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TE KURA TUARUA O TANIWHARAU 2024







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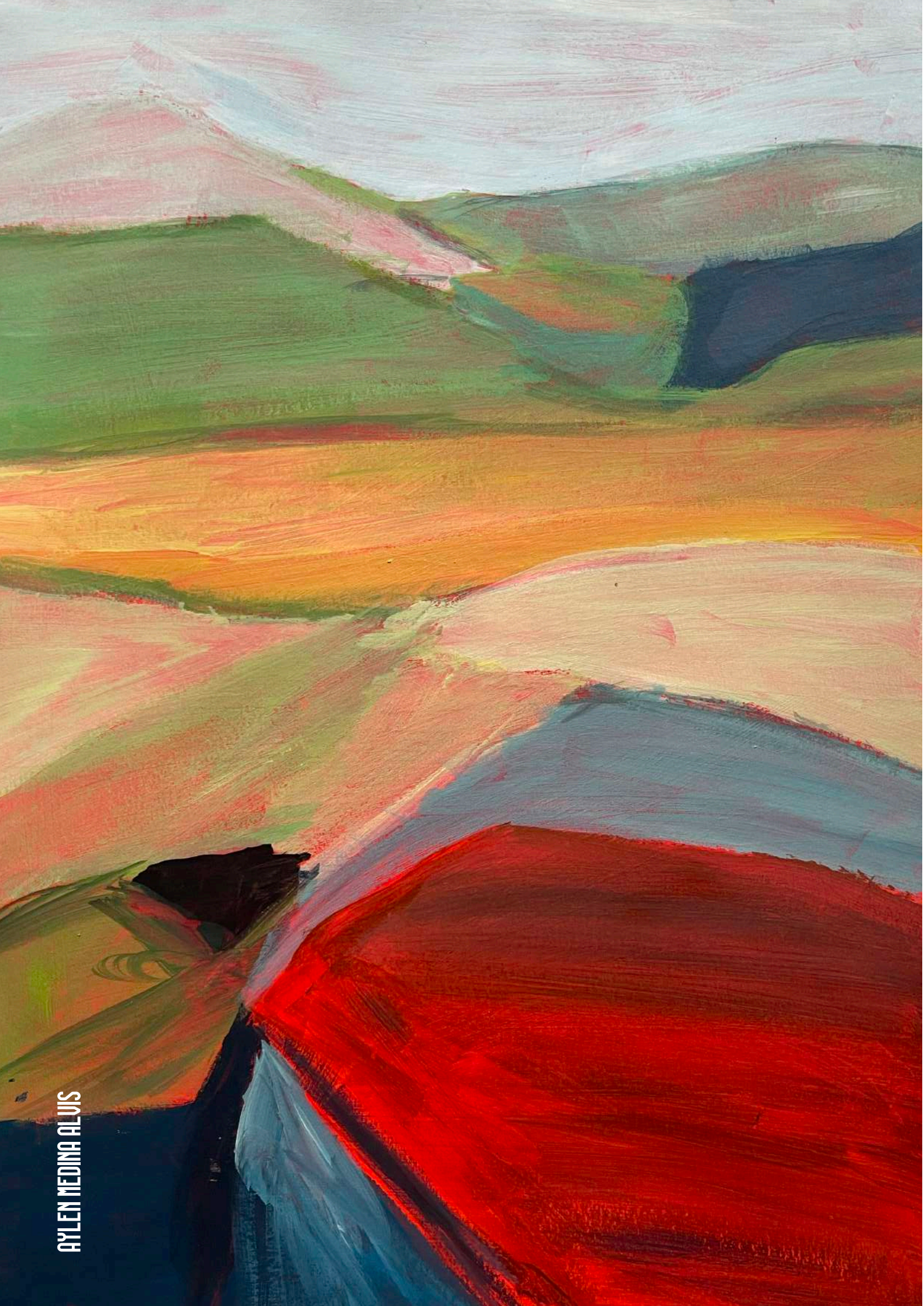


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An abstract landscape painting featuring a large, vibrant red foreground area, a blue body of water, and rolling hills in shades of green and yellow under a pale sky. The brushstrokes are visible and expressive, creating a sense of movement and depth. The composition is divided into horizontal bands of color, with the red area at the bottom, followed by blue, then yellow and green, and finally a pale sky at the top. The overall mood is serene yet dynamic.

AYLEN MEDINA ALUIS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE 2024

*Teenaa koutou
Teenaa koutou
Teenaa koutou katoa*

Ka mihi au ki te maunga o Te Pane o Mataaho

Ko Hauraki te moana

Ko Ingarangi te whenua o ooku tuupuna

I te tau 1965 i haere mai a Bramston ki Aotearoa

Ko Taamaki Makaurau te kaainga tupu o tooku whaanau

Ko Andrew tooku ingoa

2024 has been another remarkable year at Fraser High School, filled with achievements that reflect the heart and dedication of our kura. Each year, we warmly welcome new staff and students to Taniwharau with a poowhiri—a truly special moment that showcases our community's strength and spirit. This year, as Acting Tumuaki, I have felt especially privileged to witness these moments firsthand, experiencing the depth of connection with our whaanau and sharing my own journey in education.

As we approach the end of the year, I am reminded of this quote: "Students remember their relationships. They remember the people who believed in them. They remember developing new skills and having confidence in those skills." This sentiment resonates deeply with the ethos of our kura. At Fraser, we are committed to fostering a teaching and learning environment where our aakonga have daily opportunities to develop new skills and form meaningful connections.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our executive team, whose leadership has guided the school forward, to our Board of Trustees for their steadfast commitment to supporting our kura and prioritising our community, and to every single staff member at Fraser. It is each of you who makes a difference in the lives of our students and their whaanau. Every interaction, every lesson, every moment of support is an opportunity to create positive change.

In 2022, I made the decision to move my whaanau to the Waikato, drawn by the opportunity to work at Fraser High School. From the moment I was welcomed with a poowhiri, I felt the powerful presence of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga. It was a warmth and connection that I hadn't experienced at other kura. The Fraser community embraced and supported me from the start, and I quickly realised that the heart of Fraser is in the relationships we build and the aakonga we serve.

Being tumuaki has long been a dream of mine, and to serve this community—to be part of a place where values and people truly matter—has been one of the highlights of my career. I am proud of the resilience, talent, and dedication that make Fraser High School what it is. The strength of Fraser is woven through every connection we make and every student we empower.

2024 has seen many highlights. Our students have excelled in sports, achieving national and regional honors. Our arts students continue to astound us with the quality and creativity of their work, and our school production once again shone a spotlight on the incredible talents within our kura. Academically, we have continued to grow, with students making significant strides in their learning.

To our entire Fraser whaanau, thank you for a year of hard work, inspiration, and dedication. It is an honor to be part of this community, and I look forward to the successes that lie ahead.

*Ngaa mihi maioha,
Andrew Bramston
Acting Tumuaki*



Te Tari o te Kiingitanga



30th August 2024

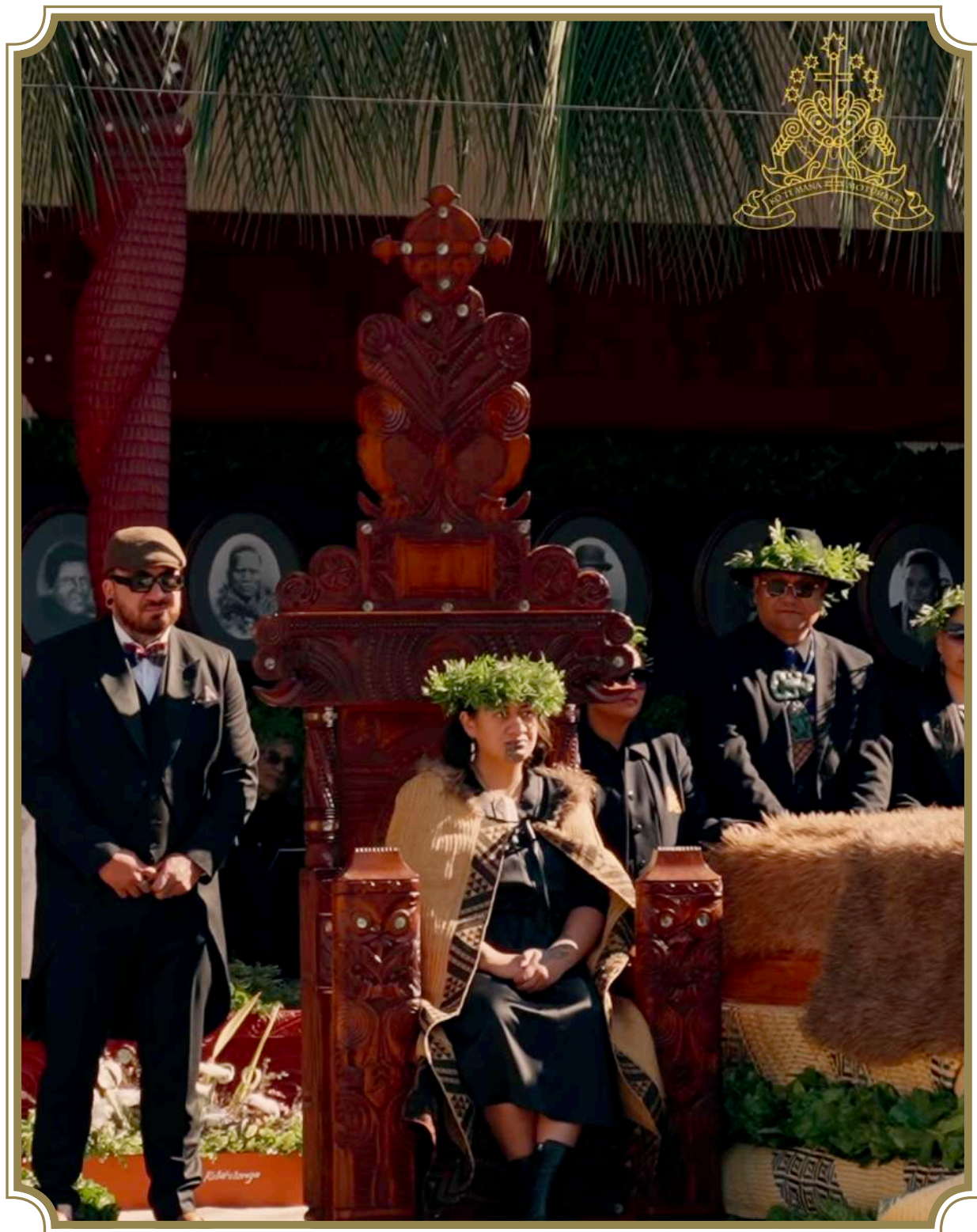
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF THE MAAORI KING

Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII has died peacefully this morning, accompanied by his wife Makau Ariki and their children Whatumoana, Korotangi, and Ngawai Hono I Te Po.

Kiingitanga Spokesman Rahui Papa says Te Kiingi had been in hospital recovering from heart surgery, just days after celebrating the 18th anniversary of his coronation.

"The death of Kiingi Tuheitia is a moment of great sadness for followers of Te Kiingitanga, Maaoridom and the entire nation."

He kura kua ngaro ki tua o Rangi-whakamoe-ariki. Moe mai raa
(A chief who has passed to the great beyond. Rest in love)



Te Tari o te Kiingitanga

5 September 2024



STATEMENT FROM TEKAU-MAA-RUA ME NGAA RANGATIRA O TE MOTU

Rangatira from across the motu have today chosen Nga Wai Hono i te Po as their Queen, the eighth Māori monarch and successor to Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII.

The new monarch was raised up in a ceremony known as Te Whakawahinga, in front of thousands of people gathered for the tangihanga of Kiingi Tuheitia.

After the Karakia Whakawahinga, Tumuaki Hone Taamihana placed a bible on the head of Nga Wai Hono i te Po, using the same bible that Tumuaki Wiremu Taamihana used to raise up the first Māori King Pootatau Te Wherowhero in 1858.

Archbishop Don Tamihere said a karakia and used sacred oils to bestow prestige, sacredness, power and spiritual essence upon Kuini Nga Wai Hono i te Po.

Te Whakawahinga was followed by a funeral service for Kiingi Tuheitia after which he was carried by waka to the sacred Tainui burial ground of Taupiri maunga.

Tekau-Maa-Rua Chairman Che Wilson says Te Whakawahinga is an important ceremony dating back for eight generations to Pootatau Te Wherowhero.

"We follow the tikanga of our ancestors who created the Kiingitanga to unify and uplift our people and we have chosen Nga Wai Hono i te Po as our new Monarch."

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024



GRADUATION WITH HONOURS

Lani	Ah Mu	Zeus	Estorco	Kylar	Mancer	Georgia	Strother
Kesomi	Ahokava	Kalib	Flavell	Holly	Manders	Wella	Taer
Maia	Armstrong	Shaheel	Hanif	Cyrus	Mansilla	Charm	Taitoko
Sophie	Barris	Saleban	Hassan	Jack	McCoy	Ihaia	Te Hira
Brayden	Bates	Ella	Hastie	Grace	McLennan	Te Wahaapu	Te Whau
Bradley	Bennett	Tamamutu	Heke	Paris-Jade	Morunga	Daechaan	Thompson
Maliana	Brown	Aty	Hill	Patience	Muliaumaseali'i	Rheagan	Thompson
Angitio	Bureieta	Gary	Ihaka	Jamie	Ngawhika Wright	Noah	Tomu
Ryleigh	Cadman	Claude	Irakoze	Aiden	O'Brien	Elisa	Tupou
Fergie Mhae	Cagayan Donnellon	Georgia	Jeffcote	Reikura	Paekau	Dylan	Turner
Blake	Cameron	Jayden	Kawerau	Wikitoria	Paletu'a	Juliet	Vahai
Mohit	Chauhan	Kayla	Kerapa	TeAhua	Popham	Kiearn	Vahai
Jason	Cheng	Lincoln	Kirkby	Kael	Poutu	Emma	Walmsley
Ashley	Cortezano	Mahinarangi	Kirkpatrick	Jade	Ramos	Harlym	Warena
Shivali	Crawford	Soni	Lalomanu	Ellie	Reid	Taira	Whareaorere
Levi	Cunnane	Melanie	Laurent	Lakai	Rix-Vanxay	Rowan	Whittaker
Tepare	Cuthers	Tuati	Lawrence	Khushi	Sehgal	Chavana	Wiki-Rahi
Mosiah	DeCaires	Talmage	Lealii E'e	Fatima	Sharfo	Benjamin	Winstone
Noah	Duffin	Sani	Lemaau	Swadhee	Sharma		
Charlotte	Entwisle-Phillips	Piper	Maikuku	Ulee	Skipper-Kane		



GRADUATION CERTIFICATE

DJ	Anderson
Daribel	Balcita
Yaya	Bennetto
Daniel	Botha
Hannah	Brown-Bayliss
Angimaua	Bureieta
Macyn	Burrows
Rylee	Carlson
Charlie	Cassidy-Brier
Keiran	Donoghue
Luke	Edwards
Mote	Eritana
Pelenatita	Fotu'aika
Te Atarau	Gordon-Crake
Byron	Gould-Erihe

Chaz	Green
Julian	Hardy
Tyana	Hawkins Ham
Isobel	Jamieson
Kaedyn	Johns
Zayden	Kelsen
Waiiki	Keung
Setelaite	Lau'i
Hunter	Murray-Simon
Daniel	Penney
Navnish	Prasad
Soul	Rayner
Elizabeth	Ruck-Nu'u
Travis	Scott
Kahurangi	Skelton

Caitlin	Speirs
Daniel	Stack
Riley	Sullivan
Selwyn	Tapatuetoa
Jaydah	Tarawa-Pene
Manea	Tearaura
Gabriel	Thomson
Lusi	Tuinavunawa
Azure	Walker
Amber	Wallis
Leighton	Watene Elsbury
Aaliyah	Wilson
Jared	Woolford
Katie	Wright

RYLEIGH CADMAN



We can't wait to graduate, we can't wait to finish high school, we can't wait to be 18. I think each and every one of us would be lying if we said we haven't thought any of these things in the past 5 years, because it is exciting, the thought of us all finding things out about ourselves, like how scary it is to go to a doctor's appointment all on our own.

It is important for us all to realise that the future is always to come, it's not going anywhere, and the past is long gone, but the present is here, it always is.

That time when we couldn't wait for the future is here now, today we graduate, tomorrow we finish high school and soon enough we'll all be 18, doing our own washing and paying our own bills and all we will be thinking is, I can't wait until I finish my degree, I can't wait until I get promoted, I can't wait until this is all worth it.

How often are we actually appreciating our lives at the moment? The dinner that magically appears on our clean plates each night, the siblings who were always our friends, even when we didn't think so. And all those little moments we look back on and wonder, what on Earth were we thinking? But we will always remember.

We need to cherish these memories, make more of them. Instead of regretting the things we didn't do, do them, and regret doing them after, because at least that way you can say you did do them.

I want to challenge everyone to recognise the achievements that have brought you to this moment and appreciate the experiences that have shaped who you are. Instead of fixing your mind on the future, live in the present, step outside of your comfort zone, value your mistakes, use them as opportunities for growth, and tell yourself that you can wait.

SANI LEMAUA



FRASER HIGH SCHOOL
Te Kura Tuarua o Taniwharau



E Muamua ona avea faafetai i le atua ona ua ia faataunuuina lenei Faamoemoe i lenei aso. E talitonu o lona alofa lea ua tatou potopoto ai nei. Lua momoli le faamalo i aiga, ma faiaoga, faapea uo ua latou lagolagoina, o lea ua faataunuuina ai lenei faamoemoe i le manuia, o la outou tapuaiga o lea ua tauai lau o lou matou faamoemoe.

First off, I want to thank our heavenly father for gathering us all here today. We are here because of him. Second, I want to thank the wonderful support from families, teachers, friends and distinguished guests who made our success and achievements possible and expanded our future.

To the class of 2024 — today is the day. The day we get to wear these sashes that are symbols of some of our achievements this year. After this day, school will be another milestone we can check off and part of great memories to hold onto. Remember those times where we used to just sit in class, no idea what's happening stressing out because you forgot to study for the practice exam, thinking about what the free lunch is going to be next break... no just me? Ok.

But today is our day and I just want to give a big congratulations to everyone. We have overcome a lot of challenges through our journey: unpredictable weather, covid 19, phones away for the day, fire alarms (from the toaster, shout out to Harlym), expensive leavers' gear and despite all the odds we still managed to graduate. So lets celebrate.

Another chapter of life awaits us and I can tell you all about what the future has installed for us - leaving a legacy - making an impact on the world but I'm not going to. I'm here to tell you to enjoy this moment. The hard work, the sacrifices, the late night studies, all put in just for this evening and our future. It was hard, yet we still tend to strive. We all focused on the challenges that were behind and in front of us but we hardly ever celebrated the successes in between. Before we leave these doors going our separate ways enjoy this moment.

Faafetai, faafetai lava ia outou manuia soifua.

PATIENCE MULIAUMASEALI'I



Graduation is about you, about us. About the memories, achievements, and sacrifices we've made to make it to this moment.

This journey is finally complete, but now it's time to begin a new adventure. It's time to prepare ourselves to navigate the open seas of life, while looking back to the examples and guidance of those who stood here before us.

Many of us may have awaited this day for a long time, some of us may have believed they wouldn't make it this far. You may have received a sash or a certificate, but what's important is what we do out there, and whether we apply the knowledge and learnings we've had at Fraser to our lives.

Throughout high school we were faced with many challenges and trials that have helped us grow and build a waka. A waka that will carry us through life beyond Fraser High. Yes there were times where our waka needed repairing, times when we waggged, failed or didn't achieve a goal. In sitting here today, we've proven those hardships only made us stronger. We're ready to set sail, and look to the future, carrying all these memories and learnings from Fraser with us.

Along the way we might go off course and want to give up, but my mum always says, "it always works out in the end. If it hasn't worked out it isn't the end."

You may forget my face, you may forget my name, but never forget that we choose our destination, and we are the wayfinders of our own waka.

DYLAN TURNER



FRASER HIGH SCHOOL
Te Kura Tuarua o Taniwharau



This moment signifies the end of an era, so let's take a moment to reflect on our journey. Though not all of us started at Fraser, we are all finishing here, joining the 104 years of strong, proud alumni before us.

Our journey began amidst global chaos in 2020. It reminds me of a local event when 88,000 Kiwis lost power after a Northland transmission tower collapsed in June. It's easy to think of these towers as invincible, but this one fell because its essential supports, nuts and bolts, were completely removed.

Unlike that tower, our class of 2024 stands strong, proud, and resilient, fueled with mana. What keeps us grounded? Our school is filled with our "nuts and bolts", the unwavering support systems that have shaped us to be who we are today.

There are our families, the steadfast 'nuts' that have held us firm for nearly two decades. They've been our cheerleaders, our guides, our un-snoozable alarms, and the support that has pushed us to strive for greatness.

Then there are our found families - friends who have been the 'bolts' that tighten our bonds, sharing laughter and many memories along the way. They've shaped our high school experience and lifted us up when we needed it most.

We cannot overlook our teachers, mentors, and all the staff, who serve as the structural framework of our education. To those to whom we are more than just their job; we are future leaders, dreamers, and changemakers. Your belief in us has been critical, reminding us of our worth and potential when we couldn't see it ourselves.

These nuts and bolts, our families, friends, and educators alike, provide the stability that keeps us grounded through all of life's challenges. Just like a transmission tower needs its nuts and bolts to withstand the chaos of the world, we need our support systems to thrive in it.

As we look ahead to the futures remember that our nuts and bolts, those who have supported us, are always there, no matter where life takes us. They are the reminders to be proud of our roots and to lean into the strength we have built together.

So as we move forward, and embrace whatever comes our way. Stay grounded, stay connected, and above all, stay strong - Kia Kaha!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY FORUM



SENIOR COUNCIL

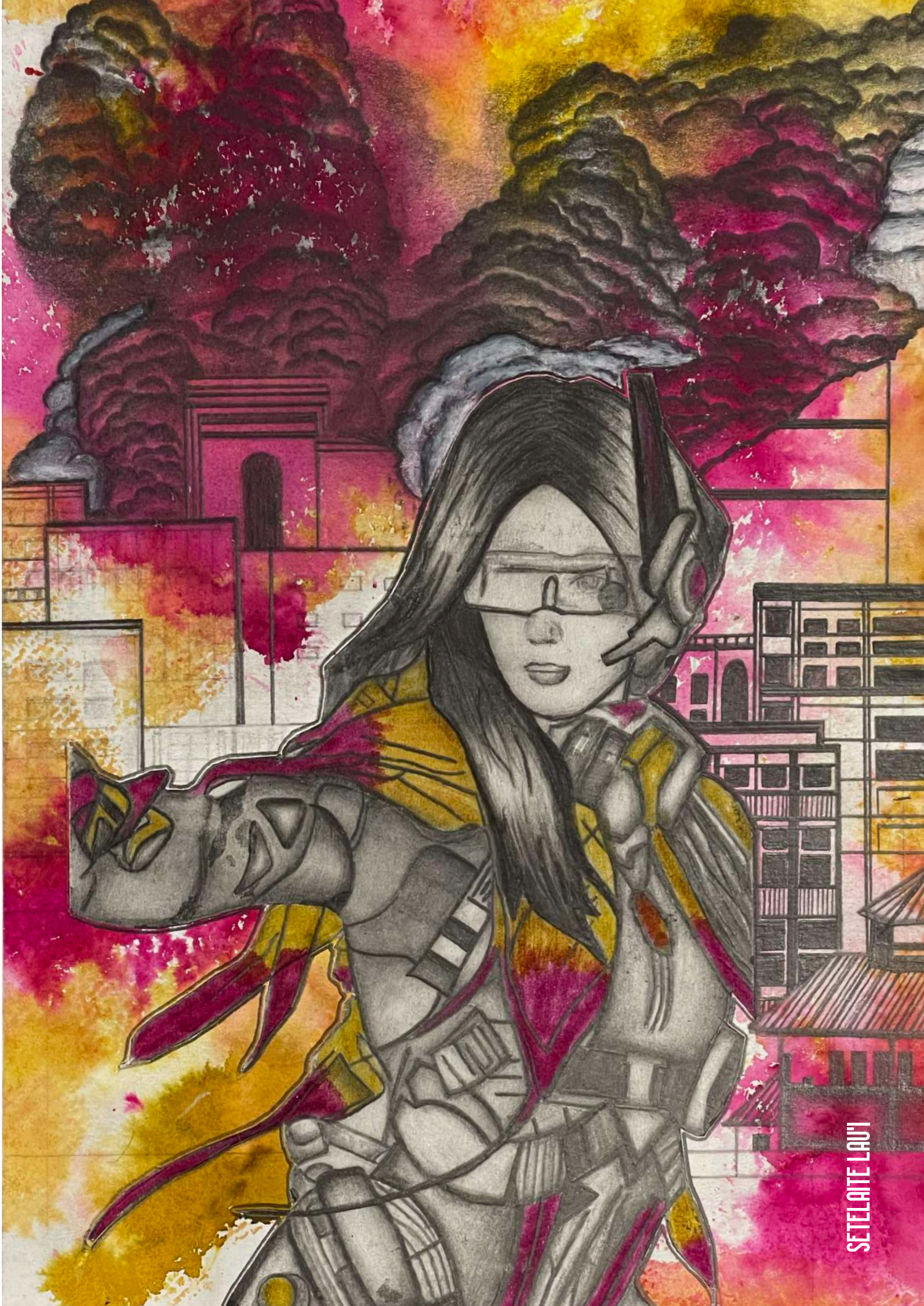


AIGA TASI PRESIDENCY



JUNIOR COUNCIL





SENIOR PRIZE GIVINGS AND GRADUATION 2024

Our heartfelt congratulations go out to all the award recipients and their whaanau at the 2024 Year 13 prizegiving and graduation. It was a special occasion to conclude the year, filled with applause, joy, dance, celebration, and happy tears. The dedication and hard work each graduating student has put into reaching this milestone is truly commendable, and we were excited to come together to celebrate these achievements.

This year's Senior Prizegiving was a memorable event, highlighted by performances from our talented students and a wonderful turnout from our Fraser community. We appreciate everyone who joined us to honour the graduates and award winners.



EMMA WALMSLEY DUX 2024

High Distinction Mathematics with Calculus, Top Year 13 Mathematics student, High Distinction Biology, Travers Trophy for Excellence in Year 13 Biology, High Distinction Physics, High Distinction Chemistry, Peter Hampton Award for Overall Excellence in Science Year 13, High Distinction Art - Painting, Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts Year 13, High Distinction English - General, Top Year 13 English student, The Beatrice Fraser Memorial Award for outstanding scholastic ability, personality and school interests, The University of Waikato Te Paewai o te Rangi Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement to the value of \$30,000, The David Johnstone Charitable Trust Scholarship to the value of \$6,000, and The Russell Cup for Dux 2024.



JACK MCCOY PROXIME ACCESSIT 2024

High Distinction Mathematics with Statistics, High Distinction Accounting, Top Year 13 Accounting student, High Distinction Legal Studies, Top Year 13 Legal Studies student, High Distinction Computer Science, Brown Cup for Excellence in Computer Science Year 13, High Distinction English - General, The Whampoa Fraser Memorial Award for outstanding scholastic ability, personality and school interests, The University of Waikato Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship up to a value of \$7,000, The completion of the University of Waikato Introduction to Programming paper with a grade of A+, Graduation with Honours, and Proxime Accessit for 2024.



NIURITI VERMA

Kay Cup for Academic Excellence in Year 11

Distinction Science, High Distinction History, Top Year 11 History student, High Distinction Mathematics, High Distinction Food Technology, Food and Nutrition Award Year 11



ADARSHITA RAM

Morrison Cup for Academic Excellence in Year 12

Distinction English - General, High Distinction Mathematics with Calculus, High Distinction Biology, Linda Danrell Memorial for Excellence in Biology Year 12, High Distinction Chemistry, Excite Trust Science Award for Top Year 12 Science student, High Distinction Health, Joint recipient Top Year 12 Health student.



HEAD STUDENTS 2025

It is with pleasure that we announce the Fraser High School Head Students for 2025 pictured above: Siakumi Fakavai, Emilia Herrera-Kennedy, Levi Smith and Ashana-Rae Eketone (not pictured).





HE PUAAWAI

It has been another busy and fulfilling year for our He Puaawai whaanau. Sometimes in the world, people don't focus on the little wins because they are much too busy prioritizing the bigger things; here at He Puaawai, we know that the little wins really are the big wins. It is the little things that add up, that count, and that create change.

For our learners, a win might be showing up to school when they have had a bad night's sleep with a teething baby, it might be pushing through and completing an assessment despite personal challenges and stresses, it could be setting a boundary to protect themselves and their mental health, it might be prioritizing their attendance and getting to school each day even if it felt easier to stay at home.

Week in, week out, our He Puaawai team watches our young parents achieve those wins. We are endlessly proud of this community, and we are always inspired by the determination of our learners ensures to create something beautiful for their babies. The resilience and focus our learners show ensure that their little families are going places. What a beautiful thing to be able to witness.

We see how our young parents support each other, how they step up as sisters and aunties and we see the awahi and the love that they show all our babies. This year, we have welcomed several new parents to He Puaawai, celebrated the births of so many little ones, and we have marked significant milestones with our students who have been here with us for a few years now. We have learned and grown together. Juggling parenting alongside pursuing academic excellence is no easy task, and the courage of our He Puaawai learners to pursue this journey is unmatched.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break with your beautiful tamariki. We are looking forward to the 2025 school year with you all. It is a privilege to work in this special space.







HEI TANIWHA

Hei Taniwha is a roopu established to empower anyone wanting to grow in understanding, walking and living from a Te Ao Maaori worldview. With our three pou, Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, and Hauora, firmly keeping our whare secure, this year has most definitely been one to remember. Starting with our Poowhiri welcoming new aakonga and kaiako to Taniwharau, it was encouraging to see our aakonga stand strong and tautoko this kaupapa.

This laid the foundation for the rest of the year, as Hei Taniwha aakonga went to Poukai, a Leadership Conference at Wintec, Poowhiri for our kaiako stepping into new roles at other kura, Tira Hoe on our awa, the Te Reo Maaori Symposium, Noho, Kii'o'rahi, Waka Ama Nationals, basketball, netball, softball, football, rugby, and Tira Haka.

In Term 2, Ngaati Maahanga put Te Taumata o te Maatauranga to sleep, while it was moved from next to He Puaawai, to the front of the school by the driveway. Moving out of 'W Block' was a huge undertaking and we couldn't have done it without the tautoko of our Hei Taniwha aakonga. Our hearts overflowed with gratitude as our aakonga moved everything out, and relocated items, either into a storage container or the library, our temporary dwelling is. Since then, we have gone between the library or the gym for Advisory time. Our aakonga have managed relatively well during this displacement; however, it has restricted what we as Kaiako have been able to provide in terms of manaaki and safe spaces for our Hei Taniwha whaanau.

We also mourned, with the rest of the motu, the passing of our King, Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te

Wherowhero Te Tuawhitu, takoto mai raa ki oo tuupuna, kei te raarangi ariki ki te poo, takoro mai raa. While our hearts were heavy with our King's passing, they were also buoyed and filled with joy with the accession o too taatou Arikiniui, Kuiini Nga wai hono i te po Pootatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawaru.

It was special to celebrate our aakonga and their achievements at our end of year Hei Taniwha prizegiving 'Te Whakanui o Hei Taniwha', as well as seeing them receive other awards and graduate at our Fraser High School Prizegivings.

We look forward to what 2025 has in store for us as a Hei Taniwha Whaanau and wish all of our whaanau a safe and joyous holiday.







AIGA TASI

We are proud to honour our cultures and languages of the Pacific. Our identity inspires us to learn and celebrate as tamaiti of the Moana. Aiga Tasi is a family where we strive to uphold our values, guiding us as LEADers at Fraser and into the future.

"EDUCATING THE MIND WITHOUT EDUCATING THE HEART IS NO EDUCATION AT ALL" - ARISTOTLE

As a student in Aiga Tasi, I've experienced firsthand how our group truly values Pacific culture, language, and identity. From the moment I joined, I felt welcomed, valued and respected. The emphasis on our diverse backgrounds makes every performance and gathering meaningful. When we celebrate our heritage, whether through dance, singing or storytelling, it's not just about showcasing talent; it's about honouring who we are. The encouragement we give each other strengthens our bonds and boosts our confidence. In Aiga Tasi, I've found a space where I can express myself and connect with others who share similar experiences. This community goes beyond just being a class; it's a family that supports and uplifts every member, ensuring that our voices are heard and our identities are celebrated. Being part of Aiga Tasi has enriched my understanding of my culture and helped me embrace my identity with pride.

Written by Vaolilo Lafita - Year 11

As a class I have seen how far we have come from the start of the year, being shy and quiet, to now where we love to be with each other and learn. I have loved making new friends and meeting new people. It has been a new experience for all of us but I think we have all settled in nicely. Aiga Tasi has welcomed us with open arms and helped me come into high school without feeling left out or unwelcome. This year, all our Year 9's participated in Samoan Language Week and did a Samoan sasa in assembly. We were taught by the seniors every week as a class and performed together other students have also performed in other Pacific Language Weeks which helped us connect with our seniors of Aiga Tasi and strengthen our connection to each other, our cultures and our teachers. We all know each other's names and have truly become one family. All of us have come out of our comfort zone, and have come far in our education, with the full support of our A1 family behind us. It has been great getting to know all the students of Aiga Tasi throughout the year.

Written by Nahva Masei - Year 9

Aiga Tasi 2024 has been an amazing year. New people with different interests and perspectives entered the programme, and the leaders of A1 bring all the students together. A large number of our A1 whanau joined things like Production, Tupaia's Quest Polyfest and events like these increased our togetherness as a programme and a family. The senior students set a firm example of the values that Aiga Tasi hold and took the new students under their wing. With constant mentoring and fun assemblies, the new students of Aiga Tasi felt welcomed and reassured that this family is for all students of the Pacific. With the numerous opportunities A1 offers, students were easily able to connect with their peers and feel closer together. Our A1 family was a home away from home this year and it is an uplifting place to be. Aiga Tasi isn't just a programme but a family - One heart, One mind, and One family.

Written by Junior Mulipola-Temple - Year 9

As we close this chapter in our journey, we are filled with pride in celebrating the vibrant cultures and languages of the Pacific. We have watched our students thrive, embracing their identity as tamaiti of the Moana and inspiring one another to learn, celebrate, and grow together. As we bid farewell to our departing Year 13 students, Class of 2024, we celebrate your incredible journey and the milestones you've achieved. You have exemplified resilience, determination, and the spirit of Aiga Tasi. As you step into new adventures, remember to carry with you the values that have guided us at Fraser. Your contributions have enriched our A1 community, and we are excited to see how you will continue to make an impact in the world. Congratulations, and best wishes for a bright future! Soifua ma ia manuia. Mr Si'ilata.

Written by Soliga Si'ilata Jr - Leader of Aiga Tasi

"ONE HEART, ONE MIND, ONE FAMILY"







FRASER HIGH SCHOOL
Te Kura Tuarua o Taniwharau

SPORTS AT FRASER

Sports at Fraser provides opportunities for students to participate in team sports and individual sports. Sport is important for our students, because it gives them a space to express themselves. It keeps them physically active. Students can spend more time with friends and form new relationships.

We support students by providing a platform for them to shine. We seek greater opportunities for students who excel in their chosen sport.

This year we have seen a massive increase in students participating in sports. We have noticed many groups of friends registering for a sport so that they can play alongside each other.

2024 was an amazing year for Fraser sports. Just a few highlights include our basketball programme increasing from 6 teams to 9 teams and reintroducing a girls' team. Our girls' football team won their division and the 5-a-side tournament, and narrowly missed out on the knockout cup final. Multiple students competed on the world stage overseas including Waka Ama in Hilo, Hawaii, touch rugby in Nottingham, England and softball in Prague, Czech Republic. None of this is possible without our amazing volunteer coaches and managers. Thank you to all our teachers, parents, siblings and past students who have supported our sports teams this year.

Congratulations to all our athletes who participated in sports at Fraser in 2024.

Farewell to our Year 13's and thank you for your contribution to our sports programme throughout your high school journey.

**"TOMORROW'S OPPORTUNITIES ARE
DETERMINED BY WHAT YOU DO NOW."**

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AT FRASER







FRASER HIGH SCHOOL
Te Kura Tuarua o Taniwharau

ARTS AWARDS 2024

We held our art awards evening at the Bill Gallagher Centre where we celebrated the exceptional talents of our students in visual arts, music, drama, and dance. The event was a resounding success, showcasing the creativity and dedication that define our vibrant arts community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all award recipients and participants. Your achievements have made us incredibly proud. A special thank you to the staff and whaanau whose efforts made this event possible.







VOCATIONAL LEARNING

This year, more than 120 students participated in our Gateway classes, achieving impressive results, including a record high of 8 prize-winners at the Senior Prizegiving. The goal of these classes is to offer valuable work experience, resulting in nearly 300 placements at local businesses that foster resilience and enhance employability.

Additionally, over 40 students attended the Waikato Trade Academy, engaging in hands-on training at Wintec. Many have transitioned to full-time studies or secured employment afterwards. We've also supported over 120 students with learner and driving licenses, crucial for improving

job prospects.

Various worksite visits were organized to expose students to different industries, and we appreciate the support of local businesses. The Vocational department also collaborates with universities, polytechnics, and training organizations.

Our Junior school Careers Day was successfully backed by Te Wananga o Aotearoa, and we've provided workshops on health and safety, forklift training, and CV preparation. Despite losing our Vocational building, our team is proud of our support in 2025 and looks forward to expanding opportunities in 2026.





FRASER ACE

ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Fraser ACE is a place for anyone in our community who is over the age of 16 and looking to learn, grow, and create new opportunities. We're here for people, from young adults to seniors, who want to improve their skills, explore new areas, or simply connect with others for support. Our core values are empowerment, inclusivity, and lifelong learning, and we believe that everyone deserves access to education that builds both confidence and community. We offer a second chance at education, a fresh start, or simply a space to pursue passions that may have been put on hold.

Support and inspiration come in many different forms. Whether it's our compassionate tutors, our ACE staff cheering students on, or the group discussions that spark creativity and collaboration, we prioritise a supportive environment. Our educators work hard to create a safe space where students feel heard, valued, and motivated to take on challenges. Through workshops, classes, and mentoring, we're constantly encouraging our students to believe in their potential and pursue their goals.

The growth we've seen in our students this year has been truly inspiring! Many have come a little unsure of their paths and have transformed over the term, some discovering new passions, others trying courses they hadn't even previously considered. Students have stepped up, taken risks, and shown resilience. They've become more confident, not only in academics but also in their ability to contribute to and connect with our ACE community.

This year at Fraser ACE has been a journey filled with hard work, laughter, and meaningful moments. We've celebrated small victories and big successes, from new websites / databases to introducing new courses and tutors to our team. It's been a privilege to witness the persistence, creativity, and camaraderie that make our ACE team so special.

To our community, thank you for your support and belief in lifelong learning. Keep reaching out, keep learning, and keep encouraging one another. Together, we're building a community that thrives on knowledge, respect, and the power of second chances. Here's to more growth, more dreams, and more achievements next year!





WELCOMING OUR NEW FRASER STUDENTS



In the first week of the term, we held a special poowhiri to formally welcome new Fraser students and their families into our school community. This meaningful ceremony not only celebrated the arrival of our newcomers but also was an opportunity to share what it means to be part of Fraser High School, honour Manawhenua and surrounding ancestral lands and to acknowledge significant taonga, and leaders of our kura reinforcing our commitment to inclusivity and connection.

During the Year 9 orientation, the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and anticipation. Senior students played an invaluable role, guiding the newcomers as they engaged with their teachers and familiarised themselves with their timetables and the layout of the school grounds. This supportive interaction helped the Year 9 students feel more comfortable and confident as they embarked on their high school journey.

Overall, the combination of the poowhiri and the interactive orientation sessions made for a positive start to the academic year, setting the stage for lasting friendships and memorable experiences ahead.





SENIOR START

As the academic year began, our senior school leaders prepared by reflecting on our school's rich history and significant campus locations. This journey was inspired by the whakatauki,

**"TITIRO WHAKAMURI, HOOKIRI WHAKAMUA,"
REMINING US THAT "IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD,
WE MUST KNOW WHERE WE COME FROM."**

Our seniors transitioned smoothly back into school life, finalizing their course selections and eagerly participating in their first tabloid sports event. The excitement and camaraderie were palpable throughout the day, showcasing our strong sense of community.

We were thrilled to start the year together, creating opportunities for learning, growth, and lasting memories.



AIGA TASI WELCOME BACK DANCE

The Aiga Tasi Welcome Back Dance 2024 was an unforgettable night filled with energy, laughter, and connection. It was a wonderful way to welcome our new students into the Aiga Tasi programme, while also giving our returning tamaiti the chance to reconnect and celebrate the start of another exciting year together.

The dance was a perfect blend of fun, unity, and cultural pride, as students danced, enjoyed music, and built stronger bonds with their peers. It set a positive and lively tone for the year ahead, reminding us all of the strength of our Aiga Tasi community.







MARKET DAY

In Term 2, the school hall at Fraser High School buzzed with excitement as Year 11, 12, and 13 students participated in the much-anticipated Market Day. This event showcased a diverse array of goods made and sold by the students, demonstrating their creativity and entrepreneurial skills.

The marketplace featured a wide range of products, from handcrafted jewellery and stylish clothing to eco-friendly candles and soaps. Digital skills were highlighted in the 3D-printed products. This mix of traditional crafts and modern services showcased the versatility of the students' talents.

Market Day provided a valuable educational experience, allowing students to engage in real-world business activities. They learned about pricing, marketing, customer service, and transaction handling, gaining practical skills that will serve them well in future endeavours.

The event was a resounding success, with strong sales and positive feedback from visitors. The principal praised the students' efforts, highlighting the importance of such experiences in preparing for life beyond school. Fraser High School's Market Day was a celebration of young talent and enterprise, leaving everyone looking forward to the next event.

Awards:

- Best Promotion and Display: Dezyre Anderson for her perfume
- Sustainability: Levi Budd for his picture frames
- Best Technology Product: Nathan Brunton
- Most Innovative Product: Luka for Germaphobe
- Best Sales Pitch: Easy Wallets for their 3D-printed wallets; Jordan Borman, Nicol Lisignoli, and Devlyn Anderson worked hard to create a real talking point at the market
- Most Innovative Packaging: D'yonne Tuhora Wade, Melisa Soltanizand, and Channelle Edwards
- Best Salesperson: Kalib Flavel
- Future Entrepreneur: Khushi Sehgal and Jason Cheng







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HEART DISSECTION IN BIOLOGY CLASS

Our Year 10 AR17 hub had an awesome time dissecting hearts as part of our Science curriculum. Students have been learning about the circulatory system and having hands on experience dissecting sheep hearts was a great way for them to expand on their learning. A part of any dissection is learning to use science equipment safely, identifying correct terminology and learning to use safe practice while dealing with biological substances in a lab. A fun time was had by all.







*Far away from the cities
theres a wide ongoing spot that
contains our fresh blue water*

It has all our favorite places to go diving for kai moana and for a nice swim during a hot summer's day. Connecting to our water are the sands we play and walk along when we're together for family reunions. My home on the coast. Aotea.

Just above on the hills, there's a paddock with a house looking out to Aotea. It's old and the paint on the walls is peeling but inside is filled with many memories. Potae made out of harakeke along with the classic marae glasses every Maaori household has. The woman staying alone in this home overlooking the coast is my nan: she keeps this place alive. We have many memories in my nan's home along our coast, like running along the grassy paddock chasing the sheep and pigs with nan yelling from her window, "Come back inside, it's getting cold moko."

My nan, she's a matakite, someone who sees spiritual things. She's always right. She knew my mum was going to be pregnant with me without my mum telling her - crazy right? Lately, Nan has been saying a pod of whales will wash up on the sands of the coast in the early morning. This will signify her passing. The whales will have her spirit, and my ancestors.

A couple of days after our family reunion, everyone came down to the coast to play and have a kai hakari. Time went by quickly. At 5.30pm we were all tired from fun and kai. Nan called out from her chair, "Moko come here! Can you go quickly down to the coast to pick me some harakeke before the sun goes down?" So I got up and went down to the spot where the harakeke is. I started a karakia and then began harvesting a batch of harakeke.

At home I gave the harakeke to nan and then headed off to sleep. In the early morning, I woke up to cries from my family. I ran out of my room and felt a cold breeze from the sliding door in the lounge. There was a mattress in the middle of the lounge with Nan laying down with a korowai over her body and a flower made from the harakeke I harvested yesterday.

Then out of nowhere, we heard cries and waves crashing. We looked out the sliding door and there they were: the whales.

Nan had been right all along.

Casey Ngauma, Y11



JUNIOR SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Year 9 Winners:

First Place: TA17 AJ Andrews-Smith, Ava Talauta and Manaia Wilson

Second Place: AR17 Jas Yeates Benjamin Gardner and Methmi Senevirathna

Third Place: AO16A Daniel Eliassi, Hudson Hawkes and Ava Krystelle Asejo

Year 10 Winners:

First Place - AO13 Saxon Running

Second Place AR13 Wynter Buisson

Third Place - AR12B Mya Clarke, Lavanya Dua and Eva Malhotra

On Tuesday, 17th September, Fraser High School Mathematics and Statistics Faculty held its first-ever Year 9 and Year 10 Mathematics Quiz Competition—an exciting and collaborative event designed to foster a passion for mathematics among our junior students. With generous sponsorship from Casio and Star Funding, this competition was a great opportunity for students to enhance their problem-solving skills in a fun, competitive environment while also earning valuable Waka points.

The event was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work of our students, volunteers, and the support of the Mathematics Faculty. We look forward to making this an annual tradition at Fraser High School, as we continue to encourage a love for mathematics across our kura.

A special thanks to our sponsors: Casio NZ for providing calculators as prizes and Star Funding for supporting the event with funding for chocolates. We would also like to express our gratitude to the teachers, judges, and student volunteers who made this event possible. Your dedication and effort were key to the smooth running of the competition.



Aiga Tasi Year 9 students participated in the Talanoa Ako - Transition Programme, designed to help ease the shift from Intermediate to Secondary School. Over six sessions in Term 1, students were guided through key aspects of secondary school life, from academic expectations to personal growth.

We are deeply grateful for the support from our families, whose involvement helped make this programme a success. Their encouragement and commitment ensured a smooth and positive transition for our students as they embark on their secondary school journey.

AIGA TASI YEAR 9 TALANOA AHO TRANSITION PROGRAMME



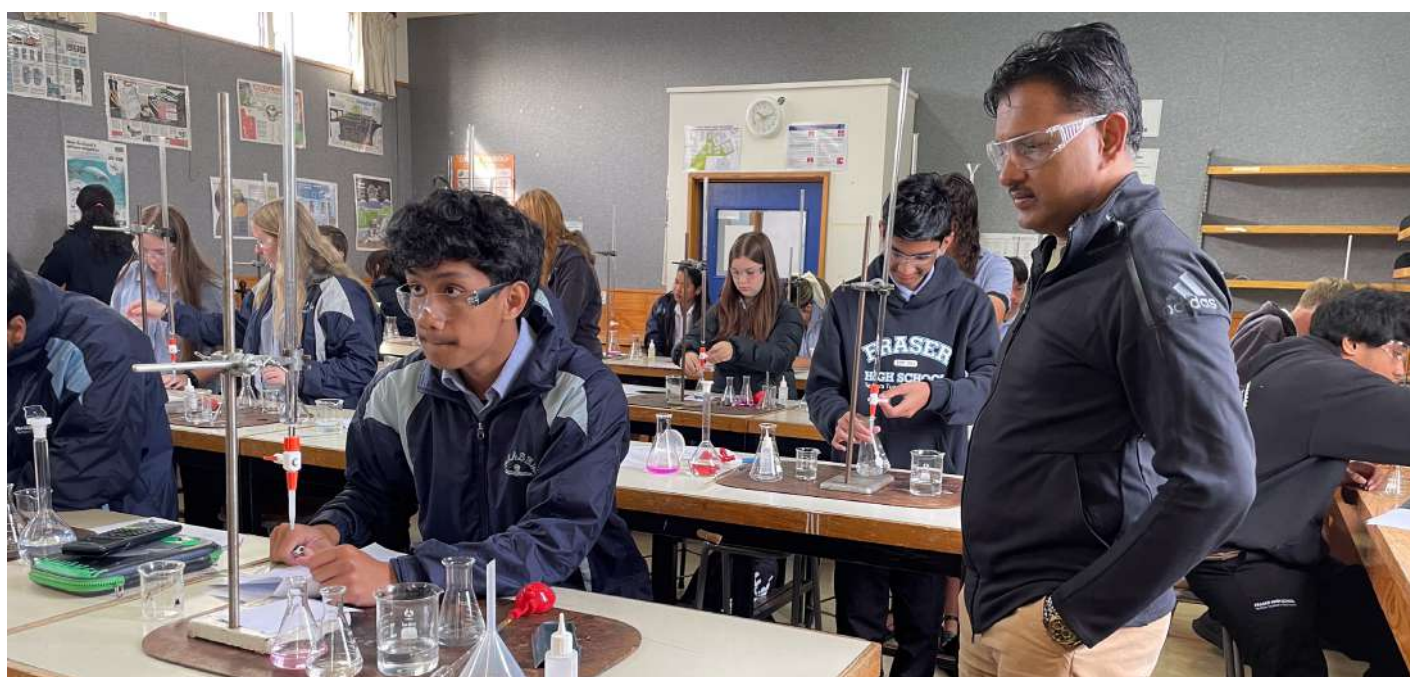
Aiga Tasi Year 10 students took part in the Talanoa Ako - NCEA & Careers Evening, designed to help them prepare for Year 11 and gain a better understanding of the NCEA system. The event provided valuable insights into academic pathways, career options, and how to navigate the challenges ahead.

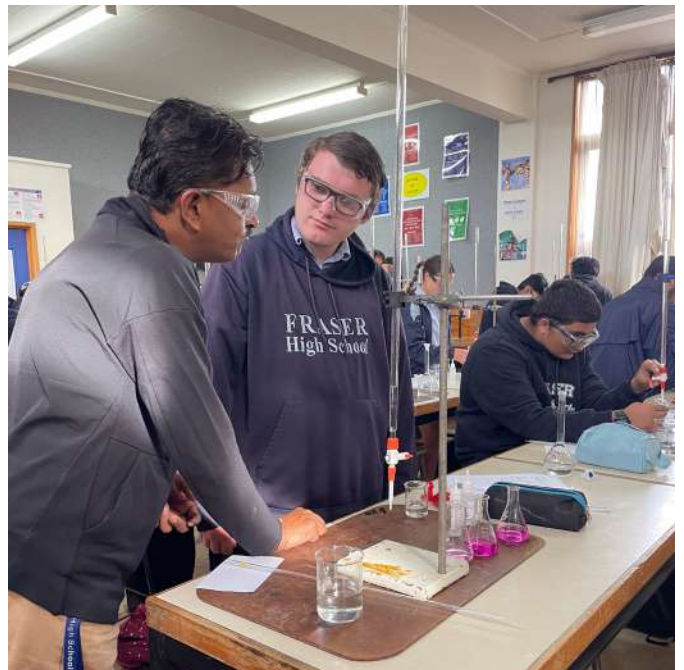
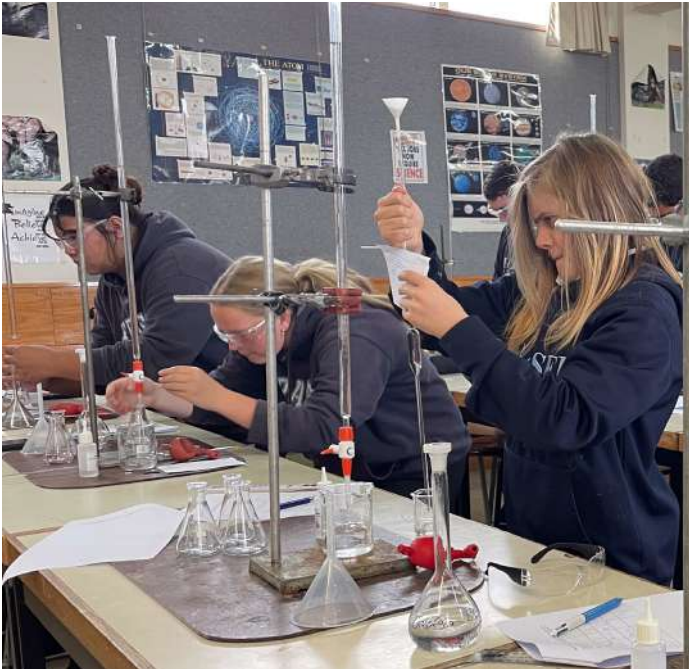
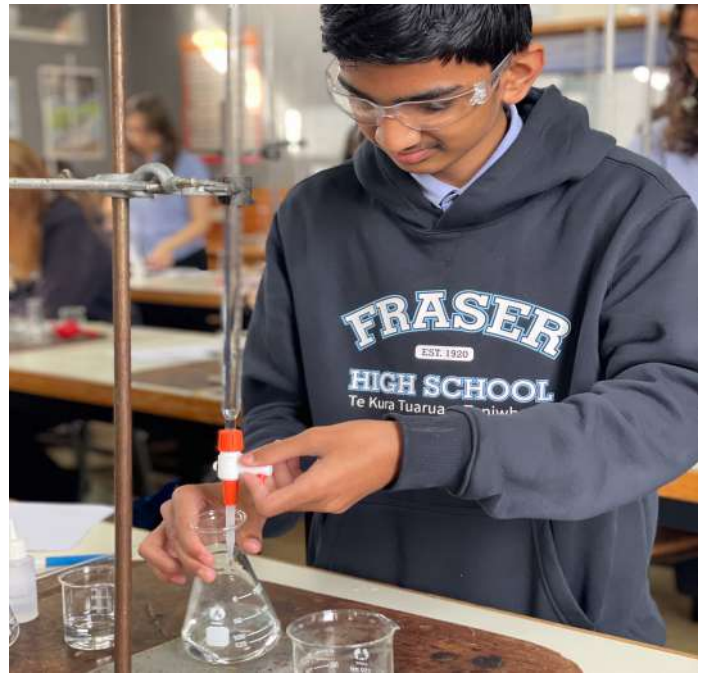
We are grateful for the support of our parents and families, whose involvement made this evening a success. This initiative is an important step in empowering our students to take charge of their education and future aspirations.

AIGA TASI YEAR 10 TALANOA AHO NCEA & CAREERS EVENING

TITRATION IN CHEMISTRY CLASS

Mr Deo's Year 12 Chemistry classes performed chemical titrations, as part of their practical investigation into a substance (ethanoic acid) in a consumer product (vinegar). By completing this, students learned an important analytical skill and could obtain four NCEA credits in Level 2 Chemistry. Titrations require precise manipulation of the equipment in order to obtain accurate results. The students enjoyed mastering the skill and said that it made them feel like they were "real scientists!"







MAANAWATIA A MATARIKI

**Maanawa maiea te putanga o Matariki,
maanawa maiea te ariki o te rangi,
maanawa maiea te Maatahi o te Tau.**

On Taite 27 o Hune, kaiako, aakonga and whaanau gathered around our hautapu to acknowledge Taramainuku, remember the passing of our loved ones, and celebrate the new season upon us with kai. It was particularly special as our hautapu was held at the site where Te Taumata O Te Maatauranga will be, when it is re-awoken later on this year.

Karakia, haka and kai, were central in our time together. The clear morning sky also allowed us to see Matariki, along with Tautoru, and Puanga, further cementing our special time together.

A special thank you to the whaanau and aakonga that supported us this year.



MUSKET PROPS



A group of Year 11 building, construction and furniture students have crafted a unique set of replica muskets for the for the school's kapa haka group. The students took on the challenge of creating muskets for the group's upcoming performance.

Rather than purchasing expensive replicas, the students utilised their woodworking skills to construct the muskets from scratch. Using 150x50 pine, they carefully cut and shaped the stocks using a bandsaw, hand planes, spokeshaves, and

sandpaper. The finished muskets were then coated with Resene Colour Wood and Aquaclear for a durable and aesthetically pleasing finish.

Adding a touch of authenticity, the students also fabricated the trigger guards from mild steel, bending the metal by hand. The project provided the students with valuable hands-on experience and a sense of accomplishment as they contributed to the school's kapa haka group.

PARA HAI



To help reduce our environmental impact, we compost as much food waste as possible. Every week, we take our food scraps to the Western Community Compost.

Most people assume that their food waste will compost in landfills, but unfortunately, it doesn't. Because landfills are designed for storage, not decomposition.

A lack of oxygen in landfills impedes organic materials from biodegrading. Instead organic matter is stuck in a limbo state, releasing methane.

Methane is a big part of the problem: it contributes to climate change and pollutes the air quality. If food waste were a country, it would be the third-largest emitter of greenhouse gas emissions behind China and the U.S.



FILIPINO SHARED LUNCH

We celebrated the Philippines' Day of Independence on Wednesday 12 June. This day, also known as the "Day of Freedom," commemorates the significant moment when the island nation made a bold move for autonomy. Our Filipino students gathered at break 1 for a shared lunch where we enjoyed a delicious variety of Filipino dishes, both savory and sweet.



HAKA COMP

Check out these fierce aakonga as they competed in our annual Fraser High School Waka Kapa Haka Competition. The competition took place outside our school wharenui, Te Taumata O Te Maatauranga, where each Waka had two warm-ups and then a final official performance. The competition criteria for the haka was as follows:

- unity - performing together, and in time
- actions - actions are correct
- sound - aakonga know their words and can be heard
- energy - performing with ihi and wehi.



NEW ZEALAND PASIFIKA PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATION VISIT WITH AIGA TASI

In Term 3, Aiga Tasi had the honour of hosting the New Zealand Pasifika Principal Association. Principals of Pasifika heritage from all over Aotearoa visited to observe and learn about our Aiga Tasi Programme and initiatives aimed at engaging Pasifika tamaiti, families, and the wider community.

It was a wonderful experience to showcase the unique elements that make our Pasifika programme special, from cultural celebrations to student leadership. The visit highlighted the strength of our programme and the positive impact it has in supporting the success and well-being of our Pasifika students.



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KENNO HIGH JAPANESE EXCHANGE

In August this year, Fraser High School welcomed 19 visitors from our sister school, Kenno High School. It is also known as the Hyogo Prefectural Agricultural High School and is located in the southern region of Honshu Island, Japan.

For over a decade, Kenno High School and Fraser High School have had a close relationship that allows us to learn, share and experience each other's cultures and education systems. Representatives from each school visit each other in alternative years. After a long period of travel restrictions, we were glad to have resumed this exchange with Fraser students travelling to Japan in 2023.

Our visitors from Japan spent the week living with their host families and participating in all aspects of our New Zealand lifestyle. Some highlights of their time here were school activities, visits to dairy and sheep farms, Hamilton Gardens, Hamilton Zoo, and waka ama on the Waikato River.

A group of Fraser High School students are preparing to visit in 2025.







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TE WIKI O TE REO MAAORI

The theme for Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori 2024, Ake Ake Ake - A Forever Language, celebrates the resilience, adaptability, and enduring strength of te reo Maaori, symbolising both the commitment of communities across Aotearoa to preserve and embrace the language, and its power to endure and thrive for generations to come.

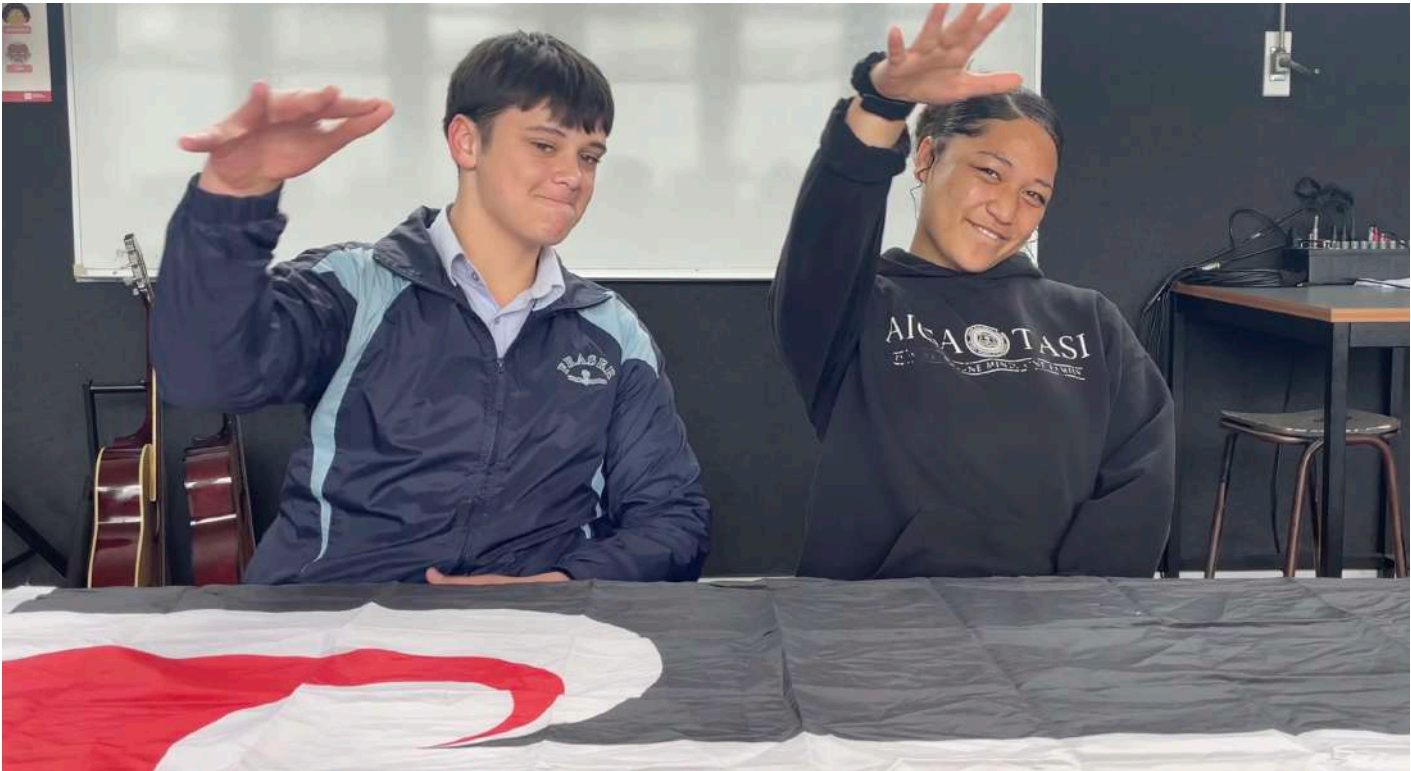
Taniwharau celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori 2024 with aakonga and kaiako learning new kupu and waiata, roving interviews and a shared assembly with Hei Taniwha and Aiga Tasi led by Whaea Des. Games, quiz questions, reflections and a whole lot of chocolate were rounded off with a beautiful rendition of "Tooku reo, toohu ohoho" which took the assembly through the roof.

Earlier in the week, the lyrics, "Kia kaha taatou ki te koorero Maaori", echoed in Monday and Wednesday staff briefing with aakonga from Te Kaapuia Junior Hubs teaching their kaiako the waiata, 'E minaka ana', composed by Pania Papa of Ngaati Koroki Kahukura. The song speaks of the desire and yearning for a person to 'taste' our beautiful language.

Ki a koutou e whakapau werawera ana ia te raa, ia te raa ki te haapai, ki te koorero i too taatou reo Maaori ki too taatou kura, nei noa ngaa mihi e rere kau ana ki a koutou katoa. A big mihi must be shared to the aakonga who helped organise, interview, share their whakaaro and lead waiata - mei kore i a koutou.

Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori is a powerful reminder that language carries our stories and dreams. By honouring te reo Maaori, we are not only preserving the language but also empowering future generations to thrive with pride in their identity.







DRESS UP DAYS

This year our Senior Council and senior students rallied together to fill our year with lots of laughs and activities. Many of these were dress ups, including Valentines Day, Halloween, Spring Thing, Decades Day. In Term 4 there was a week of teacher and student dress ups including careers day, teacher day, and character day.

These fun moments are a great chance for self expression and connection. Our students always get into the spirit of the event well in the most outrageous costumes and colours. We are glad that year after year we have senior students who bring our kura to life.



BE MY VALENTINE

Valentine's Day was a day full of sweetness and happiness. The Fraser Senior Council put together a set of special activities that brought people together. They baked 800 delicious cookies as prizes, organised a treasure hunt game called 'Hunt for Love', held a Valentine-themed mufti for Year 13s, and set up a handmade photo frame. These activities were enjoyed by everyone at the school, and it was heartwarming to see so many people participate.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US IN CELEBRATING LOVE.



FAREWELL MR TE WEEHI

NOW PRINCIPAL AT TAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL

Mr Jesse Te Weehi left Fraser High School at the end of term 1, to take on the role of new principal at Tamatea High School in the Hawkes Bay.

Staff and student representatives attended a poowhiri at Tamatea High School on Tuesday 30 April, to support Mr Te Weehi and his whaanau, as Tamatea High School welcomed them into their school and community.

Jesse Te Weehi worked at Fraser High School for over 20 years. He started his teaching career at Fraser as a beginning teacher, then a Head of Department for Music, promoted to be a Leader of Curriculum for The Arts, and ending his time at Fraser as a Deputy Principal.

During his time at Fraser Jesse had many highlights. As well as being an exceptionally gifted musician and widely respected in the music fraternity, he is an amazing teacher. He was the innovator of Music Pro -

a learning programme ahead of its time that focused on growing students' talents as performing artists. He was also influential in the leadership team that organised and supported the first Pasifika programme in the school, led by Mr Campbell Douglas.

As the Head of Department of Music and then the Leader of Curriculum for The Arts - he enabled and encouraged his students and the Arts faculty to be fearless in pursuit of their passions.

We are immensely privileged to have worked with Jesse, enjoyed special and unique moments with our students and colleagues, and been the recipient of his generous acts of service.

We are proud of Jesse Te Weehi, to know him, and to have worked with him. Go well Jesse. We wish you all the very best in your position as principal of Tamatea High School.





TE TAUMATA O TE MAATAURANGA

Noo te Wenerei 1 o Mei i whakamoea too taatou wharepuni ki Te Kura Tuarua O Taniwharau kia rite toona waewae atu ki mua i te kura kia whakamanatia toona tuu ki te kura, ka tahi, ka rua kia poowhiritia e ia te hunga ka eke mai ki runga i too taatou nei kura.

Ki a koutou raa te paepae o Maahanga, naau nei ngaa tikanga o ngaa maatua tuupuna, nei raa aau mokopuna e mihi atu ana.



POUKAI

PARAWERA AND TE PAPA-O-ROTU MARAE

Poukai are an annual Kiingitanga event, the majority of which are held within Tainui, with some other also hosting one on behalf of the people in those areas. This year, our aakonga supported the haukaainga as 'kawe oo' at Parawera and Te Papa-o-Rotu marae respectively to host 'te tini me te mano' that arrived to commemorate and celebrate Poukai on these marae.

Preparations for poukai begin months in advance with planning and the delegation of roles and responsibilities. The most important tikanga of any hui is manaakitanga, the ability to host the people in such a way that leaves them with a smile on their face and a puku content with the kai served. We are grateful for the opportunity to experience poukai by supporting the haukaainga from both Parawera and Te Papa-o-Rotu marae.



HE TUPU PUA HOU

WINTEC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

From the 11-13 June, a group of Year 12 aakonga attended a three-day Rangatahi Māori Leadership Waananga, He Tupu Pua Hou, hosted by Wintec. On day one, waananga were held covering kaupapa such as koorero tuku iho from He Maimai Aroha naa Taawhiao, and aakonga heard from Ngākau Harris-Peke on the importance of Para Kore. They explored leadership in Maareikura and Whatukura workshops, finally ending with a discussion around what leadership looks like and who they consider to be Rangatira.

On day two, waananga focussed on “Te Ao Puurau” - or STEMM. There was a presentation and practical experiment led by Hoa Haere Partners Ltd on Engineering Fundamentals and Land Surveying. The day wrapped up with a discussion of the many issues that rangatahi are facing today. Day 3 had aakonga listening to motivational and inspiring koorero from a special panel group. Aakonga then ventured off into the He Tupu Pua Hou Expo which was filled with laughter, prizes, games, kai and was the ultimate way to celebrate rangatahi.



Aiga Tasi students were honoured to be invited as guest lecturers for the Pacific and Indigenous Studies degree at the University of Waikato. This special opportunity allowed our students to share their experiences, cultural knowledge, and perspectives with university students, showcasing the strength and depth of Pasifika voices.

Being part of this academic setting was both inspiring and empowering, as it allowed our students to contribute to the

broader conversation on Pacific identity and Indigenous studies. It was a proud moment for Aiga Tasi, highlighting the leadership and expertise within our community.

This experience not only deepened our connection to higher education but also affirmed the importance of preserving and sharing our cultures in academic spaces. We look forward to continuing to represent and uplift Pasifika voices in the future!



Aiga Tasi students performed brilliantly at the University of Waikato's Speech Competition, showcasing their language skills and cultural pride. Soni Lalomanu took 1st place in the Senior Gagana Samoa division, while Iva competed in the bilingual Niuean division. Taumafa Tonga won the overall Senior division with her powerful speech in Lea Faka-Tonga.

We also had Sione Vuna in the Junior Tongan division and Nofoaiga Tekavei in the Junior Tuvalu division, both representing their cultures with confidence.

Congratulations to all our students for embracing their mother tongues and culture so beautifully. We are incredibly proud of their achievements!

THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO PACIFIC
& INDIGENOUS DEGREE PROGRAMME

AIGA TASI AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO - SPEECH COMPETITION







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AIGA TASI FIAFIA NIGHT "WE ARE THE MOANA"

This year's Aiga Tasi Fiafia Night, titled "We Are the Moana," was a vibrant celebration of our Pacific languages, culture, and identity. The highlight of the evening were the Miss A1 representatives, who showcased the beauty and uniqueness of each of our island nations through stunning performances and cultural displays.

Families and students gathered to share their pride in our heritage, enjoying traditional dances, songs, and storytelling that brought our cultures to life.

"We Are the Moana" not only celebrated our diversity but also strengthened our community bonds. It was a night filled with joy and inspiration, reminding us of the importance of embracing and preserving our rich traditions.





AIGA TASI TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK PERFORMANCE AT ABERDEEN SCHOOL



To celebrate Tongan Language Week, Aiga Tasi students performed at Aberdeen School, showcasing traditional Tongan songs, dances, and cultural expressions. The performance was a wonderful opportunity to share our culture and strengthen our relationship with the Kahui Ako Across Schools Programme.

We are grateful for the chance to connect with the Aberdeen School community, building deeper ties and fostering a greater appreciation for our shared heritage. It was a memorable event that highlighted the importance of unity and cultural pride.

2024 ASB POLYFEST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



At the start of the year, the Aiga Tasi Presidency attended the ASB Polyfest Leadership Conference, celebrating Polynesian cultures and leadership. We were inspired by many Pasifika keynote speakers and engaged in workshops on public speaking and teamwork.

Networking with other student leaders fostered valuable connections and shared experiences. Motivated by what we learned, we are excited to apply these insights to our initiatives this year, reinforcing our commitment to leadership, unity, and cultural pride. Together, we look forward to making a positive impact in our school and community!



Aiga Tasi students had the honour of performing at Horotiu Primary School for Cook Islands, celebrating our culture through traditional songs, dances, and stories. This performance was a wonderful opportunity to share our heritage with the school community and strengthen our relationship with the Kahui Ako Across Schools Programme.

We are grateful for the chance to connect with local schools, fostering a deeper sense of unity and cultural pride. It was an unforgettable experience that highlighted the importance of celebrating and preserving our languages and traditions.

AIGA TASI COOK ISLANDS LANGUAGE WEEK PERFORMANCE AT HOROTIU SCHOOL



Aiga Tasi students excelled at the University of Waikato's Tupaia's Quest Cultural Competition, competing against other High Schools from around Waikato. We were thrilled to win the Overall Pasifika Spirit Award and the Aloha Award, which recognized our passion, teamwork, and celebration of Pasifika culture.

This event was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our talents and cultural pride, and we are incredibly proud of our students for their dedication and performance. A huge congratulations to everyone involved, student leaders and our wonderful parent support.

AIGA TASI AT TUPAIA'S QUEST CULTURAL COMPETITION



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FRASER PRODUCTION 2024 - SPOTLIGHT

The 2024 Fraser Production 'Spotlight' was a beautiful celebration of diversity and talent, featuring a variety of performances including song, cultural dance, and more. Our talented aakonga sung, danced and performed their way into the hearts of the audience. They shared the joy of the stage through music, song, colour, culture, fun and dance.

The energy of the different cultural items was both energetic and enchanting. The performers captured the essence of Pacific nations with passion and pride. Hying up the audience with one act and then elegantly calming the crowd with delicate song and dance.

The atmosphere became electric when the singers brought the music to life with their energy and enthusiasm. The audience was hanging on to every note, switching between awed moments of silence and cheer.

**THE ENERGY IN THE ROOM WAS CONTAGIOUS,
AND IT FELT LIKE A TRUE CELEBRATION OF
TALENT AND CREATIVITY. IT WAS A NIGHT
FILLED WITH UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS AND
AN UNDENIABLE SENSE OF EXCITEMENT.**

We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful families and teachers for their support of our students throughout this entire experience. From creating costumes to preparing meals day in and day out, we could not have done it without you. Thank you.







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GEORGIA JEFFCOTE





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KAPA HAKA AT FRASER

This year started off with a bang, as we had around 60 aakonga show interest in joining our tira haka. After two terms of practising and commitment however, our tira haka had 20 aakonga in it. Ahakoa he iti, he pounamu.

Whaea Tyhme, a former Hei Taniwha aakonga, came in to tutor our aakonga, along with Matua Paora. The bracket that the two of them designed and created was stunning. Weaving in some well known Tainui anthems, as well as a few new items, our aakonga took people on a journey highlighting the raupatu (confiscation of land) that took place during the Waikato Land Wars in the 1860's.

Our aakonga stood at the end of Term 3 in front of their whaanau and then again in front of some aakonga of the kura. Each item built on the previous, creating a beautiful layered effect, culminating in the haka and whakawaatea to finish.

A special mihi to Matua Jake, Matua Andrew, Matua David and the technology department for creating our muskets, and to Whaea Natalie Hewitt for helping with kaakahu. E tika ana, me mihi maatou ki a Whaea Tyhme, Whaea Chantē, a Matua Kimo hoki, moo taa raatou whakapau kaha hoki.







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SHOWQUEST 2024 PUUKATOKATO

On 21 May, our Fraser students performed on the Waikato Showquest 2024 stage. Showquest is a performing arts platform for school students around Aotearoa from years 1 – 13 to showcase art, music, dance, drama, culture and technology. Our students wrote and choreographed their show from start to finish.

This year's Fraser show was called "Puukatokato". Through this show, students chose to share a story of grief and loss, illustrating the message:

**"ALTHOUGH WE ARE CONSUMED BY GRIEF
WHEN OUR LOVED ONES PASS ON, WE
CONTINUE TO CARRY THEIR MEMORIES
AND MAURI WITH US."**

Congratulations to all of the students who took part in Showquest this year.

We are proud to announce that their performance won various awards:

- Second place in the Waikato open category,
- Best School Spirit Award
- Best Drama
- Best Live Music







APOLLO SPORTS GRANT

In 2024, Apollo Projects continued to support our students through the Apollo Sports Grant. This grant is designed to support students to participate and compete in the sport. The directors of Apollo Projects are passionate about teenagers expressing themselves and showcasing their talents through movement and sports. Fraser High School is privileged to be one of a selected schools to have been chosen by Apollo for this ongoing grant. To date, over 150 students have received financial support for their chosen sports.

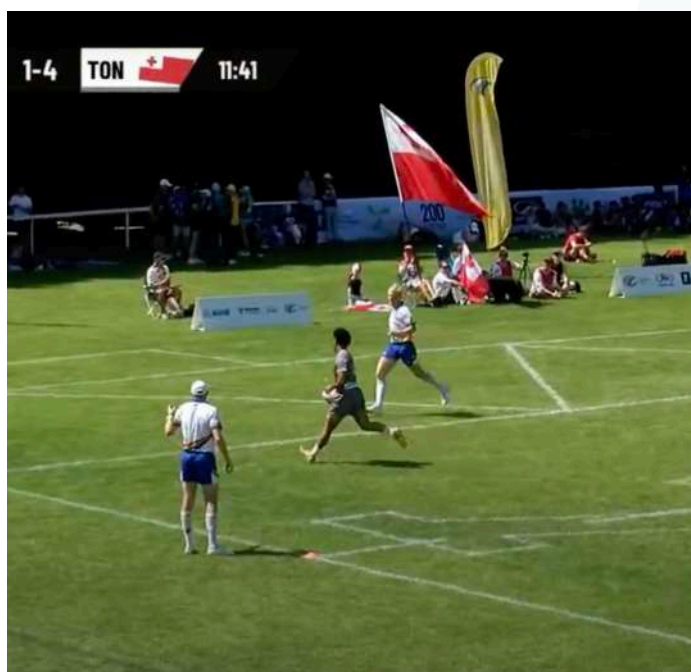
“For the past 6 years cheerleading has been a second home to me. Like many other kids it is a sport I dedicated a lot of my time to and put my all into. Having the Apollo Sports Grant has made a great impact for me when my family needed a little help along the way to afford fees for equipment, travel, competitions, and training. I would like to thank Apollo for all they contributed to our school and giving me the opportunity to be fully equipped and continue competing in the sport I love. As a result I’ve been able to achieve many things in cheerleading such as competing and placing at nationals, growing strong bonds with my cheer family and starting to give back by becoming a coach.”

Emilia Herrera-Kennedy - Year 12

“We are very grateful for the support offered from the Apollo Sports Grant. It allowed Noah to participate and enjoy something he loves. Noah would be considered a young carer having to take on responsibilities most young men don’t have to be concerned about. Thank you for helping him go to his first tournament, Apollo Sports. It was a great experience for our son.”

Whaanau of Noah Strother - Year 12





Congratulations to Malu Makoni (pictured 3rd from the left), year 13 Fraser student, selected to play for the Tongan Open Men's Touch team.

TOUCH WORLD CUP 2024

Tiumalu “Malu” Makoni (Year 13) participated in the 2024 Touch World Cup, which took place in Nottingham, England, from July 15–21. This is the first time Tonga has entered a team in the Touch World Cup since 1999.

Throughout the course of the competition, Malu scored six tries, helping the Tongan team win six of their ten games. Tonga placed 9th out of 19 top international teams. Congratulations Malu on establishing yourself internationally and competing on the world's stage.

We are incredibly proud of Malu. His dedication and talent have made an impact both locally and internationally. Well done, Malu!

ASHANOS OLATHIAN WAIRATO SQUASH NZ SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 21



The Waikato Secondary Schools Squash Competition took place on the 30 May. Neihana Noble, a Year 10 student from Fraser, participated in the event. He won his 2nd match convincingly in the first 2 sets, then he went on to compete against the top seed in his grade from Cambridge High School and put up a great contest. His opponent emerged victorious in the 3rd set to end his tournament. Neihana demonstrated swift movements on the court and displayed great dedication to the sport.



Congratulations to Jacob Macdonald, Year 9, who represented Fraser in the Waikato Secondary School Swimming Championships held at Waterworld Aquatic Centre, on Thursday, 30 May. He competed exceptionally well, placing in all 3 of his events, and qualifying for the New Zealand Secondary School Championships in July.

In the Secondary School Championships he achieved impressive results. He competed in the finals of three events: the 100m freestyle, finishing with a time of 1:02.25, the 50m freestyle with a time of 28.66 seconds, and the 200m freestyle, where he clocked 2:17.00. Jacob's performance in the 200m freestyle earned him 12th place in this event. His strong times in all three disciplines highlighted his skill and determination in the pool.

WINTER TOURNAMENT

SENIOR BOYS PREMIER

Our Senior Boys Premier Basketball team recently placed 5th in the Premier Division in the Waikato Secondary Schools Basketball Competition, before travelling to compete in the AA Zone 2 Regional Premierhips in Rotorua. Our boys placed third in their pool despite tough competition and challenging losses to Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ruamata and Mt Maunganui College. Showing great determination, the team rallied to win their semi-final against Trident High School, 81-59, and went on to secure a victory in the final against Gisborne Boys' High School, 100-68. Although our boys did not qualify for Nationals this year, their exceptional teamwork, sportsmanship, and the valuable lessons learned made the 2024 Basketball season one to remember!



JUNIOR BOYS PREMIER

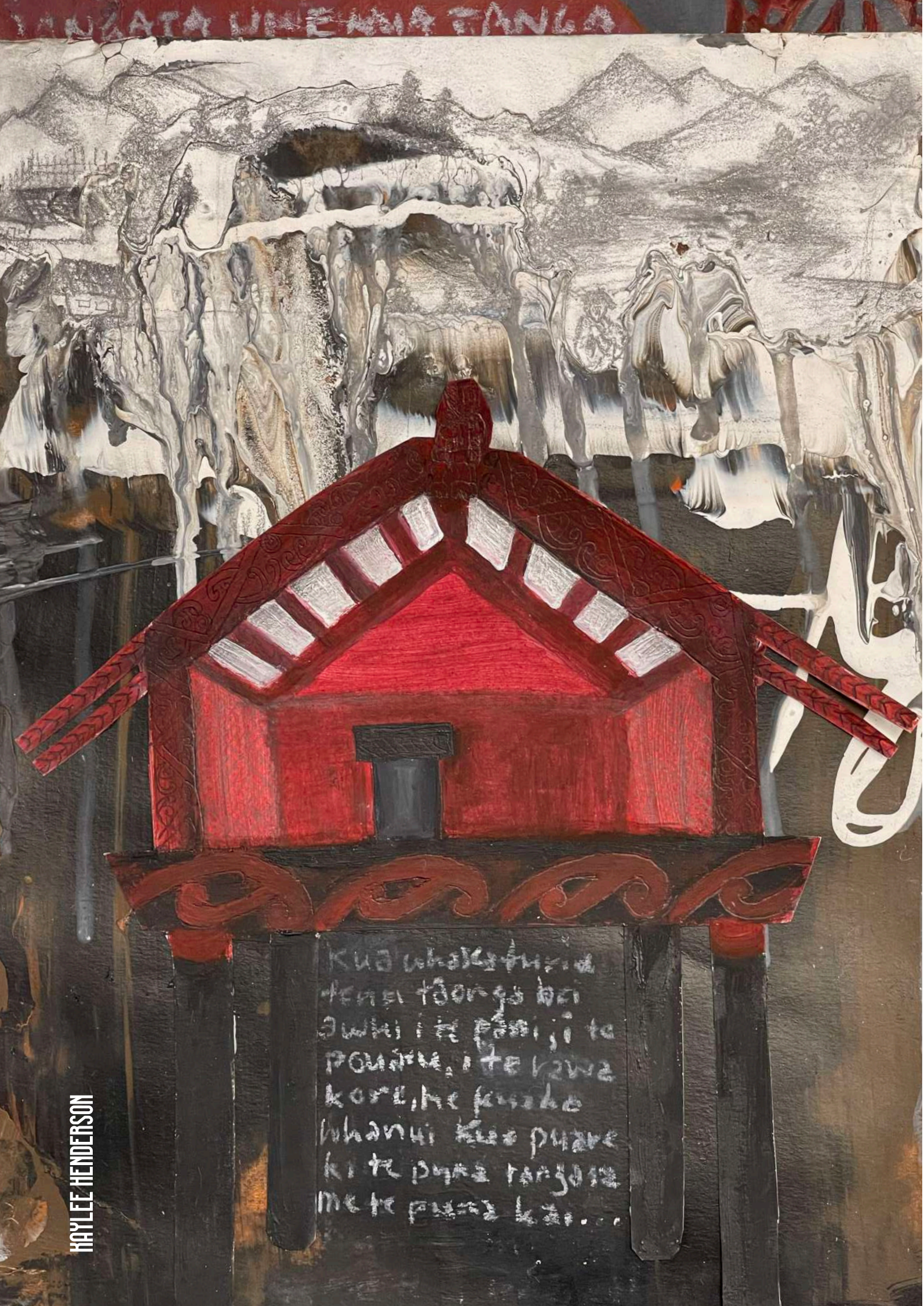
Our Junior Boys Premier Basketball team travelled to Rotorua for the Zone 2 Regional Premierships. As a young squad, many of the players were experiencing tournament-style basketball for the first time. They faced tough competition in the pool games against Hamilton Boys' High School, Rotorua Boys' High School, and Tauranga Boys' College, but their perseverance and determination shone through in other games where they were undefeated. Despite the challenges, it was a fantastic opportunity for growth and our boys enjoyed the experience, having a great time both on and off the court!



SENIOR BOYS PREMIER RESERVE

Our Senior Boys Premier Reserve Basketball team secured 3rd place in the Premier Reserve Division in the Waikato Secondary Schools Basketball Competition before heading off to the Central Cup Tournament in New Plymouth. At Central Cup, the team demonstrated their skill and determination by winning all their pool games and advancing to the Top 4 playoffs. In the semi-finals, they were narrowly defeated by Tauranga Boys' College, 90-84. In the final, they fell short to Wairarapa College, 93-81. Our Senior Premier Reserve placed 4th overall at the Central Cup tournament! We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the way they represented Fraser High School with pride. Their commitment and effort throughout the season were evident and truly paid off, marking a successful and rewarding conclusion to their 2024 Basketball season.





MANZATA WINEHIA TANGA

KUA whakaturia
tena tōrangā hei
āwhi i te pāni, i te
pouamu, i te kōwhiri
kore, he kōwhiri
whanui kua pūhau
ki te pūhau tōrangā
me te pūhau kōwhiri...

HAYLEE HENDERSON



IHAIA TE HIRA AT THE IVF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HILO, HAWAII



A huge congratulations to Ihaia Te Hira (Year 13) for competing at the 2024 IVF World Championships in Hilo, Hawai'i! It was incredible to see Ihaia and his team take on top international competitors from around the world.

Competing at such a prestigious event was a remarkable achievement, showcasing his dedication and skill at the highest level. We are so proud of Ihaia for representing both his team and our school with such pride and determination. Well done, Ihaia—you've made us all proud!

TIRA HOE



This year Hei Taniwha participated in our inaugural Hei Taniwha Tira Hoe, on our new school waka. It was an honour and privilege for students and staff to paddle on our ancestral river from Grantham Street, Kirikiriroa to Ngaaruawaahia. The 20km journey allowed students to understand the origins of our school name, Taniwharau, engage in tikanga Maaori and hear stories about the awa and tuupuna who occupied the land through which our river flows.

For many, it was the first time on our awa and the first time experiencing something as unique as Tira Hoe. It was a very special occasion, which will remain etched in the memory of all participants. We look forward to 2025 and providing Tira Hoe opportunities for our Hei Taniwha aakonga. We want to thank the support of the Perry Outdoor Educational Trust and a special thank you to our Tumuaki Virginia Crawford and our kura for enabling this kaupapa.



Kawhia wasn't some ordinary beach where the sand meets the shore

The mood of the clouds swayed colours as the horizon consumed the sun; a joyous yellow and delicate pink. It was cute. How every time the sky said goodbye to the sun, it would blush.

The wind whistled love songs, serenading the sun until it finally fell asleep behind the line of horizon. Without the warmth of the sun's smile, the beach seemed sad. Even in my jacket, the moon only elicited cold loneliness. But without the moon – its flaws and crevices – we'd all take the sun's beauty for granted. Heck, some people still do.

I know, it sounds silly. A two-hour car ride, half a tank of overpriced petrol, all for a 20-minute sunset guaranteed to happen again tomorrow, and the next day, and the next. But I'll never get to experience this episode of the sunset again. And that serves as a reminder to appreciate every little miracle life offers. There is beauty all around. If only we were better at noticing it.

My brother and I have become notorious for the moments we capture. Every trip is a new album of photos and a post on instagram. Not to brag about the places I've been, how fortunate I am to be able to travel, but because these memories are begging me to share them with others. To be relived, cherished forever, as eternal as the beach itself, in hopes that more people will find time to appreciate golden-hour.

Sunsets are such a forgotten phenomenon.

So, maybe the reason I always come back to the beach is that I long for a romance only seen in its sunsets. I've always been the biggest hopeless romantic.

And if the view wasn't significant enough, the captain of the Tainui waka searched long and far for a place for his people to settle but was never satisfied until coming to Kawhia. Maybe settlers were also secret hopeless romantics.

After all, who could resist the pull of the tides? The magnetising horizons? The fields of toitoi that mark the beach with a sense of belonging – a taste of New Zealand? Perhaps one day I'll be able to experience a sunset at Kawhia with a lover of my own, though she'd surely leave me and run off with the sunset itself.

You see... Kawhia isn't some ordinary beach where the sand meets the shore. No, it's much more miraculous than that.

Levi Smith - Y12



NGAA WAKA O TE KURA

Ka tohia koe ki te wai o too taatou awa tuupunaKa taakina ai ngaa hoe, hoea atu raa

Ka toka ai te 10 o Mei ki roto i a mahara moo te rangi i whakarewahia ai ngaa waka hou o Te Kura Tuarua O Taniwharau. I whai waahi ai eetahi o ngaa mokopuna, eetahi o ngaa pakeke ki te rongo i ngaa karakia tawhito me te kite i ngaa tikanga o teenei momo.

E Pare, e kore e mimiti aa maatou mihi moou ngaa karakia i taki.

Ahakoia te maaeke ki ngaa tahataha o too taatou awa tuupuna, kua mahana te tinana, kua hiki te wairua i te rangatira o te kaupapa.

Ko te whaainga ia, kia hoehoe haeretia ngaa mokopuna ki runga i ngaa waka nei. Ko te ako tikanga, ko te whakarongo koorero, ko te hoe ki runga i too taatou awa tuupuna te mahi.



WAKA AMA ROTORUA

Te Kura Tuarua O Taniwharau were well represented at the National Secondary School competition held on Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua, from 18-22 March. During the week-long competition, our students competed in the J16 Boys, J19 Girls W6 Divisions along with the J19 Boys and J19 Girls W1 divisions. All competitors represented our kura with pride both on and off the water.

The level of competition this year was extremely high. Many paddlers had trained over the summer months and arrived ready for racing. Although our results varied, we are extremely proud of our effort. A special mention to our V1 paddlers Ihaia Te Hira and Ashana-Rae Eketone. This campaign provided new learnings, and created new friendships and memorable experiences.

We want to acknowledge three of our paddlers, Ihaia Te Hira, Jonas Nicholls and Rehco Wood who represented their club at the IVF Va'a World Sprints Club Sprint Championship held in Hilo, Hawai'i.

BLUE & WHITE



Our thanks goes out to Fraser Tech Rugby Club for cheering on our Fraser 1st XV at their home game last weekend. Check out our new jerseys! We would not only like to thank them for their support on the sidelines but also for sponsoring our new jerseys. Our team is very grateful for this generous contribution. We are proud to be back in blue and white.

VOLLEYBALL



Isaac Marsden (Year 12 Fraser student) competed at the Inter-Provincial Championships for Volleyball from 1-3 June. Isaac was awarded most improved player for Waikato U17's team from this year's tournament. The Waikato U17's Boys team are silver medalists.



The Waikato Intermediate Rippa Rugby tournament took place at Elliot Park, next to our home grounds, on Tuesday 28 May. Some of our 1st XV Boys Rugby players put on the Game Enhancer uniforms for the tournament. It was a fantastic opportunity for our boys to contribute to the community and to experience and understand the responsibilities of officiating a rugby match.

RIPPA RUGBY



On Sunday 20 October, our Premier Mixed Touch team participated in the Nga Wai Rau Secondary School Touch tournament. The team started slow as it was their first official game playing together, going down to an enthusiastic Papamoa team. After reflecting on their performance, the team was able to adjust and start build confidence, leading to a convincing win over Te Aroha College (6-1). Momentum continued into the following round robin games with big wins over Morrinsville (8-4) and Bethlehem (9-3).

The last game was a rematch between Fraser High School and Papamoa College. Papamoa continued their impressive form and went into the half-time break leading (1-2). Although behind on the scoreboard, the Fraser Mixed team handled the pressure well and showed resilience to overcome their opponents. Final score: Fraser 6 - 4 Papamoa

The team's final challenge of the year will be the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Touch Nationals in Rotorua from 6-8 December.

NGA WAI RAU SECONDARY SCHOOL TOUCH TOURNAMENT



TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

Fraser High School's Year 12 and 13 Physical Education (P.E.) students took on the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge in Ngaruawahia. This unique event saw our senior P.E. students navigate a challenging 6km course filled with mud pits, water crossings, and tough obstacles.

Along with a sense of accomplishment, students could earn NCEA credits. Faster times earned a Merit or Excellence. Each student showed their fitness and energy, bringing their own fun and excitement to the race, and reflecting the spirited energy of Fraser High School with every muddy step.

Every moment was an unforgettable adventure, from conquering waist-deep mud pits to braving icy water crossings, jumping fences, running up hills and through New Zealand bush. The water slide was especially thrilling. Waiting at the finish line were warm showers, food trucks, spot prizes and encouraging teachers.

Congratulations to our Year 12 and 13 students for their grit and determination! Friendly competition and NCEA achievements uniting schools across Waikato in a celebration of fun.

Written by Charlotte Entwisle-Phillips (pictured left)





FRASER BALL

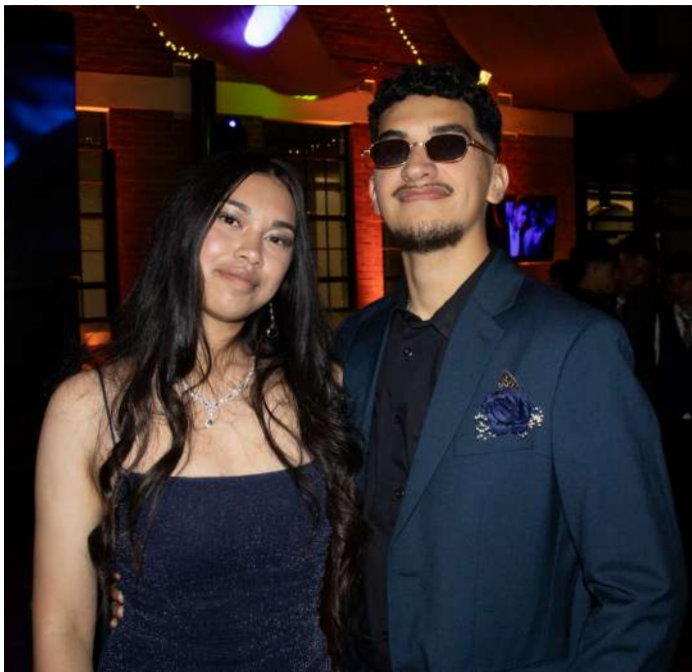
On 22 June 2024, Fraser held their annual school ball at the Wintec Atrium; this year's theme was "A Night In Vegas". The Wintec Atrium was overtaken by splashes of red and gold, game tables that were provided and run by volunteers from the Lions Club, and delicious food. This, along with over 300 delighted students in their gowns and tuxedos, created an ambience that made the night both a magical and memorable experience.

Students and teachers voted on various awards, and the teachers deliberated and agreed on four of the best-dressed ball-goers (pictured at the top of the page to the right):

- Martel Chong Nee and Ryleigh Cadman
- Peyton O'Callaghan and Zion Burgess

Each student had the chance to vote for their favourite year 12 and year 13 Ball couple. The two couples were Nikhil Mudaliar with Tana Ihaka for best year 12 couple, and Gary Ihaka with Sapphire Harris for best Year 13 couple. Countless photos were captured, dances enjoyed, and memories made in a place where glamour met good fortune.







EVOLOCITY

The annual Regional Evolocivity competition was held at Off Road NZ's Mamaku Go-Kart track, a fantastic facility set in the countryside. Year 13 groups were set the task of building an electric vehicle to compete against other schools. Three vehicles were entered on the day. Unfortunately, one suffered some damage on the way and could not compete, while a second entry had electrical issues that were not able to be overcome on the day. All part of the challenge and experience. The third entry performed well and came away with the award for Open class bike. As usual, our students were great representatives for our school. Congratulations to all who participated.



PROGRAMMING FOR GIRLS COMPETITION

Our school was invited to participate in the 2024 Programming Competition for Girls (PC4G) at Waikato University. PC4G is a programming contest held at universities across Aotearoa intended for year 10 (and 9) girls. It was developed to try and change the gender balance at the Olympiad in Informatics summer camps, and hopefully also the team to represent New Zealand at the International Olympiad in Informatics.

Fraser had five teams participating and all our teams did extremely well. They showed their courage and resilience during this event and portrayed Fraser's LEAD values with pride.

- Harshita & Eva Malhotra - Year 10: finished 10th in Hamilton
- Sakura Muir-Hose - Year 10 (who teamed up with Vanessa Clifford-Marsh a Year 10 student from Rototuna Junior High) - finished 9th in Hamilton
- Charne Pieters & Malaya Guysayko - Year 9: finished 7th in Hamilton
- Sammie Benton & Methmi Senevirathna - Year 9: finished 6th in Hamilton
- Manami Sweetman & Lucy Rouget - Year 9: finished 2nd in Hamilton and 23rd overall across Aotearoa

Congratulations to all of them for their efforts!

A TASTE OF EXCELLENCE

CULINARY FAIR 2024

The annual Culinary Fair held on 4-5 July was a resounding success, showcasing the impressive skills and creativity of local high school students. Held at The Wintec Hospitality Centre, the event brought together budding chefs from various schools, each eager to demonstrate their culinary prowess and compete for top honours.

This year's participants showed exceptional skill, but the atmosphere was one of excitement and mutual respect. Many of our students expressed their excitement about next year's fair, already planning to come back with even more ambitious dishes and strategies. "We're looking forward to next year with full force," said one student. "We want to bring our A-game and take on the other high schools with renewed energy and creativity."

The Culinary Fair not only provided a platform for students to showcase their talents but also offered them valuable learning experiences. The event was a testament to the vibrant and growing interest in culinary arts among young people in our community.

As the fair concluded, participants and attendees alike left with a sense of accomplishment and anticipation for next year's event. With the bar set high, there's no doubt that the 2025 Culinary Fair will be even more exciting, as students return to compete and celebrate their love for food.

"He waahanga nui teenei kaupapa ki too taatou hapori, aa, e manako ana maatou ki te kite i ngaa hua pai i te waa kei te heke mai"

This event is an important part of our community, and we look forward to seeing positive outcomes in the future.

Cup Cakes - Secondary School Culinary

82 Silver 378 Brooke Parker

Celebration Cake - Secondary School Culinary

70 Bronze 375 Ellie Reid

Celebration Cake - Secondary School Culinary

75 Bronze 367 Xanthe Matson

Café Cake - Secondary School Culinary

75 Bronze 371 DJ Anderson

Mystery Box - Secondary School Culinary

75 Bronze 373 Nikita Jellie-Silvey & Joshua Wilson

Mystery Box - Secondary School Culinary

76 Bronze 374 Ellie Reid & Charlotte Entwisle-Phillips

Mystery Box - Secondary School Culinary

79 Bronze 369 Jesse Zillwood & Xanthe Matson

Mystery Box - Secondary School Culinary

81 Silver 370 Marshall Booth & Lucky Hartley

Creative Burger - Secondary School Culinary

66 Merit 368 Josh Aragon

Creative Burger - Secondary School Culinary

73 Bronze 365 Pahemata Rogers







Extract from:



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Silent Tongues Wairua Motukore

(Unbroken Spirit)

The walk to school was a hushed one. Their once lively chatter in Te Reo Maaori had faded into silence. Their parents had insisted. “Kaua e koorero Maaori,” their mother had whispered, fear lacing her voice. “They’ll punish you.”

“Good Morning, class,” Mr. Davis’s voice boomed. The children, like parrots, repeated the phrase in English, the words uncomfortable in their mouths. Mr. Davis’s eyes narrowed as he looked at Amiiria, his lips curling into a thin, unpleasant smile. “Good Morning, Amelia,” he said, deliberately twisting her name into something that felt wrong, something that wasn’t hers.

“Good Morning sir” she mumbled, her voice barely above a whisper. Her real name, Amiiria, felt like a secret she had to protect.

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At lunch break, Amiiria and Ihaia sat under a large poohutukawa tree, away from the others. Kere joined them, her small hands clutching a piece of bread. “Aue, kei te hiakai ahau” she said, her words slipping naturally into Te reo Maaori.

“Kere!” Amiiria hissed, glancing at her surroundings. “Don’t speak—” But it was too late. Mr. Davis had overheard.

He stormed toward them, his face contorted with anger. “What did she just say?” he demanded, looming over them. “Did she speak that savage tongue?”

Without thinking, Amiiria threw her arms around Kere, shielding her with her own body. “Please, sir,” she begged, her voice breaking. “Punish me instead.”

For a moment, there was silence. Mr. Davis’s expression was unreadable, and Amiiria feared the worst. Then, with a taunting grin, he raised the cane. “Very well” he said coldly, and the cane came down hard on Amiiria’s back. She gritted her teeth, refusing to cry out, though the pain seared through her.

After what felt like an eternity, Mr. Davis finally stepped back. “Remember this, Amelia,” he spat, using that detested name once more. “Speak English, or you’ll pay the price.”

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As Amiiria lay down to sleep, the sting of the cane still fresh on her back, she thought of her name, her real name, and repeated it silently to herself, as if to keep it alive. “Amiira,” she whispered, her voice lost in the night. Amiiria, her heart swelling with defiance and unshakeable pride, sat upright in her bed, her voice a soft but fierce whisper. She began to chant her favourite whakataukii, each word a shield, a weapon against the forces trying to strip away who she was.

“Kia mate ururoa, kei mate wheke”

With every breath, the words strengthened her resolve. Her first clenched as if to hold tight to the essence of her being.

“Ko Amiiria tooku ingoa. He Maaori ahau!”

Though they might try to silence her, though her tongue might be bound by the weight of punishment, nothing could steal that truth from her spirit. Even in silence, it would roar. Even if the world refused to hear her voice, it would forever echo within her soul.

Anonymous, Y12



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AIGA TASI YEAR 13'S FIRST SAMOA MALAGA

Aiga Tasi Year 13 students embarked on their first-ever Samoa Malaga (trip), an unforgettable cultural journey. During our time in Samoa, we had the opportunity to establish meaningful partnerships with Pesega College in Upolu and Vaiola College in Savai'i, strengthening ties with our Pacific whānau.

The experience was both enriching and inspiring, as we immersed ourselves in Samoan culture, language, and traditions. We are incredibly grateful for the support from our families, community organizations, and especially our Principal, Mrs. Crawford, and the Board of Trustees, whose backing made this trip possible.

This Samoa Malaga has created lasting memories and deepened our connection to our heritage, and we look forward to continuing these partnerships for years to come.







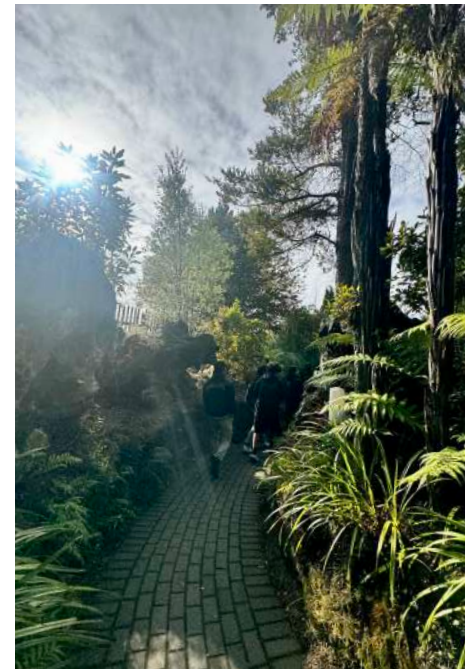
HOPE RISING FARM

CHARITABLE TRUST

Hope Rising works with tamariki and youth, by helping to build life skills through effective and practical learning opportunities. I've been working with Hope Rising for almost a full term now, along with two of my He Puaawai classmates. We've learnt multiple skills around communication with horses, leadership, problem solving, and responsibility around farm work. Hope Rising always opens each lesson with a prayer and closes with a prayer which brings ease to each lesson. We have 2 tutors between 3 students meaning we equally get support.

We started by getting introduced to miniature horses and learnt to groom, and gained leadership skills by leading the horses around a paddock. On our third week, we were introduced to larger horses and gardening skills. At the end of each lesson we reflected on what skills we've worked on and how things went. Hope Rising gives me an opportunity to look forward to working on new skills each week and being out on a farm brings me peace. The sessions have been a really enjoyable part of Term 3.

Serina Nepia, He Puaawai



TOURISM STUDENTS EXPLORE ROTORUA

In term 3, the tourism students ventured beyond the school gates to the beautiful city of Rotorua. They enjoyed a few days of adventure and adrenaline, as well as a luxury stay at one of the local hotels. It was great to experience and enjoy all that the city has to offer.

Our first stop was Te Puia, where we were welcomed outside the beautiful wharenui, Te Aronui a Rua, and then taken on a tour that guided us through Te Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley. We also visited the thermal pools to relax. That evening, we walked through the magical canopy of the beautiful redwoods on the Night Tree Walk. Lastly, we couldn't have a trip to Rotorua without taking a few turns on the Skyline gondola and luge.

This was an unforgettable trip where we grew closer as a class and were able to experience Aotearoa together.

NGA WAI RAU SECONDARY SCHOOL TOUCH TOURNAMENT



Some Year 12 Ag students took on the challenge of the two-day Chainsaw Safety course like pros—rain or shine! Armed with chainsaws, helmets, and a lot of enthusiasm, they dove into learning the ins and outs of safe chainsaw operation. From prepping the saw and understanding each part's purpose to practicing actual cuts, they tackled it all. The course also covered crucial skills, like spotting hazards and using proper techniques. The weather may not have been ideal, but a bit of mud and drizzle couldn't keep this group down. Laughter and sawdust flew as they put their skills to the test, making for an unforgettable, hands-on adventure in chainsaw safety.

CONSTRUCTING DNA



My model is a DNA strand I made for a project in my hub class. I used hot-glue to stick pom-poms and coloured popsicle sticks together to represent the different parts of DNA. The popsicle sticks represent the nitrogenous base (the base includes pairs of Adenine and thymine, guanine and cytosine), and the pom-poms represent the sugar phosphate backbone (deoxyribose and phosphate).

My mum helped, she made the base and the middle stick for the model to be built on. It was a fun project to learn about and create at home, even if I rushed to complete it at the last minute!

Sammie Benton, Year 9



MIKAEALA HENRY

SUCCESS IN MATHEMATICS

We are excited to share the highlights from the recently concluded Mathematics Week, where our students participated in two prestigious events: the NZAMT Senior Mathematics Competition and the Waikato Mathematics Competition.

Our students demonstrated their talent, determination, and enthusiasm in these challenging competitions, showcasing their strong problem-solving skills and passion for mathematics.

NZAMT Senior Mathematics Competition

This national competition gathered the brightest mathematical minds from New Zealand. On 15 August, our senior students were challenged by the most complex algebraic problems, and they represented our school with great pride, showcasing their mathematical skills as well as their spirit of daring to succeed.

Proud participants: Malaya Guysayko, Ethan Hunt, Loukas King, Jack McCoy, AJ Roberts, Marcus Turner, Emma Walmsley.

Waikato Mathematics Competition

This regional competition was a great opportunity for our students to meet excellent mathematicians from other Waikato schools. On the 16 August at Rototuna High School, our Fraser High School representatives met gifted students from 14 Waikato schools, competing in a fun and intensive manner after weeks of training at home and at school. Their participation and perseverance were truly commendable and made us proud.

We express our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who took part in these competitions. Their hard work and commitment embody the LEAD values of our school. The Year 9 team achieved 5th rank among all the teams!

A special thank you goes to our Year 13 student volunteers, Emma Walmsley and Jack McCoy, as well as to the teachers and parents, for their support in making Mathematics Week a memorable and enriching experience.

Year 9 team: Malaya Guysayko, Junior Mulipola-Temple, Marcus Turner

Year 10 team: Wynter Buisson, Sunayna Harideo, Bhavish Sharma, Rachel Walmsley

Year 11 team: Ethan Hunt, Loukas King, Alex McCoy

Junior Otago Mathematics Competition

This prestigious competition saw participation from 5,000 students in Years 9, 10, and 11, representing 140 schools across New Zealand. Ten junior mathematicians from Fraser took part, and 3 students earned prodigy recognition for their exceptional performance. Certificate of Distinction is awarded to the top 15% of participants, and Certificate of Merit is awarded to the top 50% of participants.

Proudly: Malaya Guysayko gained Certificate of Distinction, Japjot Johal and Ethan Walker each gained a Certificate of Merit.





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THE RAGLAN FILM FESTIVAL 2024



“Pistols at Noon”

Filmmakers: Hunter Collins and Riley Sullivan

A film about a bounty hunter who arrives at a western frontier town in search of an outlaw. This film secured first place in the Rangatahi section at the 2024 Raglan Film Festival. Congratulations to the Fraser Filmmakers Hunter Collins and Riley Sullivan.



“First Place”

Filmmaker: Levi Smith

This film tells the story of a guy who struggles to move on from a relationship. This music video secured second place in the Rangatahi section at the 2024 Raglan Film Festival. Congratulations to the Fraser Filmmaker Levi Smith.



“Jimmy McBean”

Filmmaker: Liam Pettigrew

This commical film captures the experiences of Scottish podcaster ‘Jimmy’ as they seek to please their parents.

We would like to congratulate Liam Pettigrew for winning 1st place equal in the Open Amateur section and winning Best Actor for the role of Jimmy McBean over all sections at the 2024 Raglan Film Festival.



“You Can’t Take Me ”

Filmmaker: Charlotte Silverwood

This illustrated film is about how a horse uses all her strength to fight and gain her freedom.

This film received a Special Mention in the Rangatahi section at the 2024 Raglan Film Festival. Congratulations to the Fraser Filmmaker Charlotte Silverwood.

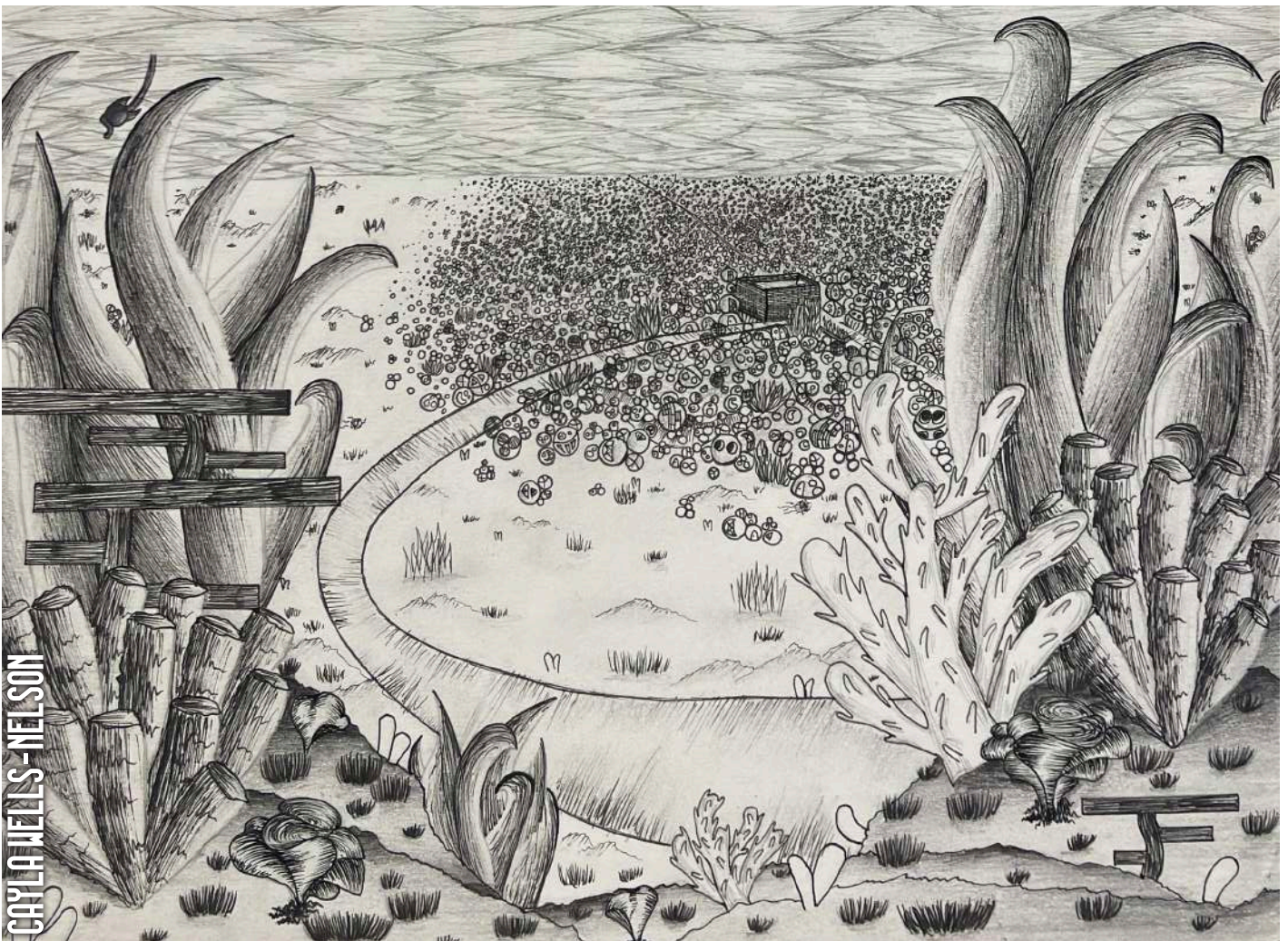
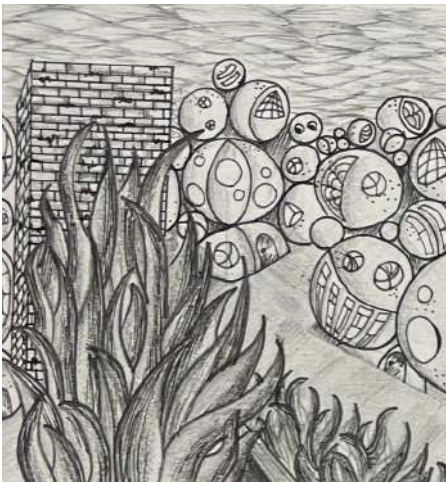
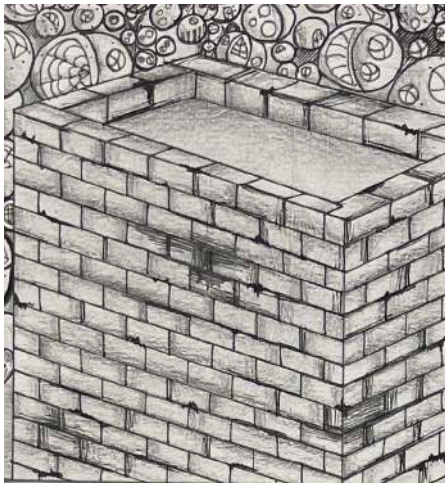


“Meet and Greet”

Filmmaker: Ella Hastie

The main protagonist in this film is Olivia. She is a teenage super fan of the band “One Direction”. The story reveals that the band has a connection to her dreams.

This film received a Special Mention in the Rangatahi section at the 2024 Raglan Film Festival. Congratulations to the Fraser Filmmaker Ella Hastie.



CAYLA WELLS-NELSON





GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO RUAPEHU

I recently had the incredible opportunity to join my classmates on an unforgettable trip to Mt. Ruapehu with our amazing teachers: Mr. Deane, Ms. Mulcahy, and Mr. Akroyd! I had an absolute blast and I'm still buzzing from all the fun we had.

I made so many new friends on the trip! It was awesome getting to know everyone and bonding over all the adventures we had. Whether it was hiking to watch the sunset or learning how to snowboard, every moment was special. Mr. Deane not only taught us many things, but also brought us together as a class.

The experiences we had were just out of this world. I never thought I'd get to see such breathtaking (literally) landscapes and learn so much about geography in such a hands-on way. The sights were stunning, and I felt like I was living in a National Geographic documentary!

I want to thank Mr. Deane for putting so much effort into organising everything and making sure we had the best time ever. His enthusiasm and passion for geography really showed and made the trip even more special. I speak for my entire class when I say that we are so grateful for that opportunity and all the memories we made.

This trip has inspired me to explore the world around me, appreciate the beauty of nature, and taught me the importance of teamwork and pushing beyond my comfort zone. Last but not least, thank you to the teachers for putting up with us and our antics, especially when we were singing at the top of our lungs on the van rides - it must've been tiring!

Written by Hannah Fortune





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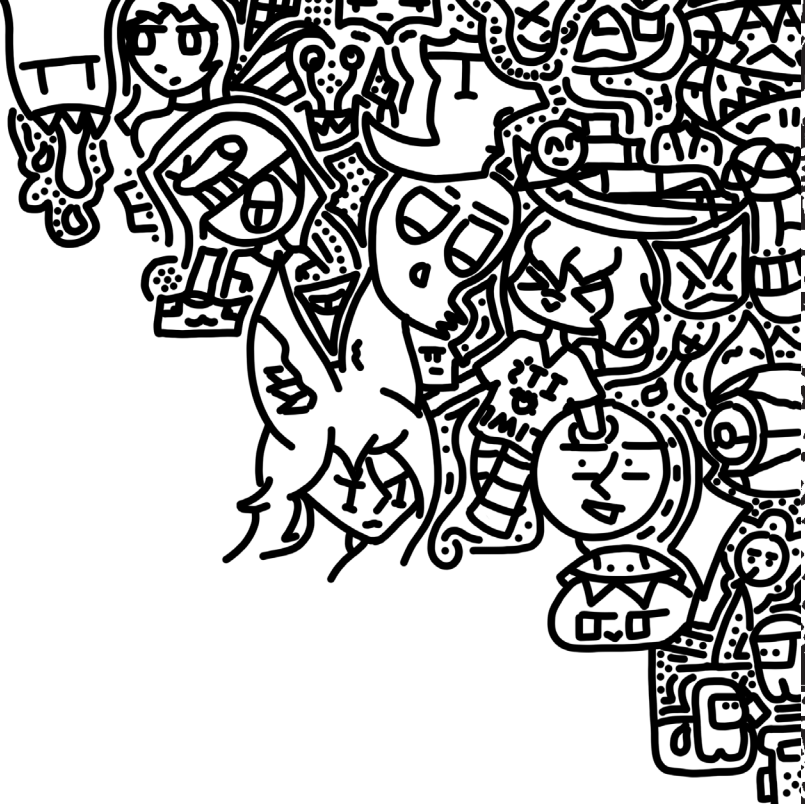
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