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Headmaster's Report

For the first time our roll has gone over 1300, the biggest in the school's history, with 214 boys in the hostel. This is a large increase over the numbers predicted by the Ministry of Education.

At the end of 2003 we became aware, from our extensive surveying of boys re their future intentions, that our school numbers would be at record levels in 2004. We built the timetable and staffed the school based on what we believed would happen. This has occurred through:



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- i) largest number of enrolments ever at Year 9
- ii) a large number of transfers from other schools at Years 10-13
- iii) a greater number of boys at Years 12 and 13 returning to school

The roll at March 1, was as follows:

Year	9	316
	10	315
	11	286
	12	243
	13/14	161
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This was an increase of 49 on the same time in 2003 and an increase of 79 on 2002 numbers.

This is most heartening and a strong affirmation of what we continue to achieve at NPBHS but it has led to a situation where, after discussion with Ministry of Education officials, an enrolment scheme will need to be put in place again.

This will ensure that our roll does not continue to rise in an uncontrolled manner and that a ceiling, or optimum roll, will be put in place. After further discussion, this has been set at 1,340 for the future. We will get buildings to accommodate students up to this number.

The legislation that sets out the conditions for schools is contained as a part of the Education Act and is to be followed exactly. The next step is to negotiate a geographical zone with the Ministry of Education that will give all those within it an absolute right to attend NPBHS. Those out of the zone will go into a ballot with some preferences on set criteria. I don't believe numbers are going to be a major issue with rolls set to drop in the future.

I believe these numbers reflect the high regard that the people of Taranaki have for our school and affirm the emphasis on the all-round development of our young men.

As in past years, we will continue to push the importance of **STANDARDS** and of **RESPECT**.

The word 'respect' has many meanings, but the emphasis at school is in terms of respecting the environment, respecting other boys' rights, respecting rules, but especially, respecting boys' rights to work in an orderly and positive classroom environment. In each classroom there is a very clear Code of Conduct, with the following basic 'musts'.

- R eport to class on time
- E very day wear correct uniform and bring your materials
- S hare your ideas in class, by raising your hand
- P ut downs, swearing and offensive language are not options
- E very day do your utmost to keep the classroom and school tidy and damage free
- C oncentrate on the lesson and task at hand
- T rust and safety is built on your leaving others and their belongings alone and them returning the courtesy

There is also a more defined Student Charter, which outlines rights and responsibilities. A positive community that works together must have these in the proper balance.

At the start of the year I was delighted with the way that the school had settled into a well defined work pattern. This was helped considerably by the work done by timetablers and other senior staff over the holidays, to ensure that we started the year with timetables on the first day; a remarkable feat, bringing real credit to a group of teaching professionals who strove to make this happen.

The sense of purpose was clearly evident, and especially heart-warming was the positive attitude of nearly all our new Year 9 boys. The boys are constantly reminded that poor behaviour will not be tolerated, nor will any behaviour that disrupts the learning of others. In most cases it has been about reinforcing the good behaviour, which is much more satisfying.

We rightly put great store in our academic achievement and I highlighted this in a speech at the 'Scholars' Assembly'. This is one of the highlights of the year when the top performing 2003 Bursary students come back to school to receive the congratulations of the assembly, before going to university.

For 2003, Scholarship status was awarded on the basis of high performance in Bursary papers - you needed to score 84, 85, 86%, depending on the subject. Overall, boys and staff can be proud of what was achieved in 2003 - A Bursaries were awarded to those who gain over 300 marks (average 60% in 5), B Bursaries to 250+ and UE to those with 3 C passes in approved Bursary subjects. We had 27 'A' and 37 'B' giving a pass rate of close to 70% for those doing 5 or more subjects - a very good performance, without reaching the heights of 1996, 1998, 2000 or 2002, but the best odd year by far!

As well, 72% of our boys doing 3+ subjects qualified to begin studies at NZ universities (87/121). For a school that does not select its boys academically and does not put barriers in front of them reaching for Bursary exams, the results were very good again and staff, boys and parents can be proud. It is proper that we celebrate the academic success, but in particular, those at the Scholarship level.

Nine boys gained 17 scholarships: Andy Pan, Guy Meuli, Matthew Lee, Michael Fischer, Darren Smith, Tim Cochrane, Craig Mulvay, Jargil Santos and Blair Howarth - a very good result. Six of the nine were in attendance at the special assembly to have citations read and come across the stage.

The citation for Blair Howarth was as follows:

*In 2001 Blair entered School Certificate, gaining the following marks and grades: English 85% (A), Mathematics 97% (A), Science 93% (A), Geography 90% (A), Graphics 93% (A) and Accounting 98% (A). He entered Sixth Form Certificate in 2002 and gained the following grades: English 1, Mathematics 1, Chemistry 1, Physics 1, Economics 1 and Accounting 1. Throughout his schooling his ability and intelligence have seen him gain a number of awards.*

*In 2001 he attained First Aggregate in the 5th Form, being first in subject for Maths, English, Geography, Accounting and Graphics. He achieved the equivalent award in 2002 in the 6th Form, being first in subject for Maths, Physics and Accounting and receiving a NPDC Young Achievers Award for Academic Excellence. Last year, Blair was awarded the honour of Dux for his academic excellence. He is one of the most outstanding scholars the school has had and has the academic world at his feet.*

*Blair has taken an active interest in activities outside the classroom, being a finalist in the school speech competition in 2000 and 2002, debating in the inter-house debates in 2000 and 2003, captaining the team in 2003. He has also been involved in a very successful Young Enterprise Scheme in 2001 and 2003 and the Stock Market Challenge team in 2002. From 2000-2002, Blair played soccer for the 2nd XI and made the Taranaki Rep. Team as well as representing the school in Tennis. Injury prevented Blair following up on this success last year. He also took an active part in the School Christian Fellowship. Blair took on the role of Treasurer for the Student Council and successfully handled the accounts for the School Ball. He excelled in many areas at school because of his willingness to co-operate with staff and through his own hard work. He sees himself as a good problem solver and sets himself very high goals and is prepared to work sacrificially to achieve these goals.*

*His marks in Bursary were Chemistry 90 (Schol), Economics 92 (Schol), Statistics 91 (Schol), Physics 92 (Schol) and Calculus 82. His total of 447 puts him up there with our very best of scholars in the past - our congratulations to you Blair. Blair will shortly travel to Christchurch to study Engineering at Canterbury University.*

Top Scholars and Marks

447	Blair Howarth	Chem 90, Econ 92, Calc 82, Stats 91, Physics 92
439	Jargil Santos	Bio 87, Chem 85, Econ 88, Engl 89, Calc 74, Physics 90
423	Craig Mulvay	Chem 82, Econ 90, Calc 76, Stats 86, Physics 89
405	Darren Smith	Chem 80, Econ 84, Engl 70, Stats 82, Physics 89
387	Andy Pan	Econ 85, Engl 74, Calc 66, Stats 87, Physics 75
362	Matthew Lee	Engl 77, History 86, Art Hist 68, Stats 66, Physics 65
354	Guy Meuli	Engl 74, Geog 87, Graphics 74, Calc 49, Physics 70

Scholarship Winners (17)

Blair Howarth	4	Jargil Santos	4
Craig Mulvay	3	Tim Cochrane	1
Darren Smith	1	Michael Fischer	1
Matthew Lee	1	Guy Meuli	1
Andy Pan	1		

In term one I reported that the term had been a long one, by normal standards, but all would agree it seemed to have disappeared so quickly. We all know that time flies when there are a diversity of things happening - new challenges, exciting developments. Early year achievements and noteworthy happenings were:

- Fookes Sports Pavilion at bottom of Gully Field opened. The new changing rooms and two Squash Courts are in operation.
- Bree Sound Recording Studio producing high quality work on Tape and CD.
- Plans for redevelopment of Moyes Boarding House are well advanced. New technology allows us to keep the outside façade and modernise the interior.
- The optimum roll figure of 1,340 will mean that new classrooms will be built. Engineers have been looking at possibilities of where, for the Ministry of Education.
- We have a compelling plan for the rebuilding and remodelling of the Cramond and Alexander blocks before the Ministry of Education's top property people. This is the main block on Coronation Avenue.
- Webster Field, adjacent to the Devon Hockey Turf, will shortly have drainage improved significantly.
- The six tennis courts at the top of McNaught Field are about to have an artificial astrograss put on them. This will greatly enhance the multi sports capability.

- Many more teachers now have data projectors to enhance classroom delivery and learning.
- Director of Sport, Mr Hugh Russell, and a group of prominent sports people have put together a programme that will maximise the sports potential of some of our top performers and at the same time, ensure that their academic potential is reached as well. It is called the *Sports Development Programme* and will be led by Old Boy, Mr Tim Cleaver. The first group is applying at present and twenty five Year 10 boys will be taken on board - all from within our own ranks.
- Significant restructuring of major sports to have much administration, co-ordination, goal setting, led by sport co-ordinators and has had benefits already. Rugby numbers are still at a very high level, but the increase in players for soccer and hockey for 2004 is really exciting and the basketball development programme is starting to pay real dividends.
- We are at an advanced stage of putting together the geographical zone that will form the basis of our enrolment scheme for 2005.

As you will appreciate, these things do not happen overnight and are the culmination of years of perspiration and inspiration by staff, Board of Trustees, PTA and supporters of the school. My congratulations and thanks to so many - the fruits of their labours are obvious now and will continue to be obvious over this year and beyond.

The 'Good Man' Project

Past parents are very aware of our part in a project sponsored by major boys' schools in New Zealand, to look at the definition of a 'good young man' in the 21st century. We have worked alongside Celia Lashlie, who has done the research and reported back recently.

Overall Celia found that boys' schools did things the way they did, because it was 'good for boys', and that a lot of good things for boys were happening in boys' schools. The whole community can support the work done at NPBHS with young men.

The young men mostly had the following characteristics:

- Very physical, need to touch but also homophobic, school deals with this well
- Lots of games and activity with the rules worked out as they go along
- Humorous; this is an important aspect of being male
- Excellent ability to find their place in a group and learn behaviour by "horizontal learning" (often seen as peer pressure)
- Live for the moment
- Vitality and energy
- Keep a large part of themselves secret from others
- Like firm rules and boundaries, and will test them
- Resent unfairness and changing rules

Parents, worried by the speed of change, are using information from other sources to support their advice to teenagers. However, young people often have the answers within themselves; they just need a chance to express them. Third formers look up for advice, fourth formers tend to look sideways to their peers.

Loyalty is very strong e.g. gangs, and we (community) need to promote better models of what loyalty means e.g. sober driver etc. Young men go to prison because they are using the wrong things as rites of passage. Boys want their father or other significant male to be interested and involved with their lives, not a superhero, and more relaxed, not so uptight about what boys are doing. They want to be parented, not necessarily befriended, by parents.

When boys reach adolescence, fathers need to take a step forward, and mothers a step back. Only another man can understand the "bridge to manhood". Role models are usually rich and very good at what they do. When asked if they are also a 'good man', they don't know as they don't know them personally, i.e. a man can be a good role model but not a good man, and vice versa. Young men and women attempt suicide in

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equal numbers, but young men more often succeed. Living in the moment leaves them seeing no way ahead.

The qualities seen as belonging to a "good man" are sense of humour, perseverance, loyalty, trust, honesty, compassion, a leader, serves the community and knows himself (expresses emotions in his own way). This list is flexible.

I believe that boys schools are doing a very good job in allowing the maleness to be seen as a positive attribute and at Boys' High it allows boys to be boys and 'boys to move towards manhood' without the gender confusion that seems to permeate 'modern' societies.

We are challenged at times by the excesses of some in mistaking maleness with machoism, but more often are able to delight in the growth of our boys' into young men we can all be proud of.

Celia was a wonderful facilitator and the conversations that have been held have been insightful, inspiring, full of humour and laughter, but above all, have had people talking and questioning 'what do we want our young men to be like today?'

There is no correct answer, no winner, but a much greater understanding of what makes our young men tick and what might need to be done to make them tick more sweetly and safely.

I would like to share some of the report with you - Celia's summation of vast amounts of data, much of it anecdotal, but all of it real and significant.

"The image I have developed of boys' education and the boundaries they seem to need to keep them safe and moving forward on the path of adolescence is this:

As they enter secondary school, the boys are brought into a large uncluttered space.

It is important the space is kept uncluttered (ie that things are kept as simple and straightforward as possible) because it is understood they will need a great deal of room to move around and interact with one another as they begin this next stage of their life.

Recognising the reality of Year 9 boys, the boundaries around the space need to be clearly visible - let's imagine them as a series of large rubber tyres that do no damage to the student if he runs into them, but that nonetheless clearly mark the edge of the territory beyond which the students are not allowed to move. As an additional safety measure, taking into account a Year 9 boy's willingness to test whether school rules are actually for real, a small electric current needs to be run through the tyres, an additional precaution to prevent them going out into dangerous territory.

In real terms the electric current is the effort that needs to be put into reinforcing again and again that there is a certain standard of behaviour expected and delivering the stated consequences if it is not, all the while reminding the boys of the world of men they are now making their way towards.

For Year 10 students the clearly visible boundaries need to stay in place, but with one addition. The electric current running through the tyres needs to be stepped up in terms of wattage. Some I have spoken to would suggest that for this year in particular the wattage needs to be the equivalent of that passing through the national grid and on occasions while talking to Year 10 boys, I have been inclined to agree. By now the majority of these students who entered the school just a year ago as polite and cherubic faced boys full of hope and promise have mutated into a barely recognisable being. They have ceased to respect anyone, all teachers are losers or control freaks, Mum and Dad know very little, if anything at all, and the senior boys within the school are all 'losers'.

The transformation that occurs as they move in and out of this phase appears to have been so traumatic for some senior students, in fact for a significant number of the Year 13 students I spoke to, that they found it impossible to believe they were 'ever as bad as this year's Year 10's'.

In real terms the increased level of electric current is overt reinforcement of boundaries, swift implementation of consequences and making sure there is a limit to the amount of debate had with them about their breaking of the rules.

They appear to expend considerable energy trying to work out new reasons why they should not be held accountable for their behaviour and it would seem it is best not to give them too much ground in this regard.

In Year 11 the wattage can be turned down a little, but the boundaries need to remain in place. A little more dialogue can be entered into and there are moments when the dialogue actually works to the benefit of both participants, but there is still the occasional dash for the boundary and the students still need to be kept safe from both themselves and life.

In Year 12 the electric current can be switched off and a few of the tyres can and should be moved apart to allow the boys a clear view to the outside area. Dialogue is possible, there are moments when the man the boy is becoming is visible and there is the occasional, if fleeting, feeling of hope that the worst is over.

In Year 13 the tyres need to be removed altogether and in their place a white picket fence needs to be constructed with a number of gates included - gates that are large and able to be clearly seen from a distance. This will allow the students plenty of time in which to decide how and when they are going to exit. It is during this year that all can come together as far as the school is concerned. The teachers have survived the journey and the students at this level are truly delightful young men with much to offer both the school and the wider community."

I am sure many parents here can see the humour in Celia's words, but also see the reality of what she says, in your experience of 'bringing up boys'. She has got it right and we work as a school along the boundary lines that she talks about every day.

When boundary lines are changed, or the posts are moved, it can take boys a while to adjust. In terms of national examinations, the posts have moved a considerable distance and as has been reported in Cambridge and other places, people are still trying to find the new field, let alone the posts.

With the first year of NCEA at level 1, 2 and 3, we are in a state of some confidence, bearing in mind the past two years at NCEA, but still somewhat unsure of the external standards at level 3 having not been there before. I believe the confidence is justified, because of the professionalism and integrity that our teaching staff have shown in the NCEA environment and our results, especially in the external achievement standards in the last two years.

I have already highlighted the continuing very high standards that our Year 13 boys achieved in the last year of Bursary in 2003 and the 17 scholarship passes, but I want to make some comments about the publication of league tables, both locally and nationally.

As NPBHS parents you will most probably be aware of my attitude to the examination success of our boys. We strive to get the very best from our boys and this does not change because of a change of name to our national examinations.

What has changed is the basis for comparisons between schools. The field is not a level one that purports credibility when taking single figure statistics, like the ones published locally, to show the pass rates of Year 11 students at NCEA level 1. (ie those who gained 80 or more credits at level 1)

In looking at the league tables, I am aware that other schools have practices that vary greatly from ours and would impact on the relative positions.

For example:

- i) If the only results that were sent to NZQA for internal assessment were those that achieved the standard. This meant a 100% pass rate for internals, which could mean more than a half of the assessment credits.
- ii) If reassessments of standards were allowed over and over again until an achieved status was reached.
- iii) If a significant number of the 80 credits required for NCEA certification were based on internal work on values and beliefs.



Over time, the public will gain an appreciation of how different schools operate and they will gain an understanding of what the statistics reflect. In the meantime, the only really credible comparisons that can be made are for particular external standards that are in common between schools - this is nearly impossible.

For the record, we were very pleased with our results overall, bearing in mind that we passed on to NZQA all of our results, achieved or not achieved.

For Year 11: 65.5% gained NCEA level 1 (80 credits or more) as against 53% nationally.

For Year 12: 66% gained NCEA level 2 (80 credits or more) as against 48.1% nationally.

From NPBHS's point of view, I am certain that we must retain our integrity, in terms of setting the highest of standards in assessment procedures and, at the same time, give our boys every reasonable opportunity to enjoy success at the appropriate level.

At level 1 and 2 a good number of boys performed outstandingly.

The results below are those who have performed to an exceptional level over a wide range of disciplines in achievement standards.

I am assured that to gain an 'Excellence' means exactly that - it is an excellent standard that is close to perfect. As students around New Zealand are finding out, it is very difficult to gain excellence in most achievement standards as there is a lot of opportunity for error. It has focussed the attention of high achieving students on complete accuracy and every little detail is important.

Highlighted are some school wide comparisons with national statistics and the top scholars, by virtue of them gaining 12 excellences or more.

A number of students gained a high number of Excellences at NCEA Level 2:

Greg Severinsen	32	Matthew Whitmore	15
Ricky Versteeg	25	Ashley Boswell	15
Andrew Mills	23	Michael Julian	14
Matthew Harrop	20	Luke O'Connor	12
Mitchell Le Heux	19	Joe Stewart-Jacks	12
Jonathan Williams	18		

A number of students gained a high number of Excellences at NCEA Level 1:

Alex Opie	21	Andrew Raynes	14
Jeffrey Fong	18	Murray Perks	13
Gavin Roper	18	Andrew Liu	13
Ben Riley	16	Harry Moores	13
Andrew Webber	16	Matthew Molloy	12
Bohan Lin	15		

Percentage achieving literacy:	NPBHS	81	NZ	71
Percentage achieving numeracy:	NPBHS	86	NZ	74

The year started with the knowledge that we would be reviewed by ERO early on in term two. It was obvious early on in the review that the reviewers were very impressed by what they were seeing and the staff and school could relax somewhat. There is always a degree of apprehension when you are being put under the 'blow torch' in any sphere of life, perhaps it was the nervous tension of passionate people, but the end result was a great tribute to the BOT, staff, boys and school community.

The BOT and staff are delighted with an exceptionally positive report that we feel fairly reflects where we are at in the main areas that were looked at - literacy, pastoral care, the Hostel, as well as the school as a whole. ERO teams are not renowned for their use of superlatives in reviews, but I believe we have reached the highest praise that can be given in many areas. Quite rightly, it is a reflection on the boys of the school and, of course, the staff that set the path for their students and you as parents of your sons. The only recommendations are to continue with the path we are taking in literacy and the professional development of our staff.

I have talked with the boys in assembly about this report and quoted parts to them – they should feel rightly proud of themselves.

One thing I have learned about schooling is to never sit on your laurels. We must continue to find new ways, or reinvent 'old' ways to get the best outcomes for our boys. Much of this has to do with curriculum and Mr Heaps and his Curriculum Committee continue to be forward-thinking and innovative about how we can best meet the needs of our boys – to come up with courses that reflect modern needs and stretch all boys' abilities and talents. There are some curriculum changes for next year and beyond that are exciting and show our commitment to student needs.

Through all of this we have to promote a framework that gives boys confidence about the passage to manhood. Many of you attend PTA meetings and other forums at school, where we discuss such issues with parents and debate the findings of Celia Lashlie and 'The Good Man Project'.

One of these manly virtues, I believe, is to front up and not look to others regarding your plight in life. We use it as a major tenet of the 'NPBHS way' – I have included a part of an assembly address that I gave boys recently, after we had some boys stood down from school for persistent disregard for the school rules in that they reached the top of the STEPS system for discipline. It is in the language that most boys in assembly understand clearly.

The Age of Blame

The other day I was pondering about how things have changed in schools since 1973 when I started teaching. Much is the same and, in good schools such as ours, many of the really important values are still in place, but increasingly I witness in society what I call 'THE BLAME MENTALITY' – people always looking for some one else to blame for where they are in life.

I talk to boys who are in trouble, who often start 'I just, or it was only, or others did it, or it was peer pressure'.

These are all statements that try and deflect or minimise responsibility – most of you are still pretty good at being up-front, honest, taking it on the chin – doing it in the way that young men should do. A few others whimper, whine and show a lack of guts to front-up to weaknesses that they have shown.

Our way is to 'front up', to accept responsibility and to move on – this is the manly way, I believe.

We continue to look at your needs, in terms of courses we can offer, career advice, extra help for those who find things really difficult; we have teachers who really care for your education and yet some of you still show the lack of respect and selfishness that takes you up the discipline scale.

It is all here boys, it is all here to set you up for your future – there can be NO EXCUSES for not doing your best, there can be NO EXCUSES for poor decisions – YOU TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY – for your future and together we can achieve great things with you."

I believe there are all sorts of contrary messages in our media each day to 'taking personal responsibility' for what is going to happen in your life. At school I will, and our staff will, continue to get boys to do just this. As a country we would be much better off if we all did this – we would be a stronger society as there are no real barriers to successful lives in New Zealand – we are blessed with opportunities and there can be no new excuses for not taking them on.

As a part of my job, I try and keep a close eye on all the activities that boys are involved in related to academic work, but also the myriad opportunities that NPBHS offers to boys. When reviewing the weeks past and looking ahead it is no wonder that most of our young men really enjoy their lives at Boys' High School – there is such a wide range of things to do at all levels and at standards appropriate to their abilities. Most boys have close relationships with their teachers that are respectful

and positive and these ties are further strengthened by the work that the staff does with boys outside the classroom.

The bonds that are formed between teachers and pupils through music, sport, the arts and trips are something special and, in boys' schools such as NPBHS, they give a character that is not evident in many other schools. It brings out the best in young men at times and I am continually grateful to my teachers and others involved in extra-curricula activities for making the personal sacrifices that add so much to the development of our young men. This, parents tell me, and I concur, is one of the things that makes NPBHS a great school.

We also promote opportunities for boys to go beyond the normal and put themselves on the international stage.

Not all can do this, obviously, but the confidence that these fortunate boys gain can be absorbed by others through their relating of the experience and the way they see the world. This widens others' views of the world and sows seeds that could well lead to them hankering for such personal experiences in their futures.

As examples:

- Mr Russell and Mr Vercoe have just returned from a two week Year 13 Geography excursion to Thailand.
- Jeffrey Fong is representing New Zealand at World Space School in Houston.
- Andrew Mills is representing New Zealand at the International Science forum in England.
- 1st XI Hockey team, under Mr Kennedy and Mr Achary, played in a week-long tournament in Brisbane.
- Alex Opie, Chad Mills, Matthew Landrigan, Harry Moores, Cody Langlands and Gavin Roper have been in New York and Washington, representing New Zealand at the Global Young Leaders conference.
- Mrs French, Luke Stenner, Sam Tait and Jason Oliver are representing New Zealand at World School, to be held in England and Germany this year.
- Mrs Atkinson and a group of students of Spanish, from Boys' and Girls' HS's will be spending three weeks at the end of this term in Chile, visiting Collegio de San Nicolas de Myra, who have stayed with us in the past.
- Andrew Mischefski competed at the World Junior Snooker Championships in Ireland.

In the July holidays I was able to see three different sports groups in action which brought me great pleasure – the 1st XI hockey in Brisbane, In-Line Hockey at the first NZSS tournament in Hamilton and the 1st XI Soccer in the Super 8 tournament in Rotorua.

The results will be chronicled elsewhere in this Taranakian, but I want to comment on why it brought me such pleasure. They exhibited all that is good about school sport and brought great credit on NPBHS.

All were fiercely competitive and played with real pride; all showed excellent team spirit and commitment to each other, all showed true sportsmanship on the field; all were wonderful ambassadors of the field, and all showed respect and did not take for granted their coaches and managers. Finally, all were praised by the adults with them as a pleasure to be with, and around.

2004, I believe, has been an outstanding year for our Sports and Cultural activities. This is a result of high quality programmes that have been designed over some years, but are bearing rich fruit. Instrumental in these are Hugh Russell as Director of Sport and Gisella Sklenars as Cultural Co-ordinator. Sport, over the full range of activities, has seen the best results ever, perhaps, and our music continues to go from strength to strength.

Special congratulations, of course, to David Mossop who, after fifteen years in charge of golf, secured the NZSS team title. This wonderful

team of Matt Blackburn, Joon-Ho Choi, Logan Heyes and Zac Lewis beat the seemingly unbeatable Rotorua Boys' HS by 17 shots with Matt being top individual and Joon-Ho 3rd. This was a great thrill for the whole school, but we also basked in the success of:

- 1st XI Soccer 7th in New Zealand
- 1st XI Hockey 9th in New Zealand
- Under-15 Rugby 10th in New Zealand
- 1st V Basketball 4th in New Zealand regionals
- 1st XV Rugby Top 16 in New Zealand

I doubt if any other school can boast such a performance over so many sporting disciplines and, as well, boast about the Stage Band being the top Jazz Band at the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Band festival.

A lot of this comes from the leadership that we ask of our senior boys. 2004 was no exception, with positive leadership from so many and, in particular, thanks to the Heads of Houses – Zac Bingham (Donnelly), Aiden Kereopa (Barak), Rangi Wano (Syme) and Fraser Campbell (Hatherly) – they have done an excellent job of enthusing their houses to compete in the house competitions with purpose and joy. We have had a succession of high quality Head Boys and 2004 was no different. Reeve Barnett leads by example and his performance was an exemplary one for all boys to aspire to. He has learned a lot about delegation and the work of committees and has shown that he has made great progress this year in using the talents of his prefects. Reeve is a hard worker and sees things through to the end – this typifies Reeve as determined, resolute and a young man of real standards. The school Ball was an outstanding success in many ways and Reeve can be proud of what he and his band of leaders achieved.

I have been blessed over the past nine years as Headmaster, with some superb Board of Trustee members. It was most gratifying to have twelve parents stand for the next three year term. Also to have the five members who had had previous experience re-elected which was, to me, a vote of confidence in the direction that the school has taken. My congratulations to the BOT and all the indications are for another three years of positive governance and commitment to the furtherance of our educational goals. My special congratulations go to Mr Stephen Harrop (Chairman) and Mr Rob Mills (Deputy Chairman) on their new posts and they have already shown that their passion for the school, as Old Boys, is matched by their ability in leadership of the BOT. The next three years will be very rewarding for the school with the very many projects in the renovation of Moyes House and the rebuilding and renovation of Cramond and Alexander Wings.

I have been privileged to work with parents with a real feeling for the school and an excellent appreciation of the role of governance over the past three years on the Board. Mr Warren Batchelar has been a wonderful Chairman, Mr Murray Cochrane an astute Deputy Chairman and Hostel Committee Chairman, Mrs Marilyn Davies an accomplished financial adviser as Chairperson of the Finance Committee, Mrs Meryn Feather a highly skilled Chairperson of the Technology Committee; Mr Stuart Trundle could always be relied on to give sound advice on a wide range of pertinent matters; Mr John Warner was a strong advocate for the staff and a sage on many issues.

There would be only a handful of Boards around the country that could enjoy the positive relationship that they have had with the school. There can be no higher accolade, from my point of view, and this speaks volumes for the proper intent of our retiring Trustees. I have only the highest regard for them all.

The Boarding Hostel remains a vital part of everyday life at NPBHS and under the leadership of Mr Geoff Hall it continues to flourish. It is an extraordinarily difficult task to make life in a boarding institution as close to a good family environment as possible. Mr Hall and his team leave no stone unturned to do just that and I feel that our boys are very fortunate to live in the NPBHS hostel. This was echoed in the ERO report and the ERO team were delighted by what they found and were keen to say so.

Special congratulations to Fraser Campbell for leading Hatherly to a clear advantage in the House Competitions.

Finally, I thank the Old Boys who have continued to make me feel so welcome at reunions and other functions around the country and to those who have seen fit to give, in a monetary sense, to their 'old school'. The Old Boys Association continues to go from strength to strength and my thanks go to Mr Kevin Taylor for his term as President; and to Mr Geoff Hall for taking over the mantle. The 125th Jubilee will be held at Easter, 2007 and preparations are well advanced for what will be a major celebration of all that Boys' High stands for.

Talking about Old Boys, it would be remiss without mentioning the unwavering leadership and support of Mr Max Carroll and Mrs Gail Woodward in the Development Office. They are the glue that makes it easy to move forward.

This is the time of the year when we get asked to provide references or testimonials for boys who will soon be applying for jobs or places in New Zealand universities or polytechnics for next year. I have long admired the depth of knowledge that our teachers have about 'their boys' and the articulate and caring manner in which they write the testimonials – these are not just records of learning, but in-depth thoughts on what boys have achieved and might achieve in their future. In writing some recently for boys in their fifth year at NPBHS, it was time to reflect on why it is so easy to draw on such a rich source of information to base the reference or testimonials on.

When you drill down, it becomes obvious NPBHS is a high quality educational institution that provides the boys with high quality opportunities of real substance. This was echoed by the latest ERO visit this year. There are myriad reasons that give us this quality, but in my mind the most important of these are high expectations by staff in all areas of growth and the high calibre staff who care for 'their boys' and go that extra distance to ensure the most positive growth in academic, musical, sporting, cultural and personal development.

I have no doubt that New Zealand schools and New Zealand education stacks up proudly with the best overseas in terms of what is offered, the accessibility to all and the opportunities for tertiary studies after secondary. There should be no excuse for boys not to reach their potential, but I still see too many young New Zealanders and too many parents who do not take an active enough part in the process of education. This is not about the past for families, in terms of education, but about the future. It is about putting great value on education and faith in the belief that through education our society can have sustained growth and prosperity.

We cannot be passive about this and must show that we believe in the process and in the end results. The best outcomes occur when schools and parents work together in getting the best for their children, when parents back the school in its educational endeavours and expect a lot from their children. Parents who talk about the importance of education and the joy of learning from an early age are more likely to have sons who enjoy school, enjoy learning and feel confident about their future. Parents often feel that they are distant from the process, but I encourage them all to attend parent/teacher nights, PTA information nights, sports and cultural events, PTA meetings and if this is impossible, talk positively about what happens at school. You can all, in this sense, add to the value of education.

The Awards Dinner continues to be a highlight of the school year for our Sporting and Cultural top performers. This evening of special significance draws together our 'Tiger Jackets' to celebrate and congratulate the best of the best.

Finally, my thanks to the whole team. There has been substantial change at the top, in the senior administration this year. Mr Michael McMenamin took up his principalship at Freyberg College after a stint as an outstanding Deputy Headmaster at NPBHS, but we were fortunate to have the strength for Mr Bruce Bayly to move into the vacancy and Mr Jed Rowlands to take up one of the Assistant Principal jobs. Successful institutions are formed on teamwork. Without the collected wisdom, commitment and desire of all teaching and non-teaching staff we would not be in the position that the school finds itself in, as what I believe is one of New Zealand's finest schools.

The Awardees were:  
 Performing Artist of the Year  
 ANZ Cultural Group of the year  
 ANZ Sporting Team of the Year  
 Sportsman of the Year

Ashley Boswell  
 Stage Band  
 Golf  
 Matthew Blackburn



Ashley Boswell



Matthew Blackburn

L R French-Wright  
 Headmaster



Stage Band: ANZ Cultural Group of the Year



**Board of Trustees' Report**

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Hostel, Property, Ex Officio, Personnel & Curricular, Policy, Finance, LA Alexander Trust, Executive, Whanau Waiora, Technology, and Boarding Education Trust.

**The Board of Trustees**

The current Board began its three year term following the election in April. All five of the previous Board who sought re-election were re-elected. The hard work and sound governance of the last Board and previous Boards has ensured that the new Board began its duties with the school well positioned and prepared for the future. It is appropriate to recognise here the enormous contribution made to the Board by the previous Chairman, Warren Batchelar, the previous Deputy Chairman, Murray Cochrane, and two-term members Meryn Feather and Marilyn Davies. We also had the benefit of the expertise of Board members Stuart Trundle, the Chief Executive of Venture Taranaki, and John Warner, the staff representative, during the last term of the Board. The school has been very well served by these people. I also want to thank our Student Representative, Matthew Hancock, for his insightful and helpful contributions. He retired at the end of August (the student representative is appointed for twelve months, September to September) and has been replaced by Laine Barnett.

The Board is concerned with matters of finance, governance and strategy. This is challenging in view of the responsibility to ensure that the school maintains its high standards and maximises the benefits provided for the boys. Our Board contains an excellent balance and consists of hardworking people who are committed to advancing the interests of the school and the boys. The Board enjoys open and honest discussions in a reasonably informal atmosphere and we are indebted to our Board Secretary, Mr Emslie, for his tremendous organisation and experience of how the school runs.

Although it is still early days for our Board, as Chairman, I have enjoyed and appreciated the contributions each member has made to date.

**The Management of NPBS**

NPBS is very fortunate to have an outstanding Headmaster, Mr French-Wright. The Board has a superb working relationship with him and this makes what is a difficult job, a great deal easier than it might otherwise be. Bruce Bayly was appointed Deputy Principal following the departure of Michael McMenamin earlier this year to become Principal at Freyberg College in Palmerston North. Congratulations to Mr McMenamin on this promotion and thanks for his substantial contribution to the daily running of the school and to the atmosphere at the school. The transition has been almost seamless because of Mr Bayly's extensive experience as Assistant Principal. The latter position was filled by well-respected and longstanding staff member Jeremy Rowlands.

To these, and to the other Assistant Principal, Mr Terry Heaps, the Board extends its sincere thanks and congratulations for their excellent work during the year.



Board of Trustees

Back Row: Alan Elgar, Steve Ander, Jamie Sutherland, Chris Taylor, Les Emslie (Board Secretary), Matthew Hancock (Student Rep)  
 Front Row: Justine Darney, Rob Mills (Deputy Chairman), Stephen Harrop (Chairman), Lyal French-Wright, Fiona Browne

**Staff**

2004 was another extremely busy year for the staff of NPBS. The implementation of NCEA Level 3 added to the demands already faced. In some other schools around the country, there has been a lot of negativity about NCEA and a reduction in the commitment of teachers to extra-curricular activities. The latter have always been a foundation of education at NPBS and it is a measure of the dedication of the staff to the school and to the boys that their commitment to this never flags despite the increasing workload which they face within the curriculum. The staff as a whole deserves to take a great deal of pride and satisfaction in the quality of the young men turned out by our school. I believe that we are particularly well served at present by the Heads of Department. These are all people of enthusiasm and vision.

The Board thanks all of the support staff for their hard work and dedication and their contribution to the success of the school.

**Hostel**

The Hostel is a substantial organisation in itself. The Hostel Committee is ably chaired by Rob Mills (also Deputy Chairperson of the Board) whose experience from his work on the previous Board is essential. The other committee members provide valuable insight into life in the Hostel and this contributes to prudent decision making.

The school is particularly fortunate to have Geoff Hall as Senior Hostel Master with his enormous commitment and energy. The Board particularly congratulates Fraser Campbell, the Head Boarder, and his team of Hostel prefects. Their efforts in enhancing Hostel spirit and in breaking down some of the less desirable traditions within the Hostel have been notable.

By the start of 2005, the Board hopes that the long-awaited renovations to Moyes House will be completed, or nearly so. While there will be disruption not only to the Moyes' boys and staff but also to other boys at the school, I am sure the outcome will be worth waiting for. A significant part of the work at Moyes will be to ensure its future safety in the event of an earthquake. The Board is pleased that a modern technique using Kevlar to sheath major structural components has allowed the Hostel to remain within the existing building and so to retain its character and longstanding tradition.

**Property**

This sub-committee is also chaired by Rob Mills and is a critical part of the Board's responsibilities. The big news on the property front is that, at long last, the Board is able to proceed with the substantial project that will be the redevelopment of the Cramond wing. The roll growth at the school has generated the need for six extra classrooms and the funding provided for this has been able to be combined with the funding that was already available from the Ministry for the replacement of parts of the Cramond wing which are an earthquake risk.

The Board has moved quickly since receiving news of the funding availability to form a project sub-committee and the Headmaster has formed a further sub-committee of key staff members. Meetings with the appointed engineers and architects have already begun. The Board is very conscious of the significance of this project for the school. It is likely to cost in excess of \$5 million and it is the sort of project which may not be repeated at the school for another 40 or 50 years.

The current intention is that the Cramond redevelopment will involve a relocation of the administration area of the school to a new main entrance at the northern end of the Cramond block in order to give the school a proper and impressive entrance, which the current administration area lacks.

The Board is excited by the prospect of this development which it is hoped will be built throughout 2006 with the completed project being opened at the time of the school's 125<sup>th</sup> celebration at Easter 2007.

**Education Review Office Visit**

The Board was delighted by the report by ERO following a visit to the school in March 2004. The report was a strong vindication of everyone who works at NPBS but especially of Mr French-Wright, his management team and the teaching staff. There were also some heartening comments about the Board.

The positive atmosphere around the school campus, with the nature of the interaction between senior and junior boys and the boys' obvious pride of the school and enjoyment in being here were noted.

ERO also assessed the Hostel, and boarding parents can take particular comfort from the positive comments made by ERO about the management of the Hostel and the environment created. All of the Hostel Masters were thoroughly commended for their performance and ERO was satisfied that there was an entirely appropriate management structure for the Hostel.

The Board congratulates Mr French-Wright and all of the staff of the school for their unstinting efforts which have resulted in such a positive report.

**Finance**

Over the previous six years, the Board benefited from the prudence and experience of Marilyn Davies as Chairperson of the Finance Committee, supported by our Board's Secretary, Mr Emslie. The new Board is equally benefited by Marilyn's business partner at Busing Russell, Jamie Sutherland, the new Chairperson. Without sound financial management of the funding available to the school, not only would the current running of the school be adversely affected, but its future would not be as well assured as it is.

The Board is concerned about the level of funding provided by the Ministry which compares poorly with the bulk funding period enjoyed by previous Boards. There is particular concern that the increase in non-contact hours which teachers have been successful in negotiating (and which the Board fully supports) needs to be recognised as adding to cost. Otherwise, class sizes will simply increase and it is the education of the boys that will suffer.

**Policy**

The Policy Committee does valuable work behind the scenes and is now ably chaired by Fiona Browne (formerly Bracken). This committee provides an essential framework for the management of the school and ERO complimented the Board on its policies during their visit and in their report.

**Technology**

Last year's significant upgrade to our computer network is now working fairly well, despite a number of teething problems. There remain a number of issues that need to be addressed and, as will all computer issues, there are substantial costs involved. The Technology Committee works well with the new Head of Department, Sue Scott, and we look forward to her continuing contribution in that role. The previous Chair of the Committee, Meryn Feather, kindly agreed to stay on until the end of 2004. We are grateful for her expertise and experience in this role.

**Whanau Waiora**

Chris Taylor chairs this Committee which continues to make an excellent

contribution to the advancement of the interests of the Maori boys at NPBHS. He is ably assisted by the other parents, staff members and Kaumatua who meet monthly. There are some significant challenges in this area but the Board and Whanau Waiora itself is committed to ensuring that Maori boys attending NPBHS succeed and become role models for others following on from them and in the community generally. A particular focus this year has been the level of literacy. Year 9 Maori boys in 2004 had a significantly lower literacy level on arrival at NPBHS. This is a real concern, for literacy is an essential foundation for all subject areas.

**PTA**

The PTA has functioned particularly well during 2004 under the chairmanship of Neil Armitage. He has been ably assisted by Dawn Mills (Secretary) and Sam Hancock (Treasurer). The attendances at PTA meetings have been increasing and these dedicated supporters of the school help in so many ways. The PTA provides a valuable communication channel between the school and the parents and most meetings feature interesting and informative speakers. The Board encourages all parents to get involved in their son's education by coming to PTA meetings and participating beyond that.

**Young Men of NPBHS**

One of the focuses at NPBHS in recent years has been the development of leadership qualities. The Board congratulates this year's Head Boy, Reeve Barnett, and his team of prefects on the superb way they have acted as role models for the rest of the boys, and in doing so, how they have continued and improved on the school's traditions in this regard.

It is a great pleasure for the Board to observe the quality of young men being produced by NPBHS. Each year we see a new group of leavers setting off on the next stage of their development. Each has made a significant contribution to the school during their years at NPBHS but on leaving they realise that the school has also made a significant contribution to them. It has been a critical vehicle for them in the transition from boyhood to manhood. To those who are leaving at the end of 2004, go forward with pride and enjoy being part of the tradition of NPBHS. Do remain in contact with the school and take part in the Old Boys' Association. The Board of Trustees wishes you all every success in your chosen career.

Stephen Harrop  
Chairperson  
NPBHS Board of Trustees  
September 2004



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ADMINISTRATION

Staff Notes 2004

The staff returned this year ready to take on the challenge of NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 in terms of teaching and assessing. A new structure also greeted the staff in terms of having four periods before lunch. This was okay for the boys as they have usually demolished lunch well before 11.00 am. For staff and boys alike, one period after lunch seems to have been a real success.

The following new staff were welcomed:

**Mr Blair Corlett:** (Physical Education) is an Old Boy who had taught at St Peters' College for the past two years. Blair is an accomplished cricket and rugby player and immediately got involved, playing for the school's 1<sup>st</sup> XI in the Premier Grade. Blair's claim to fame during the year was his organisation of the prestigious staff versus student rugby game which was lost for the first time by the staff.

**Miss Ngaire Ellicott:** (English) started her teaching career with us, after completing her Bachelor of Arts at Otago University. Ngaire quickly got involved in the life of the school, taking the debating team away to Super 8 competitions and joining the Gifted and Talented committee.

**Mr Steven Leppard:** (Technology) previously taught at Waitara High School and Manukoriki Intermediate. He coached the C1 Black rugby team this year where his skill and enthusiasm in working with the boys shone through even though they just lost to the Gold team in the semi-finals.

**Mr Michael Townes:** (English) joined us after a career in the military and retail sectors. He completed his Bachelor of Arts and Teaching Diploma through Waikato University. Michael has been able to use his musical skills by running a Utility Period class for boys learning the guitar.

**Mr Craig Thomas:** (HOD Technology) had been the HOD of Francis Douglas Memorial College's tech dept before replacing Murray Grimwood. He has a strong vision of where he wants the department to go and spoke with passion about that future to the PTA during the year. Craig also is enthusiastic in the field of outdoor education.

**Mrs Suzanne Scott:** (HOD Information and Communication Technology and Computing) comes to us with a wealth of experience in these areas and was the HOD at New Plymouth Girls' High School. She has represented NZ at orienteering and was fully involved in the World Catamaran Championships held off New Plymouth earlier in the year.

**Mr Kelvin Simpson:** (Mathematics) came down from the other side of the Bommays after six very successful years teaching at Waitakere College and Rosehill College. He immediately coached a morning grade cricket team. Congratulations go to Kelvin and wife Lisa on the birth of their daughter, Ella.

Congratulations also go to Jonathon Dobbie and wife Louise on the arrival of their little girl, Emma.

**Mr Nigel Vernon:** (History and Social Studies) joined us after returning from teaching in England and Kuwait for the past nine years. Nigel has stepped into the coaching of our squash team and together with Mr Pauline Crow took the team to Christchurch to compete at the Nationals. He also took over the running of Syme 5 and has instigated the term by term newsletter for the group.

**Miss Sarah Wilson:** (English) comes from her last teaching position at Berwickshire High School, in the Scottish border regions. She has a Master of Arts, with honours in English Literature and Language from the University of St Andrew's. Sarah has also become involved in the extra-curricular side of school life and took the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI hockey team during Tournament week.

**Mr Ian Wiseman:** (English) taught for five years in Japan and more recently at Okato College. Ian certainly has had a busy year with a new position and the arrival of a son, Otto, earlier in the year.

**Mr Reuben Creery:** (part-time English) is a young 'Old Boy' of the school and was easily mistaken for a student when staff dressed up during the Spring Arts Festival.

**Mr Dafydd Roberts:** (Technology) was the last to join us at the beginning of the year. He stayed for the first two terms of 2004 before returning home to Wales to take up an HOD's position. His stay was certainly punctuated by a few crashes and broken body parts as he literally flew

into a few sports that he had the opportunity to try out whilst in New Zealand. Dafydd certainly earned the respect of his students and staff in his short stay with us and made many friends.

The end of Term One saw the departure of **Mr Michael McMenamin** (Deputy Headmaster) to a new position as Principal of Freyberg High School in Palmerston North.

In the two years and a term he was with us Michael had made a real impact with staff and especially the boys. The applause the boys gave Michael on his last farewell at assembly was heartfelt and well deserved. Michael was a man of passion and character. He used humour to both cajole and reinforce the boys and the staff into the Boys' High way. He was a standards setter, "strict but fair". Michael was approachable and friendly but also forthright and honest in his comments. He was fluent in Te Reo and his mana in the Whanau Waiora was of the highest order.

Michael was a hard worker and after a week of walking the school would enjoy the weekend only after his rugby team had won on Saturday. He was totally loyal to the institution and the Headmaster but he would also challenge the thinking of the Senior Management Team. He had an excellent perspective of wider educational theory and view points and had a feeling for what made great schools. Michael has already made inroads into being an excellent Principal. We wish him the best for the future and have enjoyed his friendship and that of his wife, Tio.

The start of Term Two saw further changes. Mr Bruce Bayly (Assistant Principal) took over from Mr Mac. Mr Jeremy Rowlands (HOD Mathematics) became Assistant Principal and Mr Nigel Hunter moved up to HOD Mathematics. These appointments in turn required further staffing changes, **Mrs Sonia Thomas** took up three classes of Mathematics to facilitate the promotion of Mr Rowlands.

Sonia had taught at New Plymouth Boys' High before and is well known under her maiden name of Sonia Barry, as one of New Zealand's foremost distance and cross country runners. **Ms Nor-Hayati Abdullah** was appointed to teach part-time in Social Studies to allow for Mr Bayly's move.

Term Two also brought **Ms Leigh Jackson's** appointment to teach Science. She was with us for the rest of the year and left at the end of the year to undertake teacher training through a full time Teachers' College-course in 2005. Leigh had worked in industrial fields in environmental management and is keen to make the change to the teaching profession.

A special mention needs to go to two technology relief teachers, **Mr Kevin Dixon** and recently retired **Mr Bill Thomas**, who held the fort for most of Term Two and Three. They shared most weeks and ensured the boys had quality teaching programmes in front of them. Term Three saw the arrival of two new Technology and Graphics teachers from Scotland and England. **Mr Andy Evans** arrived in the middle of our coldest spell while **Mr Alan Craig** arrived at the start of spring. Both are vastly experienced HODs and will bring a wide range of skills to the technology department.

Talking of someone escaping the winter, the end of Term Two saw the departure of **Mr John Sims** for a two year teaching stint in Rarotonga. His correspondence to staff during Term Three commented on how unfortunate he was at arriving at the end of his holidays only to start school holidays in Rarotonga. It was a real effort for him to surf the reef over the next few weeks. Replacing John was an Old Boy, **Mr Wayne Benton**, who joins Mr Roger Harland in the Horticulture Department. Wayne brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the department and of course green fingers. Thanks to Wayne we now have wonderful green tea that is brewed for those enthusiasts each morning interval.

Congratulations go to Mr Chris Woods who had a successful season on the wing in the Taranaki NPC season. Many thanks must also go to the staff who give so much of their time in extra-curricular activities for the boys. As mentioned further on in the Taranakian, the boys have achieved many highlights and many of these have been aided by the coaching or support and management of the staff.

Staff also continued their globe trotting way with Mr Martyn Vercoe making a splash in Thailand on a Hugh Russell organised Geography fieldtrip. Mrs Christine French again took a number of students to World School in Japan and the Headmaster, Mr Terry Heaps and Mrs Margaret Atkinson all enjoyed their educational visit to Chile.

Also off on the overseas experience at the end of the year is **Mr Andrew Dawson**. Andrew has spent two years teaching Physical Education here at NPBHS. He was a student between 1993 - 97, then went to Otago University to gain his Physical Education degree and finished his training at Massey. Andrew is a dedicated teacher who has great rapport with boys and staff alike. He coached junior cricket and also E Gold rugby, winning the Championship in his 1<sup>st</sup> year. Andrew heads off for his OE and we wish him all the best.

The end of the year brought the pressure of external exams at all senior levels and the preparation for junior camps. The hard work and hours of commitment put into tutoring our boys has, I'm sure paid off. Well done, and thanks to all for being such great role models, professionals and

team players. You all thoroughly deserve the Christmas break.

Finally one can't finish without special comment and praise for our support staff. They all finish later than the teachers and start earlier. Their efforts go a long way to ensuring the very good working relationship that exists between the staff, Board of Trustees, the parents and the pupils. Staff changes saw **Ms Natalie Taylor** leave after seven excellent years of service in the Board Office. Her replacement was **Mrs Louise Jenkinson**. Mr Trevor Woodward and his team again kept the place in fine working order and most importantly have trained a number of staff in how to test the swimming pool over the summer months.

Have a safe one.



Larry Wilson, Te Hira Cooper, Mary Porteous on Yr 9 camp 2003



John Tullett and Michael McMenamin

Farewell to Dobby - A Personal Letter

Dobby,

When you work with a man for over 30 years and have common interests you are bound to get to know him well. There are many memories that I have of you.

During the days when we used to take senior boys into the bush for bushcraft/survival training I remember your unique bivouac style. While most of us tolerated sleeping on the ground, you would have a hammock slung between two trees, with a groundsheet rigged over the top. I have a mental picture of you in bed in the early morning mist, with your woollen hat on and cigarette smoke coming out of both ends of your shelter as you coughed through the first cigarette of the day.

We took many golf teams away to battle district and regional competitions, sometimes successfully, sometimes not. When the boys won the National Finals this year I thought of how you would have enjoyed the day as I did. I recall the efforts that you made with the Taranaki handicap pennant competition and the work that you did with Fitzroy Golf Club as President and in the upgrading of the club house. My thanks for the companionship during the many rounds of golf that we played together.

I have admired your direct approach to problem solving, such as the nailing of the shoe of an over-restive boy to floor in an attempt to keep him in one place and working! Finally Murray, I valued your friendship. Once it was given, it was never stunted. Your parting has left a big gap in this school, and in my life. Farewell old friend.

David Mossop



The boys' silent tribute to Murray Dobson



Old friends mourn



# ADMINISTRATION



Teaching Staff 2004

Back Row: Ces Hill, Allen Jones, Sarah Wilson, Spencer Page, Brenda Elgar, Andrew Slyfield, Kelvin Simpson, Nigel Vernon, Alan Craig, Gordon Giddy, Richard Levis, Peter Cayzer, Steven Leppard.  
Fourth Row: Ken Lockhart, Julius Prasad, Justin Hyde, Richard Turner, Max Maaka, Kevin Gledhill, Alison Slater, Pauline Crow, Michael Townes, Shirley McVicar, Mary Porteous, John Warner, Jonathon Dobbie, David Mossop.  
Third Row: Christine French, Bruce Johnston, Blair Corlett, Larry Wilson, Andrew Dawson, Vanessa Herbert, Liz Winters, Adrienne Roberts, Leigh Jackson, Ian Wiseman, John McLellan, Murray Hill, Jocelyn Beath, Kathy Gracia.  
Second Row: Martin Vercoe, John Howes, Anna Stevens, Ngaira Ellicott, Phil Whittaker, Reuben Creery, Wayne Benton, Glen Hannah, Rodger Harland, John Tullett, Monica Fenney, Sonia Thomas, Andy Evans, Malcolm Rose.  
Front Row: Dale Atkins, Nigel Hunter, Alan Elgar, Richard Wild, Terry Heaps, Lyal French-Wright, Bruce Bayly, Jed Rowlands, Craig Thomas, Geoff Hall, Hugh Russell, Val Moore.

## Head Boy's Report

The last chapter of New Plymouth Boys' High School, for me, is coming to a close. Nevertheless it is an ending that I would want to read over and over again. 2004 has been a year of enjoyment, spirit and dedication much like the rest of the story. Time travels fast, too fast some may say, but for every student at NPBHS there is time for us to know what this school really means to us.

When I was placed in the position of Head Boy at the end of 2003, I received a piece of paper entitled, "Guide lines for the Head Boy of NPBHS." I noticed that certain words were printed in bold letters - words such as 'experience, honour, challenge, burden,' and in many ways this has been the case. Words like 'challenge' and 'burden' seemed daunting, but now I realise such things build inner strength. I am glad that there have plenty of rewarding challenges this year. I have found that hard things are often put in our way, not to stop us but to call out our courage, determination and strength.

Throughout my year as Head Boy I have been asked many times what my role is at NPBHS. At the start of the year it was a difficult question to answer. Now as the year has almost finished, this question has become simpler. I believe the answer can be summed up in two words - **'Be you'**. Who you are as a person is more important than what you do. Be a person that you would be proud to be, then you will do the right things. People often don't realise the extent of their influence on other people and being in a position such as Head Boy makes this special. Personal example is powerful.

Being up on stage during assembly is a privilege I will always hold special. Looking out at a mass of 1300 boys and being able to recognise everyone individually is rewarding. It never ceases to amaze me how fast Ryder hall can empty out after every session. It is like a grey stampede.

The school ball is one of the major highlights of the school year. It is by no means an easy task to reach previous standards set. The ball committee this year exceeded all expectations and it could only be said it was a job very well done. Zac, Aidan, Fraser, Rangī, Andrew, Jeremy, Blanton, Nick, Swen and not forgetting the lovely Jade Fabish, thank you for all the hard work, dedication and commitment to this year's ball. Occasions like this don't just happen; it takes something special to create them. Rewards come from hard work. As a group I believe we faced an ocean of a task but emerged treasuring our own little island. **"The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who do nothing and succeed"** yet we succeeded too.

One aspect of my position that I thoroughly enjoyed was being the link between students and teachers. I have found that they become more like peers than teachers - definitely not the people we thought they were back in the early days. Teachers are truly special people and even do look rather special too. It's obvious that our teachers know that life is not a dress rehearsal, although when you see Evel Knievel (a.k.a. Mr Vercoe) perform his astonishing feats, it may make you think otherwise. What I enjoy more than anything about teachers is their ability to make you laugh, no matter what the circumstances. A lesson with Mr Elgar is far from a Shakespearean Tragedy. The staff rugby team had me a little confused as to why they referred to themselves as the 'dream team', although as Ms Gracia ran out onto the field I thought I was dreaming. It was good to see the students out on the paddock teaching all the teachers a lesson, with winning the first staff versus student rugby match ever. **"Experience is a hard teacher as she gives the test first and the lesson afterwards."**

The house spirit once again was burning in the hearts of the Heads of Houses for 2004, each one looking to make it their year. Aidan, Fraser, Rangī and Zac, you have all done a superb job, and you have passed on that passion and fire to the rest of your house so the competition will burn bright in the years to come. Highlights in the house competition this year were the swimming sports and house singing. For me these two events summed up the meaning of house spirit. It was being able to see everyone get involved and enjoy themselves, whether it was cheering a mate on or up on the block for their free-style dash. Guys look great in



Speedos, yeah right! Whether the singing was good or not is for someone else to decide, however, seeing and hearing hundreds of guys up on stage trying to sing at the top of their voices with smiles on their faces is truly something.

Personally, being given the honour of leading the school was rewarding in itself. As the year has passed, I feel it has changed me. It has expanded my view, taught me valuable lessons and given me more confidence within myself as a person. I have learned skills in making big decisions and have learned to value the point of view of other people. I have also been taught to make the most of time. I realise too the truth of the saying that people 'fear the future because they waste the present'. I like the quote - **"don't be afraid to take a big step, you can't cross a chasm with two small jumps"**.

Mr French-Wright, - I cannot help but smile when I write this, for though you may look scary up on stage you are a very down-to-earth bloke with your funny spark always coming out. I have had the most enjoyable year under your guidance, your humour, and your leadership. I feel privileged to have worked with you. I also have a lot of gratitude for Mr Bayly and Mr Rowlands and the help I have received from them.

Throughout this year I have been in the school office on many occasions. This is the part of the school where all the action happens. The multi tasking done by Mrs. Eaton, Mrs Smith, Mrs Muir, Mrs Knight, and Mrs Byrne is incredible. They are always ready to lend a helping hand and this does not go unnoticed. I am truly indebted to them all. If you see them, give them a smile or even a wink, they will appreciate it.

One important aspect in life is making choices and with every choice there is often a hard and easy option. The 7<sup>th</sup> formers are moving along into their next chapter of life and are facing choices for their future. Remember, don't trap yourself in the easy option, the hard option often leads to success. What are your hard options?

Everyone will be different, for some going to university may be the easy option, for some the hard. Strive to make the choice that leads to where your potential lies. Choices apply to everyone. Some people choose to go to class and pay attention, others may take the easy option and daydream. Which one is better? Taking risks is important. To achieve success, risk taking is necessary. **"A ship in the harbour is safe but that's not what it is built for"**.

A loving family is the most special gift one could ever ask for. I couldn't have asked for any more. To my parents and my brothers and sisters, words can't express how much you have meant to me and I'm glad you

have been with me every step of the way. My brother, Shanon, wrote this poem in the last year of his time at NPBHS. He doesn't realise how much of an influence he has had on me this year.

**Choices**

There was a fork in the river  
To the east the gnarled trees  
That clogged the swirling water, beckoned,  
The brooding banks, moody rocks and rushing waters...  
Threatened.  
To the west, the waters meandered on.  
Slow, sedate... Smiling.

But what is that distant roar?  
"Thunder, it must be thunder."  
Need we say more?  
"Why?" says the fish,  
Why go east when you can go west?  
Why go the hard way, the easy way must be best?

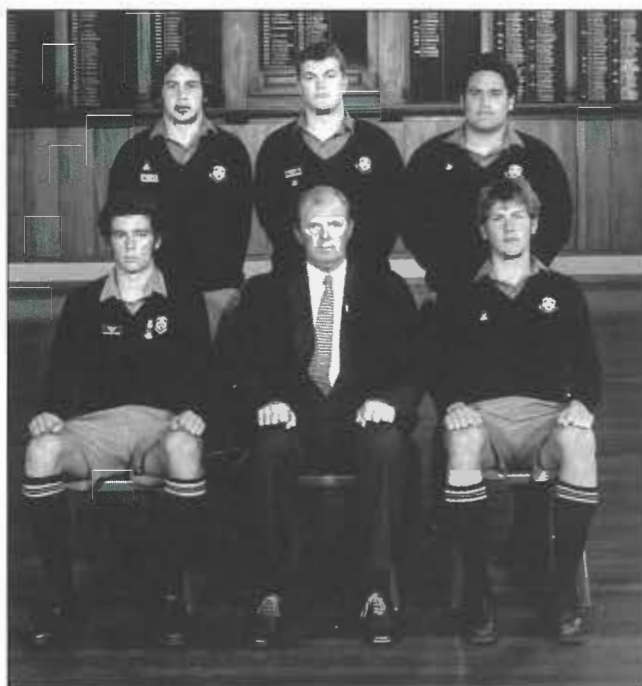
The waters meandered on.  
But what is that distant roar?  
Thunder, it must be thunder.  
Need we say more?

The fish like a snake in luck  
Swam with the current.  
(Growing faster and faster by the way, but that's part of luck).

A fish took the easy way.  
But soon fear grabbed his heart.  
"Please be thunder," cried the fish.  
The 'thunder' knew this was a futile call.  
The fish took the easy way.  
What a fool.

The thunder was a tiger,  
It never let go.  
A fish drowned in water today.  
Need we say more?

Reeve Barnett (Head Boy 2004)



Heads of Houses

Back Row: Aidan Kereopa, Zac Bingham, Rangiwahia Wano  
Front Row: [Names partially obscured]

**Barak House**

It's been a long and tough road for Barak House this year. A good mix of backgrounds and cultures, abilities and skills had us looking at a successful year.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> in swimming sports left us feeling like we could produce more. Excellent performances by Chris Herbert and the juniors also helped us in the pool but unfortunately we lost the interhouse 25 metre relay because I lost my togs when diving in. A humorous day was had by all, in retrospect.

Athletics was a new challenge but one we could not stand up to, coming 4<sup>th</sup>, even though Kyle (mini) Manu blazed up the track in the sprints. We made a strong showing in the Cross Country, and we were unlucky to come 3<sup>rd</sup>. The House performed well in the haka, but led "too fast" once again by the house leader, meant we came 4<sup>th</sup> when we knew we were better than other houses. A good effort from our ensemble group helped us to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the house Music and we were unlucky not to place higher.

I had a great time this year with all members at the house and I would like to thank all the members of our green machine, especially the prefects, deputies and group teachers. Big thanks to Mr Hyde for being an influential and prominent house leader, always committed to being involved in house events.

To the other house leaders, Zac 'the tin man' Bingham, Rangi 'I got me some new sandals' Wano and Fraser 'Fruzzle' Campbell, it's been an awesome year, and in true school spirit the house competition was just as ferocious as previous years.

Best of luck to all those returning next year, and another huge thanks to the Year 13 students, who I've had a tremendous time with at NPBHS for the past five years. It will be sad to go but hopefully I have left just a small mark on the school which has left such a huge impression on me.

Aidan Kereopa



Barak bearing the brunt

**Donnelly House**

2004 has been a very demanding year but one that will be valued, for both the good times and the lessons learned. The house competition continued in its true spirit, with all houses enthusiastically participating. While the results were not always in Donnelly's favour, we took the points when we could, and participated eagerly in all events.

The Athletic Sports were held first this year, and on a cold Inglewood day, Donnelly managed a creditable second place. Not a bad effort, with the participation of our boys being sufficient enough to out-do Syme and Barak, but unfortunately not the Hatherly boys.

Due to the unco-operative weather, swimming sports was held later than usual. For me, swimming sports lasted around 15 minutes. A dislocated shoulder gave me the privilege of being the only House Leader in living memory to be taken away from the pool in an ambulance. To my credit, I did complete one length of the pool, despite my injury resulting in a rather unorthodox style - one big stroke, one short flap; not unlike Nemo.



Donnelly on the Line

A big thank-you to Mr Atkins for lifting me out of the water, and to those who helped in any other way! Some confusion did arise at the hospital due to the house orientated art on my chest and back, with a nurse first calling me Donnelly, and then some disgust arising as the vivid rubbed off my back, leaving an impression of "G-HILL IS MY DAD" on the bed sheets. The prefects creditably stepped in to fill the gap that I had left, but despite their fervent efforts, we only managed a modest third placing.

The Cross-County was somewhat of a disappointment, with the junior boys participating well, but the senior effort letting us down. A fourth placing in this case was perhaps one we deserved. We were second equal overall in the summer sports, with second placing in volleyball, cricket, tennis and softball, and a third placing in the touch. In the challenges, we were fourth in the badminton, and third in the tug of war and debating.

The cultural side of the house competition saw Donnelly gaining a third placing in the haka, and a fantastic first placing in the music competition. The music competition was Donnelly's best performance of the year, and somewhat of a turning point. The prefects' enthusiasm was evident in their farmer-style attire, animated dancing, and 'harmonic' singing. Reeve's cartwheel was certainly a highlight of the performance, which everyone appreciated. The ensemble was exceptional, with a punk rock version of Britney Spears' "Hit Me Baby One More Time" not being an expected choice, but one that certainly worked well. Well done to Ashley, Jessie and the other boys who participated; your musical talent is outstanding.

Following on from the success of the Music, Donnelly managed another first placing in the Winter sports. With wins in the golf, soccer, basket ball and hockey, and third placing in the rugby and league, we were able to over take Syme, to finish the year in a respectable second place.

The ball was both a highlight of the year, and a highlight of my time at NPBHS. The hours of preparation and hard work finally paid off, with an evening that we can all be proud to call the best, and most unique in Boys' High history. The week spent setting up included some seventeen hour days, a few heated moments and of course plenty of hilarious episodes. It was certainly a learning experience for us all. There were, however, a few lessons that were learned more than others. In particular, having used one of his nine lives after falling through the roof of Ryder hall, Jeremy Tan would be well advised to stick closer to the ground, and leave the acrobatics to the professionals. The only other faux pas we made was perhaps our troubled bridge over water, which many of the girls found hard to scale in their unfortunately high heels. Well done to the ball committee, our efforts were all well worth it.

To Fraser and the hostel boys, your win was unrivalled, and well-deserved. This should finally put to an end any debate about the return of the multiplier! Also, a big congratulations to Rangi and Aidan for your efforts

throughout the year, and to Reeve for your leadership, and behind-the-scenes hard work, which often goes unrecognised. To the prefects, Matt, Matt, Andrew, Taylor, Frazier, Joel, Joel, Ashley, Clay, Mitchell, Jayden and your deputies, your enthusiasm and participation throughout the year was appreciated, and I thank you for it.

To Mr French-Wright and Mr Gledhill, thank-you for this opportunity, and your enthusiasm, wisdom and motivation throughout the year.

To the seventh form of 2005; make the most of your last year at school, get involved and thoroughly enjoy yourself. Your seventh form year is truly one you will never forget.

Zac Bingham.

**Syme House**

For me, the highlight of the House Competition was the Haka. Syme House showed great pride and strength in this school tradition in a very impressive performance. We showed great passion and I feel we all earned the right to wear the school crest that day. In the build-up to the Haka competition I was strongly motivated by the juniors who were really keen to learn our Haka, which is held in such high repute. There may have been times of disorganisation in these practices, as there were such times throughout the year - I think the whole singing competition was one - but when the house wants something badly enough, that desire counts for more than organisation. My thanks to our prefects who made all the managing and organisation bearable. Thanks to Mr Turner, and Rangi, whose speaking really inspired the house to give its all.

The Haka competition was fiercely contended. Since Syme is the only house to ever have taken it from Hatherly, we were very determined to do so a second time. Over the past two years Syme had set a formidable standard and we intended to at least match it. However all credit must go to the Hostel. Hatherly's passion and desire for this as the Heart of the School won out on the day. There may have been no more than a few points in it, but they walked away with a hard earned and well deserved victory.

I believe the Haka competition represents the whole House competition remarkably well. Hatherly must be given credit, their house spirit was strongest throughout the year and they earned the deserved victory in the House competition.

The House competition was intense and fiercely fought, Hatherly snatching several firsts from our grasp, leaving us to struggle with Donnelly and Barak for second placing. In swimming, cross country, summer-sports and tug-o-war we were second to Hatherly, while in badminton we took the top and in debating we had to share first with Barak.

Yet, as with the Haka on the gully terraces, the school spirit is strongest when we are unified. I am proud to have worn the school crest and to know our Haka. I'm proud to join the ranks of New Plymouth Old Boys. My best wishes to all the people of the school, in future careers and studies. Remember where you come from, NPBHS.

Joe Stewart-Jacks  
Deputy Head of Syme



Men of Steel



School Prefects 2004

Back Row: Matthew Grey, Cole O'Keefe, Joel Baker, Pieter Van der Kooij, Ashley Boswell, Adam Harford, Frazier Climo, Thomas Sherson, Matthew Harrop, Joel Davies  
 Third Row: Swen Ruchti, Ryan Tate, Brooke Novak, Jemaine Sassman, Matt Brookes, Adam Newell, Taylor Gilmore, Mitchell Broughton, Daniel Mischevski, Daniel Sharp, Luke O'Connor  
 Second Row: Alastair Wilson, Mitchell Le Heux, Jason Holdt, Alastair Stevens, Ben Heale, John Marshall, Clay Elgar, Hayden Lockhart, Andrew Mills, Andrew Darney, Shane Neilson, Greg Severinson  
 Front Row: Seb Thompson, Blanton Smith, Rangì Wano, Fraser Campbell, Reeve Barnett (Head Boy), Mr Lyal French-Wright (Headmaster), Aidan Kereopa, Zac Bingham, Nick King,  
 Daniel Thompson, Israel Tan  
 Absent: Haoming Huang, Joe Stewart-Jacks, Ricky Versteeg, Michael Thomson

Head Boarder's Report

2004 has proved to be a very successful year for the hostel, and one that I will always treasure. The proud men of the hostel have shown determination, pride, commitment and most importantly, heart throughout the whole year, continuing the tradition of why we are the 'Heart of the School'.

The Interhouse competition has always been tough and this year was no exception. With our numbers being just over 200 this year, we were on average 150 students below each of the day boy houses. However, this did not dampen our spirits as the men of the hostel came out firing in the first event for the year; 'Swimming sports'. This day is made by the boarders with our trademark chant and entrance. A well prepared and slick Hatherly unit set the standard for the day with a red tractor and trailer, a red Ute and red men. The boys gave it their all and finished a strong second. Because we are low on numbers this was considered an excellent start to the year for Hatherly. We continued this strong start to win athletics, thrashing the other houses by 1000 points. This was a great start to the Interhouse competition as we dominated events including the haka, cross country, tug 'o' war, summer sports (which included tennis, touch, softball and cricket), and the winter sports (which included golf, rugby, rugby league, hockey, soccer and basketball). Everyone's commitment, participation, and efforts towards these events once again proved the hostel to be the heart and soul of the school. Well done men.

The arrival of the new third formers began the Niger cup training, and again they proved themselves to be a unique bunch of young men who showed a lot of 'ticker' and 'pride'. Trainings were intense but enjoyable

and with full commitment from both the boys and the training prefects, the team of 04 was shaping up well. Queen's Birthday weekend finally arrived, and the Niger team, captained by Phillip Haua was eager to take the field. The first half provided four brilliant tries to put us out in front 20-nil at half time. However this dream start was not to continue as the ref seemed to have a mood swing at half time. The second half was disastrous as the ref punished our boys with three very controversial calls going against us. This resulted in a 21-20 loss. Well done to the Palmy team for an extraordinary comeback, although our boys held their heads high and deserved to win. Thanks boys for an awesome fourteen weeks of training and a very exciting game. Also, thanks to the training prefects who gave up their precious sleep to train the boys. Apart from the loss, Queen's Birthday weekend was a very successful one for the hostel as it was also our annual open weekend. The entire weekend went smoothly and I'm sure everyone involved enjoyed themselves. I know for a fact, the prefects enjoyed themselves especially.

Just like other years this year has seen huge changes in the masters. Mr. McGowan and Mr. Hill left at the end of last year and Mr. Hunter took over as the head of Moyes House, while Mr. Vercoe also joined the hostel staff team. These two masters have fulfilled their roles in and around the hostel positively and effectively, and I'm sure will continue on similarly next year.

Special thanks go to the masters, matrons, and of course the hostel committee for all the support and guidance you have given me throughout this year. It has been very much appreciated.

Thank you.

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To the prefects of 2004. Swen Ruchti ( Head of Carrington), Roman Tutauha, Nick King, Adam Harford, Hiromi Sugiyama, David McIntyre, Todd Braggins, Blair Prescott, Daniel Thompson, Seb Thompson ( Head of Moyes), Evan Dickson, Alex Rowlands, Ben Heale, Thomas Sherson, Adam Newell, Jeremy Tan and Daniel Murdoch. This year has been awesome. Your efforts in all parts of hostel life and school life were huge, with great dedication to the house and desire to do well. You have all assisted me throughout a year full of activities. The real strength of hostel spirit comes through when the going gets tough, and you guys never failed to deliver.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with me over the past five years at N.P.B.H.S and especially in the hostel. The hostel is where you discover your true mates, and matesmanship is what holds society together. Without our mates, we would constantly be picked on. In many ways the hostel is like society in general; in a society you have leaders (prefects) the weak (third formers) the people who help (hostel masters) and all the bits in between. There have been several

analogies about the hostel; it has been referred to as cup cakes, a rugby team and above all a large family. But what really holds the hostel together is matesmanship. The hostel becomes part of who you are, and you begin to realize that even though not all times are good, it's what you do next that makes that moment good. And the hostel has never let me down.

Lastly to all those returning, remember that success is not a destination, but it is a journey, and this year has been another special section of that long journey. Next year it's up to you to uphold the traditions and heart this hostel and journey holds. I wish the best of luck to you all. Put your hand up and be remembered for what you achieved and what you did, not for what you didn't do. For it is the people who put their hands up that keep our hostel above the benchmark of other boarding institutes throughout NZ.

Fraser Campbell  
 HEAD BOARDER.



Boarding Prefects



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## Swimming Sports Report

This year's sports were scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb but were postponed for two weeks due to the Met Service's inability to accurately predict the weather. No blame or lack of judgement could possibly be attributed to Mr McMenamin. None at all.

We were lucky to get good weather in the worst summer in living memory. Reasonably warm with the sun hidden behind thick cloud all day. Actually the cloud got thicker and the drizzle arrived early afternoon, but there was still time to complete all the championship programme and only a few novelty events got the chop.

The championship swimmers showed admirable fortitude with the water temperature just on 18 degrees. However the continual in and out of the pool at this temperature wasn't conducive for fast times and none of the school records were under any serious threat all day. House spirit was again to the fore with very good numbers in the non-championship events.

### Individual Championship

In the junior competition Tim Riley and Sam Varley had a ding-dong battle placing either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in all their events. Four boys finished way back in 3<sup>rd</sup> equal. Tim Doyle totally dominated the intermediate boy's competition while Ben Riley was even more impressive in taking out the senior boy's title, as well as the Open Medley and Open Butterfly events.

### Individual Championship

Junior	Points		Points
Tim Riley	S5 40	Sam Varley	S9 36
Intermediate			
Tim Doyle	D5 48	Jason Rolfe	S2 28
Daniel Nelson	B11 24		
Senior			
Ben Riley	S5 58	Chris Herbert	B2 30
Finn Parker	S4 30		

### House Competition

The competition was modified this year to place more emphasis on the championship events: these were weighted at 70% while the non-champs were worth 30%.

This didn't make any difference to Syme who waltzed away with the title – again. Donnelly and Hatherly were very close all day, while Barak would have been disappointed with 4<sup>th</sup>. Lack of numbers in Yr 11 hurt them badly.

Final Points	Championship	Non- Champ	Total
Syme	195	149	344 points
Hatherly	80	175	255 points
Donnelly	76	161	237 points
Barak	64	148	212 points

## Inter-House Competition Report

Hatherly House, yet again reigned supreme in this year's Inter-house Competition, securing the overall champion title for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in succession.

Hatherly has some natural advantages, despite their House numbers, simply due to the ease of organisation / participation attendance at the major events, but notwithstanding this, the Day-Houses gave the champions a real contest this year.

To win the overall title, success in the major 20 pointer events (swimming, athletics, cross-country, haka and music) is crucial, simply because the other events are dependent on individual sportsmen within each House, and the events earn only 10 point for a victory.

A first placing in a major participation / effort event will gain 20 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> placing 16, 3<sup>rd</sup> 12, and 4<sup>th</sup> 8 points, whereas a first placing in a minor code (summer, winter and challenge activities) will earn the victor 10 points, 8 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4 for 4<sup>th</sup>.

House spirit is always evident in the major events, and this year was no exception, for it is a key component of what being at NPBHS is all about and provides a point of difference with other schools.

### Inter-House Results 2004

	Hatherly	Syme	Donnelly	Barak
Swimming	2 <sup>nd</sup> (16)	1 <sup>st</sup> (20)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (12)	4 <sup>th</sup> (8)
Athletics	1 <sup>st</sup> (20)	4 <sup>th</sup> (8)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (16)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (12)
Cross-country	1 <sup>st</sup> (20)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (16)	4 <sup>th</sup> (8)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (12)
Haka	1 <sup>st</sup> (20)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (16)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (12)	4 <sup>th</sup> (8)
Music	2 <sup>nd</sup> (16)	4 <sup>th</sup> (8)	1 <sup>st</sup> (20)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (12)
Tennis	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)
Touch	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (5)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (5)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)
Softball	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (7)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (7)	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)
Cricket	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)
Volleyball	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (7)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (7)	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)
Badminton	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)
Tug of War	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)
Debating	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)	1 <sup>st</sup> (9)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)	1 <sup>st</sup> (9)
Golf	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)
Rugby	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)
Rugby League	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)
Hockey	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)
Soccer	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)	4 <sup>th</sup> (4)	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)
Basketball	3 <sup>rd</sup> (6)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (8)	1 <sup>st</sup> (10)	4 <sup>th</sup>
(4)Overall Placings	204 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	166 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	171 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	131 (4 <sup>th</sup> )

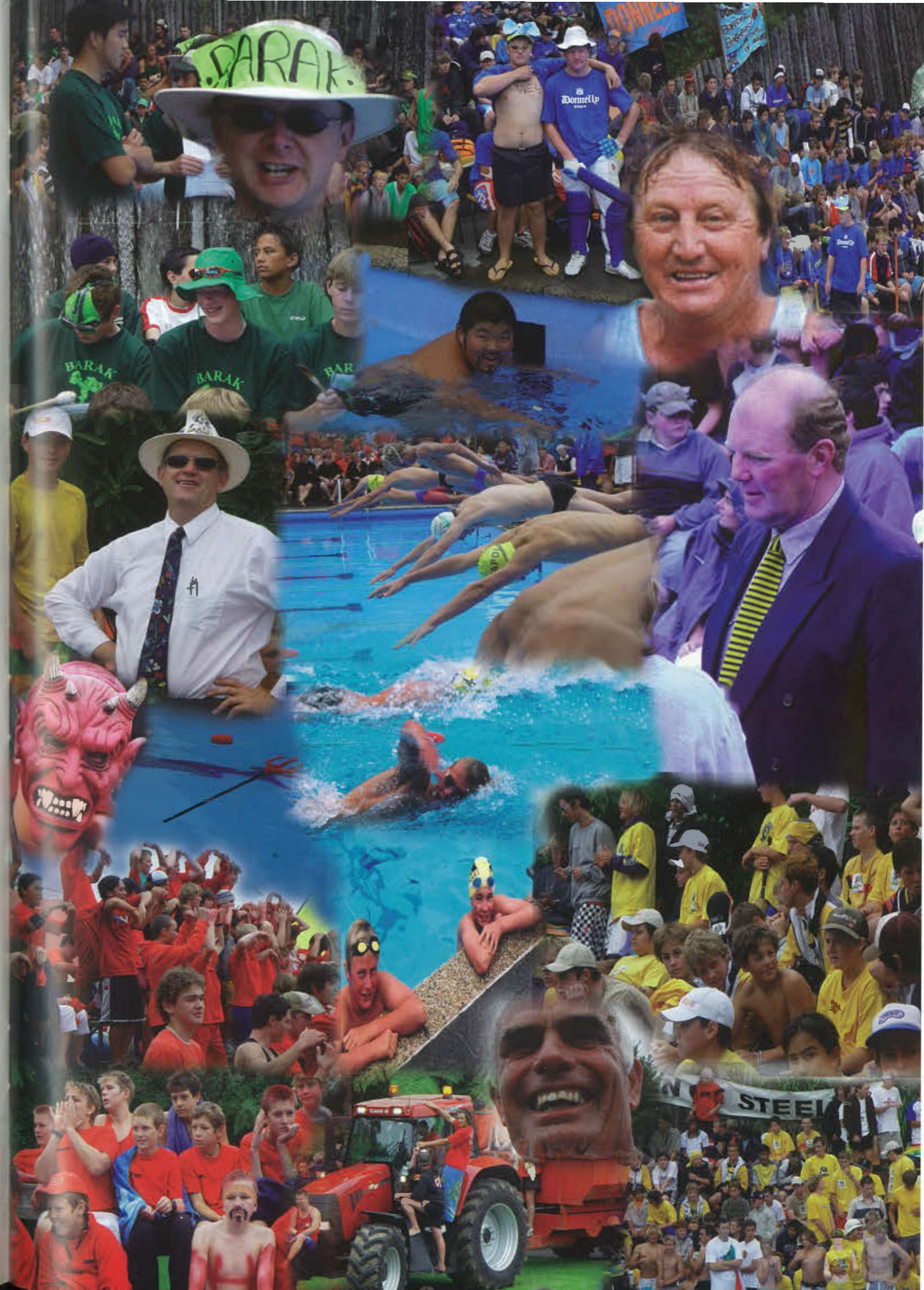
### Inter-House Champions 2004 HATHERLY HOUSE

Kevin Gledhill  
Sports Organiser

## Hostel Report

'Opportunity' is the catch cry in the Hostel. The opportunity to:

- Succeed academically.** In Bursary our pass rate was 74% with two boys gaining scholarships. In NCEA Level 2 our pass rate mirrored that of the school's and in Level 1 our pass rate was 76%, with a number of boys achieving outstanding results. These results clearly show the benefits of a disciplined prep system, the availability of extra tutoring, the easy access to educational facilities within the school, the silent reading programme and the commitment from hostel / teaching staff to ensure all boarders are given the opportunity to succeed academically.
- Be involved in a wide range of sports.** Boarders excel in a wide range of individual and team sports. They make up a large percentage of the school's top teams and are always well represented in the individual sports. Those who do not have the ability to make these teams are, however, given the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports. This allows all boys to take full advantage of the opportunities that sports provide.
- Be exposed to a number of cultural events.** Through the interhouse competition boarders are given the opportunity to experience different cultural opportunities such as haka, debating, music and drama. I believe these types of opportunities give the boarders a more rounded outlook on life.
- Develop a sense of spirituality.** All boarders are exposed to a spiritual dimension while in the Hostel, through weekly scripture meetings or attendance at church. This is an important element sadly lacking in a lot of young people. I believe our boarders are very fortunate to be given this opportunity.
- Develop social skills.** Living in a communal environment means that all boarders need to develop social skills – skills that enable them to interact with those younger and older; skills that mean they respect others' rights and differences; and skills that are based on the good old fashioned standards of honesty, decency and trust.
- To lead others.** Year 13 boarders are given the opportunity to lead the Hostel through our prefect system. This system has enormous benefits for later on in life, and all of those who are involved take full and positive advantage of the opportunity. To help identify boarders with leadership potential and help develop the necessary leadership skills, opportunities to be involved on the School and Hostel Councils are made available.



- **To belong and be part of something very special.** Being a boarder is all about belonging to a place you can be proud of. It is all about forming life-long friendships. This Hostel provides the opportunity for this to happen. The spirit that is generated in the Hostel is clearly evident during the course of the year but it can also be seen when boarders become Old Boys.

My challenge to all boarders is to ensure that they continue to take full advantage of the opportunities that are made available to them both in the Hostel and the school. They must not sit back, make excuses and let these opportunities slip by. As the saying goes 'You will only get one crack at it; don't waste it.'

#### Special highlights from 2004

1. 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.
2. The Year 9 Orientation programme which included an overnight camp.
3. The success of the Adventure Racing team which was mainly made up of boarders.
4. The Interhouse competition success and especially the efforts in athletics, cross country, haka and swimming. Hatherly achieved in excess of 200 points for the first time since the competition started.
5. The Carroll Cup competition.
6. The Niger Trophy anniversary match, parental and old boy support and total commitment from all Year 9 boys and prefects. The combined Open Weekend and Niger Trophy celebrations were outstanding and really did showcase the spirit of the Hostel.
7. The expansion of the Hostel web page.
8. The Day Boy / Boarders annual rugby match.
9. The sporting and cultural excellence achieved by a large number of boarders as well as winter sports participation by all boarders.
10. The School Ball which always relies heavily on the help of the Hostel.
11. The number of boarders who were nominated for 'Top Bloke' awards this year.
12. The Moyes re-development project that starts late in the year and will be finished by the start of 2005. This is a very exciting project and one that I look forward to reporting on and showing off next year.

#### 'Final Word'

To me, boarding is all about making the most of your opportunities and I believe that all of the 2004 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 Darryl, Nigel, Colin, Max, Marty, Chris, James and Ollie 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, Iain, Richard, Kelvin 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, Ross, Richard and Bunn, 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 Rob Mills, chairperson of the Hostel Committee, who has provided me with invaluable support. To Lyal, your dedication to the hostel is unquestionable. On a personal level thank you, you are always supportive and positive and I greatly value your guidance.

Finally a big thanks to the 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 huge piece of this special place.

#### 'Final, final word'

To the Hostel Prefects for 2004: Fraser Campbell - Head Boarder, Seb Thompson - Head of Moyes, Swen Ruchti - Head of Carrington, Evan

Dickson, Alex Rowlands, Thomas Sherson, Ben Heale, Adam Newell, Roman Tutauha, Hiromi Sugiyama, Nick King, David McIntyre, Adam Harford, Todd Braggins, Blair Prescott, Jeremy Tan, Daniel Murdoch and Daniel Thompson, thank you.

You are a special group of young men who have all made significant contributions to the Hostel over the five years you have been boarders. It has been a real privilege for me to have had the opportunity to work with, guide and live beside you for the last five years.

Geoff Hall  
Senior Hostel Master 2004



New boys - Chris, Robert, Paul, Matt, Morgan, Codey



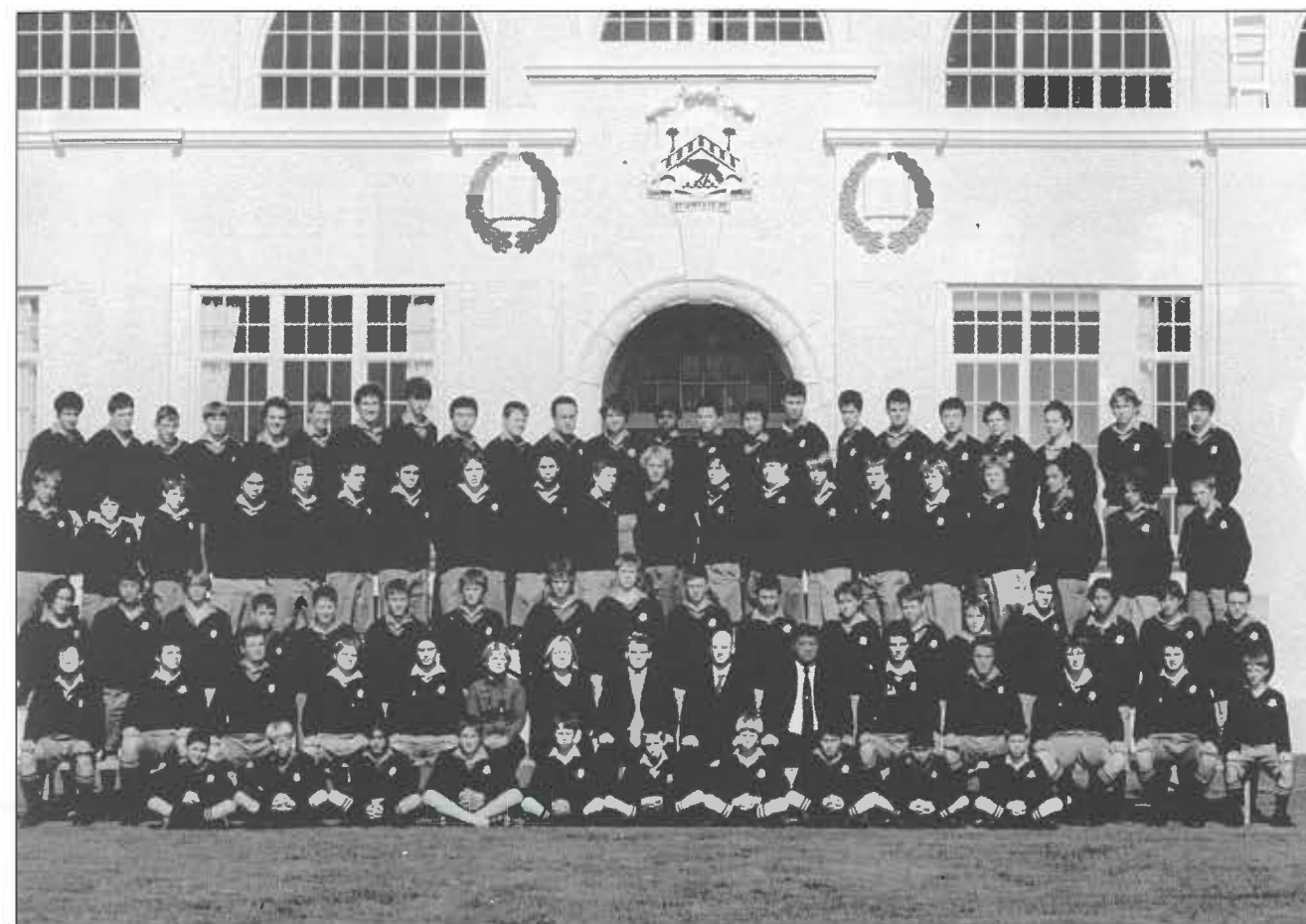
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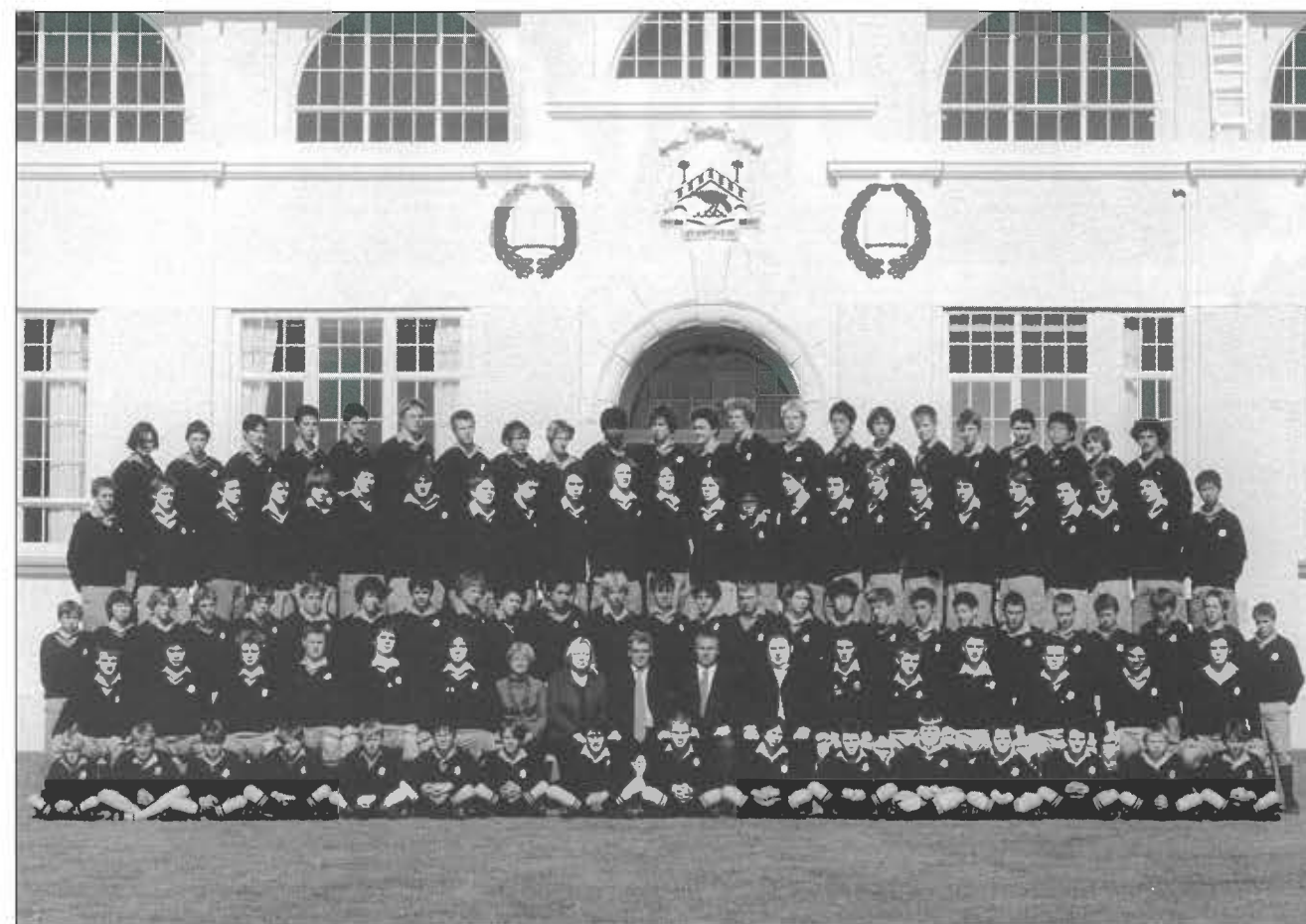
The Front Row



Hard work means success



Moyes House



Carrington House



Senior Academic and Cultural Prizes 2003

YEAR THIRTEEN PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (Legal Old Boys' Prize and Gledhill Cup)	Scott Malcolm
Art History	Sam Fleming
Classical Studies	Mark Lupton
Design and Painting	Scott Parker
English Literature (White Memorial Prize) and History (Brian Bellringer Prize) and Music and Excellence in Humanities (Sheila Prentice Cup and Prize) and Most Outstanding Senior Composition (Mary Allan Award)	Tim Cochrane
English Language (John Brodie Memorial Prize) and Physical Education	Jonathan Snowden
Geography and Graphics (Reeve Cup and Prize)	Guy Meuli
Horticulture (Best Student) (Fruitfed Supplies, Division of William & Kettle Cup)	Daniel Lagan
Horticulture (Practical) (Taranaki Farmers Prize)	Tyler McComb
Japanese (Dr Douglas Kenrick Memorial Prize)	Jacob Parry
Maori and For Contribution by a Year 11 or 12 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school	Rangiwhia Wano
Photography	Jay Johnson
Science	Scott Heale
Technology (Metal) (Paykel Engineering Prize)	Brad Roper

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Daniel Boobyer
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Matthew Lee
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)	Jean-Pierre Meyer

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Senior Drama Performance (Wilde Drama Cup)	Travis Broad and Michael Williams
Best Performing Artist of the Year (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize)	Rangiwhia Wano
Cultural Group of the Year (ANZ Cup)	Barbershop Quartet
To the school's Chief Student Librarian for outstanding service to the library and the school as measured by diligence, reliability and resourcefulness and a sensitive and thoughtful appreciation of the needs of the students (Troy Penberth Memorial Cup and Prize)	Kelly Taylor
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)	Jonathan Snowden
Outstanding record of service to the School (JV McIntyre PTA Silver Jubilee Trophy, Prize and Medal)	Jaiden Bracken
Head Boarder (Eggleton Cup & Prize)	Rakeiora Carr

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)	Jackson Wood
Best All-Round Senior Student (Eagles Trophy and Prize)	Brendon Dallas
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) and

For contribution by a Year 13 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school. (Laurie Herdman Memorial Prize)

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

General Excellence (Fookes Cup and Prize)	Craig Mulvay
Proxime Accessit (Ryder Cup and McLeod Memorial Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (Including 1 <sup>st</sup> in Biology (Walter Crowley Weston Memorial Prize) and 1 <sup>st</sup> in Physics)	Jargil Santos
<b>Dux (Academic Excellence Cup and NPOB Association Prize, in conjunction with the Clement Cave Scholarship) (Including 1<sup>st</sup> in Chemistry (Dr Barak Prize), 1<sup>st</sup> in Economics (Bertrand Webber Economic Scholarship) 1<sup>st</sup> in Mathematics with Statistics (Harrop Prize) and 1<sup>st</sup> in Mathematics with Calculus)</b>	Blair Howarth
Best Sportsman (Colleges' Cup and Cave Prize)	Chris McEldowney
Best All-Round Sportsman (Wolfe Cup and Prize)	Matthew Simm
All-Round Sportsman, with good sportsmanship and performance in cricket (Donnelly Cup and Prize)	Matthew Sim

YEAR TWELVE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting (Tabor Prize)	Matthew Hancock
Computer Studies (Warren Moetara Memorial Trophy and Prize)	Brooke Novak
Design (Tabor Prize) and Technology (Wood) (Best Student) (Tabor Prize) and Technology (Wood) (Practical) (Jones & Sandford Prize)	Dion Palamountain
Economics (Tabor Prize) and Highest Grade Attainment in NCEA Level 1 Mathematics (Donald Mackie Memorial Prize)	Ricky Versteeg
English Applied (Tabor Prize)	James Lam
Enterprise Management (Tabor Prize)	Rickie McGee and Clay Elgar
Geography (Tabor Prize) and Spanish (Tabor Prize)	Matthew Harrop
Graphics (Best Student) (Tabor Prize) and Graphics (Best Project Work) (LV Giddy Memorial Prize)	Todd Braggins
Home Economics (Tabor Prize) and Choir General Excellence (Faull Challenge Cup)	Phillip Malcolm
Horticulture (Best Student) (Alexander Trust Prize)	

and Horticulture (Practical) (Taranaki Farmers Prize)  
and Technology (Metal) (Best Student) (James Clouston Memorial Prize)  
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)  
Latin (Tabor Prize)  
Maori (Tabor Prize)  
Mathematics 1 (Tabor Prize)  
Music (Tabor Prize)  
and Most Outstanding String Player (Hatherly Prize)  
and Most Outstanding Brass Player (Port Nicholson Cup)  
Outdoor Education (Tabor Prize)  
and Photography (Tabor Prize)  
Painting & Printmaking (Tabor Prize)  
Physical Education (Tabor Prize)  
Science (Tabor Prize)  
Self Management (Tabor Prize)  
Sports Studies (Tabor Prize)  
Technology (Metal) (Practical) (General Machinery Prize and Olex Cables Trophy)

Scott Miller  
Michael Julian  
Mathew Whitmore  
John Marshall  
Jaxon Pritchard

Ashley Boswell

Mathew MacDonald  
Daniel McCracken  
Blanton Smith  
Zac Bingham  
William Webber  
Michael Taunoa

Aaron Harris

**EFFORT AND PROGRESS**

(Wadsworth's Books Prize)  
and Physics (Most Improved Student) (Hurle Cup)  
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)  
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)  
(PTA Prize)

Nicholas King  
Stephen Phillips  
Jemaine Sassman  
Matthew Inns

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

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

Greg Severinsen

**ESSAY**

1st Prize and Best Creative Writing (Ward Cup & Prize)

Greg Severinsen

**GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

3rd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Mathematics 2)  
2nd Aggregate (Tabor Prize) (including 1st in Legal Studies)  
1st Aggregate (Tabor Prize and Harrison Cup) (including 1st in Biology, 1st in Chemistry, 1st in English, 1st in History, 1st in Physics and Highest Number of Excellences for a 2003 Year 12 student in 2002 NCEA Level 1 (Hatherly Memorial Prize))

Andrew Mills

Rowan Thomason

Greg Severinsen

**YEAR ELEVEN PRIZES**

**SUBJECT PRIZES**

Art  
Economics  
and English (Daily News Prize)  
English Applied (PTA Prize)  
Graphics

Zeke Sole

Gavin Roper  
Aaron Carpenter  
Bohan Lin

History  
Home Economics  
Horticulture (Best Student)  
Horticulture (Practical) (Taranaki Farmers Prize)  
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)

Maori  
Mathematics I (PTA Prize)  
Music  
Physical Education

and Technology (Metal) (Design) (General Machinery Prize)  
Science Applied (PTA Prize)  
Self Management

Spanish  
Technology (Metal) (Practical) (Olex Cables Prize)

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

**EFFORT AND PROGRESS**

(Wadsworth's Books Prize)  
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)  
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)  
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)  
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)  
(Wadsworth's Books Prize)  
(PTA Prize)  
(PTA Prize)

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

1st Prize

**ESSAY**

1st Prize

**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)  
Best Cadet (Wadsworth Cup and Prize)

**GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin)  
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Technology (Metal))  
1st Aggregate (Hatherly Memorial Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Accounting (Gledhill Cup), 1st in Geography, 1st in Mathematics 2, and 1st in Science) Alex Opie

**Junior Academic and Cultural Prizes 2003**

**YEAR TEN PRIZES**

**SUBJECT PRIZES**

Art  
Core Art  
Drama  
Enterprise Studies  
Food Technology  
Future Problem Solving

Matthew Molloy  
Braeden Burne  
Murray Perks

Hayden McIntyre  
Jamie McMahon  
Shaun Graham  
Allister Niven  
Andrew Liu

Hayden Ballantyne  
Ben Davis  
Ryan Wallace  
Tom Lynskey

John Luxton

Jesse Herbert

Rangi Burrows  
Jay Goodey  
Matthew Landrigan  
Harry Moores  
Andrew Raynes  
Dale Sutherland  
Ben Riley  
Daniel Schultz  
Jaren Quinn

Andrew Raynes

Ian Bayliss

Matthew Pope  
Daniel Stone

Jeffrey Fong

Reuben Theobald

Fergus Porteous  
Scott Campbell  
Adam Elliott  
Mark Shaw  
Nathan Woods  
Viranchi Upadhyay

Graphics  
Health and Physical Education  
Horticulture  
Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize)  
Latin  
Maori  
and For contribution by a Year 9 or Year 10 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school.  
Mathematics  
Mathematics (Most Progress) (Wattie Wilkie Memorial Prize)  
Music  
Science  
and Technology  
Technology (Metal)  
Technology (Wood)  
Technology (Wood) (Best Practical) (Masters Prize)  
Technology (Wood) (Best craftsmanship and design) (Robert Connell Memorial Award)

**EFFORT AND PROGRESS**

**PRIZES**

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

**CERTIFICATES**

Michael Adams  
Robbie Alabaster  
Michael Aldous  
Mark Armstrong  
Simon Arthur  
Aaron Belcher

Jaimin Benton

Cameron Best  
Simon Boyle  
Thomas Burley  
Fraser Cameron  
Javan Cassidy

Ben Chamberlain  
Jason Corcoran  
Sean Curd

Jacob Davies  
Dirk De Klerk  
Sam Dowman

Ryan England  
Dean Fisher  
Tony Foreman  
Cameron Gavin  
Hamish Girvan  
Brenton Hancock-Bland

KC Hannan  
Ryan Harris-Hayes  
Erwin Hebler  
Simon Hinton  
Matthew Hitchings

Technology, Drama  
Social Studies, Mathematics, English, Science  
Science, Social Studies, Mathematics  
Social Studies, Drama, Graphics  
Mathematics, Drama  
Science, Mathematics, English, Technology (Wood)  
Future Problem Solving, Social Studies, English, Enterprise Studies  
Mathematics, Science  
Social Studies, Mathematics, English  
Mathematics, English, Enterprise Studies  
Social Studies, Drama, English  
Science, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education  
Social Studies, Mathematics, English  
Mathematics, Drama  
Science, Technology, Social Studies, Technology (Metal)  
Social Studies, Spanish, Mathematics  
Drama, Mathematics, Science  
Spanish, Science, Health & Physical Education, Enterprise Studies  
Science, Technology, Social Studies  
Horticulture, Graphics  
Mathematics, Technology (Wood)  
Science, Health & Physical Education  
Economics, Latin  
Future Problem Solving, Social Studies, Drama, Health & Physical Education  
Drama, Horticulture  
Mathematics, Graphics  
Social Studies, Technology  
Science, Art, Graphics  
Music, Japanese

Jake Barber  
Daniel Fleming  
Tim Atkinson  
Michael Earby  
Scott Kirkland

Logan Wilson  
Evan Andrews

Vaughan Goodwin  
Daniel Hayles

James Whitmore  
Jason Lowe  
Nick Tipling

Kane Poletti  
Mitchell Kerr

Jared Bertrand  
Gareth Bridger  
Andrew King  
Roshan Patel  
Jeremy Scarle

Chris Holden  
Nathan Hopkins  
Jason Johnstone  
Sheldon Joyce  
Jon Keast  
Sam Keat  
Matthew King  
John Lamorena  
Tim Lepper  
Luke Mehring  
Paul Meuli

Travis Monk  
Jason Naumann

Daniel Nelson  
Shane O'Neill  
Khan Po-Ching  
Steven Pryce  
Joshua Saunders  
Joshua Simpson  
Eric Thompson

Nicolas Tyson  
Nick Unkovich  
David Vincent  
Floyd Wicksteed

Marc Williams  
Zaryd Wilson

Iain Zealand

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

3rd  
2nd  
1st prize (Moss Cup and Prize)

**ESSAY**

3rd  
2nd  
1st (Rex Dowding Memorial Cup and Prize)

**SPECIAL PRIZES**

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

**MUSIC**

Junior Chorister (Urquhart Trophy)  
and Excellence in Performance in the Jazz genre and commitment to music in the school (Take 5 Trophy)  
and For All-Round Participant and High Achievement (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize)  
Most Improved Brass Player (Gibbs Cup)  
Most Improved Woodwind Player (Boyd Trophy)  
For All-Round Participation and High Achievement (Ian Menzies Memorial Prize)

**GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in Economics and 1st in English)  
2nd Aggregate (including 1st in French (French Embassy Prize) and 1st in Spanish)  
1st Aggregate (1990 Cup and Prize) (including 1st in Social Studies and For Interest in, and Enthusiasm for, Mathematics (Taranaki Mathematics Association Award))

Science, English  
Mathematics, Science  
Social Studies, Mathematics  
Future Problem Solving, Technology  
Science, Drama, Future Problem Solving  
Mathematics, Horticulture  
Mathematics, English, Japanese  
Social Studies, Music  
Economics, Drama  
Horticulture, Technology (Wood)  
Social Studies, Drama, Latin, Enterprise Studies  
Mathematics, English  
Future Problem Solving, Social Studies, Drama  
Mathematics, Science, Technology (Wood)  
Social Studies, Technology (Wood), Graphics  
Science, English, Health & Physical Education  
Graphics, Enterprise Studies  
Science, English  
Mathematics, Technology (Wood)  
Science, Social Studies, Drama, Food Technology  
Social Studies, Drama  
English, Science  
Mathematics, Drama, Enterprise Studies  
Drama, Health & Physical Education, Enterprise Studies  
Art, Technology (Metal)  
Social Studies, Economics, Drama, Food Technology  
Future Problem Solving, Drama

Daniel Hayles  
Daniel Fleming  
Paul Meuli

Hew Price  
Jonathan Keast  
Finnbarr Kerr-Newell

Peta Wharehoka

Daniel Hayles  
Matthew Hitchings  
Jonathan Fagg  
Jeremy Scarle

Mitchel Edwards  
Hew Price  
Lee Wilson



CAVE BURSARIES

For Academic and Sporting Excellence in Year 9 Sam Franklin  
 For Academic and Cultural Excellence in Year 10 Lee Wilson

YEAR NINE PRIZES

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art  
 and  
 Economics Cameron Holm  
 Core Art James Fischer  
 English  
 and  
 Mathematics  
 and  
 For Interest in, and Enthusiasm for, Mathematics (Taranaki Mathematics Association Award) James Tate  
 Food Technology Jordan Chilcott  
 Graphics Matthew Reid  
 Health and Physical Education Brad Bennett  
 Horticulture Kent Lean  
 Maori Tane Hapimarika  
 Music Kerry Ussher  
 Performance Music William Sklenars  
 Social Studies Logan Campbell  
 Technology Logan Hartley

EFFORT AND PROGRESS

PRIZES

(PTA Prize) Thomas Arden  
 (PTA Prize) Samuel Bloomfield  
 (PTA Prize) Jamie Bridger  
 (PTA Prize) Sam Broadmore  
 (PTA Prize) John Fitzgerald  
 (PTA Prize) Jason Holden  
 (PTA Prize) Sam Lawn  
 (PTA Prize) Tayler Morgan  
 (PTA Prize) Daniel Phillips  
 (PTA Prize) Dustin Terrill  
 (PTA Prize) Ryan Watts  
 (PTA Prize) Richard Wisnewski

CERTIFICATES

Joshua Abbott English, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics  
 Michael Adams Science, Drama  
 Damian Aherne Mathematics, Science  
 Samuel Arbuckle Social Studies, Science  
 Matthew Armitage English, Technology  
 Steven Barron English, Horticulture, Economics  
 Dennis Borland Technology, Drama, Economics  
 Damon Braddock-Pajo Science, Drama  
 William Brown Mathematics, Science, Technology  
 James Brownlie Mathematics, Drama  
 Nathanael Bunyan Social Studies, English, Graphics  
 Ted Burgess Science, Drama, Art, Food Technology  
 Mitchell Campbell English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Graphics  
 Sean Cressy Social Studies, Health & Physical Education, Economics  
 Rakesh Desai Social Studies, Health & Physical Education  
 David Earby Technology, French  
 Oscar Eaton Mathematics, Science  
 Todd Fisher Mathematics, Technology  
 Josh Gallichan Science, Technology  
 Byron Gardner English, Mathematics  
 Joshua Gordon Social Studies, English, Technology  
 Darryl Greig Mathematics, Social Studies  
 Scott Harland Art, Technology

Troy Harland Technology, Graphics  
 Logan Heyes Science, Mathematics  
 Josh Hollis Science, Technology  
 Vance Hoskin Health & Physical Education, Economics  
 Eli Jacobs Mathematics, English, Drama  
 Leon Johnstone Science, Art, Drama  
 Skyler Jones Mathematics, Social Studies  
 Cam Laird Science, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education  
 Paul Langedijk Mathematics, Science, Japanese, Drama  
 Ross Langlands Social Studies, Economics  
 Glen Law Mathematics, Technology, Food Technology  
 Zachary Lewis Mathematics, Technology  
 Josh Lovell-Smith Technology, French  
 Ricky Malcolm English, Drama  
 Andrew Marfell Science, Drama  
 Taryn Martin Graphics, Economics  
 Charley Miles Japanese, Drama  
 Dylan Mills Drama, Health & Physical Education  
 Nick Mitchell English, Mathematics, Latin, Drama  
 Daniel Momich Science, Technology  
 Dean Monti Drama, Health & Physical Education  
 Kerry Ussher Mathematics, Horticulture  
 Paul Morris English, Social Studies, Graphics, Technology  
 Wade Nair Mathematics, Graphics  
 Jared Naumann Graphics, Economics  
 Carl Parkins-Payne Drama, Health & Physical Education  
 Ben Parry Mathematics, Science, Technology  
 Ben Poletti Technology, Health & Physical Education  
 Taani Prestney Music, Drama  
 Whetu Rangi Science, Mathematics, Latin  
 Anthony Rayner English, Health & Physical Education  
 Josh Richardson Mathematics, Economics  
 Ben Robbins Social Studies, English, Drama, Health & Physical Education  
 Quinn Rosa Social Studies, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education  
 Matthew Sarten Social Studies, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education  
 Tushar Sharma Science, English, Drama  
 Anton Shaw Graphics, Technology  
 Ben Spratt English, Technology  
 Thomas TeKeeti Drama, Health & Physical Education  
 Nicholas Vincent Social Studies, Mathematics  
 Max Ward Social Studies, Horticulture  
 Alexander Waugh Social Studies, English, Mathematics, Science  
 Jared Whitehead English, Social Studies, Food Technology, Technology

PUBLIC SPEAKING

3rd Jason Holden  
 2nd James Fraser  
 1st Prize James Tate

ESSAY

3rd Charley Miles  
 2nd Steven Gibbs  
 1st Prize Alexander Novak

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Junior Cadet (Ladies' Challenge Trophy & Prize) Peter Joe

GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

3rd Aggregate (including 1st in French (French Embassy Prize) & 1st in Drama) James Fraser  
 2nd Aggregate (including 1st in Latin) Sam Franklin  
 1st Aggregate (1990 Cup & Prize) (including 1st in Japanese (Japanese Embassy Prize) & 1st in Science) Jason Oliver

Senior Sports Prizes 2003

**INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS**  
 BECKBESSINGER CUP 100M Kyle Manu  
**INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS**  
 EDMONDS TROPHY DISCUS Mark Sherlock  
 JAVELIN  
 SHOTPUT  
**INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS**  
 CARTWRIGHT CUP LONG JUMP Tony Hofmans  
 LONG JUMP  
 TRIPLE JUMP  
**INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS**  
 1500M Hayden Ballantyne  
 GILMOUR CUP 800M  
**INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS**  
 BOTHAMELY CUP 400M Philip Young  
 CHALLENGE CUP 200M  
 HAGENSON CUP INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION  
**SENIOR ATHLETICS**  
 DISCUS Jesse Dolman  
 SHOTPUT  
**SENIOR ATHLETICS**  
 MASON MEMORIAL CUP 800M Joel Sims  
**SENIOR ATHLETICS**  
 LONG JUMP Hemi Grant  
 TRIPLE JUMP  
 OLD BOYS CUP 100M  
 HIGH JUMP  
**SENIOR ATHLETICS**  
 GARY FOWLER CUP ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Shaun Cooper  
 JAVELIN  
**SENIOR ATHLETICS**  
 HERBERT SMITH CUP 200M Brad Cooper  
 OLD BOYS SHIELD 400M  
**SENIOR ATHLETICS**  
 FOOKE CUP 1500M Blair Prescott  
**SENIOR CHAMPION**  
 SENIOR CHAMPION Brad Cooper  
**BADMINTON**  
 COOK AND LISTER CUP OPEN CHAMPION Emerson Bourne  
**BADMINTON**  
 PRO SPORTS WAITARA FOR SERVICE TO BADMINTON Mark Henwood  
**BASKETBALL**  
 PETER LAY TROPHY MOST IMPROVED PLAYER Corey Makatoa  
**CRICKET**  
 GIDDY SHIELD 2ND XI MOST IMPROVED PLAYER Michael Rubick  
**CRICKET**  
 PARKINSON CUP 1ST XI BOWLING Brendon Dallas  
 ALISTAIR JORDAN CUP CONTRIBUTED MOST MEULI CUP 1ST XI BATTING  
**CROSS COUNTRY**  
 HERBERT SMITH INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION Hayden Ballantyne  
**CROSS COUNTRY**  
 1911 CUP SENIOR CHAMPION Mark Henwood  
**CYCLING**  
 ANZ CYCLING CUP MOST OUTSTANDING RIDER Braeden Burne  
**GOLF**  
 SHEARER CUP SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPION Matthew Blackburn  
**HOCKEY**  
 SIMONSON CUP MOST IMPROVED PLAYER Reeve Barnett  
**HOCKEY**  
 DION JORDAN MEMORIAL MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Joel Baker  
**IN LINE HOCKEY**  
 BEST PERFORMING TEAM Warriors - Nick Harvey  
**IN LINE HOCKEY**  
 INLINE HOCKEY SENIOR MVP Stuart Langslow  
**RUGBY**  
 2ND XV CUP MOST CONSCIENTIOUS PLAYER Brendon Dallas  
**RUGBY**  
 TAYLOR CUP PLAYERS PLAYER Jean-Pierre Meyer  
**RUGBY**  
 LEUTHART CUP CONTRIBUTED MOST 1ST XV Glen Gregory  
**RUGBY**  
 WATTS CUP MOST IMPROVED 1ST XV Shaun Cooper  
**SQUASH**  
 DOW ELANCO CUP SQUASH MVP Chris McEldowney  
**SOCCER**  
 RUSSELL HOOPER CUP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Jean Pierre Hassan  
**SOCCER**  
 COACHES CUP CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE TEAM Aidan Kereopa  
**SOCCER**  
 BURMESTER TROPHY MOST IMPROVED Matt Ander  
**SWIMMING**  
 CHALLENGE CUP INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION Ben Riley  
**SWIMMING**  
 SYKES MEMORIAL CUP SENIOR CHAMPION William Hockings  
**TENNIS**  
 MCKEON CUP INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION David Geange

<b>TENNIS</b> BURGESS CUP MOST IMPROVED	Pieter Van der Kooij
<b>TENNIS</b> CANDY CUP SENIOR CHAMP	Andrew Waite
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> SOPER CUP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Jonathon Snowden
<b>DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS</b> DEMPSEY SHIELD SWIMMING	Dayboys - William Hocking
<b>DAYBOYS VS BOARDERS</b> PEASE CUP RUGBY	Boarder - Glen Gregory
<b>INTERHOUSE</b> HOLDER CUP SOCCER	Donnelly - Sam Fleming
<b>INTERHOUSE</b> STEVENSON CUP TENNIS	Syme - Jonathon Snowden
<b>BURBANK CUP</b> SWIMMING	
<b>INTERHOUSE</b> KERR CUP RUGBY	Hatherly - Raki Carr
<b>INTERHOUSE</b> HANSARD CUP ATHLETICS	Hatherly - Raki Carr
<b>INTERHOUSE</b> CRAMMOND CUP INTERHOUSE CHAMPION	Hatherly - Raki Carr
<b>SPORTSTEAM OF THE YEAR</b> ANZ BANK TEAM OF THE YEAR	Adventure Racing - Reeve Barnett
<b>1st XI CRICKET &amp; A WINTER SPORT</b> DONNELLY CUP	Matthew Sim
<b>THE BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN</b> WOLFE CUP	Matthew Sim
<b>SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR</b> COLLEGE TROPHY	Chris McEldowney

**Junior Sports Prizes 2003**

<b>SOCCER</b> BERT ROBSON MEMORIAL CUP INVOLVEMENT IN JNR SOCCER	Josh Kerslake
<b>JUNIOR ATHLETICS</b> DISCUS	David McKay
<b>JUNIOR ATHLETICS</b> TRIPLE JUMP	Cameron Rowlands
<b>JUNIOR ATHLETICS</b> JAVELIN	Rowan Samson
<b>JUNIOR ATHLETICS</b> HIGH JUMP SHOTPUT HOUSTON CUP 800M GRIEVE CUP 1500M	Shaun Thompson Tyler MacLeod
<b>JUNIOR ATHLETICS</b> 100M 200M HERMON CUP 400M	Brad Bennett

<b>JUNIOR ATHLETICS</b> BENNET CUP CHAMPION	Brad Bennett
<b>BENNET CUP</b> CHAMPION	Tyler MacLeod
<b>INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS</b> KELLER CUP HIGH JUMP	Matthew Corbett
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b> NOAKES CUP JUNIOR CHAMPION	Tyler MacLeod
<b>HOCKEY</b> THE GEURSEN STICK MOST PROMISING JUNIOR	Shiraz Sadikeen
<b>IN LINE HOCKEY</b> JUNIOR MVP	Michael Taylor
<b>RUGBY</b> JASON DUCKETT MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AT JUNIOR LEVELS	Brad Bennett
<b>RUGBY</b> MCKNIGHT MEMORIAL CUP YR 10 RUGBY	Clinton Jones
<b>RUGBY</b> MOST PROMISING PLAYER	Finnbarr Kerr-Newell
<b>SWIMMING</b> FOX CUP JUNIOR CHAMPION	Jason Rolfe
<b>TENNIS</b> HERBERT SMITH CUP	Clinton Jones
<b>SPORTSMAN</b> JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	Kahotea Kereopa

**New Plymouth Boys' High School**  
by Greg Severinsen

*The banderoles on Pridham Hall  
Are oft seen tapering in fickle winds  
Resonating sounds, year of song  
That stonework remembers.*

*Walls festooned with voices from the past  
Portraits that speak to tradition  
Entrenched by generations  
With a staid and humble temperament;*

*There is a character in these corridors,  
These musing rooms  
Allay which a wind cannot  
Scanning assiduously for a sign of humanity  
To empower.*

*Yet simply a reflection.*

*Fair to see are the florid faces that fill the school!  
Crowned with opportunity  
Treading such paths and seeking such erudition  
As to grasp the world in a gaze,  
Building always up on foundations firmly laid  
In serried flow with an unshakeable basis in virtue.*

*Taught by leaders possessed of stature and probity  
Dividing a profundity of cogitation  
And labelling each instalment in turn  
English, Science, Mathematics...  
Some have no name:  
This is the business of building men  
This is the business of welcoming wisdom  
This is the business of giving back  
This business of an aery port  
That cradles well such shining thought.*

*Et Comitate  
Et Virtute  
Et Sapientia*

**Tiger Jackets 2004**

<b>Adventure Racing</b> Reeve Barnett Hayden Ballantyne Jesse Herbert Peter Boyle Alex Opie	<b>Daniel Mischefski</b> Nathan Manu Frazier Climo David McIntyre Matt Landrigan Matt Brookes Michael Rubuck	<b>Head of House</b> Fraser Campbell Rangi Wano Aidan Kereopa Zac Bingham	<b>Rugby</b> Hemi Grant Roman Tutahua Matt James Tai Ruakere Gareth Goodin Andrew Darney Jonathon Crossan Kris Moller Mark Sherlock Matthew Boobyer David Hunt Adam Newall David Wakeling Thomas Fleming Andrew Clapperton Evan Dickson Fraser Campbell Adam Newall Zarhn Commerer	<b>Soccer</b> Shane Nielson Nick King Aidian Kereopa Matthew Brookes Matt Ander Tahu Kotua Darryl Foreman Finn Peters Facundo D'Amicho Jacob Fleming	<b>Student Rep</b> Matthew Hancock
<b>Athletics</b> Phillip Young	<b>Cross Country</b> Luke O'Connor Pieter van der Kooij	<b>Hockey</b> Alistair Stevens Chris Herbert Joel Baker John Copestake Reeve Barnett Regan Davies Murray Perks Andrew Webber Lloyd McLoughlin	<b>Stage Band</b> Andrew Raynes Steffan Barnett	<b>Swimming</b> Ben Riley Chris Herbert	<b>Surf Lifesaving</b> Joel Davies Surfing Blanton Smith
<b>Basketball</b> Adam Harford Blair Prescott Kyle Manu Gabriel Davies	<b>Debating</b> Andrew Mills	<b>Music</b> Matthew Harrop Ashley Boswell Siman Azeez Jeffrey Fong	<b>Squash</b> Adam Roughan	<b>Tennis</b> David Geange Pieter van der Kooij	<b>Volleyball</b> Jermaine Sassman Blair Prescott Adam Harford Aidan Kereopa
<b>Concert</b> Phillip Malcolm	<b>Golf</b> Joon Ho Choi Matthew Blackburn Blair Prescott	<b>Cricket</b> Daniel Sharpe	<b>Stage/Jazz</b> Todd Walker Sam Tait	<b>Yachting</b> Jason Holdt	



Tiger Jackets

**Young Achievers Awards 2004**



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Thanks to the New Plymouth District Council and Youth Council, it was made possible for local youth aged 12 - 25 years to be nominated for the Young Achievers awards. Thanks to some generous sponsors the talents of young people in our district were celebrated at an Awards ceremony held in the District Council Chambers on the evening of Friday 3 September. We would like to congratulate all students who were nominated for their talent, initiative, commitment and passion to succeed.

The finalists were **Rangiwhahia Wano** (cultural exchange award), **Andrew Mills** and **Greg Severinsson** (science & technology award), **Lee Wilson** and **Jeremy Whyte** (most outstanding student/trainee of the year award), **Nimal Fernando** and **Ashley Boswell** (music award), **Tyler Macleod** (sports award), **Greg Severinsson** and **William Sklenars** (special mayor's choice award).

Of these William, Nimal, Greg and Lee were winners of their categories.

## Adventure Racing

Adventure racing is a new sport to NPBHS, spawned from the need to gain appropriate training and preparation for the Hillary Challenge. Disciplines usually include some combination of mountain biking, road cycling, trekking, rogaining, orienteering, kayaking and mystery activities.

Highlights for 2004 included competing in the ARC 12 hour race (Hayden Ballantyne, Reeve Barnett, Alex Wilmshurst) and winning the NZ Junior Men's 24 Hour Rogaining Championship (Reeve Barnett, Alex Opie, Jesse Herbert).

A training group established for the 2005 Challenge won the Secondary Schools' section of the Arrow International 6 Hour Adventure Race series in Auckland and Wellington to win the overall NZ Series Title.

Competitors were; Alex Opie, Reeve Barnett, Peter Boyle, Jesse Herbert, Hayden Ballantyne, Fergus Porteous, Daniel Fleming, Tim Lepper, Dex Newland, Erwin Hebler, Tony Foreman, Nick Tipling and Kim Rawlinson, Laura Fagg and Helen Riley from NPGHS.

### The Hillary Challenge

The Hillary Challenge is a National Secondary Schools' outdoor pursuits, multisport and adventure racing competition, run each year by the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand, or OPC, in Tongariro National Park. This year over 90 schools from around NZ trialled for entry to the event, and 10 made it in. We couldn't just turn up and expect to do well; we had to do vigorous training before the event. We all had to sacrifice other commitments and opportunities for this training, even before we made the team. We had to develop our fitness, skills and knowledge and spend weekends away on some occasions. At the end of last term, the team was named: from Boys' High, Hayden Ballantyne, Jesse Herbert, Peter Boyle, Reeve Barnett, and myself; and from Girls' High, Laura Fagg, Sarah Murphy-Bishop, and Lisa Mackay. The training intensified until the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, when we set off to Tongariro National Park for the big event.

Our accommodation, for the nights it was provided, was in the Taurewa Lodge, just down the road from OPC, which we shared with Taradale High School from Hawkes Bay, and Auckland Grammar. We stayed there Sunday night, and on Monday, the Challenge began.

Ahead of us were 10 initiative tasks, each lasting an hour, 5 on each day for Monday and Tuesday. These tasks required a mixture of skills, both physical and knowledge based. A couple of tasks were based on first aid, some tested rope work. Problem solving and lateral thinking were involved in most; teamwork and communication were needed, and kayaks were used in one. One of the activities was a search and rescue scenario. We were given limited information about a casualty somewhere in the bush, and we had to use this to locate her, administer first aid and evacuate her. Another activity involved a 5km run up a hill through native bush, finding and answering environmental questions along the way to gain points. These activities were often quite stressful, as finishing within the hour was very important.

On Monday night, each team had to give a presentation on the topic, 'what adventure means to us and why it is important to the human race.' These were ranked, and we received points according to what placing we got. After Monday night we were coming 6<sup>th</sup>, but by Tuesday night we had moved up a place to 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday night we had our downtime taken up preparing ourselves for the next 3 days. We were now looking forward to 2 days of tramping with 20kg packs, then a day of solid multisport racing. It was around midnight by the time we finished packing up and discussing the days to come, and it was a 5 o'clock start next morning, so we hit the sack tired, but nervous and excited.

On Wednesday morning we headed off to the start point of our rogaine, the Chateau.



The Hillary Challenge Team



No time for gates



Out in front in the Wellington Arrow Race



Nick Tipling - all tuckered out

Rogaining is like orienteering in many ways, similar in that you are given a topographical map with checkpoints marked on it, and you have to navigate your way to those checkpoints. However the major difference is that in orienteering you are given the points and you have to get ALL of the points in as short a time as possible, whereas in rogaining you are given a time, and you have to get as many checkpoints as you can whilst staying within the time limit. We had just under 10 hours each day, with maps of around 100 square km.

As it happened, the first day we didn't choose a very good route for ourselves, and ended up with a lot fewer points than we had hoped for. The only good thing about the day was that out of 4 teams that chose a similar route to us, we were the only team to make it to the campsite that night on time. That day would have to be one of the hardest days any of us had ever experienced, bashing through scrub higher than our heads for a good part of the day, mixed with some speedy river bashing, jogging along tramping tracks, climbing about 500m up a scree slope and then having to try to run 10km along the road. All that is not easy, especially when carrying 20kg packs.

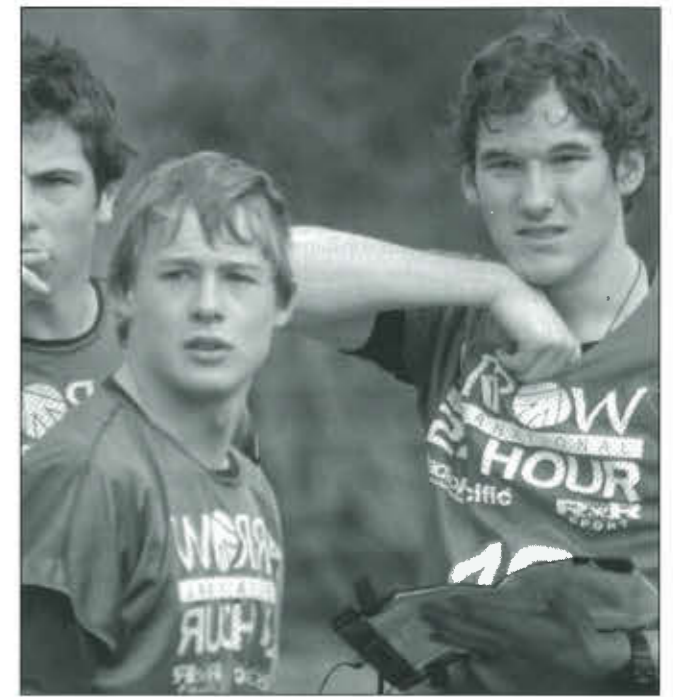
When we reached the campsite, with about 10 minutes till the deadline, most of the other teams were already in, relaxing, but as exhausted as we were, we couldn't stop. We still had to set up our camp and cook our dinner. These 2 days were a test of our navigation and endurance, which turned out to be at quite a high standard, as we did not once get lost, our only let-down being route choice, which we made up for later. Not only these qualities were being tested - we were also being marked on our camp craft; erecting of tents, our meal preparation, and general tidiness, and we found from the final mark sheet at the end that we had gained the maximum score for this.

Thursday, we were the first team up, at about 5 o'clock, and we were set to make up for our poor day on Wednesday. First team out the gate, we proceeded to complete an orienteering course that was included in the day in 3 + hours, 2 hours faster than the only other team to complete it. Then we picked up more points in our other 6 or so hours to get a record 1150 points for that day, the only team to break 1000 points in one day since the event began. We were once again at the campsite with only 5 minutes to spare, the last team to come in for the day. We had covered about 35km on Thursday and our feet were feeling it. But knowing we had done much better than the previous day, we were happy with ourselves as we set up camp for the night.

Friday brought the multisport race, with teams being started in pairs, half an hour between each pair. We were paired with Taradale, who we knew would be strong competition for us. The day began with a 5km cross country run through swamps and scrub, which led to an 11km bike ride. At the end of the ride we were still dead equal with Taradale, but then we had a 6km flat water paddle in a raft that we had to build ourselves, and Taradale thrashed us. After about an hour and a half of paddling, we made it to the next transition, everyone completely sick of the word 'stroke'. Our next test was a straight 2km run along the side of a canal to reach an abseil site. We had to wait for a rope to become free, and while we waited we began psyching up for the final leg of the day, a 2km river run down through a gorge in freezing water from the mountain, sometimes up to our necks. We sped down the abseil into the river, and when everyone was down, we motored down the river, overtaking Auckland Grammar and gaining over half an hour on them. The gorge was amazing even though we couldn't feel our legs, and we got out of the river for a km sprint in to the finish, leaving our instructor behind, exhausted.

We had beaten Taradale and recorded the fastest time of the day by one minute. We had no idea who had won the entire event, but we knew it was close.

We retired to the lodge to get cleaned up and dry out, before heading to OPC for the awards dinner. After dinner the awards began. Counting down from 10<sup>th</sup> place, the results were announced, and by the time 3<sup>rd</sup> place was announced, the tension was huge. Middleton Grange from Christchurch took out 3<sup>rd</sup> place, then the announcer had ourselves and Taradale stand up the front, on either side of the trophy, while he talked



Jesse Herbert, Daniel Fleming, Alex Opie

about the \$8000 worth of rock-climbing equipment the winning team claimed for their school. The suspense was terrible. Then:

"And the winners, of the Genesis Sir Edmund Hillary Challenge 2004... and the first team to successfully defend their title, NEW PLYMOUTH!"

The tension all fell away, and excitement took over. All the training and sacrifices we had made became fully worthwhile.

Alex Opie

Reflecting the extremely high achievement of the team Tiger Jackets were awarded for the first time in this sport to: Hayden Ballantyne, Jesse Herbert, Peter Boyle, Reeve Barnett and Alex Opie.

## Athletics

Athletics ran through the fourth term of 2003 and through Term 1 of 2004. A squad of boys took advantage of the coaching and facilities available to improve their all-around athletic ability. In the Year 9 and 10 relays at St Marys' the boys won every event, except one. We were less successful in the Interscholar competition, losing narrowly to Francis Douglas. The Nationals were conveniently located in Dunedin in December and we chose not to send anyone to this event. Term 1 is the focus with the three major competitions available to our boys.



School Athletics Sports

Athletics Sports Day at TET Stadium held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

The weather during the early part of the year was atrocious and the Athletics Sports were also held in inclement weather. To those boys who attended the Sports, we thank you for your commitment to the wider school community. You remained positive throughout the day and participated well in the non-championship events. Hatherly ('a sea of red') dominated both the Championship and Non-Championship events with a big input by their junior athletes who contributed a total of 830 points.

Results:

Junior Champions 2004

1<sup>st</sup> - Corey Balsom, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tukere Hikaka, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gary Hofmans

Intermediate Champions 2004

1<sup>st</sup> - Mat Snowden, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tyler MacLeod, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kent Sanderson

Senior Champions 2004

1<sup>st</sup> - Hayden Ballantyne, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jacob Fleming, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Peter Van der Kooij.

House Competition

1<sup>st</sup> - Hatherly (1827pts), 2<sup>nd</sup> - Donnelly (959pts), 3<sup>rd</sup> - Barak (841pts), 4<sup>th</sup> - Syme (742pts)

TSS Athletics

The TSS athletics championships were held on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in ideal conditions at the TET stadium in Inglewood. NPBHS sent a team of fifty athletes and we contested all events except the hammer throw. It was a very successful track meet in terms of titles won, with 18 in total. Four school records were set. Our middle distance athletes were dominant and we have some outstanding sprinters as well. Of concern, however, was that we didn't win a single long, triple or high jump and our throwers were generally short of the standard. Perhaps the biggest concern for the school was that we only had two Year 9 dayboys competing.

Champions on the day were:

<b>Junior</b>	David Morton	800m	2.13
	Matthew Hunter	2000m Steeples	7.31
<b>Intermediate</b>	Cameron Rowlands	100m Hurdles	16.9
	Kyle Manu	100m	11.5
	Kyle Manu	200m	23.5
	Tyler MacLeod	400m	54.3
(school record)	Tyler MacLeod	800m	2.06.1
	Tyler MacLeod	1500m	4.23
	Nick Tipling	2000m Steeples	7.25
<b>Senior</b>	Gareth Goodin	100m	11.6
	Philip Young	200m	23.2
	Pieter van der Kooij	3000m	9.34
(school record)	Michael Torckler	2000m Steeples	6.49
(school record)	Blair Campbell	300m Hurdles	42.4
	Jessie Dolman	Shot Put	12.94m
	Blair Prescott	Javelin	41.32m
	Steven Titter	Pole Vault	2.60m



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Tyler MacLeod continues to impress, winning all his events and was just one second off the 1500m school record. The 800m record he broke had stood since 1975. Philip Young ran 51.50 for second place in the Senior 400m to break the school record from 1984. Mathew Snowden also broke a school record, running second in the Intermediate 3000m in 9.45. Robert McLeod ran second in both the Junior 1500m and 3000m and his 3000m time, in particular, was very fast (10.17).

The relays are always a fitting climax. Our Juniors ran third, our Seniors were first across the line but disqualified with our B team promoted to second place. Our Intermediate team won their race comfortably. Congratulations to all boys who performed personal bests on the day and to those boys who gained selection for the Taranaki team for the North Island Championships.

North Island Athletics

The weekend of March 27 -28 saw fourteen of the school's best athletes represent Taranaki in the North Island Athletics Championships held at the TET stadium in Inglewood. The event has tough qualifying standards to ensure the quality of the fields is strong.

Robert McLeod was our best placed athlete running 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior 3000m in a new school record of 9:53.80. Robert also finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the Junior 1500m.

Tyler MacLeod (no relation) ran 4<sup>th</sup> in the Intermediate 800m lowering his own school record to 2:01.01. Tyler also ran 7<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m.

Philip Young improved his 400m school record to 51.34 and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the Senior 400m final. His 200m time of 23.10 just missed qualifying for this final.

Kyle Manu qualified for the Intermediate 100m where he finished 8<sup>th</sup>, the 200m where he came 6<sup>th</sup> and his Triple Jump placing was 8<sup>th</sup>.

Blair Campbell ran 7<sup>th</sup> in the final of the Open 300m Hurdles

Steven Titter and Reeve Barnett both cleared 2.60m to tie for 4<sup>th</sup> in the Open Pole Vault.

Michael Torckler and Stephen Sharp ran 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Open 2000m Steeplechase.

David Morton placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the Junior 800m and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Junior 1500m.

Pieter van der Kooij's 11<sup>th</sup> in the Senior 3000m in 9:33.16 was just 1 second outside the school record for this distance.

Finnbarr Kerr-Newell placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the Intermediate Shot Put.

Matt Hunter came 13<sup>th</sup> in the Junior boys 3000m.

Justin Boag ran well, but failed to qualify for his Intermediate 400m final.

This ended the competitive season on a high note with many boys running considerably faster than they had before. Athletics involves jumps and throws as well, and the school is particularly weak in these disciplines. The goal for athletics must be to maintain the high running standards, but to lift our game in the more technical disciplines.

Paul Dominikovich

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Duathlon

Three competitors lined up for the TSS Duathlon Championships this year, held on Sunday, 13 June, at the Hurworth Road / Carrington Road junction.

The event comprised a 2 km road run, followed by a 10km undulating cycle leg, and finished off with a further 2 km road run.

Michael Torckler was yet again our most successful duathlete, winning the Senior Boys' race for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in succession, and some fine performances were shown by Ben Riley and Luke O'Connor who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Senior Boys' race.

Results

<b>Senior Boys</b>	1. Michael Torckler	33 min 12 sec
	3. Ben Riley	34 min 12 sec
	4. Luke O'Connor	34 min 41 sec

NZ Secondary Schools' Duathlon

Following on from the success by Michael Torckler at the TSS event, Michael entered the NZSS Duathlon Champs, held in Hawkes Bay. Michael competed exceptionally well in a strong field of athletes to come 8<sup>th</sup> in a very creditable performance, clocking 1 hr 03.56 sec. Well done, Michael.

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Triathlon

This event was held on Sunday, 21 March, at Ngamotu Beach in fine, calm sea conditions, where the cycle leg was to be the dominating section for our representatives. The event begins with a 250m ocean swim, followed by an undulating 10 km cycle leg, finishing off with a flat-course, 3 km, road run.

Steven Sharp and Michael Torckler were the dominant senior competitors and our junior boys yet again were to fill the major placings, as in the previous two years. Our sole team entrant performed well to win this section as well. An outstanding effort from our triathletes.

Results

<b>Senior Boys (U-19)</b>	1. Steven Sharp	37 min 34 sec
	2. Michael Torckler	41 min 42 sec
	4. Dex Newland	42 min 47 sec
	5. Daniel Nelson	46 min 38 sec
	8. Tim Doyle	51 min 57 sec
<b>Junior Boys (U-15)</b>	1. Jason Rolfe	44 min 49sec
	2. Mitchell Campbell	45 min 59 sec
<b>Teams:</b>	1. NPBHS	Hayden Ballantyne } Braeden Burn } David Wakeling } 36 min 33 sec



Combined Team

Back Row: M Torckler, B Riley, D Newland  
Front row: S Sharp, J Rolfe, T Doyle, D Nelson

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Triathlon

A team of three travelled to Taupo in March to compete in the national competition. Steve Sharp, competing despite being on a 'down' phase in his training programme, finished a creditable 7th place in the senior competition. Dex Newland was placed 25th in the intermediate grade, whilst Mitchel Campbell came 16th in the junior grade. These results were satisfying and encouraging for the future, given the boys' relative inexperience and the strength of the national field.

TSS Orienteering

On Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, the TSS Orienteering Championships were held in Pukekura Park. There was a good turnout of NPBHS boys with Hillary Challenge hopefuls, cross country runners and a few others competing in the three categories.

Novice is for first time orienteers and Shaun Thompson (Year 10) won this event, with Matthew Rodden (Year 10) placing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Standard division is over a bigger terrain than Novice, and Stephen Sharp (Year 13) was first home in his first attempt at this sport.

Those who had competed before, took on the challenge of the Advanced course. This division is exceedingly difficult with ten markers hidden somewhere amongst the bush of the park. The fastest competitors were around 30 minutes, but many were still out on the course one hour after they had started. Congratulations to all boys who managed to complete this event. Reeve Barnett (Year 13) was placed second in Advanced, and Nick Tipling (Year 11) came in third.

Paul Dominikovich

Basketball: 1<sup>st</sup> V

At the beginning of the 2004 season the coach of the 1st V, Jeff Cleaver, and the new assistant coach, Iain McGowan, chose the following squad of thirteen: Adam Harford (Capt), Ryan Koorts, David McIntyre, Tim Cleaver, Tim Doyle, Matthew Corbett, Kyle Manu, Jason Naumann, Jermaine Sassman, Blair Prescott, Jason Rolfe, Michael Taylor, and Gabriel Davies. Early in the season Jermaine Sassman and Ryan Koorts left the squad and were replaced by Yu Ishikawa and Todd Fisher.

Local Competition

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

vs Carolina	lost	46 - 73
vs Ballers	won	58 - 53
vs Coastal	won	98 - 60
vs Pak 'n Save	lost	59 - 97
vs FDMC	won	63 - 49
vs Oilers	lost	60 - 92
vs Carolina	lost	61 - 77
vs Ballers	lost	59 - 74
vs Coastal	lost	75 - 60
vs Pak 'n Save	lost	56 - 104
vs FDMC	won	62 - 50
vs Oilers	lost	63 - 103

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 our 1st V and Year 9 & 10 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:

lost Kelston BHS	55 - 58
won St Pat's (Town)	62 - 58
lost Rotorua BHS	65 - 68
lost Rotorua Lakes HS	62 - 65

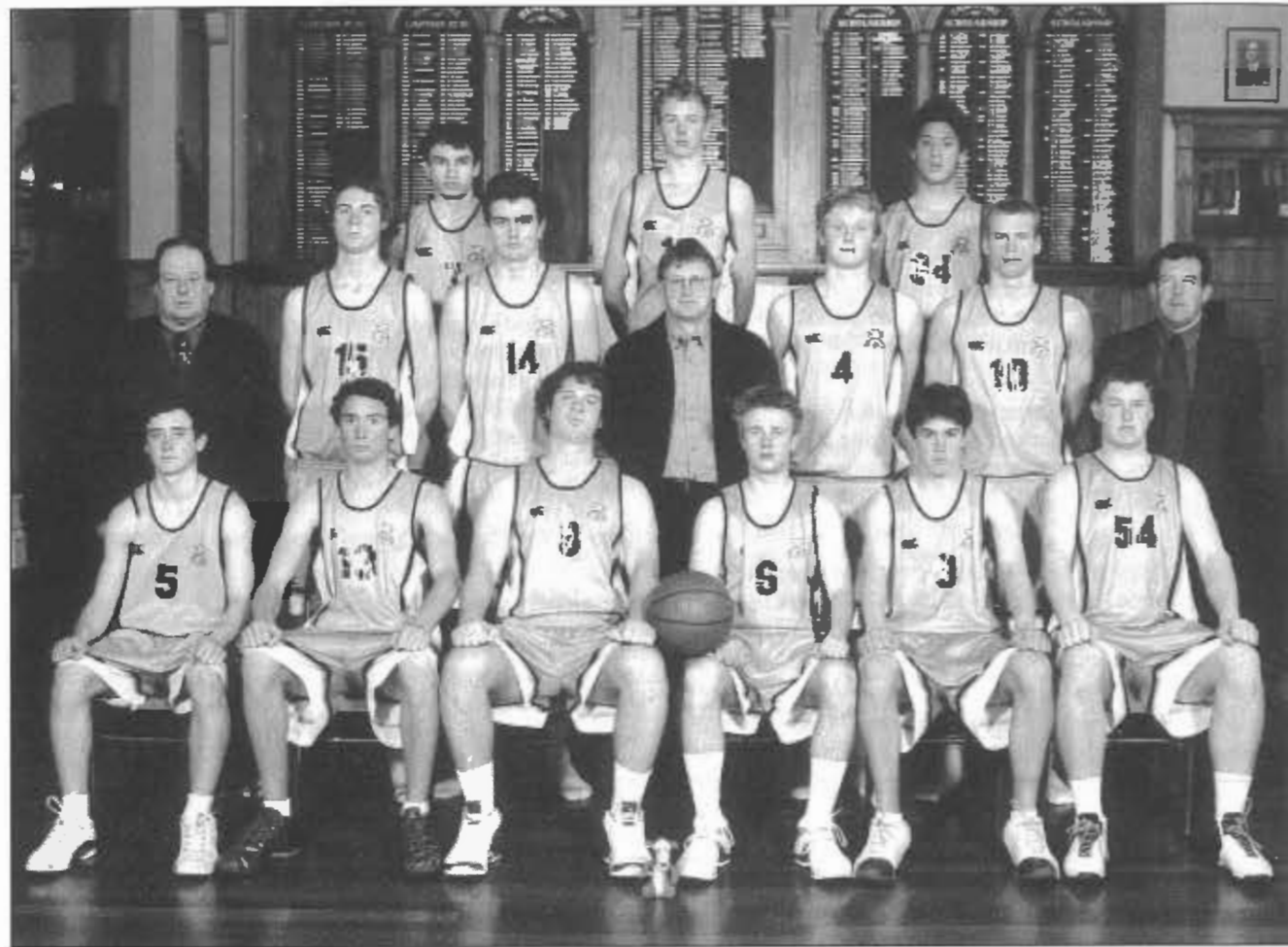
St Patrick's College Classic Basketball Tournament

At the beginning of May we were invited to participate in this invitation tournament in Wellington. The results were:

vs St Patrick's College	won	34 - 31
vs Rongotai College	won	61 - 15
vs Wellington College	lost	41 - 51

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1st V Basketball

Back Row: Kyle Manu, Jason Rolfe, Yu Ishikawa  
 Middle Row: Mr T Heaps, Matthew Corbett, Todd Fisher, Mr J Cleaver (Coach) Jason Naumann, Tim Doyle, Mr I McGowan (Asst Coach)  
 Front Row: Michael Taylor, Gabriel Davies, Adam Harford, Blair Prescott (Captain) Tim Cleaver, David McIntyre

**Taranaki Secondary Schools' Championships**

On Sunday, 9 May the 1st V 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 28 - 22, Hawera HS 36 - 35 and Opunake HS 28 - 24 to retain our top position in Taranaki secondary schools basketball.

**Interschool**

This year we had three interschool fixtures apart from the Super 8. The first was against Auckland Grammar on 19 May. The game started very slowly with both teams finding it difficult to get the ball in the hoop. However at the end of the 1st quarter, we were up 10-5. However, that was to be the last time we were up for most of the game as we trailed 17-24 at half-time and 33-37 at the three-quarter. However, in the last quarter the team found their feet and the hoop, and aided by a few 3 pointers from Tim Cleaver, we drew level with five minutes on the clock. We held our nerve to draw ahead, winning 48-43. A great result in our first full college match of the season with a mainly new, inexperienced team at this level.

Then we played Hamilton Boys' High School on 1 June. Again the team started hesitantly and we were down 15-7 at the end of the first quarter. By the end of the first half the two teams were no closer, with a 26-18 score line. The third quarter was, however, very much ours, with Tim Doyle leading the charge with 9 points, so that by the end of the quarter we only trailed by 1 point, 41-42. If Tim Doyle dominated the third

quarter scoring, the other Tim, Tim Cleaver, dominated the last quarter, scoring 14 points, making a total of 26 for the game, including 6 three-pointers. With such accurate shooting, and continued sound defense, we outplayed Hamilton in that last quarter to win 63-57. A great team performance, with all contributing to an emphatic win.

Finally At the end of July the team went, by invitation, to Hastings to play Hastings Boys' High School. This invitation was particularly welcome for the 1st V, because the strength of the Hastings team, who had won the Super 8 competition, meant we would have one testing game between the Super 8 and the NZSS zone qualifiers. The team played extremely well, considering the strength of the opposition. They were down by 20 at one stage, but managed to claw their way back to be on equal terms before finally succumbing 58-67.

**Super 8 Tournament**

Unlike previous years, Super 8 was played in a tournament, this year in Palmerston North from 12 - 14 June. We were seeded 5th and drawn in a pool with Tauranga Boys', Hamilton Boys' and Gisborne Boys'. We were without both Tim Doyle and David McIntyre because of injury, and included was Yu Ishikawa to cover those two players.

In our first game against Tauranga, we got off to a very bad start, being down 28-9 at the end of the first quarter. It was a deficit we could never make up, but we came very close, only losing 69-76. Hamilton were next up, and we felt some confidence having beaten them the previous week in New Plymouth. However, this time they used their tall player much more effectively, and although we were even at the half time, we



Jason Nauman takes a shot

couldn't sustain it, losing 49-73. In our last pool game against Gisborne, some cohesion began to return to the team. The result was not entirely convincing, but we established a lead in the second quarter, which we never gave up, winning 66-60.

These results meant that we were playing off for 5th-8th places. In the first of the crossovers, we played Napier Boys'. This was a game which we dominated from start to finish with everyone contributing to a strong offence and a defence that shut the opposition down. We won 95-46. In our final game, we played Rotorua Boys' for 5th and 6th places. We had lost to them at the Western Heights tournament early in the season, but this was a different matter. In what was our best performance of the weekend we gradually established our dominance against a physically stronger team, running away winners 66-50. For a young, and in this company, relatively inexperienced team to come 5th, was a very creditable result.

**N Z Secondary Schools' Qualifying (Zone 3) Tournament**

During Tournament Week, the team travelled to Napier for the Zone 3 Qualifying Tournament for the NZ Secondary Schools' Championships. There were 22 teams vying for the 6 qualification spots, so a good start in our pool play was essential. Firstly, we played and beat Feilding High School 98 - 61. Next day, we beat firstly St John's (Hastings), 81 - 43, then Wellington High School 78 - 53.

Wednesday was, however, our most difficult day, as we faced the other two strongest teams in our pool, which was by general consensus the hardest pool from which to emerge. Firstly we played Mana College (the eventual winners) losing 102 - 54. Late in the day we faced the game we had to win to give ourselves a chance of qualification - Wellington College. In what was a see-saw game, we held our form better to win 60 - 59 and come 2nd in our pool.

In the post-section games we again faced a key challenge - to win, come in the top 4 and qualify at this stage of the week. We faced St Pat's (Town) a team we had already beaten twice this year, and we proceeded, not without some late loss of nerve, to do so again 47 - 44.

So we were in the semi-finals, where we faced a giant of a team, Wanganui City College, losing 39 - 91. In the play-off for 3rd and 4th, it was a traditional opponent, Hastings BHS that we faced, losing this time 53 -



Basketball White Team

76. The 1st V had therefore qualified to join 23 other teams from around NZ in North Shore during the Term 3 holidays for the NZ Secondary Schools' Championships.

**Taranaki Secondary Schools' League**

The Senior squad was split into two teams for this weekly competition. The 'Gold' team beat Opunake High School 77-61 in the Final while the 'White' team finished in Fourth position.

**New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships**

The 1st V represented the school and Taranaki at the NZSS Boys' Basketball Championships in North Shore from 20 - 26 September.

The goal of the team was to finish in the 'middle 8' after pool play and this was achieved though a count back was required to put us through. Our final position was 15<sup>th</sup>. The tournament was a most enjoyable and rewarding experience and with most of the team returning next year a foundation has been laid for higher placings in the years to come.

**Results**

• Aranui HS	lost	71-55
• Westlake BHS	lost	91-36
• Hamilton BHS	won	67-47
• St Andrews College	lost	77-51
• Middleton Grange	lost	78-73
• Auckland Grammar	lost	63-37
• Hastings BHS	lost	65-64
• Waitaki BHS	won	76-55

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

**Honours**

The following players were awarded Tiger Jackets this year : Gabriel Davies and Kyle Manu.

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

**Provincial Representation**

Taranaki Under 18 : Tim Cleaver, Tim Doyle, Jason Naumann, Gabriel Davies, Kyle Manu, Yu Ishikawa, Michael Taylor, Matthew Corbett, Todd Fisher

Taranaki Under 16 : Jason Rolfe

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 and the new assistant coach, Mr Iain McGowan. We thank them for their time and expertise in building up a team that is not just successful locally, but nationally as well. This has been a building year, with 7 of the team Year 11 or below, so we face a very exciting future as they become stronger, more skilled and more experienced.

Thanks to everyone who supported us this year, in particular Mrs Annette Corbett for her work as team statistician.

Terry Heaps  
Manager  
1st V Basketball Team

## Junior Basketball

The season started early as usual, with trials and coaching for the April Invitational Western Heights High School Tournament in Rotorua. A squad had been selected and had been training for a good month under the under the watchful eye of Head Coach Mr Adrian Taylor. The team chosen was Logan Campbell, Shannon Duthie, Todd Fisher, Hamish Fleming, Tukere Hikaka, Cameron Holm, Liam McBride, Ben Robbins, Steven Rolfe, John Taylor, Nick Vincent and Harley Wall.

The first two games were close-fought with the team narrowly losing to rising stars Thames High School 22 - 23 and home favourites Western Heights High School 28 - 33. The boys then took on eventual winners St John's College and lost 19 - 45. In their final game the boys had a creditable win against McLean's College 51 - 31.

Our squad of 18 was made up of a large number of Year 9 students. The Friday night league saw the squad split in two, ensuring the teams were evenly matched. The two teams were called Gold and White and both performed solidly over the season. They beat all others in the competition except the two Francis Douglas teams. This left them both competing for the third and fourth place which the Gold team won.

On 1<sup>st</sup> May the Junior team competed in the St Patrick's College Classic Tournament. The junior team was the same as for Western Heights with the exception of Scott Pritchard, who replaced Ben Robbins. This tournament saw the team come up against three top teams from the Wellington Region. After the first two defeats, St Patrick's College 47 - 57 and Wellington College 27 - 56, the boys showed a lot of character to battle their way to a close loss 45 - 47. The team is young, but grew in experience by competing in this tournament.

Congratulations go to Harley Wall, who gained selection in the New Plymouth Under 14 Basketball Team. The team qualified for the Nationals and Harley was named in the Regional Tournament team. A similar honour was bestowed upon Jason Rolfe who along with Scott Pritchard helped the New Plymouth Under 16 Basketball Team qualify for the Nationals. Jason was also selected for the tournament team.

At the end of July the Junior Team accompanied the 1<sup>st</sup> V over to Hastings Boys' High School for their traditional school fixture. Hastings have a very strong basketball programme. But our team put up a very good showing finally going down 44 - 66.

The final outing was the Taranaki Secondary School Junior Basketball Tournament. The team acquitted itself well with comfortable wins against Waitara, Spotswood and Opunake. They reached the semi-finals and came up against their old rival Francis Douglas. The boys played extremely well but finally went down in a close game. This placed them third in the region and didn't allow them to qualify for the Secondary Schools Regionals.

The squad was young but very talented. A big "Thank You" goes to Mr Adrian Taylor for his commitment to the squad. He ran two, two hour practices a week and in the end it really brought out the commitment and growth of those players that showed the dedication. The Assistant Coach was Mr Bruce Bayly.

## Cricket: 1<sup>st</sup> XI

### Club Season

The season started with Laine Hopkinson and Mr Vercoe, the experienced Brendon Dallas and Chris Cruikshank heading the team. Ex 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Old Boys and new staff member, Blair Corlett joined the team at Christmas.

The one day series saw victories over NPMU, Inglewood with L. Hopkinson 105 and B Dallas 137 not out, adding 197 for the first wicket and Stratford in the playoffs for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

The two-day series saw outright victories over FDMC and Kaponga (one to savour) and first inning wins over Woodleigh and Hawera United to finish in 5<sup>th</sup> place of the ten teams.

### One-day Series

NPBHS	145	NPOB	149-1
NPMU	193	NPBHS	196 - 8
	B Dallas 3 - 27		
Hawera United	268	NPBHS	140
	L Hopkinson 3 - 51	F Climo	55 n o
NPBHS	323 - 2	Inglewood	189
	L Hopkinson 105	A Mason	5-52
	B Dallas 137		
NPBHS	172	Stratford	163
	A. Mason 3 - 34		
	C. Cruikshank 3 - 51		

### Two-day Series

Stratford	216	NPBHS	199
	A Mason 4 - 70	D Mischefski	65
	M Sim 40		
	113 - 3		
NPBHS	190	OHSOB	80 - 1
	M Vercoe 51		
NPBHS	154	NPOB	234
	L Hopkinson 36	C Cruikshank	4 - 43
	B Dallas 40		
	101		22 - 0
B Dallas	38		
L Hopkinson	34		
NPBHS	179	Inglewood	179 - 6
	T Cleaver 43		
	F Climo 36		
	L Hopkinson 38		
NPBHS	193	FDMC	50
	L Hopkinson 44	C Cruikshank	5 - 16
	B Corlett 84 n.o.		
	96 - 4		238
D Mischefski	37		
NPBHS	202	Woodleigh	127
	F Climo 44	B Dallas	4 - 48
	M Broughton 43	A Mason	4 - 14
	209		285 - 7
	L Hopkinson 68	N Manu	3 - 34
	B Dallas 39		
	B Corlett 66		
NPBHS	224	Hawera	187
	M Vercoe 53	B Dallas	4 - 82
	B Dallas 43	B Corlett	5 - 40
	L Hopkinson 53		
NPBHS	166	Kaponga	128
	L Hopkinson 66	B Corlett	4 - 24
	182		201
Michael Rubick	61 n.o.	Cody Rei	3 - 60

A special thanks to Laine Hopkinson for his contribution, on and off the field, to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI over the past few seasons.



1st XI Cricket 2004

Back Row: Shane Nielsen, Daniel Sharp, Tim Cleaver, David McIntyre, Andrew Mason  
Middle Row: Michael Rubick, Cody Rei, Mr Gordon Giddy (Coach), Matt Ander, Matthew Landrigan  
Front Row: Nathan Manu, Mitchell Broughton, Frazier Climo (Captain), Daniel Mischefski, Matthew Brookes

## College Season

Under the captaincy of Frazier Climo, rain played a predominant part in all of the major parts of the season, with the College matches against AGS and Roturua badly interrupted and Hamilton BHS abandoned completely. Also, Super 8 in Palmerston North was completely washed out. The College matches saw draws with AGS, Wellington College and Roturua BHS and a huge defeat by Wanganui Collegiate.

### College Fixtures

#### v Wellington College - Top Ground 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2003

NPBHS won the toss, asking Wellington to bat. After losing 2 early wickets Wellington batted solidly to be dismissed for 217 in 61 overs. C Cruikshank had the fine figures of 23 overs - 7 maidens, 5 wickets for 45 runs. Matt Landrigan with 3 wickets for 58 runs provided excellent support.

NPBHS was dismissed for 176 in 50 overs. Captain Brendon Dallas 40, Matt Sim 26, and Mitch Broughton 33 n.o. were the best batsmen.

Wellington declared at 166 - 3 in their 2<sup>nd</sup> innings, leaving NPBHS 206 to score in 40 overs. NPBHS were 80 - 7 at stumps.

### Wellington College

1 <sup>st</sup> Innings	217		
Angus	43	C Cruikshank	5 - 48
Templeton	58	B Dallas	0 - 19
Roach	26	A Mason	0 - 47
Stevens	21	M Landrigan	3 - 58
		N Manu	1 - 28



February on the top field

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings

Newdick	48	C Cruikshank	1 - 18
Spring	58 n.o.	N Manu	1 - 27
		M Landrigan	1 - 44

## NPBHS

1 <sup>st</sup> Innings	176	2 <sup>nd</sup> Innings	80 - 7
D Mischefski	6	D Mischefski	0
M Sim	26	M Sim	4
N Manu	3	B Dallas	23
B Dallas	40	F Climo	4
F Climo	20	M Landrigan	7
M Landrigan	7	M Rubick	16 n.o.
M Rubick	13	A Mason	2
A Mason	4	M Broughton	8 n.o.
Broughton	33 n.o.	C Cruikshank	8 n.o.
C Cruikshank	0		
D McIntyre	14		
Result	Draw		

## v Auckland Grammar

Top Ground 9/10 Feb 2004

AGS won the toss and batted, being dismissed for 147 from 83 overs. Nathan Manu 4 - 31, and Andrew Mason 4 - 74 were the best bowlers. NPBHS were dismissed for 195 in 68 overs thanks mainly to a 75 run 6<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership between Michael Rubick 50 and Mitch Broughton 34. AGS were dismissed for 205 in 93 overs. Nathan Manu 2 - 25 Cody Rei 2 - 25

AGS	147
	O M R W
D McIntyre	11 7 5 1
N Manu	22 4 31 4
Cody Rei	9 2 17 1
A Mason	30 5 74 4
M Landrigan	11 5 10 0

NPBHS	195
	O M R W
D Mischefski	5
M Landrigan	8
T Cleaver	4
F Climo	26
M Brookes	22
C Rei	16
M Rubick	50
M Broughton	34
D McIntyre	20 n.o.
A Mason	0
D Sharp	14

AGS	205
	O M R W
D McIntyre	5 2 6 0
N Manu	16 2 25 2
C Rei	17 5 25 2
M Rubick	20 4 61 1
A Mason	25 10 56 1
F Climo	13 6 26 1
Result	Draw

## v Roturua BHS Roturua

15/2/04 - 16/2/04

RBHS won the toss and batted. After being 4 - 58, the middle order consolidated to declare at 229 - 6. Andrew Mason 3 - 54 and Nathan Manu 2 - 57 NPBHS were dismissed for 160. M. Landrigan 26, Matt Brookes 56 and David McIntyre 38.

RBHS declared at 123 for 6. Daniel Sharp 2 - 22 Andrew Mason 2 - 27, leaving NPBHS 192 to win in 2 + hrs. The game was played between

intermittent rain showers. After the 8<sup>th</sup> time of removing the covers, the game was abandoned as a draw before NPBHS started their 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings.

RBHS	229
	O M R W
D McIntyre	8 4 91 1
N Manu	18 4 51 2
M Landrigan	22 4 72 0
A Mason	26 3 54 3
F Climo	6 0 11 0
D Sharp	8 0 27 0
NPBHS	160
	O M R W
D Mischefski	0
M Landrigan	26
T Cleaver	5
F Climo	14
M Brookes	56
M Rubick	4
M Broughton	2
A Mason	1
D McIntyre	38
D Sharp	8 n.o.
N Manu	3

RBHS	123 - 6
	O M R W
N Manu	11 5 11 0
D McIntyre	6 2 9 0
D Sharp	11 0 22 2
A Mason	6 0 27 2
M Landrigan	6 1 19 1
F Climo	5 1 22 1
Result	Match Drawn

## v Hamilton BHS - Hamilton

The original date was postponed due to heavy rain in Hamilton, meaning no grounds were available. The second attempt was thwarted when the Awakino Gorge and alternative routes were blocked by slips when travelling North.

Match Abandoned.

## v Wanganui Collegiate

NPBHS 6/3/04 - 7/3/04

WCS won the toss and were dismissed for 152, thanks to some fine bowling and fielding. David McIntyre 3 for 9. Matt Landrigan 3 for 19. NPBHS struggled with only Michael Rubick 29 and Mitch Broughton 32, scoring well. Dismissed for 86.

WCS batted strongly to declare at 228 - 3, leaving NPBHS requiring 288 to win. NPBHS were dismissed for 78, leaving WCS convincing winners.

WCS	152
	O M R W
N Manu	16 7 18 1
C Rei	12 1 30 1
S Nielson	12 3 31 1
D McIntyre	7 2 9 3
A Mason	13 6 27 1
M Landrigan	9 4 19 3
NPBHS	86
	O M R W
M Landrigan	0
D Mischefski	0
Tim Cleaver	10
M Brooks	2
M Rubick	29
M Broughton	32
Cody Rei	3
A Mason	6

D McIntyre	0
N Manu	0
S Nielson	0 n.o.

WCS	225 - 3
	O M R W
C Rei	14 4 28 0
N Manu	18 6 62 1
D McIntyre	5 1 8 0
A Mason	10 1 37 2
S Nielson	3 0 18 0
M Rubick	4 0 24 0
M Landrigan	8 0 35 0

NPBHS	19
	O M R W
Tim Cleaver	0
M Landrigan	0
M Brookes	0
M Rubick	7
D Mischefski	0
M Broughton	3
C Rei	20
A Mason	11
D McIntyre	10
N Manu	1
S Nielson	0 n.o.
Result	Outright loss

## Super 8

Held in Palmerston North in late January. It was washed out after only 20 overs had been bowled in the first game.

Gillette Cup	
vs FDMC	175
	O M R W
N Manu	3 - 20
Cody Rei	3 - 40
NPBHS	178 - 3
	O M R W
D Mischefski	28
F Climo	64 n.o.
M Brookes	36 n.o.

## vs Wanganui Collegiate 236 - 6

Defeated	
NPBHS	177 - 3
	O M R W
M Broughton	41

## Junior F 3/4 Napier Tournament

The tournament was washed out after only one game - a loss to Central H.B College.

NPBHS	139	Steven Titter	29
CHBC	140-8	D Robinson	4-24

## Yr 9 National Knockout Tournament

This new community sponsored event saw NPBHS play:

B Bennett	3 - 16
K Sulzburger	4 - 16
Lost to	
NPBHS	112 - 7
D Robinson	22 n.o.

## Round 2 - v Wanganui Collegiate

NPBHS	94
	O M R W
C Jakob	22
Defeated	
WCS	73
S Broadmore	4 - 5

## Round 3 - v PNBHS

NPBHS	146
	O M R W
S Broadmore	20
D Robinson	62 n.o.
Lost to	

PNBHS	48 - 6
	O M R W
D Robinson	3 - 28
Z Lewis	2 - 21

## Representative Players

NPBHS was once again well represented at all Taranaki levels. Higher honours were achieved by:

Chris Cruikshank - Taranaki A, CD U19, NZ U19, Standby for World Cup.

Brendon Dallas - Taranaki B, CD U19

Frazier Climo - CD U17 Captain.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cricket season started off with a hiss and a roar with nine people turning up to the first game and still winning.

Highlights of the season were Matty Ander getting a hat trick against FDMC, Hadleigh Thomas getting a 50 against RBHS and Haydens McIntyre getting a 50 against WCS. Solid performances from Matt Brookes getting called up to the 1sts. Although a wet season produced limited games, cricket was the winner on most days. David 'lick me' McIntyre racked up a few records for the season, scoring 46 off 15 deliveries and the infamous 13 ball over.

We'd like to thank dedicated coach, umpire, scorer and star fielder Julius Prasad and Blair Corlett helping with the tactics when needed.

## Senior Cricket

This team played in the top Saturday morning grade.

There is a lot of talent in this side, who have the potential to develop into good cricketers. By the end of Term One, the bowling side was firing really well, with some real pace from Jason Rolfe, Blair Rook and Justin Boag and accurate swing bowling from Jeremy Price and Viranchi Upadhyay. Zhen On, Ben Sharp, Dion Wharepapa and Willie Steyn provided balance with a mixture of slow to medium spinners that had some batsmen perplexed.

The batting was not as strong nor consistent, although all had their moments, with Ben Chamberlain, Alex Falconer and Kim Rawlinson getting some starts and others contributing inconsistently.

It is competitive side which gained some good victories, but needs to work harder on batting technique to progress to the next level. However, it's a very pleasant group of young men who enjoyed their cricket.

L R French-Wright  
Coach

## Wednesday and Saturday Junior Cricket

The weather for the Junior Cricket 2003-2004 season was frequently interrupted by rain. However, the cricket matches played were exciting and had close outcomes in most cases. There were only a few small



The "Green" team

technical problems with the new formats for the games, but I am sure that these problems will be sorted out ready for next season. Congratulations must go to Francis Douglas for winning the fifth, sixth and seventh grade pools for the 2003-2004 season. Many thanks to all the teachers, parents and other helpers who made the cricket a successful and enjoyable event. We hope that you can continue your association with cricket at New Plymouth Boys' High School for the coming 2004-2005 season.

J Hyde

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Red Team

The first part of the year has gone really well, although we only played two games due to poor weather. The first game was against NPBHS Orange. We won the toss and elected to bat. Captain, Kurt Tanswell made a classy 32 and was ably supported by Julian Aim who made 15 not out. We finished with 86/5 from our 25 overs.

NPBHS Orange started well but lost wickets at crucial times and couldn't get the runs. They finished 78/7 from their 25 overs. Gillies Kaka bowled fast and straight in the final overs to ensure our win.

Julian Aim also bowled economically. The second game was against Francis Douglas. They fielded a team of 7<sup>th</sup> formers which was clearly ridiculous against our 3<sup>rd</sup> formers. Nonetheless, NPBHS Red put in a creditable performance. We elected to bat and made 80/8 from 25 overs with Jamie St Clair scoring a valuable 16 not out. Francis Douglas got the runs quite comfortably, losing only three wickets but Gillies Kaka troubled the older boys with his pace.

We have been lucky enough to train at the indoor centre. The team have worked hard at training and their skills are improving all the time. Facing up to the bowling machine has been a great experience for several boys. Special thanks to Mr. Greg Aim for helping at training.

Mr. K. Simpson

### 'Boarders' Cricket

Early in the summer of 2004, a group of committed and dedicated professional athletes embarked on what was to be a summer of cricket never to be forgotten. After our tour of Afghanistan, the New Plymouth morning grade cricket competition seemed like the logical next step in our quest for world supremacy. Comprised of both international and local representatives, the Boarders' Doz looked like favourites to take out the local Under 7's competition but unfortunately, due to age restrictions, were required to play in the high school grade.

The season began with a bitter encounter against archrivals New Plymouth Girls' High. In a closely contested match that went down to the wire, the Boarders Doz came out on top with only a few balls to spare. Top scorer went to Hiromi Sugiyama with 7 n.o. backed up by Jaitish Raman's bowling figures of 27-0 from 1 over. Due to a breach of the salary cap however, the Boarders' Doz season was cut short, crushing our hopes of becoming morning grade champions and denting our chances as a wildcard for the next World Cup.

Thanks must go to our main sponsor Bill's Bakery, as well as the Sky Television Network for full live coverage of all our games. And lastly thanks must go out to the man that made the dream possible, the one and only Marty Vercoe.

### Cycling

There is a small group of dedicated cyclists in the school. This year NPBHS continued its recent dominance of the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Time Trial Championships. Ostyn Tanner placed second in the junior boys' individual time trial while in the senior boys' individual time trial, Michael Torckler came first, Steve Sharp and Gregory Marfell tied for second place and Shane O'Neill was 5<sup>th</sup>. Michael, Steve, Gregory and



Cyclists: Mr K Simpson, Shane O'Neill, Micheal Torckler, Gregory Marfell, Steve Sharp

Shane then combined for the team time trial which they won comfortably, retaining the Dave Mitchell Memorial Cup. We have now held the cup since 2001.

Four students competed at the North Island Secondary Schools' Championships in Ngaruawahia this year. Michael Torckler finished in 19<sup>th</sup> place, just 35 seconds behind the winner. Michael McCallum was a further 12 minutes behind in 23<sup>rd</sup> place. This was a great effort by these boys as they were in the highly competitive under 20 age group. Gregory Marfell and Shane O'Neill gained some valuable experience by competing in their first major secondary schools race.

Michael Torckler also went to the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Individual Championships in Auckland where he was again not far off the pace in the under 20 age group.

Ostyn Tanner, Scott Bedford, Gregory Marfell and Michael Torckler will be competing at Nationals in Feilding later this year - good luck!

Mr K Simpson

### Golf

#### College Fixture v Auckland Grammar

Last year Auckland Grammar won this fixture easily and we were hoping for a better performance this year at our home course. The team of Matthew Blackbourn, Joon-Ho Choi, Logan Heyes, Zachary Lewis, Adam Chisnall and Sachin Modgill played well.

With the No. 1 players still to come in, NPBHS was a point in front, Zachary Lewis and Sachin Modgill having won their games and Logan Heyes having halved his game. The two number 1 golfers were all square playing the 18<sup>th</sup>. Matthew Blackbourn hit a good tee shot, but the Auckland player hooked his tee shot through the trees onto the other fairway. He then proceeded to put a 3 wood shot onto the green on the par 5 hole. Matthew also reached the green but carried through the green and had a downhill chip which was just short and he missed his birdie putt. The Auckland player had a two putt birdie and so Auckland won the fixture.

#### Taranaki Secondary Schools' Tournament

This was played at Opunake GC. NPBHS entered two teams. The A team of Matthew Blackbourn (68) Joon-Ho Choi (70) Logan Heyes (75) and Zachary Lewis (73) had a best-three score of 2 under par, which is the best our teams have done for some time. They were 25 shots ahead of the nearest other school, Hawera HS. Our B Team of Blair Prescott, Adam Chisnall, Sachin Modgill, and Matthew Reid performed very creditably and ended up in third place on 238, only two shots behind Hawera. Our A team then went onto the Nationals at Manor Park.



Zac Lewis, Logan Heyes, Matthew Blackbourn, Joon-Ho Choi

#### College fixture v Wellington College

This was played at Miramar in much better conditions than the last time we played there. Our two senior players, Matthew Blackbourn and Joon Ho Choi both played well and scored wins over their opponents. Logan Heyes and Zachary Lewis had a harder time against two young players who on their own course, played very well. The final score was a 2-2 draw.

#### National Finals

Sixteen provincial winners gathered at Manor Park Golf course in Lower Hutt in late August to contest the National Final, which, this year, was a much expanded competition. We have a reasonably young side and our handicaps put us as an outside chance of winning. However our boys were determined to do well, and did so. Matthew Blackbourn and Joon Ho Choi played well scoring 69 and 74 respectively in the morning with Zachary Lewis coming in with 78 to put us 4 shots in front of Rotorua BHS after the first round. The wind was a cold southerly and concentration in the afternoon was not easy but we improved on our morning round with Matthew Blackbourn scoring 72, Joon Ho Choi 71 and Zachary Lewis 76. This increased the lead over Rotorua BHS to 17 shots, an impressive winning margin. Our school will join with Rotorua to form the NZ Secondary Schools' team which will contest the best from Australia in May next year.

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The Team at Manor Park



Fraser King on Carnegie

photo courtesy of Taranaki Newspapers

### 'Equestrian One Day' Event

The Taranaki Secondary Schools' Equestrian Competition was held at the Stratford Showgrounds on Tuesday, 2 December 2003.

14 teams from around Taranaki competed. Each team usually consists of four riders, who are all required to compete in dressage, show jumping and cross country phases.

Fraser King on Carnegie, and Brett Thomas on Sparhawk, from NPBHS were joined by Matthew Thomas (no relation) and Claire Hinton from Spotswood College.

Unfortunately, on the morning of the event, Claire's mount was lame, so the team was reduced to three riders. This put our riders under considerable pressure, but with just one rail down in the show jumping and three clear rounds in the cross country, our team finished the day in third place.

NPBHS has been very fortunate to have such outstanding riders in the school. In 2000, Zac Bingham and Fraser King joined up with two riders from PNGHS. This team won the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Equestrian Event and came second in the North Island Secondary Schools' Championships. In 2001 and 2002 Fraser joined up with combined school teams again and earned fifth and second placing, respectively.

Zac Bingham has ridden twice for the Taranaki Dressage Team in 2000 and 2001. In January 2004, Fraser King was part of the Taranaki U21 Eventing Team which won the National Championship in Balclutha.

NPBHS extends its best wishes for the futures of these talented young riders.

Vanessa Herbert





1st XI Hockey

Back Row: Andrew Webber, Alistair Stevens, Lloyd McLoughlin, Peter Boyle  
 Middle Row: Terry Kennedy (Coach), Regan Davies, John Copestake, Cameron Ross, Phillip Wilson, Tim Lepper, S Achary (Manager)  
 Front Row: Thomas Ardern, Daniel Fleming, Reeve Barnett, Joel Baker (Captain), Chris Herbert, Shiraz Sadikien, Murray Perks

Hockey: 1st XI

The 1st XI's season started well with a team who, in the most part, had enjoyed the success of being part of last year's team that placed fourth in the India Shield tournament. The new players quickly became part of the team as we began preparing for probably the most important game of the season; our challenge against Wanganui Collegiate for a place in the top tournament - Rankin Cup. We won this game quite convincingly 5 goals to 1. Following that were traditional fixtures against Hamilton Boys' (4-2 win) and Wellington College (4-3 win).

The highlight of the season though, and for many of the boys the highlight of their hockey careers, was our trip to Brisbane and the Southern Skies tournament; an international tournament of hockey, rugby, netball, and soccer, involving teams from Ireland, New Zealand, England, Malaysia, Tonga, and of course Australia. The tournament started very well for us, winning both our games on the first day even after the hour-long bus ride to Ipswich before only a 15 min warm up in the dry Aussie heat. Our second day also started promisingly with a win against Anglican Grammar School in the morning, but after holding out well in the first half, we were finally overcome in the second by the NSW representative side, losing 3-0. The Tuesday night was the social night, and after Shiraz being searched two or three times for drugs and weapons we finally got in. Despite starting with line dancing, the night went well. On the Wednesday we went to Dream World and spent the day searching out the best rides and then waiting in queues for quite absurd lengths of time. On the Thursday it was back to hockey, and we lost to NSW2, and beat Carey College.

Soon afterwards we travelled to the Super 8 tournament in Tauranga which was our most successful of the three tournaments. We started this one slowly though with a convincing loss to Tauranga in the first game but pulled ourselves together when playing Napier (3-2) and Tauranga B. We then played Palmerston N Boys' which went into strokes which tied



Chris Herbert jostles for possession over Tukapa

photo courtesy of Taranaki Newspapers



The Boys in Brisbane

at three each and went into 'sudden death', which we eventually won. This put us into the final, in which we faced Tauranga again. We lost this 5-1, putting us second in the Super 8, the best placing ever.

Soon it was time for our final tournament - Rankin Cup. Boys' High hadn't been to this tournament in six years and has been working its way toward it for three.

A disappointing run in the first few games set us up for the bottom 8 in the tournament with the highest possible placing for us 9th. We then pulled our act together and beat last year's enemies, Christ's College

and then Kamo College. This put us in the playoff for 9th and 10th. We drew this game 2-2 to put us 9th equal, overall a pleasing result. And a much closer team.

Many thanks to Terry Kennedy (coach) and Mr Achary (manager) for their time and encouragement. It is much appreciated.

Indoor Bowls

On Wednesday August 25 NPBHS was represented by three teams at the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Indoor Bowling Tournament.

The Black Team was unsuccessful in its defence of their title from 2003 but finished a respectable second in the fours. Michael Stevens, Matthew Hancock and Ryan Koorts, skippered by Andrew Darney, won three of their four games. Pairs players of Jayden Devonshire and Taylor Gilmore also picked up three wins. Singles Player, David Old completed this team.

The Yellow team, consisting of singles player, Nick Mitchell; pairs, Kristian Duff and Daniel Sharp; and Fours, Ed Smith, Kent Lean, Matthew Rodden and Anthony Rayner, were the top performing NPBHS team, coming 3rd in the overall competition.

This year we were able to take a third team, our White team, to this tournament. Consisting mainly of third form new bowlers, they had some exciting games with close results. The fours for the White team won three of their four games and came sixth out of fourteen.

Congratulations to all the boys. With only two experienced players and two practices the boys played far above expectation, but more importantly they played with good humour and enjoyed themselves.



The Black Team

In-line Hockey

The in-line hockey team played in the first National Secondary Schools' Championship, held in Hamilton, over July 3-5. Sixteen teams from around New Zealand were entered.

In pool A we played:

Kati Kati College	win	11-6
Christchurch BHS	win	7-2
Fraser HS	win	6-0

In the play-off we beat Waihi College 11-0, to make the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals we beat Kati Kati College 7-1 to make the finals.

In the finals we played Christchurch BHS again, this time losing 2-3 to become the second best school team in New Zealand.

The team was a real credit to the school, both on and off the rink, being awarded the Sportsmanship Fair Play Award.

Team members were:

Hayden Lockhart	(Captain)
Leigh Bolton	(Assistant Captain)
Trent Kemsley	(Assistant Captain)
Nick Craig	Richard Craig
Nicholas Harvey	Karl Johnston
Michael Johnston	Andrew Klahn
Alex Novak	Matthew Pope
Michael Taylor	

We would like to thank Mr Willie Harvie for coaching the team and Mrs Sue Darney and Mrs Julia Craig for their help during the championship.

Ken Lockhart



Michael Taylor winding up for a shot



Karl Johnston waiting to receive the pass

Moto-cross

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Championship

For the third year in a row the New Plymouth Boys' High School Team retained the title for the School Overall team and this year our students won the Year 9, 10 and 11 titles, while Years 12 and 13 finished second. Congratulations to all participants.

The team thanks the headmaster Mr French-Wright for his support on the day. The winners were:

Year 9:	Shay Burkhart
Year 10:	Ben Poletti
Year 11:	Kane Poletti
Year 12 and 13:	Shaun Burkhart [second]

Races were held at the Barrett Road Moto-Cross Park.

Richard G Levis



Start of one of senior races



Hayden Lockhart on the move

Mountain Biking

NZ Secondary Schools Championships

The 2004 NZ Secondary Schools' mountain biking competition was held on Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 April in Levin. 8 students represented the school; most of the team in the intermediate group. Unfortunately no major placing was achieved but great courage and skill was shown over the 3 events. The cross country was a challenging circuit across farmland and through a forest with many steep ascents and descents. The 'up hill', as the name implies, was a very strenuous climb up gravelled forestry roads with a vertical climb of several hundred metres. The downhill is a very serious undertaking with many jumps and big air encountered.

The staff managers were Craig and Sonia Thomas

The Taranaki Secondary Schools' Mountain Biking competition was held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August in challenging, cold, showery conditions. NPBHS dominated the entries with 11 participants in either the cross-country or down-hill events.

Results:

X-country:

SR Boys	2 R Telford, 3 C Riddock, 5 K Poletti
JNR Boys	2 M Jenkins

Down-Hill:

SR Boys	1 R Telford, 2 C Riddock, 3 K Poletti
JR Boys	1 S Bedford, 2 B Poletti, 3 J Chilcott, 4 N McArthur, 5 M Jenkins, 6 D Holland, 7 B Holland, 8 M Jurisic

The manager was Craig Thomas.

Mountain biking is a very strong UP activity and it is hoped that next year more boys will take up the opportunity to represent NPBHS in this alternative but challenging sport.



NPBHS Nationals MTB Team



Jordan Chilcott in the down hill

Rugby: 1<sup>st</sup> XV

This has been a very tough season for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV, often playing against bigger, older and more experienced sides. However, we were a very young side this year in a rebuilding phase. Next year there are 12 returning 1<sup>st</sup> XV players.

I would like to acknowledge the service to the school of the following players, Roman Tutauha (Numz), Matt James (Matty), Tai Ruakere, Jonny Crossan (Jono), Andrew Darney (Boot), Evan Dickson (Pud) Tuaki Mahuru (Tuaks), David Hunt (Danger), Jesse Dolman (Jess), Andrew Clapperton (Clappers), Taylor Gilmore (T.G) and Seb Thompson (Seb). In their own different ways they have left the 1<sup>st</sup> XV a better team. We wish you all well in your rugby careers in the future.

While this has been a very demanding season, the team played with passion, illustrated by their efforts against Grammar, Hamilton Boys' and Palmerston North on the Gully.

In conclusion, I would like to single out the players who I feel shaped this year's team. Matt James is an outstanding goal kicker and a very confident player. David Hunt's elusive running skills will be remembered for quite a while. To me, Roman Tutauha was underrated by Representative selectors, Roman is the consummate team player. In the forwards, Jesse Dolman is a very physical and talented player. Even though many have told him so, he still does not know it. Jonny Crossan is an outstanding open sider with a high work rate. He will be difficult to replace. The last mention is for the captain Zarhn Commerer, a very respected player for someone so young. He was our 1<sup>st</sup> XV captain in his 6<sup>th</sup> Form and at only 15 years of age at the start of the season. His leadership and physicality next year will be crucial.

Taranaki Secondary School Representatives:

Gareth Goodin, Phillip Young, Hemi Grant, Mark Sherlock, David Hunt, Tuaki Mahuru, Jesse Dolman, Zarhn Commerer, Jonathon Crossan, and Kris Moller.

Taranaki Under 16 Representatives and also Hurricanes U16 reps: Zarhn Commerer and Finnarr Kerr-Newell

Hurricanes Secondary Schools' Representatives: Gareth Goodin and Mark Sherlock.

1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Te Aute College: 8<sup>th</sup> May at Te Aute College

Won 24 - 18.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XV travelled to Te Aute, who are celebrating their 150th year of educating young Maori students, and played against a very spirited side. We were not ready for the intense start of their 1<sup>st</sup> XV and found ourselves trailing by 13 points after 20 minutes of play.

We replied with two tries just before the break to be 12 - 13 down at half time. After half time we scored a converted try, to take the lead 19 - 13. Replacement winger, Seb Thompson scored this try. Te Aute scored another try to close the gap to one point, 19 - 18. The final scoring was by us, with the final result being a 24 - 18 win. This win also ensured that the Webb Memorial Trophy stays in New Plymouth for another year.

Tries: Matt JAMES ( 2 ) Seb THOMPSON, David HUNT

Conversions: Matt JAMES ( 2 )

Best Back Player: David HUNT

1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Auckland Grammar School: 19<sup>th</sup> May at New Plymouth

Lost 13 - 27.

This game was played in ideal conditions on the Gully in front of the school and a lot of Auckland Grammar supporters.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XV started with a penalty. Matt James had missed at least two kicks before converting his third attempt. Grammar always looked likely to score lots of points and run away with the game. It took 20 minutes to post their first try, and it was well deserved. Although smaller, our forward pack defended strongly, repelling some very big players. The loose trio of captain, Zarhn Commerer, No 8 Jesse Dolman and open sider Jonathon Crossan had outstanding games, making big tackles and turning over lots of ball, especially on defence. In the backs, Roman Tutauha at halfback

1st XV vs Auckland Grammar



played his best game for a very long time. David Hunt had a strong defensive game, and Gareth Goodin was encouraging in his new position of fullback.

While we managed to score a try late in the second half, we were never in the hunt for a win.

Tries : Gareth GOODIN  
 Conversions : Matt JAMES (1)  
 Penalties : Matt JAMES (2)  
 Best Back Player : Roman TUTAUHA  
 Best Forward Player : Zarhn COMMERER

**1st XV vs Hamilton BHS June 2nd at New Plymouth.**

Won 24 - 15

This game was played in overcast conditions on the Gully in front of the school and many supporters. An early mistake and Hamilton took the lead with a penalty in front. Although Hamilton turned over a lot of our own ball, after some good pressure from us Matt James potted a drop goal to level the score at 3 - 3. The rest of the first half saw the school take a territorial advantage by using the wind. Just before the break, Hamilton scored a try in the corner by stretching our defence. The half time score was 8 - 3 to Hamilton.

David Hunt was outstanding in broken play, his strong running nearly put Hemi Grant over, but the final pass was lost forward. The next time David split the Hamilton line, outstanding captain Zarhn Commerer was on hand to dot down by the posts. With the conversion, we took the lead, 10 - 8. The menacing Hamilton centre scored a well taken try for them from a scrum to re-take the lead 15 - 10.

With time running out, we turned down easy penalty attempts to get a five pointer. This eventuated and a well deserved try to David Hunt was converted by Matt James. We had a tenuous 17 - 15 lead with three minutes to play. Instead of taking up time by kicking for the line from a penalty, nuggety halfback Roman Tutauha, caught their defence out with a quick tap and barging run. His off load to winger Mark Sherlock resulted in another try. Matt James converted and we had an unbeatable 24 - 15 lead with only a few minutes remaining.

Tries : Zarhn COMMERER, David HUNT, Mark SHERLOCK  
 Conversions : Matt JAMES (3)  
 Dropped Goal : Matt JAMES  
 Best Back Player : Roman TUTAUHA / David HUNT  
 Best Forward Player : Zarhn COMMERER

**1st XV vs Tauranga Boys' College 19 June in Tauranga**

Lost 12 - 39

Tauranga have a very strong 1st XV this year, and the week before our game they had demolished the national secondary school champions, Rotorua BHS 43 - 0. We knew it was going to be tough and it was. We started the scoring with a try to hooker Andrew Darney. However, just before the break, Tauranga turned possession into points scoring two well taken tries. The half time score was 5 - 12 to Tauranga. The forwards were outstanding against a much bigger pack, especially at scrum and lineout time. Around the rucks and mauls, the front rowers of Darney, Moller and Kerr-Newell were committed defenders. Unfortunately, it was in the backs where our holes in defence appeared, they had too much pace for us out wide and counter attacked any of our mistakes. Gareth Goodin scored a very good team try for us with many of our backs having a hand in the long sweeping try. Matt James converted. Other than that, Tauranga were too classy, scoring at least six unconverted tries in the second half. Andrew Darney was definitely the player of the day as he did not stop trying. Simon Mills toiled hard, as did David Wakeling. In the backs, Roman Tutauha and Gareth Goodin had strong games both on defence and attack.

Tries : Andrew DARNEY, Gareth GOODIN  
 Conversion : Matt JAMES.  
 Best Back Player : Roman TUTAUHA  
 Best Forward Player : Andrew DARNEY.

**1st XV vs St Pats' Silverstream College 23rd June in Wellington**

Lost 11 - 15

It was unfortunate for the team to lose Jesse Dolman for a 10 minute sin binning during this game, a stupid decision considering the game's importance.

St Pats had a similar size forward pack but were definitely dominant at set piece time. Jesse Dolman scored our only try in the match after captain Zarhn Commerer returned a kick, brushing off tackles. St Pats replied with a try of their own. Matt James kicked a penalty for us to take a slender 8 - 5 lead into the break.

After the kick off we bombed a couple of opportunities but Matt James slotted another penalty for us to take an 11 - 5 lead. At this stage we lost a player in the bin. The St Pats' scrum had troubled us all game and 8 against 7 was going to be too tough. They scored another try similar to the first and took a 12 - 11 lead. It would be fair to say that the St Pats back line defence had been in our faces all day. It was a pity that we could not return the favour. Territorial advantage gave St Pats an easy penalty attempt and it was easily converted. 15 - 11 to St Pats.

Tries : Jesse DOLMAN  
 Penalties : Matt JAMES (2)  
 Best Back Player : Roman TUTAUHA

**1st XV vs Gisborne BHS 24th July in Gisborne**

Lost 10 - 20

We travelled to Gisborne for this game expecting the game to be affected by the weather. Most roads in the Bay of Plenty were closed due to storms and flooding. This meant we had to detour through Hawkes Bay. However by game day, the rain stopped and the water drained away. Dry weather rugby was still on. At the start of the game, we played with territorial advantage and were in the midst of a tight forward struggle. We managed to score a very good try to Mark Sherlock and created enough chances to

feel positive about a possible win. Matt James missed the conversion and at least three penalty attempts. Just before half time, Gisborne rumbled over from a lineout and at half time the score was 5 - 5. At the turn around we lost all shape and turned over the ball due to sloppy support play and ball security. Gisborne took full advantage of our disarray and kicked a penalty and then scored two well taken tries. Only one of them was converted. Jesse Dolman scored our consolation try but replacement player Fraser Campbell could not convert.

Tries : Mark SHERLOCK Jesse DOLMAN  
 Best Back Player : Andrew CLAPPERTON

**1st XV vs Palmerston North BHS 28th July Gully Ground**

Lost 6 - 10

This physical and gutsy game was played on the Gully ground in drizzling rain. Disregard the score line as it is not a true reflection of the intensity and commitment displayed by both sides.

Palmerston North started the game positively and moved the ball wide from every opportunity. However, we were the first to score with a well judged penalty kick by Matt James. A midfield defensive error was quickly changed into a Palmerston North unconverted try

The Palmerston North forward pack exploited our lack of organisation at the break-down and turned over a lot of our ball.

The score stayed the same until half time, 5 - 3 to Palmerston North. Instructions were given at half time to pin Palmerston North in their own 22 metre area and keep the pressure on with driving play. This was adhered to throughout the half by our forwards. We were rewarded for our hard work with a penalty but in their only foray into our half, they managed to score another unconverted try to their centre.

With ten minutes remaining our forward pack mounted drive after drive for the line only to be denied by some courageous and well organised



1st XV Rugby

Back Row: Phillip Young, Fraser Campbell, Evan Dickson, Adam Newell, David Wakeling, Thomas Fleming, Matthew Boobyer, David Hunt, Daniel Murdoch  
 Middle Row: Zac Bingham (Student Manager), Seb Thompson, Andrew Clapperton, Tuaki Mahuru, Kris Moller, Finnbar Kerr-Newell, Jonathon Crossan, Simon Mills, Andrew Darney, Mr Steven James (Manager)  
 Front Row: Mr Colin Maihi (Coach), Taylor Gilmore, Tai Ruakere, Matt James (V. Capt), Zarhn Commerer (Captain), Mark Sherlock, Roman Tutauha, Gareth Goodin, Mr Murray Watts (Asst. Coach)  
 Absent: Jesse Dolman, Hemi Grant

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defence from Palmerston North. It did not happen and we had to endure another close loss to Palmerston North 6 - 10.

Penalties : Matt JAMES (2)  
Best Back Player : Roman TUTAUHA  
Best Forward Player : All of them.

**1st XV vs Hastings BHS 31<sup>st</sup> July in Hastings**

Lost 9 - 41

Hastings had just won the Moascar Cup off Rotorua BHS and had just finished a very good South African Tour. We started the game efficiently enough to score a penalty first to Matt James. However Hastings stretched our defence and scored a very soft try to their right winger not long after. Our back line did not get up as quickly as you need to against a rampant back line like Hastings. Hastings attacked us with their heavier, more physical tight five and then capped off these surges with excellent back line organisation.

Any Moascar dreams were over in the first 20 minutes even though the makeshift team that we put on the field did not disgrace themselves. They kept to their tasks, especially the forward pack. Our openside flanker, Jonathon Crossan and half back Roman Tutauha were outstanding on defence, by making multiple tackles, and on attack by leading many pick and drives.

Penalties : Matt JAMES (3)  
Best Back Player : Roman TUTAUHA  
Best Forward Player : Jonathon CROSSAN

**1st XV vs Napier BHS 7<sup>th</sup> August Gully Ground**

Lost 10 - 25

The Gully was a sea of mud for this clash against Napier Boys' High School. This game coincided with the reunions of the MPBHS 1963 and 1964 1st XV teams and the 2004 team definitely felt they had a responsibility to play well for the old boys gathered. We started very positively from the kick off and we were awarded a penalty in front of the posts. Matt James duly converted. Our lead was short lived, though, as a lineout drive by us turned into a turn over ball to Napier. They saw the mismatch on the blindside and took advantage of our forwards trying to mark up there. They scored in the corner to take a 5 - 3 lead. During the first half we applied good pressure only to see a well organised Napier back line ghost through mid field gaps.

David Hunt at centre found a few gaps himself but ran out of support. Napier scored two more tries to end the scoring in the half to 5 - 20 to Napier. At the turn around Napier rumbled over through their forwards to stretch their lead to 5 - 25. However the boys picked up their defensive work and we managed to put some attacking phases together. We were rewarded with a well constructed try to replacement winger Hemi Grant. Matt James converted to make the final score 10 - 25.

Try : Hemi GRANT  
Conversion : Matt JAMES  
Penalties : Matt JAMES (1)  
Best Back Player : Roman TUTAUHA  
Best Forward Player : Jonathon CROSSAN

**1st XV vs Rotorua BHS 14<sup>th</sup> August Gully Ground**

Lost 26 - 56

This was the last game on the Gully for the 1st XV this season. The boys in their final year really wanted to play well against Rotorua BHS who are the current NZ Secondary School champions.

We scored four tries and converted 3 of them. Rotorua scored eight tries and their outstanding 2nd 5 eighths converted all of them. New Plymouth had to work very hard to score their tries and lax defence let in some very soft tries. Open side flanker Jonathon Crossan had an outstanding game with his strong defence and committed chasing of the loose ball. The fact that we scored four tries against such a respected team was very heartening.

Tries : Matt JAMES (2), Zarhn COMMERER, Roman TUTAUHA



Hemi Grant on the burst!



Jonny, Zarhn and Kris - "Mud Rugby"

Conversion : Matt JAMES (2)  
Best Back Player : Roman TUTAUHA  
Best Forward Player : Jonathon CROSSAN

**1st XV vs Wanganui Collegiate. 18<sup>th</sup> August in Wanganui**

Lost 8 - 15

This game was played in very cold windy conditions in Wanganui. We played with a very strong breeze behind us but did not really use it for territorial gain. Part of the reason was the efficient use of the ball by the Collegiate forwards on the blind side. We took the lead with a penalty kick to Matt James but were always pinned in our half as we did not use the wind wisely enough. Collegiate scored a good try and kicked a penalty to take a half time lead of 8 - 3.

At the turn around, it seemed that our inside backs lacked direction so were duly subbed off as Collegiate scored again to take a 15 - 3 lead. With a new back line, substitute player Tuaki Mahuru scored a try, but it was again too little too late for us.

In the latter part of the game we started to make breaks but the damage had already been done. In retrospect Collegiate played the game plan we wanted to play in such windy conditions but we couldn't get it started or maintain it as they could.

Tries : Tuaki MAHURU  
Penalty : Matt JAMES

**1st XV vs Francis Douglas Memorial College 21<sup>st</sup> August at Yarrows Stadium.**

Won 24 - 20

This game was played on Yarrows Stadium as the main game of the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Finals day. They opened the scoring with a penalty but we replied with a try to Mark Sherlock from a charge down on their goal line. The conversion was unsuccessful. Not long after, from a midfield scrum, 2nd 5 eight Tuaki Mahuru sliced through and put David

Hunt over in the corner. Matt James was able to convert this time. Mark again scored by going around his marker and diving over in the corner. The referee entered proceedings by sin binning our 1st 5 eight Fraser Campbell for deliberately slowing down their ruck ball. While Fraser was off the paddock, Francis Douglas scored a 7 pointer and also kicked a penalty. Last year's result sprang to mind as they had clawed back to 17 - 13.

After half time it seemed like a long time of defending before our 15 players were restored. Matt James scored again out wide and kicked a crucial conversion to make the score 24 - 13. However, we were not safe, as the referee sin binned our hooker Kris Moller for the same offence! Francis Douglas mounted forward charge after forward charge but got over through their backs in the end. It was converted and the score was 24 - 20. This try was again scored with one of our players in the bin.

Tries : Mark SHERLOCK (2), David HUNT, Matt JAMES  
Conversions : Matt JAMES (2)  
Player of the Day : Tuaki MAHURU

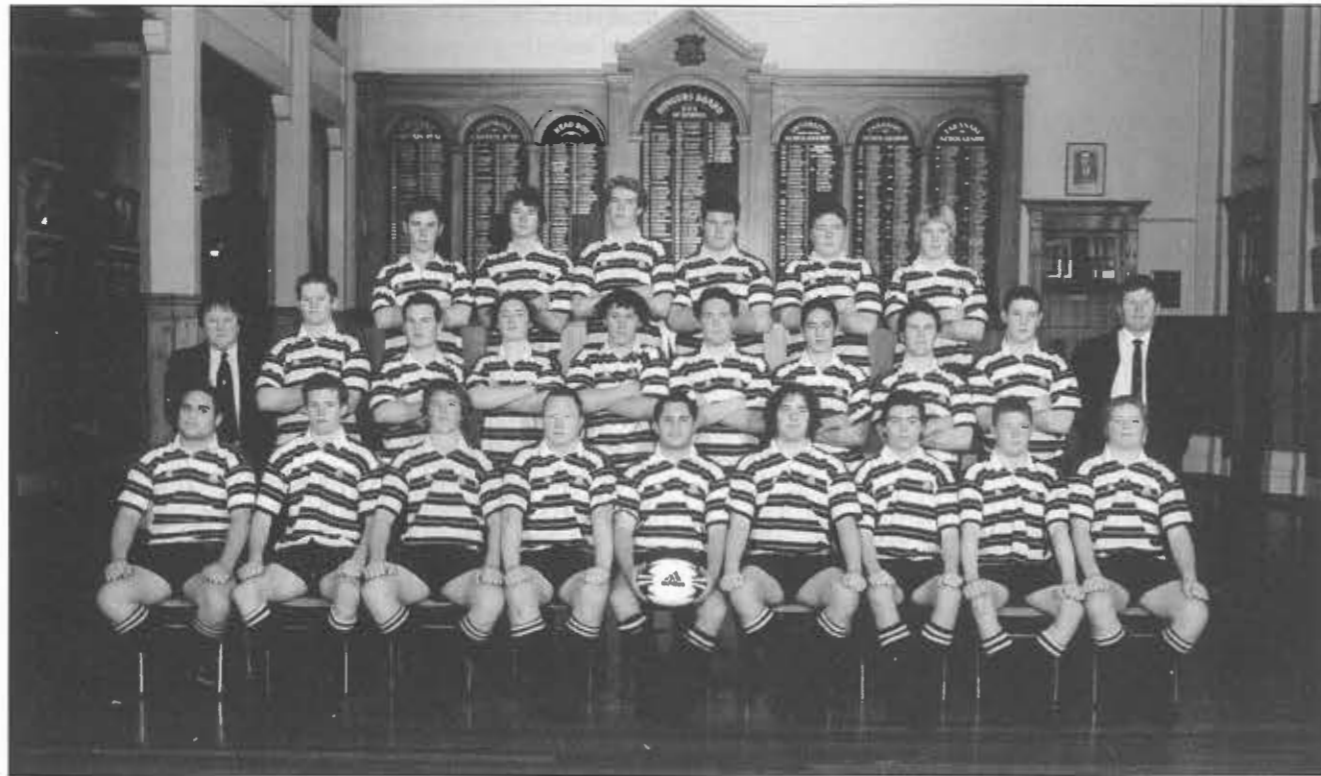
**2<sup>nd</sup> XV Rugby**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XV of 2004 enjoyed a successful season, playing a total of 24 matches ( 14 in the local and competitive U-20's grade & 10 College matches ) and in each of these games the team competed with distinction and constructed some fine team tries. Defensively the team was able to shut down opponents of stronger physique which resulted in many matches that were either won or lost by narrow margins. To be so close on many occasions showed that this team really wanted to do well, developing a fine team spirit and never surrendering to an opponent's resolve.

Each player within the 22-man squad was given plenty of opportunities to develop their individual skill level and, with some fine leadership from the senior players and captain, Josh Lewis-Samson, the team was able to rely on all players to play their part.



Dolman hitting the line



2nd XV Rugby

Back Row: Gavin Roper, Zeke Sole, Daniel Newell, Bevan Kershaw, Adam Morris, Paul Robinson  
 Middle Row: Kevin Gledhill (Coach), Blair Campbell, Daniel Thompson, Seb Thompson, Fabian Ries-Ruaparpa, Jaron Schiscka, Kyle Joyce, Hayden Dick, Peter Stevens, Buzz Campbell (Manager)  
 Front Row: Rangji Wano, Daniel Murdoch, Thomas Sherson, Taylor Gilmore, Josh Lewis-Samson (Captain), Swen Ruchti, John Marshall, Jason Holdt, Ben Heale

**Club Competition (U-20's Grade)**

The team played some good footie in this competitive grade and at the end of the first round we were rewarded with a placement in the Top 6 section of the 11 team competition. The highlight of the first round was undoubtedly the draw (0-0) against FDMC 1st XV, a game that saw each player totally committed to the cause. To me this was the defining moment of the season, for it showed that defence, if maintained, could gel this side into action and could see us through a tough College program. Other highlights were our wins against Tukapa (22-10), Inglewood (25-0), Southern (15-0), NPOB (23-22) and Coastal (22-5).

The matches that were lost; Eltham (7-15), Stratford (12-19), Spotswood United (15-19) and Clifton (9-11) were all by close margins, which for a team that was generally smaller in size than our opponents, was a good sign of how this team were progressing.

The Top 6 round began with an excellent team performance against Stratford (17-5) in brilliant sunshine but this was to be followed in quick succession by two defeats against the top two teams in the grade; FDMC 1st XV (7-40), and Eltham - Kaponga (8-39) On both occasions, our defence was to let us down, and it was indeed unfortunate that the draw required us to default our match with Clifton and therefore be required to play Tauranga College, both top club sides, within a seven day period. This result effectively ruined the chances of the team progressing to the play-offs and our final match saw us lose to Spotswood United. To know we had gone close to the two finalists in this competition throughout the season (FDMC & Spotswood) was pleasing. Our final position was 5th.

**College Matches**

The College program began with an away trip to Te Aute which was won convincingly 67-0, followed by the Hamilton Boys' fixture where a loss of 27-12 provided the reminder to never take any match for granted. The lessons were learnt, for the remaining fixtures saw the team compete right to the final whistle in each match and play some constructive and patterned footie.

Gisborne Boys' was next and they were relatively easily dispatched (30-0) before another two close matches PNBHS (L 13-20) and Hastings

Boys' (L 10-18) in what was perhaps our best college performance against the strong and well-performed Hawkes Bay side. Napier Boys' was next on the agenda and in a real close and physical contest the team secured a well deserved win (7-5), our first victory on the prized Gully field for the year.

Rotorua was our final Super 8 fixture and in another close and physical contest we came second on the scoreboard, losing 8-0 but had created enough opportunities to test our strong and skilled opponents. Our final two matches were Wanganui Collegiate (W 34-0) and St Pats College (Wgtn) where again, against a more physically imposing side the team was to prevail with some outstanding defence to win 10-6 and complete a very satisfying season.

The team was well served up front with some talented and skilled forwards who always played above their weight and were difficult as a pack to subdue. We endeavoured to be a ruck and run team with pods cleaning out low and aggressively at the contact zone with variations developed from the type of ball delivered. Quick changes in direction were also employed and short side attacks as well as short line outs to keep us in the game against more physically imposing teams, as well as a committed defence, was our approach and it served us well. A kicking game was also often required to get us field position.

The team had a competitive and skilled front row in Taylor Gilmore, Swen Ruchti, Bevan Kershaw Hayden Dick and Adam Morris who often were able to gain dominance, and always tested our opponents. Taylor was the premier technician at tight head, Bevan and Swen competing for the loosehead and giving it their all, and both hookers, Adam and Hayden, though different in physique, each made their contribution to the team effort.

At lock, Daniel Newell and Zeke Sole were tireless workers (effectively extra loose forwards) who did the hard yards at lineout time and at the tackle zone. The team was blessed with fine utilities in Thomas Sherson and Daniel (Spaz tha man) Murdoch who could give us grunt when required and excellent loose play as well. Spaz was into everything and was our key forward at the breakdown phase and in support. Josh Lewis-Samson (as Capt) led the loose trio into action and was always close to

the ball and defended well. Paul Robinson and Peter Stevens complemented our loose forward options and both made huge contributions to the team effort

Our backline was spearheaded by a fine half back or first 5/8th in Jason Holdt who generally read the play well and directed the team effort and was superb on defence. Ben (Ferbie) Heale showed real strength and composure at halfback and was equally strong on defence, while Kyle Joyce at 10 exhibited his real promise on many occasions and is undoubtedly being primed for better things. The midfield was a competitive one for it is a position where solid defence, creativity on attack, speed and distribution skills are needed, and each of our players could offer some but not always all attributes throughout a match. Rangji Wano, Gavin Roper, Jaron Schiscka and Fabian Ries-Ruaparpa competed here and each had fine seasons, with Fabian showing real poise and instinctive running to be our most consistent midfielder and Jaron a close runner up. Blair Campbell and Daniel (Pretty) Thomson were our finishers and both showed ample speed and determination. At the back was the instinctive, often impulsive, yet very talented Johnny Marshall. Seb Thomson was to join our team late in the season and he injected some real speed and flair on attack.

A special thanks to Buzz Campbell, who as the team manager performed the many necessary duties, and to the parents who supported and billeted our visitors when required and travelled to support the team. Your involvement was an important factor in how the team performed. Thank you.

Thank you to Dale Atkins, Chris Woods and Tony Penn who provided valuable technical input and advice as well.

Finally to the players. For your 'ticker' so evident throughout the long season, your total dedication to each other and the team, your team spirit and genuine enthusiasm / enjoyment in playing and training and for your fellowship, thank you. We had a fine season, one to remember. Well done fellas.

For the record.

<b>Overall</b>	Played 24, win 12, loss 11, draw 1
<b>College Record</b>	Played 10, win 6, loss 4
<b>Super 8 competition</b>	Played 7, win 3, loss 4 (5th place)
<b>Club competition (U-20's)</b>	Played 14, win 6, loss 7, draw 1 (5th place)

Kevin Gledhill

**Under 15**

The Boys' High Under 15's started off the season with a squad of 25 to play against touring school Bowness High School on their overseas trip from Canada. They were much bigger than us, but we fronted up and were happy to not come away with a loss. We drew 10 - 10.

With the squad being cut down to 21 after the Canadian game, we knew we had the potential and talent to go a long way. We lacked size throughout all of our games but fronted with aggression and the desire to win.

We started off the season with a win and that carried on throughout the whole season, only losing one game to Spotswood 1sts during round robin play. In the semi finals, we played Spotswood again and after 20 minutes of extra time, we ran out eventual winners 15 - 12. With the final a day before we left for tournament week, we decided to share the cup with the Boys' High 4th XV, meaning we finished the B grade competition 1st equal.

Now our focus was the National Under 15 Rugby tournament. We knew our pool was going to be hard as it consisted of Gisborne, Hamilton and St Patrick's Town from Wellington.

On the Monday of the tournament week, the boys woke up at an earlier time of 6.45 am. Breakfast down us and game faces on, we arrived at Hamilton Boys' High School for our opening games against Gisborne Boys' High School.

Being a bigger side than us, we knew we had to play smart. Sadly we didn't and went down 25 - 7.

With a loss in the morning we really had to step it up in the afternoon with a game against home team, Hamilton Boys'. The pack got stuck into the game straight away, and from the start, we dominated and played intelligent rugby. We were up 17 - 10 at half time, and came out firing in the second half. An extra three tries and a penalty sealed our win 37 - 10.

Tuesday morning we had to front up again against St Patrick's but went into the break down by 12 - 6. After starting the second half well, the pack eased off and therefore let them win possession of the ball, giving their backs quick clean ball and a couple of soft tries. Even with the fresh legs, we couldn't front, and went down 26 - 18, pushing us out of top 8 contention.

We now had to pick ourselves up, and do the best we could in the bottom 8. Our next opponents were Te Aute College. Te Aute were in our pool last year and we were looking for another win against them. The forwards played a good game and the backs played the game with sharp skills. End score, 62 - 0.

After making it through to the top 4 of the bottom 8 with a huge win the day before, we were up against a much bigger side than us, MAGS (Mount Albert Grammar). We were seeking revenge from last year's loss to them. Even though they were a much bigger pack than the year before we could not be intimidated by their size. After an awesome haka, we went into the game firing...

After a penalty and converted try we went into the half time break up 10 - 7. The forwards really picked it up in the second half and gave the backs quick clean ball to score again and end the game with a 15 - 7 win. This put us into the playoff for 9 and 10.

After a hard battle the day before, the boys had to front up yet again to another big side, Wesley College. It was the last game of the tournament and the team gave it their all. A few missed tackles and they got through to seal the win 26 - 25 in the last 2 minutes of the game. After coming all this way to miss out on 9th place by one point, everyone was gutted.

It was not the placing we had hoped for after a great season, but everyone enjoyed the week and got along awesomely well, and there was no lack of commitment.

The team would just like to take this opportunity to thank the supporters throughout the season, Mr Hannah and Mr Giddy for their time and effort this season with us, and Mr Geange for all the work he has done behind the scenes by getting us to tournament and all the fundraising he has organised.

Bernard Hall  
 Captain





Under 15 Rugby

Back Row: C Rei, G Hofmans, S Barron, F Wicksteed, L Price, M Sweetman, C Black, S Thomson, A Laliti  
 Middle Row: Mr G Giddy (Coach), E Hebler, R McLeod, C Rowlands, Mr W J Geange (Manager), H Lawn, S Saunders, B Bishop, Mr G Hannah (Coach)  
 Front Row: S Cressey, R Wisnewski, R Samson, J Wilson, B Hall (Captain), J Sharpe, B Bennett, M Campbell  
 Absent: L Wilson

Canadian Visit

The Under 15s and C Gold hosted Bowness, a school from Canada, for three days over Easter, playing their matches on Easter Friday. Bowness had played matches against schools in Whangarei and Taupo, and competed in a Sevens tournament in Te Kuiti. Whilst they had been defeated by the first two schools, Bowness had been playing their top teams, so they were looking forward to playing in more even games. The Canadians had age and size on their side (ages up to 18 with a few players over 100kgs), but most of their players had limited experience of rugby.

The Taranaki weather also helped to soften a few of their players up as on the Thursday, as a storm blew over, they were booked on Chaddy's Charters for a trip around the Sugar Loaves. Most of them had only been on the ocean once before (on a calm tour of the Bay of Islands) so it was exhilarating for some, whilst it gave others the opportunity to provide their own fish food over the side.

The Under 15s played well, and showed no signs of any intimidation in defence or attack. A great team try was scored out wide by Cameron Rowlands, but this was matched by a good rumbling try by the Bowness forwards.

The Canadians piled on the pressure in the second half, using their size well to dominate possession, and to play one-out footy. The Unders tried to move it wide when they got the ball and looked dangerous, but early-season handling errors, and good scrambling defence from the Canadians, meant these opportunities were lost.

Chris Black went over for a good try for the Unders with only a few minutes to go, but Bowness came storming back with a good team try when they moved the ball wide after a few phases of sustained pressure. The game ended in a draw, which was a nice way for the tour to finish for Bowness, and also a pleasing start to the Under's season.

The Under 15s would like to thank again the parents who took billets and made hosting Bowness possible, and Mr Geange for his organisation.

Philip



Leighton Price takes the lineout ball vs PNBHS

3<sup>rd</sup> XV

The journey for the 'Holy Grail' started on a bleak, wind-swept racecourse ground and ended on a sunny Saturday with the mountain standing in its full glory. Although both games will be recorded as losses, this team did not disappoint anyone by finishing the season third in a 1<sup>st</sup> XV competition.

The season was a journey of real enjoyment. Team results and style of play, individual skill improvement, team spirit and humour, commitment to each other and pride in the school were the stand out features of this team.

The stand out team performances this year were the inspired and entertaining win at Opunake and the two hard-fought victories against Inglewood. While this year's success was based on a 15 man team game, two players do need to be singled out for their consistent contributions to this team - Frazer Climo and Adam Harford.

Roll of honour

Logan 'League Shorts' Jordan, Israel 'Francis Smeli' Tan, Alex 'Elmo' Rowlands, Tony 'Pink Cardy' Foreman, AJ 'Mini Rowdy' Keller, Tony 'Spanky' Hofmans, Adam 'Whitey' White, Daniel 'Ski' Mischefski, Frazer 'Nic Lashay' Climo, Tommy 'Shearer' Evans, Michael 'Ruby' Rubick, Sam 'Waitara' Newton, Cameron 'McCaw' Miller, Hayden 'Macca' McIntyre, Matthew 'Dally' Dallas, Blair 'Sponge Bob' Prescott, Jesse 'Nutter' Herbert, Adam 'Flip' Harford, Paddy 'Rowdy' Dempsey, Matthew 'Tommy' Grey, Tommy 'Dry Throat' Korff, Mark 'Cowboy' Shaw, Brenton 'BJ' Hancock-Bland and Sammy 'Brains Trust' Korff.

Next year you start a new journey but you must 'march as one on the road to the Holy Grail'. Rock on, boys.

C1 Gold

What a great season! We started well, thumping Hawera High School 126-0, and carried through this pattern, also defeating Spotswood College 77-0 later in the round robin. Remaining unbeaten all season is a great achievement at any level, but with no serious competition except Francis Douglas Gold, we were able to cruise through with relative ease.

Our first encounter with Francis Douglas Gold resulted in a hard fought 15-8 victory. The second time we met, it was a scrappy game, but by dominating the second half we were able to come away with a win. The semi final was a reality check for the team, against BHS Black. We were made to look very average, but managed to pull ourselves together enough to eventually win 21-8.

The stage was set for a final on Yarrows Number 3 against our main rivals, Francis Douglas Gold. We started the game strongly with a great individual break by Ludi Meyer to score, with David Ormrod slotting the conversion. Their defence was resolute, especially in the backline, but eventually we were able to break through, Sean Curd scoring out wide, with David converting again. He also bagged two penalties for the day. The final score (20-8) was a well earned victory to end the season on a high.

Thanks must be given to Steven Titter who captained us throughout the season, and led from the front, as the highest points' scorer with a personal tally of 118 points from 29 conversions and 12 tries. Thanks also to Mr Whittaker for giving up his time to coach us, and to all the parents and friends for their support.

by Tim Atkinson

C White

As usual, this C grade team had the blend of boys from Year 9 to Year 12. After the grading rounds we took up the challenge of improving our skills, developing a team pattern that worked for us and hopefully playing as close to our potential as possible each week.

The squad was large, which was useful when injuries and illness hit, but difficult to give everybody a fair go each week. The boys developed an excellent team spirit and were a pleasure to coach and watch play. The emphasis on skills eventually paid off, with most tries being scored by the back three and often from a long way out.

The forwards were dominant in most games, with real strength in taking the ball forward and giving the backs quick ball. Outstanding in the loose forwards were Luke Stenner and James Dunlop, while John Felton gained up a stream of quality lineout balls and hit rucks hard, as did Michael Maher. The backs benefited from some quick ball and with each game got better at giving the outside backs some space to move. With wingers such as Daniel Cassidy, Jamie Read (action man), Ryan Sanderson and Ta Tukeroa, it was vital to give them the ball. Fraser Cameron showed great improvement at half back, Travis Monk has real skill as a 1st 5/8 and a feel for the game and Leith Newland and Scott Campbell were great defensively and able to exploit gaps easily in the mid-field.

Over the season the team had an 8 win/4 loss record and scored 300 points with 129 against. Daniel Cassidy scored 9 tries and Jamie Read 5, as wingers.

After the grading games, the side was unbeaten and made the final against FDMC Red, who had only the 1 loss against us in section play.

This was an excellent game of final rugby, with us making a good start to go ahead, but then made quite a number of changes that took a while to get things together again. FDMC took the lead 21-20 with 5 minutes to go, but some sensible play that had us camped on their line eventually turned to points when Travis Monk kicked a pressure penalty for us to pull it off 23-21.



Playing in the rain and the mud - Gully field



The team can all be well pleased on the progress they all made in 2004. My thanks to an excellent group of enthusiastic and supportive parents and 'grand parents'. Luke Stenner showed great leadership in the final few games.

L R French-Wright  
Coach

## D 1 Black

The D 1 Black team finished runner-up to the Gold team on finals day at Rugby Park, beaten 31-8 in a game that mirrored the two other clashes these two teams had played during the season. Apart from a late loss to a large Spotswood side, the losses to the Gold team proved the only stumbling blocks during the season.

This was a team with plenty of talent and spirit to match, coming from behind to win the semi-final against Spotswood. A feature of the team was their never say die attitude which saw even lost games contested fiercely until the end. Another was their novel approach to training; listen little and do less. However, they could never be accused of lack of enthusiasm, as they attempted to batter each other during practice sessions. The loss of Taani Prestney with broken bones and Simon Hickey with illness, did not help the run into the finals. However, a very talented backline showed many times during the season that they could score from any position, and frequently did. Guram Levchenko-Scott and Darcy Isaacson-Bennett were certainly the two most lethal scoring weapons, but were well supported by backs prepared to act as loose forwards.

Only against Gold was the forward pack outplayed. They could not provide enough quality go-forward ball for the backs to really show their skills. During the season however, the pack showed a major improvement, so that by the end of the season they were able to play patterned rugby with real control. Without any real stars in the pack, it was essential that ALL worked well and together. When this happened, they were a joy to watch. A feature of each match was the number of bananas Riley Hannan would go through and which of the forward pack would actually have a full set of sprigs in their boots.

Good luck to all of the team with their future rugby. It will be interesting to watch how many of these boys go on to play for the school's top team. There is certainly plenty of talent.

N Hunter and A Elgar  
Coaches

## D-Gold's Glory Run 2004

Comprehensive, enjoyable and undefeated are three words that describe the D-grade Gold rugby team this year. The side had a great line up right throughout the squad on paper, and the only question was, could we front it on the field?

Well we started with a handful of grading games in which we went through relatively unharmed apart from a clash with NPBHS Black, in which we snuck through 17-5 winners.

We then moved through to the D1 grade after the competition split in half. We kept our unbeaten record in this part of the competition which left us with a semi final showdown with FDMC. This was a nice warm-up for the final as we cruised through 66-0.

At finals day we were confident but still completely aware of the threat posed by the other finalists, NPBHS Black, as they had already pushed us close during the season. Fortunately, we were right on our game, winning 33-8 and claiming the D1 grade championship.

The season however had one more straw. We met Westlake BHS on the gully ground. This match was closely fought out in warm conditions and by the end of the game we were all stuffed, but had come out on top 19-

12, which rounded the season off nicely.

Some highlights include a stunning 97-0 drubbing of Spotswood College 3<sup>rd</sup> XV, an amazing 60 metre runaway try to prop David Lee, and a superb drop kick conversion from out in front to Sam Lawn. Top point scorer for the season was hooker Nick Mitchell with 109 points. The top try scorer surprisingly to some was prop Edward Darney who crossed the line 13 times. He was closely followed by fellow forward Simon Holdt who got 12 tries.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank our two outstanding coaches, Larry Wilson and Andrew Slyfield, for all the training sessions and coaching that you gave us. I would also like to thank all the parents who gave transport to and from games as well as supporting the team through the season. Finally from me, thanks to all the team members of D-Gold. You are all great guys and talented players who were great to play with and who will have huge futures if you put your minds to it. Good luck and see you in the future.

Cheers  
Nick Mitchell (captain)

## E Black

After the mammoth task of trialling 90 students in April, I was given the 25 rugby players that were eventually known as E Black. The season started with a game against Inglewood High. Three minutes into the match we were 14-0 down and after a solid effort from the forwards we clawed our way back to lose 22-10, a good start to the season and some promise was certainly shown. The season tended to meander along slowly with losses to Stratford High (45-0) NPBHS Gold (53-0) Hawera High (12-10) and FDMC Blue (10-0) before we got our first win under our belt, a hard fought 19-10 win against FDMC Red. Then came the big grudge match of the round, the game against NPBHS E White. With their main motivation being the unwillingness to be the worst team in the school, they came out with big intentions of winning and winning well. Once again the boys started slowly and they were down 10-0 after 15 minutes. After some stern words at half time they came out fizzing in the second half and with help from a hat-trick from the Lankmeister Daniel Brotherson, we ended up winning 24-10.

After the holidays, the second round was divided into the top 6 and bottom 4 divisions. We were entered into the bottom four division, with the two FDMC teams and Mr Jones's NPBHS White. This round proved to be very close with the teams very evenly matched, but the boys from E Black were confident they could take the competition out. We started the round very promisingly, dealing to FDMC Blue 22-10. Unfortunately that is where the team ceased playing to their potential. They took the next two games very lightly and consequently got thrashed, 20-0 by NPBHS White and 39-0 by FDC Red, missing out on the final.

Stand-out players were Daniel Brotherson at fullback with 8 tries, Cho Herewini at open side and our chief ball winner in the line outs, Sam Langton and Scott Lilly for their aggressive play and John Taylor at prop. Good luck to the team for next season, let's hope you have a better one next year.

Mr Corlett  
Coach E Grade Black

## E White

What a mixed bag! The first few games of the season provided scores more in line with a cricket match. After five defeats we finally scored our first win - a close and exciting game. Captain Hamish Fleming had scored at least a try per match for the first 6 games and proved reliable on defence and attack. Other players to shine early were Nathan McArthur, with his fast wheels and punishing tackles, Karl Paterson, with his



elusiveness and Charles Loader with his tight defence and sensible, cool head. We had some individual talent but were struggling to get it together as a team.

The second round of the competition saw us down to E2 grade with three other teams. We firstly played the team we beat in the first round and after some shocking refereeing decisions we had a narrow loss. We had another loss before playing the other Boys' High team in shocking wind and rain. It was our best performance of the season and we were rewarded with a 20-nil victory. That shut them up! A number of new "stars" shone in the team. Brook Graddy scored two tries and proved that tackling round the legs does work! Hayden Patene was a revelation at fullback with a strong running, kicking and defensive game. The front row was solid all season with a good technique. Dan Holland, Steve Smith and Sam Robinson were the mainstays and were ably supported by Rawiri Manuirangi whose game improved as his fitness did. He showed some mongrel with bursting runs "straight up the guts."

Our scrums were one of the strongest and most consistent features of the team and this was partly due to our quiet achieving locks and "loosies" Shaun McAree, Matt Blackwell, Matt Hurley, Mark Wansbrough and Chris Ridgewell-Lang as the powerhouse. Troy Foreman gave his best for 10 minutes each game before his growing pains forced him off. That was commitment! Steven Rolfe gained a quick 7 kilos during a growth spurt and became hard to stop when on the charge. Mark Jurisch showed his versatility switching from wing to flanker and Jaden Booker was a late find with a deft pass in both directions in at halfback. Kelsey Matheson became a useful flanker and was great as a jumper in the lineout. We had some of the smallest guys in the grade but quite often they played with the biggest hearts. Wills Langslow was an outstanding tackler for someone under 40 kilos but we lost him to a nasty non-rugby injury unfortunately. The three J's, Josh Rei, Jack Rush and Jaz Nisbett all contributed in a quiet but effective way. Josh was a wiry little runner who drew his opposition well before passing and Jack showed great bursts of speed. He kept chipping the ball ahead near the line instead of backing himself with his speed.

The team had a heart and came together as a unit for what was a successful season in terms of enjoyment and improvement. We certainly gave the Fung-Dung team a fright in the semi final. Some of the players will be good enough for the Under 15 side next year and will deserve it.

Thanks to Jason Cossill for helping out with coaching and thank you to those parents who relentlessly supported the boys and never gave up. You were rewarded with some entertaining rugby and comradeship.

Good luck, boys for your rugby next year.

Mr Jones- facilitator (coach is too generous a term!)

## E Gold

2004 saw a very talented collection of young rugby players come together with high hopes of taking out the E-grade championship. The season started off extremely well beating our first three teams by 50+ points. However things come a bit unstuck, finishing off the round robin with a draw and two losses.

We began the season with a squad of 23, but due to an unfortunate number of injuries it was whittled down to 17 by the top four split.

We produced our best game of rugby in the first of the top four clashes beating Inglewood 15-12 after being down 5-12 at half time and turning into the wind. A close loss to Stratford meant that we must beat Hawera in the final round robin to secure a semi against Inglewood who we fancied beating again. The boys travelled to Hawera and convincingly beat them for the second time this season. For the third time we lined up against Inglewood and with the series tied at one-all it was going to be a close match... unfortunately for us the injuries kept stacking up and we only just scraped together 15 players for the semi. I am extremely proud of the boys for the determination they showed, but with no reserves and injuries to key players, Inglewood proved too strong for us, winning 29-17.

I would like to thank the assistant coach, Joe Holden, for his expertise and enthusiasm throughout the entire season. His passion and drive was a huge inspiration for the boys. Finally thank you to the team for the effort, determination and commitment throughout the season. By the end they had developed a real sense of camaraderie and produced some absolutely brilliant rugby along the way.

Andrew Dawson  
Coach

## The Dream Team

TEACHERS VERSUS STUDENTS RUGBY  
WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER.

On a wet and windy Wednesday afternoon the dream team took on the much heralded students' team. The rules for selection were that the students must be seventh form and have never played for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> XV's. The game looked in jeopardy when the ref, Chris Woods was late for the start, leaving the players freezing out in the middle.

The game eventually started and she was all on. Cheap shots were going in everywhere, ruck marks were laid and hamstrings were pulled. The score was opened by Geoff Hall with a fantastic try under the posts and the teachers took an early lead. The teachers with their superior fitness and weight advantage had much of the possession in the first half. The students then made a comeback with a couple of quick tries to take the lead which they held onto for the rest of the game. Willy Harvey dotted down late in the second half to bring the scores closer together, the final score being 20-12. Unfortunately there was a protest regarding the eligibility of one of the members of the students' team. This member broke the rule mentioned earlier where he actually had played for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV the previous year and therefore makes the first ever victory for the students null and void. Thanks Blair Prescott, we knew you could do it, you just had to play!

Thanks to the members of both teams, it was played in generally good spirits and no real serious injuries were had, although at the time of writing a week later Mr Dawson was still complaining of sore ribs.

See you all again next year when the dream team will prevail.

## Rowing

It had been thirty odd years since NPBHS had entered in any Secondary Schools' rowing competitions. But this year about nine boys started rowing at the start of the season and decided to represent the school at North Island level. Our trip over to Hamilton in March was accompanied with some loud Cat Stephens and some pretty average driving by Phil Whittaker, but we made it to Lake Karapiro and set up our tents before dark and played some cards before hitting the sack.

At about 3 o'clock the first day racing started. We had two four-men crews racing that afternoon. One crew consisted of Sam Korff, Micheal Earby, Adam White, and Finnarr Kerr-Newell. They came third in their tough heat to make it into the repechage which would be another difficult race.

The A Crew, which consisted of Mark Shaw, Bernard Hall, Matthew Snowden, Floyd Wicksteed and cox Paul Meuli didn't start off too well and our boat steered straight into the other lane, colliding with another boat. This caused a race restart. But the boys, all a bit shocked and shaken up with such a bad start, were ready for the next one. Then, to our disappointment, the same thing happened again! We were then disqualified. A race official came over to our boat and said, "It shouldn't do that twice in a row. It must be a boat problem or a really bad coxswain." He then looked under our boat and found out the problem, our boat's rudder had broken off! So this meant we would get a repechage and we were still in contention to make the final.

With an early night and an early morning the next day of rowing was upon us!



Rowing  
Back Row: Pauline Crow, Michael Earby, Cameron Miller, Mat Snowden, Mark Shaw, Philip Whittaker  
Front Row: Shaun Cooper, Bernard Hall, Floyd Wicksteed, Finnarr Kerr-Newell, Paul Meuli

Both crews were in the same repechage so it was a good test to see how the A and B crews matched. The A crew's boat had been fixed and they were ready for a big race to make up for the day before's mishaps. After the first 500 meters, Wellington College and NPBHS A crew had pulled away from the others. The B crew were still in line for a good placing. The A Crew raced an awesome race, finishing second, just a couple seconds behind Wellington College. This still meant that they would get a spot in the final. The B crew finished in solid fourth, making a consolation B Final!

The coxed-four final was full of top North Island schools such as Fraser High, Lindisfarne, Kings', Cullinane, and Wellington Colleges and Waitara High! It was a huge race, probably some of the best ever competition the boys have ever had. We started well but then a few crews pulled away at about the 700 meter mark. We stayed in touch with the others but ended up sixth out of eight. The Wellington College team, who we pulled away with in the repechage, won the final! We were happy with sixth in the North Island and now knew what it would take to get a better placing next year. The B crew ended up second out of three crews in the consolation final!

The two crews now came together and had an Eight Final to race. There were no heats so we went into the race with open minds and high hopes.

After a real good race start other crews powered it on when it was vital to. We were still in the race battling for 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, all pretty close, but the other teams pulled out a better sprint in the last 400-250 meters! We ended up a good fifth out of eight. A tough race ending an excellent three days of racing!

Now we are looking to build on rowing at Boys' High after a thirty year lull. We want to get new boys interested for the new season and try to repeat the Boys' High winning the Eights at Mardi Cup in a few years to come!

Floyd Wicksteed

## Sailing

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Championships

Taranaki Secondary Schools' Association scheduled the sailing champs for the 25 February 2004. Although the day was nice, the wind was marginal, and it gradually crept to 30 knots instead of abating. The race officers finally postponed the event till 11 of March and we were unlucky to have missed half a day of school.

There were five secondary schools participating: NPBHS, FDMC, Sacred Heart College, NPGHS and Spotswood College. The fleet was split into two classes, Optimists and Starlings, making to total of 20 entries. On the day, the wind conditions were breezy and this tested the sailors' abilities.

In the Optimist class, Leon Johnstone of NPBHS blitzed the fleet with three wins from three, to take out first place. Second place went to Trent Lochhead of Francis Douglas and third to Michael Hatch of NPBHS.

In the Starling class the racing was much closer and only two points separated the top three competitors. Stuart Julian of Spotswood College managed to hold onto first place, followed by rivals, David Ommrod (second place) and Simon Holdt (third place), both of NPBHS.

## Teams Racing

On the 1<sup>st</sup> March, a team of NPBHS sailors competed against two other teams, Spotswood College and FDMC, in the Taranaki Secondary School Teams' Racing. The skippers were David Ommrod, Simon Holdt and Jason Johnstone. The crew members were Leon Johnstone, Michael Hatch, Stuart Sutherland and Nathan McArthur. We first raced FDMC and beat them 2 nil. Our next race was against Spotswood College which had an experienced team and we managed to pull off a victory, beating them 2 - 1. This meant we were Taranaki teams' racing champions and gained entry into National Championships held in Timaru. We decided not to go as the cost was high and we didn't have the time to raise the funds.







Summer Sailing



David Ormrod sets sail

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our coach, Allen Ormrod, Teacher Support, Ces Hill and the New Plymouth Yacht Club for organising the events and supplying the yachts. We were pleased with our efforts this season and hope that next year we are better prepared so we can represent NPBHS in the National Championships.

Jason Johnstone

### Skiing / Snowboarding

After several years of poor snow conditions and cancellations, it was finally possible to hold the school snow champs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last week of Term Two. The competition is run in two sections, snowboarding and skiing, with each having two timed runs through a slalom course.

Conditions were difficult but competition was keen among the 30 participants.

Results were:

<b>Skiing</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Matt Snowden
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tim Lepper
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Damon Braddock



Start of the snowboard competition



Finish Officials

<b>Snowboarding</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brooke Lester
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jake Vanderfits
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leigh Bolton

These boys, along with Chad Bolton, Leonard Harris, Dion Palamountain and Kristian Amgarth-Duff, were selected to represent the school at the Taranaki Intersecondary school champs. Unfortunately Mat Snowden broke his ankle and Tim Lepper was unavailable, but two young skiers, Daniel Momich and Gye Simkin filled in admirably.

The competition was of a high standard with the school finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place behind Spotswood College and New Plymouth Girls' High School.

Best individual results were:

Jake Vanderfits	1 <sup>st</sup>	Junior Boys	Snowboarding
Brooke Lester	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior Boys	Snowboarding
Damon Braddock	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Junior Boys	Skiing

The team to represent the school at the North Island Secondary Champs at Turoa ski field was selected from these competition results. It was:

**Snowboarding:** Brooke Lester, Leigh Bolton, Dion Palamountain, Kristian Amgarth-Duff

**Skiing:** Chad Bolton, Tim Lepper, Damon Braddock, Daniel Momich, Gye Simkin.

### Soccer : 1<sup>st</sup> XI

Overall, the 2004 season can be deemed a success for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Soccer. Coach James Graham had the opportunity to build on the systems and ideas that he first introduced last year. This, coupled with a talented and very experienced squad, meant that the 1<sup>st</sup> XI developed well as a team from last season, and had strong results.



Manganui Monster

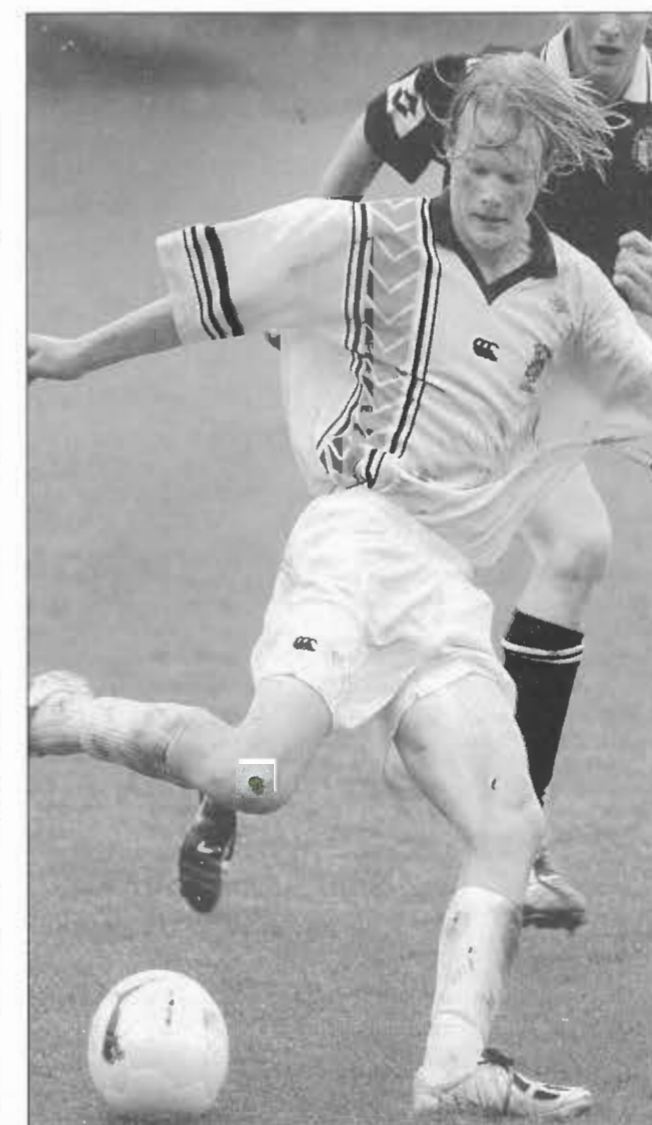


Waiting and Watching

The beginning of the season saw the team reach great heights, defeating Palmerston North Boys' High School and the second ranked New Zealand school, Auckland Grammar. From here the team gained consistent results and remained on track for a perfect college season. The blemish on our record arrived in our final college game against St Patrick's Silverstream, with an outrageous and gutting score line of 6-7.

This year's fourth placing in Super Eight was an improvement on last year's sixth placing, but was by no means a reflection of what the team was capable of. A strong first-up win, followed by a hard-earned draw with Hamilton, set us up well for the rest of the tournament. Unfortunately we followed this with a very disappointing draw against Gisborne, meaning a much more difficult semi-final match against Palmerston North. This was decided by a single controversial penalty kick early in the game, in a tight match with very few opportunities for either side. In our final game we suffered yet another painful one nil loss, conceding in the final minutes, to finish fourth. The boys were gutted to come so close, yet fall at the final hurdles in matches that could have gone either way. This gave us more than enough motivation to show everyone our true potential at Nationals.

The 7<sup>th</sup> placing at the National Secondary Schools' Tournament was the second best result the school has ever achieved. The result was set up with a confident start to the tournament, and a good win in the final game to be one to remember, for the Year 13 students in their final college match. The side showed great character in performing when it mattered and never giving up, with last minute goals in two games being vital in our final placing. The team faced a real test during the middle of



Shane Neilson on attack

photo courtesy Taranaki Newspapers

# Literacy Day



Thanks must go to Mr Page, who brought his extensive calculus knowledge to the field, resulting in some complicated and "geometric" set pieces being integrated into the game plan. It was at times difficult to differentiate between complex corner kicks and calculus class! Mr Hugh Russell, Soccer co-ordinator at the school, must also be thanked for being nothing short of a lucky charm. Every time he turned up to the game, the team came away with a resounding victory.

All in all, it was a satisfying season, and if yet another cliché may be excused, it was indeed a season of two halves.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Senior Soccer

Referred to as the "United Nations", this year's senior 3<sup>rd</sup> XI became the league's most improved team, recording a 7 - 6 win / loss record. As a coach I was hugely impressed by the attitude of the players and their commitment to the team performance every week. Comments were often made by opposing coaches on the improvement made by the team and the way they gelled together in both passing and creating opportunities to score goals. The team prided itself on defence and this was helped by the superb goalkeeping skills of Caleb Murray and the tireless displays of Jonathan Murrell and Nick Milne. Special thanks to Mazin Rafeeq for all his help in organising the team when I was away, and looking after the Hostel boys, making sure they knew when and were to go each Saturday morning. Finally a thank you to the parents who came out and supported their sons and offered transport to away fixtures.

Coaches award for player of the year: **Jonathon Murrell**

Coaches award for Most improved Player: **Walter Liu**

Mr Vernon

## Misfits Soccer

In April 2004 a dream was born. Ryan Koorts and Matthew Hancock shared their vision with a group of motivated seventh formers, who entered a sacred pact that was simply referred to as "The Misfits". Comprised of men from many disciplines, including 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby, 1<sup>st</sup> XI Soccer, 1<sup>st</sup> V Basketball and 1<sup>st</sup> XII Indoor Bowls, the Misfits were a dedicated team, with all players placing the team above these other commitments. Our manager really put in the hard yards with early morning practice and late night fitness sessions in order to bring out the squad's natural flair for the game. Our on-field organisation and game plan was closely mirrored to that of Manchester United, and to quote a knowledgeable spectator, "That's how soccer should be played."

We would like to thank the competition given to us by the NPBHS Junior Development, who were valiant opposition, and were effective in putting up the nets, even if not at scoring goals. As the season neared its end, our rigid and tough training schedule began to take its toll, and individuals began placing themselves above the team, likened by many observers to the situation at Real Madrid. Our team Awards night was a truly special occasion, highlighting the brilliant achievements of the following players:



Top Goal Scorer - Matthew "Paceman" Harrop (-1 goals)

The Origami Award for Folding Under Pressure - Michael "Got a Ride?" Stevens

Most Brutal Tackle versus Female Opposition - Daniel "Where's the Beers?" Sharp

Best and Only Defender - Mitchell "Dropped then got the call up" Le Heux

Anger Management Award - Matthew "Where's the rest of the beers?" Landrigan

Maori Contribution to Sport Award - Mitchell "Smiley" Broughton

Worst Referee Award - Matthew "Call the game off early because it is dark" Brookes

Unnecessary Use of Ambulance Award - Anonymous NPBGHS player with a bruised knee

Ricky Versteeg and Jermaine Sassman

## Squash

Our first games were inaugural games in the Fookes' Squash Centre, historic games indeed.

The players in the team are graded into a nation-wide computer system so their progress is followed and they play within their grades. As a comparison, Auckland Grammar is placed Number 1 in the country. All their players are B2 graded, which means they are EXTREMELY STRONG.

H.B.H.S. team	N.P.B.H.S. team	Score	Winner	Grade
Steven	Shaun Cooper	3/1	H.B.H.S.	C1
Sam	Tane Renata	3/0	N.P.B.H.S.	D1
Matt	Adam Roughan	3/0	N.P.B.H.S.	D1
Hayden	Richard Lee	3/0	N.P.B.H.S.	D1
Adam	Matt Lane	3/0	N.P.B.H.S.	D2
Jason	Matt Queree	3/0	N.P.B.H.S.	D2

All the games against H.B.H.S were played in very good spirit. Overall our players had too much depth for our opponents. This season generally speaking New Plymouth players' techniques are good and will allow them to progress higher up the two grades. This is certainly good for the next two years.

In leaving I would like to wish the best to all players in the school and encourage them to use the facilities and continue to gain coaching. Good luck at the Nationals in Christchurch. I'll be back and I look forward to every player's progress.

SIMBO



Squash

Back Row: Pauline Crow, Matt Lane, Jeremy Powell, Nigel Vernon

Front Row: Matt Queree, Tane Renata, Shaun Cooper, Adam Roughan, Richard Lee

## Squash Nationals: Christchurch 2004

Vs Shirley Boys High: lost 4-1:  
Vs Darfield High School: won 5-0  
Vs Otago Boys High School: won 3-2  
Vs Christchurch Boys High School: won 4-1  
Vs Nayland College: won 3-2

Seeded 21 for the tournament this year's team went on to lift their seeding to a credible 16<sup>th</sup> position and won the Plate Final in the process. Year 10 Student Shaun Cooper, the team's Number 1 player showed that he has the potential to be one of the hardest players to beat in future National competitions. Matthew Lane and Matthew Queree, both undefeated for the entire competition, were invaluable, clearly showing how good stable players can win matches in a team event. Congratulations also to both Adam Roughan and Richard Lee, both elevated into positions 2 and 3 respectively, who performed outstandingly well through out the tournament.

Thank you to Mrs Crow for all her organising to Christchurch and looking after the the team's welfare.

Mr Vernon (Coach)

## Surfing

### School Competition

Held in February at Fitzroy Beach in small difficult surf conditions.

Eventual winners:

Surfing	Keone Campbell	U14
	Reuben Atkinson	U16
	Blanton Smith	U18
Bodyboarding	Shaun Thompson	U18
	Stefan Bjamason	U15

From these results a school team was selected for the Taranaki Intersecondary School contest held at Oakura Beach on 1 March in reasonable 1 - 1.5 metre surf.

The team was:

Surfing	U14	Keone Campbell Tom Dobson Tom Smith	
	U16	Reuben Atkinson Conin James Josh Hollis	
	U18	Blanton Smith Jay Goodey Adam Thame	
	Bodyboarding	U19	Billy Brady Shaun Thompson
		U15	Simon Bennett Stefan Bjamason



Blanton Smith on a crest



A strong team saw in surfing

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Dobson	U14
1 <sup>st</sup>	Reuben Atkinson	U16
1 <sup>st</sup>	Blanton Smith	U18

and in the bodyboarding

1 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Bennett	U15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stefan Bjamason	U19
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Billie Brady	

As a result the school retained the Whittaker Memorial Trophy for best team.

Keone Campbell, Reuben Atkinson, Conin James, Blanton Smith, Simon Bennett and Shaun Thompson were selected to the Taranaki Regional team to compete in the NZ Scholastic competition in Gisborne. Strong performances saw Simon Bennett 1<sup>st</sup> U15, Shaun Thompson 3<sup>rd</sup> U 18 bodyboarding and Blanton Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> U18 surfing. The team was placed second overall.

Blanton has since achieved many good results on the junior national circuit and has gained selection in the NZ team to compete in the world champs in Tahiti in December 2004.

## Surf Lifesaving

### Taranaki Secondary Schools' Surf Lifesaving Champs

This year the TSS Surf Lifesaving Champs were held at Ngamotu Beach in New Plymouth on Sunday 22 Feb. NPBHS entered two teams. The event was transferred at the last minute from Oakura Beach where the conditions were considered too rough. Each team was composed of six competitors (3 at U-16 and 3 at U-19) and although our A team competed well, we were beaten into second place by the strong FDMC team. The DQ that occurred in the Tube Rescue, due to an incorrect pick up at the buoy, eventually was to be the difference between the Gold and the Silver for the team title.

Individual titles were won by:

Gareth Goodin	U - 19 beach flags
Kyle Manu	U - 19 beach sprint
Joel Davies	U - 19 board race

A Taplin Team (Finn ParkeR, Joel Davies, Gareth Goodin)

Overall it was a pleasing performance from our teams which saw our A team come second and the B team fifth.



Surflifesaving

Back Row: Kent Lean, Ben Riley, Finn Parker, Michael Taylor  
Middle Row: Jay Goodey, Daniel Nelson, Chris Herbert, Blair Smith, Mr K Gledhill  
Front Row: Jason Rolfe, Gabriel Davies, Gareth Goodin, Joel Davies, Tim Doyle

## New Zealand Surf lifesaving Champs

Gareth Goodin was the most successful competitor, claiming a bronze medal in the U-19 Beach Flags. Well done Gareth.

Tiger Jacket Award. Joel Davies was the sole surf lifesaving recipient of the Tiger jacket this year. His past two years of competition have seen him secure the required number of points. Well done.

K Gledhill

## Swimming

### Taranaki Secondary Schools' Champs

The TSS swimming champs were held this year at the Stratford indoor pool on Tues March 23<sup>rd</sup> and our team of capable swimmers performed exceptionally well to gain seven titles, four 2<sup>nd</sup> placings and seven 3<sup>rd</sup> placings.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> placings came in the Intermediate Relays where both events (Medley and Freestyle) were won, the Senior Boys Relays (Medley and Freestyle yet again) and in the individual events Ben Riley won the Senior Boys 100m Freestyle and Senior Boys 50m Backstroke, and Sam Varley won the Junior Boys 50m breaststroke.

2<sup>nd</sup> placings were gained by: Chris Herbert (1) and Tim Doyle (2) and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings by Sam Varley (2) Finn Parker (1) Steven Sharp (2) Tim Riley (1) and Michael Taylor (1)

Our swimmers always perform well at this meeting for it brings together the top Sec school swimmers in Taranaki to compete against each other for their school. Swimmers train for long hours to be competitive and this develops the necessary discipline to do well.

Our regular feed of healthy fish n chips and some fizzy drink on the way home rounded off another very successful day of swimming for NPBHS. A special thanks to Jeremy Wright to assisted with the organisation on the day and to the parents who came and supported the swimmers (Denise Nelson and Robin Herbert). Thank you.

Kevin Gledhill

### North Island Secondary School Swimming Champs

Five students from NPBHS entered the North Island Sec School swimming sports held in Palmerston North on 20th March, performing well against the top secondary school swimmers in the North Island. Students need to have achieved challenging qualifying times to attend and yet again Ben Riley was to be our top performer.



Tim Doyle, Ben Riley, Tim Riley

Results:

Ben Riley	3 <sup>rd</sup>	15 years and over 100m Freestyle.
	5 <sup>th</sup>	15 years and over 200m Freestyle.
Sam Varley	5 <sup>th</sup>	14 years and under 200m Medley.
Chris Herbert	6 <sup>th</sup>	15 years and over 50m Freestyle.
Tim Riley	6 <sup>th</sup>	14 years and under 200m Freestyle.

A special thanks to Mrs Jan Riley and Mrs Robin Herbert for their management and transport of the swimmers to and from this meet.

## NZ Swimming Champs

Two NPBHS students attended the Div 1 NZ Swimming champs and they performed well against the premier swimmers in the country.

Results

Tim Doyle	21 <sup>st</sup>	15 yrs 400m Freestyle
	21 <sup>st</sup>	15 yrs 50m Breaststroke
	18 <sup>th</sup>	15 yrs 100m Breaststroke
Ben Riley	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 yrs 400m Freestyle
	8 <sup>th</sup>	16 yrs 200m Freestyle
	11 <sup>th</sup>	16 yrs 1500m Freestyle
	14 <sup>th</sup>	16 yrs 50m Freestyle

Kevin Gledhill

## Tennis

The 2004 School Tennis season was beset with weather problems. With so much rain in February the annual Inter School Fixture against Hamilton Boys' High School was cancelled.

### School Champions 2004

Seniors: David Gange  
Juniors: Quinn Rosa

### Inter School Fixtures

v Wanganui Collegiate School - Lost overall 13/5  
v Hamilton Boys' High School - Cancelled - weather conditions

### NZSS Tournament

1) v FDMC	Win 4/2
2) v Wanganui Collegiate	Win 4/2
3) v Palmerston North Boys' High School	Lost 2/4

### Super 8 Tournament

This year Super 8 was held in Tauranga in late March. NPBHS finished 4th out of 8 teams.

Results:

v Napier Boys' High School	Win 4/2
v Gisborne Boys' High School	Win 5/1
v Tauranga Boys' College	Lost by 1 set
v Hamilton Boys' High School	Lost 2/4
v Tauranga Boys' College	Lost 2/4

The Tournament was won by Hamilton Boys' High School who defeated PNBHS 5/1 in the final.

Taranaki Representatives

David Geange	16's
Pieter Van der Kooij	16's
Quinn Rosa	14's

Soffe Cup

Congratulations go to the following players who played Soffe Cup for their Clubs - this is the Premier Inter Club competition in Taranaki: Pieter Van der Kooij, Waiwaka; David Geange, Rotokare; Clint Jones, Kaponga; Quinn Rosa, Rotokare.

Volleyball: Senior A

In the Super 8 Tournament we had some good results, including wins over Gisborne Boys' High School and Hastings Boys' High School. The team had some close losses against Napier Boys', Hamilton Boys' and Palmerston Boys'.

The team finished third equal.

Two teams took part in the regional championships this year, with the A team performing with distinction by winning all five games without dropping a set. This is the second time in two years that the team has prevailed over Spotswood College.

The A team has also taken part in two invitational tournaments with a high level of success. The boys played well to win the Freyberg High School invitational tournament in Palmerston North, beating Havelock North High, Freyberg High, Wanganui High and gaining revenge against Palmerston North Boys'. Taranaki Anniversary saw the boys compete in the Stratford invitational tournament in the senior men's competition and winning this tournament with only one loss against the top Massey University club side.

The Volleyball team travelled to Tauranga to attend the championship



Tennis

Back Row: Mr W Geange, Jeffery Fong, Paddy Dempsey, Ben Aves  
Front Row: David Geange, Clint Jones, Pieter van der Kooij, David White

and the team consisted of: Aidan Kereopa (cpt), Adam Harford, Blair Prescott, , Jermaine Sassman, Mark Sherlock, Yu Ishikawa, Mathew Snowden, Thomas Fleming, Tim Lepper and Paddy Dempsey, Manager Mr. Atkins, Coach Mr. Tim Cleaver.

The team produced some good results during pool play, including wins over Champion College 3 - 0, St Pat's (Silverstream) 3 - 0. We also had 2 close losses to Aranui High School 2 - 3 before losing 2 - 3 to Westlake Boys the 2003 National Champions.

The team finished third in pool play, qualifying for Division 2 of 5 divisions. We played positive volleyball with good games against Bay of Islands College (win 3 - 1), Tauranga Boys B (win 3 - 0) and a loss to Whakatane High School (0 - 3). We also played Spotswood College in a play-off match and won 3 - 0. Our final game was a play-off for 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> place in Division 2, against St Pat's (Silverstream). We played well during the match, with a good win 3 - 0. The final result of 25<sup>th</sup> was disappointing considering that we lost only 3 games and won 6 games.

Adam Harford played very well during the week. Mathew Snowden and Blair Prescott showed good composure. Aidan was a positive role model on and off the court. Jermaine continued to develop his setting skills. Thomas developed into a good middle hitter and defensive blocker, while the other boys played solidly through-out the tournament.

Congratulations must also be accorded to (coach) Tim Cleaver who was selected for the ten-man New Zealand University Beach Volleyball Team which competed in the World-Student games in Thailand in June 2004.

We would like to thank Tim Cleaver for his technical insight and with six of the boys available for the 2005 nationals there is a positive feeling that volleyball at NPBHS is heading in the right direction.

Junior Volleyball Tournament in Napier, 2003

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November a group of 9 students, under the watchful eye of junior volleyball coach and P.E. Teacher, Mr Maaka took to the road with one destination - Napier and the North Island Secondary Schools' Junior Volleyball Tournament. The team consisted of 6 Year 10's and 3 Year 9's who were Justin Boag, KJ Kereopa, Tim Lepper, Cameron Miller, Kyle Joyce, Sean Cressy, Marcus Sweetman, Gary Hofmans, and myself.

We pulled out from the school at 9:30 with a good six hours of travelling ahead of us. Everyone's spirits were high as we played our various car games while a car kit and Tim's CD player provided some quality music.

We finally arrived at our home for the next week - Napier Boys' High School. As they had two teams in the competition we thought our stay in the hostel would be interesting, but it seemed that none of the boarders were in the teams, and they were quite friendly to us.

The opening of the competition was at a brand new stadium in Taradale, which, to the boys' delight, had a Subway sandwich outlet in it. After a few speeches and songs we signed a fair play contract.

Our first game against Wellington College we won in two sets with great help from the strong serving and all-round play from KJ and Kyle. The next game against Western Heights was a different bag as they were a team with skilled players to burn. The first set they took away from us very early on but in the second set Marcus stepped up to show the team it could be done, bringing the team within 3 of taking the set. Next up we had Otomoetai C and, being a C team, we did not think they were very skilled. However, being a strong volleyball school they put forward a strong team and came close in both sets. We had a good setting from KJ again which let us free up our front court attack and we took the game. This put us in Division 1 with all the other top teams in the competition.

Day 2 of competition saw a much harder challenge. In our first game we were up against a staunch Auckland Grammar team who were definitely not lacking height or confidence. They had also come second in the Auckland qualifying section. I think this game was our best performance

Spring Festival Week

We were blessed with fairly good weather for Spring Festival week this year, especially on the days we needed it most. Busking at lunchtime on Monday filled the school grounds with a great array of musical entertainment provided by guitarists, singers, brass quartets and cellists to name just a few. On Tuesday there was a chance for artists to put their talents to test with 'chalk on pavement', and the final round of Interhouse Debating which resulted in Syme beating Donnelly in both the senior and junior debates, and Barak beating Hatherly in both the senior and junior debates.

The lip sync and talent quest competition, which was held on Thursday, is always a popular event and we were lucky to have the talented Jordan and Ryan from Radio Works to MC and provide freebies for the eager audience. The hall certainly got rocking for this one.

On Friday the teachers were able to amuse their students by opting to dress as if another profession, supposedly 'your dream profession'. It made for a very colourful staff meeting. Interhouse music was well represented as always. It was an awesome experience for the whole school! "If it weren't for your gumboots where would you be?" indeed. Some gorgeous, and glorious farmers' wives cavorted amongst their black singleted and gumboot footed counterparts, to hilarious effect, and Reeve's cartwheeling was memorable. With the House ensemble added in Donnelly were 1<sup>st</sup> this year, followed by Hatherly, Barak and Syme.

Well done and a big thankyou to all who participated and helped to make the week a success.

Year 9 Performance Music Class

This group is made up of only Year 9 students plus our Year 13 accompanist Phillip Malcolm. Even though some of these students have never played an instrument, this group has developed very well in the last seven/eight months. They have shown their talent to many audiences. The first was at the NPBHS Open Evening, for the students going to this school next year. The second performance was on the Musical Roadshow early in the third term, playing two pieces - Regal March & Montego Bay Medley.

The performance group played yet another piece for the combined NPBHS & NPGHS Concert at the end of Term 3. Bands from both NPBHS and NPGHS also performed other pieces.

With great support from Mr Maunder, Mrs Beath and Itinerant Music Teachers, these students have the potential to be great musicians.

Brent Donnelly

Taranakian Music Honours Board

Ashley Boswell Yr 15:

Ashley attained his Royal Schools' of Music Grade 8 Piano and Violin examinations to a high standard. He was awarded the Overall Aggregate Points Winner at the NZ Modern School of Music Competitions, and awarded the Scholarship for Violin and Piano at the New Plymouth Competitions. Ashley's musical talent allowed him to be a finalist in the Musician's Award for Young Achievers. He is a valued trombone player of the ska band, Eight Orange Orchard, is a tenor singer in the school's Barbershop Quartet and Choir, plays in the Orchestra, Concert Band and Stage Band and is also the leader of the Taranaki Youth Orchestra.



Phillip Malcolm Yr 13:

Having passed Grade 8 Keyboard with Honours last year, Phillip was awarded with a Doris Swaddling Scholarship in February. In the NZMSM Competitions he gained the Keyboard Open Class for the sixth year running, and was awarded the Overall Best Performer of the Day (Trophy & Award.) In the New Plymouth Competitions, Phillip was awarded the Open Age Best Keyboard Player Scholarship and Award. He also sat his initial Teacher's Entrance exam for the NZ Modern School of Music and passed with 99%, which qualifies him to teach music privately for NZMSM. Phillip is also a valued member of the Barbershop Quartet.



Daniel Hayles Yr 11:

Daniel's ability to be multi-talented across all musical disciplines allows him to be a most valued member of the school's Barbershop Quartet, Choir, Orchestra, Concert Band and Stage Band. In the New Plymouth Competitions he was awarded first place for the Piano Solo from Memory and second in the Sonata and Quick Study sections. Daniel is studying for his Grade 8 Piano with Trinity College this year also.



Scott Jonas Yr 10:

Scott's outstanding lead vocals were awarded with the vocal runner up in the New Plymouth Competitions in July, and allowed him to pass his AMEB Grade 3 Vocal Exam with Honours. Scott is a valuable member of the choir and is the Lead Singer in our school's Barbershop Quartet along with Daniel, Phillip and Ashley.



Raynor Martin Yr 9:

After playing cornet for around eight years, Raynor was selected for the National Secondary Schools' Brass Band. Being only a Year 9 student this is outstanding. In the Central District Brass Band Association, Raynor was awarded first in the Solo Section, and in the National Brass Band Contest he was awarded fourth placing. Raynor is also the trumpet player for Ska Band Eight Orange Orchard.



Blair Campbell Yr 12:

Another talented musician, Blair sang and played flute in the New Plymouth Competitions and was runner up in the Woodwind Open Scholarship gaining first placing in numerous vocal solos.

Nimal Fernando Yr 11:

Nimal is the lead singer and guitarist for the rock band Rival State. The band placed first in the Taranaki Smokefree Rockquest regional finals, and was selected to compete in the national finals. Rival State was also awarded the 2004 Young Achievers Music Award.

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**Eight Orange Orchard:**

This enthusiastic ska Band includes William Sklenars (bass), Steven Gibbs (guitar), Ashley Boswell (trombone), Jonathan Fagg (baritone sax) and Raynor Martin (trumpet.) These boys make up five of the seven members of the band, which were placed second at the Taranaki Regional Smokefree Rockquest. The band is also scheduled to play at one of the nation's biggest music festivals, Parachute 2005, and bass player William Sklenars received a Mayor's Choice Special award for contribution to the music scene in New Plymouth at the Young Achievers' Award evening.



Eight Orange Orchard

**Zenosphere:**

This NPBHS rock band placed third overall in the regional Smokefree Rockquest. The band's members are Alex Opie (drums), Paul Gauvin (lead guitar & vocals), John Lamorena (guitar), and Shay Foster (bass guitar).



Zenosphere

**Orchestra**

The New Plymouth Boys' High School Orchestra has had a good year with the conductor, Mrs. Beath, putting in a lot of effort and passion to get the students into it. And into it they have been! The students have given up their Friday lunch times for the love of music and playing together. The orchestra played on the Boys' High Girls' High Road Show and also played in a combined concert with NP Girls' High School.

On the Road Show the orchestra combined with the orchestra from Girls' High to advertise the talent in both schools and the music that can be learnt at them. The standard at which they played 'Gypsy Dance', an arrangement for the orchestra, did this. The orchestra performed at Highlands Intermediate, Fitzroy Primary, Merrilands Primary and Mangorei Schools on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of August, entertaining the children and inspiring them to take up music.

The New Plymouth Boys' High School Orchestra has come a long way this year, having a higher standard and more members. I'm sure the interest of the students and the leadership of Mrs. Beath will see a bright future for the orchestra.

Ashley Boswell

**Junior Band**

Our NPBHS Junior Band is comprised of Year 9 and 10 students, plus the occasional extra seniors standing in on a few cold Tuesday mornings. We have varying degrees of musical experience, ranging from two to seven years of playing music.

We have enjoyed performing for various occasions throughout the year such as the Music Roadshow where we performed for intermediate and primary schools around New Plymouth. We also performed on the school Open Evening where we played for prospective boys (and their parents) who may be attending our school in the future. We were also involved with the annual Combined Concert put on by NPBHS and NPGHS music students for friends, family and the public.

Our repertoire is a broad one with a range of styles of music being played, including Jazz and Popular tunes. We have made great progress over the year but this is not without the odd hiccup here and there - broken instruments a plenty and even broken limbs. But despite these minor misfortunes "the band played on." Of course, this band could not have taken place without the hard work and dedication of our highly experienced conductor, Mr Stewart Maunder.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement in this band over the year and would recommend the Junior Band to any junior who plays music and has a good interest in playing in a band setting.

Cameron Gubb

**Concert Band**

This year the Concert Band has had an excellent year of learning and playing music. Although there was no playing in competitions, the year has been very productive musically.

The first endeavour was our yearly exchange with Hamilton Girls' High School, spending three days and two nights practising for the evening concert on the last day. The standard of the boys' playing really lifted that of the girls' and a brilliant concert was produced. A good time was had by all.

The next highlight of the year was the Musical Road Show on which many bands from Boys' High and New Plymouth Girls' High played for the younger generation at various schools around New Plymouth. The band played exceptionally well to the excited audience.

Our final performance was at the combined Girls' High/Boys' High concert. This was an excellent way to cap off the year.

I would like to thank our conductor and mentor, Mr Stewart Maunder. Without his help and encouragement to do that little bit more practice we wouldn't be at the standard that we are. Lastly, good luck to those who are leaving us at the end of the year, and we hope that your musical career will continue.

Jonathan Fagg

**Choir**

Choir kicked off with a burst at the beginning of the year, welcoming the new third formers, and welcoming an experienced, well respected accompanist, Ms Amanda Henry. We started with some well known tunes like "Java Jive" and "Leaning on a Lamppost", singing along every Wednesday after Period 4, running on into lunchtime.

Our first major performance for the year was with Hamilton Girls' High School on our annual exchange with them. We sang a medley "Music Shall Live" as a massed choir, accompanied by the combined HGHS and NPBHS Concert Bands, which they did to a fine standard.

The arrival of Palmerston North Boys' High School was long awaited amongst our choir members. With them bringing their "O.K. Chorale" and 60+ choir members, this was our biggest sing-out yet. We sang a Latin song "Vitrum Nostrum Gloriosum" followed by "Longer",



Orchestra



Junior Band



Concert Band

"Something", accompanied by the great Mr Harry Brown, and finally a Negro spiritual "The Lord He Is My Shepherd" accompanied by myself. This event was the most enjoyed among those at both Palmerston North and us, having such a high standard of performance.

Our final performance for the year was at the annual combined NPBHS and NPGHS music concert, where we sang a massed item that we had sung earlier in the year, "Music Shall Live" and the Manhattan Transfer classic "Java Jive" with the girls outnumbering us nearly four to one.

The choir would like to pass on their thanks to Mrs Beath for conducting and to Ms Amanda Henry and Mr Harry Brown for their superb accompanying for us throughout the year, and I wish the choir best of luck for the future as I depart at the end of the year.

Phillip Malcolm



Choir

Sax Quartet

The Oxford Dictionary defines quartet as: "a composition for four performers, or any group of four." Yeah Right. The 2004 New Plymouth Boys High Saxophone Quartet had five members - Jono Fagg, Andrew Raynes, Ashley Boswell, Matthew Harrop and last but not least, Hannah Bain of NPGHS. After coming to terms with our identity crisis we had a very enjoyable year, wowing audiences with our tried and trusted repertoire which included favourites such as "Moonglow", "Blue Monk" and "Crazy Fifth", and Andrew Raynes' personal favourite, "When I'm 64".

This year was one of the best we have had with multiple chances to show off our musical talent, as well as learning a handful of new pieces. Some standard and others not so. We played at many events and concerts including Blind Society, end of year concert, Hamilton Girls', and Palmerston North Boys' concerts. But the highlight was playing at the Jazz Club in August.

Finally I would like to thank our conductor Mr Stewart Maunder for his endless work behind the scenes and for his tutoring throughout the year. Also farewell to Matthew and Ashley who are leaving at the end of the yet.

Jonathan Fagg and Matthew Harrop



Barbershop Quartet

The NPBHS Barbershop Quartet was finally given a name in Term 3 this year. By a member of the public, it was aptly named Crysiz in Harmony.

The year started off a bit shakily having to search for a new lead, tenor and baritone after the departures of Nick Landrigan, Shawn Redpath and Blair Campbell. Fortunately we soon found three keen musicians, and employed Ashley Boswell in the tenor position, Scott Jonas in the lead, and Daniel Hayles in the baritone, with me being the only member from 2002 singing bass. We still keep singing our two all-time favourites, "Wild Irish Rose", and "Coney Island Baby"; and under instruction and coaching from tutor Mrs Pat Green, we have pulled together another five songs this year, "Bill Grogan's Goat", "Good Ol' Summertime", "Take Me out to the Ball Game", "Give Me a Barbershop Song", and "Twelve Days of Christmas-The Barbershop Parody".

We rehearse every Tuesday at lunchtime, which is a well needed practice due to the excessive amounts of public performances we have done this year, including singing for Mr Prasad's lady friend as a gift on Valentines Day, singing in the mid-winter Christmas led by Gabrielle Barr, singing at a Ladies' Club meeting at St Mary's, singing at the Blind Society, and finally for Santa Rosa Country Club. Not to forget the annual NPBHS & NPGHS combined concert and NPBHS Prize giving.

Finally, as a message from Ashley and me, good luck to the quartet for next year as we depart. Keep up that barbershop spirit and those awesome harmonies, and we hope to sing with you all again at some stage of our lives. Good Luck.

Also a huge thanks to our tutor, Mrs Pat Green for her superb coaching, and to Lindsay for her extra help in getting our songs learnt.

Phillip Malcolm



Phillip, Daniel, Scott and Ashley

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Stage Band

Stage Band 2004 was a big year for the troops. Under the conduction of legendary jazzman, Mr Stewart Maunder, the band has reached a higher level of playing than ever before, playing brand new pieces such as "Two Seconds to Midnight", "Them Changes", "Come Together", and "Comin' Home Baby."

The band has played at the TSB Showplace in addition to the "Living Harmony" Choir, and also performed at the New Plymouth Jazz Club at their annual High School Band afternoon during August. The Stage Band also competed in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools' Band competition in Hamilton, and with the help of screaming alto saxophonist, Matthew Harrop, guitar gods, John Lamorena and Paul Gauvin (a.k.a The Paul Gauvin Experience), our golden girls Hannah Watson, Hannah Bain, and Helen Riley, and a pre-contest jam that proved to be the secret weapon, they came away with a Gold Medal and the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Best Band Award. To top off the year, Stage Band played at the Boys' and Girls' High School combined concert, and the Senior Prizegiving.

Many thanks to the outstanding efforts of Ashley Boswell, Matthew Harrop, and Phillip Malcolm, for being in the band since 2002, and to Hannah Watson, Siman Azeez, James "Zimmerframe" Zimmerman, who will be leaving the band at the end of this year to pursue further education.

Daniel Hayles



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Nga Manu Korero Speech Contest

"He aha te Kai o te Rangitira. He kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero!"

*"What motivates the challenged or chiefly mind, it is the ability of speech. It is the articulation of thought. It is knowledge!"*

The National Manu Kōrero Speech Contest 2004 was held in Palmerston North from 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> September. New Plymouth Boys' High School was there again due to the oratorical ability and skills of Rangiwahia (Rangi) Tohia-Wano.

This is the second year in a row that Rangi has represented the high schools in the Taranaki-Wanganui region. To represent a region a speaker must first win their regional contest, which Rangi had achieved in early June at Te Pīpīnga Kakano mai i Rangiatea Kura Kaupapa Māori.

To be a realistic competitor in the Senior Māori section, the speaker must deliver a 12 minute prepared speech first and then later in the day give an impromptu speech of 3 minutes. Rangi entertained with his impromptu speech about which was *better*, women who wear moko on their chins or women without moko. He compared the beauty of Jennifer Lopez to the beauty of his grandmother who wears the moko. His Nan was sitting in the audience laughing along with us!

At the time of writing this report, the final placings in Rangi's section had not been announced. However the standard and styles of speakers around the country was exceptional. The judges have a very hard task every year and this year is not different.

Whether Rangi is placed or not, we as a school have been proud and fortunate to have had Rangi as a positive māori role model of bi-culturalism.

Ngā mihi ki ā koe Rangi. He rawe tō mahi mō tō kura, mō tō rohe, me tō whanau whanui.





**Debating**

This year's debating has been quite quiet with many of our key senior debaters away on overseas commitments. So, we battled with a young, but reasonably experienced team.

**Wellington College**

Plagued by the absence of key members of the senior debating team, Andrew Raynes and Sam Tait gently persuaded Greg Severinsen that it was time for him to experience his first competitive debate. Thankfully, Greg agreed with this, and he joined the team for the winning debate against Wellington College, taking the affirmative on the moot "That whale meat should be on the menu."

**Super 8 Cultural Competition**

Once again there were members of our senior team missing, so we, Andrew and Sam, had to rope in the services of another new member. This time the recruit took the shape of Zac Bingham, competing in his first ever debate. Despite losing in the first round to Tauranga Boys' High, the team did themselves proud, putting together a tight and amusing debate. Zac surprised us all by gaining the honour of Best Speaker, the adjudicator commenting, quite accurately, on his "jaunty cynicism".

A junior team also came along on this trip; Tusha Sharma, William Sklenars and Iain Zealand. Although these boys had all competed in the house debating competitions, it was their first away debate. Like the senior boys, the junior team bowed out in the first round against Napier Boys' High, but just like the senior team, William Sklenars took out Best Speaker with his passionate and foot stamping speech!

There are some very talented young men coming up through the school, and debating looks like it should be going from strength to strength.

Thanks heaps guys for all the work that you have put in this year, some of you at very short notice.

**Chess**

Chess is played socially during Utility Period in the middle terms of the year. The boys are of varying levels, ranging from beginners to advanced. We have been very grateful to the New Plymouth Chess Club, and in particular to Bob Bowler and Peter Heiloo, who have given considerable time to coaching our team.



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**Central North Island Tournament**

New Plymouth Boys' High School played the 2000-year-old mind game of chess competing in the Central North Island Chess Tournament at Southwell School in Hamilton earlier this year.

The school team (consisting of Matthew Vaughan (captain), Tony Zhu, Lee Wilson and Tushar Sharma) left at 5am to travel to Hamilton. Mr Wilson kindly took the team there and back. It was a challenging day, with a five match round robin. Matthew played a senior student who had just returned from the World Junior Chess Tournament in Greece (slightly daunting!!!!). We got to meet and talk to students from other schools and it was a very enjoyable day, if not slightly taxing.

**Taranaki Secondary Schools Tournament**

This tournament was organised by two very keen parents, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Andrews, in our school library on a Sunday afternoon. The organisers went to considerable lengths to make this event a truly enjoyable one. Afternoon tea and interactive displays were set up for players and spectators. Thirty competitors from six schools participated, including a team from Welbourn Primary, and played in a five round Swiss Tournament, with a New Plymouth Boys' High School team winning. Our teams were as follows:

- 1) Matthew Vaughan (captain), Tony Zhu, Lee Wilson, Tushar Sharma (1<sup>st</sup>, 18.5 points)
- 2) Paul Andrews (captain), Andrew Darney, Ryan Koorts, Matthew Hancock (3<sup>rd</sup>, 12 points)
- 3) Harley Bracken, Evan Andrews and players from Spotswood and Inglewood (2<sup>nd</sup>, 14.5 points)

Mr Wilson carved a superb trophy of kauri as well as making small plaster tiles as awards for each of the top three teams.

**Coke Smokefree Rock Quest**

This year's lineup was dominated by musicians from Boys' High. There were seventeen entries in the Taranaki Regionals, and eight were ours. The students presented a greater range of music types than ever, from Rap to Rock to Ska. New Plymouth Boys' High dominated the prize ceremony too: Nimal Fernando (lead guitar & vocals) from 'Rival State' won 1<sup>st</sup> place. 'Eight Orange Orchard' our ska band came 2<sup>nd</sup>, also winning the Best Stage Image Award and the MAINZ Musicianship Award. William Sklenars (bass), Steven Gibbs (guitar), Ashley Boswell (trombone), Jonathan Fagg (baritone sax) and Raynor Martin (trumpet). 'Zenosphere' came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Paul Gauvin (guitar & vocals), John Lamorena (lead guitar), Alex Opie (drums) and Shay Foster (bass). The Lyric Writing Title was taken by Ryan Koorts.

**'Eight Orange Orchard' Rock Quest**

The band 'Eight Orange Orchard' was the brainchild of guitarist Steven Gibbs and bass player, William Sklenars. In early March I said to Steven, "Let's make a Rock Quest band" and Steven, who was thinking on the same wavelengths, agreed that it would be a good thing to do. So, a week later we had formed a four piece 'death metal' band with two guys from Francis Douglas. Over the weeks leading up to Rock Quest we progressed slowly and wrote some extremely morbid music. Steven and I were unsure if this was the direction we wanted to head, and about one month before the competition, the band fell apart due to the Francis Douglas guys not being able to commit. So, Steven and I were left without a band. We still knew we were entering the Rock Quest. We just needed to find our band!

After failing at 'death metal' Steven and I decided to try our hand at 'ska'. Into the band we introduced the solid trombone and composing skills of Ashley Boswell and the wicked, impossible, trumpet melodies of Raynor



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Martin. Later we introduced the cool lyrics of Rachel Helms (NPGHS), the insane drum groove of Jacob Randal, the rock solid tunes of Jonathon Fagg on bari sax and the band's name, 'Eight Orange Orchard'. Immediately I knew that this band would be a hit and after we wrote our first song, 'Donkey Song' we were psyched. In the week coming up to the Taranaki Regionals we had to put in some hard work to get up to the Taranaki standard, and also to come up with our second song. After this, Steven and the band and I felt confident that we could go in and do our best to make the night a good show.

Finally, 28 May arrived and we had our chance to show Taranaki our fresh new sound. We arrived at the Rock Quest with high spirits only to find out that we were to be the last band to play. This suited us just fine as by the time 'Eight Orange Orchard' hit the stage, the crowd was well warmed up and ready. Finally, after three hours sitting down stairs in the green room, and multiple warm-ups, it was our turn. 'Eight Orange Orchard' hit the stage and started what was to be a high energy, tight, performance all round. Accompanied by a behind the back bass solo on my part, and an insane drum solo by Jacob, where the rest of the band emptied huge cartons of orange balloons over the crowd, our performance earned us the 'Coke Stage Image' award, the 'MAINZ Musicianship' scholarship award for Jacob and all up second place to 'Rival State'.

The Rock Quest was a huge success and a massive buzz for the 17 bands entered. Ever since the Taranaki Regionals, 'Eight Orange Orchard' have been developing our sound to come up with the original ska / reggae sound we have now and I thank the band members for their commitment. 'Eight Orange Orchard' is to appear at the Christian music festival 'Parachute' in January 2005.

William Sklenars



Take it away, Mr Hannah



Raynor Martin on the trumpet

### Speech Finals

The Speech Finals were held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September in the staffroom at 7pm. After the showing at the Year 9 semi finals, it was obvious that it would be an evening of excellent speeches and entertainment. And the Year 9 speakers did indeed set a very high standard for the others to follow. First, Daniel Tsui explained the Chaos Theory to us, making us aware that the consequences of something so small as taking an undersized fish may have, eventually, repercussions of a global nature, Carl Garrett explained that lettuce is toxic to adolescents, (2<sup>nd</sup> place) Julian Aim invited us to take a ticket on the train of 'the crazy, embarrassing things that boys do to impress girls', (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Jonathon Polwell described the dilemma of living for today or taking responsibility for tomorrow, (1<sup>st</sup>).

Anthony Raynor's surreal description of wakeboarding was indeed a welcome to his world, while Scott Honeyfield's description of bad habits, delivered in a crocodile hunter twang and Aussie hat, was truly a negative warning, (3<sup>rd</sup>). Next, Jason Holden delivered a dramatic story of a trip in his father's Ford and the consequences of speed, (1<sup>st</sup> place) and James Tate explained that homework is only possible with the aid of computers, (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Next up was Year 11. Their task was to persuade us to a point of view. Descriptively, and with skilful use of voice, Daniel Fleming, straight from a day at the Around the Lake relay at Wanganui, convinced us that there is no sense in exercising in a gym when you could be outdoors, (3<sup>rd</sup>). Paul Meuli, who practices verbal communication consistently, explained that txtng - yes, txtng - is leading to the demise of the English language, (1<sup>st</sup> place and overall best speaker of the evening). Lee Wilson described a reality where teachers would be replaced by personalised, patient and



portable computers, which was less unpalatable than imagined (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Iain Zealand spoke on obesity, and we finally discovered a benefit of eating lettuce.

Lastly the seniors spoke. Chris Cree-Butler told us that reality TV has definitely gone too far, with convincing, frighteningly ludicrous examples of what is already broadcast and a tantalising glimpse of his own idea for 'the tallest date' programme, (1<sup>st</sup> place). Andrew Raynes alliteratively convinced us that the poisoned pustules of propaganda make Speeches the greatest threat to society, (3<sup>rd</sup>). Michael Stevens explained that manipulative fashion megalomaniacs have to be stopped. Zac Bingham used repetition to effect in his cynical assessment of 'how things were different in [his] grandfather's day', and that our society is on a slippery slide into moral oblivion (2<sup>nd</sup> Place). Finally Greg Severinson pointed out that it is dangerous to eat, that food kills, and even the lettuce leaf became a terror again.

Thank you to Mrs Sklenars for the wonderful organisation and especially to the two adjudicators, Marie Gibbs, from Toastmasters and David Bott, a local lawyer, for their expertise, helpful feedback and their time. Thank you, entertainers - it was a great night.

### Zac's Speech on the night

"In my Granddad's day, things were different."

*In my Granddad's day, things were different.* Life was tough, healthcare was terrible, comb-overs were fashionable, vintage cars were new, and of course - everything was in black and white. But despite this, people worked hard, fought for what they believed in, and sacrificed themselves so we might have a better life. My Granddad tells me he used to walk thirty miles to school in the snow everyday, barefoot, because his family couldn't afford to buy him shoes. Today, if a child is walking to school without any shoes, it is more likely that someone has stolen them, or the child has traded them for hardcore drugs. Yes, New Zealand is on a slippery slide to moral oblivion.



Speech finalists: top and bottom



*In my Granddad's day, things were different. Smack was something you got from your mother when you were naughty.* Today, our country is badly behaved. A systematic softening of the judicial system has seen a growing disregard for the rules. Convicted murderers getting pathetic sentences, paedophiles being placed in housing near schools, and offenders committing crimes while out on parole all seem par for the course. And what can be done about it? Not nearly enough. You see today, even a slap around the knuckles with a wet bus ticket is likely to hurt the feelings of a convicted murderer. This will, in turn, result in huge compensation payments, and a law requiring all bus tickets to be waterproof.

*In my Granddad's day, things were different. Cold turkey was something you had on your sandwiches.* Today, however, the parents of young people don't seem to care enough to make them a sandwich worth eating. Young people suffer like never before due to a break up of the family unit. Nowadays, the norm of a mum, a dad and 2.7 children, is becoming more like the exception to the rule. Some people just have a mum, some people just have a dad, and some people have two mums, or two dads, some people have no parents at all. Regardless, what has come out of this reorganisation is a distinct lack of influence and input into young people's lives. Boys especially suffer from the lack of a male role model.

*In my Granddad's day, things were different. Using wireless technology equated to the family gathering around the transistor radio and listening to Frank Sinatra.* Today, what we listen to still influences our bad behaviour. Rap music is performed by artists who were poor, from the ghettos of America and substance abusers. Rap music and the popular culture it promotes is a direct cause of moral disintegration. Rap artists such as 50cent, Snoop doggy dog, Dr.Dre, and Ice Cube, constantly urge us to shoot each other, beat each other up, and do untold things to ya momma. This can do nothing but add to the lack of morality we see today.

*In my Granddad's day, things were different. The root of all evil occurred when a pig got into your vegetable garden.* Today, television is the root of all evil. It is possibly the greatest and most powerful influence of our time. To watch television, is to understand why people lack a sense of right and wrong these days. On any single night, television dishes up murder, drugs and other criminal behaviour. Television glamorises these abhorrent acts, and attempts to convince us that they are cool things to do. Examples of such programmes are: Crime dramas, like CSI, SVU, NCIS, Silent Witness, Third Watch and Cold Case. Movies such as The Terminator - which promote destruction and gory deaths, and reality shows such as NZ Idol, I'm sure makes people want to rebel, maim, and kill.

*In my Granddad's day, things were different. A hero parade involved Superman and Wonder Woman.* Today, it would appear that the stereotypical heroes we aspire to are more often than not anything but role models. Case in point, Sarah Mc Ulmer. We all shed a tear during her performance at the Olympics, but beneath the triumph, lies a sinister corporation. Yes, Sarah is a slave to the golden arches of old McDonalds. Her surge in popularity is bound to see increasing numbers of young people devouring happy meals and deep fried salads, because to quote her directly, "I'm loving it". A role model promoting a corporation that feeds the growing problem of obesity is surely a sign of a country lacking morals.

*In my Granddad's day, things were different. Getting stoned only happened to bad people in the bible.* Today, it is obvious that our country is on a slippery slide to moral oblivion. We are stupider, poorer, fatter, and more violent and suicidal than ever before. This is because we are constantly urged to go to the dark-side by our peers, television, bad-ass rappers, and lack the safety nets of parental guidance and strong role modelling that used to be the corner stone on New Zealand society. It will take many years and huge government investment to combat the moral decline. There are already many groups, both government and private, that aim to improve the conditions of our country. But they alone are still not enough. It will take the combined effort of each and every one of us to turn the tide of moral disintegration. But if we work together, it can be done. So one day, our children will yet again walk to school with their shoes firmly on.

Zac Bingham

London International Youth Science Forum

From the 28<sup>th</sup> of July to the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2004, the LIYSF was held in London. I left New Zealand on the 26<sup>th</sup>, so as to have a couple of days to get over my jetlag before the Forum began, arriving in England after a 26 hour flight to be greeted by my Great Aunt and Uncle, who had this strange habit of offering me a cup of tea every twenty minutes.

The forum began on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>. I waved goodbye to my dear, tea-skulling relatives and boarded a train for London. After arriving at Euston Square station I managed to work my way to the front of the taxi rank and board one of the strangely shaped black taxis that line London's streets. After a short ride I arrived at the university hall of residence where I would be staying for the next two weeks - international geek camp.

The very next day we had our first lecture on cancer research and possible avenues for future cures. The following day was a lecture on forensic science, a topic much more interesting to me, where the lecturer had pictures of various body parts such as feet, hands and hairlines, and we had to pick whether they were from a male or female! We had been given two cards at the start of the lecture, pink and blue, and when prompted we had to hold up our choice for which gender the body part came from - it was remarkable to see that consistently, the room was split almost 50/50. The purpose of this was to show how even a simple thing like gender identification can be very difficult if you do not have all the body parts!

There were three particularly memorable lectures: first, the science of soap bubbles. The lecturer brought on to the stage a huge tub of bubble mixture, and proceeded to blow a vast number of bubbles, even blowing bubbles within bubbles, and filling some bubbles with coloured smoke! The relevance of this lecture to science was that soap films can be used to model chemical bond angles, as they will always occupy the smallest surface area possible, and hence the folds in the soap film will represent the bond if a bubble is made in the net of a three dimensional shape!

The next lecture of great note was the joint one on Hydrogen fuel cell technology and helicopter physics. An interesting fact is that to make a helicopter go forward you actually tilt the rotor to the left, as the rotation of the blades causes the torque to act at 90° to the direction of the force.

The last lecture, and perhaps the most memorable, was the lecture on photochemistry. The lecturer turned out all the lights in the lecture theatre and mixed different chemicals which glowed brightly in the dark. He explained how glow sticks work, and also why keeping those pieces of glow jewelry in the freezer makes them last longer! He made all of this more memorable by painting himself with glow paint under his shirt, and once the lights were out, he removed his shirt and began to put on the various pieces of glow jewelry, much to the amusement of everyone in the lecture theatre!

As well as the lectures, all forum participants enjoyed a host of social activities, ranging from cultural sing-alongs to the great train race, where we had to find places around London using the underground as transport.

But after all this it was sadly time for the forum to come to an end. After lugging my broken-wheeled suitcase to Heathrow and 26 hours of no-legroom-at-all flying I arrived back in New Zealand to find that here the air actually tasted good.

The forum was certainly a very memorable two weeks, and if you are ever presented with the opportunity to go, do not hesitate to take it. Just be sure and take something to drink so you don't get stuck with tea.

Andrew Mills



World School 2003

Towards the end of October 2003, a group of 6<sup>th</sup> form students from NPBHS got on a plane bound for Japan and the World School international forum. Michael, Reuben and I, accompanied by Ms French, all somewhat unsure what to expect when we arrived, left for a 34 hour trip to Japan. At Narita airport in Tokyo, we had four hours to fill before our transport to Katsuura campus, where most of the conference would be held; we spent this time exploring the mammoth airport, and the vast complex of shops which it contained. After enjoying our first taste of authentic Japanese cuisine, we somewhat sleepily boarded the bus to Katsuura, already looking forward to being able to rest once we arrived.

At Katsuura, we were greeted by a crowd of smiling Japanese students, who took us for a tour around the campus, Blueberry Hill. This serves as a five-star resort when not in use by Kanto High School, with picturesque grounds and many areas ideal for socialising during our free time each evening with the other students attending World School.

The next day we spent our time getting to know our fellow students through a series of games and exercises designed to relax us and introduce us to each other. There were students from 25 different countries at World School 2003, so this equated to a lot of new people for us to meet, and names to remember. That afternoon we attended the official opening ceremony for the conference, and later that night attended our first lecture there. The following day we received an outline of our real purpose for coming to Japan; to discuss ideas on citizenship, the topic for the year, after which we spent the afternoon visiting a Japanese intermediate school, and taking part in different activities such as judo and calligraphy. That night we were briefed on what was sure to be one of the most memorable parts of the trip; staying with a host family in Tokyo for five days.

Most of the next day was spent sightseeing around Tokyo, before we arrived at Kanto International Senior High School to meet our Tokyo hosts. After another impressive welcoming ceremony we left to see our new homes. For most students this meant a 1-2 hour trip home by car or



Alexandri & Andrew



Across the Thames at night



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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subway just to get home, making this the most full-on day of the trip yet. Our time over the next three days was divided between visiting more of Tokyo with our Japanese families and attending the International festival at Kanto. Each country set up a display designed to teach others about their country and customs, answered any questions that we might have, and gave a traditional performance from their culture. This left us twice standing in front of a large crowd of Japanese students and parents, as well as the representatives from other countries, wearing very little and performing the NPBHS haka. This proved to be one of the most popular performances of the festival, and we were frequently asked to perform it yet again.

The homestay proved to be one of the most rewarding parts of our time in Japan, as it allowed us to immerse ourselves in Japanese culture more thoroughly than we ever could have otherwise. On our final night we said goodbye to our Tokyo families and after a sports day between Kanto High School and the World School students next morning, we once again boarded the buses heading back to Katsuura.

The day after leaving Tokyo we began at last to work on our main task for the conference; deciding on ways to provide knowledge about citizenship, and what this knowledge should be. Although this took up most of our day, each night we had activities to keep us entertained, be it a Japanese culture night, time in the campus' mineral pools, or demonstrating the haka yet again.

On the final day of the conference each group presented their ideas on citizenship to the other students, then we attended a tree-planting ceremony, and a very moving farewell dinner, where we each received a graduation certificate, before taking time to try to say goodbye to the host of new friends we had made. After a very short night, we were up at 4am to travel back to Tokyo for the last time, returning to Narita airport to catch our flight home.

On the way home we enjoyed a day-long stopover in Singapore, seeing as much as we could in the time we had left, visiting the various cultural



Michael and Mathew with hosts

and ethnic areas of the city. Our time at World School had changed our perceptions of other cultures, and this gave us a greater appreciation of Singapore and its peoples. On our flight back to New Zealand we finally had time for the experiences we had enjoyed over the last two weeks time to sink in.

We would like to thank Ms French and Mrs Atkinson for providing this opportunity to represent New Zealand at World School, as well as Mr French-Wright and the NPBHS school council for their help in providing us with the means to be a part of this experience. I would recommend that absolutely anyone interested in learning more about other cultures and people do everything they can attend World School, because this is one experience which can never be repeated; the friends you make and the memories you gain will be with you for the rest of your life.

### Global young Leaders Conference

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, six NPBHS students; Matthew Landrigan, Cody Langlands, Harry Moores, Alex Opie, Gavin Roper and Matt Ander were privileged to attend a Global Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C and New York.

The first week we were based at the George Washington University Campus. There, we were assigned room mates and split into country groups, for which we stayed with for the remainder of the conference. The week in Washington was one of busy nature. We visited numerous war memorials, embassies, many museums and really enjoyed everything that Washington had to offer, including visits to the White House, Capitol Hill and the Smithsonian Museum. The days were long, waking at 6am and in bed by 2am, which saw us make the most of the time we had. One of the major features and highlights of the trip were the people. With over 90 countries represented during the conference, there were a lot of interesting people from various cultures and backgrounds. A total of 350 students participated from all around the world which made the conference such a unique and remarkable event. We attended 3 speeches whilst in Washington which were all influential in their own rights. Within our country groups we had leadership building exercises, debates, and real life simulations. Some topics that were covered included the World Trade Organisation, International Monetary Fund, peace and security and Department of State. We gained a greater understanding of our countries for which we were assigned, and realised just how small New Zealand is in relation to the rest of the world. After a week in the capital we bussed through Philadelphia and on to New York. Some of the highlights in New York were China Town, Little Italy, The Empire State Building, Ground Zero, Times Square, the Phantom of the Opera, the United Nations, Statue



Alex, Cody, Harry, Matt, Gavin and Matt

of Liberty and an evening cruise on the Hudson River. On the journey home we had a break from an intense two weeks sleeping 10 out of the 12 hours on the flight. We thoroughly recommend this unique experience to anyone who has the opportunity in the future.

### Model United Nations Report

by Greg Severinsen

This year only one delegate was sent to the National Model United Nations Conferences, held in Wellington. It was a thoroughly enjoyable conference, with over 200 Year 11, 12 and 13 students attending. The three day event involved students representing an assigned country in debate, in forming alliances and in behind the scenes lobbying. Not surprisingly, the list of UN member states was exhausted due to the popularity of MUN, and some had to settle for representing International Organisations such as UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund).

I was lucky enough to be chosen as the delegate for Sweden, a country remarkably similar to our own. Sweden's high taxes and government



involvement in public life means it even surpasses New Zealand in terms of healthcare and economic power. The fact that Sweden is also generous in giving multilateral and bilateral aid to developing UN states gave me the enviable position of being able to put pressure on the delegates from the USA and Russia, and being able to receive much applause from poorer African nations. Indeed the only disappointment in playing this role was that I had to gently break the news that I was not blonde, female, or part of a beach volleyball team. Thankfully no one broke diplomatic ties because of this.

The Conference started on July 4, and the first day was taken up by listening to keynote speakers on the general theme: The Freedom From Want. This involved aims for dramatic reductions in world poverty by the year 2015, and it set the scene for the following two days. We were even lucky enough to be spoken to by the Prime Minister, Helen Clark, at Parliament Buildings.

The following day, the delegates were split up into Committees. I was placed in the World Health Organisation, in which four resolutions were discussed, amended and then all passed. These resolutions varied in content from the question of human genomics, to the questions of global diet and sexual health. Debate often became heated, and a highlight of the session came when the delegate for South Korea had an identity crisis, declared nuclear war on all present and stormed out of the room!

And what United Nations Conference would be complete without a ball. Tuesday night's formal was a chance to relieve international tension (or forget it entirely) and have fun. Iraq danced the night away with the USA, China and Vietnam laughed together, and New Zealand even managed to share a meal with Australia. My advice to the countries of the world – turn the UN Security Council into one large dance party.

But once the dancing was over, it was yet again time to get down to business. This came in the form of the General Assembly held the following day in the conference room of the Duxton Hotel. Four new resolutions were introduced and arguments flared across the floor. Placards waved, protests roared and applause rang out. Thankfully no one threatened nuclear war again. A good time was had by all. Finally it was time to leave. Enemies embraced like old friends, and even exchanged emails.

National MUN 2004 was an amazing experience and I encourage anyone who gets the chance to sign up for the conference next year to go for it. MUN encourages empathy, awareness and above all it is a lot of fun. I would like to take this chance to thank the organisers of the conference and also the Swedish Consulate of New Zealand for their invaluable help. If there is one thing I learned from my three days as a delegate from Sweden, it is that the future of the United Nations is in good hands.

## Cellphone Calls From Mt Doom

(alias Year 12 Outdoor Education Week)

Transcripts of a student's phonecalls home

**Monday**

Hi Dad, it's cold up here, minus 6 degrees and it's only 7.30 at night. We have just finished cooking dinner, and have crawled into our tents and sleeping bags for the night. We are camping on this huge flat area of snow called South Crater. If I look one way there is the long ridge leading up to Mt Tongariro, on the other side is Mt Ngaruahoe, which I have been told is Mt Doom from 'Lord of the Rings'. I might try and look out for some Hobbits. We had a two and a half hour walk to get here, including a steep climb up onto the crater. The views are great though, especially the sunset over Mt Taranaki, which looked real close. Bye for now.

**Tuesday**

Well it got down to minus ten degrees last night. My drink bottle and boots froze so I had to warm them up in the sun. Boy the sun felt good. The sun made the day feel quite warm, though when it went behind a cloud it felt cold again. Today I climbed the North Island's fourth highest peak, Mt Tongariro. We had to follow a long ridge right around, with some bits icy and challenging. We had to keep away from the cornice at the edge at places. The highlight for me was the long bum slide down into South Crater from the top of the ridge, with the PVC brigade getting some serious speed. The other highlight was getting assessed on, and practising, our snow and ice axe skills that we had been taught earlier this term. We had a neat time sitting in the late afternoon sun, cooking our dinner, melting snow for water, before climbing back into the tent to escape the cold. Still no sign of Hobbits. However we did build a wall of snow around our cooking area, which we could all sit around on, sort of a bit like the fellowship of the ring. Bye for now.

**Wednesday**

It was only minus 6 degrees last night. Today we packed up all our gear, then went for a climb up a small peak on the rim overlooking South Crater. We had to follow a narrow ridge at the end, with big drop offs on either side, so had to be very careful. Then we descended to below the snowline, walked around the base of Ngaruahoe, and bush bashed up a ridge to a camping spot near a tarn, which is a small lake. We had to make some big decisions today... which route to take to the tarn, where to best site our tent, and who was to carry the poo tube because we had to carry all our toilet waste out with us. Unfortunately Marty missed the discussion about the third decision and kindly volunteered. It is much more comfortable camping out of the snow, especially with this awesome weather. We saw another great sunset. Still no Hobbits though. However



Yr 12 Outdoor Education take in the view - Mt Ngaruahoe



Alpine camping on South Crater, Tongariro



Map and compass work



our campsite overlooks the Chateau, and we saw lots of flash cars going up to the skifield. They probably belong to Aucks. Bye for now.

**Thursday**

Hi Dad. It was only 0 degrees last night, enough though to cover our tents with ice, and freeze the porridge soaking overnight. Today was our big navigation assessment day. We cruised around over the sub alpine scrub collecting features, aiming off, orientating, locating positions, doing resections, following bearings and using handrails. It was hard work but the weather and views made it all worth it. Our group also went up and had a look at one of the Tama Lakes. It was great fun putting all the theory we had learned in class into practice. Still no sign of Hobbits though. I am starting to go a bit Sauron this idea of looking for them.

**Friday**

Hi Dad, just a brief call to let you know I will be home by about 4.00 this afternoon. Today we packed up early and walked out to the vans via a few navigation exercises. We are all pretty weary, and I am a bit disappointed not to have spotted any Hobbits. I was probably doomed to failure from the start. Bye for now.

**Y13 History Fieldtrip**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, seventeen members of the 7<sup>th</sup> form history class, along with Mr Wild and Mr Vernon, arrived bright and early at school ready for three days of solid research at the Auckland Museum. Shane Nielsen managed to get the right day on his second attempt, having turned up in mufti ready to roll the day before. We travelled up in a small bus which made for an excited, yet apprehensive atmosphere.

On the way we stopped briefly at Rangariri Pa Site to learn about the New Zealand wars and the major battle that occurred there. We watched a short video on the history of the area. By late afternoon, we had arrived at the Kiwi International Hotel and were free to explore the sights and sounds of downtown Auckland, with most people going to check out what was on at the movies.



Summit Ridge - Mt Tongariro

Bright and early the next morning I was woken by Clay Elgar standing at the door with a camera, hoping to catch me in a half-asleep state. We set off for the Auckland Museum after breakfast where we would spend the next two days attempting to find information for our 3.1 and 3.2 assessments. We spent time in the main research library, the armoury and the Scars on the Heart permanent exhibition which were all extremely useful in our research. I must thank the staff of Auckland museum for coping with seventeen teenage males and our never-ending need for change in 20c coins for photocopying. That night, after a solid day of hunting at the museum, we were given a lecture by one of NZ's leading scholars, Mr James Froot, on Elizabethan England. This occurred around a pool table in the lobby of the hotel as we were not able to use the room we had originally intended.

The following day we packed our gear into the bus and hit the museum once again for a final assault on the wealth of information it had to offer. In the early afternoon we began heading home, with a dinner stop in Te Kuiti.

The trip was a great success. We all came home with a vast array of useful items to help us gain the best marks possible in the internal assessments. The quality of an assignment with a museum research component is unparalleled. I would like to thank both Mr Wild and Mr Vernon for risking their sanity for our benefit. Cheers also must go out to our bus driver, who braved the unenviable task of spending more than ten hours in a bus with us. It was a wonderful experience, and I trust the class of 2005 will continue the tradition in style.

**Year 13 Geography Trip To Thailand**

The 2004 Year 13 Trip to Thailand was an intrepid journey for all - some wanted to soak up the local culture, while others just didn't want to think about being away from the finer things in life for 2 weeks. Funnily enough, no one was really keen to do any geography work.

The trip began on a cold June morning in a mini bus up to Auckland. Our trip was almost over before it began after the discovery of Swen's lucky bullet, which understandably did not go down well at the security check. And so our team of 8 students, 2 teachers and one parent set off on the journey of a lifetime. After a brief stop in Sydney, we were on our way to the city of angels - Bangkok, Thailand. After 10 gruelling hours of flying we were struck by the choking heat of the big city, which was met with open arms after the cold of NZ.

The first 3 days of the trip were spent in Bangkok where we absorbed as much of the culture as possible - climbing the highest building in Bangkok, visiting the temple of Wat Poh, experiencing traditional Thai massages, life threatening tuk-tuk rides, the eye-opening Pat Pong Road (or was it ping-pong?) and the Amazing Race across the city, which was proudly won by the 4 day boys. We also spent many hours in the markets,



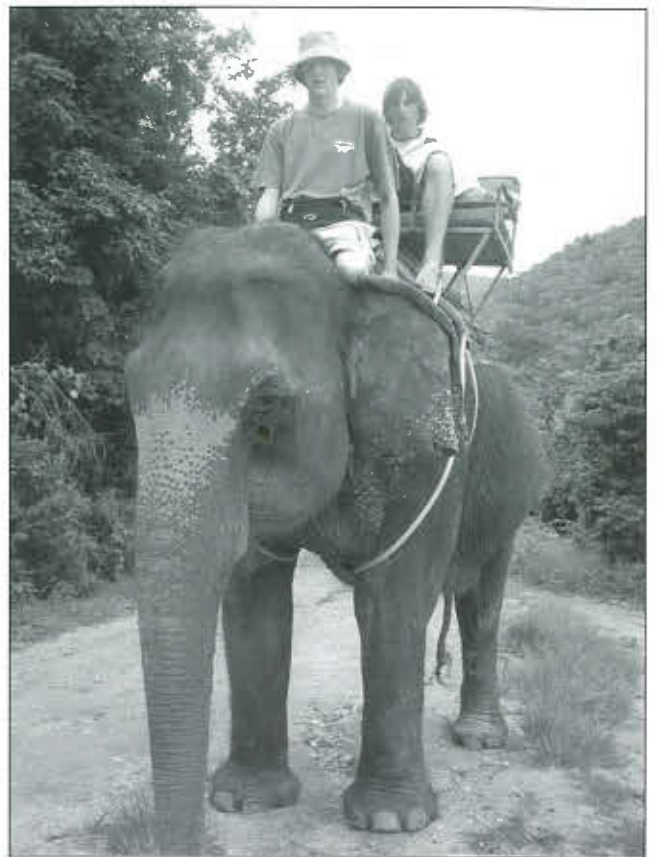
The boys on the boat



At James Bond Island area



Marty at the Village



Riding the Elephants

shopping till we dropped for cheap rugby jerseys, Rolexes, rip-off DVDs, and even a pair of handcuffs. Needless to say, we became more and more likely terrorists as the trip progressed.

After the incredible pace of life of the city of 6 million people, the serene Kata Beach on Phuket Island was a welcome change. We spent 6 days in this island paradise, most of it spent either in the hotel pool, the famous massage parlour or in front of a plate of Mr Kwongs' sweet and sour chicken... OK!

Several times between suit fittings and massages we travelled north to Patong Beach where we scoured the markets yet again, turning our dollars into material goods that would fall to bits in a couple of days anyway. Undoubtedly the most memorable experience of the trip was the visit to James Bond Island, where we became great mates with the young boat crew, all the while experiencing amazing scenery and laxing out in the sun. When it was finally time to pack up and leave, most of us just wanted to stay at the massage parlour. We all said our goodbyes, and in many cases, I'll be back.

The trip was an unforgettable 9 days, and I thoroughly recommend it to all those who may have the opportunity to go on it in the future. I cannot thank Mr Russell enough for his seamless organisation, D and M's, and providing us with the experience of a lifetime.

To all the guys on the trip - Swen, Coplestone, Frase, Elmo, Sharpie, Brooksie, and Clay - Mai Pen Rai.

Matthew Harrop

## Literacy Report

This year has seen the school consolidate its Literacy Improvement Programme. The focus has once again been on providing all staff more literacy improvement strategies, improving student reading & writing skills and promoting the importance of literacy among the school's wider community.

A number of new initiatives have been introduced this year to achieve these goals:

- Fortnightly literacy professional development for all staff.
- Formation of a Literacy Committee to promote and monitor literacy.
- Weekly silent reading times.
- Literacy web page and Literacy News section of the school's newsletter.
- School wide literacy promotions.
- Wider community meetings through Whanau Waiora and the PTA.

Everyone involved in this initiative has adopted positive attitudes, and as a result improvements have been made. The challenge for everyone is to ensure that this is carried through into 2005 and beyond.

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## Environmental Studies

### Junior Science

In the last week of Term 3, three of Miss Jackson's junior science classes (901 and 908 and one Yr 10 class) participated in the Clean-Up Taranaki programme by collecting litter from the NPBHS school grounds and race course. These classes then analysed the collected litter to identify the types of waste. The exercise hoped to raise awareness in the boys about their environment and in particular waste, while also showing them some practical skills used in the "real world" in environmental management (waste auditing and analysis). The boys were then asked to think about the hazards of the waste streams to the environment and animals, and possible ways to minimise those wastes.



Bagging the waste



## Methanex Maths Spectacular 2004

The quality of exhibits at this year's event was as high as ever. Our Year 9 and 10 students entered some excellent work and were rewarded with eighteen prizes, including firsts in Year 9 Group Project, Year 10 Individual Project, Class Project and Creative Writing. The Year 9 Group Project entered by Gye Simkin and Carl Garrett, was also awarded this year's grand prize. The boys' work dealt with the mathematics of the Golden Gate Bridge and attracted a great deal of attention.

A highlight of the Maths Spectacular is always the quiz nights. Our Year 9 team of Harley Wall, Morgan Brewster, Chris Caskey and Anurag Purkayastha, pitted their wits against the region's best and emerged victorious trophy in hand.

## Library Report

This year we welcomed the appointment of our new Teacher/Librarian Ms Kathy Gracia - a delightful lady with lots of ideas and a great command of the English language.

The new .elm library system is working well and has proven to be a lot faster than the old DOS system. An electronic resource system is shortly to be put in place. Commonly called EPIC (Electronic Products in Collaboration) it will open up new fields in research. A great range of



material such as; international magazines, newspapers, biographies, reference works and images will be available and will, we feel, be utilized by all departments.

A number of displays have been on and two in particular have been very topical: Disasters/flooding and of course the Olympic Games. Both of these have created a lot of interest amongst staff and pupils.

I would like to thank Lachlan Grant (Head Pupil Librarian) and Matthan Gray, Alexander Greig-More, Hayden Lowe, Callum McBeth, Russell Climie, Kyle Mottram, Alex Whitikia and Matthew Blackwell for their help and dedication in helping keep the library an interesting and lively place to be enjoyed by all. Also I am happy to welcome two new recruits, Vineet Singal and Brendon Sutton to our team. We look forward to another good year with our team.

Jean van Beers, Librarian

## E.S.O.L

This year the ESOL Department has had thirty students from all over the world. There are fourteen international fee-paying students from the Maldives, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and China. As well as these students there are nine day boys who have come with their families to live in New Zealand from China, Cambodia, India and South Africa. Se-Jun Kim, a Year 10 Korean boy, arrived this term from Korea and another Year 10 boy, Anirut Suphasun, has arrived from Thailand. Unfortunately, Hong Kim, a Cambodian student, who started at the beginning of the year left to live in Auckland and study at Penrose High School.

The exchange students this year included Florian Knop from Germany, and Cedric van den Berg from Switzerland, who made a big impact on school because of their involvement with peer support. They tutored some of our junior students in Maths and became very popular. The whole ESOL class went to the airport to farewell them at the end of Term Two, performing a Haka.

Other exchange students who came for the six week summer vacation were Alexander Erhard from Austria, and Gorgio Sacerdoti from Italy. Sergei Simidzioski from the Netherlands has recently arrived to join the other exchange students, Facundo D'Amico from Argentina, and Espen Karsen from Norway. Both these students have been great acquisitions



for the school. Espen is an exceptional athlete, who represents Norway in athletics and who has started a wall climbing club here at school. Facundo is a very good soccer player who is playing for the first XI and is also helping the Language Department teach Spanish to other students.

Each year the ESOL Department achieves new goals. This year we have an International student who is a boarding prefect. Hiromi Sugiyama is a Japanese student who plays Soccer in the first XI and sets a fine standard for the younger boarders. Also, for the first time, we have two overseas students who have earned Tiger jackets. Siman Abdul-Azeez is a Year 13 student from the Maldives who is a member of the successful Jazz Band and was the first overseas student to get a Tiger Jacket in Year 12. Joon-ho Choi is the Korean student who plays for the Taranaki Men's Golf team and was in the team that won the New Zealand Secondary School National Final in golf.

The ESOL department is going from strength to strength. As well as learning English these students from many different cultures are contributing valuably to the life of the school.

## Report of an 'Exchange Student

by Jascha Sommer

I arrived just three days before my first school day at New Plymouth Boys' High. When stepping onto the school bus in the morning I felt nervous about how my first day would be. How would I, a student from Germany, with a different culture, traditions and first language get on at school? Would I find my way around and make new friends? At first I felt unsure and foreign, but by the end of the week I was organized and understood most of the work. In the next few weeks, I got involved in choir, cricket and saxophone lessons and made friends. From then on school was great and felt almost like home.

When thinking back on my experiences, the things I'll always remember are the building of relationships, self-confidence, and experiences very different to life at home. I learned the school haka, had a hangi, climbed Mt Taranaki, played cricket, touch rugby and watched the All Blacks in action. At school I took subjects not possible in Germany like Maori and Photography.

Boys' High played a crucial role in my exchange, through my friendships here and extra-curricular activities like the music festival with the choir. In learning how the school is organized I saw many differences from home. In Germany, most schools are co-educational and without uniform or assemblies. I enjoyed the experience of wearing a school uniform and delivering a speech at assembly. I have even worn the uniform at school in Germany to represent Boys' High and answer many of my friends' and colleagues' questions. After all, that's what an exchange is about – the representation of another culture to two different countries. I think New Plymouth Boys' High is a very good example of New Zealand schooling. It involves foreign exchange students in the New Zealand way of life while keeping their interests in mind.

Thanks for all the support, without which my trip here would have been impossible. I thank Mr. French-Wright, Mr. Bayly and Mr. Heaps for their help in organizing activities and subjects. Thanks to Mrs. Moore for your general advice in my school life. Thanks also to my subject teachers for your help with language in the beginning and tips and advice for better working. I would like to thank Mr. Howes for the mountain trip, Mr. Dominikovich for Harriers UP and Mr. Hyde for his thoughtful consideration of me in his cricket team. Thanks to my friends here who made my exchange unforgettable, and thanks to the whole school – I had a really great exchange.

### Technology/Graphics Dept Review

This year has seen a change to four of the seven teaching staff in the materials technology/graphics department, including the HOD and assistant HOD. This has brought about a change of philosophy and a drive to create a range of courses at all levels that reflects the modern curriculum areas. Our vision is to provide technology programmes that will allow students to progress through to NCEA Technology excellence and scholarship levels. Electronics and Control Technology will be given emphasis as a technological area that will platform this. Production and process, along with structures and mechanisms, have already been established in the Year 9 and 10 programmes. As the students progress to higher levels these skills will be valuable when integrated with other technological areas. While we are creating these new courses there is an acknowledgement that practical skills focussed courses are also appropriate for other students at NCEA level.

The subject of graphics has developed over the last ten years from what was technical drawing. This design subject, with a range of drawing, illustration and computer applications, is growing in strength with many students showing flair and ingenuity with their design solutions. A range of new rendering media and resources for the students use is proving worthwhile in improving the quality of their assessment projects.

The staffing changes include the new HOD Mr Craig Thomas who has come from FDMC, where he was HOD and had taught for eight years. Mr Allen Jones, an existing staff member who was promoted to assistant HOD and Mr Stephen Leppard, who comes to us from Waitara. Arriving during the year was Mr Andrew Evans, from England and Mr Allan Craig from Scotland. The changes reflect the long service that the previous teachers in the department had provided to the school through to their retirement and the vacancy created by Mr Meyer leaving on promotion to be an HOD.

The dynamic teaching staff in the department is the key to the delivery of effective technology education and graphics courses. They are helping make it one that has a profile within the region and further a field.

Craig Thomas  
HOD Technology



### "It was the best of times: It was the worst of times"

2004 was not an extremely productive year for the 'dolosus murius', more widely known as the common mouse. The year started with an influx of the popular rodent with up to thirty of this selective species gracing the Hall of Pridham at NPBHS. This number was slowly diminished to five because of a dangerous, yet effective device, patented as "The Mousetrap".

It is believed that the set-up of these neck-breaking devices was instigated and followed through by a Mr A. Elgar. It seems that Mr Elgar has a personal vendetta against anything smaller than himself with a wit that he deems unworthy to match his own! When questioned on his insidious behaviour, Mr Elgar replied that his actions were justified and no further correspondence would be entered into...or words to that effect.

Having the wonderful privilege to interview Mr. Sebastian Pexington Smyth III (Town Mouse to his colleagues), I asked how he had managed to survive in such a hostile environment for so long. TM's reply was that, being a learned mouse, a Professor of Ratical Behaviour at the University of Mousechusettes, he found Mr Elgar to be a disgrace in the tactics he used.

*"Everyone knows that mice have a tendency to eat anything with a higher than normal Lactic content. To use Pinky Bars instead of cheese is a true sign of cowardice. Therefore, in the months ahead, I am going to call upon the services of the infamous mouse terrorist, Osamouse Bin and Larder, to rid the English Department of known traps."*

With an \*89.9% success rate in avoiding traps laid by the H.O.D of English, it seems that there could be a Coup de Tate of mice within the four walls of Pridham. Caution must be taken if you hear the chant of M.O.U.S.E. (Mice On Undercover Secret Exercises).

**\*\*"Ein Schwindler, der Mäusescheisse nicht als Pfeffer verkaufen kann, hat sein Gewerbe nicht gelemt!"**

Ratchard Rodent  
Reporter, Inventor and Tele-Evangelist



\* 89.9% of statistics are made up on the spot.

\*\* "A huckster who cannot pass off mouse droppings for pepper, has not learnt his trade." German Proverb.

### PTA

The Annual general meeting was held on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the library at NPBHS, 7.30pm. All parents of boys at the school are most welcome at PTA meetings. After the short formal part of the meeting, the twelve new staff members were introduced to parents. Mr. Larry Wilson then spoke about the findings of the survey undertaken on "bullying at NPBHS" in 2003.

### 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 2004 parents have heard about Police "Kia Kaha" (anti-



PTA  
Back Row: Sam Hancock, Gerald Meuli, Neil Armitage,  
Front Row: Dawn Mills, Dot Harvey, Justine Darney

bullying) programme, Sports and Cultural Co-ordinators and the sports and cultural activities available at NPBHS, new initiatives in the technology department, mental and sexual health issues 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. There is also a page on the school website where PTA news and minutes of meetings are posted. 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 Jed Rowlands, organizes these fundraisers. Money held by the PTA also goes to the school council, which, along with funds from the Pub Charities trust, subsidizes by 50% most sporting and cultural trips for the boys. Funds are also used to help with Whanau Waiora activities from time to time.

The PTA is responsible for organising the hospitality for some visiting sports teams and arranges catering through the hostel kitchen for evening functions such as report evenings.

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### Gifted and Talented

From September 8 – 10, Daniel Mornich, Tushar Sharma and Vineet Singal were among 32 students from ten Taranaki high schools at a camp for gifted and talented students. This was arranged by the Deputy and Assistant Principals' Association.

After a keynote address by Hans Konlechner, one of the organisers, the students were put into four groups for a quiz, with fiendish questions dreamed up by the staff of Hawera High School. Luckily, we had visited Pukerangiora Pa on the way to the camp, so our three boys knew the



gory story and were able to get a point for their teams. James K. Baxter's wife fared less well, being identified as Mrs Baxter.....On a brighter note, Don Driver, Taranaki's famous installation artist, will be delighted to know that the students believe he is in his forties!

The quiz marks became currency for bidding on the activity of choice for the next two days. One team had so many points it could bid on chocolate and still have the most points, so were assured of their first choice! They could choose from a visit to Department of Conservation, Fonterra, Shell Todd Oil Services or staying at camp to do art with Margaret Scott and writing with Lesley Dowding.

Team building the next day started with rescuing a calf from a drain. After much sawing of branches, putting on of ropes and pushing and pulling, the calf was brought onto dry ground, and then had to be treated for hypothermia. All in all the team came together well, and the calf survived, muddily, to join its herd in the paddock. Happily, Mrs Carter managed to retrieve her shoes from the swamp too. She had to wear other people's clothes to go to Fonterra, but this was par for the course as she had left her sleeping bag and pillow at home!

The visits were information-packed and thought provoking. High spots were swivelling in Craig Norgate's chair in the boardroom, a flash lunch at STOS, freebies and lots of glossy handouts at DOC and a ride in the milk tanker at Dairyland followed by free milkshakes.

A computer lab was generously set up by Lamberts Business Systems, along with a colour laser printer, digital cameras and the wonderful Smart Board, which has a mind-boggling array of sophisticated capabilities. The students produced a photo display, sound effects on tape, a static display, an A4 brochure, an oral presentation and a mascot. Tushar's Fonterra group wanted a cow, but deputised the camp dog for the job. Surprisingly no-one chose the two visiting goats for their mascot, even after they volunteered and volunteered and volunteered. They even visited staff's rooms in their quest for fame and glory, but were ushered out before they ate the bedding!

The presentations were judged by Mayors Peter Tennent and Mary Bourke and by Deborah Keenan, DP from SMDSG. This camp was a great success, and will be repeated in the future.

Taranakian Transition Report

STAR

Secondary/tertiary aligned resource. Career training while still at school. 675 boys have been involved in STAR programmes this year. We did: automotive, aviation, building, catering, computer programming, electronics, engineering, enterprise management, extension science, land skills, maori, media radio and film, outdoor education, self management, sports studies.

Lots of credits were earned towards national certificates and lots of fun was had. It was so interesting that The Daily News covered boys flying planes, juniors doing tertiary lab work and the agricultural challenge using tractors, ATVs and farm bikes. The staff and parents enjoyed eating the caterers' 3 course dinners at their formal assessments. Education can be enjoyable, and STAR certainly was!

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING

Our class this year has performed very well indeed, coming 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the second challenge with their cohorts at national level. We studied smart clothes, rage/bullying, nanotechnology, and artificial intelligence. We enjoyed having Michael Fenton from WITT as a guest speaker on nanotechnology and AI.

SMALLBORE RIFLE SHOOTING

We started this late in Term 2 this year, and amassed a team of 12 boys. In the TSS competition we came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> out of 15 teams, and our

captain, Laine Barnett, came 3<sup>rd</sup> on the individual scores. In the Winchester postal shoot Laine Barnett shot the best single score, Mark Armstrong shot the best blended score and the highest scoring team overall included Taare Black, Logan Burton and James Cameron.

MACRO

This is our interval and lunchtime group for boys who enjoy an extra intellectual challenge. The boys enjoyed playing all the games including the new ones, Carcassonne and Settlers of Cataan. We ran our usual political, current events, history, science videos, polemical discussions and all-out debates. This year I introduced a series of high level challenges to ensure that any spare brain power was not going to waste.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

From 2005 all schools must identify and cater for their gifted and talented students, so staff members have been attending extra professional development courses, and we have a committee to ensure that our many very able boys have the opportunity to develop their skills. Special courses this year have been the STAR Science Extension series, electronics, computer programming, media studies, aviation and "Taranaki Past and Present". Boys also had opportunities to attend holiday extension seminars at Auckland University.

COUNSELLING

As ever, large numbers of boys have used the counselling service. We would like to make it clear that having counselling does not mean that a person "has something wrong with them". All teenagers have in common a new stage of development, a new way of looking at things, and a greater ability to think in depth. Teens also need to master motivation, goal setting, time management and study skills. Then peer relationships, careers, communication, sexuality and the need for independence come into play. Counselling can help with all of these issues, and make the process easier. Counselling also helps when people do get a problem, and real people do get problems. The bottom line is you have counselling freely available in school, so don't miss out.



Small Bore Rifle Team



Descriptions

At the Beach

by Reben Theobald

The lazy waves quietly continue their slow rhythmic sighing beneath the squawks and shouts of the children swimming under the warm afternoon sun. Watch them play; little children jumping in and out of the small waves. Teenagers are swimming and surfing in the curling swell of the deeper water. Out past them even, in the deep green expanse, a lone kite-surfer darts back and forth, sending a shower of spray out behind him. Also playing in the warm salty breeze are the seagulls, soaring up and down, screeching and fighting over the scraps of food thrown by small hands.

The day is getting late and the warmth is beginning to fade, draining the noise from the beach as people begin to go home for the night. Can you feel the chill on your face? The kite surfer comes back to the shore and begins the task of packing his equipment. Older couples and families wander past him wrapped warmly against the cooling air. The light on the beach dims as the sun begins to disappear behind the far distant horizon. The waves sparkle like moving rainbows, shimmering pink and red, reflecting the vibrantly coloured sky. The seagulls, now silent, glide serenely across the darkening sky, back to their homes on the raucous islands in the sea.

Now the houses sleep, shrouded in dreams and visions. Lying in wait, like a range of dormant mountains, just waiting for the sun to rise again in the east so they can rear into life again tomorrow and pour people out onto the beach.

Changing Seasons

by Evan Andrews

My grandmother's house is always a treat in summer. The yard has enough room for every activity you could want. The sun beams down, shining on the carpet of thick green grass. Beyond that is a tennis court, its ageing pavement a bare spot in the perfect lawn.

There on the tennis court a haphazard game of baseball progresses. A cracking sound is heard along with shrieks of excitement as the players hit the ball as hard as they can and sprint around the misaligned bases. It will continue until the score is forgotten, but it makes no difference, everybody leaves victorious. Later at night, the children dash outside to catch fireflies. Nature's torches, they whimsically plummet and dive before being scooped into somebody's waiting hand. The summer has an aura of activity and warmth.

The winter is not so kind. White snow smothers the land, as icing on a cake. The green has disappeared, and the once warm air is now crisp and frigid. The branches of the once proud trees now bow under the weight of snow. Even the tennis court is glazed with snow and ice. Occasionally, an expedition is made outside, but these never last more than ten minutes. Eventually everyone troops back in one by one, retreating from the cold to the warmth of indoors, where a cracking fire is always ready to accept them. No one is outside anymore. At night, the white snow is coloured gold by the soft yellow light seeping from the windows. One by one these lights go out, leaving nothing but the cold and the snow.

'KFC' - Behind the Scenes

by David Jarkiewicz

KFC is a bright, speedy place when open. The cream-spotted tables that people have vacated are left with trays on them stacked up with broken, chewed at chicken bones and greasy, yellow liners and boxes. The broken, yellow, wet floor signs are placed where an energetic little kid has accidentally dropped his drink. The mouth-watering aroma of freshly cooked chicken impregnates the air.

The mood changes when this super store is closed. There is no longer any need to speed at all. Those messy chairs are not stacked systematically as possible on the clean tables. The only mark found on the floor is the odd, lonely foot print where somebody has accidentally stepped where it has already been cleaned. The shiny, silver finish is all that is seen in the cook's area, as the worn out cook wipes the last of his chrome cookers. The silence is deadly, the only sound is the humming of freezers, or other machinery, or the odd shuffle from someone who you feel you have not seen in ages. The smell of that nice fresh chicken has been kicked out for the lemon scented cleaning products.

The War

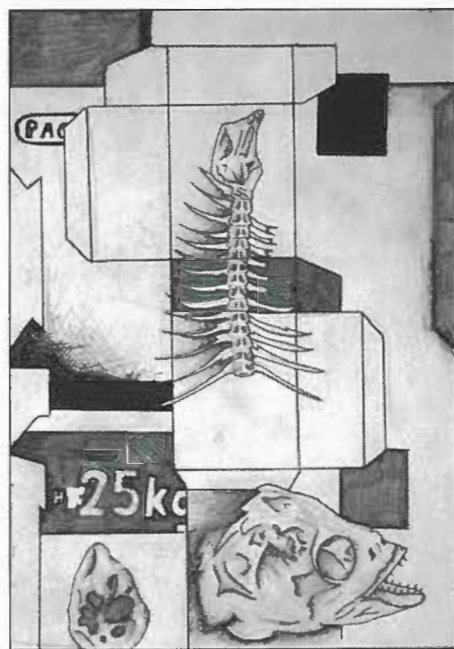
by Michael Earby

Two allied soldiers stand back-to-back, trembling, stranded. Between the drone of planes and the cracking of gunshots, muffled screams for help go unnoticed. Muddy trenches enveloped by barbed wire are pooling with blood; the night air is poisoned by the smell of death and decay.

The look of pain on their faces shows they are wounded. They are the last two men remaining from their company. Full of pride, one of the men slowly drops to his knees and



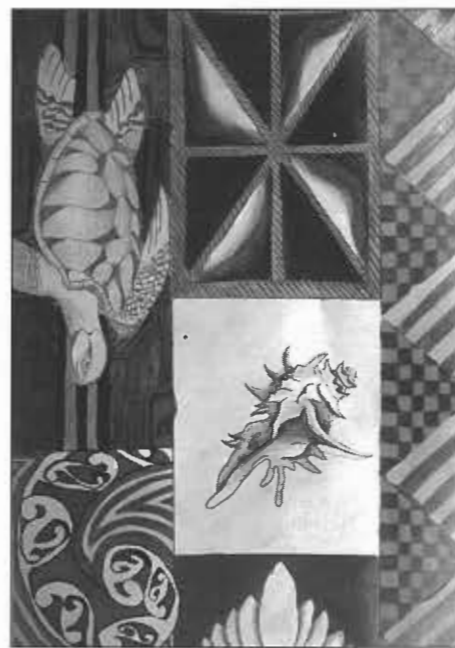
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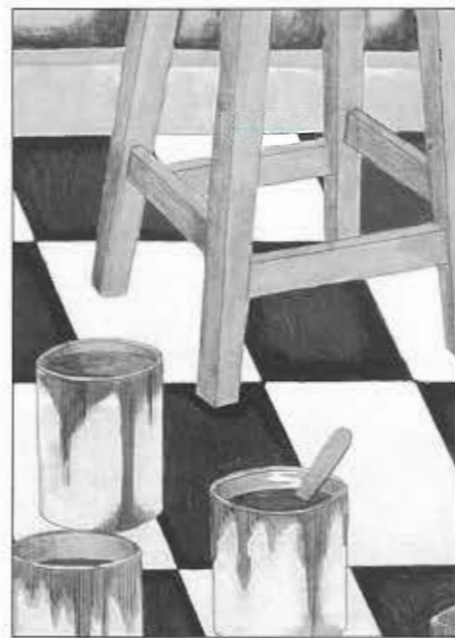
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Stories

Stalking Squirrels

by Stefan Brandt

D-day has arrived. I have waited for a long time, and I knew it was coming. I have been keeping my 78 year-young eyes firmly on the bird feeder over the past four weeks, monitoring the enemys movements. Now the time has come to attack. The enemy: the super slippery sneaky squirrels. With my weapon of mass disruption by my side, primed and ready to go, I sit and wait...

12:43 UTC Zulu. A movement from the south-east shrub. I peer with narrowed eyes. I cautiously touch the shot-gun by my side, confirming it is still there. It's quiet. Too quiet... Maybe they're planning an ambush, I think to myself. "Don't be silly," I say out loud, "they're only squirrels." But what if they're out of sight, forming a common front, perhaps sending out a decoy...

A second movement sharply halts my thoughts. A squirrel's nose twitches in sight. I hold my breath, not daring to move. My heart races. The Hun, the ugliest thing ever, darts over to my prized bird-feeder. It stops. Scanning the surrounding area, it raises its nose to the air and sniffs. At the same time I quietly raise my gun from my side, to point it out directly in front of me. I steady my aim on the blasted animal.

The squirrel drags itself closer to the bird-feeder. "Oh no you don't," I whisper to myself and gently caress the trigger with my right index finger. I realise I need to move approximately one step to my left to get in better view of the animal. I gently raise my left foot and place it 30 centimetres to my left. To my surprise it lands on something mobile and it sends me flying backwards. I yelp in surprise, and the sound of a gun firing knocks the sense out of me...

I wake, dazed. An intense, stabbing pain in my right knee immediately jolts me back to reality. The first thought that comes to my mind is that the wretched creature must have got away. In extreme discomfort I gradually hoist myself up. I feel my shaking legs almost give way, and steady myself on the window sill. I notice the gun lying on its side, spent shell nearby, beckoning me to use it again. Only this time I must plan more thoroughly. The squirrels were lucky this time, but one day they will wish they never messed with the 'Annie Oakley of Indiana'. For the time will come when those rodents will never, ever steal from my bird-feeder again!

begins to crawl to the top of the trench. He pauses momentarily to take hold of his gun. He lunges forward, his last act. He is met by a stampede of bullets. More blood is spilt making the already drenched dirt like a sea of red. Now, all alone, the last soldier also drops to his knees. He holds the same fate as his comrade, he will die.

Two allied soldiers stand side-by-side, tears welling in their aged eyes. Nothing breaches the suffocating silence. Rows of headstones shine like torches in the hot summer sun. No more does the blood of the dead and wounded stain the ground. The fields have been restored to flowing green and red-sprinkled pastures. The pain on their faces shows they are emotionally wounded. They are the last two soldiers left alive. Both of the men slowly sidle along, pausing momentarily to delicately place a single poppy at the base of each headstone. Once a year, every year they return to visit lost friends. As the sun begins to set in the pale sky, they both stand deathly still, a sign of respect to those fallen.

Ski Slopes

by Ben Riley

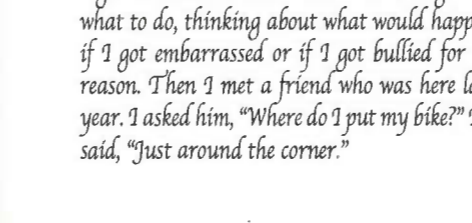
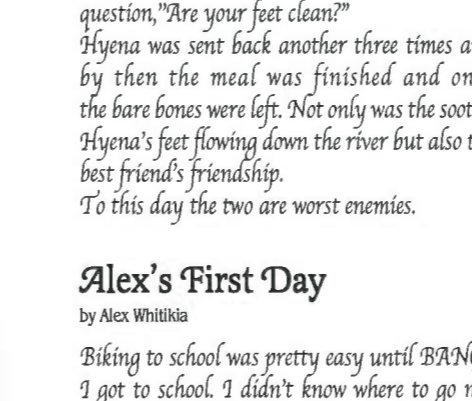
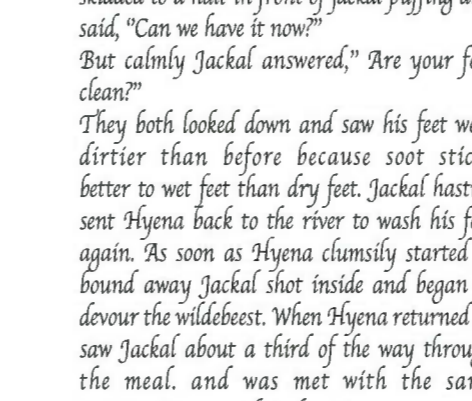
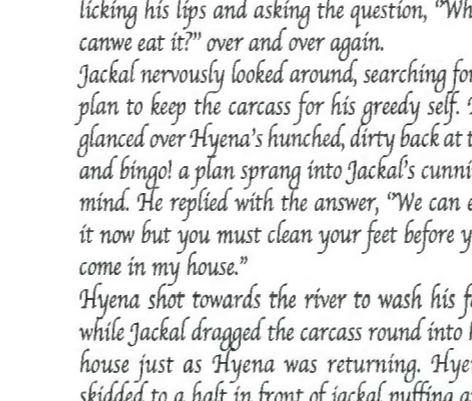
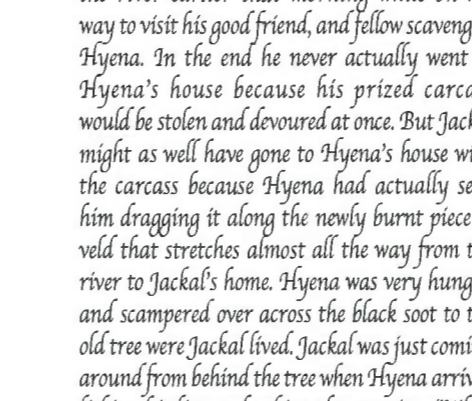
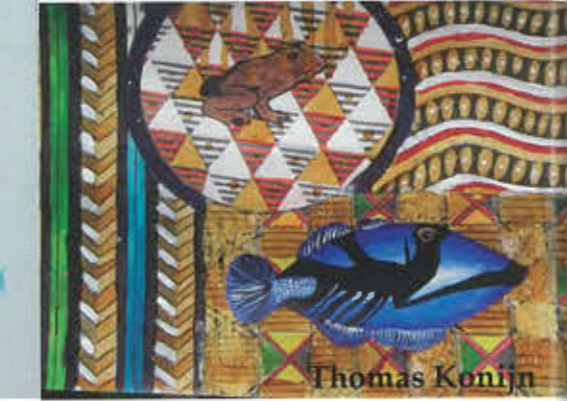
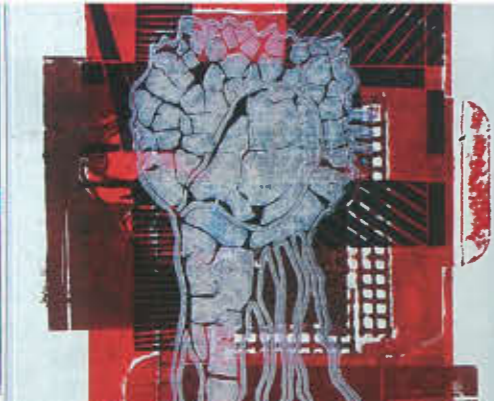
It is winter, a long cold winter that has breathed icy life into the ski field. An early morning mist still clings to the valleys now thickly blanketed in soft, powder snow.

You can hear the wind sweeping across the upper slopes of the mountain, a gentle roar in the distance, the creaks and strains of cold started machinery, grudgingly awakening to their strenuous workday. Then comes the crunches of chains and four wheel drive tyres biting into the icy base of the snow blanketed car park, the occupants of these vehicles about to be treated with the soft, virgin snow that now covers the field.

But look. The sun is rising over the mountain, blasting down with its light and heat. The snow underfoot is warming, melting, slowly but surely. Below the snow filled valleys the car park is quickly filling. Tourists, spectators, dragging up their slope, destroying equipment, their toboggans, their skis, to clog the lift lines and turn the field to mush.

And soon the fleeting freedom is lost. The pristine white slopes have become a circus. The tourists and tobogganists are clowns and dim-witted animals that clutter the slopes. The blazing sun, turning the gentle warmth of the early morning light into a fire that burns the skin and reduces the perfect snow to slop.

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### Why Hyena and Jackal are worst enemies

by Tom Otterson

Jackal had just returned home with a half-eaten baby wildebeest carcass that he had found near the river earlier that morning while on his way to visit his good friend, and fellow scavenger, Hyena. In the end he never actually went to Hyena's house because his prized carcass would be stolen and devoured at once. But Jackal might as well have gone to Hyena's house with the carcass because Hyena had actually seen him dragging it along the newly burnt piece of veld that stretches almost all the way from the river to Jackal's home. Hyena was very hungry and scampered over across the black soot to the old tree where Jackal lived. Jackal was just coming around from behind the tree when Hyena arrived licking his lips and asking the question, "When can we eat it?" over and over again.

Jackal nervously looked around, searching for a plan to keep the carcass for his greedy self. He glanced over Hyena's hunched, dirty back at the and bingo! a plan sprang into Jackal's cunning mind. He replied with the answer, "We can eat it now but you must clean your feet before you come in my house."

Hyena shot towards the river to wash his feet while Jackal dragged the carcass round into his house just as Hyena was returning. Hyena skidded to a halt in front of jackal puffing and said, "Can we have it now?"

But calmly Jackal answered, "Are your feet clean?"

They both looked down and saw his feet were dirtier than before because soot sticks better to wet feet than dry feet. Jackal hastily sent Hyena back to the river to wash his feet again. As soon as Hyena clumsily started to bound away Jackal shot inside and began to devour the wildebeest. When Hyena returned he saw Jackal about a third of the way through the meal, and was met with the same question, "Are your feet clean?"

Hyena was sent back another three times and by then the meal was finished and only the bare bones were left. Not only was the soot of Hyena's feet flowing down the river but also the best friend's friendship.

To this day the two are worst enemies.

### Alex's First Day

by Alex Whitikia

Biking to school was pretty easy until BANG!! I got to school. I didn't know where to go nor what to do, thinking about what would happen if I got embarrassed or if I got bullied for no reason. Then I met a friend who was here last year. I asked him, "Where do I put my bike?" He said, "Just around the corner."

Then Mr. Mac, the Deputy Principal came and said for the third form to follow him around to the back where the back of the hall was. He talked to us for a few minutes, then he introduced us to our dean, Mr Hannah. He talked to us for a few minutes as well, then he told us to come in the hall.

The hall was a huge, bigger than I had ever seen. I could see every one looking around thinking how huge it was. Then we sat in seats, whereas at our old hall we had to sit on the floor. It was much more comfortable. One after another everyone got told where to go and what class we would be in. Class 910. I thought, how many classes are there? It looked like quite a few students - about 300. That was more than my old school, Devon Intermediate. Then I heard it, "Alex Whitikia." I stood up and went to the back of the room and got my timetable which was sort of confusing because every thing was in a shortened version like 'hor'. I showed some people and we had a few jokes about some of the words. Then when that was over we went for a little walk around the school. We went into Pridham and they showed us a picture of a ghost in one of the photos. It was kinda scary but ok. Then we had lunch. Then I had English with Miss Wilson and then we went home for the day.

When I got home I told my mum about all the neat things I seen at New Plymouth Boys' High School and what the years would bring to me.

### Opinions

#### Mature Responsibility

by Jeremy Tan

It's that feeling you get. A feeling of self gratification. Responsibility. Of contribution back to this place of learning, of service back to your school. The badge pinned to my right breast is an emblem representing authority, a symbol to represent worthiness as a role model of the school. I am a person to look up to, someone junior students eventually want to be like, both in their minds and actions.

I stroll through the immaculate grounds, carefully checking over my surroundings for any signs of trouble. Out of the corner of my eye, I see movement. Two junior boys are carelessly hurling balls of screwed up paper at each other, their reckless attitude reminding me of my junior years.

Boy, was it hard to get out of bed in those days! I'd lie there, thinking of some brilliant excuse that would give me the right to lie in bed, watch TV, and, if I played my cards right, allow me to eat ice-cream and lemonade all day because of my 'condition'. It was probably about the 5<sup>th</sup> time that I came down with a sore stomach in two weeks when my mother started to catch onto my cunning and devious plans.

On those rare occasions where I didn't have any miraculous brainwaves, I attended my usual classes and listened to the teachers lecture on and on again about the evolution of trees, (they've been round for billions of years, how much more evolved can you get?), World War I propaganda, and how many times c goes into itself squared.

I, on the other hand, found it far more educational calculating the velocity in which a paper ball could smack my mate on the underside of the head from the other side of the room. I called it, "a practical demonstration of applications in physics". There would be the occasion where I would pull off a spectacular shot, which would be followed by the class's fits of muffled laughter. With a bow and a round of applause from my ecstatic mates, I would be rewarded... with a detention from my teacher.

Detentions were one of my most frequent destinations where I would spend my lunch breaks during my junior years. By the end of the year, I was getting pretty good at writing the student code of conduct half a dozen times. I could go from 0 to 55 words per minute in 0.54 seconds - a near perfect reaction time. I could fully write the code both forwards and backwards six times in an elapsed time of five minutes and 14 seconds. Despite the regularity of having detentions, lunch still was the highlight of the day; one of the main attractions being when we would push and shove each other through the tuck shop door. It was like a race - the amazingly large size of these doors was ideal for competitions on who could get through it the first. Midgets were disqualified as they had an unfair advantage squeezing through those tiny gaps. It was a battle of the fittest. And all this effort would be so that we could pay for our overpriced, overrated, and overcooked mince pie and coke.

The hard, dense, roundness of a screwed up paper ball hitting my forehead snaps me back to reality. The two boys are now no longer playing; somewhere over the course of my train of thought they had started into a fight, resulting in flying fists and a torrent of obscene words that echoes around the courtyard. I immediately take up the mature stand, putting myself in between the two unstable compounds and thus breaking up the foreseen explosion of potential violence.

Are there not any semi-mature junior students in the World.? Motioning them together, I get them to apologise, shake hands, get along with one another and try to be friends. Pleased with the verdict and outcome of the situation, I feel that my job here is done. I walk away, and carry on with my incessantly demanding duty. A faint whisper of ridicule reaches my ears, halting me in my tracks.

"What did you say?" I ask.

"Nothing," he sniggers, a smile of mockery on his face.

One day this kid will grow up to become a responsible, mature, senior student. I decide to teach him a lesson, one to help him become a better person. Something which he can refer to once he gets older. A real lesson of responsibility. I look around, and seeing no teachers around me, I grab the ungrateful sod by the shirt. Picking up some of the paper balls off the ground, I proceed to chuck them at him.

Sometimes maturity can only be taught by showing how irresponsible people look.

## Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Shampoo

by Luke O'Connor

The sun shone warmly on my back and the cool air blew pleasantly in my face as I cycled into town. A shiny green Volkswagen, having obviously misjudged the tiny gap in front of me, cut in front of me as it accelerated from its parking place. I squeezed hard on my brakes and skidded to a halt, inches from a parked car. Another car parked furiously somewhere in the distance and I realised I wasn't the only one feeling the brunt of December 24 shopping.

It seemed Christmas had lost its warmly character since it became a duty to find gifts that will be appreciated. The honest feeling that used to accompany the celebration of the baby Christ being born now plays second fiddle to feelings of angst and frustration toward other shoppers. I cycled a gauntlet of dark looks from the drivers of banked up cars as I eased past in the cycling lane. After being bombarded with a myriad of commercial jingles and slogans that pretended to be in some way associated with Christmas, I felt mysteriously compelled to go into the Warehouse, having a vague assurance that I was sure to find a bargain. I locked my bicycle to a lamp post and walked past the security guard into a writhing throng of last minute shoppers.

Tattered pieces of tinsel scrunched underfoot as I tried to jostle my way to the sporting section. I slipped through the 'pink aisle' looking at the newest things being pushed at young girls, in an almost morbid fascination. A small girl stood gazing up at the shelves packed with ballerina costumes and plastic tiaras. She reached up and grasped a doll from the shelf and gave it to her mother who passed it into her trolley without a second glance. As I walked past I cast a glance at the remaining dolls. The dolls were clad in a wide variety of sexually explicit apparel that was obviously designed with the sole purpose of showing off the dolls' plastic curves. Apparently the designers no longer feel the slightest qualm

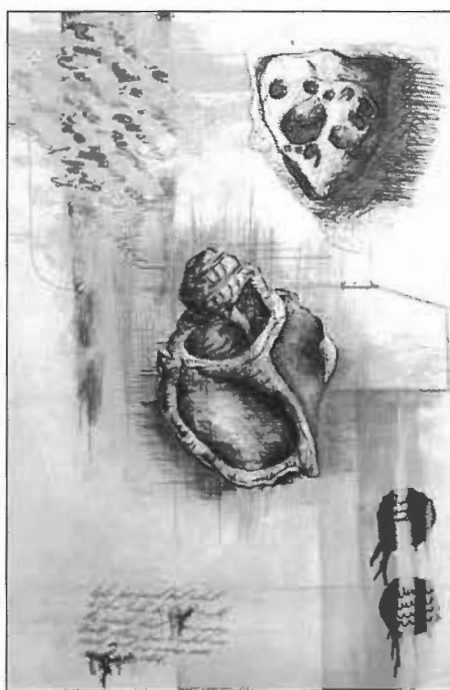
about pushing primary school age children into provocative clothing and starting prematurely a life of image consciousness. Even Santa has had some of his innocence wrenched away from him. A crude mechanical Santa, waving a fake candle and singing tinny sounding Christmas carols stood against the wall, guarding a stack of chocolates. The jolly man in the red suit was even hesitant about sitting children on his knee this year in fear of accusations of sexual abuse when the children mature. Mrs. Claus must be barely coping as she has taken to advertising the Crisco Christmas Club on television.

The "plasticification" of conventions that the older generation holds dear follows the made-for-materialism festivals from the USA. Every October a flock of children buys costumes for the one night of Halloween, and a flock of parents feels obliged to buy bagfuls of sweets for the little door knockers. Those health conscious adults who give the 'trick or treaters' weet-bix or vegetables can usually expect to get them back either in their letterbox or on their front lawn. Even the Christian celebration of Easter and its themes of renewal, life after death and divine grace had been turned into a day of chocolate egg and hot cross bun feasting. Perhaps keeping a child's mouth full has become the latest fad for parents to keep their kids quiet.

Trying to 'keep up with the Jones's' has become the meaning of life for many people in the western world. These 'consumption addicts' only find a sense of contentment during the time that their latest toy is still new. When someone else gets the next one up, away flies the contentment and back out comes the wallet. A possible cure for this retail madness and consequent retail therapy could be to learn to appreciate something other than material goods. This could be one of the simple things in life, such as the beauty in nature or the company of friends and family.

Being temporarily sidetracked by all the goodies on the shelves, a boy on a slick looking scooter barely missed me as he hooned around a corner. "Ah sorry," he said. A moment later I heard a voice behind me say "faggot." I turned my head to see a silver blur disappear into the next aisle. Even though not much older than the boy, I felt positively old. I took comfort in the fact that every generation tut-tuts at the next and thinks that the world is going to the dogs.

With my modest armful of scorched almonds, golf balls and probably the wrong type of shampoo I jumped on the end of the shortest queue and proceeded to the checkout. "Have a nice day" the cashier chirped as she handed me my bag, docket and 5c change. What an excellent suggestion.



Harry Moore, Yr 12



Ryan Harris-Hayles, Yr 11



Jason Holden, Yr 10

## Poems

### Here I am. Sitting in Pridham

by Damon Braddock-Pajo

Here I am,  
As still as stone  
In this great hall of history  
And achievement.

On one side  
I hear the endless echoes of laughter,  
On the other side  
I sense the burden of stress,  
And feel the heavy footsteps like drums of war.

The cold air snaps on my knees,  
Feels like ice from the highest point of the earth.  
The hard wood is  
Like the rock of a mine.  
And only a thin garment keeps me warm.

I see photo's of legends  
And a rubbish bin that doesn't look so mighty  
In a hall of this magnificence.

Here I am,  
As still as stone,  
Dreaming dreams.

### Fine Lines

by Rowan Thomason

A sentence I will try to write  
Another fragment fades to white  
Piece of paper, polar bear  
No solutions over here

Night-time singing silently  
A sentence bouncing back to me  
Sarah's solvent bolder still  
Pixies picking at my will  
I sit here in a state of calm  
And so I'm eaten by my arm

Fine lines in my mind  
All the wonders that I find  
But Heaven closes, Moses dozes  
Inspirations frozen poses

The walls around me closing in  
Complaining that I never win  
Broccoli chocolate chimpanzee  
Lice whose heads now crawl with me

A road sign here but all it reads -  
PLEASE DON'T KICK HIM WHILE  
HE FEEDS  
Melodic moment's memory mend  
Moaning droning drinking trend  
Teeth now sink into my brain  
Thought-relief now wrought with pain

Fine lines in my mind  
No blueprints here in my design  
Keep on going till it's snowing  
Kneecaps knocking 'cos they're knowing

And now I try to make some sense  
Too much tension, losing tense  
Bitter brainless so forget  
Life and God and alphabet.

Fine lines in my mind.

### Riddles - 'What am I?'

I run through the blades of grass,  
Dance amongst the dark leaves,  
Frolic in people's hair when given the chance.

I am famous in my own respect.  
I live with everyone, but not in their homes.  
You want me in the summer for fun, when I least  
feel the urge.

My strength could sweep you off your feet.  
During winter I am gaseous ice  
And during summer I am refreshing

I am lighter than carbon dioxide.

What am I?  
by Erik Thompson

Akin to a book of great knowledge but,  
The smaller cousin.  
Never invited to family scrabble.

When you look, it will help.  
Growing your ideas.  
Reuniting your thoughts with their friends.

Trees have given themselves to it,  
And brought along their neighbours.  
All those contained are waiting to run away.  
Waiting in lines, perhaps to be considered by  
The well travelled cousin.

What am I?  
by Hew Price

A smile without meaning.  
Bright colours, brilliant lights.  
On the edge of the ring,  
I hide beneath my makeup.

Hours of preparation come into play ;  
On my face is prolonged  
A smile without meaning.

Screaming children all about,  
And animals from the safari,  
My master standing with a whip.

I leap, spin and twirl.  
I dance, prance and whirl.  
They smile, nod and approve.

We make towers high,  
Pyramids strong and proud -  
But we construct them not with bricks.

They laugh at me,  
But they do not see  
The face beneath the smile.

We move on, leave it all behind.  
A life without a meaning,  
A smile without a meaning.

What am I?  
by Iain Zealand

Cloth is better than sand paper.  
Cream is nicer than oil.  
There is usually one but sometimes two,  
Every one is different.  
You can always see an expression on it.  
You always come face to face with it sometime.

What am I?  
Anonymous.

It can be useful when used for its intended  
purpose.  
Otherwise it's useless.

It goes around and around.  
It can push objects around.  
It is not very powerful.

On a hot day it's on.  
On a cold day, it's nowhere to be seen.

Sometimes it's noisy.  
Mostly it goes on in the background unnoticed.

When you speak into it, your voice changes.

It will bit you  
If you try to touch the roundy roundy part.

What am I?  
Stefan Brandt

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It hardly ever moves  
But seems to move all the time

It is useful for humans and other living things  
But sometimes unbearable.

Don't get too close to it  
Because if you step on it you will get burnt.

What am I?  
Anonymous

### Waves

by Peter Zhou

The wave is an army  
Big and bold  
Charging up the beach and retreating  
Again and again

Day after day they fight  
The army cheers  
Just before being swept back again  
The army will not give up

On special days throughout the year  
The land and sea call a truce  
Even the artillery bombarding the sea  
Hold off their relentless attacks

The conflict continues  
Throughout the passage of time  
Like a game throughout history  
Winning and losing

No the humans are the battlefield  
Not aware of the war already going on  
Polluting the sea with their scraps

Slowly but surely  
The armies of waves will recover  
From the previous battle  
Continuing from when they left off.

**Storm**

by Anthony Raynor

As dark thundering clouds move in  
the heavenly blue is torn apart.  
The air becomes colder and the once warm summer day is transformed  
into  
a cold and harsh world.  
As the rain starts to fall  
people scamper away, seeking dryness.  
The wind howls as if in pain,  
effortlessly tearing branches from unsuspecting trees.  
Lightning blasts the ground, launching its bone-chilling echo through the  
valley.  
The rain becomes heavier and thumps the ground in anger.  
Rivers rage and puddles grow,  
swallowing up as much water as possible.  
It has a mind of its own, destroying everything in its path.  
As it grows larger it becomes stronger,  
sucking the life from innocent plants and creatures.  
This natural demon cannot be stopped, only avoided.  
Slowly it dies down, becoming weaker.  
Finally, its region of terror exhausted,  
all that remains is the remnants of its amazing power to destroy.

**The Wise Dwarf**

by James Tale

It stands short and twisted,  
dwarfed by its neighbouring friends,  
its pink flowers fading,  
along with their Indian incense smell.  
Amongst the moist moss,  
the hum of a honeybee can be heard,  
as it searches for the last of the season's sweet tasting nectar,  
like a squirrel for nuts.  
This maze of branches has made it through yet another summer.



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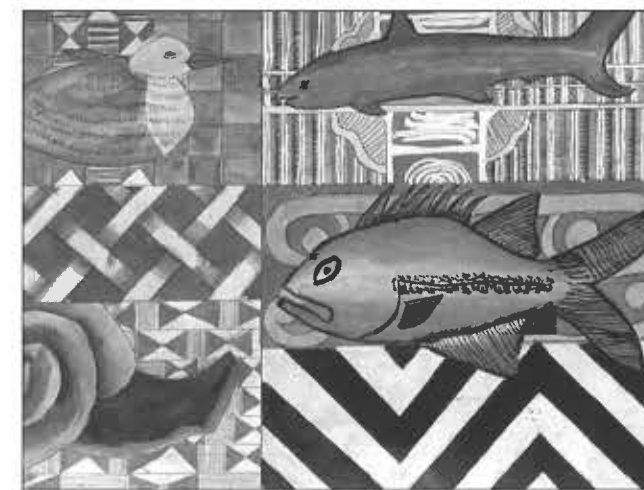
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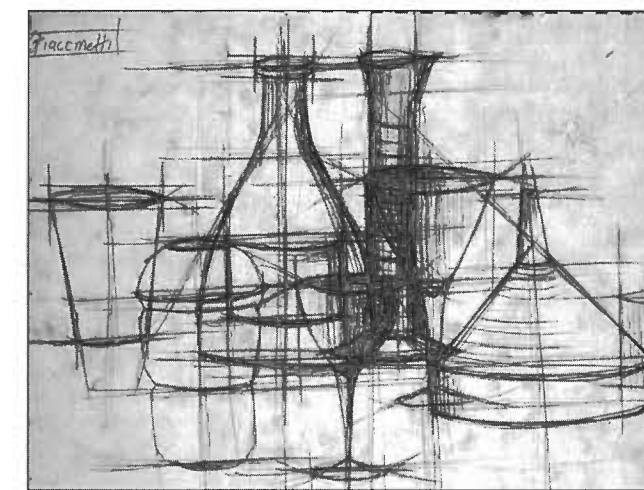
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**Glory**

by Phillip White

"Ouch!" Putting on my suit for my fiftieth birthday celebration, I nick the old permanent scarring left on my chest from those dammed English rugby boots. It reminds me of what happened 29 years ago, when I was 21. Struggling to remember what my wife told me five minutes ago, I remember the events of almost 30 years ago, as well as I did the day after...

The peak of my rugby career. I could not believe it. I was picked for the first test against England of the 2009 season. To play for the best rugby team in the world, against the second best rugby team in the world, many people would give the use of their working limbs for this opportunity. I was to be a representative of New Zealand, and I wouldn't let my country down.

One week later the dream had come true, and I was out on the pitch wearing the silver fern on the black jersey. The noise level was amazing, and it did nothing to calm my fear or my nerves. "What the hell am I doing here?" I muttered under my breath. I felt sick. Those English forwards lining up opposite me were huge. Bigger than huge. I could not help staring at the muscles rippling across their ghostly white jerseys. In trying to clear my head, I looked away from them and caught sight of my own weedy looking arms.

The sound of the referee's voice shook me back into the game. "Are you ready, Black?" Our captain nodded. As the whistle blew I forgot my nerves and my fear. The ball was rocketing towards me from the kick off, and so was a solid wall of white English jerseys. "M-mine," I stammered, as I edged slightly to the right to catch it. Wham! The ball made contact with my arms. I fumbled, but managed to cling on to it. I stumbled forward and, Wham! As the first white jersey flew back off my shoulder, the rest seemed to shrink. They were nothing! I was the man! I could run properly now, and I had busted through the defence. The crowd was roaring, cheering me on. I was so close to the goal line! But then an arm came from nowhere, and for the third time that game, came a Wham! But this time it was accompanied by a nasty Crack!

There was no pain, no physical feeling, but fear. I couldn't move. I hit the ground, hit it hard but still there was no feeling. The crowd was silent, all was silent, but perhaps I was just deaf. There was still no movement on my part. The game carried on around me, but slowly. Suddenly, an

explosion of noise reached my ears, and the players around me came back to full speed.

"Advantage Black, high tackle." That must have been the referee's voice. My back was arched slightly above the ground. The ball must have been there, but I could not feel it.

"Roll away Black!" came the referee's voice. He must have meant me. I was trying but I could not move. "I can't sir!" I choked fearfully. My mouth formed the words, but no sound came out. I was shocked to see many boots with long metal sprigs digging into my body; I could not feel them. Panicking now, I tied again to roll off the ball, but my muscles would not respond.

I heard the shrill blast of the whistle, followed by the referee's voice, "White, high tackle, no advantage, penalty Black." Penalty Black, that was us, the All Blacks, a chance to get some points on the board. As relief spread through me, I made to get up, and then remembered that I couldn't. Well at least the referee would see that I was injured now. I tried to turn my head. Yes, that I could still do. I looked round just in time to see my team mates take a quick tap of the ball, and the game was going once more. The relief disappeared quicker than it had come. No-one had seen me. But as play moved away from me, a team doctor reached me. He bent over and touched my neck. I saw a horrified expression form on his face as he signalled to the referee, and then to the team of doctors still on the sideline. The referee blew two short blasts on his whistle, and once again, activity was swarming around me.

I recall being moved on to a stretcher, before emotion and adrenaline overwhelmed me, and I passed out.

I woke up in hospital three hours later. When the doctors realised that I was conscious, they explained to me that my neck had been broken, that I was lucky to be alive, and that I was probably paralysed from my neck down. It was later discovered that they were right. I was in hospital for twelve months while my neck healed. After a further eighteen months of rehabilitation, I regained the use of my arms, but my legs remained as useless as ever. The rucking that had occurred as I lay paralysed on the ground has left painful scars that will never heal. I have been confined to a wheelchair until this day.

Every little boy dreams of becoming an All Black. Every man from eighteen to twenty eight would gladly give up the use of their limbs for five minutes of glory with the All Blacks. But having been there, having experienced the glory, the pain, and the loss, I think, how stupid? It is after all, just a game, and how could any game be worth more than anyone's quality of life?

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## Mountainbiking Camp 2003

We all gathered at the Hobson Street bus shelter on Monday and packed 20 bikes into two trailers along with the gear for the students and men who were to do the ladies' work for the boys. That last plan did not work too well for us all. We headed off to Waitomo in time for us to have some underground fun. When the first group had finished Black Water rafting they then rode downhill on a gravel road. One student didn't get 200 metres before crashing, which was a sign of things to come for Ben!

We headed to Rotorua to set up camp while the cooks (Mr Jones, Mr Whittaker and Mr Dawson) cooked us up a feed. Some boys didn't even last until midnight without causing trouble and were sent home the next day.

Tuesday we went for 9 holes of golf and then a killer ride at Redwoods Forest. This was not for the unfit. We went to the BSX track at the back of the camp afterwards for the confident riders to put on a show doing jumps. Some good air (see photo).

Wednesday was "luge" day. Some boys were having fun with chicks from another school and one chick went back to camp with a fractured ankle. Back to Redwoods Forest in the afternoon which ended early for Ben after he snapped his forks while pulling off a huge jump. After a long walk back to the car park, the two nurses (Mr Dawson and Mr Whittaker) dressed his wounds. That afternoon we found the Aussies and finally left at 11pm. One of them was screaming around the road on a mountain bike and would then pull huge front wheelies.

On Thursday we headed to Taupo and rode from Huka Falls to Aratiatia Dam to see the floodgates open. On the way back Mr Dawson tried to behave like Superman and flew off his bike- only to break his wrist. We then did a ride at Craters of the Moon and the group built a jump over a creek that a few had a go at. There were some "one-hander, no-footer" and a "no-hander, no-footer" jumps. We had pizzas for tea and swam in the hot pools.

On Friday we went to Rock 'n' Ropes and Gravity Hill to do some mountain boarding which was awesome.

The camp was a great experience and fun was had by all. Most bodies got back in one piece. The same could not be said about the bikes!



Tyler Scinger showing his skills at Rotorua



Ed Smith - A "no-footer"



Ben Beletti getting air at Rotorua



The mountain bikers above the Aratiatia Dam

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## Golf

by Jason Oliver

Forbidden forests, rotten rough, bottomless bunkers, greedy greens and wicked winds didn't frighten any of last year's budding Tigers, Arnolds and Ernies. In fact these young knights in tweedy armour were all heard to say 'bring it on' as they travelled to Kaitake on the first day of the camp.

After conquering the small hamlet of Kaitake our young knights ventured south to the even smaller village of Eltham. An unbelievably deep ravine hidden by a haunted forest proved to be the undoing of most of our young knights. The scoring on this day was very poor although it would have to be said that the three old and wise wizards (Sirs Colin, Murray and Godfrey) managed to overcome all that was thrown at them.

On the third day the knights were taken to a larger kingdom at the foot of the mountain. There they learnt to swing their lances and swords with power and precision. The horrible little white sphere now had no show. Or so we thought, because yet again it conquered us all. However, being the brave chaps that they were there was no intention of letting this get them down. A new day, a new battle.

And so it was.

Day Four and out to the village of Manukorihi - a village surrounded by water, heavily congested with wood and exposed to all Mother Nature could throw at us. However, these brave young tweedy knights did not stand back and flung themselves into battle knowing that their epic journey was almost at an end. Blood, sweat and tears for 18 long holes. Task completed and home to think about what lay ahead on the final day.

The final day on this epic journey took our young knights in tweedy armour and the three old and wise wizards to the shire of Stratford. There they were joined by the King Lyal. And on this day in the early month of December it would have to be said that all of these brave men conquered the forbidden forests, rotten rough, bottomless bunkers, greedy greens, wicked winds and that horrible little white sphere.

## Golfing 2

with Mr Hyde and Mr Mossop

On Day One we went out to Westown Golf Course where we had planned to play a nine hole Ambrose tournament in the afternoon. In the morning we went out with Craig Owen (a pro golfer) to have some driving practice. We then had a putting tournament using the practice putting green. There was one incident where someone (a real character) used the putting green as a driving range and hit a car in the process! Needless to say, no one used it that way again. We played the nine holes (I nearly got hit on the head), and that finished us off for the day.

On Day Two we went to the driving range out at Bell Block to have some driving practice and play the nine hole pitch and putt course. There were a lot of stray balls flying so you always had to watch yourself. Craig Owen met us there and taught us how to pitch the ball so that it didn't go very far and he looked at our driving and helped us with our techniques. In the afternoon we stopped off at the Aquatic Centre for a well deserved swim.

On Day Three we travelled out to Kaitake golf course (it rained) where we were going to play an 18 hole Ambrose tournament but instead decided to play a stroke tournament. This was very amusing because for a few of us this was the first time playing a stroke tournament and balls were flying everywhere, with nearly everybody achieving high scores.

On Day Four we headed all the way out to Te Ngutu golf course. After a few wrong turns we made it there, luckily. Our group was having a reasonably slow round, since it was Day Four and we were all starting to

feel quite tired. What made it even worse was the fact that our lunches were locked in the van and we didn't have the key! Mr Hyde very generously bought us some food from the shop. It was a relief to actually eat something. We ended up playing only 8 of 18 holes but we didn't mind.

On Day Five we had a competition of 18 holes at Westown. When the round was finished we went to the clubhouse and Mr Hyde gave us all a drink and a chocolate bar each. The eventual winner of the competition was Vance Hoskins, who won a hat and some other little things. The rest of us won balls, tees and a range of other things. It was a great end to a fun week of Golf camp.

## Sailing & Windsurfing

by Josh Voorwinde

One of the choices for 2003 Year Nine camp was Sailing Camp and being a water lover myself I decided to go on it. The fee was \$150 but that was a small price to pay considering what I got out of it. The camp involved many activities despite its misleading name. There was of course sailing but there was also windsurfing, kayaking, swimming, scuba diving, wall climbing, tenpin bowling, movies and with a little water skiing thrown in. Some of these activities had nothing at all to do with water, which made the camp fun and interesting. The camp was at Lake Rotamanu and was a day camp.

The teachers who took us on this exciting adventure were Mr. Thomas, the well known woodwork and graphics teacher, and Mr. Hill, the magnificent art teacher. We also had some professional teachers, Andre and Julie from Topec, to help us with learning how to sail, and we had a man named Rob, to help us with windsurfing. They were a big help and really knew their stuff. Andre and Julie supplied us with all the boats and kayaks, and Rob had some spare windsurfing gear.

On the first day of camp we were all very excited. We were separated into groups of about 8 and each did an activity for the day. My first activity was sailing which I thoroughly enjoyed. We ended up having wars and boarding each other's boats. For the next two days we did the same things, alternating between activities. We also had a sausage sizzle every day it was beautiful. I found these three days a lot of fun but if you are planning to go, remember to wear sunscreen everywhere on your body. At the end of the three days I had really bad sunburn on my feet and my arms, which was not too pleasant.

On the fourth day we were split up into two groups. Group 1 went scuba diving in the morning and in the afternoon rock-climbing, and Group 2 did the opposite. We were in charge of buying our lunch, so a bunch of us went to pizza hut and got some fine pizzas. The fifth day was the most relaxing day. In the morning we went Ten-Pin bowling. Then we got to go to either Burger King or Macdonald's. Then we finished up with a movie. All in all, sailing camp was a wonderful experience for me and I would recommend it to anybody.

## Surf

by David Lee

On Monday the first of December three teachers, eleven boys and I set off for a camp at the Weld road camp site for a week. When we arrived we set up camp and unpacked our gear before we checked the surf. The surf wasn't very exciting so only a few of us went out.

For the first few days the swell was quite small, but on the Wednesday the swell picked up well and most of us went out for an early morning surf. We came in and Mr. Turner and Nick Hartley went out. Nick caught a wave and was forced to bail off; he also hit his head on his board and split open his eyebrow, where he needed four stitches. Nick came back to camp later on in the day a little bit sore but most of all disappointed that he couldn't surf for the rest of the week.

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The rest of Wednesday the surf was great and the boys made the most of it. We also had swims in the river, played rugby and relaxed around camp. To end the day off we had final surf, then had a barbeque and played some spotlight after dinner.

Thursday, we had more great surf, which we used to our advantage all day.

On Friday, the last day, we got up nice and early to go surfing. We travelled further around the coast to Stent road and that is where we had our final surf of the camp. It was great and we all got some good waves. Soon it was time to pack up our gear, load the van and say goodbye to Eli Jacobs who left to go to Australia in the weekend after.

Overall camp was cool. With some good swell coming through and some nice sunny days, we couldn't have asked for better, but it couldn't have happened if Mr. Turner, Mr. Sims and Mrs. French weren't there to take and supervise us for a week.

## Surfcasting

by Samuel Arbuckle

On this camp all the third form boys had an awesome time: my credits especially go out to Mr Harland, and Mr Lockhart who were suited to this role of "bossing us young bunnies around."

On the Monday we all met at school and with our fishing gear loaded in our trailer we were off. First stop at Urenui; we were there until about lunchtime, not catching much, apart from an eel and a kahawai. Then headed to the Waitara river mouth with not much action there either, the only fish we saw in the river were Tamati and Ryan.

Tuesday morning up early and rearing to go we all got to school, loaded up the trailers and headed off. It was a good trip.

A big congratulations to Mr Harland and his driving skills, he was forever missing gears so he would blame it on the van. We arrived at Marakopa a few hours later and we were ready to go, put up the tents then went fishing. Within 4 hours we had landed an incredible 49 kahawai! The best of us was Thomas Potroz who caught about 15 kahawai. We went back to the camp and smoked the fish for tea and then hit the hay.

The next day we packed up our gear, had breakfast then headed off to Mokau. When we got there we set up our tents and had a briefing on the day's plan of attack. Of course it was to go for a fish, we didn't catch much. We stayed at Mokau the next two nights catching kahawai and drag netting for flounder in the Awakino river. On the Friday we headed home, a sad day for all the boys. The music was pumping in the van courtesy of Bruce and Thomas. There was a lot of laughter and Mr Harland was doing the normal missing gears once again.

I would recommend this to any third former; it was a definite 15 out of 10.

## Taranaki Adventures

This camp was based at the Urenui campground and included a kayak and stay up the Mokau river, an abseil down the White Cliffs, and dam dropping near Normanby. On Monday we met at school in two groups at separate times so we could save money by only hiring one van. When we got there we pitched our tents and headed for the mudflats and a game of mud rugby. The next day we had breakfast and drove to Mokau with our guides from Taranaki Outdoor Adventures. When we got to the river we took the kayaks off the trailer and made catamarans (two kayaks with boards and ropes between them) to carry the gear that we took. We set off up river with a lot of complaints and a lot of "it's just around the next corner". We came to the spot and realized it wasn't much, just a roof and cleared ground. We had a hangi and tried to get some sleep. The next day we had a milo and started down river which was a lot easier than up river. We loaded up the trailers and headed to White Cliffs and lunch

which we were all waiting for after only milo for breakfast. The abseil was 45m and almost everyone enjoyed it. We finally went back to Urenui and had a better night's sleep. The next day was dam dropping which was definitely the highlight of the camp. Everyone did it and everyone liked it. On Friday we packed up and headed home for an "ice cream" at KFC. Thanks to Mr. Maaka, Mr. Woods, and Taranaki Outdoor Adventures. It was a great camp.

## Wellington Camp 2003

by Daniel Long

### Monday

Webby's vs. Trust. The two teams that were going to battle it out with challenges in touch rugby, ten pin bowling, paintball, indoor Go Karts, and many, many more. Our cars were loaded and we were ready to tackle the big city. We stopped in Wanganui for a late Subway lunch, whilst listening to sounds from Marvin Gaye, Nirvana and a bit of Dave Matthews, on the rest of the trip to the Lower Hutt Top 10 Holiday Park.

The first team challenge was on our way, as we headed to the local park for a game of touch. The game was taken into extra time but Trust, failing to spark any opportunities led to a Webby's victory. Then came Vercoe's famous barbeque dinner, before we were all ready to head to "dominate" paintball. Camouflage through the bush with capture the flag, then into the tyre yard, bruises all round - but in the end, another well earned win for the Webby's.

### Tuesday

We took a ferry out to Kapiti Island, and took the challenge of the hard road up to the summit of the island. When we finally got to the top, we were able to see only quick glimpses of land and sea, as it was very cloudy. We summed up the visit with a performance about history, wildlife and importance of Kapiti Island. Trust were on the board, dominating the even. That night was a successful night at Petone "Bowland", with another win by the Trust, with big efforts from the far lane.

### Wednesday

Was the big trip to the capital city. We kicked it off with a guided tour around Wellington's Westpac Stadium, where we travelled the V.I.P area, changing rooms, and pretty much everywhere there was to go. After that it was the walk to Parliament house, and luckily enough we saw a minor protest before entering the building. We went on to talk to Harry Duynhoven, have a guided tour, and watch a number of debates in the debating chamber, with friendly faces including Winston Peters, and John Tamahere. But the best part of the day was still to come, and we jumped into the vans, fired up to go indoor kart-ing. If you like the smell of burning rubber and adrenaline running through you, then this is the ultimate sport. After a series of races, Webby's came out on top.

### Thursday

After a 10.30 curfew, we woke up at 8.00 and we were all ready for a day of biking. When we arrived at Makara we were able to choose our vehicle from a wide range of top quality bikes. We began the ride with a quick 15 minute climb to the skill course. While we were learning jumps at the skill course we did not realize how long of a bike ride we had left. The instructor told us we had a 45 minute ride left, till the real summit. Other than the view from the top, the best part was definitely going down hill to the bottom. Trust's well-known stunt man, Darius, gained the biggest fall, and Trust wins the points. It was sadly the last night of camp where we went to Lower Hutt's famous "Hog's Breath" for some "Bush Tucker and Hemu." That night we had final presentations where it was sadly announced that the Webby's had won.

Big "YEAH's" to Vercoe's and Ev for an unforgettable camp at Wellington in 03! Thanks for the enormous effort and time put into the camp, where we were able to get loads of strong, funny memories. Overall great venue, awesome people, maximum fun!

## Taupo Camp

### Day 1

On the 1st of December 2003 three vans left New Plymouth Boys' High School. Inside these vans were four teachers, Mr Atkins, Mrs Porteous, Mrs Stevens and Mr Wilson, the Head Boy, Te Hira Cooper, and 32 excited 3rd formers all heading for DeBretts Motor Camp, Taupo. The journey was a chance to meet new people and even see a new side to people we already knew. After setting up our campsites we journeyed to the nearby hot pools for a relaxing swim with our new found friends and fellow campers, Hamilton Girls' High.

### Day 2

After a rough night many of us found it hard to awake to Te Hira's call for people to run with him. We then all jumped into our designated vans for a day of triple the fun. The first activity on the list was Gravity Hill, the local off-road skateboarding park. Some were absolute naturals at this who amazed us all with their extraordinary balance and terrific jumps, but I personally was more impressed with those such as Mrs Porteous who was a bit shaky at first but after persevering she was carving it up it the end. After all examining our scrapes and bruises we left to go rock climbing. After a double booking we were unable to go rock climbing but the bargaining teachers managed to get us each a hydro slide pass to go with our swim at the Taupo Hot pools. It was then back to the camp for tea and another swim and hydro slide at DeBretts.

### Day 3

Another rough night made us all thankful for a peaceful morning exploring the town of Taupo, visiting the fascinating geysers and watching some flood gates opening. We then had to go to the extreme park of 'Rock'n'Ropes'. Climbing poles 15 metres high is one thing but doing challenges such as, two & three wire bridges, swinging from ring to ring and even jumping for a trapeze, is another. To top off the day we each had a huge meal of fish & chips followed by a trip to the famous Taupo mini putt.

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Top of Falls



Happy rafters



Going Over

Day 4

We all awoke in the early morning for a day in Rotorua, rafting and lugging. When we finally made it to Raftabout half the camp rushed to gear up for the expedition. After learning basic commands all rafts got down the first 3 & 4 metre waterfalls but when it came to the 7 metre water fall (The highest commercially rafted in New Zealand) one raft was flipped and in another raft James Dunlop somehow came flying out of his raft which was otherwise normal. After the second half of the class had gone down we all piled into the vans to go to the luge and gondola rides. After having a great time we were all very pleased when we got back to the deluxe meal of pizza, soft drink and cheesecake. We then went down to the hot pools where we carved up some Hamilton Boys in a game of pool rugby.

Day 5

By now we were all very tired but were still up to the horrible job of finishing up the left overs such as pizza and ice cream. After packing up we ventured to McDonald's for a delicious breakfast, then to Huka Falls and finally started the drive back home. When we got to Piopio we were delighted to find the excellent teachers had organised a lunch at the local dairy, a pie, a drink and a chocolate bar. When we at last got home we all couldn't wait to tell our parents of the marvellous camp but first, a good sleep was needed!!

Taupo was a great camp for three reasons, what we did, who we did it with and mostly the teachers and their organisation and their easy going personalities. I would like to thank these teachers on behalf of all of those who were on the camp and I would also like to recommend this camp, if it is offered next year, to any third formers given this once in a life time opportunity.

Tongariro

by Callum Barnett

On a cold, wet Sunday morning we departed Boys' High in a comfortable Jamiesons bus for the start of the 2003 outdoor education week. Our first stop was at Mokau. We all did a quick three kilometre run across the beach to a café where the bus was waiting for us. On the way up to Rotorua, we stopped at Arapuni Dam and crossed the extremely high swing bridge there.

When we reached Rotorua we had a great time riding the luges and gondola. The rest of the evening was spent swimming at the pools and eating sausages before returning to Rotorua Boys' High for the night.

The next day, when everyone was packed up, we departed for Rock'n'ropes confidence course and battled the wires for a couple of hours. We then continued to Eivin's Lodge, our lodging for the rest of the week. There we had dinner and some of us went out to visit Te Porere, while seven remained behind for the Ngaruahoe Peak Experience briefing.

We were all up at 7:00 AM the next morning and after breakfast were all keen for the activities set up for us. The Ngaruahoe Experience group drove off to do abseiling, while the other students went charging up streams and exploring dark caves. The Peak Experience group later went off in the bus to the start of the Tongariro crossing. After climbing for a couple of hours and viewing fantastic scenery, we set up camp and stayed the night at the base of Ngaruahoe.

On top of Ngaruahoe, the view was magnificent. The air was perfectly clear and we could see for miles. Back down at Eivin's Lodge, the rest of the group moved off to begin the Tongariro Crossing. The weather packed in later in the morning, but Mr Hewlett was determined to finish the crossing. It was a lot of tired boys back at the lodge that night and we all fell asleep very quickly.

We finished our five days with white water rafting, having a great time braving the raging torrents. We then all relaxed for a comfortable trip home.

A special thanks to all the prefects, teachers and Mr Hewlett for making this camp the best one there was.



At Spa Park, Taupo



Caving



Haka on the summit

Tongaporutu Camp

by John Hughes

A bunch of excited third formers travelled up to Tongaporutu to stay in the town hall for four nights. There wasn't any flash hospitality so we slept on mattresses on the floor. When we first arrived, we went for a walk through farmland to the White Cliffs - a fun but tough walk, however when we got there we didn't stay long and began the walk back.

The next day the group split into two groups. One went fishing at Mokau and the other went kayaking up the river. Mr Hill got to ride in the speed boat and pull any stragglers that fell behind.

We continued to follow this routine and the kayakers went a different place each day. At night a bunch of guys made spears out of sticks and knives and went spear fishing. Not much luck, but Peter did get a Stargazer.

On the final day, instead of kayaking we climbed to the top of an old Maori pa site. When one group got together again we went tramping up the Maori pa site again where we got a picture of the sunset.



The Group



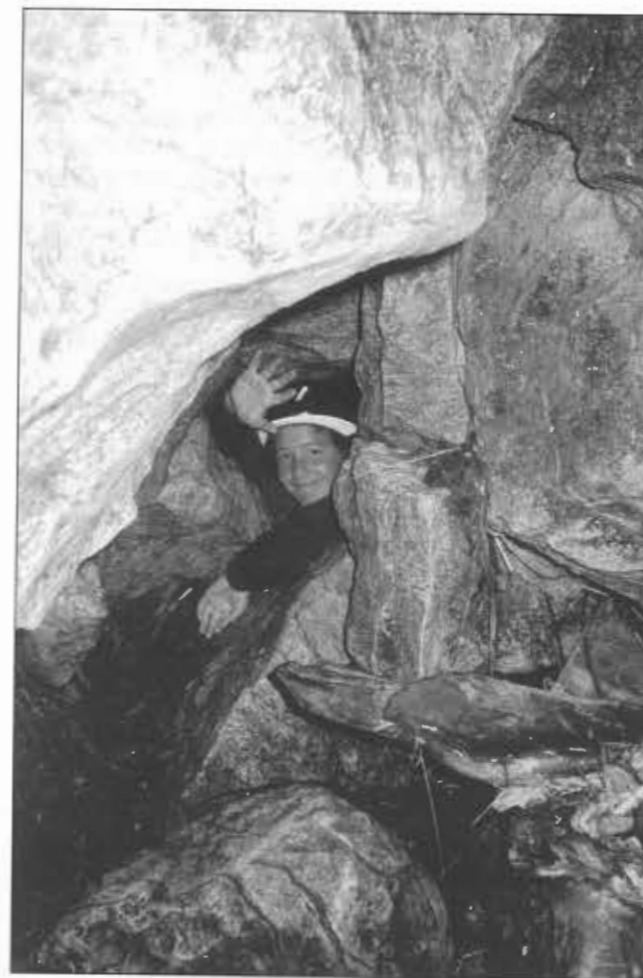
In the Mud



Riverside



The Boys



Searching for Gollum





**Flying**

At the end of 2003 a group of 23 students and I attended the year 9 flying camp. Although it is called a flying CAMP we didn't stay overnight - we just attended daily at the New Plymouth Aero Club. Over the period of 5 days we did mostly paper work, but we still did about one and a half hours of flight training. There is always a trained flight instructor with you when you are flying.

The paper work involves preparing for an exam on Human Factors - which is learning about how the human body copes with the gravitational pull and if you are fit to fly. It also involves learning about long term memory as well as short term and mind sets, which are a very important part of pilot awareness. There is a lot of writing involved, but it is all worth it in the end because you get the first part of your private pilot licence.

When you do have your turn to fly, it is in a Cessna 152, built purposely for training in. On the first day of this camp, you go up with a pilot and he takes you over the ocean or over your house. On the second day you go up for the straight and level flight, where you try and keep the plane as straight as you can. On the third day, you go up for the medium turn flight, where you turn the plane and the instructor will then give you a turn that gives you two times earth's gravity on your body. The exam day was on the fourth day - which was easy, depending on if you listened or not. The fifth day you finish this awesome experience with a bombing competition, where you drop a sand bag onto a big target on the ground. If you win, you get a trainer's manual worth \$20.

The 3rd form flying camp is most probably a new experience for most people. It is a very exciting camp that I highly recommend to all of the new third formers

**Clown Camp**

It started just the way I thought it would be, SHAMBLES. Kicking balls in the classroom, wrestling each other and mucking around started the day, but we all found out it was just an exercise to get us loosened up for the activities further on in the day. When Ms Riley said it was time to work, we all moaned at the thought of it. But to our surprise it turned out that it was better than mucking about. The activities ranged from still motion pictures to walking like we had a pineapple in an awkward place.

The two Gap students tagged along and they were really funny and the things they could do with three balls and their imagination was wicked. We then started practising for Friday when we were planning to go to the kindergarten. We were transformed from drama drop outs to clowns. Even Ms Riley had a go at learning how to juggle (she almost succeeded). As we continued preparing, we did poses, which sounds simple enough, but when Kayne Pennington tried to skid the length of the room it got very painful and he's still got the marks to show for it. By Friday we could walk, talk, act and juggle like clowns, but we still needed names. So we came up with some, from Tumbles to Sisso.

Friday was a big hit. Well sort of. We had to do a list of things in order for our audience but they were more interested in us making them balloons and they then became a bunch of wannabe killers, trying to kill us and their classmates. It was a day no one will forget. I would like to thank Ms Riley for taking us and putting up with us but most of all for providing the popcorn. I would also like to thank James and Ollie for teaching us to juggle and making us laugh. Last of all I would like to thank the teacher of the primary school for letting us hooligans invade her classroom.

**Windyglen Horse Trekking 2003**

by Brendan Joe

**Day One:**

When we first arrived at Windyglen, we heard that Mr Wilson had unfortunately broken his leg, but we still had to keep moving so we got

our horses ready by brushing the horse and putting on the saddle and bridle. At first Sarah had to help us out, and then we got divided into three groups and went riding.

After lunch we went for a longer ride which brings back the memories from the last time we came to Windyglen for horse riding. When we went back, we had to loosen the horses by taking the gear off them. We then thanked Sarah and went back to school.

**Day Two:**

When we first arrived at Windyglen, we quickly brushed the horses and got them ready. The instructors divided us into three groups again and they were watching us to see if we had improved from the day before.

While we were riding, the instructors were testing our experiences, and how well we rode the horses. This determined whether we could get the horse into a trot or not.

When we finished, we went back to loosen the girth, and had some lunch - only awaiting the next ride in the afternoon.

**Day Three:**

We found out on this day that it was Sarah's last day at Windyglen, so we did plenty of riding and had lots of fun. We kept going around in circles, and up and down the hills. On our first time going down the hills we got a fright because the horses went very fast. David fell off Rasin so we stopped after that and went back for lunch. Our afternoon ride was seeing if we could jump over the log. When our time was up, we loosened the horses again, then we said farewell to Sarah, and headed back to school.

**Day Four:**

Because we were going for an all day ride, the instructors had to help us put the gear on the horses so that we didn't waste our day. After a while the track became more familiar. While we were riding we had some trots and canters which was a lot of fun, although the weather was not at its best. Upon our arrival back at Windyglen, the horses were all tired and sweating, so we gave them a wash and returned to school.

**Day Five:**

Our last day at Windyglen. It was decided that today we would have a lot of fun. In the first half of the day we went hunting, searching for essential clues. While we were searching we managed to get some galloping as well as cantering out of the horses. At the end of the hunt we all got a can of drink and a chocolate bar. After that we got ready for the games to be played in the afternoon.

The day ended so we each got a certificate and another chocolate bar each. Some of us also got a horse shoe then we said farewell to Windyglen.



**From Those Leaving**

Drama, ups and downs, highs and lows, fights, action, sport, apprehension, anticipation, twists, turns, excitement, desperation. It's not an episode of Shortland St, but a list of adjectives which have described the past five or six years of our life grinding it out at New Plymouth Boys' High School.

Back when we started at this behemoth school we were all impressionable preteens, just ready to be wooed into the charms of life at a major public boys' school. The first teacher I heard made a speech which really set off the five years well. It went something like this:

"If you're going to bunk, don't bother coming to school at all."

What a way to start a life!

But as Mr French-Wright says constantly, "We breed boys of character, and I believe that every single boy leaving this year has gained a whole lot of character throughout his time here."

And so now all of a sudden we are the old timers of the school, and soon we will have to make decisions on big things, like what we want to do in the future, and which university has the largest girl to guy ratio.

All of a sudden the school doesn't seem so big, the teachers not so mean and the 1<sup>st</sup> XV guys are now your mates. We have all grown and matured, and the school has been a catalyst for all of this. It can be assured we will never forget our time here, and we are all proud to be becoming Old Boys of New Plymouth Boys' High School. Thank you to every teacher who has taught any of us, and thanks to our deans, and also the gurus of the school; Mr French-Wright, Mr Bayly, Mr Heaps, Mr McMenamin, Mr Duckmanton and Mr Rowlands. It has been great.

*Paul Shearer should have been a student in this photograph. As elected student representative on the Board of Trustees, Paul was looking at a busy final year at BHS and a full contribution to the life of the school. Unfortunately Paul was seriously injured in an accident at the beach at Surfers Paradise on Christmas Day and spent the first half of the year in the spinal unit at Queen Margaret Hospital in Brisbane. Despite some trying times, Paul has maintained his sense of humour and has continued to show a remarkable courage in the face of what will be the most serious challenge in his life.*



Leavers 2004

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- Sixth Row: Chris Herbert, Taylor Gilmore, Frasier Climo, Logan Jordan, Adam Roughan, Robert Savage, Peter Boyle, Andrew Peasey, Walter Lui, Mitchell Le Heux, Greg Severinsen, Phillip Malcolm, William Webber, Daniel Thompson, John Marshall
- Fifth Row: Darryl Foreman, Andrew Mills, Michael Thomson, Matthew Harrop, Daintree Jones, Jarrod Sutton, Matthew Whitmore, Saining Ren, Joe Stewart-Jacks, Hoaming Huang, Brooke Lester, Rowan Thomason, Aaron Williamson, Alex Rowlands
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 Back Row: Ash Alexander, Logan Campbell, Johnny Mai, Mitchell Campbell, Tim Atkinson, Josh Abbott.  
 Third Row: Chris Jager, Tane Renata, Shaun Stanley, Sean Thomson, Codey Rei, Justin Lee, Glen Law.  
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 Front Row: Kayne Lacy, Fraser Campbell (Head Boarder), Swen Ruchtli (Leader), Andrew Clapperton, William Brown.  
 Absent: Peter Boyle, Simon Boyle, Brett Stevens, Michael Ross.



**H2**  
 Back Row: Taare Black, James Fischer, Justin Stafford, Blake Morgan, Thomas Cook, Glenn Logan, Logan Burton.  
 Third Row: Turimanu Fraser, Eli Summers, Andrew Jones, Gary Hofmans, Jamie Phillips, Chris Henry.  
 Second Row: Mr Leath, Bradley Knowles, Clinton Jones, David Wakeling, Daniel Newell, Thomas Fleming, Kondre Mills, Andrew Keller, Tom Otterson.  
 Front Row: Mark Sherlock, Michael Kjustup, Adam Harford (Leader), Blair Prescott (Deputy Group Leader), Robert Savage, Josef MacLachlan.  
 Absent: Yu Ishikawa, Ryan Symes.



**H3**  
 Back Row: Morgan Brewster, James Cameron, John Fitzgerald, Matthew Chapman, Jay Harris.  
 Third Row: Fraser Cameron, Erwin Hebler, Kyle Joyce, Mason Jenkins, Kim Rawlinson.  
 Second Row: Ryan Harris-Hayes, Hamish Blue, Sam Odgers, Ethan Ogle, Nicholas Chapman, Mr Martyn Vercoe.  
 Front Row: Oliver Wayne, Matthew James, Nick King (Leader), David McIntyre (Deputy), Hayden McIntyre.  
 Absent: Tony Sprangers



**H4**  
 Back Row: Thomas Lagan, Ben Lagan, Michael Adams, Ashlee Pease, Paul Donovan.  
 Third Row: Thomas King, Kayne Pennington, Justin Boag, Josiah Wall, Daniel Newsome, Lindsay Horrocks.  
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 Front Row: Martyn Hepburn, Hiromi Sugiyama, Todd Braggins, Daniel Thompson (Leader), Roman Tutauha (Deputy).



**H5**  
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 Second Row: Travis Monk, Ta Tukaroa, Samuel Logue, Hadleigh Thomas, Mark Shaw, Robert McLeod, Mr McGowan.  
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 Back Row: Christopher Ridgewell-Lang, Matthew Hurley, Wade Nairn, Darryl Katene, Sean Cressy, William Jeffries, Marc Ferris.  
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 Front Row: Steven Barron, Chris Bourke, Adam Newell (Leader), Larney Gray, Cody Langlands, Min Lee.  
 Absent: Matthew Hunter.



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 Absent: Walter Liu.



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 Absent: Mr Hyde, Daintree Jones (Deputy), Alex Johnson.



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 Absent: Hayden Mason, Brendan Gecse, Josh Hughes.



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**Absent:** Mr Thomas, Mr Roberts



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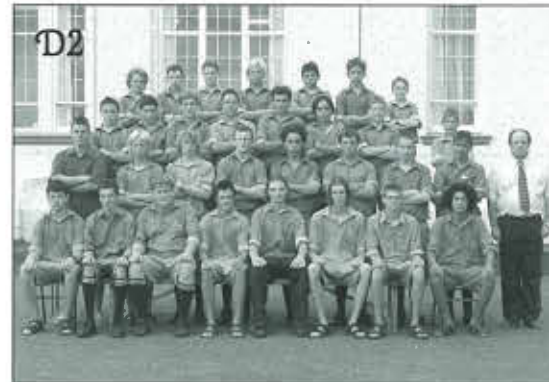
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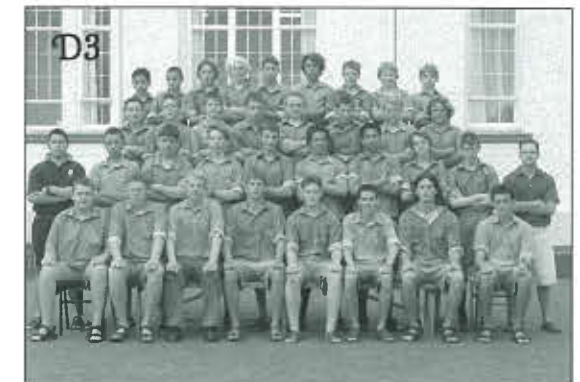
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**Absent:** Jeremy Anderson.



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**Front Row:** Tom Bartle, Simon Arthur, Josh Dobson, Mitchell Broughton (Leader), Jesse Betham (Deputy), Chris Barry, Matthew Alldridge, Tukere Hikaka.



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**Third Row:** Donald Bruce, Callum Barnett, Jamie Bridger, James Dixon, Nathan Brown, Tom Dixon, Samuel Bloomfield, Jordan Chilcott.  
**Second Row:** Mr B Corlett, Nathan Bason, Harley Bracken, Stefan Brandt, Shane Donnelly, Winiata Bason, Nathan Grant, Ryan Ballinger, Daniel Brotherson, Mr A Dawson.  
**Front Row:** Kurt Doidge, Hamish Blake, Evan Greensides, Reeve Barnett (Head Boy), Andrew Darney (Leader), Matthew Hancock (Deputy), Matthew Boobyer, Ben Aves.  
**Absent:** Hemi Grant.



**Back Row:** Paul Baumann, Raynah Coffey, Sam Cadman, Joel Casals, Brendan Clough, Coady Clark, James Brownlie, Ben Dowman.  
**Third Row:** Hamish Buttimore, Chris Caskey, Sam Broadmore, Billie Brady, Jayden Dravitzki, Jason Rail, Nathanael Bunyan, Keone Campbell-Forsyth, Philip Barraclough.  
**Second Row:** Mrs M Atkinson, Reece Cameron, Jesse Burton, Jake Barber, Sam Dowman, Alex Bull, Brendon Baxter, Terry Birdling, Ms C French.  
**Front Row:** Daniel Doody, Nick Chapman (Deputy), Laine Barnett, Leigh Bolton, Matthew Brookes (Leader), Rangi Burrows, Jeffrey Fong, Brayden Barnett.  
**Absent:** Ryan Browning (Deputy), Ryan Cole



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**Second Row:** Mr S Leppard, Cameron Gavin, Martin Cox, Nigel Black, Jaimin Benton, David Geange, Daniel Clarke, Steffan Fry.  
**Front Row:** Alex Greig-More, James Blake, Russell Climie, Ashley Boswell (Leader), John Copestake (Deputy), Matthew Corbett, Ben Callander, Simon Downs.  
**Absent:** Chris Allan, Tim Doyle, Lewis Clegg, Joshua Dodd.



**D6**  
**Back Row:** Trent Drake, Kane Edwards, Broughton Elliott, Troy Foreman, Hore Adams, Marc Dinnington, Josh Hollis.  
**Third Row:** Scott Harvey, Tyson Kahu-Kauika, Chris Bramley, Kyle Benton, Keegan Crothers, Jared Bertrand, Scott Honeyfield, Rakesh Desai, Chris Cooper.  
**Second Row:** Mr Creery, Jesse Davis, Matt Foreman, Oliver Berndt, Garth Clement, Michael Drew, Alex Ferens, Shannon Duthie, Clarke Demchy, Mr Hewlett.  
**Front Row:** Luke Dymond, Matthew Dallas, Chad Bolton, Joel Davies (Leader), Daryl Foreman (Deputy), Todd Fisher, Julian Corbett, Lane Doorbar.  
**Absent:** Logan Brown, Regan Davies.



**D7**  
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**Third Row:** Matthew Faulkner, Rawiri Forbes, Darren Greig, Cameron Best, Zhen Ou, Mitchel Edwards, John Forsyth, Cameron Holm, Kyle Parquhar, Jaime Flannagan.  
**Second Row:** Kathy Gracia, Regan Briggs, Edward Darney, Sam Hammond, David Earby, Brent Bishop, Michael Earby, Thomas Briggs, Ces Hill.  
**Front Row:** Shaun Burkhart, Darren Aidous, Nathan Corrigan, Ben Brandt (Deputy), Joel Baker, Michael Aidous (Leader), Liam French, Rhys Burkitt.



**D8**  
**Back Row:** Paul Andrews, Brian French, Michael Hatch, Evan Andrews, Ethan England, Matthew Dick, James Fraser.  
**Third Row:** Adam Elliott, Scott Carrington, Matthew Foster, Alex Glentworth, Devon Fraser, Matthew Armitage, Isaac Davies.  
**Second Row:** Ryan England, Aaron Carpenter, Paul Burkhardt, Gareth Bridger, Jacob Davies, Joshua Dick, Mr K Gledhill.  
**Front Row:** Luke Clarke, Gabriel Davies, Jesse Dolman, Hayden Dick (Deputy), Jayden Devonshire (Leader), James Cummings, Blair Campbell, Melvin Chand.  
**Absent:** Zarin Commerer, Trent Feather, Christopher Harrison, Daniel Bascara, Reilly Borg, Mr Cayzer.



**D9**  
**Back Row:** Jared Gilmer, Viranchi Upadhayay, Finn Climo, Brook Graddy, Thomas Burley, Max Gordon.  
**Third Row:** Sam Franklin, James Graham, Steven Gibbs, Sam Horo, Byron Gardner, Sam Gerrand, Scott Evans.  
**Second Row:** Ms Scott, Facundo D'Amico, Javan Cassidy, Tom Bury, Owen Paapoi, Te Arepa Bishop-Leaf, Johl Bryson, Joshua Gordon, Calin Eructi, Mrs Elgar.  
**Front Row:** Matthew Cooper, Mathew Gilmer, Adam Chisnall, Jonathan Crossan (Deputy), Frazier Climo (Leader), Zac Bingham (Head of House), Chris Cree-Butler, Reagan Clement.  
**Absent:** Stacy Cooney, Ben Davis, Michael Garrett, Bevan Gallie, Roshan Patel.



**D10**  
**Back Row:** Rhys Harker, Damian Aherne, Tyler Griffin, Matt Harold, Cam Gubb, Jesse Graham, Bryce Hamilton, Scott Bedford, Dillon Harmon, Scott Good.  
**Second Row:** Levi Hancock, Oliver Guthrie, Daniel Cassidy, Aaron Hinks, Ben Chamberlain, Christian Aherne, Vance Hoskin, Tane Hapimarika, Mr Howes.  
**Front Row:** Jared Ellerton, Josh Elliot, Jonathan Fagg, Lachlan Grant, Taylor Gilmore (Leader), Sam Goddard (Deputy), Tim Cleaver, Matthan Gray, Ben Hadley.  
**Absent:** Logan Hartley, Francis Harris, Leonard Harris, Jacob Black, Zac Forsyth.



**D11**  
**Back Row:** Leigh Elliot, Nick Craig, John Hight, Richard Craig, Dylan Hawkins, Damon Healy, Nicholas Hartley.  
**Third Row:** Daniel Harvey, Logan Heyes, Michael Hayles, Shaun Fabish, Joon-Ho Choi, David Cunniffe, Simon Hickey, Paul Hermann.  
**Second Row:** John Fabish, Nimal Fernando, Gareth Goodin, Oscar Eaton, Duncan Simpson, Jason Corcoran, Steven Parley, Kyle Chadwick, Nic Hayman.  
**Front Row:** Andrew Fenney, Luke Doyle, Darryl Greig, Nick Harvey (Deputy), Matthew Grey (Leader), Sam Eaton, Jeffery Clement, Sean Curd.  
**Absent:** Mr Giddy, Mr G Hannah



**S1**  
**Back Row:** Dan Potroz, Caleb Smith, Shaun Porter, Morgan Power-Gordon, Sean Phillips, Michael Peterson.  
**Third Row:** Sam Phillips, Thomas Potroz, Darius Montagna-Hay, Tane Peri, Lindsay Schrader, Thomas Pullar, Thomas Te Keeti, Jonathan Murrell, Jamie Read.  
**Second Row:** Josh Ramsay, Daniel Rowland, Steve Sharp, Shaun Pycroft, Aaron White, Jeremy Mills, Ben Rayner, Quinten Peters, Mr P Whittaker.  
**Front Row:** Kris Moller, Fabian Ries-Rupapera, Ben Sharp, David Schrader (Deputy), Jermaine Sassman (Leader), Felix Reitz, Warren Polata, Simon Mills, Taani Prestney.  
**Absent:** Chris Trundle, Levi Wilson, Joshua Saunders, Mr Atkins.



**S2**  
**Back Row:** Cam Rowlands, Ashok Ramanathan, Mathew Pipe, Anthony Rayner.  
**Third Row:** Johnson Power, Brendan Sutton, Matthew Rodden, Stewart Wesselton, Dean Robinson, Shiraz Sadikeen, Jason Plowright, Steven Rolfe.  
**Second Row:** Mrs Fenney, Zane Ritai-Davey, Tamakehu Rangipunga, Matt Pope, Jeremy Scarle, Sam Rowlands, William Pipe, Tiemi Ransfield, Ben Poletti, Mr Rose.  
**Front Row:** Kane Poletti, Jason Rolfe, Michael Stevens, Paul Robinson (Deputy), Daniel Sharp (Leader), Jarred Sutton, Cameron Ross, Josh Simpson, Leith Newland.



**S3**  
**Back Row:** William Schroeder, Nicholas Paul, Cruz Rauner, David Sarten, Mitchell Robinson, Renn Schreiber.  
**Third Row:** Bradley Wilson, Matthew Richardson, Lewis Schumacher, Sheldon Speedy, Jason Oliver, David Ormrod, Geraint Scott, Cody Rodger.  
**Second Row:** Andy Robinson-Graham, Kyran Rooks, Mathew Rauner, Andrew Raynes, Matthew Queree, Sean Robertson, Jethro Lilly, Mrs Pauline Crow, Ben Robbins, Simon Welch, Adam Reed, James Zimmerman (Deputy), Israel Tan (Leader), Fergus Porteous, Sam Griggs, Shem Smith, Shay Richards.



**S4**  
**Back Row:** Ryan Robbins, James Tate, Matt Shaw, Carl Parkins-Payne, Sam Robinson.  
**Third Row:** Jack Smithers, Jaresian Subramaniam, Daniel Symon, Brad Still, James Wilson, Troy Shotter, Sam Rose.  
**Second Row:** Mr Hill, Brook Tako-Clarke, Simon Ruck, Hayden Piper, Shaun Parkinson, Dylan Robinson, Joshua Treneary, Sam Maus, Quinn Rosa, Richard Shearer.  
**Front Row:** Michael Tate, Edward Tate, Finn Parker, Kelly Taylor (Deputy), Blanton Smith (Leader), Morgan T'Hooft, Justin Tobeck, Willie Steyn, Kerry Suter.  
**Absent:** Anurag Purkayastha, Scott Robertson, Alex Sewell, Mrs Porteous.



**S5**  
**Back Row:** Steven Smith, Ben Rowland, John Taylor, Robbie Weston, Yuuki Smithers, Wepiha Ruwhiu, Jared Soffe.  
**Third Row:** Nicholas Sarten, Tim Riley, Wiremu Ruwhiu, Bradley Roberts, Marc Thomason, Hew Price, Troy Rumney, Michael Rubick, Gye Simkin.  
**Second Row:** Mr Vernon, Matthew Sarten, Jaron Schischka, Eric Thompson, Rory Smeaton, Espen Karlisen, Jaybe Russell, Cole Robbetsen, Michael Taylor, Mr Bayly.  
**Front Row:** Jeremy Powell, Gavin Roper, Sam Saunders, Blair Rook, Michael Thomson (Deputy), Ben Riley, Ben Townsend, Marcus Rowe, Jake Townsend.  
**Absent:** Pieter Van der Kooij (Leader)



**S6**  
**Back Row:** Jamie St Clair, Stuart Sutherland, Nick Standen, Kurt Tanswell, Kerry Ussher, Tyler Stills, Tushar Sharma.  
**Third Row:** Brent Taylor, Kim Sculpher, Jon Shotbolt, Jake Tanner, Jack Sigley, Leith Tahu.  
**Second Row:** Mr L. French-Wright, Hayden Robertson, Ant Tiplady, Blair Smith, Jeremy Price, Kent Sanderson, Jason Sharpe, Alexander Novak, Ahmad Osama, J. Prasad.  
**Front Row:** Daniel Schultz, Nick Unkovich, Ivan Toopi, Matthew Vaughan (Deputy), Ricky Versteeg (Leader), Chad Sutton, Cedric Van Den Berg, Morgan Tui, Steven Titter.



Back Row: Corey Telfer, Matthew Reid, Thomas Wilson, William Sklenars, Aaron Whale, Jamie Thompson-Smith, Mitchell Smith.  
 Third Row: Shane Smith, Mitchell Thom, Taryn Smith, Cody Smillie, David Vincent, Jack Taylor, David Thomson.  
 Second Row: Mr Turner, Johann Van Niekerk, Tyler Slinger, Ben Sprott, Phillip Wilson, Kurtis Sulzberger, Caleb Riddick, Edmund Smith, Dean Waiwiri, Todd Walker, Mr Johnston.  
 Front Row: Chris Southcombe, Mathew Snowden, Phillip White, Rowan Thomason (Deputy), Alastair Wilson (Leader), Daniel Waterhouse, Michael White, Phillip Young, Nick Wilkinson.  
 Absent: Sam Jury, Adam Whitehead.



Back Row: Ashley Weston, Jason Van Winkel, James Ngeru, Matthew Tait, Tavis West, Nic Toon, Harley Wall, Jesse Singh-Gillespie.  
 Third Row: Daniel Tsui, Rayna Tito, Sam Thomson, Sam Sutherland, Adam Thame, Brett Thomas, Sam Tait, James Turner, Jeremy Whyte.  
 Second Row: Mrs R Carter, Richard Smith, Logan Wilson, Ziggi Tangira, Kane Wano, Ostyn Tanner, Alex Wilmshurst, Michael Torckler, James Webber, Mr C Nicholls.  
 Front Row: Rhys Telford, Stephen Weston, Floyd Wicksteed, Greg Severinsen (Leader), Rangiwahia Wano (Head of House), William Webber (Deputy), Reuben Theobald, Peter Stevens, Talor Richardson.



Back Row: Tom Smith, Simeon Williams, Chad Tubby, Shaun Thompson, Deon Webb, Trent Thompson.  
 Third Row: Dustin Terrill, Richard Wisniewski, Dion Wharepapa, Ben Upton, Greg Wilson, Samuel Varley, Matthew Wamer.  
 Second Row: Mr Bill Geange, Ryan Wallace, Josh Richardson, Rowan Samson, Michael Walker, Glen Raven, Bruce Tamapua, Kukutai Thorpe, Liam Webb, Mr Murray Watts.  
 Front Row: Jonathan Williams, James Upton, Andrew Watt, Mathew Whitmore (Deputy), Joe Stewart-Jacks (Leader), Adam White, James Whitmore, Mark Wansbrough, Chris Whitmore.  
 Absent: Josh Ngaia, Daniel Stevens, Marc Williams.



Back Row: Corey Taylor, Josh Smaller, Nathan Woods, Michael Shea, Alex Whitikia.  
 Third Row: Zaryd Wilson, Jack Newton, Henare O'Carroll, Michael White, Lee Wilson, Joshua Zimmerman, Shay Wetini, Scott Wallis.  
 Second Row: Miss N Ellicott, Jake Vanderfits, Max Watt, Chad Wood, Luke Stenner, Lucas Wolawa, Tony Zhu, Nick Twaddle, Daniel Welsh, Aaron Williamson, Mrs A Stevens.  
 Front Row: Blair Salmon, Calvin Webb, Roland Shea, Nicholas Vincent, Ryan Tate (Leader), Brooke Novak (Deputy), Alex Smith, Chris Waugh, Andrew Webber.  
 Absent: Jonathon Wam Blythe, Joshua Voorwinde, Shawn Redpath.



Back Row: Jono Gibson, Ryan Watts, Peter Zhou, Che Ridland, Craig Welch, Sam Young.  
 Third Row: Nathan Walker, Hamish Fleming, Allen Wong, Daniel Fleming, Brett Messling, Joseph Gibson, Cam Waterhouse.  
 Second Row: Mr Page, Dylan Zehnder, Josef Zaloum, Nicolas Tyson, Gavin Wu, Matt Wells, Hamish Girvan, Mr Slyfield.  
 Front Row: Jonathan Wu, Dean Fisher, Zeke Sole, Tai Ruakere (Deputy), Alistair Stevens (Leader), Geoffrey Goldworthy, Max Ward, Alexander Waugh, Allister Niven.  
 Absent: Paul Shearer, Jaren Quinn, Tom Sole, Codey Rei, Jerome Tui-Rawiri, Joshua Rei, Bas Ropiha



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