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HEADMASTER'S REPORT

The March 1 roll was 1227, up considerably from the 1187 of 2001 with 306 Year 9 (Form 3) boys. This is the greatest roll in the schools history and the second year in a row that the new intake of Year 9 boys has exceeded 300. The forecast for 2003 is 315 at Year 9 and a roll heading towards 1300, which should be maintained over the next five years at least. This is a wonderful affirmation of what the school is setting out to achieve at a time when the rolls of feeder schools are starting to decline. Of particular interest is the greater number of boys prepared to travel large distances to attend NPBHS, which must be taken as further confirmation of our holistic commitment.

School staffing is a real issue in NZ schools and I have been delighted to be able to maintain our strength by some very good appointments. We had seven positions to fill and some of these were to replace a number of strong, committed staff, who left on promotion or to go overseas. I would make particular reference to Mr Neville Duckmanton who has taken up a position as Rector of Rathkeale College in Masterton. Mr Duckmanton was an outstanding Deputy Headmaster and I could not speak more highly of his educational vision and commitment to NPBHS.

The BOT have continued their resolve to staff the school closer to what we feel we need, rather than what the staffing formula shows we can have. The removal of Direct Resourcing certainly has had a major effect on our resources and staffing, but the BOT's vision and priority has meant that we are overstaffed for this allows us to carry out the programmes that we set up and feel are essential. In particular, our emphasis is ensuring the skills of our new boys are developed to a stage that they can continue with education in the high school environment.

Of the new staff, I was gratified to be able to appoint experienced teachers of the standard of Mr Michael McMenamin (Deputy Headmaster), Mr Jed Rowlands (HOD Mathematics) and Ms Anna Stevens (Assistant HOD English).

The school will not lose out when we can attract talented staff of their ilk.

I was delighted with the spirit and sense of purpose that was evident from the start of the year. The start was a most positive one, with a few glitches being overcome in the timetabling, but with a full staff (in fact over staffed) and record numbers of boys. This increased number is due to three factors:

- i) boys staying at school longer
- ii) more transfers from other school than usual
- iii) an influx of new families coming to live in New Plymouth.

This year we have had an unusual number of new enrolments for this time of the year. These have been from families moving into the area from outside Taranaki and, in particular, from overseas. I believe this reflects well on a buoyant local economy, with people putting their trust in the province and New

Plymouth, especially. There is a most positive feeling locally, which has spin-offs for us as a school, but for the community overall.

One of the factors that comes into people's decisions to relocate, is the availability of quality educational opportunities for their sons and daughters. It is gratifying to be told that the reputation of NPBHS was a significant part of the decision to move. As a consequence, we have an influx of very positive young men, who will, I am sure, make their mark on our school.

I welcome all new boys to the school and all new parents to the school family.

This year we reorganised our school week, to better utilise the time available and ensure that we better achieve our aims in terms of academic progress and pastoral care.

The school begins with class each day, rather than an assembly, and group time is reduced to twice a week – Tuesday and Thursday, but is 25 minutes long. This will certainly assist by using the group time to allow us to work seriously with all boys on issues that affect their academic performance, respect for each other, and their environment. For instance, homework diaries will be checked regularly and assistance given on planning and organisation. Senior boys can be used as tutors for those who are not finding things so easy – we can use the real advantage of vertical groups.

The house spirit has been outstanding, which is a credit to the excellent leadership from housemasters, group leaders and group teachers, as well as the good will of all boys involved. This spirit develops in house and group meetings, but we see it unfold in the tabloid, swimming and athletic sports. These events are for everybody – from the gifted athletes to those who are challenged athletically. The most heartfelt cheers are usually reserved for those who have had to overcome real personal fears to achieve house points. They are a cornerstone of our school's culture.

We also put great store in our academic record. We had mixed results in 2001. Brilliant at Year 11 (Form 5) and disappointing at Year 13 (Form 7). I highlighted this in my speech at a special assembly in relation to the external examination performances, held on Monday, February 11.

"This is a special assembly, where we congratulate our top scholars from Form 7 of last year, before they embark on the next stage of their careers. Before I bring them forward for your congratulations I want to inform you of our academic results from 2001.

It is a most important aspect of school, when you are exposed, in the senior school in particular, to national examinations – a chance to test yourself against acknowledged standards that could determine the pathway that your careers are going to take after leaving school. You are aware that the examination system that you have some knowledge of is about to be replaced by NCEA. This year, Year 11 are the first, replacing SC and then in 2003 replacing SFC and then 2004 replacing Bursary plus the recent announcement of a new Scholarship exam (after 12

years absence) for top scholars at level 4 (Stage 1 University) – it will give a blend of internal/external assessment for Years 11, 12 and 13.

As you know, 2001 was the last year of SC and what a finale. Our Form 5 (Year 11) boys turned it on. You would have to rate as the most successful Form 5 in the school's history – surpassing last year in most respects (our previous best).

Some Statistics:

218 boys sat 3 or more SC papers – a total of 1113 entries, with 844 passes at 76%. When we count all boys, including 45 doing 1 or 2 subjects, we had 263 boys sit 1171 papers, with 857 passes = 73%. For a school that does not select boys academically, this is outstanding by any measure. My congratulations to you for your hard work and the teachers for their expert teaching and support of you, as well as parents for their encouragement and guidance. As a comparison, pass rates of the past six years are:

1996	62%	1999	58% (last year's F7)
1997	67%	1998	66%
2000	70%	2001	76%

*To give you some idea of the number of passes: 31% passed 6 subjects
50% passed 5 or more subjects
72% passed 3 or more subjects
Only 10 boys (4%) did not pass any subject, compared with 11% in 2000.*

Nearly all subjects had means (averages) well in excess of national means. Some highlights were:

History	7% above	(93% pass)
Japanese	9% above	
Mathematics	10% above	(81% pass rate)
	– 43 A's (mark of 80%+)	
Graphics & Art	77% pass	

TOP SCHOLARS – BEST 5 SUBJECTS:

The 'Top Scholars' in 2001 School Certificate were:

423	Sam Fleming	387	William Hockings
414	Tim Bush	386	Jean Pierre Meyer
409	Jamie Grant	385	Nathan Day
409	Guy Meuli	382	Andrew Waite
407	Andy Pan	381	Michael Fischer
402	Tim Harford	381	Tim Armitage
400	Tim Cochrane	378	Jacob Parry
398	Ben Haines	389	Jackson Wood
397	Clayton Jefftha	377	Jake Snowden
397	Kritesh Kumar	376	Jonathon Snowden
395	Mark Henwood	375	Andrew Helms
394	Andrew McKay	373	Caleb Hollins
389	Ryan Hill	371	Hayden Poh
388	Rhys Kerr		

As well, there were another 40 in the range 326-370.

One result that deserves to be amplified further is that of Blair Howarth, our top student in School Certificate. His aggregate of 471/500 is equal with Martin Soh and Kent Skinner as our best ever. This places Blair in the top few students in New Zealand, a truly outstanding result from a young man, who also features at a high level in a range of sports.

TOP SCHOLARS BEST 5 SUBJECTS

- 471 - Blair Howarth
Acc 98, Eng 85, Geo 90, Gra 93, Mat 97, Sci 93
- 459 - Jargil Santos
Acc 90, Eng 92, Gra 73, Jap 86, Mat 96, Sci 95
- 445 - Darren Smith
Eng 90, Gra 73, His 89, Lat 83, Mat 95, Sci 88
- 435 - Craig Mulvay
Acc 95, Eco 84, Eng 67, Gra 73, Mat 95, Sci 88
- 429 - Matthew Lee
Art 78, Eng 83, Gra 70, His 89, Mat 91, Sci 88
- 428 - Jonathon Taylor
Eng 80, Geo 87, His 87, Lat 76, Mat 88, Sci 86

16 students joined the 90's Club marks 90%+
Blair Howarth - Acc 98, Geo 90, Sci 93, Gra 93, Mat 97

- Jargil Santos - Acc 90, Eng 92, Mat 96, Sci 95
- Craig Mulvay - Acc 95, Mat 95
- Darren Smith - Mat 95, Eng 90
- Jackson Wood - Eng 91
- Matthew Lee - Mat 91
- Douglas Moores - Art 90
- Andy Pan - Mat 93
- Scott Parker - Art 93
- Robert Pepperell - Mat 93
- Tim Cochrane - Eng 91
- Michael Fischer - Art 91
- Ben Haines - Mat 93
- Tim Harford - Mat 93
- Scott Heale - Art 90
- Mark Henwood - Mat 94

To last years Bursaries (Form 7)

A very disappointing year overall – as a group the performance was in line with the disappointing result at School Certificate in 1999.

- 13 A Bursaries (300+ out of 5 subjects)
- 26 B Bursaries (250+ out of 5 subjects)
- 62 boys gained entrance to University – poor by our usual standards.

But, we are here to acknowledge those boys who joined our select club of a Scholarship mark in Bursaries. This means 85 or 86% in the exam – a top class outcome in anybody's terms. We have three new inductees to this scholar club this morning: Hadleigh Beals, Neville Lapwood and David Malcolm.

- Top Scholars and marks of all Scholarship winners:
- 400 - Hadleigh Beals
Chem 78, Engl 68, Calc 88, Stats 89, Physics 77
 - 340 - Neville Lapwood
Chem 52, Econ 65, Calc 68, Stats 68, Physics 87
 - 300 - David Malcolm
Art Hist 88

- Also performed well, without scholarship success:
- 354 Alex Walton
 - 339 Mark Jackson
 - 338 Siu Chun-Kit Wing
 - 331 Tim Brown
 - 324 Robert Jenkin
 - 316 Matthew Pickering
 - 302 Kirk Pritchard
 - 300 Daniel Radcliffe
 - 300 Chris Walker
 - 300 Roy McDowall

Note:
Pavan Thaneeru (Form 6) Chem 80, Physics 85
Aaron Wong (Form 5) Calc 64, Stats 78, Physics 57
(Accepted to Massey University)



It is right and proper to acknowledge and record the high achiever, but it is also heartening to see so many boys achieve their goals or exceed them as many did at Form 5 last year. There were many great tales of success from boys who worked hard.

My congratulations go to all boys who worked hard to give of their best and to staff and parents who encouraged, cajoled, pushed and shoved to ensure this was so."

On the Old Boys academic front – Mrs Carter has informed me that her son, Ben, has been awarded the honour of a 'Canterbury Scholar'. This means that he has been recognised as one of Canterbury University's elite. Ben is in his 4th year out of NPBHS, working towards his doctorate in high-energy particle physics. This is not an isolated occurrence, as I continue to be informed of our boys near the top of their chosen tertiary course at University or Polytechnic – all over New Zealand and beyond.

It is not easy for staff and boys to keep the proper educational focus when there are major disruptions to the schooling process. 2002 has seen major industrial action with a real struggle to resolve satisfactorily the Secondary Teachers Collective Employment Contract.

I look at our staff, at the quality and dedication they give to our boys and reflect on what a desert it would be without such a group of professionals. Despite what certain officials say, we are in a staffing crisis situation in NZ schools. There are not enough of our top academic students going into teaching and too many of our brightest young teachers are leaving the profession too early or taking their talents off shore.

We should all demand teachers of the highest quality, we should demand teachers who can motivate, inspire and give real leadership through their example.

The resolution must reflect this – it is not just about filling in gaps in staffing – it is about quality. I am passionate in my belief that the future of our country will rely on teachers who gain the respect of their school communities because of their quality.

Let us hope that those who hold the purse strings also hold education as a major priority for the prosperity of our country.

At the start of Term 2, I talked to all boys about creating a balance in their lives. The secret is to prioritise that precious commodity, **time**: time to complete all academic work, all assignments and study for assessments, time to do sports, music, cultural activities and hobbies, time to have a part time job, time to socialise and even time to relax and watch TV and, of course, time to sleep. All boys were issued with much information about assessments, exams, special calendar dates and wall planners. All group teachers have asked their groups to complete a questionnaire that told them about themselves, their goals and aspirations. Boys were asked to re-examine where they are at – to do a stock take of how each hour of the week is apportioned out – this is colour coded and when finished shows some interesting patterns that are visually obvious. When put alongside goals for the year it can become obvious whether or not they are

likely to be achieved. If not, then it is a matter of reallocation of time and consequently reallocation of priorities. It could mean that something has to go, to get the priorities altered and change the balance somewhat. Group teachers and group leaders assisted boys with this process in group time. I would hope that for most boys, priority one was to be the academic focus, but that the balance allows for the full range of other aspects and opportunities of young men growing up.

There is no doubt in my mind, that for many young people of this generation, both in New Zealand and overseas, the balance of rights and responsibilities has been steered towards their rights. This can lead to an attitude that is selfish and looks to blame others, individuals, the government, the school and anybody else, when things don't go right. You only have to read the newspaper or listen to radio or TV to hear people looking for a target to blame, rather than look to themselves to take control and responsibility.

As a school we are certainly not encouraging this view of life and are adamant that personal responsibility and service are cornerstones of New Plymouth Boys' High School.

I have written before, in newsletters, about the sort of temptations that our young are exposed to these days. In particular, I have highlighted the great danger that the use of marijuana can be to developing brains. We have an excellent health programme at school and most boys will have received drug education before coming to high school. Despite this, and despite boys knowing how seriously the school will treat any substance abuse, many hours of teacher time and Board of Trustee time were spent dealing with some Year 9 and 10 boys. I personally found this very disappointing, but we will not shy away from our responsibility to ensure that boys can come to school and not be subjected to an unsafe environment.

Marijuana is, unfortunately, very easy to get in our community, and in other parts of New Zealand. We must educate our boys to say **NO**, to make the right choice before they stand on the treacherous slope of substance abuse. As parents, you must be aware that there are boys and girls in our New Plymouth community as young as 11 smoking marijuana and doing themselves great personal harm. For some families, in all schools in New Zealand, there are tales of tragic proportions, due to abuse of marijuana and other substances.

My personal belief is that in New Zealand the greatest threat to the positive development of our youth is marijuana. We will not fully appreciate this until ten or twenty years hence.

Below is a checklist of some of the signs of boys or girls getting involved with marijuana. Of course, many of these could also be a part of adolescence, but all the same, as parents it is important to be educated and aware.

- Lateness to class- bunking occasionally – regular bunking.
- Lethargic – slumped – red eyes.
- Inappropriate behaviour – giggly – out of it – disrespectful.
- Unmotivated – couldn't care less – bullying –

- mocking.
- Loss of memory – cannot follow discussion – what homework?
- Lack of concentration – unable to follow lessons.
- Marks decline.
- Looks scruffy – may smell.
- Clumsy.
- Repeated illness.
- Paranoid.
- Sneak thief.
- Lies readily and convincingly while looking you in the eye.
- Highly 'creative'. Regularly goes off at a tangent.
- Presents as a student you can't do anything with.

If we work together as a community, on making a safer environment for our youth, we can make a real difference and I believe we are already making a difference.

At the end of Term Two I gave a very clear and strong message to our senior boys about the rest of the year and what was required for academic success.

I want to reiterate thoughts, which I have expressed before, that will be helpful in ensuring academic success.

To me the greatest factors in this are **PLANNING** and **ORGANISATION OF TIME**.

There are schools in New Zealand where there is a lethargy or non-commitment to academic work. We are not one of those. I say to the students again –

Don't be one of those people who use the excuse, 'I could have done better, but I didn't do any work.' Don't be sucked into the group mindset that says, 'None of us are doing any work, so it excuses me individually.'

This is a game not worth playing; it does not give you a reason or excuse for not working hard. If this is you then **THINK AGAIN**.

- be your own man
- set your own **DESTINY** – be **STRONG**
- look to **your future**

Remember that NPBHS does not have a Year 9 intake that is hand-picked for academic ability, sport, drama, music – what it does with this group of boys is, in general, quite special:

- there are many good role models
- there are fine teachers giving guidance and assistance
- there are high expectations
- there are mostly actively supportive families
- there is a tradition of excellence at school
- there is a positive outlook by most boys

Finally –
• **DON'T BE SCARED TO GIVE YOUR BEST SHOT**
• **BE HAPPY AND SATISFIED WITH YOUR BEST – YOUR TEACHERS WILL BE, I WILL BE, YOUR PARENTS SHOULD BE,**

AND, MOSTLY YOU WILL BE.

Messrs Geange, Melville, Hannah and myself conducted enrolment interviews for 2003 new entrants. We spent time at our major contributing schools, Highlands, Devon, Puketapu, Mangorei, Bell Block and Manukorihi and met with parents and boys from other schools at NPBHS. The process is one that allows us to get an early impression of the needs of the individuals and gives us an introduction to where we might best put resources. We have been inundated with enrolments and it has been a pleasure meeting with boys who, in the main, are well motivated to make the most of their opportunities at Boys' High School next year.

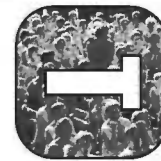
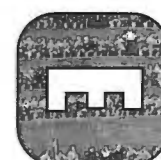
When you talk with so many young boys and parents, over a short time span, you gain a firm impression of why boys/parents have chosen NPBHS as their school. A summary would be as follows:

- a wide range of subjects that are taught to Year 13 (Form 7)
- quality programmes that generate future opportunities
- wide range of sporting and cultural activities
- positive culture of developing all-round abilities
- sense of belonging
- boys having a pride in their school
- emphasis on positive student leadership
- insistence on standards of behaviour
- expectation to achieve

This echoes almost exactly what we found in the parent survey last year, which is an affirmation of what we are setting out to achieve as a school.

I would like to add to these points about our insistence on standards. There is little doubt that there are many facets that contribute to the pressures that some parents are under in bringing up their boys. From time to time home and school comes into conflict on the issue of standards, with parents sometimes saying that the schools standards are too tough or unreasonable. My personal view is that the best way that the school can assist parents is by setting high standards and drawing a line in the sand.

In particular, I point to showing respect for teachers and students, not using violence or abuse as a response to a difficulty, insisting on high standards of work, taking personal accountability for behaviour, working as part of a team.



I acknowledge that parents are also put under pressure by misguided legislation at times. The dropping of the legal drinking age to 18 years old was, in my opinion, a major blunder and we have seen the negative effects in school, and parents at home. Thank goodness that the new coalition in Government has put a stop to talk of legislation on marijuana that would, in my opinion, have shifted the line once again for parents and schools.

Evidence collected over time is irrefutable that boys need strong guidelines at school and work better when these guidelines are enforced. They want to know where the boundaries are. NPBHS will continue to draw solid boundaries and keep the line when, often, society in general is unsure about what is acceptable and what is not. I don't want our boys to be unsure of the consequences for not keeping to standards and I would hope that they take the responsibility to keep to them. Our Steps system is a very effective way of monitoring student behaviour as it allows for consequences for poor behaviour, but also allows for positive feedback by way of good behaviour.

My thoughts here are intended as a positive statement on the school, reflecting the standards that the community desires.

Those of you with sons at Year 11 will be coming to terms with the new assessment requirements of NCEA, Level 1. This has been a taxing time for staff and boys alike, but there are some very encouraging signs in most subject areas, with a large number of boys reaching the standard and gaining credit towards their Level 1 National Certificate of Educational Achievement. There are, however, areas of concern in some subjects and with some boys.

The secret to success is to work consistently at all times and keep up with class work, much the same as for Sixth Form Certificate. One of the positive spin-offs, from my point of view, is an increased emphasis on being exact in numeracy and literacy. It does matter whether words are spelt correctly and sentences are grammatically correct and in mathematics getting the right answer is very important. These have been areas where girls have excelled over boys and much has been documented about this all around the world.

We will have to work hard, to impress on our students that 'about right' is not good enough.

During Term 3 we have had contact with a very large number of parents, after two parent/school report opportunities and the very well attended meeting on the National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA). I thank the parents who supported the staff and their sons by taking time to discuss ways of improving performance. Education is not just something that teachers do to boys, but a shared process that has the best outcome when all parties are able to discuss openly the past, the present and the future. I continue to be delighted with the openness of these meetings and only wish that all parents would see them as a top priority in ensuring that their son gets the best out of their school.

Mr Heaps (Assistant Principal) once again showed his superb grasp of the changes to assessment in

NZ and NCEA with a complete explanation of the way ahead. The change from norm referenced examinations with percentage marks to an achievement or unit standard based system, is certainly radical. As I have said before, no matter what I think personally of the changes, as a whole we at NPBHS will endeavour to ensure that your son gains the greatest advantage possible. With the first year of NCEA, level 1, very well advanced, I have only the highest admiration for the professionalism of my staff. Such radical reform has the potential to cause considerable suspicion and discomfort. This has been minimised by the positive, forward thinking of the staff, the concern for the boys and their ability to overcome hurdles – in this they deserve the highest praise.

In most subjects, staff are positive of the advances that have been made and the levels that boys have attained. Of course there have been problems, some well publicised and well articulated. We continue to work to make the system work for our boys, at our school, and don't hide behind barriers as an excuse to not perform. I will continue to monitor our performance to see if the new system is meeting the needs of all ability levels at NPBHS. If not, then we will look for ways to make sure it happens.

I have expressed before the need for boys to continue to do better in their assessments in a NZ environment that mirrors the overseas trend in many countries where girls are outpacing boys significantly in many measures of school success. Last year we were delighted to see, at School Certificate level, that our boys achieved at the same, or higher levels, than most schools, including girls' schools. Our staff have worked very hard, as did the boys, to attain results that they could be proud of. The best School Certificate results in the school's history, in its last year – we must ensure that we adapt to the new regime, which many say disadvantage boys because of the amount of internal assessment involving constant revision and testing.

Around the world, the issue of boys underperformance is a major topic for educationalists. This has been happening for 20 years and, in many places, the gap is widening – my newsletters, over the past few years, have assured parents that we have bucked the trend and continue to do so. You may find the following of interest. The GCSE (16+ exams) results have just come out in England. Many newspapers have carried headlines like 'Boys must do better' and editorials have been lamenting the poor overall male performance. Over the whole of England the percentage of girls achieving 5 or more passing grades was 62.4% while for boys 53.4%. In some disadvantaged schools the gap was 66% to 33% in the same co-ed school.

The questions are quite properly being asked vociferously once again.

Why? How?

From my experience and reading on a complex issue, I would propose the following as significant factors, bearing in mind the new assessment system around the world, favours more frequent testing and constant examination of course work.

- At the early stage of adolescence, girls are more able to organise themselves to meet deadlines and the demands of constant assessment of course work.
- Most girls grasp literacy earlier, because of better verbal skills.
- Girls remain on task longer and concentrate for longer periods than boys.
- Boys have 'greater difficulties' and poorer results than girls do in the area of written and oral language, handwriting, spelling and overall school progress.
- Boys need much more special needs funding (twice as much in NZ) on remedial areas such as reading, comprehension.
- It has become 'cool' for girls to achieve and they believe they can do anything.
- In many areas boys have come to believe that they can not succeed as girls – lowered expectations.

At NPBHS our staff are well aware of these issues and possible factors and have taken all steps to ensure that they don't impact negatively on our boys' psyche. I would contend the opposite. The general psyche of our boys is that they can achieve anything and they continue to prove that. We will not allow anything but a positive culture to pervade our classrooms and continue to work on this.

BOYS CAN DO, AND DO, DO ANYTHING

SPORT

This report is not purporting to highlight all the top performances, but will give an overview of what some of our top sportsmen achieved in 2002. There are many sporting moments that will be relived forever, and this year was one, where many individuals and team performers were right up there with the best. The winners of the Sportsman and Sports team of the year had to beat off top quality opposition and the decisions were by no means clear cut.

The 1st XI Cricket team had significant changes with a relatively untried and youthful group. The college games did not start well with the game against Auckland Grammar rained off after our 1st innings. Brendon Dallas and Ben MacIntosh batted well.

The second game against Hamilton Boys' was a good game of cricket, with us losing, but Ben MacIntosh and Matt Sim showing form with the bat and Brad Cooper bowling well. Rotorua Boys' saw us run out of time to press the outright win, but there was time for Tom Schurr (88) and Matt Sim to bat well and Chris Cruikshank and Tom (5/56) to work some magic with the ball. The inconsistency continued to show against Collegiate, with us losing by 5 wickets, but staging a good fight back after being totally outplayed early on. Matt Sim batted beautifully for his maiden college 100 and we hope that his 114 will not be his last ton.



In the Gillette Cup, we defeated Francis Douglas comfortably with Matt Sim (60) and Tom Schurr (4/12) taking charge, but then could not overcome Collegiate in a very close encounter.

The Super 8 tournament was a good way for the newcomers to break into this level of cricket and the 4th place was a reasonable effort. Brendan Dallas was consistent with the bat and Chris Cruikshank the best of the bowlers.

Tom Schurr and Matthew Sim both gained places in Central Districts top age group team. With many talented juniors coming on I am confident that our future in cricket will see us continue to be competitive at the top school level in New Zealand.

Our Volleyball, under Mr Dale Atkins and a parent, Mr Poh, has reached an all time high for NPBHS. The top team won the TSS title and, as such, qualified for NZSS Division 1. In this, the biggest sports tournament in NZ, we finished 10th in the country, a most worthy placing. In the Super 8 tournament they won all games, with only one set being dropped to secure a shield. Gordon Davenport made the Division 1 Tournament Team and our Juniors finished 1st and 2nd at TSS, which has not happened before. The outdoor version, Beach Volleyball, saw our boys finish 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Senior pairs.

The water sports are popular in the Taranaki summer and we have many boys who excel in the related aqua activities. Our yachties finally got to the National SS regatta, which was held in Whangarei. This was due to their win in the TSS Regatta and the skippers, Guy and David Ormrod and Jason Holdt ended up 5th in the country. An excellent performance and one which augers well for the future.



Swimming continues to have a high profile with a good team of boys putting in the long hours of dedication required to register nationally ranking times. In the TSS Swimming it was great to see Paul Gledhill and Adam Jaidin compete for the 5th year in a row. We were outstanding in the relays at all levels, with the best individual performances from David Riley and Ben Riley (no relation). Ben qualified for the national open short course champs in 200 m, 400 m and 800 m freestyle, which is remarkable for a 14 year old. Tim Doyle, Chris Herbert, Adam Jaidin and Ben also competed at the Division 1 national age group championships.

Surf lifesaving has become a secondary school event with a large following. Our team and individuals excelled with many titles and Paul Gledhill and David Maetzing outstanding. Paul carried his form into national surf lifesaving events and was selected in the NZ Under 19 Development squad, as was Tony Manuirirangi at Under 14 level.

Triathlon is a sport that NZ has excelled at, at the international level. Brook Novak was senior titleholder at TSS and Michael Torckler at Junior. In Duathlon, James Appleby was 9th at NZSS level, a very meritorious result.

Our board surfers have always been nationally recognised, but this year kneeboard surfing was to the fore, with four of our boys in the NZ team that competed at the World Champs in Queensland. More remarkable in that three of the four were from one of our boarding families, brothers – Karl, Shaun and Cameron Stanley; with the fourth being Jason Farquhar.

In last years Taranakian I reported, in glowing terms, about our athletes on the track, the road and cross-country. Mr Dominikovich has continued to give a real presence and opportunities for our best athletes, which is borne out in the results of 2002. The NPBHS athletic club has been the impetus that resulted in 51 athletes competing at TSS and gaining 14 titles. In the seniors, Te Hira Cooper, Hemi Grant, Sio Mauganai and Shaun Cooper took titles and six boys attended the North Island Championships. Shaun Cooper was the best of these with 3rd place in the senior javelin, Kyle Manu finishing 5th in triple jump and making the 100 m final and Phil Young making the final of the 400 m. In a very good school athletics, Gordon Davenport was senior champion and Hatherly took the overall House points.

Cross-Country has become a sport that is building from junior level and looking ahead. The win in the Super 8 was a top performance, because the results at Year 9, Under 16 and seniors all counted and Napier Boys' and Tauranga Boys', two of the powerhouses in NZ cross-country, were involved. Hayden Ballantyne was 1st in Under 16 and Matthew Ander 3rd.

The team of 13 boys travelled to Nelson for the NZSS Cross Country and we finished 5th at Year 9; 5th in the 6 man and 4th in the 3 man at Under 16 level. Hayden was the best performer with a 21st placing, but all boys ran their hearts out for the school team. The Under 16's continued their form into 3rd place in the Wanganui Round the Lakes.

The TSS Road running was a fitting finish to a fine season. Our 4th Form Intermediate team won in the best fashion possible, beating the old record by 3 minutes 55 seconds. Our other team won second and the seniors won the TSS title for the first time.



Racquet sports have continued to have a high prominence with some top ranked players. In tennis our team finished 3rd in the Super 8 tournament and our 'B' team 7th. Thomas Luxton and Andrew Waite, two of the top Softe Cup players in Taranaki, led our team well to college victories over Hamilton and Collegiate, but was not quite strong enough overall to beat Palmerston North Boys' HS for a place at National finals.

In squash we improved our place on 2001, with a 5th place at the nationals. We won all college games, apart from Palmerston North, who won 3 games to 2 at Nationals. Chris McEldowney continued his top form at age group with NZSS No. 1 seeding.

Our golfers are building towards another team of very low handicappers. The TSS title came the way of our 'A' team, closely from our 'C' team. In the regional finals in Levin, we finished 2nd, which was a good result, but not quite good enough to make the national finals. Charles McLeod won the school title for the second year in a row.

A new challenge for our boys was the Adventure Race, based around Turangi, and called the NZSS HILLARY Challenge. Eight of our Year 13 boarders qualified for the finals, which were held over five days. They tested fitness, endurance, ability to work under stress, orienteering and other outdoor skills. In a remarkable performance of typical guts and determination our team finished a very close 2nd to Taradale College (3548 point to our 3540). For their efforts the team won a high quality digital camera for the school.

Our In-line Hockey players are looking forward to the new stadium at Strandon and have maintained some very good results. Our team 'Tiger' was top junior and the 'Panthers' were top Senior division winners. Alex Blyth, Daniel Reason and Matthew Lind were selected for the Central Districts Under 18 team and Trent Kemsley made the NZ Under 14 team.

Over the past few years we have had a number of boys who have shown real ability at cycling, a sport which requires dedication and commitment. Tim Harford has continued to make progress and competed at NZ National Track Cycling as well as road racing at all levels. His recent performances have stamped him as a real prospect. In the mountain

biking, Rhys Telford finished 1st at TSS Juniors and in the Downhill, Phillip Marfell and Oliver Krivan won the Senior and Junior titles respectively. Both winter and summer sports have a huge number of boys wanting to play in team games and we are fortunate to be able to employ Terry Kennedy, Steven Taylor and Jamie Watkins through Hillary Commission funding to assist our staff with coaching of hockey, soccer and cricket.

Our hockey boys have the benefit of the water-based turf on Webster field, but suffer from not enough quality players to assist our few seasoned seniors. Despite this, the team of 2002 had some excellent results. To draw 4-4 with Palmerston North BHS and 5-5 with Hamilton BHS, two of the powerhouses of schoolboy hockey was tempered with 13th place at the India Shield, disappointing at the end of the season. They won the Taranaki Senior competition with Chris Ashcroft and Chris Thomas playing for Taranaki Mens and Joel Baker and Barry Watson making a number of representative sides, Joel the NZ Under 16 Academy and Barry the NZ Under 21 Maori side.

They showed flashes of real brilliance at times.

Soccer continued to make real progress this year and played some lovely flowing football at times. The season would have to be rated as very successful overall, although final placing of 13th in NZ was disappointing. They qualified impressively for nationals with some top results over regional winners in Wanganui, Manawatu and Horewhenua. The Super 8 tournament saw us play in the final against Hamilton BHS and to finish 2nd against some of the top NZ teams was top-class. Their performance in the Taranaki Mens' Premier Competition was also very good with a 8-0 win over Eltham in the top 6 final – a great finale. There are some exceptional players of real skill in this team and for Mark Bland to play in the NZSS team was a fine achievement. Aidan Kereopa and Tahu Kotua also played in the regional age group side.

Mr Colin Driscoll has had a huge influence on Basketball at NPBHS and has put real passion into the whole programme as well as the endless hours on and off court. We wish him well in his new position as coach of the Harbour Kings Division 1 side and coaching director of North Harbour Basketball. It was fitting that the school side performed so well this year, finishing 2nd in the Super 8, losing only to Hastings BHS and losing only two of the college games.

In the Taranaki Mens' Premier, the side performed well against the top mens side and at NZSS finished 10th in NZ. They were in a difficult section with Auckland Grammar and Westlake Boys' who finished 4th and 3rd, but defeated Wanganui HS, Rotorua BHS, FDMC, Hutt Valley HS (2001 NZ Champs) and losing to Nelson College narrowly – the playoff for 9th and 10th. Brett Raven made the Tournament team, which is a great personal achievement.

In rugby we, once again, showed that NPBHS are in the top echelon and got close to defeating Rotorua BHS who drew the NZSS final. The 1st XV won 5 out of 7 in the college matches, defeating Te Aute College, St Pat' (Silverstream), Wanganui Collegiate,

Francis Douglas MC, Hamilton Boys', and losing very narrowly, to Palmerston North Boys' HS and Auckland Grammar. The Super 8 proved that it is the strongest competition in the country once again, with 5 out of 8 of the top sides in the country. The team, under coach Mr Gordon Giddy, assisted by Mr Colin Maihi, had a good season that was finished off with an unbeaten tour of the United Kingdom. I thank Mr Giddy for his excellent coaching at 1st XV level over the past 5 years. There have been some outstanding moments that will long be remembered.

James Annabell and Brett Goodin were selected for the Hurricane Secondary Schools team with James as Captain and Brett had the ultimate honour of playing half back in NZSS against Fiji and Australia.

Other good results were the Day Boys record 71-3 win over the Boarders' and TSS competition victories to Mr Hannah's D1 team, Mr Hills D2 team and Mr Woods E1 team and runners up to Mr Wilson's C1 and Mr Weston's E1 teams.

The school 7's played outstanding football to finish 2nd at the Condors 7's, under Mr Gledhill. This had all the top sides and to be defeated in the final by Kelston was no disgrace. A wonderful result, which reflects well on the players we are producing.

On the UK tour, the defeat of Wellington College, a side that had not been beaten for 50 games, was a highlight and having the vast majority of players in the TSS team that drew 22-22 with the Australian School team was special.

The spirit of the school was never more evident than the whole school haka that was accorded the UK Tour party as they departed down Coronation Avenue for Auckland Airport on the first leg of their trip.

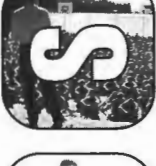
At other levels, the 2nd XV, under Mr Darryl Leath and Mr Steven James went through the College season undefeated. This was a remarkable achievement for a side that struggled early on and then got better and better. They won the Super 8 by defeating Rotorua Boys' HS convincingly in the final game to decide the championship. This was a young side that will provide some good talent for 2003 1st XV. The Under 15 team performed well all year under Mr Andrew Hope and Mr Murray Watts and at the national tournament for the top 16 sides, they finished 7th and with better luck could have been in the top 4.

My thanks to Mr Hugh Russell, Sports Director, for all his fine work in ensuring we are seen as excellent hosts and that our boys turn out looking like they have pride in their school. His standards are of the highest order, which is lived up to by all staff and teams.

CULTURAL

2002 has seen our 'cultural' side continue to maintain the overall momentum, but in music the standard has been highly impressive. My thanks to Ms Sarah Milner for all the work she did this year and in previous years, her influence has been outstanding. The arrival of Ms Gisella Sklenars, as our Arts Co-ordinator, has been a bonus for all teachers involved in the 'Arts' aspect of the school.





On the musical side, the progress made under Mrs Jocelyn Beath and Mr Stewart Maunder has been a revelation to behold. The standard has been top drawer, starting with the Stage Band performing to an excellent standard at the Tauranga Jazz Festival and the Blue Velvet Jazz Quartet receiving very high praise at the same time.

Leigh Kereopa of Year 13 has an extraordinary talent, which has brought much pleasure to students, judges and varied audiences this year. He played his own 'Suite for Piano' with the NP Orchestra, is under the wing of Michael Houston (one of NZ's greatest international pianists) and has received universal acclaim for his latest composition 'Ode to an Empty Hall'. He received distinction in Grade 8 piano and at the Taranaki Music Competition gained:

- 3 Scholarships (Improvisation, 20th Century Composition, TSB)
- 3 Trophies for piano

Leigh has set Ryder Hall alight with his wonderful talent and I will greatly miss his cultured notes wafting through the wall to my office. The standing ovation at the recent Music Night was well deserved and well appreciated.

He is certainly a foremost talent, but he is closely followed by many others who delight in showing off their expertise, willingly and graciously – real performers.

The Stage and Concert bands, senior and junior abound with musicianship and the Blue Velvet Quartet (Leigh Kereopa, Simon James, Julian Green and Matthew Benton) have maintained a high profile for music in and outside the school.

At the Taranaki Music Competition, Danny Peters took the Advanced Composition Award for String Quartet; Erin Fong was first in the Open Piano Scholarship; Ashley Boswell took second and third in piano with Shaun Redpath and Blair Campbell gaining high placings.

The opportunities continued with the trip to Hamilton Girls' HS for our Stage and Concert Bands, Choir and String Players and, of course, Music Night, which was a celebration of most of the talent that the school has, on show and supported by a large audience.

Music of the 'Rock' variety gets every encouragement to perform and the Taranaki Smokefree Rockquest is a wonderful platform to display the bands wares. We had boys in five bands. Zondervan and Alphabet performed well, with Rival State finishing 2nd overall with Nirel Fernando as lead singer and guitarist.

Matthew Lind has been selected to play bagpipes with the NZ Army Pipeband at Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2004 to add to the variety of musical talent.

The cultural base went wider to include some good debates. Jackson Wood, Tim Cochrane, Elliott Taylor and Andrew Mills were our top debaters and reached the semi-finals of the Great High School Debate, which featured on Taranaki Television. They showed some real skill in debating some most interesting and topical moots.

The Super 8 cultural festival in Hamilton provided further artistic opportunity for our junior and senior debaters and theatresports teams and senior public speaking. Our junior performers won well and Jeffrey Fong was voted best speaker.

Our boys were well received at TSS Music and Drama Festival as well as the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Drama Competition and much fun was had by many in Arts Festival Week.

Inter-house Debating continues as an integral part of the House Competitions as did the music.

This year the houses put their own stamp on 'Build me up Buttercup' with Donnelly coming out on top in a close thing with the boarders' of Hatherly House. It is great to see the enthusiasm and energy that the houses put into this competition and the pride that goes with it.

The art of speech making is held up as a very important skill at NPBHS and all boys, up to the end of Year 12 (Form 6), have to deliver a speech each year. This culminates in speech night – this year 16 were delivered and prepared speeches on a wide range of topics.

The standard of speeches was outstanding with some very confident deliveries and wide ranging topics. Kahotea Kereopa, Jeffrey Fong and Greg Severinsen headed the Year 9, 10 and 11 group and Tim Cochrane fully deserved his plaudits as senior speech winner and overall best speaker.



Opportunities to experience what the world has to offer seem to be increasing.

- Global Young Leaders Conference in the USA: Matthew Lee, Sam Fleming, Darren Smith, Jonathan Snowden and Blair Howarth.
- World School in the USA : Peter Wilms, Te Hira Cooper and Elliott Taylor.
- NASA World Space School in Houston (USA): Jackson Wood.
- International Enterprise Olympics in Washington (USA) : Blair Howarth.
- Geography trip to Thailand.

We were fortunate to have a visit from our old friends from Shotoku Gakuen School, new friends from Colegio San Nicholas de Myra from Santiago (Chile), a musical group from Tianjin Experimental High School, playing traditional Chinese instruments and others.

The YES (Young Enterprise Scheme) has gained strength from a number of perspectives this year. We have 3 teams, two from Year 11 and one from Year 12, under the overall guidance of Mrs Pauline Crow. All teams have shown good business sense and marketing skills with the final presentation to be made shortly. The first public judging saw 'Inflamed Solutions' (Jeremy Tan, Matthew Smith and Luke O'Connor) take 1st place with their innovative high technology marketing solution on mini-disc. Some great skills are being developed, used and displayed.

In a similar vein, we had a good number of boys involved in the Stockmarket Secondary School challenge, which involved starting with \$50,000 and, over a period of time, seeing how their skills on the stock market added value. It was sponsored by NZ Stock Exchange and had students from all over NZ heavily involved. One of our teams, Discotech Holdings (Blair Howarth and David Wiles of Year 12) were top performers in Central North Island and 4th in NZ and received their winning share package at assembly as prizes. They turned their \$50,000 into \$127,000!! Another team was placed 4th and the teachers team 6th.

It is pleasing to see the school setting a high standard, nationally, in matters of business enterprise as the future for NZ's prosperity will depend on an enterprising culture.

Of special note were the results from the Taranaki Science and Technology Fair. Our Year 10 Science Quiz team won to go with our Year 9 and 10 Maths Quiz Team.

The standard of NPBHS projects in the Fair was particularly high, with two exceptional examples. Jithan Varma had best in Fair exhibit and Rowen Beggs-French runner-up.

Our list of achievers has been long, but not exhaustive and the final accolades must go to two young men who were awarded places as Taranaki District Young Achievers for 2002. They were Blair Howarth (Academic) and Scott Dunning (Service to Community).

The Awards Dinner is always a highlight of the school year for Sporting and Cultural high fliers. An evening where our 'Tiger Jackets' come together to celebrate and congratulate the cream of the crop.

The Awardees were:

Performing Artist of the Year	Leigh Kereopa
ANZ Cultural Group of the Year	Blue Velvet Jazz Quartet
ANZ Sporting Team of the Year	Squash
Sportsman of the Year	Mark Bland
Wolfe Cup	Matthew Sim

Positive student leadership continues to be one of the cornerstones of pastoral care at NPBHS. Against the tide of such thinking in most NZ schools we put great store on developing and using the leadership skills of our senior boys. It is a resource that contributes willingly and enthusiastically to proper standards, good order, positive relationships and role modelling for young boys. My thanks to all 76 group leaders and others who have given real service to NPBHS through their efforts. In particular, thanks to the Heads of Houses, James Annabell (Hatherly), Paul Gledhill (Donnelly), Adam Jaidin (Barak) and Luke Millard (Syme) for their collective energy and enthusiasm for their houses and their leadership in enthusing the boys in the House competitions.

With our emphasis on leadership, we have had some top quality Head Boys over the years. This year, Matthew Rogers, has certainly maintained that standard. He is a deeply loyal and committed advocate for his school and cares greatly for what happens in it. The prefects and boys have maintained a high regard and respect for Matt and got behind him at every opportunity. His actions have done nothing but bring repute and dignity to the role of Head Boy in 2002. I thank him for his foresight and hard work to make NPBHS the best it can be. There are many boys, young and older, who have benefited from his wise counsel.

The School Ball, with the theme of Diamond Dolphin Casino, was an outstanding success. Matt showed good delegation in getting his Ball Committee to give the seniors of 2002 something to remember for their lifetime. Once again, our boys showed what innovation and creativity they have and also the practical management under Matt, to bring it all together. Certainly a highlight of the year.





My congratulations also to Mr Kevin Gledhill and Paul Gledhill and their Donnelly team in winning the House competition from Hatherly, Syme and Barak. Their campaign was well planned, orchestrated and carried out and they fully deserved their success.

Schools rely on effective partnerships and I can only speak in complimentary tones about the relationships I have with our Board of Trustees. Under Chairman, Warren Batchelar, this Board goes from strength to strength in their governance role, which in a large school is a significant act of service from all the Trustees. They are a very professional body who share a real passion for the school. Much has been achieved and, in the next short while, much more will be achieved. It is a pleasure to work closely with this dedicated group of men and women.

The Old Boys, ever increasingly, are taking a closer interest in what happens in the NPBHS of the 21st century. I have continued to meet Old Boys around the country and continue to be indebted to men like Max Carroll, Brian Sykes, Kevin Taylor and Tom Ryder, who give freely of their time so unselfishly.

The reunions of 1937-45 and the rugby players and rowers of 1962 and 1967-68 were highlights in this years Old Boys Calendar. There was much fun, reminiscing, truths, half-truths and even some lies – how time can warp the real story. During this year we have lost from our family two stalwarts of the school and prouder Old Boys you would not meet. I had the privilege of getting to know Max Strawbridge and John McIntyre and am enriched for their friendship and the school is indebted to their service.

There have been many pressures on secondary schools in NZ this year, with industrial action and changing assessment and qualifications as two of the factors that could lead to instability. NPBHS is founded on strong pillars and has come out of the year 2002, with flying colours.

The school family of staff, parents, Old Boys and supporters give it strength and resilience as a whole. A strength that is often evident where there are conditions that threaten to chip away at the pillars – I have felt this strength this year and am grateful for it.

My special thanks to the teaching staff, support staff, hostel staff, grounds staff, PTA, Old Boys and BOT for their part in making the school what it is, a school that we can all be proud of, but, in particular, our boys can be proud of and flourish in.
L R French-Wright
Headmaster

18 October 2002



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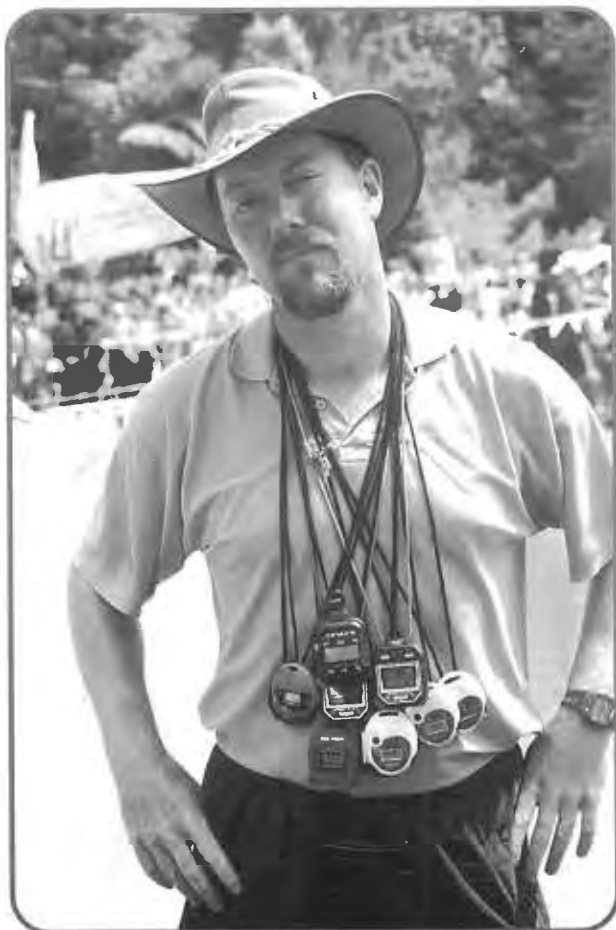
STAFF NOTES 2002

The staff returned for 2002 with renewed enthusiasm and energy after a good break. Colin Maihi stood to powhiri the new Deputy Headmaster, Michael McMenamain and other new staff were introduced. The English Department gained the skilled teaching of Anna Stevens (Assistant H.O.D.), Lyndon Green and Hamish Kerr. The school was also lucky to gain Wikitoria Keenan (Social Studies), Joelle Henry(Languages), Blair Northcott (Science) and Alison Slater (Mathematics). Jed Rowlands returned to the school as H.O.D. Mathematics. At the end of 2001 the school farewelled the Deputy Headmaster Neville Duckmanton. During the year Rob Green (Mathematics, Computing), Sarah Milner (Drama, English) and Wendy Payne (RTLB) left the school. At the end of this year we lost Blair Northcott, Colin Driscoll and Jeremy Coley. New teachers during 2002 were Chris Johnston (Mathematics), Evan Davies (English), Kathryn Gracia (Drama, English), Jamie Watkins (Sports Coordinator), Giselle Sklenars (Arts Coordinator) and Richard Levis (Teacher Aide).

Neville Duckmanton had an outstanding six years as Deputy Headmaster, which effectively meant running the school on a day-to-day basis. Neville, who was meticulous in his administration, ensured that routines in the school functioned well. He will especially be remembered for his pastoral care of the boys. His input included taking Rugby and Softball teams. Neville is a man who has left his mark on the school and has put in place systems that will benefit the school in the years ahead.

Jeremy Coley has taught English in the school. His dedication and professionalism as a teacher have made him an integral part of the English Department and teaching staff. Jeremy has also been editor of the school magazine and the long hours spent in producing a superb publication has been appreciated. He has also been actively involved in Basketball, coaching the 2nd V in the last two years.

Colin Discoll has received an appointment as Head Coach for the North Shore Basketball Team. This honour is indicative of the regard in which Colin has been held at NPBHS. He has coached the 1stXV Basketball team in the school and has been head of Carrington House in the boarding establishment. We also thank Colin for his teaching of P.E., Mathematics, Social Studies and Computer Studies.



Blair Northcott has made an excellent contribution to the school. He was highly regarded by the students for his knowledge and teaching expertise in Science. Blair produced exemplars for the Department. We have also appreciated Blair's contribution with the Soccer teams and wish him well in the future.

Rob Green will be remembered for his work in Computing and Mathematics. Rob actually began teaching at NPBHS in 1971 and he planted the tree outside the Headmaster's office. His major time at the school was from 1985 when he formed the IT committee. In those days the school had two Apple computers and a TRS80. Rob is an accomplished musician and starred in staff performances. He coached the 1stX1 hockey and assisted 1stV Basketball.

Sarah Milner worked tirelessly for the promotion of the Arts in the school. Her work with Drama, Public Speaking, Debating, Shakespeare Festival, Revue Shows, Productions and especially the Arts Festival were greatly appreciated. Sarah will also be remembered for her superb teaching of English. We wish her well in her new position in Hong Kong.

Wendy Payne was the school's RTLB. She worked with individual boys in the school who needed special assistance. She always approached her work with professionalism and made a significant difference in the lives of the boys she helped.

Productive members of the teaching staff were Darryl Leath and Chris Johnston with new babies this year. Murray Watts spent the second term on study leave and gained a Graduate Certificate in Career Education. Warren Melville received an AFS Travelling Fellow. Rosemary Carter gained a Diploma in Counselling and has published on teaching gifted



children. Bill Thomas and Murray Grimwood completed a Diploma in Computer Education. Ces Hill successfully completed his M.F.A. in Photography and Murray Hill had a public exhibition of his art work.

The life of a teacher is a busy one and thanks must go to the teachers who gave so much of themselves in extra-curricular activities. Whether it be coaching, field days, trips, camps, raffles, workdays, report/open evenings or even U.K.Tours, they all add up to a dedicated life for the good of the students. Three terms of this year were caught up in industrial action as teachers tried to gain satisfactory remuneration and teaching conditions. It is hoped that what has been gained is in some way indicative of what teachers do for young people. Successful innovations were made in the Reading Programme, Recycling and Litter collection. The teachers also linked with the PTA this year. Some very beneficial evenings were held on teaching Languages, Maori issues, NCEA and Careers Education. The school has decided to offer standards-based assessment courses in Level 2 next year and thanks must go to the staff for the extra work done on Level 1 NCEA. Thanks also to the BOT for successfully funding extra teachers for the school. Finally we thank the ancillary staff for their help. Their work is an integral part of the running of a school.

Overall 2002 has been a very good year at NPBHS. The school is in good heart, morale is high amongst the staff despite increased work-load and there is a very good working relationship among the staff, the Board of Trustees, the parents and the students.





Alex Falconer Y9



David Geange Y10



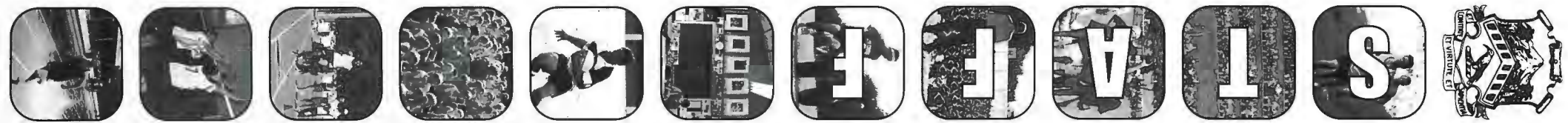
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2002 HEAD BOY REPORT

Comradeship, Valour and Wisdom. These three words have, do and will continue to provide the cornerstones of the New Plymouth Boys' High School tradition and successful nature.

One again it has been a fantastic year for the school. On the sports field all of our teams have been immensely successful, especially the Volleyball, X-Country and 2nd XV Rugby teams all of whom managed to win their respective Super 8 championships.

For me, 2002 has been a real rollercoaster. To attain the position of Head Boy has been both a privilege and honour, and one which has taught me greatly.

However this year would not have been as successful if not for many vital people. Firstly I would like to thank the hostel. As a boarder of five years, I have been proud to have been a part of the 'heart of the school'.

To the Heads of House of 2002, Adam, Luke, Gleds and Mole. Thank-you very much for all your help this year. It is much appreciated and I wish you all the best for the future.

To the school prefects of 2002, thank-you for your help this year. I leave it to you to judge your own individual performance, but as a collective group you have achieved well.

To the Head Girls of New Plymouth Girls' High School, Naomi, Mieke and Megan, thank-you for your assistance this year in sustaining and nurturing the social relationship between the two schools.

To the Ball Committee, Mole, Gleds, Adam, Luke, Leight, Gords, N8, Leigh, Danny, Jared, Tommy and Dale, congratulations on putting together a fantastic occasion, enjoyed by all.

To the ladies who tirelessly give their efforts in the school office, I admire and respect your input. Your unquestioning acceptance of the small yet important tasks, which make daily school life so much smoother, has truly impressed me this year.

To Mr Emslie and the Board Office, the 'wallet' of the school, I thank you for your help in organising boarder payments this year and for the use of the hostel kitchens especially in connection with the school ball.

To Mr McMenamin, congratulations on your approach to your new position. Your enthusiasm, inspiration and humour have been a great help in my endeavours.

Mr Bailey, you have been hugely important in the fulfilment of my position this year. Your help with the chequebook, and other matters in organising the seventh form has been incredibly helpful.

Mr Heaps, almost every Head Boy comments in this report that the school would not function without you. I now realise the reason for this.

Mr French-Wright, as the hardest worker in the school, you are a person who I admire and respect above all else. My indebted thanks to you for allowing me to adapt this role to my own interpretation this year.

To all of my teachers this year, I thank you for your patience and time. Many students believe it is their right to be taught - at New Plymouth Boys High School and under your guidance, it has been a privilege.

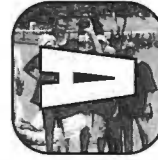
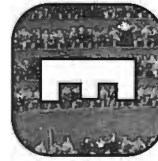
this year. The economics you taught was interesting at times as well. Mrs Stevens - thank you for your constant support and fortitude this year. I have come to accept your breed of teaching and have thoroughly enjoyed my year.

Lastly to my family, thanks for your unwavering support this year. You have really helped me along the rocky path of leadership, lifting me through my lows and congratulating me through my highs.

Once again the cornerstones of the New Plymouth Boys' High School tradition have been upheld and represented in all facets of school life. Comradeship - on the cultural stage, in the hostel and in the house competition.

I am proud to become one of the newest old boys of this school. I look forward to seeing the school continue to develop and continue to produce the fine young men which grace its corridors.

It is therefore with sadness that I finish my role as a school student but with great excitement that I look forward to involvement as a school old boy.





HEADS OF HOUSES

Back Row: Adam Jaidin(Barak), Luke Millard(Syme),
Front Row: James Annabell(Hatherly), Lyal French-Wright(Headmaster), Matthew Rogers (Headboy), Paul Gledhill(Donnelly)

BARAK HOUSE REPORT

Wow! Those are the only words that come to mind when I look back at this wondrous, adventurous year. It has been, as always, a thrill to be a part of Barak House and the "Green Machine".

We kicked off the year and the House Competition with a hiss and a roar with the swimming competition. As always Barak showed its true colours and turned up on the day with mass participation and colours blazing, showing that we were indeed the Green Machine.

Next came Athletics, an area which Barak has traditionally been weak in. There were some brilliant individual performances on the day, but poor weather saw a disappointing turnout and we came 4th due to a lack of numbers and participation.

Another major House event was the Haka competition. While it would have been my dream to see Barak lift this prestigious event off Hatherly's shoulders, it was not to be. A valiant and strong performance by the men of the House saw us come 3rd due to a lack of discipline.

The rest of the year's results were rather mixed, except for winning soccer convincingly, due to poor commitment and participation by many of the senior students, but it was always great to see the turnout and enthusiastic support by our many juniors.

I would not have been able to get through this year without the help and support of my prefects: Danny, Dan, Leighton, Richard, David, Leigh, Hubby, Maetzig, Tony, Nathan, Macca, and all the rest of the Barak 7th formers.

School life. You have been a great influence on me and I thank you for that. And thank you to Mr Hyde for helping me throughout the year and giving me the opportunity to be the Head of Barak, it has been a privilege.

As always the Boys High Ball was a night to remember and I am thankful for working with such great guys to be able to pull it off. It was a huge road with lots of ups and downs and extremely late nights, but we managed to do it and pull off one of the best balls Boys High has seen.

To the Head Boy, Matt, and the other Heads of Houses, Luke, Gleds, and Mole, it has been an outstanding year working with you all and I will always remember it. I wish you all the very best for the future.

Finally to Barak House. I wish you and your new Head of House all the very best for next year, remember there's always room for improvement. You have some awesome talent in there and a very good bunch of juniors willing to participate.



DONNELLY HOUSE REPORT

2002 a year of challenges a plenty.

Words cannot really describe what Boys' High gives a student, and a lot don't realise until their final year. But being appointed Head of Donnelly was something very special to me and something I will always treasure.

I started school in 1998 with a win in the house competition. Then again in 2000 so this seemed about time for the Donnelly boys to win again. Armed with enthusiasm, intelligence, school spirit and a fair few bags of lollies we gave it our best in all the competitions.

The house competition is simple really. It's all about numbers and getting them to the events. Donnelly was filled with a great bunch of prefects and an equally good bunch of students, and we attacked the competition with everything.

competition swimmers, we had to do it with numbers. Donnelly came out on top with a superb effort. A special mention has to be made to the tyre relay team who won their event by 2 laps, an outstanding effort boys.

Next in the house competition was the athletics, this was the first time the event was held at the Mondeo track in Inglewood. A better than average turn out for Donnelly saw us take a creditable second place.

Cross country is always a hard effort for the day houses and this year was no different. Hatherly again showed their strength in this event taking it out. We placed a reasonable 3rd. Special thanks to the senior runners who really showed some class taking most of the top placings.

When it comes to the House competition, winning the 20 pointer events is essential, but if you do not have quality teams in the 10 pointer events you struggle to remain competitive. As per usual Donnelly was very strong in this area and in the summer events tennis, cricket, volleyball, golf badminton, touch and softball we finished 1st or 2nd in all of them.

This year I was very impressed by our debating boys, both senior and junior teams competed very well, winning five out of the six matches.

Once again, as we have done so well since I have been at school, we finished 4th in the Haka. At this time I must congratulate Head of Syme, Luke for a brilliant Haka to take the title for the first time by a day boy house.

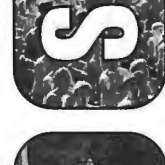
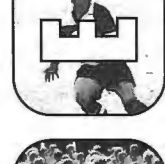
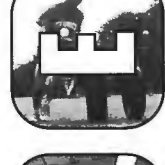
With a pretty wiener senior tug of war team I didn't think that me and the boys would be able to make much of an impact but a last minute import Shaun Cooper saw our team bulk up and we placed a very good second to the well oiled Hatherly unit.

In only its second year running, the Inter House Drama turned out to be one of the highlights of the year with outstanding efforts all round. I think there was a Hollywood contract handed out after a performance worthy of an Oscar by Tom Schurr, which sealed the victory for the Hatherly boys, with Donnelly house coming 3rd.

One of my favourite events of the year is the inter house music. The thought of motivating 330+ boys to sing to high heavens in front of their peers is daunting enough, but throw in movement and props and you have one of the most stressful weeks of your life. It was made easier with good prefects and students. Donnelly assessed this challenge as we have done all year and prepared thoroughly and took the gold, for the first time. Full credit to all.

The last events for the year were the winter sports. Going into it with an 11 point lead we were always going to be hard to beat. Unfortunately it was host to our worst placing this year in the rugby league, finishing 4th. Well done to the boys who played but we just didn't have the depth. A 2nd placing in rugby, soccer and hockey saw us through, and a wicked win in basketball topped off a great year for the Donnelly boys winning the House competition in style by a 15 point margin.





SYME HOUSE REPORT

I've seen and done so many more things as a part of Syme House this year. Became involved in things I would never have seen myself anywhere near, and learnt, over the course of the year and my five years at this school, that the first step to success is trying, putting in a solid effort.

As a house I feel we were successful, not necessarily in points, but something above that. I think points is only a small part of the house competition, a reason to build teamwork and unity, like a brotherhood.

No point showed this more for Syme House as that victorious morning of the interhouse Haka competition. This respected event, represents the pride and power within this school more than any other, and that morning, was one of my proudest moments of my time at NPBHS. Not just a win, but to see all the guys working together, putting in a decent effort, showing some pride in Syme, and because of that, deserving the win.

Some might think it's not worth putting any effort into it. A lot of people did this year. Why should you do anything for Syme House? And that's fair enough. You don't owe me anything. You don't owe Syme House anything. But being a part of the action is something you owe to yourself. It doesn't take much, you don't lose your "cool", you just gain the respect of your peers. If someone decides not to, that's their decision, but it's such a waste, that one person would've been the three points for Syme to come second this year.

Obviously great thanks must go to Mr Turner, for guiding the prefects and I, making sure everything was run reasonably smoothly. Thanks also has to go to Nathan, and the prefects, for their time, effort and leadership. Best of luck for next year, and those to follow.

But the real gratitude goes to those guys who went that extra bit for the house, the guys who didn't need a badge to show their leadership and pride. To Sam SJ, Kyle, Rangi and Mike W, all the guys who worked for the sports and cultural events, and anyone else who I might have missed. Not only do you have my highest respects, but you've set a standard and all make solid role models.

Overall, this year, we may not have taken out the competition, but we've set a standard, and a foundation. All that's left to do for you guys next year is to build on it, focus, practise, keep everyone together and win.

Luke Millard
Head of Syme



At this point a few thank you's must be mentioned. Thank you to Mr French-Wright for giving me the opportunity to lead Donnelly. A special mention has to be made to Mr Gledhill for all the hours of work put into Donnelly and house competition with little recognition. From myself, the prefects and Donnelly, thank you.

To the House leaders, Luke (Syme), Adam (Barak), Mole (Hatherly) and Rogers (Head Boy) cheer for the year, it was close, hard but always fun. I will cherish our matesmanship to my grave. To Rogers (bread roll) the best head boy I have seen in my years, a great friend, I admire the way you handled the huge workload and it has been an honour working with you.

To my boys, the deputies Remi, Toepoke, Matt and Mark and the rest, a great last 5 years aye! I hope you, like me look back on this year and be proud of our efforts, thanks guys.

Finally to the great school I have come to love, thank you for the opportunities and pathways you have opened up for me and making the last five years of mine a success. Thanks

Paul Gledhill
Head of Donnelly



HEAD BOARDERS REPORT 2002

The year 2002 a year where the hostel motto "The heart of the school" was worn proudly on the chest of every prefect, the fine efforts of Hatherly house has seen the boys take this motto with them into every battle they face installing the traditions and pride that the hostel should for ever carry with it.

With all the boys old and new settled into the hostel and Niger training under way the men of the hostel embarked on their first mission of the year; The ever so controversial swimming sports. This year proved to be no different as we quickly realized the potential of the house competition to become solely a numbers game with our house being at least one hundred people smaller than the others. Our fears became a reality as the swimming sports concluded in a very sad 4th position but definitely not through lack of a gutsy effort. With the shaky start behind us the boys in red stepped up the competition with some excellent results in Athletics, cross country, tug o war, Rugby and a first ever win in interhouse drama due to some creative thinking from the 7th form clan. The whole competition was one of fierce but fair competition and I would like to congratulate Luke, Paul and Adam for your superb leadership amongst your respective houses this year. But in the end Donnelly became our nemesis and we lost a great competition to Gleds and his crew to finish a disappointing but respectable second place.

Full house participation was the key element to this years effort which provided us with a real team atmosphere that I feel is one of hatherly's unique attributes unmatched by any other house.

Once again the dayboys Vs boarders rugby game was played early in the year and was like always a hot topic between the guys of the hostel who were fully aware of the talent that this years Dayboys team possessed. The black Jerseys who had only four first xv representatives went out with the pride and passion that people have become to expect of the hostel, but were out played by a team who took advantage of what was to be the 2002 first xv putting together some excellent individual tries which resulted in an unfortunate one sided game. The young boarders team learnt much from the game and I am sure next years black jerseys have an excellent chance of being the first winning set in a number of years.

Niger Training was again the making of some excellent third form athletes that went onto do the Hostel and school proud in various cross country and athletic events. But the main aim of the training was to develop a winning Rugby team to play College house on the gully. As Queens Birthday weekend got closer and closer the boys began to get the focus right resulting in a very determined and prepared team as they ran down the gully path to a mighty haka from there pairs. The game was a superb display of young talent with our sizable forwards dominating up front which easily put Robin Sherson over the line for a great try, and an excellent individual try from Nick Tiplings chip and chase. Unfortunately a couple of mistakes let the team down and the devastated boys lost narrowly: 12-10 in real thrill a minute game where our boys showed real "ticker" right till the final blow of the refs whistle. A deserved thank you needs to go to all of the prefects who gave up their valuable sleep to train the team, especially: Michael Walden, Jonathan Ardern, Adrian Stanley, Ryan Wall, Dale Cook, and Chase Hann.

This Year has seen minimal staff changes. With the departure of Gap student Chris Carter back to England, the Hostel gained a new Master in Mr Hamish Kerr whose sense of humor and ability to clown around with the guys has made him a valuable and greatly respected addition to our Home. Recently we have also obtained another GAP student from England who has gotten to know the boys and is settling in with relative ease. Mrs. Kerrs addition as the new Matron has provided many boys with the comfort of knowing they are in good hands when it comes to health problems and lemon drinks. The rest of the existing staff have continued to play a vital role in supporting this years prefects which makes it so easy for us to promote the upholding of the important hostel traditions. The time and effort that hostel master put into keeping the place running smoothly should definitely not go unthanked.





Special recognition must go to all of the boys who have achieved some special feats in their academic, cultural and sporting fields this year. The team of boarders who participated in the Sir Edmond Hillary out door pursuit challenge showed the ability of boarders to work as a team in order to gain second place in this National competition Congratulations to: Chase Hann, Ibrahim Shazyl, James Mcfie, Tim Hall, Ryan Wall, William Bourke, Ben Cash and Sam Horrocks.

Glen Gregory and Ryan Dickson were both Taranaki secondary schools rugby representatives, and Chris Ashcroft earned himself a place in the Taranaki men's Hockey team. Adam Harford has been a silent achiever in the sport of Basketball, while Tim Harford has achieved national status in his sport of cycling.

At the conclusion of another year it is important that my biggest thanks go to the prefects who have been by my side every step of the way. Prefectship is often a relentless task but the maturity and positiveness that you have shown all year has added to the success of hostel life. The way you have balanced your lives in order to fit in your social, sporting, and academic lives around your roles as a prefect can definitely be used to silence any skeptics who may have been concerned of our worth pre 2002. This years prefects were:

Michael Walden (HOC), Dale Cook (HOM) Chase Hann, Tim Hall, Sam Horrocks, Chris Ashcroft, Daniel Williams, Tom Schurr, Willy Gordon, Blair Harris, Ibrahim Shazyl, Chris Coplestone, Thomas Luxton, Adrian Stanley, Graeme Quay, Jonathan Ardern, Ryan Wall, Daniel Wilson, Benn Cash, James Mcfie, William Bourke, Ben Falk, Leon Nelson, and Matthew Rogers who has done the Hostel extremely proud with his appointment as the head Boy at the beginning of the year.

For all those returning next year I thank you personally for making this year such a good one, and long may you uphold the standards and traditions that have been set by those above you. Remember not to ask what the Hostel can do for you, ask what you can do for the hostel and you will value your experience here for many years to come.

To all the leavers remember you are now the youngest in the line of many proud old boys I wish you all the best for the prosperous years you have ahead of you, and once again thank you for making sure the hostel could not be deemed any thing but "THE HEART OF THE SCHOOL!" "COR LUDI"

James Annabell 2002 head boarder.



INTER - HOUSE RESULTS

	DONNELLY		HATHERLY		SYME		BARAK	
Swimming	1st	20	4th	8	3rd	12	2nd	16
Athletics	2nd	16	1st	20	3rd	12	4th	8
Cross Country	3rd	12	1st	20	2nd	16	4th	8
Haka	4th	8	2nd	16	1st	20	3rd	12
Music	1st	20	2nd	16	3rd	12	4th	8
Tennis	2nd	8	1st	10	4th	4	3rd	6
Cricket	1st	10	3rd =	5	3rd =	5	2nd	8
Volleyball	1st =	8	1st =	8	1st =	8	4th	4
Badminton	2nd	8	4th	4	1st	10	3rd	6
Touch	1st	10	4th	4	2nd	8	3rd	16
Softball	2nd	8	3rd	6	1st	10	4th	4
Tug of War	2nd	8	1st	10	3rd =	5	3rd =	5
Golf	1st =	9	1st =	9	3rd	6	4th	4
Debating	1st	10	4th	4	2nd	8	3rd	6
Drama	3rd	6	1st	10	2nd	8	4th	4
Rugby	2nd	8	1st	10	3rd	6	4th	4
Soccer	2nd	8	4th	4	3rd	6	1st	10
Basketball	1st	10	2nd	8	4th	4	3rd	6
Hockey	2nd	8	4th	4	1st	10	3rd	6
Rugby League	4th	4	2nd	8	1st	10	3rd	6
Placings/Total	1st	199	2nd	184	3rd	180	4th	139

DONNELLY HATHERLY SYME BARAK HOUSE COMPETITION

The inter-House Competition is an important generator of school pride and House identity within NPBHS, providing leadership for prefects and deputies, as well as the keenly-contested Inter-House competition.

There are five major 20-pointers (swimming, athletics, cross-country, Haka and music), and 15 challenge activities (each worth 10 points) to determine who will be House champion each year. Many staff are required to officiate in the running of the events; determining the draws, refereeing, providing the facilities/equipment, adjudicating and providing the encouragement and presence to make it all work.

Most events (challenge activities) are round-robin, to ensure each House is pitted against the best of the Houses, in what is a unique feature of the culture that is New Plymouth Boys' High.

This years competition has been keenly-contested throughout the year, with Donnelly and Hatherly each securing two 20-pointers, with Syme becoming the first day-boy House to take out the Haka event, since its inception.

The summer group of challenge activities (all held on the same day), which includes tennis, volleyball, cricket, volleyball and touch saw points awarded as follows: Donnelly (44), Syme (35), Hatherly (33) and Barak (28). The winter challenge activities of basketball, rugby, rugby league, hockey and soccer saw the following points awarded:

Donnelly House was to gain 6 1st placings and 7 2nd placings in the 15 challenge activities, and it was this consistency that became the key factor in Donnelly becoming House champion for 2002.

K Gledhill
Sports Committee
School Council

FINAL PLACINGS FOR 2002

1st	Donnelly	199 Points
2nd	Hatherly	184 Points
3rd	Syme	180 Points
4th	Barak	139 Points





2002 HOSTEL REPORT

In 2001 there were a number of changes within the Hostel. This year has really been one of consolidation. I am please to report that the Hostel has continues to provide an environment for its boarders which is based on opportunities, high expectations, family values and the school motto: 'et comitate, et virtute, et sapientia'

The Hostel still has a leading role at Boys' High. It is still the 'heart of the school'.

STAFFING

Several changes have been made this year. George Penlington and Antionette Vander Linden both left the Hostel and Boys' High at the end of last year. George went to London to seek fame and fortune and Antionette was appointed to the position of Deputy Principal at Woodford House in Havelock North. Their replacements were Iain McGowan and Chris Woods. Iain is HOD Commerce and has a huge passion for things outdoors. Chris is a teacher of PED and is currently a member of the New Zealand touch rugby team and the Taranaki NPC rugby side. Both masters have already made significant contributions to the Hostel.

A new matron had to be found at the start of the year and Theresa Kerr replaced Lauren Hann. Theresa has vast experience as a matron and her 3 sons have all attended Boys' High. She has become an integral part of the team very quickly.

During the year our "Gap Tutor", Chris Carter, returned to England and has been replaced by Dan Shilcock. Hamish Kerr, a first year teacher of English and Drama, has also helped out as a master. His contribution as been very much appreciated. At the end of this year Colin Driscoll leaves to take up a head coaching position on the North Shore. It is a great opportunity for Colin to pursue his basketball dream. I wish him all the best and thank him and his family for their work in the Hostel over the last 3 years.

There is a small rumour currently floating through the dorms that another very significant person to contemplating retirement at the end of the year so she can be closer to the whitebait and mines. It is only a rumour which I will either confirm or dispell in next year's report.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN 2001

UNIVERSITY BURSARY

It would be fair to say that we did not have a very good year with our Bursary results and as a result of this we initiated a number of changes during the course of the year to ensure better results. Twenty one students sat full Bursary courses; of these 2 achieved A Bursary, 5 B Bursary and 7 entrance to University for a success rate of 66%.

SIXTH FORM CERTIFICATE

Our results from this form level were outstanding and it gives us great confidence with Bursary this year.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

We again had an outstanding year which clearly shows the benefits of the disciplined prep system, the extra tutoring available and the commitment from hostel / teaching staff. 209 papers were sat of which

160 passed = 76% pass rate. This is was an improvement on the 71% pass rates from 2000 and 2001. Nine boys passed 6 subjects and 13 passed 5 subjects. Four boys earned marks in the 90s: Tim Harford, Michael Fischer, Andy Pan and Scott Heale. Our five top scholars were Andy Pan (407 in his best 5 subjects), Tim Harford, Clayton Jeftha, Michael Fischer and Jacob Parry.

We are first and foremost an academic institution and so considerable importance is placed on focusing our students on their academic achievement. This year we have established a 'Peer Tutoring' programme, extended the teacher centred tutoring programme and made significant changes to our prep supervision in an effort to improve on our results. A 'Reading Improvement' programme, which was started last year, is also being used to increase academic performance.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

RUGBY

The Niger Trophy rugby team had a very narrow loss to College House. It was an absorbing game, which could have gone either way. All of the team played well and the support on the sidelines from those who were less fortunate enough to play was outstanding. The traditional Boarder / Dayboy clash proved to be a one sided encounter with the Dayboys winning easily. However, our team was very young and I believe that the 2003 game will be significantly different.

The Secondary Schools rugby finals had a large number of boarders playing in the 5 finals represented by Boys' High. All of the teams competed with great spirit. The 1st XV, containing 5 boarders, competed with distinction in the Super 8 competition. James Annabell, the captain of the 1st XV, made the Hurricanes Schools team. Jmaes was also captain of the Taranaki Secondary Schools team. The 2nd XV, which contained a large number of boarders, came first in the Super 8 competition. Both these teams combined to go overseas at the end of the season so a number of boarders had an experience of a life time travelling through and playing rugby in the UK. The Under 15 rugby team, containing 12 boarders, placed 5th at the National Tournament in Palmerston North. As can be seen through this level of participation and achievement the boarders still provide a huge power base for rugby at Boys' High.



SOCCER

The 1st XI Soccer team, with Matt Rogers in goal and Nick King up front, competed with distinction at Nationals and won the local premier competition. More and more boarders are taking up soccer, which is very encouraging for soccer at school.

HOCKEY

The 1st XI Hockey team containing 2 boarders won their local competition.

BASKETBALL

The 1st V, coached by Colin Driscoll, placed 15th at Nationals. TeHira Cooper and Adam Harford continue to excel. A number of boarder basketball teams competed with enthusiasm and success in the local competitions.

VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Volleyball team, coached by Max Maaka, won the recent regional tournament and are now in the process of competing at Nationals. A large contingent of boarders make up this team.

CRICKET

Tom Schurr, Matt Sim, Chris Cruikshank, David McIntyre and Michael Fischer are all members of the successful 1st XI team. A large number of juniors play in morning grade and there is one senior 'social' team that always gives opposition teams a good run for their money.

SQUASH

The Boys' High team competed with real success at the recent National tournament. The team comprised of four boarders, who all still have a number of years in this team. Due to the efforts of John Sims, a past hostel master, squash is proving to be a growth sport within the hostel.

TENNIS

Like squash, the senior and junior teams are dominated by boarders. Both won the majority of their games this year.

Other sports

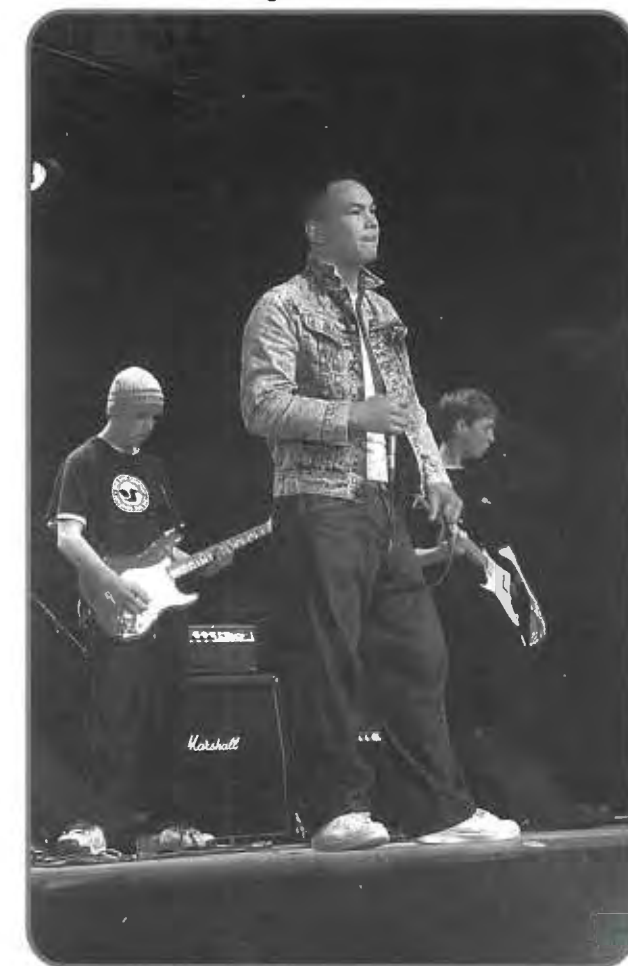
- Yu Ishikawa was Junior swimming and athletics champion for 2002.
- Blair Prescott was the Intermediate athletics champion for 2002.
- Nick Tipling was the Junior cross country champion for 2002. A large number of boarders, junior and senior, dominated cross country events.
- Scott Dunning and Chris Coplestone were members of the school sailing team that has won the Taranaki champs and placed 5th at the Nationals.
- 8 boarders successfully represented the school at the Regional finals in March. They now go onto to represent the school at the National finals in May. The following boys were involved in this team: William Bourke, Benn Cash, Tim Hall, Chase Hann, Sam Horrocks, James Macfie, Ibrahim Shayzl and Ryan Wall.
- The Stanley boys (Cameron, Karl and Shaun) competed in the world Kneeboarding champs in Australia. They were all very successful – Cameron was 1st, Shaun was 3rd and Karl was 4th in their respective events.
- Dex Newland won the BHS junior triathlon.
- Tim Harford had success on his bicycle.

ACADEMIC

- Alex Opie has achieved outstanding results in Australian Schools competitions, and was a successful member along with Tony Hofmans, in the Year 10 Maths Competition team.
- Jeremy Tan and Matthew Smith were members of the school's hugely successful YES team.

CULTURAL

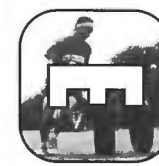
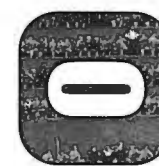
- Boarders continue to be active participants in the school's combined Kapa Haka group. TeHira Cooper and Raki Carr provide great leadership. Seven other boarders also gave up a lot of time to be members of this group.
- Scott Dunning won a NPDC Community Service award. Scott also took up an active role in the school's debating.



PREFECTS

The Hostel Prefects for 2002 were: James Annabell – Head Boarder, Dale Cook – Head of Moyes, Michael Walden – Head of Carrington, Chris Ashcroft, Jonathan Ardern, William Bourke, Benn Cash, Chris Coplestone, Ben Falk Willy Gordon, Tim Hall, Chase Hann, Blair Harris, Sam Horrocks, James Macfie, Leon Nelson, Graeme Quay, Matthew Rogers, Tom Schurr, Ibrahim Shayzl, Adrian Stanley and Ryan Wall.

We place a large emphasis on student leadership and we have high expectations of our student leaders. This year they have been an awesome group, excellently led by James and assisted with real enthusiasm by Dale and Michael.





It should be noted that the Head Boy for this year Matt Rogers is a boarder. The opportunities for boarders to develop and excel in leadership roles continues to be considerable.

INTERHOUSE

A creditable second. We won the athletics, cross country, the tug-o-war, rugby, drama, tennis and golf competitions. Even though we are outnumbered we always have full and enthusiastic participation. To me this is a true reflection of 'Hostel Spirit'. A huge thanks and congratulations must go to James and his prefects for motivating everyone and leading the way.

CARROLL CUP

This is one of the boarding highlights for me. I enjoy the competition but also the pride and enthusiasm it seems to bring out in the boys. This year has been no exception. The winner for 2002 was again Carrington House.

NEW INITIATIVES

This year we have started a number of new initiatives in an effort to increase the boys' opportunities and recognise positive contributions. The extensions to the tutoring programmes, a change to prep supervision and the "Reading Improvement" programme are three that have already been mentioned. The number of activities the boys participate in has increased and we have actively encouraged boys to do so. A Hostel Council now meets three times per term to discuss Hostel issues and make suggestions. A 'Top Bloke' award has been established; this award recognises positive contributions to the hostel.

'FINAL WORD'

To me boarding is all about making the most of your opportunities and I believe that all of the 2002 Boarders have done exactly that. I have loved my first full year as Senior Hostel Master. I feel a huge sense of gratitude in being given the opportunity to work closely with so many great people. I would like to thank all those people. To Ces, Colin, Colin, Max, Iain, Hamish, Chris and Dan thank you very much for all of the support. To the Matrons, Jan and Theresa, you handle a difficult job with ease and always with a smile on your face. The laundry, domestic, caretaking and kitchen staff who perform their jobs with great care and pride. Thanks Alan, Andrew, Richard and Julius who aid us in providing the best possible pastoral care and academic support for the young men of the hostel. To those involved with Scripture, David, Glen, Richard and Steve, thank you for your important contribution. To the members of the Hostel Committee, who put in huge hours of work behind the scenes, thank you. A special thanks to Murray Cochrane, chairperson of the Hostel Committee, who has provided me with invaluable support. To Lyal your dedication to the hostel is unquestionable. On a personal level thank you, you are always supportive and positive and I greatly value your guidance.

Finally a big thanks to 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.

Geoff Hall Senior Hostel Master



CARRINGTON HOUSE



MOYES HOUSE





SCHOOL PREFECTS 2002



Back Row: Asheer Singh, David Riley, Sam Horrocks, Nick Axten, Ryan Cowley, Gordon Davenport, Hayden Nicholls, Remi Bint, Dale Cook, David Klahn, Ben Souness

3rd Row: Daniel Hubbard, Glen Stephens, Tony Kemp, David Maetzig, Benn Cash, Nathan Ransfield, Ben Mackintosh, Chase Hann, Nathan Moore, Paven Thaneeru, Leighton Markham

2nd Row: Shannon Pasili, Leigh Kereopa, Levi Turner, David Fraser, Danny Peters, Richard Hollins, Michael Walden, Tom Schurr, Marc Dowman, Darren Wu, Brady Cameron, Mark Bland

Front Row: Paul Prouse, Ryan Wall, Erin Fong, Luke Millard (Head of Syme), Matthew Rogers (Head Boy), Mr Lyal French- Wright (Headmaster), James Annabell (Head of Hatherly) Adam Jaidin (Head of Barak), Paul Gledhill (Head of Donnelly), Alex Blyth, Nathan Mattock

Absent: Matthew Benton

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2002



JUNIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZE LIST 2001

YEAR 9 PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art: Allen Wong

Band and Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup): Braeden Burne

Economics: Stuart Elliot

English: Tom Lynskey

French (French Embassy Prize): David Bosma

Graphics & Technology: Alex Johnson

Health and Physical Education: Jacob Fleming

Horticulture: Beau Ward

Japanese: Jamie McMahon

Maori and For Contribution by a Year 9 or 10 Maori Student to the profile of the school: Isaak Maihi

Music: Blair Dobson

Science: Andrew Webber

Social Studies: Michael Hayward

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

PRIZES

(PTA Prize): Matthew Ander
 (PTA Prize): Hayden Ballantyne
 (PTA Prize): Murray Perks
 (PTA Prize): Blair Smith
 (PTA Prize): Jeremy Anderson
 (PTA Prize): Phillip Sansom

CERTIFICATES

Jared Adams: Mathematics, Health & Physical Education

Luke Annells: Social Studies, English

Brendon Arbuckle: English, Social Studies

Chaz Benton: Mathematics, Technology, Graphics

Nicholas Brown: English, Science, Health & Physical Education, Horticulture,

Drama: Ben Callander, Luke Clarke: English, Economics, Social Studies, Health & Physical Education, English

Zarhn Commerer: Health & Physical Education, Technology

Matthew Cooper: Mathematics, Technology

Steven Crown
Gabriel Davies

Ben Davis
Trent Feather
Kane Frost
Gareth Goodin

Nathan Griffith
Chris Henry
Jesse Herbert

Reece Hinton
Tony Hofmans

Michael Holland
Jacob Hudson
Nicholas Jacob
Ben Jones

Daniel Keighley
Andrew Keller

Trent Kemsley
Wade Kenny
Thomas Korff
Matthew Landrigan

Richard Lee
Hayden Linn

Braden Malcolm

Kyle Manu

Blake Mason
Ra McDonald

Thomas Meuli

Simon Mills

Tobias Montagna-Hay
Jacob Nathan

Sam Naus

Daniel Newell

Leith Newland

Allister Niven
David Pool

Adam Reed

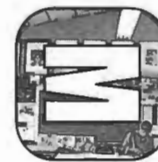
Michael Rubick
Mark Sherlock

Zeke Sole

Stephen Street

Jaresian Subramaniam
Dale Sutherland
Adam Thame
Reuben Theobald

Music, Graphics
 Social Studies, English, Technology
 Social Studies, Horticulture
 Technology, Economics
 Mathematics, Social Studies
 Health & Physical Education, Economics
 Graphics, Drama
 Science, Economics
 English, Economics, Social Studies
 Social Studies, Graphics
 Health & Physical Education, Technology
 Art, Graphics, Technology
 Mathematics, Graphics
 Art, Social Studies
 Mathematics, Food
 Technology
 Science, Food
 Technology
 English, Health & Physical Education, Art, Mathematics
 Mathematics, English
 Graphics, Technology
 English, Economics
 Mathematics, Health & Physical Education, Economics
 Social Studies, Horticulture
 English, Food
 Technology, Science
 Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health & Physical Education, Technology
 Social Studies, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics
 Science, Japanese
 Food Technology, Science, Technology
 English, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics
 Health & Physical Education, Mathematics
 French, Social Studies
 Social Studies, English, Maori
 Mathematics, Social Studies, Technology, Drama
 Health & Physical Education, Art, Drama
 Science, Technology, Mathematics
 Mathematics, Technology
 Health & Physical Education, Social Studies
 Food Technology, Economics
 Social Studies, Technology
 Health & Physical Education, Economics, Technology
 Health & Physical Education, Social Studies
 Health & Physical Education, Art
 English, Social Studies
 Horticulture, Technology
 Social Studies, Mathematics
 Science, Food Technology





Justin Tobeck
Michael Torckler
Mathematics, Art
Health & Physical Education,
Food Technology,
Technology

Chris Waugh
Jonathan Wu
Mathematics, English
Mathematics, English,
Technology

Philip Young
Drama, English, Maori,
Health & Physical Education

Enterprise Studies
Reeve Barnett

Food Technology
Andrew Darney

Health & Physical
Education
Mitchell Snowden

Horticulture
Kane Brisco

Japanese
Michael Julian

Latin
Mathew Whitmore

Maori
Hohua Ashford-
Korewha

Music
and Most Improved
Woodwind Player
(Boyd Trophy)
Phillip Malcolm

Science 1st =
Hayden Lockhart

Social Studies
and For Interest and
Enthusiasm in Mathematics
(Taranaki Mathematics
Association Certificate)
Matthew Hawkins

Spanish
Travis Broad

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd = Matthew Armstrong
Phillip Young

2nd Max Watt

1st Prize Gavin Roper

ESSAY

3rd David Bosma

2nd Harry Moores

1st Prize Tom Lynskey

SPECIAL PRIZE

Most Dedicated Violin
Student (Ian Menzies
Memorial Prize)
Bradley Watson

For Interest and
Enthusiasm in Mathematics
(Taranaki Mathematics
Association Certificate)
Bohan Lin

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate Jeffrey Fong

2nd Aggregate Andrew Raynes

1st Aggregate
(1990 Cup & Prize)
(including 1st in Latin &
1st in Mathematics)
Alex Opie

YEAR 10 PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art Lewis Clegg

Design Technology (Metal)
and Graphics & Technology
Todd Braggins

Design Technology (Wood)
(Best Student) James Joyce

Design Technology (Wood)
(Best Craftsmanship and
Design)
(Robert Connell Memorial
Award) and Mathematics
(Most Progress)
(Wattie Wilkie Memorial
Prize)
Luke Irwin

Economics
and Mathematics
Luke O'Connor

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

PRIZES

(PTA Prize) Kiran Varma
(PTA Prize) Jason Nadin
(PTA Prize) Shaun Redpath
(PTA Prize) Troy Swan
(PTA Prize) Alastair Wilson
(PTA Prize) Karl May
(PTA Prize) Levi Scown

CERTIFICATES

Kristian Amgarth-Duff
Mathematics, French,
Drama

Ron Baker
Health & Physical Education,
Design Technology (Metal)

Zac Bingham
Ashley Boswell
Mathematics, Technology
Music, Social Studies,
Technology, Mathematics
Health & Physical Education,
Mathematics

Mitchell Broughton
Science, Technology
Mathematics, Economics,
Technology

Fraser Campbell
Nick Chapman
Mathematics, Technology
Mathematics, Economics
Health & Physical Education,
Mathematics

Thomas Coplestone
Nick Dee
Brad Dent
Science, Technology
Technology, Enterprise
Studies, Mathematics
Mathematics

Evan Dickson
Clay Elgar
Social Studies, Graphics,
Mathematics

Nahum Gray
Mathematics, English, Social
Studies, Enterprise Studies
Health & Physical Education,
Social Studies

Adam Harford
Mathematics, English, Social
Studies, Enterprise Studies
Health & Physical Education,
Social Studies

Aaron Harris
Technology, Latin

Matthew Harrop

Rawiri Hetet-
Rangitaawa
Jason Holdt
Social Studies, Maori
Health & Physical Education,
Technology

Chris Holyoake
Science, English, Social
Studies

Alex Hosking
Science, English,
Technology, Mathematics
Social Studies, Health &
Physical Education

Haoming Huang
Health & Physical Education,
Social Studies, English

Aidan Kereopa
Health & Physical Education,
Horticulture

Junior Kii
Social Studies, Economics,
Graphics

Nicholas King
Social Studies, Health &
Physical Education

Tuaki Mahuru
Science, Horticulture
Mathematics, Science,
Technology

Matthew McArthur
David McIntyre
Social Studies, Science, Art
Horticulture, Art,
Technology

Dion Mehring
Scott Miller
Food Technology, Enterprise
Studies

Brooke Novak
Horticulture, Art,
Technology

Dion Palamountain
English, Technology,
Graphics

Joel Richardson
Mathematics, Technology,
Graphics

Swen Ruchti
Health & Physical Education,
Enterprise Studies

Jermaine Sassman
Social Studies, Horticulture
Food Technology, Social
Studies

Robert Savage
Thomas Sherson
English, Health & Physical
Education

Blanton Smith
Science, Technology
Health & Physical Education,
Graphics, Technology

Matthew Smith
Israel Tan
Health & Physical Education,
Science

Nathan Terrill
Science, Art, Maori
Science, Design Technology
(Metal)

Seb Thompson
Pieter Van Der Kooij
English, Technology
Technology, Horticulture

William Webber
Michael Williams

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd = Luke O'Connor
Greg Severinsen

2nd Zac Bingham

1st prize
(Moss Cup and Prize) James Hacon

ESSAY

3rd Clay Elgar

2nd Matthew Whitmore

1st (Rex Dowding
Memorial Cup and
Prize) Greg Severinsen

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Junior Cadet (Ladies'
Challenge Trophy & Prize)
Walker Cdt Michael

Services to String Group
(Ian Menzies Memorial Prize) Ashely Boswell

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate Andrew Mills

2nd Aggregate Jonathan Williams

1st Aggregate
(1990 Cup and Prize)
(including 1st in
English and 1st in
French (French
Embassy Prize) and
1st= in Science) Greg Severinsen

CAVE BURSARIES

For Academic and
Sporting and Cultural
Excellence in Year 9
Alex Opie

For Academic and
Cultural Excellence
in Year 10 Gregory Severinsen

SENIOR ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL PRIZE LIST 2001

YEAR ELEVEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art Michael Fischer

Design Technology
(Metal)(Best Student) Michael Robinson

Design Technology
(Metal)(Practical)
(Olex Cables Prize) Ryan Hendry

Design Technology
(Metal)(Best Design)
(General Machinery
Prize) Ashley Algie

Design Technology
(Wood) (Best Student)
and
Design Technology
(Practical) (Scott Panel
and Hardware Prize) Shaun Coplestone

English(Daily News
Prize) (1st =) Jamie Grant

Fifth Form Practical
English Certificate
(PTA Prize) Luke Hastie

Food and Nutrition Cade Ogle





French (French Embassy Prize) Tom Price

History and Latin Darren Smith

Horticulture (Best Student) and Horticulture (Practical) (Fruit Federation Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Prize) Jack Whibley

Maori and For Contribution by a Year 11 or 12 Maori Student to the Maori profile of the School Te Hira Cooper

Mathematics Applied I (PTA Prize) Jason Weir

Music Tim Armitage

Practical and Applied Science (PTA Prize) Blair Benefield

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Tim Bland
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Ben Haines
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Mark Henwood
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Clayton Jefftha
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Andrew McKay
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Jonathan Snowden
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Aaron Wong
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Kevin Field

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize Tim Cochrane

ESSAY

1st Prize Jargil Santos

SPECIAL PRIZES

For the Form 5 Life Skills student who through his reliability, co-operation, and work habits is a positive example to other students. (Norman Wright Memorial Prize) Jason Arthur

Best Cadet (Wadsworth Cup and Prize) Sgt Nathan Hutchings

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (1st in Economics) Craig Mulvay

2nd Aggregate (1st in Japanese and Science) Jargil Santos

1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (1st in Accounting (Gledhill Cup), 1st = in English (Daily News Prize), 1st in Geography, 1st in Graphics, 1st in Mathematics) Blair Howarth

YEAR TWELVE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (Tabor Prize) and English (Tabor Prize) Matthew Rogers

Art 1st= (Tabor Prize) Lance Garrett

Biology (Tabor Prize) and Nexus Research Medal in Science Jared Broad

Business Studies (Tabor Prize) Sean O'Connor

Computer Studies (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy and Prize) and 1st= mark in School Certificate Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize) Richard Hollins

Design (Tabor Prize) Kim Seng

Design Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize) and Design Technology (Metal) (Best Practical) (General Machinery Prize and Olex Cables Trophy) Daniel Williams

Design Technology (Wood) (Best Student)(Tabor Prize) and Design Technology (Wood)(Best Practical) (Jones & Sandford Prize) Joshua Greig

Drama (Tabor Prize) and Best Senior Drama Performance (Wilde Drama Cup) Robert Jenkin

Economics (Tabor Prize) Adam Jaiden

Food and Nutrition (Tabor Prize) Leighton Dearden

French (French Embassy Prize) Peter Wilms

Graphics (Best Project Work)(LV Giddy Memorial Prize) and 1st= Art (Tabor Prize) Tim Gau

History (Tabor Prize) Paul Prouse

Horticulture (Best Student) (Alexander Trust Prize) and Horticulture (Best Practical Aptitude) (Fruit Federation Supplies, Division of Williams & Kettle Prize) David Riley

Maori (Tabor Prize) Luke Millard

Mathematics Applied II (Tabor Prize) Geoffrey Fleming

Mathematics with Applications (Tabor Prize) James Lam

Music (Tabor Prize) Daniel Peters

Photography (Tabor Prize) Matthew Benton

Physical Education (Tabor Prize) Tony Kemp

Physics (Most Improved Student)(Hurle Cup) David Jacobs

Science (Tabor Prize) James Appleby

Self Management (Tabor Prize) Hamish Welch

Senior Practical English Certificate (Tabor Prize) Joel Galley

Sports Studies (Tabor Prize) Fred Maunganai

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Marc Dowman
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Pavan Thaneeru
(PTA Prize) Chris Ashcroft

ESSAY

1st Prize Matthew Rogers

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Geography, 1st in Graphics and 1st in Physics) Ryan Wall



2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st= in Chemistry, 1st in Japanese and 1st in Mathematics) Nathan Moore

1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (including 1st= in Chemistry, 1st in Latin, 1st= in the Highest Mark in School Certificate Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize) and Highest Aggregate for a 2001 Year 12 student in 2000 School Certificate (Hatherly Memorial Prize) Erin Fong

YEAR THIRTEEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art History and English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize) Matthew Pickering

Classical Studies Raamy Majeed

Design and Printmaking David Drew

Economics (Bertrand-Webber Economic Scholarship) Neville Lapwood

Geography Aaron Macrae

Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize) Llewellyn Sarten

History (Brian Bellringer Prize) Nicholas Roughan

Horticulture (Best Student) (Fruit Federation Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Cup and Prize) Horticulture (Practical) (Fruit Federation Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Prize) Kurt Parry

Japanese (Dr Douglas Kenrick Memorial Prize) Michael Braggins

Maori Christian Bonnevie

Mathematics with Calculus VJ Cameron

Music and Excellence i1 Jazz Performance (Take 5 Trophy) Chun-Kit Siu

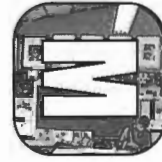
Painting Leigh Kereopa

Physical Education Jeremy Booth

Photography Desai Gupwell

Science Anthony Ander

Science Ian McFarlane





EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Timothy Brown
(Wadsworth's Books Prize) Roy McDowall

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize
Excellence in Oratory
(Wade Scott Cup and Prize) Reece Meuli

ESSAY

1st Prize Hadleigh Beals

MUSIC

Most Outstanding Brass
Player (Port Nicholson Cup) Graeme Macphail

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Aptitude and Training
in a Cadet (NZ Army
Association Shield) Sgt Alex Walton

Best Performing Artist of
the Year (Colleges' Cup
and Cave Prize) and
Most Outstanding String
Player (Hatherly Prize) Richard Slater

Cultural Group of the Year
(ANZ Cup) Tuhonohono o
nga Rangathi Maori Club

Head Boarder
(Eggleton Cup & Prize) Haaretaua O'Brien

For the busy participant
in the life of the school
with full involvement in
either cultural or sporting
activities or both :
a prefect/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) and
For contribution by a Year
13 Maori student to the
Maori profile of the school.
(Laurie Herdman Memorial
Prize) Hemi Rauputu

Outstanding record of
service to the School
(PTA Silver Jubilee
Trophy and Prize) Michael Gordon

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) Mark Woolhouse

Best All-Round Senior
Student
(Eagles' Trophy and Prize) Nicholas Roughan

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) Michael Braggins

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence
(Fookes Cup and Prize)
(including 1st in Biology
(Walter Crowley
Weston Memorial Prize)) Alex Walton

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

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 Literature
(White Memorial Prize),
1st in Mathematics with
Statistics (Harrop Prize),
1st in Physics) Hadleigh Beals



2002 GRADUATES

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Amos, Ropati Toma	BA
Bennett, Steven Trent	BA
Edwards, David Alastair	BA
Lawn, Gregory Martin	BCA
	LLB
	MSC
Little, Peter Richard	BA
Marshall, Warner Dean	LLB
	BSC
McCaffery, Rowan David	LLB
McPhillips, Conal Bruce	LLB
Mitchell, Gregory John	BAHONS
Mitchell, Shadrach Darren	LLB
	LLB
Monaghan, Brad Richard	BCA
	BTSM
	BCA
Newing, Christopher Jon	BA
Parsons, Jeremy Nicholas	LLB
	BCA
	BCA
Parsons, Timothy James	BCA
Pollard, Benjamin Jack	BAHONS
Roquski, Steve Blair	LLBHON
Smith, Benjamin Morrison	BA
	BA
Stone, Lyndon James	BCA
Tilyard, Jarrad Brett	BCA
Ward, Jarrod Michael	BSCTEC



UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Alexander Ross Moir Bachelor of
Pharmacy

UNITEC

Anton Berndt Bachelor of Design
(Three Dimensional)

SPORTS PRIZE LIST 2001

BADMINTON

Bernard Hudson
FOR SERVICE TO
BADMINTON PRO SPORTS WAITARA

Daniel Reason
OPEN CHAMPION COOK AND LISTER CUP

BASKETBALL

Remi Bint
MOST IMPROVED
PLAYER PETER LAY TROPHY
CADETS

Rhys Cooper LT H.V. SEARLE - SENIOR
SHOOTING CHAMP

JUNIOR SHOOTING
CHAMPION CORP CJ HAMBLYN CUP

CRICKET

Tom Schurr
1ST XI BOWLING PARKINSON CUP

Richard Hofmans
2ND XI MOST
IMPROVED PLAYER GIDDY SHIELD

Rhys Barron
CONTRIBUTED
MOST ALISTAIR JORDAN CUP

Christopher McLean
1ST XI BATTING MEULI CUP

CRICKET & WINTER SPORT -

Rhys Barron DONNELLY CUP

CROSS COUNTRY

Jeremy Chapple
INTERMEDIATE
CHAMPION HERBERT SMITH

Raitis Kjestrup
SENIOR CHAMPION 1911 CUP

Pieter Van der Kooij
JUNIOR CHAMPION NOAKES CUP CYCLING

Logan Hutchings
MOST OUTSTANDING
RIDER ANZ CYCLING CUP

DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS

Dayboys - David Riley
SWIMMING DEMPSEY SHIELD

Dayboys - Rhys Baron
RUGBY PEASE CUP

GOLF

Charles MacLeod
SCHOOL GOLF
CHAMPION SHEARER CUP

HOCKEY

Joel Baker
MOST PROMISING
JUNIOR THE GEURSEN STICK

Ian Calder
MOST IMPROVED
PLAYER SIMONSON CUP

Corey Hopkins
MOST VALUABLE
PLAYER DION JORDAN
MEMORIAL

IN LINE HOCKEY

Junior Team BEST PERFORMING
TEAM

INTERHOUSE

Hatherly
TENNIS STEVENSON CUP

Donnelly
CRICKET BARES CUP

Hatherly
RUGBY KERR CUP

Syme
SWIMMING BURBANK CUP

Donnelly
SOCCER HOLDER CUP

Syme
ATHLETICS HANSARD CUP





Hatherly INTERHOUSE CHAMPION CRAMMOND CUP

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

Shaun Cooper JAVELIN
Te Hira Cooper 400M BOTHAMELY CUP

Benjamin Souness HIGH JUMP KELLER CUP

Jonathan Snowden 200M CHALLENGE CUP

Shaun Cooper LONG JUMP CARTWRIGHT CUP

Shaun Cooper INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HAGENSON CUP

Benjamin Souness SHOTPUT

Jacob Lineham 1500M HAGENSON CUP

Hemi Grant INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HAGENSON CUP

Jonathan Snowden 100M BECKBESSINGER CUP

Glen Stephens 800M GILMOUR CUP

Shaun Cooper TRIPLE JUMP
Shaun Cooper DISCUS EDMONDS TROPHY

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Mitchell Snowden CHAMPION BENNET CUP

Mitchell Snowden 400M HERMON CUP

Israel Tan TRIPLE JUMP

Ziggy Tangira JAVELIN

Mitchell Snowden 100M

Philip Young 200M

Ziggy Tangira LONG JUMP

Pieter Van der Kooij 1500M GRIEVE CUP

Ziggy Tangira FIELD CHAMPION GARLIC CUP

Philip Young DISCUS

Mitchell Snowden HIGH JUMP

Mitchell Snowden 800M HOUSTON CUP



Mitchell Snowden SHOTPUT

RUGBY

Roman Tutauha YR 10 IN RUGBY MCKNIGHT MEMORIAL CUP

Nathan Ransfield MOST IMPROVED 1ST XV WATTS CUP

Mark Sherlock LEADERSHIP AT JUNIOR LEVELS JASON DUCKETT MEMORIAL

James Gopperth CONTRIBUTED MOST 1ST XV LEUTHART CUP

Haaretaua O'Brien MOST CONSCIENTIOUS PLAYER 2ND XV CUP

Craig Honeyfield PLAYERS PLAYER TAYLOR CUP

Aaron Harris MOST PROMISING PLAYER IN THE U15's

SENIOR ATHLETICS

Glen Stephens ATHLETE OF THE YEAR GARY FOWLER CUP

Nathan Sweetman TRIPLE JUMP

Paul Hagenson SENIOR CHAMPION

James Gopperth LONG JUMP

Paul Hagenson 200M HERBERT SMITH CUP

Rikki Te Mata JAVELIN

Paul Hagenson DISCUS

Gordon Davenport HIGH JUMP

Brent Raven 1500M FOOKE CUP

Brent Raven 800M MASON MEMORIAL CUP

Paul Hagenson 400M OLD BOYS SHIELD

Shannon Pasili SHOTPUT

Paul Hagenson 100M OLD BOYS CUP

SOCCER

Mitchell Snowden MOST IMPROVED BURMESTER TROPHY

Michael Gordon MOST VALUABLE PLAYER RUSSELL HOOPER CUP

Nick King INVOLVEMENT IN JNR SOCCER BERT ROBSON MEMORIAL CUP

Matthew Rogers CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE TEAM COACHES CUP

SPORTSMAN

Jimmy Gopperth SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR COLLEGE TROPHY
Mitchell Snowden JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Gordon Davenport BEST ALLROUNDER WOLFE CUP

Squash Team - Nick ANZ BANK TEAM OF THE YEAR

SQUASH

Christopher DOW ELANCO CUP

SWIMMING

Benjamin Riley JUNIOR CHAMPION FOX CUP

William Hockings INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION CHALLENGE CUP

David Riley SENIOR CHAMPION SYKES MEMORIAL CUP

TENNIS

Ryan Waite CANDY CUP

Andrew Waite MCKEON CUP

Brian Atkinson MOST IMPROVED BURGESS CUP

Joel Baker HERBERT SMITH CUP

VOLLEYBALL

Gordon Davenport MOST VALUABLE PLAYER SOPER CUP



SWIMMING REPORT 2002

Swimmers continue to excel at NPBHS in the various events available to Secondary Schools students, with many swimmers competing in several competitions throughout the year, including the winter months.

Swimmers put in many hours of training to ensure they are competitive and performances this year reflect the efforts of those boys committed to their sport.

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING



The Taranaki Secondary Schools Swimming Championships were held at the Stratford Indoor pool on March 19 and our term of 12 swimmers (4 at junior, 4 at intermediate and 4 at senior level) were successful in swimming 3 individual titles, and 5 relay titles, as well as numerous 2nd/3rd placings in the always keenly contested events, in which to top age-group swimmers in Taranaki are seen competing for their respective schools.

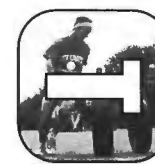
Individual titles were won by David Riley (2) and Ben Riley (1), with the 5 relay titles coming from our senior boys (2), intermediate boys (2) and junior boys (1).

David Riley was yet again our top swimmer, at senior level, with Adam Jaidin, William Hockings and Paul Gledhill providing strong support swims, to ensure NPBHS won both senior relay titles. Adam Jaidin secured a 3rd placing in the senior backstroke, and David gained a 2nd as well, in the senior backstroke.

The intermediate division saw 2nd placings gained by Chris Herbert and Finn Parker, and 3rd placings by Ben Riley and Finn Parker.

Our junior team also competed creditably, gaining a 2nd placing by Tim Doyle and 3rd placings by Tim Doyle, Michael Taylor and Yu Ishikawa in their respective events.

New Plymouth Boys' High was represented by the following swimmers.





JUNIOR BOYS

Tim Doyle, Dex Newland, Michael Taylor, Yu Ishikawa

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Ben Riley, Finn Parker, Chris Herbert, Joel Davies

SENIOR BOYS

Paul Gledhill, David Riley, Adam Jaidin, William Hockings

It is worth mentioning that this is the 5th year in succession that Paul Gledhill and Adam Jaidin have been selected in our swimming team to contest the Taranaki Secondary Schools; a fine achievement, representing the school at junior, intermediate and senior levels throughout their 5 years at NPBHS.

RESULTS (INDIVIDUAL)

David Riley

- 1st place Senior boys 50 m butterfly 28.07 sec
- 1st place Senior boys 100 m freestyle 56.75 sec
- 2nd place Senior boys 50 m backstroke 29.76 sec

Ben Riley

- 1st place Int boys 100 m freestyle 59.48 sec
- 3rd place Int boys 50 m butterfly 32.36 sec

Finn Parker

- 2nd place Int boys 50 m butterfly 32.05 sec
- 3rd place Int boys 100 m freestyle 1.03.61 sec

Tim Doyle

- 2nd place Junior boys 50 m breaststroke 36.32 sec
- 3rd place Junior boys 100 m freestyle 1.04.17 sec

Chris Herbert

- 2nd place Int boys 50 m backstroke 31.65 sec

Adam Jaidin

- 3rd place Senior boys 50 m backstroke 31.57 sec

Yu Ishikawa

- 3rd place Junior boys 50 m breaststroke 37.27 sec

Michael Taylor

- 3rd place Junior boys 50 m backstroke 37.70 sec

RESULTS (RELAYS)

- 1st place Senior Boys Medley Relay 56.85 sec
- 1st place Senior Boys Freestyle Relay 50.30 sec
- 1st place Int Boys Medley Relay 100.70 sec
- 1st place Int Boys Freestyle Relay 53.53 sec

- 1st place Junior Boys Medley Relay 105.07 sec
- 2nd place Junior Boys Freestyle Relay 56.18 sec

The swimmers performed creditably in events that are always difficult to win, simply because the very best age-group swimmers are present. Our swimmers have performed exceptionally well over the years, and are always well-performed in this event. A special thank you to the parents who provided the transport and vocal support pool-side.

A feed of fish 'n chips at the completion of the event was the final event in what has been a successful Secondary Schools Championships.

Kevin Gledhill
Manager, TIC Swimming

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPS

Four swimmers (Adam Jaidin, Chris Herbert, Ben Riley and William Hockings) attended this event, held at Palmerston North on Saturday, 23 March. The very best Secondary School swimmers from all over the North Island compete for titles, and our lads performed creditably against top opposition gaining the following placings.

Ben Riley

- 2nd U-14 yrs 200m freestyle 2 min 07.71 sec
- 5th U-14 yrs 100m freestyle 59.84 sec
- 6th Open men 400m freestyle 4 min 35.47 sec

Adam Jaidin

- 2nd 15 yrs and over 200 m medley 2 min 20.90 sec
- 6th 15 yrs and over 100 m breaststroke 1 min 26.73 sec
- 4th 15 yrs and over 200 m breaststroke 2 min 43.71 sec

Chris Herbert

- 4th U-14 yrs 200m backstroke 2 min 26.56 sec
- 4th U-14 yrs 100m backstroke 1 min 08.95 sec

William Hockings

- 5th 15 yrs and over 100m freestyle 58.98 sec

These are impressive performances, from our swimmers in this level of competition. Well done.



DIVISION 2 NZ AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

William Hockings (16), Finn Parker (14) and Dex Newland (13) attended this event, gaining the following placings.

William Hockings

- 1st 200m medley
- 1st 400m medley
- 1st 100m freestyle
- 1st 200m freestyle
- 3rd 50m freestyle
- 5th 50m butterfly
- 7th 50m backstroke
- 4th 1500m freestyle

Finn Parker

- 3rd 50m butterfly
- 7th 100m freestyle
- 7th 100m backstroke
- 5th 50m freestyle

Dex Newland

- 9th 100m breaststroke
- 17th 100m butterfly
- 19th 50m butterfly

DIVISION 1 NZ AGE-GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Tim Doyle, Chris Herbert, Adam Jaidin and Ben Riley attended this top-level NZ championship, where tough qualifying times are required, before one can enter, with the following results obtained.

Tim Doyle made 3 finals, with a best placing of 7th; Ben Riley had a best placing of 9th over 3 events, Adam Jaidin had a best placing of 12th over 4 events, and Chris Herbert gaining a best placing of 13th over 3 events.

RESULTS WERE

Tim Doyle (13)

- 7th 100m breaststroke
- 10th 200m breaststroke
- 10th 50m breaststroke

Chris Herbert (14)

- 13th 50m freestyle
- 15th 100m backstroke
- 20th 200m backstroke

Adam Jaidin (17)

- 12th 200m breaststroke
- 13th 200m medley
- 13th 50m breaststroke
- 15th 100m breaststroke

Ben Riley (14)

- 9th 400m freestyle
- 10th 100m freestyle
- 14th 200m freestyle

FLANNAGAN CUP (NEW PLYMOUTH OCEAN SWIM)

Ben Riley and Tim Doyle swam in this handicap event of 1200m in the Junior division, with Tim Doyle the first swimmer home; and Ben Riley recording the fastest time.

TIGER JACKET AWARDS 2002

Paul Gledhill and Adam Jaidin were awarded Tiger Jackets for swimming this year, to recognise their consistent performance in swimming as representatives of NPBHS during their years at NPBHS, and David Riley was given a repeat Tiger Jacket award, he being honoured in 2001 for his swimming achievements.





SURF LIFESAVING



NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Fitzroy was represented by Paul Gledhill, David Maetzig, Joel Davies and Gabriel Davies; East End by Troy Mattson, Carl May and Russell Hine.

RESULTS

Paul Gledhill	3rd	Open Board Relay
	6th	U19 Surf Race
	7th	U19 Ironman
Joel Davies	4th	U16 Board Rescue
	5th	U16 Taplin
Troy Mattson	2nd	U19 Board Relay
	4th	U19 Beach Relay
Carl May / Russell Hine	5th	U16 Beach Relay

Several old boys of the school competed with distinction, including Hayden Corkin, Jamie Booth and Ben Scott.

It is worth mentioning that in the U19 ironman, Paul Gledhill was lying in 2nd place, in contention for the lead, in the final swim leg, when a wave bought forward several competitors, pushing Paul, and last years champion out of the 1st and 2nd placings they were currently holding. Such is the nature of Surf Lifesaving, and many competitors can relate similar stories, but they simply shrug their shoulders and say 'that's surf' when such events occur.

Troy Mattson was a successful member of his U19 Board relay team; a fine achievement from a competitor who is also a fine beach sprinter / flag competitor.

At the completion of the championships, Paul Gledhill was select for the NZ U19 High performance SLS squad for the 2002/2003 season. Specialist training and competition as a member of the NZ squad is planned for the summer season ahead.

TARANAKI SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at East End beach over the weekend of 2/3 Feb, the following are the results of NPBHS competitors.

Paul Gledhill	1st	U19 Ironman
		U19 Board Race
		U19 Surf Race
		U19 Board Rescue
	2nd	U19 Run-Swim-Run
		Open Taplin Relay
		Open Board Relay
	3rd	U19 Taplin Relay
David Maetzig	1st	U19 Ski Relay
	2nd	U19 Ski Race
Joel Davies	1st	U16 Board Race
		U16 Taplin Relay
	2nd	U16 Board Rescue
Troy Mattson	4th	U19 Beach Flags

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RESULTS WERE:

Open Surf Race	1st	Paul Gledhill
	2nd	David Riley
Open Board Rescue	1st	Paul Gledhill / Joel Davies
Taplin Relay (mixed)	1st	NPBHS / NPGHS 'A'
Open Tube Rescue (mixed)	2nd	NPBHS / NPGHS 'B'
	3rd	NPBHS / NPGHS 'A'
Junior Tube Rescue (mixed)	2nd	NPBHS / NPGHS 'A'
	3rd	NPBHS / NPGHS 'C'
Open Beach Relay (mixed)	1st	NPBHS / NPGHS 'A'
	3rd	NPBHS / NPGHS 'B'
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Junior Beach Flags	1st	Te Hira Cooper
	2nd	Yu Ishikawa

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to ensure these competitors could compete in this event. Jeremy Burton, Daniel Nelson, Gabriel Davies

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Members of the winning 'A' team each received Gold medallions at the completion of the events.

K Gledhill
T/C Surf Lifesaving



TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS DUATHLON

This event which features a 2 km road run, followed by a 10 km cycle, and finally a 2 km road run, was held on Sunday, 12 May at Hurworth Road, and New Plymouth Boys' High was represented by 3 competitors. Each of these boys competed in the senior boys division and results were:

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3rd	Brook Novak
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Kevin Gledhill
TIC Duathlon

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RESULTS

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

24th Brad Dent

25th Brook Novak

SENIOR BOYS

9th James Appleby

Kevin Gledhill
TIC Duathlon



TRIATHLON 2002

This year's Triathlon was held during March and consisted of a 250m swim in the school pool followed by a 5km cycle and then a 2.5km run to finish off. Overall entries were good with approx 100 contestants, although it would have been nice to have a few more juniors take part. Congratulations are due to all those who got involved. Certainly there was no lack of effort with the first athletes back in less than 25 minutes while the last ones home got there in less than 45 minutes.

RESULTS

JUNIORS

1st Dex Newland 32min 33 sec

INTERMEDIATE

1st Michael Torckler 28mins 29secs
2nd Pieter van der Kooij 28mins 58secs
3rd= Andrew Clapperton/
Jonathan Crossan 29mins 07secs

SENIOR

1st Paul Gledhill 25mins 26secs
2nd Tim Hall 32 mins 26sec
3rd Ben Cash 32 mins 53secs

TEAMS

1st David Riley/Ben Souness/David Maetzig
24mins 10secs
2nd Tim Harford/Glen Gregory/Clayton Jeftha
24mins 32 secs
3rd David Wakeling/Michael McCallum/
Daniel Newall
25 mins 47secs

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

This year the event was held on Saturday, 16 March and attracted 67 competitors from 10 Secondary Schools within Taranaki. New Plymouth Boys' High was represented by six athletes; one in the Senior boys, and five in the Junior boys; there being no team entrants this year.

The event comprises an ocean swim of 250 m, followed by a 10 km cycle, and a 3 km run.

Although our entrants were relatively few in number, the quality of those entered was clearly evident, for Boys' High competitors were to gain 1st place in both junior and senior divisions.

RESULTS

SENIOR BOYS (U-19 YRS)

1st Brook Novak (44 min 45 sec)

JUNIOR BOYS (U-15 YRS)

1st Michael Torckler (40 min 55 sec)
3rd Hayden Ballantyne (43 min 15 sec)
6th Dex Newland (46 min 58 sec)
8th Barry Watson (57 min 40 sec)
9th Matthew Vaughan (1.02 min 10 sec)

This is the 2nd year, in succession that Boys' High competitors have been 1st in both Junior and Senior categories. Well done.



Surfing Team





SPORT & CULTURAL AWARDS



ANZ Cultural Group of the Year (Blue Velvet Jazz Band)



Sportman of the Year Mark Bland (Soccer)



Leigh Kereopa Performing Artist of the Year (Music)



ANZ Bank Sports Team of the Year (Squash) accepted by Paul Prouse



Wolfe Cup (All Round Sportsman of the Year) Matt Sim

TIGER JACKETS 2002

ATHLETICS

Hemi GRANT
Gordon DAVENPORT

BASKETBALL

Anthony BISHELL
Tony KEMP
Tehira COOPER
Corey MAKATO
Marehu DELLOW
Peter CAMPBELL
Remi BINT

CRICKET

Tom SCHURR
Ben MacINTOSH
Brendan DALLAS
Brad COOPER
Matt SIM
Chris CRUIKSHANK

CROSS COUNTRY

David MAETZIG

DEBATING

Tim COCHRANE
Elliot TAYLOR

DRAMA

Matthew BENTON
Luke MILLARD

HOCKEY

Hayden BARLEY
Nick AXTEN
Chris ASHCROFT
Barry WATSON
Ian CALDER
Chris THOMAS
Darren SMITH

JAZZ BAND

Leighton MARKHAM

MUSIC

David KLAHN
Leigh KEREOPA

MUSIC - PIANO

Erin FONG



RUGBY

Brad COOPER
Alex ASI
Ben SOUNESS
David RILEY
Nathan RANSFIELD
Jack CAMERON
Hayden NICHOLLS
Nathan MATTOCK
Simeon JAMES
Shannon PASILLI
Sio MAUGANUI
James ANNABELL

SAXOPHONE

Paul SYLVESTER
Danny PETERS
Matthew BENTON

SOCCER

Brady CAMERON
JP HASSAN
Tim BLAND
Danny PETERS
Mark BLAND
Gordon DAVENPORT
Matt ROGER
Daniel JAMES

SQUASH

Paul PROUSE

STAGE BAND

Tim ARMITAGE
Simon JAMES

SURF LIFESAVING

Paul GLEDHILL

SWIMMING

Paul GLEDHILL
Adam JAIDEN
David RILEY

TENNIS

Andrew WAITE
Joel SIMS

VOLLEYBALL

Gordon DAVENPORT
Brady CAMERON
Jonathon SNOWDEN



TENNIS REPORT 2002



The highlight of the 2002 Season was without doubt our hosting of the annual Super 8 Tennis Tournament in New Plymouth.

The weather during the three days of the Tournament was superb and the standard of Tennis very high.

My thanks to Rotokare Tennis Club and Pukekura Park Tennis Club for allowing us to use their Courts.

SUPER 8 RESULTS

Palmerston North Boys' High School defeated Tauranga Boys' College in the final on a countback of sets. New Plymouth Boys' High School "A" finished 3rd and our "B" Team finished 7th out of 8 Teams.

Team Members were:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| "A" Team | "B" Team |
| Thomas Luxton | Michael Kjestrup |
| Andrew Waite | Tehira Cooper |
| Joel Sims | Logan Ropiha |
| Joel Baker | Blair Howarth |
| Raphael Cabral | Clinton Jones |

INTER SCHOOL RESULTS

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|------|
| v Hamilton Boys' High School | 11 - 7 | Win |
| v Wanganui Collegiate | 13 - 2 | Win |
| v Palmerston North Boys' High School | 2 - 13 | Loss |

Senior Team Junior Team

- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Thomas Luxton | Logan Ropiha |
| Andrew Waite | David Geange |
| Joel Sims | Clinton Jones |
| Joel Baker | David White |
| Michael Kjestrup | Tim Lepper |
| Blair Howarth | Ben Aves |

TARANAKI REPRESENTATIVES

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| 16's | Andrew Waite |
| | Thomas Luxton |
| | Joel Baker |
| 14's | Logan Ropiha |
| | David Geange |

SOFFE CUP

The Premier Inter Club Competition in Taranaki is the Soffe Cup. Congratulations go to Thomas Luxton (Manaia) and Andrew Waite (Pukekura Park) who both represented their clubs in this prestigious competition.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Senior: | Andrew Waite |
| Runner Up: | Thomas Luxton |
| Junior: | Logan Ropiha |
| Runner Up: | David Geange |

Special thanks to Mr A Hope for coaching the Junior Team and for his assistance in running the Super 8 Tournament.



SAILING

In 2002, the New Plymouth Boys High Sailing team performed with distinction. In February the team won the right to represent the region at the 2002 Maersk Sealand National Schools Teams Racing Championships at Whangarei. The team was made up of three crews who competed against Spotswood College in the best of seven races to decide who would represent the region. Our team sailed well early on to take a three to one lead, however Spotswood rallied to win the fifth race. With race six, our team wanted to clinch the win and made the best start of the series to give themselves a strong position and held on to cover a strong tacking dual with the Spotswood Team. The result of 4-2 kept Coach Alan Ormrod very pleased.

In Whangarei, the team was Jason Holdt, Chris Coplestone, Guy Ormrod, Tom Mitchell, David Ormrod, Scott Dunning, Brad James, and Jason Johnston. The competition was against 12 teams from all over New Zealand. The first three days we sailed in round robin races in which we won four races and lost eight races placing us ninth going into the plate final. On Thursday we sailed against Marlborough Boys, Christchurch Boys and Otomotai College winning all of the races to put us into the final against Wellington for fifth and sixth place. We beat Wellington who had beaten us in the earlier rounds to take the Plate Final. The fifth placing made us the best performed Taranaki School in the history of the regatta. The regatta was eventually won by Auckland Grammar.



The team would like to thank their parents and supporters, in particular, Alan and Juliet Ormrod, Mandy Mitchell, Manager Ces Hill and Mr Mac for all their help in Whangarei. The team also acknowledges the generous sponsorship of BTW Surveyors for paying the entry Fee and Ivan Watkins Dow for their generous donation, the school council for their contribution to travel, accomodation and to Long Bay College for their support in allowing us to use their boats. The team will undergo a transition period later this year as the old hands of Scott and Chris move on but the good news is there are a number of excellent sailors enrolling at NPBHS for 2003.

Jason Holdt



Skiing & Snowboarding Team



NPBHS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2002 NPBHS Athletics championships were held at Inglewood Athletic track. It was an interesting day with the P.A system not in operation, however the Housemasters were able to muster a good response from boys. The weather was abysmal with a delay of some events. The boys seemed to enjoy themselves despite the bad weather. Hatherly produced some fine performances with a convincing win in the House competition, Donnelly was second, Syme third and Barak a distant last.

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP 2002

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| JUNIOR | |
| 1st | Yu Ishikawa |
| 2nd | Kyle Manu |
| 3rd | Nick Tipling |
| INTERMEDIATE | |
| 1st | Blair Prescott |
| 2nd | Andrew Clapperton |
| 3rd | Philip Young |
| SENIOR | |
| 1st | Gordon davenport |
| 2nd | Hemi Grant |





ATHLETICS

The major competitions for the school this year were the school championships and the Taranaki championships. Six boys were selected to represent Taranaki at the North Island competition and as this goes to print we are in the process of assembling a team to compete in the National event to be held in Inglewood in December. Participation in athletics has been significantly higher this year due to the opportunity to train with a squad at a world class facility. Continued involvement in athletics will see significant benefits to winter codes as well as to the sport of athletics.

TSS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A strong team of fifty-one athletes represented the school at the Taranaki Athletic Championships at the Stadium in Inglewood on Wednesday, March 6. The standard of competition was higher than in previous years and this made it a very exciting track meet.

NPBHS won 14 titles on the day. These were:

JUNIOR:

Kyle Manu 100m 200m Triple Jump
 Yu Ishikawa 300m
 Jamin Inia 3000m (Taranaki Record 10.40.21s)

INTERMEDIATE:

Bryan Martin 3000m
 Tony Hofmans Triple Jump
 Jesse Dolman Shot Put

SENIOR:

Tehira Cooper 100m hurdles
 Hemi Grant 100m Triple Jump
 Paul Gledhill 2000m Steeplechase
 Sio Mauganai Shot Put
 Shaun Cooper Javelin

The relays are always a highlight to end a track meet and in fading light our teams were unable to claim a first which is something to improve on as a school. We also had a large number of individual competitors placed 2nd and 3rd with many athletes achieving personal best performances on the day. It was particularly pleasing to see so many boys compete in the middle distance events, which have been a weakness for the school in recent years.



NORTH ISLAND ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the end of Term one, six students from NPBHS represented Taranaki in the North Island Athletic Championships on the North Shore. Shaun Cooper performed with distinction, throwing the senior javelin 53.70 m to finish 3rd. Kyle Manu was 5th in junior triple jump and made the final of the senior 100m race, running in 11.88. Phillip Young made the final in the Intermediate Boys 400m and was a member of the Taranaki 4 x 400m relay team which finished 3rd. Our other representatives were Hemi Grant, Jesse Dolman, Glen Stephens. Congratulations to these athletes for excelling at such a high level of competition.

Paul Dominikovich
 Master in Charge Athletics

CROSS COUNTRY 2002

2002 was another successful year for the school. Over 900 students completed the respective courses of Junior 4km, Intermediate 5km and Senior 6.5km. 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 Boys' High. The most important aspect contributing to the days success was a positive spirit and attitude displayed from the students which is the essential ingredient to its continuation.



RESULTS

JUNIOR

FIRST PLACE Nick Tipling (20.15)
 SECOND PLACE Jaimin Inia
 THIRD PLACE Joshua Kerslake

INTERMEDIATE

FIRST PLACE Bryan Martin (19.45)
 SECOND PLACE Hayden Ballantyne
 THIRD PLACE Pieter Van der Kooij

SENIOR

FIRST PLACE Paul Gledhill (28.24)
 SECOND PLACE Brett Goodin
 THIRD PLACE David Maetzig

HOUSE POINTS

HATHERLY	JUNIOR	1872	
	INTERMEDIATE	2389	
	SENIOR	1913	
	TOTAL	6174	FIRST
SYME	JUNIOR	2048	
	INTERMEDIATE	2087	
	SENIOR	1517	
	TOTAL	5652	SECOND
DONELLY	JUNIOR	1393	
	INTERMEDIATE	1584	
	SENIOR	2166	
	TOTAL	5143	THIRD
BARAK	JUNIOR	2081	
	INTERMEDIATE	1424	
	SENIOR	1615	
	TOTAL	5120	FOURTH



CROSS COUNTRY

INTRODUCTION

The Cross Country season was a very successful one with nearly 50 boys having the opportunity to represent the school in one or more events. The obvious highlight was the superb victory in the Super 8 race held in Tauranga, but there were other quality performances including two teams placing 5th in the Nationals in Blenheim, winning both TSS Road Relays and placing in the Wanganui Relay. Cross Country is a team sport and the challenge for next year is to retain the Super 8 title here in New Plymouth and then to improve our National rankings at this event in the Hutt Valley. Congratulations to all who competed this year and to what you added to the team. Thank you too for the parents who supported their boys and the school. Below is a list of results from the various events participated in. For a full list of results and photographs click on the Cross Country icon under Sports on the school's web site at www.npbhs.school.nz.

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 Master in Charge Athletics / Cross Country



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

A strong team of runners from NPBHS went to Hawera on Wednesday, May 15 for the TSS Cross Country Championships. It was a very successful day for the team taking 6 of the 9 individual places and 5 of the 6 team titles. Our Juniors lead the way with a clean sweep of the places and the best finish of the day with only a metre separating the first two runners.





The results were

Nick Tipling	1st
Jamin Inia	2nd
Tyler MacLeod	3rd

This obviously won them the 3-man race and along with Taura Tukaroa, Justin Boag and Rowan Samson they were easily the 6-man team winners also.

Our Intermediate team was almost as dominant taking out 3 of the first 4 places, although we weren't strong enough to win the 6-man in this event.

Placings were

Bryan Martin	1st
Hayden Ballantyne	2nd
Matt Ander	4th

Bryan and Hayden also ran the two fastest times of the day.

The Senior race was full of surprises with school Cross Country results showing no resemblance to the eventual TSS placings.

Our top 3 runners were

Jeremy Chapple	2nd
Daniel James	4th
Joel Sims	6th

Along with David Maetzig, Ryan Blackbourn and Brent Raven the Seniors won both 3-man and 6-man races.



SUPER 8 CROSS COUNTRY

18 of the best runners from NPBHS went to Tauranga for the Super 8 Cross Country race on May 24th. The format of the competition has the runners split into 3 divisions with 30 to 40 competitors in each race. The first 3 places in each division combine to give an overall score with the lowest team score winning. The format is excellent as every runner is of equal value and the most consistent team with the strongest depth wins.



Our year 9 team results over 3000m were

Nick Tipling	4th
Tyler MacLeod	6th
Taura Tukaroa	13th
KC Hannan	21st
Josh Kerslake	24th
Matthew Snowden	26th
David Ormrod	30th

The top 3 places combined to 2nd, 13 points behind a strong Napier team. Our under 16 team ran in the same race as the Year 9 boys and they were the winners of this particular race reversing the order with Napier 2nd. Results were

Hayden Ballantyne	1st
Matthew Ander	3rd
Pieter van der Kooij	5th
Jamin Inia	10th
Nick Wilkinson	14th
Michael Torckler	16th
Ben Riley	17th

The pressure was now on the Seniors in their 6000m race to finish ahead of Napier to claim the Super 8 title. They responded in style coming home as second team, comfortably ahead of 4th placed Napier.

Results were

Jeremy Chapple	7th
David Maetzig	9th
Daniel James	10th
James Appleby	26th

All 3 of our teams finished in the top 3 of their respective races and New Plymouth Boys' were the deserving winners ahead of glamour running schools Napier Boys' and Tauranga Boys'. Congratulations to the successful team and the challenge is now to defend the title when Super 8 Cross Country comes to New Plymouth in 2003.

NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

A group of 13 boys and 5 parents travelled to Blenheim at the end of last term for the National Cross Country Championships. This is a huge event with over 1200 competitors taking part from almost every high school in the country. We had runners competing in all 3 age groups, but importantly we had 2 six man teams in the younger age groups to ensure we would achieve

a national ranking for the first time. The Year 9 boys raced over 3000m on a flat course and their results were

Nick Tipling	42
Matthew Snowden	44
Josh Kerslake	47
Ta Tukaroa	58
Justin Boag	59
KC Hannan	91



These placings added to 341 which placed 5th in the teams event.

Our Under 16 team ran over 4000m and their individual placings were

Hayden Ballantyne	21
Pieter van der Kooij	30
Matt Ander	36
Nick Wilkinson	79
Jamin Inia	84
Michael Torckler	118

These placings combined to also give the six man team 5th place and Hayden, Pieter and Matt were 4th in the 3 person teams event.

Jeremy Chapple was our sole entrant in the Senior Boys race over 6000m and his placing of 78th saw him the first Taranaki runner home. It was a very successful trip to the Nationals and the team results were outstanding achievements for the boys and good reward for all the training they had put in.

WANGANUI ROUND THE LAKE RELAY

Seven teams of 4 athletes was selected to travel to Wanganui for the 24th running of the Round the Lake Relay. This large event has 20 - 30 teams in each event and the standard is very high. In the Year 9 race the Dayboy team finished 7th ahead of our Boareds team who were 12th. These teams were:

Dayboys

Josh Kerslake
David Ormrod
Cameron Miller
Matthew Snowden

Boareds

Nick Tipling
Ta Tukaroa
Dex Newland
Justin Boag

In the under 16 race our top team finished a very creditable 3rd and they were followed by a Boareds team who won a prize for being the first "B" team home. The successful runners were:

A Team

Hayden Ballantyne
Nick Wilkinson
Matthew Ander
Pieter van der Kooij

B Team

Andrew Clapperton
Seb Thomson
Fraser Campbell
Blair Prescott

The Senior teams were very even and finished in 12th and 13th places. These teams were:

A Team

James Appleby
David Maetzig
Daniel James
Jeremy Chapple

B Team

Matthew Sturmer
Joel Sims
David Belgrave
Mark Henwood

TSS ROAD RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday September 15th, the annual Bowl of Brooklands Road Relays were held. NPBHS entered 3 teams in this event where each runner completes a 2.4km lap. The age groups for this race are worked out on the students year at school with Years 9 and 10 being Intermediate and Years 11, 12 and 13 being Senior.

We entered 2 teams in the intermediate race with these teams finishing first and second and both teams going under the Taranaki record. The winning 4th form team broke the record by a massive 3 minutes and 55 seconds to set an imposing standard for future years. The results were

1st

Hayden Ballantyne	
Nick Wilkinson	
Michael Torckler	
Matthew Ander	31:24

2nd

Josh Kerslake	
Joe Kisby	
Rowan Samson	
David Ormrod	34:44

The Senior event was an event NPBHS had never won. The team was selected from the fastest runners at the recent Wanganui Relay and they finally managed to win this event for the school. The team was

1st

Matthew Sturmer	
Daniel James	
Blair Prescott	
Pieter van der Kooij	31:28

Congratulations to all these athletes for performing at an outstanding level.

Paul Dominikovich
Master in Charge Athletics/Cross Country





Back Row: Glen Gregory, Ben Souness, David Riley, Ryan Dickson, Matthew Sim, Jeremy Boylan
Middle Row: Mr C Maihi (Coach), Roman Tutauha, Tipene Welch, Edward Faulkner, Brad Cooper, Hemi Grant, Glen Stephens, Mr G Giddy (Coach)
Front Row: Sio Mauganai, Jack Cameron, Simeon James, Nathan Ransfield, James Annabell (Captain), Hayden Nicholls, Jared Corlett, Shannon Pasili, Alex Asi
On The Floor: Nathan Mattock, Brett Goodin
Absent: Mr J Riley (Manager)

1ST XV RUGBY

This years 1st XV was based around a number of returning 1st XVers from 2001. There were in fact eleven of last years 1st XV players back for another year. Experience at College match level was expected to be a very real strength.

James Annabell in his third and final year in the team was duly made Captain of the side, to be ably assisted by Jack Cameron, Nathan Mattock and Simeon James in the backs and Hayden Nicholls and Shanon Pasili in the forwards.

The majority of new 1st XVers came from the well performed 2001 2nd XV and a "big" season was anticipated. With so many of last years 1st and 2nd Xvers together, the team morale was of course very high throughout the season.

Also planned for this year was an end of season Rugby Tour to the United Kingdom. There was a lot of important Rugby to come for this team.

In retrospect, injuries to key players cost the 1st XV in the latter part of the College season. Many players had to play with niggling injuries or had to watch from

the sideline. It is interesting to note that three of the teams that played in the Top Four National competition semi-finals had played against us during our Super 8 season. Although we did not register wins against Auckland Grammar, Napier Boys' or Rotorua Boys', we led all three sides in our games at half time and lost to each by 7 or less points.

CLUB SEASON : Senior Reserve Grade.

A revamped grade which was initiated by the Taranaki Rugby Union this year saw the Senior 3rd and 4th Grades combined to make a new grade, the Senior Reserves. This years 1st XV proved to be too skilful, too well prepared and too quick for many of these teams as the results below reflect;

Vs Inglewood	won	45 - 5
Vs Okaiawa	won	87 - 0
Vs Tukapa	won	52 - 12
Vs NPOB	won	45 - 24
Vs Bell Block	won	90 - 5
Vs Clifton	won	132 - 5
Vs Whangamomona	won	62 - 22

The benefits for the forwards in such a grade as this was important as the competition against older more seasoned players would give our forward players the type of robust play that is not evident in lower grade local competitions. However, the trade off meant that our backs were seldom tested defensively and were able to run into gaps at will. The condition of some Reserve grade players also meant that once a gap was found nobody bothered to give chase and a 90 metre try was conceded.

It is recognised that all of the club sides, hoped to genuinely give us a good run for as long as they could and this was appreciated by the team. All games were played in good spirit, without the "beat the schoolboys" mentality.

A highlight to the club season was the very first visit to Whangamomona by our 1st XV. A hell of a bus ride to one of the most typical of New Zealand's pioneer Rugby Ground. The locals were out in force, and appreciated a hotly contested game.

It is a pity that the 1st XV had to pull out after the first round as more games were needed to prepare for the upcoming College season.

COLLEGE SEASON : 2002

Vs St Kentigerns at the Gully:

A good hit out in a "now" traditional friendly against St Kents. It gave us a good indication as to the best direction for our preparations. This game is one of experimenting by both sides with no strings attached. A good game by our boys.

Vs Te Aute College at Te Aute : won 31 - 0

Internal disciplining meant that a slightly under strength 1st XV travelled to Te Aute in the Central Hawkes Bay. The team were hosted in the beautiful school marae "Te Whare o Rangī".

The game was played in good weather and the 1st XV were never really threatened by a rebuilding Te Aute side. Silly mistakes at crucial times meant tries went begging though Ben Souness' try was especially pleasing as it came from a well rehearsed and clever tap penalty move. Shanon Pasili was the pick of the forwards and Nathan Mattock was devastating on attack and defence in the backs.

Tries - Nathan Ransfield, Ben Souness, Shanon Pasili, Roman Tutauha, Jeremy Boylan (2). Conversions Jack Cameron (3)



Vs Auckland Grammar at the Gully: lost 15 - 22

The first home traditional in front of the school turned out to be a "nail biter". The school side conceded an early try after a defensive mix up but a good chase from a sideline kick by Jeremy Boylan and Sio Mauganai resulted in Sio dotting down in the corner. This levelled the scores at 8 - 8 at half time. Good work from the tight five where Hayden Nicholls was outstanding resulted in New Plymouth finishing the stronger. Early in the second half, a short lineout move put a barracking Pasili into a huge hole to gift Jared Corlett a try under the posts. This saw the school take the lead 15 - 8 with about 15 minutes remaining. Unfortunately from the kick off a soft try opportunity was converted by Grammar and the scores were locked again. In the final minutes, to their credit, Grammar upped their tempo as we tired, and they scored again to post the win. Brett Goodins' decision making and cover tackling was outstanding, these skills he maintained for the whole season. A recognised real danger for opposition teams. A creditable performance but a loss all the same. Tries - Sio Mauganai, Jared Corlett. Conversions - Jack Cameron (1) Penalties - Jack Cameron (1)

Vs St Patricks' Silverstream at Silverstream : won 37 - 7

Although stormy weather gripped most of the country on the day, the weather had been beautiful all week at Silverstream and open running rugby would not be impeded at all come game time.

Again, the forwards were dominant with Nicholls, Pasili, Mauganai and Nathan Ransfield toiling with aggression. Ben Souness and David Riley had good games in the loose. Young Ryan Dickson scored his first 1st XV try and played well until replaced by "Big Red" Jared Corlett. An early injury forced off Simeon James, allowing Glen Stephens to take the field. Nathan Mattock looked after his midfield partner and ensured that the back three received quality ball. Brad Cooper at fullback unleashed Jeremy Boylan for two classy tries with Brad also scoring one. The result was never in doubt and New Plymouth were always in control.

However, St Pats did construct and finish off an excellent try near the end. Jeremy Boylan was the pick of the players on this day and showed his speed and elusiveness. Tries - Jeremy Boylan (2), Nathan Mattock, Brad Cooper, Ryan Dickson. Conversions - Jack Cameron (3) Penalties Jack Cameron (2)





Vs Francis Douglas at Francis Douglas: won 26 - 3

Always is and always will be a "no win" game for the 1st XV. If we win, it was expected, if we just win, we must not be a very good side, and if we lose, B.H.S. has gone to the pack! The memory of losing to Francis Douglas 5 years ago was all that was needed to ensure the teams' focus.

Francis Douglas deserve respect and the players were asked to play them accordingly. Complacency and arrogance on our part was dismissed as not helpful to our game. Good games from the skipper Annabell, Souness, and Corlett up front, and Simeon James in the backs.

As the score reflects, we were never really troubled and a howling gale on the ground with Francis Douglas resorting to a kicking game saw a pretty low scoring affair. It was interesting to note after the game that Francis Douglas felt they were in with a winning chance. This was surprising as 16 New Plymouth Boys' players represented Taranaki in the Secondary Schools' side that was selected and coached by Francis Douglas Coaching Staff.

Tries - Jared Corlett, Shanon Pasili, Simeon James (2). Conversions - Jack Cameron (3)

Vs Hamilton Boys High School at the Gully: won 25 - 10

The first of the Super 8 games played in good weather between two sides willing to make play. Hamilton looked to use the ball from all areas of the ground and were made to pay by New Plymouth when mistakes crept in. Sio Mauganai scored from close in after a dab from halfback Brett Goodin. Two other well taken tries were scored by Alex Asi and Brad Cooper after slick back line moves. We were able to out last Hamilton up front where James Annabell, Glen Gregory and Ben Souness were honest workers. The midfield pairing of Simeon and Nathan were solid on defence and hard working on attack. Tries - Sio Mauganai, Alex Asi, and Brad Cooper Conversions - Jack Cameron (2) Penalties - Jack Cameron (2)



Vs Wanganui Collegiate at Collegiate: won 17 - 6

This game was hard fought as Wanganui played with more desire in both halves of this match. Collegiate scored first against the run of play with a well taken

try. New Plymouth responded with a try by Haden Nicholls who did not give up chasing the ball to the try line and was rewarded for his go forward style of play; the faster wingers who were also in pursuit gave up, but not Hayden. Brett Goodin also scored a try in a game full of uncustomary mistakes by our back line. No fewer than five handling mistakes after our first five or so possessions. All was not right up front either as we battled to play against an enthused Wanganui pack. Jack pushed the score line out with well taken penalties. Some lessons dished out by Collegiate.

Tries - Hayden Nicholls and Brett Goodin.
Conversions - Jack Cameron (2) Penalties Jack Cameron (1)

Vs Tauranga Boys' College at Tauranga: won 24 - 0

The second of our Super 8 games. Again lucky with the weather, a flowing game developed. While the score might seem flattering, we had to battle for over half the match as errors again cost us at try time. In the end we had to rely on the individual brilliance of Brett Goodin again. He was quick to capitalise on Tauranga mistakes and was often cover tackling as well.

Tauranga attacked many times but were repulsed as we also were. This was Bretts' game and deservedly was acknowledged as the player of the day; the difference between the two teams.

Tries - Brett Goodin (2)
Conversions - Jack Cameron (1) Penalties - Jack Cameron (1)
Dropped Goals - Jack Cameron (1)

Vs Palmerston North Boys' High School at the Gully: lost 3 - 6

Palmerston North arrived undefeated and we were looking to upset their rhythm. This turned out to be a very frustrating game for us as we made a lot of the play, going over the try line at least twice only to be disallowed and missing three attempts out of four in penalty kicks. Jack did not have his "A game" kicking boots on. On the other side, the Palmerston North kicker had only two kicks from wide out, but got both. While the team could only rue lost chances, Palmerston North need to be congratulated for their tenacity especially in the tight.

Penalty - Jack Cameron.

Vs Gisborne Boys' High School at Gisborne: lost 0 - 23

After a long break due to the July Holidays, a very injury plagued team travelled to Gisborne. At the Central Regions Rugby Tournament where 16 1st XVers represented Taranaki, no less than seven returned with severe injuries. It was a big loss to lose players of the ability and experience of Mattock, Mauganai, and Asi.

Gisborne are very confrontational but we matched them in the early part of the game. The game was played in the wind and the rain, which was new for our players. Gisborne scored consistently with the wind behind them to lead 13 - 0 at half time. Hoping that with the wind behind, we would get a slight advantage, we turned around expectantly. However, Gisborne did not let up and eventually won 23 - 0. We had failed to score in a College match but not



through lack of trying.

Vs Hastings Boys' High School at Hastings: lost 13 - 21

Injuries still dictated the make up of the run on side as we came up against a team which had shown ability by knocking over both Rotorua and Gisborne. Hastings were all class in the first few minutes finding space on the outsides to post two early tries and then a penalty. The forwards after a meek display against Gisborne really lifted their game, giving just as much as they got from a very big and useful forward pack. Jack Cameron managed to kick a penalty to keep us in touch at half time 3 - 13, then another just after half time.

At the turn around it looked likely that we could snatch a win as Hastings started to tire quickly up front. Jack Cameron scored a try under the posts after our penalty move was engineered by Shanon Pasili and Ben Souness. Their captain and hooker was unfortunately injured giving their side a much needed rest. Play had to be moved to an adjacent field as their player could not be moved. From the restart, our boys threw everything at Hastings, and at the final whistle a relieved Hastings pack hit the deck with exhaustion. An awesome individual display from Jack and selfless efforts from Ransfield and Annabell.

Tries (1) Conversions (1) Penalties (2) - Jack Cameron

Vs Napier Boys' High School at the Gully: lost 32 - 38

We knew we were playing a very good side as a lot had returned from last years' side that had thumped us. A pretty well balanced side right across the park best describes Napier.

However, once the game got started it was us who started the scoring with a well constructed try by Simeon James. Napier were intent on pushing the ball wide and Simeon intercepted to score under the posts. All the while Napier were making the play and scoring tries. Brett Goodin scored to give us a bigish lead, with also Hemi Grant chiming in with two well constructed tries. Napier however were very confident and were able to score when it mattered.

Soft tries scored by both sides but very entertaining all the same.

Tries - Simeon James (2) Hemi Grant (2) Brett Goodin.
Conversions (2) Penalties (1) - Jack Cameron

Vs Rotorua Boys' High School at the Gully: lost 15 - 22

Rotorua has been a top schoolboy side for a few years and have been a dominant Super 8 side. This was our last game on the Gully as a squad. We came out fired up and scored the opening try to live-wire flanker Ben Souness. A couple of minutes later from a penalty attempt by Jack which hit the post, Jeremy Boylan gathered in to score by the posts 12 - 0 against "The" team. Jack was successful with a penalty before halftime but Rotorua found the try line on the whistle to close the gap 15 - 12.





We surrendered the lead in the second half and at the final whistle were unlucky not to equalise as we dropped the ball on the line. From the scrum, the ball was put out of play, game over... season over. Tries - Ben Souness, Jeremy Boylan Penalties (1) Conversions (1) - Jack Cameron.

RESULTS : TRADITIONALS :

Vs Te Aute won 31 - 0
Vs Auckland Grammar lost 15 - 22
Vs Wanganui Collegiate won 16 - 3
Vs Palmerston North Boys' High School lost 3 - 6*
Vs Hamilton Boys' High School won 25 - 10*
Vs St Pats Silverstream won 37 - 7

(* - also Super 8 game.)

SUPER 8

Vs Tauranga Boys' College won 24 - 0
Vs Gisborne Boys' High School lost 0 - 23
Vs Hastings Boys' High School lost 13 - 21
Vs Napier Boys' High School lost 32 - 38
Vs Rotorua Boys' High School lost 15 - 22

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS :

Taranaki Secondary Schools'
James Annabell - (Capt)
Nathan Ransfield
Sio Mauganai
Hayden Nicholls
Jared Corlett
Ben Souness
Shanon Pasili
Glen Gregory
Ryan Dickson
Brett Goodin
Jack Cameron
Nathan Mattock
Simeon James
Jeremy Boylan
Alex Asi
Brad Cooper

HURRICANES SECONDARY SCHOOLS'

James Annabell
Jared Corlett
Brett Goodin

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS'

Brett Goodin

Congratulations to Brett Goodin on his selection for the N.Z. Secondary Schools' Team, it is well deserved as he is a player of definite skill and class. Each of the leaving players deserve a mention as they contributed to 1st XV Rugby. It is appropriate to wish Mole, Panda, Sio, Hades, Red, Ben, Uncle, Shanman, Baretta, Jack, Mad Dog, Pretty, Simmy and Alex all the best for their Rugby next year. Keep playing, and keep making a difference when you play. A word also for Mole, your captaincy grew as the season unfolded, your decision making, leadership and speechmaking was outstanding by the tour of the United Kingdom. It did not go unnoticed. Well done!

For those returning, look to "fill the shoes", "carry the torch" and generally do your bit for the jersey. Hit the roads, get into a bit of "pain", and set some goals.

Finally, to John Riley, the 2002 1st XV Manager, thank you for your time, effort and quiet efficiency. I know you felt the exhilarations and the disappointments of the season as strongly as the next team member.

Chief and Gids

UK RUGBY TOUR 2002

V Wellington College - Won 17-12

A very disjointed first half punctuated by a number of basic mistakes saw NPBHS lead 5-0 at half time through a well finished try to Alex Asi. Although NPBHS dominated the half into the breeze Wellington College defended well. The second half saw a much better effort although Wellington College scored early after a NPBHS mistake in the midfield. The reply was instant with Brad Cooper stepping through a number of tackles to score after a very good build up Jack Cameron converted. Another turnover saw Wellington College score and convert to tie the scores at 12-12.

NPBHS dominated the remaining time with Wellington College always threatening to break out. Ben Souness scored from the famous tap move to give NPBHS a deserved 17-12 win.

Players of the Day - Roman Tutauha and Shannon Pasili.

V Kings School - Macclesfield - Won 38-7

After giving up an intercept try NPBHS took control and with tries by Tom Schurr and David Fraser, both converted by Matt James, led 14-7 at half time. NPBHS continued to dominate and went on to win 38-7 with 2nd half tries to Jesse Dolman, Ben Souness (2) and Ian Honeyfield, Jack Cameron converted 2.

Players of the Day - Aaron Harris and Ian Honeyfield.

V Macclesfield U20 - Won 50-0

After a very physical start NPBHS defended strongly but had limited ball. Once momentum was gained up front Alex Asi scored with Jack Cameron converting and Hayden Nicholls, after a strong chase scored with Jack Cameron converting. Halftime 14-0. The hard work continued up front in the second half with the game opening up with tries to Brad Cooper, Jack Cameron, Jesse Dolman, Ben Souness, Simeon James and Hayden Nicholls. Jack Cameron converted 3.

Players of the Day - Hayden Nicholls, Sio Manganui, Nathan Mattock and Jesse Dolman

V Blackrock RFC U20 - Won 38-15

With 4 first choice players out due to sickness NPBHS took on a very polished U20 side. After early tries to Ian Honeyfield and Alex Asi, Blackrock scored from an intercept. Simeon James then scored then Blackrock replied with a try after a mix up at t a22 drop out leaving a 17-10 lead to NPBHS.

The second half started with Blackrock scoring from another intercept then Shannon Pasili and the tight

five got going to lead to tries to Ian Honeyfield, Simeon James and Jack Cameron. Jack Cameron converted all three for a 38-15 win.

James Annabell was outstanding in the way he led the side, Ian Honeyfield stepped up to the task and Jack Cameron controlled the game well. Alain Roland - sub referee in the Ab vs SA match - refereed the game.

V Foyle College (Londonderry) - Won 52-14

A much small and inexperienced Foyle side struggle to contain what was becoming a very good second unit. After leading 21-0 NPBHS let in two late tries to lead 21-14 at halftime. NPBHS totally dominated the 2nd half with forwards and backs combining well.

Tries to Ian Honeyfield (3), Brad Cooper, Tom Schurr, Glen Stephens, Glen Gregory and Jeremy Hudson.

Conversions Matt James (5) and James Annabell.

V Fettes College (Edinburgh) - Won 60-3

NPBHS were to strong for the Fetter College 1st XV winning 60-3 totally dominating all areas of the game.

Tries to Chris Cruikshank, Matt James (3), Ian Honeyfield (2), Ryan Dickson, Ben Souness, Ed Faulkner and Roman Tutauhu.

Conversions Matt James (5)

Player of the Day Ryan Dickson

V Edinburgh Schools - Won 89-0

The A squad totally dominated this combined side for a 89-0 win. The Scottish side struggled in all areas especially tackling and showed little idea with the little ball they got.

Tries to Jack Cameron, Simeon James (5), Shannon Pasili, Nathan Mattock (2), Ben Souness, Hayden Nicholls, Brad Cooper, Glen Gregory and David Fraser (2).

Conversions Jack Cameron (6), Matt James (1).

A great way to finish the tour. Thanks fellas.



UK TOURING RUGBY TEAM REPORT

SEPT 9TH

It had been 2 years of planning and organising but the time had finally arrived, when 30 players, 2 coaches (Gordon Giddy and Colin Maihi), 2 managers (John Riley and Kevin Gledhill), a physio (Lauren Hann) and 9 parents assembled outside the main entrance of NPBHS, complete with suitcase, travellers cheques, travel pack and an adventurous spirit to be farewelled by family and friends, including a full school haka.

To be farewelled in such a manner made each of us proud to be a part of this tour and fully aware of the culture that is unique to NPBHS. We all settled into our seat on our bus and reflected on the responsibility we all carried as ambassadors for school, family, province and country as we embarked on an experience that was indeed the trip of a lifetime.

We arrived at Auckland Airport in plenty of time and after booking our seat numbers and loading our gear we were soon in the air on our way to Los angeles, and Disneyland, our first stop over. It was still Sept 9th in Los angeles when we arrived and onto our bus for the transfer to our Hotel. The size of the party meant 2 buses were required so a group of players and coaches boarded first to be followed by the remainder in the later bus. This bus proceeded to break down on the freeway requiring an offload onto another bus before finally arriving at the Hotel to find our fellow tourists already changed and ready to attack the sights.

We all went straight to Disneyland were we collected our day passes and had about 2-3 hours of free time to check out the place before returning to our hotel for Dinner and an early night.

SEPT 10TH

A full day of exploring Disneyland and shopping for the lads after our continental brekky by the pool. A fair few wanted to shop in the morning and see Disneyland in the afternoon so Shuttle buses were booked to cart the guys to Shoe express, and the shopping centre not far from the Hotel.

Once shopping was taken care of, we were let loose in Disneyland where we all had a great time. To see some of the boys line up for photos with Winnie the Pooh, Mickey Mouse or any of the other Disney characters was ample evidence that they were just like kids, yet again. It was hot and humid and everyone enjoyed this amazing place. The 'roller coasters' went down well, so too the 'Space Mountain', 'Indiana Jones,' 'Star Wars', 'Splash Mountain', 'wild river rafting' 'Soaring over California' with many more rides and sights enjoyed by all. We all gathered at Dennys for a meal around 7.30 pm to be informed by Gleds (soon to be 'Gee O') our unofficial tour photographer, that his first roll of film had somehow uncoiled itself off the spool and there was no photographic record of our day in Disneyland. There were plenty of other photos taken for it seemed everyone was clicking madly, so the boys werent too disappointed.

The pink tee shirt made its first appearance today and was worn with pride by the first 2 recipients. Two





pink tee shirts were taken on tour, one for the management/parents, and the other for the players, and these were awarded each day for various misdemeanors, too numerous to be shared with the readers of this report. All in good fun. A short stroll back to our hotel, some emailing by the boys to their loved ones and another reasonably early night.

Lauren Hann, our physio informed management later that evening of a serious fire accident to her mother back home, and she wished to return home. Travel plans were put in place that evening and Lauren informed the players after breakfast beside the pool the next day.

SEPT 11TH

A few extra hours of shopping or seeing Disneyland, followed by a quick shower/swim in the pool before changing into our travel gear for the trip to London. Most of the lads visited or arranged for an order to be placed with Ann Sim to purchase 'Dickies' a brand name pair of shorts at good bargain value at a Market place. Ann Sim stayed back a few extra hours and made her own way to the airport, in another bus that was to break down yet again on the freeway. A haka to the hotel staff was done before we were off to the airport (which wasn't too crowded, surprisingly, it might have had something to do with Sept 11th we believe)

Most of the tour party were searched in some manner however, as evidence of tightened security, as we went through customs, having their body scanned, shoes removed or bags checked. Another long flight and upon arrival at Heathrow mid afternoon of the 12th Sept, were met by our tour driver Roger Thomas (a Welshman) and his beloved bus and trailer. Roger was an excellent companion on the UK tour and fitted in well, providing the necessary commentary and support as the tour unfolded.

SEPT 12TH

Roger took us straight to Wellington College where after meeting our host Will Williams, proceeded to Dinner. The boys were allocated their rooms at the hostel and the management retired to their hotel and then back to the college ostensibly to check on the players but in reality to have a social hour or two with our hosts in their on site social club.

SEPT 13TH

We all met up with the team in the morning, and after a quick haka and song practice, followed by lunch, it was off to see Windsor Castle and Eton College. This was a cultural eye opener for the team and enjoyed by all. The Castle has been around a few years and we all must have imagined what it must have been like all those years ago. Some of the boys tried unsuccessfully to disrupt the concentration of the Guards at their sentry posts to the amusement of a few and it was a pleasant hour and a half or so, before we were given a tour of Eton. Some of the lads were almost asleep at this time for the jet lag must have begun to set in. It was a hot day and the walk and bus trip had been tiring. To see the boys of Eton wearing their batman type gowns and looking every bit the academic, with their books tucked under their wing as they strolled along to class was indeed something new for all of us.

John Riley did not travel to Windsor today, being with Jared Corlett at hospital where he was undergoing tests for his calf muscle condition, returning to the college by the time of our return.

We returned to the College, had Dinner then an early night for all were tired.

SEPT 14TH

After breakfast the management and parents met up with the team, and after another singing practice, we all headed off to Reading for a spot of shopping and relaxing, (a nice place which has the River Thames meandering itself through the city) returning at 12.30 am for lunch, after which, the players changed into their No 1's and Tiger jacket. A Group photo was taken by the main entrance and then the team walked up the roadway leading into the school, before the players changed, in readiness for the 3.30 pm kick off.

After the match we all gathered in their social room where socialising took place before the players and management reassembled at another on site venue for the team Dinner and speeches/exchange of gifts. This was a great start to the evening for all. James (Mole) spoke exceptionally well and each of the players recieved a Wgtn College Cap with management receiving a Cap and tie. It had been a great day, the tour had started with a win and everyone was in good spirits. Three of the players (Simeon, Nathan and Roman) required some ice treatment for their sore muscles as a result of the match, which was applied before they all settled in for a welcome nights rest. It was during the night that Jared would experience intense pain in his calf and be admitted to hospital.

SEPT 15TH

We left Wellington College in a relaxed mood at 9am and headed initially to Frimly hospital to see and farewell Jared Corlett. Jazza would not be travelling with us which was a huge disappointment to us all. His calf muscle had flared up and he had been admitted to hospital during the night in pain. Initial fears were that he had DVT (Deep Vein Thrombosis) and his blood was thined, but this was later dismissed. He was unfit to travel and the Doctors advised bed rest and further tests to determine what was wrong. Jared's father Wade would accompany him. We reluctantly farewelled Jared, each of the team spending some time at his bedside, before we headed off to our next destination at Macclesfield.

Roman and Simeon had ice applied during the trip as we headed firstly to Oxford, stopping for lunch and a walk around. The architecture of the old buildings impressed us all, as we meandered through the streets of this famous academic city. Next stop was Stratford on Avon, a real touristy type town with a nice river and quaint shops. Sio and Coops both were pleased with their purchase of jerseys at an 80% reduction in price! We skirted past Birmingham and Aston Villa and Wolverhampton on the M4 before reaching Macclesfield and Kings school (A 500 yr old Co ed school) by late afternoon to be greeted by our host Andy Rice. Billeting was quickly arranged before management and parents headed to their countryside accommodation on the outskirts of town

SEPT 16TH

A full day of sight seeing for the boys and as we boarded our bus, stories began to emerge as to the range of nice homes and appliances they were able to use in their billeted homes. James had a good story about the 400 yr old poster bed he slept in, Glen told us that his next door neighbor was David Beckham, the list goes on. Our first stop is Old Trafford where we visit the playing pitch of Manchester United (that other code!) where we are given a guided tour of the stadium and museum, before continuing on to Liverpool. As we were driving through Liverpool, Roger, in his commentary, happened to ask the lads to look to the right where they would see some impressive and supposedly important twin towers, at the precise moment that a couple of young ladies sporting a couple of their own impressive twin towers wandered by the bus on on the left, which prompted young Mattie James to instruct the fellas to 'eyes left'. All in good fun.

We went straight to the Albert Docks (beside the Mersey river) and as we neared 'The Beatles Story' Roger burst forth in song with a nice rendition of that Beatles hit 'Yellow Submarine'. The Beatles tour was full of songs playing in the background and it wasn't long before Shannie and Gleds (in his stylee corduroy cap and 'lennon' look alike sunglasses) began an impromptu duo vocalising 'Let it Be' just long enough to get a few laughs before we were all on our way again complete with the odd souvenir or two.

A further shopping stop in Liverpool lasted longer than our 3.30 pm pick up time and as a result we couldnt visit Penny Lane as planned. We headed back to our billets arriving around 5.30 pm just in time for the players to be picked up by their billets.

SEPT 17TH

The day began with an assembly at Kings School in our No1's, with an address made by Colin as to the history associated with the haka, and a brief address from the Principal to the students, from notes prepared by Colin about NPBHS, followed by a fine performance on stage to a delighted assembly of predominately junior students. Presentations of gifts were made as well, before we all changed into casuals and headed off for some ten pin bowling and further shopping/ lunch in Macclesfield, returning to the school at 1.30 pm to get ready for the first match of two to be played today. The first match against Kings School 1st XV was won 38-7

Matt Sim recieved a cut to his eye in the first match requiring a visit to the hospital but no stitches were required, the bus picking him and Gleds up in time to travel to our early evening match at Macclesfield RFC. The starting team for this match changed into their playing strip on the way to the ground, getting there with enough time for a thorough warm up before playing the Macclesfield U-20's. This would have to be one of the finest performances by the 1st XV this season against a bigger forward pack with plenty of quality play from the team. Mattie James and Jesse Dolman both stepped up to this level having excellent performances in the first team selection. The after match speeches included performing the haka and team song and presentation of gifts. James gave another fine speech on behalf of the 'Touring Team' with Colin speaking about the match, before

the players were returned to their billets and the management/parents headed to McDonalds for supper before returning to their countryside retreat. A great day.

SEPT 18TH

The day began with each of us signing the visitors guest book, before saying our farewells and beginning our long journey to Ireland. Everyone was in good spirits, in a positive mood, and there was good music to sing along to as we made our way north travelling through places such as Colwyn Bay, stopping for 15 min at Conway Castle (13th Century vintage), across the Menai Straights and the Britannia bridge and entering Northern Wales as well. Roger got excited as we crossed into Welsh territory, evidenced by the bi lingual road-signs (in Welsh and English) by spontaneously singing a famous Welsh song, that not surprisingly none of us knew.

Roger had rung ahead and arranged for us to have a stop over at a funny sounding Welsh name (the longest place name in the world) where a surprise was waiting for us. The boys all lined up beside the bus and a lady dressed in traditional Welsh attire pronounced this name for us several times and challenged the lads to try it themself. There were no takers. Back on the road again and we were soon at Holyhead ferry terminal for the ferry crossing into Ireland. The crossing took about 2 and a half hours and upon arrival in Ireland were met by Paula Cullen of the Blackrock RFC. We displayed our Union Jack at the front of the bus so it was easy to alert her to our presence and we followed her to the footie ground not too far away from the entrance point into Ireland. We had arrived in Dublin.

Upon arrival, the billets were arranged and each player was issued their quota of \$ Euro. We all stayed a couple hours in their clubrooms, before the billets took the players home and the adults travelled to their hotel.

SEPT 19TH

The players were picked up at Blackrock RFC at 9am and we headed into town to see the Guinness factory. A great tour with a pint of Guinness at the end (for the adults) and a coke for the players though I wouldnt be surprised if a few of the payers sneaked a taste of the 'Black Gold' as well. A few souvenirs were purchased then it was a couple hrs of free time in Dublin city before meeting up at 3.30 pm to visit Lansdown Park (the home of Irish rugby). We then headed back to prepare for the match against Blackrock RFC U-20's.

The match was refereed by one of Irelands top referees(Alain Rolland) and the boys knew this would be a challenge, for the opposition looked capable of doing well with a large squad but our team prevailed to win 38-15.

The after match was a special occasion with Gordon talking about the match and presenting a NPBHS No6 jersey to the club in commemoration of Ryan Wheeler who had played for the club's senior side in 98-99 (an ex 1st XV old boy of NPBHS) James also spoke as did Ian Fraser (David Fraser's Dad) on behalf of the Wheeler family. An emotional time for all. The boys performed a stirring haka and song





MEN OF STEEL





before relaxing with their hosts. A great day.

SEPT 20TH

It was time to leave Dublin for the trip to Londonderry (or as the Irish would prefer to say 'Derry'). The boys were in good spirits as we made our way north, stopping at Omagh for lunch and to obtain some more 'dough' to distribute to the boys. As we got closer to 'Derry,' John Riley showed his knowledge of the protestant/Catholic troubles by giving the boys (via the microphone) a brief overview of their historical conflict. We reached 'Derry' at 4pm and headed straight to Foyle College, where billets were arranged before management/parents located their Hotel. The management were to spend an enjoyable evening and BBQ meal at the home of Stan Huie (The master in charge of Rugby and a 40 yr servant of Foyle College)

SEPT 21ST

We all met at the school in our No1's around 11am and awaited the kick off at 12.15 pm. The boys played well to win 52-14 against the Foyle College 1st XV. At the completion of the match, the players performed another haka and exchanged gifts, before we all went to watch a Senior club match (Derry v Portadown). The billets entertained our players that evening as only the Irish can, and the management / parents also found some time to relax a little with the Irish public. Matt Sim, unfortunately has had his sore wrist from the Blackrock game diagnosed as a break and is in plaster having been taken to the Hospital by his billet and is unable to play any further matches on tour.

SEPT 22ND

Today was essentially a rest day and was welcomed by all. The players assembled at 11am at the local ten pin bowling alley with Gleds. Gids, Ian Fraser and Roger, while Colin and some of the parents went for a game of Golf somewhere. The bowling alley was fun for there were other attractions there as well, which kept the players entertained for a couple hours. The team were given a free afternoon, some choosing to chill out at the hotel the management were staying at, some cruised around 'Derry' with their billets, and some did the inevitable shopping in town being picked up by their billets at the Hotel at 5.30 pm. I'm sure the boys enjoyed their final night in 'Derry'

SEPT 23RD

It was time to leave 'Derry' and head off to Scotland. An 8am departure was required for there was alot of travelling to do. We travelled across the Irish sea into Scotland on the worlds fastest ferry, before making our way to a small Scottish town known as Twynholm (the home of Chris Cruickshank's grandparents) where it was arranged for Chris to meet up with his Grandparents that he had last seen when he was 8 months old. It was an emotional moment for Chris and his grandparents for many people turned up from the town for the occasion. A haka with explanation from Colin and some photos made it a special moment for us all.

It was a long trip to Edinburgh and after navigating the buid up in traffic as we neared Edinburgh, we

finally arrived at Fettes College at 7pm to be fed at their fine Dining room and hostel rooms allocated for the players. Management retired to their Hotel and a quick chat with our hosts Paul Kesterton and Duncan Harrison of Fettes Colege.

SEPT 24TH

Today was a sight seeing day in Edinburgh. Roger gave us a tour of the city explaining key places, viewing the city from Carlton Hill, travelling the Royal Mile (in the Old town) seeing Holyrood Palace (the Queens residence when in town) the statue and story of Greyfriars Bobby, and dropped us off near the castle for us to view at our leisure for an hour or so and to walk the city streets. The Castle was an impressive sight and the boys enjoyed their walking around Edinburgh. Roger picked us all up at around 12.30 pm to head back to Fettes College, for lunch before preparing for the final two matches.

After the first match against Fettes College 1st XV (won 60-3) the team was fed again and then relaxed in their sunnies beside the pavillion readying themself for the final tour match to be played at 5.45 pm. Ian Honeyfield had his nose broken and David Riley suffered a torn trapezius (shoulder muscle) in the early match, both requiring medical attention from their on site Doctor.

The final match was a beauty, a clinical performance against Edinburgh Sec Schools to win 89-0. The boys were rapt to have gone through the tour unbeaten and this showed in their sheer delight at the final whistle, and team photo and in the sing along in the changing shed. The aftermath followed with the presentation of gifts before the boys returned to their hostel, the management/parents having a social hour or so before resting up for the long trip to London tomorrow.

SEPT 25TH

A long day. We picked up the players at 8am and were on our way by 8.15am for the 450 odd mile trip to London. We had several stops along the way and the boys were kept amused with a couple of videos and plenty of music as well as the regular refreshments (coke and bottled water) available, that Roger had supplied throughout the tour for 50p per drink, to keep them hydrated.

We had an hour or so break at York which allowed us to see the amazing and largest Gothic Cathedral in Europe that had taken 250 years to build. York dates back to the Romans, Saxons and Vikings and there was ample evidence of history in this place. The traffic build up and estimated time to get to London prevented us from seeing the town called Rugby which also meant we had to have our Dinner at one of the many roadside service areas on the motorway.

We finally arrived in London at 8pm and were dropped off close to our Hotel near Paddington Station. We all said our farewells to Roger and then all pitched in to get all of our gear to the hotel and rooms allocated. Jared Corlett was there to meet us with his Dad and it was good to see them both again, Jared on crutches but getting better, his calf muscle beginning to heal. An early night was agreed to by all for tomorrow we see London.

SEPT 26TH AND SEPT 27TH

Sight seeing in London. We all visited Madam Tussards and the Impereial War museum and were given freedom to explore the sights of London with a reporting time to be back by. Sept 26th saw the boys report in between 9 and 9.30pm after navigating the amazing underground train system and seeing what they wished to, in groups of their own choosing. This was to be the procedure for the 2 full days in this amazing and vibrant city.

Sept 27th required the boys to be back at the hotel by 5.45pm to get ready (No 1's) for our tour finale: The team Dinner at a local Hotel. We took the underground and walked to the venue which was a fitting way to end the tour having a nice meal and speeches and some awards.

The players, parents and management saw most if not all of the major sights, including: Harrods, the Ritz, The Tower of London, The river Thames (some took a boat cruise down the Thames) Buckingham Palace, St James Palace, The London eye, Wimbledon, Big Ben, the Tower and London bridges. Piccadilly Circus, Leicester and Trafalgar squares as well as exploring the shopping and Market places (Covent Gardens and other)

It was a great 2 days and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

SEPT 28TH

An 8am departure from London to Heathrow Airport for our trip back to NZ. We all seemed to have more

stuff to cart home than what we started with and had a long wait at the airport before boarding our plane at 12.05pm. We arrived at Los Angeles at 3.15 pm (Saturday) with another long airport wait before leaving LA at 9.30 pm for Auckland. We arrived at Auckland on Monday morning around 5.15 am on 30th Sept, having lost a day, not to mention some sleep, before boarding a bus and the trip to New Plymouth. The journey home had taken up to 40 continuous hours since we had left our Hotel in London at 8am and everyone was tired, yet pleased to be home again after what was indeed a trip of a lifetime.

We had experienced perfect weather throughout and had gone through 7 competitive matches unbeaten. As one of the managers it was a privilege to be given this opportunity to tour with a fine group of students.

All of us who toured have experienced special memories of our 3 weeks together. It has been an enjoyable and successful tour.

A final note of thanks must be mentioned to Darryl Leath, the tour organiser and to Stars Travel for putting together an amazing program for all of us to enjoy. Without your effort this tour would not have eventuated. You have provided 30 players, coaches, management and parents an experience of a lifetime. Thank you

Kevin Gledhill (Manager)





2ND XV RUGBY REPORT 2002

The 2002 2nd XV were picked with the future in mind. Given the UK tour, a number of the 1st XV were older players and it was essential that there was continuity available for next years 1st XV.

At the first team meeting three season goals were set, firstly to finish in the top cut of the U20 club competition, secondly to win at least half of the traditionals, and thirdly to finish in the top three of the Super Eight. Given their youth and inexperience, and their initial club form, this was initially thought to be a realistic set of goals. However, as the season progressed, the team maintained the game goal of never taking a backward step. This attitude, and the team belief in what myself, assistant coach Stephen James and captain Mal Barnes were trying to achieve, meant that this years 2nd XV far exceeded their own goals and the expectations of many.

In the U20 Club competition the side made the top six cut and finished 5th. This could have been possibly higher if not for the need to default a game to the 6th placed team given super eight commitments.

In the traditionals in won all of its games.

Te Aute: won 58 – 0
Try scorers: K Mattock, B Dallas, S Cooper (2), I Honeyfield, M Fischer (3), J Dolman (2)
Conversions: M James (3)

Hamilton Boys': won 13 – 7
Try scorers: T Schurr, M James
Penalty: M James

Wanganui Collegiate: won 27 – 7
Try scorers: M Barnes, I Honeyfield (2), M Sim
Conversions: M James (2)

Palmerston North Boys': won 32 – 13
Try scorers: K Mattock, M James, J Dolman, I Honeyfield, C Jefftha
Penalty: M James
Conversions: M James (2)

In the Super Eight the team did not lose a match and were **overall Super Eight Champions for 2002.**

Hamilton Boys': won 13 – 7

Tauranga Boys': won 22 – 17
Try scorers: M Barnes, A Clapperton
Penalties: M James (3)

Palmerston North Boys': won 32 – 13

Gisbornes Boys': won 15 – 8
Try scorers: M Barnes, J Dolman
Penalty: M James
Conversion: M James

Hastings Boys': won 16 – 10
Try scorers: M Barnes, J Dolman
Penalties: M James (2)

Napier Boys': draw 10 – 10
Try scorers: M Barnes
Penalty: M James
Conversion: M James

Rotorua Boys': won 38 – 15
Try scorers: M Barnes (2), P Gledhill, J Dolman, I Honeyfield
Penalty: M James
Conversions: M James (5)

As coach there were three defining moments in what was a very enjoyable and rewarding season. The first was an U20 club game against Francis Douglas 1st XV, and although we lost that game 6 – 29, it was a game where the players all stood up and showed that they had big heart. It must be mentioned that when club matches were repeated in the second round, all result margins were greatly improved in our favour. A testament to the team attitude of never taking a backward step. The second was the emphatic win over PNBHS. This was one of those games you wish for as a coach. The entire game was controlled by us, playing our team pattern, and in was the perfect game. A great reward for a lot of hard work. The third was the very last game against Rotorua. It was a simple equation for both teams, win and win the super eight, lose and you finished third. Therefore it was a game with a lot of mental pressure for both sides. To win this game in the way we did, playing our pattern and dictating all play, showed that all the players had achieved that mental hardness that would enable them to take their game to the next level.

Thanks must go to Stephen James for his brilliant assistance this season. Regardless of work pressures, he never missed a game and was instrumental in the success we had. Hopefully we can keep in coaching even if it is on contract from Canada!!

Thanks also must go to the greatest set of supporters I have been associated with. You believed in us through the tough times early in the season and your positive feedback and sideline support helped make this the winning team it was.

Finally, the players. You will have noticed in this report I have not signalled out any one player. I can't. You are all the best. I enjoyed the season and was proud of our team. Your personalities, belief in our team, and the way you believed in us as coaches, and allowed us to develop a game and style of rugby that was not only entertaining and enjoyable to play, made for a great season. Remember to always be proud of who you are, know that you will always have my support and the others in the team, and take what

you gained this year and push yourself that bit further next year.

And remember, "never take a backward step".

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U15 RUGBY

The team selected was very balanced with a good forward pack and a fast backline out wide. Playing in the B Grade competition early on we used our strength out wide to score tries. Playing against bigger teams we had to learn to combat the drive from lineouts and broken play. We played very well as a team against Hamilton Boys' High School in our first college fixture, however we managed to match them up front and score some good tries to win 26 - 16

In our second college fixture against Palmerston North Boys' High School we started really well and for the majority of the game outplayed our opposition, however we did not score and we let them in for two soft tries. We lost 15 – 19, 3 tries a piece.

We were struggling in the B Grade competition against bigger teams, but apart from one game we always made the opposition work for their points. We lost in the semi final to Hawera High School the Saturday before we left for the National Under 15 Tournament in Palmerston North.

Our goal at the Under 15 Tournament was to make the Top 8. On the Monday morning we had to play Auckland Grammar. We played into the wind and battled very hard, playing well to be only down 7 – 10 at half time. We dominated the second half to run out comfortable winners 22 – 10.

In the afternoon we played Gisborne Boys' High School, a very big pack. We worked very hard the whole game only to lose 18 – 24. The boys were showing the effect of 2 games in one day.

Tuesday we played St Pats town, who had not won a game. Our goal was to have 4 tries on the board at half time to secure a bonus point. We did this easily running out comfortable winners 51 – 10. Auckland Grammar beat Gisborne, therefore we qualified first in our pool.

Wednesday we played Napier Boys', the eventual winners of the tournament. They were bigger than us and a little more hungry for the ball. Even though we made them work hard at times, they won 25 – 7.

Thursday we had to play Palmerston North Boys' High School for fifth place. Another titanic struggle between the two teams, we couldn't put points on the board again and we lost 7 – 12.

Friday, playing for seventh place against Hastings Boys' was a see sawing match, the lead changed numerous times before we ran out winners 32 – 27.

During the tournament we continued our policy of playing all our players. This worked well for us with all players performing well. Special thanks to our two captains during the season, Simon and Zarhn.

Mr. Hope and Mr. Watts would like to thank all our loyal supporters throughout the year and we wish the boys well in their rugby future.



4TH XV RUGBY REPORT 2002

After a very encouraging start to the year, which saw the team qualify in the top section of B grade, the team's results at the business end of the season meant that they missed their chance of playing in the finals at that famous South Taranaki rugby ground, Hicks Park. However, this was not their main goal. This team's focus was on fun, making practices short and sharp and playing an expansive game based around good old fashion 'pick & go'.





The team was full of interesting characters and it certainly did make for an enjoyable time. I thank all of these characters for the time and effort they put in. A big thanks to Mr. Geange and the other parents who supported this team all season.

Roll call: Matthew (Rowdy) Geange, Daniel (Pretty) Thompson, James (Chalk) Macfie, Leon (The Admiral) Nelson, Ryan (distance is more important than accuracy) Wall, Abe (Jimmy, Muscles, Huge Man, Jonah) Shazyl, James (step on the spot) Renata, Daniel (Smash) Burrell, Troy (Mad Dog) Mattson, Benn (accentuate the positives, eliminate the negatives) Cash, William (Trav, Penalty Giver) Bourke, Chase (Scooter) Hann, Andrew (Ginge, Orange Roughy) Mackay, Sam (The Intelligent One) Horrocks, Graeme (Tookey) Quay, Ben (Massive) Falk, Kurt (Late Nights) Hoffmann, Ben (No Step) Archer, Jacob (The Muss) Parry, Blair (Farmer Boy, Lover Boy) Harris and Jeremy (Where am I going) Burton.

Geoff Hall
Coach



C1 RUGBY

THE TEAM

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| 1. Paul Robinson | 11. Jordon Lurch |
| 2. Andrew Darney | 12. Daniel Mischevski |
| 3. Thomas Sherson | 13. Daniel Sharp |
| 4. Daniel Murdoch | 14. Israel Tan |
| 5. Simon Edwards | 15. Brendon Smith |
| 6. Ryan Tate | 16. Chris Bourke |
| 7. Adam Newell | 17. Thomas Coplestone |
| 8. Josh Boyle | 18. Sam Jeffries |
| 9. Jason Holdt | 19. Michael Kjestrup |
| 10. Fraser Campbell | 20. Kyle Langridge |
| | 21. Michael Williams |

Coach: Mr Wilson

The team was undefeated for all of the grading games winning all of them very comfortably. The team had now developed a good spirit and was enjoying playing rugby together as a team. The game plan was simple in terms of getting momentum through the forwards and then spinning it wide to our pace on the wings and accordingly most tries were scored by the back three of Brendon Smith, Israel Tan and Jordan Lurch. We breezed through the first few competition games until confronted with F.D.M.C. The game was a very frustrating one for the whole team because of very

in your face defence by F.D.M.C and we ended up getting beaten 44 - 0. We then carried on with our winning form only to get beaten by F.D.M.C again 34 - 18. This placed us second coming into the semi-finals against Stratford. This was a very drawn out game that we ended up winning 21 - 0 this put us through to the final against F.D.M.C.

Finals day in Hawera was huge for the team and emotions ran high amongst the team, coaches and supporters. The pre game Haka fuelled and lifted the team spirits for the game. This was a very physical game which F.D.M.C dominated at the start however we came back very strongly in our best performance of the season before eventually being defeated 19 - 6. But the team played their hearts out. Many players performed well thought out the season with Israel Tan being top try scorer and Fraser Campbell being top points scorer. It would be unfair to single out other players out because we really were a team - no stars, just 21 guys who were all prepared to work very hard to try and get the desired result. Thanks to parents and supporters for transport and the team for a great season.

Thomas Sherson (captain)



Grade Gold

The Gold team lived up to their name, having a very successful season. They started the season as a team of gifted individuals who gradually blended into an efficient unit. The lads scored over 400 points and had less than 70 scored against them, a good indication of their grit and determination, and the bulk of those points scored against us were at the hands of the Boys High Black side [our only defeat for the season], showing the depth of talent at Boys High at this level.

The Team scored some sensational length of the field tries in the early season, rewarding their supporters with some great fifteen man rugby. They, however, saved their best for their games against Francis Douglas. Whilst these were low scoring matches the intensity of competition, and the team commitment shown, was a pleasure to watch. The Final was fittingly against Francis Douglas, and played in a gale at Hawera. We scored twice in the first half with the wind, and turned to face it with a 10 - 0 lead. We battled the wind and a determined Francis Douglas to hold on to win 10 - 7. One of the features of the match and perhaps the season was a drive we set up that must pushed back FDMC thirty metres.

With the Championship trophy on the shelf we thought the season was over until asked to play a North Harbour Rep side. Not having played for four weeks the lads had two light training runs to try to prepare for a game where they would be giving away five to ten kgs per player, and would be playing Reps. For me, this was the highlight of the season, as the lads really stepped up to the challenge and took the game to North Harbour, defeating them 10 - 8 in another thrilling match.

I'd like to thank the whole squad for their efforts this season and especially those players who had the frustration of spending time on the bench. Good luck to you all in your playing futures. I'd also appreciated Jay Goodey's contribution as captain, and Gavin Roper who stood in for Jay when necessary. Thanks also to the parents who turned up to support when they could or offered transport when it was needed, you made the season much easier and more enjoyable for me.

Special mention must be made of Brenton Hancock-Bland, who was so modest about his efforts this season, he didn't turn up for the team photo.



E1 GOLD

The team was coached by Mr C Woods, a third year coach and well captained by Chad Mills. The season started well for our team, with some good early wins against some top sides. All the players developed new skills and improved dramatically as the season progressed. The first round saw E1 Gold win most games with out toughest battles coming from Boys High Black. However the second round proved a success for our team in which we sealed a semi-final spot against Stratford High School. This game was





very intense with some huge tackles put in by backs and forwards. Highlights for the team were playing our boys high school team in the second round in which we lost marginally after being denied a try under the posts – the boys showed commitment, determination and great self-belief. 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.



E GRADE BLACK

This year's E1Black team went one step further than last year by taking out the E1 Division. Not only did the side win the championship but also went through the season unbeaten, which is a huge feat for any school team no matter the level or sport. It was great to see the passion, attitude and skill all the boys brought to the team. This was displayed by the willingness the team showed in training hard. Due to the high skill level of the boys, it did not take long to gel as a team. This was displayed in the early rounds where the forwards set a sound platform at set play which enabled the backs to have a go from all over the park. The team prided itself on an expansive style of rugby where both backs and forwards were able to run with the ball in space. This was reflected in the team scoring 540 points throughout the season. The team had several huge wins and the weather never stopped them from playing quality rugby.

Several teams that we had good battles with were, the top FDC team and also NPBHS Gold that we met in the final.

The first game against FDC Gold was a close encounter with both teams evenly matched. It took some individual brilliance from Tyler McLeod to break the deadlock and win the match 14-7. The second of our games against Mr Wood's NPBHS Gold team was a thriller, going in our favour 17-12. This game gave the team a much-needed close game, which we had not really had. It showed the boys that Defence was a key to winning the grade and they showed great character to hold the Gold team out from scoring in the final 5 minutes as they were throwing everything at our own line.

The semi and finals were against both these teams. We took on FDC in the semi and after a slow start we finished strongly to beat them convincantly 29-5.

That progressed us to the final where we met our fellow school team NPBHS Gold. Their team had several bigger and stronger 4th formers who had troubled us in the early games so the team knew we had to shut them down. With the game being played on the Gully ground and unbeaten to this stage the guys did not need to much motivating.

Playing into a strong wind (which we grew accustomed to playing on the racecourse) they scored first and went into halftime leading. The team turned confident of clawing back the lead and using the wind effectively camping down in their half until the points came. Tries to Jason Rolfe and two to KC Hannan along with a conversion by Steven Titter who had a superb all round game from fullback secured the victory 17-5. This effort reinforced our strength both on attack and defence with the team only letting in 44 points against for the season.

The Team was: M.Shaw, M.Earby, C.Riddick, L.Meyer, J.Rolfe, C.Miller, J.Newell, D.Newland, B.Hall, T.Brons, B.White, S.Keat, D.Orrod, T.Cleaver, C.Best, C.Rowlands, KC.Hannan, T.McLeod, F.Wickstead, S.Titter.



CONDOR 7'S RUGBY SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

New Plymouth Boys' High were represented at the NZ Secondary Schools 7's rugby championships (known as the Condor 7's), in Palmerston North, on Queens birthday Monday 3rd June, and were very successful coming runners-up to the very strong and physical Kelston Boys' High.

Johnny Weston was unable to attend this tournament and Kevin Gledhill was asked to step in and oversee the lads for the National event.

The team travelled to Palmerston North on the morning of the tournament, (not an ideal preparation), departing NPBHS at 5 am; arriving at 8 am to begin preparing for the pool matches that began at 9 am. Although sleepy-eyed, the boys warmed up adequately enough to easily dispatch Te Awamutu College in our first pool match 35 - 12.

St. Bernards College was next; 22 - 7, followed by the crucial match against traditional rivals Rotorua Boys' High, one of the top sides at the tournament (and having 2 NZ Secondary Schools 7's reps within its ranks). In a match that was close throughout, and the lead changing frequently, NPBHS prevailed with a last-minute try to Brad Cooper, out-wide to win 15 - 14, and shatter the dreams of the skilled Rotorua side.

The boys knew that this result was the confidence booster that could see them go all the way, for their self-belief grew from this encounter, and the final two pool matches saw some sustained quality play to defeat Waiopahu College 36 - 7 and Hastings Boys' High 24 - 12.

To go through the pool matches undefeated, saw the team into the top 4 playoffs; with our semi-final match against the strong Aranui High School (a top Sports Academy School from Christchurch), another close tussle. The team kept their composure throughout, and tackled the stronger and powerful Aranui lads out of the game, to run out victors 14 - 12 (2 tries each, but we managed to convert both tries, whereas Aranui missed one of theirs from close-in) to the ecstatic delight of our players at the final whistle. This victory ensured us a place in the final, but it came at a cost: Two of our players:- Nathan Mattock and Brad Cooper were injured in the last 2 matches

and were unable to strip for our final match. We had taken a squad of only nine players, and we were now reduced to the bare seven, who would all need to play in the final match, the most-important of the tournament.

The teams to contest the play-offs were Aranui High (Christchurch), Kelston Boys' (Auckland), Wesley College (Auckland) and NPBHS.

Wesley was the defending champions, having taken the National title five times previously and were looking to make it No. 6 this year, but in their semi-final against Kelston struggled to be behind 26-0 at halftime, but they were to claw back in the 2nd half, gaining 19 points to exit from the final, through losing 26-19 to the physical Kelston side. NPBHS knew the final would be a tough encounter and so it proved.

Gareth Goodin, who had travelled to watch the games as a spectator, was asked if he would strip, and using borrowed boots, he became our one and only substitute in the 20 minute final; getting onto the field and scoring a valuable try as well, in his first national final as a 14 year old.

To play seven matches, all of them at high tempo, is a difficult task, and it became increasingly important as the day progressed that if this team were to perform to their potential, full warm-up routines would be required prior to each match to prevent their muscles from seizing up.

The warm-up prior to the final was difficult, for most of the team were carrying some form of muscle soreness, and were finding it difficult to ask their bodies to respond to what the mind wanted it to do, and several of the team were not moving with ease; their legs crying out for rest. As the mobility slowly returned to their tired bodies, the motivation to do well began to resurface, and by game-time the lads were ready to do battle yet again.

A very strong and physical Kelston Boys' High, with a plentiful bench available, was only ahead by 19 - 14 at the break, but they were to power ahead in the 2nd half to win 40 - 19, and fully deserve to be NZ Champions. Our lads were worthy finalists and competed well, but were unable to counter the 2nd half explosive speed and power shown by the Kelston side.

The team were rapt to have come 2nd in the Condor 7's, and at the official prizegiving, the team was awarded the runner-up Cup, silver medallions and a travel bag chocka full of sponsors products, plus a rugby book, for their fine achievement.

The team was given a special assembly in recognition of this fine achievement on their return.

Brett Goodin was the stand out player, backed up by quality performances from Ben Souness, Sio Manganai and Shannon Pasilli up front, and complemented by fine play from Jack Cameron, Mal Barnes, Nathan Mattock, Alex Asi and Brad Cooper in the backline. The skill level of the players allowed for several changes in original position as the tournament progressed to best utilise their skill for the particular opposition encountered.





Back Row: Chris McEldowney, Richard Hofmans, Daniel Mischefski, Gordon Giddy (Coach), Mitchell Broughton, Guy Meuli, Pieter Van der Kooij
Front Row: Brad Cooper, Brendon Dallas, Ben MacKintosh, Tom Schurr (Captain), Matthew Sim, Chris Cruickshank

1ST XI CRICKET 2002

The club season saw Regan West (ex 1st XI) and Richard Scragg (ex Auckland) join the team to give some experience to the Tom Schurr led side. This did not work even though the club finished third in the one day competition lack of consistent performance saw it finish last and playing promotion relegation which was lost against Inglewood. Fortunately TCA have seen the light and have retained the 1st XI in the Men's Premier Grade for the next season.

SUPER 8

Held in Palmerston North saw the side finish 4th. After wins against Gisborne BHS and Hastings BHS and a loss to Palmerston North BHS saw the side defeated by Napier in the 3rd/4th play off.

ROUND 1

NPBHS 155	Brendon Dallas	41
	Ben MacKintosh	24
Gisborne BHS 136	Pieter Van der Kooj	4 for 20
	Chris Cruickshank	4 for 18

ROUND 2

NPBHS 85	Frazer Climo	17
Hastings BHS 83	Chris Cruickshank	3 for 16
	Brad Cooper	2 for 10
	Brendon Dallas	2 for 17

ROUND 3

NPBHS 122	Brendon Dallas	44
Palmerston Nth		
BHS 126	Chris Cruickshank	4 for 25

PLAY OFF 3RD/4TH

Napier BHS 26 for 5		
NPBHS 189	Brendan Dallas	45
	Ben MacKintosh	27

COLLEGE SEASON

v Wellington College washed out without a ball bowled

v Auckland Grammar (top ground)
NPBHS batted first and was dismissed for 151
Brendan Dallas 41, Ben MacKintosh 38. AGS were 1 for 11 at stumps the remaining two days were washed out.

v Hamilton BHS (in Hamilton)
HBHS batted steadily to be dismissed for 215 after being 172 for 3. NPBHS batted poorly with only Matt Sim 29 contributing and were all out for 61. Hamilton declared their 2nd innings at 257 for 7 : Brad Cooper taking 4 for 52 leaving NPBHS 412 to win on the last day. Despite good efforts from Matt Sims 49 Brendon Dallas 34, Ben MacKintosh 61 and Richard Hofmans 43 NPBHS were dismissed for 232. Hamilton winning outright for the first time in 8 years.

v Rotorua BHS (in Rotorua)
Rotorua were dismissed for 160 in their first innings : Chris Cruickshank 4 for 48, Tom Schutt 5 for 48. Tom Schurr batted extremely well for 88 as NPBHS were dismissed for 190. Rotorua were in trouble at 6 for 90 in their second innings but recovered to score 214. This left NPBHS 179 to score in 33 overs. Matt Simm 48 and Brad Cooper 35 led the chase with 54 runs needed off 53 balls there was a chance but 3 quick wickets saw the game end at 145 for 6.

v Wanganui Collegiate (Top Ground)
WCol batted first to score 275 for 8 Chris Cruickshank 3 for 63 NPBHS batted poorly to be all out for 94 Chris Cruickshank 19. NPBHS followed on 182 behind. Matt Sim 114 led a fightback but only Tom Schurr 21 and Ben MacKintosh 29 gave enough support NPBHS were all out for 239 leaving WCol 57 to win. They got there for the loss of 5 wickets.

GILLETTE CUP

v Francis Douglas MC
NPBHS scored 188 for 8 thanks to a solid 66 from Matt Sim and a quick fire 40 from Chris McEldowney FDMC started well but lost wickets to be all out for 150 Tom Schurr 4 for 12.

v Wanganui Collegiate
NPBHS batted well to score 195 for 8. Brad Cooper 65 and Tom Schurr 41. WCol struggled at 5 for 98 but poor fielding allowed them through to 196 for 8. A game NPBHS lost rather than WCol won.

THE SEASON

Disappointing overall with the poor performance in Club College and Gillette Cup, but a young side that should learn plenty. Matt Sim led the batting with 524 runs with Ben MacKintosh 408 and Brendon Dallas 374. Chris Cruickshank took 43 wickets and Tom Schurr 41.

Tom Schurr and Matt Sim represented Central Districts at U 17 and Frazer Climo at U 15.

G Giddy
Coach 1st XI Cricket



TRADITIONAL COLLEGE SEASON

VERSUS WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE BATTING

	1st INNINGS	2nd INNINGS
J Jeffered	137	6
J Barton	4	1
B Orten	46	23
W White	0	8
B Collier	12	9
T Lance	43	4
R de Grunchy	12	2
R Wylee	0	
G Bryden	6	
J Amber	0	
A Rodrigwz	DNB	

NPBHS BOWLING

	1st INNINGS			2nd INNINGS		
	O	W	R	O	W	R
C Cruickshank	15	3	63	9	2	14
R Hoffmans	16	1	73	7	2	20
P Vander koig	12	1	42	4	1	19
T Schurr	12	2	44			
B Cooper	9	1	39			

NPBHS BATTING

	1st INNINGS	2nd INNINGS
B Cooper	0	2
M Sim	4	114
T Schurr	0	21
B Dallas	11	6
F Climo	9	18
B Mac	9	29
O Mischefski	1	4
R Hoffmans	19	4
M Broughton	3	6
P Vander koig	9	1
C Cruickshank	19	0

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE BOWLING

	1st INNINGS			2nd INNINGS		
	O	W	R	O	W	R
R Wylee	10	4	12	15	4	31
J Barton	9	0	17	24	2	63
W White	9	2	17			
J Amber	11	1	29	22	4	57
G Bryden	5	0	4			
B Collier	3	0	8	3	0	12
R de Gruchy	2	2	10	10	0	35

VERSUS ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

BATTING

	1st INNINGS	2nd INNINGS
J Lee	43	22
S Messam	0	6
M Tule	7	9
E Moore	4	13
R Cowley	3	24
H McClaughin	1	1
C Holder	17	55
K Hingston	32	45
S Wewman	8	0
D Tauarua	18	29
J Tule	5	1





BOWLING

	1st INNINGS			2nd INNINGS		
	O	W	R	O	W	R
C Cruickshank	22	4	48	12	1	40
R Hoffmans	15	0	32	19	2	49
C McEldowny	7	1	7	11	2	30
B Dallas	3	0	6			
T Schurr	26	4	57	8	2	53
F Climo				4	0	18
P Vander koig				6	1	9
B Cooper				1	0	10

NPBHS BATTING

	1st INNINGS	2nd INNINGS
M Sim	6	48
B Cooper	0	35
T Schurr	88	
B Dallas	2	0
F Climo	17	
D Mischefski	1	
R Hoffmans	15	27
C McEldowny	23	0
P Vander koig	0	
M Broughton	23	8
C Cruickshank	4	

BOWLING

	1st INNINGS			2nd INNINGS		
	O	W	R	O	W	R
E Moore	14	2	42	J	2	12
S Wewman	19	3	46	J	0	15
K Hingston	7	0	23	10	1	50
D Taurarua	12	3	22	3	0	15
C Holder	2	0	12	3	0	19
J Lee	3	0	20	1	0	9
J Tule	3	0	11	2	1	9

VERSUS HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

BATTING

	1st INNINGS	2nd INNINGS
D McLeod	21	17
B J Watting	45	44
D Boughtwood	29	9
K Bettley	27	56
S McLeod	12	11
A Devicich	12	25
J Perret	12	40
B Turner	7	23
C Weight	12	21
S Christie	8	DNB
O Longolon	0	DNB

BOWLING

	1st INNINGS			2nd INNINGS		
	O	W	R	O	W	R
C Cruickshank	14	1	39	9	1	21
R Hoffmans	11	1	22	6	0	40
B Mac	8	1	24			
B Dallas	15	2	23			
T Schurr	6	1	19	6	0	20
B Cooper	4	0	18	22	4	52
F Climo	12	2	38	5	0	18
P Vander koig	6	2	17	14	2	31
D Mischefski				4	0	9



NPBHS BATTING

	1st INNINGS	2nd INNINGS
M Sim	27	49
B Cooper	2	5
T Schurr	2	3
D Mischefski	3	4
B Dallas	2	34
F Climo	1	6
B Mac	1	61
R Hoffmans	10	43
P Vander koig	5	0
M Broughton	3	8
C Cruickshank	0	5

BOWLING

	1st INNINGS			2nd INNINGS		
	O	W	R	O	W	R
J Perret	8	1	7	16	2	21
C Weight	11	2	17	23	4	54
S Cristie	4	1	13	15	2	57
A Devicich	14	5	10	24	2	45
D Langdon	6	1	10	7	0	13
K Bettley				12	0	34

VERSUS AUCKLAND GRAMMAR

BATTING

	1st INNINGS
M Sim	11
B Cooper	1
F Climo	0
T Schurr	0
B Dallas	41
B Mac	38
R Hoffmans	4
D Mischefski	5
G Meuli	5
M Broughton	11
P Vander koig	2

BOWLING

	1st INNINGS		
	O	W	R
R Sharma	14	2	17
R Vear	12	1	16
P Cairns	18	4	36
C Lal	5	1	7
D Bint	7	0	21
D Fantl	8	0	34

Rain cancelled rest of play





Back Row: Daniel Baker, Corey Makatoa, Adam Harford, Anthony Bishell
Middle Row: Mr Colin Driscoll (Coach), Cory Weko, Mr Terry Heaps (Manager), Morehu Dallow, Mr Laine Hopkinson (Assistant Coach)
Front Row: Peter Campbell, Jacob Lineham, Te Hira Cooper, Brent Raven (Captain) Remi Bint, Tony Kemp.

1ST V BASKETBALL 2002

At the beginning of the 2002 season the coach of the Smokefree 1st V, Colin Driscoll, chose the following squad of twelve: Brent Raven (Capt), Peter Campbell, Jacob Lineham, Cory Weko, Remi Bint, Te Hira Cooper, Anthony Bishell, Tony Kemp, Corey Makatoa, Daniel Baker, Morehu Dallow and Adam Harford.

LOCAL COMPETITION

The team played in the Premier Division in the New Plymouth Basketball Association local competition. The season's results were:

Table with 4 columns: vs, Team Name, Result, Score. Rows include Icons, Tigers, Makeups, Oilers, etc.

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The upshot of all these games was that the team was now in the semi-final where we played Makeups losing by 8 points.

WESTERN HEIGHTS INVITATION TOURNAMENT

In mid-April three of our basketball teams played in the Western Heights High School Invitation Tournament in Rotorua.

Table with 4 columns: vs, Team Name, Result, Score. Rows include Kelston BHS, Mt Albert Grammar, Rotorua Lakes HS.

That put us into the semi-finals where they played St Pats (Town) where they lost 34 - 35.

TARANAKI SECONDARY REGIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

On June 16 and 17 the team represented the school in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Championships, in which we needed to come 1st or 2nd to represent Taranaki in the NZ Secondary School Championships to be played in Dunedin in late August.

INTERSCHOOL / SUPER 8 FIXTURES

The inter-school fixtures began on May 14, with the first game at home against Auckland Grammar School. For the first three-quarters of the game the teams were level pegging, but in the 4th quarter AGS got away, finally winning 100 - 78.

On Tuesday, 23 July in the Centennial Gymnasium, in front of a capacity and vocal audience, the 1st V Basketball team played the third of their Super 8 fixtures against Palmerston North Boys' High School.

In the first weekend in August the team had an away double-header. First came Gisborne BHS in Gisborne and this resulted in a very straightforward win 126 - 64.



The following day came the game against Hastings BHS, after a trip from Gisborne in which the 1st V explored more of the East Coast hinterland than they considered either necessary, desirable or enjoyable for reasons that must remain a closely guarded secret.

The next weekend saw the penultimate round of the Super 8 in New Plymouth against Napier BHS. In a game where victory was never seriously in doubt, we won 83 - 64.

The last round, against Rotorua was played at the NZSS Championship where we won 88 - 80.

This meant that we came 2nd in the Super 8 competition.

In the midst of all these games came a game against a visiting American High School from Alvarez, California. In an enjoyable and high-scoring game, we won 98 - 84.

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships The 1st XV represented the school and Taranaki at the NZSS Boys' Basketball Championship in Dunedin from 13 - 23 August.

On the opening day we played Kaiapoi HS (Canterbury), beating them 96 - 75 - a very good start. Unfortunately, Tuesday did not continue the same way because we came up against the two strongest teams in our pool.

On the Wednesday, we faced our final two pool games, determined to end up in the group of 9 - 16. We played Wanganui HS first, winning easily 109 - 55, and then Rotorua BHS winning again, but much more closely, 88 - 80.

This meant that on the Thursday we came up against our local rival Frances Douglas MC who, in the end, were no match for us as we raced away 101 - 59. We kept our winning streak up the next day by beating the 2001 champions, Hutt Valley HS, in an exciting and close encounter 66 - 60.





So, on the final day, we played off for 9th and 10th against Nelson College, but this traditionally strong school was too tough, beating us into 10th place 64 - 73.

Brent Raven gained the honour of being named in the tournament team.

All the team contributed strongly on the court and were great ambassadors for the school off the court.

SPONSORSHIP

In order to get to Dunedin a lot of money had to be raised. We are grateful to the many firms in New Plymouth who gave prizes for our 3 on 3 basketball ruckus.

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Secondly, we are very grateful to the four firms who supported our applications to the Community Trust:

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We also thank Smokefree for sponsoring jackets for the team. We are now known as Smokefree 1st V Basketball Team, because of this generous sponsorship.

Lastly, but by no means least, are those firms who gave very generously as sponsors for our advertising feature that appeared in the Daily News. So, a very big thank you to:

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We do appreciate the fact that so many local businesses have been prepared to support the team and to all of them we are extremely grateful.

HONOURS

The following players were awarded Tiger Coats this year : Te Hira Cooper, Tony Kemp, Corey Makatoa, Peter Campbell, Anthony Bishell and Morehu Dellow.

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

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

NZ Under 18 Development Squad : Adam Harford
Taranaki Under 18 : Anthony Bishell, Adam Harford, Jacob Lineham and Corey Makatoa.
Div II Stormers : Brent Raven

This season has been very successful, a result of the preparatory work over the last few seasons. We were very lucky, and grateful, to have the support of Mrs Vicki Bint for game stats and fund raising and her and Gordon Bint's help in Dunedin during the NZSS. Added to this must go our thanks to all those parents who supported the team at the weekly games, inter-school games, and with the fundraising for Dunedin.

The major contributor to this success was the effort and commitment of the team, together with coaching skills of Mr Colin Driscoll, aided by Laine Hopkinson. Colin Driscoll has been the 1st V coach for 11 years. In that time he has given enormously of his time and expertise in building up a team that is not just successful locally, but recognised as successful nationally. Sadly we must farewell him at the end of this year as he has been appointed as coach of the NBL North Harbour Kings. We wish him every success in his new job, and hope that he and his family enjoy life on the Shore, and we thank him for his commitment to the 1st V and basketball during his period at NPBHS.

Thanks to everyone who supported us this year.

Terry Heaps
Manager
1st V Basketball Team



2ND V BASKETBALL

This year's team consisted of a mixture of age groups ranging from forms 5 to 7. They competed in the men's reserve grade competition on Tuesday nights. This competition was rather tough in terms of the physical nature of the men's teams in comparison to playing the other schools. To their credit they persevered and played with heart and skill. It was usually the later which distinguished them from some of the other teams. However too often than not the team succumbed to the size and strength of the teams. I would like to thank Mike Walden for captaining the team with heart and a number of players who showed grit and determination. Cyl Porter gave it everything on the floor, as did Blair Prescott. Also a big thankyou to the tireless workers and those who made it to practice in order to sharpen their skills: Richard Sutton, Jerry Loy, Jermaine Sassman, Ryan Koorts, Freeman Tong, Hohou Ashford and Joe. I have enjoyed coaching you and hope everything goes well in the future.

Jeremy Coley

AGE GROUPS

This year again saw NPBHS enter teams in the New Plymouth Junior Competition while we only put 1 team in the Men's competition and another team in the newly formed Taranaki Secondary School League. The 1st Five continued its form in this years Premier competition improving on one placing from last year, coming third. The second five entered the Taranaki Secondary Schools Competition along with the top teams from all the other Schools around Taranaki performed with credit just missing the semi finals. In the open grade on Friday nights 4 teams were entered. Some untimely trips saw some of the teams unable to field a full team and suffered a couple of defaults. The outcome was while NPBHS had the top 4 teams in the competition only one team, Jazz, made it to the semi finals. The strength of the team was evidenced with the ease with which they won the final. Moyes a boarder's team won the final of the C grade, a result that would have surprised those who had seen these boys play at the start of the year.

TOURNAMENTS

Three teams again represented the school mat the Western Heights annual tournament, 1 senior and 2 juniors. While the senior team was more competitive than in previous years. Our top junior team again took out the final. This year we were the Taranaki Champions at both juniors and seniors. Taranaki Honours NPBHS was again represented at all age groups. Brent Raven, Jamie Russel, Jason Watts and Tony Kemp making the under 20 squad, while at the under 18 Brent Raven, Tony Kemp, Anthony Bishell with Adam Harford and Kere Bailey being leaders for the under 16.



NATIONAL HONOURS

Brent Raven made it to the last 20 of the National Under 18 team. But the highlight for basketball this year was the performance of 3 of our old boys, Tony Rampton, Damion Rampton and Judd Flavel who were all part of the National Men's team who defeated Australia to qualify for next years world champs.

U16 BASKETBALL

This year junior basketball was run on two levels. All boys played in 8 mixed ability teams on a Friday Night and 16-20 boys trained as a squad from which teams were selected to play in tournaments. The Friday night teams all improved as the season went on and the strength of basketball at N.P.B.H.S. was highlighted by the achievement of three of our teams making the semi-finals of the competition. The Calvs team were runners-up in the final against a much stronger opposition.

The four tournaments entered were:

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| Western Heights Tournament | A team 2nd,
B team 5th |
| Mid Zone 3rd & 4th form | A team 8th,
B team 9th |
| Taranaki Sec. Schools | 3rd |
| Mid Zone U16 | 6th |

This has been a development year for this squad and their attitude and commitment suggest that they will develop into a strong squad in two years time. Taranaki representative status was achieved by Jason Rolfe and Scott Pritchard (U14) and Tim Cleaver and Tim Doyle (U16).





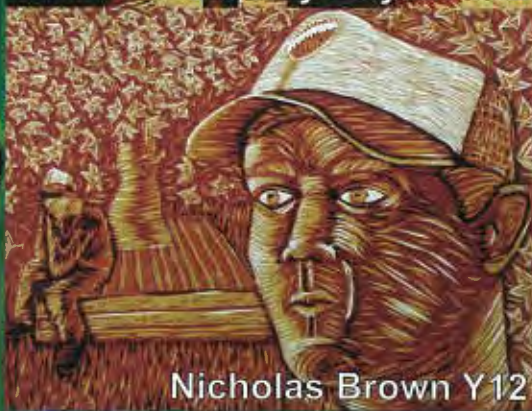
Kurt Larsen Y12



Jeremy Boylan Y12



Daniel Newell Y10



Nicholas Brown Y12



William Hockings Y12



Third Row: Jean-Pierre Hassan, Joel Sims, Matt Rogers, Doug Moores, David Hinz
Second Row: Mr H Russell, Nick King, Tahu Kotua, Gordon Davenport, Aidan Kereopa, Tim Bland, Mr S Taylor
First Row: Shane Nielson, Brady Cameron, Daniel James, Mark Bland, Danny Peters, Jonathan Hacon

1ST XI SOCCER

In 2002 the 1st XI Soccer had nine players from the previous year returning and had a new look management team. Mr Steve Taylor was employed by the school as Soccer coaching co-ordinator, with responsibilities to coach the 1st XI but also to identify and develop junior players within the school. The season started with trials in March with 45 students trialing for the 1st XI.

SOCCER TARANAKI PREMIER COMPETITION

This year the Premier Competition underwent a major change. Four local teams entered the Central Federations Western League. This weakened the Premier Competition and at the start of the season we were apprehensive about the level of competition that would be provided locally.

- Soccer Taranaki provided the team with three competitions
- Premier League (8 teams)
 - Duff Rosebowl (knockout competition)
 - Premier Top 4 (Top 4 of the League)

The first game of the season started with a game against Woodleigh. In this game we were beaten 6-0. Woodleigh ended up winning the Premier League with Boys' High winning the Dr Brown Shield as runners up.

Our initial fears about the level of competition were unfounded as Motorua, Eltham and Woodleigh provided tough close games. After 6-0 loss to Woodleigh we came back in the next games in the league against Woodleigh to lose only 1-0.

In the Top 4 competition Boys' High managed to beat Woodleigh and in the last game of the season comprehensively best Eltham 8-1 to win the Top 4 competition and the Tyrell Trophy.

The Duff Rosebowl in 2002 included the Federation Western League teams. In the first game we met Eltham in Eltham, in this was another very close encounter between the teams. In the end we won 1-0. This put the team into the quarter finals against Inglewood, a Western League side. This provided a good gauge of the different levels of the two





competitions. This game saw us leading until the 94th minute of the game. Inglewood equalised and force the game into half an hour of Golden goal. Inglewood got the golden goal and won 3-2. A devastating loss as we had out played Inglewood.

COLLEGE AND NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS QUALIFYING GAMES

St Patrick's Silverstream in Upper Hutt - Win 3-1

St Pats were the top of the Wellington Secondary School competition. In a hard physical game; Brady Cameron scored twice and Aidan Kereopa scored the other to give us a 3-1 win and the trophy.

Palmerston North Boys' High in New Plymouth - Lost 2-0

College game and a NZSS qualifier. This game was our first interschool of the year. The faster pace of a Secondary School game showed and we allowed Palmerston too much time on the ball and didn't capitalise on our opportunities.

Hamilton Boys' High School in New Plymouth - Lost 4-1

In this game the Hamilton team won comprehensively 4-1 with a very impressive performance. Aidan Kereopa scored Boys' Highs consolation goal.

Wanganui Collegiate School in Wanganui - Win 3-1

College and NZSS game. After a slow start to the game Daniel James scored one of the best goals of the season with a shot from outside the box that curved around the keeper. He scored later in the game as well as Mark Bland to give Boys' High a 3-1 victory.

Wanganui High School in New Plymouth - Win 6-1

NZSS qualifier. The second half of this game was one of the best performances of the season. We took our chances and capitalised on them to win 6-1.

Wellington College in Wanganui - Draw 1-1

Due to Teachers Industrial action this game was played on a Sunday in Wanganui. The game was played like a tournament game, 35 minute halves. Wellington scored early in the first half. Boys' High came back with a goal to Daniel James to equalise 1-1.

SUPER 8 TOURNAMENT IN PALMERSTON NORTH

Rotorua Boys' High School - Win 5 - 1

A slow start with a half time score of 1-1. In the second half the defence became more cohesive and the midfield and strikers worked together to create four goals in the half to win 5-1.

Gisborne Boys' High School - Win 6-2

In this game New Plymouth totally outplayed Gisborne to lead 4-1 at the break. In the second half a defensive error let Gisborne score but Brady Cameron scored two more to give Boys' High a 6-2 win.



Hamilton Boys' High School - Lost 2-1

The first half saw New Plymouth dominate and lead 1-0 however in the second half Hamilton changed their structure and scored two goals to win and take top place in the pool.

Semi Final Tauranga Boys' College - Win 4-2

A complete performance, with players wanting the ball. New Plymouth played Touring off the park.

Final Hamilton Boys' High School - Loss 3-0

A very light defence in the first half. The only goal scored was from a dubious decision when a penalty spot was awarded to Hamilton. In the second half Hamilton added two more to win the Super 8 trophy.



NZSSFA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

We qualified second in our region for the national tournament in Auckland. This was the first time Auckland had hosted a tournament for eight years and because of the weather and field conditions it was a difficult week for tournament organisers:

We had in our pool:

Burnside High School	Won	3-0
Hamilton Boys' High School	Lost	1-1
Rangitoto College	Lost	1-0
Tawa College	Won	5-1
Westlake High	Lost	4-1

We started the tournament in a very positive way, winning games against Tawa and Burnside

convincingly and led the pool. Day 2 was the real challenge with old foe Hamilton Boys' (4th time in 2002) and Westlake. We conceded a goal to Hamilton and then came back to gain the draw; the afternoon saw us beaten soundly by Westlake Boys'.

The last pool game was against Rangitoto College, we outplayed them but failed to put the ball in the net. Rangitoto scored off a deflection to win 1-0. They played off for places 9-12 and we played off for 13-16.

The playoffs saw us lose 2-1 to Shirley Boys' High School and won against John McGlashan on penalties 5-1 to take 15th place in the tournament.



JUNIOR SOCCER REPORT 2002

Soccer always gets a boost in profile during a World cup year and with the biggest sporting event in the world being held in Japan/Korea it had surprising spin offs for New Plymouth Boys' High School.

Three teams were entered in the Taranaki Junior competition, A boarders U15 team, a Senior Youth team and a 3rd XI development squad. Both playing in the regions Youth Grade. All teams were bolstered this season by our international students who following their home teams success in the World Cup all became committed and integral team members in New Plymouth Boys' High School squads.

Of particular note was Jung Wu the Korean keeper, fast becoming one of the best goalkeepers even seen a New Plymouth Boys' High School. Jung Wu played for the Boarders U15, the senior youth and travelled to Hastings with the 3rd XI for an interschool competition.

Also needing to be singled out are Scott Dunning and Quenton Chan - senior boarders who on top of playing coached and managed the U15 and senior Youth teams respectively. A big thank you to both of these boys whose organisational skills will be missed.

In terms of performances this season no team stood out but all 3 teams showed a vast improvement throughout the year. Both the U15 and senior youth teams had become competitive sides winning their share of games by the end of the season. The 3rd XI - a squad of Year 9 and 10 players competing in the youth grade - had an exceptional season. Coached by Richard Levis and managed by Jane Blake the team finished first in division 2 of the youth competition (though struggled in the following play offs). In interschool games they had a huge win over Hastings boys and only lost to Palmerston North in the second half of the game when they lost out to superior fitness. Overall this development squad is brimming with players ready to step into the role left by departing 1st and 2nd XI players.

Overall it has been a very satisfactory season and I would like to thank all those parents who helped and supported the boys throughout the year. I would also like to extend a big thanks to the players who trained and played so well throughout the season - I hope you enjoyed it.

Take care over the summer everyone and I wish you good luck in the football seasons to come.

B Northcott
Coach





Back Row: Ian Calder, Croyd Zeier, Darren Smith, Joel Baker
Second Row: Mr S Archary(Manager), Reeve Barnett, Cade Ogle, Barry Watson, Cameron Ross, Alastair Stevens, Mr T Kennedy (Coach)
Front Row: Alex Wilmshurst, Chris Herbert, Nick Axten(Captain), Hayden Barley, John Copestake, Chris Ashcroft

1ST XI HOCKEY

The season began well for the 1st XI, with several decisive games played in the local club competitions.

Throughout the season the team developed to form a tightly knit group building on our local success, we achieved a place in our local Mens B Grade final. With a score of 3 all at half time the team took the game in the end with a convincing win over Tukapa 6-3. This repeating our success of the previous year.

In between our successful season of club competition matches we also competed in the Super 8 competition and traditional college matches.

Our first Super 8 game was against Hamilton Boys and with us leading in the final minutes, 5-4, we gave away a penalty corner, through which they scored for a final score of 5 all.

Following on from this draw we played Wanganui Collegiate in a traditional College match and went down with an unconvincing performance 3-2.

Next up we faced Tauranga Boys' and with the fatigue of the trip setting in we went down in a poor performance losing by the embarrassing margin 7-1. This result gave us a wake up call to the task we faced in the next 3 Super 8 games.

Bouncing back from our past two disappointing loses we held Palmerston North Boys' to a 4 all draw. With the chance of scoring on full time squander by some tough defence.

With the aim of finishing high in the Super 8 rankings we played our final two games with determination against two East Coast teams. Winning both games. Firstly versus Napier Boys' 1-0 and then versus Hastings Boys' 3-2. Our final placing of ** in Super 8 was our best yet and showed the potential of the team this year.

After finishing the Super 8 competition we headed off to Timaru for the India Shield Boys' Hockey Tournament.

The standard of our games varied over the week with two first up loses 4-1 to Christ College and 3-2 to Haraki. We bounced back to beat arch rivals Auckland Grammar 2nds 3-2 and finished third in our pool. Following on from pool play we meet Scots College and lost 3-1 and then took out our disappointment on Hillcrest with a 4-0 win. For our final match playing for 13th and 14th we meet Grammar again and again won 3-2 to secure 13th place.

Overall the year for the 1st XI has been a successful one. I, on behalf of the team, would like to thank Terry Kennedy, Mr Achary and Mr Russell for their support and the belief they have shown in us throughout the 2002 season.

Cheers
Nick Axten





Back Row: Mr Dale Atkins (Coach), Jermaine Sassman, Jason Reid, Adam Harford, Mr Johnny Weston (Asst.)
Front Row: Aiden Kereopa, Jonathan Snowden, Brady Cameron, Gordon Davenport, Alex Asi, Blair Prescott.

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

The senior Volleyball team contested the Super 8 tournament in Hastings during the weekend of Feb. 8th & 9th. The team performed well winning all 6 games, dropping 1set.

Results: b Hastings BHS 3 - 1 (25 - 4, 25 - 15, 23 - 25, 25 - 12); b Napier BHS 3 - 0 (25 - 11, 25 - 19, 25 - 20); b Tauranga Boys' College 3 - 0 (25 - 19, 25 - 19, 25 - 12); b Palmerston North BHS 3 - 0 (25 - 9, 25 - 18, 25 - 14); b Gisborne 3 - 0 (25 - 8, 25 - 19, 25 - 15); b Hamilton BHS 3 - 0 (25 - 17, 25 - 18, 25 - 19)

Final Placings NPBS 1, Napier BHS 2, Tauranga Boys' College 3.
team was; Brady Cameron (captain), Gordon Davenport, Hayden Poh, Jonathan Snowden, Aiden Kereopa, Alex Asi, Jason Reid, Blair Prescott, Adam Harford.

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Beach Volleyball Championships Feb. 10th

NPBS was placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in the Senior Pairs competition. This was an outstanding effort. The Junior Pair also performed well.

SENIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002

The Volleyball team qualified for National division one for the first time. The team consisted of: Brady Cameron (captain), Gordon Davenport, Adam Harford, Blair Prescott, Alex Asi, Jonathan Snowden, Hayden Poh, Jason Reid, Aiden Kereopa and Jermaine Sassman. Manager Mr Weston; Coaches Mr Poh and Mr Atkins.

The team produced some outstanding results including wins over Aranui High School, Cashmere High School and Nelson College from the South Island. The team had some close games against Tauranga Boys (which it beat in the Super 8 competition), Western Heights and Kelston Boys.

The team finished a creditable tenth with Gordon Davenport named in the tournament team. Gordon and Jonathan Snowden were also selected to trial for the North Island Secondary team.



SQUASH 2002

Another great year for Squash at N.P.B.H.S. Six teams were entered in the Taranaki Secondary Schools competition at Okato. It was a successful day at Okato with placings in all divisions. On June 11th we played and beat Hamilton Boys' High 7 Matches to 0. We were narrowly beaten by P.N.B.H.S 3 matches to 2 with our B team being well beaten.

On August 9 we headed off too Tournament with the support of Mr Sims, Mrs Crow, and Mr Roughan. Our results were excellent enabling us to be placed 5th in New Zealand in a very strong field.

NATIONAL RESULTS

- Versus Mt Albert Grammer won 5-0
- Versus Rotorua Boys' won 5-0
- Versus Palmerston North B.H.S lost 2-3
- Versus Wellington Boys' College won 3-2
- Versus Kings Collegewon 5-0

Chris Mc Eldowny was placed no1 in N.Z.S.S.S team after never losing a game. Matt Sim has also never lost a game in the last 2 years at Tournament. Our thanks must go to Mrs Crow for all her help with fundraising, Mr Roughan for coaching and to Mr Sims who finishes his term as N.Z.S.S.S Chairman. Tournament Team Chris Mc Eldowny, Matt Sim, Jamie Renata, Lee Ansell, Adam Roughan, Logan Ropiha





AN UNREMEMBERED HERO

The sun shone down. It's rays danced on the throngs of people with a warm tempting promise. A light wind carressed upturned faces, bringing with it the soft scent of the nearby clover. A kind of pent up excitement engulfed the crowd, voices murmured, impatient shuffling, restrained exuberance. Secret Service agent Jones shuffled uneasily in the car following the President. His cold blue eye scanned the crowd for one thing out of place, anything that could pose a threat. His immaculate black suit jacket cleverly concealed his gun, resting under his arm like a lump of lead. He felt the sweat gathering around his tightly collared neck as the bustling crowd swarmed around the Presidential car.

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Jake Simmons' clear green eye slowly lowered into line with his scope. The presidential car leapt out of the glass with a startling vividness. This man wasn't nervous, he'd done this a hundred times, all it required was to pull the trigger, bang, death triumphs over life. He swivelled the rifle on the window sill scanning the crowds, the surrounding buildings, the nearby gardens. Then back to the car, the smiling waving President. His finger rested lightly against the trigger guard. Churning through his mind, pull the trigger, bang, death triumphs over life.

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Jones leaned back slightly, a little of the tension rising off his broad shoulders like a blanket. It was alright. Everyone was in place, ready, waiting, watching over everything. After all, who would try and kill the President today? Today of all days!

As he leaned back a speck of bright light flirted with the corner of his eye. He brushed it away with a preoccupied sweep of the hand. It bounced back. Swiftly swivelling his head to see where it was, the light disappeared. Fully alert now, he scanned the buildings. Nothing. What was that? A movement? Peering intently, he was just in time to see a flock of speckled pigeons flap noisily heavenwards. A sigh of relief flowed from his lips, but his eyes remained wary of the towering buildings to his right.

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The crosshairs glided over the President's fine clothing, neatly tailored suit and large smiling head. Simmons' finger detached itself from the side of the rifle and pushed the safety button off with a soft click. It then wandered upwards and grasped the bolt, sliding it quietly back and then releasing it forward with a sharp metallic snap. A bullet was in the chamber, he could visualise it now, pull the trigger, bang, death triumphs over life. Simmons lowered his eye once again to the scope and lined up the crosshairs with the President's head.

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Jones' radio crackled into life like an old woman and he quickly picked it up and depressed the talk button. "Counter sniper 112 here sir, did you spot anything suspicious at 0300?" Jones' heart jumped alarmingly. His head turned in a fluid motion to the right and his eyes glided quickly but intensely over the hulk of grey steel and brick looming on his right.

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The voice in his head repeated. Pull the trigger, bang, death triumphs over life. A cold bead of sweat trickled across Simmons' forehead, etching its way through

the hard lines of his skin. His finger, coiled around the trigger, rested there as he focused the scope on the bottom right part of the President's head.

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In the same way, moisture now poured off Jones' head as he hastily burred back into the radio; "Roger 112, if you see anything suspicious do not hesitate to fire."

Jones looked wildly ahead to the black car in front of him and the President standing within it, waving to the crowd. Slowly, in one flowing motion, he eased the pistol out of the holster and laid it in his lap.

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Almost simultaneously, as Simmons' finger started to gently ease back on the trigger, counter sniper 112 focused his crosshairs on the suspect window. there was one second of complete stillness, eerie silence, where no sound entered and all worldly things drew dim.

Then, a single shot rang out.

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In one fluid motion Jones catapulted himself towards the President, his pistol clutched in his fist. At the same time a man's head exploded in a shower of blood and bone throwing his whole body backwards, limp and lifeless. The man was Jake Simmons. He lay in a pool of his own blood, faceless history, his unfired rifle lying beside him.

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The President clutched his side and appeared to jolt violently forwards, his hands flew up to the air covered in his own crimson blood and, after flailing helplessly at the sky, finally collapsed with the rest of his body to the car floor.

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A pistol lay smoking. Once again everything was still. Time ceased to exist, instead replaced with a humming nothingness filled with images of human forms. Then, as quickly as it had begun, it had finished. Jones threw down his smoking pistol as he catapulted himself away towards the crowd.

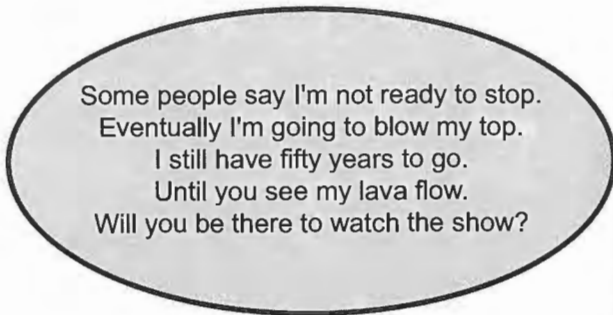
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Counter sniper 112's second bullet punctured Jones' back with a small red hole and punched him, bleeding, gasping like a dehydrated fish onto the cold unforgiving sidewalk.

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Two assassins and one President now lay dead. Counter sniper 112 picked up his rifle and walked slowly away. An unremembered hero.

Andrew Francis



AIN'T NO BLACK CROW

The black bird spiralled upward into the grey city sky. The sun struck a last glitter off the gold in its beak. They have been around the hood as far as Tamien remembered. Where had that bird gotten the chain to begin with? He wondered - and where had it gone with it?

Tamien is about average height for a thirteen year old. His hair was an afroish bush that had probably never seen scissors. His bones are slim and fine beneath the tightly-defined muscles and the light from skin, like something built to crouch for hours in wait and then leap out and sprint for years in chase

Tamien had lived in the Lower East ghettos in Honaira all his life, he had thought about moving to the island where his cousin Chef lived. Chef's real name is actually Jackson, they called him Chef because of his eating habits. It didn't make sense, but the name just stuck to him. He wasn't doing well with money, only just surviving off money he got to share with other crack kids. Tamien's grandfather once told him that violence and drugs are not the way to happiness, the key is deep inside of you. He did not learn what that was, but he did believe in what his grandfather said. So Tamien thought he'd just stick a little longer with his father who hardly lived at home.

From a dump across the street came a crash of steel against steel. A rusty old dumptruck with bars bolted to its front bumper god rid of the corpse of a car within reach of a big, battle-scarred crane. The truck farted smoke and snorted away as the crane's bucket smashed down and snatched the car up in its jaws.

The crumbling old buildings seemed to lean over the cracked concrete that passed for sidewalks. Most of the stores were abandoned and pinned with boards. Garbage lay everywhere, and the curb was lined with crumpled car bodies, their hoods gaping like the mouth of death fish. All the glass was smashed and it glittered on the pavement. Images of a place Tamien called home flashed inside him. He used to have a sense of security where he lived, not anymore

though. Not since everyone had become crack addicts or crack dealers. Not since everyone had found a gun.

Tamien had jumped on a dump truck on the way from the ghettos to the coconut plantations in the west. It was midmorning, Sunday, the road stretched empty and only the sleepy humming of insects stirred in the steamy silence. Tamien climbed into a tall mango tree. He felt that it was time for a change but didn't know what it was. Tamien sighed and closed his eyes. A feeling came to him, new yet strangely familiar, as if he was in a place between future and past, alone in the tree, looking both ways. It was as if the past had ended when the truck rolled by. Tamien considered getting drunk. But what good would that do? Sometimes he suspected that was the happiness inside of him. He couldn't stay drunk forever though, so it would just be a waste of time and money. Tamien didn't have much money, and he wasn't exactly sure how important time was.

The sun was blazing down with so much heat that the breeze from the sea was hot and steamy. The air smelt like salt from the sea. Tamien had seen snow on television before but had never touched it, he wondered what it would be like to lie on it on a hot day like this. There is so much more of this world Tamien hadn't seen. Playstations they advertise on television for the rich kids, sailing boats and skiing trips big happy families go to. A totally different world lies out there waiting for Tamien to step into. It is so close yet so far away. What do I have to do? He wondered. He had read in a book that if you wanted something bad enough, it will come. He is not that sure about this now. Tamien considered saving money, maybe he could ask the truck driver for a job.

Even though he was hidden under the leaves and in the shade. Sweat was pouring out of his skin.

He considered a moment, then slipped off his jeans and sat back naked in the wide tree fork. No one was around so he might as well be comfortable. He dug out an almost empty packet of tobacco he found in the back of the truck he jumped on and carefully rolled a cigarette. He didn't waste a speck of tobacco.

There was a rustle of feathers overhead, a dry sound like dead leaves. Tamien looked up to see a crow land on a branch. Maybe it was the same one that had been in the city. But then all crows looked alike... though probably not to other crows.

Tamien thought of all the money he could make from the gold chains that they carry in their beaks.

Tamien's most precious treasure right now is probably the lighter that the truck driver had given him. It was almost empty, but it turned the tiny value all the way down before firing his cigarette with perfect flicker of flame. As he smoked, Tamien's eyes gazed through the curtain of leaves, across the shimmering road and the hazy brown coconut trunks. As if searching for his dreamland that existed in the air.

When you see a big black bird crusin' the hood with somebody's gold there ain't a lot you can do about it. There ain't a lot they can do with it either.





Tamien thought, they are such stupid things.

On the way back the truck had picked up Tamien again. The truck driver stared solemnly in the direction in front of him. Tamien decided not to say anything. What is life like for him? He wondered.

The building stood in the centre of a half-block of rubble left over from a big earthquake. The crumbling corpses of two other buildings sagged against either side and were probably holding it up. The late evening light was a dull orange, silhouetted against it were the buildings. About the only sign of air breathing life in the place were dim lights showing in second floor windows. The ones on the ground had boards pinned on the windows. Tamien lived with his father in the basement... if that was called living.

Lying in bed, Tamien could not sleep. Life is hard, but he has to carry on. "I got my whole life ahead of me in my hands, and I ain't no black crow!" With this thought stirring in him drifted off to sleep with a smile on his face and with ambitions for tomorrow.



THE WILLOWS

It is a long way down across farmer Eglin's large paddocks where my brother, our friends and I used to build our secret huts. We couldn't wait to escape school so we could eagerly get to our secluded spot.

The three paddocks of waist long green grass we had to wade through restricted our speed of getting there. Over time we engraved a track in the grass which made it a lot easier to get there. The two metre high electric fences also slowed us down. The fences were there to keep the deer in, but caused problems with us when we wanted to get to the other side. It was too risky to go over the top as we knew from experience what would happen if we tried. We managed to stretch a hole in the fence so we could squeeze through, head first, pulling the grass on the other side to get us through the small opening. When we did get there it was all worth the effort.

We decided on a name for our secret hut building area we named it "The Willows." This was a very practical name, because the area where we built had a pond in the middle of a paddock surrounded by willow trees. Gorse bushes gathered where the stream flowed into and out of the pond. One of the willow trees had grown sideways across the top of the pond splitting it in two. Another willow tree was hollow on the inside. We called this tree "The Hotel", you could fit at least five people inside it at one time.

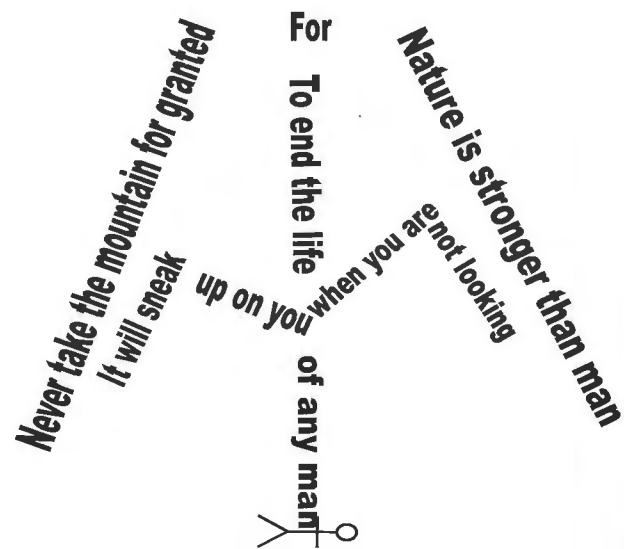
All the challenges and excitement of sneaking from bush to bush searching for the stick that would make the hut complete, making sure the farmer didn't see us if he came down the hill. But the farmer wasn't a big threat to us, not compared to the huge stags that we saw far too often. But all the sneaking around came to an end when we had finished building the hut. We were forever searching for new projects to keep us entertained.

There were endless possibilities when it came to building a new hut. Each tree had its positive points but some downfalls also. We would look for trees that would perform certain tasks, like the tallest tree we used for a look out point.

When winter came The Willows were transformed. The dew on the grass that once made our shoes wet soon became frost, sticking to our trousers like sugar on a doughnut. The pond would freeze over at least five centimetres thick. We would play 'rock, paper, scissors' to see who had to be the guinea pig and set foot on the ice first. Once the all clear was given, we would all cautiously edge our way down the bank, gripping on the frozen mud, and eventually touching down on the ice. Every time we were on the ice we would always have a competition to see who could slide the furthest. We grabbed rocks and rubbed them on the ice so that we could get grip on the run in. The run in would be set and a starting line marked. Slowly at first then faster and faster as the start line approached. Dropping to your knees, the inevitably on to your stomach. Now an uncontrollable sliding mess of limbs and ice shavings, eventually gliding to a stop. My brother always won, but it was just because he was the heaviest. When we were bored with the sliding and grazing, we would do what had to be done. What any good child would do in that situation. We would all go search out the largest, heaviest object we could carry or drag to the pond, to test how tough the ice really was. It was competition time again. This time it was to see who could break the ice first. Dropping all sorts of objects from all sorts of places, our ears eagerly awaiting the telltale sound which was like a piece of glass being crushed on the footpath amplified a thousand times.

I have not visited The Willows in years. Now I'm older and sometimes consider going back down to The Willows and revisit my favourite memory. But times change, as do people and places. I thought it would perhaps be best to keep my memories as they were, where they will never change.

Peter Weaver



By Gareth Bridger
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SEASONS

The seasons come and go in an endless cycle of change and renewal. A solitary old, gnarled oak tree stands in the centre of a field. It has seen many of these seasons pass and will see many more to come. Every season is different, but all are connected, each altering the landscape in phenomenal and varying ways.

The oak tree stands cold in the twilight. Its thick grey boughs extend out into the overcast sky grabbing at the clouds with stark, twisted fingers. The oak is sleeping, hibernating. A lone sparrow chirps solemnly, preparing itself for the deathly cold night ahead. Life in the winter is the hardest it gets all year round, with emphasis on survival rather than comfort. There is a minute balance between life and death. White snow lies peacefully between the great boughs of the tree and on the ground, providing a deep white carpet that smothers everything. Snow has been cleared in between the gnarled roots, a rabbit has cleared the entrance of his den and is preparing to go and feed with his mate on the few green blades of grass that still remain in this desolate landscape. They will be lucky if they find anything at all and may have to resort to eating the bark off the roots of the very tree that protects them and is their home. A twisted irony in which the rabbits destroy the very thing that has nurtured and looked over them through these cold, harsh times. All is quiet except for that one lone sparrow's melancholy chirping.

The oak tree stands green and proud in the early morning spring sun. The light plays cheerfully on the fresh new leaves. They sway gently in the warm breeze, a sense of renewal and freshness arriving on the playful zephyr. Chicks of many birds cheep endlessly, on and on in constant hungry anticipation for their next meal. The strong boughs are revived after the long winter, and provide safety and refuge for the birds. Sparrows, finches, robins, starlings and many others make their homes here. They come and go throughout the day, bringing food to their chicks and life to the oak tree and the surrounding landscape. The oak serves as the centre, a hive of activity and life for the surrounding creatures. The male rabbit has made extensions to his home under the trunk, new tunnels riddling between and underneath the strong roots. At the centre of the tunnels the rabbit mother lies, her six new born children suckling her, receiving the life-blood that will make them strong for the hard, deathly cold months to come. It is the first litter of the year, and two more will come before the summer ends. The winter snow has all but melted away, leaving everything wet and glistening. The virgin green leaves sparkle like diamonds in the brilliant sunlight and the fur on the father rabbits back shimmers like it has a life of its own as he is out foraging among the fresh shoots. A sense of renewal is in the air and everything is changing rapidly.

The oak tree stands tall and strong in the hot midday summer sun, the open leaves providing cool refuge for the animals living in and around it. The chicks are preparing to leave, off to find their own homes and start their own lives. Their parents have taught them everything they know on how to survive in the wide

open world. Those teachings and luck, are the only things now that will guide them through to adulthood. The savage uncertainties of this cruel world are all too well known to the creatures who have survived a winter here. The nests are slowly emptying out one by one, as the chicks come of age. The third litter of new born rabbits are out and about now nibbling on whatever fresh shoots they can find in the ever more barren surroundings. The scorching sun beats down forcing them back inside the den, back to the cool dark tunnels. They are also preparing to leave, to go out into the big wide world, taking the teachings of their parents with them into the unknown. The scalding sun has turned the fresh green shoots brown and dry. Wild flowers are in full bloom making a multicoloured carpet underneath the strong outstretched arms of the oak tree. Reds, blues, yellows, oranges and every other colour possible are present in this cacophony of diverse shades and tones.

The oak tree stands sleepily, getting ready for the cold winter, in the fading afternoon sun. The strong boughs are weakening, becoming brittle, slowly crippling over and drooping, surcomming to the forces pulling it down. It is increasingly having trouble holding onto the deep red and brown leaves. Most have already fallen, providing a deep autumn carpet of crackling dry leaves. The young chicks are all long gone now, leaving only their ageing parents most of whom are now two also preparing to leave, in search of a warmer climate. The rabbits have also taken heed of the change in seasons and have gone about collecting dry grass and leaves to make their burrow cosy for the winter, scurrying back and forth in a race against time before the early snows come again. The wild flowers have died back, smothered by dead leaves. Early frosts have made the ground hard and unforgiving trapping any new life that hopes to flourish. A distinct sense of getting ready for the cold months ahead hangs in the air, as does a sense of fear and foreboding, as the harshest and deadliest season is just around the corner.

And so the seasons continue in an endless cycle of change and renewal and also of decay and loss. But where one thing perishes, another springs up to take its place, always keeping the fragile balance of nature. The great oak will live to see many more lives come to pass, and many more begin, as is the will of whoever it is that looks over us.

Andrew McKay

TARANAKI

- Taranaki pushed aside
- Egmont is it's other name
- Majestically beautiful
- A mission to climb
- Unique
- Never take it for granted
- Good tourist attraction
- An impressive winter coat





TRIP ON THE TRAIN

The rain pummelled the ground as if it was cruelly punishing it for a past misdemeanour. A fine mist sprayed up and made the windows blurry to peer out of. Finally the car pulled up outside the Berwick train station. I had been up all night wondering about my trip on the train, what adventures I may have today. Mr Phillips ripped me from my thoughts to tell me to careful, because some weirdoes use public transport. I smiled back at him and told him I was a big boy. I pulled on my raincoat and opened the car door to make a quick escape from the foul smell of cigarettes that seemed to emanate from Mr Phillips himself.

Out in the rain I ran toward the gate. I sprinted to the platform to get under shelter. The automatic doors slide noiselessly to accept me to the warmth of the air-conditioned building. I went to the ticket office to sort out how to obtain a ticket for a first time train user. Staring out behind the thick Perspex was an old lady wearing her ConnexTM uniform shabbily. I asked for a day ticket to Melbourne and as soon as I handed over the money, the blue card popped out of the metallic slot.

I sat out on the cold wet platform, with my fellow commuters happily awaiting the arrival of the train. Suddenly the speaker crackled into life "The nine forty five train, from Berwick to Melbourne, all stops except General Motors will arrive at platform two in one minute" The monotone voice reverberated in my ears like the sound of a lone basket ball player in a gym. The few other people that braved the weather got into position to grab the best seats.

The train whooshed past. The thick metallic grey body screeched to a halt millimetres from the edge of the platform. The lumbering mass sat still for a few seconds then erupted into a series of warning beeps. The doors slid open with a rattlesnake hiss, a few people slipped out and hurriedly made for the ticket office. Excitement rippled through my body in anticipation of what wonders awaited within those doors.

I strode into the carriage and surveyed my options, at one end of the train sat a fat man devouring a footlong. At the other end was a group of old ladies bawdily talking. I sat down a few seats away from the middle door and looked around. The old ladies and the man hardly paid any attention to me and went about their business as normal in the foul smelling carriage. The scent of urine and unwashed bodies over powered my nose and the brownish yellow colours of the upholstery didn't help the sick felling in the pit of my stomach.

The cold impersonal stainless steel rails segregated the seats into small compartments. They flowed into the dark plastic walls, in which were set the plastic windows, stained foggily by thousands of peoples breath. The seat felt rock hard under me, and the dreary atmosphere of the carriage pressed in around me. Caged, I looked at what I had expected to be a marvellous quest, and found only the drab surroundings of the carriage. The rickety motion of the train grated my spine. I rested my head back on the steel rail and closed my eyes in anticipation of the wonders of Melbourne.

I woke up. Looked around. The carriage was full. The odour worse. Nausea ripped at my throat. Had I been asleep? No! I mustn't have but... All around me unfamiliar faces glared at me. Pierced my being. Judged me. Then turned away. I sat up and espied the carriage. It now resembled the inside of a multicoloured sardine can. The man sitting next to me had a sour face, and hadn't stopped looking at me since my seemingly "Lazarus" performance. I asked him where the next stop was. "Thought you were dead sonny Jim" he trilled in his stereotypical Australian accent "Next stop is Berwick".

My first trip on a train and I'd ? it sleep.

Jackson Wood

RATIONS

In an old decaying church a few kilometres from the frontline a flock of starving sparrows live in fear of a small, scrawny, black house cat.

At that moment, the 'scrawny, black house cat' lay in the soot of a long deserted fireplace, shivering. She got up, stretched, and went hunting. She was called Shanya, once upon a time before the War, before her master went off to fight.

Shanya made her way to her favourite hunting spot. The sparrows, once plump and fat, were now eating barely enough to sustain their puny lives, let alone provide a substantial meal for a poor hungry cat. A small brave sparrow suddenly flutters down to the floor to scrounge for food that was long gone. Shanya pounced, killing the pitiful bird with one stroke of her clawed paw. Chewing the bird, Shanya mused "if I don't find my master soon I'll be worse off than the wretched birds I feed on".

Plucking up all her measly courage she crept outside into the snow banks that surrounded the old abandoned monastery. Shanya sniffed the air, smelt something odd, nice. She prowled around the courtyard until she found a small hole in the snow. Digging furiously, Shanya uncovered cowering mouse, shivering with cold and fear. Too hungry to play with her prey she gobbled it up in a moment. Distracted she suddenly felt a smack on the side of her head, a rifle butt from a ravenous soldier all but sealed her fate.

A shot rang out, narrowly missing Shanya and catching the soldier between the eyes making him drop the rifle and a piece of stale bread he was going to have with his lunch. Shanya gathered her wits and dashed away to safety.

In seconds the sparrows were onto the bread devouring it in a flash. The fresh food made them full and foolish. Shanya easily caught one. Chewing happily and satisfied for the first time in months, she licked her chops.

Suddenly she heard a noise and sprung around to see a big, black, famished, drooling dog eyeing her....

BY LEE WILSON
(Year 9)

THE FALL

It probably took five seconds to happen, but it seemed like an eternity.

A huge cracking sound shook the lookout, seemingly tearing at his mind. Then he fell, weightlessly he tumbled through the air. Quite suddenly he was on the ground.

The impact echoed through every muscle of his body. The rocks and clumps of land fell around him, crashing into the hard rock-like hill that jutted out of the cliff face.

He waited. He couldn't be sure how long it took for the debris to stop, or how many times he had been struck by them.

The boy tried to push himself up but a ripping pain spread through his left leg. He looked down at it. The leg hung lifelessly and no matter how hard he tried to move it, he was greeted by that pain that numbed his entire body.

Carefully he turned himself. She was lying on the ground in an impossible position. Her dark brown hair was matted with blood and her blue dress was torn.

"Mum?" He cried.

On his elbows he dragged himself slowly, his leg striking everything as it trailed behind him.

"Mum, are you ok?" He cried again, his voice filled with anguish.

But there was no reply. A sick feeling began to creep into his mind. All possibilities came to him and he shrank back towards the far end of the platform. Away from his mothers body.

The wind picked up and howled around his body. He screwed his face up and squinted his eyes to overcome it, but it didn't work. He was cold and alone.

And then, what seemed days later a muffled cry came from above him. At first he thought he was imaging it, but it grew louder and louder.

"Adam?" A man yelled out. "Adam, if you can hear me, call out!"

He tried but simply couldn't. His throat had completely closed up.

"Adam?" The man called again.

Adam picked up a stick that had come down with the debris, and began to hit the stick against the ground. The sound echoed through the air.

There was a shout that he couldn't quite hear and shortly after, engines started followed by screeching tyres.

It was hopeless. Adam would never be found and he would die here. He retreated back to his place

near the wall.

All of a sudden his eyes felt heavy and his eye lids kept shutting. He rubbed his eyes with his good hand to jolt himself awake.

The next time he opened his eyes, he was in a bare, white room surrounded by people.

"Where am I?" He asked.

A woman came to his side. "It's alright dear," She said. "You're in the hospital."

Adam struggled with the idea. "Where's Mum?" He asked hopefully, but he knew the answer and the lady said nothing.

He turned his head away from them. He just wanted it to be over, but he knew it would never end.

The police were outside. He didn't know why but they were talking to his father. He heard bits of what they were saying but nothing that seemed important. Suddenly his father's face dropped to an angry glare.

"She would never do that!" He exclaimed. "She loved Adam and she loved her life."

The policeman stayed calm. "We have to explore all possibilities."

Adam's father walked away. Adam knew his dad well enough to know he was as angry as it was possible and needed to calm down.

There was a quiet knock on the door and the policeman stepped in.

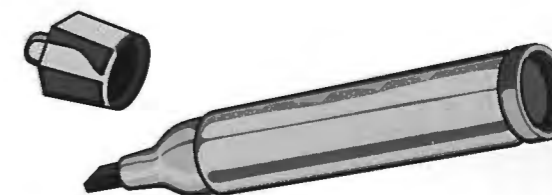
"Adam," He said. "I need to talk to you."

Nick Stevens

MR KERR'S WHITEBOARD MARKER

White terrain, weaving, waving
Not knowing where I'm going,
Children laughing and smirking
Arctic ice filed tobogganing
Losing all sense of direction.
Carving abstract symbols into the white plain,
Different colours red, blue.
Falling, I start falling faster and faster.
I am laid to rest on the only space I am accustomed to,
Thankfully the meaningless nightmare has ended.

By Dione Piquette





GETTING PERSONAL

It was high noon. After a full morning's walk, Sarah and Jimmy had finally reached Robertson's lookout on Mount Keira? Sarah put her five year old son on her shoulders so that he could see over the wooden rail. She showed Jimmy where their house was and where Sydney was. She then put Jimmy back down on the soft rock ground, and gave him his lunch before sitting down to hers.

"Hey mum!" shouted Jimmy from behind a rock. "Come over here and have a look at this." "Not now Jimmy," she replied, "come back here and sit down with me." Jimmy seemed to take no notice as he kept on exploring. Sarah went around to where Jimmy was and saw him standing on the edge of a cliff looking down on the valley below. Slowly Sarah approached Jimmy, not wanting to startle him. She reached out and quickly snatched him from the edge and clutched him to her chest. "Don't; do that ever again," she whispered. She turned her back to the cliff and Jimmy in arms, started walking back to where she was eating lunch. Sarah heard a beating of wings. She looked up in time to see a hawk come hurtling towards her. She stumbled backwards and fell over a small rock. She landed on her back with her body half hanging over the cliff edge. But as she was still holding Jimmy when she fell, Jimmy fell over too, but Jimmy's momentum was too much to stop himself and he went right the way over, in one last desperate grab, he grasped Sarah's arm. Sarah looked down and saw her son desperately struggling to get back up. Sarah could feel herself being drawn to the cliff, closer and closer.

Jimmy woke up. He saw several paramedics dressed in white clothes looking over him. He had a splitting headache and could not remember what had happened. "What happened?" Jimmy asked softly, "Why am I so sore?" "You've had a nasty fall," one of the paramedics replied. "Your mum also fell but she, unfortunately couldn't be saved." Jimmy didn't understand. "Have you heard about Puff the magic dragon?" another paramedic asked as he wrapped Jimmy up in warm blankets and told stories about Puff and other magical things until Jimmy, exhausted fell asleep in the paramedic's arms.

The paramedic's woke Jimmy up to the sound of loud helicopter blades winding down after a long flight from Sydney hospital. Jimmy was lying on a stretcher and he saw his dad at his side. "Hello Jimmy," he said "how are you?" "I'm a little sore," Jimmy replied. "Then everything will be just fine."

Matthew Hancock

GETTING PERSONAL

Daniel and his sister Stacy watched as the clear autumn sun disappeared, falling behind the steep peaks of the Ruahiri Ranges. A bank of fast moving cloud now loomed menacingly in its place. However, Daniel was not concerned about the weather. At only sixteen, he was an experienced trumper, and

fourteen year old Stacy was not far behind him. "Don't worry about those little clouds!" exclaimed Daniel, seeing his sister looking up anxiously to the sky, "we'll be home before you know it." "O... Okay" replied Stacy hesitantly. They donned their small daypacks and headed off down the windy dirt track, just as the first drops of rain began to fall on their heads.

Daniel stopped about ten minutes later. Rain was now streaming into his eyes and his clothes were soaking wet. The track ahead was flecked with mud, and large puddles were beginning to form. "Maybe we should stop for a bit, Daniel," stammered Stacy. Daniel looked back. Stacy was only wearing a thin shirt and was shivering with the cold. The dusk was quickly deepening into night. "It's already late," said Daniel undecidedly, "we really do need to get home." He turned away, his wet hair plastered thickly to his forehead. The weather was rapidly deteriorating. Thunder crackled overhead and the flooded track wound down the hill, soon to be swallowed up by the darkness. The mud on the track was already up to their ankles. Daniel's expression hardened. "Let's find a place to rest then" he said.

Stacy said nothing, but followed obediently. For a long while the path was flanked by a steep rock face, but as the siblings went on the landscape began to flatten.

In the darkness, Daniel did not see the cave until he had almost passed it. Its entrance was surrounded by thin, scraggly looking bushes and was covered with moss, and was small, barely a crack in the cliff face. However, in the cold, wet weather it seemed warm and inviting.

Daniel squeezed through the narrow entrance and then turned to help his sister through. He was shocked at what he found. Stacy's usually cheerful pink cheeks were deathly white, and wet locks of her hair framed sunken hollow eyes. Her lips were tinged with blue. They held each other tightly as they knelt on the hard rock floor.

Stacy stirred and coughed weakly. "We're not getting home, are we Daniel?" she murmured. Daniel was about to answer, but she had fallen into a deep sleep. Exhausted as he was, Daniel could not do the same.

Night passed slowly, and morning came drear and grey. But out of the monotonous beat of the rain there came a new sound. The sound of voices. Many voices, coming closer!

"Hey Burt! Get a stretcher over here, I think we found them!" One of the voices proclaimed. Out of the corner of his eye, Daniel spied an orange Search and Rescue uniform flash past the entrance. He smiled down at Stacy. "I told you we'd be home soon," he whispered.

Greg Severinsen

SCHOOL DAY MEMORIES

'Sit down,' called the booming voice from the large leather chair across the room.

Colin gulped. Cautiously he walked over to the small chair that stood, bland and wooden, before him. Ahead of him stretched an enormous oak desk. It gleamed orange with the anger Colin was sure would soon be thrust upon him. The small old chair groaned ominously as Colin tentatively eased himself into it.

His wide blue eyes began a journey around the room, slowly filling with fear and threatening, like a bath, to overflow.

The room was filled with huge shadows. They towered over Colin, precariously. The only potential for light came from a large window on Colin's far left. However, the sky had been grey and overcast all day, not allowing even a glimmer of light to enter Colin's life.

He stared around in horror, attempting to avert his eyes from the large chair in the centre of the room. In the end his eyes were drawn upwards to it. The chair stood like a throne, while the man sat like a fat king.

'Colin', the man growled, staring down at him, 'I hope you've thought about what you've done.'

The man sat silently, waiting for Colin to speak. The he coughed noisily, breaking the eerie silence.

'You realise what this means, don't you?' the man asked Colin. He then snarled menacingly.

Suddenly Colin jolted as his mind stirred up a horrible memory; one that he had, naively, hoped was buried forever.

It was years ago. Colin's older brother, Luke, was barely the age Colin was now, while Colin was then a little tyke of eight years old. He remembered vividly now. Luke had been attending the same school. One day he had arrived home like a storm, bursting in, wide eyed and painting. He stood, bent double with exhaustion, in front of Colin. "What happened?" Colin had asked innocently.

His brother then unfolded a tale to his impressionable young brother. He recalled how he had been summoned to the principal's office, told to sit down, then been given a strict telling off.

Colin however, was surprisingly nonplussed. In response to Luke's detailed tales he asked,

'Was that all?'

His brother took a deep breath, then said 'No, then ... he strapped me!'

Colin gasped, tears filling his tiny eyes.

With that, the memory faded. Colin found himself back in the great room, which now appeared even darker and gloomier. 'Well, do you?' The man repeated.

Colin's mind reeled as he realised he was in the same situation as his brother had once been. The same school. The same office. The same man. His principal. And, surely, the same strap.

He steadied himself, and stared directly into the older man's steel grey eyes.

'Yes, sir,' Colin replied, fearfully.

'Good. I think, in these circumstances, a warning will suffice. But if I ever catch you in that situation again, you'll report directly to the board.'

'Yes, sir' young Colin answered once more. Puzzled, he asked curiously, "You're not going to ... strap me then?'

The man's mouth burst wide open, and he let out a roaring laugh, like a thousand hyenas.

'Of course not!'

Colin's muscles relaxed, and he realised how silly he had been. The shadows seemed to recede from the room, and the clouds seemed to part outdoors. His principal appeared to have transformed in front of him from a hulking devil, to a kindly man. His chair felt infinitely more comfortable.

Colin stood up, thanking the man heartily. A beaming smile on his young face, Colin then turned and walked calmly out of the office.

Tim Cochrane

MT TARANAKI

HE STANDS ALONE. ALWAYS LOOKING AT HIS LOST LOVE. SHE COULDN'T DECIDE WHO TO LOVE. SO THEY FOUGHT FOR HER. THOSE THREE HEADSTRONG MOUNTAINS. ROCKS FLEW AND LAVA FLOWED. BUT ON THEY FOUGHT. ONE DROPPED OUT AND NOW TOW REMAIN. THE BATTLE RAGE ON, BUT AS WE ALL KNOW THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE WINNER. THE DAY ARRIVED AND HE GAVE UP AND HAD TO MOVE AWAY. NOW HE STAND ALONE. DREAMING OF WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN.



THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY

The grainy relaxing feeling crept up between my toes as my feet sank in the wet sand. Now and then the refreshing sensation of a swift, cool wave interrupted, a gentle flood of pure shimmering water sweeping away the sand as it receded. A light sea breeze, warm with the last red rays of the sun ruffled my hair and ran across my face. This whisper of fresh summer air brought with it the unmistakable odour of the sea, and the faint taste of ocean salt drifted over my tongue.

Steady I stood, holding the long blue rod that glinted as the sun caught its edges. From the tip, the thin line ran through the air with near invisibility, the spider's silk betrayed only by reflected light dancing on it as far as the point it plunged into the sea to seek its prey.

Birds crowded, returning to their roosts on the majestic cliffs behind me, orange with sandstone, as they became shrouded in shadow as the sun set. A winding narrow path was carved on the cliff, like an ancient scar leading down to where it ended and my furthest footprints began. A haunting chorus of distant rustling leaves flooded into my ears, issuing from atop the cliffs where old pohutukawas swayed their branches to the breeze.

As the rod swayed, I gazed out at the vast expanse of the quiet ocean. Beyond the perfectly flat horizon, I beheld a truly amazing sight. The sun hid its weary shy face behind ragged strips of cloud, which were arrayed in brilliant fiery hues of red, gold, and orange blended seamlessly together. However magnificent the image was, it was fleeting as before my eyes it faded into ashen greys.

Suddenly the line gave a twitch. As my heart gave a start and my mind refocused, I swung my gaze to the tip of my rod, now still against the darkening sky. I changed my posture slightly and adjusted my grip, waiting, ready to strike, as my prey had drawn near. The end of the line traced a lazy circle on the water's surface, and the rods tip slowly curved. I stood frozen, posed, like a bullet awaiting the trigger. Even the sea seemed to sense the tension and suspense, waves held back as if the sea was holding its breath.

Then it came. The rod lunged forward, very nearly throwing me off balance, even as I reacted, throwing the tip of the rod back to set the hook. The waves came with increased vigour, and foam crashed around me as it scrambled up the shore. The now chilly wind bit my exposed flesh and howled across the cliffs. The eerie chorus of the dark trees filled my ears, along with the sound of the gust brushing past my head. Barely heard above this was the whirring and frantic clicking of the reel, the sound of the fish clinging tenaciously to its life. The fearful animal fled seawards with surprising speed and strength.

Gradually, as the fish fled, the clicking slowed. It was growing tired, swimming against the burden of the line. In the dim light we fought, the fish alternately resting, then rallying the strength to make a determined lunge seawards. Likewise, I rested while the fish was strong, and exerted my cramped muscles to draw the heavy fish in while it rested. Its desperation

grew with every precious metre I gained. Looking up at the line, I saw the strain it bore, perfectly straight, and the rod resisting the arch our battle forced it into. The water became turbulent with the violent struggle. I focused totally on the fish, which was now just below the surface, and I lost awareness of everything else.

Then, in a final desperate attempt, it leapt out of the water, releasing shards of clear crystal into the air. I also threw myself back, to swing the beast out of the sea, landing it in the sand with a dull thud. There it lay, gasping, drowning in the cold, unfamiliar air. Its futile breaths slowed as its life force faded, its once powerful displays of strength now feeble writhing. Black sand mixed with slime marred the brilliance of its moonlit scales, as it stared into the sky with empty eyes. I took the knife and crouched down beside the doomed creature, to end its suffering. And when it was over, all was still again.

Jargil Santos

BLOODY NEIGHBOURS

It was another miserable windy winters day in the small country town of Autumn Meadows. The dark grey clouds had once again overpowered the sun and looked ready to explode at any moment. The air was moist and the usual sound of children laughing and playing was now replaced only by the rustling of trees.

One red head, freckled faced twelve year old boy named Kevin Collins however was unconcerned with the foul weather headed his way. He laid snuggled up in a thick scarlet blanket on the dining room floor, absorbed in a fantasy world. Kevin was a loner by nature. Therefore it was quite typical of him to have his nose stuck in a good horror story instead of mixing with his peers. It was this very obsession with supernatural thrillers which made Kevin's paranoid imagination sometimes get the best of him.

Before he knew it, second became minutes and minutes become hours and night time had fallen. He awoke from his trance like state to cascading rain water pattering on the roof and the rumbling roar of thunder. At that moment the lights went out. Followed by an unholy scream from the creepy house next door, Kevin always knew there was something weird about his neighbours. Doctor Kraven, but he never could quite figure it out. Why did he never see him during the day? Kevin's heart began jackhammering as he heard the front door open. He quickly grabbed a baseball bat and proceeded down the long, dark, narrow hallway. The darkness made these once familiar surroundings seem sinister. He braced himself and just before he was about to swing his movements were halted as a familiar face became visible in the lightning.

"Mum!" Kevin exclaimed with a sigh of relief, slowly lowering the bat to his side.

"What are you still doing up young man?" It's way past your bedtime." She said in a very unamused tone as she led him to his bedroom. I've got dinner plans with Doctor Kraven tonight honey so please be a good boy and go to sleep." She then tucked him in gave a kiss on the cheek and then exited the room.

That night Kevin tossed and turned because something just didn't feel right and when he finally drifted off to sleep he dreamt of a strange men .. He glared into the mirror with bloodshot eyes that could pierce steel but no one stared back. Yet the empty reflection before him in fact described the deepest reaches of his cool, empty, immortal soul. Evil and he were one and the same, it was the very blood that flowed through his undead veins. His face ? to wrinkle and a devilish smirk appeared revealing two spear-like fangs. And as he ? slithered his tongue across his bloodstained lips he knew it was time to feed again.

Kevin woke up in a cold sweat and out of breath at about twelve o'clock. When he saw his mother had not yet returned he felt as if his dream was a premonition, Off course, he thought to himself. The creepy house the screaming I heard earlier this evening, and the reason why we never see my neighbour during the day. He's a vampire. "Oh no!" he shouted, a cold paralysing chill travelled down his spine and his stomach started to spin like a tumble dryer as terrifying thoughts popped in his head. Mum alone with that monster!

In a flash Kevin was on the porch of Doctor Kraven's house with a crucifix in one hand and wooden stake in the other and a ring of garlic around his neck. The lightning and thunder had a cliché horror movie effect. He opened an old wooden door which squeaked like a frightened mouse, holding the crucifix extended in front of his chest. There was a sudden gust of wind and the door blew shut. Kevin's heart missed a few beats. He made his way past rows and rows of bottles filled with red liquid which even further confirmed his suspicion. After further inspection of the bottom floor he proceeded to a flight of stairs. They were old and dusty and the rotten board creaked every time he put his foot down. When he finally reached the pinnacle of the staircase the adrenaline started to pump and he started breathing heavily, almost hyperventilating.

Sure enough there in front of him stood Doctor Kraven holding his mother in his arms

"Leave my mother alone!" He shouted in a brave voice "That's right I know your little secret vampire, and if you know what's good for you, you'll leave my mother alone."

"That's absurd." Doctor Kraven replied in a very confused voice.

"Well then doctor, explain the bottles of red liquid downstairs and screams I heard coming from your house early this evening?" Kevin asked in an almost mocking tone.

His mother just stared in disgust at his rudeness and she tried to apologise on her son's behalf, but nevertheless the doctor answered.

"The red bottled liquid my friend is the finest imported French wine and as for the screaming ... Have you ever heard of opera?"

"Oh well, that still doesn't explain why I don't see you during the day."

"That's quite simple my dear chap. I sleep during the day, because I work the night shifts at the local hospital."

With every question Doctor Kraven answer Kevin's face got redder and redder until he could blush no more. He stared at the gap between the rotten floor

boards and wished he could crawl in for a day or two, or at least until his face turned back to its natural colour.

In the end Kevin was grounded for a week for his lack of manners and he learnt never again to let his imagination get the best of him. As for the good doctor he felt great relief as he buried another corpse under the floor boards. That had been a close one.

Clayton

THE HUNTING TRIP

"Bloody Hell Dave!" I yelled "What have you done?" The other man rolled around on the ground clutching his stomach. "You idiot!" he gurgled. "What were you trying to prove?"

Even on his dark shirt I could see the blood creeping across it. I looked over at David. All colour had left his face, he stared in horror at the man writhing around like a worm in the hot sun. "Oh god, Oh god" David chanted like mantra under his breath. I kneeled down next to the man, pulled off my swandry and pushed it over his wound in an attempt to stop the bleeding, it didn't help much. My god. What was David thinking?

It was only an hour before that we were sitting amongst the bushes waiting for a prize buck to walk by. Our guns loaded and at our sides. I could smell the morning air and the freshness of the forest that lay before us. There was a cool gentle breeze blowing towards us. The crickets that lay in the foliage aground us sang their melodic songs as a small fantail siting in the Kauri tree delicately cleaned her feathers. I glanced over at David looking nervously looking around as he clutched the rifle close to his body. All of a sudden there was a rustle in the bush behind us and a thrush flew out. David rashly turned around and without thinking fired a wayward shot towards the bird. The gunshot echoed through trees, followed by silence.

I hastily grabbed the barrel of his rifle and pointed it upward. "Jesus!" I whispered loudly "We don't want to scare off everything 'round here! Just calm down, okay?" David nodded anxiously. "Sorry Pete" he replied solemnly. I knew David would be on edge, it was after all his first time hunting. David was more accustomed to the world of cell phones and briefcases as opposed to rifles and the tranquillity that the bush provided. We sat in silence for a while.

Then it happened. A silhouette flashed past some trees. David fired. The bullet blasted through the air with a deafening crack. Thud. David began to tremble when he had realised what he had done. Wisps of smoke wafted out of the end of his rifle. David began to hyperventilate. I took off towards the fallen figure. I came to a small clearing to find a man rolling on the ground and moaning in agony.

Five minutes had passed since David had called for help on his Cellphone. "Shouldn't they be here by now?" David questioned repeatedly.

I fearfully looked up at the ominous clouds that now covered the sky. I felt a drop of water land on my





check. Please no. It began to rain, heavily. The wind picked up and began to howl. It was cruel and painfully cold as it lashed at our bodies. David and I huddled together, barricading the wounded man from nature's onslaught. We waited for an eternity without a word spoken. For a while I thought he was going to make it, but then came the thunder. It bellowed its dominance to the rest of the world.

"Can you hear that noise?" David yelled, "I think it might be help." It sure sounded like it was getting closer. I closed my eyes and for the first time in a long time I prayed, I actually prayed. I prayed someone would rescue us. A brilliant light shone down on to us from above, and through the blinding rain we could just make out a battling helicopter trying to land in the clearing.

I don't remember much after that. We had to be flown out because it was far too dangerous to go back on foot. The one memory that is still in my mind is that of David holding the injured man's hand as he passed away. That's an image I'll never forget.

MT TARANAKI

WORD PILE :

Monstrous, Rumbling, Icy, Chilly, Eruption, Exhilarating, Monolith, Notable, Rend, Violently, Ominous

Mountain
Monstrous monolith
Rumbling, spitting, grumbling
Shaking in my boots
ERUPTION

MONUMENTAL
ONLOOKER
UP ABOVE THE CLOUDS
NATURES CREATION
TRAMPERS HAVEN
ACTION ON THE SLOPES
ICICLES AND ROPES
NOTABLE



DARKNESS

He scampered along the twisted path. His eyes training in the darkness of a moonless night, to catch a glimpse of the terror that lingered in the shadows surrounding him. The trees swayed violently in the icy breeze that howled through the park. Their branches were like withered fingers attempting to ensnare him in their twisted grip. The rustle of dead leaves sounded like a pack of wild horses galloping along a road. The path ahead was broken and slithered like a snake along the ground before disappearing around the corner into the darkness.

In the distance several trees, bent over like old beggars, created an archway with their tangled branches. What lay beyond the archway? The boy's mind began to churn, conjuring up images of vile creatures lurking in the shadows, stalking their prey. His heart began to race. A cold sweat covered his body. He began to run. His tattered sneakers slapping against the crumbling path sounded like small fireworks exploding at every step. His breathing was heavy and his heart pumped as if it was trying to escape his chest.

There was rustling in some bushes to his right, followed by the terrifying snap of a twig, which sounded more like the crack of a whip piercing the silence. He stopped dead in his tracks. The hair on the back of his neck stood on end. However he could not turn to face the terror in the bushes. An overpowering fear had seized control of his entire body and he stood, unable to move, in the middle of the path. There was a bloodcurdling hiss, followed by an almighty screech. He closed his eyes, screwing up his face in anticipation of the attack. There was a pause, and then from the bushes leapt - two brawling cats. They swung wildly at each other like two drunks fighting for the last bottle of whiskey. Their ears were pinned to the back of their heads. Their gleaming white fangs tore savagely at each other's necks.

He managed a nervous laugh, as he made his way carefully past the psychotic cats, being careful not to tread on one for the fear of becoming involved in their tussle. Suddenly there was a flash of brilliant white light from within the darkness. A warm breeze caressed his face calming his senses, and for the first time in his nerve-racking journey he felt relaxed. He felt as light as air, floating down the path towards the light. Standing tall at the end of the path were some stairs. They were old and unstable with unsightly green planks, which had long since succumbed to the forces of nature, and were rotten in several places. The handrails were much the same, covered in flaky paint and rust, as much a hazard as they were a help. However, on that night all he could see was a warm and inviting stairway to heaven.

Bursting out from the blanket of flax that partially concealed the exit, he held his arms in the air as if he had just broken the silky tape at the end of a race. On the far side of the narrow street was his house. Its windows radiated brilliant reds and yellows as if on fire, shedding light onto his mother's immaculate garden. Standing guard around the perimeter was a white picket fence, which he had painted earlier that day, still smelling of potent paint fume. The moon emerged from behind a thick blanket of cloud

as he skipped across the road towards his house. A shrill screech of tyres and the blare of a horn sent the moon diving for cover behind the clouds. The street was plunged into darkness.

Matthew Lee



YOUTH OFFENDING IN NEW ZEALAND

In the last few weeks the news has been focused on two murders committed by New Zealand teenagers. Along with this youth offending is on the rise and this was the reason I chose my topic of youth offending in New Zealand. I decided to investigate, what is the problem and its background, what are the solutions to the problem and what are the various opinions on the issue.

From the newspaper article "Help Needed in Age of Adolescent Angst" I found that an increasing number of teens are becoming involved in serious crimes and the number of youths in custody increased by 73 in one year. Several factors can turn teens to crime. Family are often preoccupied with work when their kids have a problem. Young people feel vulnerable and have nowhere to take their feelings. Some turn to aggressive behaviour and try to look tough by committing crimes; others seek support from gangs. Here they become highly likely to commit crimes."

Society needs to be more informed about why teens commit crime", says Holly Mak. She also believes that special education and counselling needs to be strengthened to assist those needing help.

I also used another newspaper article called "Teenage Violence is Everyone's Problem". From this article I learnt that teenagers feel angry, frustrated and, depressed and need a way to express their feelings. Violent teens are labelled failures, failures to achieve, failures to fit into society. Society disengages from them and people wonder why they are antisocial and discontented. Teenagers need to feel accepted and feel a sense of belonging. Psychiatrists believe that the main cause of youth offending is teens being unable to achieve society's very high standards and being rejected. Auckland Psychiatrist Nigel Latta says "I think it's a failure at a social level to provide enough hope for the kids". Teenage violence can't be blamed on rap music, video games, movies, gangs and drugs but on society's ignorance and failures.

I also viewed an excellent discussion about the current problem of youth offending called "Youth Killer, Problem Discussed". Defence lawyer Marie Dhyberg and Youth Affairs Minister John Tamahere shared their knowledge and opinions on the issue. I learnt that the kids at risk are the ones that come from dysfunctional families whose parents don't care. Within a few weeks 16 teenagers have been on trial for very serious crimes. "The current system is not working, take the Choy case for example", argued Marie Dhyberg. There are a whole host of reasons why teens resort to violence but the problem is the shortage of resources and cash. "These kids are not bad kids, that's absolutely wrong", believes Marie Dhyberg. Communities have to participate in their own solutions. Money needs to be poured into research to find out why this has happened. Early intervention and risk management are essential if the flow of teenage violence in New Zealand is to be curbed. The Youth Affairs Minister was warning about being prudent about chucking out tax payers' money for this "blip". Defence lawyer Marie Dhyberg got the last word in saying, "This is a symptom of society, each generation has its problems. This is our problem."

In conclusion I have found convincing answers to my key questions. I believe we all have to take responsibility for the youth of today. It seems that we have to look at ourselves as a society and review the way we do things. However I think Marie summed it up when she said each generation has its problem and this is ours. Completing this report helped me understand a little more about why youths offend and what is being done to help these people and reduce the crime rates. The problem of youth offending is hard to remove and the problem will never be entirely removed.

By Shane Nielsen





ARTS FESTIVAL 2002

Well it was a festival of four days and the school was the winner on the week! Okay, it doesn't quite work but the festival sure did. It was a great success this year and a lot of fun for all involved with some ups, downs, surprises and serenading.

Tuesday 6th August was the first day of the Festival due to a clash with NCEA training on Monday. The assembly opened with the musical talents of Leigh Kereopa and the comic stylings of our very own Mr. Mac. A relaxed start to a hectic week. Lunchtime saw some violence occur in Ryder Hall. Not to worry... it was the BOUNCY BOXING!!! Loads of fun for all the family as long as Mrs. Stevens stays away from you. I can still feel that final right hook!

Wednesday 7th August saw the final round of the interhouse debating. It was a mixed affair with one house not putting forward full teams for both of their debates. Donnelly won the competition with Syme 2nd, Barak 3rd and Hatherly 4th. That evening saw the finals of the speech competition. The results were as follows:

Yr. 9	3=	Rowan Beggs-French Roshan Patel
	2	Daniel Fleming
	1	Kahotea Kereopa (Not wanting to be adult)
Yr. 10	3	Michael Megaw
	2	Gavin Roper
	1	Jeffrey Fong (Politicians)
Yr11	3	Blair Prescott
	2	Jeremy Tan
	1	Greg Severinsen
Senior	3=	Elliot Taylor Blair Howarth
	2	Jake Snowdon
	1	Tim Cochrane (Politics)

Proving that the dramatic arts are very much within the reach of the "red men", Hatherly took the stage in the interhouse drama on Thursday 8th August. They wowed the audience with a rather risky skit involving a talk show and walked away with the win. Second was Syme with a scene from the Young Ones, third Donnelly with another original script and fourth Barak with "Who's on First".

Finally Friday 9th rolled around and with it the end of the Arts Festival. The lip sync took to the stage with a storm. There were four entries plus a combined performance of YMCA, which brought the house down. The impromptu judge (Paul Gledhill) awarded the win to Matthew Rogers and his group of 7th form boarders' with their rendition of "Gorgeous". Their serenade is an event that I will treasure in the years to come.

That afternoon the whole school piled into Ryder Hall to hear the interhouse music with Lis Wilson and Paul Ward judging. They sang "Build me up Buttercup" with gusto, volume and dance moves. Each year this competition has developed and improved. The enthusiasm of the houses was clear to see. The results were Donnelly 1st, Syme 2nd, Hatherly 3rd and Barak 4th. The boys are to be congratulated for giving something that does not

always come naturally a top effort. Good on ya boys!

Finally it was the turn of "That Revue Show" to take the stage. With improvisation and energy the boys managed to put in a two-hour show that was enjoyed by all. Highlights included performances by Albaphet, Blue Velvet and the 1st V basketball with Danny Peter's tribute to Lyal French-Wright (Lyal to the tune of Dave Dobbyn's classic "Loyal". Thanks especially to the three MCs Zak Bingham, Danny Peters and Phillip Malcolm but all the cast made this show a great experience.

Thank you to Jaidan Bracken who got everything lit up on cue, Daniel Hayle who flooded the stage with light and Jesse Dolman who was a superb stage manager.



DEBATING

The debating scene went a bit quiet this year with the Junior competition being halted due to industrial action. A real shame but one of many casualties of this bitter dispute. We started to put together a competition within school to boost the interhouse competition and I hope this continues after my departure.

Senior debating thrived with the Great High School debate, the Super 8 Cultural Festival and TSS Speech and Drama Festival. Plus the boys took part in the Russell McVeigh competition in Palmerston North. The boys? Who are these masters of the dramatic pause and renegades of the rebuttal? Namely Tim Cochrane, Elliot Taylor and Jackson Wood. We also had a very able and eloquent reserve in the shape of Andrew Mills.

All four boys performed exceptionally well and were a credit to themselves and their school. With future leaders like these young men the prospects for NZ look very bright indeed! Big thanks to Mr John Warner for his help, humour and amazing mind.





SHELIAH WINN FESTIVAL

Sheliah Winn Festival...How now you foul and midnight hags!

The second term started off with a hiss and a roar... or rather a spell and a chant. The Shakespeare troupe wove their magic over the crowd at the Sheliah Winn Festival with their witches brew and mood lighting.

This year we performed the Witches' scene from "Macbeth" where we see the three witches stir a cauldron and call up the devil. Once they have stirred up a powerful brew Macbeth enters and is lead into his own destruction.

The boys all performed exceptionally well with some acting novices taking the stage. The three witches were played by Matthew Benton (Yr 13), Phillip Malcolm (Yr 11) and Michael Williamson (Yr 11) with Macbeth being brought to life by Travis Broad (Yr 11). The cauldron were played by a variety of students who all enjoyed their chance to stir up "double, double, toil and trouble".

A huge thanks to Jaidan Bracken for setting up the lights so that the witches evilly glowed in the red flames. Thanks to Lance Prouse and Andrew Fenney for setting the lights on the night.

CULTURAL SIGN OFF

The year has flown by and I am now very far away in Hong Kong. The time at NPBHS will surely feel a long way from where I am and it will certainly be very different. The thing that will not change is the feeling of gratitude and joy I have had over the past six years. It has been wonderful to watch the young boys grow into young men. To see the music and drama flourish and be supported by more and more students.

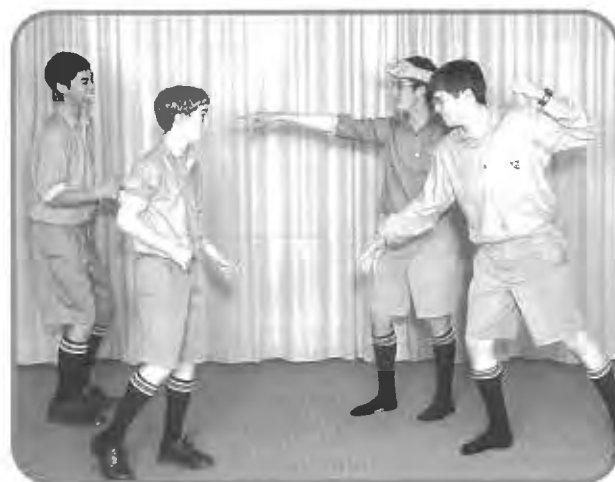
This year students have taken part in debating, drama, music, theatresports and speaking more than ever before. They have pushed for new competitions and exchanges. For new ideas and people to be involved. They have cheered Leigh Kereopa as he plays the piano and laughed with the cast of "That Revue Show". I am humbled by the way the students show their talents in so many ways and so generously. Thank you to all who jumped up at the last minute and kept this cultural thing moving.

Thank you to every student who tried something new this year, or stretched themselves to expand their skills. Finally, thank you also to those students who were simply supportive of the efforts of others.

In 1997 the choir refused to perform in assembly because they were too nervous about the reaction from their peers. This fear of being ridiculed has gone because the men of NPBHS now recognise that there IS more than one version of manhood and that only by accepting the gifts of others do we see the gifts we have to offer. Philosophical to end, but this is my parting shot!

All the best to all of you not returning to NPBHS next year. Make sure you all take care of yourselves, take care of those you love and always challenge yourself no matter what it is you do.

Sarah Milner
Cultural Co-ordinator.



JUNIOR MUSIC PERFORMANCE

The Performance Music option started the year with a new name and a team of 10 dedicated musicians all keen to learn a new musical instrument in a band context. They were joined by three more players in Term III and have made remarkable progress because of their focussed attitude and dedication to excellence,

Mr Stewart Maunder direct the group and his comment is "best class ever"! There is an ideal balance of flutes, clarinets, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass guitarists and drum kit.

Many highlights stand out, but in particular the Roadshow when we played at Highlands, Devon and Motonui and the Concert when we combined with Girls' High and performed in Ryder Hall. Work is now focused on preparation for the Junior Prize-Giving.

Progress this year has set all the musicians up for Junior Band next year and very bright musical future. We look forward to hearing more from them.



2002 JUNIOR BAND

2002 has been a good year for the Junior Band with many new Year 9's joining the Year 10's to make an amazing sound. With a large brass section (about two trombones six or seven saxophones and two trumpets) and a few quieter instruments (two clarinets and a flute) made for an interesting group, all kept together under the expert eye (and ear) of Mr Orr, the bandmaster and kept in time by the two drummers.

One of the highlights of the year was touring the contributing schools with the concert band, Stage band etc. to show them just how good music at NPBHS is. The tour was done with Girls' High and some of the schools visited were Highlands and Devon Intermediates and Lepperton School. The Junior Band played (with the Girls' High juniors) Cleavland Rocks (Theme from the Drew Carrey show) and George of the Jungle (Theme from... George of the Jungle).

Spending Tuesday Lunchtimes in the music room practising was a sacrifice but was well worth it. So in conclusion I'd like to thank the other members of the junior band for giving up lunchtimes (on hot sunny days) and playing hard, Mr Orr for helping us to improve our band playing and bring us to performance standard and Mrs Beath for the administrative work and chasing us up when we were being slack.

Andrew Raynes



BLUE VELVET JAZZ BAND

In early 2001 a group of bored musicians got together for a jam session. (Rather unstructured, randomised thrashing of instruments). Within six months (and to this day) they were doing the same thing, except in high-class venues, and each member earning a wage that would rival most teachers. How did this happen? You may ask. We refuse to say luck, but rather a combination of talent, inspired musical genius and a little hard work.

"Blue Velvet Jazz" consists of Mathew Benton on Saxophone, Richard Slater/Simon James on bas, Julian Green on Percussion and Leigh Kereopa on piano, and specialises in playing 'pur' Jazz music, but also blues and funk.

In 2001 the band secured a weekly gig at a new cage in Fitzroy, 'The Hub'. this is one of the first major achievements, and from there, Blue Velvets popularity steadily increased as word spread around Taranaki. More and more people were requesting to have live jazz played at their functions, as they found it added a special touch to the atmosphere. Blue Velvet played at weddings, dinner parties, cocktail parties, marathons, 1/2 marathons, cafes and a few other odds and ends, all the while playing their weekly gig at the Hub. The next achievement for the band was performing at a concert in association with the Taranaki Youth Choir, 'Just Jazz'. they appeared as guest artists, which hugely increased awareness of the emerging quartet, as the concert was reviewed and publicised.

In 2002 Richard Slater (Bass) had left for University, and Blue Velvet welcomed a new bass player to the group, Simon James, with his electric (rather than acoustic) bass. At this point, the band was still steadily increasing in publicity, and had firmly established themselves in Taranaki. In early 2002, the band was hired to play at an exclusive function in Wellington, CEO of Telecom's 40th birthday celebration, and was treated to an all expenses paid for trip to the Capital.

Other highlights in 2002 included the Tauranga Jazz Festival and the NP City Choir Concert 'Jazz About'.

Members consider the greatest achievement to be the fact that they can play music they love and enjoy and have it heard and appreciated by so many people. The members of Blue Velvet had also found that they had greatly increased their musicianship and instrumental ability, all the while earning a nice profit.





2002 STAGE BAND

Once again the stage band travelled throughout the North Island, under the Jazz-Guru Mr. Stewart Maunder, to compete and perform in many different situations. The main of these events was the Montana Jazz Festival in Tauranga where we were the first college band to perform of the whole competition. We sent the standard high with many different jazz classics, however the prize that the band accepted was for a single player in the band. This was Fiona Chapman who received the award for Best Clarinet Player Award, which was highly deserved because of the difficulty of the solo piece that she performed.

We also travelled with many others to Hamilton for the annual cultural exchange, which resulted in once again, another enjoyable time for all. The Stage Band was well received as we played well to a large crowd, which packed the hall. The performance was definitely one of the highlights of the concert. Another musical exchange that we performed at was a concert held in Ryder Hall with New Plymouth Girls' High School. Once again our performance was a good one but was defiantly second to a sole performance by one of the finest musical geniuses this school has produced, Leigh Kereopa (who is also a common face in our band).

The third of our major performances was at the New Plymouth Jazz Club held at the local RSA. We truly out-classed the Spotswood College Band "Hatrix" mainly because of our superior numbers and players. I would like to personally thank the Year 13's for the inspiration they have provided during their time at NPBHS and wish them all the best next year at what ever they plan to do. The band would like to thank the dedication of Mr. Maunder, his wife, Mrs. Beath and Mr. Dobson as the trip to Tauranga could not have occurred without the help of these individuals.

Tim Armitage

SAXOPHONE QUARTET

This is our 5th year together as a quartet and this year we enrolled the help of Fiona Chapman (NPGHS) on the soprano sax. Our members are Mathew Benton (Baritone), Paul Sylvester (Tenor) and Myself Danny Peters (Alto).

We have been under the guidance of Mr Stewart



Maunder. This year has been a very successful year for the quartet. Our level of playing has increased dramatically due to the constant work that Mr Maunder has put in doing everything from arranging to sorting out gigs. During the 2nd term we went down to Wanganui to compete in the Chamber Music Contest. We performed very well with some useful comment from the judges. We have also performed at the jazz club and the Rotary breakfast.

As this is our last year I would like to take this time to thank on behalf of the quartet the brilliant job Mr Maunder has done. Over the last 5 years he has helped us become much better players. We will all miss you. Thank you.

Danny Peters



LAST CLUB DAY: NEW PLYMOUTH JAZZ CLUB

Only New Plymouth Boys' High School sported a sizeable concert band this year but the small combo presentations showed their talent to good effect. There was certainly no shortage of material to talk about.

We'd heard that Fiona Chapman, clarinet, had won acclaim at the Tauranga festival, now we heard her in person in 'Tribute to Benny'. Great stuff and what a fine 'Goodman sound' was generated by the Boys' High band to encourage her. Mathew Benton's baritone sax rendition of 'Round Midnight' was superb. I understand his performance was video recorded for Bursary Music purposes. I wish I was allocating the marks! The boys (and Fiona) finished their programme with something special - 'Space Odyssey 2001'.

Top marks for all of these young musicians and our thanks to Musical Directors Phil Bowering, Stewart Maunder and Warren Orr for their efforts in the schools.

He's the Cool One - It was pointed out that Warren Orr in Hatrix was the only one bareheaded. No hats for geri-hatrix I was told.



TAURANGA JAZZ FESTIVAL

Good Friday was a special day for the NP Boys' High School Stage Band. All Sixteen members, with their saxophones and trumpets, bass guitars, trombones, clarinet, synthesiser, timpani and video camera, squeezed into two mini-vans and headed for Tauranga to the Tauranga Youth Jazz Festival.

This is an annual event, which gathers jazz enthusiasts from all parts of the country to compete together, to share ideas, to attend workshops and masterclasses and, most important, to soak up the unforgettable atmosphere which can only be appreciated by jazz buffs.

The streets were abuzz with jazz - every restaurant, every bar, had artists to lure in the public and wherever one walked, the streets vibrated with strains of jazz melodies - from singers to saxophonists, trumpeters to trombonists.

The Stage Band were at their peak for the performance of Jumping Jack, Space Odyssey and Around Midnight... Tribute to Benny. Although not placed in the contest we received some very positive and encouraging comments from the judges, plus advise for future performances.

The Blue Velvet Jazz Quartet, consisting of Leigh Kereopa, Matt Benton, Julian Green and Simon James competed in the small combo section, playing several of Leigh's arrangements and one of his own compositions, which received very high praise from the judges.

The highlight of the trip had to be the performance of the Stage Band at the Tauranga Bayreuth Theatre, and we all remember the excitement at the award ceremony when our clarinettist, Fiona Chapman, received the award for the most outstanding clarinettist and afterwards, soaking up the sounds of the Wellington Jazz School players, who played with superb technique and immaculate precision a goal to which we all aspire.

None of us would have been there without the dedication of Stewart Maunder. All the extra phone calls, the extra hours of practise, the relentless organisation he inspired us all to attain levels we had never thought possible and had heaps of fun and enjoyment in the process. How fortunate we are to have his inspiration and knowledge. All those weekend rehearsal certainly paid dividends.

Jocelyn Beath
HOD Music



MUSIC FOR LUNCH

Lunchtime concerts in the music room every 2nd Friday of the month have uncovered some real talent amongst the students and the audiences have been treated to a feast of music.

Piano solos from Scott Dunning, saxophone quartet, Barbershop quartet, keyboard solo from Shaun Redpath, brass quartet, Year 10 rock band.... just a few of the varied items we have enjoyed whilst we munch on our lunch.

Concerts have been open to all participants and audience and give an opportunity for the musicians to share some of the pieces they have been working on for a few months. It is valuable performance experience. Getting up in front of an audience of your peers is not the easiest but it is part of the Performance programme for NCEA and Bursary. I feel privileged to be able to share the students' music-making and enjoy hearing their materpieces. I might even make it compulsory for all students learning music at school!!! Fine music and good food make a perfect combination!

BARBERSHOP QUARTET

Well, this year a piece of history was made. New Plymouth Boys' High Schools first EVER Barbershop Quartet was formed towards the end of the second term. This consisted of Mr. Evan Davies - an English staff member singing tenor, Danny Peters - 7th form, singing the lead, Shaun Redpath - 5th form, singing baritone and myself, Phillip Malcolm - 5th form, singing bass. Its ironic that the oldest member sings the highest part, through to the youngest singing the lowest part, but everything has pulled together nicely. The Quartet meets every Wednesday at lunchtime as a formal practice, but lately many lunchtimes have





been a practice. A big thank-you from the Quartet must go out to Mrs. Pat Green, who was our tutor throughout the year and has led us through two songs so far, "Down Our Way" and the "Coney Island Baby/We All Fall Medley," and to Mrs. Beath for her support and for arranging the NPBHS Barbershop Quartet this year.



ROCKQUEST

Saturday, 8 June 2002, was an unforgettable night. The lights, the sound, it all came together for Rival State - 2nd place winners of the Taranaki Regional finalists of Rockquest 2002.

Our band Rival State showed up at 7pm and just hung out with some of the other bands back stage. We were on 6th out of the 12 bands competing that night, and the crowd was warmed up but not too tired.

The moment we walked out on stage, the crowd went nuts. All just screaming for us, which gave us a real boost. While Dougie (MC for the night from The Edge), was introducing us, we threw 3 bags of balloons, a beach ball and a life tube with Rival State written on it - to our fans! This was a great hit with the crowd. When we began playing our band had heaps of energy and constantly interacted with the crowd (touch, playing to them), and when our two songs were over, we didn't want to leave stage - we wanted to keep playing.

The outcome of the Rockquest of Saturday night, was that Rival State got 2nd place to enter into the National contest, to be held in September. We also won \$300 worth of music vouchers to spend on equipment of our choice from specified retailers.

To be part of the contestants for the National Rockquest involves a lot of video/camera/sound work and also a lot of organising - a public performance, publicity, promotions and advertising. Rival State are really excited about this, we only have 36 days from the 8 June to finish this project which involves filming/videoing a 15 minute clip on our best performance, in a public arena. If we are successful in accomplishing this to the standard that is required, Rival State will hopefully be one of the 12 finalist to perform in Christchurch in September.

I would have to say the Rockquest, performing with Rival State was an awesome, exciting experience. We hope to enter again next year, with more original and varied music - this time to come 1st place!

Review by Nimal Fernando

ALBAPHET, AND THE ROCK QUEST

Leigh Kereopa - Fender Rhodes (borrowed from Lucifer himself) (the keys made of fingers from the dead and sinful black and white men of hell). Simon James - (myself) - The Bass OF DOOM (with customised Death Skull frets).

Julian Green - Hells' Timpani, Crashing and Hissing Wring Wraith cymbals.

Leighton Markham - Flying Guitar of the high heavens, The Burning lungs of GOD.

Karl Zimmerman A.K.A. DJ Rigamortis; Scratch MaStA Karl; sicka zeewoo; his favourite DJ is the one and only DJ WOG, who he hails much of his style from. DJ Rigamortis featured on the unstoppable Hobbit turn tables from Middle Earth itself and due to his very vigorous stiff style he broke a needle before the rockquest, this did not stop however, as the Hobbit turntables set has 2 turntables. Not one.

At the start of this year, there was an Xtreme Death Metal band formed. The members of this ensemble were myself, Bass of Death, Julian Green the drums from star wars, and William Davidson playing the Axe of Slaughter, and screaming out thoughts through his severely damaged voice box. Julian and I meet Leighton Markham and Leigh Kereopa, and with their jazz and funk knowledge an idea spawned. A jazz rock funk something ensemble. Leighton shed light through our dark pasts but we still had to keep fury to play to our best. Sorrowfully though the Evil William Davidson was left in hell to jam as his Axe of Slaughter yielded to much evil to cross over to jazz/funk.

We moved on, and starting to from a song of the length of 7 minutes, the maximum stage time to be had at the Rockquest event. To help us employee our ideas, costumes were needed to show our other personalities. These we found waiting for us at the Operatic costume hire, we gave them life! The next objective was much more practice to tighten our song. Then the idea of a DJ idea came too, as we found out our school spawned an extremely good, one. We decided to include a DJ because many of the popular jock bands had them and we love to copy, we also considered that this might contribute to winning the highly political contest. Next we waited. Then the day came, we went to the warm ups, and scoped the competition. Very disappointed we felt, when fellow BHS band '3 Point Harness' did not show as one of there band members 'had school work'. Then only left to represent were the white trash hooligans of the very popular (especially with the girls) band 'Zondervan' and us 'Albaphet' the best in the world. So with 2 elite groups of musicians it was going to be a hard challenge, as the rest of the bands, were all okay.

Then the night came, and with the help of our extremely knowledgeable manager Lawton Lonsdale our secret plan to unleash musical enjoyment was ready. The starting line up was very bad as we were fourth to play, and the winners from last year to play near the end and the favoured rock band 'Fake Reality' to play last as they were anticipated to win. So with our clown costumes and mask of musicality we took to the stage, and gave a very different performance, that was received well, although we thought we would of accomplished a lot more, winning wasn't the main goal, as we didn't fit 'the winning

criteria', we were happy with our song, and expressed what we wanted. In the end we got the stage image award, as our hireage of costumes paid off and helped our performance. Thank you to Mrs Beath for the use of the music room and Mr Maunder for the Rhodes! Shout outz to Leigh, Leighton, Julian, Karl and Simon.

Simon James



THE ROADSHOW: MUSICIAN ON A MISSION

At the end of Term 3, the musicians of Girls' and Boys' High School teamed up to spend a day sharing their music with contributing schools. Our desire was to introduce to them the music possibilities available to them when they reach high school and hopefully entertain the school students with some fine music and have a lot of fun in the process.

We were at Highlands Intermediate bright and early as there was so much gear to get off the bus onto the stage before all the pupils started to file into the hall for their assembly. All hands on deck made quick work of it and soon the music flowed and the pupils were hearing some well-known themes such as: Oh When the Saints, Forest Gump Theme, and Regal March from the Year 9 performance class who this year have made phenomenal progress. Mr Stewart Maunder proudly introduced the individual instrumentalists making the presentation an education for the students who may not have heard some of the instruments individually before. This way the pupils were able to see if they chose to begin learning an instrument in the performance option in the Year 9 class, the sort of standard they may attain.

Favourites such as Cleveland Rocks and George of the Jungle were played by the Junior Band, conducted by Miss Rebecca Freeman from Girls' High and Mr Stewart Maunder ensured a rousing completion to the short presentation with Go Daddy Oh and Jumping Jack with plenty of audience participation. I think the students enjoyed themselves but there was no time for self-congratulations. It was all hands on deck to get the gear off stage, into the bus and over to Devon Intermediate. Once set up on the hall stage, there was time to relax in the fine Devon grounds. The sun was shining and the boys and girls enjoyed a little social repartee!

What a fine reception Devon Intermediate gave us but no time for encores. It was into the bus and out to Lepperton via Burger King to satisfy the inner man. Lepperton isn't exactly contributing to Boys' or Girls' High in the immediate future, but here the pupils of Lepperton and Motonui schools crowded into the Lepperton hall and it was a delight to present our programme for them - now well rehearsed! The little ones were dancing and singing and clapping along, so intrigued with the instruments and the music. It was a most successful day and next year's roadshow is already in the planning stages.

Thanks to all who made the day such a success, to Luke Millard and Suzy Rowat who did a fine job introducing each item giving the programme a personal touch, and especially to Mrs Gisella Sklenars, our fabulous Arts Co-ordinator who supplied a much needed cup of coffee at the most appropriate moment!



ESOL DEPARTMENT

This year the ESOL department has grown to 32 students from all over the world. There are twenty three international fee-paying students from Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, China, Korea and Japan. Last term six new students arrived from China.

The exchange students this year include Paulo Quites from Brazil, Xavieer Perrinjaquet from Switzerland, Satany Hussanun from Thailand and Fede Gertner from Argentina, who has now left. The other student who left at the end of Term Two was Raphael Cabrael, who spent a year as a fee-paying student from Brazil.

As well as these students we have six day boys who have come to live in New Zealand from Cambodia, China and Brazil.

During the last two weeks of last term the class was home to a group of Chilean boys on a school trip run jointly with Girls' High.

As well as learning English these students have made lasting friendships with students from many different cultures.

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STAR COURSES

This year 235 boys have taken part in STAR programmes. These included automotive, aviation, building, catering, computer programming, electricity, engineering, farming, photography and self management at both years eleven and twelve for the first time. Students have gained credits on the national framework which will count towards national certificates in their chosen career area. The self management credits are generic, for the first time I did not have to explain about the credits. Incidentally, oblivious to the political furore we have been delivering level 2 NCEA for years...





Visiting the courses is always fun, seeing the boys involved in work of their own choice. I have had the pleasure of a gourmet dinner and a black forest Kirschtorte being delivered to my office (I did share, honestly), judging a sandwich-making contest with elegant bistro-type creations, watching the boys plot a course over which to fly their plane, laughing at the animated websites eg "lard on tap", seeing the fancy backyard brazier being toted home by a proud dad (we will never reveal this staff-member's name), watching boys dismantle an engine on a pulley, checking out the craftsman-type furniture, observing boys driving tractors, ATVs and farm bikes around McNaught and seeing the seventh form common room transformed into a professional dark room for fabulous photography.

In 2003 we are looking forward to a vintage selection of courses with the addition of beauty therapy, business management, computer aided draughting, computer graphics, hairdressing, horticulture, kapa haka, music technology, outdoor education, radio, and retailing. Who knows, I might luck in on a new hairstyle, a facial, or cut a CD in the new recording studio!

SELF MANAGEMENT

Students taking this subject had to be hardy specimens with relentless education even on Fridays period 5, and the sixth form ploughed through 31 credits. This year Mr Nicholls and I added form 5 self management and had two classes at both form five and form six. The boys 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, problem solving, motivation, study skills, self esteem, assertiveness, 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.

From the feedback I receive it seems that some of the boys are even using the skills in real life. One reported that his allowance was increased because his family noticed that he was budgeting his money sensibly. The sexual health clinic was delighted because they had a bumper number of our young men in last November. My student sources inform me that this was the human version of a WOF. Well done, team! As a teacher I get pleasure from seeing the growth in self-confidence and assertiveness in the students, and the way the boys develop a positive attitude and decide to pass the units.

GUIDANCE

This is a valuable service offered in schools, where the population is in a state of fast personal development. It is a privilege to support clients in finding new ways of responding to life events, and rearranging their lives in rewarding ways. 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

The Ministry of Education is finally actively supporting education of the gifted and talented. We can look forward to professional development in 2003, and exciting developments in this area by 2004. At interval and lunchtime each day MACRO meets to do mind-expanding activities. The boys are trying themselves out on IQ tests, watching challenging videos, and playing educational games. Future Problem Solving has been a year 10 option this year for the first time. It involves working as a team, being creative, logical and disciplined in a strict time frame. 26 boys took up this considerable challenge, producing some excellent ideas.

Mrs R Carter

HILLARY CHALLENGE

A team of eight Yr 13 boarders represented N.P.B.H.S. in the Sir Edmund Hillary Secondary School Challenge In May. Ten finalists compete over five days to find the top adventure challenge team in New Zealand. Our team qualified from the Central Region by heading off Tongariro High School in an elimination round at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre (O.P.C.), Turangi, in March. This is the first time N.P.B.H.S. has entered the event.

For the first two days of the competition the teams were based at O.P.C. and involved a series of 10 initiative challenges. Teams were scored on initiative, teamwork, problem solving, communication, planning, camp craft, safety, environmental practices and of course, speed and completion of tasks. Our boys were surprised and pleased to be lying in third place on the Tuesday night after they had delivered their power point presentation about Kahurangi National Park.

Wednesday and Thursday involved orienteering on a grand scale. Following a very late night of race briefing and gear preparation the teams set out on Wednesday morning for two days of endurance orienteering. This involved selecting a course that would gain the highest score by collecting checkpoints. Selecting a course was one thing, navigating accurately and carrying a full pack all day while making the campsite without incurring a time penalty was quite another.

Fortunately our boys excelled in this and were only outscored by Taradale High School on Wednesday who performed with such determination two of their members were removed to Waiouru Base Hospital to be rehydrated by drip overnight. This example spurred our boys on and Thursday saw them blitz the field, outscoring their nearest opponents by 3:2 over a 50km2 course as they ran or walked for 10 hours with only one ten minute break.

This effort left them well placed for Friday's 3 challenges: a canoe race across Lake Moawhango, an abseil race down a 45m damn and a time trial over the army assault course at Waiouru Military Base. The boys were physically very competitive and displayed fine decision making skills in these events.



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When the final results were announced at the prize giving dinner attended by Sir Edmund Hillary the boys were both thrilled and a little annoyed at the final results:

- 1st Taradale High School (3rd last year): 3548 points
- 2nd N.P.B.H.S.: 3540 points
- 3rd Whangarei B.H.S. (1st last year): 3320 points

For a team of such little experience and limited preparation the boys achieved an outstanding first-up result. This testament to their spirit and resilience. For their efforts they won a \$3500 digital camera.

The team was:
William Bourke, Ben Cash, Tim Hall, Chase Hann, Sam Horrocks, James McFie, Ibrahim Shazyl and Ryan Wall. Instructors: Mr Hewlett, Mr McGowan. Sepicial thanks to Mr Jones and Mr Kevin Hann and our sponsors.

TONGARIRO CAMP 2001

On a cold drizzly Sunday morning similar to the previous year, a group of excited students and teachers arrived at school laden with big packs of gear for their long tip ... The Tongariro camp.

During the third form outdoor education week in 2001, our group got onto a luxurious Jamiesons bus with our driver, Mike and headed north. Our first stop was at Mokau, where everybody participated in the customary run, a few kilometres along the beach to the café just past the main town. Then we continued north to the "Rock n Ropes" confidence course - a high ropes course where balance is important. The night was spent in Rotorua where the group had an atrocious nights sleep on the floor of the Rotorua Boy's High School Whare.

After waking up very early and packing the bus, we rode up to the Luge track on the gondola. While up there, people had great fun speeding off jumps and getting sore backsides.

Later that day, on the way down to the Tongariro National Park a few of the more hard guys of the group dove into the freezing depths of Hamurana Springs to collect money. People had thrown money in to the up-draft of water coming up from under ground to watch their coins float in the current.

That night the team crashed for the night at Eivan's Lodge. The next day the whole group got filthy and soaked to the skin going through a great cave that Mr Hewlett knew about, and trying to find our way out again with no torches. We all ran up a small river, climbing up waterfalls and falling into deep patches of water every now and then. After getting cold, wet and dirty a great cure was swimming in the local thermal hot pool.

On the forth day we climbed most of the way up the Tongariro crossing where Mr Hewlett decided to only take about half of the group the whole way as the weather was terrible. On the way over the rest of the crossing strong winds and harsh rain buffeted our small group. On the other side of the mountain, the weather cleared up a bit and we could see why the Tongariro Crossing is the most scenic tramp in the North Island. Later that night the whole group



got back together at an indoor climbing wall before falling asleep the moment we touched our beds.

When the group eventually woke up everyone jumped on the bus again to go white water rafting. Before packing our dirty wet belongings and leaving to go home.

Thank you to all the prefects, teachers and Mr Hewlett who all helped to make a great camp, the best one there is!

Reuben Theobald





TAUPO CAMP

Thirty-three form three boys and two prefects headed off in mini-vans Monday morning after Mr Penlington, Mr Hope and Mr Leith had finally squeezed all of the gear into the two trailers – while Mr Elgar watched on approvingly. The setting up of the tents at De Bretts was the first hurdle, but only for the Peters tent – an archaic thing with even more bizarre instructions from Mr Peters. After this we headed off to the opening of the Aratiatia Dam, followed by a tramp back to Huka Falls. The evening was taken up with a viewing of the just released Harry Potter movie. Everyone finally bedded down about 11.45pm – a long first day.

Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland beckoned the next day, followed by the challenge of the luge. After last year's breakage, a more cautious Mr Elgar lost his title to a new group of nutters, prepared to risk life and limb to be first to the bottom. The evening meal was again provided by Mr Leith and his assistants on the barbecue.

Wednesday morning and it was up early to head to Turangi and white water rafting with Rock and River. The day was well run for us by old boy Luke Boddington. The only wet day so far and it served to keep us cool as we paddled through some exciting stuff. As usual Mr Penlington and Mr Hope tried to distract attention by sending the boarding parties to attack the Elgar raft. And as usual Mr Leith was in the thick of it. Easy enough to throw Michael Rubick and Stephen Street back, like a couple of under sized trout, but blokes like Simon Mills proved a much more difficult proposition. This was followed by a welcome soak in the Tukaano hot pools. Later on a relaxing, if somewhat competitive game of mini-putt followed.

Thursday we headed off up Mt Tahara only to be called back to head to Rock and Ropes. For many this was the most daunting part of the whole trip. The leap from the top of the 13 metre pole into space proved too much for some and too far for others. But it was a great way to test the control over fear. Well done to all who conquered a very natural fear of heights at some stage during this activity. After lunch it was back up Mt Tahara with Luke Mattock and Hayden Walker setting the pace.

Friday morning and it was off to a ridiculously early start to get to Waitomo for an 8.30 am. start. The closer we got the worse the weather got. Those looking forward to black water rafting were in for a huge disappointment as the cave was closed just as the first group was suiting up. The alternative was a trip through the Glow worm and Aranui caves.

Lunch at Te Kuiti was followed by a leisurely ride home, in much better conditions. An entertaining and enjoyable week for all involved and thanks to the staff for their assistance and the boys who got stuck in and made the most of their opportunities.

A. Elgar. Teacher in charge.



DIVE CAMP DIARY

10 of us left boys high at 11 O'clock on Monday morning. We arrived at Greenway's by one, and settled in. We had our lunch at half past one. We sat in a room for three quarters of an hour and learnt how to scuba dive and how to dive safely. We then went for a dive in the pool before dinner at 6 O'clock. At 9 O'clock we had supper and watched videos.

Day 2: We had an early start with breakfast at 7:30, we then traveled to lake Rotorangi. We went for a ride on a boat around the lake and up the river a little, and went to the Hawera water-ski line. We learnt how to play a lot of different pool games.

Day 3: We went to the Opunake beach and went snorkeling around the reefs. Then we learnt how to hold our breath and dive to the bottom of a 5m pool.

Day 4: We had a farm experience, where we drove around a farm for a while. We went down to a trough and checked out the crayfish. We then went down to the bush to find more fresh water crayfish in the creeks.

I really enjoyed my camp especially the scuba. It wouldn't have been possible without the help and leadership of Mr Driscoll and the use of Ron Opie's diving gear and the rest of the team there.

By Hayden Locke



MOUNTAIN BIKING CAMP

Last year we went to Rotorua and Taupo on a third form mountain biking expedition. Our cooks, chauffeurs, tutors, leisure activity organisers and nurses were Mr. Jones, Mr. Atkins and Mr. Weston. Our means of transport were a couple of Jamieson Vans and a LOT of bikes.

Our expedition started down by Webster Field. We looked quite a sight with lots of bags, pillows, sleeping bags, golf clubs, tents and much more. The boarders looked quite comical as they brought all their stuff down on their bikes.

We set off to Rotorua, stopping only at Urenui (to pick up some boys), Waitomo (where we went caving and did a downhill track), and Piopio (where we had a toilet stop).

We arrived in Rotorua late that afternoon and began to set up our tents. We also went for a bit of a wander around to suss out the camping grounds. They had a shop and a hot-pool that proved to be a great asset to us when there was nothing else to do. We stayed in Rotorua for three days and did many things such as biking through Redwood forest; golf, luge, downhill and a bike ride out to the green and blue lakes.

After our stay in Rotorua, we drove on up to Taupo. There we set up camp beside the Tongiriro camp boys. In Taupo we also did some very interesting things like riding over Huka Falls and down to the dam, miniputt, rock-climbing, ten-pin bowling and checking out the hotpools.



On the return trip we enjoyed KFC, and the chance to have a doze.

All in all it was a great experience and everyone enjoyed it for one reason or another.

Murray Perks

FISHING CAMP

The first day was overcast and raining which were good fishing conditions for our trip to the Waitara River Mouth. Our catch was Kaiwhai which was reeled in by Chris Barry. We left the rivermouth at lunchtime and headed to the Port. Nothing was caught in the afternoon.

On the second day we arrived at school at 8.30 am ready to head off to Kawhia. We stopped at Otorohanga and had lunch before continuing on. When we reached Kawhia we set up our tents and headed to Kawhia port. We caught some eels and used them for bait. For dinner Mr Harland cooked up our Kawhai which was smoked to perfection. A game of cricket was underway after dinner before bed and the trip home the next morning. Thanks to Mr Harland and Mr Lockhart for the camp.

Jeremy Anderson



HORSE TREKKING

The Windyglen Horse Trekking Camp was the most fun learning experience many of us have ever had. By the time we had completed this camp our fear of horses had been drastically reduced. The instructors were very cool and had us felling at ease with the horses in no time. It rained all week while we were on camp so we had to deck out with 'Drizabones' most of the time.

As well as trekking long distances through farmland and forests, were completed cavalry charges and other manoeuvres in near perfect formation; rode bareback at the trot; tested our skills over obstacle courses; raced through a relay competition, rode in a horse and cart ; executed emergency dismounting drills, and the majority of us engaged in some fairly exhilarating speed work.

One of the team broke his arm during camp week, but it wasn't from falling of his steed - he toppled out of his bunk.

The Windyglen experience was unforgettable and most of our trekkers are going back again.

Michael Holland ; V Herbert (TIC)

THE TRIP TO PARIHAKA

The two Social Studies classes along with Mr Thomson, Mrs Keenan and Mrs Crow arrived at school by 8.40 am and left soon after for Parihaka. The trip was enjoyable with lots of talking mainly about Parihaka. The bus windows were fogged up which made visibility quite bad.

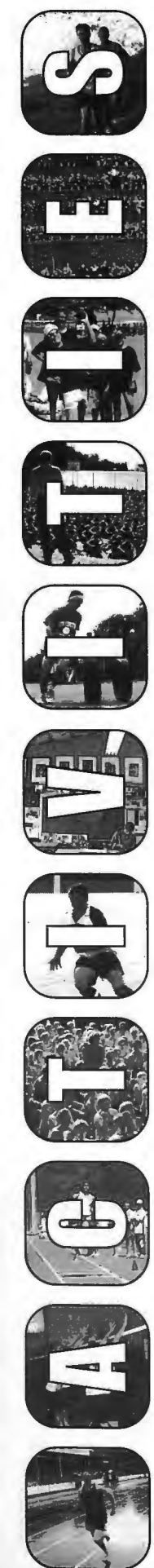
Just before we arrived we all tried to sing Tukua At Ra, the song we sang at Parihaka. We arrived at Parihaka's entrance which the bus could just fit through, and waited for them to greet us. Mrs Keenan replied then the males went in first and honged with our hosts on our way in after taking off our shoes outside. We had a quick run down of the photos and paintings inside Te Niho O Te Atiawa. Then we had tea and biscuits in the next room which was very enjoyable. Some of the students stayed to tidy up the mess left by the rest of us. Then we went back to the main room which was the best because it had some heaters which we all swarmed around.

Then Mr Thomson told us to go out into the freezing cold rain and wind and get our lunches for a communal lunch between us all. Bags of chops, cans and bottles of coca cola, fanta of all flavours. There was the occasional piece of fruit or something healthy also. After that we waited for the food to get set out, then we all lined up and raced for the food which was nice because it was mostly junk food.

After that we went to the main room again and heard a bit more about Parihaka and it's history. Then we went out to look at a grave of a famous man that lived at Parihaka many years ago. We also asked questions and some of us stood up and personally said thank you. Then we got a reply in Maori and in English by our hosts before we sang Tukua At Ra again which was alot better than the first attempt. Then we did the school Haka as we always do when representing the school, which we appreciated.

Just before we left we honged again. Then we put on our shoes and ran in the rain to the bus. The ride back was much like the trip there but seemed to be shorter.

By Steffan Barnett





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IN MEMORY OF JOHN VICTOR MCINTYRE, M.B.E. 1923-2002

May I say how fitting it is that John's funeral service should be conducted here in the school he loved and did so much for. And what a wonderful tribute you all make with the Hall so crowded.

John Victor McIntyre had only one year's secondary education and it was here at NPBHS in 1937. It was a much smaller school then, with a roll of 520. Like the rest of New Zealand, the school was throwing off the shackles of the severe world economic depression of the 1930's. The McIntyres arranged private boarding for John in town and he enrolled as a day-boy. Then, only a minority of children ever attended secondary school. In December, necessity meant John went to work on the family farm at Rimutauteka. But in that one short year what a lasting impression the school made on the wide-eyed boy.

The old Hall, now Pridham Hall, was the centre of his life. There, was Bill Moyes, who in his 25th year as headmaster, bestrode the place like a colossus. And there, were teachers like Bottrill, Bertrand, Papps and Kerr, all legends in their time. The formal assemblies, boys in uniform, masters in gowns, prefects in authority (including his cousin, Athol McIntyre, head-boy); the all-pervading discipline and order that he so admired; the crack of the cane for any infraction, massed singing, prayers, cadets, rugby, cricket and gymnastics; all crowded in on the daily world of mathematics, science, English literature and the school farm. It was a living theatre, a place of energy, drama and endless action that enraptured him and never forsook him! Others will speak of the husband, father, farmer, dog-trainer, lodge-man, tree-man. I shall confine myself largely to the man of NPBHS.

When a new headmaster is appointed, he swiftly meets and is introduced to a wide range of people. The Deputy Headmaster, Lyn Bublitz, kept telling me I had one more man to meet: a rare Old Boy, John McIntyre, a past President of the Old Boys' Association and founding member of the PTA and pillar of the school. "And what does this bloke do for a livelihood?" I innocently asked. The reply was devastating both in its unexpectedness and its truth. "He's a breeder of bulls!" What an image of power and strength! No ordinary farmer, this! My fingers survived the first hand-shake and from 1979 until a few days ago there was forged a deep, lasting friendship.

In 1980, he became an Old Boy representative on the Board of Governors and he threw himself into chairing the school's property committee. When state resources weren't enough, he would lead the charge himself with teams of volunteers, including the boys, in his wake! The burly, black-singletted, figure became part of our landscape. The shameful state of Webster field was attended to, the Gully Ground at last was properly drained, kikuyu was scourged from the Top Field and teams of boys, 100 strong, were organized in waves to bag, poisoned remnants of the tropical menace to the cricket wicket. In 1983 John was elected Board Chairman. In the succeeding 6 years the man's energy sheer commitment, utter reliability, refusal to yield, his ready grasp of affairs and powers of application when harnessed to the headmaster, the staff, Board, the boys, Old Boys and parents, were of priceless worth.

In that period, the roll grew from 1000 to 1150 and material growth and performance matched it. We had a ball and no one danced with greater enthusiasm than John. The Centennial Gymnasium was completed, the new library built. The Niger Complex was added to an expanding hostel, the current administration area took shape, the Technical Block was modernized, the Music suite and theatre reshaped, seven more classrooms were added and the star in the firmament was the new Swimming Pool Complex, properly named after the Trojan battler himself.

\$100,000 in hand, to \$250,000 and I developed cold feet. Indeed, I did a David Large and recommended a breather! The Chairman quietly addressed the Board, (John was never a more potent force than when he presented argument in a hoarse whisper) stating that the challenge was simply that much greater and would be met with a proven fund-raising force in the headmaster and the boys! To my amazement the Board meekly acquiesced and we proceeded and finally succeeded with the PTA a tower of strength. And at the heart of an enormous volunteer input, for a year of Saturdays was the man in the black singlet: heaving, sweating, growling encouragement and relishing the toil.

We made great use of the Periodic Detention System for months on end and when the gang of minor criminal offenders reported for work, John would take over direction from the supervisor. Many a lag looked sideways at the operation's driving force and one day a heavily-tattooed, well-muscled and deeply-frowning Maori asked me in a disparaging voice: "Who's that bossy bugger?" "He's a breeder of bulls," I replied. The frown slowly disappeared. He watched John heaving an enormous punga log into place,

then grabbed a barrow and said "That tallies!"

A Board Chairman is a key figure in any successful school. It was my good fortune and this school's to work with four distinctly capable and generous chairmen. In many ways each had the qualities required for the times. John was emphatically such a man. He predated the administrative sophistication of the so-called "Tomorrow's Schools". But we were already revelling in self-management. As a major Boarding School we have long managed and financed our own affairs but in the days of the Department of Education when not only funding but expenditure were controlled in minute detail from Wellington, the Department represented another body to be managed and how John relished the opportunity!

When more resources were needed to do a bigger job, there was no point in wringing one's hands at a distance. You prepared your case in detail and submitted it to the lions in the lions' den. For example, when Cyclone Bola blitzed Taranaki in 1988, it certainly blew chunks out of our property. By chance, we were already scheduled for an important visit to Wellington, immediately after the destruction but on the critical day, low cloud put an end to all commercial air traffic. Wellington, too, was closed to regular flights but the irrepressible Major Harry Russell, our secretary, charmed our way aboard a private aircraft belonging to Perry Dynes and we were given clearance and arrived in Wellington, on schedule, to the stunned and incredulous amazement of the Regional Officers. Of course we had a highly successful, undisturbed day and not only won discretionary spending for NPBHS but highlighted the urgent needs of all Taranaki Schools battered by the blast.

As a layman John had a special power with bureaucrats. The officers were accustomed to the patter of principals and the paper war, but a plainly-spoken, earnest, thoroughly-prepared McIntyre, eyeballing senior officers, praising their grasp of a case with loud snorts of approval, proved a refreshing change and the NPBHS team became legend. It was an extraordinary contribution but there was another on-going task

In the 1970's, the old New Plymouth High Schools Board had received a very generous but impractical endowment which perplexed the authorities of the component bodies of Boys' High, Girls' High, Spotswood College and the Polytechnic. John had a critical role to play in resolving a very complex matter and after years of patient negotiation and High-Court variations to the will there emerged the highly-important A.L Alexander Agricultural Trust. Funds are generated from a well-managed farm at Tikorangi, long a focus of John's energies, and the proceeds are used to support horticulture in schools and students, Taranaki-wide, who take agriculture-related courses or proceed to tertiary education. John remained Chairman of the trust until his death: a trust that has invested more than \$1,000,000-00 in Taranaki's young people. Is it any wonder John was made a Member of the British Empire, for outstanding services to education.

He was known to every Secondary School in Taranaki for being scrupulously fair and intensely interested in their work but this was his special home. And wherever I look, I can see something of the Chairman's

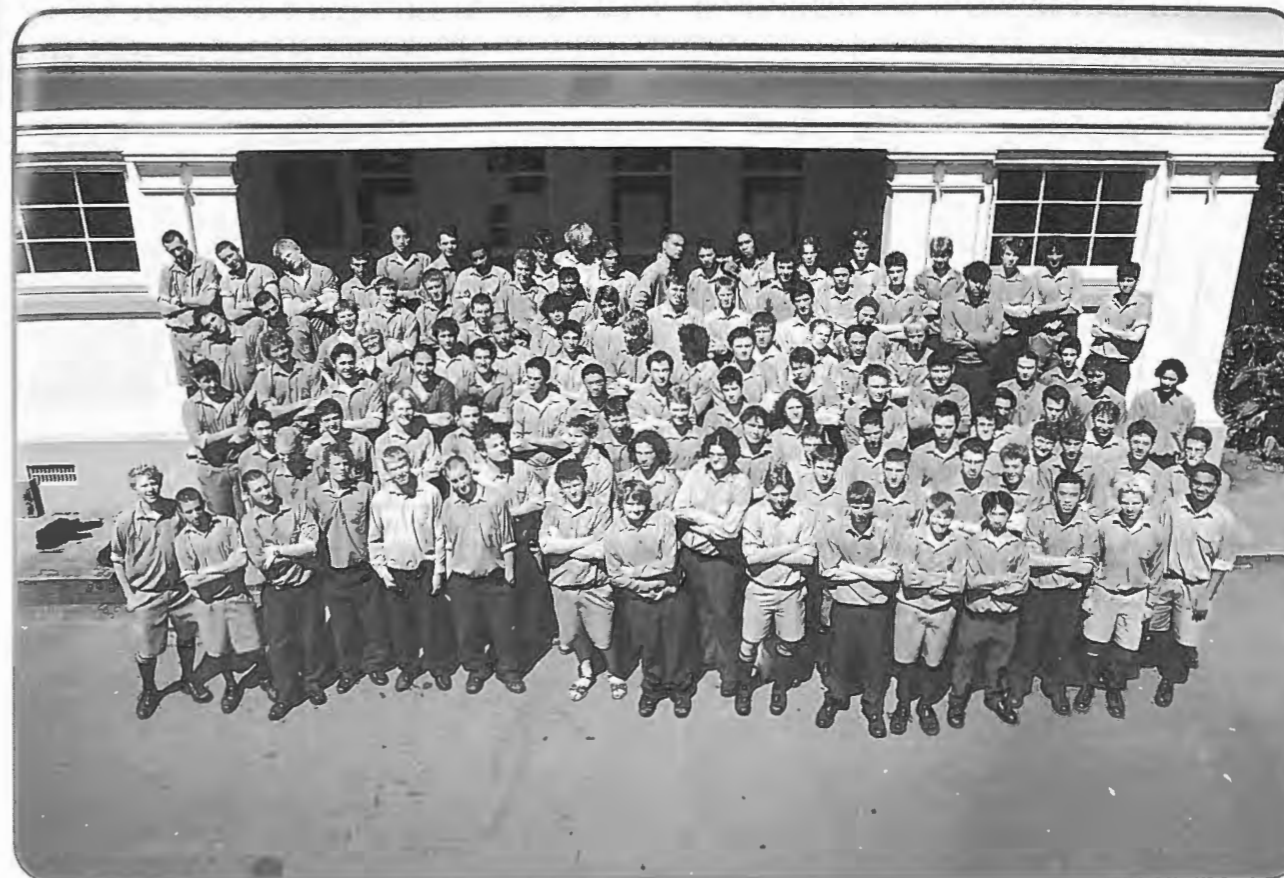
hand. At the rear of this Hall is the school's museum and it was an idea he badgered me to put into effect for our 110th jubilee. At first I laughed him off saying "the whole school is a museum, John, and you and I are two of its fossils!" But he had his way.

Sure, for some, he was overwhelming, too forceful, too unforgiving of the bunglers or the ill-prepared. He was an outspoken man who despised humbug, shallowness and inefficiency. There is no question, he could be hard but he could also be kind and thoughtful. Who of the staff will ever forget his hospitality and those annual barbecues? Certainly he was always grateful for help and always quick to acknowledge it and he could be remarkably sensitive.

In you, Orrel, he had a wonderful and understanding partner. It couldn't have always been easy for you and Ian, Victor and Donald living in the company of a veritable volcano, but there is no question he loved you all and your support for him during these last difficult years, especially, has been admired by everyone.

John reminds me of one of the successful servants in the Parable of the Talents. A plain, tirelessly busy, unpolished man, he had a God-given duty to use his many gifts as profitably as possible and in the service of others. He had an eye for opportunity and the future and the last coherent thing he said to me last week was: "TT, there are things to be done!" There are indeed, thou good and faithful servant, but in the meantime take your rest.

Tom Ryder,
Headmaster, 1979-1995.



TO THOSE LEAVING

Regardless of your views of school and teachers throughout your early years here, it is quite obvious from the atmosphere that prevails in the Common Room and the cricket game in the Headmaster's quad every lunchtime that by far the majority of you do like this place that has given you five years of its life.

As you read through this magazine - the final one you will receive - just take a moment and reflect back on the last five years and how quickly they have all passed. Your first day and first assembly in 1998 was a big, in some cases, daunting experience - and the size of the place, to some, must have been quite overwhelming. The new hostel boys of course, will have even more special memories - their first prep, early morning runs, the first dorm raids and so on.

Part of the excitement of being new in any school is testing the rules out and testing the staff. We certainly have our fair share of characters on the staff - some are undoubtedly more popular than others, but they are all human and have the best interests of the students at heart. Hopefully as you depart you will take the time to thank them for the time and effort they put in over the years. Quite often it is the staff who teach you as juniors who have the most profound effect on you. As you reach the senior levels with external exams and associated pressure, the classes tend to become more serious as you strive to achieve. This is the time quite often you get to know staff on a more personal level and their sense of humour, wit and character begin to interact with yours. This creates lasting memories. don't let this fade. Remember contact is only an e-mail away.

This is a very special school - one that not only takes its academic studies very seriously, but also pushes the co-curricular. Whether it be the school revue, the stage band or the 1st XV trip to the United Kingdom. These activities only work, and work well, because of the commitment of the staff, parents and boys. The school is special because it is not embarrassed by excellence - it is encouraged. The tiger coat is worn with pride, the grounds and facilities that are often taken for granted are first rate and the range of extra curricular activities simply do not exist at other secondary schools.

This is a special school, remember the opportunities it availed to you and the motivation it gave you. In whatever endeavours you pursue, remember the friends you made here and the skills and values you have learnt. We will watch your future progress with interest and look forward to seeing you when you make the return visits.

Et Comitata, Et Virtute, Et Sapientia

B L Bayly
Assistant Principal
Dean Year 13/14





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