

## Citations for Achievers Breakfast – 2 April 2009

### **Josie Beverwijk**

Josie is a young woman we are honouring today with an exhaustive list of awards and involvement.

Josie was placed in the top 20 at Rangitoto College for her Level 1 NCEA results. This is a remarkable feat not only because there are over 600 students at her year level but also when you consider her excellent achievements in the Performing Arts.

She sang in the Platinum Award winning '*Fundamentals*' choir, the 'SOS' choir, two barbershop girls' groups and the barbershop chorus. She was the Lead Female in the 2008 '*Seussical*' show and is the lead in '*The Wedding Singer*' that is playing at present. Last year Josie received the AMI Award for the '*Best Lead Female in a School Show*'. She was chosen by independent judges from a large number of shows across Auckland – an outstanding achievement.

Finally, Josie was voted in as a Year 12 Student Representative this year which is a testimony to her leadership and personal qualities. A star in the making!

### **Travis Brown**

Travis has been a student in Rangitoto College since February 2006. He has wonderful leadership skills and during his time in Rangitoto he has been a very positive role model to all of our students.

Travis is a talented sportsman and has participated in cricket every year that he has been in the school. In 2007 he represented our school by playing in our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and in the same year he was awarded a Merit Sports Award for playing in the Cricket North Harbour U15 Team as well as being named Cricket North Harbour U15 Player of the Year.

In 2008 he was involved in our High Performance Cricket programme and represented our school as a member of our Boys First XI team. He was awarded a Merit Sports Award for being a member of the Cricket Auckland U17 Squad and also a member of the Cricket North Harbour U17 A team.

Travis is currently in the Auckland Secondary School team and is trialling for the Auckland U19 Winter Academy.

We wish him every success for this year and the future!

Please join with me in honouring the achievements of Travis Brown.

### **Jenny Chiu**

Jenny has been a student at Rangitoto College since February 2006. During her time at Rangitoto she has excelled academically and has been described by her teachers as being an exemplary student who is pleasant, co operative, very talented, energetic and bubbly.

Jenny puts tremendous effort into her studies and earlier this year she was acknowledged as being in the top 3% of Rangitoto College students based on their NCEA Level One qualifications. This is an amazing achievement which reflects Jenny's attitude and abilities.

But there is more to Jenny than exceptional academic ability. This year she was selected because of her skills and qualities to be a Y12 Student leader, a responsibility that she takes very seriously indeed.

She is also involved in

- Future Problem Solving
- Music – very talented pianist
- Hockey
- Tramping
- Netball
- Random Acts of Kindness
- The School production “The Wedding Singer”
- Brain Bee – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Auckland 2008
- Canoe Polo – Nationals - Rotorua 2008
- Duke of Edinburgh – starting Gold Award
- and has been a driving force behind the establishment and success of our Robotics Team.

Jenny Chiu is an exceptional young woman who is fully committed to our school and dedicated to her studies. She is an outstanding role model for our students and we look forward to following her successes in the future.

### **Kate Frielick**

Kate’s contribution to ‘life’ at Rangitoto College has been amazing.

She was voted in as a Student Representative this year and her support from her peers was such that she was made a Deputy Head Girl. She has also been an integral part of the House system from its inception and she was singled out for special mention because of her leadership at this year’s Junior House athletics. Kate’s organisational skills are legendary and all the Student Reps await her emails to remind them of the various tasks coming up.

Kate is also hugely involved in other activities at school - Performing Arts, Sport and Service.

Here is a list!

- Platinum Award winning ‘*Fundamentals*’ choir as well as ‘SOS’ choir and the ‘*Barbie Girls*’ Barbershop group
- Stage Challenge
- The 2009 show “*The Wedding Singer*”
- Basketball
- Netball and netball coaching
- People Planet Group
- Forty Hour Famine
- House building in Cambodia

Kate is an impressive young woman who is an outstanding role model and leader to her peers and younger students. We expect to hear great things about her in the future. No pressure, Kate.

## **Alannah Jury**

Alannah started swimming at the age of seven, because she thought it was a 'fun thing to do'. For someone who says she was just an 'average' swimmer there is certainly anything but average about Alannah's recent swimming triumphs.

After changing coaches during 2008 Alannah has made huge strides in her swimming results. She has gone from 5th at the Nationals in 2008, to this year gaining a bronze and New Zealand record at the Youth Olympics in the 800m freestyle.

Her successes haven't stopped there. In the 'Open Water' at the NZ Swimming Nationals in the 10km race she received a gold (U17-18) age group and silver in the Open Women's. She also received two silvers in the age and open categories in the 5km event. These results were capped off by an outstanding result was an impressive 3rd at the Australian Nationals in the 10km race.

At the NZ National Swimming Championships in the 'pool' she was equally impressive with her endurance swimming, achieving three golds and two silvers.

For Alannah her new level of performance and outstanding success is down to her hard work and ability to stay focussed. This coupled with her two new coaches will hopefully give her the 'edge' that she is looking for in the London 2012 Olympics.

## **Josh Kimpton**

Josh's year has got off to a busy start. He was elected Deputy Head Boy with all of the responsibilities that role involves, and he also has the lead role in the school production *The Wedding Singer* which opened last night to great critical acclaim. Josh is also Rangitoto's ambassador for Drama with the Auckland Theatre Company.

Josh plays in three basketball teams including the Senior A team and the Under 17A team.

He plans to travel to Cambodia with the house building group later this year. Josh is also a member of the Planet Peoples' group. He is also a Peer Support leader. Josh is a responsible mature young man who is a great role model for younger students and we appreciate the contribution he makes to life at the College.

## **Ashleigh King**

Ashleigh was elected as a Student Representative last year and is our 2009 Head Girl.

Beside the enormous responsibilities she has in this role she is a top tennis player and a member of the Girls Senior 1 team which won first place in the Auckland Secondary Schools Girls' competition.

Ashleigh is also a keen dancer and choreographer. She has danced in the Hip Hop Troupe and won an Arts Award last year for her involvement in Stage Challenge and her contribution to the choreography for the opening ceremony of the FIFA World Youth Cup. Ashleigh has also taken on a leadership role in SADD, plays soccer and is a well-liked Peer Support leader.

Time management for Ashleigh will obviously need to be well-honed this year as she balances all of her commitments to the life of the school.

### **Michael MacDonald**

Michael is an academically outstanding student. He has a very high level of natural ability and has built on this with a quietly determined approach. In his 2007 year he was placed well into the top twenty students at Rangitoto from his NCEA results. He continued in the same vein last year and was again placed well into the top 20 students academically. His College 2008 end of year report was five 1 V's and a 2 V. This year he has gained four 1's and a 2 for his first report. Michael certainly has not done this by choosing easier options, in Year12 he did 3 Sciences, Mathematics, History and English. This year he is doing 3 Sciences and History.

Michael has not achieved at the highest level by being narrowly focussed on his academic work. Since Year 9 he has been in variety of music groups including the symphonic band, stage band, and big band. He won a Gold Award at the KBB Music Festival last year. He has been a competitive fencer for three years and a member of a future problem solving team for four years.

A perceptive and insightful student, Michael continues to impress, so it is with great interest that we await his results for this year.

### **Gordon Murie**

Gordon has been playing his favoured sport of Football since he was seven years old. He has been in a North Harbour Representative team since he was twelve years old and in the New Zealand Academy team since he was eleven.

His talent as a footballer has seen him be a member of the Rangitoto College 1<sup>st</sup> XI since Year 11 where he is a stalwart defender.

Currently he is a member of the NZ U17 Football team and has been given the prestigious honour of captaining the team. With this team he has played against Chile as well as travelling to Japan where the team had an impressive record of five wins and two losses.

His immediate goal is for the NZU17 team to qualify for the World Cup. The qualifier tournament will be held in Auckland and Gordon will experience playing against teams from Tahiti, New Caledonia and Vanuatu.

Gordon is unlike most footballers in that his future aspirations are to play football overseas. He is already on his way to achieving this goal by receiving an invitation to play football at a University in Pennsylvania in America.

### **Mark Norman**

Mark is a talented sports person. In 2006 in Year 9 he was a member of the 13A soccer team and the Premier Colts Cricket team. By 2007 in Year 10 he had progressed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 cricket team and he had been selected for the Cricket North Harbour U15 A Team for which he was awarded a Merit Sports Award. In 2008 in Year 11 he was in the High Performance Cricket programme and had risen to be a member of the Boys 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Team. A member of Cricket North Harbour U15 A and Cricket Auckland U15. He was awarded another Merit Sports Award for his selection to the Cricket North Harbour under 17 Team.

Mark has a conscientious approach to his school work and is a mature and motivated student. He is using his sporting background to good effect with sports science being his best subject.

Mark is currently in the Auckland Secondary School Cricket Team and is clearly a name to watch for in cricket in the future.

### **Jess Truong**

Jess was voted a Year 12 Student Representative at the beginning of last year and is a Deputy Head Girl this year.

She is a mature and thoughtful young woman who thinks ahead and efficiently gets things organised. She is always there when help is needed.

Jess sings in the Girls Barber Shop choruses and quartets. Her chorus qualified for the National Young Women in Harmony competition last year. She also sings in *SOS*.

Jess excels in commerce subjects. Last year she achieved a High Distinction award in the New Zealand Economics Competition and she leads this year's Monetary Policy group.

Jess has worked in a backstage capacity for Stage Challenge, is a member of the Random Acts of Kindness group and plays netball. She travelled to Cambodia last year to build houses and she is a highly respected Peer Support leader.