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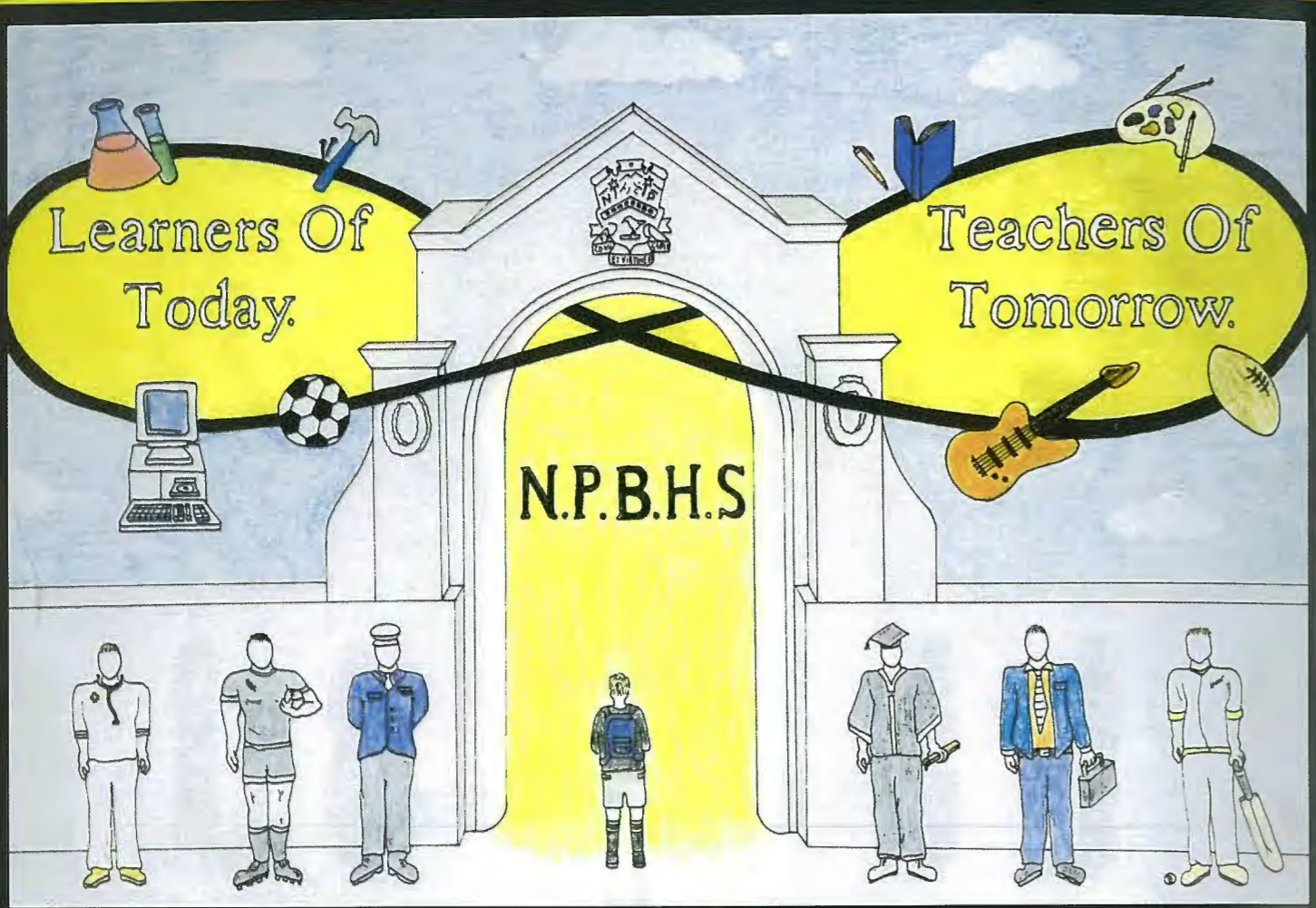
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INTRODUCTION

This millennium year has seen a flurry of activity in many aspects of the school's governance. Information technology has expanded, more buildings have gone up, many Polices have been updated and the Education Review Office has audited us. The school roll, at the beginning of the year, had room for a few more boys after the implementation of our compulsory enrolment policy in 1999 and over the year the roll has remained relatively static. We are pleased that we have been able to accept all boys who applied outside our enrolment area. The popularity of our school must be a reflection of our past academic and sporting successes as well as the traditional values and standards we encourage. The board will continue to actively strive to maintain these standards as we move into the next decade.

BOARD

My thanks go to the board for all their support during the year. We have been fortunate in that the whole team has remained intact. At least half the board is planning to move on in 2001, including myself, and I for one, will miss the close association with a great school. Mr. Lyal French-Wright is enjoying his 6th year as the headmaster and it is pleasing to see the school continuing to flourish under his management. The Board enjoys an excellent relationship with the headmaster in our governance role and we thank him for his efforts during 2000.

Mid year, the Government changed the timing of the election of the student representative from the 1st term to the 3rd term. This enables all 3rd formers to vote and allow some continuity at the beginning of the school year. We thank Shaun for his contribution over the year and welcome Mark for the next 12 months.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Cabling of the whole school was completed in the first term to enable access to the school's central server and the World Wide Web from every classroom. Application of Information Technology continues to grow and New Plymouth Boys' High School is now recognised as being in the forefront for this area of education in New Zealand.

This was reinforced by a visit to Australia where Rob Green, our technology manager and the Headmaster, had an opportunity to see the latest advances in IT as it is applied to secondary education.

Enhancements continue to be undertaken as per the 1999 Strategy plan. This included the purchase of 17 new computers in the first term to re-equip one of the classrooms.

We are grateful to Rob. Green, supported by Ken Holyoake, Meryn Feather, and the technology committee in continuing to cultivate and foster this critical part of the school's curriculum. The \$100,000 given by the TSB bank for the network installation is again acknowledged with grateful thanks.

POLICY WORK

Following the school charter revision in 1999, Meryn Feather has continued to be very active in revising the school's policies. In excess of 20 policies were reviewed including the Treaty of Waitangi, Health and Safety, Sexual Harassment, Training of Trustees, Privacy and Sponsorship, to name a few.

My thanks go to Meryn's committee in keeping this work going and in particular Terry Heaps for his drive and organisation.

PROPERTY

The board is revising its 1999 property plan to reflect the Ministry of Education's new bulk funding formulae for capital works. In this plan we have to recognise classroom numbers to the maximum roll, long term upgrades, and reflect the present lack of additional funds received from the fundraising campaign. Agreement has been reached with the Ministry to add 3 new classrooms, including a specialist Art Room, and plans are underway to expand the Fooke's Pavillion in 2001. Funding for the Pavillion will come from \$65,000 received from the Lotteries commission and the Fooke's Estate, through the Centennial Trust.

Work completed during the year included adding extra classroom space at the Gymnasium enabling this area to be used as either two separate teaching spaces, or by the use of a folding wall, one classroom. Chapman Oulsnam Speirs Limited, a local engineering and Architectural consultancy have kindly waived all their fees for this work and the area will be known as the "Chapman Oulsnam Speirs Classroom Suite." The Board wishes to thank Chapman Oulsnam Speirs for this generous contribution, in particular, Ian Speirs and John Chapman.

Other major projects included a 3 bedroom Master's flat in the new wing of the Hostel and a lift installed at the library as we upgrade the school for improved access for disabled people. The flat was funded directly from the Hostel and gives closer supervision in the new wing.

My thanks go to Doug Geraghty and his team on the property committee. A special mention must be made to Ian Evans, our Property manager, for his assistance to the board, and the work he and his staff do in maintaining our grounds and buildings. Ian has now resigned to take up the role of motelier in Taupo and we wish him every success in his new venture. We extend a warm welcome to Trevor Woodward as Ian's replacement

HOSTEL

The Hostel has prospered under Graeme Yule and his new team. The influx of new masters, a new matron, Lauren Hann, and a GAP student has seen a different atmosphere develop in the 'heart' of the school. I believe we continue to be one of the most successful State boarding schools in

the country, Linda McIntyre has ably chaired our Hostel Committee and I thank all the members for their efforts over the year. The success is also due to the efforts of our Chef, Murray Trowern, his staff and the Housekeeping team managed by our Senior Matron, Jan Morris. Prefects continue to play a pivotal and traditional role in the management chain. I was fortunate to participate in a Hostel Prefects' training session and it is encouraging to see these men of the Hostel take their roles so seriously and take such pride in their jobs.

Actively promoting the hostel is critical to its success and attendance at Field Days with supporting Open weekends and home visits must continue.

FUNDING

To date, our fundraising campaign has not been as successful as we had hoped and as a consequence we have had to review all the projects we had hoped to realise from this campaign. The importance of keeping in contact with our Old Boys has never been greater and the board is committed to encourage and enhance this relationship. With the change in Direct Resourcing Funding, by the present Government, it is very regrettable that our school is now \$137,000 worse off which has meant a distinct change in our spending priorities.

Thanks go to Marilyn Davies and her finance committee for their guidance on our accounts and budgets.

AUDIT

The Education Review Office completed an audit on all aspects of the school, except the Hostel in September. We welcomed such a thorough review of all the school's activities, which included the board's effectiveness in its governance role. Although the overall assessment from the Review team was good we do have improvement work to be undertaken in some curriculum areas.

WHANAU WAIORA.

Credit must be given to Val Cameron and his committee in their support of the Whanau Waiora. The increased involvement of our Maori boys and their families in school activities and the school community is vital for the cultural growth of the school and it is pleasing to see this progressing.

PTA

The Parent Teacher Association, under the chairmanship of John Pickering continues to provide support to the school and the school community involvement in working bees and fund-raising activities is much appreciated. The work in running the second hand uniform shop and providing cups of teas at parent teacher meetings and other functions is also appreciated. The board is pleased in being able to use the forum of the PTA to get feedback on school policies.

STAFF

Our teaching staff are to be thanked for their professionalism and high standard of their work and the extra time devoted to out of school activities. John Warner as the Staff representative, ensures all staff views are brought to the board. Professional Development must always be ongoing and the benefits of this continue to show. Assistance from Direct Resourcing monies will not be available in 2001 and this reduced funding will need to be factored accordingly. Thanks also go to the Administration staff who so ably complement and support the teachers and students. Particular mention and thanks must be made to Les Emslie, our

Executive Officer, for his role and the extra work he undertakes for the board and school.

STUDENTS

In conclusion, the real success of any school is its students and they are to be congratulated for their work and commitment in all aspects of the school, whether it is in academic success, cultural achievements or sport's participation.

Geoff Ward
Chairman
October 2000.

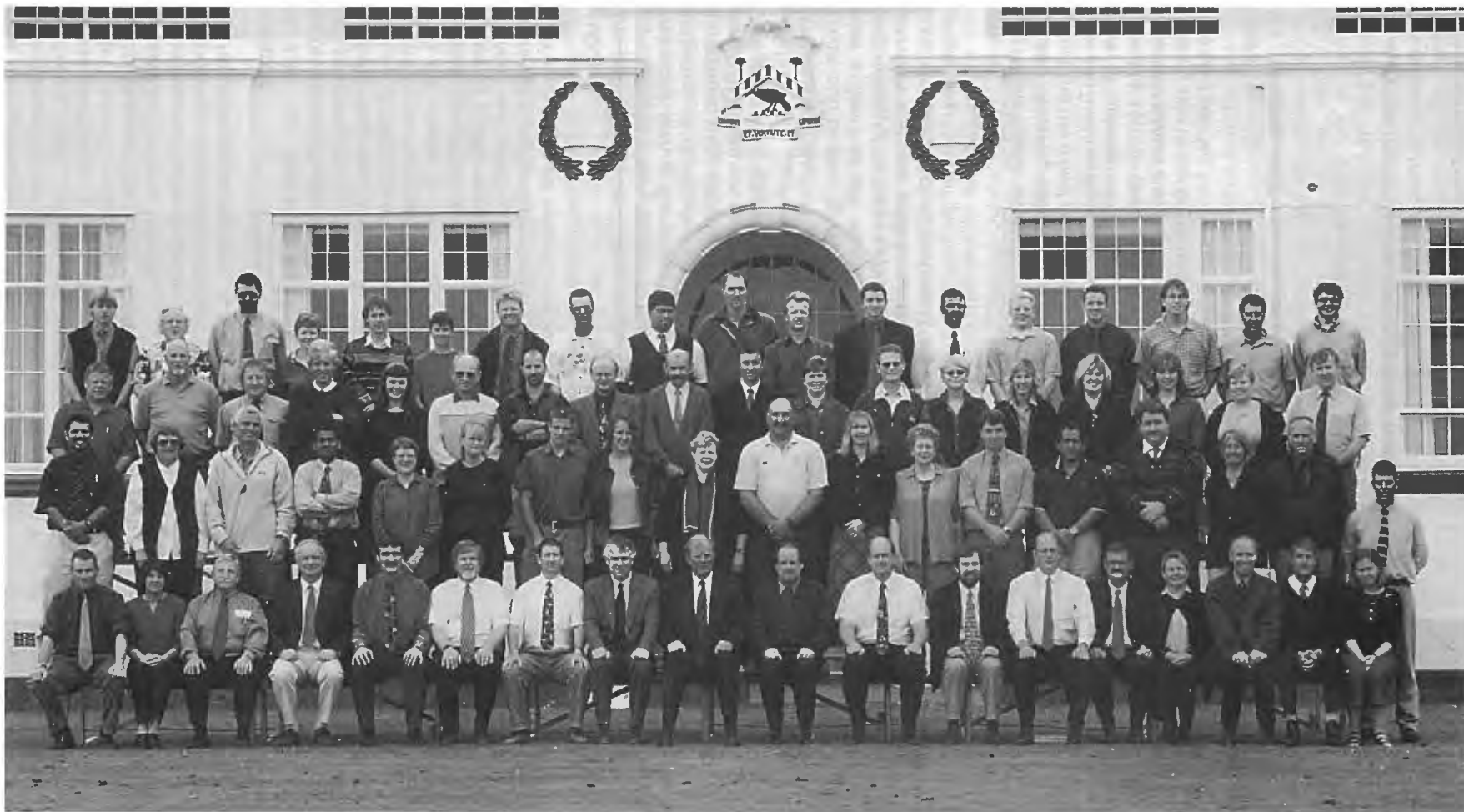


SNOW

*The snow creeps
From the head to the toes of the mountain
Like a white silk dress
Slowly falling to its feet
Changing slowly within the season*

Josh Baker





Staff 2000

Back Row: P. Hewlett, J. Howes, A. Jones, Mrs. B. Elgar, K. Maw, Mrs. L. Atkins, J. Lykles, S. Page, C. Maihi, C. Driscoll, S. Brown, G. Penlington, A. Hope, N. Redding, J. Bigwood, J. Coley, B. Daysh, G. Hall

Third Row: J. Tullett, I. Evans, K. Gledhill, R. Harland, Mrs. J. Slinger, B. Thomas, A. Thompson, J. Hyde, S. Fordyce, H. Russell, Mrs. P. Crow, B. Pfister, Mrs. L. Winters, Mrs. S. McVicar, Mrs. C. Allen, Mrs. B. Turnhout, Miss. E. Wilson, K. Lockhart

Second Row: S. Achary, Mrs. J. Van Beers, R. Turner, J. Prasad, Mrs. M. Feeney, Miss. S. Milner, T. Ephraim, Mrs. M. Porteous, Mrs. J. Sorensen, D. Atkins, Mrs. J. Lockett, Mrs. P. O'Byrne, J. McLellan, M. Maaka, J. Warner, Mrs. R. Bublitz, M. Dobson, P. Dominikovich

Front Row: J. Sims, Mrs. M. Atkinson, M. Grimwood, D. Mossop, R. Wild, R. Green, A. Elgar, N. Duckmanton (Deputy Principal), L. French-Wright (Headmaster), T. Heaps (Assistant Principal), B. Bayly (Assistant Principal), P. Mathais, G. Yule, B. Geange, Mrs. R. Carter, M. Rose, C. Nicholls, Ms. A. Van der Linden





HEADMASTER REPORT

The March 1 roll was 1192, including 14 foreign fee-paying students. Our forecast was for more Form 3 and Form 6 boys than this. It appears that the change to the enrolment scheme, that meant we had to have a prescribed zone, was in fact counter productive. Parents believed that if they did not live inside this guaranteed geographical area they would have little chance, so did not make application. We have worked on changing this attitude since and the projection for 2001 at Form 3 is in the 310 range the greatest number of enrolments received. The number of Form 6 boys (Year 12) who did not return or who returned for only a short time also rose. I believe that this is, in fact, positive in that they have left to jobs or future training best suited to their needs and acting on advice through our careers, guidance and transition staff.

Our prediction for 2001 is for more than 1200 students, which is a very healthy situation to be in.

To me, two of the most important events in the school calendar are the Senior and Junior Prizegiving. They are an opportunity for boys of the school to come together, with parents and family, to acknowledge and celebrate the culmination of much hard work throughout the year. It is not just for the champions or academic achievers, but also for the staff, parents and all boys who contribute to the success of the prizewinners.

The Senior Prizegiving is an outstanding occasion

- it is a formal night where staff look resplendent in their academic regalia and boys are at their best
- it brings the school family together boys, staff, Old Boys, Board of Trustees, PTA, parents, friends

- it allows us to congratulate boys in a manner that is proper and fitting
- it allows the school to show itself off to the best advantage
- it contains surprises and gives a chance for boy's to show their pride in the school
- it gives an opportunity for senior students to give their thoughts as Head Boy and Dux
- it gives our musicians a stage to show the high level of expertise they have
- it allows me to acknowledge Old Boy guests

My report should focus on boys achievements, but I believe should also pass some comment on some of the issues facing schools and, in particular, boys at NPBHS.

Many of you will be aware, through your own reading, or curriculum evenings that have been held at school, of the changing National Curriculum. It has seven essential learning areas that are being progressively introduced to primary and secondary schools in New Zealand. The end result should be a curriculum with strands that move easily from one year to the next in a co-ordinated way. The last three learning areas to be implemented are Technology, Health and Physical Education and, lastly, Arts.

One of the emphases in the Health curriculum is on 'the exploration, classification and understanding of personal attitudes, values and beliefs and those of others'. This could be seen by many as values education that, hopefully, leads the way in ensuring that our young people grow up to be positive contributors to their communities and society in general. When society is seen to be breaking down, to lack discipline and traditional values - schools are often blamed. They are seen as the problem, rather than looking deeper and finding that schools are left to do their best (and mostly a very good best) with some young people who have grown up in families who, for various reasons, are dysfunctional and have not provided the solid foundation needed for positive growth. Most schools, I believe, already teach values and standards in many ways. This does not have to be in a religious sense, but does involve ethics and conventions that are firmly based at the core of many religions that were cornerstones of the way NZ society developed.

I strongly believe that we certainly have values-based education at NPBHS that has changed little fundamentally over time. An audit of what we do, how we do things, what we stress, quickly gives evidence of what we expect of boys at our school if they are to become positive contributors to society over their lives. This builds closely on parental expectations in most cases and gives a blueprint to others who do not have this family strength behind them to have a framework to grow as teenagers.

What do we try and promote at NPBHS

- respect for other people's views and beliefs
- respect for elders
- respect for authority
- positive role models
- code of sportsmanship, in line with Hillary Commission
- good manners and appropriate behaviour



- sense of service to school and the community
- 'can do' attitude
- sense of belonging and of occasion
- a corporate spirit as a school
- pride in personal appearance
- a positive self image
- giving to others
- belief in oneself/ positive outlook for the future
- confidence to speak
- adherence to rules of the school
- to be good winners, as well as good losers
- extend the hand of friendship to others
- loyalty to each other and the institution •
- fronting up when in the wrong and telling the truth
- a caring spirit for others
- civility
- the Boys' High way at formal occasions
- to show enjoyment, fun and excitement openly
- to help others in need
- it is OK to be yourself
- respect for other cultures
- a joy in learning

How do we go about achieving some of these values?

- appointing top line staff who model and promote these values in their everyday relationships with students
- group teachers' programmes
- transition education and health education programmes
- guidance staff (Counsellors, Deans, Housemasters)
- assemblies three days a week
- special occasions (leavers' dinner, sport and cultural dinner)
- group leader and deputy training
- extensive sports and cultural programmes
- STEPS discipline system
- emphasis on managing student behaviour
- strong guidelines on drugs
- ANZAC day importance
- Hostel boys going to Church
- Enterprise Studies
- Code of behaviour in whole school occasions
- Emphasis in tabloid, swimming, athletics sports on involvement and working together
- public speaking
- student profile and leadership to large assemblies
- cultural groups performing and welcoming guests



- senior administration constantly talking up expectations and values
- collecting for charities
- blood donation service
- co-operative learning strategies
- recognising different learning styles

There has been much talk in the media recently about 'values education' and how schools are seen as the obvious place to teach such values! I don't believe that schools should be blamed for what many see as a breakdown in traditional values in society and I don't believe that school is the only place that can produce positive change now and in the future. Schools have a vital part in assisting society to uphold some basic standards that allow young people to grow into responsible, caring, healthy, confident and contributing members of their communities. Parents, of course, play the major part early on in forming an environment where these core values can flourish and schooling confirms and builds on these.

There is nothing new in this and I believe schools, in general, do an excellent job, often in circumstances where there are no core values established to build on.

At NPBHS 'values education' is, and has been, a large part of the hidden and real curriculum for our boys. This is carried out by staff in their everyday work, in how they talk with boys, how they talk with each other, how they react to situations where boys break the school's student charter or code of conduct, how they create teamship in sports, cultural and musical groups and how they discipline boys. This is the 'values education' that happens minute by minute by class teachers, support staff, Housemaster, boys and Group Leaders, Counsellors, Deans, Group Teachers, hostel staff in and at school. The more formal education occurs in group activities, health education, transition education, special occasions (such as ANZAC assembly) and school assemblies. I believe that the full school assemblies that are held three mornings a week are most certainly about promoting 'values' and creating the climate that allows young men to develop into men with healthy attitudes toward their places in society. An example of this is the students' charter.

All boys must be aware of our expectations of them in school and procedures that will be followed if they don't comply. Every boy has the following rights and responsibilities too often young people and adults forget that rights and responsibilities go hand in hand; too often people demand their rights, but forget their responsibilities. This school works very well because most of the boys understand what this balance is all about.

The Students' Charter

Every student is given a copy of this charter, the school's Code of Conduct and Rules, and the procedures to be followed if and when the charter, code and rules, are not followed.

Every student has these rights and responsibilities:

Rights

- To learn without interruption or interference.
- To be treated with courtesy, respect and understanding.
- To learn in a safe, secure and healthy environment.
- To expect one's property to be secure.

Responsibilities

- To treat others with understanding and kindness and to respect differences in others.
- To co-operate with school leaders, teachers and other staff.
- Not to bully or threaten others.
- To respect the property of others and to care for the school environment

One of the responsibilities I have is to provide a safe school environment. There are many pressures on our youth and one of the most destructive is that of exposure to drugs and, in particular, marijuana. I have included my observation on an initiative that we took with all Form 3 boys this year, as a part of our health programme. We brought Mr Trevor Grice to school and set up a public forum at night for parents and other interested public. Mr Grice is one of NZ's foremost advocates for the health of our young people. He is a founding member of Life Education Trust (LET) and has been the national director since 1987. Life Education runs a programme for primary and intermediate children throughout NZ that meets the objective of the health curriculum. You may have seen the mobile classrooms parked in schools or being towed by Kiwi Dairies milk trucks to different venues for the teacher educator, Janelle McKenzie, to deliver a wonderful message. This is that 'everybody is a unique person who deserves to grow in a positive environment and reach their potential'. In this, it promotes healthy choices in looking after your own growth. The symbol to our youth of LET is the giraffe called *Harold* the giraffe was chosen because children have to lift their heads, to look upwards towards a proud future.

Trevor is an expert on the years of adolescence, but is also renowned world-wide for his lectures on drug and alcohol abuse. We advertised widely a public meeting at Devon Intermediate and I know that parents from NPBHS who attended gained an insight to the development of teenagers that was up to date and easy to understand. The disappointment for me is that when such evenings are held, many parents do not attend, even though they are looking for answers to some of the parenting issues with pubescent teenagers. The big thing that I can control is our school-based health

education programme. I am delighted the way this has developed, under Mr Dale Atkins and Mrs Rosemary Carter all Form 3 and 4 boys have an extensive health programme delivered by the Physical Education staff. An hour a week is set aside for this. Guest speakers are a part of the delivery and to have Trevor Grice for two days was an exciting and worthwhile addition to the programme for all Form 3 boys. We all learned a lot from the latest medical information on the effects of substance abuse on boys in the 6 to 7 years after the onset of puberty. Mr Grice's style is to present information in a way that young people understand, not to tell them what to do but to make a plea to consider delaying potentially harmful practices until maturation is complete. There are so many myths about there being no harm to young people involved in alcohol or cannabis in particular.

I implore parents to find out the facts to talk with their Form 3 sons about what they learned from Mr Grice's lectures. Having heard the latest facts on marijuana I am incredulous that our politicians would even consider decriminalising marijuana this would be a vote against the collective health of our nation's young. Every human brain is a miraculous tapestry unique to that person. When we tear this fragile tapestry, through cannabis, we are damaging a one-off item that can't easily be repaired. These views are not just my own I believe they fairly represent the view of the staff of NPBHS as well.

I believe that we all have a responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for our youth to flourish and a collective voice on this issue of substance abuse, based on up to date evidence, can make a difference. We can create the positive, healthy and safe society that I am sure we all desire by working together. After five lectures, of an hour each to Form 3, Mr Grice had lunch in the hostel dining room and walked around the school at lunchtime he said to me 'there is a rare quality in the boys they hold their heads up high, they walk with purpose, they have a positive assuredness about them and an easy relationship with each other they seem very proud of their school'. I concur with this. Of course there are small groups and individuals who, from time to time, make a lie of his assertion, but in general he has described our school environment admirably.

My next comments reflect more on where we are in terms of our expectations educationally, nationally and at NPBHS.

Recently I have been reading a number of comparative studies on the economics of different countries. This involves looking at Government policies for the future health of their countries in all aspects. One particular study is the third one carried out, looking at science and mathematics standards over many countries. Korea, Singapore, The Netherlands and Ireland are extracted for closer scrutiny, in comparison to what is happening in New Zealand. I will not go into all the statistics, but we lag far behind Korea and Singapore, well behind The Netherlands and closer to Ireland at ages 9 and 13. The more encouraging sign is that by the end of Year 13 (Form 7) we have made considerable progress in both mathematics and science.

There are many factors that influence achievement and many of these are out of our immediate and direct control. Notwithstanding this, NZ's future prosperity, as a





knowledge-based economy will depend on the quality of education that is available to its young and the importance that New Zealanders place on this education. We will have to have a clearly articulated policy for the future that all of us understand, support and share. This vision, I believe, is not clearly understood by most New Zealanders if you lived in Korea or Singapore you would know what was required for the nation to go forward in prosperity. In the meantime, we have our personal vision of what we want boys to achieve at NPBHS. We have just received the draft report from the Education Review Office, that the students, staff and BOT can be justifiably proud of. It confirms that NPBHS has a climate that encourages boys to achieve, to have a sense of optimism and purpose for the future.

Where can parents help? In Term 4 the emphasis for most is on examinations. In Term 3 I finished by exhorting all boys, but senior boys in particular, to use the holidays to prepare for the school exams (just completed) and get focussed for the Term 4 academic emphasis. The words I used were **ORGANISATION, PERSPIRATION AND SACRIFICE** - at home parents might not be able to help with subject matters, but they can support their sons and check their organisation, ensure they work hard and make the sacrifice necessary. This was one of the very significant factors in the international comparison the countries that perform best tend to have societies that really value education and families support their sons and daughters as their number one priority in life.

Sacrifice is to do with giving up something, to gain something else. In the past I have highlighted that for too many boys TV, cars, music, skateboards, telephones, and after school jobs are the priority, rather than schoolwork. Sacrifice could be as simple as cutting out or reducing the time spent on activities that are not productive there can be no failure in boys giving of their best. What collective energy would emanate if every boy could give this peak effort. How New Zealand would flourish as a nation, if every boy and girl would ensure that nothing would get in the way of their giving their best. For me, as an educator, the greatest frustration is the realisation that a significant number of New Zealand's youth do not reach their potential academically.

We continue to work to ensure that our boys have a healthy respect for education and have that optimism about their futures. More than this, schools must foster and inspire young people to think diversely, to express ideas, to use imagination in trying to solve problems, to be alert, adaptable and creative in their thoughts. This must be founded on a strong skills and knowledge base. This does not preclude sport, music and other interests, but does need good organisation and time management.

The Education Review Office (ERO) is the body that audits the New Zealand education system. Our last visits were in 1994 and 1997 and this year was from August 29 to September 6. We had the team of Messrs Ian Hamilton (leader), Laurence Sunde, Chris Featonby, Kevin Shore and Ms Jan Chapman, looking at the quality of the education, as well as compliance with various statutory requirements. Although we have a very robust self review process operating through the Professional Development cycle, it is good to have an independent review of processes and compliance matters, as well as an objective overview of where we are at, in terms of the quality of the holistic education that we maintain.

We are certainly trying hard to ensure that boys do not leave school without the best qualification they can get in some cases this means assisting them to get into suitable training courses.

At the other end of the academic scale are those who go on to become University graduates. At NPBHS we have a phenomenal record of such graduates that is not always indicated by Bursary results. The school tries very hard to develop the 'all round' student this equates to great encouragement to grow as individuals by commitment to sport, cultural activities, music, the arts and giving leadership. I firmly believe that at times not all boys maximise their Bursary examination marks, but they do well enough to secure entrance to the tertiary education they desire.

The impact that NPBHS makes on many students is measured much later than what marks were gained in Form 6 or 7. It is a great testament to the encouragement to set sights high, from school and home, as well as self belief, borne out by a positive schooling process and expectations that we have over 100 graduates from NZ Universities alone, each year. A phenomenal record of achievement.

Parents will be aware that the assessment and qualification system is about to be radically changed. There is much sense in the intention of the Government to push ahead with the NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement) on a revised timetable from that reported to you a year ago. Time will tell whether the new system will meet the needs of all leavers I will remain supportive of change, but wary. This years Form 3 (Year 9) will be the first students in 2002 to be able to gain credits towards NCEA Level 1. School Certificate will be destined nominally, to history, just as I suppose matriculation was in the past.

Following on from our outstanding academic results at Forms 5 and 7 in 1998, we were not able to reach the same heights overall, but all the same performed satisfactorily.

18 individual scholarship passes is above average for us at Bursary level with cousins, Shane Pope and Bryan Holyoake performing outstandingly with 5 scholarships



each. Their marks were as follows:

Shane Pope English 85, Chemistry 86,
Calculus 89, Statistics 92, Physics 88
Bryan Holyoake Accounting 89, Chemistry 86,
Calculus 91, Statistics 89, Physics 86

28 boys gained 'A' Bursaries which is very good, but only 25 attained 'B' Bursary, somewhat disappointing. As well as this, 80 boys gained entrance to University by passing at least 3 Bursary subjects.

At School Certificate, analysis showed that:

14%	passed 6 or more subjects
29%	" 5 " " "
45%	" 4 " " "
56%	" 3 " " "

Of the top achievers 43 boys scored a total of 320 or better with 7 boys gaining 400+/500.

Top School Certificate scholars were:

Hadleigh Beals	448
Neville Lapwood	431
Christopher Walker	425
Robert Jenkin	410
Mark Jackson	401
Tim Brown	400
Joshua Subramanian	400

There were 9 marks of 90% and above and the highest marks, Hadleigh Beals with 96% in English and 94% in Science and Blake Robinson 94% in Music.

Nicholas Taylor, Keepa Po-Ching, Desai Gupwell, Jackson Cassidy and VJ Cameron all gained the top grade possible in School Certificate Korero.

All schools protect their resources passionately and we have suffered considerably from the Governments decision to axe our contract to be Directly Resourced. This contract gave us control over our salaries funding.

I am very disappointed that we no longer have the total flexibility to make school-based decisions, but pleased that there is more freedom under the new central resourcing system than previously. Although I have never used the extra money that NPBHS had to use, as an argument for bulk funding, it has been significant. It is fair that parents know how significant.

Over the past four years I have increased our staffing levels to ensure that class sizes were reasonable and that new initiatives and innovations could be staffed. This includes considerable funding to help boys who would not progress well at high school, unless problems with reading, writing and numeracy were addressed. In fact, we had increased our staff by about five, under bulk funding, over the central resourcing option.

The move back to central resourcing means that the extra money that we gained for staff salaries, about \$250,000 in 2000, is no longer available. This is obviously very disappointing and is only tempered by an extra \$98,000 in our operations budget, due to a redistribution of money previously earmarked for direct resourcing. The net effect is that we will have about \$130,000 less in 2001, than in 2000.

The Board of Trustees are committed to ensure that we investigate all possibilities to ensure that the education programme is not diminished in any way.

I am extremely fortunate to have a BOT, PTA and staff who work together for a common aim to give our boys the best all-round educational opportunities possible this means looking after today, but also tomorrow. We are not backward in looking ahead and have a very clear vision of what we want in terms of buildings, technology, boarding and facilities that develop academic, sporting, cultural and musical talents. We also are not very patient in waiting for things to somehow fall into our laps, so have taken a number of forward thinking steps.

We are all indebted to a Development Committee of Old Boys and fervent supporters of the school, who have been working together for over a year, led by Neil Wolfe, the irrepressible Max Carroll, Chris Klassen (a professional in the field of school project development), Carol Allen (our development office co-ordinator) and Graeme Earl (President of local Old Boys Association).

A huge amount of progress has been made in many areas. It has involved work on creating an accurate database of Old Boys firstly, and then bringing them together in various reunions around the North Island. At the same time, groups of Old Boys have taken responsibility for working with Old Boys, to find ways that they can assist with the schools' property plan. Significant and exciting progress has been made already and work will start on the changing room extension to the Gully Pavilion shortly.

I urge you to support, as best you can, the campaign. It is important that we move forward so we can maintain NPBHS as one of New Zealand's foremost educational institutions.

Education in this sense means providing the greatest range of opportunities that we can. As clearly stated in our Mission Statement - 'We encourage each individual to gain a sense of self worth sufficient to realise his potential as a good citizen through a balanced and challenging educational programme of the highest standards'.

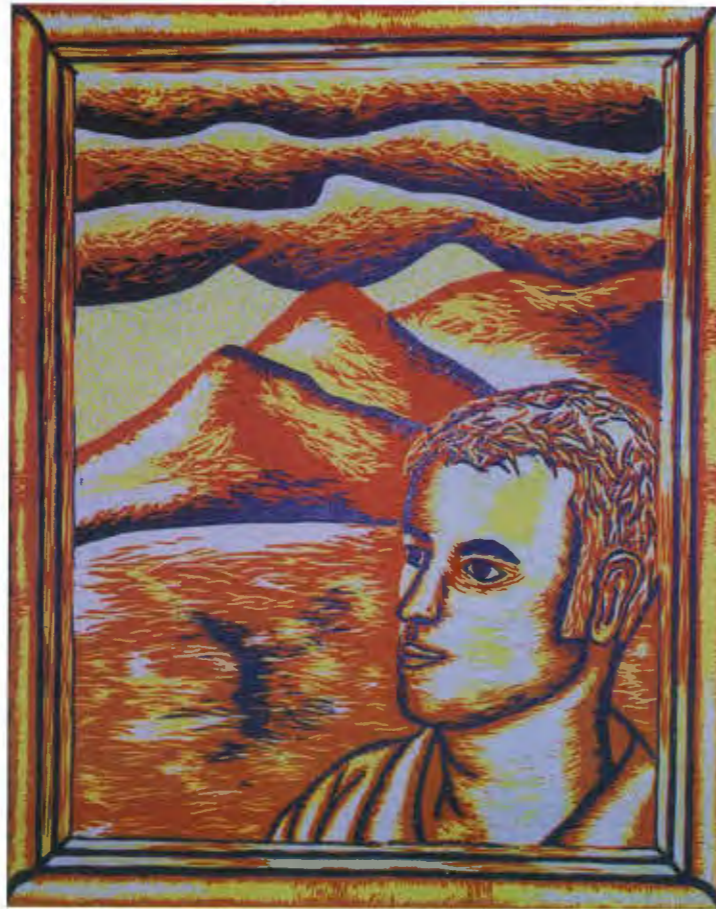
We provide a diverse programme for all boys in and out of class area. All boys get a rich diet of possibilities. At the same time, competition is not a dirty word and we recognise our champions, as it is fit and proper to do so.

This year so many boys and their teachers have achieved so much. New Plymouth Boys' High School prides itself on the full range of opportunities that are available for all boys, no matter how talented, how big or how small. The winter period is over and, at a recent assembly, I took time to go over what boys had been involved in over a period of a week. I did this to highlight to boys that what happens at NPBHS is not the norm in New Zealand schools, nor other countries around the world. In fact, my view from knowledge of other schools is that what we offer as a part of our overall curriculum is very rare. This does not h





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happen by chance, but is a reflection on a rare staff who are in tune with the culture of Boys' High. They give up a lot personally to coach, manage, instruct, conduct and mentor boys in sporting, music, drama and other cultural endeavours. I want to say a personal thank you to them all and also to parents, Old Boys and senior students who also enable our co-curricular programme to be carried out. So many people use their expertise, together with encouragement and commitment, to provide for your sons as I said to the boys, there is much satisfaction in being involved with young people and seeing them grow in so many ways. This dedicated group does not ask for anything, but should never be taken for granted. A thank you from the boys will go a long way at the end of an activity many of our boys never fail to acknowledge the efforts of others I trust that your son was one of these.

SPORT & CULTURE

This report will highlight some of the top performances in the co-curricular life of the school. This barely scratches the surface in regard to the huge range of opportunities that the school ensures are available for its boys, but to have high performing teams, groups, or individuals you normally have a wide base of mass participation. In sport, music and culture there have been some very memorable moments that will endure in the school history.

Firstly, to things sporting it is easy to reflect on an outstanding year, led by three of the major school codes Rugby, Soccer and Cricket. All three were nominated for the ANZ Sporting Team of the Year and all three had performances of the top level to back them up.

The 1st XI cricket team continued its unbeaten run in College matches, dating back to 1998. It defeated Rotorua Boys' and Hamilton Boys outright, but was rained out against Auckland Grammar. Tim Weston had time for a magnificent 138. In the Super 8 tournament the team was disappointed with 3rd place and was beaten in the Gillette Cup zone final by Collegiate. Tim Weston was outstanding with 4 centuries and Ken Jordan kept getting out in the 90's. Michael Barnes performed very well with the ball and showed his all-rounder status with a few very timely knocks with the bat.

Soccer has certainly been on the rise in the school over the past few years and 2000 proved to be a very good one. They won the Super 8 tournament, were top qualifiers for nationals in the Central region and made the semi-finals of the Duff Rosebowl. In college matches the XI defeated Hamilton, Palmerston North and Collegiate and played well at national tournament to finish 14th. Sanjay Singh was rewarded for some outstanding play with selection in the NZSS team to tour UK/Europe and Mark Bland has come on strongly to make the NZ Under 16 team. The depth underneath was seen by the 2nd XI beating FDMC 1st XI 6-1 to win the Youth League finals.

Rugby had every reason to feel pleased in 2000, with the 1st XV, 2nd XV and Under-15 team all showing that we are up with the very best teams in New Zealand.

The 1st XV has an outstanding season winning 18, losing 5 and drawing 1 out of the 24 games played at College or Club level (3rd grade, division 1). The Super 8 would have to be the premier schools competition in terms of standard of competition and to get beaten to the top position by Napier Boys' was no disgrace. Both teams ended up with 1 loss each and drew with each other, but an

extra bonus point gave the Super 8 Shield to Napier by a single point. In the traditional college games, the team played 7, won 5 and lost to Auckland Grammar and Palmerston North by the same score 13-14, in the same manner, a penalty on full-time. In the Adidas National knockout we got to the last 16 before bowing out closely to Palmerston North. Michael Barnes was unlucky to miss selection in NZSS through injury, but was able to witness a 70-3 win over FDMC in the Adidas competition.

The 2nd XV had a quite remarkable season, going through unbeaten and winning the 2nd XV's Super 8 Shield and the Under-15 team performed with great credit at the top national tournament.

The Squash team has gone from strength to strength and their national ranking, from 23rd to 12th this year. In college games they beat Wellington College and Palmerston North BHS as well as drawing with Hamilton BHS. We have had an outstanding player in Shaun Sansom. He is ranked No 1 in New Zealand Under 17 and No 5 under 19 and is one of the few of his age to hold an 'A' grading. Shaun, who is 16 years old, played for the NZ Juniors against Australia and for New Zealand at the World Under 19 championships in Italy. We look forward to his progress with real interest.



Racket sports of tennis and badminton also featured strongly. Our badminton team were TSS Champs, beating Hamilton BHS and were runners up in the Super 8 competition with Daniel Reason and Bernard Hudson combining well. Tennis did not quite emulate the 1999 team, but went close by beating Hamilton and Palmerston North BHS's and then losing to PNBHS in the zone finals. They were well led by Elliot Campbell and Andrew Ramsay. The Taranaki climate and geography lends itself to sports involving water we were in 7 different water related events.

Our traditional strength in surfing continued with a TSS title and outstanding performances by Simon Sadgrove and Alex Blyth, who made the NZ Bodyboarding team to travel to Australia and Hawaii. In the pool Robert Veitch was senior champ and David Riley had an outstanding season. School Intermediate champion, 2 gold's at NZ age group, Taranaki records at age groups and open level and a 56.07 second 100 m to break the TSS Intermediate record. A number of our good swimmers combined to make up a Water Polo team to compete at Super 8 they worked hard to ensure our first foray into this sport was a worthy one. We have some nationally ranked Surf Lifesavers, so it was no surprise to see our School team win the inaugural Kellogg's SS title and in the Kayak, David Maetzing and Paul Gledhill were 1st and 2nd respectively in the Cambridge-Hamilton race.



In the yachting the school team came 2nd in the TSS series with Jason Holdt 1st in the Optimist class.

Cycling is another way of showing athletic prowess. In the TSS Triathlon, Frazer Campbell won the Under 15 Trophy and the senior team also finished ahead of the field. At the NZSS Mountain Biking we had 11 competitors with Stephen Eichstaedt finishing 6th out of 164 in the downhill. In track cycling we have some promising junior riders, but Logan Hutchings shone individually with a bronze medal in the Italian Pursuit at nationals.

There are also many different disciplines allied to running Nicol Ruchti was senior athletics champion and Cory Niwa broke the senior high jump record with a leap of 1.81 m. At the TSS Athletic champs Warren Parkinson, Pieter Van der Kooij, Gordon Davenport, Brett Goodin and Maveigh Makatoa all won titles with Maveigh breaking the shot put record. Of interest here is that Maveigh has also been selected to represent Niue in an open Pacific Rim Rugby League tournament. The TSS Orienteering event saw our team in 1st place, with MacKenzie Rowe 1st in the standard and Travis Young 2nd in advanced class. Our very close competition with Francis Douglas Memorial College continues in road relays with them beating us in an exciting final. Pieter Van der Kooij, Logan Hutchings and MacKenzie Rowe were very worthy champions in the School cross-country a whole school event responded to by full-hearted efforts from nearly all boys, and staff.

The wide range of activities continues unabated In-line Hockey has increased in numbers vastly, with school teams taking titles and representative sides containing a good number of our boys. Leigh Bolton was named in the NZ Under 14 team. Touch Rugby is another very popular sport, with many boys involved Adam Fleming and Raymond Niu were both selected in the NZ Youth mixed squad, following the National Tournament. Once again, our softballers won the TSS title convincingly, but did not progress past the zone finals James Jenkins did an excellent job as captain.

Our golfers have been near the top of NZ schools in the past few years but 2000 was a rebuilding phase while some of our young boys get their handicaps down to 3 or 4, from 7, 8 and 9. Even so, they did well to beat Hamilton and Wellington College, as well as take the TSS title.

Volleyball is another sport with large popularity around NZ and after finishing 2nd in the TSS rankings our senior team finished 5th in the Division 2 Nationals. This was a meritorious performance and later Gordon Davenport was named in the Tournament team and North Island SS team. Skateboarding is not an official school sport but mention must be made of Bjorn Johnstone winning the top position at the Under 16 NZ event.

The full range of activities continues with the 10 Pin Bowling team taking out the TSS title easily and David Hill best individual (best game 227). Zak Sole and Daniel Hardy won national titles in Tae Kwon Do. Brendon White is boys NZ Under 16 Indoor Archery champ and at the NZSS Wrestling, Raitus Rimovich was 4th and won the cup for most improved wrestler. Our Rugby League team did not have many games, but Desai Gupwell, Joseph Niu and Maveigh Makatoa were selected in NZ Under 16 teams to tour Australia.

To finish off this very impressive sporting achievements

list, we have Hockey and Basketball.

The Hockey 1st XI had a range of boys from very youthful to experienced school boy players. They performed well in the local competition and in the Super 8, but at India Shield could not keep up the standard required consistently. In college games they defeated Gisborne, Hastings and Rotorua Boys and had a good number of players in representative sides.

Basketball is a sport that attracts a lot of boys to be a part of a team at a social level or at the higher level of competition. Our team had a good blend of youth and experience but did lack experience in the 'tall timber'. This year saw 5th in Super 8, 2nd in TSS, College wins against Auckland Grammar and Hamilton and 15th place in the NZSS top tournament. All in all a good year with Adam Harford being picked in the NZ Under 16 side and Brendon Dallas, Te Hira Cooper and Brent Raven also making national age group selection.

For many, the opportunities are outside of, or as well as, sport. Our cultural life continues to be a large and increasing larger aspect of NPBHS. 2000 has exposed a wealth of talent in a multitude of different vehicles. We are finding more opportunities for boys to show off their undoubted talents and 2000 heralded the addition of a cultural aspect to our Super 8 alliance. The inaugural event was in Napier and can only increase in strength. We were very strongly represented with musicians, actors, public speakers and debaters. David Hill gave an excellent speech on 'Next to God, Shakespeare created most' to finish 2nd. In the debating, Nathan Schuppan, David Traylor and Chris Walker were excellent speakers and often mercurial, but lost out to Napier who seemed to have better research, and we defeated Hamilton strongly.

Performing an excerpt from 'The Merchant of Venice' our drama group were strong, but finished 2nd to a slick and funny Napier group. Competing in the Chamber music section our Dixie band stole the show. From the slick moves by Leigh Kereopa on the piano to the flawless play of Euan Cochrane, Matthew Lagan, Graeme MacPhail, Alex Walton and Richard Slater, NPBHS looked and sounded amazing, securing the Super 8 Chamber Music trophy in grand style.

The school speech finals have become a highlight of the cultural calendar with the top 4 or 5 speeches at each level. Nathan Schuppan was voted senior speaker and best school speech and he carried this form onto 3rd place at the Lions Federation Speech Competition in Fielding.

Every year the Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival provides a good opportunity for boys to play to a large audience and be judged on their performance. We had a large contingent of boys, but the highlight was Nathan Schuppan, David Hill, Luke Millard, Robert Jenkin, Ainsley Speak and Matthew Benton winning the senior drama for what is thought to be the first time. A very fine effort.

The inter-house debating has been an important addition to the calendar and our senior debating team defeated Wellington College. This was a return for this fixture and our boys showed team work as well as individual flair and solid, well researched argument to win well, much to the delight of a home audience.

The Arts Festival Week was held for the 3rd successive year and, once again, was a rollicking success. It started with

the Concert Band in assembly and continued with Lip Synch, Rubbish Tin Painting, Stage Band, Inter-house Debating, Wearable Art, Theatre Sports, Photo Competition and House Haka presentations. This was a particularly powerful performance, as our Maori language boys had written and put actions to individual haka's for Donnelly, Barak and Hatherly. It was very well received by all the boys and staff in assembly in recognising the individual aspects of our house system and our bicultural heritage.

The piece de resistance was the Revue 2000 Deluxe great fare, with the usual or unusual, staff 'take offs'. We saw some very talented actors, dedicated sound and lighting crew and a well-organised back stage crew. The hard work of a tight team and the special talents of Mr George Penlington and Miss Sarah Milner made this a real highlight for the audience and I am sure the cast and crew. Mr Penlington couldn't keep his fertile and scheming mind from producing with NP Girls' High School a play entitled 'Running Riot'. This had audiences in Ryder Hall laughing out loud and bemused with the intricate plot. Once again, an unqualified success.

Our musicians performed very creditably in a combined Spotswood College, NPBHS and NPGHS Concert band at the NZ Band Contest in Auckland and then a large group of our musicians travelled to Hamilton Girls' HS. This is the first interchange in what we hope will be a regular fixture both schools were delighted with the outcome.

The musical talent is diverse and our top rock band 'Chronic' once again performed with distinction in the Smokefree Rockquest final.

On an individual basis I will highlight the outstanding accomplishments of just three boys Richard Slater was invited to play his double bass alongside the NZ Symphony Orchestra in Wellington.

MacKenzie Rowe played his bagpipes as a guest with the Regimental Pipe Band at the 50th Edinburgh Tattoo and at the Queen Mothers 100th Birthday.

Fraser Bremner continues to show that he is NZ's best young percussionist with a gold medal at the National 'B' grade Band Championship.

Our Awards Dinner is a sporting and cultural highlight of the year where our 'Tiger Jackets' assemble to celebrate the year and announce our top performers over the different facets of our rich school life.

The recipients of the Awards were:

- Performing Artist of the Year
Fraser Bremner
- ANZ Cultural Group of the Year
Dixie Band
- ANZ Sporting Team of the Year
Cricket 1st XI
- Sportsman of the Year
Shaun Sansom
- Wolfe Cup
Michael Barnes

NPBHS continues to put great store on Student leadership. It is, once again, about nurturing talent and providing opportunities. I would like to thank all 76 group leaders or

deputies who gave great service to the school this year. Without their dedication and determination to make a difference we would be a much poorer school. In particular, my thanks to the Heads of Houses Michael Barnes (Donnelly), Warren Poh (Barak), Michael Somers (Syme) and Jonathan White (Hatherly) who led from the front and made the house competition first-rate.

To Ashton Peters, an outstanding Head Boy. Congratulations on your leadership of the school. You have a great talent for getting others onside and taking them forward and your attention to detail could not be faulted. There are many highlights, but the School Ball was an outstanding testament to a very fine year for Ashton. Also to Jeffrey McGlashan, who has made his mark in youth affairs, as secretary of the School Council and Chairman of the NP Youth Council. Congratulations on your service to the youth of New Plymouth.

The ANZAC day celebration remains one of the most important school events a tradition that will endure. The first day back, in Term 2, was April 26, the day after ANZAC Day. We held a memorial service in Ryder Hall that involved all the school and invited guests from the RSA and Old Boys and friends and relatives of many of the young men who gave their lives in war. The service involved thoughts from the Headmaster and Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Wilson, and the Head Boy, Ashton Peters, reading from Old Boy, Mr Jack West's book - 'Lest We Forget'. He read the citation on Flight Sergeant JN Darney (Royal NZ Air Force) a student at NPBHS 1934-36, and it was particularly significant that members of the Darney family were able to be present.

Mr Peter Peckham, President of the NP RSA, read the ode 'Commemoration to the Fallen' and wreathes were laid on the Memorial Gates and on the Memorial Shrine.

While this was happening the NP Cadet Unit and Air Training Corp were on parade they did a wonderful job of it. Graeme Macphail played the *Last Post* and *Reveille* with great feeling and McKenzie Rowe added something extra with his high quality playing of the bagpipes. I am indebted to all the participants who made it a special occasion and, in particular, Major Murray Dobson for his organisation immaculate as always.

There is no doubt that young people are certainly taking on board the significance of the sacrifices that so many individuals and families have made to effect 'freedom'.

In his address Lieutenant Colonel Wilson put it very clearly, in terms of what freedom really means, with respect to young New Zealanders.





I am very proud of the way our boys have taken on board the great significance of ANZAC day and in doing so have acknowledged a most important aspect of New Zealand's nationhood.

Finally, I am very pleased that ERO have confirmed the direction the school is going. Education must become the forum for this countries future wealth in all the sense of what prosperity can do for all of New Zealand. We are aware of what our young men need and are forward thinking and innovative in our planning.

All 130 staff and dedicated parents and friends of the school contribute to our success and my thanks and congratulations go to teaching staff, support staff, hostel staff, grounds staff, PTA, BOT and Old Boys for creating a rich and progressive climate of educational positively.

LR French-Wright
Headmaster



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Staff Notes 2000

The start of the school year for 2000 saw a smaller turn over of teachers than normal. We were very lucky to welcome back some very experienced teachers. Jed Rowlands returned to us after his sojourn in "Blues" country. This was a 'made over' Jed Rowlands, coming back to teach sixth form computer studies and physical education, rather than in his favoured mathematics area, but also becoming House Master for Barak and helping coach the Under 15 Rugby squad. Tryfan Ephraim returned after a year away, blowing away the last vestiges of his allegiance to the "mother countries". It was certainly great to have him back in the technology, art and physical education areas. We also welcomed back Sonya Newton as head of the music department. Mrs Newton (nee Thompson) arrived via Auckland and Wanganui schools and she has made a large impact on the music of the school already.

New faces at the school included Peter (Ces) Hill from Francis Douglas. Mr Hill teaches art and has an interest in photography. Mary Porteous is a very experienced art teacher, most recently having been at St Mary's School in Stratford. Together with John Tullett's re-promotion to head of department, this gave us a very strong and experienced art department. Lis Wilson joined us from Westlake Girls' High. Miss Wilson is an experienced teacher of mathematics and has fitted in well to the school. Chris Woods was the baby of the new intake. Straight from Massey University College of Education, Chris represented Taranaki and New Zealand at touch rugby during the year, played for the all-conquering HSOB Senior rugby side and the Taranaki Development team a very promising rugby talent and a real acquisition to the physical education department.

The retirement of a long-serving member of staff does not happen very often. This year Mrs Robin Bublitz retires after a very long and distinguished teaching career. Mrs Bublitz joined the staff in 1984 and has taught hundreds of boys science and biology. She will be well remembered as a very caring teacher who worked the boys very hard and set and ensured high standards of behaviour, manners and work. The boys in her form groups especially benefitted from her interest and hard work to ensure they did their best and worked to the highest standards. Mrs Bublitz was a very keen coach and organiser for badminton and had a very enthusiastic group of boys every Thursday at the Aquatic Centre for Utility Period. The staff especially will remember her compassion and interest in both the staff and boys. We wish you well in your retirement.

Ms Kirsty Grieve resigned at the end of 1999. Ms Grieve came to us direct from teachers' college five years before. During her time with us she made a rapid ascent to be head of the art department. She taught art, art history and photography and besides being a very good hockey player in her own right, coached hockey and managed a very successful rugby league side. Ms Grieve left for a position at New Plymouth Girls' and has been greatly missed by the staff and boys for the contribution she made.

Mr Ric Knight had taken leave at the end of 1999 to go overseas. His subsequent resignation at the end of 2000 left a huge gap in the physical and outdoor education areas and the loss of his hockey coaching expertise will be sadly missed. Mr Tony Earl also resigned from the end of Term 3 to go overseas. Mr Earl had made a large impact with his rugby and cricket coaching, his physical education teaching and as a senior player for HSOB rugby and as a representative cricketer. We wish them both well. Mrs Leith Atkins replaced Mr Earl for the rest of 2000.

Very significant losses to the school were the resignations of our Property Manager Ian Evans and his wife Fiona from her position as Hostel Matron. They took up the lease of motels in Taupo at the start of Term 4. Ian started at the school in 1988 and during those intervening years proved a very successful, well-liked and efficient property manager. Ian has overseen a large number of property additions and his attention to detail with the school's maintenance programme was always on target. Always prepared to do extra, he helped organise three years of School Renovation days and could always be relied on to turn up for and help organise PTA working bees. The Board of Trustees recognised the significance of his contribution with a cocktail party to farewell him and Fiona. Fiona also contributed greatly to the well-being of the boys and staff. From 1989 to 1996 she was the school's clothing

coordinator and very importantly was a well-respected and hard working Hostel Matron from 1996 until this year. Fiona was always prepared to lend a hand and between the last two jobs could be found helping with hostel cleaning and laundry. Three hostel masters at least, benefited from having her as a sometime nanny to their children. We wish them both all the best in their new venture.

Other staff changes include Mr Trevor Woodward as the new Property Manager. We welcome Trevor and his wife Kim to the team. Mrs Lauren Hann replaced Mrs Evans as a Hostel Matron and she has fitted in well since her arrival in the middle of the year. The hostel boys and those receiving remedial reading benefit especially from our English GAP students. Izzet Girgin was with us for the first three terms and made an excellent contribution in those areas and rugby. He has been replaced by Nick Redding who is fitting in well in his new school.

Once again our staff have been very adventurous and active. Mrs Christine French took her usual holiday to World School in Japan with three students while Mr Hugh Russell again took a geography trip to Thailand at the end of the year. These trips take a lot of organisation and effort and the boys are fortunate to be able to partake of the experiences these two teachers offer. Mr Rob Green and the Headmaster Mr French-Wright, visited schools in Melbourne to learn more about utilising our computer network. Several staff took up to a term's leave of absence to further their life experiences overseas. Mr Geoff Hall visited Europe with his wife and family during Term 2 and Miss Sarah Milner, Mr John Howes and Mr Peter Mathais all visited Great Britain.

On the sporting front the staff have shown their usual mixture of bravery and foolhardiness, skill and clumsiness. Mr Bryan Daysh decided that just coaching the 1st XI soccer was not enough he had to play as well. After subbing himself on for an early match and being warned by the referee for two indiscretions he eventually manage to severely damage his knee ligaments, so requiring the reconstruction of his knee. One would hope that he will learn from this stupidity and only coach next season. When you are a very good and successful coach as evidenced by this year's record why put your own health at risk-enough of the moralising!

Tony Earl and Chris Woods as have already been mentioned were our best performing sportsmen. Mr Dale Atkins coached a well-performed Tukapa senior rugby side into championship contention. The rest of the staff were happy enough with less physically demanding activities. Lyal's Ladies under the guidance of Mrs Crow are again preparing to walk around the mountain. The running team, again led by Mr Philip Hewlett, is once again fighting a lack of fitness and talent to try and pick up the majority of the spot prizes as they did last year. Golf seems to be taking up the time of many Mr Maaka is certainly putting in the practice on the Racecourse (even during rugby practices!) and I am sure we will see the benefits when the staff again plays its tournament at the end of the year. The staff again made a full-on commitment to sporting and cultural activities. It is unfair to single out individuals when so many give so much of their own time but some of the highlights have included

- The Dixie Jazz bands success at the first Super 7 Cultural tournament well done Mr Stewart Maunder and Mrs Newton
- Running Riot, the revue, ably produced by Mr



- George Penlington and helped by other staff
- Another successful Arts Festival organised by Mr Penlington and Miss Milner
- Mr Daysh and Brown's Super 7 winning soccer team and Mr Maihi and Earl's Super 7 winning 2ndXV rugby team
- A very full programme of House Competitions won by a very enthusiastic Donnelly House well led by Mr Kevin Gledhill

It certainly gives one a great deal of pleasure to walk around the school during Utility Periods and after school and weekends and see the large amount of activity going on around the school. Well done staff and other helpers.

The interest put into the school by staff is also seen by the interest staff take in improving their skills and knowledge. A number of staff came back at weekends to learn new computer software. All of the staff have participated in within-school professional development and most have taken part in courses either during school time or in their own time. Over 50 staff have now participated in the school-run cooperative learning course run by Mr Bruce Bayly, Mrs Pauline Crow and Mr Stephen Fordyce.

So the end of the year has arrived. Most of the staff survived the millenium and other bugs successfully during the year-school provided flu vaccinations certainly helped! Well done staff you can relax over the Christmas Holidays knowing that once again you have survived and in fact survived very well. Congratulations!



WOLVES

The stench of dirt is stained on its coat
Though the smell of nature is normal for it.

Its bark is a warning, meaning beware!
But if it's injured, it whimpers in defeat.

It has fur like dirty carpet
but has teeth with serrated edges.

Its instincts are as sharp as a needle
They have reflexes as sensitive as a cat.

Its muscular body is built to kill
a lean mean killing machine
The howl of a wolf is a taunting
never-ending sound.

Maveigh Makatoa



SCHOOL PREFECTS 2000



Group Leaders
 Back Row: M. Cowley, N. Rucht, H. McKay, B. Bennett, N. Stevenson, M. Wales, C. Barron, R. Cook, D. Bird, N. Schuppan, J. Quilter
 Third Row: K. Bridgeman, P. Hammond, M. Rowe, S. Barnett, M. Peebles, D. Bethall, S. Bury, A. Lind, R. Veitch, D. Hill, R. Doherty
 Second Row: N. Wolfe, T. Clow, M. Newing, S. Maaka, R. TeMata, G. Lagan, R. Muir, B. Hermann, B. Johns, M. Williams, A. Fleming
 Front Row: T. Weston, N. Lawn, J. White (Head Boarder), M. Barnes (Head of Donnelly), Mr. L. French-Wright (Headmaster), A. Peters (Head Boy), W. Poh (Head of Barak), M. Somers (Head of Syme), J. McGlashan, H. Roper

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2000



School Council
 Back Row: K. Broadmore, J. Snowden, S. Green, H. O'Brien, A. Jaidin, M. Bland, VJ. Cameron, B. Howarth
 Middle Row: Mr. K. Gledhill, S. Waugh (Student Representative), M. Rogers, Mr. B. Bayly, Mr. J. Rowlands, R. Evetts, A. Lind, Mr. B. Geange
 Front Row: Mr. N. Duckmanton, W. Poh (Head of Barak House), M. Barnes (Head of Donnelly House), A. Peters (Head Boy), J. White (Head Boarder), M. Somers (Head of Syme House), Mr. T. Heaps



THE TARANAKIAN



Head Boy

As New Plymouth Boys' High School enters the new millennium, I am pleased to say that it continues to gain strength every year, and remains a major influence in the development of many of the finest young men from all over the district, the country, and around the world.

This year I attained the goal I have had since entering the school in 1996, and have had the pleasure of being the Head Boy of this remarkable school. It has been the experience of a lifetime. I have gained hugely from this role, and now benefit from an appreciation for many things that I did not previously have. This year has been interesting, eye opening, challenging, and most importantly, a huge amount of fun.

The role of Head Boy has given me a valuable insight into the inner workings of the school. It is here that huge amounts of time, money, and personal sacrifice are spent to ensure the education the young men of the school get is top class. The amount of work involved in organisation of this sort is huge. I now appreciate that something as simple as writing and sending a letter is a big deal when you are dealing with countless other things in a single day. This year has taught me about time management, hard work, and organisation, skills that will be of huge benefit to me later on in life.

There are a huge number of people I must thank for their contribution to this year, both those who helped me personally and those who helped the school as a whole.

To the Heads of Houses Woz, Barnsey, Jono and Mike thanks for a superb year. Your leadership has been awesome, and you have all instilled great school and house spirit throughout this year's house competition. Congratulations to Donnelly House for winning the competition in 2000, the only house to be champion twice in the last five years.

This year's team of prefects and deputies, showing

maturity, discipline and a positive attitude, have done a superb job. Your organisational skills as group leaders and leadership skills as part of the house competition were well appreciated. I hope you have all gained from your year and can take these skills on to later life.

To the first seventh form of the new millennium, thank you for a great year, one filled with memories I will never forget. In the past five years we have had been through many experiences together, and this year has again seen the form growing in strength. We have had a great time, and the spirit, respect and maturity within the form has been excellent. I would like to make special mention of the seventh formers who were not prefects this year. Many of you took the attitude that a badge is not required to be a leader or a positive role model, and have done a superb job.

To the Head Girls of NPGHS Imogen, Kara and Johy thank you for your co-operation this year. Challenges, luncheons, dances and sports exchanges have all been great fun, and school relations between Boys' High and Girls' High continue to develop in the brother/sister school mould.

To the outgoing Board of Trustees, and the PTA, thank you for another year of service to the school. NPBHS is being expanded and improved constantly, and will continue to develop into the future as one of the country's foremost secondary education providers. To Shaun, this year's rep on the Board of Trustees, thank you for acting independently and maturely in your role. I hope you have enjoyed staying on this year and giving such great service. I would also like to wish Marc Woolhouse best of luck as the incoming student rep.

To the ladies in the office Mrs. O'Byrne, Mrs. Sorensen, Mrs. Turnhout, Mrs. Muir, and Mrs. Eaton thank you for your friendliness and help over the year. Your skills, humor, and patience have been greatly appreciated by me this year, and I thank you for the huge contribution you make to the running of the school. I must also thank Mr. Emslie and the staff in the Board Office for their help with financial matters.

To the ground staff and the cleaners, thank you for the immense amount of work you put into the appearance of the school. This is a service that involves long hours, often for little recognition, and keeps the school looking spotless every morning. The corridors and amenities within the school look immaculate at 2AM, and we must continue to strive to keep them looking this way.

I must say a big thank you to the senior management team of the school Mr. Bayly, Mr. Heaps, and Mr. Duckmanton. Mr. Bayly, for all your advice, cheque signing, humor and hard work, and Mr. Duckmanton, for your help and assistance, especially in running dances. Mr. Heaps, I have heard the comment made that the school would not function without you, something I truly believe. I will not forget your character and skilled administrative work.

To my parents, thank you for your support when things got tough, the time and money you have spent on trips away to various places, and your encouragement and backing throughout this year. I am deeply grateful.



To the 2000 Ball Committee, Jono, Barnsey, Mike, Sam, BJ and Woz (The Boys), Luke, Hamish, Wolfie, Schups and Greg, congratulations on producing the best ball the school has seen in many memories. An unparalleled ball was one of my personal goals for 2000, and the colossal effort you guys put in made the night what it was. You are the only people who fully realise the sacrifices made to make the night something for the school to be proud of. However, it is only you who can cherish the ultimate satisfaction for a night that went off brilliantly. My gratitude and pride is immeasurable. Thank you. To the young men and women who completed the success by attending on the night, I hope you appreciated and enjoyed the evening. To the staff that helped in the preparations, specifically Mr. Leath, Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Evans and Mr. Penlington, I thank you as well. Your assistance is a perfect example of the extra-curricular commitment of the staff to help students out. The NPBHS Secret Agent Ball 2000 Mission Accomplished!

Finally, to Mr. French-Wright, the hardest worker in the school, I thank you for your outstanding dedication. I have appreciated your advice, knowledge, strength and character this year. I also sincerely appreciate you giving me the freedom to fulfill my role this year as I have desired.

The Year 2000 has seen a huge number of great achievements by the men of the school. At the awards dinner in October, several awards were made, highlighting the outstanding success of many boys. Congratulations to the Sportsman of the year, Shaun Sanson, and the Performing artist of the year, Frazer Bremner. Well done also to the Cricket 1st XI and the Dixie Band for winning the ANZ Bank Team of the Year and Cultural Group of the Year respectively. I must also congratulate Nathan Schuppan for the outstanding contributions he has made to public speaking, debating and acting within the school over the last five years.

Special congratulations to the Dux of the Year 2000, Rene le Prou. I have enjoyed the friendly academic competition between us over the past five years, but your dedication to your studies this year has paid off, and your achievement has been hard worked for. I hope you take your success onwards and upwards from here.

This year has also seen many opportunities for the men of the school to express themselves in different ways. The Girls' High Fashion Show was an opportunity for our senior students to show they had talent beyond what they had previously let on. Well done to the guys that got over their inhibitions and had a great time strutting their stuff on the catwalk. Certainly not the start of a career for most, but good experience nevertheless.

Boys High has provided me with a huge number of memories, from the day I first arrived right up until I leave five years further on. Outdoor education certainly stands out, from my Third Form camp to the Bay of Islands, to TOPEC in Form Four, to helping out on Tongariro camp in Form Six. The school is heavily involved in providing a huge number of opportunities for students to travel. I took as many of these opportunities as I could, travelling everywhere from Taupo to Texas, and many places in between. I encourage all students to do the same, as these experiences may well change your life, as they have mine.

To my teachers over the past five years, I thank you immensely for influencing my life, shaping me as an



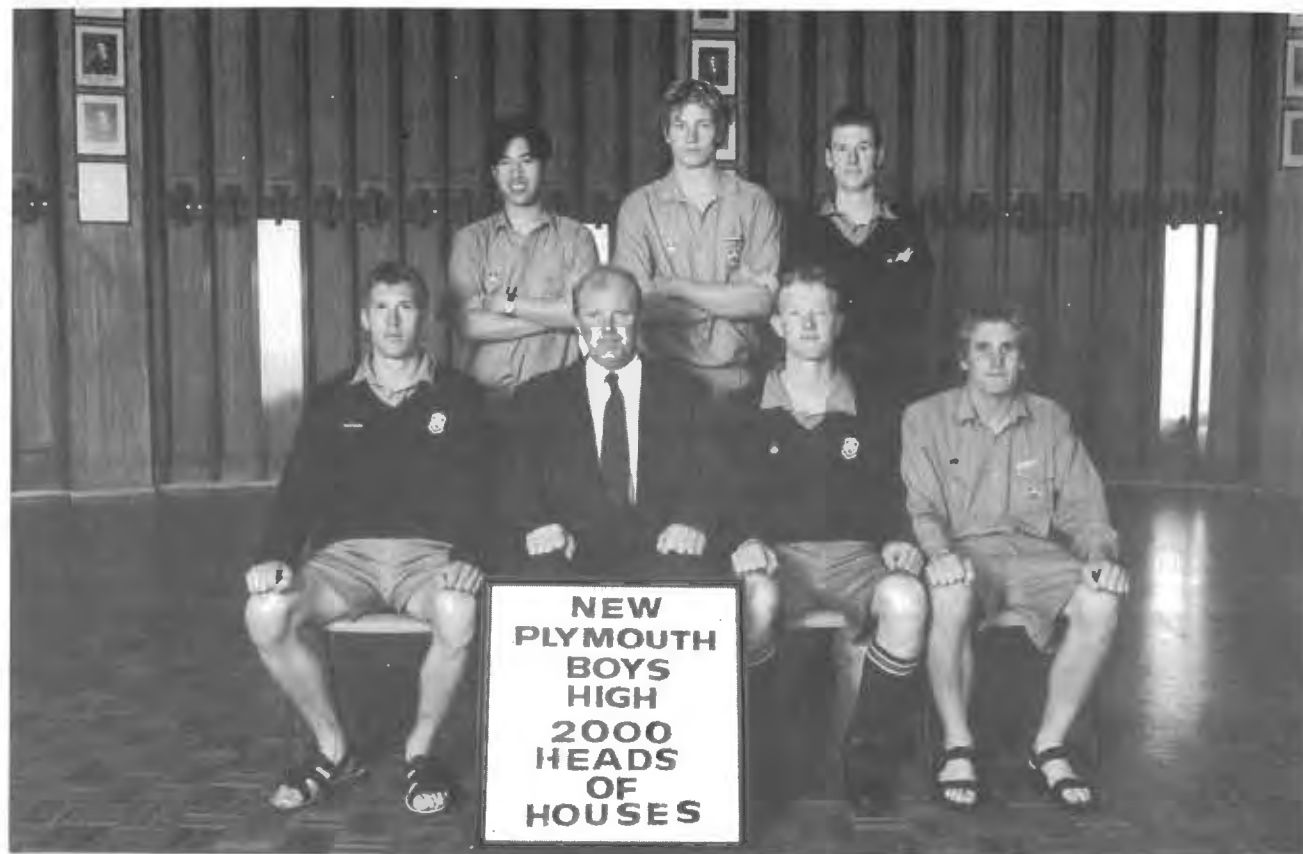
academic and as a person. I assure you your effort is appreciated deeply. To my teachers this year, Mr. Wild, Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Leath, Mr. Mathias and Mr. Green, I thank you especially for your patience and support, this year has not been easy.

In the past five years at this school many memories, experiences, and personalities have shaped my life, from my first day as a Third Former to my final hours as a Seventh. I will continue to be affected by my time at school for many years, and I look forward to following the progress of NPBHS into the future. I know I have left a part of me at New Plymouth Boys' High, but I have also taken a large part of this school, and what it stands for, with me. I will have this in my soul for the rest of my life. Like a powerful haka fading over the gully, this school will cease to be where I stand physically, but will always remain with me into my years as one of the proudest old boys of this school.

Et Comitata, Et Virtute, Et Sapienta.
Ashton Peters



HEADS OF HOUSE



Heads of House
 Back Row: Warren Poh (Head of Barak), Michael Barnes (Head of Donnelly), Shaun Waugh (Student Representative)
 Front Row: Jonathan White (head of Hatherly), Mr. L. French-Wright (Headmaster), Ashton Peters (Head Boy), Michael Somers (Head of Syme)

SYME HOUSE

With an enthusiastic bunch of prefects and deputies, I had high hopes for Syme House in 2000, but things didn't go as well as planned.

Syme House got off to a slow start for 2000. We managed to gain only third place in the swimming sports despite having excellent championship swimmers! The support in numbers was not there to back up the championship performances, and this was not the first time this would happen to Syme. Next was the Athletics sports. Again we had some good championship competitors but lacked the mass participation that is required to succeed. Cricket, touch rugby, tennis and softball were next. With a strong team of a few 1st XI players and some enthusiastic juniors Syme managed to win the House cricket. Touch rugby was disappointing with a 4th place. But a good 2nd place in the tennis was well deserved followed by 3rd in the softball.

The Haka competition is always a big event on the school calendar. Myself and the other prefects with the encouragement of Mr. Maihi and Mr. Turner tried to get the men of the House to learn about the pride involved. Despite a valiant effort we only managed 4th place. An excellent Debating team, led by Nathan Schuppan, managed to win both the senior and junior debating. The cross-country was a replica of the Swimming sports, despite excellent top competitors we could only manage 4th again!

The ball was the highlight of 2000, a whole lot of work and minimal sleep produced the "best ball" in NPBHS history. What a way to start the new millenium. September 2nd saw

the culmination of a lot of hard work and sacrifice from twelve hard working and committed individuals. We came together to form a tight unit and the end result was fantastic. Well done boys.

Winter sports was a mixed bag. Wins in basketball, soccer and badminton were evened out with a 3rd in Rugby and 4th places in rugby league and hockey. A good 2nd in the Volleyball was followed by 3rd place in Golf and 4th in the Tug-O-War. Not a great year points wise but none the less a very enjoyable one.

I would like to thank Mr. French-Wright and Mr. Turner for giving me this wonderful opportunity and privilege. Thanks especially to Titch for your casual attitude but hard work behind the scenes which gave us a chance to experience leadership first hand. Thanks also go to my prefects, Pipes, Ricki, Schupps, Robsy, Matty, Jase, Nigel, Mack and Tim. Cheers to you guys for making it an enjoyable year. To all the Deputies thanks for all your support and effort. Thanks to the House for your spirit and determination. Thanks to those who participated throughout the year.

I was told in third form by Mr. Leath to take from this school as much as you can. If you do this and work hard, things will start to happen and success will follow. New Plymouth Boys' High School is a school with a proud history and I have loved all of my five years here and the opportunities that I have been given. I will miss school life but I will be an extremely proud old boy. COMRADESHIP, VALOUR AND WISDOM.

Michael Somers



BARAK HOUSE

Firstly, thanks to all the men in Barak House, you have been the spirit of the Green Machine this year. Barak House began 2000 with high expectations, we had won the house competition last year and were looking for a repeat performance this year. The Barak prefects were once again keen. We began the year with a new House Master, Mr Rowlands. Mr Rowlands came to the house with fresh ideas, and gave a new and different insight on how to do things, such as House meetings.

Barak House started the 2000 competition with a bang! We put in an excellent performance in the Swimming sports, in which Barak has traditionally been weak. The whole of the house participated and together we won the swimming sports.

Next came Athletics and Cross-Country, we came 3rd in both events, with again good participation. The minor summer sports were next. With convincing wins in the Touch and the Softball, we were set up for the winter events.

The Haka competition was next. A big thanks to the prefects, who along with the able assistance of Corey, Adam and Raymond, helped inspire the House. Barak put in a strong performance, and were only narrowly pipped for third by Donnelly, with another impressive win to Jono and his boys.

Through the winter some of the talents of the Green Machine began to show through. We won Golf, League and Basketball, and had strong performances in Badminton, Soccer and Tug of War. We competed well in the other minor events and were unfortunate to not come out with maximum points in some.

The last event was music, we all put in an awesome effort, and though we fought strongly it wasn't enough. Barak finished the year, only one place less than what we started: 2nd. Congrats to Mixer and his boys' for an excellent win, and thanks to Jono and Mike for an awesome house competition. September the 2nd, the date



of the Boys' High Ball, the best ever. This was a busy time of the year for all of us, including many 5 hour sleeps going down the stretch to the ball. But all 12 of us put together an awesome effort. Thanks to Mixer and Schups, who joined me in putting together the best entrance to a ball ever! OFB forever.

To all the Barak prefects and deputies: Azza, Philly, Ashy, Mike N, Hamish, Shaun, David, Roy, Mike P and Bret thanks for all your help, and the commitment you have given your house. Thanks to Mr Rowlands for giving me the control and faith that I needed to help steer Barak through this year. Also thank you to Mr Wild, to Chris and Rangy, for helping me out at groups those few times that I was absent. To Mr French-Wright, thanks for giving me the opportunities that I have had during my time at school.

Thanks to Ashy, Mixer, Bean and Michael for an awesome 2000. It has been a huge learning curve for all, and a wonderful experience, something I will remember forever. Your friendship has been invaluable and an inspiration. To the 7th Form of 2K, good luck for next year and beyond, we have had some great times together over the years.

Good luck to the Head of Barak for 2001, and to Barak House, I wish all the best of luck. Remember that participation and house spirit is the key. To the school, good luck, may you and your students always strive for the excellence you deserve.

Warren Poh



DONNELLY HOUSE

2000 was a year that I will always treasure, not only because of my appointment as Head of Donnelly house but also as my seventh form year. They say that the seventh form will be your best year at school, and it was.

We were saddened by the recent death of Sir Martin Donnelly, an old boy of the school and a dual international sportsman, whom Donnelly House is named after. I made a personal goal to win the house competition and dedicate it to the late Sir Martin Donnelly. Now with the house competition all wrapped up I am stoked to have achieved this.

We kicked off the house competition with the swimming sports. Although we didn't have a great deal of championship swimmers, we managed a creditable second place through a lot of participation points. The next course of action was the athletics. Not doing so well in the field events, we needed to dominate on the track, and we did withstand superb performances from Sheldon Goodin and Tehira Cooper. Another effort in the cross-country

saw us grab second place behind the committed Hatherly house with good runs.

Next on the menu was the cultural part of the house competition "The Haka". Traditionally Donnelly takes the wooden spoon in the Haka competition but this year we were determined to break the trend. Through a lot of hard work and practices we managed to impress with a surprise second place. This would not have been possible without the efforts of Holloway Ashby, John "Tongs" Collins, VJ Cameron and a dedicated group of prefects.

In the so called minor events, Donnelly dominated with performances in the rugby, basketball, volleyball, cricket, hockey, rugby league and debating. The consistent first or second placings in the majority of all events means that we had surged nineteen points ahead with only the music competition to come, making it impossible for the other houses to catch up. So it was mission completed. Our success I believe stemmed from the committed attitude of our senior students and from a very talented group of young guys coming through in particular Tehira Cooper, Brad Cooper, and Shaun Cooper, who brought in a lot of points throughout the year. Participation was the true key to our success with good numbers turning up throughout the year. To those few guys that decided not to turn up, you don't know what you missed out on.

To a great bunch of prefects; Red, Dick-Doherts, Sam, Kyle, BJ, Shannon, Tony, Rics, Bird-man and Blair your ability to lead and inspire has been proven this year. Thank you for all your commitment and assistance throughout the year. To Gargs, Hads, Tongs, Regan, Matthew Cowley, Sniff, Poss, Shelly, Vinny and all the other unsung heroes of Donnelly house cheers for your awesome efforts. Thankyou for getting involved whenever asked and giving of your best. Be proud of your house and what we have achieved this year, but be gracious to the group teachers for your guidance in running our house and particularly Gleds (Mr Gledhill) for his determined efforts in organisation and motivation of the house.

To Bulks, Wazz, Bean, Shaun and Ash it has been a pleasure working with you, you're a great bunch of guys and I'd like to wish you all the best for whatever the future holds. I would also like to make a special mention to Ash, the best Headboy I have seen in my years at school. I admire the way you handled the huge workload and it has been an honour working under you. To Mr French-Wright thank you for giving me this opportunity and your support and guidance. It has been a privilege working with a man I have a lot of respect for.

Finally to the great institution of education, sport and culture of NPBHS, thankyou for the pathways you have opened up for me and making the last five years of mine a success.

Michael Barnes



Head Boarder

2000 has proved to be a demanding year for the hostel with an action filled agenda for most. The tradition and respect associated with our hostel has very much been upheld and will continue into 2001.

The interhouse competition was always going to be tough for Hatherly with our inferior numbers, nevertheless the hostel stood up and was counted winning our traditional events, the Haka and cross-country, placed second in the athletics and a controversial fourth in the swimming sports. On a day made by the boarders with our trademark chant and entrance, our hopes were shattered with the absence of the multiplier making 1st or 2nd place seem impossible goals to achieve. Special mention goes to Nicol Ruchti; the schools senior athletics champion with wins in the 100 and 200-meter sprints.



The promotion of Mr. Yule to Senior Hostel Master, Mr. Sims to Head of Moyes and Mr. Russell to remain as Head of Carrington (later to be replaced by Mr. Hall at the beginning of term three) gave a new approach to hostel life and a fresh start for the new millenium. The new faces of Mr. Maihi, Mr. Driscoll and later Mr. Maaka proved a new challenge for the boys and the hostel itself. Efforts to restore any lost respect and/or tradition in our hostel were recognized instantly and a prouder, sharper looking hostel is the result. Masters and Matrons (with the appointment of Mrs. Hann) continued to keep our hostel in good order and have always been ready to assist in any situation. Marc Woolhouse was successfully voted in as the Student Rep. on the BOT for 2001, a respected position within the school and Jef McGlashan continued his role on the District Youth Council with diligence.

Our hostel was thoroughly represented in the school's 1st teams. All of which competed at interschool, regional and/or national tournaments. Many also represented Taranaki in their code. Adam Fleming was selected to represent NZ for the U19 mixed touch side while Adam Harford was selected to play for the NZ U16 basketball team. This school, regional and national representation shows the sporting talent and depth our hostel has. The annual Dayboys vs. Boarders clash was one where the dayboys were heavy favorites with thirteen 1st XV members in their team. The game was to prove differently with the boarders leading up until half time, up 10-0 at one stage. The dayboys won 18-10. This was another effort for the hostel to be proud of as we take on the rest of the school.

Our hostel was successfully promoted once again over 2000 with days spent at Mystery Creek attracting great amounts of interest, thanks to the help of Kurt Parry and Nick Hussein. Our Open Weekend in July was well responded to with one of NZ's biggest hostels shaping up well for 2001. The Niger Cup rugby match was set back on the right track for the first time since 1996. A 17-8 win over a fast and talented Palmerston North side showed the commitment and effort the boys had showed for 14 weeks, with top captaincy from Aaron Harris. Thanks go out to Chook, Wolfee, Nuts, Nicol, Elliot, Jef and John for their efforts at coaching the side. The hostel had a big influence on the Kapahaka group from Hatherly winning the school haka competition through to boys being associated with the Girls' High-Boys' High Maori culture group, Tuhonohono o nga Rangatahi. This group took part in a number of competitions throughout Taranaki with Hemi Rauputu winning male leadership in Opunake. Haare O'Brien, Warrick Smith, Rawiri Rangitawa and Raki Carr were also involved.

Over 2000 we have had two GAP students. Our first, Izzet Girgin, did a really good job keeping people in line and his assistance to teachers and masters was invaluable. His knowledge of almost anything was amazing and his love for rugby came in handy when he assisted Mr. Bigwood with his coaching. After Izzet returned to England, Mr. Woods did a superb job filling in for term 3 to be replaced by Nick Redding, also from England, who has quickly fitted in and is doing a good job.

The group of prefects coming into 2000 was always going to be a superb group of guys. Their efforts in all parts of hostel life and school life were huge with great dedication to the house and desire to do well. A big thanks go out to: Adam Fleming (HOC), Nathan Wolfe, Scott Walker, James Newell, Mark Gray, John Ferris, Kellam Bayley, Nicol.



Ruchti, Shaan Caskey, Greg Lagan and Nick Lawn (HOM), Richard Cook, Marc Soonthornswad, Robert Hunter, Jef McGlashan, Daniel Bethell, Andrew Ramsey, Nick Enright. Special thanks must go to Jef McGlashan, Nick Lawn and James Newell who have always assisted me throughout a year full of activities, school related and others. The real strength of hostel spirit comes through when the pressure is on and these guys never failed to deliver.

Lastly I would like to thank some people for great things they have done over 2000. Firstly to Adam and Nick for their assistance over an extremely demanding year for us all, to Ashton for being the most thoughtful and conscientious Head Boy I've known, to Wazza, Mix and Scrapy for their efforts and comradeship over this year, all the best from here on. Finally a big than you to the men of our hostel who have all helped to make this place the fantastic place that it is. To all of those returning remember that success is not a destination, but it is a journey and this year has been another great section of that journey. Next year it's on your shoulders to better that, best of luck to you all. Be remembered for what you did do not for what you didn't do, for it's people like that who keep our hostel above the pinnacle of boarding institutions in NZ.

Jonathan White
Head Boarder



Inter House Competition 2000

	Donnelly	Barak	Hatherly	Syme
Athletics	1st	3rd	2nd	4th
Swimming	2nd	1st	4th	3rd
Cross Country	2nd	3rd	1st	4th
Haka	2nd	3rd	1st	4th
Cricket	2nd	3rd	4th	1st
Golf	2nd	1st	4th	3rd
Softball	2nd	1st	4th	3rd
Debating	2nd	3rd	4th	1st
Tug of War	1st	3rd	1st	4th
Volleyball	1st	3rd	4th	2nd
Touch Rugby	3rd	1st	2nd	4th
Badminton	4th	2nd	3rd	1st
Tennis	3rd	4th	1st	2nd
Rugby	1st	4th	2nd	3rd
Soccer	3rd	2nd	4th	1st
Hockey	2nd	3rd	1st	4th
Rugby League	2nd	1st	3rd	4th
Basketball	1st	1st	4th	3rd
Music	4th	3rd	1st	2nd

Overall Standings

- First Donnelly
- Second Barak
- Third Hatherly
- Fourth Syme

Student Rep Report

One of my goals on returning to NPBHS in my seventh form year was to become the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. Why I had this goal I do not know but looking back now I am very happy that I choose to do so.

Walking into the first meeting was a very nerve racking and sweaty palm ordeal, but as soon as I introduced myself I was welcomed in, and I wish to thank all the board members for this. I would also like to thank all the boys who voted for me, and to all the staff and others who gave me all their time and effort. Thanks.

I had set objectives that I wished to achieve as Student Rep in which I did with the reintroduction of student ID's, and a new hi-tech score board in the gym. But there was one objective I did not achieve, that was the task of getting EFTPOS in the cafeteria. Sorry boys but an impossible objective. Maybe in 5 years!

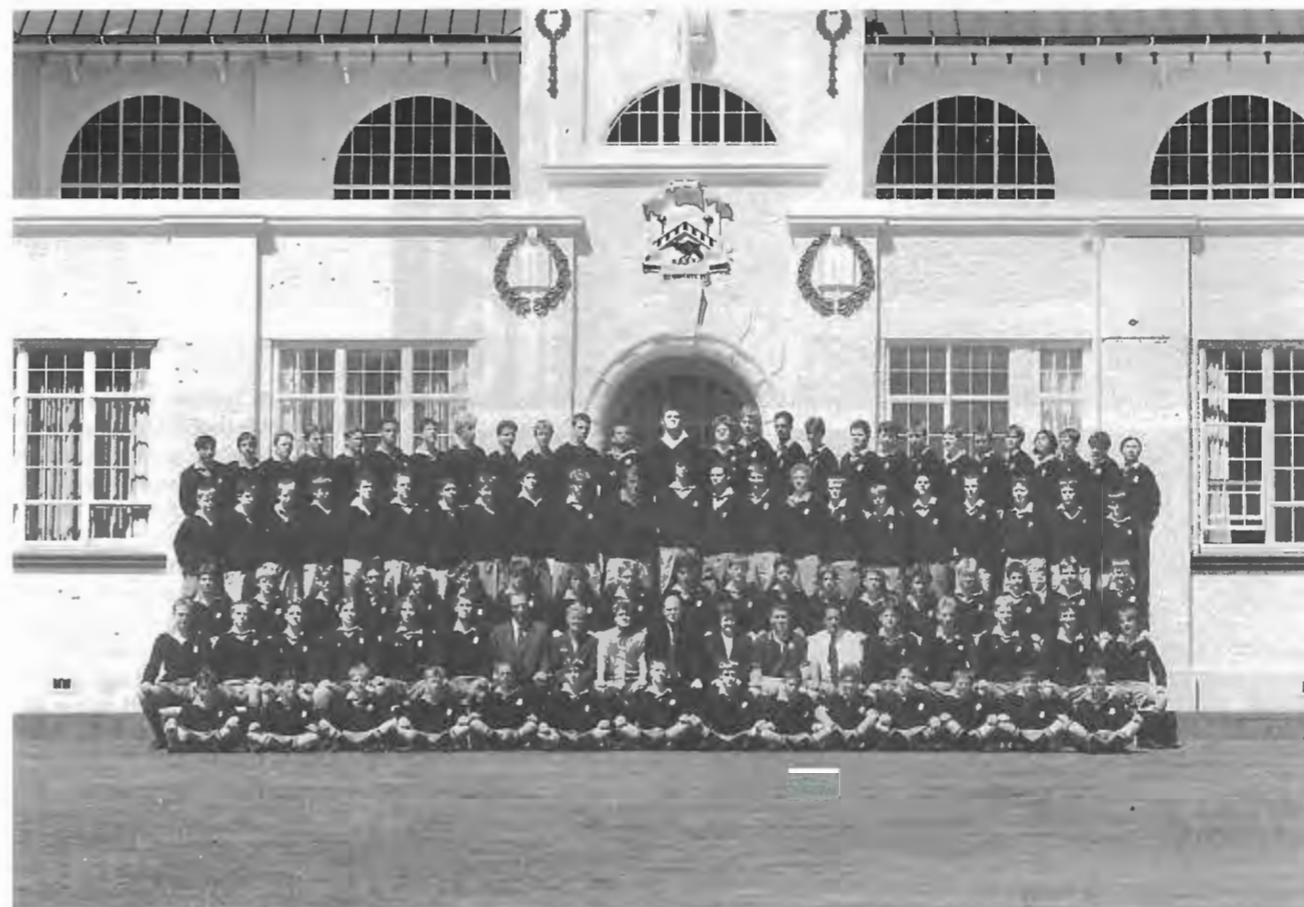
The most pleasing part of my job was being a part of an ever-expanding school, which has so many long-term goals such as the computer suite and new classrooms in the technology block, and even a lift in the library. The most disappointing part of my job was the disciplinary hearings which no one likes but have they have to done, These were most depressing as you could sense boys' lives being torn apart and parents left wondering what else they could have done.

Again I would like to thank the board for opening my eyes on how large businesses work. It has being a great experience. And the best of luck to Mark Woolhouse for 2001.

Shaun Waugh



CARRINGTON HOUSE



MOYES HOUSE





Niger Trophy

This was held in New Plymouth this year and we restarted the dinner for parents on the night prior to the match which was well attended. The match was a cracker. An epic encounter in which both sides gave their all. We triumphed 17-8. Full credit must go to Jonathan and his team of trainers who ensured we were well coached, prepared and motivated.

Day Boys vs Boarders

Up 10-0 at halftime it looked as though an upset was on the cards, unfortunately we couldn't hold on and we lost narrowly 17-10 and played our hearts out in the process. Another notable first in this match was the unveiling of our new hostel mascot "Grimmy".

In summary I would like to thank all those who have made my first year as Senior Hostel Master so rewarding. The laundry, domestic, caretaking and kitchen staff who perform their jobs with great care and pride. The Group teachers who aid us in providing the best possible pastoral care for the young men of the hostel. To our Matrons, Jan Morris and Lauren Hann - you handle a difficult job easily. We can't even begin to describe the complexity of your job to people and you do it with a smile on your face (well most of the time) and a true love of your job and dedication to our boys.

Scripture is a very important part of the hostel and is run with the voluntary help of David Hollingsworth, Mark Woods and Kim Francis. Special thanks also to David and Molly King who once again assisted with our Church service on Open weekend, one of the most memorable that I have attended.

As I mentioned before we have had considerable staff change this year and we continue to attract a strong field of candidates for each position. To the masters a big thank you for your support and frankness. You handle an extremely demanding job in a professional and caring manner and work as a true team to get the job done. Often you are asked to do things over and above the call of duty and do so willingly. Thank you.

A few very special thanks:

Chef Murray Trowern who apart from being an outstanding Chef contributes to the hostel in so many other ways.

To the Hostel Committee who put in hours of work behind the scenes, Mr Emslie our Executive Officer, Mr Gordon and Mr Batchelor. It must be noted that this will be the last Christmas dinner for a number of the Hostel Committee. Mr Ward, Mr Geraghty and Mrs McIntyre have indicated they will not be seeking re-election next year. We will formally farewell them next year but I would like to take this opportunity to thank them also.

To Mr French-Wright your dedication to the hostel is unquestionable, despite a heavy workload you were willing to help out as Head of Carrington for a term. On a personal level thank you Lyal, you are always supportive and positive and I greatly value your guidance.

The hostel is a place for families, it places special demands on wives and children who often miss out when husbands and Dads are looking after the hostel. We greatly appreciate your sacrifices and are ever mindful of them. To my wife Maria and daughters Courtney and Jessica thank you for your support, without this I would not be able to do this job.

Finally a big thankyou to you the students, to all those who continually get things right and make our jobs easy,

and also to those of you who get things wrong but are open and honest about this and "front up" in true hostel fashion. You are the ones who make the hostel a special place and COR LUDI "the heart of the school". To those leaving, I hope you take with you a little bit of this special place (not a sign though). Have a safe and prosperous Christmas, I hope your exam results are a true reflection of your efforts.

Graeme Yule



GRADUATES 2000

MASSEY UNIVERSITY

- Aitken, Justin Mark - BEd - 1989
- Allen, Mark Hunter G - BTech - 1994
- Armstrong, (prev Mark Leslie) - MPhil (Business) - 1984
- Mark Thomas - BTech (Hons) - 1995
- Balsom, Wayne Robert - Dip Agr with Distinction - 1996
- Barnes, Raymond Paul - PGDip Dairy Sc & Tech - 1988
- Bates, Martin Peter John - BSplSc - 1995
- Baxter, Shaun Charles - BAppSc - 1994
- Brimelow, Adair Trenouth - BAppSc - 1995
- Cave, Tristan Owen - PGDip Bus Admin, Human Resource - 1982
- Cayzer, Simon Michael - BBS - 1996
- Clough James Jackson - GDip Bus Studies, Dispute Resolution - 1963
- Dryden, Hohn Sinclair - BTech (Hons) - 1995
- Fenton, Paul - BA - 1988
- Gardner, Jeffrey Warren - BEd (Tchg-Primary) - 1976
- Gatenby, Ronald Francis - BTech (Hons) - 1995
- Gordon, David Graham - GDip Bus Studies - 1982
- Gordon, Mark Christopher - BBS - 1996
- King, Justin Paul - BTech - 1992
- Kohlis, Ben - BTech (Hons) - 1995
- Lancaster, Robert Ives - BTech (Hons) - 1994
- Morch, Carl Henning John - BBS - 1991
- Newsome, Paul Murray - GDip Tchg Prim - 1989
- Papps, Richard Anthony - BBS - 1995
- Rowlinson, Terence - BInfSc - 1985
- Scott, Bradley Naylor - BBS - 1994
- Sheridan, Carl Roger - BTech (Hons) - 1995
- Taylor, Andrew Kenneth - MSc Ecology - 1990
- Walsh, Brendon Colin - BBS - 1995
- Walton, Mark Penberthy - BBS - 1995
- Watson, Leyton Nicholas - BEd - 1995
- Watson, Leyton Nicholas - DipTchgSecforGrads - 1995
- Way, Gavin William - Cert for Teacher Aides - 1960
- Whyte, Peter Dougal - BA - 1990
- Wilson, Greig Vivan - PGDip Dairy Sc & Tech - 1993

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

- Allison, Crawyn John - BCom, DipGrad - 1994
- Cox, Murray Paul - BSc (Hons) 1995
- Dodd, Andrew James - BA (Hons) - 1993
- Fabish, David Wayne - BPharm - 1995
- Lim, Tee Sern - MBus, DipGrad - 1994
- Stanley, William Mark - DipDiet - 1993
- Sykes, Graeme Hamilton - Dip Bus Admin - 1968

Taylor, Brad Kevin - BSurv - 1995

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

- Allen, Nicholas Whatoff - BCA
- Barker, Simeon John - BSc - 1996
- Bluck, Andrew David - BArch - 1994
- Bracegirdle, Hamish Cairn - BA - 1994
- Burt, Matthew James - BA - 1996
- Connor, Jacey Wayne - BA (Hons) - 1995
- Crane, Marcus Tereora - BA
- Hughes, Gavin - BA - 1994
- Rayner, Matthew John - BSc - 1994
- Sewell, Daniel John - BSc - 1996
- Tannahill, Paul Richard - BA, LLB - 1994
- Thompson, Geoffrey Ross - BCA (Hons) - 1994
- Wolffram, Paul Robert - BMus, BA, BA (Hons) - 1994

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

- Christoffersen Damien John - BMS (Hons) - 1996
- Coles, Bevan Richard - BMS - 1995
- Coley, Bevan Robert - GradDipAcc&Fin - 1993
- Crane, Marcus Tereora - PGMPD - 1982
- Flavell, Rhys John - BEd - 1987
- Gray, Hamish Kenneth - GradDipLS - 1994
- Martin, Brad Steven - BMS (Hons) - 1995
- McKinlay, Steven Colin - BMS - 1993
- Newsome, Wade Kevin - BEd, DipT - 1995
- Portroz, Michael Graem - BSc - 1992
- Simeon, Joemela - MSc (Hons) - 1992
- Taylor, Callum Robert - BA - 1995
- Warsal, Ronald - IPLS - 1994
- Whitwell, Jonathan David - BMS (Hons) - 1994
- Wilkins, Christopher David - Phd - 1984

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

- Green, Peter - BSc - 1996
- Martin, Adnrew Stewart - LLB (Conjoint) - 1992
- Maukutangata, Tesua - BCom - 1986
- Mangueteaki Puipuiamangu - BCom - 1992
- Philp, Saun Mark - BCom - 1992
- Skinner, Cameron Lee - BSc (Hons) - 1995
- Smith, Bevan James - BSc - 1996
- Young, Timothy James Forrester - DipTchg(Prim) - 1989
- De bock, Martin Isaac - BHB - 1996

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

- Bennett, Craig P - BE (Hons)(Chem) - 1995
- Feather, Todd R - BE (Hons)(Civil) - 1995
- Harbutt, Douglas S - BE - 1995
- Harkness, David J - PGDipEng (Civil) - 1973
- Harris, Dean M - BSc - 1995
- Honeyfield, Richard I - BE (Hons)(Cvl) - 1995
- Pollock, Christopher J - BE (Hons)(Mech) - 1995
- Robinson, Daryl F - ME (Cvl) - 1992

Note: Date shown is last year at school





EXAM RESULTS 1999

School Certificate (marks 50+)

6 Subjects

B. Atkinson, J. Baxter, H. Beals, M. Bedford, R. Bolton, C. Bonnevie, M. Braggins, T. Brown, D. Drew, S. Eichstaedt, D. Fischer, S. Green, A. Harvey, M. Jackson, R. Jenkin, P. Landrigan, N. Lapwood, M. Logan, S. Lynskey, R. Mahood, R. McDowall, J. Morris, R. Ogle, K. Pritchard, D. Radcliffe, C. Radford, S. Rasmussen, N. Roughan, R. Slater, J. Subramanian, H. Talbot, C. Walker, A. Walton, S. Washer, C. Wharfe

5 Subjects

K. Adams, J. Barker, A. Bedford, V.J. Cameron, M. Climo, J. Dagger, S. Dee, M. Erb, M. Fernando, D. Gupwell, G. Honeyfield, C. Jury, S. Lander, G. Macphail, A. Macrae, N. Major, D. Malcolm, R. Meuli, C. Moratti, K. Parry, A. Pedersen, M. Pickering, K. Po-Ching, B. Robinson, L. Sarten, T. Smart, B. Snowden, E. Sutton, N. Taylor, D. Troy, R. Waite, B. Wesley, S. Wilson, J. Woodward

4 Subjects

S. Alldridge, A. Ander, C. Attrill, C. Baldwin, J. Booth, P. Cadman, J. Cassidy, A. Clarke, B. Craig, P. Crozier, P. Dowman, S. Goodin, S. Gunnell, P. Hagenson, K. Hartley, M. Hartmann, K. Herbert, B. Hudson, L. Hutchings, G. Mackinde, T. Macleod, C. Mattson, I. McFarlane, G. McIntyre, B. Miller, A. Nankervis, K. Neilson, H. O'Brien, M. Papps, S. Pollock, H. Rauputu, R. Rimovichs, J. Ruchti, G. Smart, W. Smith, T. Van Zyl, J. Wibley, M. Woolhouse

3 Subjects

A. Asi, S. Burton, M. Buttimore, T. Evetts, S. Fairhurst, J. Faulkner, O. Harris, J. Hofmans, C. Honeyfield, J. Hubbard, A. Jackson, J. Kirkwood, M. Lagan, R. Langridge, C. Le Prou, M. Makatoa, J. Moa, M. Needham, G. Newton, M. Nicholls, C. Peters, S. Sansom, D. Schroder, N. Spierling, K. Stewart, M. Symons, D. Wilson, T. Young, A. Zimmerman



BURSARY



A Bursary

S. Bates, A. Bishell, S. Bremer, J. Brown, A. Burgess, K. Feaver, N. Hight, B. Holyoake, N. Hudson, L. Jackson, S. Jenkin, L. Lepper, S. Lonsdale, S. Low, D. Maclean, R. Managh, B. McGlashan, T. Norris, S. Pope, M. Quin, J. Ravji, B. Singleton, N. Smith, M. Taylor, S. Thornhill, B. Wallis, Z. Zurakowski



B Bursary

R. Asigau, T. Cleaver, H. Dryden, Q. Elstone, C. Field, B. Flay, R. Gordon, D. Hermann, B. Hinton, P. Hoskin, R. Janata, T. Kingsley-Jones, A. Lawn, D. Magner, S. Maw, S. Mayo, J. Moffett, J. Morice, P. Needham, D. Neil, B. Schrider, J. Scott, C. Smith, A. Stewart, D. Steyn, S. Walsh

Scholarship

Scott Bremer	History
James Brown	Art History
Bryan Holyoake	Accounting
	Calculus
	Statistics
Nathan Hudson	Statistics
Lindon Jackson	Graphics
Simon Jenkin	Statistics
Lachlan Lepper	Geography
Daryl Maclean	Statistics
Jason Morice	Design
Shane Pope	Chemistry
	Calculus
	English
	Physics
	Statistics
	Geography
Shane Thornhill	



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SENIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZE LIST 1999

FIFTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art	Roy McDowell
Design Technology (Metal) (Best Student) and Design Technology (Metal) (Practical)(Olex Cables Prize)	Timothy Brown
Design Technology (Metal) (Best Design) (General Machinery Prize)	Haaretaua O'Brien
Design Technology (Wood) (Best Student) and Design Technology (Practical) (Scott Panel and Hardware Prize)	Gene Mackinder
French (French Embassy Prize)	Sam Lynskey
Fifth Form Practical English Certificate (PTA Prize)	Michael Espiner
Geography	Joshuan Subramaniam
Graphics	Mark Jackson
History	Christian Bonnevie
Home Economics	Travis Young
Horticulture (Best Student)	Michael Braggins
Horticulture (Practical) (D Tong Prize)	Ian McFarlane
Latin	Richard Slater
Maori	V J Cameron
Mathematics Applied I (PTA Prize)	James Fawkner
Music and Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize)	Blake Robinson
Practical and Applied Science (PTA Prize)	Christopher Sturmeay
Spanish	Peter Wilms
EFFORT AND PROGRESS	
(London Bookshop Prize) (London Bookshop Prize) (PTA Prize) (PTA Prize)	Raitis Rimovichs Nicholas Roughan Andrew Gadsby Shane Roberts

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Reece Meuli

Essay

1st Prize Christopher Walker

MUSIC

Most Improved Woodwind Player (Boyd Trophy) Mark Jackson

SPECIAL PRIZES

For the student who is by virtue of his reliability, ready co-operation, earnest work habits and honest cheerful disposition is a positive example to students who are not among the most able academic Form 5 Students (Norman Wright Memorial Prize) Michael Espiner

Best Aptitude and Training in a Cadet (NZ Army Association Shield) (Sgt) Craig Wisnewski

Best Performance in work programme in Life Skills class (PTA Prize) Sam Turner

For contribution by a Year 11 or 12 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school Haaretaua O'Brien

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (Including 1st in Accounting and 1st in Mathematics) Neville Lapwood

2nd Aggregate (Including 1st in Economics, 1st in Japanese and 1st in Science) Hadleigh Beals

1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in English (Daily News Prize)) Christopher Walker





SIXTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

	Accounting (Tabor Prize) and Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)	Andrew Ramsy
	Biology (Tabor Prize)	Colin White
	Computer Studies (Warren Moetara Trophy and Prize)	Warren Poh
	Design Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize)	Simon Bluck
	Design Technology (Metal) (Best Machinist) (Olex Cables Trophy)	Kurt Broadmore
	Design Technology (Wood) (Best Student) (Tabor Prize)	Kurt Broadmore
	Design Technology (Wood) (Best Practical) (Jones & Sandford Prize)	Daniel Clarke
	French (French Embassy Prize)	Ainsley Speak
	Geography (Tabor Prize)	Peter Mole
	Graphics (Best Project Work) (LV Giddy Memorial Prize)	Luke McLaughlin
	Home Economics (Tabor Prize)	Jeffrey McGlashan
	Horticulture (Best Student) (Tabor Prize)	Richard Cook
	Horticulture (Best Practical Aptitude) (Alexander Trust Prize)	Jarid Wallace
	Maori (Tabor Prize)	Aaron Coneglan
	Mathematics Applied II (Tabor Prize)	Petter Gibbs
	Mathematics with Applications (Tabor Prize)	Tony Clow
	Music (Tabor Prize)	Fraser Bremner
	Photography (Tabor Prize)	Nicholas Smith
	Physical Education (Tabor Prize)	Tim Weston
	Physics (Most Improved Student) (Hurle Cup)	Heath Wilms
	Practical Art (Tabor Prize)	Luke Gidson
	Science (Tabor Prize)	Ben Braggins
	Self Management (Tabor Prize)	Brian Williams
	Senior Practical English Certificate (Tabor Prize)	Hadley Goodin

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(London Bookshop Prize)	Daniel Morrison
(London Bookshop Prize)	Shanon Barnett
(London Bookshop Prize)	Hamish Roper
(London Bookshop Prize)	Matthew Lay
(London Bookshop Prize)	Andrew Gleeson
(London Bookshop Prize)	Michael Barnes
(PTA Prize)	Paul Harrold

ESSAY

1st Prize	Heath Wilms
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MUSIC

Choir General Excellence (Faul Challenge Cup)	Matthew Lay
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SPECIAL PRIZE

Best Cadet (Wadsworth Cup & Prize)	(Sgt) Eric Pepperell
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GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st Chemistry, Economics and Graphisc)	Justin Price
2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize)	Rene Le Prou
1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (Including 1st in Bussiness Studies, English, History, Legal Studies, Mathematics and Physics, and Highest Marks in School Certificate Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize), and Highest Aggregate for a 1999 Sixth Former in 1998 School Certificate (Hatherly Memorial Prize)	Ashton Peters



SEVENTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art History and English Literature (White Memorial Prize)	Bradely McGlashan
Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorila Prize)	Berwyck Poad
Calssical Studies (Sir Ronald Syme Memorial Scholarship) and Geography and History (Brain Bellringer Prize) and Excellence in Humanities (Shelia Prentice Cup and Prize)	Scott Bremer
Design	Jason Morice
Economics	Riobin Janata
Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize)	Lindon Jackson
Horticulture (D Tong Cup and Prize)	Brian Flay
Japanese (Dr Douglas Kenrick Memorial Prize)	Kane Feaver
Maori	Phillip Hoskin
Music	Michael Taylor
Painting	Brad Andrews
Physical Education	Tim Cleaver
Printmaking and Photography and Sculpture	Sinclair Lonsdale
Science	Tim Morgan

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(London Bookshop Prize)	Stephen Bates
(London Bookshop Prize)	Robert Gordon
(London Bookshop Prize)	Nathan Hudson
(London Bookshop Prize)	Shane Thornhill

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and Prize)	Aaron Schuppan
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MUSIC

Excellence in Performance in the jazz genre and committment to music in the school (Take 5 Trophy)	Ryan Geraghty
Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup)	Nicholas Paton
Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup)	Michael Taylor

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Senior Dramatic Performance (Wilde Cup)	Nathan Schuppan
Best Polynesian or Melanesian student (Maori and Island Pacific Affairs Prize)	Raymond Asigau
For Contribution by a Year 13 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize)	Phillip Hoskin
To the School's Chief Student Librarian for outstanding service to the Library and the school as measured by diligence, reliability and resourcefulness and a sensitive and thoughtful appreciation of the needs of the students. (Troy Penberth Memorial Cup and Prize)	Brian Williams
Head Boarder (Eggleston Cup & Prize) Tama Sweetman	
Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize)	Fraser Bremner
For the busy participants in the life of the school with full involvement in either cultural or sporting activities or both: a perfect/group leader who strongly demonstrates concern for others and who by personal example encourages others to have a go and whose reliability and service are outstanding (Schrader Challenge Trophy and Prize)	Michael Sampson
Outstanding record of serviec to the school (PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy and Prize)	Quinn Elstone
To the Student Trustee who represents the boys on the Board of Trustees-and who promotes and communicates reliably the needs and views of students, and who contributes significantly to the resources and/or good operation of the school in his year of service. (R J Goodare Memorial Trophy and Prize)	Jonathan White
Best All-Round Senior Student (Eagles' Trophy and Prize)	Shem Low
Head Boy (Brookman Cup and Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) and For loyalty, diligence, initiative and outstanding service to the school. (Jack West Centennial Medallion)	Matthew Cleaver



GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence
(Fookes Cup and Prize) Daryl Maclean

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(Ryder Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize)

Bryan Holyoake

Dux (Academic Excellence Cup and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Chemistry (Dr Barak Prize), 1st in English Language, (John Brodie Memorial Prize), 1st in Mathematics with Calculus, 1st in Mathematics with Statistics and 1st in Physics)

Shane Pope



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THIRD FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art and Design Technology (Wood) (Best craftsmanship and design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award)

Scott Parker

Band

Hayden Mullan

Design Technology (Metal)

Mark Henwood

Design Technology (Wood) (Best Student)

Kritesh Kumar

Economics and English

Ben Annabell

Graphics

Matthew Lee

Home Economics

Stephen Lorth

Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)

Jacob Parry

Latin

Iain Grant

Maori

Te Hira Cooper

Music

Tim Cochrane

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

PRIZES

(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)

Daniel Burrell
Ben Haines
Clinton Gulliver
Nicholas Brown
Emmersen Bourne
Graig Mulvay
Jole Sims
Peter D'Ath
Luke Hastie

CERTIFICATES

Ashley Algie

Design Technology (Metal), Music, Science
Mathematics, Social Studies
Science, Mathematics, Social Studies

Ryan Blackburn
Tim Bland

Japanese, Home Economics, English

Ian Calder

Maori, English
Mathematics, Science, English
Mathematics, Science, Graphics
Social Studies, Music, Mathematics

Rakeiora Carr
Brendon Dallas
Lance Edwin
Jamie Grant

Design Technology (Metal), Art
Japanese, Social Studies
Home Economics, Art
Physical Education, Social Studies
Physical Education, Art
Art, Mathematics
Art, Mathematics
Science, Social Studies
Mathematics, Social Studies, Japanese

Keith Griffin
Joshua Hales
Luke Hamblyn
Jean Pierre Hassan
Scott Heale
Andrew Helms
William Hockings
caleb Hollins
Rhys Kerr

Science, Social Studies
English, Latin
English, Graphics, Mathematics, Social Studies

Kurt Larsen
Mahonri McDonald
Carl McDowell

English, Economics, Mathematics
Latin, Science, Graphics
Science, Mathematics
French, Science
English, Economics

Andrew McKay
Guy Meuli
Doug Moores
Brett Murphy
Samuel O'Neil
Scott Parker
Tom Price
Matthew Sim

Social Studies, Graphics
Mathematics, Social Studies
Mathematics, Design Technology (Metal)

Todd Singleton
Darren Smith
Jonathan Snowdon
Mark Sutherland
Ben Sutton
Elliot Taylor
Daniel Thompson

English, Science
Latin, English, Social Studies
Art, Physical Education
English, Art, Science
Mathematics, Band
Mathematics, Music
Mathematics, Social Studies, Economics, Design Technology (Wood)

Aaron Underwood
Andrew Waite

English, Science
Mathematics, Science, English,
Design Technology (Wood)
Japanese, English, Physical Education

Aaron Wong

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd
2nd
1st

Elliot Taylor
Andrew Helms
Tim Cochrane

Essay

3rd
2nd
1st Prize

Evan Riley
Scott Heale
Nicholas Brown

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Junior Cadet (Ladies' Challenge Trophy & Prize)

(Cdt) Nathan Hutchings

For contribution by a year 9 or 10 Maori Student to Maori profile of the school

Rakeiora Carr

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Science)

Jargil Santos

2nd Aggregate

Sam Fleming

1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Prize) (including 1st in French (French Embassy Prize), Mathematics and Social Studies)

Blair Howarth

FOURTH FORM PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art

Paul Gledhill

Design Technology (Metal)

Daniel Willis

Design Technology (Wood)

Joshua Greig

Enterprise Studies

Nicholas Axten

French (French Embassy Prize)

Kieran Enright

Graphics

Tim Gau

Home Economics

Bjorn Johnston

Horticulture

David Riley

Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)

Nathan Moore

Latin

Erin Fong

Maori Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize) and Music

Luke Millard

Leigh Kereopa

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

PRIZES

(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)
(PTA Prize)

Sebastian Henderson
Jeremy McMillan
Ryan Wall
Robert Bishop
Steven Mischeski

CERTIFICATES

Jonathan Arden

Design Technology (Metal), Design

Karl Bird

Technology (Wood)
Home Economics, Social Studies, Mathematics

William Bourke

English, design Technology (Metal), Mathematics

Nigel Bowling

Home Economics, Horticulture

Tim Boyce

Physical Education, French

Jared Broad

Social Studies, Science

Matthew Cameron

English, Horticulture, Maori

Ryan Cantlon

English, Design Technology (Wood)

Benn Cash

English, Physical Education, Graphics

Lance Chadwick

Mathematics, Design Technology (Metal), Social Studies, Graphics

Daneil Evans

English, Social Studies

Matthew Fenney

Science, Japanese, Social Studies

David Fraser

English, Social Studies

Jonathan Hacon

Science, Japanese

Luke Herdson

English, Art
Physical Education, Economics

Tony Kemp

Mathematics, design Technology (Metal)

James Macfie

Social Studies, Mathematics

Nathan Mattock

Horticulture, Mathematics

Shane Meuli



Todd Morris English, Home Economics
 Scott Newland Mathematics, English, Science
 Nathan Ranfield Mathematics, Horticulture, Science, English
 Jeremy Severinsen English, Science, Social Studies
 Asheer Singh Design Technology (Metal), English
 Aaron Smith Social Studies, Horticulture
 Matthew Sole Mathematics, English
 Ben Souness Science, English, Mathematics, Social Studies
 Adrian Stanely Design Technology (Metal), Art
 Sam Stewart-Jacks Physical Education, Mathematics, Science
 Mishael Walden Horticulture, Social Studies
 Daniel Williams Design Technology (Metal), English
 Brent Wilson English, Science
 Darren Wu English, Science, Social Studies, French

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd Matthew Benton
 2nd Dale Cook
 1st Prize (Moss Cup and Prize) Luke Millard

ESSAY

3rd Tony Clement
 2nd Matthew Fenney
 1st (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize) Matthew Rogers

SPECIAL PRIZES

Excellence in Scientific Research (Kiwi Dairies Nexus Research Trophy and Prize) Jared Broad
 For Interest and Enthusiasm in Mathematics (Taranaki Mathematics Association Awards) Erin Fong
 Colin Fagg

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in English) Matthew Rogers
 2nd Aggregate Adam Jaiden
 1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Economics, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies) Sean O'Connor

CAVE BURSARIES

For Academic and Sporting Excellence in Form 3 Blair Howarth
 For Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence in Form 4 Adam Jaidin

Child's Play

Sarah decided to take a different route home from school on Tuesday. She felt like a walk, and with nothing else to do, she decided to take the long way back to her house. The sun shone down brightly, slowly warming her insides. She continued straight ahead where she would have normally turned left, happy with herself for having made the decision. Come to think of it, she had never walked this way before. The walk home usually took fifteen minutes, but her parents would still be working, so there would be on one to scold her lateness when she arrived. She kicked a small pebble down the footpath, and dreamt of what she wanted to be when she grew up. An architect, maybe.

Who cared if all the other girls at school whispered and sniggered at her from behind their hands whenever the topic came up? And who cared if the other children at school excluded her from all their games? She couldn't understand why, but she didn't particularly care anyway. Strange how not caring could eat her up inside so much.

She looked down at her dress. A ghostly open tear several inches long smeared its appearance. Stupid of her to try and join in their game, she told herself. But the bruise underneath the scar was hurting her hip when she walked, and she couldn't ignore it. If Rachel Williams would come and spend a day or two in her neighbourhood she would learn a thing or two about life. The other girls were so different, better than her, they said. They said she was nothing like their kind of class, and never would be.

How Sarah yearned to be one of them, to be accepted, but she knew inside she never would. Their parents were of different stock. They worked in different fields. She remembered the teasing she had gotten over what her parents did for a living. They had dined out for days on that one. It hurt, because there was nothing she could do about it. The others dressed differently, talked differently, and even walked differently. Why did mother have to move out here in the first place?

Sarah sighed, and wished she was back where she still called home, where she was an equal. Here she was so inferior, though she couldn't understand why. She tried to fit in. Grabbing at the side of her dress in a swift motion, she doubled the size of the tear. Tomorrow, she vowed to wear the same dress, regardless of what mother said. A tear cut a scythe down her cheek. Up ahead, a car turned into her driveway, automatic gates shutting smoothly behind it. Mother was home from work early. She could tell her Mercedes from father's any day.

Ashton Peters



1999 Sports Prizes

SPORTSMAN

Golf Team - Matt Cleaver

Tim Cleaver

BADMINTON

Craig Leathley

Lachlan Lepper

BASKETBALL

Rupert Laka

CADETS

Eric Pepperell

Robert Bishop (CDT)

CRICKET

Kent Jordan

Matt Cleaver

Tom Schurr

CRICKET & WINTER SPORT

Matt Cleaver

CROSS COUNTRY

Marcel Visser

Matt Cleaver

Reuben Ries

CYCLING

Logan Hutchings

DAYBOY VS BOARDERS

DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS

Dayboys- Capt Lane Gibson

GOLF

Joshua Kearns

HOCKEY

Chris Ashcroft

Duncan Kissick

Tim Cleaver

IN LINE HOCKEY

Senior Team- Richard Klahn

INTERHOUSE

Barak - Phil Hoskin

Donnelly - Quin Elstone

Donnelly - Quin Elstone

Hatherly - Tama Sweetman

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Syme - Michael Sampson

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

Aaron Klenner

Cooper Amai

Corey Niwa

Gordon Davenport

ANZ BANK TEAM OF THE YEAR
COLLEGE TROPHY
SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR
WOLFE CUP
BEST ALLROUNDER

PRO SPORTS WAITARA
 FOR SERVICE TO BADMINTON
 COOK AND LISTER CUP
 OPEN CHAMPION

PETER LAY TROPHY
 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

LT H.V. SEARLE - SENIOR
 SHOOTING CHAMP
 CORP CJ HAMBLYN CUP
 JUNIOR SHOOTING CHAMPION

MEULI CUP
 1ST XI BATTING
 ALISTAIR JORDAN CUP
 CONTRIBUTED MOST
 GIDDY SHIELD
 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
 IN THE 2ND XI

DONNELLY CUP

HERBERT SMITH
 CHAMPION
 1911 CUP
 SENIOR CHAMPION
 NOAKES CUP
 JUNIOR CHAMPION

ANZ CYCLING CUP
 MOST OUTSTANDING RIDER
 DEMPSEY SHIELD
 SWIMMING

PEASE CUP
 RUGBY

SHEARER CUP
 SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPION

THE GEURSEN STICK
 MOST PROMISING JUNIOR
 SIMONSON CUP
 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
 DION JORDAN MEMORIAL
 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

BEST PERFORMING TEAM

CRAMMOND CUP
 INTERHOUSE CHAMPION
 KERR CUP
 RUGBY
 BARES CUP
 CRICKET
 HANSARD CUP
 ATHLETICS
 STEVENSON CUP
 TENNIS
 BURBANK CUP
 SWIMMING

GILMOUR CUP
 800M
 TRIPLE JUMP
 KELLER CUP
 HIGH JUMP
 CARTWRIGHT CUP

James Ingram

Matthew Nicholls
 Maveigh Makatoa
 Paul Hagenson

Shannon Pasili
JUNIOR ATHLETICS
 Gerard Mugeridge
 Jonathan Snowden
 Matthew Sturmer
 Shaun Cooper

Shaun Cooper
 Tehira Cooper
 RUGBY
 James Annabell

Jason Epariama

Jonathan Snowden

Michael Barnes

Paul Hagenson

Regan Wharewera
 Tama Sweetman

RUGBY LEAGUE
 Desai Gupwell

Kapua Kapua

Tama Williams

SENIOR ATHLETICS

Brent Schrider
 Bryan Holyoake

Jason Epariama
 Jouhans Marriner
 Lane Gibson
 Matthew Cleaver

Tim Chadwick

Tyler Raven
SKIING

SOCCER
 Bryan Holyoake

Lachlan Lepper

Mark Bland

SOCCER
 Michael Somers

SQUASH
 Shaun Sansom
SWIMMING
 David Riley
INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION
 Jeremy Wright

William Hockings
TENNIS

Andrew Ramsay
 Gareth Ballantine
 Ryan Waite
 Thomas Luxton
VOLLEYBALL
 Tim Cleaver

LONG JUMP

BECKBESSINGER CUP
 100M
 BOTHAMELY CUP
 400M
 JAVELIN
 EDMONDS TROPHY
 DISCUS
 SHOTPUT

GRIEVE CUP 1500M
 100M
 HOUSTON CUP 800M
 GARLIC CUP
 FIELD CHAMPION
 DISCUS
 HERMON CUP 400M

MCKNIGHT MEMORIAL CUP
 CONTRIBUTING THE
 MOST AT FORM 4
 WATTS CUP
 MOST IMPROVED 1ST XV
 JASON DUCKETT
 MEMORIAL
 LEADERSHIP AT JUNIOR LEVELS
 TAYLOR CUP
 PLAYERS PLAYER
 2ND XV CUP
 MOST CONSCIENTIOUS PLAYER
 MOST PROMISING PLAYER
 LEUTHART CUP
 CONTRIBUTED MOST 1ST XV

JOHN DEVONSHIRE
 TROPHY EXCELLENCE IN
 RUGBY LEAGUE
 STACEY LAMB TROPHY
 MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER
 MIKE GIBSON TROPHY
 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

MASON MEMORIAL CUP
 800M
 DISCUS
 FOOKE CUP
 1500M
 SHOTPUT
 HIGH JUMP
 JAVELIN
 GARY FOWLER CUP
 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
 OLD BOYS SHIELD
 400M
 LONG JUMP

OLD BOYS' OHAKUNE TROPHY

RUSSELL HOOPER CUP
 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
 BURMESTER TROPHY
 MOST IMPROVED
 BERT ROBSON MEMORIAL CUP
 CONTRIBUTING MOST TO JUNIOR

COACHES CUP
 CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE TEAM

DOW ELANCO CUP

CHALLENGE CUP

SYKES MEMORIAL CUP
 SENIOR CHAMPION
 FOX CUP JUNIOR CHAMPION

BURGESS CUP MOST IMPROVED
 CANDY CUP
 MCKEON CUP
 HERBERT SMITH CUP

SOPER CUP
 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Shaun Sansom
Sportsmen of the Year (Squash)



Fraser Bremner
Performing Artist of the Year (Music)



Michael Barnes
Wolfe Cup (All Round Sportsman of the year)



1st XI Cricket
ANZ Sports Team of the Year



Dixie Band
ANZ Sports Group of the Year



NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES



S. Sansom
Squash



D. Riley
Swimming



A. Fleming
Touch Rugby



M. Bland
Soccer



R. Slater
Music



J. Nui
Rugby League



M. Makatoa
Rugby League



M. Rowe
Music



T. Weston
Cricket



A. Harford
(Basketball)



B. Dallas
(Basketball)



T. Copper
(Basketball)

Others to represent New Zealand included:

R. Nui and R. Wharewera (Touch Rugby), S. Singh (Soccer), D. Gupwell (Rugby League)
T. Kemp (Basketball), S. Sadgrove and A. Blyth Surfing, F. Bremner Music



Tiger Jackets 2000

Cricket

Mark Wales
Rhys Barron
Tim Weston
Kent Jordan
Rhys Morgan
Michael Barnes
Chris McLean
Nick Roughan

Student BOT

Shaun Waugh

Heads of House

Jonathan White
Michael Somers
Michael Barnes
Warren Poh

Swimming

Robert Veitch

Head of School

Ashton Peters

Rugby

Phil Hammond
Nathan Wolfe
Jonathan White
Neil Meyer
Adam Fleming
Hadley Goodin
Chris Barron
Nick Lawn
Rhys Morgan
Michael Barnes
Ian Hickman
Bruce Gregory
Sheldon Goodin
Corey Niwa
Rhys Barron
Barry Meyer
Nicol Ruchti
Craig Honeyfield
Jimmy Gopperth

Soccer

Ashton Peters
Michael Somers
Marcel Visser
Sanjay Singh
Leighton Dearden
Marc Saunders
John Chambers
Warren Poh
Kapua Kapua
Michael Gordon

Golf

Aaron MacRae
Matthew Pickering
Richard Mahood

Music

Matt Lagan
Alex Walton
Mark Jackson

Richard Newson

Badminton

Bernard Hudson
Andrew Ramsay

Hockey

Duncan Kissick
James Newell
Adam Jane
Rowan Jamieson
Kellam Bayley
Shanon Barnett

Shooting

Donald Kuriger

Surf-Lifesaving

Michael Peebles

Tennis

Elliot Campbell
Andrew Ramsay
Ryan Waite

Drama

Nathan Schuppan
Andrew Gleeson
Robert Jenkin

Debating

Nathan Schuppan
David Traylor
Rene Le Prou

Basketball

Chris Attrill
Jon Collins
Robert Hunter
Aaron Lind
Adam Porter
Brent Raven
Jamie Russell

Squash

Shaun Sansom
David Bird
Nicholas Roughan
Blair Hermann

Snow Boarding

Neville Lapwood



GOLF



GOLF

This year's team is a young one since the loss of our three senior players last year. The number of college fixtures increase this year. A summary of result is as follows

Palmerston North BHS (away) Lost 2 ½ - 5 ½
Aaron MacRae and Kieran Young had wins

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Wanganui High School (away) Lost 2 ½ - 5 ½
Heath Oldershaw and Kieran Young had wins

Hamilton BHS (Home) Won 2 ½ - 1 ½
Ryan Blackbourne and Richard Mahood had wins

Wellington College (Home) Lost 2 - 4
Richard Mahood had a win

Auckland Grammar (Home) Won 10 - 6 Wins
were recorded by Ryan Blackbourne, Heath Oldershaw,
Douglas Moors and Matthew Pickering

Super 8 Tournament: We came fourth behind Hamilton,
Tauranga, and Rotorua Boys' High Schools.

Interhouse golf was won by the Barak House team of
Matthew Pickering, Douglas Moors, Aaron MacRae and
Richard Mahood. This was by a narrow margin of 2 shots
over Donnelly.

The School Golf champion for 2000 is Matthew Pickering
who scored 75 on the day with Richard Mahood second.

The top golf team for 2000 has been Ryan Blackbourne,
Matthew Pickering, Aaron MacRae, Richard Mahood.
These boys will all be back next year and we look forward
to a good year in 2001.



Touch Rugby

Touch rugby at Boys' high continues to be a popular sport
for a number of students. The numbers involved on a
social level increased this year with 7 teams entering the
local competition including a staff team who won their
grade.

The Group touch rugby tournament was again played in
Term 1. It was well supported by all of the groups and
provided groups with the ideal opportunity for students
from different levels to mix together. The House touch
rugby tournament was keenly contested. The eventual
winners were Barak but any one of the houses could have
taken maximum points.

Boys' High did not perform as well as they normally do in
both of the Taranaki Secondary Schools Touch Rugby
tournaments due to the timing of the tournaments and the
other commitments players had. However, 3 players did
make a New Zealand junior side; they were Adam Fleming,
Ray Niu and Regan Wharewera. Well done and good luck.





SOFTBALL

James Jenkins (Captain), Jamie Healey, Jody Mason, Nathan Gold, Lewis Stonnell, VJ Cameron, Matthew Monsall, Shanon Pasili, Steven Welch, Ewen Veitch, Johnathon Brown, Mr N Duckmanton (Manager)

The successes of the previous two seasons were always going to be difficult to emulate. A good mixture of experience and youth however, was able to put up a very creditable performance both locally and at the regional finals. James Jenkin's leadership, playing ability and knowledge of the game were vital to our success.

The local qualifier was against a very young Waitara High School side in February. This was won 10-2 after a slow start to the game. The pitching of James Jenkins was just too much for the opposition batters.

Hastings Boys' High School were the hosts for the Regional Final. We needed to win against Hastings and Awatapu College to qualify for the National Finals at Albany. Unfortunately although we played well in our first match a second round loss meant we could not progress further.

The first game against Hastings was very tense and long. A one and a half-hour game turned into three hours as we drew at full time, and then went neck and neck through extra innings, before finally coming out on top 8-7. The tenseness of the situation, the heat of the day and having to perform again within 20 minutes against a young and talented Awatapu team, was too much for us. Being beaten 14-4 was a difficult loss to accept after playing our hearts out earlier.

The boys can be proud of their efforts though. They were well presented and represented the school well. Hopefully next year the Regional Finals will be on our home patch.



INDOOR BOWLS REPORT

Our team for the Taranaki Intersecondary Schools' Tournament this year was an inexperienced one and included:

Bevan Brooking (singles), Tome Price and Reece Cooper (pairs), Lance Prouse, Joshua Papworth, Glen Reeve, Paul Anderson (fours).

Bevan Brooking came 3rd in the singles and our fours team won 2 out of 3 matches.

Indoor Wall Climbing

This year saw the introduction of a new UP option - Indoor Wall Climbing. Using the excellent facilities down at the YMCA we gained both skills and fitness attacking the various climbing problems that we were presented with. The skills learnt included bouldering techniques, setting up and packing up the gear, various knots, prussicking, and for the keen, lead climbing. Generally the more students put into it the more they got out of it. Juniors showing a lot of potential were Hayden Lockhart and Michael Walker, while Kelly Stewart used his experience to ably assist in the sessions.



Ten Pin Bowling

On August 4 teams from New Plymouth Boys High School competed in the Taranaki 10 Pin bowling championships. This may very well be the only the only event that has never been won by any other school in its history. This year the number 1 team of David Hill, Bret Johns, David Hunter and Phillip Joe won with a combined total of 1927 pins, an average over the 12 games of over 160. The individual highlight was David Hill scoring 227 in his last game, that certainly put things beyond doubt and guaranteed our name on the cup for yet another year. The other teams finished 4th and 9th.

RUGBY



1st XV Rugby
Back Row: J. Annabell, C. Niwa, K. Bridgeman, B. Gregory, R. Morgan, N. Lawn, S. Goodin
Middle Row: M. D. Leath (Coach/Manager), R. Barron, P. Hagenson, C. Honeyfield, C. Barron, H. Goodin, I. Hickman, Mr. G. Giddy (Coach)
Front Row: B. Meyer, A. Fleming, J. White, P. Hammond, M. Barnes (Captain), N. Ruchti, N. Meyer, N. Wolfe, J. Gopperth

1st XV Rugby Report 2000

The 2000 1st XV will always be one of the special teams in NPBHS history.

They were the 1st XV of the new Millenium.

They were a side that exceeded many people's expectations and achieved one of the best college and club records in recent history. 18 wins, 5 losses (two by only one point) and one draw.

They were also a side that will be famous for the one point game. Two heart wrenching losses by 13-14 and a 21-20 and an 11 -10 win. All on the Gully and all showing just how close and difficult the competition at this level has become.

The first preseason game against St Kentigern's, Auckland was to show one method of combatting such competition. This side was packed with large imports, (the forward pack outweighed the All Blacks!!). They would also go on to be the beaten finalists in the Auckland competition. However the 32-13 loss did not show the pressure that was exerted by the 1st XV for most of the game until the "league type" game plan of the larger Auckland side finally dominated in the last 10 minutes.

Playing larger sides is now part of 1st XV Rugby for non-importing sides. To best prepare for this the 1st XV again

played in the Senior 3rd club competition. With a record of nine wins and one loss, including a record smashing 127 0 win over Inglewood (and the game was called off 5 minutes early), the team had to unfortunately pull out of the competition in order to play its traditional and Super Eight fixtures. (See later match reports)

The team wishes to thank the parents and supporters for their positive contribution to the side throughout the season. Thanks also to the sponsors. It was with pleasure that we could represent you this year, and we are proud to be associated with THE DEVON HOTEL, Smokefree, Caltex Eliot Street, and Frazers Electrical.

Season Statistics:

(Excluding pre-season matches)

Table with 2 columns: Category and Statistics. Includes rows for Played 24, Points for/against, Adidas Knockout/Super Eight, and Traditionals.



Leading Scorers:

Jimmy Gopperth:	171 (5 tries, 40 conversions, 18 penalties, 4 drop goals)
Chris Barron:	90 (18 tries, top try scorer)
Corey Niwa:	78 (7 tries, 17 conversions, 3 penalties)
Neil Meyer:	70 (14 tries)
Nicol Ruchti:	61 (11 tries, 3 conversions)

Scoring Facts:

No opposition crossed the 1st XV line in the last five matches. Of the five losses, only one was by more than 6 points. Neil Meyer scored a try in 8 out of 14 college matches. In college matches the 1st XV scored 36 tries with only 17 scored being scored against them.

Representative Honours:

Michael Barnes:	Central Secondary Schools (To be selected for NZ Secondary Schools but was ruled out due to injury following a car accident).
Phil Hammond:	Central Secondary Schools Taranaki Secondary Schools
Chris Barron:	Central Secondary Schools Taranaki Secondary Schools

Taranaki Secondary Schools:

Rhys Barron, Adam Fleming, Hadley Goodin, Bruce Gregory, Neil Meyer, Barry Meyer, Corey Niwa, Jonathan White, Nathan Wolfe, Nicol Ruchti, Jimmy Gopperth

Taranaki U16:

James Annabell (selected for NZ U16 coaching school)

But the 1st XV at NPBHS stands for more than just results. Regardless of those who would like to see differently, it is the heart and soul of the school. The passion and pride that each member of the 1st XV feels is not for himself. It's for the team, the school, and for the past and future 1st XV sides. For those who can not comprehend such passion, sit in on a 1st XV side preparing for a College match on the Gully. Maybe then the unity and pride that this team showed will be felt by all in the school.

PLAYER PROFILES (as seen by the players)

Michael Barnes (Mix)

Openside flanker and the captain. Tough and uncompromising, a player who always played with total heart. A strong defender with the ability to quickly get to his feet and attack the ball. A great link player who thinks the game.

Jonathan White (Bean)

Lock and the stand in captain. Worked hard in the off season and demanded selection as the no.1 lock. Always there in the tight, mobile with an ability to run with the

ball. Vocal and full of pride. The leader when needed. Threw a couple of punches but landed none.

Phil Hammond (Haggus)

Prop and the forward pack leader. Had a lot asked of him and always delivered. Worked hard in the scrum and demanded respect from the opposition. A mobile prop famous for his runs outside wing. Respected by his forwards who followed his example and were never beaten under his leadership.

Rhys Morgan (Rangi)

Prop. Worked very hard on his fitness and became a first pick prop. A fearless worker in the tight who always gave go forward. Not the quickest in the side but always there and always doing the job asked of him. A great scrummager. The McDonalds man.

James Annabell (Mole)

Hooker/Prop. A fifth former playing in the front row. A great technique and despite his size was never beaten. A hard working player and the fourth loose. Converted into a hooker during the season with a great future ahead of him. Tigger's minder for 2000.

Nathan Wolfe (Diesel)

Hooker. A player full of pride. Always went on the field with determination and the desire to perform. A quiet leader in the pack and a worker in the ruck. Mobile and hard hitting despite the size disadvantages.

Craig Honeyfield (Pig)

Lock. Tall and athletic. Spent a bit of time on the bench but always there when needed. Pushed hard for selection and worked at improving his game. Back next year for a great season.

Bruce Gregory (Bullha)

Lock. New to the school in 2000 and took a while to settle into the team ethos. But when he did he was the hard man of the pack and fronted with the pride and passion expected. Always took his lineout ball and often the oppositions. Was never beaten at lineouts and worked hard in general play.

Barry Meyer (Baz)

Blindside Flanker. Twin brother of Neil. Always there and with great skill. Developed great positional understanding throughout the season and was an attacker of the ball. Another hard man in the pack. An allusive runner with the ball, he never let any opposition player get the better of him.

Neil Meyer (Neilkie)

No. 8. Twin brother of Barry. Another great link man with a good understanding of field position and play. Scored a try in 8 out of the 14 college matches. A testament to his hard working game and his skill level.

Paul Hagenson (Haggy)

Openside flanker. The understudy to Michael and a position that he found difficult at times. A tough player with an improving skill level. Great go forward ability and a strong defender. A strong season expected next year.

Nick Lawn (Chook)

Openside flanker. The call up from the 2nd XV. Answered all by scoring a great try in his first college game. What he gave away in size he made up for in heart and skill. A true openside, always attacking the ball and annoying the opposition.

Adam Fleming (Nuts)

Halfback. A great attacking player with a good clearance. Quick and allusive close to the ruck. Developed the "talk" throughout the season and used the blindside well. One of the backline leaders

Kyle Bridgeman (Kylee)

Halfback. The unluckiest man in the team. Spent most of the season as understudy to Adam but never complained. A true team man who always supported those on the field and pushed for his starting place at any given opportunity. An extra loose at halfback with great attacking skills and strength around the ruck.

Jimmy Gopperth (Jimmy)

1st V. A top class player with a great vision and understanding of the game. A running 1st V who loved attacking the ball both offensively and defensively. Loved the moves and enjoyed thinking up even more complex ones. A great kicker who is learning to relax in his game.

Hadley Goodin (Hads)

2nd V. The runner in the mid field. Developed his game during the season to find the gap instead of the player. Making the half break he always had the ability to free his arms and look for his support. Strong defensively. Knew only one way, straight. Named by the players as their player of the season.

Chris Barron (Red)

Centre. The modern Bruce Robertson. A glider with the ball in hand he always found the gap and made the break. Despite the "frail" look, he never missed a tackle. The playmaker in the mid field and dangerous on the wrap. Top try scorer.

Sheldon Goodin (Sheely)

Wing. The "Cookie" man. A great attacking runner with amazing acceleration. Always found the space and provided attacking power close to the ruck and scrum. A great defender with the ability to regain his feet and attack the ball. Look for him to be the try scoring machine in 2001.

Nicol Ruchti (Rookers)

Wing. Developed his game to a new level this year thinking the play and trying to put himself in space. Able to change

the angles and a danger on attacking kick and chase. A kickoff ball winner and one of the best tacklers around. A very underrated and totally loyal player.

Rhys Barron (Poss)

Fullback, utility. A player who took his opportunity and made it impossible to not select. A skilful athlete with great vision. Strong under the high ball and equally able to counter attack. Able to change backline angles and position himself well in both offensive and defensive situations,

Ian Hickman (Vinny)

Fullback. The cheeky player who loves his game. Loves to attack and backs himself. A natural runner who developed a good kicking game. Safe defensively and never let the opposition through.

Corey Niwa (Pretty Boy)

Wing, utility. An amazing kicker of the ball. Developed an attacking game and continued to learn the tactics of good wing play. A great team man with excellent vision on the field.





FORM

*Gary Wood
James Gargan
David Jones*



THE TARANAKIAN

TRADITIONAL COLLEGE GAMES

vs. Te Aute at Te Aute, 6th May

Score: 21-10
Scorers: Neil Meyer 1 try
Jimmy Gopperth 1try,
1 conversion,
3 penalties

Te Aute are always difficult to play at home and this year proved to be no different. With the entire school singing chants on the sideline it took time for the 1st XV to concentrate on their task and avoid making errors. Rucks were not hit hard and a lot of the backline attack was lateral. However when possession was maintained the team showed that they had the ability to attack and set plays worked well.

vs. Auckland Grammar at New Plymouth, 16th May

Score: 13-14
Scorers: Chris Barron 1 try
Jimmy Gopperth 1 conversion,
2 penalties

The first college game of the season in front of the school on the Gully. There was a belief that this could be the year that we would beat Grammar and the build up had been focussed. From the start of the game the tight forwards, lead by Phil Hammond, were impressive against a much larger opposition and provided continued possession. This allowed the talented loose forward trio of Michael Barnes and Barry and Neil Meyer to attack the opposition, shutting down the Grammar forward pack and their talented U19 representative mid field. On attack Chris Barron proved allusive at centre and scored a well deserved second half try to maintain the lead held from start of the game. With only five minutes remaining the score was 13-11 and Grammar were on attack. A long and controversial advantage call was then made, and when the Grammar attack could not score after at least six phases of play, and 20 metres of advantage, a penalty was given. A last minute goal secured a win to Grammar and heartbreak for the 1st XV. It was to be the first of two 13-14 games, both of which were the result of what appeared to be harsh decisions. A fact that was acknowledged by the Grammar coach who commented on how great it was to watch a team play "rugby"(compared with the league type game dominant in Auckland) and how lucky he was to take the win.



vs. St Patricks Silverstream at St. Pats, 31st May

Score: 24-0
Scorers: Ian Hickman 1 try
Sheldon Goodin 1 try
Neil Meyer 1 try
Jimmy Gopperth 3 conversions,
1 penalty

0-0 at half time showed just how badly the 1st XV started this game. There was a lot of pressure on as it was important for the team to put the ghosts of last years 20-0 loss to rest. After some stern words at half time, the second half was far more controlled. The first try to Ian Hickman came from continued possession and an all hands backline attack. The second to Neil Meyer was the result of good number eight play supporting the mid field break. But the most impressive try of the game, and arguably the season, came from Sheldon Goodin. Off a set piece move inside our own 22 Sheldon received the ball from the scrum and ran through the defence and then around the fullback to score a 75m try. This was unfortunately the last game for some time for captain and star openside Michael Barnes. Pulling back his thumb in a fend, he was to have an operation and be in a cast, not returning until the FDMC clash.

vs. Hamilton Boys' High at New Plymouth, 14th June

Score: 21-20
Scorers: Hadley Goodin 1 try
Neil Meyer 1try
Jimmy Gopperth 1try
3 conversions

It was important to the 1st XV that they had a win on Gully in front of the school given the one point loss to Auckland Grammar. 1999 proved that Hamilton were a bogey team for the 1st XV and just when you think you have the game in control they spring back. This year proved to be no different, and although leading 14-3 at halftime the 1st XV just held on in defence to secure the win. The memorable moment in this game, and as it turned out the winning of it, came from a penalty attempt by Jimmy Gopperth. The kick went to the right of the posts but was allowed to bounce by Hamilton. Chasing the kick, Hadley Goodin grabbed the missed kick and scored. A win first up for caretaker captain Jonathan White.

vs. Wanganui Collegiate at Wanganui, 21st June

Score: 24-15
Scorers: Chris Barron 1 try
Neil Meyer 1 try
Jonathan White 2 tries
Jimmy Gopperth 2 conversions

A game of defence from the start. Wanganui, with imported players this season, started on attack and scored first through a penalty. This gave the 1st XV a wake up call and for the remainder of the half attacked well and scored through good linking play, and a Chris Barron 70m intercept. But leading 24-3 at half time signaled a return to a defensive game for the 1st XV and for the entire second half Wanganui had the ball. It was only a defensive lapse in the last minute of the game that allowed a seven pointer and a closer score line than the game would reflect.





vs. Rotorua Boys' at New Plymouth, 19th August

Score: 11-10
 Scores: Jonathan White 1 try
 Jimmy Gopperth 2 penalties

In the first of only two wet games in the season, the very strong platform set by the forwards tore apart any foundation for the Rotorua attack. With this gone, the 1st XV were able to concentrate on backline defence and attack with go forward ball. Great loose forward play by Neil and Barry Meyer enabled the team to score its first ever win over Rotorua ensuring they could not win the Super Eight. By the end of the match it was difficult to tell which team was which and the Gully was nothing but mud.

vs. Wanganui Collegiate at New Plymouth, 4th September

Score: 27-3
 Scorers: Nicol Ruchti 1 try
 Neil Meyer 1 try
 Michael Barnes 1 try
 Jimmy Gopperth 2 conversions, 1 penalty

In the second of the Adidas Knockout games (FDMC was the first) the 1st XV wanted to show that they were a better team than that which struggled against Wanganui earlier in the year. Although there were a huge number of penalties in the first half, a far more concerted effort in the second half extended the 8-3 half time lead. Bruce Gregory was dominant at lineout time and Wanganui struggled to take any of their own line out ball. Other than the victory and a place in the top 16, the game was also famous for having all three Goodin brothers on the field at one time. (Brett at half back, Hadley at second five, and Sheldon on the wing) It is important to note that this was possible because the first choice reserve half back, Kyle Bridgeman, who was unlucky in the amount of game time he had during the year, stood aside and allowed 2nd XV half back Brett Goodin to play along side his brothers.

vs. Palmerston North Boys' at Palmerston North, 9th September

Score: 0-6



In the mud and clay of Palmerston North it was always going to be difficult to beat the home side. However there was a strong belief that this was the year and the 1st XV was determined from the start of the match. But indifferent refereeing made it difficult to set phase ball as the continuous flurry of hands often illegally stole possession or simply slowed down play. The frustration was plain to see by all, but only down 6-0 at half time meant the game was still within reach. Dominating all the possession and all the field position in the second half made it all the more unfair as the Palmerston defence kept out attack after attack.

The Last Word

To the players,

As this report states, you are a special team. You have worn your jersey with heart felt pride and have upheld the traditions of the 1st XV. But you have also set a benchmark for others to aspire to. Never as individuals, but always as a team.

To Michael and stand in captain Jonathan, you made my job so much easier with your leadership. You lead from the front and the team respected and followed your example.

To Kyle, and on behalf of the team, you were undoubtedly the unluckiest player in the team. However you represent all there is in a 1st XV team member. You didn't always get the chances, but when you did you took them with pride. From the sideline you stood by those on the field, never complaining, and always supportive. This is the 1st XV spirit.

Finally, a comment I made to the forwards before the final game against PNBHS. "I have never been more proud of a team than I am of this one. Regardless of the result, that pride will remain."

The pride does remain in all of you. Thanks for the amazing memories. I wish you all the very best for whatever path your future takes. Remember that once in a 1st XV team, always in a 1st XV team. Stand proud. "Who are we..."

Leatho



vs. Tauranga Boys' at Tauranga, 24th June

Score: 13-10
 Scorers: Nick Lawn 1 try
 Jimmy Gopperth 2 penalties, 1 conversion

Backing up is always difficult at 1st XV level and increasingly so if both games are away from home. Although a close game, it was always well controlled with a strong tight forward game and classy backline attack. The scoreline reflected the defence of both sides, something that was to become a hallmark of the Super Eight competition. Leading 10-0 at halftime through a charge down to Nick Lawn and the radar boot of Jimmy Gopperth, intelligent tactical kicking kept the pressure on Tauranga throughout the second half. It was a call by Tauranga winger Charles Baxter who received the ball from a penalty and literally ran around all of the 1st XV to score and close the gap to 13-10 with five minutes to play. Chris Barron then displayed all of his defensive skills and in turning over the ball from the kickoff enabled the 1st XV to hold onto its lead.

vs. Francis Douglas at Francis Douglas, 19th July

Score: 70-3
 Scorers: Chris Barron 3 tries
 Corey Niwa 2 tries
 Nicol Ruchti 2 tries
 Ian Hickman 1 try
 Hadley Goodin 1 try
 Neil Meyer 1 try
 Craig Honeyfield 1 try
 Jonathan White 1 try
 Jimmy Gopperth 5 conversions

This was one game for which motivation was not needed. For this year's 1st XV last year's result could not be undone, but for those in 1999 who had to suffer the taunts for months regarding their loss, this year's team wanted revenge. And revenge they took. Every aspect of the game was totally controlled by the 1st XV and although the FDMC side defended with pride, they were no match for the skill and pace at which they were forced to play. This was the first game back from injury for Michael Barnes, cleared at 10am that morning, and his team followed his example and his pre game words, "this is our year, we can't take back the result from last year. Today we play for us and our pride" That you did. Unfortunately this was to be the last game for Michael for sometime as a car accident the following Saturday, in which he was the innocent party, was to nearly take his life. Escaping with severe external and internal bruising it was to be almost two months before he was again fit to play. For a player who already had two years of injury free 1st XV Rugby, this was to be the second forced absence from the game in one season and it has been said, possibly contributed to costing him a place in the New Zealand Secondary School's side.

vs. Palmerston North Boys' at New Plymouth, 26th July

Score: 13-14
 Scorers: Neil Meyer 1 try
 Jimmy Gopperth 2 penalties, 1 conversion

Yet another one point loss and by the same score as the

Auckland game. The team started well and attacked early to set up Jimmy for a drop goal. Although going off the boil for the remainder of the half, strong defence meant that the 1st XV were only trailing 6-11 at half time. In a more dominant display in the second half, Neil Meyer went over close to the ruck and the conversion gave the 1st XV a 13-11 lead. A penalty to PNBHS put them back in front with 10 minutes to play. Strong continuity had the 1st XV on attack within the 22, and after failing to cross the line Jimmy attempted three-drop goals. Each was charged down, but the third went behind the line and was forced. In an error, which the referee admitted to following the game, a 22 was awarded instead of a 5m scrum. What might have been will never be known, as the long kick sent the 1st XV back 70m and the resulting play ended the game. Yet again the team had to face an opposition coach admitting that the local referee had helped them to victory.

vs. Gisborne Boys' High at Gisborne, 29th July

Score: 27-53
 Scorers: Sheldon Goodin 1 try
 Chris Barron 1 try
 Neil Meyer 1 try
 Nicol Ruchti 1 try
 Jimmy Gopperth 1 penalty, 2 conversions

It was always going to be difficult playing PNBHS on the Wednesday and then travelling to Gisborne on Thursday for a Saturday back up game. However this was to be far worse than expected and to be "that game" of the season. In 14 minutes Gisborne had shattered the defence and were up 21-0 and continued the assault to lead 33-8 at half time. Stern words at half time sparked some into life but the game was already out of reach. A spirited come back closed the gap to, at the closest, 27-41 but Gisborne had the last say with two late tries to gain maximum Super Eight points and a victory.

vs. Hastings Boys' at Hastings, 7th August

Score: 9-6
 Scorers: Jimmy Gopperth 3 penalties

One week after travelling to Gisborne and it was another away game. The pressures of the Super Eight were starting to show and although dominant up front, there was little going forward and hence it was difficult for the backs to attack. Both sides were strong on defence but it was a game to forget with few highlights.

Napier Boys' at New Plymouth, 12th August

Score: 3-3
 Scorer: Jimmy Gopperth 1 penalty

A score line of 3-3 did not reflect what was a very open and flowing game. Both sides had equal share of possession with the 1st XV having the more dominant forward pack, especially at scrum and lineout time. Despite having a long rest, Michael Barnes returned and looked as if he hadn't been away with a fine display of defence and support play. Nicol Ruchti was also strong on attack and defence. Napier would go on to win the Super Eight by one point over the 1st XV who finished second.



2nd XV

I am unsure whether anyone has ever bothered to keep the statistics of the very best 2nd XV's ever at N.P.B.H.S. However, I do know that this year's team must rate highly because of the following results:

College Season:

Super 8 Fixtures:

Vs Hamilton Boys' High School won 35-3

Vs Tauranga Boys' College won 34-7

Vs Gisborne Boys' High School won 37-7

Vs Hastings Boys' High School won 19-11

Vs Napier Boys' High School won 19-18

Vs Rotorua Boys' High School won 18-12

Traditional Fixtures:

Vs Te Aute College won 87-5

Vs Wanganui Collegiate won 31-5

Vs Palmerston North Boys' High School won 29-9

Played 9, Won 9 Lost 0. Points for 309. Points against 77

Club Season:

Top of the Table after Round One.

Played 15, Won 10, Lost 5. Points for 431. Points against 256.

Overall Points Statistics for the Season: Played 25. Won 20.

Lost 5: Points for 740. Points against 333

Team Statistics:

Highest Points Scorer and Best Team Man: Lewis Stonnell 185 Pts

Most Tries: Mark Hutchins 20 tries

Back Player of the Year: Nathan Mattock

Forward Player of the Year: Shannon Pasili

Most Improved Back: Nathan Sweetman

Most Improved Forward: Hayden Nicholls



The team would like to thank Mr Mattock for his sponsorship of our team, and to Papa Val, our team manager. Thank you both for sharing in this team. A very warm thank you to all parents for your support and understanding during the season. I look forward to seeing you all on the sidelines next year.

To the players, whether returning or leaving, always be proud of this year's achievements and look to improve on these in other teams. What is important is one's input into any team.

To the senior players of the team, the team captain, Sam Bury, Lewis Stonnell, Riki Te Mata, and Mark Hutchins, thank you for everything and good luck for the future.

Finally, to my Co-coach, Mr Earl, thank you for the last 3 very successful seasons, your input will always be acknowledged and remembered by all of the boys that we have coached together. Have a good trip overseas and return safely to B.H.S.

Mr C Maihi (Chief)



UNDER 15 RUGBY

Another memorable season has come to an end. We might not be remembered for the outstanding rugby played by our predecessors, but one thing surely will stand this team in good stead. They never gave up but stayed positive right to the end.

Again we competed in the B1 division like last year, but to put matters in perspective it must be noted that the union did away this year with the A2 division. Which meant teams like Stratford Firsts and Hawera Seconds who were also the finalists this year, were competing with us for top honours; teams who not long ago played our seconds and beat them.

We still managed to make the semi finals, but unfortunately had to play Stratford on returning from a tournament where we had to play six matches in five days. That explains our bad loss to Stratford by 42 points to nil. Our first encounter against them losing by one point, was a true reflection of our ability.

We were also hammered in our first college match against Hamilton Boys' High, but once again the boys showed that with hard work we can turn things around and by beating Palmerston North by 12 points to 7 in our second college match. This victory meant a lot to the team and gave us confidence for tournament.

We took part in the National Invitational Tournament for Under 15 teams, hosted this year by Wellington College. The tournament took place in Wellington from 21-25 August with sixteen of New Zealand's best rugby schools participating. Our best performance thus far is fifth place.

For the first time in many years we managed to beat Auckland Grammar School by 20 points to 7. We then lost to the eventual winners, Hastings Boys' High by 17-0. In our third match we faced Otago Boys' High who we lost to last year and won the tournament. We therefore had a score to settle with them and we did it in style. This was the best performance of the team. We thrashed Otago by 44 points to 5.

Once again we made it to the quarterfinals where we had to beat Napier Boys' High to make history. Once again the boys played their hearts out and we led by 15-12 with only 4 minutes to play. Napier attacked vigorously and we managed to keep them out and were even awarded a scrum. All we had to do was to kick the ball out to win the game. The scrum broke up; the referee awarded the scrum to Napier from which they scored a try. We lost by 17 to 15.

We lost our next game to Palmerston North and won the last game by beating Mount Albert Grammar School by 22 points to 19. Once again the boys showed that when they played boys of their own age, they would compete with the best in the country. We came seventh in the tournament.

One thing I have learnt as coach is that you can only do well when you have the support of the players, co-coach and parents. Thanks Jed for your support and assistance. It was a privilege working with you. Thanks to Bill Geange for managing the team. You make the coach's job so easy.

Thanks to Sporty's Bar and Burtons Restaurant and Bar for their sponsorship. Also to Colin Mattock for his contribution towards the shirts given to the boys. Thanks to Placemakers who supplied a cooler box and drink bottles. Thanks to all our supporting parents and most importantly a very big thank you to all the players of the 2000 Under 15 team. I enjoyed coaching you guys.

Jan Meyer
Coach



3rd XV

Coaches: Mr N Duckmanton and Mr A Slyfield
Captain: Hamish Roper

A thoroughly entertaining and enjoyable season culminating in second placing in the A2 competition. The team can take great credit for the improvement they showed through the season, the way in which they competed and their sportsmanship. It is always difficult for a 3rd XV playing against mostly 1st XV's who always seem to have one or more class players who are difficult to shut down. Team work, fitness and great tackling is needed to overcome lack of size and sometimes the sheer talent of the opposition.

The season started well with a win against Spotswood College. It was obvious from this game that if we could get our strong loose forwards running wide at the opposition and turning them then we could score tries. Reality bit though against the likes of Waitara, Hawera and Inglewood High Schools. We found that at our best we could compete but if missing players through injury or other commitments then we struggled. The best performances in these preliminary rounds were the games against Border and Francis Douglas 2nds. We had to travel to Patea to play Border on a very wet day with a number of top players missing. Down 3-24 at half time, we played superbly to come back and grab a draw with a Wayne Matson sideline conversion right on full time. A first round loss to FDMC 2nds in the wet was well-remedied with a 44-0 thumping of the traditional foe on McNaught field. Hard running and tackling put paid to a hopeful FDMC side who were never in the game.

The A2 grade comprising us, FDMC 2nds, Spotswood and Border (until they pulled out), was very competitive. Wins against Spotswood 33-23 and FDMC 24-3 indicated we were on the right track. Unfortunately our game fell apart in the final against Spotswood. Missing important players and having the School Ball that same night contributed to a very poor performance, made worse by an opposition who played well and didn't let up right throughout the game.

Hamish Roper did a great job as captain. He was very unfortunate to miss 2nd XV selection through injury at the start of the season. He led by example with hard straight running and solid tackling. The rest of the backs all progressed well over the season. Nick Taylor and Marcel Fernando showed strength and determination both on the wing and at fullback. John Suter was a very elusive wing and Stephen Eichstaedt and Michael Kelly were determined and skilful wingers. Rhys Meuli was very solid in the midfield and marshalled the defence well. Wayne Matson exhibited tremendous ball handling and kicking skills at first five and had a knack of finding gaps in opposition defences. Ben Mackintosh really improved at halfback determined and strong, his passing and kicking were real strengths. Certainly a backline which scored some tremendous tries and all players were always prepared to listen and follow the pattern.

The forward pack had solidity and a number of players who were really damaging tacklers and runners. Richard Cook and Daniel Bethell led from the front with their experience and strength. Kurt Parry was the player who showed the most improvement in the pack with Chris Jury, Bradley Craig and Logan Hutchings also showing out. Geoff Newton deserved his promotion to the 2nd XV with devastating displays in the loose. David Riley and Desai Gupwell were very able backups for Geoff and with their mobility and tackling turned a number of games for us. Maveigh Makatoa and Jody Mason fitted in games around their League commitments and both were invaluable on defence and on the burst. Unfortunately Campbell Mattson was not able to fulfill his promise through illness, but we were lucky to have 4th XV backup especially from Nick Hewson and Ian McFarlane who both showed they were well up to the grade.

A most enjoyable season with a fine bunch of footballers!



4th XV

The 4th XV this year had a season full of highs and lows.

At the start of the season the team consisted of mostly Year 12 boys but somehow (without warning) a storm of Year 13 players joined the ranks. Also, throughout the season we were blessed by the presence of a number of 'super subs' who all enhanced the performance of the team.

The first game of the season against the Hawera High 2nd XV proved to be the game which was to set the tone for the remainder of the season. We were winning and then we just threw it away, didn't play for the full 80 minutes, didn't believe that the game was over until the final whistle was blown, took our minds off the job, ran out of steam.... you could use any one of these cliches.

The team based itself around a solid forward pack (as said by the tight head prop). Rowan, Kurt, Toddy, Ferris, Slade, Nick, Brian, Jock, Sam, Hamish, Graham and Crispy (although he probably saw himself more as a glory boy) formed the foundation for the backs to work from. Danny, Marc and Canadian provided the brilliance most of the

time. It is amazing how little tight forwards see of back play but I am sure that the remaining backs all contributed to the team's performance during the season.

The last game of the season proved to be the ultimate 'shocker.' We could not get any momentum into our play and in a game we should have won we lost. We all blamed the weather which was appalling but it was hard to fool anyone that we were the only ones playing in the rain.

Finally I would like to say thanks to Willy and Muzza 'Dry your Eyes' Watts for the time they gave up to coach us. Cheers.

Rowan James

B Grade White

The B White rugby team appeared to develop well at the beginning of the season and 'looked good on paper.' Unfortunately a reluctance to get properly fit, master basic skills and fully commit to the team meant that dreams of making the semi-finals remained just that. Lessons need to be absorbed by all, prior to next season.

R. Wild
Coach



BOARDERS RUGBY

Twas an up and down year for us this year. We handed out a few hidings as we showed glimpses of brilliance throughout the season. We were also on the receiving end of a few hidings as we struggled to get it together, especially during the semi-final in atrocious conditions.

Rock solid (literally!) in the back-line was Kapua Kapua (K.K.). He never missed a game and was ably supported in attack and defense by Hemi Rauputu and Muzza Symons. Our flying wing, Tong, steamed up the sideline several times in his many triumphs although in his first game he wasn't sure what to do with the ball once he crossed the goal line! He eventually got the hang of it and scored 5 tries in one match.

James "Gridiron" Donaldson put in some terrifying tackles for a tiny bloke but always came up smiling. Heath "I'm tired" Oldershaw showed some real rugby talent for a golfer (an excellent find by Colonel Maaka) and Matthew Speck did well for a surfer! Geoff Smart and Daniel "Rads" Radcliffe were always there and quietly grafted away. Quinton Beatty tackled using his shoulder and then learnt to use his arms as well! He was solid on defense until his thumb threw a leg out of bed.

The front row were a factory with Blair Harris as the quiet achiever. His work rate was high, as was his fitness level. Michael "Spinner" Espiner and Chris Keech showed improvement throughout the season. Warrick "Buddah" Smith used his face and cheekiness to put off the opposition hookers during their throw-in at lineouts.

Michael "Battering Ram" Needham had a solid performance this season except for a few niggling injuries. Injuries or illness also slowed up Mark Gray, Ryan Gulbransen, Scott Green, Marc Woolhouse, Benn Cash and Joe Kirkwood. Joe returned with some heart, putting in some huge tackles on large players and he did not snap anything. Nick "Chainsaw" Enright was awesome in the lineout as well as at the back of the scrum. He was probably the fittest and quickest member of the team and persisted in painting everything red with a bleeding "snorer" each game. Dale Cook, Michael Braggins and Grant "eek" Honeyfield were impressive as flankers and Glen "Red Dog" McIntyre has shown a huge improvement on last year.

The scrum powerhouse of Adam Pedersen, Scott Walker and Andrew Peat worked hard all season and became more efficient after learning good technique. It is a coach's nightmare seeing Peaty's back shaped like Mount Taranaki while performing as lock!

My thanks to Colonel Maaka for his loyal Tuesday night drills and running the team ragged. The team was better for his input in fitness, teamwork, communication and skills. He knows how to motivate boys; especially when there is a threat of a large prop forward being piggy-backed by a tiny mid-field back!

It was a pleasure for me to coach the team. I learnt a lot and had a lot of fun as I hope everyone else did. Best of luck to those that are leaving the squad next year and thank you all.

Mr Jones (Coach)

C1 GOLD

Coach: Mr Bigwood
Team was the catchphrase and the boys showed plenty of spirit throughout a tough, but thoroughly rewarding season.

Up against a weight restriction that gave the opposition five kilograms on us, the chunky fellas in the frontrow were ably supported by the other "body-bashing" forwards. The flashy finishers on the outsides of the backline were consistently well served by the "thinkers" on the insides.

Highlights were headed by a gutsy mid-season "team" victory 13-8 over a FDMC side that hadn't been beaten for a number of years. Zane picked up a five-try bag on the wing in one game, Wayne found the bullocking, direct route to the uprights more his style and Scott slotted some superb shots. Tom and Jeremy never died, Daniel's red face was forever flashing on attack and defense, while Chris adapted to his change into a chunky with quiet determination.

Most importantly all the boys developed their rugby brains during the season to assist them in the future, dishing up special memories and heart palpitations for a proud coach and some loyal supporters. An extremely rewarding season thanks to: Jai Aitken, Nigel Bowling, Reece Burton, Scott Coombe, Chris Coplestone, Kerry Edmonds, David Fraser, Tim Harford, Caleb Hollins, Sam Horrocks, Jeremy Hudson, Thomas Luxton, Wayne Marris, Scott Martin, Zane Miller, Ben Morice, Todd Morris, Hayden Mullan, Tom Schurr, Scott Silver, Adrian Stanley, Daniel Williams (Captain).



C2 Black

The team was coached by Mr C Woods, a first year coach and captained by Guy Meuli. The season started slowly for our team, where many players were learning the game and trying out new positions. All the players developed new skills and improved dramatically as the season progressed. The first round saw the 'ROCK' C2 Black win very few games only losing marginally to most teams however the second round proved a success for our team in beating two top teams and unofficially taking the Top Dog Shield. Highlights for the team were beating fellow friends C2 White, and FDMC Red - these wins coming from commitment, determination and self belief that our team was just as good as any other. To the players I wish you all the best for your future rugby aspirations and dreams. A big thanks also must go to our loyal supporters, thank you very much.

C GRADE WHITE

Team: J Meyer, M McDonald, L Nelson, R Hofmans, F Tiavolo, R Wall, D Gould, W Bourke, N Moore (Captain), K May, J Ardern, M Grey, D Russell, J Burton, Z Bingham, T Mead, B Benefield, M Briggs, J Weir, J Walker, J Cragg, M Matson, W Armstrong-Forbes and S Ruchti.

This team developed particularly well during the season from a big squad of 24 players, all of whom were wanting to play on some Saturdays. Creative use of the multiple substitute rules meant that all players got game time each week. This can have disadvantages, but the rationale was to build up a team spirit that involved everybody getting a fair go. The team was an interesting mix of Forms 3, 4 and 5 boys and particular mention must be made of the leadership on the field of the Form 5 boys who set a standard for the younger boys to achieve. The development was pronounced with our very young forwards and particularly the front rowers, showing dramatic improvement against older opponents.

Jonathan Ardern, in the tight forwards was uncompromising and dominated the lineouts, while Nathan Moore was a very good captain and tireless loose forward, along with William Bourke who proved hard to tackle with the ball in hand. In the backs all had their moments but Jean Pierre Meyer was outstanding in the mid-field or at full back. He showed remarkable flair on attack, but as well, was a defensive rock. In one game he made four tackles in one phase to the amazement of the players on both sides.

My thanks to Mr Peter Bingham and to Scott Hollingshead for their assistance with coaching and first aid support and to Ryan Hollingshead in the important role of manager of the magic water, oranges and kicking tees.

For the record, the team played 14 games, winning 7; losing 6 and drawing 1. We played FDMC White twice, beating them 22-21 in a big upset late in the season and then losing 17-12 to them in a rain-drenched semi-final that could have gone either way. They won the final convincingly.

I would also like to thank a loyal band of parents who gained much enjoyment from the performance of this

team. They were a pleasure to coach and many of these boys will develop into very accomplished footballers in the future.

LR French-Wright
Coach

D Red Rugby

The D2 grade competition this year was of a high standard with most teams being able to win games when on form. D Red contained a core of players with plenty of ticker who attended practice regularly and were committed on Saturdays. It was these players that ensured we reached the semi-finals. Unfortunately we were knocked out at this stage by the eventual winner of the D2 grade. Several players stood out this season, most notably the big men at the front who formed a solid platform and made tightheads a habit. Jesse Betham was a tower at lock winning ball comfortably and was well supported by a strong combination of loose forwards. The forward pack could not complain of a lack of direction from halfback and Captain Robert Ferris who made the most of his vocal ability and was not afraid to get amongst the hard work. Injuries and availability resulted in a constantly evolving back line with eventual first five Logan Jordan providing stability and commitment. Andrew Clapperton was always a danger with strong running and good skills. Jordan Wallcroft often provided motivation for the rest of the team scoring 13 tries throughout the season. Thanks to parents who supported us regularly and provided transport.

D1 Gold Rugby

First of all I would like to thank Mr. Coward and Mr. Evans for coaching us this year; and also to all of the boys who put in a great effort throughout the season. We knew the season was going to be hard and even though it was we did have a great time and we did manage to produce some superb rugby. We started the season with a few losses but managed to win against some very strong teams later in the season, which was encouraging. Many players stood out with some fine individual play. Daniel Lagan, Patrick Betham, Andrew McKay and Brett Wheeler provided the grunt up front. In the backs Tuaki Mahuru, Abe, Zac, Aaron, Frasier, Scott and the 2 Daniels demonstrated great skills on attack and defence. Good luck for the rest of your rugby career. Go hard.

Hayden Poh



D1 BLACK

The D1 Black side of 2000 experienced a very successful and enjoyable season. This was a team of 22 committed players who attempted to play quality rugby, utilising all team members. They worked hard at training, developing a good team spirit which provided opportunities for all squad members to gain sufficient game-time, thereby improving their skill level.

The side went through the first eight matches unbeaten, with the other NPBHS team (BHS Gold) being the most difficult opponent to subdue during this phase. Both matches were won by narrow margins (15-10) and 8-5) where the opposition fully tested the resolve of the side, and provided the necessary wake-up call for later matches. To defeat NPBHS Gold 36-5 in the final round bears testimony to the lessons being learnt.

Another difficult opponent was Hawera. In the 3 matches played, the team were to win two (28-17 and 33-14) yet lose the final encounter in a very physical match 18-24. The Hawera side were always a difficult assignment, for they were always capable of scoring tries against us, and as such were a challenge to contain.

As always, the clashes with FDC in the D1 competition are keen encounters and this year was no exception. Our first match was won 12-7, our next was lost 11-14 and our final match (on Finals Day) was lost 10-12 in a match that deserves a special mention.

FDC scored first, rather luckily to lead 5-0, and even though scoring opportunities were being created by NPBHS, there was to be no further change to the scoreline by halftime. The second half saw NPBHS camped inside FDC territory for most of the time and by continuing to apply pressure we were able to score twice, being unlucky not to score on at least two other occasions. At 10-5 ahead and time running out, it seemed that victory would be ours to savour, but this was not to be. A penalty (one of many) awarded to FDC, with NPBHS hot on attack saw them create a lineout, work their way up-field, another penalty- another lineout, the ball was moved to the midfield, where a maul developed 30 m out from our line, then suddenly, and unbelievably from a stationary maul, an FDC player popped out with the ball in hand, sidestepped our last line of defence and scored under the posts right on full time. The conversion, partly deflected in an attempted charge-down gave FDC the championship 12-10. The team, supporter and coach were stunned, but that's the way it sometimes turns out.

Cody Hall, as captain and team kicker had a fine season, using his expertise at goal kicking on many occasions to keep us in the lead, as well as co-ordinating backline attack and defence at 1st or 2nd 5.8th. Josh Edwards (player of the year) and Tim Arneson as forward leaders gave total commitment with go-forward efforts in all matches, both being skilled ball winners and runners with the ball, and providing inspiring leadership for others to emulate.

Adam Newall and Guy Ormrod were fine toilers in the tight phases, working hard to secure and contest for the ball. Blair Prescott developed to such an extent that by mid-season he had secured his position as lock with his all-purpose honest graft.

The team was well served at looseforward, in addition to Tim Arneson, with Jonathan Crossan (specialist no 7), David Bailey, Simon Edwards and Viv Chalmers all producing fine play throughout the season. Bryce Harvey as a first-year rugby convert was to make pleasing progress as a lock, Jackson Wood with fine leg speed really showed some form toward the end of the season and Josh Ollson although hampered by injury made progress as a prop.

The backs were a competent unit with Daniel Thomson finally securing the halfback spot with greater consistency of play during the second round matches and it was his combination with Andrew Waite (a versatile 1/2 back or 5/8th having fine game sense, balanced running style and vision) or Cody Hall that ignited the backline into action.

Ian Honeyfield was a versatile and talented player at midfield, loose forward or lock displaying plenty of potential. Matthew MacDonald also showed a lot of promise at midfield or wing, where his strength on the tackle and strong running were features of his game. The outside backs - Michael Fischer (elusive and strong runner and a deadly tackler), Jeremy Bosson (speedy and aggressive), Kyle Langridge (finely balanced runner, an eye for the gap), and Matthew Sturmer (speedy and nimble) all dotted down for tries through fine finishing. At fullback Jason Farquhar was ever reliable in his positional play and attacked the line well.

A special thanks to Chris McLean who willingly assisted in the coaching and was responsible for setting the platform for the forward performance in the first round, before succumbing to the urge to play again himself. He was to be reunited with the team in the final few matches and his efforts were much appreciated.

A special thankyou to the marvellous band of parents whose encouragement and support enabled the team to perform to their potential.

A final thankyou to the players, what a wonderful season, thoroughly enjoyable, a pleasure to be associated with. Thanks for the opportunity.

For the record, the team played 15, won 12, lost 3.
Points for: 396
Points against: 132
Runners up D1 competition.

Kevin Gledhill
Coach





E Grade Rugby

This team started with 12 flankers and 8 half backs, and had to be repositioned to form a team that had tight forwards as well. Thanks must go to those boys who moved into the front row and performed so well during the season. Captain and hooker, Hayden Dick led by example throughout the season and was supported in the front row by Adam Bayliss, Kane Brisco and Rusty Hine who all got better as the season went on.

The locks Daniel Murdoch, Ben Mattock and the hard man of the scrum Beau Martin helped ensure that our forward pack was never bested.

Loosies David Schrader, Adrian Thomas, Nick Dee, a big improver as the season went on, Chris Bourke and Clay Elgar, our best winner of lineout ball, scrounged vigorously all year.

The two halfbacks Alex Rowlands and Ben Heale provided ball for the key men in the backline, first five and super boot, Frazier Climo, Jason Holdt who pulled off the biggest tackle of the year, fullback John Marshall and MVP Seb Thompson who scored 20 of our 52 tries. They were supported in the back line by: Pieter van der Kooij, Andrew Mills, Tyrone Haynes and latecomer Rowan Thomason.

We lost all three games to second placed Stratford and beat them in a thrilling semi-final. We drew three times with top placed Hawera who were beaten in the other semi by Francis Douglas. In the final at Rugby Park we were beaten 8-7 in the last minute by Francis Douglas. The forwards delivered plenty of quality ball, but the backs unfortunately without a very ailing Seb Thompson were unable to finish the job.

A great season though and a credit to the boys that they made the final. My thanks to the parents who supported week after week and the others who showed up when they could. Finally my thanks to the boys for a very enjoyable and successful season.

A. Elgar. Coach.

1st XIII NPBHS League

Report on 1st XIII Oct 00

The 1st XIII team has to play other schools in the Taranaki District from which the winner progresses into the New Zealand National Secondary School Knock-Out Competition.

NPBHS won the right to play in the National Competition when they defeated Hawera High School 34 12 on Hawera's home ground.

They then played Aranui High School (Christchurch) on the Gully Ground in the first round. The Aranui forwards and backs were too big, too strong and too powerful. winning 44 10.

The NPBHS team consisted of:

Backs

- Wayne Marris
- Nick Taylor
- Kapua Kapua
- James Jenkins
- Raymond Niu
- Jamie Healey
- Jonathan Brown

Forwards

- Nathan Ransfield
- Daniel Haynes
- Jody Mason
- Joe Niu
- Sila Tamapua
- Maveigh Makatoa
- Desai Gupwell(Captain)

Thanks to Mr Kevin Gupwell for coaching the 1st XIII. WJ Geange



RUGBY TEAMS 2000



CRICKET



NEW ZEALAND
BOYS
HIGH
2000
C2 BLACK
RUGBY



NEW ZEALAND
BOYS
HIGH
2000
D2 RED
RUGBY



NEW ZEALAND
BOYS
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NEW ZEALAND
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NEW ZEALAND
BOYS
HIGH
2000
D1 GOLD
RUGBY



NEW ZEALAND
BOYS
HIGH
2000
NIGER CUP
BOARDERS
RUGBY



NEW ZEALAND
BOYS
HIGH
2000
D2 WHITE
RUGBY



1st XI Cricket
Back Row: M. Somers, M. Sim, M. Wales, H. Roper, B. Macintosh, M. Pickering
Middle Row: Mr. G. Giddy (Coach), N. Roughan, T. Schurr, B. Dallas, R. Barron, Mr. A. Jordan
Front Row: R. Morgan, M. Barnes, T. Weston (Captain), K. Jordan, C. McLean

1st XI

The 1st XI produced another very good season that was unfortunately affected by weather and a number of injuries.

Club
In the Men's Premier grade we were placed 6th. The highlights of the season were Tim Weston's 111 against Hawera United and 108 against Opunake HSOB.

College
The 1999-2000 season produced outright victories over Wellington College (Matt Cleaver 102), Rotorua BHS and Hamilton BHS (Michael Barnes 6 for 30). Tim Weston scored 138 in the drawn game against Auckland Grammar.

Gillette Cup Top 4 - 1999
This proved to be a huge disappointment. After losing the first game to Palmerston North BHS the team never had the chance to redeem themselves as the remainder of the tournament was washed out. A final placing of 3rd equal was perhaps not a true indication of the team's ability.

Super 8
Two wins against Hamilton BHS and Napier BHS (Tim Weston 136) and a loss saw the team finish 3rd.

Gillette Cup 2000
After beating FDC the team was defeated by Wanganui Collegiate by 57 runs.

Batting
The leading scorers this year were Tim Weston (942 runs including 4 centuries), Kent Jordan (630 runs including 2 scores in the 90s) and Dean Stewart (450 runs).

Bowling
Leading wicket takers were Rhys Morgan with 37, Michael Barnes with 32 and Mark Wales with 30.

Injuries during the season to Dean Stewart, Michael Barnes, Hamish Roper and Matthew Pickering hampered their performances but gave younger players like Matt Sim (who scored 50 in his first college game) and Brendan Dallas opportunities to play. This showed the depth of players in the 2nd and 3rd Xis.

Representatives
Kent Jordan played for the Taranaki A team while Tim Weston played for the CD Under 17s which he won the national tournament. Tim was selected in the NZ Under 19 Development squad at the end of the tournament.



Traditional College Season

Vs. Wellington College - Top Ground

Wellington College batted first on a good wicket and struggled to 168 for 8. The last two wickets added 50 runs. Chris McLean finished with 4 for 38.

BHS batted very briskly with Matt Cleaver scoring 104 (17 fours and 2 sixes) and declared at 270 for 8 from 52 overs. Wellington again struggled in their second innings being all out for 133.

This left BHS 80 runs to win. They knocked these off for the loss of only 2 wickets to achieve a comfortable victory.

Outright win by 8 wickets.

Wellington College

	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
B. Horsley	c. b. McLean 15	c. b. Stewart 72
A. Dundon	c. b. McLean 19	c. b. Collingwood 3
S. Mills	c. b. Wales 33	c. b. Collingwood 6
J. Newdick	lbw McLean 36	lbw Wales 0
M. Harrison	b. Cleaver 27	lbw Cleaver 1
L. Chrisp	st. b. Davis 1	st. b. Cleaver 1
N. Strom	not out 52	c. b. Collingwood 18
T. Hawkes	lbw Cleaver 2	st. b. Morgan 3
B. Jones	run out 0	lbw Morgan 5
G. Sutherland	lbw McLean 2	lbw Morgan 3
E. White	not out 12	not out 4
Extras	17	Extras 5

TOTAL 216 for 9 133 all out

Bowling	1 st Innings			2 nd Innings		
	O	R	W	O	R	W
D. Collingwood	13	55	0	16	37	3
M. Wales	8	18	1	9	22	1
M. Davis	13	32	1	5	11	0
M. Barnes	7	12	0	3	4	0
M. Cleaver	10	34	2	6	17	2
T. Schurr	3	7	0	5	8	0
McLean	20	38	4	2	11	0
R. Morgan	1	4	0	10	4	3
D. Stewart				5	15	1

New Plymouth Boys' High School

	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
K. Jordan	lbw Strom 28	c. b. White 9
T. Weston	lbw Strom 30	b. Hawke 0
Stewart	c. b. Strom 37	not out 36
M. Cleaver	c. b. Hawke 104	not out 33
H. Roper	lbw Strom 0	
Collingwood	c. b. Hawke 6	
R. Morgan	b. Strom 5	
M. Davis	not out 4	
M. Barnes	b. Strom 0	
C. McLean	not out 6	
T. Schurr		
Extras	4	Extras 4

TOTAL 270 for 8 82 for 2

Bowling	1 st Innings			2 nd Innings		
	O	R	W	O	R	W
T. Hawke	16	91	2	3	27	1
G. Sutherland	4	31	0			
N. Strom	22	77	6	2	5	0
B. Jones	2	27	0			
E. White	4	23	0	2	25	1
W. Davis	2	17	0	2	14	0
A. Dundon				1	7	0

Vs. Auckland Grammar - Top Ground

BHS won the toss and batted first. A fine 138 from Tim Weston and 62 from Michael Barnes saw BHS declared at 265 for 6. AGS were 11 for 1 at stumps. Unfortunately days 2 and 3 were completely washed out.

Match drawn.

New Plymouth Boys' High School

	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
K. Jordan	lbw Ward 21	
T. Weston	c. b. Carruthers 138	
R. Barron	b. Webber 0	
R. Morgan	c. b. Carruthers 11	
T. Schurr	not out 15	
N. Roughan	b. Nadesanunthan 6	
M. Barnes	c. b. Vear 62	
C. McLean		
B. Mackintosh		
M. Wales		
M. Pickering		
Extras		8

TOTAL 265 for 6

Bowling	1 st Innings			2 nd Innings		
	O	R	W	O	R	W
M. Pearson	7	26	0			
K. Todd	7	29	0			
M. Ward	10	42	1			
A. Webber	9	49	1			
J. Carruthers	11	36	2			
R. Vear	6	22	1			
G. Andrews	10	21	0			
N. Nadesanunthan	13	32	1			

Auckland Grammar

	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
R. Burgess	not out 0	
C. Kitchen	b. Barnes 9	
Extras		2

TOTAL 11 for 1

Bowling	1 st Innings			2 nd Innings		
	O	R	W	O	R	W
M. Barnes	2	9	1			
M. Wales	2	1	0			
C. McLean	1	1	0			

Vs. Rotorua Boys' High School - Smallbone Park, Rotorua

Rotorua won the toss and batted first. They scored 244 with Michael Barnes, Tom Schurr and Rhys Morgan being the main wicket takers. The effort by BHS in the field was rather lacklustre and this followed into their batting at one stage they were 6 for 92. But thanks to some sensible batting from the lower order BHS finally reached a respectable score and only had to contend with a deficit of 70 runs. Matt Sim (51), Tom Schurr (29) and Chris McLean (13 not out) held the innings together.

BHS bowled and fielded a lot better in the second innings to have Rotorua 64 for 8 at stumps. They were all out shortly on the final day for 89 the main wicket takers were Michael Barnes, Chris McLean and Mark Wales. Once again the batting struggled and at 66 for 5 things did not look promising. But thanks again to some rearguard action Michael Barnes 20, Ben Mackintosh 14 not out and Chris McLean 41 the team powered through to 160 for 9. The last wicket of Ben Mackintosh and Nick Roughan added 10 runs to guide the team to victory.

Outright win by 1 wicket.

Rotorua Boys' High School

	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
A. Gough	c. b. Barnes 7	b. Barnes 10
A. Roux	b. Barnes 0	lbw Barnes 5
J. Simmonds	c. b. McLean 15	lbw Wales 15
S. Crean	c. b. Jordan 37	b. McLean 0
J. Macmillan	b. Barnes 24	c. b. Wales 7
M. Delany	b. Schurr 30	c. b. Wales 0
B. Fathers	c. b. Schurr 52	run out 7
E. Moore	lbw Morgan 13	c. b. McLean 6
D. Grinter	b. Morgan 12	c. b. Morgan 12
K. Vercoe	not out 27	c. b. Morgan 11
T. MacFarlane	run out 0	not out 0
Extras		Extras 16

TOTAL 244 all out 89 all out

Bowling	1 st Innings			2 nd Innings		
	O	R	W	O	R	W
M. Barnes	11	19	2	23	60	3
C. McLean	15	19	2	10	16	1
M. Wales	14	20	3	19	44	0
R. Morgan	11	14	2	17	29	2
B. Mackintosh	3	5	0			
K. Jordan	8	34	1			
T. Schurr	13	32	2			

New Plymouth Boys' High School

	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
K. Jordan	lbw Vercoe 0	b. Vallabh 5
T. Weston	c. b. Vallabh 30	c. b. Rowe 26
R. Barron	c. b. Vallabh 0	run out 1
R. Morgan	b. Vallabh 2	c. b. Roux 7
T. Schurr	c. b. McFarlane 29	b. Roux 14
M. Barnes	lbw Roux 8	c. b. Roux 20
M. Sim	c. b. Gough 51	lbw Roux 6
C. McLean	not out 13	c. b. Roux 41
B. Mackintosh	st. b. Gough 4	not out 14
M. Somers	c. b. Gough 7	c. b. Vercoe 5
N. Roughan	c. b. Gough 5	not out 4
Extras		Extra 17

TOTAL 174 all out 160 for 9

Bowling	1 st Innings			2 nd Innings		
	O	R	W	O	R	W
K. Vercoe	6	21	1	20	41	1
M. Vallabh	10	9	2	3	1	
A. Roux	28	37	1	35	49	6
T. McFarlane	8	6	1	6	19	0
A. Gough	22	50	4	16	34	0
J. Simonds	1	4	0			
D. Grinter	4	16	0			
E. Moore	3	14	0			

Vs. Hamilton Boys' High School HBHS

Hamilton won the toss and batted very slowly. They were dismissed for 190 in 99 overs. Michael Barnes produced a Honours Board performance with 6 for 30. BHS batted quickly despite losing two early wickets. Kent Jordan and Matt Sim produced a 116 run partnership with Kent again being out in the 90s. BHS were all out for 335. Hamilton struggled in their second innings. After being 111 for 2 they lost a further 7 wickets for 24 runs. But a tenth wicket partnership of 107 meant that BHS need 96 runs to win.

The runs were scored for the loss of one wicket.

Outright win by 9 wickets.

Hamilton Boys' High School

	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
L. Weight	b. Morgan 27	c. b. Wales 17
C. Telfer	b. Barnes 2	c. b. Wales 2
G. Steele	c. b. Barnes 5	b. Morgan 35
S. Wilcock	b. Schurr 37	c. b. McLean 46
S. Puna	lbw Morgan 26	run out 1
K. Betley	run out 17	c. b. Morgan 0
A. Miller	b. Barnes 27	run out 1
J. Perret	b. Barnes 10	c. b. Wales 68
A. Christie	not out 7	lbw McLean 0
S. Hill	c. b. Barnes 2	c. b. McLean 0
R. Borland	b. Barnes 2	not out 37
Extras		Extras 35

TOTAL 190 240

Bowling	1 st Innings			2 nd Innings		
	O	R	W	O	R	W
M. Barnes	22	30	6	5	17	0
M. Wales	26	61	0	14	46	3
C. McLean	4	5	0	18	35	3
R. Morgan	22	20	2	31	64	2
B. Mackintosh	5	8	0			
T. Schurr	15	37	1	13	35	0
K. Jordan	4	10	0	2	11	0





New Plymouth Boys' High School

Cricket scorecard for New Plymouth Boys' High School vs Wanganui Collegiate Western Park. Includes 1st and 2nd Innings for both teams and a total score of 96 for 1.

Bowling statistics for the cricket match, listing bowlers like J. Perret, R. Borland, and A. Christie with their respective figures.

Vs. Wanganui Collegiate Western Park

WCS won the toss and batted slowly taking 99 overs before being dismissed for 231. Mark Wales bowled a marathon 39 overs to take 5 for 83. BHS batted a lot quicker but lost wickets at regularly to be all out for 166.

Match drawn.

Wanganui Collegiate

Cricket scorecard for Wanganui Collegiate vs New Plymouth Boys' High School. Includes 1st and 2nd Innings for both teams and a total score of 231 105 for 8.

Bowling statistics for the cricket match, listing bowlers like M. Wales, C. McLean, and R. Morgan with their respective figures.

New Plymouth Boys' High School

Cricket scorecard for New Plymouth Boys' High School vs Wanganui Collegiate Western Park. Includes 1st and 2nd Innings for both teams and a total score of 78 for 8.

Bowling statistics for the cricket match, listing bowlers like Wylie, Pinkham, and Crocket with their respective figures.

2ND XI

As with any sports season there were many highs and lows for the 2nd XI. Most of the team's highs were at the beginning of the season where we were in contention for the one-day final for awhile. We were unable to maintain the early pace as inevitably many of our best performers were promoted to the school's 1st team.

Paul Dominikovich (Player/Coach)

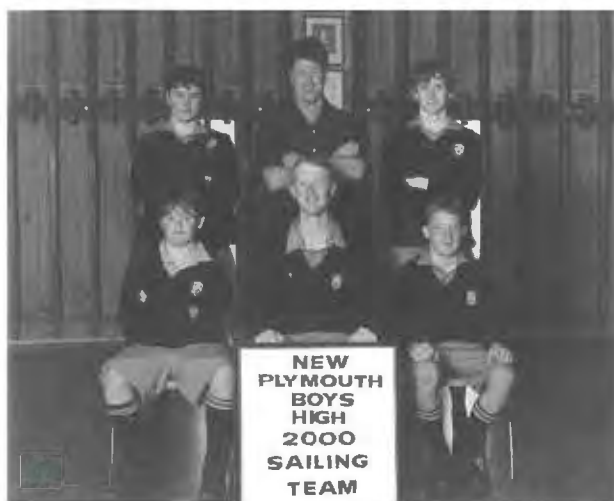
Cricket

This years morning grade cricket has been exciting and rewarding. Two of New Plymouth Boys' High Schools teams won their divisions - New Plymouth Boys' High School Bulls 4th grade division two coached by Mr Warner and Mr Abdul-Wahab, plus New Plymouth Boys' High School Stage 5th grade coached by Mr French-Wright, Mr Hill and Mr Woods.

The commitment by the boys to team spirit and behaviour has been very strong this year, and the support and help form parents teachers and helpers are greatly appreciated.

The teams who participated in the 1999-2000 season are: 4th Grade Div 1 Bedwins and Dogs 4th Grade Div 2 Bulls (winners), Yorkshire, Somerset and Worcester 5th Grade Stages (winners), Sussex, Notts and Durham

I hope to see you all again in the 2000 - 2001 season



Mountainbiking

In April, a team of 12 went to the National Mountainbiking Championships in Levin. As always it was an exhausting but fun 2 days of competition. Our riders performed creditably, particularly on the downhill which seems to be a strength of our Taranaki teams. A number of our boys placed in the top ten for this event. It is good to see the talent of some of our junior students developing. In my report last year I hoped for more competitors and we did increase. As boys become more interested and train harder leading up to the event in 2001 I hope we can aim for some medal winning performances next year.





Inline Hockey

Inline hockey is the newest and fast growing sport at New Plymouth Boys' High School. In 2000 we entered 5 teams in the local school league with all or teams being very successful. There are two school league competitions every year in Term one and four.

Panthers

A Form 3 team that is made up of many top players in their age group. A team with huge potential that all teams find very competitive, even the senior teams. This team reached the semi finals. Ended up with 6 wins from 8 games.

Tigers

A Form 3 team that is made up of many developing players. At times they struggled with the physical nature of the game with bigger teams. Ending up with 3 wins from 8 games.

Titans

A mixture of form 4 and 5 containing some very good experienced players with some that are new to the game. They developed into a very good unit as the season progressed. Ending up with 4 wins from 8 games.

Gazelles

This team is made up from form 6 students. Some players are very experienced and good others are new to the sport and are not very graceful on their skates. They were unlucky to not reach the semi-finals. They have now changed their name to Wombats. Ending up with 6 wins from 8 games.

Pythons

This team is a mixture of form 7,6 and 4 students. It contains some of the very best season players in the region. They have a great deal of talent. No team was able to dominate them, they play the game with a fast physical approach that strangles the opposition. Wining 9 out of 9 games. Beating FDMC 12 - in the finals.

A big thanks must go to Superior Walls & Ceilings and Gill Pre-owned Appliances for their sponsorship of team uniforms. Superior Walls and Ceilings currently sponsors the Pythons and Titan teams. Gill Pre-owned Appliances sponsors the Gazelles/Wombats and Tigers.

Congratulations to Shane Kemsley, Richard Klahn, Lee Farnell for their selection in U18 Central District Interprovincial Team.

Congratulations also to Martin Gammon and David Reason for their selection to U16 and Leigh Bolton, Brook Lester, Hayden Lockhart, Carlin Hill and Kane Taylor for their selection to U14 Central Districts Interprovincial Teams.

The stand out player for the school has been Shane Kemsley for his all round ability, he helps junior players and is a ver skilled and fast senior player. He is now sponsored by CCM. Well done Shane

Mr K Lockhart



BASKETBALL



1st V Basketball
Back Row: B. Raven, C. Attrill, R. Hunter, J. Cassidy
Middle Row: Mr. T. Heaps (Manager), T. Kemp, T. Caskey (Waterboy), B. Dallas, Mr. C. Driscoll
Front Row: A. Porter, J. Russell, A. Lind (Captain), J. Collins, T. Cooper

1st V

At the beginning of the 2000 season the coach of the 1st V, Colin Driscoll, chose the following squad of twelve: Aaron Lind (Capt), James Russell, Brendon Dallas, Chris Attrill, Jackson Cassidy, Tehira Cooper, Robert Hunter, Jon Collins, Adam Porter, Tony Kemp, Brent Raven and Jason Watts.

Local Competition

The team played in the Premier Division in the New Plymouth Basketball Association local competition. The season began with a series of grading games whose results were:

vs Coastal	lost	61-79
vs Oilers	lost	62-77
vs Tigers	lost	53-69
vs Francis Douglas	won	72-51
vs Waitara HS	won	78-52

So at the end of the grading games we were 4th and now faced the regular season competition. The results were:

vs Oilers	lost	48-76
vs Coastal	lost	76-82
vs Waitara	lost	62-80
vs Spotswood College	lost	68-70
vs Tigers	lost	78-85

vs Oilers	lost	57-73
vs Coastal	won	default
vs Waitara	lost	77-71
vs Spotswood College	lost	65-64

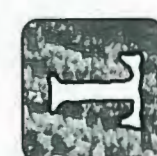
The upshot of all of these games was that the team was 4th, and now had the play-offs in front of them. In the semi-final we played Tigers but lost 58-89. The game, coming as it did after the NZSS Championships, meant the team came out flat. And so our local championship season ended.

Western Heights Invitation Tournament

At the end of March three of our basketball teams played in the Western Heights High School Invitation Tournament in Rotorua. The 1st V was a mix of some permanent team members together with some students replacing those playing in the Form 3 and 4 team. The results were:

vs Rotorua BHS	won	40-25
vs Mt Albert	lost	36-59
vs Francis Douglas	lost	27-37
vs Kelston BHS	lost	33-44
Kelston BHS were the eventual winners		
vs St Pats	lost	24-26

Even though our team was not full strength, it certainly clarified, for the team members, the standard they had to play at.





HOSTEL NOTICES
 DATE: 29 Nov Tanguon (Feb)
 PLACE: Mr Driscoll
 TIME: Mr Martin
 COST: Mrs Evans
 3:30 Dining in Steps
 Haka practice in
 Pridhans @ 6:15



Taranaki Secondary Regional Qualifying Tournament

On June 19th the team represented the school in the Taranaki Secondary School's Championships, which we needed to come 1st or 2nd in to represent Taranaki in the Secondary School Championships to be played at the TSB Stadium in late August. We played , and won 3 games: vs Hawrea HS 49-36, Spotswood College 60-31 and Stratford HS 104-38.

The play-offs did, however, not take place until the beginning of the next term when, on Thursday, July 20, we faced Francis Douglas Memorial College in the semi finals. In an extremely close, hard fought, tense game we finally won 63-57, earning the right to represent Taranaki in the NZSS Championships, and the right to play Waitara HS for the championship title.

This game was played on Thursday, July 27 at the TSB Stadium, in front of a large crowd of very vocal supporters. However, Waitara were too good for us, winning 73-52. The game was played in great spirit with good sportsmanship on both sides.

2000 School Boys' Basketball Challenge

During the term 2 holidays, NPBHS was the host to the 2000 School Boys' Basketball Challenge, which took place in the Centennial Gymnastics on July 10, 11 and 12.

The aim of this invitation tournament was to give the participating teams the opportunity to gain much needed court time/match experience in preparation for the NZ Secondary Schools' Championships, which were soon to be upon us . Joining the NPBHS 1st V in the competition were: St John's College(Hamilton), Church College of NZ, Waitara HS and Westlake BHS (Auckland). The tournament format was a round robin, followed by play-offs for final positions.

The teams were all quite even, which made for close, exciting games right from the outset, demonstrated by the result in the first in the first game between NPBHS and St John's, which we won in overtime 86-82. In our other games we beat Church College 80-70, but also lost to Waitara HS 53-69 and Westlake 67-76.

So, when it came to the playoffs, we played Westlake BHS for 3rd and 4th, When we lost 59-70. St John's won the tournament, beating Waitara HS 70-59, and Church College came 5th.

The event was most successful, played in good spirit with good support from the local community, especially the local umpires association to whom we are very grateful. Let us hope that this will be the first of many to come in the future when we hope to be able to host even more teams for the event.



Interschool/Super 8 Fixtures

2000 promised to be a very busy season because of the addition to the Super 8 tournament we had traditional fixtures against Auckland Grammar, Hamilton BHS, Palmerston North BHS and Wellington College, although the last team decided not to make the journey to New Plymouth.

The tradition fixtures began in mid-May with games against both Auckland Grammar and then Hamilton in mid-June at home, both of which we won, the former 95-75, and the latter 93-82, both emphatic victories.

The third term saw us come up against one of our traditionally strongest opponents, Palmerston North Boys' High. Having beaten them three times in a row, then losing to them last year, we wanted to get back into the winning mode. After being down 18-44 at half time, we made a great come back, but unfortunately we could not clinch victory, losing 71-80.

The Super 8 took place as a weekend tournament in early May at one venue this year, that venue being Tauranga, hosted by Tauranga Boys' College.

In our section play we began by defeating Gisborne BHS 78-49, but we lost the next two to Tauranga Boys' 52-64 and Napier BHS 59-70 coming back in each game to reduce the 15 point deficit from half-time.

In the past-section play we beat Gisborne BHS again, 87-56 and then Rotorua BHS 85-35 to come 5th, a very creditable result for a team where 9 of the 12 squad members were new this year.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships

In late August, the team represented Taranaki at the finals of the New Zealand Secondary School Championships at the TSB Stadium in New Plymouth.

For the first three days of the tournament, the team was involved in section play, playing five other teams over the



Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. First up was Wellington College and the team played a sparkling game, winning 100-76. This was a great beginning to the finals, but alas it was not to continue. We lost the two games on Tuesday to higher ranked team, Awatapu College 43-60, and then eventual section winner, Hastings BHS 64-73, in a better performance. Unfortunately Wednesday began badly with a loss to Rangiora HS 62-69, so this meant that we had to beat John McGlashan College (from Dunedin) by at least 9 to ensure going through to Division II, the middle eight teams, rather than Division III.

We were down by 11 with 4 minutes to go, but we rallied and were leading by 7 with 16 seconds on the clock. A free-throw and a lay-up got us a 10 point velocity, and 3rd in our group, after a count back on differentials.

This all meant we faced Tauranga Boys' College on Thursday in our first division II game. Unfortunately we could not re-gather after the close game the night before and we lost 44-74. Our second game, on Friday, was against St Johns, a team we had played in our own invitation tournament in the last holidays. After trailing badly all game we nearly came back to snatch victory at the death, but we could not quite get there and lost 70-76. On Saturday, therefore, we played our final game to determine 15th and 16th places, and it was Jon McGlashan we played again. This time we led right from the beginning and in a much better performance, with the bench making a real contribution, we won 72-53, thereby gaining 15th place.

the team were great ambassadors for the school and on and of the court and can feel very satisfied with what they achieved in this tournament.

Honours

The following players were awarded Tiger Coats this year: Aaron Lind, Jamie Russell, Chris Attrill, Robert Hunter, Brent Raven, Jon Collins and Adam Porter.

The award for the Most Improved Player in the 1st V (Peter Lay Trophy) was awarded to Robert Hunter.

Provincial Representation

Taranaki Under 20: Adam Porter, Jon Collins, Jamie Russell, Brent Raven

Taranaki Under 18: Jamie Russell, Brent Raven, Jason Watts.

Taranaki Under 16: Tony Kemp, Tehira Cooper, Brendon Dallas.

NZ Under 16 Development Squad

Tony Kemp, Brendon Dallas, Tehira Cooper

This season has been one for rebuilding. We have had a number of young and very promising players in the team who will be the nucleus of a very strong team in the years to come. So, the results laid a good platform for future strength.

Contributing to this development was the effort and commitment of the team, together with coaching skills of Mr Colin Driscoll. We would also like to thank Troy Caskey for his help as the team's aide during the season. We were also lucky to have the support of Mrs Norah Puketapu-Collins for game starts at the NZSS and Sally-Anne Porter for her massage skills. Added to this must go our thanks to

all those parents who supported the team at the weekend games, and the Nationals.

The team also wishes to thank, in particular, Austoil Engineering Services for their sponsorship.

Thanks to everyone who supported us this year.

Terry Heaps
Manager
1st v Basketball Team



Junior Basketball

Friday Night

Knick Under 16 B Team

As a team the Knicks played with a lot of character. They were constantly out sized; but in terms of ball skills and letting the ball do the work they were supreme. The coach stressed an idea all year "look up and pass" and this made for entertaining fast play. There were various injuries throughout the year and times when all team members could not be there but it was great to see all the players so committed throughout the season.

This attitude got us through to the semi-finals where we narrowly lost to Inglewood High School's Form 4 Team. I'm sure all players had an enjoyable year and are looking forward to next season.

The Team

Andrew Waite (Capt), Brad Dent, Mostafa Khalafalla, Nick Cleland, Levi Scown, Symon Morgan, Matt Ussher, Aaron Underwood, and Robert Savage

Coach Mr Bayly Manager Mr Savage



3rd & 4th Form Basketball Team

This year's team was basically the nucleus of last year's team. It meant they were 1 year older and 1 year stronger. The Team was brought together early for the Western Heights Invitation Tournament. The Team won this tournament beating Westlake BHS in the final by over 60 points.

The Taranaki Secondary Schools tournament saw them win through comfortably into the semi finals and then the finals. All games were won by comfortable margins. Most importantly for the team though was the fact that there was no real starting five. All 10 of the players could step up and lead when they were on the court. This was reflected in the fact that seven of the team were in the Taranaki Under 16 Basketball Team.

The Forms 3 & 4 Central Zone Secondary Schools Basketball Tournament was held in Wanganui. The boys won all three games on the first day comfortably. The 2nd day saw us winning by 100 points in our first game against Ruapheu and then losing to Hutt Valley High by 30 points in



the second game. This meant we had to beat Onslow who also hadn't lost a game in our last section game. We were without our two starting point guards for the game and it was great to see the team's strength come through. We beat Onslow by 20 points and played Francis Douglas in the semi final. These games are always close and this was no exception. We won by 6 points and came up against Hutt Valley in the final.

It was a worthy final but Hutt Valley's big man was just that - too big and in the end turned a very close game into a comfortable win by 20 points.

Congratulations go to Tehira Cooper and Brendon Dallas for making the Tournament team and thanks also to Mr Coley (Manager) & Mr Bayly (Coach).

The Team is:

Tehira Cooper (Capt), Brad Cooper, Anthony Bishell, Steven Welch, Brendon Dallas, Kent Watson, Jacob Lineham, Hemi Grant, Warren Parkinson and Adam Harford.



NPBHS Basketball 2000 Summary

Age Groups

This year again saw NPBHS enter 9 teams in the New Plymouth Junior Basketball Competition and 3 in the Mens competition.

The 1st Five finished fourth in the premier grade while the Seconds coached by Mr Laine Hopkinson made it through to the semis in the B grade. Our thirds went one better to make the final, unfortunately they had to default this game as the majority of the players were away at the Zonal 3rd and 4th Form tournament. The 3rds' coach, Adam Porter was named New Plymouth Basketball Coach of the Year.

In the open grade on Friday nights 3 of the BHS 4 teams made it to the top four only to be barred from playing in the semi finals due to a misunderstanding about games missed earlier on in the year.

In the Under 16A division this year NPBHS fielded 2 teams. Calvs, a boarders team that had dominated the B grade were promoted and found the going a bit tough. The Bullets team, ably coached by Zico Coronel and Mr Harland were knocked out in the semi final.

After the Calvs were promoted to the higher grade, NPBHS was left with 3 teams in the 16B section. Mr Bayly's team Knicks was largely made up of beginners and struggled early on against the stronger teams but started to be more competitive as the season progressed making it through to the semi finals where they met BHS Rockets. Rockets coached by Kevin Sellars won this encounter and went on to win the final a week later.

Tournaments

Three teams represented BHS at Western Heights in their annual tournament. While the senior team and 3rds performed creditably, the 4th Form team was largely unchallenged, winning the final comfortably. We were restricted to 1 team in this years 3rd and 4th Form Taranaki Championship; again this team went through the competition undefeated. From here the team travelled to Wanganui where they finished 2nd behind a very strong Hutt Valley side.

Taranaki Honours

Again NPBHS was well represented in Taranaki age group teams. Jon Collins, Brent Raven, Jamie Russell. While at the under 18 level Jamie Russell, Brent Raven and Jason Watts played major roles in this year's team.

The Taranaki Under 16 appointment of Tony Kemp as captain along with the selection of Remi Bint, Te Hira Cooper, Anthony Bishell, Brendon Dallas, Kieran Young and Brad Cooper bodes for a great future for NPBHS.

National Honours

The year started in January for Te Hira Cooper, Tony Kemp, and Brendon Dallas touring Australia with the New Zealand Under 16 Development Squad. The end of the year was greeted with the news that Adam Harford has gained a place in the 2001 New Zealand Under 16 Development squad.

And finally to top off our representatives in basketball Old Boys Matt Cleaver and Ben Jefferies played for The New Zealand Under 20 side early in the year in the world championship qualifying series against Australia. But the highest honours went to Old Boy Tony Rampton who played for the National Mens teams at the Olympics in Sydney. Well done to all involved.



VOLLEYBALL



National Secondary Schools Volleyball Championship 2000

The Volleyball Nationals were held in Christchurch with 80 Teams entered and 1000 competitors. The National Championship are the pinnacle of a Secondary School Sportsman's career. New Plymouth Boys' High School team qualified for Division 2 Nationals after finishing 2nd at Taranaki Regional Tournament.

The team consisted of - Warren Poh(captain)
Alex Asi
Jackson Cassidy
Gordon Davenport

Early in the Tournament the Boys displayed a high level of athleticism. Day 1 the boys completed 3 games for 2 wins Vs Wellington College; win 3-0, 25-20,25-15,25-19; Bayfield High School; win 3-0,25-20,25-15, 25-19; Palmerston North Boys High School; lost 1 - 3, 20-25,25 - 19,22-25, 23-25. The game against PNBHS was typical of the Inter-school clashes on the 'Gully' with both teams playing some outstanding Volleyball. We completed another 2 games on Day 2 with good wins. Vs Cashmere High School, win 3-1, 27-25,25-23,12-25,25-22;Ashburton College, win 3-1,25-16,25-17,22-25, 25-17; This completed Section play with the team placing second in the pool. Post section play consisted of the top 6 Teams from a field of 18 playing off to find Division Two Champions. Gordon Davenport and Brady Cameron played well in section play, while Jackson Cassidy was unable to play on the first 2 days because of injuries. Post section play included games against Church College; lost 1-3, 26-24, 22-25; James Hargest High School, Lost 0 -3, 15-25, 10-25, 22-25. James Hargest went on and won the Division 2 Championship. Our final game was against Mana College in the playoff for 5th & 6th we won 3 25-18, 25-20, 14-25, 25-19.

I would like to thank Jonathan and Mitchell Snowden and some Old Boys for helping with trainings and practices.

The boys played some outstanding Volleyball while displaying a high level of Sportsmanship. Congratulations goes to Gordon Davenport for being selected in the Division 2 Tournament Team.

Gordon was also named in the North Island secondary schools volleyball team 2000 and his skills have developed well.

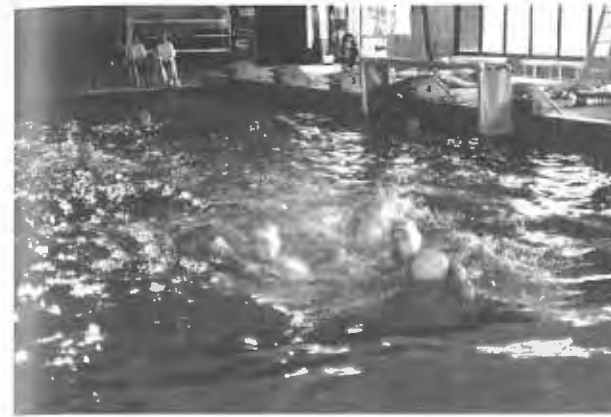
I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Robert Stone Engineering for sponsoring the NPBHS Volleyball Programme in 2000.

Regards Mr D Atkins





BASKETBALL TEAMS



WATER POLO

This year saw the re-introduction of Water Polo at NPBHS. It was last played in competition during the mid 80s which saw NPBHS teams compete successfully at many carnivals, culminating in a 4th placing in 1986 at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' championships.

How did this come about? It was at the beginning of Term 3 that I received a fax inviting NPBHS to partake in the inaugural Super 8 Tournament to be held 20-21 August in Rotorua. A quick survey of know swimmers in the school to seek their support, and a phone call to Gordon Brown (ex Taranaki and Otago Waterpolo representative) to assist in the coaching and it was all go. What next? Training sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Aquatic centre were arranged, the purchase of a Waterpolo ball, a borrowed PE dept ball, and a quick scan on the internet for the rules of the game and we were ready.

But wait! The available deep water at the Aquatic Centre during winter is an almost forgotten patch of water about 10 m long and a kinda pear shaped width of maybe 5 metres. Oh well, if that's all we've got, so be it. Our first 3-4 sessions were simply skill based; learning to tread water, arms above your head, catch and pass, swimming with the ball, some one-on-one drills, with both coaches in the water with anyone interested invited to attend.

By our fifth session, we were but one week out from the tournament, and still had not experienced match conditions, nor finalised our squad.

We were continually reminded by Gordon Brown not to expect too much, even though the boys were beginning to exhibit some bravado, and confidence, the type that comes with increasing knowledge.

We figured out our final squad, Captain and positions, while soaking in the spa pool at the end of our final session, and before we knew it, we were on our way to Rotorua.

There were to be but four teams only in this tournament: Rotorua Boys' Tauranga Boys' Hamilton Boys' and NPBHS, all of them experienced in the game, playing regularly in local inter-school competition throughout the year, in regulation size (25 m x 20 m deep water pools)

Our first match against Rotorua Boys' (the top seed) was indeed an 'eyeopener' for the team. With four quarters of 5 minutes playing time each, and various hand signals to

adjust to, we were only 4 goals down in the first quarter, but this was to steadily increase until we able to score a goal in the 3rd quarter, and finally go down to a very fine (mostly 7th formers) side 1-19.

Their coach expected us to be beaten 40-0 considering our team was playing in their first ever match and this result was to become the confidence boosting performance to build on for our next two matches.

Our next match versus Tauranga Boys' showed that the lessons of the first match were being absorbed for we were 2-2 at half time, but by full time had conceded a further 4 goals to go down 2-6.

Our final match versus Hamilton Boys' High saw further improvement, securing 3 goals, but being 2-2 at the end of the first quarter, showed that the team was becoming more competitive with each outing. The final score was 3-9.

A fax received from the Rotorua Boys' High coach upon our return said this, "I must say that your team's effort at the Super 8 Tournament was nothing short of spectacular, and we at Rotorua Boys' High are not the only school that are a little wary of you guys now. Your team have the physical attributes to be a really powerful side with their experience from in the surf. I have no doubt that with the fundamentals of the game that you will be a force in the not too distant future".

The referees awarded 'player of the match' certificates after each match and our recipients were:

- vsRotorua Boys' Paul Gledhill Lost 1-19
- vsTauranga Boys' David Riley Lost 2-6
- vsHamilton Boys' Adam Jaidin Lost 3-9

The team played outstandingly at the Tournament, with our swimming and passing of the ball, a high standard. Our goal keeping efforts were to be our achilles heel, but without game practice, this was to be expected, no matter who was placed goal keeper.

The team can be proud of what they achieved and with the prospect of attending North Island Secondary Schools' and New Zealand Secondary Schools' events in the future, the players have much to look forward to, provided their interest can be maintained, even though New Plymouth lacks both the facilities and regular competition opportunities.

My thanks to Captain Anthony Ander for his fine play and captaincy throughout, and Gordon Brown for his coaching expertise.

Team members

Anthony Ander (Captain), Matthew Cowley, Matthew Gilbert, David Riley, Paul Gledhill, Adam Jaidin, Brook Sands, Jason Cargo, Dale Cook, Graham Gordon and James Macfie.

Kevin Gledhill
Coach/Manager





SKIING

After a dismal snowseason on Mount Taranaki which saw the cancellation of both the school and Taranaki skiing/snowboarding champs the school skiing/snowboarding teams headed to Mt Ruapehu during the last week of term 3 for the North Island intersecondary school champs. Sunday the 17th Sept. was the first day of the skiing champs where the boys competed in the slalom event. The team members Alex Blyth, Karl Zimmerman, Levi Turner, Tom Price and Rhys Adams all skied steadily to be in 30 position out of a field of 87 at the conclusion of the first day. Alex Blyth who gained 18th place in the senior mens event recorded best individual performance. Day 2 saw the running of the dual slalom event but unfortunately with Levi Turner recording the only win the team slipped to 38 position overall.

Following the completion of the skiing the school team of Neville Lapwood, Sam Lynsky and Tom Price lined up for the first event of the snowboarding competition. This event, the Giant Slalom saw Neville take 2nd place with strong support coming from Tom (16th). In the 2nd event, "The Slope Style", Neville again produced a strong performance to take 1st place and Sam 19th place. The final event, The Boarder cross, produced 10th and 11th placings to Neville and Sam respectively. The team's consistent performance meant a creditable 2nd place in the overall team's event. The team passes on its congratulations to Spotswood College for its commendable efforts in winning the event for the second year in succession.



SURFING



The school surfing championships were held at Fitzroy beach in early February in order to select a team to represent the school at the Taranaki Intersecondary school surfing championships. As usual competition was keen and a field of over 40 entrants contested the event over two days in 2 to 4 foot surf. Results were: - Surfing

- Under 18 yrs
 - 1st Regan Brien
 - 2nd Jarrod Cantlon
 - 3rd Sam Ryan

- Under 16 yrs
 - 1st Luke Herdson
 - 2nd Nat Day
 - 3rd Ryan Cantlon

- Under 14 yrs
 - 1st Blanton Smith
 - 2nd Michael Herdson
 - 3rd Ben Christiansen

Boarding

- Under 18 yrs
 - 1st Simon Sadgrove
 - 2nd Alex Blythe
 - 3rd Jon Collins

- Under 14 yrs
 - 1st Mat Adams
 - 2nd Tai Ruakere

These boys were selected to compete in the Taranaki championships, which were held at Oakura Beach on February the 29th. Challenging 1-2 metre waves made for some exciting surfing. Best individual performances saw Nat Day win the under 16 section, with Sam Ryan second in the under 18 section and Simon Sadgrove 2nd in the under 18 bodyboarding section. These results supported by consistent performance from the rest of the team saw the school retain the Dennis Whittaker Memorial trophy for the best performed school scoring 75pts with Francis Douglas College 55pts and Opunake 40pts.

Surfing NPBHS vs. Hamilton BHS

Despite a moderate south westerly wind and less than ideal conditions the boys put in some excellent performances against Hamilton in both the bodyboarding and surfing to win by a convincing 7-1 margin. This outstanding team effort clearly shows we are a force to be taken seriously go the surfies!

- Surfing:
- Under 14 Blanton Smith 3rd
 - Michael Herdson 4th
 - Under 16 Luke Herdson 1st
 - Nathan Day 2nd
 - Under 18 Regan Brien 1st
 - Jarrod Cantlon 2nd

- Bodyboarding:
- Under 14 Maitu Adams 1st
 - Tai Ruakere 2nd
 - Under 16 Alex Blyth 1st
 - Simon Sadgrove 2nd
 - Under 18 Vaughan Wilson 1st
 - Jon Collins 2nd



TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' TRIATHLON

This year's event was held on Sunday 26 March at Ngamotu Beach, New Plymouth and NPBHS was represented by two individual competitors (Shaun Maaka and Fraser Campbell) and two team entrants (Robert Veitch, Stephen Eichstaedt, Travis Young) and (Joel Davis, Brad Dent, Shane Nielsen)

The event comprises approx 250 m swim, 10 km cycle and 3 km run, and all schools within Taranaki were represented.

Results:

- Senior Boys (Under 19 yrs)
- 2nd Shaun Maaka 48 min 15 sec

Junior Boys (Under 15 yrs)

- 1st Fraser Campbell 48 min 50 sec

Senior Boys (Team Under 19 yrs)

- 1st Robert Veitch, Stephen Eichstaedt, Travis Young. 38 min 55 sec

Junior Boys (Team Under 15 years)

- 2nd Joel Davies, Brad Dent, Shane Nielson, K Gledhill



TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Pukerkura Park Wednesday 22 March 2000

A team of fit and intelligent athletes was selected to represent the school in the regional orienteering championships. Orienteering is a combination of skills in running and map-reading and is often known as "The Thought Sport".

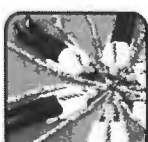
In the Standard Grade we entered six competitors and managed to make a clean sweep of the placings with the following results:

- 3rd place Jonathan Snowden 31mins 04secs
- 2nd place Aidan Kereopa 27mins 08secs
- 1st place Mackenzie Rowe 27mins 02secs

Aidan Kereopa, a third former, put up an outstanding performance to complete the course only 6 seconds behind the time of the winner.

In the Advanced Grade Travis Young completed the 3km and 14 station course in a very fast 24mins 03secs a time sufficient to give him second place overall behind a boy from Spotswood. Marcel Visser finished a creditable third in 27mins 39secs (despite falling down a bank and crashing heavily into a puna tree).

Unfortunately, Kieran Dent, our most experienced orienteer had a bad day. After getting out of his sick bed to compete, he was disqualified on a technicality. Nevertheless, it was an impressive performance by the team.





Cambridge to Hamilton Kayak Race

Two boys from NPBHS competed with distinction in the annual Cambridge to Hamilton Kayak race on Sunday 18 June.

David Maetzig and Paul Gledhill paddled the 11 km junior event strongly and were rewarded with the following places.

1st	David Maetzig	47 min 40 sec
2nd	Paul Gledhill	48 min 11 sec



Badminton

The year 2000 season started with about 15 boys, who played every Wednesday after school until 5 o'clock. From these boys the school team was picked. The top 6 players consisted of Daniel Reason, Bernard Hudson, Shane Meuli, Andrew Ramsay, David Hill and Jackson Ertel.

Our first inter school fixture was a home game against Hamilton BHS which we won convincingly. Next we played the strong Palmerston North BHS team and lost.

This year the Taranaki Regionals were held in Hawera. The team consisted of seniors Daniel reason and Bernard Hudson with Shane Meuli as reserve. The juniors were Mark Henwood and Jason Nadin. We won the tournament which meant that we went to Wanganui to play in the Zone 5 finals. We came 4th overall, which was encouraging.

This year we also went to the Super 8 Tournament in Rotorua where we came 2nd. The boys played well and thanks to Mr. Ephraim for his support.

The school champs were the last item on our calendar this year. The winner was Daniel Reason well done.

I would like to thank Mrs. Bublitz, Mr. Ephraim and Mrs. Carol Meuli for their help and support over the season.

Shane Meuli (Club Captain)



Tennis Report 2000



Seniors

- Elliot Campbell
- Andrew Ramsay (Captain)
- Thomas Luxton
- Ryan Waite
- Brian Atkinson
- Thomas McLeod

Inter School Fixtures

- Vs HamiltonBoys'HighSchool Win 7 - 2
- Vs WanganuiCollegiate Win 8 - 1
- Vs Palmerston North Boys' HighSchool Win 5 - 4

Palmerston North Boys' High School are always our toughest inter school fixture and to defeat them 5 - 4 at Palmerston North was an outstanding feat.

NZ Secondary Schools Championships

To find out who would be the Taranaki Representative in the National Championships, New Plymouth Boys' High School had to play Inglewood and Francis Douglas.

Results:

- Inglewood HighSchoolWin 6 - 0
- Francis Douglas MC Win 6 - 0

We then played Palmerston North Boys' High School to determine if we could make the finals. Unfortunately they proved too strong on the day winning 4 - 0.

Congratulations to Thomas Luxton and Ryan Waite who both represented Taranaki.

Elliot Campbell and Andrew Ramsay both played Softe Cup - Premier Interclub in Taranaki.

The Senior Tennis Champion for 2000 is Elliot Campbell.

- Juniors
- Andrew Waite (Captain)
 - Joel Baker
 - Jonathon Snowden
 - Joel Sims
 - Daniel McAree
 - Michael Kjestrup
 - Tehira Cooper
 - Blair Howarth

Inter School Fixtures

- Vs Hamilton Boys' High School Win 9 - 0
- Vs Wanganui Collegiate Win 8 - 1
- Vs Palmerston North Boys' HighSchool Lost 3 - 6

Overall a successful season for the Juniors. In the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championship New Plymouth Boys' High School won both the Form 3 and Form 4 events.

Congratulations to Andrew Waite and Joel Baker who represent Taranaki in Age Group Tennis.

The Junior Tennis Champion for 2000 is Andrew Waite



Squash Report

This year has been one of the best for our squash teams in the school. Our numbers have increased and the future looks strong. I would like to thank some very important people to begin with; Mrs Crowe, Mr Peter Roughan and Mr Gregg Prouse for their help with coaching and organising the practices. Thanks must also go to Kawaroa Park club for all their support.

Our competitive year started with the T.S.S.S.A. champs organised at the Inglewood courts. We had so many of our own players that we had to ballot out people.

Results of the competition are as follows : Boys U.G. Section B. 1st D. McAree, 2nd M. Kestrup. Section C 2nd C. Hann. Boys F Grade Section A. 2nd A. Roughan. Section C. 1st B. Hermann, Section D. 2nd P. Prouse, Boys D. grade, 2nd M. Sim. 3rd N. Roughan.

During term 3 a very successful Inter-Secondary competition runs with 5 of our teams entered. Our Traditional College games were even more successful with wins against Hamilton B.H.S, Wellington College, and Palmerston North. A clean sweep!

Senior Team: Captain Shaun Sansom, Matt Sim, Nick Roughan, David Bird, Blair Hermann, Paul Prouse.

Junior Team: Adam Roughan, Daniel McAree, Michael Kjestrup, Daniel Thomson, Sam Fleming, and Matthew Harrop.

Nationals

This year these were held in Hamilton. Not only did we improve our grading from 23rd to 12th, Shaun Sansom was placed number 2 in the Tournament team. The team had an excellent time and enjoyed great games. Results: Gisborne B.H.S. beat us 3:2, we beat Hamilton B.H.S. 5:0 and Lindisfarne 5:0, then lost P.N.B.H.S. 3:2 and Kings College 3:2 at that stage a very tired team. Our final National ranking was 12th, a lot of fun and my thanks must go to Mrs Cowe, Mrs Sim and Mr Roughan for all their hard work.

All good things come to an end and I would to thank Shaun Sansom for all his support over the years. He never missed a practice and his cheery smile always lifted me. I would like to wish him well in the future, a great role model to the younger players it is good to see him taking other players along with him. The players all wish Sportsman of the Year at N.P.B.H.S. good luck.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR SIMBO!





Junior B Soccer

An improvement in the organisation of soccer in Taranaki saw the introduction of an Under 15 Years grade in 2000. This made it easier for the junior teams to compete. Junior B had a good season, maintaining good team spirit despite a lot of early losses. We finished the season on a good note with a number of wins, coming about 4th in the competition.

Mr. P. Hewlett
(coach)



SOCCER



1st XI Soccer

Back Row: L. Dearden, M. Visser, M. Rogers, J. Chambers, M. Bland
Middle Row: Mr. S. Brown (Manager), M. Gordon, M. Burgueno, K. Kapua, D. Peters, W. Poh, Mr. B. Daysh (Coach)
Front Row: S. Singh, G. Lopez, B. Visser, A. Peters, M. Somers, H. Beals, JP. Hassan

1st XI

The 2000 season has been an outstanding one for the NPBHS 1st XI Soccer team. The major highlight was winning the Super 8 Tournament in Gisborne against some top competition. They went through the tournament as the only unbeaten team scoring 17 goals and conceding just 2, to be crowned deserved champions. What made the win even more special was the fact that due to two late withdrawals through injury the squad was reduced to just 14 and was the smallest squad in the tournament. Two further injuries during the tournament meant that the team played the final with just one spare player. This brought out the character in the team as they dug deep to take the title. Another highlight was winning their qualifying group for the National Tournament. With only two teams automatically qualifying from the Horowhenua/Manawatu/Wanganui/Taranaki region, it was expected that the highly rated and nationally ranked PNBHS and Wanganui HS teams would qualify leaving NPBHS to apply for a wild card to gain entry. This expectation was reversed when the team beat PNBHS 3-1 in a memorable match at home, and then beat Wanganui HS 1-0 in a hard fought match away from home. NPBHS went on to comfortably win the group with a 100% winning record scoring 17 goals and conceding just 1. To back up these results the team beat Hamilton BHS 2-0 and Wanganui Collegiate 4-1 in traditional matches. This

meant that outside Auckland and Wellington, NPBHS was the best performed team in the North Island provinces having beaten off challengers from their qualifying region and the regions that make up our Super 8 competition which this year included a Northland representative in Whangarei BHS. These achievements gained national recognition from the New Zealand Secondary Schools Football Association who seeded the team 7th at the National Tournament in Christchurch. Unfortunately NPBHS was placed in an extremely difficult pool but performed well to finish 14th in the tournament. The major highlight was another outstanding win over our highly rated traditional rivals PNBHS, this time 2-0. The college season was capped off by the news that Sanjay Singh had been selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Soccer team, and that Mark Bland had been selected for the New Zealand Under 16 soccer team. This reflected the high standard of football played by the team in the 2000 season.

In the local senior mens club competition the team performed with real credit, only missing out on making the premier league by 1 point after 11 qualifying matches. The major highlight in this aspect of their 44 game long season was an outstanding run in the knock out cup competition, the Duff Rosebowl. This competition involved all senior men's teams from all grades in the Taranaki region. NPBHS made it to the last four before

being knocked out in the semi final by the eventual winners. Throughout the year the team has worked extremely hard and has represented the school with real pride. In doing so they have gained a high level of recognition for themselves as individuals and as a team, and importantly they have placed New Plymouth Boys' High School on the map as one of the top soccer schools in the country. The team has been extremely well led by Ashton Peters and Michael Somers who have also been two of the best performed and most consistent players and will be sorely missed next year. Sanjay Singh returned to the team having been based in Auckland over the last two years with the New Zealand U17 team and made an immediate impact. He always stepped up to the mark in the big games and added a touch of class and confidence to the team. Michael Gordon made big strides this year, maturing in his mental approach to the game which has added a great deal to the way he performs on the field. Having been labeled as the most casual and laziest trainer, Michael really stepped up his effort and is now a leader in terms of his effort and attitude. Mark Bland had an outstanding season playing as a striker and in the midfield. He played in most of the 44 games this season and has become an integral member of the team with his vast skills and growing tactical awareness. Leighton Dearden top scored with 26 goals with his relentless harassing of defenders and a strikers eye for goal. Marcel Visser pushed Leighton hard in the goal scoring stakes with 24 goals most of them coming in the second half of the season, and most at the far post. This was a result of his growing ability to time his runs behind the defense. John Chambers had a frustrating season with a few niggling injuries but when he was on the field he was simply outstanding. His ability as a man-marker was unparalleled and as a midfielder he beat good players with his excellent ball control. Hadleigh Beals showed significant improvement this year working hard in the midfield. He often beat players with his excellent touch and scored a memorable goal from 20 yards against Freyburg HS. Brayden Visser developed well and showed he has great strength and vision carrying the ball out of defense. Danny Peters had an outstanding season that was unfortunately cut short with a back injury. Up until that point he was the first choice player in his position. Warren Poh provided much more than solid defense. His leadership was vital during away trips and on the field he always gave 100% with his bruising style of defense. Gonzalo Lopez and Miguel Burgueno, our South American imports, showcased the soccer skills that South America is famous for. Gonzalo chipped in with some excellent goals, none more important than his diving header in the crucial 1-0 win over Wanganui High School which secured qualification for our national tournament. Miguel's eccentric behavior on and off the field provided great entertainment and made him a very popular member of the team. He scored the goal of the season against PNBHS at tournament, beating the New Zealand Secondary Schools 'keeper from 40 yards. His celebration of the goal almost exceeded the quality of the goal itself, much to the bemusement of the opposition! Our other international player, Jorn Kaspersen, was nothing short of brilliant in the center of the midfield, cutting defenses to ribbons with his tight dribbling skills. Jean-Pierre Hassan, the youngest players in the team, proved his worth time and time again. He was our most improved player of the year with his silky skills and dogged determination. A hat trick as a second half substitute at the Super 8 Tournament was a definite highlight of the season. Matt Rogers was simply brilliant in goal until a

serious knee injury (something I know a bit about!) cut his season short. Matt showed real talent as a goal stopper and no one will forget his outstanding reaction save from point blank range against PNBHS to stop us gong 2-0 down in a game we eventually won 3-1. Kapua Kapua stepped into the breach and proved a worthy replacement, dominating the penalty area with his physical presence. His amazing diving, one-handed save in the penalty shootout of the Super 8 final set up the win. With Matt injured and KK unable to come to the national tournament, the search was on for a new goalie. Wayne Matson stepped up to the mark and maintained the high standards that were set before him. His bravery in the air and safe hands saved us time and time again. Every player made an outstanding contribution to the team both on and off the field and it was a real pleasure to be involved with them.

THE RESULTS

Traditionals

vs PNBHS (home) won 3-1

A great start to the season. After being down 1-0 after 10 mins the team fought back to win with two Sanjay Singh goals from corner kicks and a Leighton Dearden header.

vs St Pats Silverstream (away) lost 1-4

A disappointing loss in a game that was more even than the scoreline suggested. We conceded 3 goals in the last 15 mins as first we pushed forward for the winner, then the equalizer, and then a miracle.

vs Hamilton BHS (home) won 2-0

Hamilton were an excellent side with a defense that was tough to break down. It took two goals from free kicks, both scored by Ashton Peters, to take the game.

vs Wanganui Collegiate (away) won 4-1

An average performance. We were 0-1 down before we took control and did enough to win in a scrappy match.

vs Wellington College (home) lost 1-2

A wonderful match between two teams at the top of their form. All three goals were scored in the last 15 mins with Wellington's winner coming in the second last minute.

NZSSFA National Tournament Qualifying

vs PNBHS (home) won 3-1

Our traditional fixture also doubled as a qualifying game.

vs Wanganui High School (away) won 1-0

A tough match that could have gone either way. Gonzalo Lopez scored after 10 mins and a resolute defense held out.

vs Freyburg High School (away) won 6-0

One of our more ordinary performances. We squandered a dozen chances in the first half and only went to the break 1-0 up. A bit of a tongue-lashing at half time did the

trick.

vs Awatapu College (home) won 7-0

An excellent performance against a determined team that battled hard.

Super 8 Gisborne

A major focus of our season. A couple of late withdrawals forced us to travel with a small squad of just 14.

vs Hastings BHS won 10-1

An outstanding display of football. We dominated from beginning to end against a team that deserved better.

vs Rotorua BHS won 5-0

A close match until the last 20 mins when our superior fitness and game plan kicked in.

vs Gisbourne BHS won 2-1

A very hard fought and even match against the hosts. The win put us into the final.

vs Hamilton BHS (Super 8 Final) 0-0 won 5-4 on penalties

The highlight of our season. Hamilton stacked their defense and tried to catch us on the break. Penalties were required to find the champion and our boys rose to the occasion to spark a massive celebration.

NZSSFA National Tournament

We were drawn in 'the group of death' that included Westlake BHS (the 2nd cede), Nelson College (who eventually finished 3rd) and our great rivals PNBHS (who finished 3rd the year before).

vs Nelson College lost 1-3

A game that we dominated in terrible conditions. The difference was their National League striker from the Solomon Islands who scored 2 goals in the first 8 mins. Looking back, it was this result that cost us a place in the quarterfinals.

vs Shirley BHS won 3-2



Again we were 2-0 down within the first 10 mins despite clearly looking to be the better team. A display of real courage saw us come back to win the game 3-2 with the winner coming in the dying minutes.

vs PNBHS won 2-0

Palmeston North were eager for revenge but we never let them in the game. Two first half goals from Marcel Visser and Miguel Burgueno completed our domination of a very classy team.

vs Westlake BHS lost 0-8

A game where everything that could go wrong, did go wrong. Injuries and food poisoning weakened our team and when our courageous 'keeper was knocked out and taken to hospital in the first half, our fate was sealed.

vs Long Bay College drew 1-1

Win, lose or draw we were going to finish a disappointing 4th in our pool. After 4 games in two days we battled out a draw in a fiery and ill-tempered match controlled (or not controlled) by an incompetent and malicious referee.

After pool play we were playing off for 13th to 16th positions.

vs Macleans College won 2-0

Two early Marcel Visser goals secured the win in a match we dominated completely.

vs Wellington College drew 1-1 lost 3-4 on penalties

It was somewhat ironic to find ourselves the 7th cedes playing off for 13th position with the 3rd cedes Wellington College, our traditional rivals. After a long tiring week, two teams with a great deal of respect for each other played out an exciting game. We though we had the game won with 3 mins remaining when Marcel Visser put us 1-0 up, but again Wellington College broke our hearts with a last minute equalizer to take the game to penalties which they won 4-3. In the penalty shootout sportsmanship from both teams came to the fore as both teams (and the coaches and managers) stood together and cheered each other on. The result was taken by both teams in a fashion that summed up the feeling of mutual respect and admiration between two schools with a long history of sporting rivalry.





SURF LIFESAVING REPORT

The New Zealand Surf Lifesaving championships were held this year at Oakura Beach, New Plymouth in early March and several boys from NPBHS competed with distinction for their respective clubs: - NPOB, Fitzroy and East End in either Under 16 years or Under 19 years divisions.

Surf conditions varied throughout the carnival, but were especially challenging on the final day when 2-3 metre surf rolled through to test even the most experienced competitors.

New Plymouth Old Boys emerged as the top club with 114 points; South Brighton (Christchurch) were second with 108 points, with Fitzroy 3rd with 55 points, and East End 5th with 146, proving that surf lifesaving is strong in the Taranaki region.

Results

- 1st Under16 TaplinRelay Paul Gledhill Adam Jaidin
1st Under19 Canoe Race (shortcourse) Matthew Cowley
2nd Under 19 Taplin Relay Michael Peebles
2nd Under 16 Board Race Anthony Ander
3rd Under 19 Board Rescue Michael Peebles
3rd Under 16 Taplin Relay Anthony Ander
3rd Under 19 Canoe Race (long course) Matthew Cowley

"One of the unluckiest competitors had to be Fitzroy's Paul Gledhill. He was an impressive winner of the Under 16 ironman, but was one of four competitors later disqualified for inadvertently cutting inside one of the buoys in the board leg"

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Several Old Boys of the school competed with distinction, the most notable being the following.

- Hayden Corkin 1st Under 19 ironman 3rd Under 19 Board Rescue
Carl Barnes 1st Under 19 Ski race 1st Under 19 Double ski (with Troy Burbidge)
Mark Bell 2nd Open ironman
Jamie Booth/ Andrew Moore 1st Open Board Rescue
Jeremy Wright 2nd Under 19 Tube rescue 2nd Under 19 Board rescue

- Paul Veric (staff /oldboy) 1st Double ski (Open mens) 2nd Ski relay (Open mens)
Kevin Gledhill (staff) 3rd Masters' Board race 3rd Masters' Ski race

K Gledhill

NEW ZEALAND IRB CHAMPIONSHIPS

David Maetzig and Matthew Cowley competed with distinction in IRB (inflatable rubber boats) competition this year. At the South Island championships, Matthew Cowley was placed 2nd in the Single Rescue event; and in the NZ IRB championships held at Waihi, David Maetzig, as patient, was 1st in the Single Rescue, 1st Under 21 Tube Rescue, 2nd in Senior Assembly Rescue, and 2nd Mass Rescue.

TARANAKI SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Placegetters in the Taranaki Surf Lifesaving championships, held 19/20 February of note were:

- 1st Ironman Under 16 years Paul Gledhill
2nd Ironman Under 16 years Anthony Ander
1st Ski race Under 16 years Anthony Ander
1st Surf race Under 16 years Adam Jaidin
3rd Surf race Under 16 years Paul Gledhill
1st Taplin Relay Under 16 years Paul Gledhill, Adam Jaidin, David Maetzig
1st Short Course Canoe Under 19 Mike Peebles
2nd Taplin Relay Under 19 Mike Peebles
3rd Board Rescue Under 19 Mike Peebles with Hayden Corkin
3rd Long Course Canoe Under 19 Mike Peebles

SURF LIFESAVING AWARDS

Raitis Ramivichs and David Maetzig were members of the Fitzroy patrol group that received the Taranaki 'Rescue of the Year' award and the NZSLS April 'Guardian of the Sea' award. Raitis Rimovich was named Fitzroy's 'Patrol person of the year', Joel Davies (Fitzroy) 'Most Improved Cadet', Anthony Ander received NPOB's 'Most Improved Under 16 Swimmer', and Paul Gledhill (Fitzroy) received the 'Most Improved Junior Competitor'

K Gledhill

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SURF LIFESAVING

For the second year in succession, a Taranaki Secondary Schools' Surf Lifesaving competition was held, at East End Beach on Saturday 12 February, attracting seven schools and over 70 competitors. NPBHS entered 14 competitors; 8 in the 'A' team, and 6 in the 'B' team, with each competitor permitted to compete in 4 events only in the eight event programme. (Beach sprint, Beach relay, Beach flags, Surf race, Board rescue, Tube rescue, Board relay and Taplin relay).

In addition, 2 championship events were held in Open competition for Surf Race and Board Race events. The Open Surf race saw Robert Veitch home in 1st place, with David Riley 3rd, Adam Jaidin 4th. The Open Board race saw Michael Peebles gain 2nd and Paul Gledhill 4th placing.

Other notable performances in the competition were: Tube rescue 2nd (Robert Veitch, Adam Jaidin), Board Rescue 2nd (Robert Veitch, Michael Peebles), Taplin 2nd, Board relay 1st 'A' and 4th 'B', Beach relay 3rd, 2nd Beach flags 4th and 5th, Beach sprint 4th.

The overall result saw Francis Douglas college 1st, NPBHS 'A' 2nd, and NPBHS 'B' 3rd in what is essentially a team competition, with points gained for placings in various heats, not necessarily culminating in a final.

Boys' High competitors were:

Table with 2 columns: 'A' Team (2nd Place) and 'B' Team (3rd place). Lists names of competitors like Michael Peebles, Robert Veitch, David Riley, Paul Gledhill, Adam Jaidin, Richard Doherty, Matthew Gilber, K Gledhill, Matthew Cowley, Dale Cook, Troy Mattson, Raitis Rimovichs, Brook Sands, Joel Davies, Jason Cargo.

Kellogg's Secondary Schools' League

NPBHS was invited to attend the inaugural Kellogg's Secondary Schools' Surf League, held at East End Beach in March; and this involved joining up with New Plymouth Girls' High School in this particular competition. Each school had to select 6 students but 3 of these had to be Under 15, and 2 sprinters were also required as part of the combination for land-based events. NPBHS duly put forward two teams, and linked up with NPGHS to enjoy a hotly contested series of events. The 'A' team was successful in winning the days activities, with the 'B' team coming home in 4th place, though one member short.

'A' Team (1st place) members Gold medallions

Mike Peebles (Capt), Robert Veitch, Matthew Gilbert, Jonathan Snowden, Richard Hofmans, Chris Herbert.

'B' Team (4th place) members

Anthony Ander (Capt), Paul Gledhill, Adam Jaidin, Troy Mattson, Joel Davies



Swimming Champions

C. Herbert (Junior Champion), R. Veitch (Senior Champion), D. Riley (Intermediate Champion), J. Davies (Junior Champion)





SWIMMING REPORT

North Island Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships

David Riley was the sole NPBHS competitor to enter the North Island Secondary Schools' championships, and was to create two Taranaki short-course records at this meeting, held in Palmerston North on Saturday 25 March.

Swimming in the open division (15 years and over), David achieved the following performances;

2nd 100 m Freestyle (Taranaki record 55.34 sec)

2nd 100 m Butterfly (Taranaki record 1.01.45 sec)

3rd 200 m medley 2 min 21.92 sec
His time in the 100 m freestyle (55.34 sec) is an exceptional time for a 15 year old. Well done David.

Division 1 NZ Age-group Championships

David Riley attended this top-level swimming championships at Hamilton on 14/15 March, recording the following placings, in his age grouping; another excellent performance from our 15 year old, nationally ranked swimmer

1st 100 m Butterfly
1st 50 m Butterfly
2nd 200 m Medley 2 min 19.47 sec (Taranaki Record)
2nd 50 m Freestyle 25.36 sec.

Manawatu Swimming Championships

David Riley continued his exceptional swimming performances this year, by attending the Manawatu short course swimming championships held at Fielding on 11/12 August, creating yet again, another Taranaki age group record.

1st Open 50 m freestyle 25.45 sec
2nd Open 50 m butterfly 27.74 sec
2nd Open 50 m backstroke 29.45 sec



3rd Open 100 m butterfly 1 min 02.14
3rd Open 200 m backstroke 2 min 18.76 (Taranaki Record)

Division II NZ Age Group Championships

Adam Jaidin competed in the NZ Division II swimming championships in Wellington on 9-11 April securing the following placings, in the 15 yr boys division.

1st 200 m medley
2nd 200 m freestyle
3rd 400 m freestyle
3rd 400 m medley
3rd 100 m freestyle

SWIMMING SPORTS

The swimming sports once again proved to be a highly successful day and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

This was due to the enthusiasm and competitiveness of the boys in their attempts to be overall house champ for the day. Also the staff who were involved in the days activities.

Thanks to those parents and caregivers who supported our swimming sports day; it is always pleasing to see school activities being supported.

Winners of the following events were:

50m open butterfly David Riley
4 x 25m medley David Riley
Junior champion Joel Davies and Chris Herbert
Intermediate champion David Riley
Senior champion Robert Veitch

House Competition

1st Barak
2nd Donnelly
3rd Syme
4th Hatherly



TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING

This year Taranaki Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships were held at the Stratford Indoor pool on 21 March and NPBHS performed outstandingly to gain five titles, six 2nd placings and two 3rd placings in the 18 event programme.

David Riley was undoubtedly the star performer, winning 3 individual titles (Intermediate 100m freestyle in 56.07 sec record, Intermediate 50 m backstroke and Intermediate 50 metre butterfly) and anchoring the winning Intermediate medley and freestyle relay teams, with strong supporting swims from Brook Sands, Paul Gledhill and Adam Jaidin.

Chris Herbert (2nd Junior Boys 50 metre backstroke, and 3rd Junior Boys 50 metre breaststroke) was our top Junior competitor, with Adam Jaidin (2nd Intermediate Boys 100 metres freestyle) and Brook Sands (3rd intermediate Boys 50 metres breaststroke) top performers in the Intermediate division.

Our senior team competed well, but was unable to secure an individual placing, but gained two fine 2nd placings in the relay events, against the strong Francis Douglas team.

NPBHS was represented by the following swimmers.

Junior Boys: Chris Herbert, Joel Davies, Richard Hofmans, Ian Honefield.

Intermediate Boys: David Riley, Adam Jaidin, Brook Sands, Paul Gledhill

Senior Boys: Robert Veitch, Michael Peebles, Anthony Ander, Adam Fleming

Results (Individual)

1st David Riley Int Boys 100 m freestyle (56.07 secs Record)
1st David Riley Int Boys 50 m backstroke (29.49 sec)
1st David Riley Int Boys 50 m butterfly (28.91 sec)
2nd Adam Jaidin Int Boys 100 m freestyle (1.00.80)
2nd Chris Herbert Junior Boys 50 m backstroke (36.99 sec)
3rd Chris Herbert Junior Boys 50 m breaststroke (48.90 sec)

Results (Relays)

1st Int Boys 4 x 1 medley relay 1.00.21
1st Int Boys 4 x 1 freestyle relay 53.00 sec
2nd Senior Boys 4 x 1 medley relay 1.00.19
2nd Senior Boys 4 x 1 freestyle relay 52.85 sec
2nd Junior Boys 4 x 1 medley relay 1.16.65
2nd Junior Boys 4 x 1 freestyle relay 1.02.31

Athletic Championship 2000

The Athletics Sports Day was held on the 2nd March in sunny conditions. House competition once again went well with the Tabloid Sports points added to the Athletics Sports Day points to find the Overall Champion. Donnelly House (2289pts) were convincing winners with Hatherly (2091pts) 2nd, Barak (1957pts) 3rd and Syme (1785pts) in 4th place. Everyone enjoyed themselves with some fine performances by a number of Athletes. Corey Niwa extended the Senior High Jump record to 1.81m and was encouraged by a large crowd. The HPE Department would like to congratulate the students for their efforts and the House Prefects for their organisation.

Junior Champions

1st Warren Parkison B10 74pts
2nd Richard Hofmans H2 56pts
3rd Hohua Ashford-Korewha D2 54pts

Intermediate Champions

1st Shaun Cooper H8 86pts
2nd Gordon Davenport D1 84pts
3rd Jonathan Snowden S7 58pts



Senior Champions

1st Nichol Ruchti H1 80pts
2nd Riki Te Mata S10 78pts
3rd Corey Niwa B9 56pts





TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Hicks' Park, Hawera on Saturday 18 March 2000

The late change of venue from Inglewood to Hawera meant that New Plymouth Boys' High School had a smaller team attend the championships than in recent years. However, the sixteen Boys' High athletes who did compete did so with distinction, gaining 8 first placings, 8 seconds and 7 thirds. The principal placings were:

THIRD
 Peter van der Cooji Junior 800m
 Blair Prescott Junior High Jump
 Junior Javelin
 Wayne Mattson Intermediate High Jump
 Shaun Cooper Intermediate Javelin
 Te Hira Cooper Intermediate Long Jump
 Brett Goodin Intermediate 100m

SECOND
 Blair Prescott Junior 800m
 Junior 1500m
 Zeb Thompson Junior 400m
 Te Hira Cooper Intermediate 100m
 High Hurdles
 300m Open Hurdles
 Gordon Davenport Intermediate High Jump
 Corey Niwa Senior High Jump

Junior 4 100m Relay Team (second to Hawera High)
Zeb Thompson Richard Hofmans Aidan Kereopa Warren Parkinson

FIRST
 Warren Parkinson Junior Javelin
 Junior Long Jump
 Peter van der Cooji Junior 1500m
 Gordon Davenport Intermediate Long Jump
 Brett Goodin Intermediate 800m
 Maveigh Makatoa Intermediate Shot Put
 Intermediate Javelin

Intermediate 4 by 100m Relay Team
Brett Goodin Alex Asi Jonathan Snowden Te Hira Cooper

HIGHLIGHTS

- Maveigh Makato broke the existing Taranaki record of 13.04m on no less than two occasions in the Intermediate Shot Put with puts of 13.11m and 13.17m - an outstanding performance. These puts were nearly two metres better than his best performance in the school champs. He then went on to win the Javelin as well.
- Brett Goodin had a good day. Brett's third placing in the Intermediate 100m was followed by his thrilling victory in the 800m and then his anchoring of the victorious Intermediate 4 by 100m Relay Team.
- Perhaps most impressive of all was the support given by members of our team to our other athletes when competing.



Athletics Champions

W. Parkinson (Junior Champion), N. Rucht (Senior Champion), S. Cooper (Intermediate Champion)



CROSS COUNTRY

2000 was another successful year for the school. Over 900 students completed the respective courses of Junior 4km, Intermediate 5km and Senior 7.5km. There were many outstanding efforts on the day by both students and staff.

An excellent attendance coupled with high achievement made it an enjoyable and successful sporting occasion unique to Boy's High. The most important aspect contributing to the days success was a positive spirit and attitude from the students this being the essential ingredient to its continuation.



Cross Country Champions

P. Van der Kooij (Junior Champion), L. Hutchings (Intermediate Champion), M. Rowe (Senior Champion)

Taranaki Cross Country Championships



Some blue sky on June 12 meant the Taranaki Secondary schools Cross Country Champs could finally take place. Obviously the race organisers did not know what is true cross country and postponed it twice because of rain and strong winds.

However, the blue skies and the hordes of FDC supporters did not stop the BHS senior team from completing a historic first placing. The senior team consisted of Mackenzie Rowe (1st), Hamish Roper (2nd), Raitis Rimovichs (8th), Shannon Barnett (10th), Tim Chadwick (17th) and Jason Quilter (19th). The team was very thankful for Mr. Fordyce's help and dedication, and it was unfortunate that he could not be there to witness the victory.

The intermediate team was unlucky to finish second. Their results were as follows: Jacob Dagger (4th), Jeremy Chapple (12th), Logan Hutchings (14th), Te Hira Cooper (16th), Matthew Sturmer (19th) and Ben Annabel (20th).

The juniors were also second which meant an overall result of second. The junior team was Pieter van der Kooij (4th), Mitchell Snowden (15th), Matthew Webb (16th), Kevin Steffeit (17th), Karl Martin (19th) and Seb Thompson (23rd).

The seniors and intermediates had to 'sprint' over 4.5 km while the juniors had to run 3 km.

Although the BHS team did not win the overall prize the jinx on the senior race was broken and that made the day most enjoyable



TARANAKI SCHOOLS' ROAD RELAYS

Held at Brooklands Park on Sunday 14 May 2000

A combination of allegiance to other team sports on the day, injuries and social commitments (it being Mother's Day) meant that we were unable to field our strongest possible teams in this annual event. Nevertheless, those who did compete performed admirably well.

Our Third and Fourth Form team was made up of two third and two fourth formers and they ran second to Francis Douglas. The team members were Joel Sims, Kevin Steffert, Mitchell Snowden and Jonathan Snowden. They all ran within twenty seconds of each other, with Jonathan running the fastest time of precisely 9mins.

In the Senior race (for 5th, 6th and 7th formers) we entered two teams based around a mixture of UP Harrier Group members and other keen runners involved in other sports. Despite not being able to foot it with Francis Douglas, our Senior A team, comprising Brett Goodin, Ian Hickman, Travis Young and Robert Veitch ran them a close second.

The members of our Senior B Team Ben Price, Ibrahim Shazyl, John Ferris and Logan Hutchings - while only finishing fourth, indicated a high level of fitness that enabled them to complete the 2.5km course in a tick over 36mins.

Ian Hickman made the fastest circuit of the day in 8mins 15secs with Robert Veitch a close second. They are likely to provide Mackenzie Rowe, Marcel Visser and Hamish Roper with tough competition in next week's Senior Cross Country.

Brett Goodin and Logan Hutchings (both Intermediates in school terms) ran exactly the same time of 8mins 44secs for their laps in the Road Relays, which suggests that they could make an exciting race of our Intermediate Cross Country on Tuesday week.

Mr Fordyce wishes to thank Jeff McGlashan for his help in organising the teams.



HERTZ ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Athletes from New Plymouth Boys' High School found themselves in the uncustomary position of being defenders of the Hertz Cup in 2000 after it had been won from FDMC in such an exciting fashion last season. Invariably the trophy is won or lost on the first of the three evenings of competition. Since it comes at the beginning of the school year, the competition tests a school's team organisation as much as its overall athletic ability.

Sadly, despite our best efforts to organise a strong team and participation in every event-New Plymouth Boys' High School effectively lost the cup to Francis Douglas on that first night of competition. The team was badly let down by three athletes who, having promised to compete, failed to turn up. At the end of the first night, FDMC had amassed 239 points to our 200. Best individual performances came from Riki Temata who won the Senior Shot Put (9.98m) and Blair Prescott who was first in the Junior High Jump (1.4m).

New Plymouth Boys' High School put up a much better team effort on the second evening. Success came to Gordon Davenport in the Intermediate 200m (25.62) and Long Jump (5.31m), Riki Temata in the Senior A 200m (26.10) and Paul Hagenson in the Senior B (25.18). Despite having retired from race walking, Travis Young won the 1500m Open Walk in 8.28.23. The highlight was undoubtedly the victories to our A and B teams in the evenings relay - the Intermediate 4 by 100m - with times of 50.17 and 50.44, against the best from FDMC of 51.62.

Despite our very great determination and increasingly strong team ethic, FDMC indicated its overall superiority by beating New Plymouth Boys' High School by 16 points on the final night. FDMC regained the trophy it had seldom lost in the previous decade. Nevertheless, there were some very pleasing performances by our athletes on the final evening; notable amongst them were Te Hira Cooper's victory in the Intermediate Triple Jump (10.84m), Maveighy Makatoa's win in the Intermediate A Javelin (35.30m) and Shaun Cooper's in the Intermediate B Javelin (35.86m). Mackenzie Rowe won the Senior 1500m in a time of 4.45.50 and Tim Chadwick won the most exciting race of the meeting after swapping the lead with Josh Hullah (FDMZ) on several occasions, in a time of 55.27.

TSS Indoor Rowing Championships

On 20 September, in the last week of Term Three, the annual Taranaki Secondary Schools Indoor Rowing Championships were held. After securing the cup for best overall team last year we had a point to prove but a few crucial injuries and a lack of depth, especially in the junior grade, made retaining it a long shot.

The championships are held in the Girls' High Gym and are most excellently organised by Steve McKeen from Sport Taranaki and Rob Bristow from the Clifton Rowing Club. The three divisions are Junior (14 and under), Intermediate (15-16 years), and Senior (17 and over). The individuals compete on rowing machines hooked up to a central computer that displays their progress on small monitors for the rowers and a large overhead screen for the cheering crowd. The individual events are over 1000 metres which takes about 4 minutes to complete and is a huge and exhausting task that requires a good action as well as strength. Teams of four compete in the 4 x 50 m relay event which is used to calculate the best team. Crowd participation, with loud vocal support, helps immensely but so does lots of practice which our team lacked this year.

This year's team consisted of :

- Juniors Matthew Gray, Taylor Gilmore, Troy Lewis, Dean Herlihy.
- Intermediate Chris Cruickshank, James Annabell, David Riley, Brook Sands, Nick Axten, Ben Souness, Shay Fairhurst, Todd Sarten
- Seniors Jeff McGlashan, Matt Cowley, Phil Hammond, Barry Meyer.

We had a weak but enthusiastic junior team, none of whom placed in the individual events but came third on a countback in the teams race. The intermediates feared better with David Riley getting second and Todd Sarten third in the individual race. The team of David, Todd, Brook Sands and Ben Souness came second in the teams relay. The seniors were missing two seasoned rowers ; Jason Quilter and Ryan Lawlor but managed a third on countback in the teams event.

This was not enough to retain the cup for overall best team but we did come in third, mostly for full participation, We have some very enthusiastic rowers who tried their best and did themselves and NPBHS proud on the day.

Andrew Thomson



HOCKEY



1st XI Hockey
 Back Row: S. Barnett, J. Newell, N. Axten, R. Jamieson
 Middle Row: Mr. G. Penlington (Coach), D. Smith, A. Algie, D. Wilson, H Barley, D. Kissick, Mr. H. Russell (Manager)
 Front Row: C. Ashcroft, B. Watson, K. Bayley, A. Jane, C. Hopkins

1st XI Hockey Report 2000

The 2000 hockey season opened in March with us once again featuring in the Taranaki Mens B Competition. As with last year we set our sights high, aiming for 1st place. With some strong results against Inglewood, Broadway, and Combined III, NPBHS were looking strong. However it was not to be. With two losses to Hawera, along with a demoralising draw and a loss to Combined II, we narrowly missed out on the final eventually coming 3rd for the second year running.

Although we missed out on this first goal, it was still a good start to the season, especially with our younger players showing that they would not be overawed by the big games or intimidated by our bigger opponents.

Next on the agenda were the inter-school fixtures and the Super 7 Hockey competition.

Our first game was a hard fought match against traditional rivals Hamilton Boys' High. While they were always going to be hard to roll having retained most of last year's team, we started strongly taking an early 1-0 lead. Our excitement was shortlived, though, as Hamilton responded with 5 goals. We were able to score one more, but essentially we were outplayed by a better team on the day.

We then traveled to Wanganui Collegiate where we played out a 1-1 draw. While this was disappointing, really both teams had chances to win it.

For the rest of the season we showed glimpses of brilliance, but our results were mixed. We demonstrated a lot of heart as we went down against Wellington College (4-1), Palmerston Boys' (9-2) and Napier (4-1); we handled the parochial adversity of Tauranga Boys' respectfully, losing 4-1; and we outclassed Hastings (5-0), Gisborne (12-1), and Rotorua (7-1). We finished outright 4th, middle of the table. While disappointing, it was a true reflection of the Super 7 competition.

Just as with our season, India Shield provided us with highs, lows and many frustrations. While we found the ability to score goals (ability lacking at last year's tournament), we failed to do so in clutch situations, losing three games by one goal, and one by two. In the other two games we once again outclassed our oppositions, beating St Pauls 5-2, and Pakuranga 12-1 (we scored our first six goals in 12 minutes). Frustratingly, our wins really came in the wrong games, as we ended with the final classification of 15th. Still, it was an enjoyable tournament and a great week (although when Daniel Wilson - goalie received a shot to the eye I, and I'm sure he, had my/his doubts).

And so I would like to thank the team for an enjoyable



second year of coaching the 1st X1, especially Kellam Bayley, Rowan Jamieson, Shanon Barnett, James Newell, and Adam Jane (top goal scorer) for their leadership, support and service to the sport. Good luck for the future.

Also, huge thanks must go to the parents for their most generous support, both financial and otherwise.

Finally I would like to thank Hugh Russell for his superb management and support this year, and Mark Lyes for his help, knowledge and dedication to the 1st XI and the Colts Team.

The team: Kellam Bayley(Captain), Ashly Algie, Chris Ashcroft, Nick Axten, Joel Baker, Hayden Barley, Shanon Barnett, Corey Hopkins, Rowan Jamieson, Adam Jane, Duncan Kissick, James Newell, Darren Smith, Barry Watson, Daniel Wilson, Hugh Russell (Manager), Mark Lyes (Assistant Coach). Thanks also must go to Chris Keighley,

Chris Herbert, Roy Muir and Tony Dowman for their involvement in the team.

George Penlington (Coach)



Junior Hockey Report 2000 : 2nd XI and Colts

The 2000 season for the NPBHS Hockey 2nd XI was a mixed one. Playing against the 1st XI teams from other Taranaki schools was always going to be a difficult proposition. Three rounds of matches were played and it was the latter two rounds that showed a consistent, more competitive NPBHS team. Aggressive defence prevented a lot of games from finishing with large losing totals, while luck and better finishing of goal scoring opportunities would have reversed some close losses. While a final placing of sixth in a six team competition was disappointing, it can be said that many players did perform well and developed their skills during the season. Special mention must be made of Roy Muir, who had an excellent season as goal keeper.

The Colts (3rd XI) had a reasonable season during 2000. Coached by Mark Lyes, an ex NPBHS student and 1st XI member, the team achieved some excellent results when playing a flowing, passing style. Good combinations were developed among the F3 and F4 players in the squad and this bodes well for the future of the game at NPBHS. The Colts reached the semi-finals of the competition in their division and, although were beaten by a superior Inglewood 1st XI, finished a creditable third equal.

Hopefully, numbers of hockey players at NPBHS will continue to grow in the future and full advantage can be taken of the water turf facility at Devon Hotel Park. Those involved with hockey at NPBHS in 2000 would like to recognise the commitment and enthusiasm of players, parents and supporters, all vital for enjoyable and successful hockey.

J Warner

A Sight for Sore Eyes

It was a sight for sore eyes - the old beach. I was back after ten years and nothing had changed. Man, it felt good! Quickly I took off my shoes and rolled my pants up above my knees. The first step back onto the sand was like heaven. The feel of the soft golden sand between my toes and the fresh salty breeze softly, surrounding me.

The sea was a greenish-blue and the white froth, which sizzled on the sand with the breaking of the waves, enticed me to its cool edge. It was spectacular, the soft gold on the salty blue. So much so that it took ones breath away. I couldn't resist a look out to the horizon where the soft swell resembled the rolling green hills of the countryside. Further on was the lonely fin of a sole dolphin, miles out at sea. The whole setting was brightly lit by a thriving yellow sun high in the sky.

I dipped my toes into the inviting cool wake of the waves 'heaven'. I thought as I waded in to my knees. The bottoms of my pants were getting wet but I didn't care. It was just great to be back.

I turned and looked back at the huge expanse of golden sands and unexplored depths of the dark cliff face. The green palm fronds waved, like birds on wing, in the gentle sea breeze.

Suddenly a bird darted from nowhere and snatched a fish from the water, not ten metres from where I stood. The fish's silvery body caught the sun's ray as it struggled to free itself from the unwanted predator's beak. I now became aware of the wildlife. Birds of many different types flitted and darted through the salty breeze. A pang of guilt hit me - this was their home, who was I to disturb them?

Quietly I crept out of the water trying not to even disturb the wet sand beneath my feet.

Trying not to smell the sweet perfumed air.

Trying not to see the beautiful collage of soft beachy colours.

Trying not to hear the crash of the waves and the melodious song of the birds.

Trying not to taste the immeasurable guilt I now felt.

I gathered my shoes and left the beach but I couldn't deny myself that one last look. It was all so peaceful. I turned, a tear in my eye, and began to walk away.

Matthew Rogers

Fox

The fox snickers,
at the unattended nest
He steals the future
from the unborn eggs
Satisfaction, but slaughter.

He slips into the solitude
of the deep forest
And disappears out of view
for his hunt is over
Until tomorrow, when he will again realise his hunger.

Rickie McGee

Part 2

Nothing would ever be better than this I gazed out over that vast azure plain they call the ocean. A light breeze buffered my thin windbreaker. The Macrocarpas around me danced in the wind, looking menacing yet comical.

I wandered back down the dusty, snaking paths to the bach. The thick dirt between my toes felt wonderful. As I got closer to our holiday house, the unmistakable wafting smell of my mum's Jaffa Chocolate cake came through my nostrils.

I began to run. I hurried through the dense, shrubs towards home. Suddenly, I stumbled on a fallen log grazing my knee on a jagged rock as I fell. The little sunlight protruding through the canopy showed signs of blood oozing out of my gash. The forest laughed heartily as I weakly regained my footing. I began to move on, this time at a slower pace.

The leaves of our beech tree crumbled underfoot as I reached the back door. I opened the creaking door to find the wonderful cake being iced by my mother. On went the peach-coloured icing, followed by a drizzling of chocolate sauce. I yanked open the stiff drawer and unsheathed our brand-spanking new cake knife. The knife slid through the moist cake with the greatest of ease. I took my first dreamy bite of the cake and thought: nothing would ever be better than this!

Matthew Whitmore

The Surf

Tall barrelling giants
With a white fluffy lip
Wind pushing the water back
Like a tornado in the sea
Little men out the back
Waiting and watching to catch the giants.

Richard Lander

Here I am days, just days and I am in a trench in the middle of a war on the front lines of the battlefield.

Images of hate, blood, death I never thought much about death before, but now, in the midst of it, I am forced to look, to breathe, to hear it all.

As I look back I see that most of my comrades are dead. They died bravely, gun in hand, eager to fight for their country and win the battle. To win the War.

I look down, eyes closed to look for a simple sign of life. Ever so slowly I open my eyes, afraid of what I will find. Blood. Thick, red blood oozing across the ground. In a panic, I turn to hear the cry, the cry of a soldier in agony, screaming, shouting in pain. I look up, but even the sky is covered in the redness of burning planes. Of dying machinery.

What started the war, I think Politics, Greed. I now realise. I am a puppet. A playing piece.

The lone soldier in the war of kings.

Jeremy Tan





JACKIE

By Reece Meuli

The soldiers stand tall. Line after line. Uniform immaculate. Waiting for the battle to commence. In a moment their lives will change forever. Today is judgement day. A moment of truth.

Artillery is mounted on the surrounding hills. Soldiers are positioned in the trenches, waiting for the sergeants' orders. The silence is deafening, the atmosphere is tense, the soldiers are ready. Fighting for good. Fighting for their lives. The tactics have been issued. The waiting begins.

Among these Goliath of men, one man stand alone, one man is different. Smaller in stature, younger, quieter, an insignificant man. Jack is an "outsider". The army chose Jack. Jack did not choose the army. Within the compound of the army Jack keeps to himself, living a solitary life, for he is ridiculed by his fellow soldiers. Physically his body can not compete against the muscular mass of the other soldiers, competing against men full of testosterone, men that are outspoken, aggressive, threatening. The taunts of the soldiers are which affect Jack the most. The constant harassment by the soldiers about his slight build and his feminine good looks, provoking comments about his sexuality, "Lomo, gayboy, fag" were familiar remarks passed by the soldiers. The favourite maxim was "Jackie". Never once being called Jack. Forced into habitation within himself. Forced to be monosyllabic. The sergeant in charge of Jack's platoon, a brute of a man, was as bad, or if not worse than the soldiers. He treats Jack like a piece of gum on his shoe.

But now, Jack is in the line of battle, together, equal with other soldiers, ready to fight. He too was nervous what the future held, evidence, was the beads of sweat that rolled down the crevice of his forehead. Endless hours of training and preparation had culminated at this moment in time. This was what a soldier trained for. It was no longer a training exercise. This was a life and death situation. Blood would be spilled. Soldiers will die.

The soldiers were perched like vultures on the surrounding hills ready to attack the enemy. Trenches upon trenches dug into the hillside. Between two strapping soldiers stood the small frame of Jack. Fingers on the triggers, waiting, watching for movement.

On the horizon the menacing shadows of men and machines could be seen and heard. The sun disappeared, its last fingers of light stretching across the battlefield as darkness approached. The intensity increased.

The sergeant barked his orders as he prepared his men for battle.

The soldier's fears had now become reality.

The battle began, the enemy shooting, firing, as one, but together, delivered with accuracy. Shots fired back and forward hitting the terrain like hail. Tremendous noise reverberating around the battlefield as the exploding shells connected with the land. The enemy were a mighty force of men and machines and their onslaught of Jacks platoon soon became evident.

These mighty, muscular, mass of soldiers, highly skilled and highly

trained, lay maimed, dead, dying screaming. It was decimation everywhere.

Terrified, Jack tried to keep his concentration, focusing on the enemy, firing shells rapidly, aiming at no one in particular, but trying valiantly to halt the enemy. But, this was a battle that was not going to be won. The enemy line was encroaching, firing continuously. Disaster struck. The sergeant was hit. Jack, being in the closest position went to his aid. The sergeant had taken a shot to the chest. Blood was pumping rapidly from the wound. As Jack tried to stem the bleeding, the sergeant mumbled to Jack, "Leave me and abandon the mission". Without their leader, Jack's platoon were in disarray. The soldiers were stunned by the massacre that they were witnessing. There was nothing they could do. There was no other choice but to retreat.

Jack relayed the sergeant's orders to draw back. These once mighty men began to scarp up the hill to safety, hauling their wounded comrades with the, leaving their soul mates dead behind. Jack returned to the sergeant, and with the strength that he possessed he holstered the sergeant up onto his small boney shoulders.

Climbing the hill was like Everest, every step an aching pain, yet every step more determined. Sometimes stumbling, sometimes tripping with the sheer weight of his sergeant's body. Carrying a man he detested, carrying a man he despised. A worthless man in Jack's eyes, but yet, a soldier fighting for his country.

The impossible happened, Jack reached the security of the protected hillside. The rest of Jack's platoon had arrived in a haphazard and stunned condition: heads down, spirits broken, nerves shattered. On Jack's arrival with the sergeant, there were no derisive remarks curling out of sneering mouths. But silence. Silence not only of what Jack had achieved in physical strength, but of what he had done as a mere man. A man, that they had considered weaker than any of them, but in reality was stronger than all of them.

They, had left their sergeant to die.

Jackie: was a man



Picture a bustling marketplace, swelling with hundreds of merchants, traders, and bargain hunters. The sun is incredibly hot, and the small amounts of sheltered shade are brimming with sweaty bodies, standing shoulder to shoulder under ragged canopies. An excited buzz can be heard, as people congregate in the quest for a good deal. Occasionally, the hum of activity is broken by an excited cry as two friends meet, or as frustration over prices reaches boiling point. Despite the cacophony, the atmosphere is friendly and warm.

However, one individual in the midst of the anonymous faces does not care for a good bargain, nor does he welcome the opportunity to meet with friends. The cold sweat pouring off the man's face is not due to the hot, humid weather, and the lumpy mass beneath his cheap shirt is not due to a failed weight loss course. He walks swiftly through the gaggles of people, mind racing like a runaway train. However, this train will not derail until it reaches its destination, and the time is right. He walks on, roughly shouldering his way through throngs of people aimlessly talking about some topical gossip. The heavy package under his shirt is bulky and obtrusive, and he curses it under his breath. Nevertheless, certain sacrifices must be made, some more important than others.

As he nears his destination, the man's cold heart is pounding like a bass drum, and he silently hopes no one can hear it's heavy beat. Finally the objective is reached. The man slows, but his mind speeds up, realising the significance of this spot. He stops and looks around at the blurred figures brushing past him, feeling elation as he readies himself. The almighty will be pleased with him, for he will not fail this time. He begins to chant, knowing that he will soon be close to his idol. People around him stop and stare. Mothers pull their children close, not knowing the intentions of this strange man. Some even laugh and many continue on, dismissing the man as an attention-seeking pest. They should have known better.

The man continues to chant, his voice growing to a frenzied crescendo. A growing audience looks on in curious amazement. The man stops his eerie wailing. He raises his hands and face toward the crystal blue sky. Only a few realise what the object in his hand is, and the purpose of the thin wire running down his shaking arm. They gasp, and realise that they have noticed too late.

The man clenches his right fist. A contact is struck, and a silent spark sends a small signal down the thin wire. In an instant, they reach a small device strapped to the man's chest. Another spark is formed.

The consequential detonation shatters windows two blocks away, and lives far further than that.

Ashton Peters



Horrid House

The room was half-dead. Its walls were encrusted with mould and the roof was a sodden piece of beard. The hateful wind wisped through the ajar window, cold attacked the room.

I shut out the evening air and gazed out with admiration as the sun set across the sky. I sat on the bed and gasped aloud as clouds of dust abandoned the covers. I dreamed of what I had done all day, I anxiously awaited their arrival.

The moon crept across the solemn sky and with it the night grew older. My desperate eyes fell across the land, where were Grandma and Grandpa? The noiseless house struck fear into my heart, I dared not sleep here. The house seemed alive, ready to stab me in the back the moment I went to sleep. I held on to consciousness the best I could. Time stood still and sleep banged my head but fear locked the door. I shook in the room of mine, eventually taking a refuge in the ancient bed.

Eager rays of morning light exhumed the room. I could hear my Grandmother setting the table and Grandpa rocking in his chair. I sprang out of bed and made a wholehearted run for the kitchen. My Grandparents quickly filled me in on what had happened. Grandpa had fallen out the window and had spent the night in hospital with Grandma. It all began because someone left the window open. Returning to my room I noticed it looked much more cheerful in the light of day ...

Rickie McGee



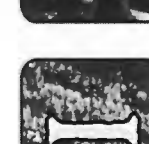
OLIVER THE CAT

Oliver is a very adventurous cat. His fur is black and white and very soft and shiny. His blue sparkling eyes sparkle in the dark. His chest is very comforting to touch. His bow-legged legs and arched feet are excellent for his expeditions. His nose is so cold it could make you jump out of bed if it touched you.

He is very lively and is very amiable. He is a small kitten and he is like a guard dog as well as a playful one. Although he is gentle his behaviour could improve. He usually sleeps all day and when he gets up he doesn't go too far. Although he has good eating habits his toilet habits could improve and when he purrs he sounds like a drill.

Oliver has a good personality. He didn't like it when I left for Singapore. He usually followed me to school and at break time me and my class gave him something to eat. He was a good friend.

Michael Coxon-Baines
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My Attempts At Cow Tipping

I opened my eyes and stared at the dashboard. The shaking surface dripped beer onto my feet and as my hearing returned, the thundering chugging of the engine attached my ears. Quickly I leaned over to Nick's side and turned the engine off, now I could hear my mates in the back groaning. I cracked open the door and looked back along the twisty ruts of mud that led a path back to the shattered fence we had crashed through moments ago.

I must have been the only one with any sense left from the long drinking session in the garage. Nick had already left the drivers seat and was following our original plan by heading up the hill on foot. My other two companions were in the back. Aaron was trashed beyond belief, muttering something about Germany and occasionally licking his lips between drunken moans and failed attempts to rise from his seat. Christian on the other hand was larger than life, wide-eyed and ready to go. He was having trouble with the lock though and I had to let him out from the outside, he too rushed up the hill after Nick. Feeling as if the only one sane, I followed slowly, hearing Aaron slump out of the car behind me.

I suppose looking back, the crash probably put me into shock, but I carried on after Nick up that hill. Christian was jumping around, hyperactive and ranting.

"Where's the cow? We need a cow! Get me a cow! Cows, Cows, Cows!"

Luckily enough there was a cow, but Christian wasn't impressing her. It turned it's head and snorted in our general direction.

"Now what?" I asked.

"We can't do it till it's asleep," replied Nick. "We wait till it's asleep then push it over, trust me, it's really funny." He didn't look very amused to me. But Nick's been known to be a rowdy drunk so I thought I'd better just sit tight. So we all sat there, pretty quiet. Except for Christian, he couldn't keep still at all and just kept muttering to himself. We waited, the cow ate grass. We waited some more, the cow ate more grass.

We must have sat on top of that hill for hours, but finally the cow was asleep. Nick and Christian were still eager. I just lazed on a dirt mound and tried to get the best view of the cow's fall possible. The two decided they would charge the cow and try to launch it into the air, they took position and ran towards the cow.

I turned to look down and could see movement at the bottom. Aaron was crawling around down there. I was just about to cry to Nick and Christian when the cow flew, I mean really flying, this cow got air. It also got dirt. I swear I'll never forget the sound of that heifer flying through the air onto Aaron, it was hard to describe though. Kind of a:

"Moooooooooooooooo-SPLAT!!!!!"

We all rushed down there. I'm pretty sure both of them were dead. Nick took this pretty bad.

"We killed a cow!" he screamed.

"Aaron's dead man!" I shouted, "We bloody well killed him! Who cares about some stupid cow?"

"Hey, that cow had a name!" warned Christian.

"Really? Well I don't know what it was. Aaron's dead for Christ's sake!"

"Have some respect, Chris," Nick said, fighting back tears "She probably had kids, ... and we killed her! Even if we don't know the name, show some respect."

"I bet her name was Daisy, loads of cows are called Daisy" offered Christian.

"Aaron is dead!" I pleaded, but Nick blathered on.

"We have to go and tell Daisy's children."

"You speak cow, right?"

"We can tell the farmer," piped up Christian before smiling and running off towards a distant light. Nick ran after him. I shook my head at Aaron's body.

"Moo-splat eh? What a way to go."

Once more I followed the others. They seemed pretty upset, I wasn't crying or anything though, I was in shock. It was a nice farmhouse, looked flash and comfortable, I didn't know what to expect from the farmer, so I kinda hid back while the others went knocking on the door.

"Watcha want?" the annoyed farmer asked, Nick looked him straight in the eyes and just said,

"We've killed one of your cows."

The farmer looked at him and before slamming he door, sighed, "I'm a goat farmer, now bugger off"

Chris Walker



Falls Road was uncannily still as evening slowly melted the light from the crisp air. The children that had played so innocently in the cool shadow of the street's brick houses were gone, their enthusiasm tainted by the warnings of protective parents. A canyon of silence was formed by a solid mass of drab houses on either side of the street, some abandoned, some cautiously occupied, though it was nearly impossible to tell. A stiff breeze was the only noticeable life, swooping around the corner and dashing down the street, occasionally bearing a newspaper page with yet another screaming headline, then fleeing out of sight. The battles of the past weeks had left the street scarred and battered, a place where not even the staunchest of Republicans would dare set foot. Chunks of brick, shards of glass, and hard-featured rubble littered the road's wounded surface. An informed eye would also recognise a tear gas canister or a tiny rubber bullet, and would be reminded of the street's reputation. The monotone of stealthy shades was of no pleasure to the eyes.

From behind a white lace curtain, an old lady surveyed the scene. The chink in the veil was just enough to let her see out, yet the street could not see in. She was in commendable condition for her years, though her back gave constant reminder of the time she had spent at the pane. This was bearable though, as she still carried memories of much worse. A grisly scar running from her left eye to her mouth stood testament to this, although decades of deep wrinkles helped to disguise its story. The scene in the street was all too familiar to her, and brought to her mind moving memories of a childhood spent in similar surroundings.

From behind a faded red brick parapet, a lone sniper surveyed the scene. His well-disguised position was appropriate enough to let him see the entire street, yet remain clear of prying informants' eyes. He was young, fit, and at home in this environment, though the position he was lying in did not lend itself to comfort. He was content in his knowledge of his duty and purpose, and along with a flask whiskey, this warmed his insides. His pounding heart was disguised behind an intensely concentrated face, and his pale blue eyes glowed with a passionate fire. Confident in the knowledge that nowhere on the street was hidden from his crosshairs, he relaxed.

Intuition instantly sensed change. Through a thick woollen hat, his straining ears picked up at a faint sound. The intruder was a low grumble still a distance off but nearing. The sniper lay in wait.

The gunner of the Saracen sunk down into the open hatch as far as he could. He was cold and tired, and wanted out. His crew's patrol had been long and tedious, and the thought of a warm shower and a sleep was all that kept him sane. His subconscious mind knew this was the most dangerous time, with the onset of dusk bringing nothing but uncertainty. Shadows played havoc with his mind, and the silhouettes of buildings lining the streets became increasingly ominous, as any number of snipers could be hiding out watching. He was terrified of Falls Road, now as dangerous an area as any in Belfast. Tightening his grip on his gun, he tried to steady his mind, now racing like a runaway train with the possibilities that lay around the corner. The thick rubber wheels of the Saracen cautiously crunched over the broken glass and rubble that signalled the entry into insecurity. A small doll, tattered and dirty, half-naked and missing a leg, crunched under the heavy wheels and emerged unrecognisable. The Saracen slowly turned onto Falls Road. Hidden eyes followed its progress.

The old lady had heard the approach of the Saracen, and recognising

its significance, focused her meandering mind into order. It was just out of sight, but a low rumble gave away its position. Years of experience told her the vital statistics of the vehicle, and she visualised its form. Emerging out of the dusk, the intruder continued crawling down the street. Even from this distance, she could sense the fear emanating from the vehicle, pouring out of every opening and being absorbed into the street. She had seen the look on the gunner's face many times. Badly concealed terror, apprehension and worry. The young man was scared. The old lady concentrated her attention on his figure and waited.

The sniper shifted his position ever so slightly to bring the Saracen within full view. His crosshairs glided over the vehicle's silhouette before coming to rest just below the brim of the gunner's kevlar helmet. The street held its breath, and the chilling wind abated. The sniper tightened his grip.

The Saracens gunner struggled to bring the street into focus. He was a nervous wreck, and sweat poured off his head and into his eyes, despite the cold. The low throb of the engine and the crunch of the tires filled his head and echoed through his mind. Suddenly through his fear he sensed danger.

Swinging his head around, he desperately searched for the source of his insecurity. He found nothing behind him, and wildly spun back, his eyes daring around with the intensity of a madman. The Saracen ground to a halt, and the gunner could hear muffled shouting from his driver below him. He glanced to his left, and froze.

The sniper, his grip almost at the point of no return, gasped and released his finger from the trigger.

The old lady looked pleasantly puzzled.

The girl appeared suddenly, a small figure born from the dim sanctuary of a street doorway. She wore a brilliant red coat, with red also adorning both her head and her small feet. The stunning colour was as out of place as a smile on this street, yet she wore both. Her eyes sparkled with warmth, knowledge and courage far beyond her years.

The gunner's heart almost stopped. He swung his gun around to face the threat, only just managing to contain its stream of death. Ablaze with a mix of emotions, he stared at the child with an astonished face. She smiled back at him, lighting the street with warmth.

The girl picked her way over the few metres of rubble and glass between her and the Saracen, walking with a lack of fear only possible in a child of her age. She stopped at its front, calm and peaceful, her overwhelming presence captivating the gunner. From a clasped position at her back, she brought her hands into view. In her right hand, small fingers held a rose, a perfect match for the passion of her coat. She slowly and deliberately placed the flower on the ground before the Saracen, then slowly stepped back, making no sound. In a second, she was swallowed up by the same dusk that delivered her.

From high up on the parapet, the snipers' vision became clouded.

Tears mixed with sweat on the gunner's cheek.

The old lady smiled.

Ashton Peters





The Soothsayer

It was the day the Armageddon was meant to occur. There had been much talk of the impending event, since the Soothsayer had passed through my village. He arrived quite unexpectedly but soon he had captivated the entire population of my quaint but somewhat ignorant village. The Soothsayer came riding into town on a clattery old horse and cart, we could hear the sound of horses hooves from miles away, sound carries well in these parts. The fact that the Soothsayer used a horse and cart was surprising. Even our village had had cars for a couple of decades or so. The cart was laden with pots and pans, as well as millions of containers with labels on them: 'jewellery unburnt, gold rings, melted gold'. He tried to keep these concealed but the blanket was no match for my curiosity.

The Soothsayer had pitched his shabby tent in the middle of the village's "village green." For a couple of hours that afternoon he cried outside the main door, of his tent. "Show tonight at seven - It's FREE, FREE!" There was much excitement amongst the town fold. We rarely had shows visit us especially free ones. It was strange that the show was free, he told me not to worry because he got his reward.

That night we all poured into his tent, almost the whole village was there, by my rough count. He walked out onto his makeshift stage with a small puff of black smoke. He lifted his hands in the air, we all roared with approval.

"Who wants to be read?" he said creating hype within his voice. Everybody thrust their hands up in anticipation. Each person was trying to reach just a little higher than their neighbour. The tent was alive with the raucous shouts of "Me first!"

"You." He proclaimed pointing down at an old lady sitting in the front row. "Come up here," he said. The old lady well into her seventies and seemingly quiet dependent upon her walking stick, leapt the mere or so onto the stage. Indeed she was totally captivated by the excitement.

The Soothsayer strolled over to her with a touch of arrogance. "You." He said, touching her shoulders with his hands. "Need to get out of this town." The old ladies face turned from excited to rather incredulous. The Soothsayer carried on. "Leave and you will fulfil all of you ambitions unfulfilled by these," he paused looking around gauging how entranced the audience was. "Beautiful picturesque, lovely town." He said with a strange rye smile. He had us captured in his hands, his nonchalance and mysterious mystique had easily captivated us all.

"Now." The soothsayer shouted. "I will predict the future of this town." The crowd immediately fell silent in anticipation of what could only be a positive reading. "I see this town in trouble." He proclaimed. The crowd erupted into angry shouts of disbelief. Ordinarily they would have dismissed such a ridiculous comment but that night it was like we were hypnotised. "I see an Armageddon for you all next month," he shouted. "What day," we all chorused in fear rather than interest. "Am Ah Am," the Soothsayer stuttered. "May the sixth" he eventually said.

The four weeks passed quickly and now here I was watching the village frantically preparing themselves for their certain deaths.

People scurried back and forth: collecting, talking, crying. A man ran across the road ahead of me, he was shouting loudly, no longer did he control his actions. The occasion had taken control. The man poured gasoline on his house, threw in a match and in turn run into the blazing inferno. Other people took his lead, some began driving their sturdy farm trucks into their houses. Colossal crashes reverberated with each act of stupidity. Men wielding guns normally assigned to Duck hunting shot recklessly into the air. Meanwhile the fire spread, rapidly engulfing all and sundry. I sat motionless on the village green watching the chaos unfold.

Three days later the fire burned out. I sat motionless watching the smoking rubble covered in my village's charred bodies. The air was silent except for a familiar sound of horse hooves pounding against cobbles, which seemed to be growing louder and louder. The creator of the sound soon appeared. It was the Soothsayer and his horse and cart returning to our village.

Lladleigh Beals



The small drop of water, surrounded by its million of exact replicas fell from the dark clouds that lined the sky, slowly gaining speed until it smashed itself to bits on the rough surface of a roofing tile. Inside, a teddy bear lay sadly against the other toys, this teddy bear had once been cherished, but as its owner had grown older the teddy bear had been forgotten, and would probably never be remembered. At least no new stains would be added to those already ground into its pelt. Thoughts of anger flared up in its mind. Why should it be subjected to all these years of being dragged through all sorts of things, just to be forgotten and left to rot? This was one teddy bear that was not going to sit still and accept the terrible fate that awaited it. The small glass eyes made a quick search around the room, which proved to be clear. The teddy bear picked itself up, climbed up a well-placed low table and threw itself out into the heavy rain. The thump when the toy landed on the roof was drowned out by the rain thundering on the rooftop. The pouring rain rapidly soaked the small bear. Its small body slid down the roof, then fell down into the guttering. With a tremendous effort the small teddy bear dragged itself to the edge, stood up and stopped to think. Thoughts of the years of drudgery and boredom crossed its mind. Suddenly, the teddy bear threw itself off the edge, and fell silently until its body bit the lawn with a soggy splat. A small child looked out from inside, and saw the teddy bear's body lying on the ground. "How did he get out there?" said the child. The small child walked outside, picked up the sodden body and carried it inside to its former place on the shelf.

By Matthew Fenney

It was a gloomy day, the 23rd of October, typical, my birthday, and I, Roger Crumble, Private Investigator, was standing alone in my office watching the hail fall outside. The wind was howling and the building would shudder, I sometimes wondered if one of these days it would fall over. Sitting alone gets rather boring rather quickly, the only amusing form of entertainment was watching people in fancy suits outside, dashing across the road, getting wet through.

Drinking my lukewarm tea, I could hear the sound of sirens in the distance, as I turned to gaze out the window I saw the flashing lights of more squad cars. They stood out like a sore thumb against the bleak, grey sky. There was no shortage of crime in the city. The only problem was that there was also no shortage of private investigators.

It was time to go home. The chance of getting any work in the last five minutes of the day was very slim, anyway. I'd only had one job this week. This week had been one of the best in many months. I was just putting away the deck of cards I had been playing with when a faint sound interrupted my train of thought. The clicking of stiletto heels on the cracked tiles outside my door. A dark silhouette appeared on the cracked glass in the door to my office.

I tried to spin around to face who I hoped would be, my new client. Then I remembered that the repo men had come and took away my spinning chair along with most of the other furniture in the room. All I was left with was a dented filing cabinet, my desk and the rusty, old chair I was sitting on. So I stood up and turned the chair around instead.

I realised that this could be my one big break. The only reason why anyone like her would stop in this part of town, and actually come in this building, would have to be because the agencies that handle the big important stuff were all booked up, I hoped. Or they've got a flat tyre and couldn't possibly keep going, but that's never going to happen in a million years, so this is definitely a big break.

She had on a bright red cocktail dress covered in sequins, very, very short. Even under the dim 40watt bulb hanging in the room she shone so much that I couldn't look directly at her. Now that I think about it, it was kind of a weird thing for someone to be wearing. But it was the nineties and there's no law against wearing sequins, I suppose?

On her feet she was wearing six inch, red stilettos. A rough guess told me that these made her at least six foot two. That made me uncomfortable because I hate working with people who are taller than me. This makes work difficult for me since I, only five foot five tall.

She walked carefully over to me, avoiding the empty cups and screwed up chip packets, files and other miscellaneous rubbish that covered the waste land that was the floor of my office. My jacket was full of holes and even my shirt had a huge stain (chocolate doesn't come out) that my tie wasn't big enough to cover.

She leaned over to me and whispered, "I have a problem, a dilemma, I need you help Roger". I was shocked, she knew my name (then I remembered the name plate on my desk).

"Okay", I stammered. Then, gaining confidence, I stood up and asked her what I could do for her. She stood up and, beckoning me to

follow her, left my office, what could I do? A beautiful woman at my door, I followed at her heels like a well trained puppy. As we walked through the dark narrow corridor and down the echoing, metal stair well, I thought about what kind of mystery it would be, maybe a murder or a ransom? What would I buy first with all that money? Whatever it was, it was work and that's good enough for me.

I opened the door carefully so it wouldn't fall off the hinges again. I noticed that the rain had stopped as we stepped onto the footpath. What a great day, a client, who happens to be a beautiful woman, had a case for me, it's my birthday, and on top of all that, the rain had stopped. My client stopped suddenly, I wondered what was going on. Had she noticed something I hadn't. Was it a crime in progress, a mysterious character lurking in the shadows or maybe, a prison escapee. You know, you get quite a price for some of these outlaws. What ever it was, it was bound to be good, why else would we stop? As I looked up at her, she pointed across the road with one of her long slender fingers. I followed her gaze over to the footpath on the other side. My heart sank as my eyes met her sleek, black, Porsche. Alas, the left rear tyre was flat.

Richard Slater

THE MAKO SHARK

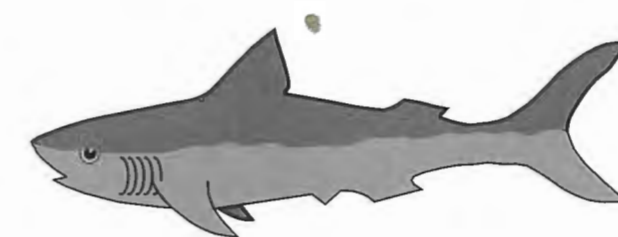
He is as strong as a bull and as fast as a sports car. With scars from past battles and a torpedo shaped body with evil looking eyes at 200 kg, he is a killing machine. He is always hungry and as selfish as a dog with a bone. He prowls the ocean night and day. He is as reckless as a demolisher and as reckless as a pirate. He is muscular, tough, and powerful all put in one. He is as curious as a cat and will always take on a fight.

I have seen him while fishing out on the boat instead of going for the baits it went for our boat. He latched onto the motor and tried to take a bite. He's made quite a few dents on other people's motors. I have heard him jumping into people's boats. One day my Dad was fishing and one jumped right over his head. They have been known to jump over 15 feet.

Never underestimate whether they are dead or alive. Many people's fingers have been taken by him.

I will always admire the Mako shark be it dead or alive or in a picture because they never give up until the end.

Ryan Tate
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The Beggar

The sun had risen high in its ore indicating the time to be about eleven. A cool breeze had set in sometime over the morning and I hugged my shoulders in an effort to keep war. There were as usual for the cooking autumn months a declining amount of people on the foreshore. But still enough to make a decent collection of joggers and senior citizens.

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I walked on and came to a set of three benches arranged in a slight horseshoe. An old beggar caught my eye, sitting on the ground. Leaning comfortably against the centre bench, a canvas of multiple "F...yours" and other obscene artworks.

He wore an old grey suit, from an era surpassed by at least two others, raggedly and creased, but clean. He had no shoes, and his matching grey hat had a small chink in the brim, but other than that his dress was unusually presentable.

As for his face; his cheeks hung like folds of thick leathery material hurriedly sewn to the undersides of his eye sockets. A large scar intruded across the left fold and down to his chin. It was impossible to tell his age from his wrinkled, and weather hardened skin as it gave the impression of sixty five going on one hundred.

But it was his eyes which caused me to slow and drew all attention away from what was outside them. His eyes held mine until there was not even a memory of anything else left. In his eyes I saw his life. His complete tale of existence, electric shock of information that seemed to touch on all senses and consume all thought.

This man had had it tough from the time he was born. He knew how to get in the gravest of circumstances. But there was a visible wisdom; that he had knowledge and understanding of things more comfortable and even extravagant. This man had fought battles. He had won.

At first he had been too proud to beg. But his determination had moulded his pride. Contemptuous pride was now held in his gaze.

His eyes smiled at mine. A warm comfortable smile, showing mild pleasure at my obvious curiosity. It was the kind of smile that always brought the tingling of warm blood to my cheeks.

He was studying me, (but in more detail than I him, moments before), like a botanist studying a new variation of a familiar specimen. I felt exposed, as I knew that he was effortlessly reading my thought.

In an effort to counter this I took a couple of slow awkward steps closer, unsure of what I was going to do. His gaze did not falter not that I had truly expected it to. Unconsciously, my hands, now in the pockets of my faded blue jeans had laid upon my wallet. I pulled out a twenty (the only cash I had) and tossed it, unconcerned as if it were a mars bar wrapper in to the beggars empty cup. And turning briskly, mentally unprepared for the possibility of a reaction or even an acknowledgement, I continue my stroll along the grey paving of the foreshore.

Robert Jenkin

FEAR

It was cold, dark and windy. My body screamed out for warmth as I lumbered my way out of bed. Breakfast wasn't an option as my stomach was tied in knots. Today was the day that I was going to attempt bungee jumping. The jump was scheduled at ten o'clock. I had two long nervous hours to wait. Each minute seemed to take like an hour to pass.

It was now quarter to ten and I thought I had better go down and check in. Slowly I trundled my way up to the office and reported to the lady at the desk that I had arrived and was ready for action (not really but I thought I had better sound ready). The lady then pointed me in the direction of the bridge. I can't even remember what she said all I can remember seeing is that long unforgiving finger directing me to the place where I was to have the experience of my life.

I walked up to the instructor trying not to see the river rushing below. I introduced myself to the instructor doing my best to hide the fears that had been brewing in my head. The instructor strapped the ropes and towels around my ankle. While all this was happening my eyes were shut and I was dreading the moment that was only seconds away. Everything got checked and double checked. All I could do was hope that it would hold my sweaty and shaky body.

The count down began "five, four, three" "HOLD IT A MOMENT"! I screamed "I'm not ready." We waited for about ten seconds. The count began again "five, four, three, two, one, BUNGY!" And with a shove in my back I was on my way powering through the air it was the most amazing feeling having the air rush through your face and it was a moment I will never forget.

Eagle Poem

The strong spirited eagle soars
Across the bleeding evening sky,
Suspiciously spying easy targets
Through sly eager eyes of yellow.

Nudging a wing
He turns, aggressively
Letting out a scream
Of happiness, hunger
Enthusiasm.

Approaching the Lake with dignity,
The Eagle draws forward dangerously
Skimming along the surface with a
Dive, striking the water swiftly, like
Lightning meeting a tree -
Involving violent natures.

Light in the dark fading air,
The bird is seen
A large metallic fish connected
With curved talons -
Heading home, back to the nearby nest.

Approaching home, the Eagle
Slowly glides gently in - To the
Dark brown hollowed out twig nest, and
With a greeting to his mate with joy,
The life cycle of nature continues.

Jeremy Tan

MY OLD MAN

My old man is just knee high to a grasshopper
He is 5'7" and is built like a steam train.
He has black and grey hair and a dark tan.
He is muscular and tough and very athletic.
My dad is awesome.

He is a humorous clown and loyal like a dog.
He is very caring and intelligent but gentle like a kitten
He is very helpful with my homework.

He is a rabbit when it comes to running races,
and is always enthusiastic and keen but when it
comes to surfing, he is a power man like Tom Carroll.



Blanton Smith
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Nothing would ever be better than this I gazed out over that vast azure plain they call the ocean. A light breeze buffered my thin windbreaker. The Macrocarpus around me danced in the wind, looking menacing yet comical.

I wandered back down the dusty, snaking paths to the bach. The thick dirt between my toes felt wonderful. As I got closer to our holiday house, the unmistakable wafting smell of my mum's Jaffa Chocolate cake came through my nostrils.

I began to run. I hurried through the dense, shrubs towards home. Suddenly, I stumbled on a fallen log grazing my knee on a jagged rock as I fell. The little sunlight protruding through the canopy showed signs of blood oozing out of my gash. The forest laughed heartily as I weakly regained my footing. I began to move on, this time at a slower pace.

The leaves of our beech tree crumbled underfoot as I reached the back door. I opened the creaking door to find the wonderful cake being iced by my mother. On went the peach-coloured icing, followed by a drizzling of chocolate sauce. I yanked open the stiff drawer and unsheathed our brand-sparking new cake knife. The knife slid through the moist cake with the greatest of ease. I took my first dreamy bite of the cake and thought; nothing would ever be better than this!

Matthew Harrop

Afterwards, the eerie stillness felt close and crushing. Breathing demanded massive effort as the dark-eyed young man desperately forced his path through the scrubby bush across the top of the remote island, and began his descent of the rocky, olive tree-studded slopes. The lifeless pair of wild kids slung across his strongly muscled shoulders dripped bright blood down his pumping legs as he scramble down the loose, slippery shale. In the far distance, the innocent looking emerald sea lay beneath a cerulean sky, giving no hint of the catastrophic violence wrecked nearer at hand. So ingrained was the youth's instinct for the struggle to survive in this barren and often unforgiving environment that, despite his gut wrenching apprehension at the thought of what might have happened, he subconsciously noted, as he crashed his way downwards, that the olives were approaching ripeness, and harvest should soon be underway. Nor did he discard the inert carcasses of the tender young kids slapping against his straining torso, although they impeded the smoothness of his movements as he lurched wildly on, full of dread at what he might find below.

Some hours earlier, in the silence of pre-dawn, before the first of the island birds began their welcome to the new day, he had been awakened from a deep sleep. What had awakened him, he couldn't be sure. It had seemed like a sharp jolt, but as awareness fingered its way into his consciousness, he wasn't so certain. Nevertheless, now wide awake, he decided to make an early start to the hunting trip he had planned for the day. He glanced at his beautiful young wife lying beside him, her long black hair cascading over the stark whiteness of the pillow, framed by tendrils of fragrant jasmine vine curling over the sill. She moved slightly and smiled in her sleep, as he slipped gently out of the old oak bed and padded softly across the cool, plastered floor.

Minutes later, his breath coming in sharp bursts, he strode purposefully up the rock-strewn hillside track, and on through the narrow foot-worn pass to the far distant side of the white sand-fringed island. It was still dark as he reached the small hidden valley where he had last seen the wild goat herd. As he neared the spot, he slowed his pace and began to creep stealthily towards the aged copse of pine trees under which the herd was camped. As the wild direction shifted, the pungent smell of billy goat assailed his sensitive nostrils. The wily old billy, already alert, sensed imminent danger and with a loud snort roused his motley brood, and began to herd them across a stump ridge, and out of range. A young female, recently given birth, was slow to respond, and as she tried vainly to nudge her twins to safety, three quick shots rang out and two tiny bodies slumped to the damp, dewy earth. Her urgent cries were in vain as she nuzzled the limp corpses, trying to encourage them to follow. The careful hunter resisted strong temptation to fell her also, and as the distraught young mother joined the fleeing group, he moved quickly to retrieve his prey.

Michael Braggins





The Rabbit

Jacob Parry

He waited silently in the cold night, his rabbit teeth twitching nervously. In the dark he looked like a frightened animal, hiding from a predator. His short, sharp breathing formed clouds of white mist alien to the clear night.

He was the one they called rabbit. His tiny teeth and the nervous twitch, which plagued him, denied him a real name. It was them who had driven him to do this he couldn't handle it anymore.

"I'll show them, then they'll be sorry. Sorry they mocked me, I'll make them sorry".

He had been waiting for his moment for an hour now, but to him it felt like an eternity. Once the moment came all hell would break loose and he would finally be free of the name that had driven him to this.

Footsteps. They rang out through the crisp, silent air like gunshots. Sharp and clean. They were coming towards him, what if he were found? They would surely take him back, back to the orphanage. He hated it there, the people, they tried to be kind but their behaviour oozed of pity. It made him sick.

But that was all going to change soon, soon he would be gone from there and free, free to do his own thing. Free to make his own decisions and not be told what to do by anyone.

The footsteps had faded away now. He could hear them faintly growing softer, still amplified in the night air.

His moment was coming closer, he could feel it, a matter of moment and he would have his life back or have his life gone.

He checked his watch, 11:07. Right then, now he would make his move, finally he would have revenge.

He stood up, held his head high and listened intently. Nothing. He started to jog. His breath forming a trail of white clouds behind him like a steam train puffing soundlessly through the night.

Reaching the shed he felt around the walls for the barrels. Yes, the barrels, his only hope for freedom. He found one and unscrewed the cap. He slipped the fuse inside and felt for another. He used two more barrels, silently creating his method of destruction.

He felt his pockets, searching for the matches. Yes, now he would be free. He struck the first match, nothing, he struck it again. Yes light, the room was illuminated for a second before he held it to the fuse. The familiar hissing sound was like music to his ears. Now go, he told himself.

And suddenly he was running, the shed growing further away in the night, the hissing fading softly into nothing. Yes he was free!

THE TARANAKIAN

He reached the gate. One last look at the place that had oppressed him for his known life, and then he was off, his feet pounding the ground and his heart going double time.

Behind him the buildings flashed once then erupted into a cloud of flame, illuminating the night sky and bathing the city in a weird light. The sound was like that of bull roaring made louder by the extent of the explosion and the stillness there had been before.

But none of this mattered to the rabbit boy as he ran, joyfully into the night, finally free.

Spears of fiery light, scarlet and apricot tinged with transparent mauve, were now streaking across the eastern sky. Yet, strangely, no birdsound could be heard. On the far side of the island the young man imagined bustling activity, as the villagers began the drudging routine of their daily tasks. As he finished gutting the bay kids, he was already anticipating a tasty meal of juicy morsels of milk-fed meat swimming in a fragrant sauce of tomatoes and onions flavoured with garlic and rosemary.

Gradually the hunter became aware of a roaring sound, like strong winds buffeting tall trees. He glanced quickly around him, but could see no movement to justify the increasing fierceness of the sound assaulting his ears. This was different. This was something unknown. He was immobilised by his terrifying inability to comprehend what was happening. The fearful sound intensified until he felt he would be deafened. Suddenly, with surges of adrenaline pulsing through his veins, he leapt into action.

He was still a short way from the village site, when the awful realisation struck him like a reeling body blow. The forgotten kids made a dull thud as they joined the debris strewn across the wasted earth. Despair overwhelmed him. Nothing and no-one could have survived this. The tsunami had destroyed the whole village, and with it, his reason for living. He did not feel the cold as he plunged into the still-seething ocean. He felt nothing, and began to swim.....

Michael Braggins

The Tabby Cat

With ruthless teeth and quick nimble paws,
Nicely fastened with murderous claws,
The tabby cat, the garden king,
The killer of mice, sees a big black bird wing,
Sneaking up softly on his innocent prey.
The tabby cat pounces, scaring dinner away.
But with 'here puss puss puss' a small clamour or din,
A spoon is tapping and rapping on a nice cat food tin.
The cat's ears prick up and he sprints for the door,
slipping and sliding on the hard lino floor.
And with a slurp at the milk and a chomp on the meat,
The tabby is ready for an afternoon sleep

Clay Elgar

THE TARANAKIAN

The Daily Quest for Survival

The sturdy branch like a hand reaching out towards the sky merely moves a fraction of an inch as a great bird hovers closely, putting claw to branch and gripping with might through the weak bark into the tough wood of the old but steady tree, fixed into the impenetrable soil of a vertical cliff face that hangs over the peaceful sunset sea.

This one bird, unique with its own characteristics, abilities and features fights for its own survival in the wilderness. With a white-hooded head, a white tail, and camouflage able brown feathers that make up its figure, including dull yellow eyes that gawk at prey with interest as well as a yellow beak, it is no wonder that this magnificent creature represents and means so much, being the United States of America's national logo.

Graciously, the eagle soars into the warm evening sky, gliding on the air currents that offer great heights, enabling this bird to effortlessly float in the air. Suddenly, this flightful bird tilts its wing; gently bring it closer and closer towards the ground.

Now just a few hundred metres ahead, just under the surface of the sea, a vibrant multi-coloured fish is swimming beautifully along. Rainbow colours are reflected in all directions as sunlight bounces off the sides of this fish. An easy target, the fish seemed to want to be killed and devoured. Within a split second, the tender morsel of live food had vanished - As quickly as a finger reacting to a hot flame. A loud splash, with jet water spray reaching heights into the air, and an echo of a loud screech was heard, originating from the fisher eagle's throat.

Seconds later, high in the cool spring evening, as the sun's rays are red and bleeding throughout the air, a dark, glorious and majestic shadow is seen, with a large fish wiggling in the sharp curved talons of a predator on its daily quest for survival of its kind and species - The *Haliaeetus Leucocephalus*: America's Bald eagle.

Jeremy Tan

Out of Juice

It all started on cold and wet Saturday afternoon at our bach at Tongaporutu. The rain had been driving down and hitting the small three-room bach like gunfire all day. My friend Sam and I had spent all day playing cards and drinking hot cups of Milo. Everybody was really restless and cranky, as we were really bored.

Sam and I decided to brave the horrible weather and go outside and do something. The tide was in so the river looked like a bowl of mixed up chocolate pudding with icing sugar sprinkled on top. So we clothed ourselves in jerseys and towelling beach gowns, called the dog, jumped in the boat and headed upriver towards the hills. Taking my dad's advice we left the can of petrol at home. The boat powered through the heavy swells and the outboard left a foamy trail behind us as we headed up river to calmer water. Patch our dog (now dead after an unfortunate accident with a car tyre) was riding the bow of the boat getting covered in water. She was really enjoying doing something after spending the whole day inside.

After we had followed the river for about 20 minutes the engine gave a cough ... and died. We tried to start the engine again but didn't get very far before it stopped again. We tried this a few times but it would always die after about 20 seconds. As you probably have guessed we were out of petrol. We were pretty annoyed because we were about 5 km upriver. The tide was still coming in so we had no chance of rowing back. We beached the boat and started the long walk back home on the main road that runs parallel to the river. Pretty soon we had sore feet because we had no shoes on. Our fingers were blue and our teeth chattered like typewriters. Huge trucks would go zooming past spraying water and cold air on us. The dog was tied up with baling twine and was shaking with cold. I swore to always take spare gas.

We arrived home, cold and wet. I felt like an ice cube that has just been sprayed with icy water. It was so nice to be back in a warm place, only knowing that soon we would have to go back for the boat. A lift from dad was really appreciated. We were soon back on the river heading home for dry clothes, another cup of Milo and a game of cards.

Alastair Wilson

Part 2

I look around seeing only a motley green twirling around in the whitewash, bits of seaweed wrap around my legs while the churning sea pummels me. My back surfing along the ocean shore hits something. Before I have time to move it clings on to my ripcurl wet suit. I don't care, all I'm worried about is my lungs, which have been starved of air for the better part of two minutes.

I struggle to the surface, still the waves pound me. At last I manage to claw my way out of this smothering blue-green blanket.

My lungs are starting to sting, but I manage to get in some nice long soothing breathes of air.

I head towards the sand, with the water grasping at my ankles.

As I move onto the black sand, I notice two girls looking at me. At first I thought they were admiring my perfect tan, my sun-bleached blonde hair and my crystal blue eyes that is, until I realised they were pointing and laughing at my butt! Suddenly a self-conscious spear jabbed into my chest. I turned around to see what was so funny.

Until then I had forgotten I bumped into something on the ocean floor. It was a crab. He was hanging off a loose piece of material which he had torn off my wetsuit.

I quickly ran up to the surf club to get changed in private holding my bottom all the way.

Michael Julian





Late night porn-watchers.

His conscience momentarily flared at the thought of exposing so many people to such crap, shuddering once again at the very thought of, "I Was A Teenage Cheerleader Who Was Raped - Based on a True Story."

Rather wearily he turned to his pile of submitted screenplays and concepts. It didn't look promising. The first example of spectacular mediocrity was entitled, "'Ganbangin-Blastermaster" a ghetto set action flick ending in more blood than could be considered anatomically correct. After suffering through "Three Gay Men and a Little Dog", "Slasher II - More Teens Must Die and "Sally Blows Shit up," (the heart warming tale of a teenage girl suffering from pyromania) John was not feeling any better. Tossing away the screenplays he decided he would call a brainstorming session in the morning to see if his executives could come up with a better script that the collective genius of Hollywood's most desperate hacks. But something caught his eye.

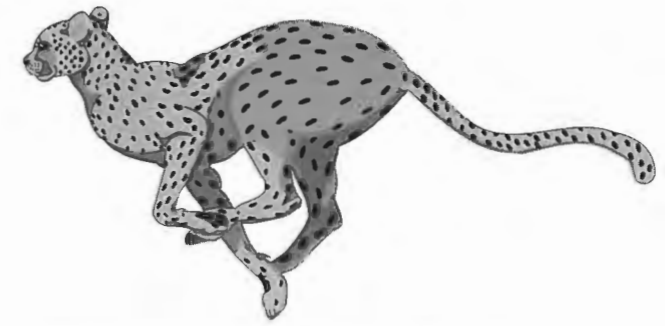
A pale brown folder was below the other screenplays; it seemed worn, rather battered and creased. It was thick with pages, but it was more than just a screenplay, it contained storyboards and pages of research. Expecting to toss it with the others after the first page, John casually began to read.

Three hours later he put the folder down. Surrounding him were hundreds of scribbled notes, predictions, casting ideas and a multitude of other production related budgets and specifications. What was contained in the folder was a vision, it was a focused and realised plan. Details covered its every page, from directing notes to camera angles and sketches of individual shots. Normally this kind of precision would have annoyed John, but the film was perfect. It's story was not overly elaborate nor too simplistic, it was a humbling and touching piece, it had a little violence, but was mostly concerned with normal life. The central character was one of startling realism, the surrounding roles each a magnificently polished jewel. Their emotions were visible even pinned to the pages by crude language, in the flesh it would touch the heart of all who saw it. This was a television-movie of rare brilliance.

John rushed the screenplay to the head of the studio, seeking a larger budget. The studio head greeted him with open arms and spent half an hour reading quickly through the screenplay.

"This is good, John. It'll really grab our audience. But there's a bit of a problem you see. It's not PC, we'll have to make a few adjustments. The ending, too realistic for entertainment, make it go more full circle. And about the main character, he's too much of a capitalist white guy you know? We'll change him to a struggling black single mother, put in a few more Asians and get PuffDaddy to do the theme. Oh yeah a bit more spice could be good; make that antagonist into the main character's evil white prostitute twin sister who hates her because she was raped as a cheerleader in high school..."

Chris Walker



The sun streaked on the trees creating long shadows like knarled fingers. The hot, barren Serengeti was an unforgiving place where only the strong survive. The sand felt coarse and hard in between my toes and the rotting carcasses of unhardened rodents made a smell that filled my brain and turned me into a substance like jelly. There was no water and no trees. The temperature was in the forties and made you feel like ripping all your skin off and being as naked as an Indian. There was little food on the plains and the food that was available was hard to come by, all the animals were competing for it and life was hard. In the distance a hyena cackled its earth-shattering laugh.

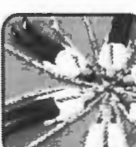
Then it all went quiet as if God was beckoning me. The challenge had been set. To be accepted into the main pod of cheetahs I had to kill a human-those people who had caused us so much harm. African cheetahs were the best and I was one. Cold hard menacing eyes sat atop my small head. I was an aggressive cheetah; my fore fathers had said I was the pick of the litter. Big war torn scars tattooed my face like the greatest warriors. My legs were well toned and slender but muscular, perfect for chasing the antelopes and hares that I feed on.

But today my mission was to kill a humanoid. It just so happened that a big bore bus was coming on safari today. Practising the moment had taken days. Out on the Serengeti all day the nervousness had set in. My vision was all blurred and a strange ringing noise had intruded my ears.

A faint noise had come from the northwest. Right on time.

Gearing myself up for its arrival a strange sensation filled my legs. This is the moment we have all been waiting for. Charging at the bus I reached top speed in three seconds. But then I sapped, slamming on my brakes and sliding over the coarse yellowish sand, finally screeching to halt. A loud Preneph sound filled my eardrums louder than a big sub at a rock concert. Elephants are what I saw, a whole bus filled with Elephants. Oh well my acceptance into the pod will have to wait another day. With that I left round the shoulder of a large sand dune and back to my place in the desert.

Matthew Grey



The Lion and the Snake

By Roy McDowall

Light rained down upon the Savannah. It poured down, unrelentingly. The sun would not hide. At first it was a blessing. The abundant warmth gently baked the earth causing grass to rise like a fresh batch of muffins. But now the grass was straw, dying before the supreme Lion's eyes.

He watched fascinated yet repulsed as a small male spider played the deadly game of courting the larger female amongst the dying grass. Consumed by his desire to mate and the seductive words of the female, the smaller male was seduced. But the ill fated male quickly discovered he wasn't the females first love, but mere nourishment for the offspring she could now produce. The supreme lion frowned in growing anxiety. His decision made, he released a resounding resonating roar, which rolled over the parched land.

Like a doomsday sunset, the sun glowing red, lying down slowly, giving temporary peace to the animals gathered at Pride Rock. The supreme lion of pride rock, King of the Kilimanjaro plain, came forth, majestic, in golden glory of the fading light. He consulted the animals, unite peacefully in the cause of survival. He explained his power did not control the weather and only a joint effort by the animals would ensure the on going circle of life. He requested their help, for he was lost for solutions to the dilemma. Eyes turned to old elephant, expectantly. But tonight behind those huge yellow tusks between the folds of dry grey skin, came forth on priceless proverb. Instead from his tiny yet infinite eyes a mysterious gaze at Mt. Kilimanjaro's white peaks.

Hypnotically a tree became alive. All eyes tracked onto Snake, a huge muscular python entwined in an Acacia tree. The crowd became restless as they saw his sly grin and wicked fangs, yet mesmerised by his beauty as he coiled and consumed the tree. A cool breeze surfaced, like an aura of his spirit as he spoke.

"Friends, we have come to a deciding moment in our history. Two mighty leaders stand before you but only one can rule. As Lion sits pondering his future and what he will say to you, I Snake, have toiled and risked my life for the survival of our great society. I have bargained with our friends the Crocodiles and have a generous offer for you. I will grant you life for leadership. If you desire the safe, refreshing water of the Nile river you will accept my strong, reassuring leadership which will preserve your lives. If you choose Lion you choose death on these dying plains."

Lion snarled in livid anger. Surely the animals saw through Snake's lies. The Kilimanjaro plains may be worthless now but not forever and Snake knew it. The rains would come. And even this extreme heat can't turn Snake's cold blood warm. He and his henchmen, the Crocodiles, are damned in darkness and their word is worthless.

...The weaker animals saw into Snake's steel eyes where hot coals dwell; they hadn't forgotten his suffocating grip. But the Zebras, Buffalo, Gnu and Gazelle, consumed by hunger and thirst, took Snake's side. Besides, the Crocodiles seemed a distant threat. Harrier and Giraffe, who saw through all, looked knowingly at Lion as Warthog and Hippo talked excitedly about fresh mud.

Baboon grumbled in frustration and the Hyenas and Jackals laughed wickedly as they profited, whatever life threw at them.

And so the animals became in bondage to Snake and the Crocodiles. Indebted for saving their lives, snake became ruler of the Kilimanjaro plains. But the sun still cracked as paint does. And Snake's true colours came forth. His words were no longer sweet but sour as death spread across the Kilimanjaro plain like Kikuyu grass, becoming a rotting carcass. He ruled with a vice grip, crushing the animals' freedom.

Lion mourned for his subjects and his land. From the lofty slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro, in exile with his pride and the Elephants, he viewed what was rightfully his. Below him somewhere lay Snake, his adversary. Gone would be the charm and style, replaced by a suffocating dictatorship. He looked at Mt. Kilimanjaro's peak, searching for inspiration. And he found it! A roar of excitement escaped his lips and roused the elephants from their hopeless dreams. Lion motioned towards the snow capped peaked and off they strode.

Upon the chilled, exposed slopes the Elephants and Lions gathered. Here was a reservoir of water that would resurrect the Kilimanjaro plains. With a huge roar the Lions and Elephants shook the mountain with a force that would have brought Jericho down. Suddenly, the snow came to life. The force it contained was needed.

A huge avalanche rumbled and blundered down Mt. Kilimanjaro's sides like a blind giant, gathering speed as it heard the land crying out for it. It reached the dust and death of the plain and was absorbed like a sponge. Life sprung from the ground, no longer dormant.

And for one moment Lion, the king, did not need to speak.

Self-Titled

The drunken cheerleader reclined awkwardly on the backseat of the cramped Ford, her clambering date clawing at her clothes. She moaned and tried to shrug off, the word "no" was mentioned, but the clumsy teen continued with his actions, unzipping her silk dress to reveal the tender...

The picture shrank to a horizontal line, then retracted to a fading dot. John Adams laughed desperately at the TV screen. He wondered how many television-movies of date rape the population really needed to see. Taking the tape out of the VCR he held it awhile. Three months of filming, a budget of four million and some of the better television actors had resulted in this. He considered throwing the whole project a way, but even with his reputation the event would eventually turn around and bite him on the ass.

John reached his verdict, scribbling a small memo to marketing he quickly outlined his stratagem, attaching the memo to the cassette he had his secretary take care of the rest. The method was an old one; he would spread out a few rumours, a bit of controversial news that the film was on the verge of being censored. The ideas and speculations would fly, purely on the basis of the movie's title they'd assume an explicit rape scene, which would score some publicity and bring in a few more of the

2000: A Cultural Playground

Before we get into the who did what, when and where we would like to thank all those parents, caregivers, siblings, friends and extended families who came and saw and appreciated. Without your support the work of our cultural performers would be lost.

Term One was relatively quiet on the cultural front with much action taking place behind the scenes in preparation for performances in term two. The exceptions were the Taranaki Secondary School Music Festival and the first round of inter-house debating. Firstly the TSS Music. A huge thank you to the boys who performed, Mrs. Newton, Mr. Maunder and Ms. Wilson for a fantastic evening. Syme and Donnelly both had a powerful start to the competition winning both of their debates. A surprise bonus for the term was a visit from Tim Balme after a number of our boys attended his performance of his critically acclaimed one man show "Jimmy Costello".

Term Two was a roller coaster of cultural thrills, no spills. First up was the Sheila Winn Festival, which was once again held at Spotswood College. NPBHS had two entries for the competition. The first was under the direction of Mr. G Penlington and tackled the court room drama of "Merchant of Venice". The second piece was student directed by Mr. Andrew Gleeson and looked at the play within a play from "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Both were well received by the audience and the judges.

We had a lot of fun once again with the Arts Festival (please refer to the full report). A big thank you from us to the following staff members who organised sponsorship, performances and events: Mrs. P Crow, Mrs. M Atkinson, Mr. T Ephraim, Mr. A Thomson, Mr. N Duckmanton, Mr. J McLellan, Mr. T Heaps, Mr. J. Bigwood, Mr. J. Coley, Mrs. S Newton, Mr. S Maunder and Mr. C. Maihi. Of course the Arts Festival would not be complete without the boys. A HUGE congratulations to all those who competed, won prizes and supported the Arts Festival week.

In Term Two we were blessed with a dramatic visit from the Ugly Shakespeare Company's look at the female characters of the Bard. This group once again provided the students with an opportunity to see the words of Bill live and on stage.

"Chronic" once again competed with flair at the Smokfree Rockquest and again blew away the competition to secure second place. They have also performed a number of concerts around the school and have definitely made an impact on the musical scene of Taranaki (and the hearing of a number of the duty staff!). Thank you guys for giving something back to the school. We look forward to hearing you perform again in the future.

The second term ended with a group of seventeen students and teachers travelling to sunny Napier for the inaugural Super 8 Cultural Festival (see separate report). This was indeed a successful and enjoyable trip.

Third term was equally hectic with a wide variety of events happening in the school and much further a field. First up was the Concert Band Festival in Auckland. Once again the group performed creditably, attaining a well deserved bronze award.

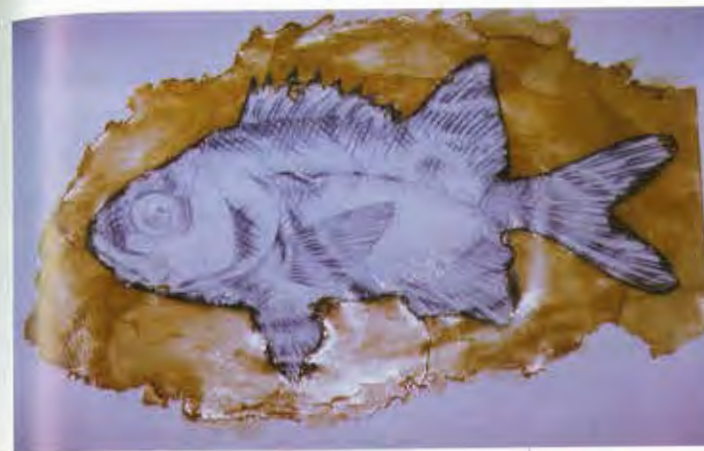
Then it was off to Opunake for the TSS Speech and Drama Festival to compete in everything from debating to performance poetry. Please refer to the full report but special congratulations to the senior drama group for gaining first place. A fine day was had by all and it was all done in the spirit of friendship and fun. The speech finals were once again full of laughs and poignant questions. Nathan Schuppan was announced best overall speaker when he made us laugh with his poignant question; is Shakespeare greater than Elvis? Thanks to Mr. B Daysh for organising the event and Mrs. C Hall for making the hard decisions. The finals of the interhouse debating saw some changes in the places but the mighty Syme teams could not be denied. They won this and all the other rounds with a clean sweep.

The second half of the Winter Festival week was dominated by the dramatic production, "Running Riot". Such a fine show with a talented cast and tireless back stage crew could not fail. Again check the full report but thanks to Ms. E Wilson, Mr. A Hope, Mr. J Coley, and Mr. C. Hill. An extra big thank you to Mr. J Bigwood for stepping in and directing the cast when the registered director had gone astray or AWOL. Truly above and beyond the call of duty.

On the 25th October the Dining Room once again played host to the Awards Dinner. Congratulations must go to Fraser Bremner (Performing Artist of the Year) and the Dixie Band (ANZ Bank Cultural Group of the Year), as well as the other nominees, Nathan Schuppan and the cast of "Running Riot".

And so another year of culture comes to a close. A year that reflects the increasing diversity of students and opportunities here at NPBHS. As cultural coordinators it has been our pleasure to witness and be a part of such wondrous growth in the culture. From the Arts Festival to the House Music competition, from Sheilah Winn to the TSS Speech and Drama Festival, NPBHS is truly a school of culture.

Sarah Milner and George Penlington
Co-cultural Coordinators



Robert Hunter

Regan Brien





Revue 2000 Deluxe

On the last two nights of the 3rd Annual Arts Festival, the 3rd Annual Revue was held (freakish coincidence, or just blind luck). It was entitled "Revue 2000 Deluxe", a reference to the well-known television programme made famous by Havoc and Newsboy (well parodied by Liam O'Connor and Nathan Schuppan).

The show was held together by these two MCs as they toured the school. As they 'meandered' through the school grounds they took in, or rather took apart, the hostel, the pavilion, and our very own Mr Tullett having fun with meat.

While these two were not on stage, the gaps were well and truly filled by the rest of the cast as they took the audience through a plethora of hilarious acts, skits and take offs. With an argument that never seemed to end, a circus that never seemed to work, and an actor that didn't know much about Shakespeare, everyone couldn't help but be entertained.

The highlight of the show was once again the staff take-off. Nathan Schuppan set the standard with a wonderful rendition of Mr Wild. This was definitely matched by Elliot Taylor (Mr Prasad), Erin Fong (Mr Abdul-Wahab) and of course Matthew Lagan, reprising the role of Mr Grimwood.

And so, as we bid another Revue, 'adieu', I would like to congratulate everyone on producing an excellent show: the immensely talented actors, the amazingly dedicated sound and lighting crew, and the superbly well organised backstage crew. Special thanks must go to Miss Milner, Miss Wilson and Mr Bigwood for their support, to Ms Muir, Mr Grimwood and Mr Heaps for their work on the programme, and a big thanks to Xerox for their generous sponsorship of the paper, ink and copying of the programme. It was all greatly appreciated.

George Penlington



SAND

The sand fell out of my hand
The sand linked their arms
as they dropped to the ground
Like a waterfall running
down a river
The sand ran through my
fingers
as the sand hid for cover.

Jeremy



"Running Riot"

Keen to keep the cultural flag flying during the 'no-musical' year we (Jeremy Coley, Justin Bigwood and myself) decided to put on a play in the third term, and due to undoubted success that we knew we would have in the Olympics, we chose "Running Riot".

The play centres around a rather pathetic little Kiwi greengrocer, fleeing to Australia in defiance of his domineering wife, who finds himself involved in the Olympic Games and is mistaken for a star athlete from whom big things are expected in the 5,000 metres. In addition to this, he is caught up in the devious world of espionage and match fixing. His efforts to extricate himself from both these situations and at the same time, to escape from his pursuing wife and the 'helpful' antics of a lovable rogue, provide plenty of scope for laughter.

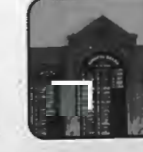
And this is exactly what we found. Over ten weeks the cast and crew laughed their way through numerous rehearsals, set buildings and, of course, shows, as indeed did the 600 members of the audience.

The immensely talented cast of Nathan Schuppan, Michelle Southgate, David Hill, Cara McAlpine, Luke Millard, Lydia Dickinson, Robert Jenkin, Tariana Kite, and Matthew Benton wowed the audience with impeccable comic timing, superb interplay, and gravity-bending hair gel. The success of the show truly reflected the ability of this group, as they remained focused on putting on the best show possible.

The actors, though, are only half, albeit the most 'glorious' half, of the people responsible for the production of the show. And so I would like to thank: Mark Dawson, Jonathan Hubbard, Jaidan Bracken, and Brendan White for their service on sound and lighting; Andrew Hope for his superb set design and construction; Ces Hill for his amazing depiction of Sydney Harbour; Kimberley Dunning, and Kim Lovegrove for their support and painting; Sarah Milner, and Lis Wilson for their work on make-up; and of course Justin Bigwood and Jeremy Coley for their help in producing and directing this wonderful production.

Congratulations to all on a fine achievement.

George Penlington
Director





The Arts Festival was held during the third week of the second term and was once again a rollicking success. I would personally like to thank all those staff and students who helped to make this week so much fun and so successful.

The Concert Band led by Mrs. Sonya Newton set the standard for the whole week in assembly with a very professional performance. The boys led us down Penny Lane and back again in a yellow submarine with a wonderful medley of Beatles tunes. Lunchtime was dominated by the LipSync competition in Ryder Hall. We were visited by "The Mill Dancers" who showed us how it was done and ENERGY FM DJs who hosted the proceedings. The competition was won by Mr. George Penlington (again) but favourable mention should go out to "Red and Dots" and Jef McGlashan. Haaretua O'Brien made an impressive albeit brief appearance.

Tuesday saw a very enthusiastic group of artists grab a paint brush and attack some of the school's rubbish bins. The winning bin was painted by "The Fatties"- Andrew Kyle, David Jones and Darcy McLeod. We would like to thank Resene paints for supplying the paint for the third year in a row!!!

Wednesday started with the Stage Band's performance in assembly, conducted by Mr. Stuart Maunder. A fantastic way to start the day.

Lunchtime saw the battle of the titans with interhouse debating taking centre stage. The juniors were arguing that "the wind-wand was \$300, 000 well spent". The senior debates were equally well fought with the moot "McDonalds is the greatest evil we have ever known".

Thursday saw much hilarity and confusion as a group of strange and bizarre creatures escaped from Ryder Hall in the Wearable Art, Decorate-a-Friend Competition. Brendan White was deemed the winner but a good time was had by all. A word of warning... never go down to check how things are going for this competition. You will be attacked and decorated!

Finally Friday rolled around. In assembly we were privileged to see another slice of NPBHS history created. Mr. Colin Mahi and his Maori language students presented the individual house hakas for Donnelly, Barak and Hatherly. (Syme's one is in the pipeline.) The hakas were very impressive with a powerful performance by the young men.

Friday lunchtime was the final in school event for the Arts Festival with staff vs students theatresports. Staff team: Mr. J. Bigwood, Mr. J. Coley, myself and Mr. G. Penlington. The students team comprised of Andrew Gleeson, Matthew Lagan, Robert Jenkin and Karl Neilson. The crowd was huge, the games were silly and a good time was had by all. Running throughout the week was the photo competition. The three winners were Colin White (place), Gonzalo

Lopez (people) and Rowan James (open). I would like to thank the following businesses for their donations of prizes for the Arts Festival:

- Video Ezy
- United Video
- Del'Free and Easy
- Cracker Jacks
- Sterling Soprts
- Kingsway
- The Bag Shop
- Lifestyle Sports
- Seasons
- The Art Shop
- Whittcoulls
- The Warehouse
- Kiwi Outdoors
- Good Vibrations
- RAW Music
- Top Town Cinema 5
- Resene Paint
- The Devon Hotel



Schuppan Super Speaker

At the end of the last term, Nathan Schuppan represented the school in the Lions Federation Speech Competition held in Feilding.

Speaking on the topic of Euthanasia, Nathan was awarded third place. Though he missed out, by one place, on competing in the national finals in Wellington, Nathan's result is a fine achievement. Well done!

Debating: It's Back!

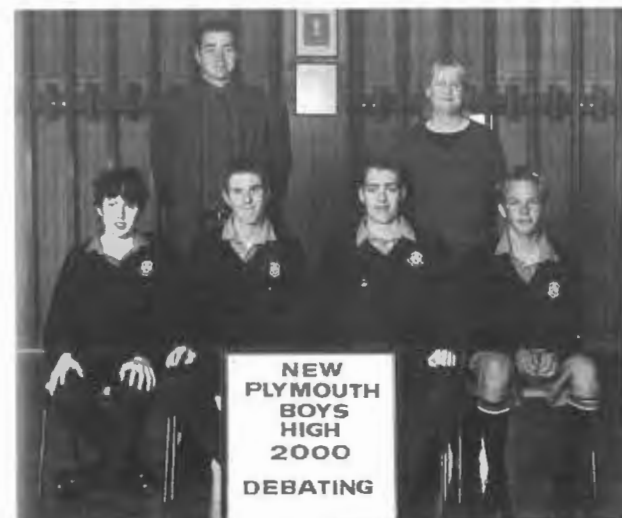
After an absence of a few years, debating returned as a contested discipline in the Annual Wellington College inter-school fixture.

Held in New Plymouth, both the senior and junior teams had the support of a very parochial audience. They used this advantage well, mesmerising the home-crowd with excellent use of humour, visual presentation, and incisive interjections.

The senior team of Nathan Schuppan (leader), David Traylor and Rene Le Prou presented a strong, well-researched debate. Working as a team, as well as showing their individual flair, NPBHS always looked confident, eventually winning by three points.

The junior team of Jackson Wood (leader), Tim Cochrane and Elliot Taylor also performed well, wowing the crowd with witticisms beyond comprehension. The individuals, however, were stronger than team and NPBHS were defeated by ten points.

I would like to congratulate both teams on their efforts, and thank Geoff Clareburt for adjudicating, Sarah Milner for chairing, and John Warner for overseeing both debates.



Senior Debating

Back Row: Mr. G. Penlington, Ms. S. Milner
Front Row: R. Le Prou, D Traylor, N. Schuppan, J. Wood



Super 8 Cultural Festival

On the first weekend of the last holidays Sonya Newton, Lis Wilson and myself took a team of fifteen musicians, actors, public speakers and debaters across the North Island for the inaugural Canterbury Super 8 Cultural Festival.

On the opening night we were superbly welcomed by the Napier Boys' High School's Maori Culture Group, and then entertained by the talented public speakers from Hamilton Boys' High, Napier and New Plymouth. Although only three of the schools participated in this event, the calibre was extraordinary, both in the prepared and the impromptu speeches. In the end David Hill (NPBHS), speaking on "Next to God, Shakespeare created most", was awarded second place behind the almost flawless presentation of the Hamilton competitor.

The next morning focused on the first round of the debating. Going into the debate against St John's (an invitation side), our team of Nathan Schuppan, David Traylor, and Chris Walker were quietly confident. A barrage of interjections and 'tabellings' put forward by a team with more formal debating experience quickly dispelled this feeling. Although Boys' High's speaking was excellent, our research and facts were meagre, and for this we were penalised, losing the debate convincingly, in the eyes of the adjudicator.

Disappointed, but not about to give up, the Boys' High team had to regather itself for the next debate that afternoon against Hamilton. With an excellent argument, and mercurial speaking, Boys' High showed what they were truly made of, crushing the Waikato team.

The final debate, for 5th and 6th, was against the home side, Napier. Although once again we compiled a strong argument, and spoke with conviction, we lost out to research. In this extremely high-scoring and high-calibre debate, we only lost by two points.

On the Saturday night were the chamber music and drama competitions. Performing an excerpt from "The Merchant of Venice" for the second time this year, Boys' High looked strong. Nathan Schuppan was once again a superb Shylock. In the end, though, we came second to a slick and extremely funny Napier group.

Competing in the chamber music section, our Dixie Band stole the show. From the slick moves by Leigh Kereopa, to the flawless play of everyone (Leigh, Ewan Cochrane, Matthew Lagan, Graeme MacPhail, Alex Walton, and Richard Slater), Boys' High looked and sounded amazing, securing the Super 8 Chamber Music trophy in grand style.

While our groups individually attained mixed results, the trip and festival can only be described as a success. I would like to thank all of the students for their wonderful attitude and spirit on tour, and Sonya and Lis for their great support.

George Penlington
Co-Cultural Coordinator



Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival 2000

It was a cold and stormy morning when we set out at dawn to travel through dangers untold to face our enemies in Opunake. Well, actually it was sunny winter's day when twenty-one NPBHS students and two staff members piled into a bus and headed for Opunake to take part in the annual Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival.

Unlike last year we arrived on time (due to the person booking the bus i.e. me, being aware of how long it takes to get to Opunake in a bus from New Plymouth).

A great day was had by all but here are the results. The year 9 debaters (Andrew Miles, Carlin Hill and Stephen KariKari) were defeated. The year 10 team (Jackson Wood, Tim Cochrane and Elliot Taylor) were victorious. The senior team (Nathan Schuppan, David Traylor and Rene Le Prou) was also defeated.

All of the speakers performed well but none received placing. In the impromptu speaking Jed Forsyth (F3) and Matthew Logan (F6). In the prepared speech was Elliot Taylor (F4) and David Hill (F7).

In our group we had an unprecedented three performance poets from throughout the school. While Andrew Glesson (F7) and Erin Fong (F5) performed well, it was Tim Cochrane who pulled a rabbit out of his hat with a second placing.

The theatresports team (Andrew Gleeson, Robert Jenkin, Matthew Lagan and Matthew Benton) was full of vim and vigour going into the competition against Francis Douglas, Sacred Heart, Spotswood and Stratford. They played the games well, had a lot of fun and came away with 2nd place.

The senior drama "It is... or is it?" was the winner on the day taking the senior drama prize. The senior drama cast was Nathan Schuppan, David Hill, Luke Millard, Robert Jenkin, Ainsley Speak and Matthew Benton. Congratulations to the cast and their director, Mr. George Penlington, for a fine performance.

Speech Finals 2000

The speech finals were held this year on Wednesday 16th August in the staffroom. The evening was organised by Mr. Brian Daysh and adjudicated by Mrs. Claire Hall. With topics ranging from the story of Easter and euthanasia to the history of the toilet and the invention of a new calendar the audience was both entertained and challenged.

The results for each level were: -

3rd form:

- 1st Greg Severinsen.
- 2nd Matthew Grey
- 3rd Matthew Inns

4th form:

- 1st Tim Cochrane
- 2nd Darren Smith
- 3rd= Elliot Taylor and Blair Howarth

5th form:

- 1st Matthew Benton
- 2nd Matt Rogers
- 3rd= Darren Wu and Daniel Willis

6&7th forms:

- 1st Nathan Schuppan
- 2nd Matthew Pickering
- 3rd Roy McDowell

The highest honour of the evening went to Nathan Schuppan who was named "The Best Overall Speaker" with his speech that compared Shakespeare, God and Elvis. Congratulations to all the speakers for their fine performances and thanks to Mr. Daysh for doing the hard work

behind the scenes and Mrs. Hall for making the hard discussion.



"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date."

A short but beautiful extract from the Sonnets. It was written by William Shakespeare, a man considered by many the greatest poet and playwright in history. Shakespeare was born in 1564, and during his time on this realm, he created 37 plays, famous poems such as The Rape of Lucrece, and dabbled in many other branches of English literature. Shakespeare is undoubtedly the most well known and influential wordsmith in history, and his name and legacy will be eternal. I am a big fan of Shakespeare myself. I have his complete works at home on the bookshelf, and take them out every now and again for an entertaining read. But can a man of such great talent, such great depth of his language, such amazing craft in his field, really be compared to the entity that is Elvis Presley?

Sadly, no.

Shakespeare was not all that he was cracked up to be. Although Shakespeare's work is the most quoted form of literature in history, how many Japanese scholars quote it? The sheer fact is, that although ol' Willy had a profound effect on the people who have experienced his work, the plays and literature have not had as profound an effect on the entire world to deserve the reputation that many have given him. Some go as far as saying that Shakespeare created more than any man, that he created most after God. I disagree.

I saw a car on the way to school this morning. Although that

story is thrilling enough in itself, my point is this, surely Henry Ford, the man who created the first mass production of the motor car, has created more than Shakespeare. Or here's a thought, maybe Michael Faraday, a key man in discovering electricity has had a more profound effect on the world. Compare the numbers - people who had been emotionally connected to Shakespeare's work, and people who use electricity....

But surely someone like Faraday didn't create electricity, he merely discovered it, right? Well, can we really say that Shakespeare created 37 plays? Shakespeare merely moulded literature, borrowing ideas from others, taking basic humour and stories, and adapting Elizabethan & Jacobean tongue to it. 10 of the 37 Shakespearean plays were histories, merely retellings of events already passed. For the other plays, many were based on commonly held principles and ideas. One of the simplest examples is the play Hamlet, labelled as the greatest play of all time. With this play so well known, I'm assuming that everyone knows that Hamlet was based around a man, who wants to kill his uncle, because his uncle married his mother, after killing his father. And he knows all this because his deceased father told him. It centered around the idea of a man's tragic flaw. This wasn't exactly a very original storyline. 16th century drama was influenced by a Roman philosopher named Seneca, and many of his ideas of the perfect tragedy can be seen in Hamlet, including:

- a son who sought revenge for some wrong done to his father
- a ghost incites a vengeful act
- crimes of adultery, incest or murder

And the list goes on, showing that Shakespeare's work was just a plagiarism of other people's ideas.

Although Shakespeare used other people's stories, he did create his own words, like this one from "Love's Labour Lost", Honorificabilitudinitatibus. Yeah, just one word, honorificabilitudinitatibus. Don't ask me what it means. Willy kept that little secret to himself, but still, only a man in complete control of his language could create his own words, only a man of phenomenal passion and skill could be so inventive. Let's have a look at another example of such a brilliant creation I heard recently from a 4 month old child. The word was, "goo goo gaa ga goo", which loosely translates to, "Give me some decent food, I can't stand this apple puree crap you keep feeding me, and if you keep trying to burp me, I'll shove this pacifier down your throat!". No, Shakespeare's feats of creating words and adapting literature are not all that special.

Not only are the Bard's stories unoriginal and uninspired, but Shakespeare created something that did not reach the entire world. Where electricity, computers, and of course religion have reached most corners of the globe, has Shakespearean text reached this far? Let's take the number of people in the world with English as their primary language, about 25%. Take away the people who live in areas and conditions where they don't have access to Shakespeare, 15%. Take away about half of these people who don't comprehend or care about Shakespeare, 7% of the world. And what the heck, I'm feeling generous. Let's

round it up to 10%. A very generous 10% of the modern world will appreciate Shakespeare's work. Now, how many do you think appreciate their cars?

Earlier on in my speech, I used the example of the King, Elvis Presley, and not surprisingly got some chagrined looks from the teaching staff present. I apologise. But Elvis' creations, his music, could be appreciated by the entire population of the world. Those who couldn't comprehend the lyrics could appreciate the rhythm of his music and those swinging hips. In fact, Elvis has a very strong following in foreign countries like Japan and Korea. People's knowledge of Elvis also exceeds that of Shakespeare. How many of you know how Shakespeare died? Very few I expect. But how many of us know how Elvis "left the building"? I think most of us have heard of the toilet incident. And one of the most convincing facts of all to conclude my speech. How many people visit the Globe Theatre, the place where Shakespeare is most uniquely associated? Not enough to topple the staggering 600,000 visitors who pass through the gates of Graceland every year. Shakespeare was great, sure, but nobody calls him 'The King'.



Concert Band

In 2000 the concert band suffered the blow of Mrs. Mary Allan leaving to go to Hamilton Girls' High School to teach as HOD of the Music Department. Mrs. Sonya Newton (newly married) came in from Wanganui to take over the role of HOD.

The concert band kept its tradition of competing in the New Zealand Concert Band Festival in Auckland this year. This year New Plymouth Girls' High and (for the first time) Spotswood joined us in Auckland.

Our conductor this year was Mr. Stewart Maunder, who also takes the Stage Band. He brought to class a new perspective of music. We ended up receiving bronze for an all round great performance. We would like to say thanks especially to Ms. Liz Wilson for her guidance throughout the trip.

In term 3 the combined musical groups visited Hamilton Girls' High School for an annual musical exchange. The groups that attended were; The Senior Concert Band, The Stage Band, The Orchestra and "Three Fold".

We all had a great time and had the chance to experience the great features of an all girl school. Once again thanks to all the music staff Mrs. Sonya Newton, Mr. Stuart Maunder and Ms. Liz Wilson for all their help over the year.

Matt Lagan



STAGE BAND

The year 2000 has been an exceptionally exciting year for the New Plymouth Boys' High School Stage Band.

The band has welcomed some new young members and is a great asset to the school.

The multitude of talent and musical ability is outstanding. A special thanks must go out to the director and jazz mentor Stewart Maunder who has pushed us to our limits and brought out the very best in the band as a whole and also in each individual musician.

The band was lucky enough this year to take part in the very first exchange with Hamilton Girls' School organised by Mary Allan and Sonya Newton.

It was a huge success with some of their students joining in, great fun was had by all. We hope this will be the first of many exchanges between the schools.

The band also performed at the New Plymouth Jazz Club, which was an excellent experience enjoyed by all.

We are certain that this year's enthusiasm and success will continue into 2001.



Dixie Band

The BHS Dixie Band, under the leadership of Warren Orr, was formed during the second term to compete in the Wanganui Chamber Music Festival.

The band consisted of Alex Walton (soprano sax), Paul Sylvester (tenor sax), Graeme MacPhail (trumpet), Euan Cochrane (trombone), Leigh Kereopa (piano), Richard Slater (double bass) and Rami on the drum kit.

Although we failed to place at the festival we did receive some positive feedback from the judges.

The end of term two saw the Super 8 Cultural Competition where the Dixie Band was entered. Rami was unable to play the drum kit so his place was taken by Matt Lagan (who did a great job). This was the first time music had been included in the Super 8 so we were out to make a big impression. Our street busking rehearsal proved popular with the Napier locals and our repertoire of 'Oh! You beautiful doll', 'When my sugar walks down the street' and 'Ain't misbehavin' was a huge hit with the judges. The BHS Dixie Band won the first Super 8 musical competition beating a bagpipe and guitar group, a brass band and a choral group.

We hope to keep extending our talents and retain the title when next year's competition arrives.

Richard Slater



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He kororia ki te Atua i runga rawa
He maungarongo ki tona iwi ki runga te whenua.
He whakaaro pai ki nga tangata katoa
He kororia ki runga te ingoa tapu
Tihe Mauri ora !

Whanau Waiora :

Under the guidance again of our chairman, Mr Val Cameron and secretary, Mr Chris Taylor, this year has been very successful for our Whanau Support Group. While there is a committed small group of parents actively involved, I have always felt that parents unable to attend regular meetings, support our direction for the Maori influence at N.P.B.H.S.

All of our meetings are public and all decisions made are sent out to all Maori families for reference and comment. Any parent or friend of the school is welcome to attend our meetings.

Tuhonohono o nga Rangatahi

This year has been an outstanding year for Maori Culture in the school. As an assignment, the senior Maori language students were given the task of composing and choreographing Haka for each of the four Day Houses, namely, Barak, Donnelly, Hatherly and Syme. The students presented these Haka to the school at a school assembly and they were received enthusiastically by the school. The challenge now, is to see if the school can retain these Haka in future years.

In Term 2, an approach was made by Mr Shane Cassidy and the other tutors of the New Plymouth Girls' High School Maori Club to combine with Boys' High School. This was duly done, and as a result, the combined group was named "Tuhonohono o nga Rangatahi". Under this name, the group performed at the Taranaki Pae Rangatahi Maori Club Festival as a performance group only. That same week saw the group again perform at the Maniapoto Maori Club Festival in Piopio. The group was warmly received at both Festivals. These Festivals were "warm ups" for the main focus of the year, being entry into the National Manu Ariki Maori Culture Club Festival held every year in Taumarunui. To be eligible for this, the group had to compete in the Regional Manu Ariki Festival and be placed in the top three groups. After only three months of hard work, the group realized their goal, when in fact they were placed third in the Regionals held in Opunake. As an extra bonus, Hemi Rauputu was joint winner of the Male Kaea or Leader award.

To all of the tutors, Shane, Sonia Cassidy, Raewyn Ashby, Raana Solomon, and Damon Solomon, a very big thank you on behalf of the school. Your contribution enhances the esteem of all Maori associated with Boys' High School in particular.

No reira e te iwi, ko te whakaaro nui taaku, kia pai a koutou hararei Kirimete, a, ka nui te mihi ki a koutou i te tau hou. Pai Marie.



LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTRE

2000 was again a very active year for the Library Information Centre reflected in the number of research assignments and reading periods undertaken in the library. The library was also a popular meeting venue for groups from both within and outside the School. There has also been a considerable increase in the demand both from staff and students for the many other services the library offers such as laminating, binding of assignments into books, and video and audio dubbing.

A focus again this year was on the teaching of Information Literacy skills with 3rd and 4th Form classes going through the set course with the Teacher Librarian and their English teachers. The programme was also extended to helping senior students individually or in small groups.

The use of the internet was also a focus with a file of useful internet sites being established and made available to the students. A number of books on the use of the internet were purchased and these together with the NetGuide magazine proved to be very popular.

The Library Information Centre's site on the school intranet was developed this year and several pages added to it covering the services the library offers, suggestions for fiction reading, and in particular in the area of research. Two research sites were added which enabled a unit of work for 3rd Form Social Studies and 5th Form English to be undertaken by referring to the Library site.

This year the library purchased 249 nonfiction books, 229 fiction books and 29 reference books. The arrangement of books on the fiction side of the library was changed to allow for the new books to be placed on shelves in such a way that the covers could clearly be seen. Although this took up more shelf space, students were attracted to the covers of the books and it made selecting books easier and promoted reading. A large number of fiction books particularly readers with a graded levels of difficulty but on subjects of interest to the students were purchased and this has also resulted in reading among the juniors increasing.

The librarian, Mrs Jean van Beers has again efficiently controlled and organised the library and she has been assisted by Mrs Doreen Baylee who continued to keep the Vertical File, as well as the School scrapbook which contains newspaper clippings of student and old boy news, up-to-date. Mrs Terri Hay continued to help out on a voluntary basis. She was also always willing to stand in for Mrs van Beers when the need arose. Her willingness to spend a considerable amount of her time and effort in the library is very much appreciated.

Library monitors who helped at lunch times performing a variety of duties were:
Darcy O'Brien, Colin Fagg, Brendan White, Vaughan Hale, Ian Calder, Paul Edie, Donald Falconer, Peisheng Xiao and Paul Sylvester.

Displays both of student work and of current affairs, including the Olympics, were a feature of the library again this year. Particularly pleasing were the displays of student art including radios made by art students.



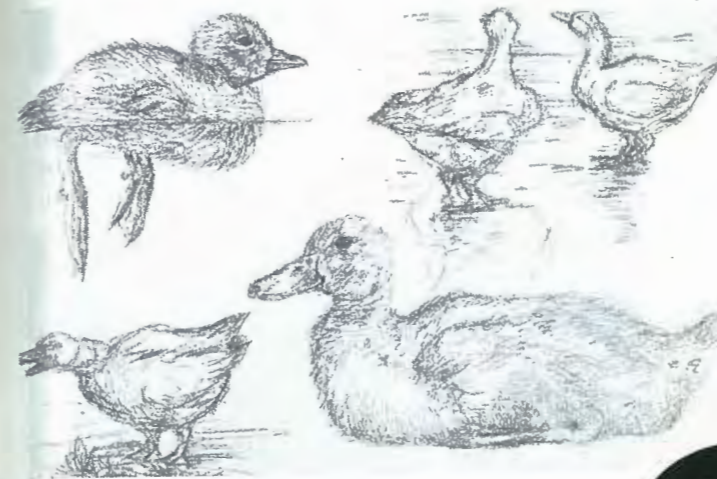
CHAOS

"CHAOS Rm 41 Lunchtime". It's something we hear every Friday morning in the notices. It passes most people by as something they don't know about so don't take any notice. But what is it?

Firstly, CHAOS stands for Christian Happenings In Our School. We usually sit in Rm 41 passing Friday lunchtimes with some insane or inane talks. Sometimes a member (just a person who attends regularly) organises a game or a Bible based activity or Mr D facilitates a study which has some significance for all of us.

Then there is the fun things. Actually, more fun than the already fun things of Friday lunchtimes. This year we have been waterskiing and on an overnight mountain tramp. These have the impending weeks full of reminiscing and what we should do next time. Thank you to the generous people who helped with the purchase of 20 student Bibles to help with our studies. Finally HEBREWS 10 v 25.

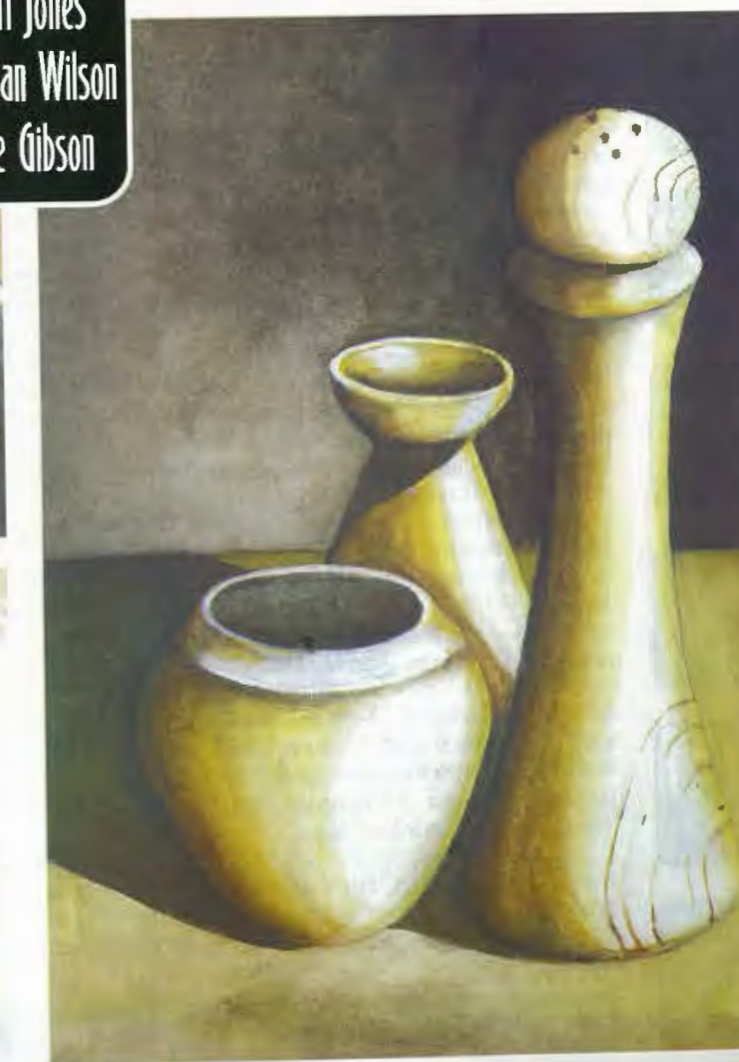
Nathan Moore



art



Robert Hunter
Luke McLaughlin
Matt Jones
Vaughan Wilson
Luke Gibson





ICT Centre

The year 2000 has seen further development of the school's Information and Communications Technology resources. The NPBHS ICT Strategy Plan has been well received by the Ministry of Education and it was on this basis that we received considerable financial support from the Ministry this year in our efforts to extend the network across the entire school. This network extension was completed during the first part of the year and we now have network connections in every classroom and office space.

With this network extension it is now possible to access programs and information resources from anywhere around the school. Work continues to provide more PCs around the network as finances allow.

All staff and students have their own log-in network ID's and these are activated for students upon their satisfactory completion of the Computer Use Guidelines and Contract form. Through this each student has access to their own e-mail and Internet accounts and most students are now active users on this network.

All Form 3 students receive tuition on the school network and software during a module in the Technology Curriculum and this has proved invaluable for ICT work across the school. In Form 6 the Computer Studies course provides the opportunity for students to further advance their appreciation and understanding of the principles of information processing and computer based technology. Students at all levels are now able to use ICT wherever appropriate as they work through assignments and learning tasks.

The satellite Internet link with iHug has increased the Internet access speed over what we used to have with the 64 Kilobits per second on the old DDS circuit but the technologies in this area are undergoing rapid change and we are continually revising our options in this area. It is a constant challenge to maintain high-speed access to the Internet from all PC's on the school network. As Internet Service providers offer new services and new Internet Service Providers arrive on the New Zealand scene the conditions and pricing options available to the school are under constant change.

With many students now taking advantage of the Internet while researching their school projects the ability to search and sift information from a variety of sources becomes crucial. Students are increasingly learning that the Internet is not necessarily the best resource to turn to in all situations. The most crucial skill has become the ability to pose the right questions and then think carefully as to which information source will lead to the best answers. In many instances the best source of information may simply be a book in the Library or a resource such as the local Museum.

On the other hand, if indeed the Internet is the best source, it is vital that students think carefully about key words and then set up the appropriate search criteria so as to be able to efficiently dig out and "mine" the most valuable information.

New Plymouth Boys' High School has made excellent progress toward providing courses fit for learning in the Information Age. We look forward to a continual evolution

on this front. The financial demands placed on the school are challenging indeed in this quest but with continued support from the community and the Old Boys we will be able to maintain the progress.



Physical Education

New Plymouth Boys High School Health and Physical Education Department have been trialling the new curriculum in 2000 with full implementation in 2001. The Curriculum includes the following key areas of learning: mental health, sexuality education, food and nutrition, Bodycare and physical safety, physical activity, sports studies and outdoor education. We have integrated Health and Physical Education where possible and utilised the classroom for separate health issues. In 2001 the year 11 students will trial some aspects of National Certificate of Education Achievement to be implemented in 2002. The last 2 years we have run a life skills programme at senior level, in 2001 the course will be called sports studies with students completing unit standards in, coaching and exercise prescription.



Mathematics Department

The year began with one new teacher (Ms Wilson) joining the Mathematics department and news that last year's seventh formers had gained 5 scholarships in Statistics and 2 scholarships in Calculus - another crop of outstanding results.

Once again students gained success in the various Mathematics competitions held during the year. In April 120 students sat the National Bank Junior Mathematics Examination. The following boys finished in the top 100 throughout New Zealand for their form level Tim Harford (form 4), Colin Fagg, Erin Fong, Nathan Moore and Matthew Rogers (all form 5). As well, Nicholas Axten, Cameron Elgar, Daniel Hight, Leighton Markham and Ryan Wall (all form 5) gained marks that placed them in the top 200 in the country. A further 8 third form and 8 fourth form students gained merit certificates. An excellent effort from all concerned.

In late June we had many of our third and fourth form students enter the Methanex Maths Spectacular, held at the Pukekura Raceway Complex. Following on from last year's success one of our quiz teams again won the competition for form 4. Team members were Josh Papworth, Craig Mulvay, Blair Howarth and Jargil Santos. Another of our fourth form teams finished second in the same contest and those team members were Robert Pepperell, Tim Harford, Andy Pan and Jaidan Bracken. Darren Hewitt (form 3) won first prize for his individual project and Sam Goddard (form 3) gained first place for his 3-dimensional artwork. In the same section Jonathan Williams got 2nd prize and Michael Julian gained 3rd prize a clean sweep by the Boys' High students. Rory Smeaton, Travis Broad and Sean O'Connor shared first place for their third form group project. Sean also gained 3rd place for his Poetry and Creative Writing entry. At the same level Greg Severinson gained 3rd place for his individual project and Ricky Versteeg and Mitchell Snowden shared 3rd place for their group project. Andrew Steen's entry in the fourth form central design came third. Other students to gain merit certificates for their entries this year included Mathew Hawkins, Jayden Devonshire (both form 3) and Tim Bland (form 4). Overall, our students performed very well.

The Australian Maths Competition was held in early August and 211 students from throughout the school took part. Two students, Blair Howarth and Tim Harford (both form 4), gained a very rare Prize award that placed them amongst the top 50 students in New Zealand - an outstanding result from each student. A further 3 students, namely Matthew Vaughan (form 3), Andy Pan (form 4) and Jackson Ertel (form 5) each gained a High Distinction award which placed them amongst the top 2% in the country. An excellent effort! Another 21 students gained Distinction awards. All of these boys had their efforts acknowledge at a full school assembly half way through term 4.

In the second week of August the Mathematics Department helped celebrate "Maths Week" with student puzzles each day and a most enjoyable morning tea for staff.

Development Band certificates, acknowledging the

extension work that high ability students put in during the year on their 'modules', will also be distributed to the 180 or so students who are working towards them. Clearly the department is in good heart for the future.

Peter Mathias
HOD Mathematics



Commerce Department

The undoubted highlight of last years external exams was Bryan Holyoake's Scholarship in Accounting. Our means and pass rates in School Certificate and Bursary were once again excellent.

In the recent ERO review the work of the department was viewed extremely favourably with our intranet site in particular being well received.

Our major area of development has been the Intranet site and we urge all Commerce students to use it. It is designed to be a "One stop shop" that is regularly updated and contains information on schemes, assignments, useful references, study and exam tips and topical issues. It is the vehicle by which students can readily access the internet in a structured way.

Once again our Young Enterprise team "STAMPED" has been outstanding and Enterprise Studies continues to go from strength to strength.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all Commerce students to thank Mr Abdul-Wahhab, Mrs Crow, Mr Gledhill and Mr Russell for all their efforts this year. We are lucky to have such experienced and dedicated Staff here at N.P.B.H.S.

We look forward to a successful year in our external exams and I remind all students your results are directly proportional to the amount of effort you put in. Have a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and we will see you all in 2001.

Graeme Yule
Head of Commerce





THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE SCHEME 2000

The new millennium brought about a challenge for our YES team, a challenge we took head on.

YES is a scheme run for students to research, develop and market a product and company for a year. This year "STAMPED" produced a unique product that discovered and exploited a newly found market niche.

We as STAMPED decided to produce an N.P.B.H.S stamp which depicted our school performing the 'HAKA' on the gully terrace during a traditional first fifteen clash against Auckland grammar.

Our stamp is a Pete's post forty-cent national stamp, which can be sent anywhere in the country. Our stamp proved easy to sell, as it is a commodity and we were never short of customers.

STAMPED is proud to say that our product was a huge success and we would just like to thank the following people for their contributions: Pete's Post, Jago printing, Greg muter design, Helen Cook, Venture Taranaki and Pauline Crow

On behalf of STAMPED thanks for your support

Andrew Bedford
Managing Director



Technology

Technology by MR Grimwood

Technology has recently been introduced to the New Zealand curriculum and we offered this for the first time, in form three for the year 2000. There are seven technological area (topics) and students at Years 9 and 10 have to have instruction in at least six of the seven areas.

There is no established pattern with the way that schools are dealing with this subject and it is up to each school to decide how they feel it works best for them and their students. Some schools have integrated technology into areas such as science and social studies but we took the more common approach of working within the strengths of existing subjects, including: home economics, woodwork, metalwork and computer studies. To fulfil the requirements of the curriculum science introduced a unit on biotechnology.

For a big part of 1999 the staff responsible for the programmes in each subject area met with me to sort out a total package that would be of interest to the students,



be manageable for the staff and, of course, meet the requirements of the curriculum. We had started from the point of having a completely fresh start: new projects, new ideas and a new way of presenting it. This meant a major shift in emphasis for many of the teachers concerned because of the way that this new subject is structured and it was really terrific the way that they all got behind the spirit and intent of the requirements.

To accommodate the change we had to introduce a new aspect to the school's timetable 'the technology wheel'. The wheel clicks around every twenty hours and the students move to a new technology area a little confusing for both staff and students at the start but everyone involved soon got used to it and it went without a hitch in most cases. A special thanks is due here to Mr Green and Mr Mathias for their timetabling changes that kept track of the boys and allowed staff to 'write' the computerised reports.

The end result has been very pleasing and staff and students are, in the main, enjoying the change. And when we were visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) they were very happy with the direction that we were taking.

It has been great to go into classrooms, laboratories and workshops to see the very wide range of work being undertaken. The Headmaster was the 'judge' of the bread making competition in one class that had just completed their biotechnology. He was faced with savoury breads, wholemeal breads and dessert breads including a chocolate bread. In the workshops there are personal stamps being made which require the use of four different materials, model airplanes that teach a range of technologies and small metal containers that are designed to store those precious personal items. The improved computer skills are showing up in the work being done in the projects for many subjects.

I am very pleased with all of this and would like to thank everyone, boys and staff, who had a part to play in the success of this new venture so successful first year up. Without your cooperation and assistance nothing would have been achieved.



Nexus Research Group

The first year in the so-called new Millennium has seen a number of opportunities arise for the Group as well as gaining some public recognition for the work the students have carried out as volunteers.

First up, close to home, Jared Broad had a mission to complete for the Ball Committee. He was asked to design the software for the giant Mission Control wall display, complete with countdown timer and world map tracking the progress of the Secret Agents during the Ball. It would be fair to say that the atmosphere created in the Hall wouldn't have been the same without it.

The new Windwand website to promote Taranaki is the brain-child of Lila Smith. The Nexus students have been given sole responsibility of submitting the site to search engines world-wide. This has resulted in NPBS and the students gaining public acknowledgement at many public meetings attended by Lila.

Further afield, the international Seimens Science company is using some of the new genetics protocols we developed and published on the website to produce an international multimedia Gene Technology package. We have also received more contacts from overseas research labs and students wanting technical information.

After the success of the research posters presented at the Otago conference last year, we have the chance to get nearly all of our students involved with outside institutions or industries. Our students can look forward to becoming part of:

- the creation and publication of Biotechnology, Health and Disease curriculum resource kits.
- Webpage design for the regional Science Fair & creation of a promotional CD-ROM.
- Civil Defence emergency radio communications center (revival and modernisation of the former school amateur radio station)
- Ground to space radio to enable space station and shuttle communication
- Construction of a school Solar observatory with links to NASA
- Earthquake monitoring and remote sensing.
- Discovering microbes that will breakdown oil pollution
- Volunteer holiday work at an institution of a student's choosing. This should help the student gain a more realistic expectation of the requirements and nature of a possible future career.

There are many more opportunities that are not listed. Some of these types of projects, while worthy, have not been carried out by other commercial or research labs. This is due to limited research funds, other projects usually being given a higher priority for political or economic reasons. Within limits, this is our chance to do some real science and make a real difference. Our students benefit, and potentially the rest of the community.

Lastly, we have received three awards for the website. Why not visit and see why?

Mr Fenton



TRANSITION 2000

STAR COURSES

This year 244 boys have taken part in STAR programmes. These included automotive, aviation, building, catering, computer programming, driver education, electrotechnology, engineering, hairdressing, pharmacy, scuba diving and self management. They have gained credits on the national framework which will count towards national certificates in their chosen career area. The self management credits are generic and count towards a wide range of national certificates so are multi-purpose.

Next year we have requests for over \$300,000 of courses, because our boys and staff are efficient at recognising opportunities. We shall run as many as we possibly can.

It is always a pleasure to visit the courses and see the boys having a really good time, and gaining education as well.

TRANSITION EDUCATION

We have 8 classes of year 11 boys taking transition education this year. In these lessons, which are interactive and video based, they learn the life skills they will need to carry them over the next ten years of their lives. Our aim is to get them ready for independence with as much success and as little damage as possible. We cover topics including relationships and sexuality, goal setting, time management, motivation, study skills, self esteem, stress management and positive thinking. We discuss consumer skills, options for the future and drugs. The career unit covers personal presentation, how to prepare a CV, body language, interview techniques and phone skills. Healthy and effective ways of handling emotions are vital to success, and if we get time we cover water safety, tramping safety, fire safety first aid and self defence.

Boys enjoy these lessons because they can integrate the knowledge they already have with all the other necessary knowledge, and get the big picture. We try to put old heads on young shoulders.



GUIDANCE

I have been very fortunate in being given a two-year scholarship by the Ministry of Education to complete a post-graduate diploma in counselling. This means that I have been at school part-time, but have more hours for guidance. Many boys self refer, because they see the value of sorting out their belief system. They can let go of ideas and behaviours that suited them when they were small, keep the useful ones and develop appropriate new concepts as they reach this new stage in their lives. I find it very enjoyable seeing young (and not so young) clients find rewarding ways of rearranging their lives.

The counselling service is free of charge and confidential. Parents can refer their sons, and I am very happy to see parents too, with their boys or just for themselves. What helps the family helps the education.

MACRO

Three lunchtimes per cycle we meet to do mind expanding activities. The boys are trying themselves out on IQ tests, watching challenging videos, and playing educational games this year. I have requested the current Future Problem Solving information in the hope that we might do some of this next year. Three of our boys have taken part in a focus group with Skill New Zealand to help shape future training options. One boy has entered the electrotechnology competition, and we had a stimulating demonstration of psychic powers from a member of the Sceptics Society. Most diverting.

SMALLBORE RIFLE SHOOTING

This year we entered a remarkable 3 teams in the New Zealand Winchester shooting competition. We have some very good young marksmen coming up through the school, and Donald Kuriger gained his Tiger Jacket. The last Tiger Jacket was awarded for shooting five years ago, so we are staging a comeback.

Mrs R Carter



WORLD SCHOOL '99

It all started at around 3.30 am on the morning of 26 October. First a quick three hour hop over to Brisbane, then a short eleven hour flight to Narita Airport Tokyo, followed by the longest three hour bus ride in pitch black darkness I have ever experienced.

This was the start of World School '99 for David Hill, Nathan Schuppan, Mr Heaps and myself. A congregation of 20 schools from places around the world such as Italy, Romania, England, China, and Indonesia. The duration of our stay was held in tow completely different locations. The inner city of Tokyo with all its hustle and bustle and the strangely spacious 'Blueberry Hill' campus owned by the Kanto High School, but situated three hours drive from its main school grounds.

The first day 27 October, we took care of all formalities, introduced ourselves, received our jackets and listened to seminars on cultural differences and language problems.

The next day we visited the mayor of Kaksucira city and a junior high school where we took part in a few classes such as PE, calligraphy and music. That afternoon we left for Tokyo to spend the weekend with our homestay families. We went to High school every day and participated in the International Festival that coincided with our stay. We made exhibits about our countries and schools, and performed for the excited crowd. We performed the school haka which was met with curiosity and we were asked to it perform again later.

Back at Blueberry Hill discussions took place from 1 November to 3 November. In three mixed groups we discussed the problems facing the world with preference to our own societies then planned skills needed by the citizens of the future to rectify these problems and how these skills could be taught at school. We then presented our findings to the group in many different weird and wonderful ways, which made something quite boring into a very interesting and memorable lesson.

Finally 5 November was the last day; we planted some trees in the campus grounds and were then treated to a veritable banquet and received our certificates.

All in all I can easily say this was the best ten days of my Form 6 year, from the sports exchanges, homestay, the cultural learning experience and the many friends made during our ten days in Japan. I recommend to anyone who is interested to apply in years to come no matter how little chance they think they have of being selected.

Ainsley Speak



Cadets

The year started with a bang having a larger than usual intake of new cadets. They made their way out to Everett Park to learn how the unit works and also the most important thing the art of marching. Last year the unit had two excellent results in the shooting competition and skill at arms competition. The shooting team retained the Gunson Cup which was fought for against all other cadet units in the country. The skills team had an excellent result after taking a year off by missing out on first place by only 13 points, coming in at second and having our leader WOII TRINDER receive the leadership trophy.

This year is the first year under a new training programme. The system aims to provide better training for the whole unit. Even with a few teething problems the system has been successful in its objectives so far.

The unit received the commission of two new officers who had come up through the ranks. Now they have both taken up positions commanding Basic and Corps platoons, which they are running smoothly.

This year the unit has had a full compliment of NCO's for the new training programme. We crammed as many people as possible on to promotion courses to make up the numbers.

Now the shooting and skills teams are looking forward to their competitions and all unit members are building up for the end of year parade where the cadets get to show off their uniforms and skills in front of parents and friends.





Outward Bound

On the 15th of September 2000 Travis Young and myself, Andrew Bedford arrived at the Cobham Outward Bound School to embark on our 22 day experience. I was a proud member of Rutherford watch with 10 other students from around New Zealand. Outward Bound is put in place to develop individuals and Teams. "To serve, To strive and not to yield" is the motto we lived by while on our course. It is an awesome course and to highlight some of the activities we took part in were Sailing a clinker built cutter (a replica of Ernest Shackelton's boat he sailed from the Antarctic) the length of the Queen Charlotte sound in two days of gusty wind and pouring rain. Climbing to the top of mount Stokes was an achievement in itself but on our first night where we set up camp it was snowing and to make things worse we had to camp on the side of a hill halfway up the mountain. The marathon (23-km) was an achievement for me as I had a goal to complete it in less than two hours. I completed in 1 hour and 56 minutes. Travis ran it in 1 hour 43 minutes. Finally the most challenging activities of all wasn't physical but mental. This was our 3 day solo where we were given 3 biscuits, 3 apples and 3 carrots to survive on. We weren't allowed contact with anyone for this time and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The whole Outward Bound experience was a test but one I would do again anytime. I recommend it to all of you. Outward Bound was a real eye opener for me and has made me look at life differently, I have been taught skills that will last me a lifetime-"To serve, to strive and not to Yield".



Senior Geography Field Trips

As in previous years NPBHS Senior Geography classes headed off for a number of field trips this year.

At Form 5 students headed up the mountain for the Volcanic trip and visited farms and the Taranaki Regional Council in the resources trip. At Form 6 students studied the changing characteristics of a river in the mountains to surf trip, then enjoyed three days in Auckland studying urban patterns in the CBD and the contrasts in living standards that exist. A highlight was the mountainbiking on Waiheke studying land use patterns there. At Form 7 the students spent a day studying the beaches and coastal processes along with the North Taranaki coastline followed by 3 days studying tourism development in Taupo, Rotorua and Waitomo. The hectic schedule of field work and seminars was interspersed by sampling tourist operations such as Taupo bungy, the luge, and blackwater rafting. Fieldwork plays an important part in Geography and combines good skill and knowledge development with a lot of fun.



Form 7 Geography fieldtrip to Rotorua.

On Sunday the 27th of August, around 60 boys gathered outside Ryder hall ready to board the bus destined for Taupo. Everyone showed up, with a few stragglers showing symptoms from the night before, which happened to be the 'Girls High ball'.

The first stop was Taupo bungy. After talking to Mr. Melville's brother, the jump coordinator, about this tourism venture, a few of the more brave members of the squad decided to take the plunge, including Mr. Hall, who decided he had nothing to lose.

We reached Rotorua at around 6 or 7pm and got our rooms sorted, had a bite to eat then looked around. The place we stayed was on the outskirts of Rotorua and had a nice view of the lake, there's not much else to say about our accommodation, but this was to be our base for the next two nights. After a bit of unwinding we tried to hustle for a shower and hit the hay, ready for our talk to the tourism director for Rotorua district council at 8.00am the next morning.

After the talk that morning we cleaned up and got our gear ready for a tour around Rotorua. We carried out more observations the visited the museum. The museum had a theatre with shaking seats and crazy special effects,

which had the audience spellbound for a while. Later on that day we went to the Gondola and Luge for some high-speed fun. I was disadvantaged with my broken arm, but I managed to keep up with the leading pack which I soon found was full of dirty tactics and foul play coming from a few of the racers, namely Sam Ryan.

After this little excursion we were back to the camp where we had to settle down and get good copies of the urban transects. Some people found this concept hard to grasp, again, namely Sam Ryan. That night seemed to be the most unsettled yet. There were antics of fun and games coming from Phil and the boys' room, where anyone who walked past the room would be gagged and beaten, before being thrown back out into the hallway. This continued until eyelids began to fall and we all piled off to bed.

Once again we were up early, cleaning up and loading up the bus. Destination Waitomo. Because of my broken arm, I had to sit at the Waitomo 'Black Water Rafting' headquarters and eat ice creams and catch bees for fun, for three hours. I managed to get two bees inside a 'just juice' bottle. Then the rest of my group showed up from their rafting adventure. We concluded the trip by visiting the Waitomo Museum.

The trip back saw tired sleepy boys, dozing. A few of the boys played betting games, but Mr. Hewlett, Mr. Hall and Mr. Melville had successfully worn us out. We had finally finished the fun but tiring trip around the Central North Island.

Richard Doherty.



Sixth Form Geography - Auckland Urban Area Fieldtrip

This year's Auckland fieldtrip was another resounding success. From 30 July to 1 August, the trip entailed looking at various aspects of the urban landscape from Waiwera to Otara. The bus left school on time on the Sunday morning and we arrived at our accommodation, The Kiwi International at the top of Queen Street, in time to check-in before getting back on the bus to explore the North Shore. We drove through Albany, Gulf Harbour and Orewa exploring aspects of the urban environment then on



to Waiwera Hotsprings for a well-deserved soak after a day in the bus. Monday was the big day; first it was a walk downtown comparing the real with the theoretical then it was off on the ferry to Waiheke Island. On the island everybody was supplied with a bicycle with which to explore and test their own hypotheses related to the development of Waiheke. Overcast and very windy some people certainly made more ground than others but much useful information was gathered. The island with its unique environment and ever changing cultural landscape was a valuable inclusion to the trip this year and there is now a real opportunity to get Waiheke High School geographers involved next year! We got back to central Auckland at 6.00 pm whereupon the students had some free time before meeting at the Imax theatre for a showing of Island of the Sharks. While the experience, with the huge screen and powerful sound, is great, the film was a bit too much like a documentary to be too enthralling for most. Tuesday saw us back on the bus after checking out of the hotel at 8.30 am. This time we headed to Howick and Otara to look at the differences between these two suburbs and gauge local opinions on a range of issues related to their areas. From there it was on the bus for the six hours home.

The Auckland field trip is always a busy one that challenges most students and gives them a great opportunity to have a close look at aspects of New Zealand's largest urban expanse. The students acquitted themselves marvellously in terms of behaviour and attitude to their work. Two female exchange students joined us for the experience, Camille from France and Marcela from Costa Rica. This added greatly to the trip in terms of giving them the opportunity to visit Auckland and for the boys to get to know the two a little as well.

The photo was taken by the owner of Wharf Rats from where the bicycles were hired on Waiheke Island. In his opinion the students were an excellent bunch and a



TONGARIRO TRIP

On Sunday morning a group of enthusiastic 3rd formers, 3 prefects, Mr Hewlett, Mr Larson, Mrs Crow and Mr Ingram headed for Rotorua. We stopped at Mokau for a quick run along the beach. The next stop was Waitomo Caves, had a look around and then went to a natural arch. A couple of hours later we finally rolled into Rotorua. We unpacked at Rotorua Boys' High where we were spending the night. In the evening we went around the lake to a 3-D maze.

The next day we went to McDonald's for breakfast and after being refuelled, headed to the gondola and lunge where everyone had a lot of fun. After that we went to Hamarana Springs (the largest in the North Island). Most people had a quick dip diving for money. It was freezing. From there we started heading south. Between Rotorua and Taupo we stopped at Kerosene Creek where two rivers meet, one cold and one hot. After being warmed up we were on our way to Craters of the Moon, to stink us out. Now running out of time the bus driver planted his foot as we made our way to Elvins's Lodge (near National Park) just in time for dinner. At night we went to see some war site with trenches which we all found very interesting.

It was now Day three, we watched some videos at Whakapapa and then went stream bashing and caving at Okupata Caves which was awesome fun. After a hard day's work at the office there was no better way to relax in the evening than going to the hot pools in Tokaanu.

On Day four we did the Tongariro Crossing, considered to be one of the best one day walks in New Zealand. This walk had some great scenery. On the highest point of the crossing we performed the Boys' High Haka to keep the tradition. At Emerald lakes we had lunch and about half of the group went for a swim. We spent the evening on the National Park climbing wall which most people enjoyed.

On Day five we squashed everything into our suitcases, getting ready to head home. But before that we were off to the Tongariro river for White Water rafting. It was an absolute sensation. After 2 hours on the river we were off to Fairy falls known as the raincoat tester. Not long after that we were on the bus heading home where everyone was stuffed and just enjoying the time resting.



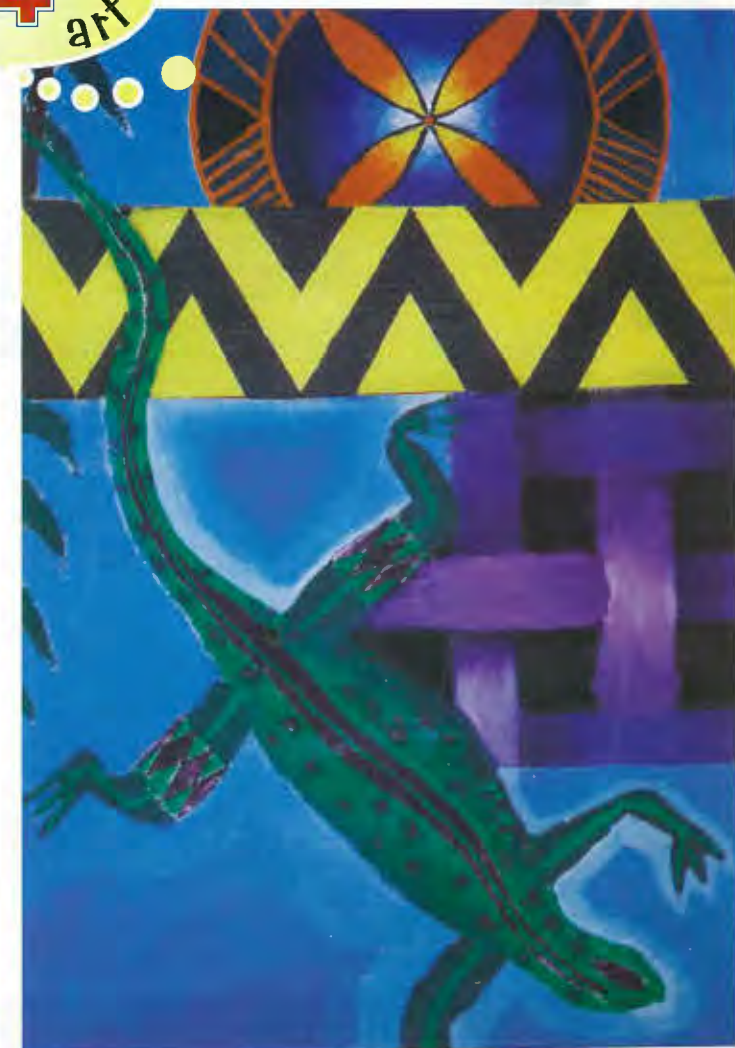
Taupo Camp

We left early Monday on a 4 day quest to Taupo. We set up camp and had a little bit of time to get used to the area. We had hot pools approximately 100 metres from our campsite which we used to our advantage. Spending most nights down there. We had lots of activities planned for the week ahead from out in the bush horse trekking to absailing off a twenty meter high cliff and white water rafting down the tongariro river. We were tested for our ability at great heights with the high ropes course. We finished the week off with the lugé which was a high light of the camp. We also had a bit of movies and take-aways in between. We returned back to school around 6 o'clock Thursday dropping people off on the way. Many thanks to Mr Hope and Mr Penlington for a great week out.

Mathew Sturmer



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Mountain Biking Camp 99

It started off early on a Sunday morning waiting for Mr Knight and Mr Earl to turn up with the rental vans and trailers. Once they had turned up we quickly loaded all the bikes and gear onto the vans. We then took off on our mission to Taupo. We stopped off for our first ride near the prison off the Dessert Road. The ride was lush because of all the mud and creeks to cross and also the steep hills to race down. After that we went up to Taupo and camped at the De Bretts motor lodge which was alright because it had hot pools and the campground was reasonably new. The next ride we did was near Kinloch in a forestry block. The track was more of a downhill track at the start with sick jumps and then it turned into a cross-country ride finishing up back where we started. The next ride was not far from Kinloch, this time it was a reasonably large hill, which we climbed and then rode down the other side which had a mean as jump at the bottom where we pulled off moves. The last that we did was in the Redwood Forest, which had a recent National Downhill track and various X country tracks. These were far the best tracks on the whole camp. Over all this camp is da bomb.

By Viv Chalmers.



Round the Mountain camp

A highly enjoyable Round The Mountain camp was successfully completed by ten enthusiastic third formers and two aging staff. The objective was to enter Egmont National Park at North Egmont on the Monday and leave there 4 days later after completing a full clockwise circuit. This we achieved with some memorable moments along the way including: a 9 hour first day hike, sharing a hut with a group of third formers from NPGHS, porridge burning, swimming in Peters stream, hunting possums (don't kill the baby - whoops!), only 3 more poles, cricket at Holly Hut (great catch DW) outstanding weather and all you could eat McDonalds to finish. A big thanks to the boys who made this camp so enjoyable by their positive attitude.

Mr Dominikovich and Mr McLellan

Sailing and Windsurfing Camp

For the sailing/windsurfing third form camp we went down to Lake Rotomanu in the mornings at about eight thirty. We were supervised by three teachers. Mr Page, Mr Thomas and Mr Thompson who were all very helpful. We had a choice of using the windsurfs, the sailing boats or the kayaks most of the three days. Unfortunately the budget didn't stretch far enough to have the sailing boats all three days. The windsurfers were heaps of fun on the first day but over the next three days the wind was too strong and it got really hard to lift the sail out of the water. When we did it was really hard to keep it up. When the sailing boats were there we had heaps of fun with them and occasionally we got tipped over and faced the task of flipping it back over the right way again before setting off. The Kayaks were cool because I found them a lot easier to control than the other two.

On the last day we went on Chaddy's Charters and saw lots of seals swim in the water and up on the islands sunning them selves. After that we went to Burger King for a big feed before going to the movies. All in all I found the camp a lot of fun and I learnt a lot. I would just like to thank the three teachers who took us and made the camp a very enjoyable time for us all.

Coast 2 Coast

On the Monday morning of camp week we left on the long drive to Mt Ruapehu, the starting place of our 4-day, 300km ride back to New Plymouth. The first day was a 14km ride that was mostly downhill from the top of the road back to the backpacker's where we were staying. The second day was estimated at 45km by Mr Lykles, but he quickly changed that to "about 60km" as we passed the 50km mark. By that afternoon there was still two riders on the road after way more than 100km and 2 or 3 stops later everyone jumped in the van and we drove on to the finish. That night we enjoyed a big roast cooked by the parents of an oldboy Boarder. The next day was a lot more pleasant for the riders. After a lunchbreak, 4 or 5 huge hills and 45km of riding we called it a day and relaxed for the next day, an 80km stretch around the bottom of the mountain to Opunake. This was a very good day because everyone was feeling good and rode together for most of it. We made our lunch place Stratford, spot on halfway before we rode the rest of the distance across to Opunake. The next day was along the main road back into New Plymouth. A few km's up the road we made a stop at Oanui before continuing towards the finish. Overall the camp was wicked because we had heaps of freedom and we had to be responsible for ourselves.

By Tim Harford



The International Space School Experience.

After intense interviews at school, six other candidates and myself sat out side the principal's office awaiting the results. The door opened and out walked my physics teacher Mr Leath. "Congratulations Neville". At that moment my smile stretched a mile. Just imagine being chosen to represent your school and country at an international space school in Texas, USA.

After approximately sixteen hours flying time with a three hour stop over in Los Angeles, I arrived in Houston before I had even left New Zealand. Here I met Geoff Mules, the fantastic guy in charge of the international space school.

The space school this year was based around designing a mission to Mars, although one of the main aspects seemed to be to have as much fun as possible. We all had to apply for specialised positions as part of either the getting there, living there or working there teams. On the first day we were interviewed for our applications and I successfully gained my first choice as flight director of the getting there team. This means that I was in charge of pulling every body together as a team and having the final say on what goes ahead. This was a great job as I got to communicate with many people with very diverse jobs. It required good organisation, communication and listening skills combined with a positive outgoing attitude.

Throughout the first week we strictly had heaps of fun, experiencing all the tourist attractions such as The Museum of Natural Science containing the beautiful butterfly exhibit and the oceans IMAX. The Historic Aeroplane Museum. Space Center Houston, which had the special X-games exhibit (this was one of my favourite things). Moody Gardens where we saw an awesome three-dimensional IMAX film. We also did some problem solving activities at Moody Gardens in the morning, I think we should have spent more time here. The telescope observatory at Brazos Bend State Park and I have to mention the challenger missions where we simulated our own missions to Mars and I took the role of flight director.

During our second week at space school every thing was much more serious but still extremely fun. This week we were actually at Johnson Space Centre. Every day we did tours and saw some amazing stuff such as the space suit design facility, NASA's X38 crew escape vehicle, NASA's airfield and the guppy plane, the vacuum chamber, mockup of a Transhab, historic Apollo Mission Control Center, full sized mockups of the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station, astronaut training facilities, the new Mission Control Centre, Neutral Buoyancy Lab (also known as the world's largest swimming pool), Dr. Franklin Chang-Diaz's lab and the work he is doing on the

plasma engine at the propulsion laboratory. This was also the week when we started doing some work on our mission to Mars project. Every morning we had guest speakers and then did a couple of hours of group work. I enjoyed taking over Chris Greenfield's job and presenting the speakers with our International Space School 2000 T-shirts.

On the Saturday night in the middle weekend of the trip we had the International Food Fair and cultural activities. There were lots of interesting food types especially the Ham and Cheese on bread by the Hawaiians, which was really stunning. I performed my School Haka, and there were all sorts of other interesting acts. The last Saturday night was the formal ceremonies where our final projects were presented and International Space School 2000 certificates awarded. It was very interesting seeing everyone dressed up in there tuxedos, school dress uniforms and ball dresses. (I wore the school Tiger jacket). The final presentations were of a very high standard and are being sent to us on CD rom.

The space school was an absolutely fantastic experience that I will definitely not forget. I'm very thrilled to have been a part of it so I'd like to thank every one who helped to get there. Firstly Geoff and Annette Mules because if it were not for them no one would get to go there. Grant and Sandy Dawson who helped to get New Zealanders involved in this program, George Abby from NASA who allows this program to be completed, Marsha and Israel Galvan (my host family who have been terrific to stay with), my school Principal Mr French-Wright, my physics teacher Mr Leath, Scott Wilson for the use of his video camera, all my teachers and friends and all the students and teachers involved in the program.



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 CAMERON, Matthew 11
 CAMPBELL, Hadlee 12
 CARGO, Justin 11
 CASKEY, Hayden 11
 FORSYTH, Jed 9
 FRANCIS, Kyle 9
 GIFFORD, Cody 10
 GILMORE, Taylor 9
 GIMBLETT, Hayden 9
 GLEESON, Andrew 13
 GODDARD, Sam 9
 GORDON, Michael 12
 GRANT, Jamie 10
 GRAY, Nahum 9
 GREEN, Julian 11
 GREENAWAY, Curtis 9
 GUNNELL, Scott 12
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 MEAD, Terry 12
 NEWELL, James 13
 RAUPUTU, Hemi 12
 SAVAGE, Robert 9
 SMART, Geoff 12
 STURMER, Mathew 10
 SYMONS, Murray 10
 WALDEN, Michael 11
 WOLFE, Nathan 13

COWLEY, Ryan 11
 FENNEY, Andrew 9
 FENNEY, Matthew 11
 FLEMING, Sam 10
 FRANCIS, Andrew 10
 GOODIN, Brett 11
 GOODIN, Hadley 14
 GOODIN, Sheldon 12
 GREY, Matthew 9
 GRIMSHAW, Daniel 9
 HADDON, Desmond 12
 HALES, Ben 12
 HALL, Shane 10
 HAMBLYN, Luke 10
 HAMILTON, Dean 10
 HANSMAN, Jared 12
 HARTMANN, Moriz 12
 HARVEY, Nicholas 9
 HEALEY, Jamie 12
 HERBERT, Andrew 13
 HERMANN, Blair 13
 HICKMAN, Ian 12
 RIMOVICHS, Raitis 12

Group : H01
 ALGIE, Ashley 10
 BAYLEY, Kellam 13
 BEATTY, Kurt 10
 BOYLE, Peter 9
 CAMPBELL, Elliot 13
 CAMPBELL, Fraser 9
 CLAPPERTON, Andrew 9
 DURKIN, Nathan 11
 ESPINER, Michael 12
 GOPPERTH, Jimmy 12
 GIFFIN, Keith 10
 HALL, Tim 11
 HANN, Chase 11
 HORROCKS, Sam 11
 KEECH, Christopher 12
 NELSON, Leon 11
 RADCLIFFE, Daniel 12
 RUCHTI, Janick 12
 RUCHTI, Nicol 13
 RUCHTI, Swen 9
 STANLEY, Adrian 11
 STANLEY, Cameron 10
 SUTHERLAND, Campbell 10
 WHITE, Jonathan 13
 YOUNG, Jason 10
 YOUNG, Kieran 11

Group : H02
 ASHCROFT, Chris 11
 BENTHAM, Patrick 10
 CASKEY, Shaan 13
 CASKEY, Troy 11
 FAULKNER, Edward 10
 FISCHER, Daniel 12
 FISCHER, Michael 10
 GRAY, Mark 13
 HANFORD, Adam 9
 HANFORD, Tim 10
 HOFMANS, Jason 12
 HOFMANS, Richard 10
 KIRKWOOD, Joe 12
 KJESTRUP, Michael 9
 MCINTYRE, Glen 12
 MEAD, Terry 10
 NEWELL, James 13
 RAUPUTU, Hemi 12
 SAVAGE, Robert 9
 SMART, Geoff 12
 STURMER, Mathew 10
 SYMONS, Murray 10
 WALDEN, Michael 11
 WOLFE, Nathan 13

Group : H03
 ATTRILL, Chris 12
 BLUCK, Simon 13

BRACKEN, Jaidan 10
 CARR, Raki 10
 CHAN, Quentin 12
 CRAIG, Bradley 12
 CRAIG, Leyton 11
 GREGORY, Glen 10
 HARRIS, Oh 12
 HAYNES, Len 12
 HAYNES, Tyrone 9
 KAPUA, Kapua 14
 LAGAN, Gregory 13
 MACDONALD, Mathew 9
 MCINTYRE, David 9
 MILLS, Richard 10
 MILLS, Thomas 12
 NEEDHAM, Michael 12
 O'BRIEN, Haaretaua 12
 OGLE, Cade 10
 OGLE, Ryan 12
 WALKER, Scott 13
 WHIBLEY, Jack 10
 WILLIAMS, Daniel 11

Group : H04
 AITKEN, Jai 10
 BAILEY, David 9
 BAKER, Joel 9
 BENEFIELD, Blair 10
 BRAGGINS, Michael 12
 BRAGGINS, Todd 9
 BROPHY, Shamus 11
 CHALMERS, Vivian 10
 COCKERILL, Marett 10
 COPLESTONE, Thomas 9
 DIMOCK, Nik 11
 DONALDSON, James 12
 FERRIS, John 13
 FLEMING, Adam 13
 GORDON, William 11
 KING, Nicholas 9
 LAGAN, Daniel 10
 LAGAN, Matthew 12
 MOFFITT, Terry 12
 MULLAN, Hayden 10
 PARRY, Jacob 10
 PARRY, Kurt 12
 PEDERSEN, Adam 12
 SCHURR, Tom 11
 VOSSELER, Joel 9

Group : H05
 ARDERN, Jonathan 11
 BALDWIN, Cole 12
 BEATTY, Quinton 12
 DICKSON, Evan 9
 DICKSON, Ryan 10
 FROST, Ben 11
 HANNAN, Umar 12
 HEALE, Ben 9
 HEALE, Scott 10
 LAWS, Troy 10
 MAJEED, Raamy 10
 MCAREE, Daniel 12
 MCFARLANE, Ian 12
 MCGLASHAN, Jeffrey 13
 PEACOCK, Frazer 10
 ROGERS, Matthew 11
 SHAZYL, Ibrahim 11
 SHEPARD, AJ 12
 SHIFAZ, Mohamed 12
 SMITH, Warrick 12
 SOONTHORNSWAD, Marc 13
 SPECK, Matthew 12
 TAN, Jeremy 9
 WILSON, Daniel 11

Group : H06
 ARNESEN, Tim 10
 BEDFORD, Andrew 12
 BETHELL, Daniel 13
 BURKE, Chris 9

BOURKE, William 11		WHITEHEAD, Logan 13	SANTOS, Jargil 10	STEWART-JACKS, Joe 9
COOK, Dale 11	Group : S01	WILLIS, Daniel 13	SCHRODER, Adam 10	STEWART-JACKS, Sam 12
CRUIKSHANK, Chris 10	ISHIMOTO, Shuya 13	WILSON, Vaughan 13	SMITH, Fraser 13	TAYLOR, Nick 12
FERRIS, Rob 10	MCELROY, Cameron 11	WRIGHT, Duane 11	SMITH, Leighton 13	TRAYLOR, David 13
GRAY, Larney 9	MCINDOE, Tim 11	ZIMMERMAN, Aaron 12	SUTTON, Edwin 12	WARD, Fabian 10
GREEN, Scott 12	MCKAY, Matthew 11	ZIMMERMAN, James 9	VAUGHAN, Matthew 9	WATSON, Kent 10
HARRIS, Aaron 9	MEULI, Shane 11		VEITCH, Robert 13	WEBLEY, Jimi 12
HARRIS, Blair 11	MILLARD, Luke 11	Group : S04	VERSTEEG, Ricky 9	WHEELER, Terry 9
HEWER, Kerry 10	MOONEY, Vincent 10	DOEHRING, Andrew 10	WAITOKIA, Jeremiah 9	WHITE, Simon 9
HEWSON, Nicholas 12	MULVAY, Craig 10	NANA, Eli 11	WALKER, Michael 9	WHITMORE, Mathew 9
HUNTER, David 11	MURPHY, Brett 10	NAUS, Phillip 11	WHITE, Brendan 11	WILLIAMS, Jonathan 9
IRWIN, Luke 9	MURPHY, Guy 10	NICHOLLS, Hayden 11	WHITE, Colin 13	WILLIAMS, Michael 9
JEFFRIES, Sam 9	NAGEL, Ben 10	NORRIS, William 11	WILMS, Peter 11	WILSON, Scott 12
LAIRD, Keith 12	ROEBUCK, Matthew 12	O'BRIEN, Darcy 11		
LE PROU, Rene 13	SARTEN, Todd 12	O'NEIL, Chris 11	Group : S07	Group : S10
MACFIE, James 11	SASSMAN, Jermaine 9	PARKER, Scott 10	RAUNER, Craig 11	POAD, Berwyck 13
NEWELL, Adam 9	SAUNDERS, Jason 9	PARKES, Ben 10	REA, Syrus 9	RYKEN, Uriah 13
NEWTON, Geoffrey 12	SCHRADER, David 9	PARKINS-PAYNE, Liam 10	REA, Zachius 11	SMITH, Alex 9
PAN, Andy 10	SENIOR, Derek 9	PEATTIE, Adam 10	REASON, Daniel 11	SMITH, Nick 13
PEAT, Andrew 13	SHARP, Daniel 9	PENNY, Matthew 10	RIDDICK, Reece 11	SOLE, Lyall 9
RAMSAY, Andrew 13	SINGH, Sanjay 13	PEPPERELL, Robert 10	ROPER, Hamish 13	SULLIVAN, Adam 11
	SMILLIE, Ben 9	PETERS, Jade 10	RUSSELL, Jamie 12	SYLVESTER, Paul 11
Group : H07	SMILLIE, Russel 12	POWER, Brook 10	SADGROVE, Simon 11	TALO, Philip 12
CASH, Benn 11	STONNELL, Blair 9	ROBINSON, Dylan 9	SCHRODER, Haydn 13	TARRANT, Brendon 11
COCHRANE, Logan 9	STONNELL, Lewis 13	RUYTERS, Brendon 13	SHEWRY, Robert 10	TATE, Ryan 9
COCHRANE, Scott 10	TROY, Darren 12	SEXTON, Sean 11	SIMS, Joel 10	TEMATA, Riki 13
COOK, Richard 13	VEITCH, Ricky 12	SINGLETON, Todd 10	SMITH, Darren 10	TERREY-PENE, Joshua 9
GORDON, Graeme 11	WESTON, Tim 13	STEVENSON, Nigel 13	SMITH, Grant 10	THORPE, Jayme 11
GULBRANSEN, Ryan 13	WILSON, Brent 11	SUBRAMANIAM, Joshua 12	SNOWDEN, Jonathan 10	TIAVOLO, Fred 11
HENDEN, Callum 9	WISNEWSKI, Craig 12	TAMAPUA, Sila 11	SNOWDEN, Mitchell 9	TIAVOLO, Sio 12
HETET-RANGITAAWA, Rawiri 9		TATE, Richard 12	SNOWDON, Jake 10	TURNER, Levi 11
	Group : S02	TAYLOR, Kane 9	SOLE, Dion 13	VELLINGA, Jade 13
HONEYFIELD, Grant 12	MILLER, Zane 11	TAYLOR, Kelly 9	STEEN, Andrew 10	WARBRICK, Jerome 9
HONEYFIELD, Ian 10	MISCHESKI, Steven 11	TEAWA, Tame 9	STURMEY, Chris 12	WEBB, Matthew 9
HOOPER, John 11	MITA, Anthony 11	THOMAS, Stuart 13	TAKATORI, Jun-ichi 12	WEIR, James 10
HUNTER, Robert 13	MOORE, Nathan 11	THOMAS, Alex 9	THOMASON, Rowan 9	WEIR, Jason 10
KING, Tioma 11	MORRIS, Todd 11	VISSER, Marcel 12	WALKER, Chris 12	WELCH, Steven 10
MACLEOD, Thomas 12	NATHAN, Shannon 10	WOODWARD, Jake 12	WATERHOUSE, Daniel 9	WHAYMAN, Nathan 10
NEWLAND, Scott 11	NESHAT, Matthew 10		WHARFE, Callan 12	WHEELER, Brett 10
PAPPS, Michael 12	NEWLAND, Kolby 10	Group : S05	WILLIAMSON, Aaron 9	WILLIAMSON, Aaron 9
PAPWORTH, Joshua 10	NGAIA, Nopera 10	OULSNAM, Cameron 11	WILSON, Alastair 9	WOTAWA, Lucas 9
PASHLEY, Andre 9	NICHOLLS, Simon 10	PEPPERELL, John 11		
QUAY, Graeme 11	NOBLE-WAIWIRI, Eugene 10	PETKOVSKI, Mario 11	Group : S08	Group : S11
ROWLANDS, Alex 9	ROWE, Mack 13	PRICE, Tom 10	KELLY, Michael 12	JENSEN, Hans 12
SHERSON, Thomas 9	SLATER, Richard 12	PUTT, Jeremy 10	OGASAWARA, Taka 14	LOY, Jerry 11
SIM, Matthew 10	SMITH, Blanton 9	QUENSELL, Ezra 10	SANDS, Brook 11	RUAKERE, Tai 9
SIU, Chun-Kit 12	SMITH, John 9	QUILTER, Jason 13	SENG, Kim 11	SNOWDON, Ben 12
SMITH, Brendan 9	SMITH, John 9	RANDELL, Aaron 10	SEVERINSEN, Greg 9	STEWART, Kelly 12
SMITH, Matthew 9	STEMP, Jay 11	REID, Jason 10	SEVERINSEN, Jeremy 11	SWAN, Troy 9
WALKER, Jay 9	STEVENS, Michael 9	RILEY, Evan 10	SHUTE, Jason 11	VAN WINKEL, Dylan 11
WOOLHOUSE, Mark 12	STEVENS, Nick 9	ROWLANDS, Jock 12	SMITH, Caleb 13	VAN ZYL, Thinus 12
	STEWART, Boyd 13	SCHRODER, Danny 12	SPEAK, Ainsley 13	VILLIAMU, Jae 9
	STEWART, Dean 13	SINGH, Asheer 11	STEPHENS, Glen 11	VISSER, Brayden 11
Group : H08	SUBASINGHE, Jinend 9	SMEATON, Joshua 13	SUTTON, Benji 10	WATSON, Allister 13
ALLEN, Richard 11	SUTTON, Jared 9	SMEATON, Rory 9	SUTTON, Corey 9	WAUGH, Shaun 13
ANNABELL, Ben 10	WASHER, Stephen 12	TERRILL, Nathan 9	TAING, Chom 11	WEEDON, Steven 9
ANNABELL, James 11	WATTS, Jason 12	THOMAS, Adrian 9	TAYLOR, Elliot 10	WESLEY, Brendon 12
COPLESTONE, Chris 11		THOMSON, Michael 9	TOON, Jamie 10	WHITE, Stephen 13
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CRAGG, Jason 9	GRIGGS, Codey 10	THOMSON, Shaun 9	USSHER, Matthew 10	WILLIAMS, Adam 10
DRAKE, Simon 9	O'KEEFE, Nick 10	THOMSON, Shaun 9	VANSCHIJNDEL, David 10	WILLIAMS, Ben 10
ENRIGHT, Nicholas 13	O'NEILL, Dustin 10	TOA-WAIRE, Jerome 9	VEITCH, Ewen 10	WILLIAMS, Matthew 13
FERNANDO, Marcel 12	O'NEILL, Luke 10	TOIA, Caleb 13	VILE, Nathan 10	WILSON, Kahu 10
HAGENSON, Paul 12	ORMROD, Guy 10	TOPLISS, Chris 9	WAITE, Andrew 10	WILSON, Mark 11
HALLMOND, Chris 10	PAEWAI-JONES, Tame 10	TOWNSEND, Ben 9	WALE, Mark 13	WILSON, Matthew 10
HALLMOND, David 12	PARK, Daniel 10	VAN DER KOOLJ, Pieter 9	WALLCROFT, Jordan 10	WILSON, Matthew 10
HAYNES, Daniel 12	RAVEN, Brent 12	WILSON, David 11	WALTON, Alex 12	WOLFE, Stephen 10
HERLIHY, Dean 10	RILEY, David 11	WONG, Kelvin 12	WEBBER, William 9	WONG, Aaron 10
HONEYFIELD, Craig 12	ROUGHAN, Nicholas 12	YOUNG, Travis 12	WILSON, Daniel 12	WOOD, Gary 13
HUTCHINGS, Logan 12	RYAN, Samuel 13	ZAVOS, Steve 13		WOOD, Jackson 10
JANE, Adam 13	SARTEN, Llewellyn 12		Group : S09	WU, Darren 11
LAWN, Nick 13	SCOWN, Levi 9	Group : S06	RODRIGUES, Edrich 13	WYTHE, Tommy 10
LERTRUNJAKORN, Tong 13	SCOWN, Tyron 9	PRESTIDGE, Jordan 11	SANSOM, Shaun 12	XIAO, Peisheng 9
LUXTON, Thomas 11	SOMERS, Michael 13	PROUSE, Lance 9	SCHUPPAN, Nathan 13	ZIMMERMAN, Karl 11
MURDOCH, Daniel 9	TAIT, Adam 9	PROUSE, Paul 11	SILVER, Scott 11	ZIMMERMAN, Tim 9
MURDOCH, Jarrod 11	TAN, Israel 9	QUINLAN, Jeffrey 11	SMART, Troy 12	
OLDERSHAW, Heath 12	TEAGLE, Brett 10	RANSFIELD, Nathan 11	SMEATON, Bennet 11	
REEVE, Glen 11	WAITE, Ryan 12	ROBINSON, Jonathon 10	SMITH, Aaron 11	
SWEETMAN, Nathan 12	WATENE, Zeppelin 9	ROPER, Brad 10	SMITH, Jesse 11	
THOMPSON, Seb 9	WATSON, Barry 11	ROWE, Taylor 10	SOLE, Haydyn 11	
THOMSON, Daniel 10	WATSON, Matthew 11	SALISBURY, Matthew 10	SOLE, Zac 11	
TOBECK, Aaron 9	WELCH, Hamish 11	SANDER, David 10	SOLE, Matthew 11	
WALL, Ryan 11			SOUNESS, Ben 11	
			STEWART, Ben 11	

PTA REPORT 2000

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The PTA is an organisation made up of teacher representatives and volunteer parents who wish to take an active part in supporting the school in the day to day activities. The monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday and are an excellent conduit into the running of the school and also act as a forum for discussing concerns and new developments.

Every parent or caregiver is welcome to attend the meetings and have an opportunity to ask the Headmaster and senior staff about topical issues and hear them talk frankly on current educational trends and events.

The PTA has this past year been supported by a small but enthusiastic team of parents and staff. The monthly meetings have been attended by a dedicated group who have enjoyed the Headmaster's reports and been enlightened by a series of interesting invited speakers. This year we have tried to make the PTA into more of an information forum rather than being seen as a fundraising organisation.

The following guest speakers have addressed our meetings.

Wendy Payne, Resource teacher - Learning and Behaviour, based at Highlands School spoke at the April meeting on her role at NPBHS. This is a newly created position responsible for working with students, families, teachers, and agencies coping with crisis.

Rosemary Carter, explained to the June meeting the Transitions, Star, Trippin, Self Management and Macro programmes offered in the school. These programmes are opportunities for students to extend themselves and learn useful life skills.

Terry Heaps and Neville Duckmanton spoke to the July meeting on the new direction being taken in the curriculum for students in years 9 and 10.

Fundraising. Once again the workday and raffle were the main fundraising activities for the PTA. \$19,897 was banked from the workday project. 10% of this sum is spent on projects suggested by the boys and the remainder is to be put towards improving the sound system in the Ryder Hall. The school raffle made a profit of just under \$13000.

The Association is currently in a sound financial position and is able to contribute to the school in many areas not usually supported by official funding. For example we have assisted in the upgrading of the kitchen facilities in the halls, and contributed towards the prizes presented annually to the boys.

The calf scheme and the sales of aprons and umbrellas have generated a steady profit.

Clothing Shop. A very special vote of thanks goes to Megan Barnes who has skilfully managed the shop over the past year in addition to a busy private life keeping up with her record breaking sons. It has been decided to transfer the management of the shop to the school and in future the profits will go directly to the school administration.

Catering. A willing band of helpers has provided teas at the various parent's evenings, school exchanges and cultural events. Thanks go to Natalie and her team.

Grounds. The renovation day held last year was so

successful that it has been decided to defer this years planned day until 2001 when more projects can be identified.

Thanks. My thanks go to Joy and Janis for support at the top table; Tony Bird for his energy in chairing the Grounds subcommittee; and especially to Lyal, Neville and Bill for their time and commitment to the Association. It is often not a pleasure to go out on a cold winter night to attend a school meeting but the effort put in by these busy dedicated staff members has been very much appreciated.

The PTA wishes all boys, teachers and school families a happy holiday this coming Christmas and good health in 2001.

John Pickering
President



OLD BOYS' NOTES

Bay of Plenty Old Boys

Old Boys of the Bay of Plenty have been rather laid back in the new millennium but enjoyed an informal gathering held at Valentines Restaurant after the 1st XV game against its Tauranga counterpart, made all the sweeter by a well deserved victory. Old Boys present enjoyed the address by Headmaster Mr Lyal French-Wright.

We were also privileged to have been addressed by Andrew Bedford with regards his Young Enterprise Scheme of the production of a stamp depicting the school doing the haka on the gully terraces which has been issued by Pete's Post.

Andrew impressed all who were present with his address and many comments were made of his neat appearance and confident manner.

BOP Notes

- Merv Harris 67/70 - Boarder - Pridham - Owns United Video at Bayfair Shopping Plaza.
- Mike O'Neill 68/69 - One of Max's and is teaching at Te Puke College.
- (Sir) Tim Graham 40's - Boarder - Former NZ Dairy Board Head is busy enjoying retirement with plenty of golf and travelling to Southland to oversee his dairy farm there.
- Sam (Tony) Mills 56/60 - Has just returned from South America where he and his wife Margaret walked the Inca trail in Peru.
- Allan Mills 86/90 - Has married in South Africa late last year. He and his South African wife, Fra, are still overseas.
- Richard Mills 92/95 - Has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in film and TV studies and has just obtained a permit to work in Canada.
- Murray Pease 57/60 - Has purchased a property in Kati Kati and has planted it out with avocados
- Mark Bedford 69/73 - Has a very busy Pharmacy business at Mt Maunganui's Bayfair.
- Tony Rillstone 60/64 - Now managing Bayley's Real Estate office in Papamoa.
- Stan Bedford 30's - father of Mark, grandfather of Andrew is enjoying retirement in Mt Maunganui, boasts the best lawns in the street.
- Bruce Wills 58/61 - Has completed his Chaplaincy studies and is busy working with the youth of the area.
- Ivor Jones 56/59 - Still farming at Matamata just outside Whakatane.

- Stu Gunn 70's - Owns and runs ABC Stationery at Te Puke
- Graeme Crossman 60's - (Former All Black) - Heavily involved in business here in Te Puke and Australia.
- Kevin Crossman 54/57 - Has recently purchased a cafe business in Tauranga.
- Matt Crow 87 - Currently with the rank of Captain, as Officer in Charge of Signals and Communications at Burnham Camp and has seen recent service in Timor.
- Ross Crow 56/61 - Finally got his golf handicap into single figures- is eagerly awaiting his rematch with Max C.
- Doug Harvie 69/71 - Has holidayed recently in Fiji where he caught up with our Old Boys over there.
- Brendon Harvie 91/95 - Is playing cricket this season for Greerton Cricket Club.

Cheers
Ross (Crafty) Crow

I would like to tell you about my wife and I meeting up with Tony Raymer enjoying their hospitality for a week. Tony taught at NPBHS during the 60's and made a huge impact on both staff and boys for his impeccable "English style", friendliness, hospitality (legendary staff parties) and keen interest in his pupils.

Tony returned to Britain and enjoyed a very successful career in Educational Administration in the Lancashire District. On retirement he was quickly re-employed by a local training college to manage student welfare. Despite this he has retained warm memories of his time at NPBHS, clearly recalling staff and boys he taught. In fact a number of old pupils have visited and stayed with Tony, including John Donkin, currently a practicing lawyer in Napier.

Of the local Old Boys, the knowledge I have is limited, and there may well be news of some that I have not caught up with. However, looking through the list I have I can comment on the following.

Robin Arnold (1950's). Retired farmer and living in Taradale. Robin is a member of the Taradale Rotary Club, and sadly lost his wife Jeanette earlier this year.

Ross Bramwell (1960's?). Ross is Chairman of the HB District Council.

Garth Cassidy (early 1950's). Retired and living on his farm in Porongahau.

Dai Evans (1960's). Orchardist in Havelock North.

Gary Hemmings (1950's). Gary was recently inducted as President of the Napier Rotary Club.

Arthur Locke (1950's). Retired from his post as financial controller for the Pan Pacific Mill. Arthur was last reported touring through Russia.

Bob McCaw ('51-'55, staff 1962-'67). Resigned from teaching as DP Napier BHS and then spent 7 years working

in the South Pacific where he was Deputy Director of the South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment. This authority implemented and ran a University Entrance qualification across the region. On return he has been involved almost fulltime in contract work for NZQA. Hal Nash (early 1950's) Hal has recently retired as a successful Napier lawyer and a full life in public service. Among other things he was Chairman of the Napier BHS Board for a number of years.

Stuart Roper (1960's). Stuart is the manger of the Masonic Trust's resthomes and retirement villages in Taradale.

John Wellington (1950's) has retired from grape farming and enjoying a lot of golf at the Napier Golf Club.

Bob McCaw



Old Boys' Association News

New Plymouth Branch

The parent branch remains active with the elected committee organising several functions for local Old Boys during the year. These included an 'open day' at the school following which the Old Boys supported the 1st XV in their 'Super 8' game against Napier BHS. An inaugural dinner for the local Old Boys is scheduled for November at which Old Boy Rick Webber, General Manager Fletcher Energy, will be the guest speaker. Our AGM will be held on the same night. Sadly our committee requires a new senior-vice president to replace Ian Strombom who passed away during the year. Thanks to our patron, Tom Ryder, for producing regular Old Boys' newsletters and to all those financial members of the NP Branch of the Old Boys' Association. It is also very pleasing to see a number of branches organising functions throughout the North Island.

'Chesty' Earl
President

Old Boys in the News

Rugby
Some interesting statistics from 2000. Three All Blacks (Gordie Slater, Greg Feek and Reuben Thorne), two NZ 'A' players (Darryl Lilley and Carl Hayman) 9 'Super 12' players, a 'Super 12' coach, two 'Super 12' managers, two NZ 'age group' players and 16 NPC players playing in six different sides. Andy Slater was also named as 1st Division

player of the year. This must be some sort of record. In the local rugby final between Old Boys and Tukapa 18 of the players went to BHS.

Other Sports

Rangi de Abaffy current national fencing champion. **Carl Barnes** national junior kayak sprint champion and NZ Canoeist of the Year. **Brad Scott** NZ under 23 soccer representative. **Regan Macrae** member of Taranaki Interprovincial team along with Josh Kearns, Nathan Bennett and Brent Humphreys and winner of the Wanganui Open. **Grant Moorhead** continues to compete on the professional golf circuit. **Ben Scott** continues to make strides in the sport of surf lifesaving. **Tony Rampton** represented the Tall Blacks at the Olympic Games. **Judd Flavell** had been a member of the team earlier in the year. **Warren Wisnewski** played for the NZ 'One Day' cricket team early this year against Australia. A number of other Old Boys have played for various representative cricket sides this year.

Cultural

The **Bremner Family**: David is completing a masters degree at the San Francisco Conservatorium of Music. Mark is completing a masters degree at Griffith University in Brisbane and has played for the NZSO. **Stephen** is completing a honours degree at Victoria University and has played for the NZSO.

Community

Brian Rudd became a member of the NZ Order of Merit for services to the community and surf lifesaving. **Brett Sloan** (former teacher) appointed DP at Spotswood College.

Overseas

There are number of recent Old Boys living overseas at present who have made recent contact with the school. Nige Hunter, Ric Knight, Andrew Slyfield and Tony Earl are all teaching in and around London. While Mike Hall, Kurt Ward and Logan Porteous continue to make their mark on London cricket greens. Scott Lines, Robbie Campbell, Cam Twigley, Stephen Barkley and Jason Holland are all playing rugby in various parts of the UK.

Obituary

Craig Mowat died in a snowboarding accident in Japan. Craig was a keen and highly proficient snowboarder. He will be remembered as a person who lived life to the fullest. **Ryan Wheeler** died tragically in Sydney. Ryan was a noted rugby player who played for a number of first class teams including Taranaki and the Otago 'Super 12' side. He will be remembered as a young man with superb athletic ability and an infectious personality. **Ian Strombom** died suddenly in New Plymouth. Ian was a partner with the Billings law firm. He will be remembered as a keen community man who enjoyed all aspects of life. **Peter Mercer** (served on the BHS Board) Peter spent most of his life serving education and the community. **Merv Lucas** died peacefully in New Plymouth. Merv was a stalwart of the Old Boys' Rugby club. He will be remembered as a person who gave up a lot of time for others.

To Those Leaving

In "The Hungry Spirit" Charles Handy wrote

"In a horse race, only the first three count. The rest are also-rans. In a marathon everyone who completes the course is a winner. While some run faster than others and some compete with others up at the front most of the runners are running against themselves seeking to better the standards they set themselves. Life is more a marathon for most of us. We choose which races to enter and what pace to run at, seeking, most of the time, to better ourselves."

As you take time to reflect on these past years of schooling at NPBHS, it is impossible not to focus on a few key events that defined or summed up your schooling. Whether it be the Form Three camp that set the tone for a number of your friendships or the school ball that left that lasting image in your mind, of what can be achieved when people work as a team, school has provided you with real opportunities to develop yourself. It has been up to you to take advantage of them. There has always been that expectation. Hopefully as you now set out to forge your own futures you will be aided in your advancement by the standards that this school helped you set for yourself.

It is also a time for you to give thanks to those people who have made it special for you over these past five years. Make sure you take the time to acknowledge the support given to you from both your peers and the staff. Ensure that you keep in contact with mates and the school. The school is a big community and you are part of it. We will watch your future progress with keen interest and look forward to seeing you when you make return visits to your old school. Memories do grow, and expand, and I am sure some of the stories and feats that were undertaken will remain active in all your minds. It is only when they are shared that comradeship develops so do actively participate in the Old Boy networks that exist throughout the country.

A lot of you will be leaving to further your education and this in itself will create new experiences, remember education is life long. I hope NPBHS has provided you with a good foundation and given you the confidence to push on. To you all, we wish you the very best in your future.

ET COMITATE, ET VIRTUTE, ET SAPIENTIA

B L Bayly
Year 13 Dean
Senior Master



Flight of the Seagulls

The seagulls squawk
in flocks above the earth.
A recognisable call
Like a strangled duck.

They soar through the air
on outstretched wings.
They are gliders in the sky.

They stink of fish.
The food they catch and eat
And old rubbish
Left to rot in city bins.

You will see them
At the beach
Near water or food.

They are scavengers from the sky.

They fish for food
or if they are lazy
eat out of bins
or from pinickers.

Don't feed them
Or they'll never
Leave
You
Alone.

Richard Slater

Tribute to Corey Maxwell

Corey was a Year 12 student who had many friends and the respect of the staff. He did not find school work particularly easy but got on with things in his own quiet and co-operative way. One of his teachers said of him 'that he was a pleasure to teach' which is one the greatest compliments possible.

Corey was a loyal mate who enjoyed having a good time with these friends. He was willing to give most things a go and at times did take teenage type risks. Corey was a very respectful student and could always be relied upon to give it his best shot.

Corey's death is an important reminder to us all that we need to be very calculated in our decision-making.

The sympathy of all the school goes out to all of Corey's family after this tragic accident.

You are sadly missed, but not forgotten, Corey.

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