

RUGBY RUNDOWN

WELCOME to the program *Community elder Monty Simon*. A highly respected member of the local community, Monty will be a mentor/coach for members of the Specialist Rugby Program and Academies. He will start this role by taking a seat on the Players' Tribunal and will also counsel individual players. Monty is very keen to establish contact with families and assist in helping each player reach their potential both academically and in the sporting arena.

Monty Simon with other Tribunal members
Raymond Adams and Te Raaku Neha



* MEET THIS YEARS SPECIALIST RUGBY PERSONNEL

- Mr Paul Billing – School Principal
- Mr Rod Chapman (Full Time) – Specialist Rugby Program and Academy Co-ordinator; Back Coach
- Mr Bill Davies (Part Time) – Player Liaison; Forward Coach
- Mr Maurits Bruns (Casual Contracted) – Academy Fitness and Conditioning Coach
- Mrs Maria Jardine (Finance) – Tour Manager
- Ms Maree Lewis (Casual) – Sports Trainer
- Mr Vaughn Pene (Volunteer) – Specialist Skills Coach; Community Liaison Officer and Girls Coach
- Mr Monty Simon (Volunteer) – Community Elder and Liaison; Mentor; Consultant
- Ms Sharlene Clamp (Volunteer) – Girls Team Coach
- Other Guest Coaches

QUEENSLAND TOUR – A reminder to all players wishing to be part of this tour, the initial **deposit of \$350 is now due**. we will start our fundraising activities immediately! **WATCH THIS SPACE.**

* **CONGRATULATIONS** to Year 11 and 1st XV players, *Hemi Tuiavii* and *Jonathan Taimanu*, both of whom were selected to participate in the **MBF Forward Pack Program**. This program allows ten young players, from throughout the state to spend several days with the Emirates Western Force. Whilst with the team they will be mentored by senior players and outstanding role models. All accommodation/apparel and meals are included for the player and one parent/guardian. A well deserved opportunity for Hemi and Jono.





THORNIE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



MBF Award winners

Hemi Tuiavii and Jonathan Tamainu

* **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following senior boys all of whom have been selected to be part of the *Specialist Rugby Program's Players Tribunal*. *From Year 12 – Tom Ormsby, Seth Green, Te Raaku Neha, Nick Stewart* . *From Year 11 - Hemi Tuiavii, Daniel Westerduin, Raymond Adams* *From Year 10 - Hemi Winiata* and the general school representative *Billy Bennett*. The first orientation meeting will be this Thursday.

* **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following boys who represented Thornlie SHS and our Rugby Program when they performed a traditional Maori Haka at *Thornlie Primary's Special Harmony Day assembly*. The overall feedback is best summed up by a staff member's review – "AWESOME " .

A big thank you to *Mrs Canute* from the English Dept - the driving force behind the EVENT. Also thank you to *Mr Davies, Mr Pene* and *Mrs Rawiri* for their help in preparing the group for the presentation and on the day itself.

Well done - *Anthony Graham, Wharerau Douglas, Rex Mahia, Hami Ranguia, Kiri Pohai, Danial Azzial, Hemi Tuiavii, Reginald Churhward, Eldon Sauea, Tyrone Rehu-Hill, Brendan Rawiri, Hugh Tamatea, Zeeon Pokai, TeKarawa Kahaki, Jayden Gallucci, Kawatapuarangi Thomas, Alex Tomuli, Tia Talea, Michael Gray, Haki Toki, Jackson Anderson, Robert Hall, Jahmil Draman*.



* **TEST TICKETS AVAILABLE** – Any squad member wanting a ticket to the test match **AUSTRALIAN Wallabies vs SOUTH AFRICAN Springboks** at Subiaco Oval on Saturday 29th August please see Mr Chapman ASAP. They are **SILVER TICKETS** at \$37 each or **BRONZE TICKETS (restricted Viewing)** at \$22. Tickets must be ordered before April 9th.

* **WELCOME BACK** to coaches *Vaughn Pene* and *Sharlene Clamp* who once again are taking on the role of coaching of our girls Rugby squad .Their efforts last year saw our Year 9 Girls team win the inaugural Rugby WA Girls Carnival. Based on the first training session the girls are just as enthusiastic and determined to retain the title in 2009.

* **ALL RUGBY STOCK** has arrived. Players can now purchase *Rugby shorts for \$25; socks for \$12 and a mouthguard for \$10*. Please see Mr Chapman for details.

PLEASE NOTE :Shorts come in sizes 28 through to 44. All scholarship players see Mr Chapman to collect your kit.

* **UPPINGHAM SCHOOL VISIT** – As mentioned we are hosting this school from the UK on the 8th - 10th of August. Their 1st XV team will play the WA States School Boys team and their 2nd XV team will take on our 1st XV team. We need to find accommodation for all of their squad on the dates mentioned. If you can help out please contact Rod Chapman at school on 9459 2544 (Ext 226).