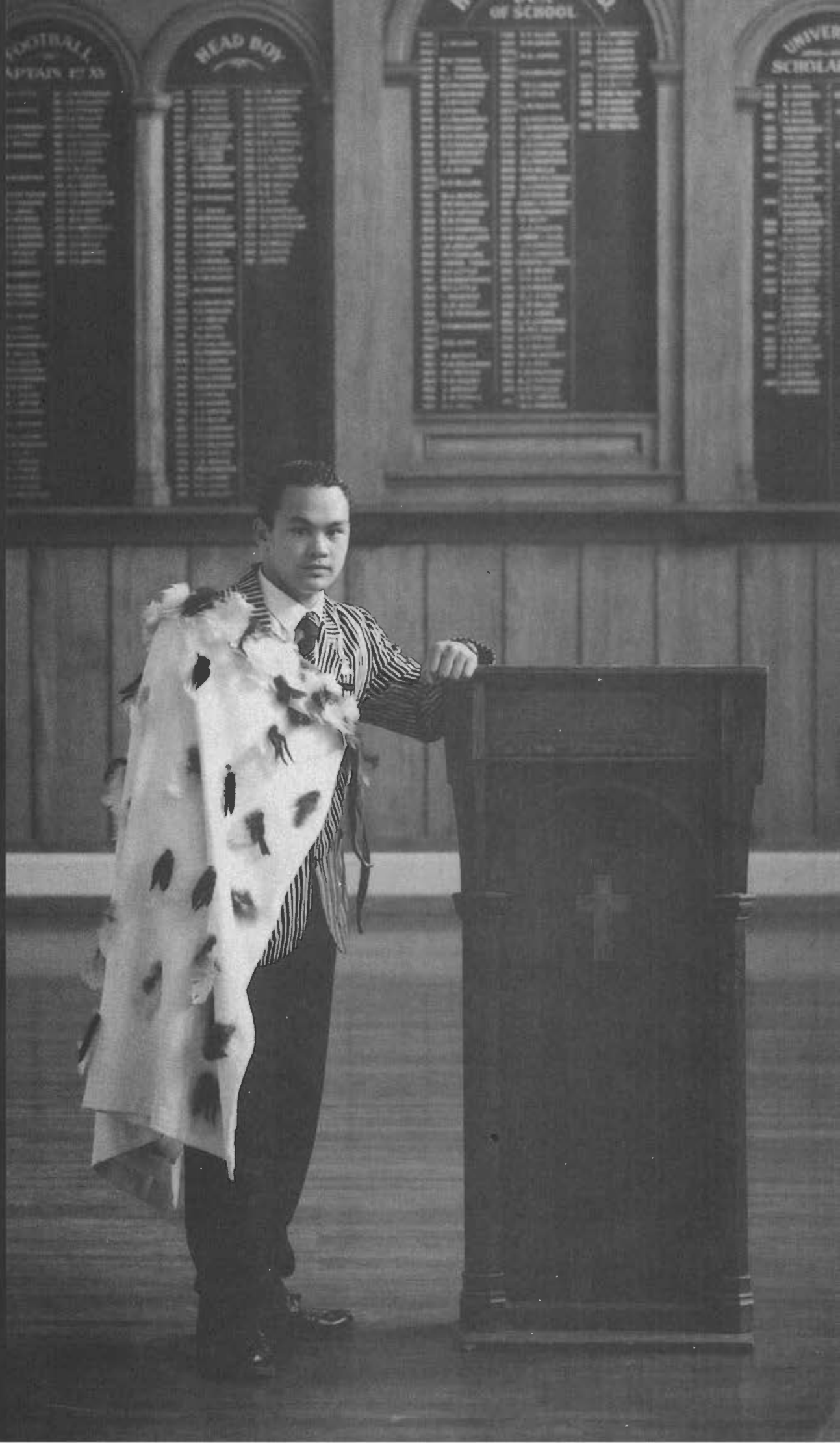


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One of the aspects that Celia Lashlie has seen as a real plus in some boys' schools is student leadership. I continue to be a strong advocate of putting boys in positions where, with proper training, they can give real added value to the lives of others in the school. Leadership is natural in some and can be developed in a positive way in a good number of our senior boys. We must never underestimate the power of good role modelling and setting of decent standards from our young men. My thanks to all 76 group leaders and others, who have taken it upon themselves to give to others in the school so freely in 2003. In particular, thanks to the Heads of Houses – Raki Carr (Hatherly), Sam Fleming (Donnelly), Andrew McKay (Barak), Jonathan Snowden (Syme) – who have done an excellent job of enthusing their prefects and the boys of their house to make the house competition a first-rate one. They can be well pleased with what they have achieved.



The Head Boy at NPBHS has a vital role to play in setting the standard for other leaders and boys in general. As well as this, he is a link between boys and senior staff and represents the school on important occasions. The 2003 Head Boy, Te Hira Cooper, has been outstanding by any measure. Te Hira stands out for his ability to see what is required, and get it done, for his sense of feeling for the mood of the school and what may be required to make changes, for his superb organisation and for not only his sense of care and feeling for each student, but for the school overall. He is forthright when required, sensitive to the needs of others, able to get others to work alongside himself easily and able to make the sacrifices necessary to put the school above himself at times. He is an exemplary role model for all boys and a young man with a huge future ahead of him. Te Hira, you have made a real difference.

The School Ball, with its theme of 'Academy Awards' was a total credit to the inventiveness, creativity, sound management and good sense of Te Hira and his Ball Committee. All this is achieved with minimal staff input and is testimony to male pragmatism and creative flair. A wonderful night that will be remembered by all who attended as a highlight of their time at school.

My congratulations to all the House Masters, but in particular, to Mr Geoff Hall and Raki Carr for their inspiration in Hatherly winning the House competition. The hostel boys certainly left nothing to chance in their campaign and were deserved winners in what was a competition that was close, exciting and full of interest.

We often talk about significant partnerships when an enterprise runs well and has success. A vital partnership in any school is that between the school and its Trustees. I have the highest regard for our Board of Trustees, under the Chairmanship of Mr Warren Batchelar and the formative part they play in the present and future life of NPBHS. Their governance and support of the boys and staff has been exceptional and the service they have given to us all is totally commendable. There would be few Boards around the country that enjoy the positive relationship with the school that ours does – a credit to Mr Batchelar and the whole Board for putting themselves forward for all the right reasons – to assist you boys to be in an environment that allows you to do your best and removes barriers. All of this, of course, within the bounds of limited resources.

The Old Boys' Association gains in strength and more and more Old Boys are being provided with opportunities to come together, both at school and regionally, to share memories and meet friends who had significant parts to play in their lives at a formative time. I continue to be indebted to Kevin Taylor and his Old Boys' Committee and, of course to Max Carroll, for his unbounded enthusiasm for the school and its Old Boys.

The next big project being worked on is the 125th Jubilee to be held at Easter, 2007. It may seem a long lead in period, but significant occasions such as this need much planning. Mr Lynn Bublitz, who has recently retired from Principalship at Inglewood High School, and who is so well known to many of the school's community, has volunteered his services once again, to convene the Jubilee Committee. How fortunate we are to have men like Lynn with a real passion for NPBHS and a desire to contribute so fully.

One of the special reunions this year was that of past All Blacks,

organised by Max Carroll. The school has had 32 All Blacks (3 of whom were staff members) and of these, 20 are still living. We were delighted to host 10 of them at school for the day and have speeches in assembly. Those who attended were – Roy Roper, George Beatty, Noel Bowden, Kevin Briscoe, Neil Wolfe, Graeme Crossman, Ashley Gardiner, Mark Donaldson, Graham Mourie and Bryce Robbins – and in the same week we had Greg Feek, David Gibson, Paul Tito, Carl Hayman and Bryce Robbins (Junior) here as Old Boys in the NZ Maori rugby team. Quite a significant contribution by any standards.

I must give my thanks to the whole school family for their collective strength in making NPBHS the fine school that it is. There is no doubt in my mind that there are many families struggling with many aspects of day to day living and having difficulties because of a lack of defined values or standards to work from. The school has to take a role that is much more than education in the sense of delivery of a curriculum. In many cases it sets the standards and becomes the family. In this regard, we have real strength in that our family of teaching staff, support staff, grounds staff, PTA, Old Boys, Whanau, BOT, parents and supporters have a unity of purpose and concern.

My thanks to all of these people, who are the "whole village" that brings up our boys to be fine young men.

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Board of Trustees' Report

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 The BOT has various sub-committees to manage different aspects of the school operation. These sub-committees are made up of members of the Board together with co-opted representatives from teachers, PTA and members of the public as required.

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 The Board of Trustees is now in the final year of its current term. Over the last two and a half years we have worked hard to provide sound governance and ensure NPBS is well positioned and prepared for the future. The Board is concerned with matters of finance, governance and strategy which is challenging, as there is a huge responsibility to ensure the school is in good stead and well prepared for future generations.

Everyone on the Board is there for the best interests of New Plymouth Boys' High School and they are a hard working group of committed individuals who take their responsibilities seriously. Jamie Sutherland and Fiona Bracken were both co-opted to the BOT this year. Each brings their own special qualities to the Board and we extend a very warm welcome to them both.

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One of the aspects that Celia Lashlie has seen as a real plus in some boys' schools is student leadership. I continue to be a strong advocate of putting boys in positions where, with proper training, they can give real added value to the lives of others in the school. Leadership is natural in some and can be developed in a positive way in a good number of our senior boys. We must never underestimate the power of good role modelling and setting of decent standards from our young men. My thanks to all 76 group leaders and others, who have taken it upon themselves to give to others in the school so freely in 2003. In particular, thanks to the Heads of Houses – Raki Carr (Hatherly), Sam Fleming (Donnelly), Andrew McKay (Barak), Jonathan Snowden (Syme) – who have done an excellent job of enthusing their prefects and the boys of their house to make the house competition a first-rate one. They can be well pleased with what they have achieved.



The Head Boy at NPBHS has a vital role to play in setting the standard for other leaders and boys in general. As well as this, he is a link between boys and senior staff and represents the school on important occasions. The 2003 Head Boy, Te Hira Cooper, has been outstanding by any measure. Te Hira stands out for his ability to see what is required, and get it done, for his sense of feeling for the mood of the school and what may be required to make changes, for his superb organisation and for not only his sense of care and feeling for each student, but for the school overall. He is forthright when required, sensitive to the needs of others, able to get others to work alongside himself easily and able to make the sacrifices necessary to put the school above himself at times. He is an exemplary role model for all boys and a young man with a huge future ahead of him. Te Hira, you have made a real difference.

The School Ball, with its theme of 'Academy Awards' was a total credit to the inventiveness, creativity, sound management and good sense of Te Hira and his Ball Committee. All this is achieved with minimal staff input and is testimony to male pragmatism and creative flair. A wonderful night that will be remembered by all who attended as a highlight of their time at school.

My congratulations to all the House Masters, but in particular, to Mr Geoff Hall and Raki Carr for their inspiration in Hatherly winning the House competition. The hostel boys certainly left nothing to chance in their campaign and were deserved winners in what was a competition that was close, exciting and full of interest.

We often talk about significant partnerships when an enterprise runs well and has success. A vital partnership in any school is that between the school and its Trustees. I have the highest regard for our Board of Trustees, under the Chairmanship of Mr Warren Batchelar and the formative part they play in the present and future life of NPBHS. Their governance and support of the boys and staff has been exceptional and the service they have given to us all is totally commendable. There would be few Boards around the country that enjoy the positive relationship with the school that ours does – a credit to Mr Batchelar and the whole Board for putting themselves forward for all the right reasons – to assist you boys to be in an environment that allows you to do your best and removes barriers. All of this, of course, within the bounds of limited resources.

The Old Boys' Association gains in strength and more and more Old Boys are being provided with opportunities to come together, both at school and regionally, to share memories and meet friends who had significant parts to play in their lives at a formative time. I continue to be indebted to Kevin Taylor and his Old Boys' Committee and, of course to Max Carroll, for his unbounded enthusiasm for the school and its Old Boys.

The next big project being worked on is the 125th Jubilee to be held at Easter, 2007. It may seem a long lead in period, but significant occasions such as this need much planning. Mr Lynn Bublitz, who has recently retired from Principalship at Inglewood High School, and who is so well known to many of the school's community, has volunteered his services once again, to convene the Jubilee Committee. How fortunate we are to have men like Lynn with a real passion for NPBHS and a desire to contribute so fully.

One of the special reunions this year was that of past All Blacks,

organised by Max Carroll. The school has had 32 All Blacks (3 of whom were staff members) and of these, 20 are still living. We were delighted to host 10 of them at school for the day and have speeches in assembly. Those who attended were – Roy Roper, George Beatty, Noel Bowden, Kevin Briscoe, Neil Wolfe, Graeme Crossman, Ashley Gardiner, Mark Donaldson, Graham Mourie and Bryce Robbins – and in the same week we had Greg Feek, David Gibson, Paul Tito, Carl Hayman and Bryce Robbins (Junior) here as Old Boys in the NZ Maori rugby team. Quite a significant contribution by any standards.

I must give my thanks to the whole school family for their collective strength in making NPBHS the fine school that it is. There is no doubt in my mind that there are many families struggling with many aspects of day to day living and having difficulties because of a lack of defined values or standards to work from. The school has to take a role that is much more than education in the sense of delivery of a curriculum. In many cases it sets the standards and becomes the family. In this regard, we have real strength in that our family of teaching staff, support staff, grounds staff, PTA, Old Boys, Whanau, BOT, parents and supporters have a unity of purpose and concern.

My thanks to all of these people, who are the "whole village" that brings up our boys to be fine young men.

L R French-Wright - Headmaster



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The BOT has various sub-committees to manage different aspects of the school operation. These sub-committees are made up of members of the Board together with co-opted representatives from teachers, PTA and members of the public as required.

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The Board Of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees is now in the final year of its current term. Over the last two and a half years we have worked hard to provide sound governance and ensure NPBHS is well positioned and prepared for the future. The Board is concerned with matters of finance, governance and strategy which is challenging, as there is a huge responsibility to ensure the school is in good stead and well prepared for future generations.

Everyone on the Board is there for the best interests of New Plymouth Boys' High School and they are a hard working group of committed individuals who take their responsibilities seriously. Jamie Sutherland and Fiona Bracken were both co-opted to the BOT this year. Each brings their own special qualities to the Board and we extend a very warm welcome to them both.

The Board enjoys open and honest discussions and everyone is forthright in presenting their view. Without this sort of openness the function of the Board would be cumbersome and ineffective. I extend my sincere personal thanks to all members of the Board, including our Board Secretary Mr Emslie, for their hard work, their frank and honest opinions and their support. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work alongside this group of dedicated people.

The Board extends a thank you to the student representatives for their contribution to the Board. We encourage and welcome the participation of the student representative as a full member of the Board and we do not differentiate his input. He is treated an equal and is a valued member of the Board.

As this is the final year of the current BOT term, elections for a new Board will be held early in 2004. While there are a good number of existing Board members who will be standing for re-election, there is always a need for new members. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in being involved with their child's education to stand for election.

The Management of NPBHS:

Without sound management any school would struggle to achieve even moderate success. NPBHS is extremely fortunate to have a senior management team that is passionate about the school, about education and most importantly about the young men of the school. They work effectively as a team to guide the school and ensure it functions smoothly, not only on a day to day basis but during the term and throughout the year. Theirs is a significant responsibility that requires a dedication and commitment well above what most would expect. The management team at NPBHS do not back away from the difficult task of setting and maintaining high standards, and they do so with considered judgement and compassion. The Board and the management team have a strong relationship and there is healthy and robust debate for the benefit of the school.

A positive and constructive working relationship between the Board and the Headmaster is essential. We are fortunate to enjoy such a relationship with the Headmaster, Mr French-Wright. The Headmaster is a man of incredible energy and dedication. He is a man committed to NPBHS and his staff, and he supports them with unwavering loyalty. The Headmaster is also the leader of NPBHS, the front man who represents the public face of the school. The Headmaster does his job with ease; he is a consummate professional.

The senior management team have guided the school through yet another difficult year with sound and stable management which

makes the work of the Board so much easier. The Board of Trustees extends our sincere thanks to the senior management and the Headmaster for their excellent work.

Staff:

2003 was another extremely busy year for the staff of NPBHS. Fortunately there was none of the industrial action that plagued the staff through 2002; however the implementation of NCEA Level 2 saw yet another increase in the demands teachers face. It is a testament to their dedication and commitment that the implementation of Level 2 has gone smoothly and built on the successes of the Level 1 introduction in 2002.

Teachers at NPBHS sacrifice a huge amount of personal time to help with extra curricular activities. There are cultural events, tutorials, professional development, fundraising and school promotion to name just a few – extra curricular activities are not just about coaching sports teams although these are a significant part. The staff at NPBHS have a commitment to our students far beyond the minimum required and we are very proud of them.

Despite a commonly held belief that teachers have it easy, it is a tough job. As a school and a community we have high expectations of our teachers. At NPBHS we are not disappointed. Teachers deserve our gratitude, support and encouragement for they play an important role in moulding the young generations who will, after all, be responsible for the future of New Zealand and our own future.

Through their ongoing hard work NPBHS performs at a consistently high standard over the long term. They enable the young men of the school to achieve across a huge range of activities at a level right up there with well funded private schools in New Zealand.

There have been some new appointments throughout the year and we extend a warm welcome to these new members of staff. There are also a number of staff who will be leaving NPBHS at the end of the year. The Board extends a special thank you for your contribution to NPBHS and our very best wishes for the future.

The teaching staff however, make up just part of the picture. There is a large group of support staff at NPBHS who work hard behind the scenes to keep the school running. Our appreciation and thanks go to all school staff, irrespective of where they work or what they do, for their consistent hard work and dedication. They are the true unsung heroes, they are the heartbeat of NPBHS.



Hostel:

The hostel is always busy and this year has been no exception. Murray Cochrane (BOT) has chaired the Hostel Committee with sound leadership. Our thanks go to this hard working committee for their "business as usual" attitude to the job they do.

We also extend our congratulations to the Head Boarder, Raki Carr, and his team of Hostel Prefects. They are an integral part of the management of the hostel and can be justifiably proud of their achievements especially in the house competition and in breaking down some of the long held barriers within the hostel.

The Senior Hostel Master, Geoff Hall, has gone from strength to strength. He leads a good team and he leads them well with a passion that is infectious. Our thanks go to all hostel staff including the management team and their wives and partners, the kitchen, cleaning and maintenance staff and the Prefects.

For some time the Hostel committee has held off making any decision regarding development of the hostel buildings pending the outcome of potential development of Cramond Wing in the school. Earlier this year the committee was able to review the financial requirements for upgrading the existing buildings and we are pleased to report that strengthening, upgrading and refurbishment of Moyes is now being planned. It is very exciting that we will be able to offer high quality accommodation while maintaining such special buildings. They are part of the character of NPBHS. We look forward to completing the work on Moyes and moving on to Carrington in due course.

Property:

It would be great to be able to report that redevelopment of Cramond Wing was on track and that we had resolved funding issues with the Ministry of Education, however this is unfortunately not the case. There continues to be a blinkered approach by the Ministry of Education which places rigid screening criteria on further funding and does not seem to understand the significance and fiscal prudence of our proposal. Philosophically it is the role of Government to fund buildings for the state education system – it is not the role of the school and its Board or, for that matter, the parents of existing pupils. This fairly fundamental principle appears to be completely lost on the Ministry of Education. Until we can resolve this issue any advance with redevelopment of Cramond Wing will be stalled.

There is plenty of good news on the property front however that covers a variety of projects including Stage 2 development of the Gully Pavilion. Significant funding for this project came from a bequest from the Fookes Estate and we have been able to complete a development that reflects the wishes of this generous contribution.

Work was also completed on a \$275,000.00 upgrade and refurbishment of Laboratories 3, 4, 5 and 6. This much-needed work has revitalised the four Science Laboratories. Meanwhile the Technical Block ablutions were totally refitted, and a new Recording Studio was created.

Plans are also under way for a myriad of various tasks such as: the laying of an astrograss turf on the Tennis Courts, improvements to and additional space for the Languages Department, alterations to two Commerce Classrooms to provide for the installation of a further 24 computer terminals, new windows and an extension to the upper Art Classroom, storage facilities for Outdoor Education and rectification of the Webster Field drainage problems.

Rob Mills (BOT) ably chairs the Property Committee. His patient and thorough attention is appreciated by the Board. Trevor Woodward and his team of workers keep the wheels turning and look after the school property and grounds with a pride that is great to see. We extend our thanks to this hardworking team.

Finance:

Marilyn Davies (BOT) chairs the Finance Committee and, supported by our Executive Officer, Mr Emslie, is responsible for ensuring the meagre funding NPBHS receives is wisely spent. This committee is critical to the continued sound financial management of the school and again this year have performed a great job. The Board extends a sincere thank you to this hard working committee for their sound advice and careful stewardship of the school's resources.

As always, it would be great if we had more funding to operate the school. As long as education has to compete with other Government funding requirements, as a nation, we will continue to view education as an expense and not an investment. Until that position changes, there is little encouragement to believe schools will receive the funding they desperately need to do the job society demands.

PTA:

An area of NPBHS that receives little acknowledgement while working quietly and steadily to support a variety of activities is the Parent Teacher Association. This small, but dedicated, group of supporters helps in many ways with activities such as the work day, school raffle, working bees, etc and makes a real and meaningful contribution to the school operation. Financial support generated from their activities is significant and always welcomed by the Board. The PTA is more than just a fundraising group. They provide a valuable communication channel between school and parents and we encourage all parents to support their activities. We extend our thanks to this committed group.

Policy:

The Policy Committee works quietly behind the scenes and is chaired very capably by Stephen Harrop (BOT). Our thanks go to the Policy Committee for their work which is generally unnoticed.

Whanau Waiora:

Chris Taylor (BOT) and the Whanau Waiora continue to make an excellent contribution through this important facet of NPBHS. They face many tough challenges. Collectively working with Kaumatua they are finding innovative options on how to improve performance and raise expectations. The Board, and the wider school community, owe special thanks to this small yet enthusiastic group who work quietly bringing richness and diversity to NPBHS.

Technology:

Early this year saw the completion of a significant upgrade to our computer network to implement thin client technology. Despite some teething problems this was a significant step forward for the school. This has proven a prudent decision and already there has been further expansion of the network to help teachers more effectively deliver education.

We extend our thanks to the ICT Chair, Meryn Feather (BOT), and the ICT Committee for their tireless work in this important area of the school.

Sporting & Cultural Exchanges:

2003 again saw a huge range of cultural and sporting exchanges. Young men from NPBHS travelled nationally and internationally representing the school with pride. The Board continue to support these exchanges with the expectation our young men represent NPBHS with dignity and pride.

Young Men of NPBHS:

Leadership is something that is valued at NPBHS and the Prefect system we have is a key tool in developing that attribute. The Head Boy, Te Hira Cooper, and his team of Prefects have carried out their roles with integrity and pride. We congratulate them and thank them for having the courage to stand up and be counted.

It is difficult finding new superlatives to describe the young men produced by NPBHS. Every year we see a new group of leavers preparing to embark on the next stage of their development, every year we find it hard to believe they can equal their predecessors and every year we are surprised and delighted by the calibre of young men who leave NPBHS to start a new chapter in their life. Each is a star in his own way and each has made his own special contribution to the rich tapestry that is NPBHS. They, like many before them, are part of something that is greater than oneself, something that is ongoing, stable and reliable, and something that is fostered for prosperity.

To the leavers for 2003, stand tall and walk with pride, you are now part of the tradition of NPBHS. The Board of Trustees wish you all every success in your chosen career.

Warren Batchelar
Chairman
NPBHS Board of Trustees
September 2003



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Staff Notes 2003

The staff returned for 2003 with enthusiasm and energy after a good break. The following staff were welcomed: Ngaire Riley (Drama), Kevin Laugesen (RTLB), Andrew Dawson (PE) Phillip Whittaker (Commerce), Keven Bennett (Mathematics), Bruce Johnston and Martyn Vercoe (Social Studies), Jonathon Dobbie (Science), Paul Mountcastle (English) and Adrienne Roberts (Home Economics). During the year Pat Hounsell, Lynne Rolfe, Leith Atkins and Jeanne Corbett assisted with Mathematics and the school also welcomed Andrew Slyfield (Mathematics) and Nigel Hunter as Assistant H.O.D. Mathematics. Neil McLaughlin has stood in for Murray Dobson during Murray's illness. Keven Bennett, Chris Johnston, Paul Mountcastle, Andrew Dawson, Wiki Keenan, Hamish Kerr, Andrew Hope and Murray Grimwood left the school this year.

Keven Bennett

Keven worked in the Mathematics Department for the first term this year. He taught Year 9 and 10 Mathematics and helped coach a cricket team. He brought with him the experience of Intermediate teaching and Keven's ability at organising and using resources is appreciated.

Chris Johnston

Chris taught at NPBHS for a year in the Mathematics Department as Assistant H.O.D. He also coached the Third XV Rugby team. Chris is a strong teacher and has very good administrative skills. Chris was highly skilled in the area of IT which he shared with the staff and he improved everyone's ability on the computer.

Paul Mountcastle

Paul joined the English Department this year and his American accent often meant he was mistaken as an actor in "The Last Samurai". The boys though soon realised he was a teacher and Paul learned the New Zealand system well. He was admired for his desire to constantly improve his classroom management skills. Paul did a lot for the boys in sport as well and was very good at Soccer, In-line Hockey and Frisbee.

Andrew Dawson

Andrew joined the P.E. Department this year and did very well in his teaching of Health and Physical Education. He coached the E Grade Rugby team and was always involved in various sports. Andrew is a great organiser and the Cross Country went very well because of his abilities. The school is grateful to Andrew for his energy and enthusiastic teaching

Wiki Keenan

Wiki taught in the Social Studies Department and was known for her generous dedication in the production of resources. She has a deep knowledge of New Zealand and local history and played a key role in the Atiawa Trust. The school appreciated Wiki's support in the Whanau Waiora and Wiki always helped out the Maori boys in Kapa Haka or Manu Korero competitions.

Hamish Kerr

Hamish worked for the English Department for two years and was a superb teacher. His love of fun ensured that the boys enjoyed his classes and given his dramatic skills, the classes were lively and productive. Hamish did a lot of work for the Basketball teams and worked in the Hostel. His work for the school has been greatly appreciated. Hamish has a genuine ability to relate well with the students and made the staffroom an enjoyable place with his wit and antics.

Andrew Hope

Andrew worked in the Mathematics department for four years and one term. He was in charge of junior Tennis and helped coach the U15 Rugby team. Andrew was an excellent teacher who was well organised and showed genuine concern for the progress of his students. He was happy to take the responsibilities within the Department, especially for the NCEA. Andrew will be remembered as a person who always got fully involved in staff activities. His willingness to assist in extra-curricula activities was greatly appreciated. Andrew was a great supporter of the school and undertook his duties to the very best of his ability, always willing to give extra time for his students. The boys certainly appreciated the extra hours that Andrew put in for their benefit.



Murray Grimwood

Murray commenced his teaching position as H.O.D. Technical/Graphics at NPBHS in May 1983. In the past 21 years he has been involved in a myriad of activities in and for the school. Murray taught at all levels in Graphics and taught both Metal and Wood Technology. In recent years he became very proficient at IT and has just successfully completed facilitating Level 3 staff training days for NCEA. He was moderator for School Certificate Woodwork and NCEA. Murray was also Senior Hostel Master for ten years. During that time he was a counsellor coping with homesick boys and the other challenges that teenagers present. In this he was always supported by his wife Gillian. He built the garages in Wakefield Street and behind the Engineering shop. In his hey day Murray enjoyed swimming for the staff vs students relay and he played Rugby for the Dream team. It was easy to see him on the field in his bright green shorts being the last to reach the ruck and the last to get up from it. Although vertically challenged, Murray is orally endowed and he is known for his quick wit. Murray will be remembered as the consummate professional, studying and completing a Diploma this year, who was always a strong advocate of the staff in his Department. The school salutes Murray and wishes him all the best in his retirement.



Highlights of the year would be Hamish Kerr showing his stomach in an attempt to show the difference between the words "discuss" and "explain"; Geoff Hall's introductions to training in literacy; professional development on co-operative learning; morning teas at NCEA days; staff dressing up as their hero during Arts week; staff on a bowling green dressed most inappropriately, and the Richard Cranium Awards. 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 or report/open evenings, they all add up to a dedicated life for the good of the students. 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 2003 has been a very good year at NPBHS. The school is in good heart, morale is high amongst the staff despite increased workload and there is a very good working relationship among the staff, the Board of Trustees, the parents and the students.

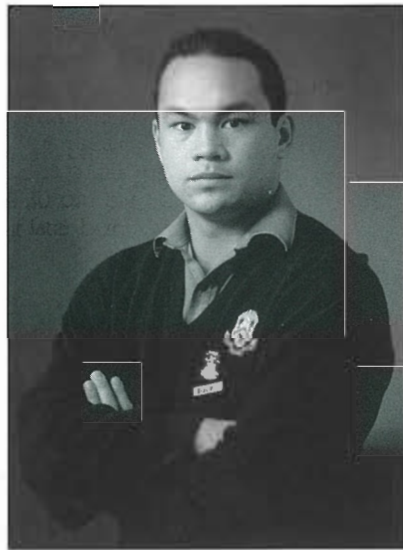




Head Boy's Report

H O S T E L & H O U S E

Hutia te rito o te harakeke Kei hea te komako e ko
 Ki mai ki ahau He aha te mea nui o tenei ao
 Maku e ki atu He tangata he tangata he tangata Tihei Mauriora
 If you were to pluck the baby of the flax, where would the bell bird feed?
 If you were to ask me, What is the greatest thing in this world?
 I would say to you It is man, it is people, it is humanity.



As another year passes over this school, the memories and experiences of 2003 are the newest edition to the mighty history of New Plymouth Boys' High School.

Pride, Passion, Mana, and Integrity are important elements that permeate the entire nature of New Plymouth Boy's High. It is a school that is founded on the cornerstones of its traditions, and one of the foremost educational institutions that continues to produce some of the finest young men in the country. NPBHS continues to develop and grow and this is reflective of the dedicated staff and senior management who strive to give students the greatest opportunities in all aspects of schooling life.

As a procession of year's dawns over this school, it is with grateful inspiration knowing that all the values and standards this school has taught me will continue to pervade each and every student that enters through the gates of this great school.

Since starting at NPBHS in 1999, I had always aspired to one day fulfilling the role as head boy. And in my time I have seen many of my predecessors bless this mantle with the utmost pride and honour. To me personally, being the Head Boy of this school is the greatest honour and privilege one could ever experience. It has been a definite challenge I was willing to undergo, and a challenge that will no doubt provide me with good opportunities in the future. It has been a very special year, and a role that I endeavoured from the outset to adapt and mould to my own way. Leading the school has been the most amazing, enriching and rewarding thing I have ever done, and I have learnt, developed, understood and experienced a tremendous amount in such a short period of time.

In saying this there are so many people whom I owe great thanks to for all their support and encouragement this year.

First and foremost to Mr French-Wright, thank you for your consistent support this year. I am indebted to you for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity and it has been a pleasure to lead this school.

Mr Mac, Kia ora for all your inspirational korero and advice. I really admire the huge amount of work you do for this school.

To Mr Heaps, thank you for all your organisational abilities, and being the manager for our basketball team. You have been instrumental in your support throughout my senior years, and I am grateful for that.

To Mr Bayly, you are one of the most important role models and supporters for the head boy. Your advice has been second to none, and your help has been immense.

Thank you for making it an enjoyable experience.

To my parents, despite being oceans apart, I am privileged to know that I have very proud parents. I am really thankful for all the support in whatever form it has been in helping me see this year through.

To the Heads of Houses for 2003, Ruks, Jono, Sam and Wendell. You have all been superb leaders, role models and ambassadors for your Houses and as a reflection, the house competition is an acknowledgement to the hard work, organisation, and commitment you have shown to your respective House. I want to thank you for all the support you have given; it's been great to work with such an efficient and good group of guys. You have all done an outstanding job.

Congratulations to Raki and Hatherly House on what has been an exceptional performance all round - not to mention redeeming ourselves in the haka competition this year. The spirit and passion that is exhibited is amazing.

To this year's school prefects who play an integral part in the running of the school, thank you for the vital part you have played. As I said, prefectship is purely about the privilege of giving leadership and service to a school which has given you so much in return. You are entrusted with a huge leadership role and responsibility and collectively you have done a superb job in ensuring that the traditions, the standards and expectations have been upheld. In saying that only you can judge your contribution as a prefect this year.

To this year's Ball Committee, Sam, Wendell, Jono, Bracks, Knowlsey, Blair, TB and Ruks, the culmination of your hard work, dedication and commitment come to the fore in what was a very successful 122nd Annual Academy Awards Ball 2003.

You deserve endless credit for what you have put in, and I appreciate the time you have given up to ensure that the standard in the wake of successive high quality balls was maintained. The bar has been lifted and provides a great challenge for next year.

This was truly a very special and memorable occasion and one we can all look back on in the future.

To Conal, Nikyta and Olivia. The relationship with Girls' High School is very strong and one that continues to stay alive. I thank you for your organisation and support this year, and despite the lack of challenges it has been an enjoyable year between the two schools.

To the office ladies who put an immeasurable amount of time into the intricate workings of the school, I thank you sincerely for all the help and assistance you have provided me with in my role. The little things from photocopying, letters, mailing and typing go a long way and add up, and I am indebted to you all for your immense support.

To the Board of Trustees, your direction and focus towards developing a top class school is paramount and this shows in the all round achievements of this school. Thank you all for your support in allowing this to be the great school it is and giving students so many great opportunities.

To my teachers this year, Mrs Gracia, Mr Warner, Mr Whittaker, Mr Lockhart, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs McVicar. You have been great and I appreciate your understanding in all that I have been involved in. I assure you that I have worked hard this year and I am thankful for the knowledge and wisdom you have imparted.

I owe a lot to you all and have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of your classes.

To the men of the hostel. You are all drawn from diverse backgrounds into an environment that enables excellence to flourish, eternal friendships to develop, and to be involved in an unparalleled group



sense of spirit, pride and ethos that uniquely sets you apart. In my very limited time in the hostel I have gradually come to grips with the traditions and values of this place and now I truly understand what it feels to be a part of the heart of the school. I want to thank Mr Hall for all your support in helping me integrate into the hostel regime, and to the masters who have given me valuable advice this year.

To the 7th form boarders. As we depart this home we feel a sense of gratitude, accomplishment and achievement in all that we have done in the past five years. Please hold onto these bonds and I wish you every success in the future.

Remember it is the institution that brings us together, BUT it is the people that make it what it is.

To the men of the school. You are a part of a school where opportunities are cemented in these very walls and buildings for you to grasp. You have dedicated staff here to provide you with a quality education, but more importantly I think, you have a school that helps you grow, helps you mature, and helps you to develop into an all round citizen as you prepare to move out into the open world.

Make the most of your time at school without any regrets.

To the 7th formers. We can now turn one of life's most significant corners knowing that we have been a part of a first class school. Our years have been enjoyable, and this year is no exception. We have shared good times and memories that will remain. As you move on into the next stage of your life, I ask you to reflect on your time at school and all the things you have been through. It has been a year to remember. My advice to you for the future is summarised in a maori proverb.

"Whaia te iti Kahurangi Ki te tuohu koe
 Mehemea maunga teitei"

Pursue your dreams and goals of that which is precious
 And do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain.

Lastly to all the people who make this the great school it is. We leave this school with the strength and empowerment that enables us to take the next step, whilst remembering the friends we have made, the things we have learnt, and the experiences we have shared. This truly has been the best experience of my life and I have cherished every moment of it. The memories and experiences of 2003 are something I will never forget.

Make the most of life.
 "He tio tenei ao hurihuri"
 The world is your oyster.

Kia Ora
 Te Hira Cooper



Barak Report

2003 was a fantastic year for the House Competition, with all Houses pushing each other to the limit to try and outdo each other. For me it was an extremely enjoyable year, and while 4th place was not the most desirable result, it was great to see all the boys come together and participate enthusiastically in all events.

We began the year with a solid start in the Swimming Sports placing 2nd. Special thanks and congratulations to William Hockings who was the senior swimming champion. The house really pulled together

and brought out the green with the prefects leading the charge.

Next in the House Competition was Athletics, an event Barak has always struggled in. We had a few strong competitors such as Nathan Manu but they proved too few with Barak placing 4th. In Cross Country we had a close 3rd equal with Donnelly and were placed 4th in both in the Haka and Music competition.

The competition highlight for me this year was definitely inter-house music. We took a close second in the House Singing, thanks to an impromptu solo performance by myself and the enthusiasm and eagerness of all the boys.

Cheers to all the Barak prefects this year; Nick, J.P H, Chris, Matty, Rhys, Guy, J.P, Ram, Blair and Jump, as well as the deputies and other 7th Formers, for all your help this year. Big thanks for the time and dedication put into supporting me and motivating the rest of the House.

The school councillors this year, Chris, Andrew, Tom and Daniel, were all great representatives for the house. My only advice for next year for those staying at school is to focus on action and go out and accomplish all that you can for your school.

Big thanks to Mr Hyde for being an influential and prominent House Master. Special mention has to be made of his dedication to the house, participating in all events (even the bombing competition at swimming sports) and I make a challenge to the House Masters of next year to show as much pride in their Houses as he did by also participating in all events.

To the Heads of Houses and all the boys next year good luck and try your best - participation is the key. To all the 7th Formers leaving this year, you have been an awesome group of guys to grow up with and I wish everyone luck for their different paths next year. It will be sad to leave the school, but I hope I have at least left a small mark on the school that has made a huge impression on me.

Andrew McKay

Donnelly House Report

The men of Donnelly House 2003 began the year with high expectations. With the smell of victory in 2002 still lingering in the air, we set out to try and continue Donnelly's winning run.

The competition kicked off with the Swimming Sports. Our group of enthusiastic prefects sported their new Donnelly shirts and waved freshly painted signs in an attempt to stir the Donnelly crowd into life. A strong showing from opposition championship swimmers and a few misguided water bombs later we found ourselves in a disappointing, but still respectable, third place. This was a placing we all became overly familiar with throughout the year.

Next up was Athletics and Cross-Country. Both days saw great weather and some close competitions. Despite outstanding efforts from our more serious athletes, Donnelly lacked the participation needed to do well, receiving two more third placings. At the Summer Sports the talent of our boys finally showed some rewards. First placings went to: Touch, Volleyball (1st equal) and Badminton. Congratulations especially to Volleyball where an inexperienced team faced up to players with far more game time under their belts.

With the Haka competition approaching I had the chance to do something I will never forget - lead a Haka. Luckily for the house Hemi Grant and a number of others stepped up on the day, giving our performance the respectability it needed. A big thanks from me to Hemi and all those boys who helped out. With rain on the day the competition was held in Ryder Hall, the added acoustic



effect of the indoors making for a memorable afternoon. Despite all our practices we came third yet again, behind Syme and the impressive Hatherly boys.

Continuing the cultural aspect of the house competition was Debating and Music. Throughout the year our debaters had put in some strong performances but lacked the consistency to get the top spot in a very close finish, third equal with Hatherly, due largely to a bout of the flu in the junior team early on. Thanks to all the boys for your involvement, especially to Tim Cochrane for your help with the organisation. Music, the final major event for the year was the turning point for Donnelly House. The boys came a dodgy last place in the singing but thanks to our ensemble ended up sharing first with Hatherly who by now were too far ahead to catch. Thanks to Ashley on the piano and our gifted ensemble boys; Andrew, Tim Armitage, Brown and Jesse. I don't know what we would have done without you guys.

Although we knew we couldn't win, we had a shot at overtaking Syme in the Winter Sports. The teams were fired up and we gained first placings in Golf, Hockey, Soccer and Basketball. This moved us up from third, where we had been all year, into second place in the final event. So ended the House Competition.

Well done to Raki and the hostel boys for your well-deserved win and also to Jono and Wendell for an awesome House Competition. A big shout out to all the Donnelly prefects : Brown, Dave, Ian, Andrew, Brad, Tim, Tim, Tim, Brendan and Ryan. I appreciated the efforts you and your deputies all made and the time you gave willingly to the house. I would especially like to thank TB and Dally, you two deserve far more recognition than you're given. Your work behind the scenes was irreplaceable. Last but not least to the boys of the house - your spirit is everything.

I would also like to thank Mr French-Wright and Mr Gledhill for this amazing opportunity and privilege. Mr Gledhill also for all the guidance during the year and your determination and motivation.

Throughout the year I have learnt a lot about myself and come up against many challenges. It has been made easier by the friendships of those who share the same challenges. The Ball was the perfect example of this. To everyone who I have worked with during the year - Te, Jono, Wendell, Raki, Tim, Bracken, Knowles, Blair and everyone else your friendships have been invaluable and an inspiration. The year has been one I'm sure that none of us will forget or regret, with many lessons learnt. To everyone, best of luck for the future wherever it takes you. It's been an awesome year and I will cherish the memories.

To the 2004 seventh form, you can look forward to the best year of your life to date. Make the most of it and it will result in the satisfying culmination of five years of development and discovery at NPBHS.

Sam Fleming

Syme House Report

When looking back at 2003 it has been an awesome year and one that I will always hold dear, not only due to my appointment as Head of Syme but because of the lessons I have learnt and the people I have met. Past seventh formers have said to me that seventh form is one of the best years of your life and they are truly right.

With the prefects and men of the house dressed in yellow under banner and drum, we followed our championship swimmers to the

pool and Syme House entered the house competition for 2003. This was one of the stand out events of the year and Syme continued to show its traditional strength in swimming with top performances from Jason Rolfe, Ben Riley and Michael Taylor, who helped us grab a solid victory. A great day was had by all.

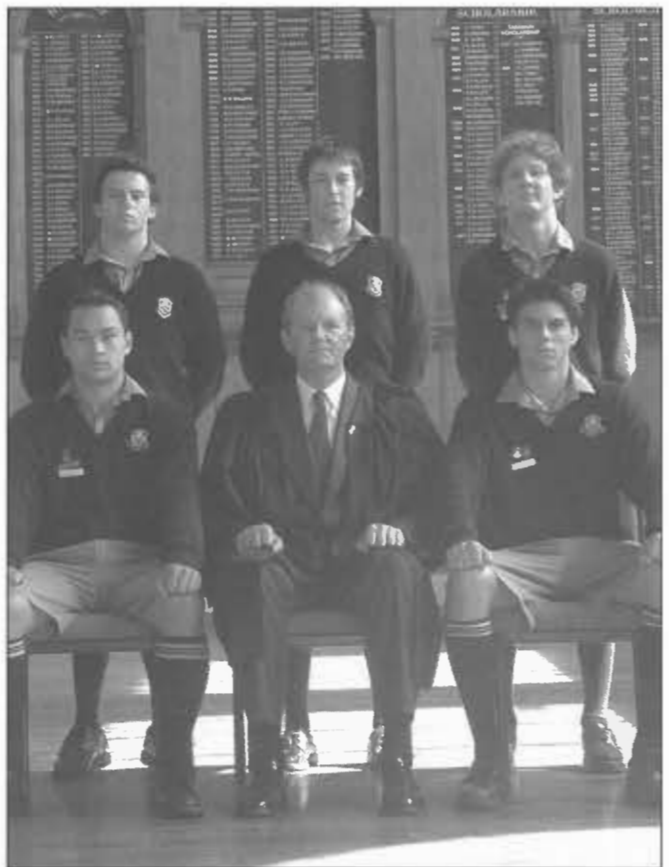
Next came the Athletics Sports and Cross Country, where both days were a mixture of great individual performances and a whole house effort and we gained 2nd place in both events. In Athletics a special mention of Phillip Young has to be made, along with the S7 relay team, who both put in an outstanding run, also to the Cross Country boys; Joel Sims, Peter van der Kooji, Mathew Snowden and Nick Wilkinson.

Having defeated Hatherly in the Haka competition for the first time ever in 2002, the boys went into this event with high hopes. After much preparation and an awesome effort from everyone, especially Rangi and Michael, we were just pipped on the day by a resolute Hatherly House.

Although we were off to a great start in the major events, we struggled to field strong teams in both the summer and winter sporting codes. However there were some good results with the Syme tennis and volleyball teams coming 1st and 1st equal and Syme hockey and soccer coming 2nd and 2nd equal. The Syme debaters also continued to show their skills with a top finish.

The house felt confident going into the last 20-point event of the year, the house music. With some great enthusiasm and effort put in we felt hard done by to come a disappointing third place. It was still great to see some of the guys really getting into it and dressing up.

With the house competition coming to a close and Syme just losing our yearlong second placing through a late winter sports run by Donnelly, I can look back and be proud of Syme House. The



Heads of Houses
Back row: Jonathan Snowden, Sam Fleming, Andrew McKay
Front row: Te Hira Cooper, Mr L. French-Wright, Raki Carr



challenges faced throughout this year have pushed me and I have learnt a lot from them. To Wendell, Sam, Raki and Te thanks for an awesome year, your friendships, competition and advice have been priceless.

I have to acknowledge both Mr French-Wright and Mr Turner for giving me the opportunity, the encouragement and the faith I needed to steer Syme through this year.

To all the Syme prefects and deputies: Daz, Jake, Joel, Murph, Pete, L.S.J, Waitey, Jerry, Craig, Jargil, Kolby, Jacko and Dave cheers for all

your help guys. I could not have done it without your support and good luck for the future wherever it takes you.

Finally NPBHS has provided me with countless opportunities and I, like so many, have grown from these experiences. I was told in third form by Mr Atkins to put yourself forward and grab every opportunity you can. This is the message I extend to the 7th form of 2004 and the Head of Syme. Good Luck and have fun in what will be an amazing journey.

Jonathan Snowden



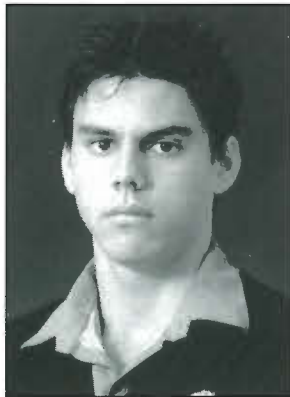
Prefects
Back Row: Andrew Francis, Jean Pierre Meyer, Ryan Bridgeman, Ryan Dickson, Glen Gregory, David Belgrave, Guy Meuli, Brendon Dallas, Matthew Sim
Third Row: Darren Smith, Ian Calder, Andrew Waite, Chris Keighley, Craig Mulvey, Joel Sims, Jake Snowden, Chris Knowles, Rhys Kerr, Tim Bland, Tim Armitage
Second Row: Nick Landrigan, Matthew Lee, Nicholas Brown, Kolby Newland, Ian Honeyfield, Daniel Thompson, Jeremy Hudson, Tim Cochrane, Jackson Wood, Jargil Santos
Front Row: David Wiles, Mark Sutherland, Blair Howarth, Jonathan Snowden, Te Hira Cooper (Head Boy), Mr French-Wright (Headmaster), Raki Carr, Andrew McKay, Sam Fleming, Jean Pierre Hassan, Daniel Lagan

Head Boarder's Report

By Raki Carr

In retrospect, 2003 has been a particularly successful year for the hostel that all boarders should be proud of. The goals that we had established at the beginning of the year were

- To win the Interhouse competition
- To uphold traditions
- To maintain high standards in all aspects of school life throughout the year.



It is with great pride that I say all these goals have been achieved.

After losing to Donnelly last year, the hostel was determined not to lose it again and full hostel participation was going to be the main ingredient to proving our success. With swimming sports first up, we knew it was going to be an enormous task against the Day Boy houses loaded with all the star swimmers. Unfortunately, we came fourth. However this did not dampen our spirits, but made us more prepared and determined for the upcoming events.

Showing true Hostel domination, the Redmen took out with ease wins in Athletics, Cross-Country, Haka, Summer Sports (including Cricket, Tennis and Softball), Tug-o-War, Music, Rugby and Rugby League. Everyone's participation, commitment, and dedication to these events proved that the Hostel is truly the 'Heart of the School'. Well done boys!

The arrival of the new Third Formers began the Niger Cup training. This is the beginning of their Hostel life. We knew this year that we would be travelling down to Palmerston North to face a strong College House. This was the motivation we used to work hard during

trainings, always ensuring that everyone trained to the best of their ability in preparation for Queen's Birthday weekend.

Game day came really fast with the boys in tune about the importance of the match. The game started off terribly as College House scored two quick tries at the beginning of the match. However, the boys dug deep and managed to overcome a strong side to win 25 - 13. Congratulations to Mitchell Campbell and his team on returning the Niger Cup back to New Plymouth Boys' High School. Also a special mention must go to the Niger training prefects for their commitment in coaching the team and helping them prepare for the match.

The annual Day-Boys versus Boarders rugby match was held on the Thursday 18 of September. This date is very important because this was the first win Boarders have had since 1997. A much organised Boarders team captained by Glen Gregory showed enormous vigour to out power the Day-boys. Boarders won 31 - 18.

This year has seen a huge change in the Matron's role with Mrs Morris leaving after 16 years of service to the Hostel as Senior Matron. But Mrs Kerr has fitted into the new role with the arrival of Mrs Kelsen and both are doing a superb job. Also new onto the scene this year was Mr Leath as Head of Carrington. Mr Leath has exceeded all expectations as a Hostel Master, not to mention adding a bit more spice into the Carroll Cup. To all the Masters, Matrons and Hostel Committee members, thank you for all the support that you have provided me in my role as Head Boarder throughout the year. I can honestly say that it has been much appreciated.

The final word must go to the leavers, my fellow prefects and seventh formers. There's no doubt that the past 5 years has gone quickly, but it has been enjoyable and it will be forever remembered. Our time has come for facing the real world, I know it will be hard without the routines and rules, but I am sure we will manage.

The Hostel Prefects for 2003 are:

Glen Gregory (Head of Carrington), Daniel Lagan, Jacob Parry, Mark Sutherland, Hayden Mullan, Clayton Jefftha, Edward Faulkner, Tim Harford, Michael Fischer, Jaidan Bracken. Daniel Thomson (Head of Moyes), Matthew Sim, Ryan Dickson, Ian Honeyfield, Scott Heale, Frazer Peacock, Robert Ferris, Chris Cruikshank, Andy Pan, Daniel McAree.



Boarding Prefects

Hostel Report

An ideal home should be a safe, supportive, encouraging, guiding, motivating and enjoyable place to be. I also believe that an ideal home should provide opportunities. The Hostel at New Plymouth Boys' High School continues to do exactly this. It continues to provide boarders with the opportunities to grow, excel, learn, perform, compete, laugh and experience. It also continues to give boarders the opportunity to leave New Plymouth Boys' High School with life long friendships, tolerance, loyalty, respect, passion, pride, initiative, independence, courage, team spirit, success, work ethic and an attitude to never make excuses.

In my Open Weekend speech I described the Hostel as like a 50 cent mixture - with each lolly representing an important part of what we are trying to achieve in the Hostel. I would like to take this opportunity to restate these ideas as I firmly believe in this 'mixture' and for you all to sample some of it.

- Jet planes represent opportunity. They take you to a whole lot of different places.
- Milk bottles represent tradition and old fashioned standards. They have been around for years but no one chooses to throw them away.
- Pineapple lumps represent respect for others values, beliefs and backgrounds. They have that exotic flavour and quality.
- Smiley faces represent enjoyment. They are full of fun.
- Mackintosh toffees represent team spirit. They are so sticky; bonding everything together.
- Minties represent new ideas and initiative. They are the breath of fresh air.
- Gobstoppers represent life long friendships. They always last for ages.
- Turkish Delight represents courage. It takes plenty to eat this stuff.
- Perky Nanas represent academic achievement. Bananas are brain food.
- Jelly beans represent respect. A Kiwi icon that must always be honoured.
- Fruit bursts represent energy. They are bursting with enthusiasm.
- Jaffas represent pride, passion and loyalty. Hatherley's colours.

The Hostel staff, prefects, Hostel Committee and teaching staff at New Plymouth Boys' High School all work very hard to ensure that this 'mixture' is complete. I believe they all do a fantastic job and that boarders all benefit if they are willing to buy the 'mixture'.

Special highlights from 2003

1. The senior academic results from 2002 again reflected the efforts of the senior boys and Hostel staff and real worth of our prep and tutoring system.

University Bursary

20 boys sat Bursary in 2002 - 5 achieved A Bursary, 8 achieved B Bursary and 2 others achieved entrance. This equates to a 75% pass rate. Scott Dunning was one of the school's stand out scholars achieving 3 Scholarships. We are very pleased with these results and believe the initiatives we put in place last year to support the boys in their study have clearly paid dividends.

NCEA Level 1

42 boys sat NCEA Level 1. 37 achieved over the required number of credits. However, all of last year's Year 11 boys completed Year



Returning the Niger Trophy to NPHHS

Inter-house Results

| | Hatherly | Donnelly | Syme | Barak |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Swimming | 4 th (8) | 3 rd (12) | 1 st (20) | 2 nd (16) |
| Athletics | 1 st (20) | 3 rd (12) | 2 nd (16) | 4 th (8) |
| Cross-Country | 1 st (20) | 3 rd (10) | 2 nd (16) | 3 rd = (10) |
| Haka | 1 st (20) | 3 rd (12) | 2 nd (16) | 4 th (8) |
| Music | 1 st = (18) | 1 st = (18) | 3 rd (12) | 4 th (8) |
| Tennis | 2 nd (8) | 3 rd (6) | 1 st (10) | 4 th (4) |
| Touch | 2 nd (8) | 1 st (10) | 4 th (4) | 3 rd (6) |
| Softball | 1 st (10) | 2 nd = (6) | 2 nd = (6) | 2 nd = (6) |
| Cricket | 1 st (10) | 3 rd (6) | 4 th (4) | 2 nd (8) |
| Volleyball | 1 st = (8) | 1 st = (8) | 1 st = (8) | 4 th (4) |
| Badminton | 3 rd (6) | 1 st (10) | 4 th (4) | 2 nd (8) |
| Tug of war | 1 st (10) | 2 nd = (6) | 2 nd = (6) | 2 nd = (6) |
| Debating | 3 rd = (5) | 3 rd = (5) | 1 st = (9) | 1 st = (9) |
| Golf | 2 nd (8) | 1 st (10) | 4 th (4) | 3 rd (6) |
| Rugby | 1 st (10) | 4 th (4) | 2 nd = (7) | 2 nd = (7) |
| Rugby League | 1 st (10) | 2 nd (8) | 3 rd (6) | 4 th (4) |
| Hockey | 4 th (4) | 1 st (10) | 2 nd (8) | 3 rd (6) |
| Soccer | 2 nd = (7) | 1 st (10) | 2 nd = (7) | 4 th (4) |
| Basketball | 2 nd = (7) | 1 st (10) | 4 th (4) | 2 nd = (7) |
| Overall placing | 1 st (197) | 2 nd (173) | 3 rd (167) | 4 th (135) |

* Hatherly: Champions for 2003

12 courses in 2003. Our results were better than the very good pass rates achieved through the whole school.

2. The huge parental participation and support at all school and hostel events. Starting with the swimming sports and flowing through into report evenings, sporting fixtures and important Hostel celebrations.
3. The High Tea for Jan Morris.
4. The Hostel Beach Day at Urenui.
5. The Inter House success and especially the efforts in athletics, cross country, haka and singing.
6. The Carroll Cup competition.
7. The Niger Trophy match result, parental and old boy support and total commitment from all Year 9 boys. Next year we will mark the 50th anniversary of this fixture with a special weekend in New Plymouth.
8. The creation of a new Hostel web page.
9. The expansion of the Hostel computer room and Hostel library.
10. The Day Boy / Boarders annual rugby match success.
11. The high level of sporting and cultural achievement by a large number of boarders as well as winter sports participation by all boarders.
12. The School Ball which always relies heavily on the help of the Hostel.
13. The number of boarders who were nominated for 'Top Bloke' awards this year.

'Final Word'

To me boarding is all about making the most of your opportunities and I believe that all of the 2003 Boarders have done exactly that. 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, Darryl, Colin, Max, Iain, Chris, James, Oliver and Dan thank you very much for all of the support. To the Matrons, Theresa and Sandra, 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, Spencer, Richard, Hamish 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, 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 in 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 boarders, 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.

'Final, final word'

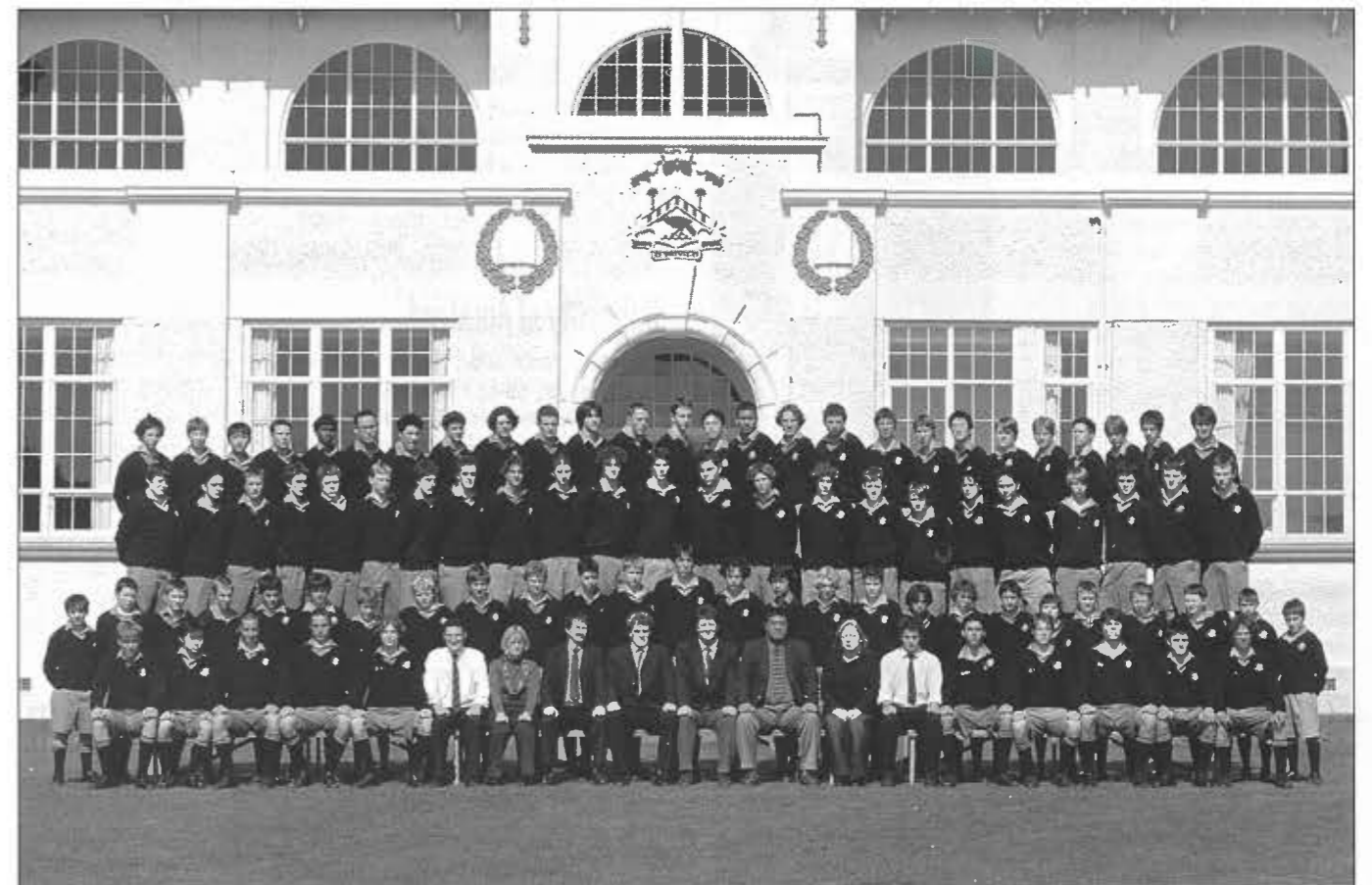
To the Hostel Prefects for 2003: Raki Carr – Head Boarder, Daniel Thomson – Head of Moyes, Glen Gregory – Head of Carrington, Frazer Peacock, Matthew Sim, Scott Heale, Ryan Dickson, Ian Honeyfield, Clayton Jeftha, Hayden Mullan, Daniel Lagan, Mark Sutherland, Jacob Parry, Edward Faulkner, Michael Fischer, Jaidan Bracken, Robert Ferris, Chris Cruikshank, Andy Pan, Daniel McAree and TeHira Cooper – Head Boy, thank you.

This is a special group of young men as this group started in the Hostel when I did. It has been a real privilege for me to have had the opportunity to work with, guide and live beside them for the last 5 years. Thank you for that opportunity.

Geoff Hall - Senior Hostel Master 2003



Carrington House



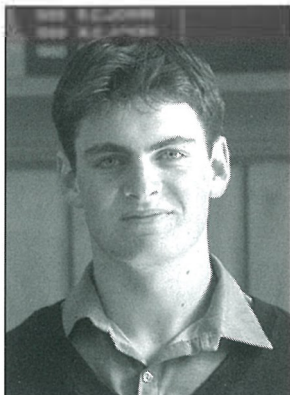
Moyes House

'Our Way' Awards

The award is given to a student who best encapsulates what we at NPBHS stand for. This year was the first time this award has been given and the first four recipients were:

Hayden Ballentyne

Year 11 Hostel boy. Hayden is a top sportsman and scholar. He is the intermediate cross country champion. He cannot play rugby anymore through injury, but has gone on with life in a positive and committed manner. He is nicknamed 'Hard core' because he always gives 100%. Hayden is also the school council representative.



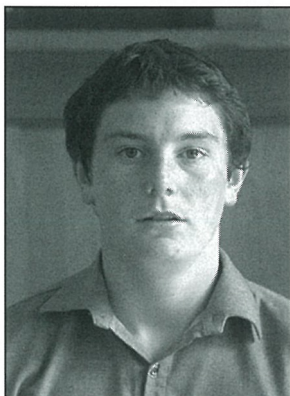
Michael Benton

Year 11 Day boy. Michael is a thoroughly pleasant young man, who is always friendly and polite to peers and staff. In school work he does not let problems get him down but puts in his best effort and persists with tasks. He is immaculate with his work and manners but is also prepared to assist others for whom some work is not easy. Michael is an excellent role model who often puts others before self.



Mitchell Campbell

Year 9 Hostel boy. Mitchell is dedicated and committed in all that he does. His commitment extends to rugby and triathlon where he excels through talent, but also a serious training regime through all sorts of weather. In the classroom he works hard and is respectful, honest and diligent, all with a good sense of humour. Mitchell is respected by his peers.



Ashley Boswell

Year 12 Day boy. Ashley is always thoughtful of others, helpful and considerate. In music he shines. He plays piano, modern keyboard, trombone, violin and saxophone to a high standard, and is a choir member. More than this, he is prepared to go out of his way to assist others and can be relied upon unflinchingly. Ashley is an asset to music and to the school in general.



2003 Graduates Massey University

- Aagaard, Peter Michael - BBS - 1970
- Baker, Ross Warren - GDipBusStuds - 1975
- Cadman, Garfield Laurance - GradDip Tchg(Primary) - 1993
- Cassidy, Jackson Charles Janson - CertDes - 2001
- Cleland, Grant - GDipBusStuds, Training & Development - 1981
- Colson, Stephen George - PGDipBusAdmin, Dispute Resolution - 1975
- Coombe, Gil Michael Ian - MSc (Hons) - 1994
- Couchman, Jeremy Paul - BAppEcons(Hons) - 1998
- Dawson, Andrew John - GradDipTchg(Sec) - 1997
- Dempsey, Matthew James - BTech - 1997
- Drnasin, David Anthony - BBS - 1997
- Elstone, Quinn Joel - BAppSc - 1999
- Erb, Michael Walter - DipAg - 2000
- Fabish, Grant Mervyn - BSc - 1996
- Ferris, Nicholas Kevin - PGDipBusAdmin - 1997
- Foreman, David Thomas - PGDip Teaching of Japanese FL - 1991
- Goodey, Matthew Kurt - DipTchgPrim - 1995
- Grimwood, Andrew Norman - BEd(Tchg-Primary) - 1998
- Hyde, Justin Charles Francis - PGDipBusAdmin, Marketing - 1982
- Irvine, Timothy Malcolm - GDpBusStuds, Real Estate - 1983
- Johnson, Chad Joseph - BSc - 1998
- Jones, Greg Trevor - BTech - 1997
- Keegan, Jarrod Paul - GradDipTchg(Sec) - 1998
- Lawn, Richard Kerry - MDairyScTech - 1996
- Luxmoore, Ian Hamilton - BRP(Hons) - 1998
- MacLean, Daryl Mark - BInfSc - 1999
- McCullough, John Hamish - BBS - 1999
- Munro, Andrew Corran - BBS, GDipBusStud - 1984
- Murdoch, Aaron James - BAppSc - 1998
- Nelson, Daniel Matthew - GDipBusStuds, Rural Valuation - 1988
- Norris, Tam Stephen - BSc - 1999
- Parsons, Leighton Vaughan - BEd/Dip Tchg - 1997
- Ravji, Jayden - BInfSc - 1999
- Rowlands, Jock Angus - DipAg - 2000
- Ruby, Brian Howard - BIngSc Sys - 1979
- Suchy, Mathias Johann - DipAg - 1998
- Taylor, Geoffrey Mark - PGDipBusAdmin, Management - 1988
- Tong, Kristopher David - BTech - 1997
- Watkins, Selwyn Kenneth - BBS(Hons) - 1964

University of Auckland

- De Bock, Martin Isaac - MBChB - 1996
- Harindranath, Savuj - BE - 1998
- Mulligan, Wayne Thomas - MMgmt - 1978
- Rajagopal, Vijayaraghavan - BE - 1998
- Young, Wei Keung - BComm - 1998

Victoria University of Wellington

- Archer, Reid Vaughan - BA,BCA - 1998
- Bennett, Steven Trent - BScHons - 1998
- Bougen, Christopher David - LLBHons - 1991
- Bullen, Tony Lee - BAHons - 1998
- Hadland, Steven Eric - BA - 1998
- Mitchell, Jeffery Daoud - BSc, BCA - 1998

University of Canterbury

- Beccard, Mark - MSc - 1997
- Gordon, Cameron R. - BA, BCom - 1998
- Harris, Dean M. - MSc - 1995
- Miller, Craig J. - PhD - 1984

- Naitoro, Eric - BCom - 1987
- Paul, Jason D. - BE(Hons) - 1992
- Pope, Robert S. - BE(Hons) - 1999
- Schurr, Ben F. - BCom(Hons) - 1998

University of Otago

- Cochrane, Paul David - BA,LLB - 1997
- Erikson, Karl Jacob - BSc - 1991
- Hazledine, Sam Bolton - MB ChB - 1966
- Mae'Mae, Pius - BPharm - 1991
- McKenzie, Roland Keith - BSc - 1996
- Ruakere, Anthony Anslay - PGDipGP - 1957
- Russell, Nathan Frank - BTour - 1998
- Scott, Jacob Joseph - BSc - 1999
- Steyn, Frederik Jacobus - MSc - 1996
- Walden, Paul Christopher - BPhEd, BTour, BCom - 1996

Note: Date shown is last year at school.

Academic and Cultural Prizes 2002

YEAR ELEVEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

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|---|-----------------------|
| Accounting (Gledhill Cup) | Andrew Darney |
| Art | Dion Palamountain |
| English Applied (PTA Prize) | Jeremy Burton |
| Graphics | Todd Braggins |
| Home Economics and Music | Shawn Redpath |
| Horticulture (Best Student) | Robert Savage |
| Horticulture (Practical) (Fruitfed Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Prize) and Technology (Metal)(Best Student) and Technology (Metal)(Practical) (Olex Cables Prize) | Scott Miller |
| Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) | Michael Julian |
| Maori | Hohua Ashford-Korewha |
| Mathematics | Luke O'Connor |
| Mathematics Applied (PTA Prize) | Adam Herbert |
| Physical Education | Blair Prescott |
| Science (1st =) | Hayden Lockhart |
| Science Applied (PTA Prize) | Adam Brookes |
| Self Management | Daniel Waterhouse |
| Spanish | Travis Broad |
| Technology (Metal)(Design) (General Machinery Prize) | William Webber |
| Technology (Wood) (Best Student) | Paul Russell |
| Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Scott Panel and Hardware Prize) | Adam Newell |

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Joe Stewart-Jacks |
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Andrew Mills |
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Ashley Boswell |
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Kristian Amgarth-Duff |
| (PTA Prize) | Daryl Foreman |
| (PTA Prize) | Donald Falconer |

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Prize and

ESSAY

1st Prize and Best Creative Writing (Ward Cup and Prize) Greg Severinsen

MUSIC

Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize) Ashley Boswell

SPECIAL PRIZES

For the Year 11 Life Skills student who through his reliability, co-operation, and work habits is a positive example to other students. (Norman Wright Memorial Prize) Donald Falconer

Best Cadet (Wadsworth Cup and Prize) Jason Robinson

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Economics) Ricky Versteeg

2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin) Matthew Whitmore

1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in English (Daily News Prize), 1st in French (French Embassy Prize), 1st in Geography, 1st in History, 1st= in Science) Greg Severinsen



Mr French-Wright, Greg Severinsen, Ricky Versteeg, Michael Julian



2002 Scholarship Winners

Year Twelve Prizes

SUBJECT PRIZES

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Art (Tabor Prize) | Michael Fischer |
| Business Studies (Tabor Prize) | Jonathan Snowden |
| Computer Studies (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy and Prize) | Andy Pan |
| Design (Tabor Prize) | Scott Parker |
| English Applied (Tabor Prize) | Robert Heaven |
| Food and Nutrition (Tabor Prize) | Nathan Gilmer |
| Geography (Tabor Prize) | Guy Meuli |
| Graphics (Tabor Prize) and Graphics (Best Project)(LV Giddy Memorial Prize) | Tim Bland |
| Horticulture (Best Student) (Alexander Trust Prize) | Tyler McComb |
| Horticulture (Practical Aptitude) (Fruitfed Supplies, Division of Williams & Kettle Prize) | Daniel Lagan |
| Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) | Jacob Parry |
| Legal Studies (Tabor Prize) and Music (Tabor Prize) | Tim Cochrane |
| Maori (Tabor Prize) | Rangiwahia Wano |
| Mathematics Applied (Tabor Prize) | Daniel Baker |
| Mathematics with Applications (Tabor Prize) | Thomas Guthrie |
| Photography (Tabor Prize) | Jay Johnson |
| Physical Education (Tabor Prize) | Clayton Jefftha |
| Physics (Most Improved Student)(Hurle Cup) | Matthew Lee |
| Science (Tabor Prize) | Daniel Burrell |
| Self Management (Tabor Prize) | Saaga Falaniko |
| Sports Studies (Tabor Prize) | Shanon Pasili |
| Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize) and Technology (Metal) (Practical) (General Machinery Prize and Olex Cables Trophy) | Daniel Boobyer |
| Technology (Wood)(Best Student)(Tabor Prize) | Bryan Martin |
| Technology (Wood)(Practical)(Jones & Sandford Prize) | Matthew Sturmer |

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Jean-Pierre Meyer |
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Andrew Helms |
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Mark Herwood |
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Nick Landrigan |
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | David Sander |

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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|---|--------------|
| 1st Prize and Excellence in Oratory (Wade Scott Cup and Prize) | Tim Cochrane |
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ESSAY

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| 1st Prize | Jargil Santos |
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MUSIC

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| Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup) | Xavier Perrinjaquet |
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GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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| 3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in History and 1st in Latin) | Darren Smith |
| 2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Biology, 1st in Economics, 1st in English and 1st in Chemistry) | Jargil Santos |
| 1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (including 1st in Accounting, 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Physics and Highest Mark in School Certificate Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize) and Highest Aggregate for a 2002 Year 12 student in 2001 School Certificate (Hatherly Memorial Prize) | Blair Howarth |

Year Thirteen Prizes

SUBJECT PRIZES

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| Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize and Gledhill Cup)) and Classical Studies and Excellence in Humanities (Sheila Prentice Cup & Prize) | Scott Dunning James Macfie Jared Broad |
| Art History | Scott Dunning |
| Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize) | James Macfie |
| Chemistry (Dr Barak Prize) and Japanese (Dr Douglas Kenrick Memorial Prize) and Physics | Nathan Moore |
| Design | Kim Seng |
| Economics (Bertrand-Webber Economics Scholarship) (1st=) | Adam Jaidin |
| English Literature (White Memorial Prize) and History (Brian Bellringer Prize) | Paul Prouse |
| French | Peter Wilms |
| Geography and Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize) | Ryan Wall |
| Horticulture (Best Student) (Fruitfed Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Cup and Prize) | Benn Cash |
| Horticulture (Practical) (Fruitfed Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Prize) | Alex Blyth |
| Maori and For Contribution by a Year 11 or 12 Maori Student to the Maori profile of the school | Te Hira Cooper |
| Music | Leigh Kereopa |
| Painting | Leighton Markham |
| Photography | Lawton Lonsdale |
| Physical Education | Tony Kemp |
| Science | James Appleby |

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

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| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Leon Fromont |
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Michael Walden |
| (Wadsworth's Books Prize) | Darren Wu |

MUSIC

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| Excellence in Jazz Performance (Take 5 Trophy) | Matthew Benton |
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| Choir General Excellence (Faull Challenge Cup) and Vocal Excellence (Beath Trophy) and Best Senior Drama Performance (Wilde Drama Cup) | Danny Peters |
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SPECIAL PRIZES

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| Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize) and Senior Composition (Mary Allan Award) | Leigh Kereopa |
| Cultural Group of the Year (ANZ Cup) | Blue Velvet Jazz Band |
| 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) | Nathan Moore |
| For contribution by a Year 13 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school. (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize) | Shanon Pasili |
| Outstanding record of service to the School (PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy and Prize) | Alex Blyth |
| Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup and Prize) and 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) | James Annabell |
| Best All-Round Senior Student (Eagles' Trophy and Prize) | Gordon Davenport |

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| Head Boy (Brookman Cup and Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) and For loyalty, diligence, initiative and outstanding service to the School. (Jack West Centennial Medallion) | Matthew Rogers |
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GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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| General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize) | Pavan Thaneeru |
| Proxime Accessit (Ryder Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize) and 1st= in Economics (Bertrand Webber Economics Scholarship) | Sean O'Connor |
| Dux (Academic Excellence Cup and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (including 1st in Mathematics with Statistics (Harrop Prize) and 1st in Mathematics with Calculus) | Erin Fong |

Junior Academic and Cultural

YEAR 9 PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

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| Art | James Dixon |
| Core Visual Art | Eric Thompson |
| Economics | Tim Doyle |
| French (French Embassy Prize) and For Interest and Enthusiasm in Mathematics (Taranaki Mathematics Association Certificate) | Jithan Varma |
| Graphics | Kane Poletti |
| Health and Physical Education and Maori | Kahotea Kereopa |
| Horticulture (Best Student) | Cameron Miller |
| Horticulture (Practical) (Masters Prize) | Sam Dowman |
| Latin | Daniel Doody |
| Music | Chris Newson |
| Science | James Whitmore |
| Technology | Tom Bury |

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

PRIZES

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| (PTA Prize) | Jake Barber |
| (PTA Prize) | Aaron Belcher |
| (PTA Prize) | Simon Boyle |
| (PTA Prize) | Javan Cassidy |
| (PTA Prize) | Mitchell Edwards |
| (PTA Prize) | Dean Fisher |
| (PTA Prize) | Jason Johnstone |
| (PTA Prize) | Sam Phillips |
| (PTA Prize) | Jeremy Scarle |
| (PTA Prize) | Zaryd Wilson |

CERTIFICATES

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| Michael Adams | Graphics, Health & Physical Education, Science |
| Cameron Ardern | Graphics, Technology |
| Mark Armstrong | Social Studies, English |
| Paul Baumann | Social Studies, Graphics, Technology |
| Rowan Beggs-French | Science, Latin |
| Oliver Berndt | Technology, Art, Science |
| Brent Bishop | English, Economics |
| Samuel Bonner | Health & Physical Education, Technology |
| Stefan Brandt | Science, Mathematics |
| Thomas Burley | Technology, Performance Music |
| Daniel Cassidy | Health & Physical Education, Social Studies |
| Ben Chamberlain | English, Social Studies |
| Matthew Dallas | Social Studies, Horticulture |
| Dirk De Klerk | Social Studies, Art |
| Adam Elliott | Social Studies, Mathematcs |
| Daniel Fleming | Science, Social Studies, French |
| Matthan Gray | English, Technology |
| KC Hannan | Health & Physical Education, Technology |
| Daniel Hayles | English, Latin, Mathematics |



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| Matthew Hitchings | Japanese, Technology |
| Kallam Hood | Technology, Health & Physical Education |
| Nathan Hopkins | Social Studies, Mathematics, English |
| Yu Ishikawa | English, Maori |
| Sam Keat | Mathematics, English |
| Mitchell Kerr | English, Social Studies |
| Thomas King | Technology, Science, Mathematics |
| Harrison Knowles | English, Social Studies |
| Adam Laursen | Mathematics, French |
| Alex Lovell | English, Social Studies |
| Paul Meuli | Technology, Social Studies, Latin |
| Dex Newland | Social Studies, Technology |
| David Ormrod | Health & Physical Education, Economics |
| Philip Plant | English, Mathematics, Science |
| Tahr Poshyway | Social Studies, Mathematics |
| Scott Pritchard | Social Studies, Art |
| Sam Rowlands | Graphics, Art, Technology |
| Joshua Simpson | Technology, Science |
| Mathew Snowden | Health & Physical Education, Technology |
| Sheldon Speedy | Graphics, Mathematics |
| Willie Steyn | Science, English, Social Studies |
| Brad Still | Mathematics, Science |
| Michael Taylor | Mathematics, Music |
| Nick Tipling | Social Studies, Graphics |
| Peta Wharehoka | Music, Technology |
| David White | Social Studies, Horticulture |
| David White | English, Technology |
| Nathan Woods | Social Studies, Technology, Mathematics |

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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| 3rd = | Rowan Beggs-French Roshan Patel |
| 2nd | Daniel Fleming |
| 1st Prize | Kahotea Kereopa |

ESSAY

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| 3rd | Jon Keast |
| 2nd | Lee Wilson |
| 1st Prize | Andrew King |

SPECIAL PRIZES

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| Most Improved Woodwind Player (Boyd Trophy) and For a very musical student who has worked very hard at the flute and is a real strength in the Junior Band (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize) | Jeremy Scarle |
| Best Junior Cadet (Ladies Challenge Trophy) | Jason Lowe |
| Best Aptitude and Training in a Cadet (NZ Army Association Shield) | Peta Wharehoka |
| Contribution by a Year 9 or 10 Maori Student to the profile of the school | Logan Wilson |

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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| 3rd Aggregate = (including 1st in Performance Music) | Andrew King |
| 3rd Aggregate = (including 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)) | Michael Earby |
| 2nd Aggregate (including 1st in English and 1st in Mathematics) | Lee Wilson |
| 1st Aggregate (including 1st in Social Studies) (1990 Cup & Prize) | Hew Price |

Year 10 Prizes

SUBJECT PRIZES

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Art | Gabriel Davies |
| Core Visual Art | Finn Parker |
| Economics and Graphics | Bohan Linn |
| Enterprise Studies and French (French Embassy Prize) | Murray Perks |
| Food Technology | Hayden McIntyre |
| Health & Physical Education | Matthew Ander |
| Horticulture (Best Student) | Gregory Marfell |
| Horticulture (Practical) (Masters Prize) | Thomas Fleming |
| Japanese | Jamie McMahon |
| Maori | Isaak Maihi |
| Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize) | Jesse Herbert |
| Music and For a studious and exacting musician who is a promising pianist and cellist (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize) | Andrew Liu |
| Science and Social Studies | Matthew Molloy |
| Spanish | Tom Lynskey |
| Technology | Dale Sutherland |
| Technology (Metal) | Reuben Theobald |
| Technology (Wood) (Best Student) | David Wakeling |
| Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Masters Prize) | Thomas Korff |
| Technology (Wood) (Best Craftsman and Design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award) | Joel Burke |

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

PRIZES

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|-------------|-------------------|
| (PTA Prize) | Hayden Ballantyne |
| (PTA Prize) | Matthew Boobyer |
| (PTA Prize) | David Bosma |
| (PTA Prize) | Trent Feather |
| (PTA Prize) | Paul Gauvin |
| (PTA Prize) | Jonathan Murrell |

CERTIFICATES

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|--------------------|--|
| Luke Annells | Graphics, Technology, Enterprise Studies |
| Alistair Armstrong | Mathematics, Food Technology |
| Matthew Armstrong | Social Studies, Future Problem Solving |
| Ben Bradley | Social Studies, Science |
| Matthew Brown | Mathematics, Enterprise Studies |
| Nicholas Brown | Science, Enterprise Studies |
| Rhys Burkitt | Social Studies, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics |
| Braeden Burne | Health & Physical Education, Enterprise Studies |
| Rangi Burrows | Health & Physical Education, Graphics |
| Blair Campbell | Art, Technology (Metal) |
| Adam Chisnall | English, Social Studies, Enterprise Studies |
| Luke Clarke | Mathematics, Social Studies, Science |
| Zarhn Commerer | Social Studies, Physical Education |
| Matthew Cooper | Horticulture, Graphics |
| Steven Crown | Social Studies, English, Graphics |
| Luke Doyle | Graphics, Technology (Wood) |



2002 Sports Prize List

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| BECKBESSINGER CUP 100M | Andrew Clapperton |
| KELLER CUP HIGH JUMP | Adam Harford |
| SHOTPUT CARTWRIGHT CUP LONG JUMP | Jesse Dolman |
| HAGENSON CUP INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION | Blair Prescott |

SENIOR ATHLETICS

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|---|------------------|
| DISCUS | Nathan Mattock |
| FOOKE CUP 1500M | David Maetzig |
| OLD BOYS CUP 100M | Jonathan Snowden |
| SHOTPUT | Sio Manganai |
| HERBERT SMITH CUP 200M TRIPLE JUMP | Hemi Grant |
| MASON MEMORIAL CUP 800M | Glen Stephens |
| JAVELIN GARY FOWLER CUP ATHLETE OF THE YEAR | Shaun Cooper |

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| OLD BOYS SHIELD 400M HIGH JUMP LONG JUMP SENIOR CHAMPION | Gordon Davenport |
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BADMINTON

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| COOK AND LISTER CUP OPEN CHAMPION | Daniel Reason |
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BASKETBALL

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| PETER LAY TROPHY MOST IMPROVED PLAYER | Remi Bint |
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CRICKET

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| GIDDY SHIELD 2ND XI MOST IMPROVED PLAYER | Frazier Climo |
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| MEULI CUP 1ST XI BATTING | Matthew Sim |
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| PARKINSON CUP 1ST XI BOWLING | Chris Cruikshank |
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| ALISTAIR JORDAN CUP CONTRIBUTED MOST | Tom Schurr |
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| Jared Ellerton | Mathematics, Health & Physical Education |
| David Geange | Art, Technology |
| Jay Goodey | Art, Mathematics |
| Scott Gordon | Science, Enterprise Studies |
| Jacob Hudson | Health & Physical Education, English, Technology |
| Nicholas Jacob | English, Graphics, Science |
| Steven Jury | English, Health & Physical Education |
| Andrew Keller | Horticulture, English |
| Jung Kim | English, Social Studies |
| Bevan King | Technology (Metal), Mathematics, Graphics |
| Oliver Krivan | Latin, Spanish |
| Thomas Lagan | Mathematics, Health & Physical Education |
| Cody Langlands | Science, Technology (Metal), Enterprise Studies |
| Matthew Magner | Social Studies, Future Problem Solving |
| Braden Malcolm | Mathematics, Graphics, Technology (Metal) |
| Tim Martin | Graphics, Technology (Wood) |
| Blake Mason | Japanese, Technology (Metal) |
| Steven McLachlan | Social Studies, Science |
| Thomas Meuli | Social Studies, Health & Physical Education, English |
| Daniel Newell | Art, Mathematics |
| Finn Peters | English, Technology (Metal), Science |
| Gavin Roper | Social Studies, Latin |
| Blair Smith | Social Studies, English |
| Bradley Watson | Japanese, Music |
| Max Watt | French, Technology |
| Deon Webb | Future Problem Solving, English, Mathematics |

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 3rd | Michael Megaw |
| 2nd | Gavin Roper |
| 1st prize (Moss Cup and Prize) | Jeffrey Fong |

ESSAY

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| 3rd | Matthew Ander |
| 2nd | Adam Chisnall |
| 1st (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize) | Tom Lynskey |

SPECIAL PRIZES

For Interest and Enthusiasm in Mathematics (Taranaki Mathematics Association Certificate) Simon Harnden

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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|---|---------------|
| 3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin and 1st in Future Problem Solving) | Andrew Raynes |
| 2nd Aggregate (including 1st in English) | Ben Riley |
| 1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Mathematics) and Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup) | Alex Opie |

CAVE BURSARIES

For Academic and Cultural Excellence in Year 9
Lee Wilson
For Academic, and Sporting Excellence in Year 10
Ben Riley

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CROSS COUNTRY

HERBERT SMITH INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION Bryan Martin
 1911 CUP SENIOR CHAMPION Paul Gledhill

CYCLING

ANZ CYCLING CUP MOST OUTSTANDING RIDER Tim Harford

GOLF

SHEARER CUP SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPION Charles MacLeod

HOCKEY

SIMONSON CUP MOST IMPROVED PLAYER John Copestake
 DION JORDAN MEMORIAL MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Chris Thomas

IN LINE HOCKEY

BEST PERFORMING TEAM SENIOR MVP Panthers - Capt Daniel Reason Alex Blyth

RUGBY

2ND XV CUP MOST CONSCIENTIOUS PLAYER Ian Honeyfield
 TAYLOR CUP PLAYERS' PLAYER Nathan Mattock
 LEUTHART CUP CONTRIBUTED MOST 1ST XV James Annabell
 WATTS CUP MOST IMPROVED 1ST XV Ben Souness

SQUASH

DOW ELANCO CUP SENIOR CHAMPION Chris McEldowney

SOCCER

RUSSELL HOOPER CUP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Gordon Davenport
 COACHES CUP CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE TEAM Matt Rogers
 BURMESTER TROPHY MOST IMPROVED Tim Bland

SWIMMING

SYKES MEMORIAL CUP SENIOR CHAMPION David Riley

TENNIS

MCKEON CUP INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION Joel Baker

CANDY CUP SENIOR CHAMPION BURGESS CUP MOST IMPROVED Andrew Waite

VOLLEYBALL

SOPER CUP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Brady Cameron

DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS COMPETITION

DEMPSEY SHIELD SWIMMING David Riley

PEASE CUP RUGBY Shanon Pasili

INTERHOUSE SPORT

HOLDER CUP SOCCER Barak - Adam Jaiden

HANSARD CUP ATHLETICS STEVENSON CUP TENNIS KERR CUP RUGBY Hatherly - James Annabell

BARNES CUP CRICKET BURBANK CUP SWIMMING CRAMOND CUP INTERHOUSE CHAMPION Donnelly - Paul Gledhill

SPORTSMAN & TEAM AWARDS

DONNELLY CUP FOR EXCELLENCE IN 1ST XI CRICKET & ANOTHER WINTER SPORT Tom Schurr

ANZ BANK TEAM OF THE YEAR Squash - Chris McEldowney (Capt)

WOLFE CUP BEST ALLROUNDER Matt Sim

COLLEGE TROPHY SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR Mark Bland

2002 Junior Sports Prize

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

100M 200M LONG JUMP TRIPLE JUMP FIELD CHAMPION Kyle Manu

GRIEVE CUP 1500M DISCUS Zarhn Commerer Ben Sharp

HOUSTON CUP 800M Jamin Inia

JAVELIN Matthew Snowden
 HIGH JUMP Tim Cleaver
 HERMON CUP 400M SHOTPUT BENNETT CUP CHAMPION Yu Ishikawa

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS

1500M GILMOUR CUP 800M Hayden Ballantyne
 TRIPLE JUMP Tony Hofmans
 BOTHAMELY CUP 400M CHALLENGE CUP 200M EDMONDS TROPHY DISCUS Philip Young

CROSS COUNTRY

NOAKES CUP JUNIOR CHAMPION Nick Tipling

HOCKEY

GEURSEN STICK MOST PROMISING JUNIOR Cameron Ross

IN LINE HOCKEY

JUNIOR MVP Trent Kemsley

RUGBY

JASON DUCKETT MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AT JUNIOR LEVELS Mark Shaw

MCKNIGHT MEMORIAL CUP YR 10 IN RUGBY Mark Sherlock

MOST PROMISING PLAYER IN U15 Simon Mills

SOCCER

BERT ROBSON MEMORIAL CUP INVOLVEMENT IN JNR SOCCER Nick Wilkinson

SWIMMING

FOX CUP JUNIOR CHAMPION Yu Ishikawa

CHALLENGE CUP INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION Ben Riley

TENNIS

HERBERT SMITH CUP Logan Ropiha

JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Duckmanton Cup Logan Ropiha

Tiger Jackets 2003

Athletics

Hemi Grant

Basketball

Tim Harford
 Blair Prescott
 Te Hira Cooper
 Peter Campbell
 Adam Harford
 Corey Makatoa

Cricket

Chris Cruikshank
 Brendan Dallas
 Brad Cooper
 Matt Sim
 Ryan Bridgeman
 Fraser Climo
 Daniel Mischevski
 Daniel Sharpe
 Nathan Manu
 Mitchell Broughton

Cross Country

Mark Henwood

Debating

Jackson Wood
 Tim Cochrane
 Elliot Taylor
 Andrew Mills

Equestrian

Fraser King

Head Boy

Te Hira Cooper

Head of House

Sam Fleming
 Raki Carr
 Jonathon Snowden
 Andrew McKay

Hockey

Josh Hamilton
 Ian Calder
 Reeve Barnett
 Chris Keighley
 Alistair Stevens
 John Copestake
 Joel Baker
 Chris Herbert
 Darren Smith

Music

Ashley Boswell
 Tim Armitage
 Siman Azeez
 Phillip Malcolm
 Andrew Helms
 Matthew Harrop

Rugby

Hemi Grant
 Matt Sim
 Chris Cruikshank
 Jeremy Hudson
 Hayden Mullan
 Edward Faulkner
 Jean Pierre Meyer
 Clayton Jeftha
 Ian Honeyfield
 Brad Cooper
 Matt James
 Tai Ruakere
 Glen Gregory
 Jeremy Boylan
 Shaun Cooper
 Ryan Dickson
 Roman Tutahua

Soccer

Tim Bland
 Nick King
 Shane Nielson
 Aidian Kereopa
 Joel Sims
 David Belgrave
 Jean Pierre Hassan
 Matthew Brookes
 Doug Moores

Squash

Matt Sim
 Chris McEldowney

Swimming

William Hocking

Tennis

Joel Sims
 Andrew Waite

Volleyball

Jonathon Snowden
 Aidan Kereopa
 Adam Harford
 Blair Prescott
 Hayden Poh
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Swimming Sports Report 2003

SPORTS

This year's sports were held on Thursday 13th Feb, still at the school pool, but more of a challenge each year due to the increasing number of students. The weather was perfect – fine and hot, but not too hot, with the sun behind clouds for most of the day.

The quality of swimming from the championship swimmers was of a high standard and the participation levels in the non-champ events must have been an all time high for the school. Huge numbers took part in the one length backstroke and freestyle events, and the Big Splash proved a popular addition to the programme, especially when the teachers got in on the act.

Of course Hatherly had to upstage the other houses with a grand entrance after lunch. Many thought Tom Cruise had come to visit and were a bit let down when it was "only" the Head of House who emerged from the chopper. A very spectacular entrance all the same but it does raise the question of how they can top it next year. Perhaps the Head of House being fired out of a cannon on McNaught up over the fence into the pool?

Individual Championship

The individual champions for each age group were not difficult to find.

In the junior competition Jason Rolfe won all his age group events, as did Ben Riley in the Intermediate events. Ben also had the distinction of breaking the Intermediate 100m Freestyle record of 59.2secs, set by Kent Bell back in 1994. Ben's time this year was 58.7secs.

William Hockings took out the senior boy's competition and also carried on to win both the Open Medley and Open Butterfly events as well.

Final Points

| Juniors | Intermediate | Seniors |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Jason Rolfe S2 32pts | Ben Riley S5 32 pts | William Hockings B5 48 pts |
| Julian Giles D9 14 | Tim Doyle D5 24 | Joel Davies D8 16 |
| Taryn Martin B11 12 | Chris Herbert B2 16 | Shaun Bradley D4 16 |
| Julian Giles D9 12 | | |

House Competition

This remained quite even until late in the day when Syme pulled ahead and won, mainly due to weight of numbers in the non-championship events.

Donnelly finished the best house in terms of the championship events with 136 points, compared with Barak on 105, Syme on 128 and Hatherly on 69.

Final Points

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Syme | 841 points |
| Barak | 746 |
| Donnelly | 745 |
| Hatherly | 704 |

Swimming Report 2003

There are several fine swimmers at NPBS who put in countless hours of training to compete in the multiple events available for swimmers and these athletes do so in pursuit of attaining personal goals against tough opposition. This report will attempt to highlight their efforts.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Swimming Champs.

Each year NPBS enters a strong team of swimmers to contest the Taranaki Sec Schools event always held at the Stratford indoor pool. This year was no exception with our team of 12 swimmers (4 juniors 4 intermediate and 4 seniors) being successful in claiming 4 individual titles and 5 relay titles. The top swimmers in Taranaki are always at this event and races are always keenly contested.

William Hockings swam well to win 1 title and also claimed a 2nd and a 3rd placing to be our best individual performer in the Senior Division. Jason Rolfe won 2 individual titles in the Junior Division and Chris Herbert was successful in gaining 1 title in the Intermediate Division.

In the competitive relay events our Senior team won the Freestyle relay but was narrowly beaten into 2nd place in the Medley relay. Our Intermediate and Junior teams however were successful in winning each of their relays, the Intermediate team setting new records in both the Freestyle and Medley events.

Results. (Individual)

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| William Hockings | 1 st | Senior Boys 100m Freestyle |
| | 2 nd | Senior Boys 50 m Butterfly |
| | 3 rd | Senior Boys 50m Back stroke |
| Jason Rolfe | 1 st | Junior Boys 100m Freestyle |
| | 1 st | Junior Boys 50m Breast stroke |
| Chris Herbert | 1 st | Intermediate Boys 50m Back stroke |
| Ben Riley | 2 nd | Intermediate Boys 100m Freestyle |
| | 3 rd | Intermediate Boys 50m Breast stroke |
| Tim Doyle | 2 nd | Intermediate 50m Breast stroke |
| Julian Giles | 3 rd | Junior Boys 50m Butterfly |

Results (Relays)

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1 st Place | Senior Boys Freestyle Relay Intermediate Boys Freestyle Relay (record) Intermediate Boys Medley Relay (record) Junior Boys Freestyle Relay Junior Boys Medley Relay |
| 2 nd Place | Senior Boys Medley Relay |

NPBS was represented by:

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Senior Boys | William Hockings Sean Bradley Joel Davies Michael Taylor |
| Intermediate Boys | Chris Herbert Ben Riley Tim Doyle Finn Parker |
| Junior Boys | Jason Rolfe Taryn Marton Isaac Davies Julian Giles |

The swimmers performed very creditably in each event and a special thank you to the parents who accompanied the boys, providing transport and encouragement pool-side to ensure NPBS was successful in this years event.

We finished the day with our traditional feed of fish 'n' chips on our way home.

National Division 1 Swimming Champs

Three boys attended the NZ Div 1 swimming champs in Auckland. Tim Doyle, with a seventh placing and Ben Riley were stand out Boys' High competitors in this top ranked event. Chris Herbert also qualified to attend.

Results:

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Tim Doyle (14 years) | 7 th 100m Breaststroke 1 min 17.23 sec 9 th 50m Breaststroke 35.51 sec |
| Ben Riley (15 years) | 8 th 400m Freestyle 4 min 27.6 sec 13 th 200m Freestyle 2 min 7.11 sec 18 th 100m Freestyle 58.42 sec |
| Chris Herbert (15 years) | 13 th 50m Backstroke 30.49 sec 20 th 200m Backstroke 2 min 26.34 sec 23 rd 100m Freestyle 1 min 0.14 sec 23 rd 100m Backstroke 1 min 6.89 sec |

North Island Secondary Schools Swimming Champs

Six swimmers from NPBS attended the NI Sec School champs held in Palmerston North on Sat 22nd March which attracted entrants from 54 Sec schools where each of our boys were successful in reaching a final in their respective events with Chris Herbert and Tim Doyle achieving finals in each of their allowable 3 events.

Results:

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Tim Doyle | 2 nd | Junior Boys 50m Freestyle |
| | 3 rd | Junior Boys 100m Freestyle |
| | 4 th | Junior Boys 100m Breast stroke |
| Chris Herbert | 6 th | Senior Boys 100m Back stroke |
| | 6 th | Senior Boys 50m Back stroke |
| | 6 th | Senior Boys 200m Back stroke |
| William Hockings | 4 th | Senior Boys 50m Freestyle |
| | 4 th | Senior Boys 100m Freestyle |
| Ben Riley | 5 th | Senior Boys 200m Freestyle |
| | 5 th | Open 400m Freestyle |
| Jason Rolfe | 6 th | Junior Boys 200m Breast stroke |
| Michael Taylor | 5 th | Junior Boys 50m Back stroke |

A special thanks to Mrs Ngaire Riley who organised the entries and managed the team in Palmerston North and to Mrs Lyn Rolfe and Mr Malcolm Tippet who provided transport for our swimmers.

For each of our swimmers to make finals in such a strong secondary school competition is testament to their dedication and ability in



such a demanding sport. These performances are impressive from our swimmers in this level of competition. Well done.

Kevin Gledhill - Teacher in charge Swimming.

Surf lifesaving Report 2003

Taranaki Secondary Schools Surf lifesaving champs

The Taranaki Sec Schools SLS champs were held on March 23 at Oakura Beach in quality 1m surf. NPBS entered 3 teams. Each team was composed of 6 competitors (3 at U-16 and 3 at U-19) although one of our teams was all at U-16 level to gain experience. This year the event did not require teams to be linked with a girls' school; we competed as a boys' school. The selection of teams is a key factor in doing well in what is essentially a team event. Specialist sprinter swimmers and board competitors are required at U-16 and U-19 levels in each team.

Results

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Open Surf Race. | 2 nd | Chris Herbert |
| | 3 rd | Ben Riley |
| | 5 th | William Hockings |
| | 6 th | Tim Doyle |
| | 10 th | Jason Rolfe |
| | 11 th | Finn Parker |
| Beach Flags | U-16 | 1 st Hayden Ballantyne |
| | | 2 nd Blair Smith |
| | U-19 | 2 nd Matt Sim |
| | | 3 rd Gareth Goodin |
| Open Tube Rescue | 2 nd | Ben Riley & William Hockings |
| | 3 rd | Finn Parker & Chris Herbert |
| | 5 th | Tim Doyle & Dex Newland |
| Board Rescue | 1 st | Joel Davies & Gabriel Davies |
| | 3 rd | Russell Hine & Finn Parker |
| Board Race | 1 st | Joel Davies |
| | 3 rd | Russel Hine |
| | 4 th | Gabriel Davies |
| | 5 th | Isaac Davies |
| | 6 th | Michael Taunoa |
| | 12 th | Dex Newland |
| Beach Sprint | U-19 | 1 st Kyle Manu |
| | | 3 rd Matt Sim |
| | U-16 | 3 rd Hayden Ballantyne |
| Open Taplin Relay | 1 st | NPBS Gold (A team) |
| | 3 rd | NPBS Black (B team) |
| | 4 th | NPBS White (C team) |
| Beach Relay | 1 st | NPBS Gold |
| | 4 th | NPBS Black |

Our NPBS Gold team was successful in winning the overall trophy, this being the 4th year in succession that NPBS has come 1st in this event. Teams were:

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|
| 1 st | NPBS Gold | William Hockings, Joel Davies, Ben Riley, Kyle Manu, Gabriel Davies, Gareth Goodin, Blair Smith |
| 3 rd | NPBS Black | Finn Parker, Hayden Ballantyne, Joel Davies, Russel Hine, Chris Herbert, Matt Sim |



5th NPBHS White Jason Rolfe, Dex Newland, Julian Giles, Ryan Watts, Tim Doyle, Michael Taunoa, Brad Dent

NZ Surf Lifesaving Champs

Several boys from NPBHS attended the NZ SLS champs held this year in Gisborne in mid-March. The most successful competitors were:

- Joel Davies 4th U-19 Board Race
4th Open Taplin
5th U-19 Board Rescue
5th U-19 Ski Relay
6th U-19 Taplin
- Jay Goodey 6th U-16 Board Race
- Jeremy Burton 2nd U-19 Canoe
- Gareth Goodin 2nd U-16 Beach Flags
3rd U-16 Beach Sprint
- Michael Taunoa 2nd U-16 R&R
3rd U-19 Canoe (LC)
3rd U-19 Canoe (SC)

Tang Manuirangi competed in the U-14 Ocean Athlete champs doing well in the beach sprints and beach flag events.

Ex pupils Jamie Booth (1st Open Board race) Troy Mattson (1st U-19 Beach Flags) and Paul Gledhill (1st U-19 Board Rescue & 1st U-19 Board Relay and four 2nd placings) were also prominent in their respective events.

At the completion of the summer 2 NPBHS students were named in NZ SLS high performing squads: Gareth Goodin (U-16) and Tang Manuirangi (U-14) both in beach events and an ex pupil Paul Gledhill was named in the NZ Open High performance squad as an ironman competitor .

Taranaki Surf Lifesaving Champs

Several Boys from NPBHS competed in the Taranaki SLS champs held at Oakura Beach in mid Feb. Results that I am aware of are:

- Joel Davies 3rd Open Board Race
1st U-19 Board Race
1st U-19 Ironman
2nd U-19 Ski Race
2nd U-19 Tube Rescue
3rd Open Board Rescue
1st U-19 Board Rescue
- Gabriel Davies 3rd U-19 Board Rescue
3rd U-16 Board Race
- Jay Goodey 2nd U-16 Board Race
3rd U-16 Ironman
1st U-16 Board Rescue
- Finn Parker 3rd U-16 Surf Race
- Jeremy Burton 1st U-16 Ski Race
- Alex Wilmshurst 2nd U-16 Ski Race
3rd U-19 Ski Race
- Michael Taunoa 3rd U-16 Ski Race
- Russel Hine 2nd U-16 Ironman
- Gareth Goodin 1st U-16 Beach Flags
- Daniel Nelson 1st U-16 Board Rescue
3rd U-19 Board Rescue

Kevin Gledhill - (teacher in charge Surf Lifesaving)





Athletics

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2002 ended with a small group of boys competing for the school in the Nationals in December and then Term 1 of 2003 saw the school sports, Taranaki championships and the North Island event in quick succession. NPBS had some wonderful individual performances over this period, but there is a concerning lack of depth in most athletic disciplines.

National Athletics Championships

On the weekend of December 7th and 8th 2002, the National Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships were held in Inglewood. With over 1000 competitors the competition was of a very high standard in most events.

We had 8 athletes competing in track and field. In the Junior events Kyle Manu advanced to the semi finals of both the 100m and 200m and Phillip Young was in the same semi final as Kyle for the 200m and missed the final by one place. These two were joined by Hamish Blue and Yu Ishikawa for the 4 x 100m relay where they qualified for the final and placed 6th. Hayden Ballantyne ran well in both the 800m and 1500m qualifying for an 800m semi final and narrowly missing the final. Hayden was joined by Phillip, Hamish and Yu for the 4 x 400m relay where the team finished 6th overall. In the field events Tony Hofmans qualified for the final of the Triple Jump and finished 7th. In the Senior competition Shaun Cooper was 11th in the Senior Javelin, but just 4 metres off a medal and Gordon Davenport ran the 300m Hurdles, but failed to make the final.

The Road Race was held on the Sunday morning. Our Junior team had 8 runners and our 6 man team placed 9th with Nick Wilkinson our best in 46th place. However, the highlight of the meeting for NPBS was the Senior Road Race where our team of Joe Stewart-Jacks (19th), Daniel James (42nd), James Appleby (48th), Matthew Sturmer (52nd), Blair Prescott (57th) and Ryan Blackburn (62nd) combined to be 2nd place in the 6 man team competition and to win a national silver medal.

Athletics Championships 2003

The Athletics sports were held at the Inglewood TET Stadium. The weather was outstanding and there was a high level of participation from all students. Mrs Carter and Mrs Moore were kept busy supplying sun block to the large crowd of parents and students. The day saw three new school records equaled or bettered and a fourth record broken during the 3000m at school.

Tyler MacLeod produced 2 records with an outstanding run in the 800m in 2.15.14 min and recorded 10.31 mins in the 3000m.

Brad Bennett equaled the 200m record with a time of 25.35sec and broke the 400m record in a time of 56.37 secs.

Hatherly House was superior in the House competition with a total of 1790 points. Syme finished a distant second with 1045 points followed by Donnelley (906) and Barak (816).

School Championships 2003

| Junior | Intermediate | Senior |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Brad Bennett 1 st = | Phillip Young 1 st | Blair Prescott 1 st |
| Tyler MacLeod | Hayden Ballantyne 2 nd | Brad Cooper 2 nd |
| Justin Boag 3 rd | Mark Sherlock 3 rd | HemiGrant 3 rd |

Taranaki Secondary Schools Athletics

On Wednesday 12th March a team of 40 boys represented NPBS at the TSS athletics championships in Inglewood. The standard of the top athletes has increased at our school and other Taranaki schools over the past few years to make this a top quality

competition. A typical year sees one or two Taranaki records broken, but this year a massive 10 were set including 2 for our school. These were by Tyler MacLeod in the Junior 1500m whose time of 4.25 took a spectacular 13 seconds of the old record. Also our Intermediate relay team of Gareth Goodin, Phillip Young, Hamish Blue and Kyle Manu ran 46.84 seconds in the 4 x 100m event to earn themselves the record. Our title winners on the day were

| | | |
|---------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Junior: | Brad Bennett | 200m |
| | | 300m |
| | Jamie Phillips | 80m Hurdles |
| | Tyler MacLeod | 800m |
| | | 1500m (both school records) |
| | Relay: Brent Bishop, Justin Boag, Cameron Rowlands and Brad Bennett | |
| Intermediate: | Kyle Manu | 100m |
| | Michael Torckler | 1500m Steeplechase (school record) |
| | Relay: Gareth Goodin, Phillip Young, Hamish Blue and Kyle Manu | |
| Senior: | Te Hira Cooper | 100m Hurdles |
| | | 300m Hurdles |
| | Hemi Grant | High Jump |
| | Jesse Dolman | Shot Put |
| | Shaun Cooper | Javelin |

Three Intermediate boys achieved very creditable 2nd places losing to boys who recorded outstanding results. These boys were Phillip Young in the 200m and 400m, Hayden Ballantyne in the 800m and 1500m and Matthew Corbett in the High Jump.

North Island Secondary Schools Athletics

Over the weekend of March 29-30 the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships were held at the TSS Stadium in Inglewood. This is a provincial event with athletes representing their province in competition. NPBS had 12 boys selected to represent Taranaki and these athletes performed with distinction against some top quality competition.

Tyler MacLeod was one of the standout performers of the track meet. He achieved what few athletes have ever done in winning both the 800m and 1500m titles in the Junior competition. Tyler lowered his school record for the fourth time this year in the 800m running 2:05.62 to be within one second of the North Island record. He backed this up by comfortably winning the 1500m in 4:25.19 (again, lowering his own school record) in what were two very memorable performances.

Shaun Cooper threw the Senior Javelin 49.14m in windy conditions to finish second in the Senior Javelin. Shaun was third in this event



Taranaki Secondary Schools

Duathlon champs

Five competitors from NPBS entered this year's Taranaki Secondary Schools' Duathlon champs held on June 8th at the Hurworth Road / Carrington Road junction. The event comprised a 2 km road run, a 10 km cycle and a 2km road run.

Michael Torckler was our most successful athlete, being a clear winner in the Senior Boys (U-19) event. Our four juniors (U-15) competed with credit to all place in the first 10 with Dex Newland (2nd) and Nick Tipling (4th) our best performers.

Results.

| | | |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Senior Boys | 1. Michael Torckler | 34 min 41 sec. |
| Junior Boys | 2. Dex Newland | 40 min 47 sec |
| | 4. Nick Tipling | 41 min 54 sec |
| | 7. Mark Shaw | 47 min 23 sec |
| | 8. David White | 47 min 51 sec |

Kevin Gledhill - (Manager)

Cross Country

It was an enjoyable and successful cross country season with some quality results and an increased number of boys participating in this sport. The team now has tremendous depth across all age groups which is crucial to the continuing success of cross country. With age groups changing for practically every race and with the inevitable injuries and illnesses it is necessary to have a depth of talent to call upon. It also fosters healthy competition within the team with boys knowing that if they are not at their best then they will quickly drop down the rankings. A summary of the year's results follows with more detailed results and photo galleries available at www.npbhs.school.nz/crosscountry.

School Cross Country

2003 was another successful year for the school cross country. Over 900 students completed the respective courses of Junior 5km, Intermediate 5.5km and Senior 7km. There were many outstanding efforts on the day by both students and staff. The most important aspect contributing to the day's success was a positive spirit and attitude from the students.

Results

| | JUNIOR | INTERMEDIATE | SENIOR |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| FIRST | Tyler MacLeod (18.45) | Hayden Ballantyne (19.24) | Mark Henwood (28.25) |
| SECOND | Brad Bennett (20.22) | Matthew Ander (20.06) | Joel Sims (28.36) |
| THIRD | Rowan Samson (21.24) | Ben Riley (20.23) | David Belgrave (28.58) |

House Points

| | JUNIOR | INTERMEDIATE | SENIOR | TOTAL | |
|----------|--------|--------------|--------|-------|--------|
| HATHERLY | 2322 | 2393 | 2288 | 7003 | FIRST |
| SYME | 2248 | 2293 | 1262 | 5803 | SECOND |
| DONELLY | 1280 | 1536 | 1804 | 4620 | THIRD= |
| BARAK | 1303 | 1454 | 1863 | 4620 | THIRD= |

Super 8 Cross Country

On Saturday May 24 NPBS hosted the annual Super 8 Cross Country event. Being the host school is certainly an advantage as you are responsible for the course and so the track was made as hilly and

last year and was a mere 14cm off the winning throw. Other NPBS athletes to perform with distinction were Phillip Young qualifying for the final of the Intermediate 400m, Brad Bennett reaching the final of the Junior 300m and Hayden Ballantyne running 10 minutes flat in the Intermediate 3000m final.

The challenge lies ahead for athletics at NPBS to increase our depth and participation levels. All sports at the school would benefit from having a large group of individuals involved in athletics. Results from the events this year and photo galleries can be found on the web at <http://www.npbhs.school.nz/sports/athletics>

Paul Dominikovich - Master in Charge Athletics

TSS Orienteering

15 boys and 2 staff found their way to the orienteering venue in Pukekura Park on the evening of Wednesday 5th March. There were the usual disqualifications, lost competitors and cuts and grazes over some challenging terrain in one of the few sports that requires a head count at the end of it. In the Standard section NPBS claimed all 3 places

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 st | Erwin Hebbler |
| 2 nd | Daniel Newell |
| 3 rd | Nick Tipling |

Some of the senior boys (and the two staff members) ignored all advice and entered the Advanced competition for experienced orienteers only. Needless to say that no one managed to place in this grade.

Paul Dominikovich - Master in Charge Athletics

Taranaki Secondary Schools Triathlon 2003

Seven NPBS competitors (5 in the Senior Boys and 2 in the Junior Boys) lined up for this year's Taranaki Secondary Schools Triathlon champs, held at Ngamotu Beach on Sat 22nd March and although our numbers competing were fewer than previous years our top performers were well rewarded.

The event comprises an ocean swim of 250 m followed by a 10 km cycle and finishes off with a 3 km road run. The swim this year was a mixture of wading and swimming due to the line up and buoy positions which did disadvantage a couple of our competitors, but it was pleasing to see our lads come through strongly in the cycle-run legs and overtake the early leaders.

Fraser Campbell and Hayden Ballantyne were our top senior athletes gaining 2nd and 3rd place respectively behind the FDC competitor with Brad Dent also competing well to gain 4th place in the senior boys (U-19) event.

Mitchell Campbell and Dex Newland came home strongly in the Junior Boys' (U-15) event being 1st and 2nd respectively.

Results.

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Senior Boys (U-19) | 2. Fraser Campbell | 41 min 07 sec |
| | 3. Hayden Ballantyne | 41 min 40 sec |
| Junior Boys (U-15) | 1. Mitchell Campbell | 44 min 35 sec |
| | 2. Dex Newland | 45 min 02 sec |

Kevin Gledhill - (Manager)



challenging as possible. Our team had been training on the course for some time in an effort to retain the trophy that we had won last year.

The Year 9 race over 3000m saw Brad Bennett perform with distinction in finishing 2nd. This was our best individual place on the day, but the consistency of the others schools had us in fourth place.

The Junior race was one and a half laps of the course and our first 3 runners home claimed first equal in this division. Daniel Fleming ran a great race to finish 5th, Tyler MacLeod was 6th and Matthew Snowden 7th. Our team showed real strength in this age group with David Ormrod 10th, Justin Boag 11th and Kim Rawlinson 12th. With one race to go there were still 4 teams that felt they could win the title, but Napier took control taking 3 of the first 5 places and deservedly winning the Super 8 title for the first time. Our Seniors finished 2nd over the 6000m course which gave us a creditable 2nd placing overall. Hayden Ballantyne ran strongly for 7th place, Matthew Ander was 9th and Ben Riley 10th. Again the team showed its depth with Mark Henwood 11th, Nick Wilkinson 12th, Luke O'Connor 13th and Jake Snowdon 14th in a field of 29 elite Senior runners.

It was disappointing to lose the title to Napier, but encouraging to see the strength and depth of our squad. Congratulations to our team for their efforts in finishing 2nd overall.

TSS Cross Country

On Tuesday May 27th the Cross Country Team travelled to Hawera for the TSS Cross Country Championships. Individual placings are contested as well as the 6 man team competition where a school's first 6 runners home make up the team for that age group.

The Junior race saw Tyler MacLeod outclass his opposition in a very fast time to win yet another middle distance race this year. The teams' competition was quite close, but a victory for NPBHS. The winning team was

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| Tyler MacLeod | 1 st |
| Justin Boag | 4 th |
| Brad Bennett | 7 th |
| Kim Rawlinson | 9 th |
| Rowan Samson | 11 th |
| Ben Aves | 12 th |

Our Intermediate team had real depth and even with Hayden Ballantyne and Nick Tipling unavailable we were far too strong for the opposition. Pieter van der Kooij ran a controlled race to win this section. The team was

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|----------------------|------------------|
| Pieter van der Kooij | 1 st |
| Matthew Ander | 3 rd |
| Nick Wilkinson | 4 th |
| Luke O'Connor | 8 th |
| Ben Riley | 9 th |
| Matthew Snowden | 11 th |

Gavin Roper, David Ormrod and Daniel Fleming filled the next 3 places and with Josh Kerslake and Michael Torckler soon after NPBHS had 11 of the first 18 runners in this event.

It was left to our Seniors to attempt the elusive clean sweep, but unfortunately it was not to be. Joel Sims led for much of the race in a brave attempt to win the Senior title. Our second placed team was

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|------------------|------------------|
| Joel Sims | 3 rd |
| Mark Henwood | 5 th |
| Jake Snowdon | 9 th |
| David Belgrave | 13 th |
| Blair Prescott | 14 th |
| Chris Cruikshank | 19 th |

National Cross Country Championships

A team of nearly 30 boys set off on Friday June 20th for the Hutt Valley for the running of the National Cross Country the following day. The team was to be larger, but a nasty virus caused some of our athletes to miss the trip, which was a real pity for them to have trained so hard and not be able to compete in the premier race of the year. The school targets the 6 man team event as the winner of this title is the undisputed best school in the country. Individual places add together and a total of around 300 is required to have a shot at being the National Champion. Our results follow and times are included to show how close the racing is.

| | | | | |
|--------|-------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| Year 9 | 3000m | 57 th | Brad Bennett | 11:27 |
| | | 107 th | Jason Holden | 12:08 |
| | | 111 th | Alex Ferens | 12:12 |
| | | 116 th | Shaun Thompson | 12:15 |
| | | 121 st | Craig Welch | 12:18 |
| | | 156 th | William Brown | 13:55 |

The team total of 668 placed them 10th in the Country

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|--------|-------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| Junior | 4000m | 25 th | Tyler MacLeod | 14:21 |
| | | 31 st | Daniel Fleming | 14:30 |
| | | 75 th | Nick Tipling | 15:05 |
| | | 96 th | Kim Rawlinson | 15:20 |
| | | 99 th | Ben Aves | 15:22 |
| | | 102 nd | Rowan Samson | 15:25 |
| | | 124 th | Joe Kisby | 15:41 |
| | | 143 rd | Josh Kerslake | 16:14 |
| | | 148 th | Justin Boag | 16:35 |
| | | 155 th | Michael Taylor | 16:52 |

428 gave our Under 16 team our best team placing of 7th

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|--------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Senior | 6000m | 69 th | Matt Ander | 22:02 |
| | | 70 th | Gavin Roper | 22:03 |
| | | 84 th | Mark Henwood | 22:13 |
| | | 86 th | David Belgrave | 22:14 |
| | | 99 th | Joel Sims | 22:28 |
| | | 102 nd | Hayden Ballantyne | 22:31 |
| | | 107 th | Luke O'Connor | 22:36 |
| | | 111 th | Ben Riley | 22:52 |
| | | 112 th | Jake Snowdon | 22:53 |
| | | 139 th | Reeve Barnett | 23:35 |
| | | 167 th | Stephen Sharp | 24:28 |

The first 6 Senior places added to 510 to place the team 8th in New Zealand.

To have all 3 teams in the top 10 at a National level was a worthy achievement, but to fall short of the medals by over 100 places or more in each event reminds us that we need to improve still further if we want to be the best in the country.

TSS Road Relay

This event is run over a 2.3km course circling around Brooklands Zoo with the start finish area on Kaimata Street. The age groups for this race are Year 9 – 10 being Intermediate and Years 11 – 13 Senior. Our top Intermediate team had a comfortable win in the fast time of 32:49. This team comprised

- Tyler MacLeod
- Daniel Fleming
- Nick Tipling
- Josh Kerslake

The Senior race was expected to be a close race, but this didn't eventuate and it was with some surprise to witness all 3 NPBHS teams finishing before the FDMC top team. The A team was completely dominant smashing the course record by 46 seconds to set the new benchmark at 30:45. The champion team was



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Hayden Ballantyne
Mark Henwood
Stephen Sharp
Pieter van der Kooij

Wanganui Round the Lake Relay

The 25th annual running of this event was held a week after the TSS Road Relay. It was disappointing that the traditional Virginia Lake course could not be used, although the 2km replacement course around Wanganui Collegiate was a suitable alternative. The age groups changed yet again to Year 9, under 16 (Junior) and over 16 (Senior).

Our traditional Year 9 Dayboys v Boarders race was a close tussle with the Hostel boys eventually regaining the title they lost last year. The Boarding team was

Mitchell Campbell
Brett Stevens
Lindsay Horrocks
Jamie Phillips

Our top under 16 team finished 4th in their race and our B team was 3rd in the race for school's second team. It was left to our Seniors to show the strength and depth of the school and they didn't disappoint. Picking an A team is incredibly difficult at present, but it meant that any B team that runs is going to be hard to beat in a B

race. This proved to be the case with our second Senior team comfortably winning their division. This team was

Mark Henwood
Matt Ander
Reeve Barnett
Blair Prescott

Our top 4 runners were involved in a classic relay race with the lead changing frequently and the team finishing second in sight of Scots' College and just ahead of Wanganui Collegiate. This was an excellent result and the way the team scattered themselves around the course to spur on our top runners was a fitting end to an enjoyable and successful running season. Our second placed Senior team was

Pieter van der Kooij
Hayden Ballantyne
Stephen Sharp
Jake Snowdon

Next year promises to be an exciting year with the major focus being success at the Nationals in Dunedin. Congratulations to all the team for giving 100% for the school in what is a physically demanding sport. Thank you to Jake for his positive leadership of the team and to him, Mark, David and Joel the team wishes you well for your future. As always, "go hard, no excuses".

Paul Dominikovich - Master in Charge Cross Country



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Back Row: Reeve Barnett, Jason Rolfe, Chris Cruikshank, Ben Riley, Luck O'Connor, Ben Aves, Steven Sharp, Nick Wilkinson
2nd Back Row: Gavin Roper, Daniel Fleming, Brad Bennett, Alex Ferens, Blair Prescott, Michael Torckler, Michael Taylor, Kim Rawlinson, Joe Kisby
3rd Back Row: Craig Welch, Jason Holden, William Brown, Shaun Thompson, Mr Paul Dominikovich (Coach), Brett Stevens, David Ormrod, Nich Tipling, Peter Joe
Front Row: Joel Sims, Matt Ander, Pieter van der Kooij, Jake Snowdon (Captain), Hayden Ballantyne, Mark Henwood, Tyler MacLeod
Absent: David Belgrave, Josh Kerslake, Matthew Snowden, Rowan Samson, Justin Boag.

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| TARANAKI CHAMPS: | Year 9 | 10 th | |
| Seniors | 2 nd | Juniors | 7 th |
| Intermediates | 1 st | TARANAKI ROAD RELAY | |
| Juniors | 1 st | Seniors | 1 st (Record) |
| SUPER 8 | Intermediates 1 st | | |
| 2nd Overall (Juniors 1 st equal) | WANGANUI ROUND THE LAKE | | |
| NATIONALS | Seniors | 2 nd | |
| Seniors | Juniors | 4 th | |



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TENNIS REPORT 2003

Overall, the Senior and Junior Tennis Teams enjoyed reasonable success in their Inter-School Fixtures.

The Senior boys deserve credit for finishing 4th out of eight teams in the very competitive Super 8 Tournament held in Napier.

Inter-school Results

Hamilton Boys' High School – win on a count back of games after matches were tied 9/9.

Wanganui Collegiate School – win 13 – 5

Palmerston North Boys' High School Juniors lost 2 – 7
Intermediates lost 2 – 7

Senior Team

Andrew Waite (Captain)
Joel Sims
Joel Baker
Te Hira Cooper
Pieter van der Kooij
David Geange

Junior Team

Clinton Jones
David White
Quinn Rosa
James Webber
Tim Lepper
Ben Aves

Intermediate Team

Andrew Darney
Josh Hamilton
Daniel McAree

Michael Kjestrup
Andrew Mills
Ryan Koorts

SUPER 8 TOURNAMENT

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| Napier Boys' High School | Win 5 – 1 |
| Gisborne Boys' High School | Win 6 – 0 |
| Palmerston North Boys' High School | Lost 2 – 4 |
| Tauranga Boys' College | lost 1 – 5 |
| Hamilton Boys' High School | Lost 2 – 4 |

New Plymouth Boys' High School finished 4th.

The Tournament was won by Tauranga Boys' College.

NZSS Tennis championships

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Francis Douglas Memorial College | Win 4 – 2 |
| Wanganui Collegiate | Lost 1 – 5 |

Taranaki Representatives

16's David Geange
Pieter van der Kooij

14's David White
Quinn Rosa

Soffe Cup

Andrew Waite represented Pukekura Park Tennis Club in Soffe Cup – the Premier Inter-Club competition in Taranaki.

School Championships 2003

Senior: Andrew Waite Runner Up: Joel Sims
Junior: Clinton Jones Runner Up: David White

Thanks and best wishes to Mr Hope for his outstanding contribution to our Tennis Teams over the last five years.

We wish him well in his new appointment at Tauranga Boys' College.

WJ Geange - Master i/c Tennis



Top 4 Tennis



Top 6 Tennis



Knights Junior Cricket



Bears In-Line Hockey



Boarders' XI Cricket



2nd XI Cricket

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TEAM ARCHITECTURE

Cricket

1st XI Cricket 2003

The club season saw the addition of the ex 1st XI player Laine Hopkinson to the side to add experience. This was invaluable, as he scored over 600 runs including 119 n.o vs OHSOB and took 21 wickets – not bad for a wicket-keeper. The other club century went to departing captain Tom Schurr who scored 113 n.o against Hawera United. Brendon Dallas with 7 for 72 was the feature in the bowling department.

New staff member Martyn Vercoe from Christchurch added more experience at the start of the new year and will contribute more in the future.

The season saw the side finish 8th in the ten team competition but the experience gained by the younger members of the team should show next season.

The season saw Brendon Dallas leading the batting with 611 runs and bowling with 64 wickets. Matt Sim, with 534 runs, and Chris Cruickshank, 45 wickets, supported him well but both had time out with injuries.

Super 8 4th Placing

A very new side played in the Super 8 Competition in Hamilton:-

Vs Hastings BHS:

After being 3 for 25, Matt Sim and Brendon Dallas added 130 for the 4th wicket, Dallas 38. Sim was the 9th wicket to fall for an excellent 143. NPBHS scored 267 in 46 overs. Hastings struggled with some fine bowling from Brendon Dallas (3 for 33) Daniel Sharp and Nathan Manu. Andrew Mason finished the innings with 3 for 5 from 4 overs. HBHS 125 all out. **Win by 142 runs.**

Vs Rotorua BHS:

On a difficult wicket, Rotorua BHS were dismissed for 69 in 16 overs. Nathan Manu 3 for 8, and Matt Landrigan 4 for 4, were the main destroyers. The re-arranged batting order got the runs with 5 wickets down. **Win by 5 wickets.**

Vs Hamilton BHS:

The strong Hamilton batting lineup scored 265 for 5 on a very good wicket. Hamilton bowled very well, to have NPBHS 3 for 31. Brendon Dallas 65, and Daniel Mischevski 39, showed some fight to end at 183 – 5.

Vs Tauranga BC

In the playoff for 3rd and 4th, NPBHS batted well to be 69 – 4, then collapsed to be all out for 87. After losing 2 early wickets, Tauranga cruised to the total for the loss of 4 wickets.

College Season

The very new side had a lot to learn in the College games. After a loss to Auckland Grammar on a poor wicket, the 1st XI was unlucky not to defeat Rotorua BHS, with Chris Cruickshank taking an Honours Board 6 for 47. Rotorua held on to be 9 down, still needing 45 runs.

The strong Hamilton BHS led by 200 in the first innings and eventually won by 7 wickets.

Two poor batting efforts saw an outright loss to Wanganui Collegiate by 10 wickets.

Wellington College Dec '02

The 1st XI travelled to Wellington for their three day fixture, only to

have mist and fog settle over Mt Victoria while the rest of Wellington was in sunshine for two days. A one day game was played on the 3rd day. Wellington won the toss and batted. After being 4 for 66, the middle order took control to smash the NPBHS bowling to score 312 for 6. Brendon Dallas bowled extremely well – 0 for 31 from 10 overs. NPBHS batting lineup struggled, with only Tom Schurr in his final College game as Captain, scoring a very good 54. NPBHS was all out for 110.

Auckland Grammar – Auckland Feb 03

AGS won the toss and NPBHS batted on a difficult wicket losing wickets regularly to a combination of the wicket and poor shots to be all out for 69. Matt Sim 21 was the top scorer. AGS fared little better to be all out for 102. Chris Cruickshank 4 for 21 and Brendon Dallas 3 for 17 bowled well.

NPBHS did not bat any better than the 1st innings to be all out for 73 leaving AGS 40 to win! AGS achieved this for the loss of 5 wickets. Brendon Dallas 4 for 16. Outright loss by 5 wkts.

Rotorua BHS at NPBHS Feb 03

NPBHS won the toss and batted. A good opening partnership of 35 between Daniel Mischevski (13) and Matt Landrigan (35) was not really built on, with only Frazier Climo (21) and Ryan Bridgeman (19) contributing to a total of 152. At stumps RBHS were struggling at 55 for 5 but a 50 run 6th wicket partnership saw them through to 149. Chris Cruickshank 3 for 21 (19 overs) bowled well. After losing early wickets, NPBHS lower order contributed well. Chris McEldowney (30), Mitchell Broughton (29) and Chris Cruickshank (40 n.o) saw the side through to 184.

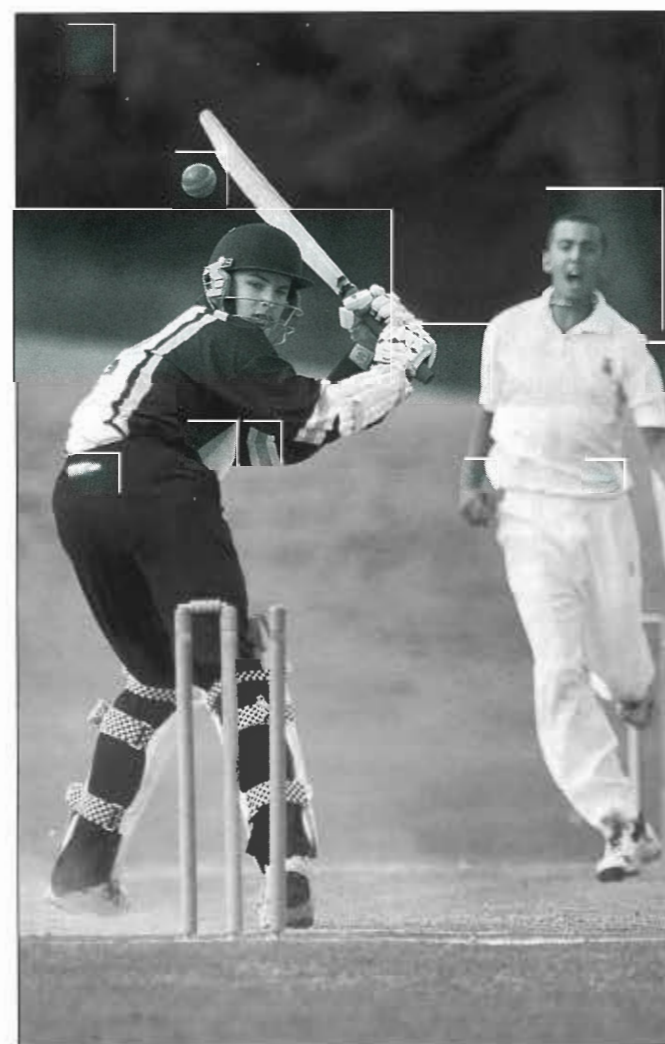


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This left RBHS 187 to win in 67 overs. After a very solid start of 51 for the first wicket, wickets fell steadily to be 9 for 144 with 2 overs remaining, but NPBHS could not claim the last wicket. Chris Cruickshank returned an Honours Board 6 for 47 from 26 overs. Match Drawn.

Hamilton BHS Feb 03

NPBHS won the toss and batted. At 63 for 4, Matt Sim and Mitchell Broughton combined for a 101 run partnership. NPBHS were all out for 219 in 65 overs. Daniel Mischevski 25, Frazier Climo 20

Hamilton batted slowly anchored by 149 by BJ Watling to score 316 in 100 overs with front line bowlers injured. Chris McEldowney took 5 for 90 (35 overs) and Matt Landrigan 3 for 48 (20 overs). At stumps, NPBHS were 85 for 3 – still 11 runs behind. An early collapse saw NPBHS 95 for 7. Chris Cruickshank (63 n.o) combined with bottom order to get through to 187 – Brendon Dallas 36 and Daniel Mischevski 23. This left HBHS 92 to win, which they achieved for the loss of 3 wickets. An outright loss by 7 wickets.

Wanganui Collegiate at Wanganui March 03

NPBHS were dismissed for 122 – Brendon Dallas 26 Matt Landrigan 21. Collegiate were 3 for 63, but then went through to 255 for 6 declared. Brendon Dallas 3 for 58 and Chris Cruickshank 2 for 47.

NPBHS struggled to be 89 for 8 until Mitchell Broughton 51 and Shane Nielson 27 got them through to 151, leaving Collegiate 18 to win, which they achieved without loss. Outright loss by ten wickets.

Gillette Cup

Round 1 NPBHS 180 Daniel Mischevski 38
FDMC 168 Chris Cruickshank 3 for 38

Round 2 Wanganui Collegiate 142
Chris Cruickshank 3 -20
Nathan Manu 3 -25
Brendon Dallas 3 -35
NPBHS 121

Vs Wellington College

| WELLINGTON | 1st Innings |
|------------------|-------------|
| L. Chrisp | 9 |
| M. Potter | 0 |
| C. Spring | 27 |
| J. Newdick | 64 |
| H. Templeton | 5 |
| A. Newdick | 72 |
| J. Khan | not out 66 |
| J. Dean | not out 38 |
| Total for 6 wkts | 312 |

| | O | R | W |
|---------------|----|----|---|
| C Cruickshank | 10 | 67 | 2 |
| D Sharpe | 8 | 75 | 2 |
| B Dallas | 10 | 31 | 0 |
| C McEldowney | 6 | 30 | 1 |
| T Schurr | 9 | 55 | 0 |
| M Landrigan | 7 | 46 | 1 |

| NPBHS | 1st Innings |
|--------------|-------------|
| T Schurr | 54 |
| M Sim | 0 |
| F Climo | 3 |
| M Landrigan | 0 |
| B Dallas | 13 |
| C McEldowney | 0 |
| M Rubick | 2 |
| M Broughton | 5 |

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| D Sharpe | 0 |
| C Cruickshank | 2 |
| D Mischevski | 15 |
| Total | 110 |
| | O R W |
| J Khan | 3 24 0 |
| K Selva | 6 19 3 |
| K Ingram | 7 42 1 |
| S Rennie | 7 17 5 |
| M Potter | 3 7 0 |

Vs Auckland Grammar

| NPBHS | 1st Innings | 2nd Innings |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| D Mischevski | 3 | 14 |
| M Sim | 21 | 6 |
| F Climo | 2 | 9 |
| B Dallas | 6 | 18 |
| M Rubick | 7 | 12 |
| R Bridgeman | 0 | 4 |
| M Broughton | 2 | 0 |
| C McEldowney | 4 | 0 |
| C Cruickshank | 8 | 1 |
| D Sharpe | 1 | 0 |
| D McIntyre | n.o 6 | 0 |
| Total | 69 | 73 |
| | O R W | O R W |
| J Walsh | 10 19 3 | 7 18 4 |
| T Wood | 8 24 0 | 7 18 0 |
| M Ferguson | 7 8 2 | 5 9 1 |
| T Dineen | 5 4 2 | 9 7 2 |
| J Buell | 4 8 3 | 4 3 1 |

| AUCKLAND GRAMMAR | 1st Innings | 2nd Innings |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| C Dale | 4 | 4 |
| J Buell | 27 | 2 |
| C Dineen | 0 | 1 |
| M Ellison | 18 | 14 |
| S Bishop | 16 | 4 |
| T Dineen | 3 | n.o 9 |
| M Turner | 5 | n.o 5 |
| C Whelan | 4 | |
| M Ferguson | 1 | |
| W Walsh | 2 | |
| T Wood | 6 | |
| Total | 102 | 45 |

| | O | R | W |
|---------------|----|----|---|
| C Cruickshank | 10 | 12 | 4 |
| D Sharpe | 12 | 31 | 1 |
| N Manu | 8 | 27 | 0 |
| B Dallas | 13 | 17 | 3 |
| C McEldowney | 3 | 5 | 1 |

Vs Rotorua BHS

| NPBHS | 1st Innings | 2nd Innings |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| D Mischevski | 13 | 4 |
| M Landrigan | 25 | 0 |
| F Climo | 21 | 15 |
| M Sim | 12 | 20 |
| B Dallas | 9 | 16 |
| M Rubick | 3 | 0 |
| R Bridgeman | 19 | 13 |
| C McEldowney | 8 | 30 |
| M Broughton | 13 | 29 |
| C Cruickshank | not out 1 | n.o. 40 |
| D Sharpe | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 152 | 184 |

| | O | R | W |
|-----------|----|----|---|
| J Tule | 11 | 17 | 0 |
| K Haimona | 6 | 19 | 0 |
| S Newman | 8 | 24 | 1 |
| E Moore | 13 | 21 | 1 |
| D Taurua | 13 | 16 | 0 |
| J Lee | 26 | 32 | 5 |
| S Rameka | 5 | 6 | 1 |

| RBHS | 1st Innings | 2nd Innings |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| J Lee | 5 | 54 |
| S Messem | 6 | 20 |
| H Shand | 0 | 6 |
| E Moore | 14 | 0 |
| S Rameka | 30 | 29 |
| J Clark | 0 | |
| S Newman | 45 | 8 |
| K Haimona | 8 | 0 |
| S Aston | 2 | 4 |
| D Taurua | n.o | 16 |
| E Wright | 8 | |
| Total | 149 | 144 |

| | O | R | W |
|--------------|----|----|---|
| C Cruikshank | 19 | 21 | 3 |
| D Sharp | 11 | 13 | 2 |
| N Manu | 10 | 36 | 1 |
| B Dallas | 20 | 40 | 2 |
| M Rubick | 3 | 18 | 0 |
| C McEldowney | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| M Landrigan | 2 | 4 | 0 |

VS Hamilton BHS

| NPBHS | 1st Innings | 2nd Innings |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| D Mischefski | 25 | 23 |
| M Landrigan | 0 | 9 |
| F Climo | 20 | 2 |
| M Sim | 79 | 11 |
| B Dallas | 1 | 36 |
| M Broughton | 42 | 3 |
| R Bridgeman | 8 | 3 |
| C McEldowney | 9 | 16 |
| C Cruikshank | n.o. | 16 |
| D Sharp | 0 | 2 |
| N Manu | 2 | 6 |
| Total | 219 | 187 |

| | O | R | W |
|------------|----|----|---|
| C Weight | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| J McNeil | 17 | 39 | 3 |
| S Christie | 14 | 64 | 1 |
| A Devcich | 16 | 35 | 3 |
| B Wilcox | 4 | 16 | 0 |
| B Turner | 5 | 16 | 0 |
| A Christie | 6 | 33 | 3 |
| S McLeod | | | |

| HBHS | 1st Innings | 2nd Innings |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| BJ Wattling | 149 | n.o |
| B Wilcox | 33 | 10 |
| T Corkill | 0 | 4 |
| S McLeod | 10 | |
| A Devcich | 9 | |
| T Hapu | 16 | 6 |
| C Weight | 17 | |
| B Turner | 40 | |
| J McNeill | 10 | 3 |
| S Christie | 1 | |
| A Christie | 2 | |
| Total | 316 | 93 |

| | O | R | W |
|--------------|----|----|---|
| C Cruikshank | 8 | 14 | 0 |
| N Manu | 20 | 67 | 1 |
| D Sharp | 5 | 7 | 0 |
| B Dallas | 3 | 11 | 0 |
| C McEldowney | 34 | 90 | 5 |

| | O | R | W |
|--|----|----|---|
| | 7 | 13 | 1 |
| | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| | 8 | 15 | 0 |
| | 16 | 40 | 1 |
| | 23 | 47 | 5 |
| | 17 | 46 | 1 |

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|-------------|----|----|---|---|----|---|
| M Landrigan | 20 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| M Sim | 3 | 20 | 0 | | | |
| F Climo | 8 | 35 | 0 | 4 | 29 | 1 |

VS Wanganui Collegiate

| NPBHS | 1st Innings | 2nd Innings |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| D Mischefski | 0 | 9 |
| M Landrigan | 21 | 19 |
| F Climo | 4 | 15 |
| M Sim | 20 | 14 |
| B Dallas | 26 | 11 |
| C McEldowney | 12 | 0 |
| M Broughton | 7 | 51 |
| R Bridgeman | n.o | 11 |
| C Cruikshank | 3 | 0 |
| S Nielson | 0 | 27 |
| N Manu | 15 | n.o |
| Total | 122 | 151 |

| | O | R | W |
|-------------|----|----|---|
| G Bryden | 10 | 38 | 1 |
| J Castle | 13 | 33 | 2 |
| J Amber | 7 | 21 | 3 |
| W White | 7 | 15 | 1 |
| J Balasigim | 7 | 12 | 2 |

| WCS | 1st Innings | 2nd Innings |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| J Stegmen | 0 | n.o |
| J Amber | 37 | 6 |
| J Lang | 6 | n.o |
| W White | 84 | |
| B Orton | 62 | |
| W Lyons | n.o | 31 |
| G Bryder | | 21 |
| Total | | |

| | O | R | W |
|--------------|----|----|---|
| C Cruikshank | 18 | 47 | 2 |
| S Nielson | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| B Dallas | 20 | 58 | 3 |
| c McEldowney | 11 | 43 | 1 |
| N Manu | 7 | 33 | 0 |
| M Landrigan | 6 | 25 | 0 |
| F Climo | 5 | 23 | 1 |

| | O | R | W |
|--------------|-----|----|------------|
| B Dallas | | 26 | 11 |
| C McEldowney | | 12 | 0 |
| M Broughton | | 7 | 51 |
| R Bridgeman | n.o | 11 | 0 |
| C Cruikshank | | 3 | 0 |
| S Nielson | | 0 | 27 |
| N Manu | | 15 | n.o |
| Total | | | 151 |

| | O | R | W |
|-------------|----|----|---|
| G Bryden | 10 | 38 | 1 |
| J Castle | 13 | 33 | 2 |
| J Amber | 7 | 21 | 3 |
| W White | 7 | 15 | 1 |
| J Balasigim | 7 | 12 | 2 |

| WCS | 1st Innings | 2nd Innings |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| J Stegmen | 0 | n.o |
| J Amber | 37 | 6 |
| J Lang | 6 | n.o |
| W White | 84 | |
| B Orton | 62 | |
| W Lyons | n.o | 31 |
| G Bryder | | 21 |
| Total | | |

| | O | R | W |
|--------------|----|----|---|
| C Cruikshank | 18 | 47 | 2 |
| S Nielson | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| B Dallas | 20 | 58 | 3 |
| C McEldowney | 11 | 43 | 1 |
| N Manu | 7 | 33 | 0 |
| M Landrigan | 6 | 25 | 0 |
| F Climo | 5 | 23 | 1 |



1st XI Cricket 2003

Back Row: Shane Nielson, David McIntyre, Matthew Brookes, Chris McEldowney
 Middle Row: Nathan Manu, Michael Rubick, Daniel Sharp, Matthew Landrigan, Daniel Mischefski, Gordon Giddy (Coach)
 Front Row: Frazier Climo, Chris Cruikshank, Brendon Dallas (Captain), Matthew Sim, Ryan Bridgeman, Mitchell Broughton

| TRADITIONAL COLLEGE GAMES | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------|--|
| Vs Wellington College | Lost | (O.D) | |
| Vs Auckland Grammar | Lost outright | | |
| Vs Rotorua BHS | Draw | | |
| Vs Hamilton BHS | Lost outright | | |
| Vs Wanganui Collegiate | Lost outright | | |

| SUPER EIGHT GAMES | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Vs Hastings BHS | Won | | |
| Vs Rotorua BHS | Won | | |
| Vs Hamilton BHS | Lost | | |
| Vs Tauranga BC | Lost | | |
| | 4th place | | |

| GILLETTE CUP | | | |
|------------------------|------|--|--|
| Vs FDMC | Won | | |
| Vs Wanganui Collegiate | Lost | | |

| HIGHLIGHTS | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Vs Hastings BHS | Matthew Sim 143 | | |
| Vs Rotorua BHS | Chris Cruikshank 6 for 47 | | |

Second Eleven Cricket

Second Eleven cricket is a breaking ground for higher honours. This year Nathan Manu, Roebuck Mitchell and Matthew Landrigan were called up to assist the First Eleven team. The batting was strengthened by the addition of Matthew Brookes and Daniel Landrigan from the third eleven. A player who consistently produced a performance was Roebuck. He impressed me with both his bowling and his batting.

The two college games against Hamilton Boys' High School and Wanganui College were closely fought matches. Even though we did not win, the boys played with pride and passion.

I would like to thank all the boys for their efforts and pride in representing New Plymouth Boys' High School. I wish the boys a successful up-coming season.

Mr Prasad (Coach)

Afternoon grade junior cricket 2003

This year Junior grade cricket has taken off with huge numbers with the new afternoon format. Eleven teams took part in the competition from NPBHS, and they achieved varying degrees of success. The matches were exciting and well supported by the boys, parents and other spectators who watched. Although there was some controversy in this sport as you would expect, the games were played in a sporting way, with most schools in the competition achieving success.

Many thanks to all the teachers, parents and other helpers who got all the boys there for the games and helped out with the transport, umpiring and setting up the fields in all the different and new locations. I hope to see you all again for the 2003/2004 junior cricket season ahead.

TIC J Hyde (Junior Cricket)

TOUCH

Touch continues to be the growth sport during the summer: a dynamic game intertwined with speed, agility and quick decision-making. We have teams entered in the local New Plymouth Touch module with a large representation from the hostel.

The Senior team had another impressive season as they retained the Taranaki Secondary School Touch Title once again. The secret of our success is the enjoyment and laughter – John Marshall a pure example of this (whose concentration span runs for about 5 minutes). Games played were against FDMC, Hawera, Waitara, Opunake, Waitara and Inglewood. The semi-final was against FDMC which was a close contest as always with a 6-4 win. The final against Hawera had a close first half and then the boys came out firing with an impressive second half 8-3.

Many old Boys' High students have progressed on and have represented New Zealand in the Under 21 and open grades in both boys and mixed divisions respectively, over the last few years – Raymond Niu, Trask Daymond to name a few.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

National Secondary Schools Mountainbiking Championships
12 – 13 April 2003 at Seymour's Farm, Levin

Hundreds of keen mountainbikers from all over New Zealand converged on a farm in the Horowhenua for the 2003 NZSS championships. A superb venue, with a mixture of open country and forest, challenging courses and a well-organised event village, all contributed to the success of the weekend. The three main events were: 10km cross-country, 2km hill-climb, and a 2 + km downhill.

NPBHS was represented by four students: juniors Scott Bedford and Mason Jenkins, and intermediates Kyle Cameron and Caleb Riddick. All these students excelled in their own way. First-time competitor Mason Jenkins completed all three events, giving a consistent, gutsy performance throughout the weekend.

Scott Bedford, who also entered all three events, will be remembered for his overtaking on the downhill, and for a great finishing ability. In the downhill, Kyle Cameron put in his usual strong performance to finish 10th overall.



Mason Jenkins (# 94) gets off to a flying start in the junior boys' cross country



Caleb Riddick at the start of the downhill. Five minutes to the bottom!

Caleb Riddick struggled with seized forks, but still spent hours practising for the downhill and took a spectacular spill early on Sunday morning. On the second attempt he cleared the jump easily, but wisely took the lower path during the event!

The downhill course was a steep, twisting, winding drop over 2 + km from the ridgeline to the event village. Fastest times were around the 3-minute mark. It takes a lot of courage to actually pedal down a 40 degree slope! There were some awesome crashes, especially at the jump halfway down. While those lucky enough to have full suspension could just sit on their machines and let the bike absorb the bumps, the NPBHS team on their "hardtails" got a fair jolting on the jumps and corners.

While it would have been good to have had some senior boys competing, the junior and intermediate bikers really impressed with their commitment and conduct. I would also like to thank the Bedford and Jenkins families who attended and supported staff and students. Mountainbiking is a fast, exciting sport and I hope next year we will be able to have a much bigger team.

John McLellan



Under all that gear is Kyle Cameron at the bottom of the downhill course

TSS CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday 17th of August, the annual Taranaki Secondary Schools' cycling road race was held at Inglewood. There were two events, an individual 8km race and a 18km team race.

We entered 4 cyclists in the Senior boys individual event and 1 team in the open grade teams event. All our competitors were in year 11, and as the results show, the school is in for some excellent results over the next few years.

The results were:

- 8km Individual Race
- 1st Michael Torckler
 - 2nd Braeden Burne
 - 3rd Michael McCallum
 - 6th Rhys Telford

18km Team Event:

- 1st New Plymouth Boys' High School

Well done to all the cyclists. These great results are rewards for the long hours spent training on the bike.

Jed Rowlands - Master in charge

RUGBY

1st XV Rugby Report 2003

The 2003 1st XV started with two new coaches and six of last year's team. At a glance the strength of the team looked like the pace of our outside backs. While the forwards were small by other 1st XV standards, there were some technically good players coming into the team from the successful 2002 2nd XV.

The season started with some excellent results against Grammar, Te Aute and Gisborne Boys' High School, but after that the team seemed to hit a rut of lack lustre effort.

There was some bad luck as we had lost the services of many crucial players to injury at the worst possible times.

The 1st XV played fourteen College matches and tried to stay in the Taranaki Reserves competition as well. This turned out to be an unwise decision as it meant that the 1st XV had to play too many games back to back. We played six games in one nine day period, comprising both Club and College games. Needless to say we did not win many of them as injury and weariness affected the team. The attitudes of the local club teams were also not helpful as they were often intent on hurting our players as a means of winning games. Not all of the club sides, but a good majority of them saw rough play as a means of winning against us. Unfortunately the Senior Reserves remains the only club competition option for the 1st XV.

Players that stand out in this team are headed by Shaun Cooper. Shaun came close to national selection at Secondary School level as our only Hurricanes Schools representative.

He should have been joined by Lock Ryan Dickson, however Ryan could not take his place in the Hurricanes team due to injury. Injury also affected the selection of Glen Gregory; he deserved to be in the team as well as he outplayed many of the locks he opposed in College matches and at the Hurricanes Schools Tournament in July. He was a tower of strength in our tight five and this was rewarded by his call up into the Taranaki Under 20 Team. No 8 Jesse Dolman

was carving a good reputation for himself before injury caused an early end to his season. Winger, Jeremy Boylan has been an exciting winger this year and is very classy. Jeremy's form at the Condor 7's Tournament saw him selected into the N.Z. Secondary Schools Sevens side. The loosies Clayton Jeththa and Jean-Pierre Meyer always played above their weight: neither of them are very big loosies but they attacked every game in the same way; hard-out! Ian Honeyfield was easily the most consistent back player this year, although he did not get the recognition he deserved at times by selectors. Vice Captain Brad Cooper had a mixed season and when he decided, he could rip an opposition team apart.

Next year there will be about 12 players returning as this year's team was so young.

They are headed by Zarhn Commerer who has been outstanding for a young fifth former, and halfbacks Roman Tutauha and Gareth Goodin. There are four props back for selection next year and this is one position that is usually hard to fill.

In conclusion, the spirit of the 1st XV continues; there will never be a 1st XV happy to lose by any margin. To compete against the best schools in the country in our Super 8 competition will never be easy with the available resources both human and otherwise at the discretion of other schools.

(For more in depth reports of each College match, please visit the NPBHS web site : www.npbhs.school.nz)

Representative Honours :

N.Z. Secondary Sevens Team :
Jeremy Boylan

Hurricanes Secondary Schools Team :
Shaun Cooper

Taranaki Under 20 Team :
Glen Gregory
Jeremy Boylan

Taranaki Secondary Schools Team :

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Glen Gregory | Shaun Cooper |
| Brad Cooper | Ian Honeyfield |
| Jeremy Boylan | Matthew James |
| Roman Tutauha | Jesse Dolman |
| Jean-Pierre Meyer | Ed Faulkner. |

Taranaki Under 16 Team :
Zarhn Commerer
Gareth Goodin

1st XV 2003 : College Match Reports

1st XV vs St Pats Silverstream : 26th Aug : Gully Ground won 41 – 11

The 1st XV played a confident Silverstream side, but we were determined to put in a good effort to end the season. Players to stand out were captain Glen Gregory and loosies Jean-Pierre Meyer and Clayton Jeththa in the forwards and Matthew Sim, Brad Cooper, and Jeremy Boylan in the backs.

TRIES: Brad COOPER (2), Clayton JETHHA (2), Jean-Pierre MEYER, Matt SIM, Jeremy BOYLAN

CONVERSIONS: Matt JAMES (3)

TEAM LIST :

15 : Matt SIM 14 : Jeremy BOYLAN 13 : Brad COOPER (C) 12 : Ian HONEYFIELD 11 : Hemi GRANT replaced by Andrew WAITE 10 : Matt JAMES 9 : Roman TUTAUHA replaced by Gareth GOODIN 8 : Jean-Pierre MEYER 7 : Clayton JETHHA 6 : Zarhn COMMERER replaced by Blake IRVING 5 : Glen GREGORY (C) 4 : Chris CRUICKSHANK 3 :

Jeremy HUDSON replaced by Tai RUAKERE 2 : Hayden MULLEN 1 : Ed FAULKNER

Reserves : Swen RUCHTI, Josh Lewis-SAMSON, Phillip YOUNG

1st XV vs Rotorua Boys' High School : 16th Aug : Rotorua lost 3 - 48

The eventual National Secondary Schools' Championship winning side were always going to be too hard to compete against. They had too much fire power across the park for a mere High School 1st XV side like ours. We had penalty kick attempts that we turned down for seven pointers, but made too many errors. Captain, Glen Gregory never gave up.

Penalty : Matt JAMES

TEAM LIST :

15 : Brad COOPER (vc) 14 : Hemi GRANT 13 : Shaun COOPER 12 : Ian HONEYFIELD 11 : Matt SIM 10 : Matt JAMES 9 : Roman TUTAUHA replaced by Gareth GOODIN 8 : Glen GREGORY (C) 7 : Clayton JEFTHA 6 : Jean- Pierre MEYER 5 : Blake IRVING replaced by Zarhn COMMERER 4 : Chris CRUICKSHANK 3 : Jeremy HUDSON replaced by Tai RUAKERE 2 : Hayden MULLEN 1 : Ed FAULKNER replaced by Trent FEATHER.

Reserves : Swen RUCHTI, Josh Lewis-SAMSON, Phillip YOUNG.



1st XV vs Napier Boys' High School : 9th Aug : Napier lost 12 - 59

Our first Moascar Cup challenge in thirty years and we were blown away by Napier in the first half. We found ourselves down 0 - 24 before half time. The forwards played well against a good pack. The inclusion of second XVers into our run on team upset our rhythm. However, the backs were particularly weak in defence and resolve. Prop, Ed Faulkner, loosie, Jean Pierre Meyer and Glen Gregory were the only players who showed some ticker.

TRIES : Chris CRUICKSHANK, Jeremy BOYLAN

CONVERSION : Matt JAMES

TEAM LIST :

15 : Brad COOPER (vc) 14 : Jeremy BOYLAN 13 : Shaun COOPER 12 : Ian HONEYFIELD 11 : Matt SIM 10 : Matt JAMES 9 : Roman TUTAUHA replaced by Gareth GOODIN 8 : Glen GREGORY (C) 7 : Clayton JEFTHA replaced by Zarhn COMMERER 6 : Jean- Pierre MEYER 5 : Blake IRVING 4 : Chris CRUICKSHANK 3 : Jeremy HUDSON replaced by Tai RUAKERE 2 : Hayden MULLEN 1 : Ed FAULKNER

Reserves : Swen RUCHTI, Josh Lewis-SAMSON, Phillip YOUNG.

1st XV vs Hastings Boys' High School : 4th Aug : Gully Ground lost 12 - 39

To my reckoning, this was the best side we played all year. Their style of play was fast and skilful on the counter attack and very simple at set phases. There were some very good players in this Hastings side. We were shell shocked by half time but managed to reply with two very exciting tries of our own. Shaun Cooper was sound in the backs and Jean-Pierre Meyer was outstanding in the loose.

TRIES : Gareth GOODIN, Shaun COOPER

CONVERSION : Matt JAMES

TEAM LIST :

15 : Brad COOPER (vc) 14 : Jeremy BOYLAN 13 : Shaun COOPER 12 : Ian HONEYFIELD 11 : Matt SIM replaced by Hemi GRANT 10 : Matt JAMES 9 : Gareth GOODIN replaced by Roman TUTAUHA 8 : Jesse DOLMAN 7 : Zarhn COMMERER 6 : Jean- Pierre MEYER 5 : Glen GREGORY (C) 4 : Chris CRUICKSHANK 3 : Jeremy HUDSON 2 : Hayden MULLEN 1 : Ed FAULKNER

Reserves : Blake IRVING, Tai RUAKERE, Taylor GILMORE, Josh Lewis-SAMSON, Phillip YOUNG.

1st XV vs Palmerston North Boys' High School : 31st July : PNBHS lost 13 - 15

A game that was ours until a refereeing decision split the contest. The forwards had an outstanding game against a bigger pack especially at scrum and lineout time. The midfield pairing of Ian Honeyfield and Shaun Cooper made many breaks but the final pass or the inability to read the supporting players cost us a few scoring opportunities.

TRY : Gareth GOODIN

CONVERSION : Matt JAMES

PENALTIES : Matt JAMES (2)

TEAM LIST :

15 : Brad COOPER (vc) 14 : Jeremy BOYLAN 13 : Shaun COOPER 12 : Ian HONEYFIELD 11 : Matt SIM 10 : Matt JAMES 9 : Gareth GOODIN 8 : Jesse DOLMAN replaced by Josh LEWIS - SAMPSON 7 : Zarhn COMMERER 6 : Jean- Pierre MEYER 5 : Glen GREGORY (C) 4 : Chris CRUICKSHANK 3 : Jeremy HUDSON replaced by Tai RUAKERE 2 : Hayden MULLEN replaced by Taylor GILMORE 1 : Ed FAULKNER

Reserves : Blake IRVING, Roman TUTAUHA, Hemi GRANT, Phillip YOUNG.

1st XV vs Francis Douglas 1st XV : 25th June : Yarrows Stadium lost 15 - 17

The lack of a goal kicker and some pretty arrogant play by our 1st XV cost us the win in this game. We dominated much of the play but deserved to lose to a focused Francis Douglas team. They stuck to their game and we did not.

Tries : Jesse DOLMAN, Jeremy BOYLAN, Matt SIM

TEAM LIST :

15 : Matt SIM 14 : Jeremy BOYLAN 13 : Brad COOPER (vc) 12 : Ian HONEYFIELD replaced by Shaun COOPER 11 : Andrew CLAPPERTON replaced by Hemi GRANT 10 : Matt JAMES 9 : Roman TUTAUHA 8 : Jesse DOLMAN 7 : Clayton JEFTHA 6 : Jean -Pierre MEYER replaced by Chris CRUICKSHANK 5 : Ryan DICKSON 4 : Glen GREGORY (c) 3 : Tai RUAKERE replaced by Jeremy HUDSON 2 : Taylor GILMORE replaced by Hayden MULLEN 1 : Ed FAULKNER

Reserves : Trent FEATHER, Gareth GOODIN, Fraser CAMPBELL.

1st XV vs Tauranga Boys College : 21st June : Gully Ground lost 8 - 27

A game where we dominated much of the play but could not turn territorial advantage into points. On the other hand, Tauranga seemed to lift their game when they got close to our line and were clinical finishers.

Tries : Jeremy BOYLAN

Penalty Goal : Brad COOPER

TEAM LIST :

15 : Matt SIM 14 : Jeremy BOYLAN 13 : Shaun COOPER 12 : Ian HONEYFIELD 11 : Hemi GRANT replaced by Mark SHERLOCK 10 : Brad COOPER (vc) 9 : Roman TUTAUHA replaced by Gareth GOODIN 8 : Jesse DOLMAN 7 : Clayton JEFTHA 6 : Glen GREGORY (c) 5 : Ryan DICKSON 4 : Chris CRUICKSHANK replaced by Jean - Pierre

MEYER 3 : Jeremy HUDSON replaced by Tai RUAKERE 2 : Taylor GILMORE replaced by Hayden MULLEN 1 : Ed FAULKNER

Reserves : Trent FEATHER, Matt JAMES, Zarhn COMMERER

1st XV vs Wanganui Collegiate : 18th June : Gully Ground lost 13 - 18

After leading early, we had to weather a very good forward pack in the second half of this game. It was played in front of the school and unfortunately they had to witness the first loss to Collegiate for many a year. A very lack lustre effort by the 1st XV and unfortunately the first of some really bad results for the school.

Tries : Mark SHERLOCK, Hemi GRANT

Penalty Goal : Brad COOPER

TEAM LIST : 15 : Matt SIM 14 : Jeremy BOYLAN 13 : Shaun COOPER 12 : Ian HONEYFIELD 11 : Mark SHERLOCK replaced by Hemi GRANT 10 : Brad COOPER (vc) 9 : Roman TUTAUHA replaced by Gareth GOODIN 8 : Jesse DOLMAN replaced by Zarhn COMMERER 7 : Clayton JEFTHA 6 : Glen GREGORY (c) 5 : Ryan DICKSON replaced by Jean - Pierre MEYER 4 : Chris CRUICKSHANK 3 : Tai RUAKERE replaced by Jeremy HUDSON 2 : Taylor GILMORE replaced by Hayden MULLEN 1 : Ed FAULKNER

Reserves : Trent FEATHER, Matt JAMES.

1st XV vs Hamilton B.H.S : 11th June : Hamilton lost 5 - 18

It was unfortunate for our team that we should lose our playmaker, Brad Cooper to the flu in the first 5 minutes of the game. Matt James tried to work the magic but was still not match fit after an 8 week lay off with a broken toe. The forwards played very well and were rewarded with a good forwards try near the end of the game. Jesse Dolman was especially strong with the ball in hand.

TRIES : Jesse DOLMAN

TEAM LIST :

15. Matt SIM. 14. Jeremy BOYLAN. 13. Shaun COOPER. 12. Ian HONEYFIELD. 11. Hemi GRANT. Replaced by Mark SHERLOCK. 10.



Brad COOPER replaced by Matt JAMES. 9. Roman TUTAUHA replaced by Gareth GOODIN. 8. Jesse DOLMAN. 7. Clayton JEFTHA. 6. Glen GREGORY. 5. Chris CRUICKSHANK. 4. Ryan DICKSON replaced by Jean - Pierre MEYER. 3. Ed FAULKNER. 2. Hayden MULLEN. 1. Jeremy HUDSON.

Reserves : Taylor GILMORE. Trent FEATHER. Zahrn COMMERER.

1st XV vs Gisborne B.H.S : 31st May : Gully Ground won 36 - 8

Our first win over Gisborne since the inception of the Super 8 competition. Everyone played very well, especially Dolman in the forwards and winger Hemi Grant. It was an even contest until half time, but then our older, and possibly quicker wingers took control by running in some very long range tries.

TRIES : Hemi GRANT, Jeremy BOYLAN, Matt JAMES (2), Brad COOPER

PENALTIES : Brad COOPER (1)

CONVERSIONS : Brad COOPER (2), Matt JAMES (2)

TEAM LIST :

15. Matt SIM, replaced by Mark SHERLOCK 14. Jeremy BOYLAN, 13. Shaun COOPER, 12. Ian HONEYFIELD, 11. Hemi GRANT, 10. Brad COOPER (vc) replaced by Matt JAMES, 9. Roman TUTAUHA replaced by Gareth GOODIN, 8. Jesse DOLMAN, 7. Clayton JEFTHA, 6. Jean-Pierre MEYER, 5. Chris CRUICKSHANK, 4. Glen GREGORY (C), 3. Jeremy HUDSON replaced by Trent FEATHER, 2. Hayden MULLEN, 1. Ed FAULKNER.

Reserves : Zac BINGHAM, Zahrn COMMERER, Taylor GILMORE.

1st XV vs Auckland Grammar School : 20 May : No 3 Field : A.G.S. draw 17 - 17

An outstanding result for us as we played a much heavier forward pack in drizzling rain. Jesse Dolman was devastating both on attack and defence. The defence by both forwards and backs was outstanding against Grammar.

TRIES : Glen GREGORY, Jeremy BOYLAN, Jesse DOLMAN

CONVERSIONS : Brad COOPER (1)

Team List :

15 : Matt SIM 14 : Jeremy BOYLAN 13 : Shaun COOPER 12 : Ian HONEYFIELD 11: Hemi GRANT replaced by Mark SHERLOCK 10 : Brad COOPER (vc) 9 : Roman TUTAUHA 8 : Jesse DOLMAN 7 : Clayton JEFTHA 6 : Jean - Pierre MEYER 5 : Glen GREGORY (c) 4: Chris CRUICKSHANK replaced by Zahrn COMMERER 3 : Jeremy HUDSON replaced by Trent FEATHER 2 : Hayden MULLEN replaced by Andrew DARNEY 1 : Ed FAULKNER

Reserves : Zac BINGHAM, Blake IRVING, Gareth GOODIN, Matt JAMES.

1st XV vs Te Aute College : 10 May : Gully Ground won 50 - 10

We were probably better prepared for this game than Te Aute and our team seemed much older and more experienced. Good tries were scored against some weak defence. The midfield backs were

devastating and set up good try opportunities for the outside backs. The forwards toiled well especially the loose trio of Clayton Jefftha, Zahrn Commerer and No 8 Jesse Dolman.

TRIES : Shaun COOPER (2), Jeremy BOYLAN (2), Jesse DOLMAN, Brad COOPER, Hemi GRANT, and Matt SIM.

CONVERSIONS : Brad COOPER (5)

TEAM LIST :

15 : Matt SIM 14 : Jeremy BOYLAN 13 : Shaun COOPER 12 : Ian HONEYFIELD 11 : Hemi GRANT replaced by Mark SHERLOCK 10 : Brad COOPER (c) 9 : Roman TUTAUHA replaced by Gareth GOODIN 8 : Jesse DOLMAN 7 : Clayton JEFTHA 6 : Zahrn COMMERER 5 : Jean - Pierre MEYER 4 : Chris CRUICKSHANK (vc) 3: Jeremy HUDSON replaced by Trent FEATHER 2 : Hayden MULL

2nd XV Rugby Report

The second XV of 2003 was always going to find it difficult to repeat the fine record of the unbeaten 2002 team in college matches but the coaches, Kevin Gledhill and Daryl Leath certainly attempted to create a winning side and instil in the team the traditions and work ethic necessary to win.

Club Competition

The side was entered in the U 20 grade and this competition saw the team having to compete against stronger and more physical

teams week in and week out but it did provide the necessary hard matches to prepare for the college matches. The early practices were focussed on developing the essential skills and teamwork so we could be competitive. Some of the early club matches were a big step up from what some of the team had been accustomed to in earlier seasons and we did see examples of tentative and indecisive play and poor defence at this time in our season.

Our first five club matches were lost before we managed a victory against Okaiawa 23-17, well deserved after the hard yards at practice and the previous games. Other close games were the Tukapa match (lost 21-31) and Inglewood, played under lights (29-34). Another highlight of this phase was the fine win against Coastal (24-10) who were in the top tier of club sides; a pleasing and complete team performance.

Our performances at club level saw us placed in the bottom 6 pool for second round matches and in these matches the team won 15-10 against a competitive NPOB side, go down to Inglewood 13-22 in match called off due to excessive winter snow conditions in which three of our lads suffered hypothermia, and a drawn match against Stratford, 12-12.

Our overall performance at club level improved as the team cut out earlier silly errors, trusted their team mates and gained self belief. We were capable of scoring tries but our goal kicking was much too inconsistent.

College Matches

These matches showed a fine effort and some good play from the team. Against Te Aute there was lots of support play, quality back



1st XV

Back Row: Jean-Pierre Meyer, Zahrn Commerer, Chris Cruickshank, Blake Irving, Jesse Dolman, Andrew Waite
 Third Row: Ian Honeyfield, Jeremy Hudson, Shaun Cooper, Zac Bingham, Taylor Gilmore, Hayden Mullen, Tai Ruakere, Mark Sherlock
 Second Row: Mr C Malhi (Coach), Michael Fischer (Student Manager), Clayton Jefftha, Trent Feather, Matthew James, Gareth Goodin, Joshua Lewis-Samson, Mr C Woods (Asst Coach), Mr R Sim (Manager)
 Front Row: Edward Faulkner, Hemi Grant, Ryan Dickson, Glen Gregory (Captain), Brad Cooper (Vice Captain), Matthew Sim, Jeremy Boylan, Roman Tutauha



2nd XV

Back Row: David Wakeling, Blake Irving, Matthew Boobyer
 Third Row: Fraser Campbell, Andrew Waite, Zac Bingham, Evan Dickson, Swen Rucht, Adam Newell
 Second Row: Darryl Leath (Assistant Coach), Jonathan Crossan, Tuaki Mahuru, John Marshall, Simon Mills, Matthew MacDonald, Blair Prescott, Philip Young, Kevin Gledhill (Coach)
 Front Row: Daniel Lagan, Andrew Darney, Andrew Clapperton, Brendon Dallas (Captain), Aaron Harris, Taylor Gilmore, Josh Lewis-Sampson, Nick Landrigan
 Absent: Jason Farquhar

play and a fine forward effort. At Hamilton Boys' poor kicking cost us a game we should have won. Against Wanganui it was an expansive game with quality forward effort and good support play. St Pats, a good match with fine commitment and effort from forwards and backs.

The Super 8 games were disappointing overall but against Hastings Boys' we had our best match of the season, a fine effort from the team with a win 13-10.

Summary of the Season

The 2nd XV can be reasonably pleased with their season though it would be fair to say we never quite delivered a consistency of quality performances to match the opposition at this level. However the team never gave up, trained positively and a fine team spirit was evident. Skills improved throughout the season yet to win the team needed to work together more. Goal kicking was also too inconsistent.

In the forwards, Andrew Darney was a capable hooker who always made ground going forward. David Wakeling and Adam Newell played well at lineout time securing good ball and always doing the hard yards up front. Jonathon Crossan, Josh Lewis-Samson, Matthew Boobyer and Simon Mills were all quality loose forwards who displayed fine ball skills and support play. Swen Ruchti, Blake Irving, Evan Dickson and Zac Bingham gave their all in the front row; Blair Prescott was all energy and his support play was at times superb when given his chance.

Our backline had a halfback- first 5/8 combination of fine ability in Fraser Campbell and Johnny Marshall with Andrew Clapperton making a fine attempt at the demanding mid field role. Andrew Waite was our most versatile player with good vision and evasion skills and Jason Farquhar showed fine attacking ability at centre. Phillip Young and Tuaki Mahuru showed promise on the wings and Brendon Dallas was sound at fullback and showed his leadership qualities in captaining the side. Other squad members Nick Landrigan and Matthew McDonald had their moments and contributed fully to team effort.

We had a fine bunch of parents whose positive support throughout the season is much appreciated by the boys and coaches. A special thanks to Daryl Leath as assistant coach who was instrumental in coaching the forward effort to some sterling performances.

The College matches saw us play 10 matches for a 4 win 6 loss record. 147 points for and 147 points against.

Kevin Gledhill (coach)

U 15 Rugby report

WELL WHAT A GREAT SEASON!

The Boys' High Under 15 were in for a big season. With twenty three in the team and a lot of talent I knew we could go a long way. Although we were not a big side we made up for lack of size with mobility and a lot of determination.

The boys kicked it off with two good wins against the 6th and 5th XV. A couple of losses against bigger and older sides followed. We managed a win against Stratford High School 2nd XV and a 15 all draw with Francis Douglas in a great match. We were positioned fifth overall.

But our game was improving, as was our physical commitment on the field.

The Under 15's new focus was the New Zealand Under 15 Rugby Tournament held in Napier. The boys met on Sunday the 16 August ready for a week's rugby. As we settled into our cabins we knew we needed a good night's sleep as we had two big games the following day and one a day for the rest of the week. We woke next morning at 6 o'clock to eat by 6.30 am. We were still half asleep but game faces were on with Rotorua first up at 9.15am.

We were all on the ball with an awesome effort in the haka and, with Rotorua responding with a haka of their own, it was game time. Rotorua kicked off and with a couple of good hit ups from Zarhn Commerer and the forward pack we slipped in front. Our blind side flanker Peter Stevens played a great game in both defence and offence, pulling in three tries for the team. As the final whistle blew the team were tired and we didn't have long before our second game.

Less than three hours later we were back on the paddock warming up to play MAGS (Mount Albert Grammar). This team was the same size as us but had the legs on us in the backs. In the first 15 minutes with a couple of first-up tackles missed we were down by 2 tries. After half time we were down by 19 - 0. With MAGS lacking discipline they gave away 3 penalties in a row bringing us 60 metres up the field right in front of the posts. Zarhn Commerer ran it up and broke through the D line scoring a great individual try. Unfortunately we couldn't claw our way back and went down 16 - 17.



U15 RUGBY

Back Row: Daniel Newell, Leighton Parsons, Adam White
 Third Row: Adam Morris, Steven Barron, Fabian Ries-Rupapera, Sam Dowman, Floyd Wicksteed, Peter Stevens
 Second Row: Mr G Hannah, Cameron Rowlands, Finnbar Kerr-Newell, Bernard Hall, Mr W Geange, Trent Feather, Cameron Miller, Brad Bennett, Mr M Watts
 Front Row: Steven Titter, Sam Korff, Thomas Evans, Clinton Jones (Co-Captain), Zarhn Commerer (Co Captain), Turimanu Fraser, David White, Kyle Joyce

So we needed to win against Te Aute. We knew we had to beat them for the top 8 position and we knew that they weren't much bigger than we were. With another great haka we were ready for battle. It didn't take long for us to score 3 tries by Steven Titter, Adam White and Thomas Evans and then Adam nailed a penalty and Fabian Ries Rupapera a conversion. Although the boys were playing very well and Sam Korff making many big hit ups, we could not hold them and they scored right on full time to end the game 20 - 7.

The next game was Napier, the team that won last year's Under 15 tournament. We knew this was going to be a big game. If we won we were in the top 4. We played out of our skins, but such was their class, we missed only one tackle and they went into the break 8 - 3 up. Under huge pressure and despite a gutsy performance we went down 20 - 3. Our supporters, our coaches and even Napier, recognised we had given it our all!

Next day we were prepared for Auckland Grammar but we found it hard to lift after the effort against Napier. The half time score was 17 - 0 down and things got worse. Cameron Rowlands broke this thumb in a try saving tackle. Clinton Jones went off to join him with internal bruising of the knee. Leighton Price, who had injured his back in an earlier warm up now had company on the injured list. Final score for Auckland 20 - 0.

Friday was the last day and the boys were tired and bruised. Now we were playing for 7th and 8th against Tauranga Boys'. Again it was a wet and windy day. The boys were cold but ready with a decent warm up. Tauranga scored a quick try and Fabian put a penalty

over. We were close at half time. The second half started and the boys knew we needed to be one hundred percent. Trent Feather went over for a try with Fabian kicking two 50 metre penalties. We were winning 14 - 12 and that was the final score! With three big cheers and the boys thanking the coaches we headed for the showers and then home.

On behalf of the boys I would like to take this opportunity to thank our coaches Mr Hannah and Mr Watts. It was a great season and I'm sure the boys won't forget the New Zealand Under 15 Rugby Tournament. Cheers

Clint Jones

3rd XV Rugby

The 3rd XV, or The Daniels as they became known throughout Taranaki, exceeded all expectations this year by making the finals of a 1st XV grade. Unfortunately the result of the final did not go according to plan losing 15 - 12. But no excuses.

The strength of this team was their willingness to play as a team, their enthusiasm at practice, their desire to improve individually, their sense of humour and their passion for playing for Boys' High.

The 3rd XV squad for 2003 was: Daniel 'Mouse' Thomson (captain), Ziggi 'Nice & Casual' Tangira, Daniel 'DB' Burrell, Daniel 'Pretty' Thompson, Raki 'Chalk' Carr, Brendan 'Midder' Smith, Hayden 'Hardcore' Ballantyne, Seb 'Have a Crack' Thompson, Daniel 'H Town'

Rodden, Daniel 'Ski' Mischevski, Jason 'Chip Kick' Holdt, David 'Bales' Bailey, Ryan 'Spud' Tate, Zeke 'Body on the Line' Sole, Daniel '2 Dogs' McAree, Thomas 'Tommy' Sherson, Kris 'Smash' Moller, Michael 'Mikey' Kjestrup, Daniel 'Lags' Lagan, Jacob 'Jake' Parry, Tommy 'Dry Throat' Korff and Daniel 'Spaz' Murdoch.

From myself and the "Big Fella" a huge thanks for such a great season. You made all of the trainings and games a pleasure to be at. We will watch your progress with real interest next year. Training over the summer is a must for you all. Finally, another huge thanks to all of the supporters; especially those boarder parents who come from all parts to watch and yell.

Geoff Hall & Martyn Vercoe - Coaches 3rd XV

5th Fifteen Report

It has been a mixed season for the fifth fifteen with a number of highs as well as lows. Initially there was a large squad but due to a number of players either leaving school, moving to higher teams or being forced out with injury, most weekends we were left shuffling players around into unfamiliar positions. This would be a contributing factor to the team's lack of consistency and the "warriors of old" style of play. One week the team would knock over a big name team but the next week they would lose to a team they were favoured to win against. Saying this, there were some outstanding victories. The highlights in the first round were the wins over Stratford High School 2nd Fifteen (10-5) and the huge upset over F.D.M.C 3rd Fifteen (15-7).

With the grading games over, the boys only just missed out playing in the B1 competition. The team goals were then re-evaluated to winning the B2 competition. A slow start saw the team against the eight ball having to fight back from a couple of upset losses. It was obvious the boys' confidence was shattered with a five-point loss to the 6th fifteen. This could have gone either way when the referee ruled captain Joshua "Bucky" Buckthought had knocked the ball on over the try line in the dying stages of the game. The true character of this team shone through at the end of the season, evident by getting up after this loss to beat Stratford High School again and showing it was no fluke and then toppling Inglewood 2nd Fifteen for the first time in the year. With no semi finals the boys would have to settle for a top four finish.

Leading try scorer and points scorer was first five eight Simon Edwards. Something strange was Simon scored more tries in the season than conversions he kicked. Obviously an area he needs to work on. Also pick of the backs was Joel Baker who scored some spectacular tries and Jon Smith who always made the advantage line. Pick of the forwards was Mana Karikari, the top try scorer for the forwards and captain Bucky, a real work horse.

Although the major goal of the team was not achieved in winning the B2 competition, this team showed a lot of development. Early in



the season we struggled with discipline, patience and commitment. By the end of the season and with a lot of character we had turned this right around. This was very rewarding as a coach. To the boys... all the best for the future!

L. Parsons (coach)

C1 Gold

The C grade season got off to a hiss and a roar back in May, with an early morning trip to Patea. By half time the game was effectively over for them, and it looked like it could be a good season for us. Throughout the first round the team was never really pushed by any team, except for a spirited Stratford team, who while not being too flash, seemed to force us into mistakes every time we played them. Highlights of the first round included big wins over the White and Black teams and the sending off of Matt Brown for his forward pass two minutes after he got on the field.

The second round started off much the same as the first with wins over Hawera and Coastal but we quickly got brought back down to earth when we met FDMC. In the first game of the season, where we were matched all over the field, we struggled at lineout time and failed to capitalise when we did get an advantage, and eventually lost our first game of the season 10-7. We finished off the second round with only the one loss and by now the team had really come together and all of the players were pushing for positions in the starting line-up.

Into the semi-finals, we met a still spirited and improved Stratford team for the third time of the season. In gale force winds on the racecourse, the team put on a strong forward effort to secure an 11-7 win. That meant that we would meet FDMC in the finals. In a game much like our first, the game stretched from one end of the field to the other, with no team getting a real advantage, though FDMC did manage to score a try in the first half, a great play by Gavin Roper seeing the conversion being charged down. They also backed this up with one penalty. In the second half FDMC slotted another penalty and Alex Rowlands replied with one of his own, but it looked like it was all over for us with time running out. That was until Hamish Blue decided to have a run, his fine try bringing us back into the game. In the last minutes of the game we camped on the FDMC line but were unable to score, the game ending 11-8 to FDMC.

Apart from the end result of the season, it was a good one, with all the players improving. Although it would be unfair to single out players for being better than the rest, mention must be made of Matt Brown who didn't get a lot of game time in his preferred position but kept turning up week after week, without an ounce of moaning.

Thankyou to all the parents who turned up week in, week out, to support and take transport, to Mr Atkins for his coaching sessions, to Mac for his help on a couple of Thursdays, and to Mr Rubick for taking the team on the Saturdays when I couldn't make it

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| Points for: | 440 |
| Points Against: | 68 |
| Top try scorers: | Jaron Schischka (12) Alex Rowlands (12) |
| Top points scorer: | Alex Rowlands (85) |

Mr P Whittaker

D1 Black Rugby

D1 Black started as a diverse group of day and boarding boys from Year 9, 10 and 11, many not knowing each others' names. After an initial success at Stratford the boys went on to become a strong and successful team who held its own against all opposition. Our record for the year stood at 13 games, 10 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses and 1 win by default. Our best games were against the NPBHS D1 Gold, particularly the drawn game where the boys came together as a unit and showed there was no difference between the two teams. The team scored some very good tries, the top try scorers being John Fabish with 13 and Marcus Sweetman and Justin Boag with 11 each. Our scrum was a match to any opposition and did not take a backward step any part of the season.

There were a lot of characters in the team and this made for an enjoyable time for players, coaches and supporters. Parent support at each game was second to none and this was really appreciated by the boys. The team was coached by Mr Noel Knight and he was joined late in the season by Mr Nigel Hunter.

Many D1 black players have a rugby future in front of them if they have the desire and I am sure we will see many of their names in future teams.

Thank you to the whole squad for their effort, sportsmanship and general conduct at all times. You were a credit to your team, your coaches, your parents and your school.

The team was: Props - Michael Megaw, Ben Jones, Richard Wisnewski; Locks - Andrew Joyce, Matthew Foreman, James Dunlop; Hooker - Philip Barraclough; Loose Forwards - John Fabish (Captain), Tyson Brons, David Jarkiewicz, Tukere Hikaka, Bruce Tamapua; Inside Backs - Thomas Meuli (Vice Captain), Ryan Harris-Hayes, Matthew Lissington, Cameron Best; Half-backs - Travis Monk, Erwin Hebler; Centre - Justin Boag, Kane Wano; Wings - Marcus Sweetman, Jordan Walters; Fullback - Jason Johnstone.

D Grade Yellow Rugby

After a horror draw initially, playing very creditably against all D1 grade teams in the grading games, the Yellow team put together good results when the competition was split. They qualified second behind Francis Douglas Blue.



The semi-final with Francis Douglas Red was postponed to a Tuesday game due to extreme weather conditions. Yellow as a team played awesomely winning in the final minute with a good winger's try which followed a long concerted period on attack. In the final FD Blue were simply too strong and ran out the winners 32 - 7.

The coaches opted for a full rotational policy all season with all players getting good game time. Excellent team morale, training and playing efforts were displayed all season and I really enjoyed coaching this group of young men.

Robert England

E Grade White

With the season into its second match the boys in this team were without a full time coach. I stepped in and took the team for the remainder of the season. What a great bunch of young fellows I had, no real stars but enough talent throughout with a desire to learn and listen (at times) and then the ability to put it on the field. E Gold Boys' High 0 - 12 loss was the high point of the season on the Gully. You all played with great structure and team work. Last game of the season, Hawera in that howling southerly, was guts and glory. Well done boys. Thank you all heaps.

Joe Holden

E1 Gold

The boys had an awesome year and can be proud to be the E1 champions for 2003. The side was captained by Sean Cressy and coached by Mr Dawson and assisted by Andrew McKay. We had some huge scores against our traditional rivals such as 80-nil against Francis Douglas and 70-nil against Boys' High Black.

The boys scored a total of 631 points and let in only 54 points against them in 13 games. This is an outstanding achievement. Top scores this season were the captain Sean Cressy with 10 tries and a total of 116 points, Calin Eweti with 19 tries and a total of 101 points and Dylan Mills with 11 tries and a total of 59 points. It is also interesting to note that everyone in the team scored at least one try, a great feat and showing the boys' excellent sportsmanship and teamwork.

The boys showed a great amount of skill and passion during their games and would have been undefeated had it not been for a close match against Stratford 17-19. This loss was rectified in the nail-biting final where we put Stratford away 25-10, after a 10-10 score at half time.

In non-competition matches E1 Gold also played against the Ross Brown Representative team, beating them convincingly 37-nil and a had close match against a team from Westlake Boys in Auckland just beating them 17-15 in a very tight match.

The team for this year was Sean Cressy(C), Simon Holdt(VC), Josh Dick, Brendon Haye, David Lee, Nathan Bason, Alex Feres, Thornton Henley, Tom Sole, Lindsay Schroder, Lindsay Horrocks, Franic Harris, Dean Robertson, Lagan Kumeroa, Kent Lee, Calin Eweti, Thomas Cook, Jack Sigley, Paul Meuli, Dylan Mills, Henare O'Carroll and Simon Hickey.

A big thanks to all the boys for a fantastic year and a special thank you to all the supporters for the immense support. Mr Dawson and I wish you all well for your future rugby and school careers.

NZ SS 7's Rugby

This year's Condor 7's Secondary Schools rugby tournament was held in Taupo on Monday June 2nd and a team from New Plymouth Boys' High School attended. We travelled up to Taupo the day after the 1st XV had played Gisborne Boys' High and after settling into our accommodation at Great Lake Holiday Park we went to a park to have a light run and some lineout throws before securing an all you can eat deal at Pizza Hut. We then secured another good deal by having a relaxing swim at Taupo's hot water pools before bedding down for the night.

Our first match was against De La Salle (Auckland) and after two well taken tries by Brad Cooper (both converted) we were ahead 14-7 at the break. A strong 2nd half from De La Salle saw them run in

two unconverted tries out wide, the last one in the final seconds to win the match 17-14. Losing this match effectively cost us the chance of progressing to the Finals.

Our next match against St Johns saw Jeremy Boylan scamper away for four excellent tries in the first half to see us ahead 24-0 at the break. Two further tries to Brad Cooper in the 2nd half gave the final score line 36-0.

Our next match was Kapiti College and after a pretty uninspired first half that saw the team play without a great deal of passion we were lucky to be ahead 7-0 at the break. The real passion returned in the 2nd half and three excellent tries (two of them to Gareth Goodin) saw us win 26-0.

Our final pool match was against Napier Boys' and in an even contest in which we were unable to hold onto the ball for as long as our opponents, lost this encounter 24-17. Napier scored four tries to our three in a game that saw Napier play sensible 7's awaiting their mismatch opportunity then nailing it. We were always in the match but could not quite contain the Napier side who deserved their win.

The boys were disappointed with the 2 win 2 loss record but pleased to hear at the completion of the tournament that Jeremy Boylan had been selected in the NZ Secondary Schools 7's team as NPBHS's first NZ Secondary Schools 7's rep.

Jeremy Boylan, Brad Cooper and Ian Honeyfield were standout players in the backline effort and Clayton Jefta Jesse Dolman and Shaun Cooper played well up front. Mattie James, Gareth Goodin and JP Meyer made fine contributions and Tuaki Mahuru (a late minute replacement) showed promise in his limited game time.

It was pleasing to see several parents on the sideline supporting the team and their presence was appreciated. The trip home saw us stop at the home of Mr and Mrs Jefta in Te Kuiti for an amazing feed (Thank You).



Soccer

SPORT 1st XI Soccer Report 2003

In the 2003 Soccer season the First XI Soccer played forty six games, with twenty five wins, four draws and seventeen losses. During the season the team at times produced some outstanding football however they could not consistently produce this form. The team had a blend of youth and experience with fourth formers like Kahotea Kereopa and Matthew Snowden and old hands like Jean Pierre Hassan, Tim Bland, and Joel Sims.

The team also had a change of coaching staff halfway during the season with James Graham replacing Steve Taylor at the start of Term 3.

The season's highlights would be a draw against the National Championships Auckland Grammar in May, and reaching the finals of the Duff Rose bowl knockout final with a 3-1 win over the Premier Competition winners Woodleigh in the semi-finals. The low points would be a disappointing 6th place at the Super 8 tournament and 17th at the National Secondary tournament.

Taranaki Soccer Premier Competition

With the departure of four Premier club teams in 2002 to the Central Federation Western League the standard of football in the premier competition has fallen with many of the teams being more of a social nature with players who have played at a higher level and are now making steps towards retirement by playing at a lower level. The competition provides less than an ideal preparation for the faster more skilful college and tournament football. However the games against Woodleigh, Eltham and Motorua provided tough competition for the team. The 1st XI finished runners up to Woodleigh in the League and won the Dr Brown Shield with 11 wins in the 20 game league.

Taranaki Soccer Duff Rose bowl

This is Taranaki's FA cup. The 1st XI played Stratford division 1 in the first round and successfully beat them 5-0. The next game was against the highly fancied (in their minds) Western Park Rangers; they were beaten 3-1. This result put us into the semi finals against Woodleigh. As Premier League Champs, Woodleigh went into the game as favourites. In this game the team probably played the best football of the season, they implemented the game plan, played to their strengths, exploited Woodleigh's weaknesses and won the game 3-1. This put the team in to the final against Motorua, a team we had managed to beat on three previous occasions however Motorua had a lot of experienced big game players and were not to be underestimated. The team could not repeat the performance of the week before and were out muscled on the ball and lost the game 2- nil.

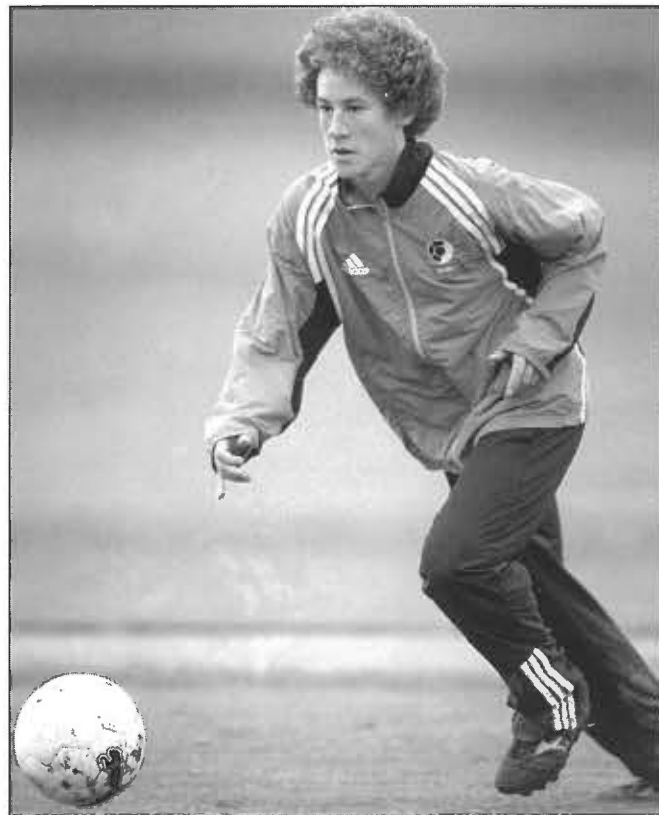
Traditional College Games

Auckland Grammar School 2-2 Draw

In our inaugural interschool against last year's National champs we went in determined and scored first through David Belgrave. They then came back equalizing before the first half was over and then going ahead early in the second. The team battled hard in wet and slippery conditions and Doug Moores equalized with seconds to go.

Palmerston North Boys' High School 6-0 Loss

The first half saw both teams create chances, however Palmerston North went to the half time break with a 1 nil lead. In the second



Kahotea Kereopa puts in some training at Webster Field. Photo courtesy of The Daily News



Defender Matthew Brookes (right) is caught in possession during the Duff Rosebowl final. Photo courtesy of The Daily News



Aidan Kereopa flies over the top. Photo courtesy of The Daily News

half Palmerston North found another gear and took advantage of their opportunities and won the game 6-0. It was a very impressive display from Palmerston North Boys' High School.

Hamilton Boys' High School 3-1 Win

Two stunning early goals from Aidan Kereopa and Nick King saw us home. At 2-1 the game could have gone either way, but a long ball from JP found Shane Nielson for a header, chipping over the keeper to seal the victory 3-1.

Wanganui Collegiate 7-0 Won

In a Nationals qualifier against Wanganui Collegiate we needed to win and win well to make up for losses earlier on in our interschool season. The team went out firing and produced a stunning display of their potential. The team outplayed Collegiate and this game produced some well needed confidence in our own ability.

Wellington College 3-2 Loss

The Wellington College game was the first interschool under the team's new coach James Graham and was only a week after his appointment. The team was implementing a new playing structure. Wellington scored 2 soft goals in the first 15 minutes, then 2 goals from JP, including a volley outside the 18 yard box saw us head into the 2nd half level at 2-2. A very tight finish saw Wellington score a late goal, eventually taking it at the end.

St Pats Silverstream 3-1 Won

NPBHS scoreless first half, ended with St Pats taking the lead 1-0. 2 JP goals, saw us take the lead 2-1, with Matt Ander sealing the victory with a clinical finish to end a 2nd half we had dominated 3-2.

Super 8 Tournament

We came into this tournament well prepared and expected to do well after last year's performance of second place. In our first fixture we played a weak Hastings Boys' High side that we won comfortably 12-1. In our second game we were up against Palmerston North, who had thrashed us earlier in the year 6-0. This time the boys played with tremendous spirit and confidence but still couldn't produce a win, going down 3-2 after a last minute winner. In our last poor play match we were up against Tauranga Boys' College who finished 3rd last year. We knew we had to win to get into the top four. A scrappy game with some bad mistakes cost us a close game 2-1. Next we played Gisborne Boys' who were the eventual wooden spooners. We won 3-0, resting some players. In our final game of the tournament we played Napier Boy's High, the tournament hosts. We were playing off for 5th - 6th place. After going ahead early in the game things were looking good. But with some ill discipline and very bad decisions from a local referee we lost 3-1.

The team was placed 6th. The team knew that they had underachieved and had to sort things out before the National Tournament.

NZSSFA National Tournament

The National Secondary Schools Tournament was held in Nelson during August.

Tawa 2-1 Loss

The first game was against Tawa College, from Wellington. The team started strongly with an early goal with Shane Nielson. Tawa came back into the game and dominated outside. Two crucial mistakes cost the team a close game.

MAGS 5-0 Loss

The next game on Monday afternoon was against the eventual winners Mount Albert Grammar School. In the first half MAGS' speed out wide enabled them to take the lead 5-0. To the team's credit they tightened up the defence and held MAGS scoreless.

HBHS 2-1 Loss

This game on Tuesday morning was a must win situation for the school if they were to advance to the top part of the tournament. Hamilton scored first and then Boys' High equalised with a short pass from Aidan Kereopa to Shane Nielson. Hamilton scored again shortly after. In the second half the team had a number of scoring opportunities and outplayed Hamilton, however the Hamilton defence and keeper kept them in the game.

STAC 4-1 Win

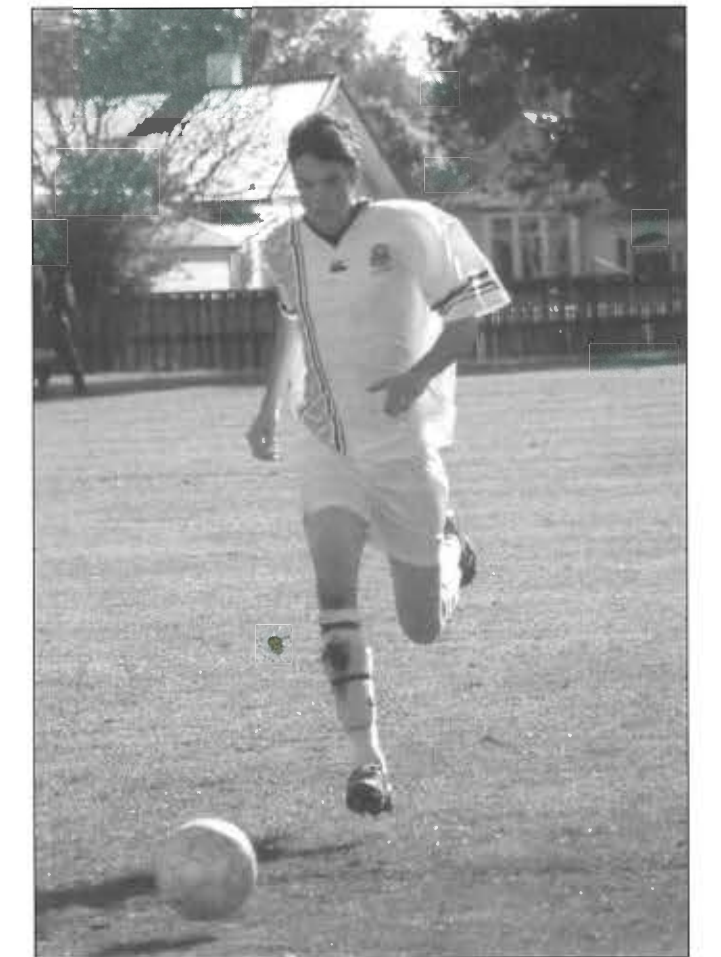
On day two of the tournament the team was still searching for their first win. After a slow start the team put four goals past St Andrew's College from Christchurch.

St Kents 0-0 Draw

The last game of pool play and the team had the possibility of still playing off for places 9-12 if they managed to beat St Kents by three goals. In the first half the 1st XI outplayed the Aucklanders and the ball did everything but go in the goal. The end result was a nil all draw.

Post - section Play

Christchurch Boys' won 2-1
Hutt International won 5-2
Placing 17th in the 24 team tournament





Player Profiles

Matthew Snowden:

Mathew played on the right side of defence. He showed his maturity and ability making the first XI as a fourth former. A player who has real potential for the future.

Matthew Brookes:

Matthew played on the left side of defence. Good understanding tactically within the system of play. Good distribution with both feet.

Adam Brookes:

Adam was the team's goal keeper for the first half of the season. He read the game well and made some very good reflex saves.

Doug Moores:

A tall central defender who has great ability in the air. Technically very proficient with both feet.

David Belgrave:

David played in the no. 7 role on the right hand side of midfield. His ability to take players on was his strength.

Joel Sims:

Joel, played on the right side of midfield, no. 7 role. Joel's long passing and pace was an asset to the team. Joel's contributions also extended to scoring some stunning goals.

Hiromi Sugiyama:

Hiromi was the only import in the team joining us from Japan. Hiromi's dedication and commitment to the team together with his technical ability made him a real asset in defence.

Finn Peters:

Finn has a great ability receiving the ball with his back to goal. Playing up front he contributed by scoring important goals. He has a good first touch and vision.

Tim Bland:

Tim had a great season at the heart of the defence. Technically very good, with great vision and understanding of the game.

Darryl Foreman:

Darryl played goal keeper. He was a great shot stopper and good distributor out of his hands.

Kahotea Kereopa:

One of the youngest members of the team, and also a New Zealand age group representative, (KJ) played on the right side of defence and has a bright future. One of my picks for player of the tournament.

Nicholas King:

Nicholas lined up in the central defender's role (no 6). Nick's vision and distributions were his strengths, playing short and long passes accurately.

Matthew Ander:

Matthew played in the no. 4 role, technically very sound with both feet, great visual and game understanding. Had a very good season.

Aidan Kereopa:

Aidan played in the central midfield role and was a New Zealand age group representative who is technically and tactically very good. Aidan possesses a good engine and is very strong on the ball.

Jean Pierre Hassan:

JP played up-front as our striker or forward. A very skilful player and technically very sound. Captained the team and was the Taranaki Golden boot Winner.

Tahu Kotu:

A New Zealand age group player. Tahu played in the no. 11 role, left sided midfield. He has great vision, which combined with his short and long passing and game understanding made him a real asset to the team. Tahu had a good season and tournament.

Ricky Versteeg:

Ricky joined the team late in the season. Technically very good with both feet. Ricky made a real contribution to the team.

Shane Neilson:

Shane played as striker. His work rate combined with his knack of scoring important goals made him a real asset to the team. Shane had a good season.

Jacob Fleming:

Played in various roles on the left side. Showed real improvements as the season progressed.

In conclusion:

The results for this season for some have been rather disappointing. However the statistics for the season don't reflect some excellent football that was played during the season. Of the top eight teams in NZ in 2003, we play six of them and all of them we are competitive with and we have managed to beat a number of them in other fixtures during the season. The team this year was a tremendous bunch of students who were a pleasure to manage and coach.

Hugh Russell - Manager
James Graham - Coach

**1st XI SOCCER**

Runner-up Soccer Taranaki Premier Competition • 6th Super 8 Tournament • 17th NZSSFA Tournament • Winner of the Dr Brown Shield

Back Row: Matthew Snowden, Matthew Brookes, Doug Moores, David Belgrave, Joel Sims, Hiromi Sugiyama
Middle Row: James Graham (Coach), Finn Peters, Adam Bookes, Tim Bland, Darryl Foreman, Kahotea Kereopa, Hugh Russell (Manager)
Front Row: Nicholas King, Matthew Ander, Aidan Kereopa, Jean Pierre Hassan, Tahu Kotua, Ricky Versteeg, Shane Neilson
Absent: Jacob Fleming

Junior B Soccer

This team was made up of several overseas students. Some of the players had not played soccer before and coaching them was a real challenge. However what we lacked in communication we made up in our passion and pride.

Junior B finished second equal.

I would like to thank all the boys for their effort this year.

Mr Prasad (coach)

1st XI Hockey 2003

2003 was a memorable year for the 1st XI Hockey team, with it improving its results in both Super 8 and National Tournament from last year's team and gaining some respect in the school where Hockey is renowned for not doing well against other schools. With our coach Terry Kennedy and manager Mr Achary we had high aims of doing well in Super 8, Tournament and the Taranaki Men's competition.

Super 8

vs Hamilton Boys High 1-7
Josh Hamilton

Our first school match of the year. We started off well, scoring first, but conceded two easy goals before half time. Things did not get much better in the second half with us unable to contain them and in the process, concede five unanswered goals. This was not the start of the season which we were hoping for.

vs Wanganui Collegiate 2-1
John Copestake 2

In a game where we dominated, we could not put more than two goals in their goal and we allowed an easy goal into our own net. Collegiate this year were in Rankin Cup, the top schoolboys' tournament, and we wanted to prove ourselves against all better ranked teams, which we did.

vs Tauranga Boys College 1-2
John Copestake

A couple of days after the Collegiate game we played the 4th ranked school team in NZ, Tauranga. In a very tight, even game we let them



HARRY MOORES YR 11

DANIEL NELSON

IVAN TOOPI YR 10

MATTHEW ALLDRIDGE YR 10

SCOTT CAMPBELL YR 10

JASON HOLDEN YR 9

MATT KING YR 10

MITCHELL EDWARD YR 10

MATTHEW QUEREZ YR 11

NATHAN GRIFFITHS YR 11

CAMPBELL BOWER YR 9

HARRY MOORES YR 11

OLIVER BERNDT

STEPHEN PHILLIPS YR 12

JAMES FISCHER YR 9

JAVAN CASSIDY YR 10

score two easy goals for the win. Tauranga would eventually come second in Rankin Cup.

vs Wellington College 2-3
Chris Keighley
Joel Baker

A game we let slip out of grasp. Up 2-1 half way through the second half we conceded two goals in a minute after controlling the whole the game. We were deeply disappointed with this result, and had to find a way to pick ourselves up for the Palmerston North game a couple of days later.

vs Palmerston North Boys High 3-1
John Copestake
Chris Keighley 2

Stepping up from the Wellington College game we produced one of our best performances of the year. We attacked and controlled the game early, leading at halftime 1-0. In the second half Palmerston North put on the pressure, but our defence held and a couple of excellent goals by Chris Keighley secured the win. This was an excellent result for us because our previous results had been average.

vs Hastings Boys High 4-1
Joel Baker 2
Ian Calder
John Copestake

Having never lost to Hastings in Super 8 we came out firing, scoring 3 goals in the first ten minutes and leading 4-0 at halftime. A scrappy second half saw us not score but concede a goal in a game we dominated.

vs Rotorua Boys High 6-1
John Copestake 3
Josh Hamilton
Joel Baker
Alistair Stevens

A game we would like to forget. We did not get into the match until there were 15 minutes to go. We were 2-1 down for most of the game until a late surge saw us edge ahead. We were unable to get our attack going and our defence in the first half was lacking. However the win was satisfactory.

vs Napier Boys High 3-2
Joel Baker 2
John Copestake

This game was one of our most intense this year, with both teams playing hard and fast. We managed to keep possession of the ball for most of the game, but their two goals came from the two opportunities that they had in the game and it was up to some individual brilliance from Joel Baker to see us pull through.

These results saw us come 3rd in Super 8 this year, one better than last year's team and a really good result for the team.

Taranaki Men's Competition

This year we were in the Taranaki men's B competition playing the likes of Te Kiri, Broadway and Tukapa. We had won this competition the previous two years and there were high hopes that we could do it again. We managed to come fourth place in the round robin and we played Hawera in the semi-final, the day after our Napier Boys' game. Having the game the day before did not help us, and we could not capitalise on the many opportunities that we had, losing 1-2. With no more local competition our only focus left was Tournament.

India Shield

This year we were ranked 15th out of 16 teams at India Shield, due to our poor performance at the same tournament last year where we came 13th. India Shield is the second tier secondary schoolboy tournament in NZ behind Rankin Cup and there were high hopes in the team and the school that we would do well. In our pool were Wairarapa College, St Kentigerns College, and Napier Boys' High.

vs Wairarapa College 1-1
Joel Baker

This was our first game of tournament, and not playing for a couple of weeks showed. We played like we did against Hawera in the semi-final, so much possession but no goals at the end of it. It wasn't the start we were looking for in tournament.



Alistair Stevens competes for the ball in a first X1 hockey match against Wellington College. Photo courtesy of The Daily News

vs Napier Boys' High

4-4
Chris Keighley 2
Darren Smith
Joel Baker

We came into the game fired up and we produced our best play of the year with Napier not knowing what hit them. Chris Keighley and Joel scored three goals in the first half which seemed to assure us of victory. However Napier fought back in the second half, and with ten minutes to go the scores were even at 3-3. Darren scored a goal with only five minutes to go but we conceded a goal right at fulltime to draw the match. This meant we had to win our final pool game to have any chance of getting into the top 8.

Vs St Kentigners College

6-1
Joel Baker 3
Joel Baker
Ian Calder
Alistair Stevens

Disappointed in our first two games we were determined to win this game. We managed get on top of them early and we scored five goals in the first half. In the second half we let our substitutions on and we held them out for most of the game, only conceding one goal. This meant we made the top 8 and a quarter-final spot.

Vs Rathkeale College

2-1
Joel Baker
John Copestake

We needed to win this to get in the semi-finals and the team realised this, scoring early against a team which hadn't conceded a goal in

pool play. Tough defence stopped them from beating us and we won a very tight game.

Vs Christ's College

1-1 (lost 3-4 on penalties)
Phillip Wilson

Christ's College was in our pool last year where we lost 1-4 and we wanted to win this one. After exchanging early goals against each other, both teams went hard on defence and no more goals were scored during regulation time. This meant that it automatically went to strokes where we could not keep up with Christ's losing 3-4. Christ's would go on to win the India Shield.

Vs Napier Boys High

0-2

After the semi-final loss we then had to play Napier again for 3rd/4th place. The game was not as good as the previous two games, with the game being a stop/start affair. Napier controlled most of the game and deserved to win. This gave us a final placing of 4th place, an excellent result for the team and the school. Being in the top 4 of India Shield this year means that the team next year may be able to get into the top tournament, Rankin Cup.

The top goal scorer of the year in school fixtures was Joel Baker followed closely by John Copestake.

I would like to thank our coach Terry. Without him we would have never have gotten as far as we did, and also our manager, Mr Achary for organising things and providing many laughs through the whole year. Finally thanks to the team for an enjoyable year and the hard effort they put in to get the results. Good luck to next year's team.

Ian Calder



1st XI HOCKEY

Back Row: Chris Keighley, Cameron Ross, Alistair Stevens
Middle Row: Terry Kennedy (Coach), Alex Wilmshurst, Regan Davies, Darren Smith, Andrew Webber, Murray Perks, Sheilendra Achary (Manager)
Front Row: Shiraz Sadiqueen, Phillip Wilson, Chris Herbert, Ian Calder (Captain), John Copestake, Reeve Barnett
Absent: Joel Baker, Josh Hamilton

Basketball

1st V Basketball 2003

At the beginning of the 2003 season the new coach of the 1st V, Jeff Cleaver, chose the following squad of eleven: Te Hira Cooper (Capt), Peter Campbell, Jacob Lineham, Tim Harford, Richard Sutton, Tuo Zou, Jermaine Sassman, Blair Pritchard, Corey Makatoa, Gabriel Davies, and Adam Harford. Early in the season Richard Sutton left school and he was replaced by Ryan Koorts and David McIntyre.

Local Competition

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

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|----|-----------------|------|----------|
| vs | Cash Converters | lost | 63 - 73 |
| vs | FDMC | lost | 45 - 55 |
| vs | NPOB | lost | 63 - 73 |
| vs | ASM Tigers | lost | 46 - 69 |
| vs | Ballers | lost | 72 - 102 |
| vs | Spotswood OB | lost | 40 - 104 |
| vs | Oilers | lost | 51 - 95 |
| vs | Carolina | lost | 48 - 89 |
| vs | Hawera | lost | 67 - 77 |
| vs | Spotswood OB | won | 69 - 63 |

The coach was able to use these games to experiment with different combinations in preparation for the zone qualifying tournament and the Super 8 fixtures.

Western Heights Invitation Tournament

In early April four of our basketball teams played in the Western Heights High School Invitation Tournament in Rotorua. For the 1st V, this tournament provided a good introduction to the standard of competition they would face as the season went on. The results were:

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|------|------------------------------------|
| lost | Kelston BHS (the eventual winners) |
| lost | Westlake BHS |
| lost | Rotorua Lakes HS |

New Zealand Secondary Schools Qualifying (Zone 3) Tournament

On Queen's Birthday Weekend, the team travelled to Wanganui for the Zone 3 Qualifying Tournament for the NZ Secondary Schools' Championships. There were 18 teams vying for the 6 qualification spots, so a good start in our pool play was essential. Firstly, we played and beat Wellington College 70 - 55, an excellent win for the sharp way the team outmanoeuvred their opponents. Late in the day, in a low scoring game, we beat St John's (Hastings), 49 - 36. However, by this stage of the day we had two of our starting five, Adam Harford and Peter Campbell, injured, so we faced day two with some trepidation. However, against Freyberg High School we were victorious 43 - 37, and in a much better free flowing game, we defeated Havelock North High School 59 - 36, so coming top of our pool.

In the post-section games we gave the bench more time, to give them experience, but we were competitive, only losing to Palmerston North Boys' HS 42 - 62, and Hastings Boys' HS 37 - 44.

The 1st V had therefore qualified to join 23 other teams from around NZ in Palmerston North during tournament week for the NZ Secondary Schools Championships.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Championships

On June 16 and 17 a composite team represented the school in the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Championships, which, because they were no longer used for qualifying for the NZSS, had lost some of their importance. We played in the higher of the two pools, and defeated Francis Douglas MC 70 - 40, Waitara HS 78 - 30 and Opunake HS 71 - 68 to retain our top position in Taranaki secondary schools basketball.

Interschool/Super 8 Fixtures

The inter-school fixtures were supposed to begin on May 16, with the first game at home against Gisborne Boys' High School, but unfortunately they defaulted. The first away game was against Auckland Grammar School, with the teams fairly even, but AGS got away, finally winning 86 - 70. The second fixture, which was the second Super 8 game, was a similar story. In this game against Hamilton BHS our team could not match the opponents, losing 55 - 79. Tauranga Boys' College were the next Super 8 opponents at home and here we had a good victory, 88 - 65.

Early in Term 2 the team played another two Super 8 fixtures. The first was against Palmerston North Boys' High School in Palmerston North, where we lost 66 - 81, after being level at half time. Then, we had a home game against Hastings Boys' High School. It was close all the way, although a poor second quarter meant we were playing catch up for most of the game and, in the end, we lost narrowly 61 - 65.

In the first weekend in August we played an away double-header. First up was Napier Boys' High School which we won 74 - 56. The game against Rotorua Boys' High School was played on the way back home, and again we were victorious, this time 72 - 60.

This meant that we came 4th in the Super 8 competition.

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships

The 1st V represented the school and Taranaki at the NZSS Boys' Basketball Championships in Palmerston North from 18 - 22 August.

On the opening day we played St Bede's College (Christchurch) beating them 51 - 43 - a very good start. The victory was, however, marred by Adam Harford aggravating an ankle injury from earlier in the season, ruling him out of any further play.

Unfortunately, Tuesday did not continue the same way because we came up against the two of the strongest teams in our pool. In the morning we played Mt Albert Grammar, losing 60 - 66, in a game that we could have won. In the afternoon we lost 66 - 87 to Palmerston North BHS.

On the Wednesday, we faced our final two pool games, determined to end up in the group of 9 - 16. We played Westlake Boys' HS first, losing 64 - 97, so in our final game against Waimea we had to win to make the middle group. Fortunately we did so, 75 - 70.

The first of our cross-over games was against Aranui High School from Christchurch which we unfortunately lost 77 - 89. That meant we were now in the 13 - 16 group where we would play Hastings Boys' High School to whom we had lost twice earlier in the season. Determined not to make it three losses, we played well to win 61 - 51. So on the Saturday we played Tawa College (Wellington) for 13th/14th, but we came up short 64 - 75, so placing 14th out of the 24 competing teams.

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



1st V BASKETBALL

4th in Central Zone Tournament • 14th in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships

Back Row: Gabriel Davies, Tim Harford, Corey Makatoa
 Middle Row: Mr T Heaps (Manager), Tuo Zou, David McIntyre, Jermaine Sassman, Mr J Cleaver (Coach)
 Front Row: Blair Prescott, Ryan Koorts, Te Hira Cooper (Captain), Jacob Lineham, Peter Campbell, Adam Harford

Honours

The following players were awarded Tiger Coats this year : Blair Prescott, Tim Harford and Adam Harford. The award for the Most Improved Player in the 1st V (Peter Lay Trophy) was awarded to Corey Makatoa.

Provincial Representation

Taranaki Under 18 : Jermaine Sassman, Gabriel Davies, Ryan Koorts

This season has been very successful, given the fact that we had another hurdle to overcome to qualify for the NZSS. The major contributor to this success was the effort and commitment of the team, together with coaching skills of Mr Jeff Cleaver. We have been very lucky indeed to secure the services of Mr Cleaver on the departure of Colin Driscoll. We thank him for his time and expertise in building up a team that is not just successful locally, but nationally as well. We look forward to a long association with him.

Thanks to everyone who supported us this year.

Terry Heaps - Manager, 1st V Basketball Team



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U16 Basketball 2003

The measure of the groundwork carried out in 2002 would rest with the results achieved in 2003, where winning replaced development as the focus for the junior programme.

The squad comprised 16 players who played as two teams in a new 'premier' grade in the New Plymouth junior competition. Here NPBHS was completely dominant, each team winning every game comfortably except when the two teams played each other, where the results were shared evenly. In a hotly contested Championship final the 'White' team prevailed over the 'Gold' in retaliation for Gold winning the League on points differential.

This competition was vitally important for us in that it allowed ten players to 'start' and everyone on the squad the opportunity to play in a full length game every week. The work of Mr Jeff Cleaver and Mr Adrian Taylor who coached the Gold team was much appreciated by all.

Each week ten players were selected to compete in the Taranaki Secondary Schools League which comprised most of the first teams in Taranaki and NPBHS and Francis Douglas second teams. This league proved very challenging for our young boys but their performances always exhibited the determination and resiliency that are the mark

of champion teams. Several games were lost by very narrow margins and the team was unlucky not to make the final. Three losses, including the semi-final, were against the Opunake team which dominated the league but on each occasion our boys drew generous praise from the opposition. No school is likely to enjoy such success against this team in the future.

Tournament play began in April with the Western Heights Invitation Tournament where we returned as beaten finalists from 2002. This year we were dominant in every game and relished the experience of demolishing defending champions St Pat's (Town) 48-20 in the Final. Our second team also gained valuable experience at this tournament as part of the programme now in place to ensure ongoing success for NPBHS basketball.

Another mark of a champion team is its ability to rise to the occasion and perform in championship games. The Taranaki Junior Secondary Championship provided further evidence of the mental toughness and character of the team as a hapless Hawera was well beaten in the final 50-14. The significance of our performance lay in the fact that the opposition only managed to score 2 points in the entire second half.

The most challenging tournament was always going to be the Zonal U16 Tournament in Hutt Valley. Having had seven players in the New Plymouth team that won the Representative tournament in the same zone, expectations were high and the normally reserved coach boldly talked up our chances in the newspaper. This move might have added to the pressure but such was the confidence in our squad that the comments fuelled our motivation to succeed. Twelve players were selected for the tournament and Mr Bayly travelled as manager with Mrs Annette Corbett in support.

Our zone extends from Napier across to New Plymouth and down to Wellington and our draw was certainly not favourable. We met St Pat's (Town), Otaki and the fancied St Pat's (Silverstream) in pool play and beat Porirua 53-48 in a tight quarter-final. The Otaki game was significant for the outstanding 2nd half display by our bench players who were entirely responsible for the 30 point winning margin.

By the time we played Wellington College in the semi-final we had acquired a reputation for being the 'power' team at the tournament. This was due in no small part to the size of our boys, with five measuring 6 foot or more and our 6'4, 6'5 and 6'6 boys standing like giants in the key. Wellington had to attack us early with speed and full court pressure which they did to the extent that we found ourselves in a deep hole, down 23-6 late in the 1st quarter. However words like 'choke' and 'panic' are unknown in our vocabulary and the boys again demonstrated their character, steadily closing the deficit with quality play and moving ahead during the 3rd quarter. The inevitable victory was as comprehensive as the 71-56 score line suggests and again the boys had a chance to win a championship game.

Taita College was the host team and went into the final with strong support and plenty of talent and confidence. Early foul trouble ultimately prevented us from pulling away but such was the depth of our bench and the dedication to our game plan the result was never in doubt despite the relative closeness of the result, 51-43. Matthew Corbett (MVP) and Kyle Manu were duly selected to the tournament team.

2003 was a successful season in every way. The boys have grown as individuals (literally) and as a team. Every setback has provided a positive learning experience, and every success has been achieved as a result of teamwork and commitment from the whole squad. The support of the parents has been outstanding and the character and integrity of the boys exceptional. In my opinion this squad has the physical and mental ability to become the top secondary school team in New Zealand. Yet to be determined is whether they have the desire and dedication to do so.

Iain McGowan



Jason Naumann lays up a shot
 Photo courtesy of The Daily News

2003 Results:

| | Played | Won | Lost |
|--------------------------|--------|-----|------|
| New Plymouth U16 League* | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Tournaments | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| Taranaki S.S.B.L. | 13 | 7 | 6 |
| Other | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Total | 48 | 42 | 6 |

* each team, against other schools

Win/ Loss : 88%

Representative Players:

New Plymouth U16: Tim Cleaver, Matthew Corbett, Tim Doyle, Kyle Manu, Jason Naumann, Jason Rolfe, Michael Taylor, Josiah Wall (res.)

New Plymouth U18: Yu Ishikawa



UNDER 16 BASKETBALL

Winners of Western Heights Invitation Tournament, Taranaki Secondary Schools U16 Tournament, BBNZ Zone 3 Secondary Schools U16 Tournament, New Plymouth U16 Premier League • 4th Taranaki Secondary School League (Senior)

Back Row: J M Naumann, M E Corbett, T J Fisher
 Middle Row: R B Ballinger, J J Wall, C P Miller, Y Ishikawa, C J Te W Erueti, Mr I McGowan
 Front Row: J D Rolfe, N K Vincent, S J Pritchard, T B Doyle (Captain), K A Manu, T S Cleaver, M M Taylor
 Absent: C J Waugh

Friday Night Basketball Report

This year basketball at NPBHS was very popular with the school entering a total of eleven teams in both the Under 16 and Open Grade Competitions. Although the teams were not selected based on ability, NPBHS competed well in both grades. In the Under 16 League The NPBHS Jazz coached by Mr Scott Taylor and The NPBHS Raptors coached by Mr Hamish Kerr made the semi-finals. Unfortunately both teams lost. This was still a tremendous effort as for many of these boys it was their first year playing basketball. Obviously a good reflection of their coaches.

The school dominated the Open Grade with NPBHS Magic, NPBHS Gold and NPBHS Ice Cubes all being tough opponents and all making the playoffs. Due to the high number of teams in this league the competition had to be split into two sections. Gold, led by Corey Makatoa and Jacob Lineham, took out section one comfortably and Magic, led by the Harford brothers, took out section two without too many problems also. A good result for the school and a good opportunity for the up and coming players to defend these titles in 2004. I would like to thank the coaches for giving up their time to coach the boys. It is much appreciated.

L. Parsons (Basketball Administrator)



Top 6 Badminton

The Team:

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|------------------|----------------|
| Emerson Bourne | Mark Henwood |
| Luke O'Conner | Haydn Williams |
| Aaron Williamson | Matthew Inns |

2003 was not the best year for the Top 6 Badminton team. The year didn't get off to the best of starts when only five members were available to travel to Hamilton for our first interschool match. To make matters worse we were totally outclassed by a very strong opposition, with none of the team even coming close to winning a game.

Our second match didn't get much better. At home in the school gym, we were met by an even stronger Wellington College team, stacked with regional representatives. A very strong and vocal visiting Wellington crowd gathered to watch their team annihilate us; again we did not manage to win a game. A good morning was had by all the boys despite the loss and a few even managed to get some coaching tips from some very good badminton players.

Our third and final interschool was against an even stronger Palmerston North Boys' High team. This time we had the privilege of playing against two New Zealand representatives.

Despite some big losses this year, all of the boys have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, meeting a host of new friends and playing against some very skilful badminton players. Next year the team will need to rebuild with the loss of at least four of the team, so if anyone is interested in playing badminton for the school next year please get your name to Mr Whittaker or Mrs Atkinson.

A big thanks to Mrs Atkinson for all of her organising this year and to Te Hira Cooper for filling in when needed.

Taranaki Interschool Competition.

The Team:

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|----------------|--------------|
| Emerson Bourne | Mark Henwood |
| Chris Newson | Daniel Doody |

On the 19th of August a team consisting of two seniors and two juniors competed at the Taranaki Interschool fixture at New Plymouth Girls' High School. While the juniors put on a good show they struggled with their limited experience and were knocked out in the first round of the singles. Their inexperience also showed in their Doubles match and they were not able to overpower a very weak opposition, being knocked out in the first round also.

Our senior pair managed to put up a better effort in their matches. Mark played some of his best badminton of the year and was unlucky to not to beat the eventual winner in a quarter final match. Emerson also lifted his game for the fixture and after a mammoth semi-final match, narrowly missed collecting the singles title, from a very determined, but slightly injured player from Spotswood College player.

In the doubles final, Emerson and Mark teamed up to beat a very determined team from Francis Douglas Memorial College. In a very tight game, both teams matched each other point for point until right at the end where we managed to get the two point lead required to win.

Overall a great day was had by all and hopefully next year with some extra preparation we will be able to secure more titles for the school.

By Mr Whittaker.

Squash Report

It is exactly ten years since we have been competing in the squash Nationals this year.

In that 1st year we came 5th out of 28 teams. This year in 2003 out of 40 boys teams we came 5th again. We are consistent!

We have used 2 teams this year as we have had a very full season.

Our results against Hamilton Boys' High School were 3 all but we won on a count back of games. Our team results were :

| | | | |
|----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| L Ansell | 0/3 | S Cooper | 3/0 |
| R Lee | 3/1 | M Queree | 3/0 |
| T Renata | 2/3 | A Roughan | 2/3 |

After this we played Wellington College. This team is ranked 3rd in the country. They were without 2 of their players. Overall we won 4 games to 2. Our results :

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----|------|
| C McEldowney | 3/0 | | |
| M Sim | 3/2 | | |
| T Renata | lost 10/8 | 9/6 | 10/8 |
| L Ansell | 1/3 | | |
| S Cooper | 3/0 | | |
| A Roughan | 3/0 | | |

Our next college game was against Palmerston North Boys' High School. We took our rising players down as the Nationals took place 2 days after. Our players performed very well. They played a round robin style tournament. The team was : R Lee, M Queree, R Powell, M Lane, J Dravitski and S Flemming. Palmerston North won this fixture.

Every year we compete in the Shell Todd Oil Services Taranaki Secondary Schools Squash Tournament. This is a great tournament run by the Okato Squash Club. It allows aspiring juniors to get a taste of tournament competition and runs up to D1 grade. Our results were :

Division One: (D grade)

R Lee 2nd

Division Two:

J Powell 1st

Division four:

M Taunoa 2nd



Inter Collegiate Squash Team

Back Row: Richard Lee, John Sims (Manager), Jeremy Powell, Matthew Lane, Mrs P Crow, Jayden Dravitski

Front Row: Matthew Queree, Adam Roughan, Chris McEldowney, Matt Sim, Tane Renata, Shaun Cooper

Absent: Mr P Roughan (Coach)

Inset : (Left) TRADITIONAL COLLEGE GAMES
 (Right) SUPER EIGHT GAMES

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| HBHS | won on countback of games |
| Wellington College | won 4 - 2 |
| Palmerston North BHS | lost in Round Robin 5 - 3 |

The school has also just acquired 2 new squash courts built overlooking the Hockey turf on the back of the Pavilion. These will be excellent for coaching, tournaments and keeping the boarders busy in the weekends. I should imagine there will be a few staff challenges there as well

Our team competed very well in the Secondary School Nationals held in Auckland. We went into the Nationals ranked 4th and very nearly kept that ranking. A 4 hour battle saw us lose against Whangarei Boys' High School. In all, the boys played really well and their 5th position is tremendous.

In the first round we beat :

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|-----------|-----|
| Nayland | 5/0 |
| Waitakere | 5/0 |
| Te Puke | 4/1 |

and lost to Whangarei Boys 2/3

We then played off for positions 5-8 against Palmerston North Boys' High School. We won 3/0 when the contest was stopped early because of lack of time by the convenor. Not by us as Palmerston North claim!

In the final we played off for 5 and 6th position against Mt Albert Grammar who have a Squash Academy. We won 4/1 to be placed 5th overall.

I would like to thank Mr Peter Roughan and Mrs Pauline Crow for all their help. I wish Matt Sim all the best next year. He has kept his record of never losing a college match yet since he entered the third form. Our No 1. Chris McEldowney might move on as well. His ranking this year in NZ is 2nd U/16; 6th U/19. He played in Australia earlier this year with the NZ Squad. He played 15 matches against the Australian juniors winning 12. I do hope he stays but if he moves then all the best. He has always been a great role model on court for aspiring players.

John Simms

New Zealand Secondary School Volleyball Championships 2003

The Volleyball team traveled to Christchurch at the end of March to attend the National Championship and the team consisted of:

Jonathan Snowden (cpt), Adam Harford, Blair Prescott, Aidan Kereopa, Jermaine Sassman, Matthew MacDonald, Jessie Dolman, Mark Sherlock, Yu Ishikawa and Matthew Snowden, Manager Mr Maaka, Coach Mr Atkins.

The team produced some good results during pool play, including wins over Naenae College 3-0, Kaiapoi High School 3-0, Riccarton High School 3-0 before losing 3-0 to Hillary College the 2001, 2002 National Champions.

The team finished second in pool play, qualifying for Division 2 of 5 divisions. We played positive Volleyball with good games against Hornby High School lost 1-3, St Andrew's of Canterbury lost 1-3 (Division 2 Champions), Hillcrest High School lost 0-3 (runner up Division 2) and a close fought match with Western Heights losing 2-3. Our final game was a play-off for 19th & 20th place against Christchurch Boys' High School. We worked hard during the entire match with a good win 3-1.

The team finished nineteenth with Adam Harford playing solid volleyball all week. Matthew Snowden showed good composure for a junior and Jonathan Snowden was a positive role model on and off the court. The NPBHS team is very young and was the smallest team in the top 2 divisions. This team should continue to perform during the next 2 years.



VOLLEYBALL

Back Row: Mr Atkins, Matthew MacDonald, Jesse Dolman, Mark Sherlock, Yu Ishikawa
 Front Row: J Jermaine Sassman, Aidan Kereopa, Jonathan Snowden, Adam Harford, Blair Prescott
 Absent: Matthew Snowden

Golf

Taranaki Secondary Schools 2003-05-22

This was played at Stratford GC and the School entered three teams this year. Our second team of Douglas Moores, Charles MacLeod, Adam Chisnall, and Brett Murphy finished 5th with a gross score of 263 for the best three scores. Our number 1 team of Matthew Blackbourn, Blair Prescott, Logan Heyes and Zachary Lewis took the Taranaki title again and won with a best three score of 230 from second-placed Opunake High School who had 249.

Lower North Island Regionals

Our Number One Team played Wairarapa College, and Wanganui High School at New Plymouth GC in June for the right to enter the nationals. Wairarapa College rightly won this with a score of 233. Our team came in second with a score of 240 ahead of Wanganui with 251.

College matches Auckland Grammar

Our annual fixture was played in the wet at Mangakiekie in Auckland. Our boys did not collectively play well and lost 1-7. Zac Lewis won his match and had a good 72 which was the same score as Matthew Blackbourn, but Matthew had to give shots and lost on the 18th. It was good to see some new players in our side performing well against lower handicapped players and they will perform well in the future as they gain confidence and experience.

Hamilton BHS

This fixture was played in mid-June in fine weather at Lochiel in Hamilton. Our team lost 3-1 to Hamilton in matchplay, the notable round being played by Matthew Blackbourn who shot 1 under 71 for the day but was not matched unfortunately by our other team members of Logan Heyes, Zachary Lewis and Charles MacLeod.

Wellington College

In late July we played Wellington College at New Plymouth. Our top six golfers, viz. Matthew Blackbourn, Joon Choi, Blair Prescott, Logan Heyes, Zac Lewis, and Charles MacLeod had a good win 7 + - 1 + over the Wellington team who had some good golfers. This was a good finish to our college match fixtures after some difficult away matches.

School Championships

A small number of our top golfers played off for the school golf championships and while the scoring generally was not great this year, Matthew Blackbourn won the championship this year, shooting a creditable 76 off the championship tees. This was all the better because Matthew had had some time off golf with a back injury before the championships. Well done.

House Golf

In another close fought encounter, Donnelly House, with a team of Matthew Blackbourn, Joon Ho Choi, Logan Heyes and Adam Chisnall scored a best 3 stableford of 110. Hatherly House was close behind (107), with Rhys Newland scoring the best stableford round of 42. Barak was third on 72 and Syme 56.



Indoor Bowls

This year we had two teams competing in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Indoor Bowling Tournament in August. Our A Team had two bowlers who had played before but none of our B team had tried the sport before.

Our A Team of Fours, Andrew Darney, Michael Stevens, Paul Shearer and skippered by Dillon Davidson, won all their games and played off against Francis Douglas No1 Team, and won the fours. Unfortunately our pairs team of K Duff and Daniel Sharp, and our singles player, Richard Wisnewski, won two of their four games which was not quite enough to head off the Francis Douglas No.1 Team for first overall place.

Our B team of Nick Mitchell, Kent Lean, Matthew Rodden, Anthony Rayner, Tuaki Mahuru and Tai Ruakere were enthusiastic and won a few games, but they will be better next year.

D Mossop



Ngā Manu Kōrero Whakataetae o Aotearoa Ngā Manu Kōrero National Speech Competition 2003

In early July, Rangiwahia Wano competed at the Regional Manu Kōrero Speech Contest in Wanganui. Rangiwahia won the Senior Māori section. He is only the second ever speaker to win this competition from Taranaki. To win this competition, your competence and fluency must be at a level that allows you to talk for 12 minutes on a prepared topic and then 3 minutes on an impromptu topic given to you ten minutes before returning to the stage. By winning the regional competition, Rangiwahia became the regional representative at the National competition.

The national competitions were held in Palmerston North at the Arena Manawatu Complex. Rangiwahia competed against young speakers from 11 other regions of New Zealand. His topic was on Haka and its origins. Rangiwahia was well supported by 12 other Boys' High School students and 10 Girls' High School students under the supervision of Mrs Keenan and Mrs Wano-Bryant of NPGHS.

The competitions are held over three days and Rangiwahia was the third speaker on stage. He spoke very well and confidently. The audience appreciation and participation was evident throughout his speech as they hung on his every word.

After his speech he was well supported by his Tautoko group who performed "Mangumangu Taipo" haka.

Rangiwahia was placed eighth out of the twelve speakers present. This is a good result as now, Rangiwahia knows what to expect next year if he wins the regional competition again.



On behalf of Rangiwahia, the school thanks Mr Chris Taylor for his generous support for the trip to Palmerston North. Without his support, the trip would definitely not have been feasible.

Super 8 Cultural Festival

Fourteen NPBHS students attended the fourth Super 8 Cultural Festival at Palmerston North Boys' High School on the 6 and 7 June, with Mrs Ngaire Riley and Ms Kathy Gracia.

The senior debating team consisted of Tim Cochrane, Andrew Mills and Jackson Wood. The structure of the debating tournament is an interesting one: teams must arrive having prepared both sides of the moot beforehand. In the first round NPBHS won when they negated the moot "That we should take the racer out of the boy" against Rotorua Boys' and then lost against Palmerston North Boys' High affirming the same moot.

The second section of debating is impromptu, with teams working frantically to prepare their case. NPBHS began by winning the argument "That Bush and Blair are our Saviours" when they negated against Hamilton Boys', with Tim Cochrane named as best speaker.

In the final impromptu round, NPBHS narrowly lost to Tauranga Boys' affirming the moot "That mediocrity rules education.". This gave NPBHS a creditable third overall. As well as the preparation beforehand the debaters worked non-stop for the 48 hours, discussing, scavenging ideas and assembling arguments and evidence. It was impressive to see all teams working under pressure, to tight deadlines and presenting confident, persuasive arguments.

The junior debating team of Andrew Raynes, Jeffery Fong and Sam Tait first affirmed against Hamilton Boys' "That single-sex schools have had their day." They won this but lost to Rotorua Boys' negating "That the threat of terrorism is over-rated." Andrew Raynes achieved the outstanding distinction of being named best speaker in both debates. NPBHS finished second of four schools in the junior section.

Greg Severinson achieved the honour of winning the oratory section with a speech against the use of exercise!

The Drama group of Michael Williams, Travis Broad, Mathew Whitmore, Andrew Darney, Paul Shearer, Andrew Raynes, Andrew Mills and Adam Elliott were placed a creditable second to Rotorua Boys' with their performance of an extract from Macbeth. The performances were the first in the newly completed Spiers Arts Centre at PNBHS.



Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

Eight NPBHS students achieved the distinction and honour of being selected to represent Taranaki at the annual regional festival of the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival at Queen's Birthday weekend. The students were one of twenty two performances held at Spotswood College on Friday, May 2. The adjudicator, Gabriel Barr, spoke of the excellent characterisation, commending the text, use of the stage and hall and costuming. The cast wore full Scottish kilts, wide black belts, black t-shirts and boots. A highlight of the performance was

the final sword battle between Macbeth and Macduff. The fight was completely choreographed by the students themselves.

We wish to thank Mecor Engineering of Moturoa who made the 1.2 metre iron swords used.

The cast were:
Michael Williams (Macbeth); Travis Broad (Macduff); Mathew Whitmore (Malcolm); Andrew Darney (Ross); Paul Shearer (Siward); Andrew Raynes (Young Siward); Andrew Mills (Drummer); Adam Elliott (Servant); Jaidean Bracken (Lighting) and Mrs Ngaire Riley (Director)



Arts Festival Week 2003

A pinch of spring madness and a blossoming of talent made Arts Week a vibrant part of the school year. Some of the highlights of the week were the staff dressing up as their favourite hero, the Sumo wrestling organised by the School Council and the Yellow Ribbon 'jelly eating through a straw' competition. Results of events during this week are as follows:



NPBHS Speech Finals 2003

The annual NPBHS speech finals were presented on Monday 25 August to a supportive audience. The standard was extremely high and all finalists are to be congratulated on the quality of their presentations.

The finalists spoke on a wide range of topics from grandparents to arguments for and against exercise, and the effect of modern music on youth to racism in New Zealand.

Results

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| Year 9 | | Year 11 | |
| 1 st | James Tate | 1 st | Andrew Raynes |
| 2 nd | James Fraser | 2 nd | Jeffery Fong |
| 3 rd | Jason Holden | 3 rd | Gavin Roper |
| 4 th | Carl Parkins-Payne | 4 th | Andrew Keller |
| Year 10 | | Senior | |
| 1 st | Paul Meuli | 1 st | Greg Severinsen |
| 2 nd | Daniel Fleming | 2 nd = | Zac Bingham |
| 3 rd | Daniel Hales | 2 nd = | Tim Cochrane |
| 4 th | Kahotea Keropa | | |

Lip Synch and Talent Quest performers entertain a full Ryder Hall

Despite a bright sunny day, Ryder Hall was packed with students who were entertained by outstanding acts.

In the talent quest section, Lounge Sweet Feat featuring William Sklenars, Daniel Hayles and Elliot Taylor was placed first, and Blair Campbell, with his performance of Cat Stevens' "Where do the Children Play" second.

The competition in the Lip Synch section was fierce, particularly from the staff entries. Judges Bex and Kerry from The Edge, selected members of Mr Prasad's Group class, who performed a remix, as the best group. The performers were Jason Cossill, Richard Craig, Michael Drew, Chad Eliason, Thomas King, Kihoro Mahu, Eugene Mattock, Daniel Nelson, Daniel Rowland, Rowan Samson, Ant Tiplady, Morgan Tui, Ta Tukaroa, Morgan T'Hooft, Steven Titter, Logan Wilson, Tushar Sharma and Mr Woods.

Michael Fischer was voted best individual performer with his rendition of "Bodies - Drowning Pool."

Photographic Competition

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| 1 st | Jay Johnson |
| 2 nd | Daniel Boobyer |
| 3 rd | David MacIntrye |

House Music Results

The house song this year was Queen's "We are the Champions."

Results House Singing

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

House Ensemble Performances

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

Overall points for the House music were: Donnelly and Hatherly 1st equal; Syme 3rd and Barak 4th

House Debating

The first round of the inter-house debates was held during Arts Week.

The seniors debated the moot "That drink and drugs are rotting the mind of New Zealand youth", and the juniors "That television has blurred the lines between fact and fantasy".

The results

Senior

The Barak team of Andrew Mills, Blair Howarth and Matthew Harrop defeated the Donnelly team of Tim Cochrane, Jeffrey Fong and Matthew Hancock

Syme also continued its winning form with Darren Smith, Jackson Wood and Elliot Taylor defeating the Hatherly team of Jacob Parry, Jeremy Tan and Blair Prescott

Junior

The Syme junior team defeated the Hatherly team of Thornton Henley, Ryan Sanderson and Ben Parry, with the Barak juniors: Paul Meuli, Finbarr Kerr-Newell and Casey Hannon defeating the Donnelly team of Nimal Fernando, Tim Doyle and Mitchell Edwards,

The results of all three rounds of debating were: Syme and Barak 1st equal and Donnelly and Hatherly 4th equal.

Debating

Senior Debating

At the beginning of the year we returned, Elliot Taylor, Jackson Wood and I, Tim Cochrane, with the aim of debating excellently throughout 2003. However, the point must be raised that due to extracurricular activities and/or extended illnesses, we felt it necessary to recruit a 4th member for our squad, a very promising young Year 12 student, Andrew Mills.

Our first debate competition arrived near the end of the first term. This was the regional Russell McVeigh Debating Competition, held at Palmerston North Boys' High School, and for the occasion we (Andrew Mills as 2nd speaker, Elliot Taylor as 3rd speaker, myself as 1st speaker and leader) travelled up early on the Saturday morning, together with our two great coaches, Mrs Kathy Gracia and Mr John Warner. Our usual 1st speaker, Jackson Wood, was absent due to illness, so I took over the reins of first speaker and leader as it turned out.

Our day kicked off, with the topic: "That smoking should be banned in public places," which we first had to affirm and then negate, against another team. Suffice it to say, our team was unfamiliar with the debating and adjudicating style used by the adjudicators on the day, from the local Massey University. We were narrowly beaten in both our first and second debates.

The third debate of the competition was an impromptu debate, the topic being: "That NCEA is a change for the better." Due to poor morale, and once again, confusion over debating rules, we also lost this debate. However, we went away from there experienced, and also impressed with the display of our new 2nd speaker, Andrew Mills. At this point we decided to adopt him permanently as the 4th member of the Senior A Debating team and he has now performed in 8 debates.

It was not for another term that we had the chance to debate again. This time we travelled to compete in the Super Eight Debating Competition in Palmerston North again. Fortunately, we were to be adjudicated by the same Massey adjudicators as prior, and therefore we were both experienced and confident. Our team for this foray

was Andrew Mills, Jackson Wood, and myself. Our first and second debates were on the topic: "That boy racers are a plague on our society." We confidently tore through our opposition, who will remain nameless, and came out victorious, on the negating side. However, when attempting to affirm this moot we were not so lucky, and were narrowly defeated by Palmerston North Boys' High.

Our first impromptu debate of the day was one that was relevant and humorous: "That Bush and Blair are our saviours." We negated this moot, and came out on top, once again. With two wins, we were good enough to make the semi finals, again debating two impromptu debates, the first: "That mankind is doomed," and the second: "That NCEA promotes mediocrity." We affirmed the first and won, but were unsuccessful in our affirmation of the second moot. With these results we walked away from the competition the 3rd highest ranked boys debating team in the Central North Island.

Another debating team who competed admirably at this competition was the Senior B team consisting of Jeffrey Fong, Andrew Raynes and Sam Tait. Due to a mix-up in the administration of the competition this team was entered as a junior team, even though all were 5th form. They competed excellently and ended up coming 2nd in the Junior Section.

The next debate the Senior A team competed in involved our classic line-up (Jackson, Elliot and me) competing against our old rivals, Wellington College. We once again destroyed our opposition, with all our speakers being superior to the other team, winning comfortably the moot: "That Wellywood is New Zealand's answer to Hollywood." We did this despite the fact that Wellington College had decided both the moot and the side they would take. I would like to thank Mrs Joanne Bain, for being a very fine adjudicator.

Another debate we competed in was the Staff vs. Students Debate, held during the Arts Week in the 3rd Term. On the students' side were once again, Jackson, Elliot and me. Facing us was the teachers' team; Mrs Slater, Mr Howes, and led by the experienced Mr J J Warner. The moot of the day, chosen by our impartial chair, Te Hira Cooper, was "That it is history that makes individuals rather than individuals that make history." We negated this moot, and after a



close and enjoyable debate, gave the teachers a sound thrashing, and showed them at the end of the day, that basically, the youth of NPBHS are quicker, wittier and more articulate than the older, less agile teachers!

Our final debate of the year proved to be a slight anti-climax. Our experienced debating team of Elliot, Jackson and me headed out to Stratford, to debate against the virginal team of St. Mary's. Although this was only their first debate, they competed admirably, and ultimately beat us by a wide margin. We were, of course, disappointed, but wished them well for the future.

As a team we spoke in 11 debates this year: all were enjoyable and interesting. I look forward to hearing of the exploits of the NPBHS Senior Debating team next year led, no doubt, by Andrew Mills.

I would like to thank Mrs Gracia and Mr Warner for all the time and effort they put in by transporting us, teaching us and feeding us, and also our head boy, Te Hira Cooper, for the encouragement and help he has given us. Debating is an art that has grown considerably since my arrival in 1999, and I have no doubt that it will explode considerably in years to come. I wish future teams much success.

Junior Debating

Throughout 2003, the junior debating team, which consisted of myself, Paul Meuli, Floyd Wickstead and Mitchel Edwards, challenged and lost narrowly both to Wellington College and to St Mary's School due to the adjudicators having different opinions of our debating style, which we were penalised for. Hopefully by next year there is a standard style, so we can have a fair debate which hopefully we can win.

Paul Meuli



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Orchestra

The orchestra has made a small but significant start this year. Our first challenge was to prepare for the Taranaki Secondary Schools Festival when our music teacher, Mrs Beath conducted the combined orchestra. We opened the concert with three pieces, the favourite being an arrangement of the glorious work, 'Adiemus', which had a real African drumming sound, thanks to drummer Daniel Hayles. Four of the flutes got together at the concert and presented a jazzy number, 'Proud Mary' and again Daniel kept a strong drum rhythm along with the bass guitar and piano.

Then there was the Hamilton exchange when we learnt the popular 'Bittersweet Symphony' which we hear on all the adverts. It's always good to play a popular well known tune and this was the favourite on the Roadshow when we played it to contributing schools.

Preparation for the combined Girls' High and Boys' High concert included learning new works, 'William Tell Overture' by Rossini and 'The Way We Were' from the TV programme 'Friends'. For these we were conducted at the concert by Ms Dixon who teaches violin at the school.

Thanks to all the players who have given up their lunchtimes to practise for the orchestra. We are an enthusiastic bunch of musicians and we hope more string players will be encouraged to join next year. Our leader is Ashley Boswell and he has been a great help with his commitment to helping all the players in pursuit of musical excellence.

Concert Band

When we think of Concert Band this year, our thoughts go gold! It was the colour that we won at the Hamilton and Bay of Plenty Festival! Held in Hamilton on 29th August, this event is an annual one and features concert and jazz bands and orchestras from different parts



of the North Island. The combined Girls' High and Boys' High Concert Band playing of 'Danza Festival', 'Loch and Mountain', 'Liberty March' and Schubert's beautiful 'Sanctus' put us into the Gold category and the judges comments were most complimentary, referring to us as a 'talented band of young players'. There was an air of celebration as we returned on the bus that afternoon!

But that wasn't the only highlight of the year! On the road is really where musicians like to be and our two days visiting contributing schools was hard work but again very rewarding. We played at Devon Intermediate, Highlands Intermediate, Woodleigh School, Mangorei and Bell Block Primary. We had some lovely letters from the children at Mangorei School and hope we inspired them enough so that they want to come to Boys' High and take music!

At the end of Term 3 we celebrated all we had achieved this year at the combined GHS/BHS concert. Our grateful thanks for all the patience, time and inspiration from Mr Stewart Maunder.

Junior Band

Mr Warren Orr has been the director of the Junior Band this year and although it's been hard getting out of bed in time for practice at 8.00 on Tuesday morning, we have learnt lots of new pieces this year and had some fun times.

The Taranaki Secondary Schools Concert took place at the end of the first term. That meant lots more practices on Sunday afternoons at Spotswood College. We combined with not only Girls' High but also Spotswood musicians, Francis Douglas, Hawera and Inglewood musicians and played "Zoot Zoot Riot" and "Cleveland Rocks" and made a really good sound.

Another highlight was the Roadshow when we combined with the Girls' High Wind Band.

Special thanks to Mr Orr for all his musical inspiration and expertise.

Stage Band

Once again, The New Plymouth Boys' High School's premium band, the Stage Band, performed at many different venues to a very high standard. Without the strong backbone of last year's players, the year started off slowly with many new additions trying to find their place in the band.

There were not as many performances as last year but when we did perform it was at a very high standard. The seniors that had continued from last year were a platform from which to build the band.

Our first performance was an exchange with Hamilton Girls' High School where we played the Jazz Classics "Route 66" and "St Thomas". The second performance also involved Hamilton where we travelled to the Bay of Plenty Band Festival where we were given an award for our 4 pieces.

Most recently a concert was held in the New Plymouth Girls' High School hall where every

act played two pieces. Once again our Band rose to the occasion performing to a high standard. I would like to give a huge thank you to Mr Maunder, Mrs Sklenars and Mrs Beath and wish good luck to those four seniors, Daniel 'the boobs' Boobyer,

Andrew 'moose' Helms, Tim 'Uncle Joe' Cochrane, and myself Tim 'Make up your mind of what instruments you are going to play' Armitage.

Tim Armitage



Choir 2003

The choir kicked off to a great start this year with the Taranaki Secondary School Music Festival. We sang in the combined boys choir with items being "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" and "When the Saints Go Marching In".

Choir practises every Wednesday at 10:45 am and we are always seeking new singers for ventures like the festivals, exchanges and Super 8, in which Daniel Hayles, William Sklenars, Blair Campbell and I attended in Palmerston North, where expert singers and conductors for Lord of the Rings Iqbose Ete gave vocal training. Also in this event we learnt four songs for a public performance after a long weekend's

work. These were: "Talofa" - a traditional Samoan song, "Leaning On A Lamppost", and the most enjoyed Gospel, "The Lord He is My Shepherd". The Super 8 trip was most enjoyable and hopefully next year we will have many more attendees. A big thank you to Mrs Beath and Mrs Sklenars who took us down to Palmerston North for this event and to Business Communications Taranaki for supplying the van. Then we had the Combined Music Concert with New Plymouth Girls' High School where our massed choir sang "My Lord" - a negro spiritual, and a traditional Russian folk song and dance. All enjoyed the evening and another thank you goes out to Mrs Riddle for conducting our combined choir and again to Mrs Beath for conducting our practices at school, and to Ashley Boswell for his superb accompaniment on the piano.

Philip Malcolm



Sax Quartet

This year the NPBHS Sax Quartet started fresh. With the loss of our entire quartet at the end of last year, our conductor, Mr Maunder, recruited Andrew Helms on lead alto, Matthew Harrop on 2nd alto, Andrew Raynes, on tenor, and myself, Tim Cochrane, on lead soprano. After a few upheavals, we also decided on Jonathon Fagg, to play baritone. Our first performance of the year was during our annual exchange with Hamilton Girls' High School. We played the timeless classic, "Pink Panther," which went down well.

In the 3rd term, after acquiring our baritone player, we performed this number again, this time at the Rotary Performing Artists Concert. We opened the concert with this piece, which was capped off with a resounding applause.

Our last major performance this year was at a combined NPBHS and NPGHS musical concert, held at NPGHS at the end of the 3rd term. We played a jazz number, arranged by Mr Maunder, called 'Moonglow.' After an excellent performance, we went out in style, to complete an excellent year. I have enjoyed my time behind the saxophone immensely, and want to thank Mr Maunder for the countless hours of effort he has put into the quartet, despite our many initial problems. At the end of the day, we were willing to 'give it a go,' and we did so with style.

Tim Cochrane

Rockquest Review

On Friday, June 13 nearly 800 people gathered at the TSB Showplace to attend the Taranaki regional final for the Coke Smoke Free Rockquest. A lot of talent was apparent throughout the night, as the sixteen bands competed. Each with seven minutes of playing time.

Bands entered in the competition that included NPBHS students were - No Relation, Klutch, DWI, Likewise, Rival State, The Intermission, The Dewey Decimal System, Crossfire and 4th Floor Up.



The NPBHS place winners were - DWI, consisting of Matthew Boobyer, Steven Kemp, Chaz Benton, Jackson May and Paul Gauvin, who won the Coke State Image Award for an energetic and well-presented performance. Rival State, with guitarist Nimal Fernando, were placed third overall in the competition.

Compared to last year, this year's competition showed an overall improvement in the level of song-writing and musicianship in the performances.

Touring band WASH also performed, playing last before the awards were presented. WASH were at the school on Thursday, June 12 and held a workshop after their lunchtime performance in Ryder Hall.

Barbershop Quartet 2003

Well, the end has come to another great year of Barbershopping. We welcomed at the beginning of the year Blair Campbell into the lead singing role, and Nick Landriagan to the tricky role of Tenor while Shawn Redpath (Baritone) and myself, Phillip Malcom (Bass) remained in our respective roles. Our repertoire has extended by another two songs, "My Wild Irish Rose", and "Wait Till The Sun Shines Nellie", while we still sing the old favourite "Goodbye My Coney Island Baby". Our first major performance of the year was the TSS Music Festival early in the year, where we first displayed our newfound talent. Then when Hamilton Girls' High came down on the annual exchange, we went down a hit with the girls, as we do with most audiences. Not too long afterwards we sang for the Rotary Club's Annual Changeover, which the older generation greatly appreciated, donating \$100 to the Music Department. More recently, we performed down at the Council Chambers in the Annual Young Performers Evening, gaining even more recognition from the public. Also the even more recent Combined Music Concert with New Plymouth Girls' High School went out with a bang, where we received huge support from audience and performers.



Barbershop is a fun thing to do. We gain heaps of public recognition, and the girls absolutely love it. It is with regret that at the end of this year, we lose our multi-talented Shawn Redpath and Nick Landriagan as they leave to further their educations away from NPBHS. So, again we will be recruiting more members. Now just because there are only four in a quartet it will not mean you will be excluded, as we also would like to get a chorus going. Shawn, Blair, Nick and I would like to thank Pat Green, our tutor and Mrs Beath for all the organisation and support they have given us this year, and we look forward to having another successful year next year.

Phillip Malcolm

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Music Festival

On the 8th April one of the most important musical events of the year took place.

A huge crowd gathered for the Secondary Schools' Music Festival and was richly entertained by enthusiastic singing from massed choirs as well as impressive playing from the instrumentalists. The concert is a showcase of the talented youngsters we have in Taranaki and it is a time when many friendships are cemented as the musicians work together, combining their talents to produce an exciting and entertaining programme.

We were treated to some displays of real talent as we listened to the boys' choir singing the Negro Spirituals: 'When the Saints Go Marching In' and 'Didn't My Lord' and the fine sound Mr Stewart Maunder encouraged from the Concert Band in popular numbers from 'Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat' and 'Loch and Mountain'. The Wind Band had practised hard to achieve a high standard of performance of 'Zoot Zoot Riot' and 'Cleveland Rocks' and the orchestra and string group performed with warmth and expertise, encouraged by an enthusiastic response from the audience. Jeremy Scarle did a superb job in the flute quintet, with Daniel Hayles on the drums and Ashley Boswell on the piano. A true delight!

Congratulations to all the boys who took part. You did a fabulous job with your commitment to learning the programme, turning up to extra rehearsals and presenting yourselves so professionally on the night. I especially want to mention Ashley Boswell, such a fine role model who plays trombone in the Concert Band, lead violin in the orchestra and string group, piano accompaniment in the flute quintet and choir! And all to an extremely high standard. Such a consummate musician and always keen to share his many talents.

Jazz Band at New Plymouth Jazz Club

21st September, 2003

What energy! What expertise! What musicianship!

These comments from the audience at the Jazz Club when the NPBHS Jazz band took to the stage. At their annual secondary schools Jazz meeting our band was firing on all cylinders and even had their director doing a little dance as he squeezed the last bit of inspiration from his flock.

"Jumpin' Jack" opened the programme and had all the toes tapping to its catchy beat and energetic sound. "Route 66" and "St Thomas" offered a platform for improvised solos from Ashley Boswell on the

trombone and Andrew Helms on the saxophone, also Jonathon Fagg on the saxophone, Phillip Malcolm on the keyboard, Daniel Hayles on the drums and Daniel Boobyer on the electric guitar. All were well received by a most enthusiastic audience who were blown away by the standard these musicians had reached.

"Chameleon", "In the Mood", and "Blue Train" completed the programme. This Jazz session is traditionally for the secondary school jazz bands to entertain the club members but surprisingly Boys' High band was the only one that performed which is an indication of the bands commitment, their love for music and the dedication of their band director, Stewart Maunder. Thanks to all for a superb entertainment.

Roadshow Extraordinaire!

We are enthusiastic about our music at Boys' High! This year we were 'On the Road Again', spreading the good word that music is exciting, music is energetic, music is inspiring and a great way to have fun at Boys' High School.

This year the combined Boys' High/ Girls' High bands and orchestra took their talents and inspiration to several of the contributing schools. We started on a high note at Devon Intermediate. Tim Cochrane and Rachel Helms charmed the audience with their witty repartee and set a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in which to play such favourites from the bands as 'Baby Elephant Walk', 'In the Mood', 'Sing, Sing, Sing' and the orchestral version of the 'Bittersweet Symphony'.

We presented a 40-minute programme featuring the Concert band, the Junior Band, Year 10 Concert band, Stage band and the combined orchestra. It was a tight schedule to move around all five schools but with many helping hands and Mrs Sklenar's superb organisation, we managed to pack all the stands and instruments and move from school to school in good time.

Our second school was Woodleigh primary and these pupils were SO well behaved and obviously delighted to hear the different instruments. A great favourite of most schools was the 'air-play' number of 'In the Mood' after which the band played so loudly that the little ones nearly jumped out of their skins.

We had some delightful letters from the children of Mangorei School. They expressed their enjoyment of the concert and many said how they wished to play an instrument. Watching some of the new entrants playing pretend instruments along with the bands indicated that if this wish is not fulfilled before they come to High School it certainly will when they come.

This was the intention of the visit - to showcase what is happening in the music departments and help students become aware of the music possibilities awaiting them at our schools. The combination of Girls' and Boys' High works well and many good friendships are made. We have even had letters from other schools asking if we could include them in our itinerary next time, so that's encouraging. WELL DONE all the musicians who took part! Thank you, not only for sharing your musical skills but also the superb way in which you represented your school.

Next Mr Maunder was hard at work preparing the bands for the Hamilton Bands Festival on 29th August after which the emphasis was on the combined public recital on the 19th September.

July was the month for students facing music exams, so congratulations to all those succeeded especially:

Lee Wilson, Grade 2 clarinet exam
Jaresian Subramaniam Grade 3 electric keyboard exam,
Jeffrey Fong and Andrew Liu for Grade 6 piano
Ashley Boswell, special congratulations for his Grade 8 achievement on the piano.

School Ball

The New Plymouth Boys' High School 122nd Academy Awards was held on 6, September, 2003 with an attendance of over 500 Hollywood stars and guests.

The night kicked off with the main entrance located at the middle bell tower entrance, where people were treated to a long walk down the hall way. Hollywood actors and directors then got their photos taken before proceeding out onto the red carpet walkway down into the hall, meanwhile passing a barrage of photographers and paparazzi before entry. The hall was decorated immaculately with the main feature being the manmade water feature along with the Academy Awards butter sculpture at the top.

On the night we were well entertained by the band "Random Play," and it was great to see everyone taking part in the ballroom dancing. It was also exciting to see a great number of teachers attend and be a part of this special occasion. I would like to extend big thank you to Mr Kerr for being the Academy Awards MC for the night. You did a fabulous job.

On the night a professional video tape of the Academy Awards was compiled. Students had the chance to purchase this video as a piece of memorabilia to take away.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people that helped us with ball preparations. Thank you to the parents, students and 4th form ushers for your immense support in making our job a lot easier throughout the week.

The night was truly a special occasion, and to all those Hollywood Actors and Directors from the 6th and 7th form, thank you for making it a night that will be remembered for many years to come.

Fonterra Taranaki Science & Technology Fair

The Fonterra Taranaki Science & Technology Fair was held from the 12 - 13 August 2003. Over 500 exhibits were on display from high schools and intermediate schools around Taranaki. This year saw an increase in the number of Boys' High students participating. Many of the projects were innovative and well displayed. On the first day, judging panels evaluated the projects to identify first, second and merit prizes. It was a full day for the participants and judges alike. The fair was open to the public on the second day, when a steady stream of students and individuals viewed the exhibits.

The Taranaki Science and Technology Fair is privileged to have Fonterra as its major sponsor, who support the Fair financially and with a large number of judges.

The boys who entered were awarded a number of prizes again this year. These included:

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| Greg Severinsen | Year 12 | First | Year 11-13 Scientific Investigation |
| | | 2 Merits | Year 11-13 Scientific Investigation |
| | | Merit | Year 11-13 Journalism |
| Lee Wilson | Year 10 | First | Years 9 & 10 Technological Development |
| | | First | Year 10 Photographic Section |

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| | | First | Year 10 Journalism |
| | | Merit | Year 10 Observational Drawing |
| Michael Adams | Year 9 | Merit | Years 9 & 10 Technological Development |
| Evan Andrews | Year 10 | First | Year 10 Observational Drawing |
| Scott Heale | Year 13 | Merit | Year 11-13 Scientific Investigation |

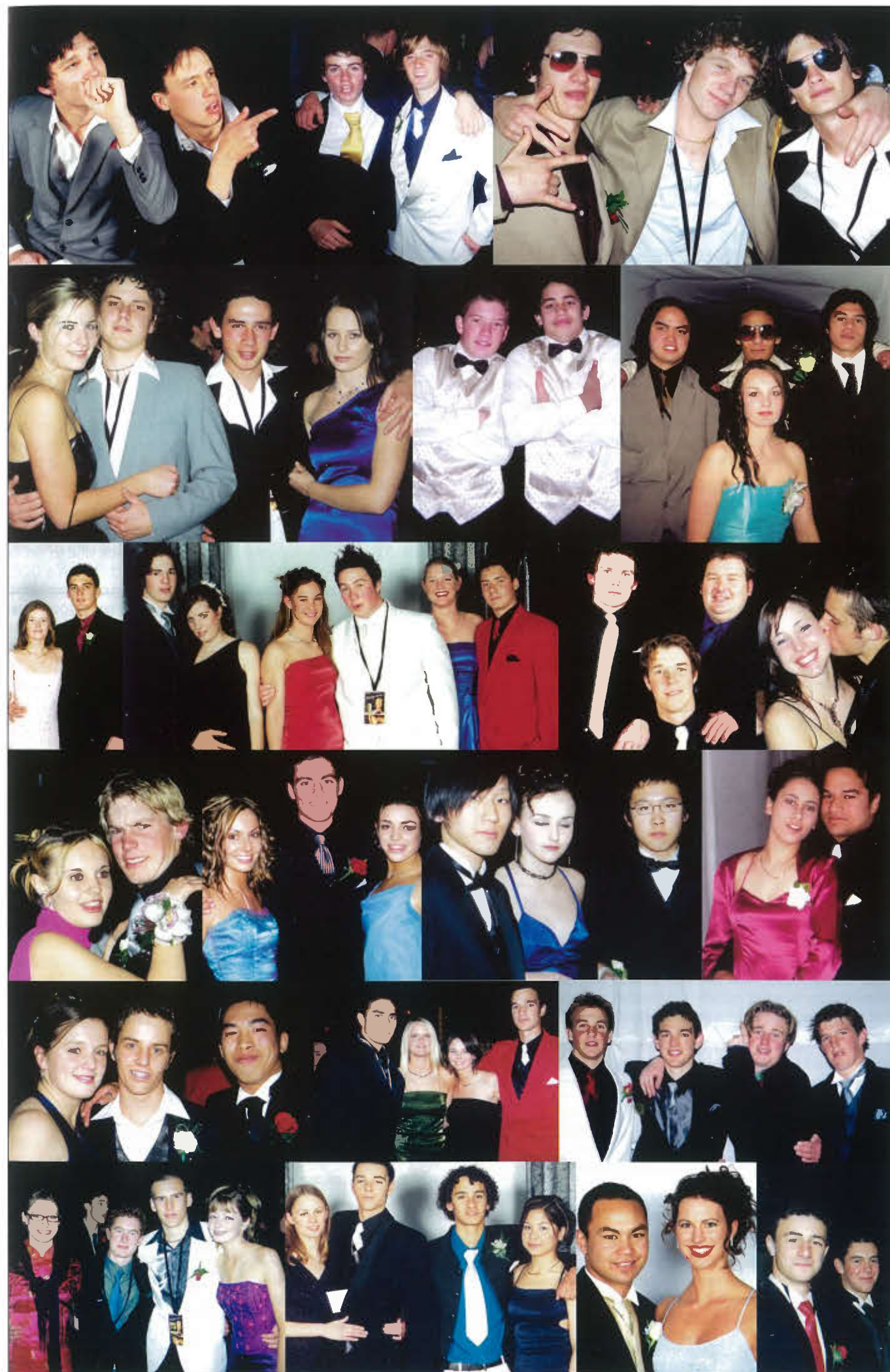
Greg Severinsen also received the Best in Fair and a number of special prizes. Congratulations Greg! Lee Wilson followed closely in Greg's footsteps, picking up a number of special prizes.

Mr. Peter Cayzer
Teacher in charge of Science and Technology Fair

Year 10 Science Fair Quiz 2003

The Science fair this year was one of the best yet for exhibits and the quiz competition. The team this year from NPBHS were: Jonathon Fagg, Daniel Hayles, Mitchell Edwards, James Whitmore and reserve Lee Wilson. The team arrived at the racecourse complex in eager anticipation of the events that were to unfold, and they were not disappointed. Ten teams took part in the quiz this year and the competition was tough! NPBHS unfortunately, made a shaky start and did not score many points, mainly because they had started with the harder activities. Half way through the quiz we were in seventh position: at this point I reminded them that if we won it would be for the eighth year in a row, and with that they moved up to fourth position with three rounds to go. The atmosphere in the venue was becoming electric with four teams very close to winning out of Spotswood, Inglewood, Hawera and NPBHS. With two rounds to go we moved into 3rd equal, and one round to go 1st equal with Spotswood, and in the last round we managed to win by three points, one of the closest finishes we have had at the competition. Many thanks to all those who helped with the quiz team, and the team themselves for a well deserved hard-fought win.

TIC J Hyde (Year 10 Quiz team)



Library Report

2003 was a busy but interesting year for the Library Information Centre and its staff. Lots of meetings by staff and various committees were held. Much laminating of work for students and staff was carried out as well as binding of assignments etc.

We have noticed the facilities have been even busier with the introduction of twelve new computers. Most of the boys have reasonably good computer skills and are becoming even more confident with these new machines.

A major library purchase this year was the updated System from Catalyst known as .elm. There was some delay on the OPAC side which enabled the catalogue to be accessed but this is now up and running very well.

There have been a number of outstanding displays including Vegetarianism, ANZAC, Maori language and of course the popular "Lord of the Rings" and the latest Harry Potter "The Order of the Phoenix," as well the usual new books - both fiction and non fiction.

A large donation of good fiction stories was made by Mr D Leath and these have proved most popular.

Mr B Pfister has been acting part time Teacher/Librarian but has now decided to devote his full time attention to the Polytechnic and I'm sure we all wish him well in his new venture.

We no longer have a part time assistant in the Library so Mrs Van Beers the Librarian has taken over those duties and also some of Mr Pfister's.

Our Library monitors have proved to be a great team this year with their leader Kelly Taylor. We would like to thank Lachlan Grant, Alexander Greig-More, Matthan Gray, Hayden Lowe, Jason Anderson, Jethro Lilley and Kyle Mottram for their service to the Library.

TSB Topec

A group of 30 boys arrived at New Plymouth's TSB Topec (Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits and Educational Centre) at 10.00 in the morning on Monday, 19 May. Being to the camp for the first time I was really pumped and ready to go at trying the different activities set up around the camp. But before we could start the fun Andre, one of the camp leaders, addressed us and laid down the law about no stealing smoke alarm batteries and what camp life would be like for the next week. After a few jokes and queries we chose our cabins and were told to meet outside in 5 minutes. Little did we know what the instructors had in store for us first up.

Nick, another Topec instructor, led us across the river and at a steady jog we started making our way into the bush. Ducking and diving past trees seemed to be the trend as the bush became very dense and the pace quickened. Although we had a brief stop we were all starting to tire by the 1st creek crossing but once we hit the water it did not show as we all scurried across to get away from the freezing cold water. The bush seemed endless and until the mud slide I was ready to stop for a breather, but who could resist the fun of sliding down a 30 metre slide made from mud? From there it was just a 30 minute jog to the river swim and the rope swing.

When we got back to camp a shower and some food was in line so that's what we did. After that we were split up into our groups and headed off in different activities to end the day. When we were to arrive home the group on dinner blessed us with some JFC (John's Fried Chicken). Once that was all over, supper and into bed were the orders and after the kind of day we had had first up I don't think anyone in our group disagreed.

The second day was much the same apart from the fact that we had to be up at 7.00 and ready to go! Once again we split up into our activity groups and decided whether we were going to "hit" the river or the rock wall. On the river you could do anything from swimming to white water rafting and that was awesome, but so was the rough terrain of Paritutu, and the waves crashing at your feet made it a once in a lifetime experience.

That night there were many stories to tell about the day that had just gone by and everyone was once again exhausted and ready to "hit the hay" as Andre said. The Wednesday was much like the Tuesday with your group either doing the river or the wall, but at night the teachers had a quiz night prepared for our cabin groups. This consisted of a quiz of 10 sporting questions, 10 questions to do with school life and the school's history and 10 general knowledge questions. After our brains could not take any more a skit was expected of us. This was great fun and we thanked the teachers for organising the night for us.

The next morning a clean up was done before and after our morning activities. This was because we were heading up the mountain that night for our overnight experience. Once all the jobs had been completed John the director of TSB Topec gave us the so called "lowdown" on everything that we would need to be taking up the mountain, the food and how to cook it all and the safety precautions that could save our lives if we were to be lost or if it turned ugly. Once our enormous tramping packs were full it was time to get in the buses and do it! Our group leader Nick had chosen a DOC camping site about an hour and a half tramp from our van. It was tough but we were all in high spirits singing and having a good time walking up the DOC tracks up to our camping site. When we arrived the first thing on our minds was to get a good shelter up because rain was forecast. Once that was all done and the water was boiled in went the noodles! They were great! Along with some tomato sauce and condensed milk and cookies we had quite the banquet. That night the sleep was terrible, wind howling, rain dropping and campers not sleeping. But in the morning we were ready to go again and tramped out in high spirits again. Once we were back at camp for the last time, the clean up went on and when it was finished a van full of hot pies and donuts arrived for lunch. After that it was time to go and no one seemed to be happy about it!

I think the week of Topec was amazing and I will remember it for the rest of my life. Also I recommend it to any year 10 next year. I would like to thank all the teachers involved though out the year and the staff at TSB Topec.

Mathew Snowden

NPBHS ODE Expedition week 2003

Sunday the 7th Sep

Today's the day we have been preparing for, for the last year. We have spent hours in the classroom reading, listening, studying the theories we need to know for this week; and now, as our class arrives one by one at the old gym (many without sleep due to last night's Ball), we are getting ready to leave for Tongariro National Park. Here, our skills will be challenged in cold unfamiliar surroundings, on our own adventure.

After nominating the person with the lightest pack to carry Mr Hewlett's 'Poo Tube', and issuing the group gear, we loaded the trailers, and piled into the vans, set for the harsh environments we were about to encounter.

We arrived at the Grand Chateau at 5pm, while the sun and the population of the ski fields dwindled away behind us. The Ice Axes

were handed out and attached to our packs, as our assessor, Don, briefed us on what we were here to achieve: enjoy the natural wilderness of the park, leaving minimal environmental damage, so others could do the same.

By the time we had set off, the sun had settled behind a ruffled horizon. Many of the class lit their torches and headlamps to help them follow the track, but most preferred to make use of the ample moonlight, filtering through the bush from the clear sky above.

We set up camp in a small clearing, with each group rushing for the flattest clearest spaces of ground, in the typical orderly Boys' High manner. After tea we slipped into bed at 7pm, for what would be our latest and warmest night of the trip.

Monday the 8th Sep

We awoke this morning to find sleet falling outside the tents. After breakfast Don briefed us on our mission. We had to split into three different groups, and find the best way to get to Taranaki Falls, without using the track we came in on. Each group chose a different route. One group chose to follow a nearby stream, until they found a suitable location to cross the ridge to Taranaki stream. Another followed the nearby bush line, until they reached a track just below the falls. The 3rd group chose to hack through the thick bush, cross a river, and follow a different nearby track to the falls.

After finding and admiring the beauty of Taranaki Falls, our next task was to use a hill approximately 1.5km away, as an 'attack point' to get to a nearby peaceful tarn. We made it up to the top of the hill after an intense battle with the thick shrub. Then we made our way down to the tarn for lunch. After eating lunch, Don issued each group with their tasks for the day, which included reaching a destination by matching the contours of the map with the relief of the land, estimating travel times, finding and following compass bearings, locating our position on maps with and without a compass, and so on.

The first group arrived back at camp at 4pm. Had tea, and went to bed, satisfied with the knowledge of navigation techniques we had acquired through the day.

Tuesday the 9th Sep

The previous day had been a damp day, where we experienced snow, sleet, rain, hail and about 5min of sunshine, causing a few people to have uncomfortable sleeps that night. But this new day brought with it sunshine, which provided warmth to some cold bodies. This was our last morning at this location so we packed bags, rolled up tents, and cleared the campsite of all rubbish in order to leave the environment as we found it. Many also made last minute runs to the hole in the ground we called a toilet, as they did not wish to have to use the 'Poo Tube' when above the snowline.

Once the toilet had been filled in, we were informed, much to the disappointment to those that had just been to the hole, that we would be travelling to Maungatepopo Hut, where a long-drop would be available for use. The tramp there took under 3 hours. Once there we were allowed to bask in the sun, have lunch and use the toilets, as Don began assessing each individual officially on their navigation skills.

We left the hut later than planned, and headed for the head of Maungatepopo valley, near Soda Springs. There we formed even ground by building up the snow to accommodate the tents. Mr Hewlett set up and christened the 'Poo Tube' (PVC pipe designed to carry out human waste from above the snowline). After tea we went to bed. That night was cold. Anyone who needed to travel outside the tent to go for a leak, was a very unfortunate person indeed, with temperatures falling well below zero. But if they did

go out, they were treated to seeing an almost full moon at the foot of the valley ringed with a rainbow amongst the plentiful stars of the brisk mountain night.

Wednesday the 10th Sept

We awoke the next morning facing the challenge of leaving our warm sleeping bags and wrestling with 3 or 4 layers of sodden and very cold clothes, all in preparation for porridge making in -2 and below conditions. Porridge made, and hastily consumed, we were all back to our completely frozen selves of the past 2 days and ready, if not willing to tackle the snow covered and seemingly unclimbable slopes of Tongariro's south face.

The first part of the climb was up to an overhanging rock where we sheltered while Mr Hewlett, Mr McGowan, and Don set up ropes for the next section. This was the scariest part of the trip for many of the group, with one boy refusing to move from the rock until offered a Moro bar by Mr Hewlett, who was also laid into for being "crazy" by another boy.

Being roped together for the next section gave us the confidence needed to reach the wider, more gentle upper slopes, where we engaged in much bumsiding before being taught how to self arrest with and without an ice axe.

After a good lunch and some more sliding we proceeded in our 3 groups up the gradually steepening slopes, kicking footholes until it was necessary to use ice axes to cut steps. We made slow progress through this hard snow toward a saddle before Mr Hewlett and Don stopped to dig an avalanche pit while Mr McGowan continued to lead to the saddle. The pit indicated that the snow was quite fragile and an avalanche was quite possible if we were not careful.

At the saddle we took photos, before descending the steep, soft snow into the crater where a snow fight began in which the teachers and Don craftily managed to not get hit whilst still being involved.

Whiteout conditions quickly developed from here so we were required to use the navigation skills learned earlier in the week to find the track which we eagerly followed back to camp.

We cooked a quick dinner before crawling into our warm sleeping bags for another night of laughing at those who needed to go for a leak.

Thursday the 11th Sept

The last morning was greeted again with cold wet clothes and boots, before going outside to find Mitchell's devious method of avoiding braving the cold with plastic bags on the feet for a leak; peeing in a snaplock bag.

We cooked another breakfast and packed up, with many people getting impatient with the slower groups. The 1 hour walk back down the valley to Maungatepopo hut was welcome relief from the snow we had been living in for last 2 days. The hut itself was sheltered and sunny, giving us a chance to thaw and dry ourselves and some of our clothing. We stayed at the hut for a few hours because earlier that morning Mr McGowan and Mr Hewlett had taken off to get the vans and take them to the end of the Maungatepopo road for us. We used the time to cook a big lunch, sit in the sun, and do any navigation assessing that needed to be finished.

The short walk to the Maungatepopo road end was much more pleasant due to dryish clothes, and the fact that most of us had thought that we were going to have to walk the 2-3 hours back to the Chateau.

Back at the vans, those of us who had clean clothes changed and applied liberal amounts of deodorant in an attempt to mask the



aroma of 4 days in the same wet clothes, before heading for Burger King Wanganui for some real food. Once back we hung out our wet tents and returned school gear and headed home for a much fantasised about hot shower.

By Mitchell Le Heux and Alistair Stevens

World School Report

The World School International forum 2002 relocated for the first time from its traditional location in Japan to Lincoln Memorial University in United States of America. The three students from New Plymouth Boys' High School that represented New Zealand were Elliot Taylor, Guy Meuli and Te Hira Cooper, accompanied by Mrs Pauline Crow. The Conference was held from October 27th to November 9th, hosted by Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee.

The aim of World School is to create a truly borderless entity that would bring high school students and teachers from all areas of the world for the purpose of helping students create an image of an ideal educational program. Being a part of World School enabled us to learn, develop and enhance vital communication, social and leadership skills. We got to meet great people from all over the world and learn about diversities and different cultures. It provided us with a sense of international awareness and also deepened our thoughts about peace and diplomacy on the world stage.

The thing that made this experience so valuable was the people that attended. We met so many like-minded students that had the same drive, and the same motivation to make a difference in this world.

At the conference each country had to give a presentation of their own country and school, covering all aspects from culture, lifestyle, population, languages ec. At the same time each country had to do a cultural performance to over two thousand people. As customary for NPBHS we performed our school haka along with the Ka Mate Ka Mate haka. A highlight of this was teaching all the boys to do the haka in front of the girls, and also teaching a group of African Americans in a touring choir group.

A big highlight of the trip was the international sports day. On this day we split up into teams and played a number of different sports including gridiron and American baseball. It was a very enjoyable day, and well done to Elliot's team on a marvellous overall victory.

Over 2 days we also engaged in lectures and seminars by top university lecturers and speakers about the theme of 'personal and social development in a globalised education system'. Each country had to give a seminar presentation, and thanks to Mrs Crow for presenting her seminar on co-operative learning. These seminars provided us with great insight about different education systems and the way countries examine and test respectively.

During the middle weekend we travelled up to South Carolina (due to the cancellation of our trip to Washington DC). This was a very interesting excursion and we were fortunate to visit a Native Indian Cherokee Reservation, and the Appalachian Mountains. We also visited America's largest historic mansion. It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip.

On the last day all students were split up into groups and had to give a presentation based on key important lessons from the whole two weeks' experience. This was a chance to showcase many talents and it did indeed. The whole day was topped off with a presentation filled with photos from the two weeks we shared together. The farewell ceremony was very special and traditional. There was a



candle ceremony, and all participants were awarded World School Diplomas for participation in the conference. The closing ceremony was followed by a social dance.

The experience of World School 2002 is one that will remain close to us for the rest of our lives. To truly understand and appreciate what the whole experience is like, you have to be a part of it. It is an opportunity that is presented once in a lifetime and New Plymouth Boys' High is very fortunate to hold that opportunity of sending students to be part of it. In saying that, I would definitely recommend this experience to those that are keen on travel, but more importantly have a passion and appreciation for the world we live in, learn in and interact in.

World School 2002 was truly one of the best experiences of our lives. It is a great chance to make friends all over the world, and it is something that you can reflect on for many years to come.

Hillary Challenge

May 2003

Sometime last year on a date which I can't remember a group of individuals came together to form the New Plymouth Boys' High School Hillary Challenge outdoor pursuits team, that would compete in the hardest outdoor pursuits activity that secondary schools can compete in.

But before we could compete we had to qualify. To do this we performed various tasks ranging from wall climbing to a variety of activities to do with kayaking and we trained to the very best of our ability.

Later on in the year we got word that we had made it to the final ten schools to compete in this competition. On the 18 May the team travelled to O.P.C. in Tongariro, where we were accommodated in a lodge with two other teams.

On Monday we woke at 5:30 am having a, well let's say, an acceptable breakfast before participating in five initiative activities ranging from scaling a rock wall to trying to figuring out what to do with a guy with a broken leg, who was stuck in a cave. After Day One of activities we were lying in 6th place. Later on that night we gave a presentation on "New Zealand is a unique and special place". Ninety percent of the teams did a video display while we sang the kiwi burger song off a Macdonald's box. However we surprisingly picked up third place and won some books for the school and enough points to edge us into third place.

On Tuesday we woke at 5:45 am, a soon to be regular occurrence, and competed in five further initiative activities ranging from canoe orienteering to cooking pancakes with a twist. We'd learnt a lot from the first day and managed to complete many of these tasks which few other teams managed to do. This gave us 130 points more than any other team, and placed us in 1st place, 70 points clear at the top of the table.

Wednesday and Thursday were the 'expedition' leg of the competition; the details were kept secret from the teams until we arrived at the start. The expedition started at the Whakapapa ski field carpark, from here we navigated through thick fog and pouring rain for 8+ hours around the Tongariro National Park picking up checkpoints along the way. Our team started by climbing half way up the mountain to reach a checkpoint on the top ski tow.

By midday it was raining so heavily that the rivers we needed to cross were uncrossable, but instead of turning around we decided to bush bash for 2 km down to a bridge. However, at the bridge it was radioed through to all teams that they must go to the Whakapapa village as the camp ground had flooded over. That night all teams camped in the resource building at OPC with one of our members accidentally burning his rear with the stove.

Next morning we got to sleep in till 7.00 am. Coming into day 4 we had slipped back a few places to be in 3rd place, 126 points behind the leader. We started off with a nice casual bush bash for 1+ hours to start the day. The weather was a lot nicer with only brief patches of rain. The team was pretty shattered by the end of the day from walking all day with only two five minute breaks. Found out later that we gained the second highest number of points for that day which pushed us up to 2nd with 2464 points. Waiuku was only 2 points ahead.

On the last day all teams had to compete in a triathlon type race. We were up against Tauranga. We were told a fast team would do it in 3 hours but we managed to complete it in the fastest time of 2

hours 51 minutes. We started off with a 4 km mountain bike ride starting off with a steep climb. The next leg turned into an icy swim as we leapt off the bikes and plunged into the icy waters to tube down 2 kms of rapids. One person got mild hypothermia from this. Freezing and stiff from the tubing we faced a hard 7 km run to the finishing line. Throughout this race there was a series of brainteaser questions to do. Our team only managed to get 49 points out of a possible 200. The director of OPC Grant Davidson later on mocked us for our efforts.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Kiwi Outdoors and Reeves Middleton Young for helping our team financially and with equipment, Mr McGowan for training us for the event and lastly Mr Hewlett for his dedication for the team in giving up his own time to help us prepare for this event. It was very much appreciated, thank you very much.

Ryan Bridgeman, Reeve Barnett, Thomas Coppelstone, Mathew McDonald, Scott Heale, Hayden Lockhart, Alastair Wilson, Peter Boyle



Transition

Yellow Ribbon

12 boys were ambassadors this year and have put on special events at school to raise the profile of the message that it is OK to ask for help.

Besides giving prizes to boys who had the yellow card on them at lunchtimes and intervals, the boys arranged mock boxing with giant gloves. The compere was the redoubtable Michael Williams who is probably headed for a career in showbiz. The "fights" demonstrated that 40 seconds of energetic, well-cushioned slugging is very tiring, and certainly lets go of any inner tension, without injuring anyone. The audience found this all very exciting.

In term 3 the team put on a yellow jelly eating contest and Michael Williams hovered around in his black and yellow fur suit like a wasp at a picnic, urging the boys to greater efforts as they sucked up bowls of jelly through a straw. The YR team did an excellent job of organising again, and lots of boys had a memorable lunch hour.

Their work in creating fun, and being approachable to talk to, was paid off, with boys able to talk about things that were on their mind. The team of Chris Bone, Andrew Davies, Adam Elliott, Andrew Klahn, Chris Knowles, Jodi Morrison, Josh Olsson, Simon Plant, Andrew Raynes, Joe Stewart-Jacks, Peta Wharehoka, Alastair Wilson and their Yellow Ribbon area co-ordinator Carolyn Hooper, who supported them in all these ventures, has done a great job in encouraging the boys of NPBHS to be able to ask for help.

Peer Student Support Team

This year Josh Olsson, Syrus Rea, Paul Shearer and Kyle Rasmussen trained to help their peers in all teen issues but with great expertise in the area of sexuality. They too have made themselves known around school, so boys could ask all those things that teens want to know about, and actually get a correct answer. This has certainly contributed to the health of our boys, and raised the level of knowledge in this crucial area. They have been supported by the Health promotion team at Taranaki Healthcare.

Future Problem Solving – The Sport of the Mind

NPBHS had 2 classes this year in this new and challenging subject. The boys have learned to think creatively and logically in order to resolve complex situations and come up with effective and workable solutions.



They have tackled Sports Medicine, E-Commerce, Nanotechnology and DNA identification. They find it helps with their imagination, cohesive thinking and team work and they enjoy the company of like-minded classmates. The boys report that they enjoy talking and thinking about technology, and what may be possible. We need to keep an open mind. Here are some famous last words:

"I think there is a world market for maybe 5 computers." The Chairman of IBM 1943.

"Heavier than air flying machines are impossible" Lord Kelvin, Royal Society, 1895.

"The (atomic) bomb will never go off, and I speak as an expert in explosives." Admiral William Leaky to President Truman in 1945.

Macro

This is our interval and lunchtime group for boys who like to exercise their intellect. Around 15 boys congregate in the Transition room to play educational games, watch science videos, write their novels and cartoon books, do homework or study for tests and talk about interesting issues. If you like a mental work out, this could be for you.

Self Management

Three classes have taken this subject this year. The myth is that you only have to turn up to get the credits, but those in the classes know better. They have learned about many life skills, completed lots of assessments, and are now rather knowledgeable about real life issues and how to handle them. Cumulatively this will have a

positive effect on society as each year group takes sound information and practices into their lives.

Counselling

Mrs Carter has seen 650 boys this year for counselling or minimal intervention groups. This highlights the fact that lots of issues arise for teenagers, and it is indeed ok to ask for help. It is a pleasure to see our boys dealing with important matters and being able to move on. They also gain tools and strategies which they can apply in future for themselves.

STAR

We have run 13 STAR courses this year involving 342 boys. Lots of credits have been earned in subjects of each boy's choice, and it has been a delight to visit each course several times over the year, and see the boys fully engaged in something exciting. This year's courses included:

Automotive, Aviation, Building, Catering, Computer programming, Electrical, Engineering, Enterprise management, Landskills, Music technology, Outdoor education, Self management and Core skills. Next year may be different as we run what the boys request. STAR has become a vital and integral part of schools all over New Zealand, and promotes education in a very positive way.

Parent-Teacher Association

President: Mr Scott Hollingshead ph 757-9168

Secretary: Mrs Dawn Mills ph 758-2352

Treasurer: Mr Sam Hancock ph 753-3652

Teaching rep: Mr Bill Geange ph 758-1833

Catering Convenor: Mrs Justine Darney ph 757-5900

Clothing Convenor: Mrs Dot Berry ph 753-4840

The Parent Teacher Association was formed in June 1964 and has established a reputation for busy support of enormous help to the school.

Objectives

1. To bring about a fuller co-operation between school, home and community.
2. To provide means for keeping parents and residents informed with regard to the aims and activities of the school and of education generally.
3. To co-operate with the teachers and the Board of Trustees in ensuring the best possible provision for maintaining the mental and physical health of the boys.
4. To sponsor and conduct functions designed to extend the culture and educational activities of the pupil and to raise the funds, when and where necessary, for the betterment of the school.

Membership

All parents attending the AGM automatically become members of the PTA. Teachers are also automatically included and other interested adults should contact the secretary directly.

The AGM is normally held in March of each year. At the AGM the executive is elected. Nominations are accepted at this meeting. All parents of boys at school are eligible to stand. Ten general meetings are held each year usually on the first Tuesday of every month during terms, involving a guest speaker. In 2003 parents have heard from

Police Youth Aid, Study Link, Young Enterprise Scheme, Dr Pat Boulton, Gerard Dolan and Rose Taylor on health issues. "Life As A Boarder at NPBHS", and NCEA. It is also a chance for parents to quiz the headmaster directly on issues of concern and interest!

The PTA keeps in touch with parents through school newsletters. Fundraising each year is through the school raffle and Work day, to provide money for the school for items of equipment and to improve grounds and amenities. The Assistant Principal, Mr Bruce Bayly, organizes these fundraisers.

The PTA is responsible for organising the hospitality for visiting sports teams and arranges catering through the hostel kitchen for evening functions such as report evenings. The catering convenor is listed above, and any parents willing to help on such occasions should not hesitate to contact her.

Parents are urged to support their association. Inquiries can be made with the secretary, listed above, or through the school.

Year 12 History Trip to Waiouru

To describe the 2003 Year 12 history field trip to Waiouru as "interesting" would most definitely be an understatement. With over thirty energetic sixteen year old boys boarding the bus at Boys' High on the morning of Tuesday, 29 April, all well supplied with copious amounts of liquid in the form of coke and various other sugar-filled drinks, it was easy to recognise the looks of anxiety on the faces of our accompanying teachers Mr Warner, Mr Wild and Mr Harland. But all hints of apprehension quickly evaporated as the sun rose higher in the sky and the ride to Ohakea passed without a hitch. We were all glad to get out at the air-force base and have a stretch when we arrived in the late morning, and eager to explore the rich history of the RNZAF in New Zealand as we were given a fantastic tour of the museum. Frantic would probably be the best word to describe our time at Ohakea, as the whole class desperately tried to copy timelines from the walls and record all the jewels of wisdom that spouted from our guide's mouth. For the most part, triumphant expressions rolled across our faces as we tucked our folders away and headed back to the bus.

After an equally noisy trip we finally arrived at the Waiouru Army Museum. Following a brief but valuable introduction to the building and its staff members along with a quick video on New Zealand's military history, it was yet again time to leave. We were all glad to pass by groups of training cadets and settle in to our five-star accommodation - the barracks at Waiouru army camp. A fifteen minute game of soccer served to fuel our appetites, and the food at the mess did not disappoint. There was a mad rush to the servery, but I did not see anyone offer anything but the utmost politeness to the rather large army personnel dining with us. Refreshed and rejuvenated, the whole class worked enthusiastically on our assignments for two hours under the watchful eye of Mr Wild, before heading back to the barracks to collapse on our bunks for a well deserved sleep.

Like many history classes before us, we were woken up at an unearthly hour by the harsh trumpeting of a bugle. A bleary-eyed stumble out into the cold autumn air led us to breakfast, and after a remarkable cleanup of the barracks we left to put our creative energy to good use at the museum. Anna Ramsay, the education officer at the museum, was instrumental in helping us begin our work and in answering a myriad of questions.

All exhibits were found to be highly impressive, with highlights being life size models such as Second World War paratroopers and also real tanks, along with superb sound and lighting techniques. The library also provided a vast array of resources, and when it was time to return to the barracks, many folders looked close to overflowing.



The next day began with a guided tour of the Waiouru army base. From the bus we watched with some amusement as new troops underwent basic training. A memorable activity was entering an armoured personnel carrier and being able to handle weapons (unloaded of course!). But an entire day's work lay ahead of us and, reluctant as we were to stop "playing soldiers" we were eager to get our assignments finished at the army museum. Our teachers were great aids in helping us answer a great number of perplexing questions, and before long our research was complete. Following a formal farewell and expression of our thanks to the museum staff, we headed off. It was 5:30 pm before we stopped to eat in Wanganui, and half an hour later before we departed on the final part of the journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Anna Ramsay, who was an essential part in the success of our work. I would also like to thank Mr Warner, Mr Wild and Mr Harland for their organisation of the trip, their superb supervision and for once again showing and sharing their seemingly inexhaustible supplies of wisdom. It was a great three days and I think we all gained a lot from it. Finally, as the bus hurtled through the night on the way back to New Plymouth, it was time for our tired teachers and ourselves to relax. Thanks also to Mr Mike Neil for his patience, humour and efficient driving. After three days of high productivity, we were lulled to sleep by the melodic tones of Mr Warner's walkman.

Greg Severinsen

Year 13 History Trip

In the second week of the second terms, the Year 13 History class of NPBHS arrived at school early Tuesday morning, for our annual trip to Auckland. The entire class arrived, even those, who up to this point had been absent from class due to illness, such as Jackson Wood. Because of the small size of our class (13), we travelled up in a small bus, which was livened by a personal, friendly atmosphere that made the entire trip an unforgettable experience.

On the way we were fortunate enough to stop at the Pa site of Rangiriri. While there we toured the small museum and watched a video on the history of the site.

We arrived in Auckland late in the afternoon and soon settled in at our accommodation, the Kiwi International Hotel. We were lucky enough to be given a free lecture that night after dinner from two of NZ history's leading scholars, Mr Michael A R Graves and Mr James Flood.

The next morning we woke bright and early and after breakfast arrived punctually at the Auckland War Memorial Museum where we were to spend the next two days. This museum has many interesting exhibits, but the most important is the permanent 'Scars in the Heart exhibition', on World War II. Related ephemera and the onsite library were also priceless resources. Our assignment on this trip was loosely based on examining New Zealand's role in World War II. I encourage anyone who is apprehensive about taking history next year (due to its reputed workload) to reconsider, because it offers unparalleled opportunities for excellent marks, if you are willing to put in the effort.

That night we went 'out on the town' and 'had a feed,' before going to the movie, 'Gangs of New York,' because of its historical

significance in its recounting of the breakdown of law and order during the time of the Civil war.

The next morning we said goodbye to our motel, and headed off to the museum once more. We spent much of the day completing our assignments, before heading off early in the afternoon, to begin the trip back to New Plymouth.

This trip was fun, interesting and a success. I learnt much on the history of World War II, as was shown in my assignment. I would like to thank the efforts of both Mr Warner and Mr Wild, the two history teachers accompanying us on the trip. Cheers also go out to our Bus Driver, who braved the two five hour trips alone in a bus with us. I had a great time, and encourage the history class of 2004 to have an even better experience.

Global Young Leaders' Conference

GYLC Report :

Seven people, seven plane tickets, and a whole country to be explored. Some of our number had been to the States before, but when we arrived in Washington, the temptation to explore was irresistible, and despite being told not to, we quickly realised how useful the subway was! Perhaps our greatest (mis)adventure was when we set out for a mall, and ended up walking five miles through suburbia, after which we asked a policeman where to go! Another two miles later we got back to the subway and our hotel. All this before the conference began!

When the conference did begin, we were all blown away by the number of different cultures present : more than thirty different countries. Thankfully they all spoke English, and all of us immediately set about getting to know as many people as possible!

The very next day we were put in our "country groups" in which we would be going to speakers and activities for the rest of the conference. There were around 25 people in each group, and 14 country groups in all.

The first activity we did in our groups was a simulation of a trade dispute, where we each represented our country's interest in the dispute - this was the kind of thing the country groups would do together, culminating at the global summit on the last day of the conference.

The global summit was held at the United Nations itself. To sit in the very same chairs as the diplomats, and to speak how they would speak was an incredible feeling, as if you really had a hand of influence on the globe.

The last morning was very sad, with everyone parting ways, most probably never to see each other again. We traded email addresses, bade each other goodbye, and we were back on our way, back on the plane away from an extremely fun two weeks, perhaps the fastest in many of our lives! The conference was an incredible experience, and for any fifth formers wishing to go, it is well worth the effort. You will learn things you could never learn elsewhere.

Matthew Harrop, Matthew Grey, Andrew Mills, Andrew Darney, Ricky Versteeg, Joe Stewart-Jacks, Hayden Lockhart.



Year 12 Geography Thailand Trip

E-Mails From Thailand

Extracts from an anonymous student's e-mail's home

Dear Mum

Wow this place is amazing! Tonight is our last night in Bangkok and our arrival a few days ago seems like weeks. So much is different and there is so much to experience that the days seem really full. We arrived in Bangkok on the first night at 11.00 pm after 24 hours continuously on the go. Needless to say, sleep was good that night!!

Our first day saw us try out different forms of transport from canal boat (sewer boat really), to Tuk Tuk (they tuk lots of short cuts and were pretty exciting), to ferry on the river, to taxi (ah, air conditioning at last!). We visited a famous temple called Wat Poh. All the temples are called Wat something and there are lots of them in Thailand. We just had to be careful talking to taxi drivers because if we didn't understand what they were saying and said 'What?' we might end up at some temple on the outskirts of town. At Wat Poh we had a traditional Thai massage which at times was relaxing but at times hurt a bit. Then we went back to the hotel for a swim and some shopping in the markets nearby. Travel is pretty slow as there is lots of traffic everywhere.

The highlight of our second day was a ride through a number of the canals that came off the main river. Bangkok is built on a swamp and the early inhabitants used canals as their main way of transport. Now they are a quick form of transport and sewage disposal. We rode in long boats with an engine mounted high at the back and a very long shaft to the propeller - giving the boats some good manoeuvrability. The drivers were pretty skilled and raced the machines around. We had to remember to keep our mouths shut in case water splashed up!

There were some huge contrasts in living conditions seen in the housing along the canals, from tin shacks to modern concrete apartments. It was amazing to see kids actually swimming in them too. We visited a zoo and had a look at a snake show before returning to have a wander through the backpacker area of town and catching taxis home (6 kilometres in over 30 minutes due to the traffic!). The evening saw us tuk- tiking to Pak Pong Road and visiting the markets there. People and stalls everywhere. If you stopped and looked at anything someone immediately tried the hard sell on you. Mr Russell then bought us all ice creams at Swensons to celebrate Daniel Lagan's birthday.

Our third day in Bangkok was 'The Amazing Race'. We had to test our new found skills and confidence in getting around by travelling to the Weekend Markets unaided via an overhead rail system. After meeting the Parents and Mr Hewlett we could then do some shopping and return to the hotel. It was pretty easy really and we are all feeling a bit more at home in this big city. Sad to see the quadriplegic beggar sprawled in the hot sun on the way to the markets. I'm glad we have a social welfare system in NZ! The shopping has been great and there are lots of cheap goods in the market though you have to bargain for it. One student bargained a Rolex watch down from 800 baht (NZ \$20.00) to 400 baht. Further down the road he saw an identical watch at another stall and asked 'How much?' The guy said '350 baht'. As he walked off in disgust at his earlier purchase the guy call out 'no, no, I give it for 250!!'

Must go now. We catch the overnight train shortly up to Chaing Mai.

Love J

Dear Mum

It nice to be back in civilisation again and enjoying hot showers and nice toilets. Tomorrow we fly to Phuket and tonight we have been enjoying the night markets of Chaing Mai and a fix of McDonalds after a few days of rice, noodles and vegetables. You can tell the fussy eaters - they are a bit skinnier now. We have just finished an awesome 3 days in the mountains North of Chang Mai - trekking to two remote tribal villages on our hill tribe trek. The first day trekking was a bit wet (of course we had been told it never rains in Thailand at this time of year!) but it actually stopped it getting too hot and it meant we could experience a few leeches too. Four hours walking saw us reach our first village where we stayed in a local villager's home - all sleeping marae style on the floor, until the roosters woke us up!! These people believe in spirits so we couldn't hang our gear inside to dry from the rafters. When we were in bed one of our hosts moved across the floor where we lay to a back room flicking the flint of an empty lighter. We all thought it was a spirit cleansing ritual. In fact she just needed to see where she was going!! Despite Blake trying to find the door in a blank wall in the middle of the night it was a reasonable night. For Raki too, things were gelling pretty well.

Our second day was awesome. We trekked through some beautiful forest with some nice views especially when the cloud lifted. Lunch was eaten at an Elephant Camp then we cruised on down a river to the village where we were to spend the night. This was a Karen Village and our accommodation was much more comfortable than the first night - more space for sitting around and relaxing. Late afternoon some elephants arrived to take us for a ride down to the river and around a circuit. It's amazing the terrain that they can cover and we had to hang on pretty hard at times. That night we celebrated Mr Russell's birthday around the dinner floor. Our night's sleep was uneventful except for the roosters and one of our guides offering free massages (he had spent the evening drinking too much of the local brew). He was hastily escorted away by Mr Ohg, our chief guide.

Our third day was probably the highlight. Here we travelled on bamboo rafts for 3 hours down to the main road. The river was in flood (even thought it doesn't normally rain here at this time of the year) which made the trip better than normal. It was a unique experience and some of the rapids reached grade 2 and the rafts tended to sink a bit through them (because of the aerated water). We used bamboo poles for propulsion. Once at the road we had lunch and then travelled back to Chaing Mai where we are now. Am now looking forward to Phuket and the beach. Will write again soon.

Love J

Dear Mum

Phuket has been awesome. Tomorrow we fly back to NZ. It seems such a long time ago that we were in NZ. So much has happened and there have been so many new and varying experiences. We had an interesting flight from Chaing Mai to Phuket though D decided to test the aircraft security system. He had better knuckle down and pack more sensibly next time. I won't even mention the student who bought a lighter in the shape of a hand grenade. There was an interesting expression on the face of the security personnel at the airport!!

We have been staying at a hotel at Kata beach. It is 5 minutes walk from a pristine white sand beach and close to shops and activities.



In fact Blake, Daniel and Fish feel the place is pretty well tailor made to their requirements. We have had a couple of days doing beach stuff, swimming, jet skis, paragliding etc and have had a couple of day trips and one half day trip. One day trip involved sea kayaking through some sea cave into a lagoon in the centre of this island - awesome. We visited 'James Bond Island' too - where a James Bond film was made. The other day involved taking a speedboat on a trip to Phi-Phi Island, where the film 'The Beach' was made. Again some awesome scenery. Some great geographic formations. The snorkelling was interesting and the water very warm. The final trip we did was a visit to Phuket Zoo where we watched 3 animal shows including elephants playing soccer and musical instruments and guys putting their heads inside crocodiles mouths. The crocodile show amazed me the most with the 2 crocodile trainers taking significant risks. There were the usual opportunities to get your photo taken with snakes, elephants and even a tiger. The tiger trainer was missing an arm so I decided to give that one a miss!! We enjoyed the sights and sounds of Patong beach on a couple of nights including dinner at a lovely restaurant right on the beach. The shopping has been good though a bit more expensive than Bangkok. We also played mini golf at the most amazing course I have ever seen - Dinotopia. It is modelled on a dinosaur theme and is very creative with volcanoes erupting and one place where we could hardly see because of the steam. Those in the group with Tiger Russell were promised ice cream if they beat him - it proved to be an expensive night for him.

Must go now. The Internet café is about to close and it's back to the hotel for me. See you soon.

Love J

ESOL Department 2003

This year the ESOL Department has 32 students from all over the world. This is the same number of students as last year. The boys come from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan and Maldives. Two new Chinese boys arrived at the beginning of Term 3.

The number of exchange students has increased. There are two boys, José Martins (Brazil) and Francisco Pina (Chile) with us for a whole year. We were sad to see Sasha Sommer (Germany) Xavier Perrinjaquet (Switzerland) and Satang Hussanum (Thailand) leave at the end of Term 2 as they contributed a great deal to the life of the school. However, they have been replaced by Anaud Bendele (France), Felix Reitz (Germany), Florian Knop (Germany), and Cedric Van den Berg (Germany).

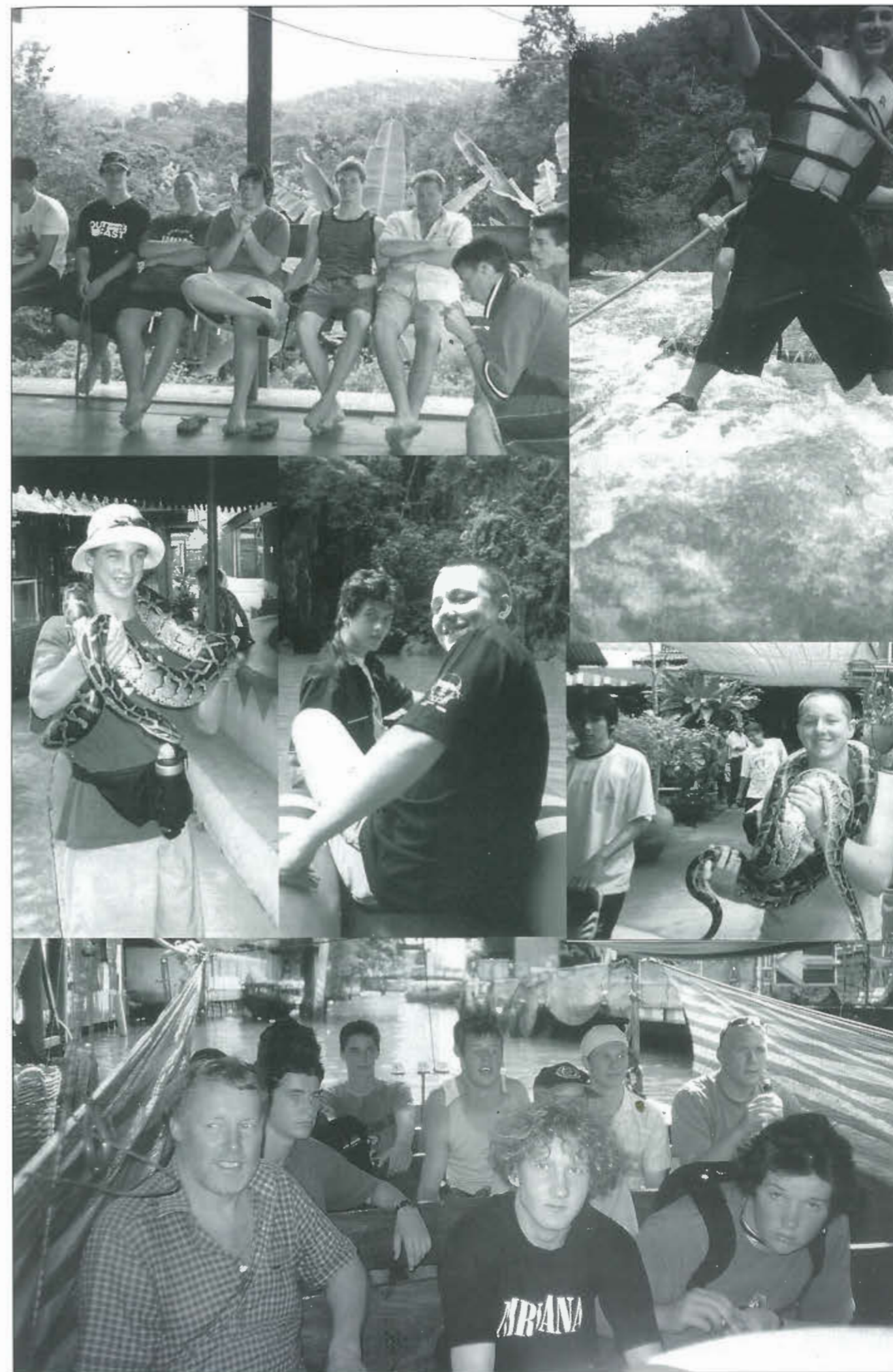
As well as these students, we have day boys who have come to live in New Zealand from Cambodia, China and Korea.

It is exciting to see friendships develop between these students. They can only communicate in English. A number of them have made friendships which will last a lifetime leading to visits to one another in the future.

V Moore - ESOL Teacher



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Flying High

by Lee Wilson

Flying Camp is a great way to end the year on a high. If you want to try something different, thrilling and better than a "flight simulator", then this camp is for you.

We learnt some theory including the importance of good decision making, how pilots can be tricked by the height of trees and be affected by the bends and disorientation.

I was surprised at how quickly we were able to take the controls and take off and land almost unaided. Admittedly we did have the assurance of an instructor by our side.

At the Met office we met Hectopascal, the cat. We watched a helium balloon, the size of a man, lift off and saw its path tracked on printouts. Apparently backcountry Taranaki farmers occasionally find balloon remnants thinking they are important.

Twenty boys and only 2 planes did mean there were a few pool games and some video watching needed to pass the time.

One of the highlights was the bombing competition. To drop our unreliable home-made bombs out of the window of the plane at a target was easier said than done but great fun. It was a credit to the instructors to have twenty boys for a week and still keep their sense of humour.

Trust us to pick the only camp with an exam. However the consolation was that it is one less exam towards a real pilot's licence.

Top gun, move over, here comes NPBHS!



Mountain Biking

by Kane Poletti (and thanks Michael Drew)

Thinking back to the Mountain biking camp I remember Bikes; 18 of them stacked onto Trailers, towed by Vans, two of them, and heaps of bags, golf clubs and kids, fifteen of us. I remember Waitomo Caves, riding down the gravel road and the cool darkness inside. There was Rotorua, tents, rain the first night. Luge riding and mountain biking the trails on that mountain was awesome. Forest riding was tighter, slower, slippery and probably even more exciting.

Hamburgers, spa pools, travelling to Taupo in the van again, the rope course, about 7 metres above the ground, were other memories. Then we met the Taupo campers and joined them at De Bretts, and the swimming pools.

Last I remember travelling home, fish and chips, junk food in Pio Pio and home at last after an enjoyable week, thanks to Mr Jones and Mr Northcott (Snr and Jnr).

Wellington Camp

by Laine Barnett

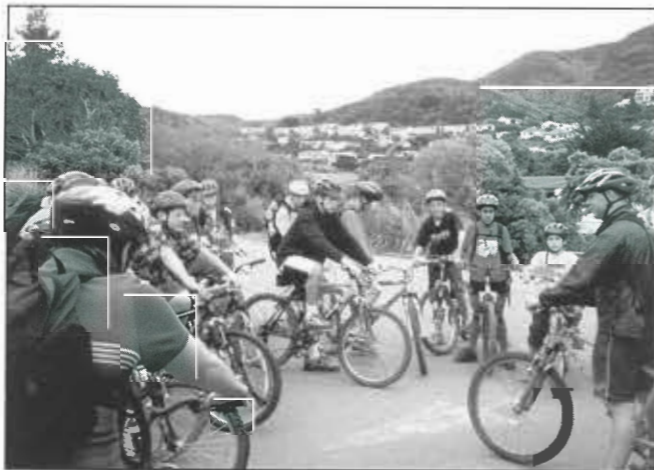
It was a bleak, uncompromising morning late in term 4. The concrete steps of Pridham hall were littered with daypacks and students standing dumbly, waiting for our transport to arrive. Our destination; Wellington.

The trip down to Wellington went fast; half of us had piled into an old rust caked van, the other half into a red Ford Falcon. I was lucky enough to be stuck with the van. We arrived at the youth hostel about 3.30pm, after a short stop in Wanganui and another minute township that sold 1.5L of Pepsi for .99c ea. We spent the rest of the day touring the youth hostel.

While in Wellington we checked out the sights, sounds and women; went mountain biking, went to Te Papa, busted our caches, went to Parliament and saw Helen Clark and Winston Peters. We went on a day trip to Kapiti Island and learnt a lot about the history of the island; about how there was a succession of huge battles fought by the Maori inhabitants of the island. We also noticed a large amount of native bird-life around because the island is a bird sanctuary now.

On the way home we stopped at 'Southwards Car Museum' a 'must see' for any automobile enthusiast (I wasted a whole roll of film there).

The Wellington Camp was Great. Thanks to Ms McVicar and Mrs Slater for taking us.



Mainly Mokau

by B J Hancock-Bland

Mainly Mokau was a five-day adventure camp based at Mr Driscoll's beach bach just north of Mokau. Mr Driscoll's bach had no electricity so we couldn't watch TV or use an oven to cook but Mr Driscoll did have a wet back fire, which meant we did get some hot water.

Mr Driscoll's bach was just a three minute walk from the sea and river and this was where we spent most of the time fishing and swimming when we weren't out travelling in the minibus and doing exciting activities.

The exciting activities we did were riding four-wheel motorbikes over a rugged Te Kuiti farm, riding tyre tubes down deep dark wet caves for black water rafting, and going for a swim at the Hamilton pools.

"Mainly Mokau" camp was really fun and exciting and all nine of the students that went on this camp really enjoyed it.

So on behalf of everyone that went on this camp I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Driscoll for making our five days on camp so enjoyable.

Golf Camp

by Michael Aldous

Golf looks easy but it isn't. If you hit the ball too far it goes miles and can end up in an area of dead trees, and then it's lost. Or it might get into long grass and it has to be chopped out. Or if it gets into the sand bunker it can take up to five hits just to get it out again. After the eighth hole you've walked a long way and it's very tiring.

Each day of the camp we met at Boys' High at 8 o'clock. Then we went to Westown, Te Ngutu, Mountainview, Manaia and Manukorihi golf courses, in mini van, ute and Mr Watts' car. We had a mix of coaching sessions and playing rounds.

On Monday, it was windy and there was a bit of rain but mainly it was okay for golfing - so was the rest of the week. Prizegiving was on Friday and we were able to choose a prize depending on our scores. We got golf balls, tees, all sorts of things to do with the game.

Thanks to Mr Watts, Mr Maihi and Mr Hall for your company and organising our week.

Golf Camp 2002

by Phillip Plant

During December 2002 a group of third form boys spent a week chasing small white golf balls around some of the local golf courses. Mr Hyde, the leader of the group accompanied by Mr Mossop and Mr Hyde senior, hired Mini vans for the week to take the group to the various golf courses. The group went through three golf courses and still had time to go to the driving range and the aquatic centre.

The first course we went to was Westown, it was a hot day and initially nine holes seemed daunting but we soon got underway and really enjoyed it. At lunchtime we had a putting competition, the greens were fast and the pace was hot. In the end Thornton Henley won.

The second day we went to the Mountainview golf range for driving practice and some professional coaching. We also played pitch and putt and in the afternoon we went to the New Plymouth Aquatic centre.

Next day we travelled out to Kaitaki Golf Course. The day started nice and cool, but then it got hot in the afternoon. Some teams struggled to get through all the eighteen holes required to complete the day, but we all made it in the end.

The following day we all gathered at school to head off to Manukorihi. The day started off at a rapid pace with us settling in as time went on. This course was probably the nicest of all of them.

Our final day was spent at Westown again. We did the full eighteen holes this time, and because that was too easy for us by now, we did it in the rain! When we got back to the club house we were handed out prizes for our efforts.

It was a brilliant week and I enjoyed it, and am sure everyone else did as well. Full credit to Mr Hyde, Mr Mossop and Mr Hyde Senior.

Tongaporutu Camp

by Jeremy Price and Willie Steyn

We stayed in the Tongaporutu Hall, 18 of us and Mr McLellan, Mr Tullett and Mr Hill. We slept in sleeping bags on mattresses on the floor - except for Willie who missed out. Not the teachers though, they got first pick and they got to sleep on the stage.

First day we went for a five hour walk to White Cliffs across farmland and we never got there, but we did help the farmers by returning sheep to their paddocks instead of all over the road.

Next day we paddled up the river in kayaks. It was fun until the blisters came, but we could get a tow on the motorboat. It was about 10 km up and of course 10 km back, but that part down river was easy.

Next day some boys went fishing at Mokau for Kahawai which Mr McLellan cooked in breadcrumbs for lunch. Tyler kept waking up in the middle of the night to make sandwiches because he always seemed to be hungry.

Some girls from Opunake were there and they invited us over for a sausage burning festival round the fire. Playing rugby in the mud was great, and swimming heaps.

We walked to the Three Sisters on the beach and found a hammerhead shark, dead and stinking which Ludi dragged back to show the teachers.

Surfcasting

by Zac Forsyth

On my surfcasting camp it was really cool. We had really nice meals and caught heaps of fish. We normally were up at 8.00am and had breakfast before 9.00am then we got an hour to chill and then we were off to fish. The fishing was great. We were hauling in the fish every day.

We first went to Maraopu. My Dad drove me because he came to show me and the boys how to put the tent up and we did it in 15 minutes. Dad then set off for home. That night we went out fishing and caught some more fish and smoked them up the next day.

The next day we headed off to Mokau and when we got there we set up tents. After we had set up camp we noticed some rival Inglewood students our age and that night when we went fishing they stuck a toilet in my 'tent'. But don't worry, we got our own back!

I think the surfcasting camp was really good. We caught good fish and had good laughs with Mr Harland and Mr Lockhart who took us. I give it a ten out of ten and I recommend it to any third former that wants to take it.

Surfing

by Yanni Dobson

We went down the coast to Stent Road by minibus with Mr Turner. We stayed at Weld Road campground in tents. Putting up the tents was pretty fun. We were fed by Mrs French who brought the food in and we cooked it on a barbeque. It was fine, hot and windy but the surf was flat but clean. It was good surfing and great to be with a group of surfers for a whole school week.

Taupo Camp 2002

by Cameron Best

On Monday we met at the Gymnasium and split into three different minivans and drove up to Taupo from there. We all then set up our tents at De Bretts Thermal Resort. After that we went for a swim and a hydroslide.

The next morning we woke up early and went on the Great Lake superjet all around Lake Taupo and out to the Volcanic Activity Centre to learn all about - well - volcanoes. Then we went up town and did some shopping. Some full-on day, and hot swims and waterslide at night.

On Wednesday morning we departed for the rock'n'ropes course. Man is it a long way down from the poles! We did daring walks between, or hurled ourselves off. After that we went for a long run down along the Waikato River from Huka Falls back into town. It was hot. And then a game of miniput.

On Thursday we went white water rafting down the Kaituna River which was really fun, especially the seven metre waterfall, the highest commercially rafted in the world! And to top it off we went into Rotorua and then spent the afternoon on Skyline Skyrides and the Luge.

Friday was pack-up day and home time after Mc Donalds breakfast and watching the river fill when they open the Aratiatia dam gates. Then we went on the long journey home.



Waka Camp

by Sheldon Joyce

The highlight on the Waka ama Camp was the fishing trip on the way to Back Beach. We went out on Thursday, 5 December, starting at Ngamotu Beach.

We paddled our way out of the breakwater and into open sea. The first thing we did was set a crayfish pot. Then we paddled our way around the Sugar Loaf Islands and Seal Rock. It was amazing.

Then we got ready to go fishing. We had 3 Waka and were hungry for fish. Our lines were ready and we spotted a school of fish. We all started paddling hard out towards the fish. We caught up with them and went straight through them. One of the Waka caught a huge Kahawai on the first go. We did this for about three quarters of an hour and finished off with 5 fish.

We were all stuffed from our constant paddling. Then we headed for Back Beach.

Windsurfing

by Dillon Davidson

On the 2nd December our camp moved out and was to meet at Lake Rotomanu. The water was average temperature and but the air was cold so it wasn't a good mix. However, we were soon shown our way to the water. We had divided into three groups which matched the three activities which were sailing, windsurfing and kayaking.

On the first day we had about an hour on each activity so we could have a basic lesson on each and also learn how to assemble our sailing boats. The rest of day one and all of days two and three, we were let loose on the lake. Finally, on the third day, we got to kayak down the Waiwakaiho river and muck around in the surf. On the fourth day we had two activities; each one half a day. These were scuba diving at New Plymouth Underwater and the second one was wall climbing at the YMCA. Each was great fun and wall climbing was a real physical challenge. Finally, on day five, there was Chaddy's charters and the movies. The movie was "Undercover Brother" - not the best I've seen but a good waste of time. Chaddy's was not a very nice trip either because it was raining and the sea swells were massive. But we were assured that if the boat flips it will right itself in 30 seconds so then we could relax a bit and enjoy the ride.

That was our Year 9 camp for 2002.

Tongariro Camp 2002

by Daniel Fleming

On a particularly hot Sunday morning, a large group of excited 3rd formers, prefects and teachers arrived at the school weighed down with many heavy packs full of gear for the Tongariro camp which was part of the third form outdoor education week in 2002.

We all got into our comfortable Jamiesons bus (after about an hour of trying to fit some of the larger bags in) and then headed north towards Mokau, where everybody took part in the traditional run a few kilometres along Mokau beach. The first five runners were rewarded with whatever sized ice block or ice cream they desired.

The rest of the bus ride to Rotorua was extremely hot because the air conditioning had stopped working and the air temperature seemed like it was rising by the second.

The rest of the afternoon and evening consisted of having lunch beside an enormous swing bridge, racing on the luge and then having Burger King for dinner before gradually going to sleep on the floor of the Rotorua Boys' High School whare.

The next morning after waking up very early and packing our bags we called into McDonalds for an early breakfast. Unfortunately one of the teachers organizing the trip had forgotten to order us all cold drinks so we had to make do with tea and coffee instead.

We arrived at Eivin's Lodge where we were welcomed warmly and then travelled to Rock 'n' Ropes where most of us overcame our fear of heights. We all went river bashing up a shallow stream which was actually quite deep in some places as some of the unluckier students found out.

Caving at the Okupatu caves was another great highlight. Mr McGowan tried to scare us by telling us about the hungry wild boar that was going to eat us up if we talked too loud and the Velcro eels that lived there.

The next day we completed the Tongariro Crossing. Parts of the scenery reminded us of battle scenes from the Lord of the Rings as we trooped through some of the most beautiful scenery in New Zealand. To cap off an exhausting day we went to an indoor rock climbing wall. The spider men of the group mastered many difficult climbs. Everyone slept well that night!





Windy Glen Horse Trekking Camp

by Allister Niven

For the past two years I have looked forward to going horse trekking at Windyglen farm, which is a horse trekking farm. I really enjoyed my time at Windyglen because Ollie, the horse that I rode, matched my level of ability. Each year, there were guides who helped you with everything that was new to you; for me it was pretty much everything. The guides were always there for each individual. They were encouraging, kind, caring, enthusiastic people. They taught me a lot.

I learnt a lot at Windyglen: how to catch and groom a horse, pick up and clean out their hooves, put on a saddle and a bridle.... Best of all was learning how to ride a horse. One of the most frightening experiences turned out to be my favourite: it was when I got to canter, which is the third fastest gait for a horse. Cantering is very smooth and great fun.

Each year I looked forward to the week at Windyglen where I could have heaps of fun while I was learning loads more about riding.

Day Activities

by Kane Baeyertz

For our Activities week we came to school sometimes to play games, or if it was an out of school activity like laser force we'd go straight there. After that we came back to school and did cool things like swimming, soccer or rugby.

We did Laser Force which was definitely the best activity, it was 'wicked as'. We got two hours of just playing games for free. We were able to play pretty much everything.

We also went to Bowlerama which was cool. And the skate park, a bit boring though. We were going to go to Platoon but we went to the Aquatic Centre, and the budget was blown.

Usually we brought our own lunch and it was great being able to pass McD's and stock up. The best thing about day activities was it was cheap and we could go home at the end of them.

Thanks Mr Dominikovich, Mr Meyer, Mr Kerr and Mr Hope for a fun week - it definitely beats school.

Plateau Adventure

by Rob Sherson

At the end of last year all Year 9s went on a trip. Nine other boys and I were lucky enough to go on the Plateau Adventure with Mr Maaka and Mr Woods as our, well if you can say, camp leaders.

On the first day we arrived we were staying on a place on my farm in Taumarunui. We arrived there and set the place up. Then we went into town and got some food and went for a swim. The next day we went canoeing down the river. It was about 21 kilometres long, there were a few rapids and we all had fun.

On Wednesday we went over to Taupo and went on a big charter jet boat thing that went all around the lake. After that we went to miniput and then to KFC for a feed. On Thursday we went back over to the lake and went fishing. Hooked three but all got away. In the afternoon my Dad took us out for a biscuit ride; we all went home and were very tired. On Friday we got up, had breakfast, packed our bags and came back to New Plymouth. It was a great way to spend a week of school.



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Year 9 Camp Quotes

Rock n Ropes – a great experience especially the trapeze.

It was exciting even though I fell off.

It was funny on the luge when I crashed into Sam and he fell over.

The van windows were jammed.

Rock n Ropes was a good test for pushing yourself to the limit

Travelling is all right. It gets boring but looking at the girls is cool.

It was pretty cool. I liked it heaps.

Rafting was fun even though I didn't hold on going down the 7 metre waterfall. I learnt a lot and hope to do it again with other friends.

It was the shizzle. I want to do it again (especially the scenic)

This was lush. It was the highlight of the camp. I found the information at the volcanic Activity Centre interesting but when I saw the movie I fell asleep

You could choose who you wanted in a tent so you would have fun. It was good team building putting the tents up.

It was a good challenge and I enjoyed it very much

ROCK N ROPES REALLY PUSHES YOU OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE.

The luge is fun until you crash since you're going so fast.

Mr Atkins is a groovy driver and allows us to listen to any music.

The food was good, especially the pizza and coke

The jetboat was fast and bumpy with a good view.

Rafting was phat; it was wicked; especially the 7 metre drop.

EXCITING AND EDUCATIONAL: I ENJOYED IT.



by Aidan McDonald

Looming out of the darkness, luminous, is a great shard of cliff, eroded away from the land. It sits still, menacing, like an iceberg.

All else that can be seen are the distant lights of Japanese boats, reflections of the stars, which hang over an indistinguishable horizon.

An electric fence behind me breaks the silence between waves, its methodical clicking noise slowly ticking time away. The fence separates this place from the real world.

Eventually, the distant lights begin to fade. Something is happening... the rumbling continues from below, yet it somehow feels stronger... Suddenly there is a bright light. The sun erupts from over the hills, melting the iceberg to stone, and swallowing a world of shadows.

Memories Are Made Of This

by Jonathan Williams

The evening air hangs crisp and cool; no sound stirs the leaves of the surrounding trees. I carefully draw the crosshairs over the target, and exhaling gently, tighten my finger on the cold steel of the rifle's trigger. As the echoes of gunshot die away and the smoke wafts through the air, it occurs to me, as it has done countless times before, how blessed I am to still be here, to be able to sit and relax in the simple task of practising my aim, when so many millions cannot, their lives stolen away by the war. I remember the time when the deafening sound of ten thousand gunshots pierced every moment, when the smoke from ten thousand guns hung choking and oppressive over the battlefield, when the only world we could see was miles upon miles of hellish trenches.

"Your country needs you! It's a man's life in the army!" they said. The recruiters always told of the glory of going to war for king and country. But no, the trenches were the nearest thing to hell on earth. Storm clouds tore the sky into ragged chunks, punctuating the rattle of gunfire with ragged slashes of lightning and apocalyptic blasts of thunder. The trenches oozed with slime and filth, reeking of blood, gore and death. The hell of the trenches was the whole world, divided off by ragged strands of razor wire, embedded in the walls like the glinting broken teeth of a massive, decomposing beast.

We hated the trenches, every one of the hundreds of us down there. Every second that ticked by was a curse. I suspected that the nearby enemy

in their own trenches only a few hundred metres away felt similarly. We all clung to the desperate hope that we might get out alive, get out to see our families and friends again. But our hope was fading. Each passing day our spirits gave way to the horror and pain just a little more. We were constantly fearful that we might soon receive the order to charge across no man's land to try and take another trench, the order that would most likely sign our death warrants. We had no choice in the matter. We waited.

It came. In the dead of night the order came through. We didn't know how long we had been waiting and dreading, there wasn't any time as such in the trench; only burning days and sleepless nights. I was terrified. I fumbled to ram a bullet into the chamber of my gun. In a confused moment, I was shunted over the wall of the trench, and into the fields of death.

I shake my head to try and clear the images of the horrific past from my mind. It doesn't work, the images will be with me until the day I die. Those least visible wounds, the ones to the soul, are those that take the longest to heal, if they will at all. And although I pray for peace, I know it can never be, not for long, such peace does not exist in the heart of man. As I stand up to leave the target range, I notice soldiers practising there. How many of them will die "for their country?" Strife is the shadow of mankind. War is the dark shade which follows in our footsteps. If the condition of man is set for all time, we will never be free.

Now and then : Summertime, Wintertime

by Michael Hayward

Mid-summer, mid-day. The sun was high in the sky, shining intensely on the beach below. The black sand sent tiny rays of light glistening in every direction. Up on the dunes, where the sand mixed with fine brown dirt, the small tussock grasses were gently forced sideways by the relaxed breeze which carried the light smell of salt. Further down there were several small lumps of sand, remnants of once fine sand castles not yet washed away. The sea, a dazzling blue enhanced by the light of the sun, was curling perfectly and beating itself on the unmoving shore in a spray of whitewash.

At the top of the sand a large group of people lay on their brightly coloured beach towels soaking up the rays of the sun. Gentle conversation and casual laughter floated on the light sea-breeze. The smell of picnic food surrounded the area as



people snacked on their meals. Two tanned young women moved down to the warm sea, slipping into the water and joining the other swimmers. Further out a surfer caught a breaking wave. Everywhere people were relaxing happily in the summer sun.

Mid-winter, mid-day. Thick dark rain clouds obscured the sun's rays. The sand no longer sparkled, but looked dull and foreboding. Overhead, a lone seagull squawked despairingly as it struggled against a sudden squall. The tussocks on the dunes were forced to the muddy earth by the fierce winds and heavy rains. The air smelt wet and musty, like it had just been let out of a cupboard after being trapped for a long time. The beach was plain and empty except for a chip packet flying in the howling wind. The sea was green and murky, the freezing water breaking savagely onto the deserted sand.

Slowly working her way along the beach, a lone jogger with a large, shaggy black dog forced herself through the almost impenetrable winds. Her dark tracksuit blended with the miserable background, the yellow reflector strip trying against the odds to make her more visible. The dog, fat raindrops dripping off his drenched coat, struggled silently beside his labouring master. Happiness had deserted the beach.

The Playground

by Jamie McMahon

When I was five I loved the playground. I would go there every day after school in the summer. It was a jungle of vivid primary colours. I remember how I couldn't even get on the see-saw because I was so little. I remember when the slide seemed so huge I thought I would never get to the bottom, even though I always did. I remember how it would seem as if I could touch the sky when I was on the swing. The swings were my favourite thing at the playground, I was as free as a bird when I was on the swing. I remember how all the bright reds, yellows, and blues were enough to make me want to run around and go crazy. Nothing could stop anyone from having fun at the playground, except for the big kids.

I can still remember them, their mean faces and angry voices. They would loom over me and my friends, like vultures swooping over their prey. They would always hog the swings and not get off, even if they were just sitting doing nothing.

I used to imagine what it would be like to be as big as them, to be able to see eye-to-eye with the top of the slide, and to be able to get on the swings without having to jump. I thought I would never know.

Now as I am walking home from high school, past the old condemned playground I can see it has become nothing more than a pile of rotten wood and bars. The bright reds, yellows, and blues have been replaced with rusty oranges and the dark mouldy browns of the rotten wood. I can no longer hear the carefree sounds of children playing and laughing. They are all but gone, replaced only by the occasional bird nesting in piles of wood. Gone are the big kids, but also are the good times.

by Melvyn Chand

They were trekking along the arid earth walkway. The sun was in full afternoon beam, making the sandy soil at the track sparkle and glisten. The glare irritated Jimmy's eyes which made him rub them until they were red as a tomato.

by Jonathan Wu

It started raining vigorously, with lightning flashing nervously.

The Fatal Holiday

by Michael Walker

The fall had cracked his skull and shattered his right tibia in three places. He lay exposed to the elements upon a dining table-sized flat boulder. His right leg was jammed between a glistening black rock and a few hundred smaller stones and shards of driftwood. A trickle of blood escaped his fractured head and flowed slowly over the smooth grey surface to drip between the rocks and spatter onto the sand. Chest heaving slowly, oxygen barely served his pounding heart. His eyes were closed. He lay unconscious, alone. ...

The helicopter winched Brian up and drifted off to Woolongong Hospital where he was treated. He wouldn't wake up for several days. When he did, he wished he hadn't. His mother was dead and his father a wreck by his bedside. From the day that he left the hospital, Brian became much stronger. He decided to take up tennis and make

a lot of new friends at his school. He knew he would have to have good friends who could make up at least a little for the loss of his mother.

Dairy Farmer Saved

by Hayden Ballantyne

Jim was a big man with a shaven head and a ginger goatee, a real odd looking bloke. He lived on the farm with his wife Tracey. Jim was a perfectionist, all the battens on his fences were straight and all his gates swung. ...

The driveshaft had snapped his arm and taken chunks of flesh out of it. It attacked his arm like a pack of wild dogs. The grass was bright red, drenched in blood. Jim lay unconscious bleeding to death.

"Hey, 'One limb Jim'," Freddy, one of Jim's workers joked to him. Jim jumped down from the modified cab of his tractor. The power steering had been made better, and a round knob added to the steering wheel. All the levers had been switched to the left side of the cab. Jim could still operate the tractor as good as when he had two arms.

by Matthew Armstrong

The constable in his wetsuit turned to face the sergeant before he rolled over the edge into the transparent depths below. He scythed through the currents gliding beneath the surface.

by Tony Zhu

The lightning tore open the quiet sky.

Darkness

by Matthew Tait

In the darkness a sound is made
Travelling over the world of Hades
Smashing the silence
Breaking its way

In the darkness the sound rolled
The sound of a thousand bells once tolled
Sounds long passed
And of ages to be.

In the darkness the sound is torn
Joy has gone, now we mourn
Memories forever gone
There is no rest in the storm.

For in the darkness silence falls.

The Sea

by David Lee

Sparkling sea, like diamonds scattered on a blue velvet blanket,
Mountainous white peaks grow as the waves crumble more and more.
The power of that barrelling mass of water crashing and smashing against the rocks.
The sloshing of lines building into waves,
Clear blue water lapping the iron sand.
Twilight blue water
Mirroring the sky,
Scorching sun shining on luminescent diamonds
As salty water soaks the sand one more time,
The twilight blue water
Mirroring the sky.

A Recipe for Friendship

by Sam Franklin

Take one cup of honesty,
Three ounces of humour,
Seven teaspoons of self-esteem,
Two tablespoons of kindness
And a pinch of respect.

Mix all ingredients well in a bowl of neatness
and cook on High for ever

Ephemeral

by Kelsey Matheson

We are watching,
Waiting
for the unthinkable
the unbelievable

Finally
it happens
The unbelievable
the unthinkable
thing
but

as fast as it
comes
it disappears.

Greg Severinson not only had this poem accepted for publication in "Junior Voices 2002" but also won the NZ Junior Poetry Awards, Secondary. Greg was in Year 11 in 2002.

Cyclone

by Greg Severinson

The trees don't stir, the sky is calm
No creature moves along the ground
But all too soon he will be found
A vicious eye with outstretched arm.

The sky's blue tint transforms to mist
Dark descends upon the land
Ever closer comes his hand
With fingers gnarled into a fist.

Within the hour he has hit
The sky he strikes with thunder beats
The rain he drops in torrent sheets
The sky is dark, no longer lit.

His icy limbs swirl though the fray
Of fallen trees and smashed up stone
His dark black mind, now all alone
Decides he can no longer stay.

His misty tendrils like the tide
Softly slip away with glee
Savouring his victory
But never is he satisfied.

And now
Although much came to harm
The trees don't stir,
The sky is calm.

Red Sky East

by Laine Barnett

Edward Stalgeiter opened his dreary eyes, the blood red light of dawn swelled across the grey Ukrainian sky like tracer fire. Belursh, a large and unwelcoming town greeted him sarcastically with almost deathly silence.

Grateful to be alive, Stalgeiter surveyed the morbid town from his vantage point, high up in an old crumbling church bell tower. Within his grasp existed his rifle, a 'Gewhir 43' sniper rifle.

An indifferent look of anticipation overcame his lean and pale face as he sat against a window ledge to begin cleaning and greasing his prized rifle in his usual meticulous fashion.

Stalgeiter gazed outside up into the lifeless grey blanket of cloud that enveloped the town; it was starting to rain. Stalgeiter had always liked the rain, however he was quick to move from the window ledge to keep his rifle dry.

Belursh once again became lifelessly silent, only occasionally broken by a few sporadic bursts of rain or the uniformed whine and crump of an artillery barrage echoing from far in the distance.

Out of the corner of his eye Stalgeiter caught sight of a bold figure walking in the open towards his church. A round, olive green lipped metal helmet and drab coloured fatigues announced the figure a Russian soldier. Stalgeiter then rolled over and grabbed his Gewhir 43, slowly rolled back over the ledge. His eyes widened with fear as he realised the Russian wasn't alone, but part of a horde of Russian storm troopers!

Bringing his rifle up against his shoulder Stalgeiter caught the first of his enemies between the crosshairs of his rifle's scope. Stalgeiter then whispered under his breath "Mein Eherst En Taue" "My loyalty is my Honour". He slowly squeezed the trigger of his rifle, he felt the hard boot of the recoil as the rifle discharged.

The bullet grazed a long livid wound across the Russian's cranium, killing him instantly. Cautious, not wanting to be seen, Stalgeiter quickly rolled over towards a large gap in the tower's side. Again he took aim, again he discharged his rifle and again a Russian soldier hit the ground like a dead, bloated animal. Within seconds the street was paved with corpses contorted into grotesque lifeless forms, cemented in pools of stagnant blood.

A small round object sailed through the gap in the wall. Stalgeiter knew what it was instinctively ... 'Grenade ...' he yelled!

Death

by Hew Price

Beneath the light of living day,
People doing, people feeling, life galore,
The sun will set on both the rich and poor,
Be it through silent peace or guts and gore.



Standing afoot a life of solidarity.
Travelling to a place where all will go,
To a place which you cannot know,
To a place where darkness does freely flow.

Now deprived of the light of life.
The body will decay, rot and wither,
No freedom, no movement whatsoever,
Staying forever, leaving never.

That great power, all now equal,
Death the never-ending sequel.

VULNERABILITY!!!!

by Finnarr Kerr-Newell

vulnerability. Complete and utter vulnerability. No one to communicate with except myself, which can be a mighty frightening idea. Then the disorientation that came with a resounding thud to my attention. I started to feel worried. Mr. Elgar hadn't said anything for a while and the feeling that I was the only one standing there was extremely frustrating. The "chit-chit" of sprinklers to my left was a guide and I tried to orientate myself with the sound, but the opportunity was pulled away as Mr. Elgar spun and directed me.

When finally reunited with someone there was a sense of relief that could not be contained. I started talking just for the sake of conversation, just some form of communication to dull the sharp edge of loneliness. There was a sense of worry yet security in being out in a group; the former because I was no longer in control and the later because I was no longer by myself and if any problem were to arise there would be someone there.

Then slowly the group started to creep forward. It was frustrating because of the pace, but it was a lot better than going it solo and plummeting off the bank. The increase in my anxiousness also increased my hearing and touch, every little pothole was analysed as my toe inched over the surface. My reliance on Mr. Elgar's voice came to snapping point as I strained to hear every little whisper that passed my way.

When we reached flat terra-firma it was like a godsend. The feeling of danger and disorientation evaporated as my surroundings were realised, but this was suddenly torn away from me as Mr. Elgar once again separated us. All the comfort suddenly disappeared into thin air as he called for us to follow him the rest of the journey. With all the frustration returning the rest of the journey became longer and harder tempting me to remove the blind fold.

The feeling of group reliance returned as we were reunited for the last leg of the journey. There were moments of worry as I heard the "Ohhs" and "Ahhs" of the group as we ascended stairs. After three quarters of the journey we were instructed to remove our blindfolds and revel in our sight. It was wonderful to be re-orientated and have sight once again.

BLIND!

by Jon Keast

Darkness. An all enveloping darkness that torments the mind with doubts. The lack of sight and the complete silence, broken only by the chirping of cicadas and the putt-putt of the sprinklers, makes me feel like I am suspended in space. Doubts pick at my mind. What if it is silent because the others have left without me?

"OK, come to the sound of my voice," calls Mr. Elgar. The doubts vanish with a flood of relief at the sound of his voice. I have not been abandoned.

I shuffle hesitantly towards the sound of his voice. I stop, and someone places my hands on a pair of shoulders. A pair of hands is placed on my bag. My sense of safety is shattered as someone whispers,

"I can take what I want from your bag and you won't see!" I jerk away from him.

"Only joking!" he whispers. I realize that I have over reacted because of my blindness. I stay still and allow him to grab my bag again. With this reassurance and contact my doubts and fears recede into the forgotten corners of my mind.

As I relax we start to shuffle forward. I am confident that as long as I can keep my grip on the shoulders I will be safe. To my mind, danger is only present when I am not in contact with another human being. My only fear is that by some foul twist of fate I will lose contact.

We stop shuffling and Mr. Elgar tells us to let go of each other and turn to face him. As I relinquish my hold the fear and doubts creep back into my mind. What if they sneak off without me? What if they have all taken their blindfolds off and I am the only one left blind? My fear of isolation and abandonment grows as the silence drags out. Just as I start to consider tearing off my blindfold Mr. Elgar tells us to get a hold of someone. I reach out and swing my arms around till they connect with someone. I immediately grab hold of them. The relief on contact is indescribable.



I shuffle along again. My foot bumps into a step and I lift my foot up over it. Just as I step over it I hear Mr. Elgar say that we can remove our blindfolds. I tear off the blindfold and stare around me with renewed appreciation of the beauty that surrounds me. I glance at my watch and stare in amazement. What felt like a five minute stroll was in fact a half hour walk, most of the way around the school. I realize how small the world seems when you cannot see it. I give thanks that I am not blind as I walk back to the class room.

by David Wakeling

As we approach the fearsome rock, the six metre swell lashing at the sides of the pitch black hole prevents us from finding a way through.

by Luke Annells

The trees and flowers are standing tall in the compost-covered dirt: water droplets clinging to the leaves of the big tree in the centre of the garden glisten and fall into the fine mist that is sprawled across the garden.

by Matthew Ander

In the playground I act like a daredevil, jumping from post to post, sliding headfirst down the slippery slide and swinging vertical on the old, rusty swing. I'm just five.

by Tai Ruakere

The roaring of the waves as you dive under them feels like a gust of wind rushing past your head.

by Jack Lomax

The mountain is sealed by a white blanket of fresh snow. Rocks can be seen here and there shyly peeking through the snowy cover.

by Paddy Dempsey

At night the graveyard is a dark, foreboding place. The odd cricket can be heard scratching at an undetermined location. Strange, terrifying shadows form shapes on the colourless ground. Every snap of a twig and rustle of leaves can be heard in the deathly silence.

by Scott Gordon

The dark grabbed the light and turned it into night; I was the only person left.

by Dione Piquette

The shimmering sun sends rays of refracted light through the fingerprint covered window.

by Nicholas Jacob

The movie theatre can be a bewildering place: people are entering, rushing and bustling to get to the back seats, clerks are herding people like cattle into the remaining seats, staunch teenagers refusing to move over. You can smell the bitter-sweet aroma of popcorn, hear the children chattering and yelling like a thousand seagulls fighting over a single scrap of food.

by Brendan Gece

For another day I was up before the dawn, running up the old dusty road hidden in the shadows of dawn. Once again I raced the sun to my best friend's house.

by Sam Eaton

Looking out my window I saw blackness that was broken only by the flashing light on the wing tip and the lightning that shot beneath the stormy clouds.

by Cody Langlands

The light creeps like the water of an incoming tide across the roof of the outside room. Dad leaves for the shed, his battered boots clobber on the path, fog billows from his mouth, a quiet dragon on the way to work.

"These next three stories by Year 9 boys were judged Highly Commended in the Stratford Writers Short Story Competition. The boys each received \$50.00."

The Tangiwai Disaster

by Jason Holden

The year was 1953 and it was 11:30pm on Christmas Eve. It was an awful night, raining with all its might, and the full moon and all the stars were covered by a big, angry blanket of clouds.

George, a local farmer in the Raetihi region had been awakened, much to his annoyance, by a loud moaning sound coming from one of his cattle. He quickly slipped on his overalls, grabbed his flashlight and rifle and popped on his gumboots. He followed the groaning sound all the way to the fence line on the outskirts of his muddy waterlogged property where the railway lines travelled across the mighty bridge. There he found one of his best cows lying on the muddy ground with the end of its foot caught in the Vee of an old tree root. George then saw the real reason for the cow's immense pain, a jagged bone sticking out of the skin of the upper right leg. Knowing there was nothing else to do, he pointed the gun at the cow's head and with a pull of the trigger it was all over for the cow. Deciding to clean the mess up in the morning, George was just about to head back to the house and out of the rain when he saw it...

There was a huge gap of about thirty metres in the bridge ahead that had been caused by the enormous raging mud lahar that was furiously flowing down the steep bank, over the thrashed railway lines and down the 100 metre drop into the fierce over-flowing river below. George started to panic. He sprinted back to the house to phone the nearest train station, but the phone was dead because of the fierce storm blowing. He ran back to the railway lines to assess the damage that had been done to the tracks. That was when the worst thing ever possible happened...

In the distance he saw a faint flowing light steadily getting nearer and brighter. Thinking this was a car approaching, he let out a sigh of relief. But as the light got bigger, so did the vehicle. It was obvious this was no car, but was in fact the Tangiwai Christmas Eve train jam-packed with passengers on the way to the Raetihi station to stay with their families for Christmas. George had to think of something fast or the train full of people would plummet into the river below! And then it hit him! The flashlight! By this time, the train was only 250 metres away and closing, quickly!

Jumping the fence that separated his property from the tracks, he stood in the middle of the tracks flashing the light and firing the gun like a mad man, doing everything he could possibly do to make himself obvious.

By the time the train driver figured out that ahead of him was a man on the track flashing his torch and wildly letting off gun shots, it was too late!... Narrowly missing getting hit by the train, George dived into the ditch on the side of the tracks. Lying there in the mud and water, he had to watch and listen to the train's screeching, sparking, locked-up brakes as well as the many helpless terrified white faces pressed up against the windows as the train dipped over the end of the thrashed tracks and down the one hundred metre drop still chugging away as it plunged into the raging river below.

George slowly staggered back to the house white faced, dripping wet and completely shocked about what he had just witnessed, and how he was simply too slow to save the trainful of innocent people. On arriving back at the house George checked the phone line to see if it was back on line, which it was. In his stressed and panic-stricken state, he rang the Station Master and stammered out his awful message. Although he was reassured that help was on its way there was no relief in his heart.

This tragic event that took place fifty years ago is rated as the worst train disaster in New Zealand's history, and is known as 'The Tangiwai Disaster'.

War with Waikato

by Matthew Tait

"The Waikato! The Waikato are coming!" people screamed as they ran towards the Pa.

Later a council of war was held about the fast advancing enemy.

"They are three times us in number but still we must fight, even if it is without hope," I said to my warriors that numbered few more than ten score.

"We must meet them at our gate and drive them to the forest where half of us will wait." They nodded in agreement at this plan, "Anaru you shall take the other half to the forest before the Waikato reach it." He said nothing as he walked off with half the army following him holding taiaha and throwing spears.

"TARANAKI!!!!!" we yelled as we charged them at the gate. But they were prepared, and into heavy taiaha we ran and many fell to the cruel spears before we could regroup.

"TARANAKI!!!!!" came as a single huge voice from the forest and more than a hundred sleek throwing spears came down upon the unprotected backs of our enemies.

We charged in a triangle and drove our enemy into the woods where the silent death of the Taranaki awaited them.

I spotted their chief, a huge man holding a massive taiaha, who was slaughtering many good Taranaki fighters. I moved towards him, carving a path through the enemy with my taiaha which I wielded as though it were as light as a feather. When I reached him I swung a hard blow with my taiaha and he blocked it with a crash, and then he swung and I blocked. This went on for a long time and I drove him deep into the forest as the battle raged behind us.

But slowly weariness overtook me and a blow of his slipped through. It drove me to the ground, my spear fell away from my hand. He raised his spear for the killing stroke. I struck back and drove the edge of my patu into his kneecap. The crunch of breaking bone was easily audible. He fell to the ground and as he fell I rose and drove him into a tree. Slowly his ribs gave way and as I crushed him blood fountained out of his nose and mouth. His eyes rolled back to reveal the whites covered in bulging veins.

As my opponent writhed in his death throes I crawled back to the battlefield slowly. Ever so slowly I made my way towards the Pa. When I reached it I looked in horror. Bodies littered the ground and a little fighting was going on but the Waikato seemed to have almost wiped the Taranaki out.

I saw Anaru pinned against a tree with a throwing spear and I crawled over to him. "Anaru," I called and in the hoarse whisper of death he said, "Please my friend kill them! Kill them all!!!" And then he died.

In my wrath I forgot my injuries. I tightened my grip on my patu and called "TARANAKI!!!!" Then I cleaved the back of the nearest Waikato warrior's skull.

My men gathered round me with a new fire in their eyes. Only twenty three remained that could still fight and the Waikato numbered at least five times that but they didn't fight with our fury. As they charged we formed a tight circle, taiaha pointing outwards and slowly



revolving and stabbing enemies as they came. Whenever one of us fell to the spears of the enemy the circle would tighten but their numbers took far more casualties as they had no chief to lead them.

Soon, frightened by our wrath, the Waikato fled leaving us alone to deal with our wounded.

Curse the Waikato, but our tribe lives to another day.

Dark Disaster

by Daniel Momic

What I saw shocked me. I watched frozen to the spot as tons of silt, water and rocks came rushing towards me at a tremendous speed. I stood paralyzed and for a moment, I could not breathe. The lahar with its tremendous force crashed into the weakened concrete; it could not hold itself up. It gave way. The old concrete broke up into huge chunks and was washed away. The bridge creaked and cracked under its weight. Without the support it snapped and fell into the river. It crumbled into little pieces and they tumbled down the river with the rest of the concrete support.

I thrust my hand into my coat pocket. I pulled out my pocket watch and directed the beam of light from my torch upon the face of the watch. With my hands shaking, I struggled to make out the time. I squinted my eyes as the light faded. It was ten past ten. The Wellington-to-Auckland express train was headed this way. Hastily shoving the pocket watch back in my pocket, I turned and ran towards the express train. It was not long until I saw the bright headlight of the locomotive. I had to tell the driver to stop. I shone the torch towards the engine in a hope of warning the driver of what was left of the track ahead. The train passed at a flying pace. It showed no sign of reducing speed.

I stood with my hands on my knees, catching my breath. The horrible screeching sound of metal scraping on metal filled my ears. The train had finally activated its oil brakes. I could see the sparks from where I stood. I stood up and sprinted toward the speeding train. The sparks flew from the wheels of the last carriage in all directions. An earth-shattering booming filled the night sky, the locomotive leapt over the river only to crash into the remaining bridge on the other side. The carriages followed it, sending their passengers to a certain death. It stopped at the sixth carriage.

As the carriage teetered on the edge of the bridge, I ran towards it. I got there before it fell and climbed inside and another man dressed in guard's uniform was ordering the passengers toward his side of the carriage. The first-class

carriage plummeted into the torrent below. The windows smashed and it filled with water. Although I was shaken from the fall I grabbed hold of the nearest passenger and pulled him and myself out of the nearest window.

Holding on to him, I swam toward the riverbank. Upon reaching the bank, I laid him on the ground. I looked back at the river; it was full of carnage. Chunks of metal crowded the waterway. I looked to see where the carriage was and saw the guard swimming toward the bank with a drowning passenger under his arm.

Another man appeared from the muddy water with a passenger under his arm also. I guessed that he had come from the carriage. I ran upstream to rescue more passengers but upon seeing more people coming to the rescue, I directed them toward the submerged carriage. Hastily they rushed into the water and swam toward it. I collapsed on the riverbank tired from the ordeal. Images from this terrible night flashed through my mind.

Blind!!!

By Zaryd Wilson

Being blind is a totally new world. Suddenly, like the world I know has fallen around me I am blind. I am alone. I am very cautious as I take my first steps into a world where only memories can tell me where I am. As I move on I begin to walk more freely as this new world becomes my home. I feel an urge to find out where I am. I am also determined to complete the challenge ahead of me.

As we start off I am pretty confident of my sense of direction and knowing where I am. Ten minutes have now past and I have just about lost all sense of direction. Losing sense of direction also loses confidence, but because I know this area well I feel a lot more confident than I would if I was in an unknown place.

We have been doing this exercise for a while now and we have been walking around alone. We have now been put into lines and been able to put our hand on the shoulder of the person in front of us. Straight away I no longer feel alone. Now I know I cannot get lost and I feel a lot safer.

I know I am not blind forever and know I will be able to see again and this helps me a lot. If I really went blind right now I would feel a lot more alone and worried, not like I am now.

I am learning a lot about what it would be like to be really blind. I now know how much blind people depend on the sighted. I now respect the level to which the blind are so independent.



To Those Leaving

"Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Welcome to your future!"

These were the words on the front cover of the

Welcome to

N P B H S

Booklet

Also on the front cover it said "Don't Panic".

Well today for many of you, you are passing "through the gates" and are now entering another phase of your life. It's always a good time to reflect on what this last phase of your life has given you. Has anything changed? Will anything change?

To help you answer this, let's go back to some of the sub-headings and words of wisdom that orientation book gave you. Sub-headings like :

Where am I supposed to be?

How can I get organised?

How can I remember homework?

What if?

Highlight this most informative book. Has anything changed? I hope so. What about the pearls of wisdom dished out. Have you picked up on these? Do you remember the list under the heading:

"Things that imitate other people and make a person disliked" ; or the list under : "Well mannered people :"?

Finally a quote : "Manners maketh the man". What is it in these last five years that made you?

Was it the mates you've made, the sport you've played or the music that's been your passion? If not, then it must have been the teachers! Weren't you lucky !!

There are a huge number of defining moments in your life. I hope some of the most important ones took place through your association with this school. Students make up the life of the school. Thank you for making this place such a vibrant place to work in. You are all different yet have many of the same needs. I hope the school measured up and provided you with the support required.

Do reflect on this and make sure you give thanks to those that made this place special for you.

Finally, I just want to go back to the last point on the list for **well mannered people** in the Orientation Booklet. It states "well mannered people are aware that they represent the school, their family and themselves in the way they dress and act". Do go on and make us proud!

To you all, the very best for the future. Remember to make the most of every opportunity, and make your choices count.

ET COMITATE, ET VIRTUTE, ET SAPIENTIA

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Year 13/14 Dean, Assistant Principal





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 Third Row: Hamish Blue, Ethan Ogle, Nicholas Chapman, Steven Crown, Ryan Harris-Hayes, Fraser Cameron.
 Second Row: Geoff Hall, John Fitzgerald, Erwin Hebler, Mason Jenkins, Kyle Joyce, Micheal McCallum, Ahmad Osama, Kim Rawlinson.
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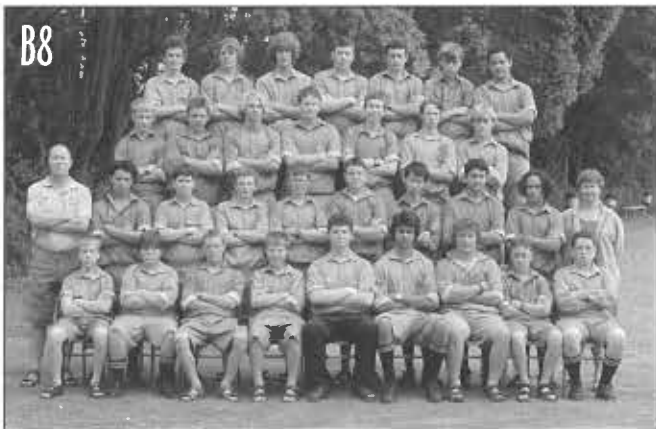
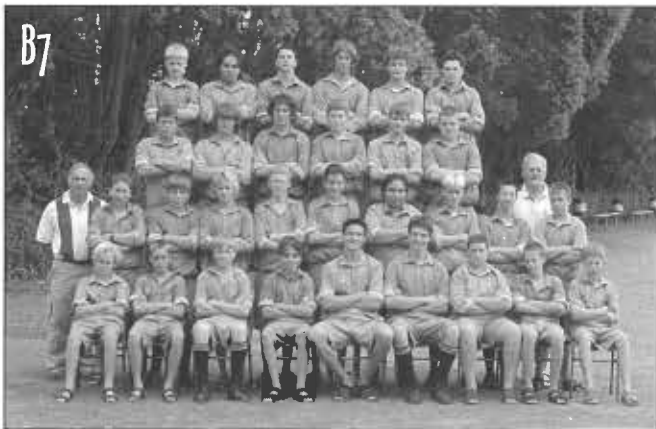
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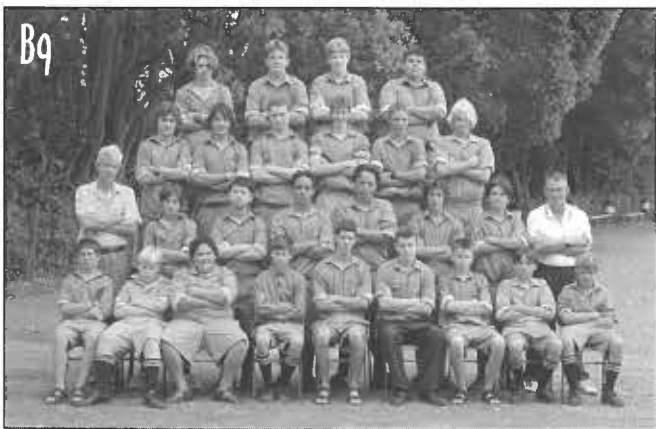
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To Those Leaving

"Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Welcome to your future!"

These were the words on the front cover of the

Welcome to
 N P B H S
 Booklet

Also on the front cover it said "Don't Panic".

Well today for many of you, you are passing "through the gates" and are now entering another phase of your life. It's always a good time to reflect on what this last phase of your life has given you. Has anything changed? Will anything change?

To help you answer this, let's go back to some of the sub-headings and words of wisdom that orientation book gave you. Sub-headings like :

Where am I supposed to be?

How can I get organised?

How can I remember homework?

What if?

Highlight this most informative book. Has anything changed? I hope so. What about the pearls of wisdom dished out. Have you picked up on these? Do you remember the list under the heading :

"Things that imitate other people and make a person disliked" ; or the list under : "Well mannered people :"?"

Finally a quote : "Manners maketh the man". What is it in these last five years that made you?

Was it the mates you've made, the sport you've played or the music that's been your passion? If not, then it must have been the teachers! Weren't you lucky !!

There are a huge number of defining moments in your life. I hope some of the most important ones took place through your association with this school. Students make up the life of the school. Thank you for making this place such a vibrant place to work in. You are all different yet have many of the same needs. I hope the school measured up and provided you with the support required.

Do reflect on this and make sure you give thanks to those that made this place special for you.

Finally, I just want to go back to the last point on the list for **well mannered people** in the Orientation Booklet. It states "well mannered people are aware that they represent the school, their family and themselves in the way they dress and act". Do go on and make us proud!

To you all, the very best for the future. Remember to make the most of every opportunity, and make your choices count.

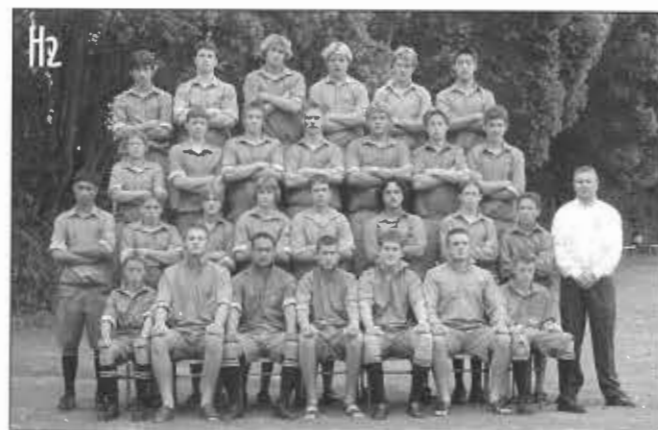
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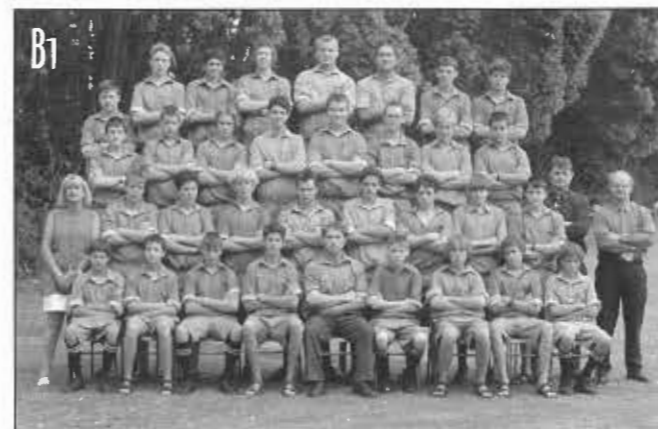
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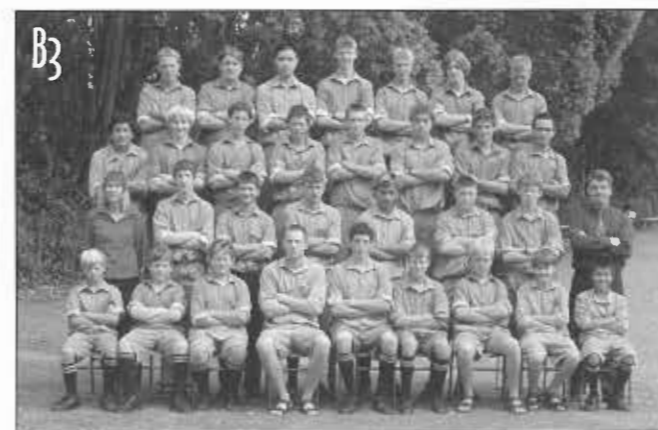
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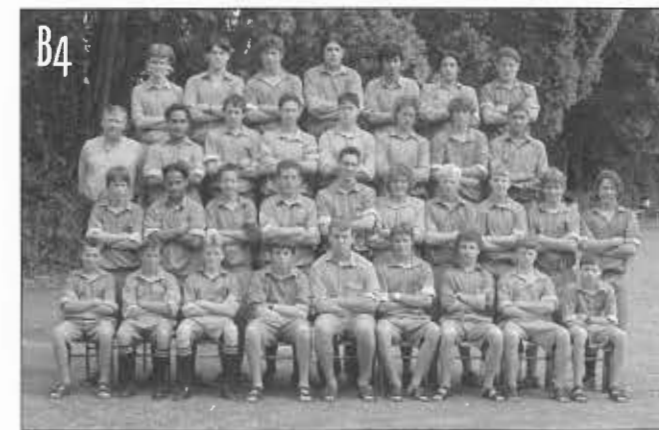
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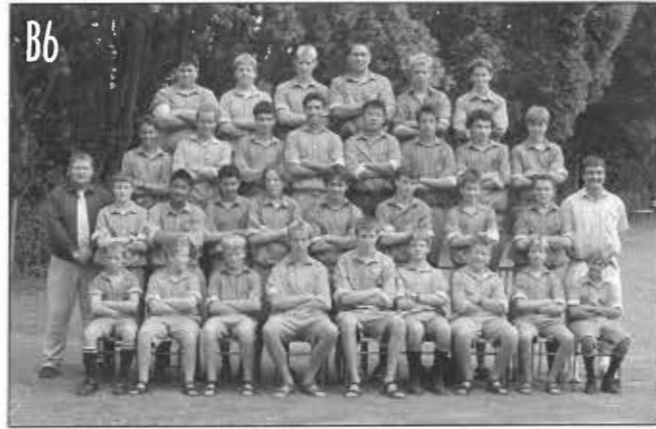
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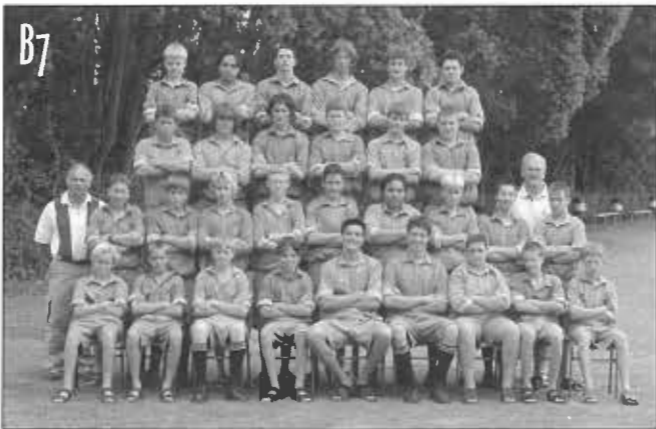
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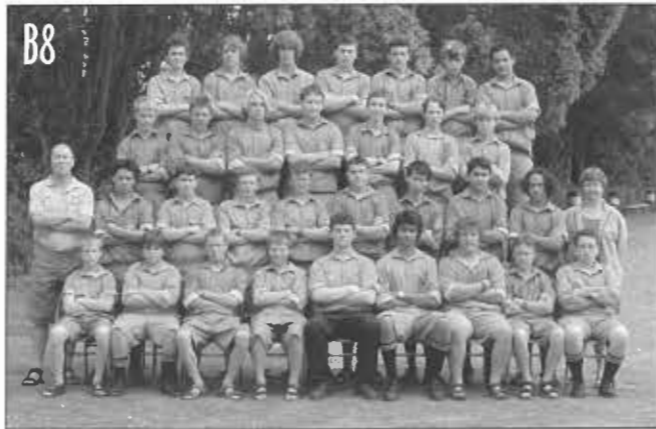
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