

# Ngaruawahia High School Newsletter



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Whakatauki: Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu  
*Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations*

## Welcome to Ngaruawahia High School 2018



New students and staff are welcomed to Ngaruawahia High School with our traditional poowhiri on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, they are then escorted by the senior students to begin Adventure Based Learning (ABL) activities. The senior students have been in school the previous week learning and fine-tuning and then practicing their leadership skills.



**2018  
Head Students**



**Creed Fletcher**



**Teina Eriepa**

**BOT  
Representative**



**Rain-Skye McCormick**

**Strengthening our school culture**

In 2018 we continue building and strengthening our school culture. The year begins with a citizenship and leadership programme for senior students.

The senior students learn to be leaders. They learn about whakawhanaungatanga, manaakitanga, leadership styles, the value of contributing, leaving a legacy and their sphere of influence.

They are encouraged to explore the different styles of leadership and practice them, then decide on their best style and how to maximise its advantages and minimise the pitfalls

At the end of each day the seniors come together to evaluate how well their leadership style is working and collaborate to improve the outcome for their group.

Our school is quite unique in its ability to have the whole school go 'on camp' and have senior and junior students interacting and socializing; our senior students embedding our school culture of 'belonging and support' with the junior students.

Senior students are still very involved with their maunga groups that were formed 'on camp' and continue to mentor their juniors.



# Poowhiri at Turangawaewae Marae

February 8<sup>th</sup>



# Overnight stay at Turangawaewae Marae

Heading off for tramps at 5.30am



# Pirongia



# Karioi



## Rachael Goulin



*A bit about me - I grew up on Regent Street, Ngaruawahia and went to St. Pauls' Primary School followed by Sacred Heart Girls' College. I have a Bachelor Degree in Science and my career before teaching was in the analytical laboratory field. I Teacher Aided here at Ngaruawahia High School for three years before studying and obtaining my Teaching Degree at Waikato University in 2017. I enjoy gardening and art, and LOVE to swim (yes - growing up I was a 'river rat'!) I am passionate about restoring our Waikato and Waipa rivers and am excited to keep sharing my knowledge and experiences with our tamariki, while also learning a lot from them too!*

## Carmel Skeaff



Kia ora, I am the new visual art and photography teacher. I have just moved here from Rotorua but I am originally from Dunedin (however it's too cold to go back there). I originally moved up north to study and completed my Bachelor of Fine Arts, Rumaki Reo and Masters of Teaching in Auckland before moving to Rotorua to teach at Western Heights High School. I spend a lot of my time supporting, Baha'i inspired, community building programs in Fairfield and around the central North Island. I also enjoy making jewellery, swimming and drinking good coffee. I am looking forward to developing friendships with the many diverse members of the Ngaruawahia community and supporting the students to excel in all their endeavours.

## Nicole Rakena



Kia Ora, I am Nicole Rakena and I am the new hospitality teacher at Ngaruawahia. I have such a passion for teaching, I choose this career due to my drive to make a difference in young lives and I absolutely love what I do. I truly believe I have the best job ever being the hospitality teacher being able to inspire creativity and passion for food in a unique way. I love creating beautiful meals for my family to enjoy as well as having a very sport orientated background with my studies focusing in sport and outdoor education. I absolutely love being outdoors, whether it be at the beach or on the water but most of all I love spending time with my family.



### School Nurse:

Clinic days are:

**Monday**  
**Thursday**  
**Friday**

Sarita MacDonald  
Ngaruawahia High School Nurse  
Midlands Health Network



### Samuel Haehae

Utility player  
for the 17s  
Softball Rest  
Team

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## Matutaera Herangi



Ko Taupiri te Maunga  
 Ko Waikato te Awa  
 Ko Potatau te tangata  
 He piko, he taniwha, he piko he taniwha  
 Waikato Taniwharau  
 Ko Matutaera Herangi tooku ingoa  
 No Ngaruawahia ahau

Kia ora,  
 My name is Matutaera Herangi, I grew up here in Ngaruawahia but attended Secondary school in Hawkes at Te Aute College Maori boys boarding school. I have only just begun my teaching career having previously worked at Radio Tainui as an announcer and sound production/ engineer for the past 13 years. This year I am teaching year 10 Te Reo, Year 9/ 10 Music and Level 1/ 2 Maori Performing Arts. I have 5 tamariki and have been married for 14 years to my beautiful wife Mona who teaches next door at Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Bernard Fergusson. The reason I chose to teach here is to make a positive impact on our kids at Ngaruawahia High School for the benefit of our community and our town. I have a strong connection and affinity with Turangawaewae Marae and Turangawaewae Rugby League Sports and Cultural club as well as many of the parents and grandparents of the kids in our kura. I have made a commitment to being my best as a guide, role model and teacher for every child here at our kura.

## Carl Shepherd

Ko Tokatoka te Maunga  
 Ko Wairoa te Awa  
 Ko Kaipara te Moana  
 Ko Nga Taiwhakarongorua te Marae  
 Ko Mahuhukiterangi te Waka  
 Ko Ngati Whātua te Iwi  
 Ko Carl Shepherd tōku ingoa  
 Ahakoa nō Ngapuhi ahau, i tipu ahau ki Ngāruawāhia mō ngā tau e toru. He taura ahau i kōnei i te tau kotahi mano, iwa rau, iwa tekau ma rima, tae noa ki te tau, rua mano. Heoi, he kaiako ahau ki te kura i tenei wa. No rēira he wero nunui mooku ki te tautoko, ā, ki te awhinatia ngā taura me a ratou whanau o tēnei kura.

Anei taku korero whakamutunga, he whakatauki ki ngā taura mō tēnei tau - "Mehemea ka moemoeā ahau, ko ahau anake. Mehemea ka moemoeā tātou, ka taea tātou!"

"If I were to dream alone, only I would benefit. If we dream together, we could achieve anything"

- Na Te Puea Herangi



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EMBRACE THE FUTURE

WHAT? A youth action group  
 WHO? People aged 12-24  
 WHERE? Ngaruawahia Community House  
 WHEN? 4:30-6:00. Every second Wednesday  
 WHY? To get youth involved in their community



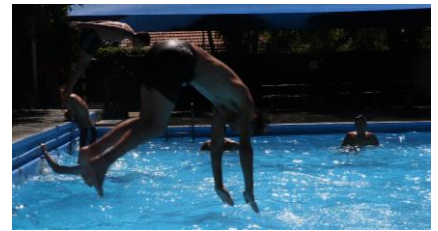
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## New School Van



# Swimming Sports

16<sup>th</sup> February



The weather this summer has been spectacular. Brilliant, hot, sunny days that made it harder to get used to classrooms again. It was great to have the Swimming Sports and Athletics Day to take advantage of the weather and the chance to spend all day outside.

# Athletics Day 23<sup>rd</sup> February

