

Pānui – February/March 2013

Ngā mihinui ki a koutou

Pōwhiri



This year's pōwhiri was held under clear blue skies on the last day of January. Last year because of the weather we had to hold the pōwhiri in the hall which only fits 500 students. This meant we could only fit in the 359 Year 9s and visitors and a small group of tangata whenua so it was great to be out on the field again with the whole school present to welcome our new Year 9s, new staff and new students in other levels of the school. It is always lovely to have the Tuahiwi School whānau come to the pōwhiri to hand over their rakatahi to Rangiora High School. Kaharoa Manihera spoke for the tangata whenua and Rangi Tutengaehe spoke for the manuhiri. Well done to Elisa Atkins-Percasky who performed her first karanga to a big gathering. This year the kapa haka group were big on quality and quantity with over 70 in the group.





Head Students

Holly Diepraam, of Ngai Tahu descent is proud to be this year's Deputy Head Girl. Her interests include Drama, Dance, Theatresports and Environmental issues. Holly is a member of the Blue Planet Club and a loyal member of Ngata House.

Roll

This year's roll is 1768 (this includes 39 International Students and 10 students at Maungatere.) While the earthquakes have meant a lot of families have moved into North Canterbury, there have also been families, who because of job losses have had to relocate from the district. There are currently 167 Māori students on our roll of whom 48 are learning Te Reo Māori.

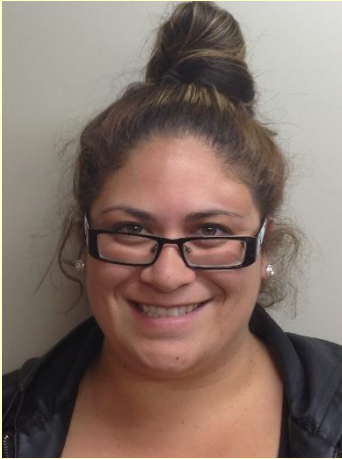
Year 9	34
Year 10	40
Year 11	40
Year 12	35
Year 13	18

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

Trip to the West Coast

Our kapa haka students have been invited to Hokitika and Greymouth as part of a haka festival there on 3-5 April. After the success of the trip to Onuku last year, students are looking forward to visiting the coast and meeting students there with the same passion for kapa haka. They will be performing on both nights.





Tui Hawaikirangi (Ngati Porou)

We welcomed Tui to the Languages Department at the start of this year. She is filling in for Whaea Hiraina who is on sick leave for the term. Tui has been teaching at Dunstan High School but is an Otautahi girl through and through. She has made a great start teaching Te Reo Māori to Year 9 and 10 and the senior beginner Māori class.

Earthquake Memorial Service

The 22 February was marked with a memorial service for the whole school on the field. The kapa haka group assisted by singing *Whakāria Mai*. The short service was moving and well-observed by students. It is amazing to think that two years have gone by. For some, things have moved on, but for many the struggle continues in many different ways.

SUCCESS

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

YEAR 13



Toby Palmer (Tuwharetoa, Te Arawa)

Cartwright Trophy for Dux of the School
Barry King Memorial Trophy Excellence in Senior Graphics
Toby is taking a GAP year and intends to go to Otago University in 2014 to study Health Sciences



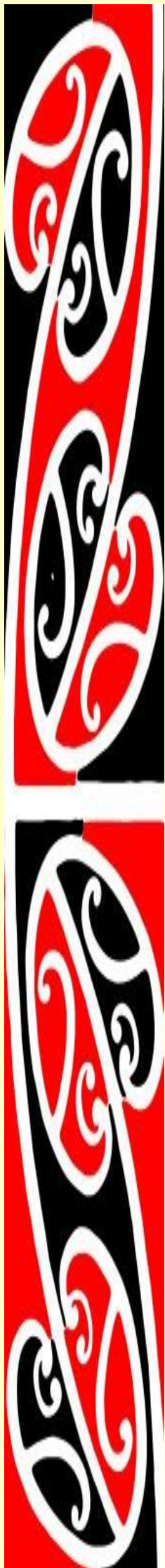
Kori Jones (Ngai Tamanuhiri)

Mayor Waimakariri District Leadership and Service to the School
Beattie Cup for Head Boy
Kori is currently studying Health Sciences at Otago University



Jarrod Satherley (Ngati Awa, Ngati Manawa, Tuhoë)

McCord Trophy for Triple Colours in basketball, Golf and Kapa haka
Cowley Trophy for MVP Basketball
Cobden Cox Senior Golf Champion
Taonga whakapono for the student who contributed most to kaupapa māori
Jarrod is intending to start the second semester at Canterbury University studying Teaching and Sport Coaching





Levi Collier Robinson (Ngati Porou, Whanau-A-Apanui, Ngai Tahu)
RHS Education Trust Scholarship for top Māori student studying at university
Levi is studying Science at Canterbury University



Kerry Thomson (Ngai Tahu)
RHS PTA Award Service to the School

YEAR 12



Rongo Cutriss (Ngai Tahu)
Alma Lynskey Trophy for Outstanding Special Needs Student in Sporting or Cultural Achievement



Mary Goulding (Rongowhakata)
Future Leader's Scholarship RHS Education Trust



Holly Diepraam (Ngai Tahu)
Future Leader's Scholarship RHS Education Trust
RHS Trophy for Excellence in Dance



YEAR 10

Simone Pitama (Ngai Tahu, Tuhoe)
Weston Ward and Lascelles All Round Performance in Year 10
Te Tara Kuratao prize for Most Promising Junior Māori Student





Toby Palmer (left) and Levi Collier Robinson (right) being honoured by the kapa haka group after receiving two of the school's top four prizes at Year 13 Graduation

Kaitātaki

This year's leaders are:

Kaitāitaki tāne



Wiremu Puha Tirikatene
(Ngai Tahu, Ngati Porou)



Levi Beedles
(Ngati Raukawa, Ngati Porou)

Kaitāitaki wāhine



Simone Pitama
(Ngai Tahu)



Jessica Tai
(Whakatoea)

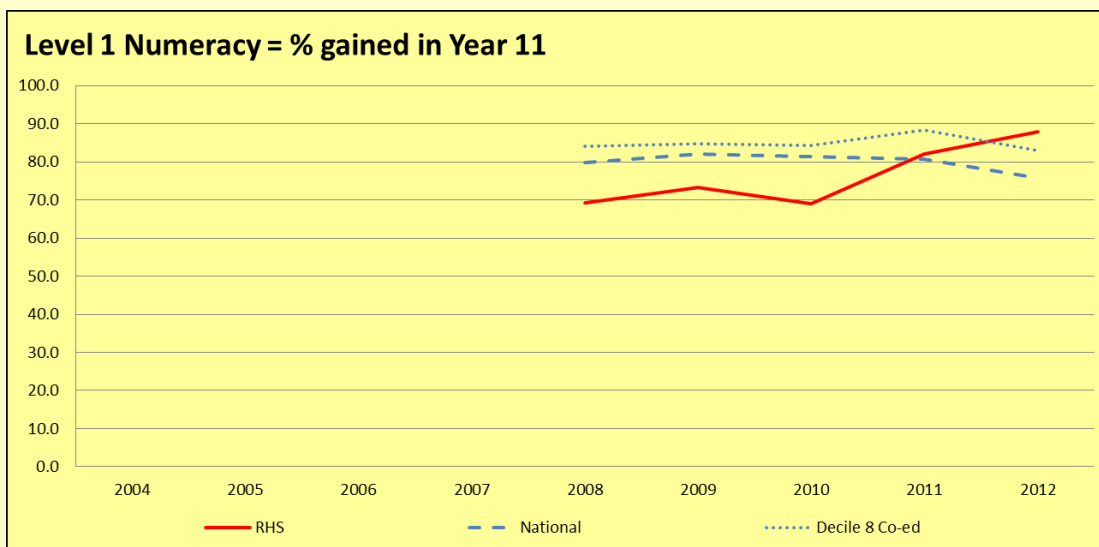
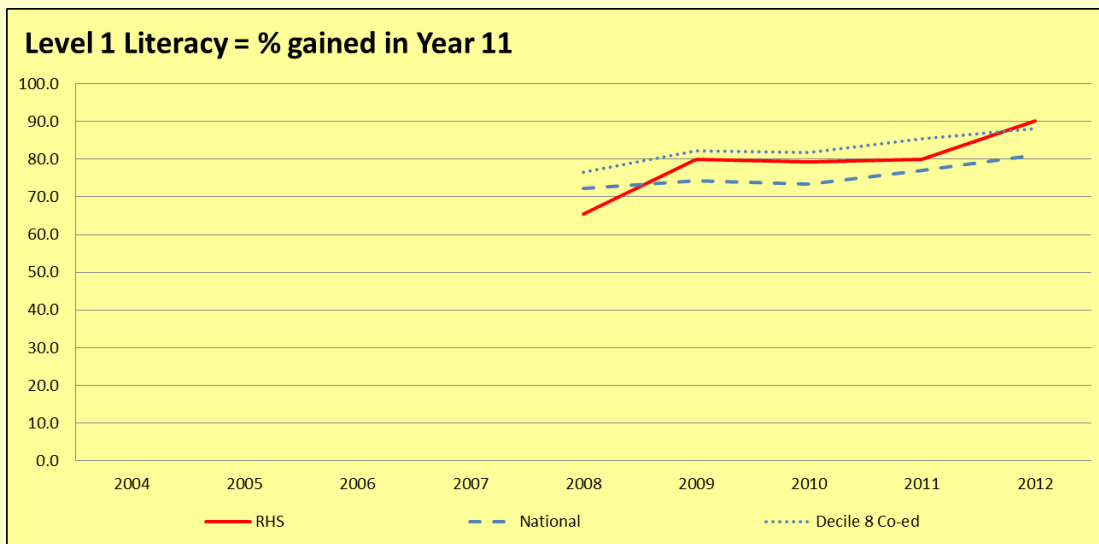


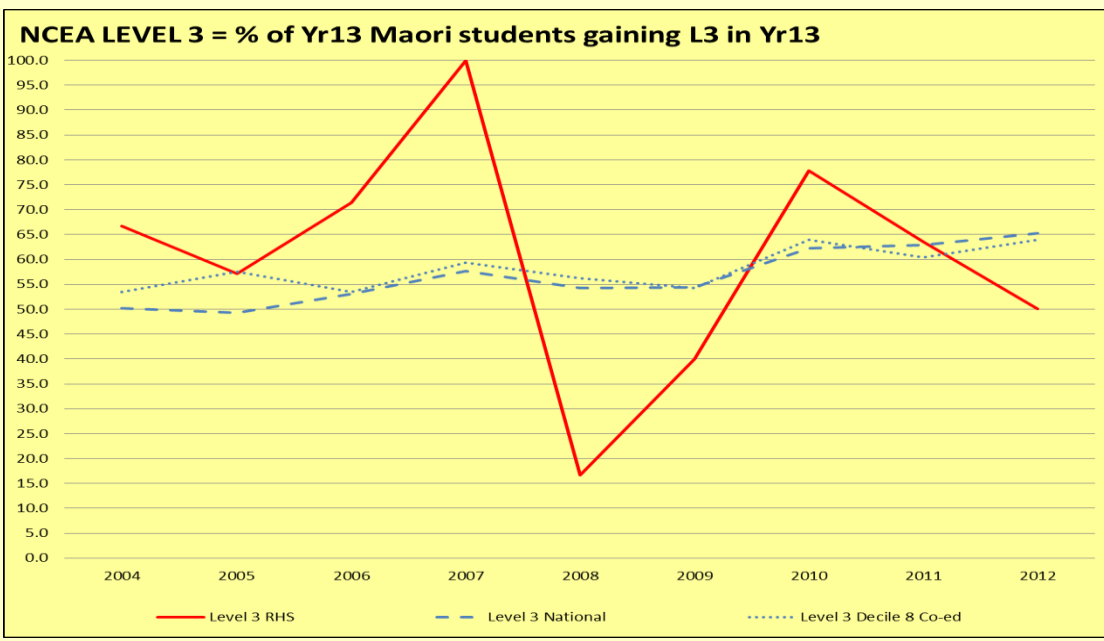
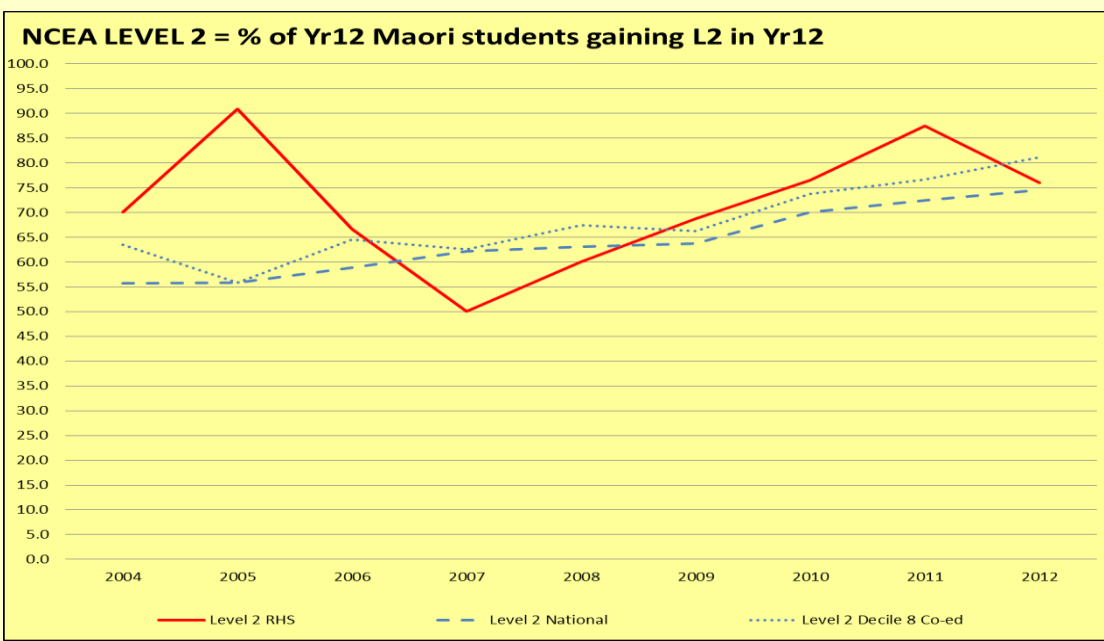
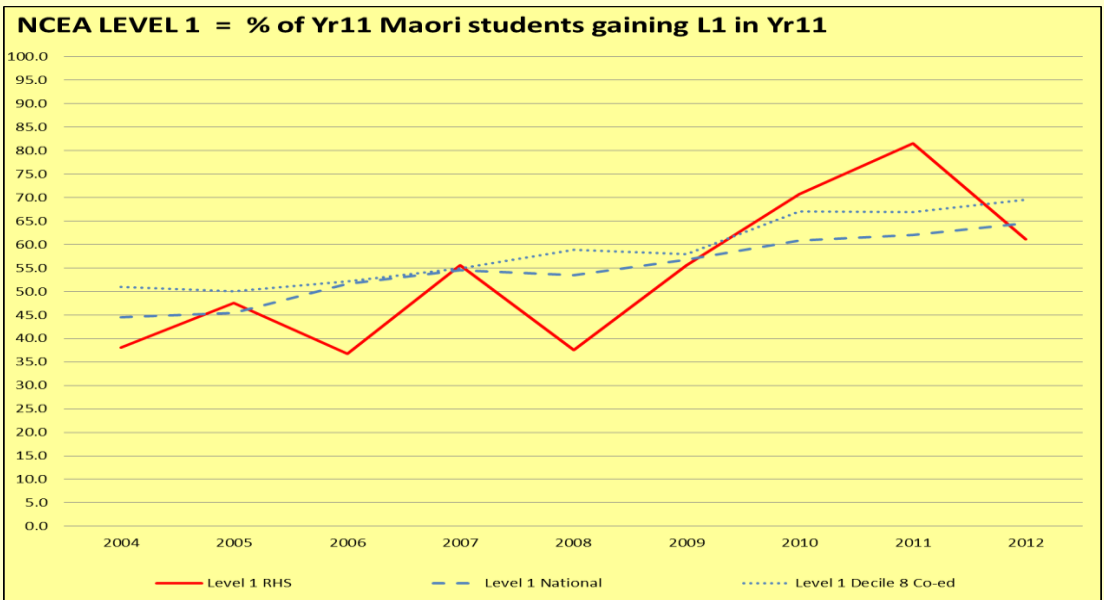
Māori Student Achievement Goal for 2013

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

Results NCEA

For all students results in 2012 were not as good as the previous year. This is partly due to the fact that students could apply for derived grades in 2011. Heads of Faculty are working together to look at how we can continue to push our results up especially in the areas of Level 1 and 3. It is pleasing to see the strong results in Numeracy and Literacy for our Māori students.





It is important that students attend all classes and if students are heavily involved in sport or cultural activities they need to be organised, plan their homework and study time so that everything gets done.

They should also ask for help often and be confident that there are others in the class who will need a bit more explanation or another way of attacking something too. Lunchtime tutorials, Maths Help, Homework Club are all available – it just takes the desire to achieve to get there.

If students are struggling with their work in any way please contact the school SOONER rather than later. It is much easier to help them when things start to get hard, rather than when they have become impossible. You can get help by ringing or emailing:

Form teacher

Class teacher

Dean

Head of House

Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning – Scott Wright

Deputy Principal – Student Services – Julia Malcolm

Guidance Counsellor – Steve Shaw, Will Collie, Mike Flavell, Ellis Moonen

Senior Academic Dean – Steve Kersey

Junior Academic Dean – Lesley Elms

(Every teacher's email is firstname.lastname@rangiorahigh.school.nz)

I hope you enjoy reading of our Māori students' endeavours. We look forward to their successes in 2013. Tena koutou.

Julia Malcolm

Deputy Principal – Student Services

