZQA Principals Nominee
Technology	Mr Michael Kemen, Bed Tech, Grad Dip Tchg, Adv TC, Auto, NZCE Mech Drawing Ms Vivienne McIntosh, B Home Sci, Grad Dip Tchg, TIC Technology, Careers
Mathematics	Mr Nathan Scott, BSc, Grad Dip Tchg, TIC Mathematics (resigned)
Physical Education	Mr Brendon Ferguson, B Ed (Physical Education) Grad Dip Tchg and Lning (Secondary) TIC Sport (appointed) Miss Haley Ross, B Tchg and Lning TIC Physical Education (appointed) Mrs Meagan Stanley-Brown, BPhEd, Grad Dip Tchg, TIC Physical Education, Health and Sport, Guidance Teacher, SMT (resigned)
English	Mr John Valentine, BA, Dip Tchg, TIC English, Specialist Teacher
Visual Art	Mr Martin Zeinert, B Des(photo), Grad Dip Tchg, TIC Art
Learning Support	Mrs Ruth Berry, Tchg Coll certificate, distinction Miss Nicci Heywood, accredited STEPS tutor

Support Staff

Executive Officer	Mrs Judith Topp
School Secretary	Ms Melissa Brown
School Librarian	Mr Paul Munnerley, Adv Dip Tchg, Dip. Web Design, TIC Computing
Caretaker	Mr Russell McCallum
Cleaning Staff	Mrs Jill Oakly, Ms Rachelle Ross, Mrs Beryl Wildman, Ms Joanne Wildman, Mr Brian Giles, Mrs Carole Giles
Teacher Aides	Mrs Beryl Wildman, Mrs Paula Beck, Mrs Vicky Black, Mrs Belinda Olorenshaw, Mrs Sonya Kelly, Mrs Beth Bailey, Ms Toni Jolliffe, Mrs Bronwyn Gunn
Sports Assistant	Mrs Jenny Keeble
Lab Technician	Mrs Beryl Wildman
Publicity Officer	Mrs Jenny Keeble
Gateway Co-ord	Mrs Jenny Keeble
ICT Technician	Mrs Beth Bailey

Board of Trustees

Chair	Mr Bernie Dobbs
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ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE

Past...

Each year we like to look back at what was happening five years ago and catch up with the students who left Hurunui College as Year 13 students.

2011

- New building work and refurbishments continued, with the new computer and science block opening along with the refurbished art and music rooms.
- We had an influx of displaced Christchurch students after the February 22nd earthquake. Our roll increased by a quarter for three weeks, with a couple of students choosing to stay on more permanently.
- 2011 was the year of sabbaticals; Term 2: Deputy Principal on sabbatical, Term 3: Principal on sabbatical, with Mr Easte as acting Principal and Mr Stewart as acting Deputy Principal
- We farewelled 4 Hurunui College survivors (Hannah Bamford, Molly Bennett, Lauren Costello, Jeffery Wildermoth).
- Hannah Bamford was awarded Dux and Lauren Costello and Molly Bennett shared the Hawarden Waikari Lions Scholarship.
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SHELLY RUTHERFORD

Since leaving Hurunui College in 2011, I did a pre health course in science because I thought I would have wanted to be a nurse, I soon found out it wasn't me. From then (2012) til 2014 I have been working seasonally at LIC (LiveStock Improvement Cooperation) as part of the herd testing team, sub sampling milk samples and working with the robots to save up some money to do another course at CPIT (known as at the time). After LIC I did the two year National Diploma in Hospitality Management course. I really enjoyed that and learned heaps in the Hospitality industry, including marketing, wine tasting, functions, bar and in the kitchens like cooking breakfasts. During the last year of my studies and before graduation in March I was working at the Rydges Latimar in Functions where I had also learnt a lot. Next year I am hoping to do an Electrician course and get an apprenticeship out of it, so I can get another qualification in case I need to fall back one when the other falls through.

HANNAH BAMFORD

After leaving Hurunui College in 2011, I spent a year working in the Culverden Tearooms. In 2013 I began my degree at the University of Canterbury. I was living at Bishop Julius Hall of residence where I met many people who I hope will be lifelong friends. I spent my first year doing a range of different papers – psychology, anthropology, sociology, education and geography. Eventually, I decided to major in Psychology and Human Geography.

Throughout my degree, I was involved with a few clubs on campus. One of these; Christian Union, was really important as I met new people, and grew in my faith. I was also involved in volunteering at Avonhead School, helping students with reading and writing. I finished my studies at the end of 2015 and graduated in April 2016 with a Bachelor of Science. 2015 was a difficult year, due to Dad being diagnosed with cancer, and passing away. I am hugely thankful for the support I received from Christian Union, Campus Church and my family at this time.

2016 was a year of travelling around the country and trying new things. I did an internship with Christian Union, where I mentored students, did some theological study, and attended conferences. This was a helpful time in shaping my plans for the future, and it was a privilege to work with some great people. I am looking to find a job for 2017, hopefully working in social services in Christchurch. In the meantime, I am window cleaning for a company in Christchurch called Genie Clean.

MOLLY BENNETT

After leaving Hurunui College I went on to study at University of Canterbury completing a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood). I began teaching full time while in my second year of study and continued to work in numerous different preschools until the beginning of 2016.

At the start of this year I did a seeding season in Western Australia before flying to London. I travelled around Europe for a couple of months before returning home in West Eyreton to help prepare for a family wedding early next year. After that I plan to head back to the UK and continue exploring the world. I still have the

police force and child protection team as a dream career goal.

LAUREN COSTELLO

When I left Hurunui College I moved to Dunedin to study. I spent 4 years studying towards a Bachelor of Commerce, Majoring in Accounting, with a Minor in Human Geography. I thoroughly enjoyed living and studying in Dunedin, and was exposed to a lot of awesome opportunities. I was involved with Dunedin Community Accounting and spent time working at the University Libraries.

After I graduated in December 2015, I moved back to Hawarden for the Summer, helping Dad out on the farm and with bale wrapping before moving to Wellington in February. Since then, I have been working at Xero, the New Zealand cloud-based accounting software company. I have been thoroughly enjoying this role and have learnt so much in such a short space of time. I have met some pretty awesome people, and am loving it up here in Wellington!

JEFFERY WILDERMOTH

Jeffery attended CPIT after leaving Hurunui College, training in Civil Construction. He worked for a drain laying before his current job working for City Care in Christchurch, carrying out post earthquake repair work and in new subdivisions. Jeffery is currently flatting, working and paying the bills. He would like to travel eventually.

Unfortunately we did not hear from Gemmalyn Dolor, Ben Hoban, Ricky McKenzie, Callum Morris, Sarcha Smith and Jesse Parker.

...Present...

2016 Year 13 Leavers

ELBERT ALCANTARA

Elbert has attended Hurunui College since 2010. During that time he has proved himself to be a very talented artist and a fine if at times 'absent minded' scholar.

He earned endorsed excellence certificates in both Level 1 and 2 and has performed at a high level at Level 3. Elbert is also a fine guitarist, performing at Rockquest and assemblies. In 2014 he was part of the band which made it through to the Rockquest Regional Finals. Elbert's 'zany' sense of humour and his friendly disposition means he relates well to people of all ages.

Elbert is heading to Otago University where we hope he really lives up to his name, Elbert Einstein.

RICKI ALLAN

Ricki is one of three Hurunui College survivors, having commenced his schooling and joining Taylor house in 2003, becoming House Leader in his senior years. Ricki had a chequered career in the primary school but has proved himself a strong academic student in his senior years, earning endorsed NCEA Level 1 and 2 with excellence and performing highly in Level 3. Ricki's vast vocabulary has expanded the word knowledge of many of his teachers. His thirst for knowledge and his drive to succeed has made him a role model and contributed to his selection as Board of Trustees student representative and Head Student. He has contributed widely to the life of the school through his drumming expertise and was also part of the band which competed at the Rockquest Regional Finals. His talents have led to him being selected as one of only ten recipients nationwide, awarded the Russell McVeagh scholarship to support him in his studies.

Ricki's performance in public speaking has been outstanding throughout his school career. Ricki is heading to Canterbury University to pursue a double major in Law and Arts.

ASHLEIGH BECK

Ashleigh has attended Hurunui College since 2014 and has performed well academically, earning Merit endorsed certificates at both Level 1 and Level 2. Ashleigh has participated fully in the sporting life of the school, including at Area School level, where she participated in both netball and basketball. She also proved herself as a capable organiser taking the responsibility for the success of the combined Area Schools formal. Ashleigh was a Shepherd House Leader and survived a difficult role being the Principal's daughter. She is heading to Otago University with the view to studying Physiotherapy.

JAKE COLLINS

Jake is one of the three Hurunui College survivors, having completed all 13 years at our school. He earned

endorsed certificates at both Level 1 and 2, his Level 1 being at excellence.

Jake is also a very talented musician and artist. His long blonde hair has been a trademark of his performance. Jake was also a member of the Rockquest band that made the Regional Finals, and his art work has been regularly displayed around the school. He has served Shepherd House well, including time as House Leader. Jake is hoping to pursue a career in the building trade.

ISAAC HASSALL

Isaac is another Hurunui College survivor, having started school in 2003. He attained endorsed Merit certificates at Level 1 and Level 2, as well as making an extensive contribution to the sporting life of the school. He participated in a wide range of activities rising to a high level particularly in football and basketball. His selection as Head Student reflects the respect he has garnered from both staff and students. During his time here he has revealed skills in such diverse areas as music and support for the younger students. Isaac is off to Canterbury University to study for a double degree in Sports Coaching and the Arts.

CALLUM HINDE

Callum has attended Hurunui College since 2010, during which time he has achieved his Level 2 NCEA, showing particular flair in the Food and Hospitality area. He has distinguished himself with his contribution to the Nina Valley Restoration Project, which earned him a Young Environmentalist Award in 2015. He has also earned a Queens Scout Award. Callum intends to attend ARA to further his interests in Food and Hospitality.

KODIE PLASKETT

Kodie has attended Hurunui College since 2012, where she has gained Level 2 NCEA. Kodie's strengths have so far been in the Technology area where she has supported younger students as well as completing her own workload. Kodie showed organisation skills by helping with the combined Area Schools formal. Kodie's dream is to one day pursue a career in midwifery.

WILLOW VERNAL

Willow has attended Hurunui College since 2012. She gained both her Level 1 and Level 2 NCEA certificates with Merit endorsed. She has participated fully in Mason House activities and has served as a House Leader. A particular strength has been her willingness to organise student activities and play a significant role in the Student Council. Willow is hoping to pursue a career in Nursing.

...Future

2016 New Entrants

JAKE ABBOTT

Family: Tara Abbott my Mum, 'Kell Bell' my sister, and Riley my brother and Nicholas my Dad and me

Pets: a goat called Minty McCaw, a bunny, and 2 dogs called Misty and Chad

Favourite Food: chicken nuggets and chips

Food I don't like: carrots and broccoli

At School I like: playing with the lego

When I grow up: I want to be a digger driver and a chopper driver



QUINN ANDERSON

Family: Dad, Mum, Frankie, Becka

Pets: Dixie a dog, 2 cats Stevo, Puss Puss, horse called Lucky

Favourite food: noodles, pasta, all sorts of soup

Food I don't like: cheese on toast, meat

At school I like: sliding down the pole in the playground

When I grow up: I want to be a window cleaner and a farmer. I want to shift the cows and feed my dogs

HEZEKIAH BUCKLAND

Family: Dad, Mum, Rachel, Hannah, Asher

Pets: Big cat mum and 5 baby kittens

Favourite food: fish and chips with tomato sauce on top

Food I don't like: pumpkin

At school I like: writing and drawing pictures

When I grow up: I want to work on a pig farm





GEMMA COSTELLO

Family: My sister Georgia, my Mum, my brother called William, and my Dad, and me
Pets: a dog called Mac, chickens, 3 horses, and some sheep and a goat
Favourite Food: strawberries
Food I don't like: Peas and broccoli
At School I like: doing story writing
When I grow up: I want to be a vet



LILY FROST

Family: Robin my mum, Richard my dad, Sophie my sister
Pets: cat called Pepper and dog called Bee
Favourite food: blackberries, raspberries and strawberries and other fruit
Food I don't like: broccoli, peas, potato
At school I like: playing with my friends in the Maths corner
When I grow up: I want to be a teacher or a nurse



HUNTER MCKINLAY

Family: Dad, Mum, my baby boy - Leo
Pets: a girl cat - Kya
Favourite food: chips, hotdogs, chicken balls
Food I don't like: mashed potatoes
At school I like: playing outside on the playground
When I grow up: I want to fight fires



DARCY RAMSAY

Family: Dad, Mum and Billie my little sister
Pets: 2 rabbits called Rusty and Diesel (they are train engine names), a kune kune called Pippa.
Favourite food: apples and carrots, chocolate, saveloys
Food I don't like: broccoli, parsnip, pumpkin
At school I like: playing on the playground
When I grow up: I want to be a farmer

WILL BUTTERS

Family: Dad, Mum, Fergus my brother and a baby in Mum's tummy
Pets: a dog Polly, horse called Fancy
Favourite food: Chocolate
Food I don't like: broccoli
At school I like: playing with Quinn
When I grow up: I want to be a rugby player



CHARLIE DONOHUE-BRAAS

Family: my Mum, and my brother Te Whero, and my Dad and me
Pets: a dog called George
Favourite Food: bananas and apples
Food I don't like: marshmallow bars, fruit bars or milo bars
At School I like: playing with the mobilo
When I grow up: I want to be a builder



JAKE KIRKLAND-MANDERSON

Family: Jessica Kirkland my Mum, Josie my sister, and Dad lives in Mapua
Pets: 2 cats called Tornado the boy and Shayla a girl
Favourite food: sausage sandwich
Food I don't like: onion and pickle
At school I like: playing spies with Charlie at the playground
When I grow up: I want to be a train driver



LENA RAE

Family: My dad called Jacob and my Grandma
Pets: Bunny called Rooster and 3 cats called Pepper, Wompy and Wombus
Favourite food: chicken chippies
Food I don't like: broccoli
At school I like: playing on the monkey bars
When I grow up: I want to be a karate girl



KYANA ROBINS

Family: Dad, Mum, Khaliah and Kavana

Pets: Cats

Favourite food: carrots and apples

Food I don't like: tuna

At school I like: reading with Gemma and Abby

When I grow up: I want to be a cleaner



JACK SAVAGE

Family: Stanley my brother, Mummy and Daddy and me

Pets: a dog called Bidy and a wild cat

Favourite Food: Pasta from the freezer

Food I don't like: Peas, tomatoes, carrots, onions and corn

At School I like: playing in the sandpit and on the monkey bars

When I grow up: I want to be a fireman



AURORA SMITH

Family: Gemma my Mum and my brother Neihana

Pets: 2 doves called Bob and Jeff, and a dog called Sutchy

Favourite Food: sandwich with meat lettuce and cheese

Food I don't like: peanut butter

At School I like: playing with the lego

When I grow up: I want to be a cop



NOA TANE

Family: Nana, Grandad and Mum and my Dad who is in Australia

Pets: 3 cats, Luna, Buffy, Tom

Favourite food: chocolate cake, pancakes, toasties

Food I don't like: hot chips

At school I like: playing with Charlie on the playground

When I grow up: I want to be a motor bike racer



PRIZE LIST

WHERO CLASS

- Jake Abbott For being a caring and responsible class member and achievement in mathematics
- Quinn Anderson For beginning to settle into school life and being an enthusiastic learner
- Hezekiah Buckland For settling into Whero class and being keen to learn
- Will Butters For beginning to settle into Whero class routines and school life in general
- Charlie Donohue Braas For being a helpful class member and achievement in mathematics and reading
- Lily Frost for being a cheerful and sociable class member who is a very enthusiastic worker and a keen reader
- Jake Kirkland Manderson For being a quiet and diligent worker who has made good progress in all learning areas
- Hunter McKinlay For settling into Whero class and being able to share with class members
- Lena Rae For beginning to settle into school life and looking after her own belongings
- Darcy Ramsay For settling into Whero class and having a fantastic attitude to learning
- Kyana Robins For settling into Whero class and gaining confidence in all learning areas
- Jack Savage For excellence in topic, especially his questioning, his inquiring mind and achievement in writing
- Aurora Smith For being a diligent worker who takes great care to present work to the best of her ability with high achievement in art
- Joshua Spencer For being a keen learner who has made fantastic progress in reading and diligence in mathematics
- Noa Tane For settling into Whero class and showing progress in all areas with high achievement in mathematics
- Alexa Velmonte For being a caring class member and for high achievement in reading and writing
- Rise Award Gemma Costello, Abigail Iremonger, Harry Sidey

KAKARIKI CLASS

Charlie Carthy	For excellence in reading and for being caring and helpful to others
Bailee Cattermole	For excellence in reading, writing and mathematics and helping others learn
Carina Clarence	For being helpful, happy, eager to learn and working hard in all learning areas
Liam Clausen	For thinking up good ideas and working hard in reading, writing and mathematics
Kohatu Cottrell	For excellence in physical education and trying his hardest in everything he does
Leah Crawford	For excellence in physical education and consistently working hard in all other areas
Te Whero Donohue Braas	For being eager to learn, taking part in everything and showing great individual progress
Josie Earl	For excellence in reading, writing, mathematics and working well with others
Connor Earl	For showing leadership in class and working hard in reading, writing and mathematics
Sophie Frost	excellence in physical education, consistently working hard in all areas and being a good buddy worker
Shea Kelly creative	For excellence in reading, writing and mathematics and for coming up with ideas
Emma Kinzett	For excellence in reading and physical education
Khaliah Robins	For excellence in reading and being a caring class member who works hard
Leon Thomas	For consistently working hard in reading, writing and mathematics
Hamish Thompson	For excellence in reading, physical education and being a happy, helpful member of Kakariki
Rise Award	Sinead Chisnall, Ashlee Murray, Will Zino

WAIPOROPORO CLASS

Riley Abbott	For excellence in athletics and swimming and for pleasing progress in reading and spelling
Hannah Buckland	For great progress in reading and for your effort and determination in all subjects
Anika Clarence	For great work in mathematics and for showing resilience by settling into school and giving everything a go
Samuel Dobbs	For excellence in athletics and for pleasing progress in reading and writing
Blake Earl	For fabulous progress in reading and writing and for excellence in athletics and swimming
Harry Giller	For excellence in reading and for pleasing progress in mathematics and writing
Libby Ginders	For your superb effort in all subjects and for being so creative and clever with art and construction
Eruera Madden	For being so knowledgeable about the world around us and for great problem solving in mathematics
Henri Morgan	For your wonderful participation in our school production and for being so creative and clever with construction
Dominick Newman	For excellence in mathematics and for being thoughtful and kind to others
Pieta Sidey	For great progress in reading and writing and for your enthusiasm and friendliness
Ben Spencer	For making pleasing progress in reading and writing and for being responsible and kind
Rise Award	Grace Dagcutan, Alice Iremonger, Sophie Thompson, Grace McKnight

KOWHAI CLASS*Year 4*

Hayley Earl	For Academic Excellence in Mathematics Reading and Inquiry
Andrew Fincham	For Academic Excellence in Mathematics
Ella Richards	For Academic Excellence in Writing
Katie Spencer	For Academic Excellence in Writing
Rise Award	Angel Dagcutan, Hayley Earl, Andrew Fincham

Year 5

Rowan Clausen	For Academic Excellence in Mathematics, Reading and Writing
Clara Giller	For Academic Excellence in Inquiry
Ollie Zino	For Academic Excellence in Inquiry
Rise Award	Neve Cassidy, Rowan Clausen, Clara Giller, Sophie Wright

KIKORANGI CLASS

Georgie Bethell For Academic Excellence in Inquiry
 Jessica Fincham For Academic Excellence in Writing
 Briana Hodgen For Academic Excellence in Reading
 Jai Marryatt For Academic Excellence in Inquiry
 Daniel Topp For academic excellence in reading and mathematics
 Rise Award Ruth Buckland, Jessica Fincham, Joshua Gunn, Caleb Spencer

KARAKA CLASS

William Costello For Diligence in Health and Physical Education
 Kathryn Gunn For Academic Excellence in Reading and Academic Achievement in Music, Art and Technology, Hard Materials
 Millie Hassall For Diligence in Food and Design and Health and Physical Education
 April Kelly For Academic Achievement in Food and Design
 Eva Marryatt For Academic Excellence in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Integrated Inquiry/Topic
 Anika Mcwin For Diligence in Technology, Hard Materials
 Jack Tweed For Diligence in Music
 Rommel Wilson For Academic Excellence in Mathematics
 Rise Award Fred Calder, William Costello, Millie Hassall, Nathan Kay

HOME LEARNING CHALLENGE

Copper Brooke Dunn
 Bronze Hunter Cattermole, Angus Hodgen, Regan Kay, Sophie Wright
 Silver Georgie Bethell, Ella Ferguson, Maggie Ferguson, Joshua Gunn, Briana Hodgen
 Gold Katie Gunn, Martin Quigley
 Platinum Liam Henderson

YEAR 8*Merit Certificates*

Bill Bailey For Diligence in English and Maori
 Louie Bethell For Academic Achievement in Music
 Shakira Cameron For Diligence in Food and Design
 Liam Cassidy For Diligence in Technology, Hard Materials and Academic Achievement in Food and Design
 Sean Hassall For Diligence in Mathematics
 Beth Hicks For Diligence in Food and Design and Academic Achievement in Social Studies
 Roddy Murchison For Diligence in Science and Academic Achievement in English
 Archer Pascoe For Academic Achievement in Art

Diligence Award

Jake Topp For Academic Achievement in Technology, Hard Materials and Diligence in Social Studies, Art, Health and Physical Education

Top Academic

Callum Clausen For Academic Achievement in Mathematics, Science, Maori and Technology, Hard Materials and Diligence in Music

YEAR 9*Merit Certificates*

Charlee Barrett For Diligence in Mathematics and Maori and Academic Achievement in Science
 Jack Buxton For Diligence in Physical Education
 Georgia Costello For Diligence in Food and Design
 Jordan Dunn For Diligence in Music and Maori and Academic Achievement in Technology, Hard Materials
 Nikita Kirwan For Diligence in Health
 Caleb Norton For Diligence in Art
 William White For Diligence in Health

Diligence Award

Jade Northover For Academic Achievement in Physical Education and Diligence in Science, Social Studies and Maori

Top Academic

=Abigail Merry For Academic Achievement in English, Music and Art, and Diligence in Mathematics

=Bradley White For Academic Achievement in Social Studies, Maori, Food and Design and Diligence in English

YEAR 10

Merit Certificates

Tessa Allan	For Diligence in English, Art and Physical Education and Academic Achievement in Science, Mathematics and Technology, Hard Materials
Morgan Bailey	For Academic Achievement In Social Studies and Maori
Caleb Beck	For Diligence in Technology, Hard Materials and Maori and Academic Achievement in Mathematics and Physical Education
Cassie Keith	For Diligence in Technology, Hard Materials and Food and Design
Jackson Northover	SPEC Certificate for Achievement of 1 Headway Module
Douglas Quigley	For Diligence in Health
Brodie Shepherd	SPEC Certificate for Demonstration of the Using Language Key Competency. SPEC Certificate for Achievement of 3 Headway Modules
Briar Sparks	For Diligence in Science
Hayley Spencer	For Diligence in Mathematics
Zoe Watson	For Diligence in Music

Diligence Award

Ashleigh Brown For Diligence in Mathematics, Science and Social Studies

Top Academic

Ashleigh Brown For Academic Achievement in English, Music, Health and Art

YEAR 11

Merit Certificates

Sarah Allington	For Academic Achievement in History
Jackson Bau	For Diligence in Physical Education
Asra Ginders	For Diligence in English and Academic Achievement in Music
Ashleigh Lintott	For Academic Achievement in H.S.I
Johnny Murchison	For Diligence in Geography and H.S.I
Blair Wilkins	For Academic Achievement in Physical Education
George Wilkins	For Diligence in Science and Art

Diligence Award

Josh Collins For Diligence in Mathematics, DVC and Workshop, Wood

Top Academic

= Josh Collins For Academic Achievement in Mathematics, DVC and Workshop, Wood and Art
= Grace Spencer For Diligence in Music and Agriculture and Academic Achievement in Science, Mathematics, Geography and Agriculture

YEAR 12

Merit Certificates

Jamie-Lee Barnes	For Academic Achievement in Art
Cherish Bullmore	For Diligence and Academic Achievement in DVC
Laura Clyma	SPEC Certificate in Key Competency Development at Entry Level for Completion of 10 Headway Modules and Demonstration of the 5 Key Competencies. SPEC Headway Certificate for Achievement of 4 Headway Modules
Flynn Crean	For Diligence and Academic Achievement in Agriculture and Diligence in Physical Education
Caleb McMullan	For Diligence in Workshop, Metal
Blair Norton	For Diligence and Academic Achievement in Workshop, Wood
Cord Prendeville	For Diligence in H.S.I
Tom Ruck	For Academic Achievement in H.S.I
Skyla Squires	For Academic Achievement in Music
Chantelle White	For Diligence and Academic Achievement in History

Diligence Award

Miriam Clark For Diligence in Mathematics, English, Chemistry, Geography, and Physics

Top Academic

Miriam Clark For Academic Achievement in Mathematics, English, Chemistry, Physics, Geography and Physical Education

YEAR 13 AWARDS

Merit Certificates

Elbert Alcantara	For Academic Achievement in Music and Physics
Ashleigh Beck	For Academic Achievement in Chemistry
Isaac Hassall	For Diligence in English and Diligence and Academic Achievement in Physical Education

Kodie Plaskett For Diligence and Academic Achievement in HSI
 Willow Vernal For Diligence in Chemistry and Statistics
 Isaac Hassall Physical Education Cup

Diligence Award

Jake Collins For Diligence in DVC, Music, Workshop, Wood, Physics and Calculus

Top Academic

Jake Collins For Academic Achievement in DVC, Art, Workshop, Wood and Calculus

SPORTING AWARDS

Swimming Awards

Ron Pierce Memorial Cup Champion Boy Swimmer (Year 4 and Under)	Flynn Ginders
Ron Pierce Memorial Cup Champion Girl Swimmer (Year 4 and Under)	Katie Keeble
Rutherford Challenge Cup Champion Boy Swimmer (Year 5 and 6)	Angus Zino
Rutherford Challenge Cup Champion Girl Swimmer (Year 5 and 6)	Olivia Frame
Year 7-10 Girl Swimming Champion	Lucy Frame
Year 7-10 Boy Swimming Champion	Caleb Beck
Senior Girl Swimming Champion	Ashleigh Beck
Senior Boy Swimming Champion	Flynn Crean

Athletic Awards

Athletics Championship – Runner-Up Year 3/4 Boy	Riley Abbott
Athletics Championship – Runner-Up Year 3/4 Girl	Katie Keeble
Hassall Cup Most Outstanding Junior Boy Athlete (Year 3/4)	Andrew Fincham
Hassall Cup Most Outstanding Junior Girl Athlete (Year 3/4)	Brooke Dunn
Athletics Championship – Runner-Up Year 5/6 Boy	Luke Chisnall
Athletics Championship – Runner-Up Year 5/6 Girl	Regan Kay
Mc Cort Cup Champion Junior Boy Athlete (Year 5/6)	Geordie Hassall
School Council Cup Champion Junior Girl Athlete (Year 5/6)	Olivia Frame
Year 7-10 Girl Athletic Champion Runner-Up	Georgia Costello
Year 7-10 Boy Athletic Champion Runner-Up	Michael Courto
Year 7-10 Girl Athletic Champion	Tessa Allan
Year 7-10 Boy Athletic Champion	Douglas Quigley
Senior Girl Athletic Champion	Krista Vernal
Senior Boy Athletic Champion	Fletcher Earl

Cross Country

Cross Country 2nd Junior Girl (25th Student Overall)	Georgie Bethell
Cross Country 2nd Junior Boy (24th Student Overall)	Geordie Hassall
Cross Country Girl Champion 1st Junior Girl (29 th Student Overall) Forster Cup	Regan Kay
Cross Country Boy Champion 1st Junior Boy (1 st Student Overall) Forster Cup	Jakob Pascoe
Cross Country Champion Senior Girl (11th Student Overall)	Miriam Clark
Cross Country Champion Senior Boy (2nd Student Overall)	Henry Earl

Triathlon Champions

Triathlon Champion Junior Team (Year 5-8)	Fred Calder, Rommel Wilson, Jack Zino
Triathlon Champion Junior Team 9 and 10 Year Olds	Angus Zino, Josh Burton, Ollie Zino
Triathlon Champion Junior Girl (Year 5-8)	Briana Hodgen
Triathlon Champion Junior Boy (Year 5-8)	Nathan Kay
Triathlon Champion Junior Boy 9 and 10 Year Old	Daniel Topp
Triathlon Champion Senior Team (Year 9-13)	Ashleigh Beck, Miriam Clark, Jake Collins
Triathlon Champion Senior Girl (Year 9-13)	Krista Vernal
Triathlon Champion Senior Boy (Year 9-13)	Caleb Beck

Badminton and Tennis

Badminton Champion Girl	Tessa Allan
Badminton Champion Boy	Charlee Barrett
Tennis Champion Junior Girl	Millie Hassall
Tennis Champion Junior Boy	Rommel Wilson
Tennis Champion Senior Girl	Tessa Allan
Tennis Champion Senior Boy	Ricki Allan

Zonta Sporting Awards

Outstanding Individual Achievement by a Young Sportsman, specialising in one sport

Caleb Beck
Flynn Crean

The Best All Round Young Sportsman who has achieved in more than one sporting code

Caleb Beck
Flynn Crean

Special Sporting Awards

Sportswoman of the Year

Ashleigh Beck

Sportsman of the Year

Caleb Beck

Blackwell's Sports Cup

Flynn Crean

SPEECH AND CULTURAL AWARDS

Excellence In Speech Making Junior Chisnall Cup

Eva Marryatt

Excellence In Speech Making Intermediate Chisnall Cup

Tessa Allan

Excellence In Speech Making Senior Chisnall Cup

Ricki Allan

Junior School Oral Language Cup

Jessica Fincham

Excellence In Performing Arts

Skyla Squires

Contribution To Music Within The School

Asra Ginders

Visual Arts Award

Jamie-Lee Barnes

Wordsmith Award, For Excellence In Writing

Grace Spencer

Kia Kaia Award For Persistence, Courage And Confidence In Kapahaka

Caleb Beck

Ka Mau Te Wehi Award For Overall Achievement In Maori

Morgan Bailey

SPECIAL AWARDS

Hospitality Challenge Trophy

Corde Prendeville

Excellence in Hospitality

Tom Ruck

Mainpower Prize, Excellence in Senior Mathematics and Physics

Elbert Alcantara

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Mainpower Citizenship Prize Junior School, Year 7 Citizenship

Eva Marryatt

Citizenship Girl (Layla Lennon Trophy)

Miriam Clark

Citizenship Boy (Reuben Sanders Trophy)

Caleb Beck

Jacque Topp Cup

Johnny Murchison

Robert Topp Shield

Flynn Crean

Gilbert Family Cup

George Wilkins

Forrester Agriculture Trophy

Flynn Crean

Hurunui College Environmentalist Of The Year

Miriam Clark

Hawarden Waikari Lions Scholarship

Ricki Allan

Hawarden Youth Scholarship

Caleb Beck

Isaac Hassall

Asra Ginders

Ricki Allan

Dux of the School

STUDENT WORK

Speech Competition

Speech Competition, 1st place Senior: Ricki Allan, Year 13

Speech Competition, 1st place Intermediate: Tessa Allan, Year 10

Who do I admire? It's a hard question isn't it because there are so many people to look up to, like Nelson Mandela who fought and sacrificed his whole life to gain black civil rights in South Africa. But instead of admiring someone famous, I truly admire 4 people who are very close to my heart. Nic, Matt, Josh and Ricki, my 4 inspiring older brothers.

I admire my brothers equally for their qualities that I strive to also have. Their work ethics, their fairness, their role modelling, their taking of opportunities and the balances they have in their lives.

All of my brothers have worked their butts off to get to where they are today. When Nic was in his 4th year of studying psychology, he would go to the library at 8am-9pm! This is because he needed to get A's or At's, and only a small number of people make it into clinical psychology. Fortunately he did and in fact he got accepted at Victoria and Canterbury universities. He chose Victoria and is now in his 7th and final year. This has shown dedication and stamina, with coping with no money and years of studying.

Matt got a degree in Sociology and Human Services. While he was studying, he suffered from insomnia for over a year, where he only got an average of 2hrs of sleep each night. He still managed to get all his work done achieving A's and Bt's. After Matt finished his degree, he applied for a corrections job at Rolleston prison. At the age of 21 he was the youngest ever corrections officer in Chch. Because of his understanding and non-judgemental nature, he interacted with the prisoners to gain knowledge of why they have behaved like this, so he could help them. I admire Matt's fairness and the fact that he is non-judgemental.

Josh shares similar qualities and sets high goals for himself. In school he would strive to get excellences, and in his 1st year of uni, he achieved a GPA of 9, which is the highest mark! He got top in his economics class out of 350 people! He also got top in accounting law out of 180 and he had never taken it before. Josh has succeeded by setting goals and striving for them, which shows me just how important goal setting is.

Now finally to Ricki who I don't really admire.... Na I'm joking. Ricki is a very kind, caring person who does a lot for the school and community. For the school he puts in time to be house captain, student council chairperson, BOT student rep and head student. Ricki is also a part of the Hurunui Youth Council, where he has contributed to the Ministry of Health's strategic plan for suicide prevention. On top of all this, he strives for excellence in his school work, achieving some uni standard work! Ricki has taught me to take opportunities and if you work hard enough you can achieve some amazing things!

My brothers have also educated me by letting me watch and photograph 2 yardys when I was 10! I have also been told wise words like, "I'm not allowed a boyfriend until I'm married"!

But I love and admire them because they have achieved so much, they show stamina, they strive for their goals and are driven. They take opportunities, and they are nice, decent people who contribute well to society and have a balance between their work and social lives.

Now if you still don't admire my brothers, just think to yourself: What sort of person do I admire? Because although they haven't done anything breathtaking, I will always admire them for their qualities and personalities.

Speech Competition, 1st place Junior: Eva Marryatt, Year 7

Zoo's are Good for the Preservation of Animals

Ni hoa. Welcome to Central Asia 1000BC. It's the time of the bronze age, where vicious bloody battles were being fought, Great Chinese Emperor's ruling and the spoken word was being recorded for the first time. It was a quest for knowledge. Great Emperor Wen Wang of the Zhou dynasty had a vision that affected every creature that is part of our the earth today.

He established an area of his kingdom where learning about animals could take place. He called it the 'Garden of Intelligence'. It had 3 key principals. These were to study animals, conserve animals, and to view animals. This became the age of 'Zoological Garden's' and how Zoos all began. I bet you didn't know that!

Kia ora. Tonight I will enlighten you on the importance of preservation of animals and how zoos are most definitely superior to ensure that this happens. Now, what actually is a zoo? According to our generous friend Google, I found out that a zoo is an establishment which maintains a collection of wild animals.

Which means that zoos can range from inner-city zoos to safari parks, and to reserved forests like Nina Valley. But the question we are asking tonight is are all these zoos actually good for the preservation of animals? Do they help or hinder? Do you think we would still have Kiwis in New Zealand if it wasn't for zoos and reserved National Parks that look after kiwis? The answer is obvious.

Firstly, what would the world be like without zoos? How would you ever get to learn and even see what animals look like if it weren't for zoos! Zoos educate us; allows us to understand animals. If the world was to be without zoos all animals would eventually become extinct.

Imagine that? Now, I want you to think of an endangered animal anywhere in the world, right here right now. Got it! More than likely the animals you just identified are critically endangered because their natural habitats

are being hunted or destroyed. Zoos work for their survival.

Zoos came into existence over 3000 years ago to study and observe animals. I believe that Emperor Wen Wang would be very proud of the fantastic work that Zoos do today. Without Zoos that animal you were thinking of seconds ago would rapidly disappear. Gone. And we humans wouldn't be able to survive without animals either!

Let's look to our local zoo Orana Wildlife Park. In their mission statement they quote: "We are dedicated to the preservation of endangered species and the welfare of our animals, we provide education, recreation and enjoyment to the public". Exactly what the definition of a zoo should be.

Examples of species successfully bred at Orana, include: NZ brown teal and kiwi as well as exotic species such as white rhinoceros, cheetah, and spider monkeys. Without these Zoos and Wildlife Parks these animals would struggle to survive.

Who has heard of Nina Valley? We are so lucky to be part of a community that helps to preserve our Kiwi. I feel privileged to be part of a school that promotes the preservation of animals, right on our doorstep.

Just think of all the millions of animals that have been protected and preserved by zoos. Without zoos scientists wouldn't be able to study animals and understand their habitats. Without Zoos we wouldn't have the knowledge we have today of the animal kingdom. Without Zoos the preservation of animals can not be guaranteed. Without zoos the world would be like a penguin in a desert, lost. *Thank-you*

Written Work

Gleaming in the sun, a short story by Jake Topp, Year 8

A bellowing roar echoed through the bush as the mighty stag stomped his authority across the mountain. The magnificent fourteen point antlers that he carried above his head showed that he was mature and dominant.

Because of his age, the stag had grown to be cunning, spending his days tucked away in the deepest of bush and moving up high only at night to graze on the lush broadleaf that grew there.

The distant drone of a helicopter flying overhead awoke the stag and reminded him that he could no longer hide here. He had to find a new hiding spot and he knew of just the place - a small clearing covered in clover that gathers the rays of the sun all day.

The helicopter briefly hovered above the ground before landing and a hunter hopped out, took his rifle in his hand, slung his pack over his shoulder and walked briskly away. The stag had heard the helicopter land and take off and decided to carry on.

The hunter had been walking for a while when he stopped at the clearing and sat on an old log listening to the stream as thoughts of fat trout filled his mind. He suddenly caught movement out of the corner of his eye and, pivoting slowly on one foot, he watched as the stag emerged from the bush. Knowing this was a once in a lifetime opportunity he raised his rifle, placed the crosshairs on the stag's bulging neck and pulled the trigger. A bullet was sent whizzing past the massive animals back. The mighty stag raised his immense set of antlers and galloped away.

The hunter stood there, shocked, but he knew he would forever have that picture etched in his memory.

The stag standing still.

Antlers above his head.

Fourteen polished points gleaming in the sun.

Swords and Souls, a short story by Jacob Ward, Year 8

The worlds of fantasy always have swords; never think that the sharp metal blade is only in medieval places. Our village, the village of Hermes, was the home to all trade in the Northern Rocklands. Our mines overflowed with metal and gold that ran like rivers through the rocks. The skills of the blacksmiths were great, their speed was unbeatable. Our metal and gold were like diamonds to the world.

Our village had many blacksmiths. In the forges there were the cold stone furnaces that laid everywhere. The proud blacksmiths that were full of happiness and kindness were always ready to craft a sword or mould a shield with the metal that they had in storage. In the daytime there is peace, but at night it cannot be said the

same. It was a clear dark night, you could see the stars light far away and they made the night seem like day.

The first they heard was the screaming of the Sandmen coming down through the thick vibrant grass. The Sandmen had finally come down for the metal and the gold. The gold was the thing that the Sandmen wanted. It drew them near our village.

Our warriors used the bows to fend of the Sandmen hunters; however the Sandmen had the ability to climb up wood. The warriors pulled out their swords, ready to fight, ready to win back the town. The battle went on for an hour, then, the Sandmen launched a full on attack to destroy the walls of the city.

The townsfolk had to use the secret tunnel in the forges to escape. The Blacksmiths helped the citizens to evacuate the village. Each villager carried a heap of gold or metal in their arms. The warriors had one last stand to kill the Sandmen. Our warriors, they were victorious.

Our village was safe at last. However, the ground was full of blood and bodies. Slowly the rain started to duplicate and suddenly it was splattering down, full strength. The blood of the bodies washed away down, into the ground, away from us forever. Our pain and grief wouldn't go away from our hearts. It was stuck in there, like an animal in concrete. All the children that had been lost made the day feel like a cheerless and gloomy day.

How could we go on knowing that all our beloved families had parted away from us? Knowing that we could never forget what had happened to us. "Today we remember those who gave their blood to defend this village, hail the victorious dead" said the Elder "HAIL" said the town's folk. Soon we strolled over to the Rocky Mountains to find some caves that would shelter us through the night. Sometime later, we found a cave that had the shape of a lion's mouth. We never forgot the day when our village burned, the day of our village.

The Battlefields of Belgium, by Grace Spencer, Year 11

The sharp taste of gravel pricks my lips again. The fizzing flare soars above us, illuminating the shell-bombarded landscape. I see other men, almost boys, lying as still as logs.

We pick ourselves off the ground, taking our refuge in the misty twilight. Clad in khaki, ten of us in all, we cart the iron poles and coils of wire towards the fence-like barricade. The progress is slow. Finally, we make it. We position ourselves in clusters along the wall of barb. The work has begun.

We are in the most dangerous place possible on the battlefield - no man's land. Together, we are fixing the barrier in order to cease the Fritz from advancing any closer to our trench line.

Another flare. Before I have time to flatten myself again, I'm shoved over in someone's haste to take cover. I gasp as the air is forced out of me. Once more the countryside is lit up by an array of vibrant colour. My breath comes out in short puffs. Over the thundering of the guns rumbling across the plain, I can hear my heartbeat. **Ba-dump. Ba-dump. Ba-dump.**

When all turns to shadows, I drag myself to resume my place along the barricade. As I continue threading wire through the pole, I risk a glance to my left at the fella working beside me. His giant hands bend the wire skilfully, crafting it into a knot. His solid silhouette is outlined against the faint starlight. Large muscles bulge out from his jacket sleeves, his clean shaven jaw tensed in uneasiness. His cool eyes meet mine.

"Jim McCracken to ya mate," he introduces to me in a murmur. He quickly shifts his eyes away.

I nod as I unroll more wire for him. *Socially unattached*, I think. "Alex," I whisper back, "but they all call me Al."

"Sorry 'bout the shove before Al", I can barely hear his hoarse mumble against the blasting of the shells behind us. He hesitates, then looks me in the eye: "I thought ya weren't going to make it."

At this, a cold, deadly chill is sent down my spine. *So many of us haven't.* "Thank you," I say gratefully, "We need to keep each other's backs 'round here."

He nods, knowing I mean it. Together, in silence, we shuffle down the line and continue with the work. **Coil, cut, twist. Coil, cut, twist.** The moments crawl at a snail's pace.

Finally, a brass hat with a grey moustache taps me on the shoulder with the butt of his gun. He motions us toward the others. I breathe a sigh of relief. Time to move on.

Shoulder to shoulder we trudge. The rhythm of our boots, thumping on the ground, echo through the night. For a while, all is silent, then Jim picks up the conversation again:

“So...you’re from over the ditch aren’t ya?”

“Yeah.” A rush of patriotic pride rushes through my veins, ”A Kiwi.”

“Ya know,” he says slowly,” You...*Kiwis*...are the toughest fighters out on the battlefield.” He turns his head toward me. I can see a slight glint of admiration in his eyes. “It must be what those rugged hills do to ya blighters.”

I grin. It’s the first time someone has said something like that to me in a long time.

We make it to the makeshift dugouts just in time to watch the sun’s rays peeking over the horizon. Baby pink and delicate yellow paint the morning sky. It’s so beautiful, I almost forget where we are. In the battlefields of Belgium. But for that moment, I imagine I’m back in those mountains in the place that I love. Where the air is always fresh and the grass green. The place I call home.

‘Destination Unknown’ – Waiporoporo Class

Alice Iremonger

I saw... dancing, it was really cool. There were people with crowns on, they were all sparkly and fluffy.

I heard... the smoke machine hissing. It stank.

I felt... nervous when it was starting but I felt proud after it finished.

Hannah Buckland

I saw... the drum drumming so perfectly in time of the salsa and the crowd are clapping and laughing so loud.

I heard... drums banging, people clapping loud and singing and talking.

I felt... happy, funny, sad, amazed and emotional.

Ben Spencer

I saw... colourful lights. They were blue, green, red, yellow and orange.

I heard... the smoke machine. It sounded like a sss. It smelled like a fire in the gym.

I felt... happy and proud. When we were finished we went back to play with the lego and mobilo.

Grace Dagcuten

I saw... the lights flashing and changing colours as well.

I heard... people clapping also laughing and stamping.

I felt... happy and excited, even shy, also proud.

Anika Clarence

I saw... the teachers dancing. It was really funny but it was the Highland fling.

I heard... Cheering and clapping from the audience and also a phone ringing.

I felt... sore because I had a big fall and hurt my hands and my ankle.



John R Allison Memorial Essay Competition, Roddy Murchison, Year 7

9/1/1853

Dear Grandmother

We have finally arrived in Canterbury. It is amazing - dark green forest on the Banks Peninsula and golden tussock as far as the eye can see on the Great Plain. In the distance is a range of snowy alps which I am going to climb.

The journey to get here was like being in a water wheel. Everyone was green, ship tossing, sails ripping and no sign of land. I thought we would be stranded at sea for the rest of our lives. Only two ships, including our Clontarf, have arrived. The other had to put in after their mast broke around the Cape of Good Hope.

John and Father have plenty of work as carpenters, making furniture and coffins. The settlers are supposed to stay in the barracks for six weeks, but there is not enough room. Many of them want houses, and there are the public buildings to be erected too.

We have a house now. Father and I built it and John made the furniture. It is not fancy like yours, just two rooms to sleep in - one for us boys and one for Mother and Father. One of the greatest things about being here, Grandmother, is that there is no school! Every day William and I climb the hills above Lyttelton Harbour and watch ships come and go. The settler ships come, three ships at a time, like sheep. That is all for now.

From your loving grandson

George

13/7/1853

Dear Grandmother

By the time you receive this letter another one will be on its way! I enjoy writing to you. William and I have been trying to find new things to do. We have explored the bush nearby, helped people build their houses, collected firewood for Mother everyday, and caught birds and eels. I think I saw a Pukeko with its tall stick-like legs and dark coloured blue and red feathers. I hope to see one again. They live in the swamps on the Great Plain. I have also caught three wekas. They are easy to catch because they are curious and love bread!

I thought the Canterbury colony would be more fun but there is not much to do indoors now that it is winter. Seems strange to be winter in July but it is cold and great storms blow into Lyttelton Harbour from the south.

From your loving grandson

George

30/12/1853

Dear Grandmother

We finally have a school building and William and I go there four times a week. I am happy to finally go to school again, even though it is my last year. My teacher is Dr Knox. He is really strict but nice and Father says that he is a good influence on us boys.

William's teacher is Miss Sinclair. She is strict and William has seen her give the strap to some of the students, but none of them have been William. The juniors are taught at the other end of the classroom and there is a playing field. There are more boys than girls at our school so most of the games are cricket or football.

Mother and Father are starting to fight over the number of men who come in to Lyttelton and drink too much. Mother thinks it is not good for us to see that but Father says it is part of growing up. John does not drink and he can do all the work that Father does now. I do not think I will drink whiskey.

From your loving grandson

George

12/12/1854

Dear Grandmother

I have finally finished school and I am working as a carpenter just like John and Father. So far I have only been making coffins. In the new year Harry and I will learn to make furniture. Harry is from Shropshire too. I get paid ten pounds a year, not as much as John and Father but it is a good start. When I finish my apprenticeship I will earn more.

I am eager to buy land and farm when I am old enough. There is talk of a railway out west towards the snowy alps and that is where I want to go. William is becoming very sick and Dr Knox does not know what is wrong with him; I hope he does not die.

From your loving grandson

George

1/4/1855

Dear Grandmother

Harry and I have been in an accident. We were walking home from the Hay's farm on the other side of the harbour. It was cold, wet and windy and loose rocks on the cliff rolled down. I hurt my leg but Harry was right in the middle of it. He is gone Grandmother, my best friend is gone, gone with the wind forever.

Harry's funeral was on Tuesday. It was dreadful, I could not keep hold of my sadness and at one point I had to leave. Father told me that I must pull through it. I helped carry Harry's coffin to the grave. We still do not have a church so we had the funeral in the school room, it was too small. A lot of people are angry that the church is not yet finished because they have paid the tithe for it.

On a happier note, William is feeling a lot better and is starting to get out of bed. This has helped Mother who does not have to look after him so much. John is getting married to Harry's sister Mary. That means John will be leaving our house and moving Governor's Bay where he has been building a house.

I have found 40 acres of land at Hororata - very close to the snowy alps that tower over the Great Plain. I am saving to buy this land - it will cost me two pounds per acre so I am finding every piece of work I can. That is all for now.

From your loving grandson

George

27/7/1855

Dear Grandmother

It is hard to believe how different our life in New Zealand is. It is our second winter here. John is now married to Mary and they live over in Governor's Bay. The wedding was nice, the weather was sunny and the setting overlooking the harbour and the green hills of the Peninsula was lovely. William was well enough to attend the wedding but Mother had to take him home straight after the service. He is better now and is back at school.

We have had Uncle Philip's letter Grandmother to tell us you are gone. But I am still writing to you - the last letter I will ever write to you I suppose. Mother has loaned me some money from your estate, and I have bought the land at Hororata. I will be farming there very soon. So Dearest Grandmother your time has come to go to God and mine to let you go. That is all until heaven.

From your ever loving grandson

George

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Gateway Report

Jenny Keeble, Gateway Coordinator

Hurunui College runs a Gateway programme, funded by the Tertiary Education Commission. Gateway is open to Year 11-13 students who are work ready, have realistic future goals, and can manage one day out of school each school week, while completing assessments independently for NZQA credits in the workplace. Gateway is designed to strengthen a pathway for students to enter the workforce, gain practical knowledge in their chosen profession or it can be a way to try an industry as a potential career.

Hurunui College is very grateful to have the support of the following businesses who gave their time to our students this year:

Topp Stop Café in Amberley and Sam & Pattie Chisnall Hawarden: **Tom Ruck**

Topp Stop Café in Amberley and Waikari Tearooms: **Corde Prendeville**

Sunflowers - Hawarden: **Chantelle White**

Arthur Burke's Amberley: **Keeley Bovey**

Robert Honeybone Builders- Hawarden: **Blair Norton**

Craig & Dee Ginders - Hawarden: **Liam Costello**

I would like to congratulate the students who passed Gateway this year by gaining 20 or more credits. We are very reliant on these students to gain these credits as the funding for future years depends on whether they pass or not. All six students also attended the St John course and gained 4 credits by passing this.

Nina Valley Restoration Group Report

Tim Kelly

2016 has been relatively quiet for the group, with no further kiwi releases to the valley this year. Predator captures were low as a result of the previous mast season, which saw a rise in the number of stoats and rats, but a subsequent collapse of their numbers as they competed for the remaining food. Their numbers are expected to be back up again next year, but hopefully our trapping will keep them at a reasonable level.

This Spring we are tracking four pairs of kiwis in the Nina that are incubating eggs. We will recapture these birds in the Autumn to change their transmitters and hopefully we will come across some new kiwi chicks during the process! There are likely to be other kiwi pairs not wearing trackers, but also incubating. We found that this year some of the kiwi have become very shy of humans and were impossible to catch, so we haven't been able to replace their transmitters, even with the use of dog detection teams.

We are now into our second and final phase of Ministry for the Environment funding for kiwi translocations. The plan is to move a good number of adult kiwi to the Nina from another site in the Lake Sumner /Arthur's Pass area. However, any further translocations are on hold while we investigate the behaviour of the birds we have already moved. There are also some concerns about the mixing of genetics between Lake Sumner birds and Arthur's Pass birds which requires further study.

In October the group was a finalist in the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board Awards which were held at the Christchurch Art Gallery. Three of our students attended with Mr Kelly and received \$500 as finalists.

As part of our aim to collaborate with many other organisations, a business from Lyttleton has received DOC consent and funding to set up their own trapping line at the mouth of the valley. In collaboration with the NZ Deerstalkers, who also have a trap line there, this should help reduce reinvasion of predators into the valley.

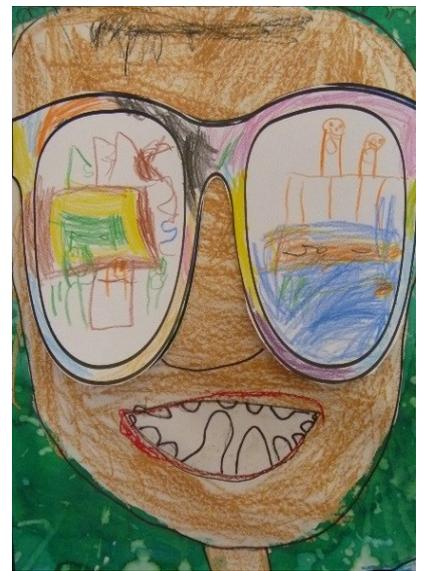
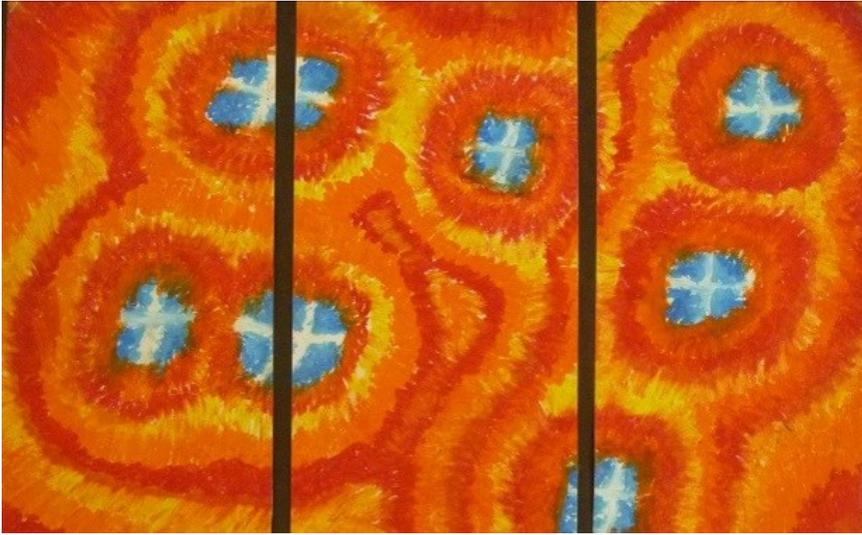
In the Term 1 holidays, Miriam Clark represented the group at the Sir Peter Blake Youth Enviroleaders Forum and has been proactive in this role since then, including organising the Red Socks Day at school. Miriam has also been engaged to consult with the Aoraki Management Plan Review on environmental issues within Canterbury and attends regular DOC meetings in this role.

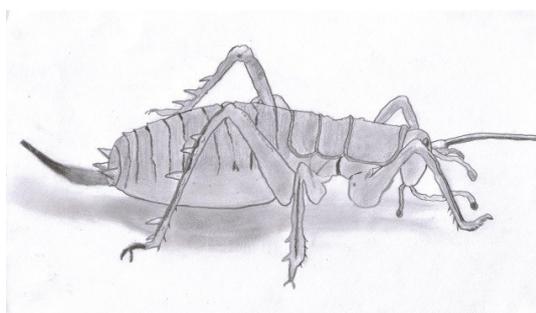
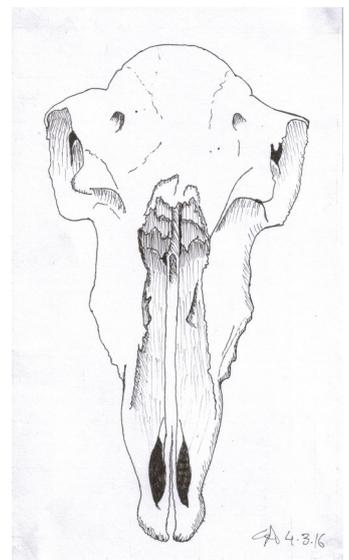
We have received almost \$2,000 in funding this year from the Caltex Fuel Your School award for a project to build and test electronic possum lures. The Year 11 science class will learn about the impact of possums on the environment and the economy. They will study computer science and electronics and will then design and build their lures, which they will subsequently test out in the Nina Valley.

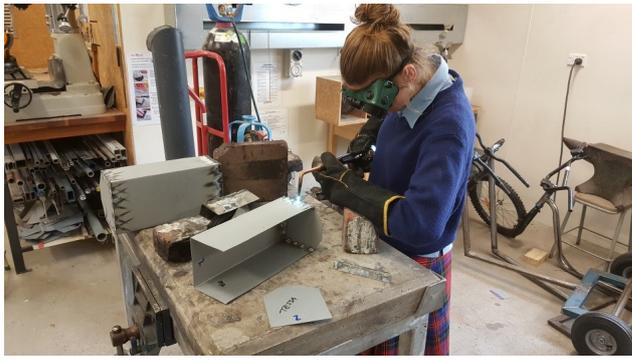
Our school is currently applying for NZQA accreditation from Skills Active, the industry training organisation in charge of outdoor education. Once we have this accreditation it will allow us to offer our students NZQA credits for their Nina Valley experience, including use of radios, camping skills, navigation, etc.

Planning is currently under way for a second award winning Nina Valley Ecoblitz, to be held in March 2017. Although not yet fully funded, we are hoping that we can make this another awesome, fully-funded event for Canterbury high school students.

Our AGM this year was very well attended and thank you to all who came. Thanks to all of the students, parents, and other helpers who have dedicated their free time to protecting the native species in the Nina Valley over the past year; the project is not possible without your dedication.









Canterbury Area Schools Association (CASA) KAPAHAKA

Thursday 4th August 2016

Last year Hurunui College participated in the CASA Kapahaka Festival held at Oxford Area School. We enjoyed it so much we decided to give it another go and this time host it.

The day begun with a powhiri to welcome our CASA schools. Lucky the rain held off and we were able to shelter our manuhiri in our cozy library. Thanks Mr Munnerley! We had Oxford, Akaroa, Cheviot & Amuri Area Schools manage to dodge the snow flakes and attend and had an awesome day! Despite the freezing temperatures we kept ourselves warm by sharing kapahaka items from students as young as Year 1 up to Year 13's.

Our participating area schools shared items such as:

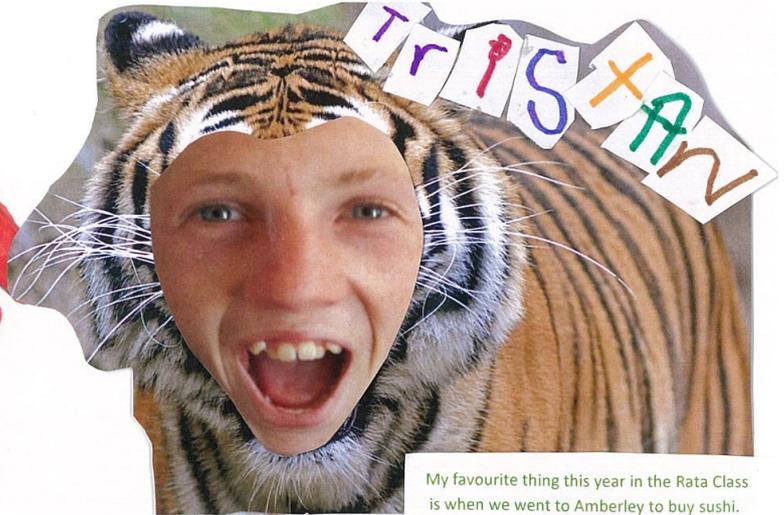
Ti-rakau (short sticks); Poi & Haka; Himene (Hymns); Waiata-a-ringa (Action songs); Hakinakina (games) and we also combined together to sing Hareruia and perform the Waitaha Haka.

In between we had morning tea of home baking from all of our awesome whanau who donated baking and then the PTA kindly donated all the necessities for us to enjoy giant Hamburgers. WOW! This was definitely a highlight of the day for all of us!

A huge KIA ORA! goes out to our army of volunteers who baked, cooked, prepared, cleaned up and made all of our performers feel warm and welcomed on such a chilly day.

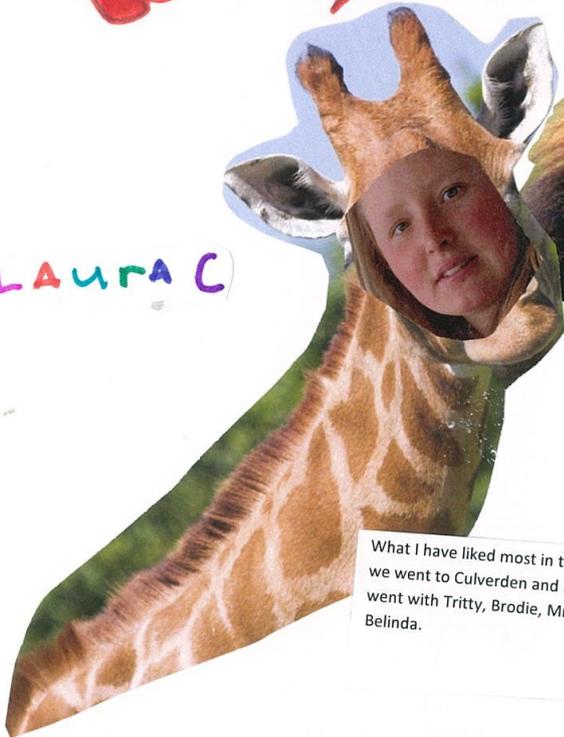


RATA ROOM ROOM 2016

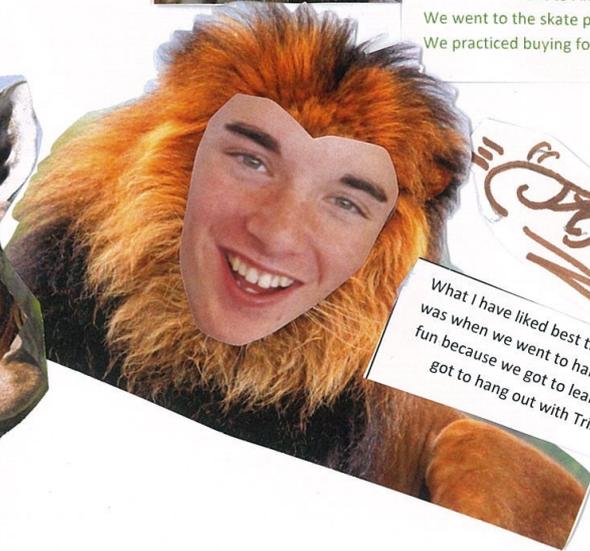


My favourite thing this year in the Rata Class is when we went to Amberley to buy sushi. We went to the skate park. We practiced buying food with our money

LAURA C



What I have liked most in the rata class is when we went to Culverden and had fish and chips. We went with Tritty, Brodie, Mrs Berry, Vicky and Belinda.



What I have liked best this year in the rata room was when we went to hammer springs. It was so fun because we got to learn how to swim and I got to hang out with Tristan for the day.

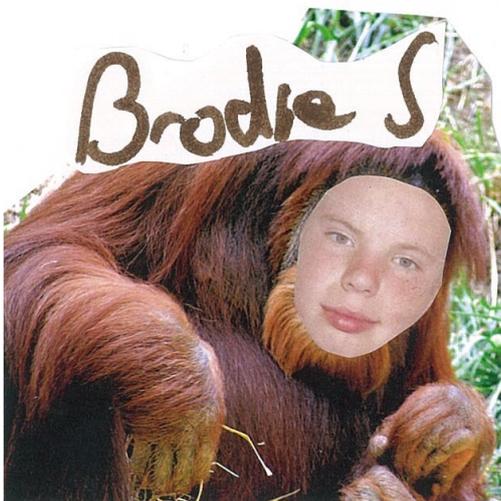
We have had a great year in the Rata Room with many certificates completed.

We have spent time out and about in our community to improve our social skills.

Friday has been a highlight learning to cook a simple meal, and enjoying the reward of eating it.

We look forward to a great 2017!

Brodie S



This year, I've been working on coming more independent in the Rata Room so I can visit a Countdown supermarket & use the self-checkout or "self scan checkout" as known by Countdown. I've improved a lot & I put things back on the shelves when I see it on the floor. I will work if Belinda wins New Zealand Lotteries Commission's Powerball draw of \$44 million because she will get me a job at Countdown Moorhouse Ave which is getting refurbished at the moment. By the time I start working there, there will be self-checkouts and sushi in store, and maybe a Countdown Pharmacy on the current Pharmacy Xtra store.

Discovery Community



friends and family



Ferrymead



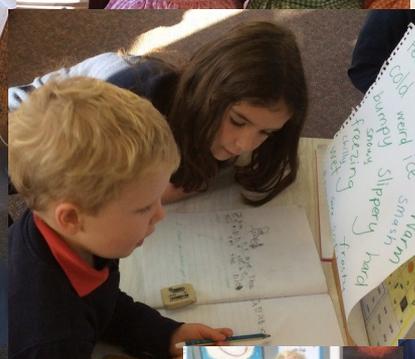
playing



treasures in ice



phonics



swimming



Jump Jam



buddy writing



fitness

Whero, Kakariki, Waiporoporo



dancing and woodwork



construction



dress up

support other people



Discovery Time



making cool stuff



gymnastics



fun being together



work together



PMP



go noodle





Whero



I like playing with mobilo.



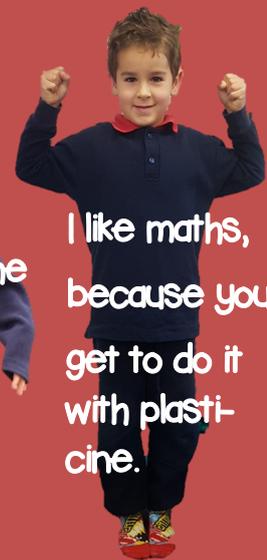
I like doing phonics and to write.
Hezekiah



I like playing lego and in the sandpit.



I like to go to the swimming pool with my class.
Jack



I like maths, because you get to do it with plasticine.



I like making wood work and lego.
Joshua



I like playing with the marbles.
Will



I like playing with the mobilo.

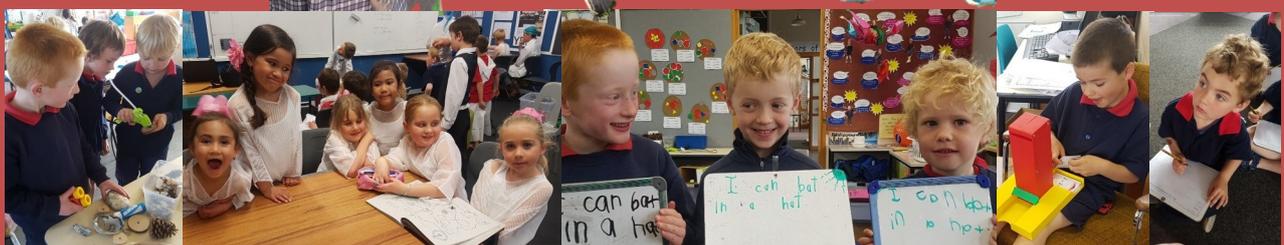


I like to play with wood and the mobilo.



I like lego and I like dress ups.
Aurora

I like playing mobilo and games outside.
Jake A





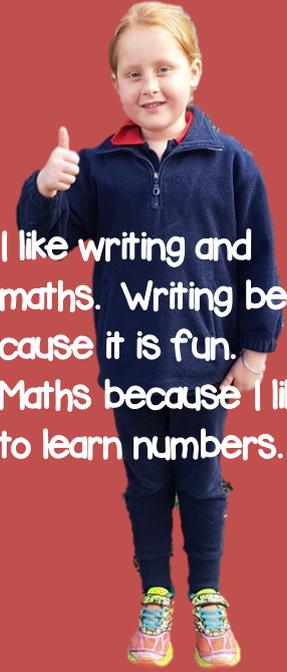
2016

I like to play with the lego and the numbers.

Darcy



I like writing and maths. Writing because it is fun. Maths because I like to learn numbers.



I like playing with my friends.

Lily



I like playing maths.



I like dressups, measuring and reading.

Lena



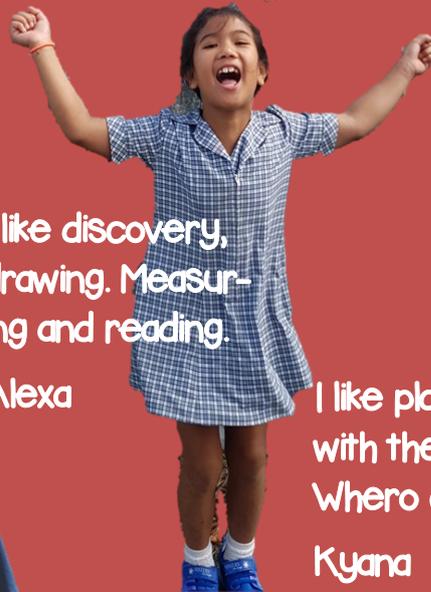
I like playing with the mobilo.

Charlie



I like discovery, drawing. Measuring and reading.

Alexa



I like playing with the toys in Whero class

Kyana





I am a star because I have been learning to divide in maths. Josie

I wish I could be a fireman so I could save people.
Te Whero

I am a star because I am good at reading. Carina

Kakariki 2016

If I could invent something it would be an underground hut at school because then I wouldn't need to wear a sun hat. Shea

If I could invent something it would be a robot that cleans up after me. Bailee

If I could be a superhero I would be Wonder Woman then I could lasso people. Sophie

I wish I could marry my Dad. Leah

I wish I could play for the All Blacks. Dustin

I wish I could fly. Emma

I love playing with Mobilo in Kakariki class. Leon



I wish I could be in the Olympics. Hamish



I am a star because I am good at writing. Will

If I could change the world I would make everyone good. Connor





If I could invent something it would be a time machine then I could go back and watch my Mum and Dad getting married. Sinead

If I could invent something it would be so I could have my birthday everyday. Khaliah



I love nature and lions are my favourite animal. Ashlee

One thing I love doing in Kakariki is lego because it is fun. Charlie



If I could change the world I would make it out of gold. Liam

I wish I could be a policeman. Kohatu



WAIPOROPORO CLASS



Woohoo! Swimming time!



We were lucky to have a lovely long swimming season! The children enjoyed the Waiswim instructors teaching them. Everyone made such a lot of progress!



Pieta's puppies!



We loved Pieta's huntaway puppies visiting us. We wrote beautiful Cinquain poems using describing words such as; velvety, sleek, satiny, cuddly, chubby, fuzzy, glossy, silky, fleecy, and scratchy.



Ferrymead!



Sending letters to our Grandparents.

We enjoyed our trip to Ferrymead. We especially like the old fashioned games and baking delicious scones. The teacher was a bit grumpy!

It was so exciting when we received letters back from our Grandparents!



Budding musicians...



Dazzling dancers... and



Construction Engineers!

We loved celebrating each child's talents and passions. What a clever group of children!



Keto



and Kiri

Our class mascots



Buddy writing



Keto and Kiri the keas kept a close eye on us! Kiri enjoyed visiting the families.

We enjoyed our buddy writing sessions with Kakariki and Whero classes. We wrote wonderful cooperative stories.



French Day!



Café Waiporoporo

In July we celebrated our learning about France by having French activities and a French lunch! Miss McQuillan's daughter Laura answered lots of questions for us. Mrs Zino was a great help! Merci beaucoup!



Our scene in the school production was a French restaurant. We served frogs legs and snails! We did a French folkdance with tablecloths and we sang Frere Jacques. We acted as French waiters and waitresses. It was awesome!



Our French Folk Dance!



This year we said farewell to Finn, Poppy, Taimana and Matilda. We wish them all the best at their new schools. During the second half of the year, we welcomed four Year 4s to our class. Welcome Dom, Eruera, Anika and Hannah!



We loved reading Roald Dahl books this year! We celebrated Roald Dahl's 100th birthday in September. We are learning to discuss our books and ask and answer questions independently in a reading group.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR WAIPOROPORO!!



Kapa Haka

Penei Pena

Matariki

festival

**Korowai
Cloak**

with Discovery

Karakia

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**Miss
Talivai**

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Poi

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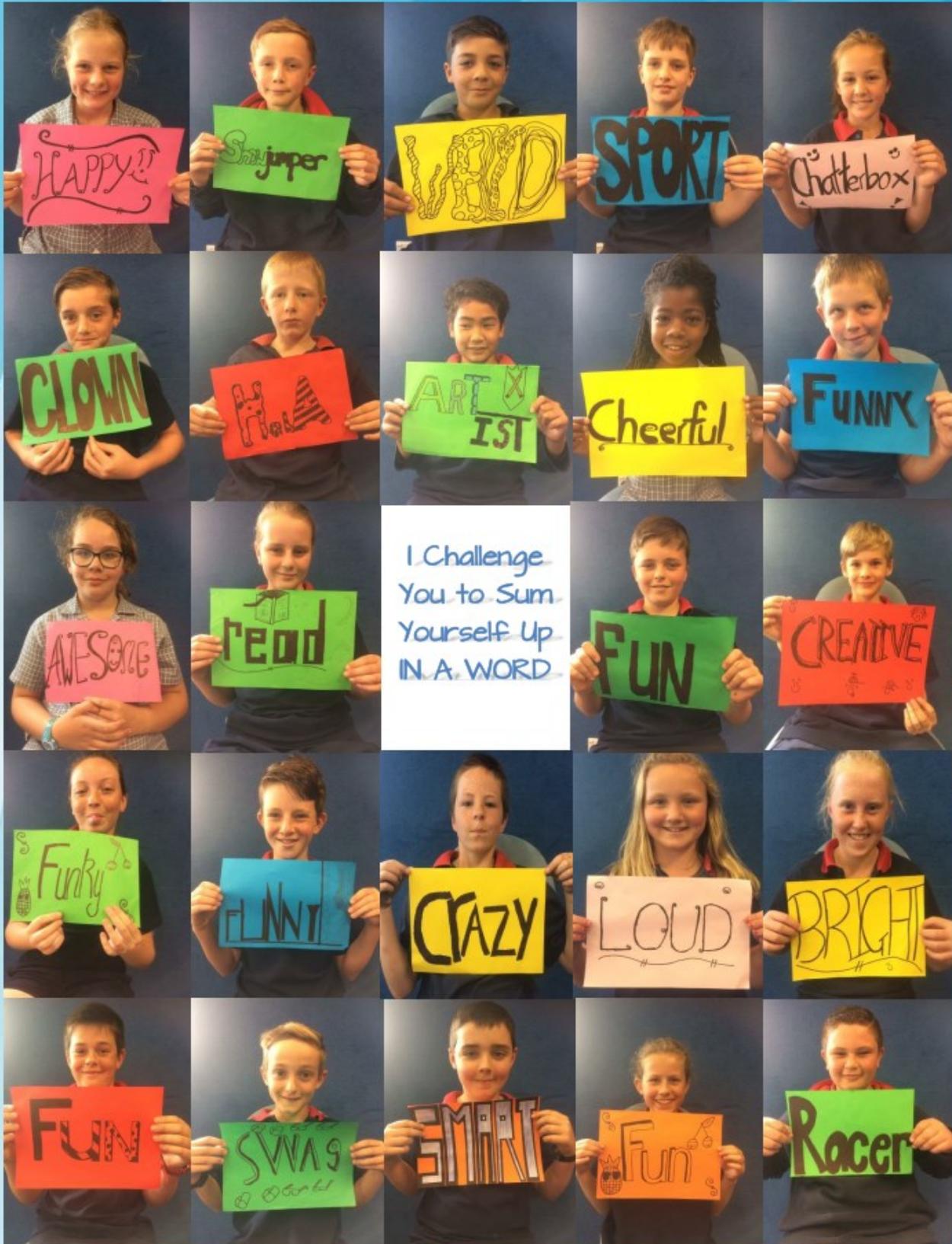
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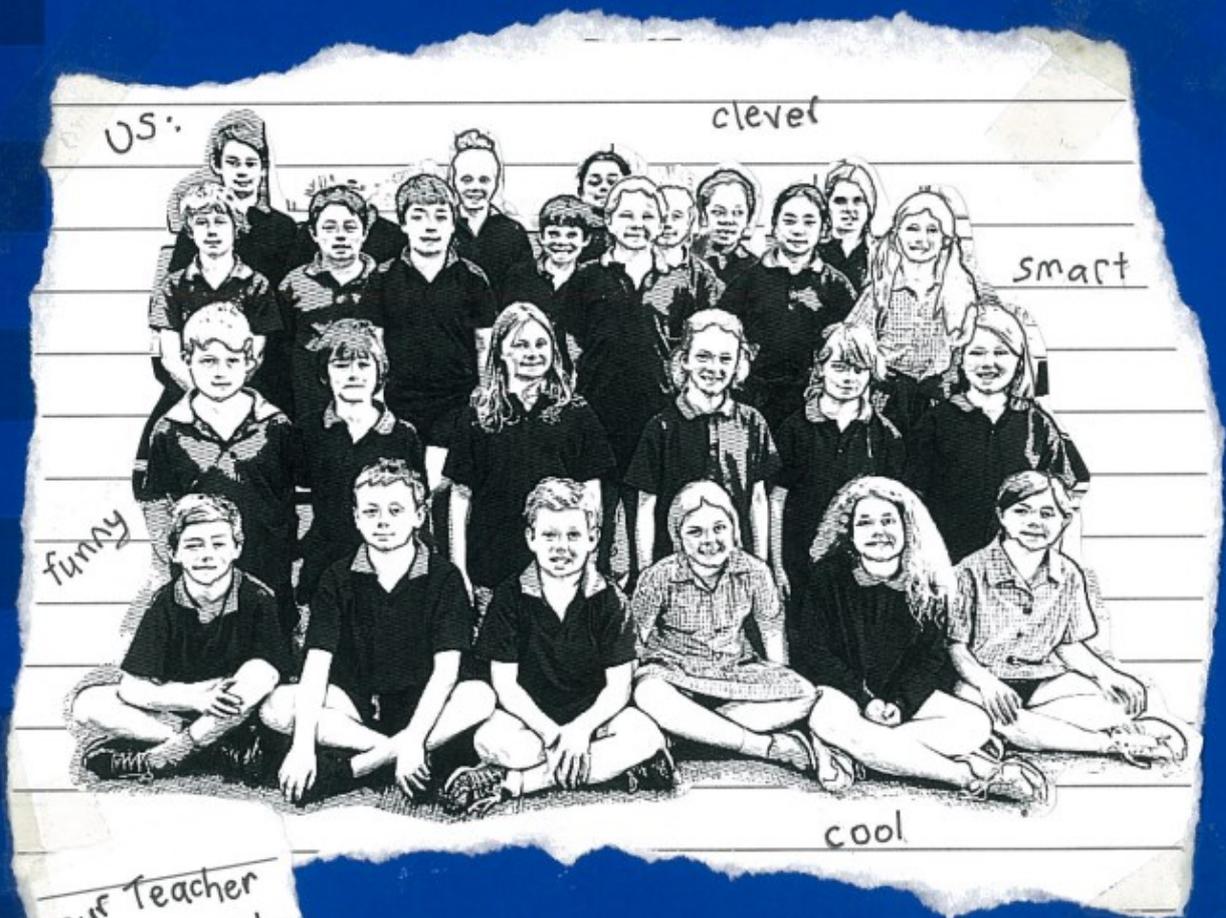
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Year 6



DIARY of a Kowhai Kid

Year 4-5 Class of 2016

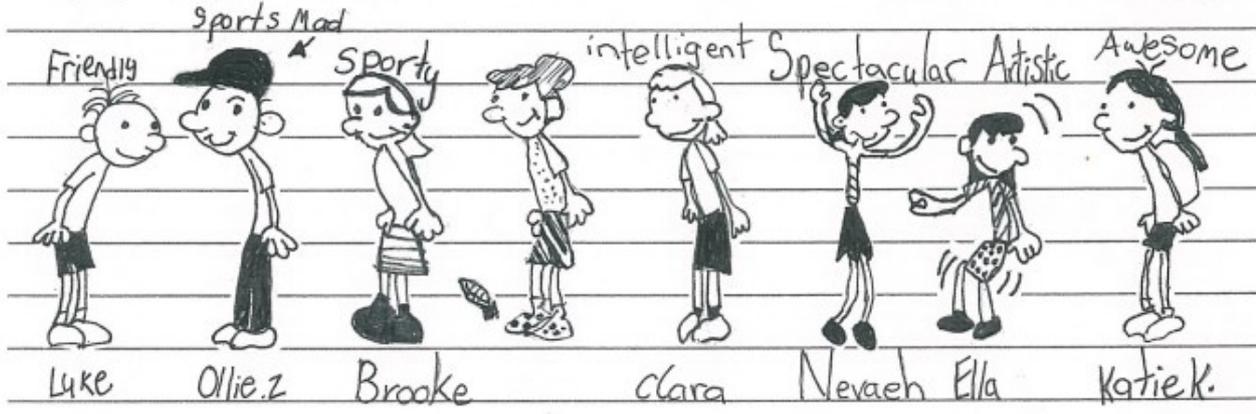
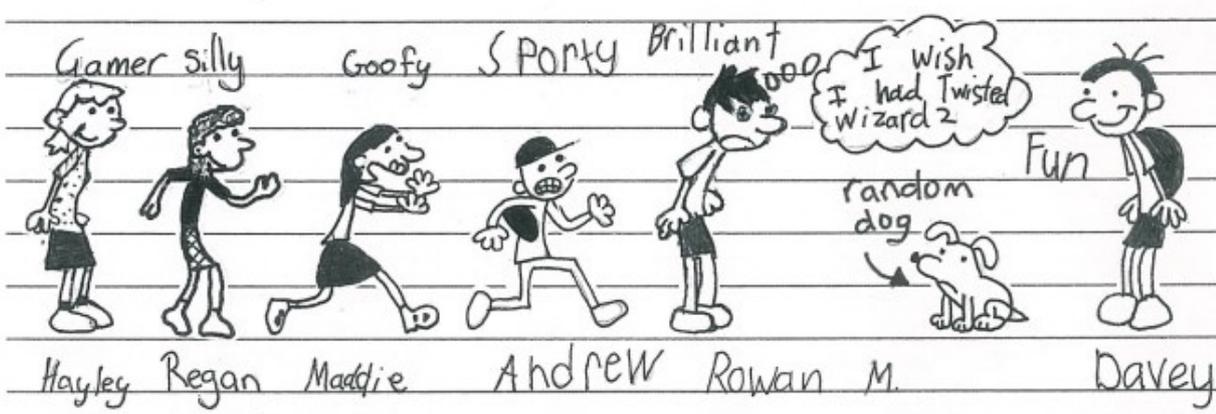
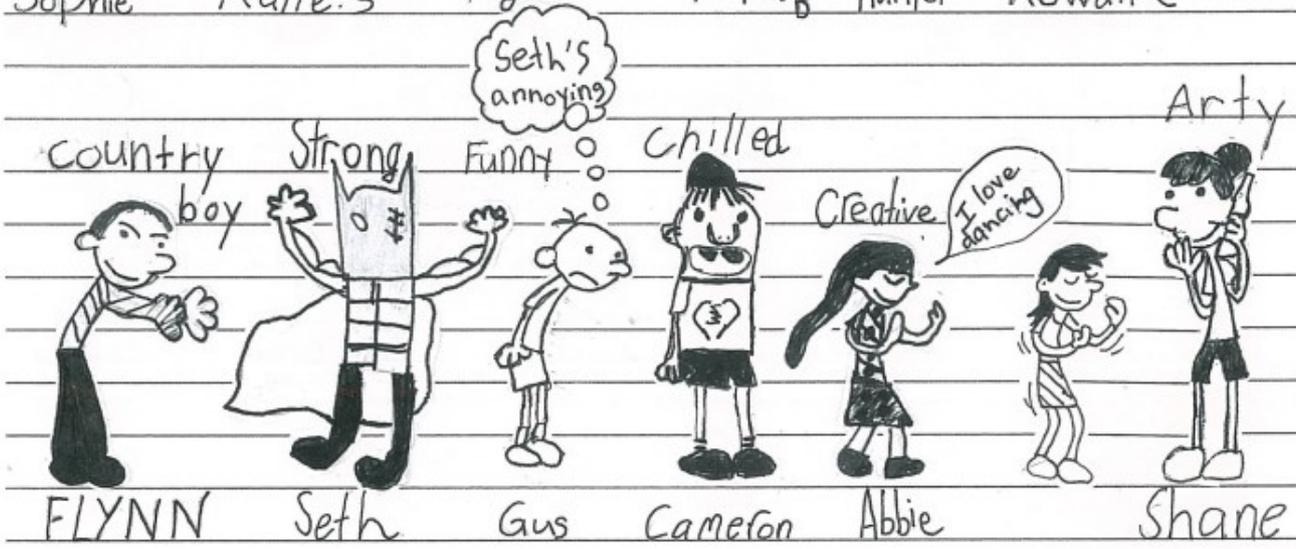
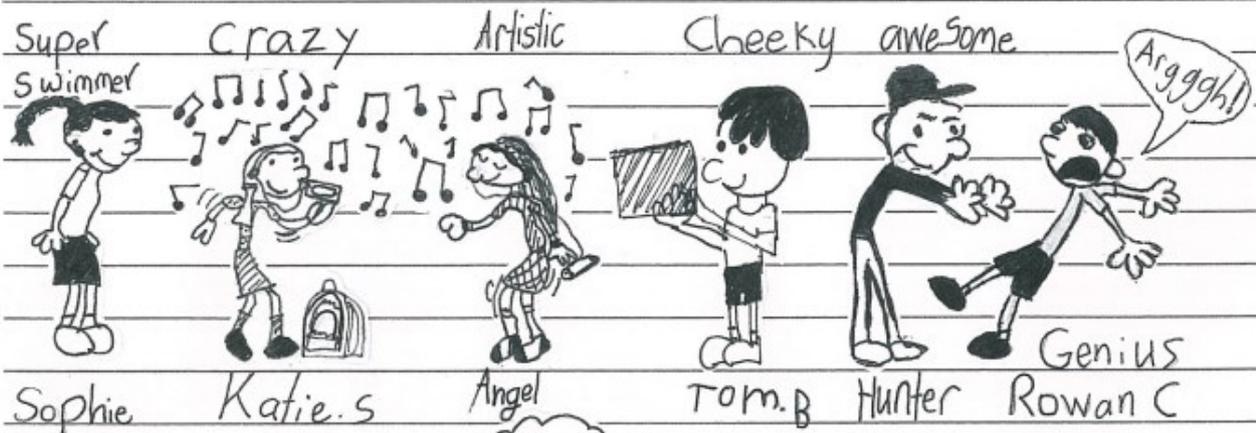


our Teacher



Mrs Tilson





George

Chevannah

Rommel

Lucy

Joseph

Millie



Fred

April

Harrison

Jack Z

Katie

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Tahlia



Martin



Eva



Alizae



Catelyn



Pan



William



Anika



Alexei



Stacey



Mrs Marryatt



YEAR 9 2016

SCHOOL DIARY

Start of Term One

Teacher Only Day

We kicked off the year with a combined Hurunui Schools' professional development day focused around a school wide approach using SOLO taxonomy. Solo is a structure to build teaching practice and learning outcomes on and can be applied at all levels of learning to develop a common language for learning across the school and region. It was very exciting to get 100 teachers together at this early point in the year to be so positively focused on teaching and learning.



1st February, Day One

We started the year with a large number of new enrolments, with 25 new students joining us at the beginning of the term. We also welcomed Jenni McQuillan back to Hurunui College as the teacher in Waiporoporo class. These students, families and staff were welcomed into our school at the beginning of the term with a very spirited powhiri and full school assembly.

4th February, Ezekiel Raui, 2015 New Zealand Ambassador

Ezekiel Raui, an 18 year old from Whatuwhiwhi, came and spoke with the senior students. For the past 3 years he has had the opportunity to meet and be mentored by people such as Dr Lance O'Sullivan and Mike King and has been provided with opportunities that most students don't get at his age. In 2014, he became the inaugural recipient of the Hawea Vercoe Leadership Scholarship under Dr Lance O'Sullivan and has had the opportunity to be mentored by him over the past 2 years. In 2015, he was selected as one of New Zealand's Ambassadors who travelled to the White House in Washington DC to support, discuss and develop projects based around supporting Indigenous people throughout the world. Zeek shared his story with the senior school, as an excellent example to our students on making the most of opportunities and that Area Schools are no barrier to achieving great things. Zeek aspires to become one of New Zealand's Maori prime ministers.

2015 NCEA Results

We would like to acknowledge the success of our senior students' NCEA results from 2015. Once again our results were very strong and generally above national results. A special mention to our NCEA Level 2 students who achieved a 100% pass rate. NCEA Level 2 has been set as the benchmark for a school leaver's qualification and to get all our students over this line was a wonderful achievement. Also congratulations to those who passed with endorsed certificates. Merit Endorsed – Lv1 Nathan Hawley; Lv2 Ashleigh Beck, Jake Collins, Isaac Hassall, Willow Vernal; Lv3 Alex Earl. Excellence Endorsed – Lv1 Miriam Clark, Flynn Crean; Lv2 Elbert Alcantara, Ricki Allan; Lv3 Thea Tabayoyong, Jessica Vernal.

4th February, Tabloid Sports

This is a great start to the year when all students from Year 0-13 become involved. It's always good to get the house competition under way also. Results were: Sumner 1st, Sheppard 2nd, Mason 3rd, Taylor 4th



5th February, Secondary Swimming Sports

The weather was ideal this year. Well done to all the students who participated, it was great to see everyone in the spirit of things, earning valuable house competition points. Thank you to the parents who assisted on the

day, always much appreciated. We held the butterfly and medley events throughout the lunch times.

The overall house points this year were: Sheppard 1st, Mason 2nd, Sumner 3rd, Taylor 4th.

We had a number of records broken this year. This is always great to see and what a wonderful effort from the following students:

Ashleigh Beck	Senior girls freestyle, backstroke
Rommel Wilson	U12.5 boys butterfly, medley
Caleb Beck	U15 boys butterfly, backstroke and medley



Hurunui College Senior Swimming Results:

Under 12.5 girls	1 st : Lucy Frame 2 nd Millie Hassall	Under 12.5 boys	1 st Rommel Wilson 2 nd Nathan Kay
Under 14 girls	1 st : Charlotte Cassidy 2 nd Zoe Watson	Under 14 boys	1 st Caleb Norton 2 nd Douglas Quigley
Under 15 girls	1 st : Krista Vernal	Under 15 boys	1 st Caleb Beck 2 nd Josh Collins
Under 16 girls	1 st : Jamie-Lee Barnes	Under 16 boys	1 st : Flynn Crean 2 nd Blair Norton
Senior girls	1 st : Ashleigh Beck 2 nd Willow Vernal	Senior boys	1 st : Jake Collins 2 nd Ricki Allan

10th February, HC Triathlon

The Hurunui College triathlon is always a popular event. The seniors run 2km (twice around the domain), cycle 11km (to Masons Flat Garage) and swim 10 lengths. Juniors: Age 9 and 10 year old: Run 2km (twice around the domain), cycle 2.5km, and swim 3 lengths, the Juniors Age 11 and 12 year old: Run 2km (twice around the domain), cycle 5km (Inches Gate) and swim 5 lengths.

Thanks to the parents who came along and assisted with the running of this event. We are always grateful to have extra hands on deck with these events. Results are as follows:



Individual Boy Junior (9 and 10):	1st: Daniel Topp
Individual Girl Junior (9 and 10)	1st: Briana Hodgen
Individual Boy (11 and 12)	1st: Nathan Kay
Individual Senior Boy (Y9-13)	1st: Caleb Beck
Individual Senior Girl (Y9-13)	1st: Krista Vernal
Junior Team: (9 and 10):	1st: Angus Zino, Josh Burton, Ollie Zino
Junior Team: (11 and 12)	1st: Rommel Wilson, Jack Zino, Fred Calder
Senior Team (Y 9-13)	1st: Ashleigh Beck, Jake Collins, Miriam Clark

Well done to all the competitors

12th February, HC Cantamath

The Investigating Community (including some Year 6 & 7 students) held its own Cantamath prep competition. The Gym was buzzing with over 70 students problem solving in teams. Thanks to Mr Scott for preparing this. We're looking forward to many more exciting math challenges in the future.



15th February, HPSSA Triathlon

This event is held in Hanmer Springs annually for students in Years 5-8, and they have had to entered our own school event. This is for individuals only. 9 and 10 year olds: Swim 50mtrs, cycle 2.5km, and run 2km and 11

and 12+year olds; swim 50mtrs, cycle 5km, and run 2km.

The students following had a great day, and once again we would like to thank the parents for helping with transport.

Archer Pascoe, Jakob Pascoe, Millie Hassall, Geordie Hassall, Lucy Frame, Olivia Frame, Maggie Ferguson, Ella Ferguson, Jack Zino, Daniel Topp, Sam Hunter-Weston, Josh Gunn, Nathan Kay, Anika McWin, Liam Henderson, Guy Jensen, Fred Calder, April Kelly, Rommel Wilson, Briana Hodgen, William Costello, Michael Courto, Louie Bethell, Jai Marryatt, Eva Marryatt

15th - 26th February, Wai Swim Lessons

The Primary students had two weeks of WaiSwim lessons and found them very beneficial and thoroughly enjoyed them. The fortnight ended with many of the students learning survival skills.



Wai Swim, Writing by Kakariki

I liked it when we did star fish and monkey climbing. I liked it at swimming sports. I liked it when Miss Jackson was in the pool. I can jump off the diving board with a board and a noodle. My favourite bit was diving with a life jacket on. *Josie Earl*

We learnt how to do backstroke. We also learnt to do breaststroke. We learnt how to dive. I can dive and glide to the bottom of the pool. My favourite bit was diving and gliding. *Bailee Cattermole*

19th February, Hurunui College Primary Swimming Sports

We managed to hold our Primary Swimming Sports on Friday 19th February. The conditions were not ideal as we had to postpone the later part of the day and hold the relays in the lunch time due to the rain. Thank you to all the parents that so willingly come along and help with these events, it is always appreciated.

Overall results were as follows:

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| Year 4 and under boys: | 1 st | Flynn Ginders |
| | 2 nd | Seth Smith |
| Year 4 and under girls: | 1 st | Regan Kay |
| | 2 nd | Katie Keeble |
| Year 5/6 boys: | 1 st | Angus Zino |
| | 2 nd | Geordie Hassall |
| Year 5/6 girls: | 1 st | Olivia Frame |
| | 2 nd | Georgie Bethell |

Overall house points were:

Taylor 1st, Sumner 2nd, Sheppard 3rd, Mason 4th



23rd February, CCHS Swimming

Following on from our senior swimming sports, we had a very enthusiastic team of 16 students that competed at a different venue, Kaiapoi Aquatic Pool, for this year's championships.

Congratulations to the following students who obtained records, well done:

Charlotte Cassidy, Lucy Frame, Rommel Wilson, U12.5G Medley: Hurunui College, U12.5B Medley: Hurunui College, U12.5G 4x50m Freestyle Relay: Hurunui College, U12.5B 4 x50m Freestyle Relay: Hurunui College

This event is always run by Hurunui College, so it was fantastic to have the parental support helping with the running of this event. Thanks to our team of helpers including 4 students.

The CCHS swim team was:

Caleb Beck, Millie Hassall, Lucy Frame, Rommel Wilson, Louie Bethell, Charlotte Cassidy, Rosa Adam, Krista Vernal, Josh Collins, Jake Topp, Nathan Kay, Zoe Watson, Skyla Squires, Jake Collins

24th February, Lincoln University Visit

26th February, Level 2-3 Geography Field Trip

26th February, Term 1 Friday Basketball begins

This year we entered five teams into this competition which starts early in Term 1. The teams were as follows:

Hurunui Hot Shots: Ella Ferguson, Briana Hodgen, Ollie Zino, Hunter Cattermole, Neve Cassidy, Olivia Frame, Jai Marryatt, Mateo Bonny
Coach: Gene Marryatt, Manager: Mel Marryatt

Hurunui Hurricanes: Maggie Ferguson, Regan Kay, Josh Gunn, Angus Hodgen, Daniel Topp, Neihana Hoeta-Smith, Harper Pugh
Coach: Nichola Boddy, Manager: Jenny Banks

Hurunui Hustlers: Tahlia Beck, Lucy Frame, Anika McWin, April Kelly, Katie Gunn, Eva Marryatt, Millie Hassall
Coach: Paula Beck, Manager: Sonya Kelly

Hurunui Hoopsters: Roddy Murchison, Liam Cassidy, Jake Topp, Bill Bailey, Nik McMullan, Ben Hartnell (Amuri), Sean Hassall, Liam Henderson
Coach: Paul Grupe, Manager: Nicci Heywood

Hurunui High Flyers: Rommel Wilson, Nathan Kay, Fred Calder, Jack Zino, William Costello, Martin Quigley, Jack Tweed, Sam Hunter-Weston
Coach: Sam Wilson, Manager: Katrina Quigley

Thank you all to the willing coaches/managers and the students, you all performed incredibly well.



1st March, Level 1 Geography Field Trip

2nd March, CCHS Athletics

This year we travelled by cars down to Rawhiti Domain in Christchurch. We would like to thank all the parents who assisted with transport, timing and supporting your children. It is much appreciated.

The team was: Lucy Frame, Zoe Watson, Tessa Allan, Tessa Nathan, Hayley Spencer, Tessa McGirr, Rommel Wilson, Jack Zino, Archer Pascoe, Michael Courto, Nathan Kay, Millie Hassall, Katie Gunn, Charlotte Cassidy, Storme Smith, Ashleigh Watson, Jamie-Lee Barnes, Guy Jensen, Douglas Quigley, Blair Wilkins, Caleb Beck, Henry Earl, Isaac Hassall, Caleb McMullan, Tahlia Beck, Eva Marryatt, Jackson Bau, Fred Calder.

3rd March, HPSSA Swimming

Following on from our swimming sports some students then competed in the **Hurunui Primary Schools Swimming Association zones at Hawarden on Tuesday 3rd March.**

They were: Regan Kay, Katie Keeble, Flynn Ginders, Georgie Bethell, Sophie Wright, Geordie Hassall, Luke Chisnall, Angus Hodgen, Hunter Cattermole, Briana Hodgen, Josh Gunn, Sam Earl, Olivia Frame, Ella Ferguson, Fred Calder, Angus Zino, Maggie Ferguson, Lucy Frame, Millie Hassall, Rommel Wilson, Nathan Kay, Katie Gunn, Liam Cassidy, Tahlia Beck, Louie Bethell, Michael Courto, Misty Kokiri-Elers, Jake Topp, Archer Pascoe.

Congratulations to all these students who made it through to the next level.

29th February - 4th March, Spider Week

Well done to Tim Kelly, our Head of Science for running Spider Week at Hurunui College. It was an inspirational week for many students. We had two days of interaction with two spider experts, one of whom was asked for his autograph a number of times! The teachers filled the rest of the week with interesting spider learning and investigations. A behind the scenes tour of Canterbury Museum was offered as a prize for the student who collected the most different species of spider. That student was Jack Savage in Whero class - congratulations to Jack for an awesome effort!

9th - 11th March, Year 9 Camp to Windy Point

It was great to be able to take the time and get away with the Year 9 peer support camp up at Windy Point in the Lewis Pass. What a great bunch of kids they were. They did exceptionally well as a class and supported each other exceptionally well during the range of activities they participated in, including the walk into the Hope Kiwi track, to the Halfway Hut. One group certainly learned a quick lesson about ensuring their poles are in with the tent, but after an hour or so of good old fashion kiwi ingenuity, a bit of twine and a few branches they had themselves a more than acceptable shelter for the night. It was also great to have the Year 12's alongside as group leaders. It certainly made the teacher roles a lot more relaxed and it is great to develop that link between the Year 9's and our senior students. Many of them remember fondly their own Year 9 trips, with many of the same traditions still in place. *Mr Beck, Principal*



12th-13th March, Physics Trip to Tekapo

On Saturday I travelled down to Tekapo with Mr Kelly and the Year 13 Physics students to explore the Mt Johns observatory. What a great experience this was. Even though the sky did not play its part on the night, it was still great to get the grand tour and see the equipment on show. It is an amazing facility and wonderful to have the chance to visit. Also on the way home we ventured out and looked at two small scale power generation schemes based on working farms just off the Rakaia River. It was great to see Kiwi ingenuity at work, making a real difference to lower cost in the demanding farming sector. *Mr Beck, Principal*

15th March, Canterbury Athletics Pre Lims

16th March, HPSSA Tee Ball, Greta Valley

This is an annual tournament held for Year 3 and 4 students at Scargill Domain for the Hurunui Primary schools. Children are split into teams of mixed ability and gender and play six games. It is a low key event with an emphasis on having a go, meeting new people and having fun. All year 3 and 4 students attended and a BIG Thank You to all the parents who took cars and helped with managing the teams on the day.

18th March,

Student Council, Family Violence Tree Planting and March

19th March, Hawarden A&P Show



21st March, North Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Championships:

This year for the first time we were invited to attend this event at Dudley Park. It is a competition that they hold in preparation for the CPSSA swimming champs, for those that qualified.

The following students were able to attend at late notice: Olivia Frame, Lucy Frame, Millie Hassall, Geordie Hassall, Rommel Wilson, Angus Zino, Fred Calder. All these students were placed in the top three for North Canterbury Primary Schools. Well done.

There results were as follows:

Olivia Frame	3rd breaststroke
Lucy Frame	2nd freestyle, 1st breaststroke
Millie Hassall	3rd backstroke

Geordie Hassall 2nd backstroke
 Rommel Wilson 1st backstroke and breaststroke
 Angus Zino 3rd backstroke and breaststroke
 Fred Calder 1st freestyle

Then a group of 10 students gained a place in the **Canterbury Primary Swimming Championships** at Selwyn Aquatic Centre in Rolleston on Thursday 7th April. They were Olivia Frame, Fred Calder, Lucy Frame, Rommel Wilson, Louie Bethell, Angus Zino, Millie Hassall, Georgie Bethell, Geordie Hassall, Nathan Kay.



24th March, Last Length

31st March, Polka Dots School Visit

Welcome to the Polka Dots Prep Room who visited Whero Class on Thursday to meet teachers, familiarise themselves with the Whero Class programme and our Hurunui College school environment.



1st April, Crash Bash



6th April Discovery Trip to Ferrymead

We went to Ferrymead. First we dressed up and went on the tram ride. Then we made scones. I made a cheese scone. Then we went out and walked to the school. At the school we played. First when she rang the bell we went inside to do maths, writing and reading. After school we went to play some games. Our last thing was going to see the jail and eat lunch. *Ashlee Murray*

Me and my school went to Ferrymead. We hopped on the tram then we baked some scones. We also played the washing game and tug of war. It was fun. My favourite thing was baking. *Shea Kelly*

7th April Canterbury Primary Swimming Championships

Then a group of 10 students gained a place in the **Canterbury Primary Swimming Championships** at Selwyn Aquatic Centre in Rolleston on Thursday 7 April. They were *Olivia Frame, Fred Calder, Lucy Frame, Rommel Wilson, Louie Bethell, Angus Zino, Millie Hassall, Georgie Bethell, Geordie Hassall, Nathan Kay.*

Some of these students also attended the North Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Championships held in Rangiora for the first time that we have been invited to attend, on Monday 21 March.

There results were as follows:

Olivia Frame 3rd breaststroke
 Lucy Frame 2nd freestyle, 1st breaststroke

Millie Hassall	3 rd backstroke
Geordie Hassall	2 nd backstroke
Rommel Wilson	1 st backstroke and breaststroke
Angus Zino	3 rd backstroke and breaststroke
Fred Calder	1 st freestyle

8th April, Farewell Assembly for Meagan Stanley Brown

At assembly today we fondly farewelled Meagan Stanley-Brown, and her family from Hurunui College. Meagan started with the school back in 2006 completing very close to 10 years at the school. During this time she has done more than involve herself in the community but has become part of the community, this is no more evident than by marrying a local! Meagan has led sport and physical education and health in the school during her time here and many present and past students will have very fond memories of traveling to sporting events, national competitions, and camps and tramps with her over the years. The job of a physeder in a school is always a busy one and requires immense energy and enthusiasm. Also her



more recent work in the role of guidance councillor in the school is never an easy one, and she has done this job tirelessly over the years. Her compassion for students is immense and something we can be truly grateful for. I am sure the farewell this afternoon will have been a very moving occasion for her and I know she will be whole heartedly missed by the school and especially by the students. Meagan and her family are moving down to Dunedin. We wish them all the best on the next exciting journey in their lives. *Mr Beck, Principal*

13th - 15th April, CASAfest Cheviot

CASAfest this year was held at Cheviot Area School, for three days. This event is held annually where Oxford, Amuri, Cheviot, Rangiora New Life and Akaroa compete and have a turn at hosting. The students all performed well and in the spirit of Casafest which was: respect for the game and its rules, respect for the officials and acceptance of decisions, respect for the opponent, concern for equal opportunity, and maintenance of dignity under all circumstances. Each year during Casafest staff and co-ordinators look for examples of fair-play. They are then recorded and at the end, the school with the most awards are presented with a cup.



Sadly, at this event, we farewelled Meagan Stanley-

Brown, who has had a huge input into this tournament for the last few years. Well done and THANK YOU. There were a number of students who wanted to attend this event, however we can only take 40 (20 girls, 20 boys) so a draw was held and the following students attended:

Senior Boys: Ricki Allan, Jake Collins, Isaac Hassall, Flynn Crean, Caleb McMullan, Blair Norton, Tom Ruck, Fletcher Earl, Blair Wilkins, Josh Collins, Callum Hinde, Henry Earl, Elbert Alcantara

Junior Boys: Beau McKay, Caleb Norton, Morgan Bailey, Caleb Beck, Eli Bullmore, Douglas Quigley, Hamish Stackhouse, Mitch Berry

Senior Girls: Ashleigh Beck, Rachel Garside, Willow Vernal, Miriam Clark, Krista Vernal, Jamie-Lee Barnes, Ashleigh Watson, Claire Booker, India Garden-Young, Kodie Plaskett

Junior Girls: Tessa Allan, Zoe Watson, Charlotte Cassidy, Storme Smith, Hayley Spencer, Tessa Nathan, Sophie Nathan, Rosa Adam, Georgia Costello, Jade Northover.

15th April End of Term One

Sir Peter Blake Youth EnviroLeaders Forum

In the first week of the holidays I was very privileged to have been one of the 57 delegates from New Zealand and the Pacific to be selected to attend the Sir Peter Blake Youth EnviroLeaders Forum in Nelson. This year the Forum focused on pest eradication, ocean health and biodiversity giving us young leaders the chance to broaden our knowledge on issues around these topics that New Zealand is currently facing or will face in the future. During the week we had many memorable experiences including: cooking with Master Chef champion Tim Read, sea kayaking with a pod of orca, snorkelling in Cable Bay, visiting and volunteering at Brook Waimarama Ecosanctuary, presentations and workshops, marine reserve debate, visiting Adele Island, delegate presentations to Hon Dr Nick Smith plus much much more! After attending the Forum I came back very inspired to start up my own project in our community on a wetland nearby where I will be trapping pests to bring back native fauna as well as planting native flora. I would definitely recommend this Forum to others who have a passion for the environment as it is a Forum like no other and I guarantee it's an experience you will never forget. *Miriam Clark, Year 12*

18th -22nd April, Area Schools Leadership Camp

25th April, 2016 ANZAC DAY

One fact I liked was that people shot guns on ANZAC day. Some of the ANZAC's died and only 4 horses came back. I heard that my Grandpa went to World War 2. He survived in World War 2. I hope that he didn't get hurt. *Charlie Carthy*

One fact I know is that people died and four horses came back. 100 horses marched last year. ANZAC stands for Australia, New Zealand Army Corps. My Great Granddad went to war too and he died. *Hamish Thompson*

ANZAC stands for Australia, New Zealand Army Corps. Another thing I know about ANZAC day is we will always remember the ANZAC's. Another thing is that only four horses came back. Another thing I know about ANZAC day is the ANZAC's built trenches. War was scary for the ANZAC's. New Zealand and Australians went to war to protect us . My Great Great Grandfather went to World War 2. *Shea Kelly*

29th April, Spider Museum Trip

5 year old Jack from Year 1 Hurunui College won a competition collecting spiders during the school's spider week. He visited the Museum with his family and science teacher to see our spiders and insect collection with Natural History Curator Cor Vink.

My Spider Museum Trip

I went to the Museum. I saw grasshoppers and spiders. And I saw Red Backs and Tarantulas. I saw them get fed. They ate grasshoppers. They put the grasshopper in the web and waited until the grasshopper moved and the red back pulled it up to the top of the web and wrapped it up with silk. He took a big bite of its leg. They were all alive.

I saw moa bones and whale bones. I went cause I got the most spiders at school. I really enjoyed it.

By Jack Savage



2nd May, Start of Term Two

School Senior Tennis Competition

This competition was held through the lunch times, in Term 2, for anyone interested in Year 9-13.

The following students competed:

Senior Boys (Year 9-13): Isaac Hassall, Ricki Allan, Elbert Alcantara, Jake Collins

Senior Girls (Year 9-13): Willow Vernal, Krista Vernal, Ashleigh Beck, Tessa Allan

Congratulations to the following students who won:

Senior Girls: Tessa Allan

Senior Boys: Ricki Allan

3rd May, HSI Class, Mozzarella Making

Callum Hinde teaching the Year 11-13 HIS class how to make mozzarella cheese as part of their course.



6th May, Agriculture Trip #1

The Year 11 and 12 Agriculture students went on a field trip to support their study of soils and cropping. First stop was at Ravensdown where, thanks to Greg Costello, we had an extensive tour of the plant and learned about the sourcing, manufacture, and distribution of fertiliser. Our second stop was at Island Horticulture where the new manager, Paul van de Meer, gave us a tour of the South Island's largest cucumber farm. We learned about the life stages of the cucumber and the intensive environmental control used to meet the market demands. Our final stop was at Luisetti Seeds where the operations manager Mark Frampton showed us how seeds are

sorted, dressed, and distributed. Thanks to Patsy Earl for providing additional transport.

13th May, Agriculture Trip #2

The agriculture class made a second trip to support their learning about pastures and cropping. We first visited Cochranes in Amberley where Jim Dwyer showed the class what machinery is used for pasture renovation and harvesting. We then visited the Bascand/Waipara Springs vineyards and winery where Keith Berry showed us how grapes are grown and Paul the winemaker explained the processing aspects. Keith also showed us his fodder beat crop. Finally we visited Hurunui Limeworks and learned about the production and uses of lime with Chris Earl, and he also showed us around some greenfeed crops. Thanks to those people mentioned for giving us their time, and to Neroli Crean for driving.



8th - 9th May, NZAS Trials

10th May, Year 7 Debating at HC, St Josephs School



*11th - 13th May,
Exploring Camp*

12th May, Careers Expo

12th May, Year 8 Debating at Fernside School

13th May, Christchurch Secondary Schools Basketball Competition starts

This year we entered only two teams into this competition which is held on Friday nights, travelling into Christchurch. The competition started on Friday 13th May and ran until 16th August.

Senior Boys team: Isaac Hassall, Flynn Crean, Fletcher Earl, Blair Norton, Henry Earl, Caleb Beck, Douglas Quigley, Tom Ruck

Coach: Paula Beck, Manager: Katrina Quigley

Thanks to Alex Hall, Sean Ryan again this year for stepping in when needed for refereeing.

Senior Girls team: Willow Vernal, Krista Vernal, India Garden-Young, Jade Northover, Tessa Nathan, Jamie-Lee Barnes, Tessa McGirr, Storme Smith
Coach: Kim Northover and Shannon



20th May, Pink Shirt Day, Anti Bullying

24th May, Level 1 Geography Field Trip

25th May, HC Cross Country

The Hurunui College Cross Country was held for all the students in the school. It was great to see so many compete this year, along with some keen parents; some valuable house points were gained. We would like to thank Richard and Mez Power and Bede and Neroli Crean for the use of their land and also the Hawarden Golf Club, without these facilities so close we would have to transport students elsewhere. This is a 4km course for all Year 4-13 students. Overall house points: 1st Taylor, 2nd Mason, 3rd Sumner, 4th Sheppard



Senior Boys: Year 7-13

1st Henry Earl, 2nd Ricki Allan, 3rd Blair Wilkins

Senior Girls: Year 7-13

1st Miriam Clark, 2nd Eva Marrayatt, 3rd equal Tessa Allan/Tessa McGirr

Year 4-6 Boys

1st Jakob Pascoe, 2nd Geordie Hassall, 3rd Ollie Zino

Year 4-6 Girls

1st Regan Kay, 2nd Georgie Bethell, 3rd Ella Ferguson

Junior Boys: Year 3: (1.7km)

1st Riley Abbott, 2nd Blake Earl, 3rd Harry Giller

Junior Girls: Year 3: (1.7km)

1st Libby Ginders, 2nd Poppy Radford, 3rd Pieta Sidey

Junior Boys: Year 0-2: (1.3km)

1st Kohatu Cottrell, 2nd Shea Kelly, 3rd Will Zino

Junior Girls: Year 0-2: (1.3km)

1st Sinead Chisnall, 2nd Bailee Cattermole, 3rd Maggie Radford

Recounts by Kakariki Class

At Cross Country Mr Z shouted go. We ran fast. I was in the lead. Then the gate wasn't open so everyone caught up. Then I was in forth. Then I passed some people. Then I was in second. When I crossed the line I had the stich and I couldn't breathe so I got two lollies. *Sinead Chisnall.*

I went as fast as I could with Dad. Poppy passed me but I still beat her. I liked running with my Dad.

Maggie Radford

At the Cross Country I ran with Mum. First we lined up at the start line. Then we waited for the microphone to go. When it had gone we started to run. Mum said she would run the golf course with me. When I had done the golf course I was so excited because I was close to the finish line. At the finish line I was so



proud of myself because I came the same as Leah. My favourite bit was getting lollies. *Ashlee Murray*

31st May, HPSSA Cross Country

The Hurunui Primary Zone Cross Country this year was held at the Barton's property in Waikari. The following students who did particularly well from our own school cross country were:

Year 4 girls:	Ella McKnight, Katie Spencer, Brooke Dunn
Year 4 boys:	Andrew Fincham, Flynn Ginders
Year 5 girls:	Regan Kay, Neve Cassidy
Year 5 boys:	Ollie Zino, Luke Chisnall, Rowan Clausen
Year 6 girls:	Georgie Bethell, Ella Ferguson, Jessica Fincham, Olivia Frame
Year 6 boys:	Jakob Pascoe, Geordie Hassall, Caleb Spencer, Mateo Bonny
Year 7 girls:	Eva Marryatt, Millie Hassall, Lucy Frame
Year 7 boys:	Nathan Kay, Rommel Wilson, Jack Zino
Year 8 girls:	Jasmin Sparks, Beth Hicks
Year 8 boys:	Liam Henderson, Michael Courto, Logan Dunn, Liam Cassidy

Their results from the Hurunui Primary Zone Cross Country in Waikari for the top 6 runners in each age group were as follows:

Year 5 girls:	Regan Kay 2nd
Year 6 girls:	Jessica Fincham 3rd, Georgie Bethell 4th
Year 6 boys:	Jakob Pascoe 2nd, Geordie Hassall 6th
Year 7 girls:	Eva Marryatt 1st, Millie Hassall 3rd, Lucy Frame 5th
Year 7 boys:	Nathan Kay 2nd, Rommel Wilson 6th
Year 8 boys:	Michael Courto 5th, Liam Henderson 6th

These students performed very well and the ones above were then selected to go to the **Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country Championships at the Halswell Quarry on Wednesday 22nd June.**

A few students were unable to attend due to injury or simply didn't want to compete at this higher level. Their results are as follows:

Year 5 girls:	Regan Kay 23rd out of 118
Year 6 girls:	Jessica Fincham 27th, Georgie Bethell 80th out of 119
Year 7 girls:	Eva Marryatt 8th, Millie Hassall 46th, Lucy Frame 56th out of 113
Year 7 boys:	Nathan Kay 65th, Rommel Wilson 89th out of 119
Year 8 boys:	Michael Courto 85th, Liam Henderson 86th out of 115

The top 20 girls and top 20 boys from the Year 7 & 8 races then competed again against the intermediate schools on Wednesday 6 July: Congratulations to Eva Marryatt who made it to this level from coming 8th.

4th June, NCEA Performing Arts Concert

4th - 5th June, End of Season Nina Valley Weekend

Well done to all the students who took part in the end of season trip over the weekend. All traps were re-egged in very cold conditions with considerable parts of the Nina Valley in permafrost lockdown. Good news is that there were zero kills over the 200 serviced traps. This bodes well for the success of the established kiwi population, the wide range of native birds that transit the valley as well as the lizards, spiders and other fauna that are predated by stoats, rats, weasels, etc. Also a big thanks to Mr Kelly and the parents who have helped organise and co-ordinate the trips. Thanks also for the loan of the school van. *Mr Clark*

9th June, NZAS Quiz Night Fundraiser

We hosted the Area Schools Tournament quiz night fundraiser at the Hawarden Tavern. Thank you to all who came out to support the students going to Dunedin in the July holidays. The night was very successful and it was great to see such a diverse range of the community coming out to support the students. A big thank you to all the individuals and businesses who contributed to the teams' efforts. It was greatly appreciated.

13th June, Brendon Ferguson begins

Brendon Ferguson was welcomed to the school with a wonderful powhiri.. He was accompanied by students new to the school and it was wonderful to see our school growing in confidence around these welcomes. Brendon came to us from Twizel Area School and has a wealth of experience especially around Area School sports and leadership. He is teaching Physical Education as far down the school as Kowhai class and Year 9 Mathematics.



15th June, Sunflowers Pre School, School Visit

16th June, Physics Trip to University of Canterbury

On the 16th June the Year 12 Physics class had the great opportunity to visit the University of Canterbury's Physics Department. We got to do experiments such as investigating the effectiveness of biological materials such as carrots at absorbing beta and gamma radiation, and determining the half-life of a copper radioisotope. Later in the day we looked into the research of Earnest Rutherford along with Rutherford's model of the atom. We also got to see many other models of an atom from other scientists, such as Neils Bohr and J.J. Thomson. Whilst we were there we were able to see a cloud chamber; this is a device containing gas supersaturated with alcohol vapour and is used to observe charged particles, x-rays and gamma rays by the condensation trails which they produce. During this trip we were able to revise for our internal on radioactivity. Personally I found this trip very worthwhile as we were able to see what we could only read in the books during class, and this must have a positive result in our physics class.



Skyla Squires

16th June, Year 6-8 Chess Comp at Halswell Primary School

22nd June, CPSSA Cross Country

23rd June, North Canterbury Debating Semi Finals, Hurunui College

A massive congratulations to our two debating teams, who made it through their respective rounds to the semi-finals of the North Canterbury Debating Competition. All three teams did fantastically in this competition and it is an amazing effort to have two teams in the semi-finals. Luckily they did not have to compete against each other. The semi-finals were hosted at the Hawarden Rugby Club Rooms, giving the community a great opportunity to come along and see debating in action and support the teams. The teams versed Waipara and Ohoka schools, both very capable teams and strong competition.

24th June - 4th July, Dylan Topp on Spirit of Adventure

28th June, Year 4-7 Speech Finals Exploring Speech Finals

This week the 'Exploring Learning Community' held their annual Speech Competition. The quality of the speeches was exceptional, especially the descriptive and emotive language that was used. Congratulations must go to Jessica Fincham who will be awarded the 'Primary Oral Language' cup for the best overall speaker from Year 4 – 6. Also, congratulations to the following students:

Year 4

- 1st Katie Spencer
- 2nd Hayley Earl
- 3rd Ella Richards

Year 5

- 1st Gus Hodgen
- 2nd Rowan Clausen
- 3rd Regan Kay

Year 6

- 1st Jessica Fincham
- 2nd Josh Gunn
- 3rd Maggie Ferguson

Year 7

- 1st Eva Marryatt
- 2nd Katie Gunn
- 3rd Fred Calder
- 4th Nathan Kay

29th June, Year 7-13 Speech Finals

Over Tuesday and Wednesday our annual speech contests have once again demonstrated that we have students with imagination, sincerity and confidence. It was particularly pleasing to see in an age of decreasing attention spans that our speakers could grab and hold the attention of an audience for such a long time. It was pleasing also to have our contest judged by an ex student and previous winner of the contest, Sean Ryan. Sean was particularly impressed by the quality of the junior performers which bodes well for oral language in future years. The results were very close with Eva Marryatt taking out the junior section, Tessa Allan the intermediate, and Ricki Allan the senior.

Speeches Yr7-13, Recount by Callum Clausen and Jacob Ward

On the afternoon of Wednesday 29th June the Yr7-13 school speech competition was held in the gym. In the junior section of the speeches (Yr7 and 8) we had Jacob Ward and Callum Clausen from Yr8 (and one Yr7) who entered for their year groups.

Being as the topic for these speeches was 'my dream job', Jacob Ward started strongly with working as a Disney character at Disneyland being the job he hoped to be employed in.

Callum Clausen then shared his convincing speech about his dreams to become an astrophysicist working for the company NASA.

They both performed brilliantly, however, in the end one must come out on top. Jacob Ward came third and Callum Clausen acquired second place, making Callum the winner of the duo from Yr 8.

4th July, Red Sock Day

Red Sock Day, celebrated Sir Peter Blake's legacy of leadership, setting goals, dreaming big and a the indomitable kiwi spirit.



4th July, Year 11-13 with David Garb

The Year 11-13 students in association with the Hurunui Youth Council hosted David Garb at the Rugby Club rooms. The purpose of the workshop was learning how to communicate and connect with others in

ways that do not compromise the integrity of others. It also looked at what stops us being fully ourselves when we are around others – the fear of not being accepted, being judged, mocked or ignored. It was a very engaging and informative workshop.

7th July, North Canterbury Debating Finals at Ohoka School

This year for Debating Karaka class entered two team into the North Canterbury debating competition. The two teams were:
Team 1: 1st speaker-Eva Marryatt, 2nd speaker-Rommel Wilson, 3rd speaker- Katie Gunn
Team 2: 1st speaker Anika Mcwin, 2nd speaker Jack Zino, 3rd speaker Tahlia Beck

Both teams did extremely well both making it to the Semi Final, held at the Hawarden Rugby Clubrooms. Fortunately the two Hurunui teams did not have to compete against each other. It was a very tough debate as Team 1 went first up against Waipara and came away with a win only just by 4 points. Next was Hurunui Team 2 vs Ohoka and unfortunately lost. It was a very close debate; the moot was ‘sky rise apartments or build out to help the Auckland crisis’. Finally the final was held in Ohoka. The moot was ‘sugar tax should be enforced in New Zealand’. Hurunui 1 was affirmative and Ohoka was negative. After a lengthy high intensity debate, Hurunui came out on top and won the final. This is a n amazing achievement for everyone involved. The night ended well with the team and supporters celebrating at McDonalds. *Recount by Eva Marryatt, Karaka Class*



7th July, Farewell Assembly for Nic Boddy and Paul Grupe

We farewelled Nic Boddy and Paul Grupe from the school, at the full school assembly . It is amazing to think that their year has come to an end and it feels like it has gone so quickly. As with the past German volunteers who have been through the school, it is amazing to watch them grow in confidence, independence and as individuals during their year with us. They are no longer the blurry eyed teenagers who arrived at Christchurch Airport a year ago and will leave us as more confident and capable young men ready to take on the next challenge in their lives. They have contributed fantastically within the school and local community and we only hope they take fond memories with them as they travel back to Germany. Tino pai and a big thank you to you both. You will always be welcome back at Hurunui College.

Farewell Speech, written by Paul Grupe

As many of you will know, this is our last week of school. Almost a full year ago we arrived here, tired, sleepy and looking forward to an adventurous year!

First of all, I think both Nick and I thoroughly enjoyed the year. Actually I am not afraid to say, that the decision to go abroad was probably the best decision I have made so far. If you ever get the opportunity to do something similar, go for it! It’s absolutely worth it.

But why did we have such a good year?

Maybe it was just New Zealand, with its beautiful landscapes and amazing culture.

Maybe it was the welcoming nature of the Hawarden people.

Maybe it was all of it.

In the beginning of the year, Nick and I agreed to accept any offer and raise our hand for any adventure we could take. And so we did, with an outcome that couldn’t be matched. We were invited on so many trips, all of them outstanding in their own way. We had dinner in the most different of places all over both islands and enjoyed our life here to the fullest.

We couldn’t be more thankful to al the different people that made this possible.

Just the sheer amount of activities was incredible. We almost never had a day off: Monday, netball; Tuesday, rifle shooting; Wednesday. dodge ball and badminton; Thursday, swimming or bowls; Friday, basketball or Youth Group. On the weekend, some kind of trip to anywhere in the South Island. I had more to do than I ever had in Germany.

Even at school, we did not manage to escape the almost weekly adventures; CASAfest, 7 Aside, coaching junior basketball...



Speaking of the latter, being a basketball coach for the first time in my life was an exceptional experience. It definitely widened my horizon and the amount of responsibility I was given couldn't have been of greater value. 'Hoo Hoo Hoopster' might not have been the 'A' choice as a motivational scream, but it definitely worth a laugh.

Special thanks go out to our guest families, who welcomed and took care of us with over whelming warmth. Thank you so much. A big thank you also goes out to all the people who invited Nick and I over to their places and showed us the real Kiwi lifestyle. Also a big thank you to Mrs Tilson and the wonderful Kowhai Class, Miss Talivai, Mr Munnerly for always helping us out, Mrs Marsh for always adjusting our timetables and always being open to feedback, Mr Valentine for accepting us in the School Hostel and basically all the school staff who helped us find our place in this great big family that you call school. Big thanks also go out the Becks for taking us to Collingwood, having us to dinner or to watch the Rugby World Cup final at 5am. And thank you Sarah Cassidy, for bringing me into the musical business! AIDA opened new paths for me and was a great experience. And lastly, our biggest 'thank you' of all goes out to you (the students). You guys have been amazing. You are a bunch of individuals joined together in one big family. Your kiwi spirit is outstanding and I have never experienced such a strong community. You took us in and accepted us as one of yours. Thank you guys. We will miss you.



7th - 8th July, Year 12 Boyle River Camp

8th July, End of Term Two

11th - 14th July, NZAS Tournament, Dunedin

We sent a team of twelve to the Top of the South trials on Sunday 8 May and Monday 12 May, at Rangiora New Life School. The team consisted of the following students:

Isaac Hassall, Caleb Beck, Flynn Crean, Jackson Bau, Blair Norton, Henry Earl, Caleb McMullan, Fletcher Earl, Ashleigh Beck, Krista Vernal, Jamie-Lee Barnes, Tessa Allan.

Congratulations to the following ten students who were selected for the New Zealand Area schools tournament (Top of the South teams) that was held in Dunedin from Monday 11 July to Thursday 14 of July.

Ashleigh Beck:	Netball/Basketball
Isaac Hassall:	Basketball
Flynn Crean:	Basketball, Rugby
Fletcher Earl:	Rugby
Caleb Beck:	Rugby, Volleyball
Jackson Bau:	Football
Krista Vernal:	Basketball
Blair Norton:	Rugby
Caleb McMullan:	Rugby



They would like to thank everyone who supported them with their fundraising efforts milo mornings, quiz night, raffle and the sponsorship for The News (paper).

The following students then gained selection to either the South Island team and/or New Zealand representative teams:

Ashleigh Beck –	SI Netball and Basketball
Krista Vernal –	SI Basketball
Isaac Hassall –	SI Basketball
Fletcher Earl –	SI rugby
Blair Norton –	SI rugby
Flynn Crean-	SI basketball, SI and NZ rugby
Caleb Beck –	SI volleyball, SI and NZ rugby



Henry Earl also placed a very respectful second in the Golf.
Flynn Crean was also selected Most Valued Player, well done.
Thank you to Brendon Ferguson and Haley Ross for attending this week in Dunedin during the school holidays, and assisting the students. Even if you didn't have cellphone coverage it was worth it!!

25th July, Start of Term Three

Hurunui College Senior Badminton Competition

This is an annual competition held for students from Year 9-13. This year we held it in Term 3 and finished it off in Term 4. The players entered were:

Boys: Isaac Hassall, Jakob Pascoe, Roddy Murchison, Bradley White, Charlee Barrett, Jake Collins, Henry Earl, Blair Wilkins

Girls: Krista Vernal, Willow Vernal, MacKenzie Hinde, Tessa Allan, Miriam Clark

The winners were as follows:

Boys: 1st: Charlee Barrett, 2nd: Jake Collins, 3rd equal: Henry Earl/Blair Wilkins

Girls: 1st: Tessa Allan, 2nd: Miriam Clark

House Points for competing were as follows: Mason 4, Sheppard/Sumner/Taylor tied on 3.

29th July, Year 7-13 Ski Trip

The ski trip was cancelled, after bad weather on both the scheduled and postponement date.

1st August, Nils Klein and Elisa Merkl arrive in New Zealand

Nils' and Elisa's first impressions about the Hurunui College / New Zealand

After hearing the principal was at the airport waiting for us at midnight to pick us up, not knowing that we missed the next flight from Brisbane to Christchurch, we still had a good start. We've been welcomed and we were looking forward to the year.

During our orientation time we stayed with host families for the first four weeks. Each of us was in two different families for two weeks and we both had a lovely time with them. We felt at home quickly and it was nice to know someone who could help us right from the start. Both of us are still in close contact with them and are always welcomed.

At school, the first days were a little bit challenging. All these new things you learn and all these new names you try to remember – and everything in ENGLISH! But as soon as we were introduced to the whole school, we felt accepted and part of the team and after a couple of days we got more used to our new environment. We love the school activities and the possibility to involve ourselves. Our work is very enjoyable and we are looking forward to the rest of our adventure in New Zealand.

You're lucky to have such great scenery as well as it just takes a short time to reach the sea and the mountains. We try to see as much as we can and we've already been to a lot of places since we arrived.

How to become a Kiwi

- √ Go to a rugby game
- √ Play Touch Rugby
- √ Eat Hokey Pokey ice cream
- √ Don't like Auckland
- × See a Kiwi
- √ Eat Marmite (Nils didn't)
- √ Say: "Bugger!", "Giddy", "Sweet as", "Yea Nah", "Bloody...", "Ey?"
- √ Eat Lamb and sheep (Well, Nils did. Elisa didn't. Bloody vegetarian...)
- × Rabbit shooting
- √ Learn a Haka and Maori games as well as Songs
- √ Go Barefoot
- √ Drink L&P
- √ Experience an Earthquake



3rd August, Full School Assembly

We had Nick Martin, Senior Agribusiness Manager, from Westpac come into school to present the Westpac Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award. The nomination was put forward by Miriam Clark through her involvement with the Sir Peter Blake Trust. The award was presented to Eva Marrayatt for her work as the 40 hour famine coordinator, student council representative, her achievements and involvement within the school debating team and the winning of the junior oral language cup in 2015. Eva is seen as a student that leads by example and a worthy young recipient of the award. Well done Eva, a wonderful achievement.



1st - 4th August, Matariki Celebrations, CASA Kapa Haka

The week was kicked off with the lighting of the hangi at 3.30am on Monday morning and marked the beginning of our Matariki celebrations at Hurunui College. The day went exceptionally well with the whole school being involved in activities that celebrated Maori culture. This culminated in the lifting of the hangi (top right) and a shared hākari (feast) for over 200 people at Hurunui College. The hangi was perfectly cooked and greatly received by all. Thank you to all who contributed food, effort and time to make this so successful. The Matariki celebrations signified a



wonderful coming together of our community with many parents and extended families involved in different aspects of the day and it was impressive to see the number of people mucking in to get the myriad of jobs done. This ranged from peeling spuds to, preparing the hangi pit, through to assisting with activities and helping with the clean-up. Ka mau te wehi! (That's outstanding!). We also hosted the Canterbury Area Schools' Kapa Haka festival, with Akaroa, Cheviot, Amuri and Oxford Area Schools coming to Hurunui College to perform and learn more about Kapa Haka. A huge thank you to Sonia Talivai who has spear-headed the organisation of both these events and has done so quietly and confidently with little fuss or panic. An amazing effort.

16th August, HPSSA 7 Aside

7-a-side: was held this year at Hurunui College as the three area schools have shifted events around. Cheviot host swimming, Amuri athletics and us seven-a-side. We held this event on Tuesday 16 August. Students compete in Touch Rugby, Soccer and Netball, practising starts a few weeks before the day. Some senior students assist with coaching these teams before the day and they all helped on the day as coaches, managers and refereeing. Many thanks for the great work. Well done to all the students who were very good role models for the school and competed to the best of your ability. Thank you to the PTA who held a BBQ and Tuck Shop as their fundraiser.

24th August, Cantamath Comp



*25th August,
Daffodil Day*

27th August, CASA Senior Formal

29th August - 2nd September, SI Netball Dunedin

This year the girls travelled to Nelson for tournament week. They played two games each day, battling against schools from across the South Island. We had victories against Fiordland, Mountain View, Northern Southland and Reefton Area School. These wins set the girls up for a top four placing in C Grade, an awesome achievement. After some very highly contested games they lost the remaining games to Waimate, Greymouth, Queen Charlotte and Golden Bay High Schools. With an overall ranking of 4th, the girls did really well! They had a fun week away with lots of laughs and the girls represented our school with pride. Thanks to Paula Beck, Haley Ross and Julia Steel (our umpire) for accompanying the girls.

Team members:

Ashleigh Beck
Rachel Garside
Jamie Lee Barnes
Ashleigh Lintott
Tessa Allan
Storme Smith
Jade Northover
Yvonne Mitchell (Cheviot Area School)
Katelyn Ellis (Cheviot Area School)



30th August - 3rd September, Area Schools Rugby Hamilton



3rd - 4th September, Nina Valley Trip

9th September, North Canterbury Primary Basketball Competition

This year we had five teams entered in this competition that runs on Friday nights from September to December.

Hurunui Hotshots (Year 5/6): Regan Kay, Hunter Cattermole, Ollie Zino, Sophie Wright, Neve Cassidy, Jerry Harker, Cody Quirke, Sam Hartnell (Amuri).

Coach Nils/Sarah, Manager Keri

Hurunui Hurricanes (Year 5/6): Jai Marryatt, Mateo Bonny, Daniel Topp, Olivia Frame, Briana Hodgen, Maggie Ferguson, Ella Ferguson, Josh Gunn.

Coach Nicci Heywood, Manager Jen Banks

Hurunui Hustlers (Year 7): Tahlia Beck, Lucy Frame, April Kelly, Anika McWin, Nathan Kay, Jack Zino, Jack Tweed, Fred Calder

Coach Ashleigh/Paula Beck Manager Bridget Frame

Hurunui Hoopsters (Year 7): Eva Marryatt, Katie Gunn, Millie Hassall, George Hicks, William Costello, Rommel Wilson, Martin Quigley.

Coach Sam Wilson, Manager Katrina Quigley/Bronnie Gunn.

Hurunui High Flyers (Year 8): Sean Hassall, Jake Topp, Liam Henderson, Guy Jensen, Roddy Murchison, Archer Pascoe, Michael Courto, Liam Cassidy, Bill Bailey, Ben Hartnell (Amuri).

Coach Isaac Hassall, Manager Kate Jensen.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our coaches/managers and parents who assist each week. It is always much appreciated to have this support. At the time of print all teams were still playing so sorry can't put in results.

16th September, Mufti Day

17th / 18th, September Korfball

The Hurunui College Year 9 and 10 korfball team competed at the South Island Secondary Schools Korfball competition held in Christchurch over the weekend.



19th-21st September, Destination Unknown Primary Production



At the end of Term 3 the primary school hosted a amazing production. Destination unknown written and directed by Mrs Marryatt, Ms Finlay and Mrs McQillun. It was a funny story kind of like the magic school bus about a class going on a school trip that turns out bad the bus goes a wall and end up going to all different countries and meeting lots of different characters and had lots of fun. And learn a valuable lesson about culture. All of the actors were outstanding. It was fun!! *By Katie Gunn*

23rd September, End of Term 3

10th October, Start of Term 4

Hurunui College Junior Tennis Competition

The Tennis Competition was held through the lunch times, in Term 4, for anyone interested up to Year 8. The following students competed:

Junior Boys: Louie Bethell, Michael Courto, Liam Henderson, Dean Cottrell, Rommel Wilson, Jack Zino, Geordie Hassall, Josh Gunn

Junior Girls: Sophie Wright, Millie Hassall, Georgie Bethell, Olivia Frame, Ella Ferguson

Congratulations to the following students who won:

Champion Junior Boy: Rommel Wilson

Champion Junior Girl: Millie Hassall

House points for competing were as follows: Taylor 7, Sumner 3, Sheppard 2, Mason 1

21 October, John R Allison Memorial Essay Competition

This competition is run by the Canterbury Pilgrims and Early Settlers Association with a prize of one hundred dollars presented to the writer and their school for the best essay written about what life was like for the early settlers in Canterbury.

I had ten months to write the essay where I had to include the living conditions in the early Canterbury home, what children did for entertainment before there was school and where I got my information from. I decided to write about my great, great, great grandfather George Westall when he arrived at Lyttelton at the age of thirteen. I wrote the essay in a series of letters from George to his grandmother back at England. On Friday the twenty first of October 2016 I handed in my essay which was emailed to the competition judges and I won. I would like to thank the Canterbury Pilgrims and Early Settlers Association and my mum for the information she shared on our family. *Roddy Murchison Year 8 2016.*

21st October, Craig Smith Wonkey Donkey



22nd / 24th October

Wananga Taiaha Labour Weekend 2016

Over Labour Weekend Hurunui College had two students who attended a course on learning about the Taiaha. Jordan Dunn (Year 9) and Reuben Miller (Year 10). This was Jordan's second time attending this year and Reuben's first. Jordan was awarded second place and highly commended by the tutors at the wananga. Both students enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to returning to further their knowledge. The wananga are run by Tu Toka Tu Arika at Te Awhitu Estate every public holiday.

27th October, Christchurch Music Festival



28th / 29th October Nina Valley Trip

The Kiwiwatch group had a successful trip up the Nina over the weekend, and although we caught only one stoat over 200 traps, we expect things to ramp up in the summer. We caught some possums and saw some kea and a falcon too. We also started a new fish meat lure trial on behalf of DOC. Most importantly, we recorded telemetry data from our kiwis that are wearing transmitters and can confirm that at least four pairs are incubating eggs this season - hopefully this will result in four new kiwi chicks for the programme. Also, congratulations to the group on being finalists in the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board Awards and receiving a \$500 cash prize.

1st November, Mufti Day

2nd November, Athletic Sports ppd

Hurunui College athletics day was postponed from Wednesday 26 October until Wednesday 2 November. All students competed with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Thanks to all the staff who helped with the running of this day, we couldn't do it without you all. Quite a number of records were broken and the following students should be congratulated:

Results are as follows:

Champion Year 3-4 Girls: Brooke Dunn
Runner Up: Katie Keeble

Boys: Andrew Fincham
Boys: Riley Abbott

Champion Year 5-6 Girls: Olivia Frame
Runner Up: Regan Kay
Champion Year 7-10 Girls: Tessa Allan

Boys: Geordie Hassall
Boys: Luke Chisnall
Boys: Douglas Quigley

Runner Up: Georgia Costello Boys: Michael Courto

Champion Snr Girls: Krista Vernal Boys: Fletcher Earl

Overall house results for athletics are as follows:
Taylor 1st, Sumner 2nd, Mason 3rd, Sheppard 4th

7th November, HPSSA Athletic Sports

Following on from our school Athletics Day a team of primary students went to Amuri for the Hurunui Primary School Sports Assn Zone Athletics on Monday 7 November.

They were: Blake Earl, Samuel Dobbs, Riley Abbott, Alice Iremonger, Brooke Dunn, Hayley Earl, Katie Keeble, Andrew Fincham, Davey Talivai, Regan Kay, Katie Spencer, Maddie Brinsdon, Cameron Berry, Flynn Ginders, Seth Smith, Angus Hodgen, Hunter Cattermole, Neve Cassidy, Sophie Wright, Luke Chisnall, Ollie Zino, Georgie Bethell, Jessica Fincham, Geordie Hassall, Jai Marryatt, Josh Gunn, Ella Ferguson, Bri Hodgen, Olivia Frame, Willow Wildermoth, Cody McMullan, Jakob Pascoe, Ruth Buckland, Angus Zino, Fred Calder, Nathan Kay, Chevannah Smith, Millie Hassall, Tahlia Beck, Eva Marryatt, Katie Gunn, Jack Zino, Rommel Wilson, Alizae Tavai, Daniel Purvis, Louie Bethell, Michael Courto, Aidan McLean, Guy Jensen

As a result of this some students were then selected to attend the Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics Championships in Ashburton on Wednesday 7th December. The students that go to Ashburton have all won their events at the Hurunui Primary School Sports in Amuri.

They were: Regan Kay, Georgie Bethell, Jessica Fincham, Geordie Hassall, Ollie Zino, Josh Gunn, Fred Calder, Cody McMullan, Nathan Kay, Angus Zino, Eva Marryatt, Millie Hassall, Tahlia Beck, Olivia Frame, Jack Zino, Rommel Wilson, Daniel Purvis, Michael Courto, Aidan McLean.
Congratulations to these students.

9th November, last day for Year 11-13 Students

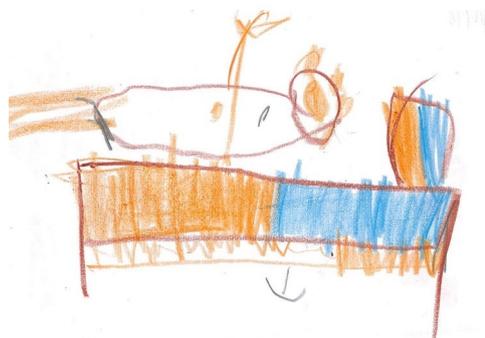
14th November, North Canterbury Earthquake

Recounts by Whero Class

Mum and Dad woke me up in the earthquake. *Written by Darcy Ramsay*



My Dad cleared the bridge with the bulldozer. *Written by Jake Abbott*



25th November, 2017 Year 9 Orientation Day

1st December, CPSSA Triathlon at Pegasus

After the event being postponed earlier in the year due to water conditions we went and competed on Thursday at Pegasus. Nathan Kay came 8th out of 64, which was very impressive! After a ride with a flat tyre all the way Jakob Pascoe came 47th out of 82, Ella 45th out of 69 and Archer 46th out of 59 in their age groups.

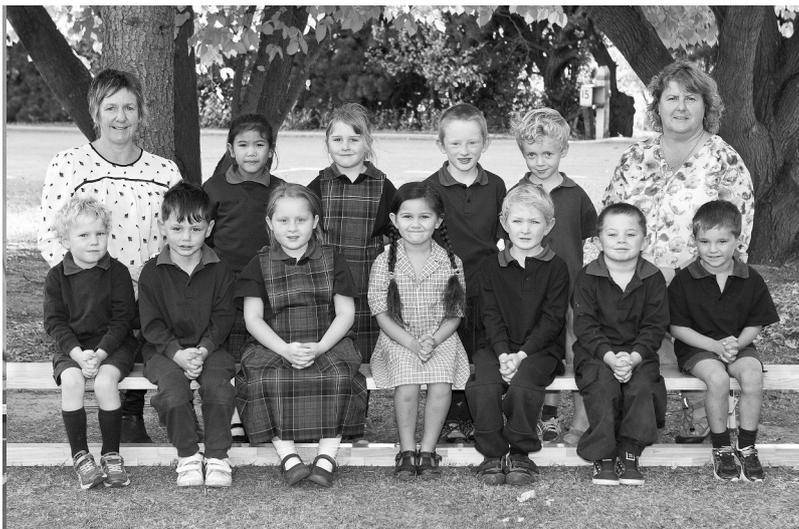
7th December, CPSSA Athletic Sports

13th December, Hurunui College Prize Giving

Happy Holidays Everyone, see you in 2017!!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Whero Class



Back: Mrs J Marsh, Alexa Vermont, Gemma Costello, Joshua Spencer, Harry Sidey, Miss J Banks

Front: Jack Savage, Charlie Donohue Braas, Abby Iremonger, Aurora Smith, Ollie Chilton, Jake Abbott

Kakariki Class



Front: Miss J Jackson, Te Whero Donohue Braas, Emma Kinzett, Ashlee Murray, Charlie Carthy, Bailee Cattermole, Sinead Chisnall

Middle: Connor Earl, Will Zino, Kohatu Cottrell, Leah Crawford, Josie Earl

Front: Liam Clausen, Maggie Radford, Hamish Thompson, Shea Kelly, Dustin Wright, Kahliah Robns

Waiporoporo Class



Back: Miss J McQuillan, Grace McKnight, Blake Earl, Matilda Chilton, Riley Abbott

Middle: Samuel Dobbs, Pieta Sidey, Henri Morgan, Harry Giller, Ben Spencer

Front: Taimana Reti, Alice Iremonger, Poppy Radford, Sophie Thompson, Grace Dagcutan, Libby Ginders

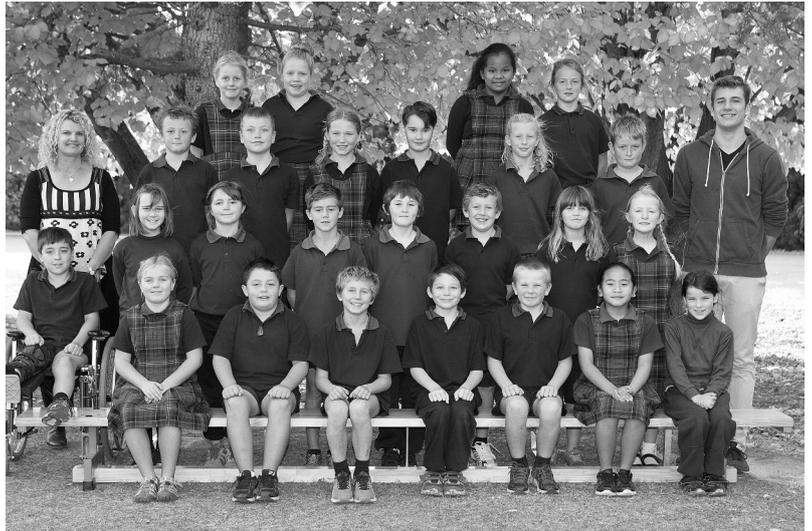
Back: Ella McKnight, Sophie Wright, Shane Gannaban, Regan Kay

Third: Mrs J Tilson, Luke Chisnall, Tom Barnes, Ella Richards, Rowan Morgan, Neve Cassidy, Hunter Cattermole, Mr P Grupe

Second: Angus Hodgen, Jessie McMullan, Brooke Dunn, Ollie Zino, Rowan Clausen, Seth Smith, Hayley Earl, Katie Spencer

Front: Katie Keeble, Davey Talivai, Andrew Fincham, Cameron Berry, Flynn Ginders, Angel Dagcutan, Hannah Buckland

Absent: Clara Giller, Abbie Baguley



Kowhai Class

Back: Josh Gunn, Sam Earl, Mateo Bonny, Willow Wildermoth, Briana Hodgen, Harper Pugh, Jakob Pascoe

Middle: Georgie Bethell, Angus Z, Rachael Burnett, Olivia Frame, Geordie Hassall, David Dagcutan, Maggie Ferguson, Miss J Findlay

Front: Ruth Buckland, Cody Quirke, Jai Marryatt, Daniel Topp, Ella Ferguson, Caleb Spencer, Neihana Hoeta Smith, Jessica Fincham, Cody McMullan



Kikorangi Class

Back: Rommel Wilson, Chevannah Smith, Sam Hunter Weston, Lucy Frame, William Costello, Kathryn Gunn, Nathan Kay

Middle: Mrs P Beck, Jack Zino, Tahlia Beck, Alizae Tavai, Catelyn Berry, Fred Calder, Eva Marryatt, Mrs M Marryatt

Front: George Hicks, Stacey Jack, Martin Quigley, Millie Hassall, Jack Tweed, April Kelly, Joseph Clark, Anika McWin, Alexei Nichol



Karaka Class

Year 8



Back: Archer Pascoe, Louie Bethell, Aiden McLean, Roddy Murchison

Third: Crystal Reed, Daniel Purvis, Kaitlin Keith, Guy Jensen, Yasmin Sparks, Sean Hassall

Second: Chevon White, Caleb Dellow, Dean Cottrell, Beth Hicks, Nik McMullan, Jake Topp, Shakira Cameron, Miss S Talivai

Front: Callum Clausen, Logan Dunn, Jacob Ward, Liam Cassidy, Damien Durand, Liam Henderson, Michael Courto, Bill Bailey

Year 9



Back; Claire Pansters, Caleb Norton, Jack Buxton, William White, Luke Sterne, Beau McKay, Abigail Merry

Middle: Jade Northover, Ashley Burnett, Jordan Dunn, Quan Quirke, Luke Svensson, Charlee Barrett, Brooke Plaskett, Miss H Ross

Front: Bradley White, Carlos Erale, Nikita Kirwan, Trinity O'Brien, Mitch Berry, Georgia Costello, Sapphire Sunnex, Liam Marsh, Matthew Stackhouse

Year 10



Back: Tristan Durand, Caleb Beck, Cailan Morgan, Douglas Quigley, Eli Bullmore

Third: Brodie Cameron, Charlotte Cassidy, Brodie Shepherd, Morgan Bailey, Emily Dellaway, Rueben Miller

Second: Mr N Scott, Jackson Northover, Zoe Watson, Hamish Stackhouse, Tessa Nathan, Shane Armstrong, Mrs T Jolliffe

Front: Tessa Allan, Ashleigh Brown, Hayley Spencer, Storme Smith, Briar Sparks, Sophie Nathan, Mackenzie Hinde, Victoria McLellan

Absent: Holly Crean, Cassie Keith

Back: Johnny Murchison, George Wilkins,
Ethan Purvis, Henry Earl, Josh Collins, Kent
Palabrica

Middle: Jack Trembath, Todd Wilkins, Cherie
Sutherland, Jackson Bau, Krista Vernal, Blair
Wilkins, Mathew Garside, Mr N Scott

Front: India Garden Young, Sarah Allington,
Ashleigh Lintott, Jean Durand, Grace
Spencer, Asra Ginders, Lee Anne Alcantara,
Joanne Bircham



Year 11

Back: Liam Costello, Caleb McMullan, Flynn
Ginders, Blair Norton, Fletcher Earl, Keeley
Bovey

Middle: Levi Cameron, James Metcalfe,
Corde Prendeville, Tom Ruck, Jack Svensson,
Dylan Topp, Calybe Chambers

Front: Chantelle White, Cherish Bullmore,
Ashleigh Watson, Jamie Lee Barnes, Tessa
McGirr, Skyla Squires, Laura Clyma, Miriam
Clark



Year 12

Back: Ricki Allan, Isaac Hassall, Callum Hinde,
Elbert Alcantara, Jake Collins

Front: Rachel Garside, Ashleigh Beck, Kodie
Plaskett, Willow Vernal



Year 13

Senior Girls Basketball



L-R Jade Northover, India Garden Young, Tessa McGirr, Krista Vernal, Jamie Lee Barnes, Willow Vernal

Senior Boys Basketball



L-R Caleb Back, Fletcher Earl, Blair Norton, Flynn Crean, Henry Earl, Tom Ruck, Isaac Hassall, Douglas Quigley

Tennis Competition



L-R Ricki Allan, Tessa Allan

L-R Charlee Barrett, Tessa Allan



Badminton

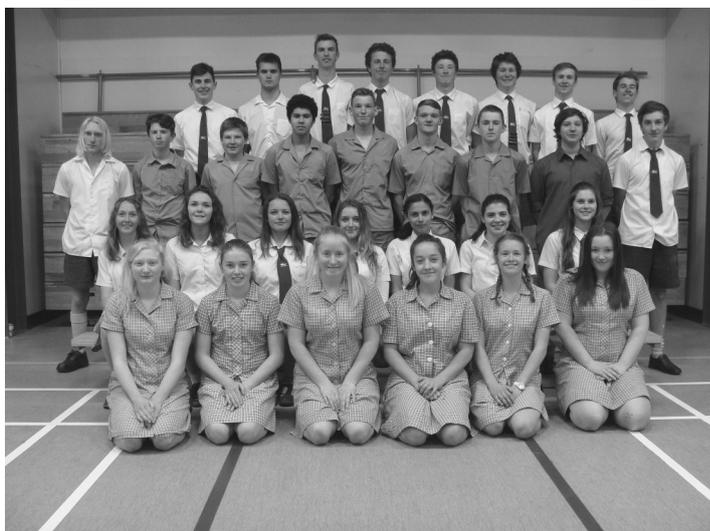
Back Issac Hassal, Caleb McMullan, Flynn Crean, Blair Norton, Henry Earl, Tom Ruck, Ricki Allan, Blair Wilkins

Middle Jake Collins, Caleb Norton, Mitch Berry, Eli Bullmore, Douglas Quigley, Caleb Beck, Morgan Bailey, Beau McKay, Josh Collins

Middle Ashleigh Watson, Ashleigh Beck, Jamie Lee Barnes, India Garden Young, Miriam Clark, Willow Vernal, Krista Vernal

Front Charlotte Cassidy, Georgia Costello, Hayley Spencer, Jade Northover, Tessa Allan, Storm Smith

Absent Elbert Alcantara, Zoe Watson, Tessa Nathan, Kodie Plaskett



CASAfest

Back Olivia Frame, Lucy Frame, Millie Hassall, Georgie Bethell

Front Fred Calder, Nathan Kay, Rommel Wilson, Louie Bethell

Absent Geordie Hassall, Angus Zino



Canterbury Primary Swimming

CCHS Swimming



Back Jake Collins, Krista Vernal, Louie Bethell, Caleb Beck, Nathan Kay, Rommel Wilson

Front Charlotte Cassidy, Mille Hassall, Lucy Frame

Absent Josh Collins, Jake Topp, Zoe Watson, Skyla Squires

CCHS Athletics



Back Ashleigh Watson, Isaac Hassall, Tessa McGirr, Caleb McMullan, Henry Earl, Blair Wilkins, Jackson Bau, Jamie Lee Barnes

Middle Michael Courto, Guy Jensen, Louie Bethell, Douglas Quigley, Caleb Beck, Archer Pascoe, Nathan Kay, Rommel Wilson, Fred Calder

Front Hayley Spencer, Tessa McGirr, Tahlia Beck, Charlotte Cassidy, Eva Marryatt, Millie Hassall, Lucy Frame, Katie Gunn, Storm Smith

Absent Zoe Watson, Jack Zino, Tessa Nathan

SISS Netball



L-R Yvonne Mitchel, Tessa Allan, Rachel Garside, Jade Northover, Storme Smith, Ashleigh Lintott, Jamie Lee Barnes, Ashleigh Beck, Katelyn Ellis

Back Jack Zino, Rommel Wilson, William Costello, Nathan Kay

Front Jack Tweed, Fred Calder

Absent Martin Quigley, Sam Hunter Weston



Hurunui High Flyers Term 1

Back Issac Hassall, Sean Hassall, Archer Pascoe, Roddy Murchison, Jake Topp, Liam Henderson

Front Guy Jensen, Michael Courto, Bill Bailey, Liam Cassidy



Hurunui High Flyers, Term 4

Back Sean Hassall, Roddy Murchison, Jake Topp, Liam Henderson

Front Liam Cassidy, Bill Bailey



Hurunui Hoopsters, Term 1

Hurunui Hoopsters, Term 4



Back George Hicks, Rommel Wilson, William Costello, Martin Quigley

Front Eva Marryatt, Millie Hassall, Katie Gunn

Hurunui Hotshots T1



L-R Hunter Cattermole, Regan Kay, Ella Ferguson, Olivia Frame, Neve Cassidy, Ollie Zino

Absent Bri Hodgen, Jai Marryatt, Mateo Bonny

Hurunui Hotshots T4



L-R Hunter Cattermole, Neve Cassidy, Sophie Wright, Regan Kay, Ollie Zino

Absent Jerry Harker, Cody Quirke

Back Katie Gunn, Lucy Frame, Eva Marrayatt,
Millie Hassall

Front Tahlia Beck, Anika McWin

Absent April Kelly



Hurunui Hustlers T1

Back April Kelly, Lucy Frame, Tahlia Beck,
Anika McWin

Front Nathan Kay, Jack Tweed, Jack Zino,
Fred Calder



Hurunui Hustlers T4

Back Josh Gunn, Briana Hodgen, Oliva Frame,
Maggie Ferguson

Front Daniel Topp, Ella Ferguson

Absent Jai Marrayatt, Mateo Bonny



Hurunui Hurricanes, T4

Triathlon



Back Krista Vernal, Miriam Clark, Jake Collins, Ashleigh Beck, Caleb Beck

Front Jack Zino, Nathan Kay, Fred Calder, Rommel Wilson, Ollie Zino

Cross Country



L-R Regan Kay, Henry Earl, Miriam Clark

Absent Jacob Pascoe

Cross Country, Canterbury



Back Liam Henderson, Michael Courto, Nathan Kay, Rommel Wilson

Front Regan Kay, Evan Marryatt, Lucy Frame, Millie Hassall, Georgie Bethell

Back Mr Ferguson, Isaac Hassall, Caleb McMullan, Flynn Crean, Blair Norton, Henry Earl, Jackson Bau
Front Ashleigh Beck, Jamie Lee Barnes, Caleb Beck, Tessa Allan, Krista Vernal



L-R Flynn Crean, Mr Ferguson, Caleb Beck

